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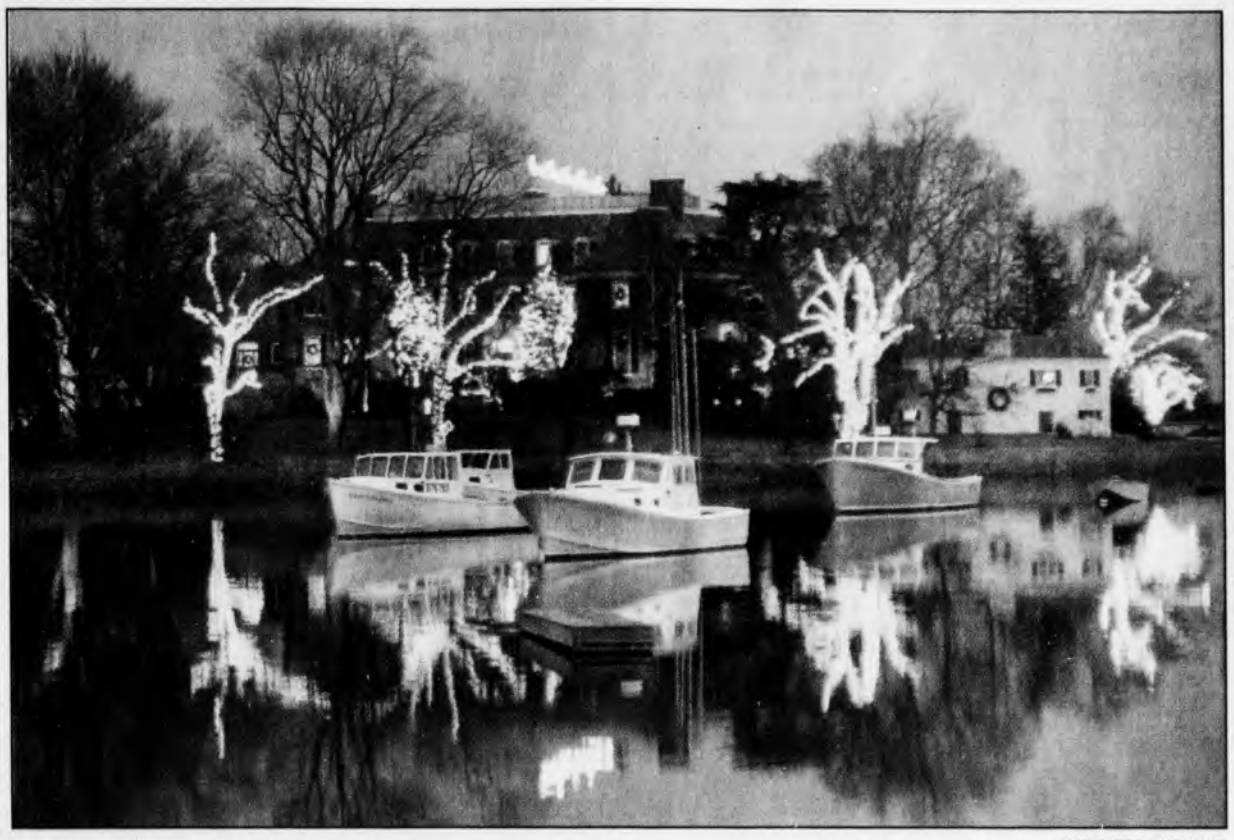

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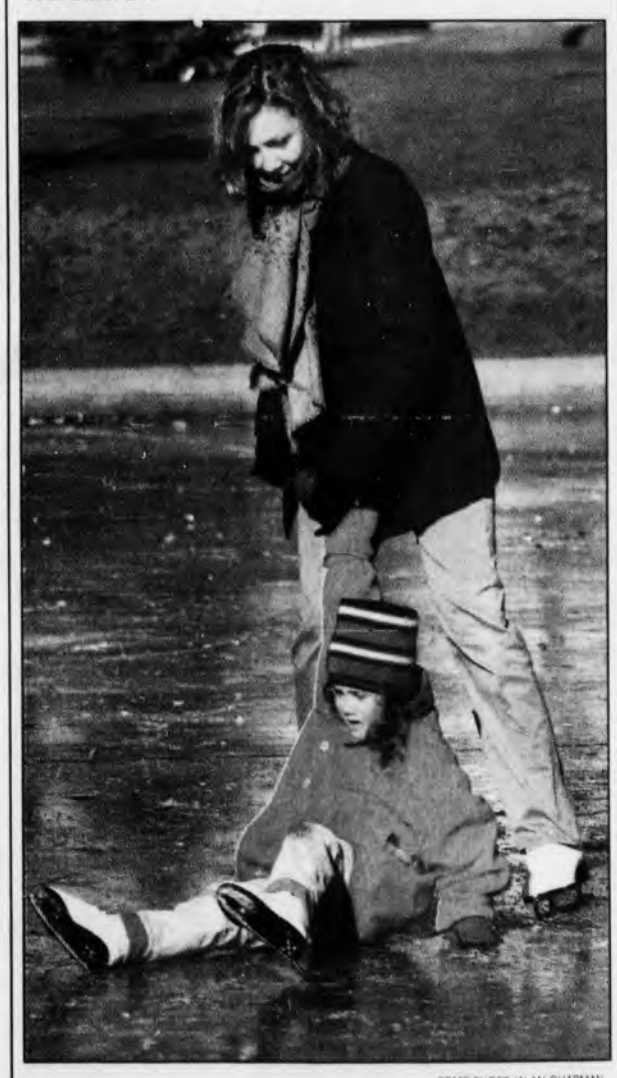

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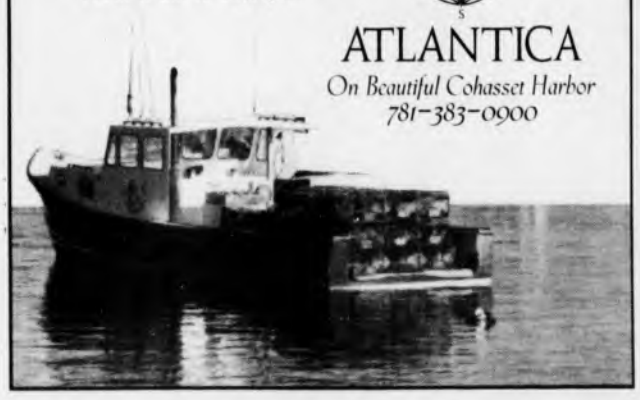

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has space for 1800 graves, counting vaults for urns.

Residents are also allowed to buy a "combination of up to four spots," Pratt said.

The combination can include four regular graves, two regular graves and one double-depth grave (for two caskets), or two regular graves and two niches in a columbarium wall for cremation urns.

The cost of a full-casket burial in a grave that would have an upright stone monument is $1850 (not including the cost of the stone). Full-casket burial in a grave with a flush marker is $1500, Pratt said. Full casket-burial in a double-depth grave is $3,800 that includes the cost of the $800 cement vault, which has already been installed. A vault in a columbarium wall for two urns is $2,500. There can be a maximum of four urns in one vault for $3,500.

Interested residents should contact Mary Snow at the Department of Public Works at 781-383-0273 to set up an appointment.

Later this month, the Cemetery Committee will send a brochure to all the households in town with information about purchasing graves.

"That way all families in town will be aware of what we have," Pratt said.

Cohasset is able to finance the $700,000 cost of expanding Woodside over a ten-year period through a home-rule petition rather than the five years allowed under state financing laws. The town needs to sell about 45 graves a year to pay the mortgage. Currently the town conducts about 35 burials a year including those at Central Cemetery, which is privately owned.

Pratt said people would no longer have to go outside Cohasset to buy graves on a pre-need basis.

"I think there is a pent-up demand in town for pre-need sale because for ten years we've shut that option off for the town," he said. "That was the way we had to do it — only permitting people to buy when they needed to. It takes away the dignity of the whole situation and we're trying to change that now."

A portion of the sales price of the graves goes into a perpetual-care account whose earnings are used to maintain the cemetery.

There will be a dedicated space at the DPW office where residents can sit down and look over the cemetery plans.

Pratt said there are about 400 standard graves available at the Beechwood Cemetery; some of which are available in groups of four. Graves at Beechwood are $725, he said. Pratt said Beechwood isn't as sought after as Woodside, perhaps because it's on a busy corner. But he said the expanded section of Beechwood overlooks the Aaron River and the meadows there.

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Tree disposal

Christmas trees may be brought to the D.P.W. parking area through Jan. 6. Please remove all wires and decorations.

Positions for elected office

Nomination papers for the annual town election for 2002 will be available on Monday, Jan. 7, at the Town clerk's Office. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available:

Selectmen - TWO for three years
Town Moderator - ONE for three years
Town Clerk - ONE for three years
School Committee - ONE for three years
Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - THREE for three years
Assessor - ONE for three years
Board of Health - ONE for three years
Cohasset Housing Authority - ONE for five years
Planning Board - ONE for five years
Recreation Commission - THREE for five years
Sewer Commission - ONE for three years
Water Commission - ONE for three years

Friday, March 8, is the last day to register for the annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 30, and the annual Town Election, Saturday, April 6.

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Fri. 4	2:44	10.0	8:47	2:59	10.8	9:21
Sat. 5	3:39	10.1	9:46	3:58	10.3	10:16
Sun. 6	4:36	10.1	10:47	5:01	9.8	11:13
Mon. 7	5:35	10.2	11:51	6:05	9.4	——
Tues. 8	6:35	10.3	12:12	7:10	9.2	12:55
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meeting suggests the fishermen are very upset.

"The representatives usually go to Beacon Hill or down to D.C.," he said. "Only if they are really concerned about a matter would they come to a Cohasset Planning Board meeting.

Peter Roy, whose preliminary plans for the Mill River boatyard site include a kayak shop, has not made a formal application to redevelop the area. Roy's spokesman Linda Shropshire said in a previous interview the kayak shop is not a critical part of the redevelopment plans.

Roy has shown support for local lobstermen by incorporating the existing lobster pound at the Mill River site into the plans. And Atlantica restaurant, which he also owns, is known for featuring local lobster on its menu.

So the kayak shop might just go away. But, nevertheless, the lobstermen want their voices heard on harbor matters and a little consideration for the significance of the health of the industry in town.

"The lobster industry has always been the backbone of Cohasset," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "It is a very, very important aspect of the town."

Harbormaster John Winters says lobstering provides local jobs.

"It has been around for so long, it provides quite a livelihood for many in town," he said. The industry brings money into town from lobster sales as well as indirectly through sale of marine supplies, fuel and bait, boat repair and tourism.

According to Bill Adler, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Lobstermen Association, Cohasset is currently in the top 15 ports in the state out of 54. Gloucester is the number one port in Massachusetts. These statistics are based on the amount of pounds of lobster that is caught in a port in a year.

Cohasset provided nearly half of a million pounds of lobster in 1999 — the latest year statistics are available.

The state of Massachusetts caught nearly 16 million pounds of lobster in 1999, which ranks it as the number two producer of lobster in the country. Maine continuously has the highest catch, and Canada has the biggest lobster industry in the world.

"It's a big business," said Adler. "Lobster is the most valuable marine animal in the state. It employs more people than any other marine industry."

The viability of the local lobster industry played a major role in getting state and federal funds to dredge the harbor, Pratt said. Without dredging, the harbor would become too shallow and boats would run aground.

Like the airlines and tourism, the lobster industry has been hurt by the events of Sept. 11. Currently, the price of lobster per pound is around $3.60 — up from a low of $2 within a week after the terrorist attack.

"That was the lowest price the lobster industry has seen in more than a decade," said Adler of the lobstermen's association, adding demand for lobster dropped drastically.

"Lobster is a celebration food," he said. "No one was in the mood for celebrating for some time."

Winters said the drop in price reflected the amount of lobsters that are shipped out of state. With the cancellation of many flights, the lobsters remained at the wholesaler.

Kelly said regardless of the price the lobstermen will still be out there. "I do not look at the money," he said. "To be a lobstermen you really need to enjoy it."

On an average day Kelly, who has been a lobsterman since 1977, said he will pull about 200 traps averaging about 60 pounds each. When he comes into the harbor with his daily catch, he sells all his lobsters to a wholesaler.

Kelly said despite local pressures and the recession, being a lobsterman is a great way of life.

"I love the independence," he said. "There is something to be said for a steady paycheck, but in the grand scheme of things I can deal with having a fluctuating income."

Town waiting on new chief

Search committee still interviewing

By Evan Schiff
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The holiday season has provided a brief respite in the search for a new police chief.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the search committee, which was organized to determine the finalists for the position, took the holidays off and resumed interviewing candidates after the first of the year.

The new chief will replace Brian Noonan, who will retire after 28 years in the police department, nine as chief.

Haddad said the search committee is interviewing 10 to 12 candidates out of the 54 applications the town received. There are two internal applicants.

After the committee has completed its interviewing process, it will submit a list of finalists to Haddad. Under Cohasset's Town Manager Act, Haddad will make the final decision on the chief appointment although selectmen can veto his choice.

"I expect that anyone I pick on the list will be very qualified for the position," he said.

Haddad said he will interview the finalists, and take them before various town committees and groups, such as the selectmen, the school committee and police union, before choosing a new chief.

"I hope to introduce a new chief to town before annual Town Meeting," he said. While he previously thought a new chief would be named shortly after New Year's, he said the holidays have delayed the process. Otherwise, there have been no setbacks.

Noonan will stay on board until a new chief is appointed, Haddad said.

The salary could depend on the range the candidates are seeking and next year's budget might have to be adjusted accordingly, he said. Noonan's salary last year was about $70,000.

Haddad said there are many qualities he is looking for in the new chief.

"I'm looking for someone who has experience managing others and someone that is a proven professional," he said.

> **"I expect that anyone I pick on the list will be very qualified for the position."**
> — Town Manager Mark Haddad

He added he wants someone who could handle public relations and also someone who was willing to work in conjunction with the school department to better relations between the youths and the officers. Haddad is also looking for an applicant who has experienced both good and bad times so they know how to handle both situations.

"Essentially, I want someone who will serve the town the best," he said.

The process started in September when Chief Noonan announced his retirement. Haddad said he felt this was an extremely important appointment so he formed a committee to help him with the choice. The search committee includes, Norwell Police Chief Bob Galvin, Duxbury Town Manager Rocco Longo, Selectmen Michael Sullivan and Ronnie McMorris, Rob Spofford who is the school building committee chairman, and Cohasset residents Michael Coyne and Lisa Bumstead.

"It was tough to decide who to put on the board," Haddad said. He added everyone on the committee brings a wealth of qualities to the table. He said the committee has asked the applicants a wide range of questions in order to determine their qualifications.

"They have not focused on one area," Haddad said.

Noonan, who took over from former chief Joseph Kealey, was selected from a field of six finalists for the job back in 1993. Other in-house candidates at the time included Sgt. Robert Jackson, who is the current police prosecutor, and former Sgt. Richard Abbadessa, who retired several years ago.

Ellms Meadow wells to come back to life

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400,000 gallons a day which will serve us well as an emergency supply in case the treatment plant goes down and if we can't get water from Scituate or Hingham during a serious drought."

McNabb said the maximum said demand in town may get closer to 2.6 million gallons a day in a few years with increased development and use of lawn sprinklers.

Currently the Water Commission is in negotiations to potentially sell 500,000 gallons of water per day to Mass-American Water Company which serves Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset.

McNabb said the potential water sale has nothing to do with reactivating the well field.

"It's merely a coincidence," he said. "Even without the wells being installed, we would be able to make the sale."

Harbor Walk public workshop

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation is hosting a public workshop on proposed Harbor infrastructure and streetscape improvements on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Saint Anthony's Parish Center. The Cecil Group, and urban landscape architectural firm, will present ideas to improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and the linkages between public access points around the waterfront. Discussion items will include sidewalk and railing designs; defined parking lanes; pedestrian scale lighting; and the possible inclusion of designated bike lanes. For additional information contact the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation office located at 87 Elm St., 781-383-2449.

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Hannah Beggan helps make a wish come true

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

HAPPY NEW YEAR, COHASSET!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that you all enjoyed family and friends. The year 2002 is here and lets hope that it is filled with joy, happiness and hope for all. I am sure that many of us have made resolutions for this upcoming year and really hope that many of mine can be accomplished. My biggest one that I really want to come true(aside from the regular lose weight, gain financial stability etc.) is to really take the time and efforts to enjoy my family and friends to the fullest.

NEW ARRIVAL

Deborah and Brad Thomas, along with big brother **Will** have a wonderful new addition in their family. **Graves Page Thomas (Gray)** was born on Dec. 9, 2001 weighing in at 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 ins. long. Little Gray's grandparents are **Pam Page** of Palo Alto, Calif. and **William Leckonby** of Portola Valley, Calif. His paternal grandparents are **Penny and Bob Thomas** of Osprey, Fla. and Chester, Nova Scotia. Congratulations to all of you on the news of this special little person.

AN INSPIRATION!

Cohasset native **Hannah Beggan**, daughter of **Carol and Robert** of Sankey Road, led up a project that is so inspiring. Hannah attends Saint Michael's College and along with five other students, raised more than $5,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Vermont. These six students were honored on Nov. 15 where they received a plaque commemorating their gift. As a result of the efforts of these students, a 13-year-old boy received a laptop computer that he had wished for to use while he is recuperating from a heart transplant operation. This was such a wonderful accomplishment that is really what life is all about! Thank you Hannah and the rest of your group for this unselfish and inspiring project.

ALUMNI FACE OFF!

The THIRD ANNUAL ICE HOCKEY ALUMNI GAME will be held this Sunday, Jan. 6 at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham. The first game begins at 12:20 with a second game scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. More than 30 alumni representing the Cohasset Varsity Ice Hockey Program from 1972 through 2001 have registered to face-off against the 2001-2002 Varsity Team. The Cohasset Hockey Boosters invite the public to join in the fun on Jan. 6. Admission is $4 adults, $2 children. A raffle for tickets to a great sporting event will also be held. This is a great way for families and friends to spend a Sunday together, watch some great competition and raise some funds for a great group. See you there!

VO-TECH HONORS

Two local students were named to the honor roll at the South Shore Vocational Technical High School. **Kristen James** is a sophomore taking electronic shop and made the high honor roll for the 4th term in a row! Kristen's parents, **Terry and Brian**, are so proud. Also making honor roll, was **Elyse Portanova**, a freshman at the school. Both of you should be extremely proud of these accomplishments. Fantastic work.

CALENDAR RAFFLE

Speaking of Hockey, the Second Annual Holiday Calendar Raffle is over for this year and some great prizes have already been won by some 31 lucky winners. Each day, a member of the Hockey Boosters brought the box of raffle stubs to the merchant who donated the raffle prize for that day and the merchant drew the winning ticket. The prize is personally delivered to the winner by the Hockey Booster. Everyone involved had great fun both drawing and winning the prizes.

The last two weeks of lucky winners were: Dec. 15-Nike "Tiger Woods" Sunglasses, Strecker Eye Care won by **Peter Sandlbom**, Scituate; Dec. 16-$50 GC, Bernards Restaurant won by **Joanne Boyne**; Dec. 17-$50 GC from Stop and Shop won by **John Power** of Pembroke; Dec. 18, $50 GC from Cohasset Greenery won by **Rita and Don Paiva**; Dec. 19-$25 GC to The Good Sport plus two large cheese pizzas, Cohasset House of Pizza won by **Dana and MaryAnn Cushing**; Dec. 20-$50 savings bond from Fleet Bank won by **Eva DeWitz** of Boston; Dec. 21-Cut, Blow dry & Make up from Rudolph Adamo Salon won by **Lynn Previte**; Dec. 22-$25 GC Really Great Pizza won by **Ron Wheatts** of Scituate; Dec. 23- A one month membership to Fitness First won by the **Flibotte Family**; Dec. 24-a $100 discount on full vehicle detailing, Cohasset Collision Center won by **Irene Ryan** of Milton; Dec. 25-$100 from Pilgrim Cooperative Bank won by **Teresa Farrow** of Stoughton; Dec. 26-$50 in dry cleaning from Dependable Cleaners won by **Cary Coyne** from New Hampshire; Dec. 27-$25 GC to Josephs Hardware won by **Joe Gallagher**; Dec. 28-$25 in dry cleaning to Aveni Cleaners won by **Marty Corry**; Dec. 29-Lube, Oil and Filter from Cohasset Filling Station plus a $20 GC from Shaws won by **Richard Holland** of Plymouth; Dec. 30-$25 in dry cleaning from Cohasset Plaza Cleaners won by **Ann and Kevin O'Connor** and on Dec. 31- a $100 GC to The Atlantica won by **Laurie Greenip**.

Well, that's the end of the 2001 Holiday Calendar Raffle! The Varsity and Junior Varsity Hockey Teams sincerely appreciate the local merchants and the Cohasset townspeople who supported this fundraising effort and wish to take this opportunity to extend warm wishes for a healthy and peaceful New Year. Please come watch the Skippers skate their way to the States this year!

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HOLIDAY HEADDRESS

Vincent Calorio wears a cut out of a Christmas tree for his role during the holiday concert at the Osgood School.

CHS 20TH REUNION

The CHS Class of 1982 is getting ready to put the plans together for their 20th reunion and would love to have your help! Anyone who is interested in being on the committee or just to offer any comments or ideas can contact **Marcy (Brown) Fleming** at 781-585-9913 or by emailing her at marcydon@msn.com.

PIÑATA PARTY

Another event happening this Sunday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m., is the Annual Piñata Party held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Entertainment will be provided by Mr. Suspenders. This is another fantastic way for families to bring in the New Year and is sure to be a lot of fun.

PHILLIPS HONORS

Kara Gaughen, daughter of **Robert and Margaret Gaughen,** was named to the Phillips Academy Honor Roll for winter term. Phillips Academy, also known as Andover, requires a 5-point grade point average on a 6-point scale to be named to the honor roll.

THAYER MIDDLE SCHOOL STARS

Catherine M. Ernst, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Ernst**; **Hannah S. Levin**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Adam L. Levin** and **Joseph M. Rosano**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Mario R. Rosano,** all were named to the Thayer Middle School Honor Roll for the third trimester. Congratulations all of you on these great honors.

PRIME TIME

Wow, **Georgine and Bruce Butman** were recently here for a visit and had some news to share with us all about their daughter **Amelia.** Amelia has been chosen to appear on 20/20 and Prime Time Live! The story will focus on talented and gifted children and how they struggle with perfectionism. Bruce and Georgine are so proud of Amelia who strives for the best in everything she does and then achieves it by being herself and as her mom says, "being a blonde." They have promised to let us all know when the show will air.

That is it for this week. Please make sure to get me all your news, event information and photos no later than Monday mornings by noon. All photos can be dropped off at Cohasset News in an envelope marked, "Cohasset Mariner, Around Town." or they can be scanned and sent to me.

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Merci beaucoup!

French say 'thanks' to Cohasset veteran

By Evan Schiff
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John Coe, 23 Pond St., got a surprise in the mail last month — a thank you note from France.

Coe, a glider pilot who was a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during World War II, has no idea how the French government obtained his name, but he received a certificate in the mail from the French General Counsel thanking him for contributing to the liberation of France.

As it turns out, the French government worked with state veterans affairs offices and veterans associations in identifying eligible veterans, who are receiving special certificates as part of its two-year "Thank You America" campaign. The certificates are meant to express the gratitude of the French people to the soldiers who participated in the Normandy landing and liberation of France, on French territory and in French territorial waters and airspace, between "D-Day" June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945.

During World War II gliders were used in much the same way helicopters are employed now. The gliders were used to transport artillery, men and jeeps. Coe said flying the gliders wasn't the most difficult part of the job — it was landing them.

"Because there are no engines on the glider, the wind has its way with you," he said.

Coe said he originally wanted to be a pilot but his eyesight was not up to standards. So, he signed up to be a glider pilot and joined 3,000 others who flew the gliders during the war. He also served as a co-pilot on the C-47 plane., which towed the gliders before cutting them loose.

The gliders he flew measured 48-feet long, 12-feet high, and had an 84-foot wingspan, and weighed more than 3,500 pounds.

In his first mission a few days after D-Day, Coe flew his glider into southern France. After being shot at by German soldiers, Coe crashed into the countryside.

"Fortunately, I was the only one hurt," he said. The 13 soldiers on board walked away from the crash unscathed. After landing, glider pilots became part of the infantry and Coe was on the ground in Germany for four weeks. Coe, who was only 20 when he enlisted, said the experience was incredibly frightening. He flew on more missions in Holland and Germany.

His time in the service took Coe all over the world including Africa, Sicily, England and Western Europe.

Coe was heavily decorated. He received the Decorative European Theatre Ribbon with eight battle stars and one arrowhead; he also was awarded an Air Medal with two clusters and his unit received a Presidential Unit Citation with one cluster. Clusters are awarded for a second and subsequent issuance of the same decoration.

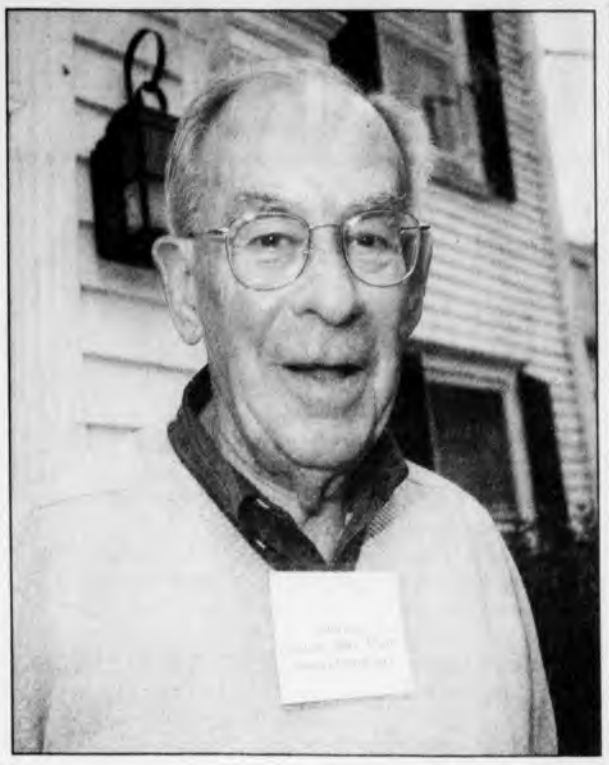
After the war, Coe went to college on the GI Bill and worked as a manufacturer's representative.

Coe, who is originally from New Jersey, has lived in Cohasset for more than 30 years with his wife, Marcia. His daughter Mary and son Charles went through the Cohasset school system. Charles is now a major in the Army serving in the medical service and is currently stationed in Germany.

"I have to salute my own son now," Coe joked.

Coe is an active member on the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs, is involved with the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library, and volunteers his time at South Shore Hospital. He said he thoroughly enjoys the town.

"It is truly a great place to live," he said.



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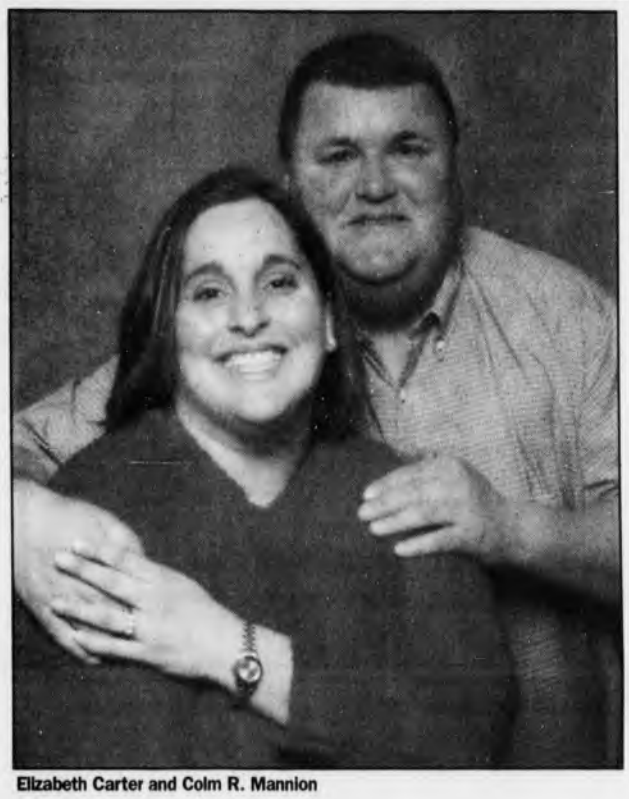
John Coe, who is shown here following the Council on Elders Affairs holiday party, was recently thanked by the French government for his part in the liberation of France during WWII.



Elizabeth Carter and Colm R. Mannion

ENGAGEMENTS

Muncey - Mannion

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Muncey of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Carter to Colm R. Mannion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colman Mannion of Ros Muc, County Galway, Ireland.

Elizabeth graduated from Bridgewater College and is teaching kindergarten in Quincy.

Her fiancé is employed by the R. J. Deveraux Company in Boston.

An October 2002 wedding is planned.

Chapter opens for new library

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get an estimate on the number.

Town officials, residents and anyone else, who has a vested interest in the new library is invited, Towle said.

Actual library construction will start Jan. 4, according to Town Manager Mark Haddad.

The library has begun transferring items from the old Paul Pratt Library to the new one. The weathervane has been removed, and Towle said the murals that line the rotunda of the museum are currently being photographed so replicas can be installed in the new library.

Other items being moved into the new library include computers, books and shelving. Towle said the new library would probably not take as many periodicals because of the advent of the internet.

"The internet has made it so easy to access old newspapers," she said.

Towle said Stephen May, who has expertise on similar projects, will serve as clerk of the works. "He's terrific," she said. "We are happy to have him on board."

"It's taken us four years to get here and I'm so glad we have arrived."

— Patience Towle, library trustees chairman

Simon Tempest who is the project manager for the school building projects, will also join the library building team as project manager on a part-time basis.

"We are glad to have his expertise," Towle said.

Haddad said he is receiving plenty of inquiries about the sale of the Paul Pratt Library and will put the building out to bid in February.

Haddad has set a minimum bid of $700,000. This is the amount of money the town is counting on to help pay for the new library. At projected cost of $3.9 million to turn the old Osgood School into a new library — the anticipated $700,000 from the sale of the old building is crucial to finance the project, Haddad said. If the building is sold for more money, it will reduce the amount the town needs to borrow.

The old library property's assessed value for fiscal year 2002 is $928,500, which includes the 24,630-square-foot building and little over half of an acre of land, which is zoned residential. The building could be constructed as a library back in 1903 because it was built before zoning regulations.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanks for speaking up

Before 2002 gets too far along, we still have some important 2001 business to attend to.

Some of the following names may be familiar to you, others may not be. But the people attached to these names all have one thing in common: they wrote at least one letter to the Cohasset Mariner in 2001.

A few wrote thank you notes to the people of Cohasset or organizations for their help or support; others complained about a decision or lobbied to have their views considered; while still others educated us about programs, problems or activities.

But no matter what the subject, putting pen to paper to share your views with your fellow citizens is important. The First Amendment is close to our hearts here in the newspaper business and at no time do we appreciate it more than when ordinary citizens, like those listed here, take advantage of their Freedom of Speech. And what better vehicle is there than your local paper?

So here at the Mariner, we salute the following citizens:

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The editorial pages of the Cohasset Mariner belong to you. It's where you can speak out or just say thank you to a citizen or group that went beyond the call of duty.

Sometimes it takes a good dose of courage to let your voice be heard, but we think it's worth it. Often one voice is all the inspiration needed to propel others to action.

Last year, the Cohasset Mariner received 172 letters from 138 different people, groups or organizations.

To those of you that have thought about writing and haven't, please reconsider. To those whom we hear from on a regular basis, keep writing!

There are lots of weeks to go in the New Year — which will be filled with events, decisions, happenings and controversy.

Let us hear what you think in 2002..

- Mary Ford
Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No official SPWA position

TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in response to the article "Pond wants Hull to cleanup its act" Dec.20, 2001. (regarding Hull selling sewer capacity to a private developer). There are three clarifications to the article that need to be made.

1. There was not a vote on the issue of a new development on Jerusalem Road taken at the December quarterly meeting; therefore, there is not an official Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) position as the opening sentence of the article might imply.

2. At the meeting there were assertions that seemed to say "The spirit of what the residents of Hull voted on is being violated." However, I am relatively new to Hull, was not present during the vote, and did not personally make the assertions.

3. The heading of the article may be appropriate for this specific instance but is not balanced. The Hull Board of Selectmen and other Hull town officials have many times in the past taken the initiative regarding Straits Pond issues.

SPWA was formed two years ago. According to our mission statement SPWA's primary goal is the restoration of the ecological health and beauty of Straits Pond. To this end the SPWA is interested in working in a cooperative way with both the Town of Hull and the Town of Cohasset. We have initiated and obtained grants to improve the health of the Pond, organized spring fall cleanups of the Pond and its shoreline in Hull, Cohasset, and Hingham, arranged bird walks, etc. We strive to develop a community of interested citizens to participate in this endeavor.

Lawry Reid, President
Straits Pond Watershed Association
31 Richards Road

House tour support

TO THE EDITOR

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset would like to thank all the people who help to make the recent "Christmas Reflections" house tour a success. It takes many hands and willing hearts to present this event. We are truly grateful for the support of Garden Club members as well as other community organizations.

One of the unsung heroes of this event is the South Shore Community Center. Program Director, Stephanie Church, and her staff, Edvia Yocum, Helene Devlin, and Katherine Mirarchi, cheerfully sold tickets to the house tour and fielded questions about the event, in addition to their already busy schedule. We are fortunate to have this organization as an integral part of our town. The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club joined in the fun, providing hostesses at some of the homes. We truly appreciate this spirit of intra-organizational cooperation.

Ann Pompeo, president, Community Garden Club of Cohasset
Judy Dickstein and Lee Drew co-chairmen, Christmas House Tour Committee

Cholesterol tests for young adults

Cholesterol screening for ages 18-25 will be held at the Cohasset Middle High School cafeteria on Jan. 3 from 12:30-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Twenty percent of adults between 18 and 25 who have high cholesterol which can contribute to premature heart disease. Also free, healthy snacks and informational literature. Screening is sponsored by Hingham Institution for Savings.

Light a star on the memory tree

Remembering, in a tangible way will enrich the holiday season, the joy our loved ones have shared with us in seasons past.

Commemorative lights shine on the Memory Tree on the lawn of South Shore Community Center, as well as a star placed on the tree in the lobby with the name(s) of loved one(s). As contributions were received, bulbs were illuminated throughout the season, and the names of the donors and those remembered have been published in the Cohasset Mariner. The tax-deductible contributions helped continue quality programs South Shore Community Center.

Participation options were:

Individual

Forget-me-not white lights for a gift of $1;

Angel

Individuals, businesses, or professionals giving $15 or more, Forget-me-not white lights;

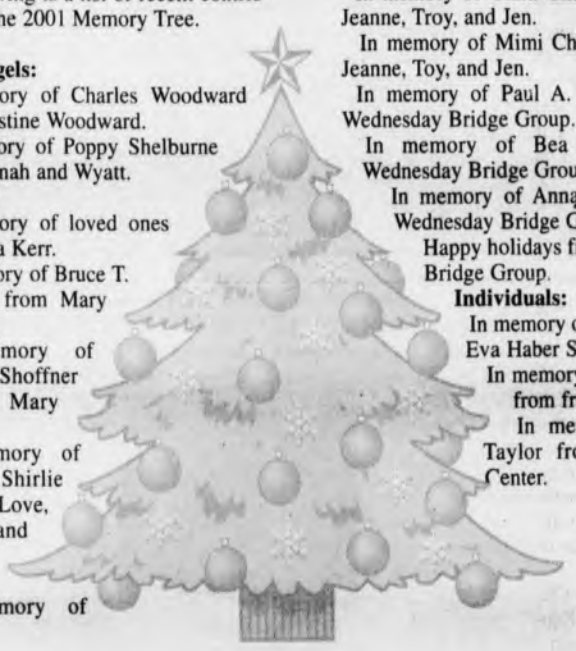
Archangel

Individuals, businesses, or professionals giving $50 or more. Forget-me-not white lights.

Generosity will be acknowledged with lights on The Memory Tree, and on the scroll published Weekly.

Make checks payable to South Shore Community Center, 110 Box 631. 3 North Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The following is a list of recent contributors to The 2001 Memory Tree.



Archangels:

In memory of Charles Woodward from Christine Woodward.

In memory of Poppy Shelburne Love Hannah and Wyatt.

Angels:

In memory of loved ones from Beba Kerr.

In memory of Bruce T. Williams from Mary Williams.

In memory of Donnell Shoffner from Mary Sullivan

In memory of Nana Shirlie Laidlaw Love, David and Kayla.

In memory of Nana Shirlie Laidlaw Love, Joshua, Jacob, Jared, and Jewel.

In memory of Clark Chatterton Love, Bill, Jeanne, Troy, and Jen.

In memory of Mimi Chatterton Love, Bill Jeanne, Toy, and Jen.

In memory of Paul A. Murphy from the Wednesday Bridge Group.

In memory of Bea Foley from the Wednesday Bridge Group.

In memory of Anna Bartlett from the Wednesday Bridge Group.

Happy holidays from the Wednesday Bridge Group.

Individuals:

In memory of Naggmama from Eva Haber Szabolesi.

In memory of George Brooks from friends at the Center.

In memory of Margaret Taylor from friends at the Center.

Blood donors, supporters thanked

Next blood drive is Jan. 16

The Red Cross wishes to thank all those involved in the Cohasset Community Blood Drive held on Sept. 19 for making it a success. Congratulations and thanks to the 131 individuals who "gave the gift of life": Bill Adams, Marlena Alex, David Alexander, Gary Anderson, Bob Anton, Kristen Astley, Marion and Tom Atkinson, Dick Avery, Clyde Baker, Mark Baker, Gwen Baldry, Bryan Baldwin, Gloria Bamford, Paul Barry, Bob Beggan, William Bell, David Bigley, Rene Bouchard (Pembroke), Katie Brennock, Barbara and Charlie Buckley, Johanne Camire (Pembroke), Melissa Clark, Mike Coyne, Kathy Crosby, Kevin Crough, Laurie Cummings, Joe Curley, Bob Dennis, Mary Donovan, Joyce Dulong (Norwell), Rob Durant, Susan Durant, Nino D'urso, Gerry Earle, Sister Norma Ethier, Sheila Evans, Elaine Fahey, Bernadette Faulkner, John Ferrie (Scituate), Meg Fitzpatrick, Maureen Flaherty, John Flanagan, Mrs. Bobbi Fowle, Jason Frady, Gerald Freedman (Hull), Bill Fusco, Steve Gammon, Steve Gaumer, Galt Grant, Norma Grassey, Robert Gregory (Kingston), Jean Hejja, Linda Henry, Nancy Herlin, Peter Hubbell (Marshfield), Brenda Hunt, Cynthia Hurley, Edward Karcher, Dorothy Kelso (Duxbury), William and Debbie Ketchum, Rick and Karen Kirkendall, Janet Konkle, Krista Kuhn, David Kusek, Joseph Lavigne, Trish Leahy, John Lehner, John Lengyel, Kevin Lessard, Michael Libby and Joseph Litchfield.

Also, Janet Mahoney, Carmella Martel, Pat Martin, Laurel Martinez, Susan Mavilia, Larry and Ann Mitchell, Aimee Mitchell (came down from Boston), Tish Morse, Julie Motley, Craig Muir, Charles Mundhenk, Wis Murray, Stephanie Noble, Taffy Nothnagle, Jerome O'Callaghan, Rich Ofsthun, Robert and Isabel Olsen, Kathy O'Neil, Jerry O'Sullivan, Mary Parker, Steve Parnell, Chuck Peterson, Karen Quigley, Rebecca Quigley (Kingston), Jackie Ralston, Jack Reynolds, Candice Reynolds (Quincy), Rev. Gary Ritts, Jeff Rogers, Gina Rosano, Jamie Ross, Lisa Sanborn (Marshfield), Carol Sandblom, Elizabeth Sandblom, Charles Santoro, Helene Sceery, Mike Sceery, Richard and Susan Schmidt, Robert Schwandt, John Seavey, Matthew Sheehan (Kingston), Diane Shipp, Rich Silvia, Anne Spang, Gail Stevens, Andrew Stoessel, Mark St. Onge, Carol St. Pierre, William Sullivan, Jim Theriault, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Helene Thornton, Judy Volungis, James Waples, Susan Watrous, Alix White, Kitty Whitley, Jack Worley and Doug Yeager.

Al was a tireless worker for this cause for more than 50 years, serving many years as chairman.

In addition to all those heroes listed above, there were many others generous with their time who organized the event, called or organized prospective donors to schedule appointments and many people who worked the day of the Blood Drive to help with registration, the canteen and as donor escorts. These included: Nancy Anderson, Julia Carlton, Corinne Cahill, Mary Edmonds, Merle Graham, Mary Hartwell, Dienna Lehner, Lynn Layman, Shirley Marten, Mary McCarthy, Molly McGowan, Bruce McMeekin, Elizabeth O'Connell, Ann O'Connor, Barbara Power, Ginny Riley, Donna Saylor, Joan Stockman, Karen Sullivan, Sandy Therieault, Joan Trask, Grace Tuckerman and Bob Winsor.

In addition to the above donors, the Red Cross and the Cohasset community would also like to recognize the many others who offered to donate that day but were unable to because of health reasons or because of the very large turnout in response to the Sept. 11 tragedies.

Everyone associated with the Cohasset Community Blood Drive is saddened by the recent death of Al Odermatt, who died unexpectedly on Dec. 29. Al was a tireless worker for this cause for more than 50 years, serving many years as chairman. He was recognized by the Red Cross at the September Blood Drive for his long dedication to this worthwhile effort.

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, Jan. 16. The Blood Drive will be at St. Anthony Parish Center at the corner of South Main St. and Summer St. from 1:30-7:30 p.m. As in the past, baby-sitting will be provided from 3-5 p.m. Ample parking is available.

Please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the church, civic, corporate or social organizations calls. New donors are welcome and especially needed. The Red Cross welcomes any new individuals who are able to donate blood, any organizations which would like to work with the Cohasset Community Blood Drive to organize their own donors for each blood drive and, of course, volunteers to help on or before the day of each blood drive. Most people can give blood through the American Red Cross. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have any questions, please call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290. You can also call the Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

HEALTH NOTES

Little Harbor water quality results are in

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Before Christmas, we talked about the Little Harbor irregulars and their work of taking water quality samples in Little Harbor. The water samples have been analyzed and this week, we'll discuss the results. Not all of the analysis of the data has been accomplished, but the initial results provide us with an indication of the present condition of Little Harbor.

The data shows generally increased bacteria counts during rain events in Little Harbor.

In all, the volunteers took ten water samples at five different dates. By comparison, in 1999, Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM) took 14 samples on one date, and developed its conclusions of wet-weather conditions in Little Harbor on those samples.

The sampling instructions required the volunteers to take samples between four and seven hours after the beginning of a rain event in which a half-inch or more of rain fell. The volunteers were also instructed not to take samples if the water temperature was below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, the lower limit for viability of most bacteria in water.

The water was sampled for fecal coliform, and the reporting unit was colonies per hundred milliliters of water. Results for all samples were between 1040 colonies and less than 5 colonies for the samples taken. The average of all samples taken was 276 colonies. The standard for shellfish harvesting is 14 colonies and for safe swimming is 200. Most of the data was taken on Dec.15 when the water temperature was about 44 degrees. Earlier data, when the temperatures were in the range of 50 to 60 results were somewhat higher than those taken at the lower temperature.

Data taken on Nov. 20 and Dec. 1 were below eight colonies, but there was essentially no rainfall on those days. The data taken was consistent with the latest data taken by the Department of Marine Fisheries in 1996, and by CDM and shows generally increased bacteria counts during rain events in Little Harbor. We have yet to assess the effect of tidal flushing on the data, as well as the effect of temperature. As we work with the data, more information will become available and will be reported.

Conclusions from the data are about what all of those taking samples in Little Harbor have been saying. Little Harbor is not that bad, but it's not really good either. If people living on this estuary want to do something about the cleanliness of the water, it can be done.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

KEEPING PACE

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Eric Joseph walks his dog Gus along North Main Street.

New Year's crystal ball

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The more things change the more they remain the same, as we shall learn in 2002.

JANUARY — Osama bin Laden is captured by gendarmes while plotting to bomb the Greenbush line in a small bistro on the Left Bank in Paris. French refuse to extradite him to the United States until they are assured he won't face the death penalty. President George (43) Bush rules that France is protecting terrorists, sends in Marines.

FEBRUARY — Rebels at the State House rise up and deny Speaker Tom Finneran a new $500,000 carpet for his office at the Capital. "I guess we showed him," crow the dissenters as they prepare to pass a measure appropriating $1 million for a new carpet and pine paneling for the Speaker's new suite of offices at the State House.

MARCH — Fleet Bank announces that its coming merger with Time-Warner, United Airlines, Disneyland and the Republic of Papua New Guinea will result in only 27,000 layoffs below the management level. Critics hail move as a spectacular advance for the New England economy.

APRIL — Red Sox open season under new ownership at Fenway Park. Players return to dressing room to find they are being charged 25 cents for towel rental. "After spending $700 million to buy the club and $100 million in salaries, we have to economize on some of the amenities," says new owner John Henry. Nomar, Pedro and Manny contact the Yankees.

MAY — Democrats, led by James Carville, still digging into President George (43) Bush's past, discover that he once dipped a girl's pigtails into an inkwell in a Midland, Texas, middle school. "She definitely has an harassment suit," says Paula Jones, her adviser. House Democrats question independent counsel Ken Starr about impeachment statute.

JUNE — Former President Bill Clinton endorses Janet Reno in her campaign for governor of Florida. "First, let me make on thing perfectly clear," says Bill, anticipating the first question from Bill Reilly of the Fox News Channel "I did not have sex with that woman."

JULY — New Massport ruling directs that all airline passengers fly out of Logan International Airport in the nude after a miniaturized nuclear device is found in the navel of an Egyptian belly dancer. Attorney General John Ashford says it's okay with him as long as men and women fly in separate planes with the shades drawn.

AUGUST — Rare harbor gulls are discovered nesting within 300 yards of the Greenbush line right of way in Cohasset. Hingham selectmen file for temporary injunction to halt work on the Old Colony tracks to Scituate. "It looks like this calls for a complete new environmental impact statement," observes Sen. Bob Hedlund.

SEPTEMBER — Acting Governor Jane Swift wins Republican nomination to run for a full term. Jim Rappaport is nominated for lieutenant governor after 45 potential candidates (half the Republicans in the state) turn down the opportunity. "Jim who?" asks Jane, then she reconsiders, saying, "Maybe he'll baby-sit for the kids while I'm on the road."

OCTOBER — Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is injured in a game against the New York Jets. Backup quarterback Damon Huarte leads stunning comeback that lands him the starting job. "There's no quarterback controversy," says Drew Bledsoe, now the third string signal-caller, as he cashes his $20 million paycheck. "Right," says Tom Brady, as he banks the first installment of his renegotiated $10 million contract.

NOVEMBER — Cost overruns of the Big Dig rise by another $1 billion. Tolls of the Mass Turnpike are raised to cover the deficit. It now costs Howie Carr $50 to commute from Wellesley to his job in downtown Boston. A farmer in western Massachusetts must pay $25 to move his John Deere tractor from Springfield to his farm.

DECEMBER — Year-long bid by the Knights of Columbus to erect a Christmas crèche on the Lexington Town Green is turned down by the courts. Thus the crèche joins the Easter bunny, the Thanksgiving turkey and Santa's reindeer as symbols of the majority religion that must not be used lest they offend the captive minority

A very Happy New Year for Harbor Express ferry service

By Martha A. R. Bewick
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Last Friday evening, we made the trip from Hingham to Quincy in seven minutes. Every green light was with us, for a change. We were heading for the last ferry ride of Harbor Express, a round trip from Quincy to Logan, Boston and back. I thought I would trade in some unused tickets for a farewell beer or two, and wave a mournful goodbye to a wonderful ferry service.

Instead of gloom, when we arrived, there was celebration aboard "Flying Cloud". A decorated Christmas wreath twinkled over the coffee bar, Hingham friends greeted us, who were also aboard for the "last ride," and crew and their friends gathered aboard. There had been a last minute reprieve, and Harbor Express would continue for six months. Maybe more. It was a memorable South Shore moment!

Bit by bit, we learned the news. Thanks to negotiations between representatives of General Dynamics, Lee Bishop in particular, who runs American Overseas Marine, Senator Robert Hedlund, Governor Swift's staff, and Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan, an agreement had been shaped whereby General Dynamics will continue service until June, and then the state take over the service.

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce had been in touch with Senator Kerry, who'd played a role. Braintree Representative Joseph Sullivan had helped, along with Representative Garrett Bradley, and Quincy's Mayor Sheets. Commuters had sent letters, including Hingham's Tom Maloney of Graham Gund Associates in Cambridge, who takes Harbor Express to Long Wharf, and walks to Kendall Square.

We had called Mike McGurl of Scituate, and Bill Walker of Norwell, the Harbor Express developers and managers, to find out how we could help. As AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives), we had sent letters to General Dynamics urging continuation of the excellent service while a buyout was structured, and financing sought. Everyone had offered help and had rallied to save one of the South Shore's major assets.

This crisis highlights the great results that can occur when the community works together in the public interest. Who stands to gain? Each one of us who finds the ferry the best, and fastest way to get to and from Logan airport, including pilots, flight attendants, and those who use Logan for weekly commutes across the country; all of our visitors, family and friends. Those of us who travel to Boston to shop, to work, for lunch, for festivals or summer fun. Those who are discouraged from parking in the Hingham Shipyard because there's no room. Those of us who greet our guests from Boston at the South Shore's gateway, the ferry dock in Boston or Quincy or Hingham. The public agencies who must find good alternate ways to encourage auto drivers to take transit, under legal mandates.

Ferries are the most attractive transit options offered in the Boston region, but lose passengers when they must compete with highly subsidized public transit — buses, commuter rail, and heavy rail.

Hingham's ferry traffic built slowly from its beginnings in 1975 until it became part of the state transit network, thanks to early bond fund support by Sen. Allan MacKinnon of Weymouth. With an increase in frequency, and the advent of 25-minute trip times as well, the Hingham ferry is limited in its capacity only by parking shortages. Quincy's Harbor Express is limited by its need for additional vessels. With these, Hull commuters could get to Boston directly, and commuters from Quincy could reach Boston more quickly from Quincy as well.

This crisis highlights the great results that can occur when the community works together in the public interest.

The Harbor Express crisis points out the need and the opportunity for the Commonwealth to take a serious look at the transit capacity provided by the waterways of Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay, and to make ferries and the navigational channels and rights of way equal partners in the overall transportation picture. We have a natural protected right of way which has proved itself for almost 400 years. The cooperation which has taken place over the last few days could make even more of a difference if the entire ferry scene in Boston Harbor were revisited by these same elected and appointed officials with an eye to the future.

Since September 11, New York City has rediscovered the urgency of using the waterways. On that terrible day private ferry traffic increased from 30,000 to 200,000, when vessels were used for evacuation, transport of injured and movement of supplies. Since then the increase has stabilized at 60,000 while trans-Hudson subway connections are rebuilt. The experience in New York demonstrates that ferries are critically important transportation links. New York developers now acknowledge that there had been little planning for the use of the waterways in a way that integrates with existing and proposed major landside developments. This is now the focus of new scrutiny there, as it could be here.

As Arthur Imperatore Jr., President of NY Waterway, said recently, "When the history of New York City is written 25 to 30 years from now, I think people will look back on the ferry industry as one of the major factors in the development of the 21st Century city. The river is changing from being a barrier into both a highway and a commons around which whole new communities are being developed." (New York Times 12/19/01) Here in Boston, our Harbor is our commons as well. It's time that we really understood how it can be used to better serve our transit and access needs. Meanwhile, we celebrate those who began, sustained, and have supported Harbor Express. Thanks! And Happy New Year!

Martha A. R. Bewick is a member of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives.

WHIPLASH!

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Kaleigh Teague, Sidney Fortin, Samantha Fortin and McKenna Teague practice a sister act on the duck pond on Cohasset Common.

Greenbush price tag

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under Hingham Square, Mulhern said.

"All the major design elements are in there," he said.

Mulhern, who will essentially turn the proposal into a contract document including final terms and conditions before awarding it to Cashman/Beatty – a process expected to take a couple of months — said surveying is underway and he expects ground to be broken in the spring of 2003, with service up and running the fall of 2005.

"We're very pleased the project, which has been 16 years in the making, is within the range of engineering estimates, especially in light of the fact of late there has been a public debate on the project budget," he said.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, a Greenbush opponent, said even if the project comes in within the $434 million, it's too expensive.

"It will cost $350,000 per car off the road," he said referring to estimates the train will take 1,300 cars off the road. "The cost outweighs the benefits."

While Bradley stressed he hasn't given up the fight, he concedes the news is not good for project opponents.

"Clearly this is another step that brings Greenbush closer to reality," he said.

AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives), an anti-Greenbush group led by John Bewick, a former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs, is not surprised by the impending contract award.

AfTA filed an injunction Friday in Plymouth Superior Court as part of its ongoing lawsuit alleging the MBTA violated the MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act) process. MEPA is the state equivalent of the Environmental Protection Agency and requires major projects to meet certain environmental standards including a balanced look at alternatives. AfTA charges the MBTA studies on Greenbush were designed to confirm a predetermined outcome with the benefits and costs of the train deeply distorted.

"We'll be in court trying to block this from going forward," Bewick said. Currently, AfTA has three Greenbush-related lawsuits on the books. The one, which AfTA feels may hold the most clout, concerns land-transfer issues. State law requires a vote of the legislature before land can be transferred from conservation to another use. AfTA contends the T cannot "take" the right-of-way in Cohasset, which owns the abandoned rail bed that has been used for passive recreation, without legislative approval. Cohasset agreed to a friendly land-taking in exchange for $1.5 million as part of the town's mitigation agreement.

Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan said there is no turning back.

"We've had just about every legal monkey wrench thrown at us...and I think we'll be able to overcome this," he said. "There's just too much public value to the project to let one group stand in the way."

Rep. Sullivan, the transportation committee chairman, says restoration of the train is good news for the South Shore. He expects the line to exceed ridership expectations as is the case with Middleboro and Plymouth, which are Greenbush's two sister lines as part of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project. Greenbush will use all double-decker trains, he said.

"In terms of economic development and a stimulus package – we need to build Greenbush more than ever," Sullivan said. He added the committee on transportation will monitor the project closely.

Mulhern said a further downturn in the economy will not affect the project.

"It's a fully funded project," he said. "It's in our capital program."

Mulhern said there were four bids on the project and the Cashman/Beatty bid was the highest ranked on its technical proposal and the lowest price. The joint venture includes ten subcontractors. Design/engineers for the project is STV, Inc. and the environmental subcontractor is Rizzo Associates, he said.

Greenbush is a design-build project meaning, unless a key assumption changes, the contractor assumes the risk of potential cost overruns. But Rep. Bradley of Hingham disputes that and believes the project will cost more.

"With design-build the permitting process is streamlined and more things are taken care of on the fly and that naturally leads to more change orders," he said.

Sec. Sullivan said Balfour Beatty, which has encountered problems on other jobs, will be carefully scrutinized before the contract is awarded.

The 17-mile Greenbush line, which will start in Braintree, will run through Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate. Weymouth, Hingham and Cohasset have all signed mitigation agreements with the MBTA. Scituate is still negotiating with the MBTA over location of the proposed layover station.

Doug Hanchett of the Boston Herald contributed to this report.

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Getting even

Lady Skippers get to .500 with pair of wins

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

With two decisive wins over vacation, the Cohasset girls basketball team proved that the varsity level is exactly where it should be.

"We feel like we are where we belong," asserted third year coach Ellen Carr. "The kids played well, and it will give them some confidence."

Last Friday in Avon, the Lady Skippers dismantled a rebuilding Lady Panthers squad with ease, 67-26.

Juniors Lindsay Grossman and Maura O'Brien were top performers for the team, throwing in 16 points apiece. Grossman ran the point very well, picking apart the Panther defense in a halfcourt set offense, while O'Brien utilized her height and leaping ability to dominate the boards.

Cohasset jumped out early, and used their big lead to get the entire squad as much playing time as possible. Sometimes shifting in rotations of five players, third year coach Ellen Carr was pleased at the way everyone performed, even those unaccustomed to playing at the varsity level.

"There is not a lot to say about a game like that, except that we had fun," noted the coach.

Another advantage of the easy game was it gave junior guards Heather Peraino and LaRaine Langford, who had missed the first four games with injuries, a chance to work themselves back into the lineup.

Neither of them seemed to have lost so much as a step, as Peraino tallied 11 points, and Langford got right back into her duties of leading the team in steals.

With sophomore Jen Buckley playing as another athletic backcourter, the Lady Skippers now have their full pressing unit, and plan to use it to its fullest potential.

"We feel like we are where we belong. The kids played well, and it will give them some confidence."
Cohasset girls basketball coach Ellen Carr

"LaRaine and Heather are tremendous assets to the team," lauded Carr. "It is great to have four guards."

The night after the Avon win, the Lady Skippers came right back, defeating their talented local rival Scituate, 57-45.

O'Brien again led the offensive charge, throwing down a game-high 22 points, including 8-for-11 from the free throw line.

"Maura had a great game," complimented Grossman, who had 16 points herself in the win. "It motivated the whole team."

O'Brien again won the battle of the boards, with eight of her points coming on putbacks.

Peraino came away with eight points, as did sophomore center Danielle Pinkus, who is fast becoming a fearsome low post threat with moves involving either hand.

For the second straight night, Cohasset simply dominated the opening minutes. After Pinkus won the tip that led to a quick layup, Carr let her full-court press loose.

The Lady Sailors were unable to

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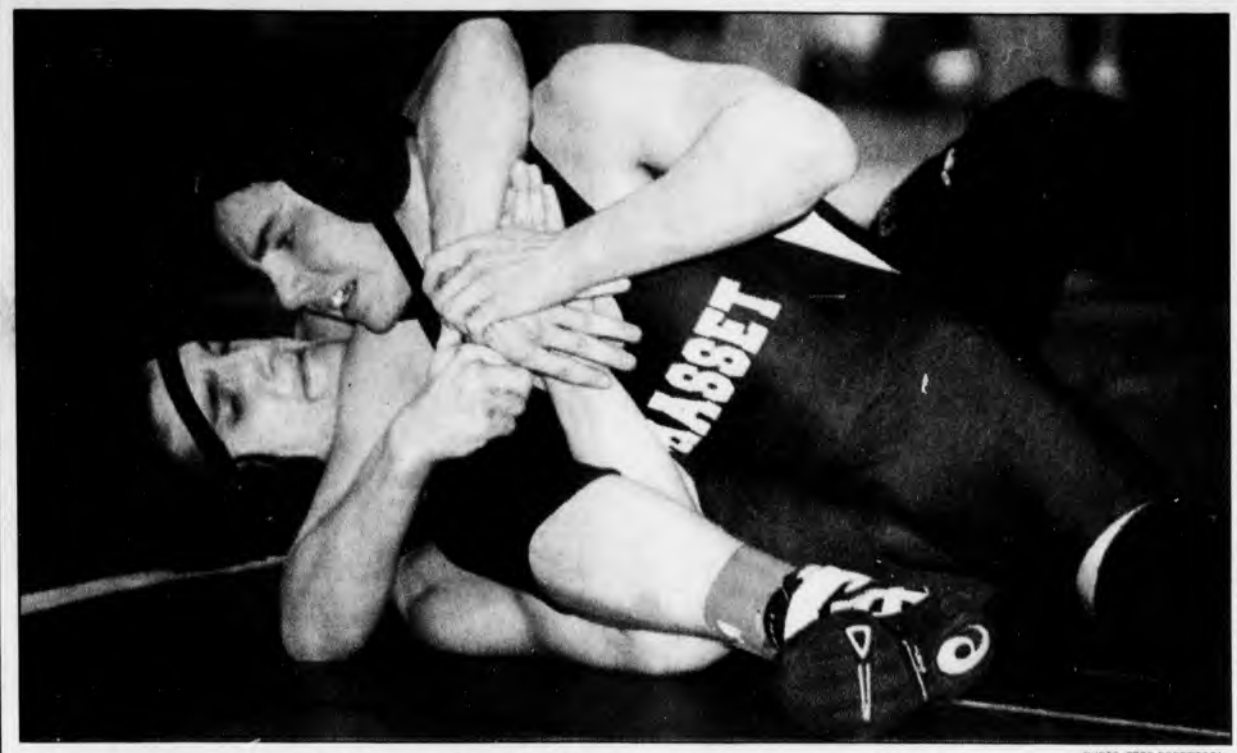

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Cohasset's Terry Baroudi, top, struggles to free himself from hold of Plymouth South's Billy Pearson at annual Marshfield wrestling tourney last Friday. The Cohasset junior lost this quarterfinal's match on a last second takedown.

Grappling with success

Strong showing from Littauer highlights tough Marshfield tourney showing

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

The learning process continues this weekend for the young and inexperienced Cohasset High wrestling team.

After a disappointing showing last weekend in the long-running Marshfield Tournament, the Skippers will compete at the Whitman-Hanson Tournament Saturday. A total of 10 teams will be competing at Whitman.

Last weekend, Cohasset finished 15th out of 22 teams in the tournament the Skippers had won back in 1999.

This time around, Cohasset was one of four Div. 3 schools competing in the 22 team field, which was loaded with Div. 1 schools, one of these being Bridgewater-Raynham High, winner of the tourney.

The best showing for Cohasset last Friday night was turned in by freshman Jonathan Littauer, who finished third at 103 pounds. He lost to the number one seed from Rockland in the semifinals, but managed to grab third place in the consolation round.

The Skippers also took two eighth place finishes with Terry Baroudi, a junior wrestling at 135 pounds and senior John Hussey competing at 215 pounds.

Baroudi was a tough luck loser twice in the tourney. After winning his opener in lopsided fashion on Thursday, the junior fell in overtime, 9-7, in his second bout. He won his first match on Friday by pin to pit himself against Plymouth South's Billy Pearson, a Div. 1 standout. After getting down quickly, 5-0, on a couple of first period takedowns, Baroudi battled back to get within two points at 7-5 in the final period. He then completed a dramatic takedown inside the final 20 seconds of the match to pull even at 7-all. Literally in the final seconds, however, Pearson flipped Baroudi off his feet to score two points for the win.

"We're a young and inexperienced team," said Cohasset coach

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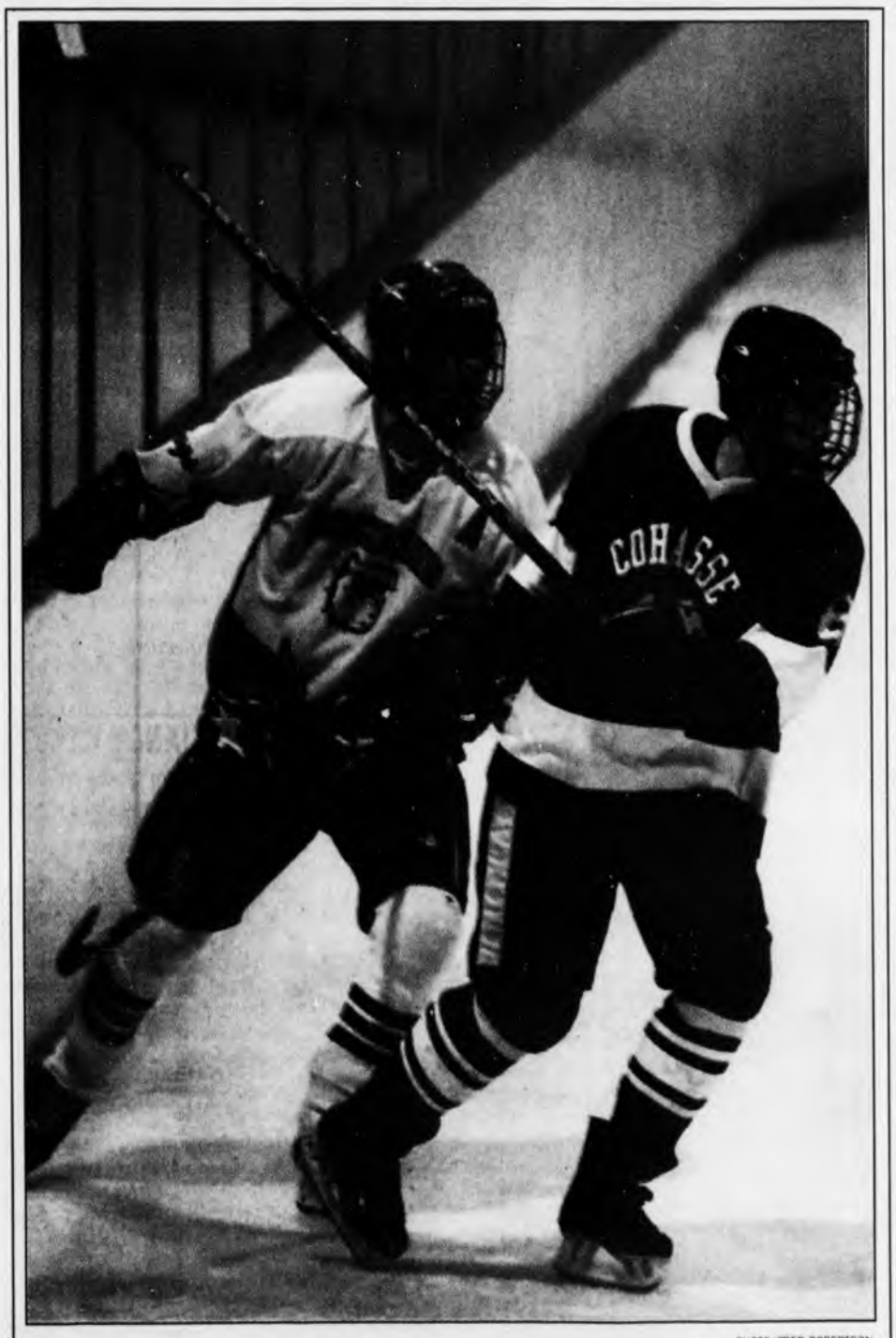

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Cohasset's Greg O'Connell (#8) tries to untangle from Rockland player in recent action. The Cohasset High hockey team improved to 4-0 with win a 8-2 over Holbrook-Avon in their final game of 2001. Mike Devine was the only multi-goal scorer, with a pair, as the Skippers—who have now outscored their opponents 43-4 on the season—continued to spread things around.

Swim team holding its own

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Frustration is hard to avoid when a collection of winter swimmers walk into Duxbury's Percy Walker Pool only to find a year round-trained army of 45 male swimmers, already in formation, an hour before the meet starts.

But such is the story for the Scituate-Cohasset swim team, the only team in the Patriot League that is not comprised primarily, if not completely, of "U.S. Swimmers." In fact, not one of the Sci-Coh athletes swim year round.

This gets one wondering...how have the Skipper/Sailors won two of their first three meets?

"I have been so impressed with what the team has accomplished this year," effused second year coach Jamie Kearney, a Scituate native. "Our team is just a group of kids that works for everything it gets."

Sci-Coh definitely worked hard to beat out the Sachems of Middleboro last Wednesday, a team that only has four-season-swimmers. Nevertheless, the Sailor/Skips beat out their hosts, 91-75.

The oddest thing about the meet was that the winter swimmers only won two out of the 12 events. Junior Becky Keys of Scituate took the 500-yard freestyle, and junior captain Bryan Bilton of Cohasset won the 100 yard backstroke.

Other than that, this meet was clearly won by Cohasset and Scituate taking virtually every second, third, and fourth place possible. The scoring set-up is six points for first place, four for second, three for third, two for fourth, and one for fifth.

"True, our team is not going to

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Sailors top Skippers...again

Cohasset boys holiday hoop tourney a repeat of last year

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

For the second year in a row, rival towns Cohasset and Scituate delighted the local fans by going head-to-head in the finals of the Annual Cohasset Holiday Classic.

And for the second year in a row, Scituate was crowned champion of the four-team tourney, taking the championship game, 70-56.

The teams stayed relatively close in the opening minutes, with Scituate mounting small leads, and Cohasset making quick runs to even it out. When Scituate went up 27-19, though, the points began to come in buckets for the Sailors, as they went on a 15-1 run to push their advantage to 42-20.

Senior captain Mike Barry, who was named Scituate's tourney All-star for his efforts, sank two consecutive threes to cap the run. He ended the game with 12 points, and five boards.

The teams went into the break with Scituate out front 48-26, a lead

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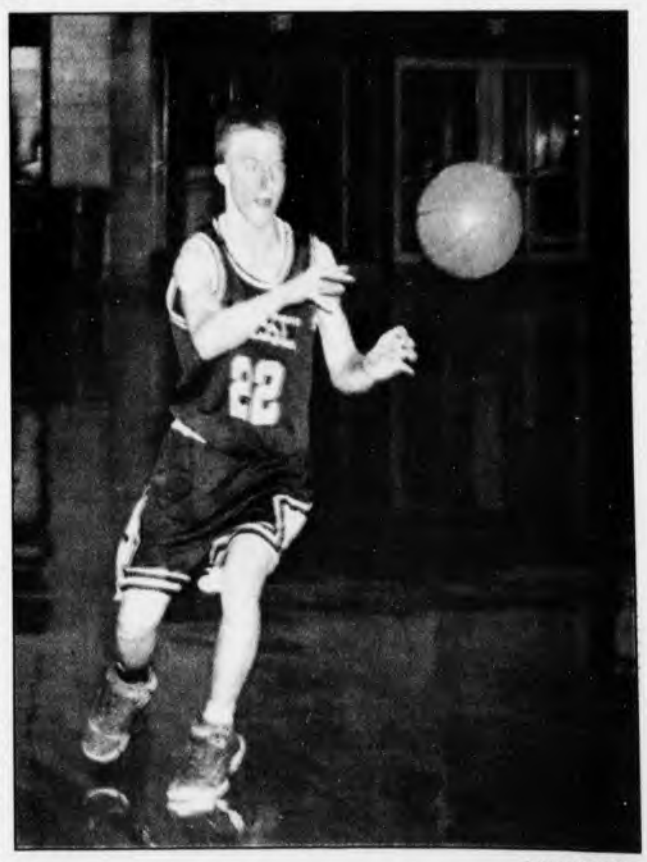

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Jared Krupczak dishes it off in recent Skippers basketball action.

Gymnasts hold on

Cohasset-Norwell squad nearly shocked by Notre Dame

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

In days past, the Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics meet against Notre Dame Academy was really nothing more than a feel-good competition against an overmatched Cougars team. Those days look to be long gone as the Cougars sporting a very healthy 3-0 record, threw everything they had at C-N in an inspiring 128 – 125.15 loss at the Head Over Heels gymnastics school in Norwell.

C-N was pushed hard enough that it was forced to break its' six-year-old school record of 127.15 to clinch the win. The Cougars did the same, bettering the 123.6 school record they set last winter against Nauset.

On the balance beam, Kristin Sheerin, Norwell freshman Jen Guiney, Meredith Bixby, Nancy Durkin, and Norwell's Samantha Rosen and Amy Maree combined to break the school event record.

Sheerin, who is aiming for the national meet this season, had her best first-meet performance ever by capturing the all-around with a score of 35.3. Last year, C-N's co-captain opened with a score in the 33s.

"It was a very good start for me," said Sheerin.

First-year Notre Dame coach Julie Brush got a huge performance from Abington sophomore Nicolette Hylan. Hylan had her highest score of the season in the all-around with a 32.65 to finish second to Sheerin. She also was runner-up to Sheerin on the bars and beam.

Brush, who has a young team with just one senior, captain Meghan Shea of Kingston, expected her team to give C-N a tough meet. She wasn't as confident, though, about having a 4-0 record by meet's end.

"Just looking from previous meets, I thought they'd probably beat us," said Brush, "but I knew it was going to be a close meet."

With Sheerin looking to be close to top form, the Cougars didn't have any individual winners. The team's strength, though, is consistency and it rang true as Pembroke freshman Kristin Cina was third on both the vault and floor, and sophomore Rachel Galanek of Plymouth tied for third on floor and was fourth in the all-around.

Bixby was her usual solid self with a pair of second-place finishes on the vault and bars, as well as third in the all-around. Guiney tied for third with Galanek on the floor.

Despite the loss, Brush was very pleased with the Cougars' performance as they pushed C-N harder than they have in years. 5-7 last year, the ND squad is looking to vastly improve on its record.

"We broke the school record but there are still lots of places where we can improve," Brush said. "I get the impression the freshmen coming in have contributed more than in the past. This is a good, hard-working team.

"We don't do any really big moves but we are consistent. We had a couple of falls on the beam and we need work there, but we're solid on the vault and floor."

C-N will be looking to improve to 2-0 on Jan. 8 when it hosts Hanover (7:30 p.m. start) at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset. Spectators will also get a chance to see the local up-and-coming middle school gymnasts compete, though they won't figure into the team scoring. Notre Dame gets back into the swing of things on Jan. 8 at Head Over Heels with a tri-meet against Hingham and Case.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

COED SWIMMING
Cohasset/Scituate
Dec.
19 beat Middleboro, 91-75

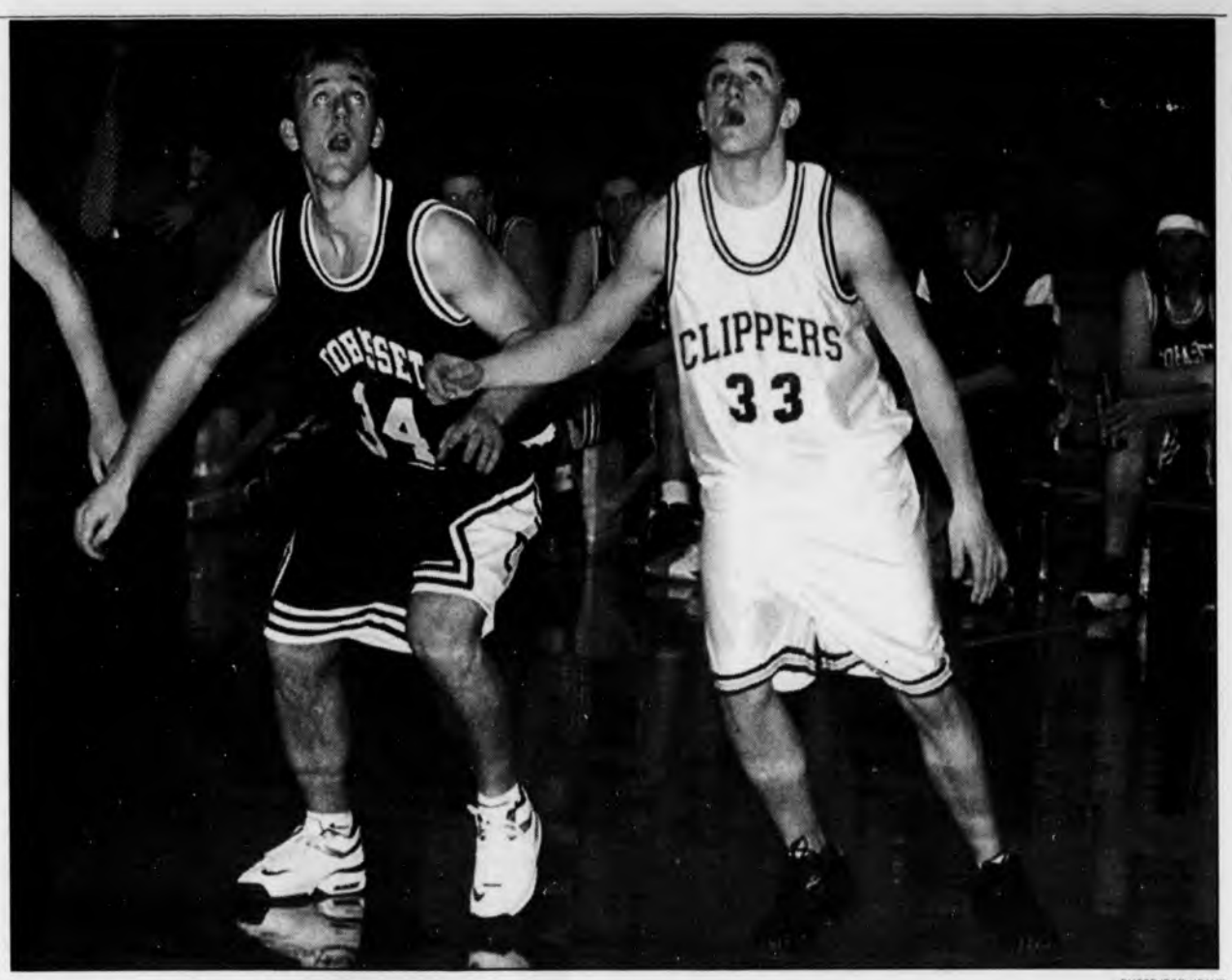
GYMNASTICS
Cohasset/Norwell
18 at Notre Dame, 128 – 125.15

WRESTLING
27-28 15th/22 at Marshfield Tourney

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Dec.
28 beat Avon, 67-26
29 beat Scituate, 57-45

BOYS BASKETBALL
28 beat Avon, 87-84 (2OT)
30 lost to Scituate, 70-56

ICE HOCKEY
22 beat Avon, 9-2



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Cohasset's Jay Bertovich battles Norwell's Frank Granara for rebound in recent South Shore League match-up.

Sailors top Skippers...again

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big enough that any on-looker could consider the game a done deal. However, the loyal Skipper and Sailor fans remained on hand for a very lively and entertaining second half.

Scituate pulled away in the first few minutes after the break, opening up a 68-37 cushion with 7:14 to go. As is the practice during lopsided games like this, both coaches began to pull their starters, opting to utilize their full bench.

And for the final seven plus minutes, the Skipper reserves truly dominated their Sailor counterparts. Never has this reporter seen a team go that long without a field goal, but Scituate was held to a pair of free throws the rest of the way.

Cohasset scored 17 unanswered points before Jeff Ciulla answered with two foul shots with 35 seconds remaining.

Sophomore Tommy Cuddihy led the Sailors with 16 points, seven rebounds and three steals. With 24 points in Scituate's first round game against Wayland, Cuddihy was named the tournament MVP.

Cohasset sophomore Chris Bilodeau, playing his first games back after suffering a broken pinky during football season, led Cohasset in scoring with 13 points in the final, also collecting four steals.

Senior Matt Bilodeau provided very steady leadership at the point, and was named Cohasset's Tournament All-Star for his solid two-day performance.

Last year's tournament MVP, senior center Jessie McKinnell of Scituate, was held to nine points, although he did snatch up 11 rebounds and block five shots.

In the first round, Cohasset played Avon in what everyone considered to be the game of the Tournament: a double overtime decision going the host Skippers' way, 87-84.

The visiting Panthers appeared well on their way toward embarrass their hosts, jumping out to a 22-8 lead before the Skippers clawed back to an eight point deficit by halftime.

The shocking start was very reminiscent of last year's opening round, when Avon opened up a 15-3 over Scituate before losing 80-72.

In this year's contest, Avon led the entire way until the Skippers shot their way back into it, gaining a 58-56 advantage with five minutes left.

The two teams traded baskets the rest of the way, with regulation time expiring and the score knotted at 67.

Senior Pete Maitland scored five straight points to open the extra frame, as he finished the game with 14 points and four steals.

With Cohasset ahead 76-73 with one second remaining, and fans from both sides reaching for their winter coats, Avon senior Jim Saia swished a turnaround three pointer to tie it.

Saia recorded 34 points in this game, including five threes, and was named Avon's All-Star.

The Bilodeau brothers then combined for all 11 of the Skippers final points, shooting 5-of-5 from the floor. The final decision maker was Chris' trey from the corner that sealed it with 1.3 seconds left.

Matt Bilodeau was Cohasset's top point producer in this one, collecting 23 points, 10 rebounds (not bad for a 5-foot-8 point guard) and three steals. Chris finished with 14 points, all coming after halftime.

Sophomore center Sean Connolley provided a very steady paint presence, tallying 18 points on 8-of-11 shooting from the floor, along with nine boards.

Scituate did not have as tough a time on Friday, defeating the Wayland Warriors 71-55.

The Sailors went into halftime up by three, and pushed the lead up to six with eight minutes left. Barry (18 points for the day) knocked down eight straight for the Sailors, to give his team a 49-35 buffer.

McKinnell, playing his first game back since he dislocated his elbow just 11 days earlier, tallied 14 points to go with 11 boards and six blocks.

Grappling with success

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Torin Sweeney. "We were going up against some very big schools in that tourney."

The coach added: "My other kids wrestled well. We have some talent on the team and it's just a case of the kids pulling it together. The tournaments help and this next one should prove very helpful for the kids."

Bridgewater-Raynham finished with 227 points to outdistance runner-up Plymouth South by 50 points.

B-R got wins from Ryan Gracia (112), Rob LeRoux (135), Mike Zella (160), John Freyermuth (215) and Lee Beane (heavyweight).

LeRoux and Beane were named Outstanding Wrestlers.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's Vinnie Grata gets the upper hand in recent showdown with Scituate.

Lady Skippers getting even

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inbound the ball on three consecutivepossessions, as the aforementioned quick line-up forced turnover after turnover.

Scituate did manage to claw back into it, finding themselves down by only six with 1:30 showing on the clock. But Cohasset hit their free throws down the stretch, ending the threat.

Cohasset will re-renter South Shore League play this week with a bit of momentum, something that has been missing the last few years. Perhaps it can even carry them as far as the playoffs.

"I would really like to see that happen," said Carr. "There are some great opportunities down the line if we can keep this up."

Swim team holding its own

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send anyone to nationals," admitted Kearney, "but seconds, thirds and fourth places keep the points coming in our direction.

"It's hard not to get intimidated by these teams with 30 or 40 boys on them. But the kids just swim their races and try not to get bogged down with that stuff."

Despite good team depth, Duxbury's powerful squad proved too much for the then undefeated SciCohs, losing to the Dragons 95.5-75.5.

Duxbury coach Jay Kraft, who also happens to be the US Swim coach, enjoys having his team look and act very professional and intimidating before a meet. And they could back it up with their swimming, since they took first place in every event of the day.

Coming on the heels of a loss to Nauset, Duxbury had its collective game face on for this match, invoking all of its pre-meet intimidation rituals. This included hissing "Scituasset", and jumping into the pool in unison and splashing around.

Although the SciCohs choose to refrain from such activities, their performance early in the season has been truly remarkable considering who they are and, more to the point, who their opponents are.

Cohasset High weekly schedule

COED SWIMMING
Cohasset/Scituate
Jan.
4 at Barnstble v. Nantucket
9 at Taunton
Coach: Jamie Kearney

GYMNASTICS
Cohasset/Norwell
Jan.
8 Hanover 7:30 p.m. Coh. C.C.
Coach: Kara Connerty

WRESTLING
5 at Whit-Hanson 10 a.m. Tournament
9 Hanover 7:30 p.m.
Coaches: Torin Sweeney and Peter Buckley

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan.		JV	Var.
4	Norton	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
8	at Abington	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

Coaching staff: Varsity, Ellen Carr
JV, Deb Beal

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan.		JV	Var.
4	at Norton	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
8	Abington	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

Coaching staff: V, Ron Ford
JV, Tim Owens

ICE HOCKEY

Jan.		Rink
5	Harwich 5 p.m.	Pilgrim
9	Mashpee 6:10 p.m.	Pilgrim

Coaching staff: Dennis Walsh, Benji Watson, Peter Sandbloom

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse registration set for Jan. 5

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will hold its sign-up for the spring season on Saturday, Jan. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School. For the first time, the program will be registering girls to play in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse Girls League, as well as its traditional boys teams.

This will be the only day to register for the program. Spaces are limited at all age levels; while Cohasset Youth Lacrosse endeavors to accept everyone who files their paperwork on registration day, the program has had to turn children away at some age levels in each of the last three seasons.

Registrations will be taken in the 14 & Under (7th and 8th graders) and 12 & Under age groups for both boys and girls. At the 10 & Under level, boys and girls can sign up, but the competition will be in men's lacrosse (full pads and contact) rather than in the women's game.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset participates in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth program, which does not keep standings or have playoffs. Every team makes several road trips per year, which be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Martha's Vineyard.

In addition, there will be season-ending jamborees for both the boys and girls.

The youth program is expecting to field seven teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. In spite of the creation of the girls program and the addition of a second 10-& Under team, roster spots at all levels will be limited and it is possible that some youngsters will be turned away.

Parents should expect Jan. 5 to be the only opportunity to sign up. Those who can not attend that day should contact Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of youth lacrosse, in sufficient time to have registration materials completed prior to Jan. 5.

The registration fee is $110 for one child, $200 for two; the fee covers a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to a magazine especially designed for kids. Late registrations, if roster spots are available, are $165.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents. At the 14 & Under level, players can sign up for the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program regardless of whether they are active on Cohasset's Middle School teams, or if they play on the team of a private school.

In general, games are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set. The teams will begin practicing in early March — and indoor practice time has been scheduled — and start playing games in April. The season concludes with the MBYLL Jamboree, in mid-June.

In addition to players, the program is looking for additional coaches at all levels.

Lacrosse is a contact sport; at all levels for boys, practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all boys must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces. Hockey helmets are not allowed, although hockey arm and shoulder pads are (hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick).

The girls game has less contact, but practices will be every bit as physical and demanding as for the boys. All girls must be equipped with sticks, mouthpieces and approved goggles.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program available at the Jan. 6 sign-up. If you have an age-eligible child and can not attend the registration session — or if you are interested in volunteering to coach — contact Jaffe at 781-383-9858.

OBITUARIES

Alfred G. Odermatt

Alfred G. "Al" Odermatt, 90, of Cohasset a retired employee of the John Hancock Insurance Co. with an outstanding record of community service, died Dec. 29, 2001, at home.

Mr. Odermatt worked at John Hancock from 1928 to 1974.

He volunteered for churches and communities for 74 years.

Mr. Odermatt served as president of St. Anthony's Church Holy Name Society in Cohasset from 1954 to 1956. He was president of the South Shore district from 1960 to 1962.

Then, he served as district chairman of the Holy Name Society Memorial Chapel for Pope John XXIII Seminary in Weston. He was chairman of the Nocturnal Adoration and treasurer at the Archdiocesan level. And he was Program chairman of the Archdiocesan Union from 1961 to 1963.

When he was 16, he joined the Junior Holy Name, Society at Blessed Sacrament Church in Quincy, and, at 18, he became a member of the Holy Name Society.

Mr. Odermatt volunteered at the former St. Coletta's School for Exceptional Children in Hanover, now Cardinal Cushing School.

An Army veteran of World War II, he enlisted in 1943 and completed his service in 1946 as master sergeant.

After the war, he moved to Cohasset with his wife, the late Mildred (Harkins) Odermatt.

He served as one of the coordinators of the Bishop Sheen program, "Seven Lost Words," in Boston.

For more than 35 years, he was coordinator of the Nocturnal Adoration at St. Anthony's Church.

Through the years, he donated 55 pints of blood and served on the board of directors for the American Red Cross in Quincy For 20 years, he was secretary of the Cohasset chapter.

Judges from the Quincy Red Cross chapter chose Mr. Odermatt in 1986 as one of 10 outstanding volunteers.

With the American Cancer Society, he served on the board of directors for 15 years.

Beginning in 1934, he also volunteered with the Knight's of Columbus in Quincy, Cohasset and Hull.

He was vice president and treasurer of Cohasset Community Center and was involved with American Association of Retired Persons.

Born in Roxbury, he attended St. John's Church in Roxbury; St. Francis Xavier School in Roslindale; Boston College High School; and Quincy High School.

Mr. Odermatt leaves his second wife, Marian (Lundfelt) Odermatt, whom he married in 1988.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthonys Church, Cohasset. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations may be made to St. Anthony's Parish Building Fund, 10 Summer St., Cohasset 02025.

Joseph Colpitts

Joseph Michael Colpitts, 51, a sales representative for Sheraton Hotels, died Dec. 25, 2001, at home after a long battle with melanoma.

Mr. Colpitts was born in Hartford, Conn., and grew up in California and Massachusetts.

He graduated from Cohasset High School in 1968 and University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla., in 1972.

After teaching high school English for two years, Mr. Colpitts attended the International Marketing Institute at Tufts University.

In 1974 he joined the Sheraton Corporation, heading the sales department in Memphis, Tenn.; New York City; and Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Colpitts also worked at Sheraton Tara hotels in Nashua, N.H., and South Portland Maine.

He was a member of the Maine Insurance Agents Association and served as director of education and conferences.

Mr. Colpitts was also associated with New England Directors of Education, Insurance Institutes of America, Financial Services Advisory Board, University of Maine at Augusta and was a former chairman of the Maine Bureau of Insurance Continuing Education Advisory Board.

He leaves his wife, Katherine Hagler Colpitts; two daughters, Kate Colpitts and Carol Colpitts of Maine; his mother, Marjorie Colpitts of California; a brother, Stewart Colpitts of California; a sister, Elizabeth Harlow of Portland; and five nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held in Maine.

Arrangements were made by Independent Death Care of Main

Margery Williams Beard

Margery (Trull) Williams Beard, 93, died at the North Hill Healthcare Center on Dec. 30, 2001.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was the daughter of Frank T. and Sophie Hall (Lane) Trull.

Mrs. Beard was a longtime resident of Cohasset before moving to North Hill Retirement Community in Needham 15 years ago.

She was predeceased by her first and second husbands, Ralph C. Williams, Jr. and Milton C. Beard. Also predeceased by a son, P. Jeffrey Williams of Dover.

She leaves a son, Clarke Williams of Stockton Springs, Maine, a sister, Janet T. Young of Upper Montclair, N.J., a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Williams Ladd of Fort Collins, Colo.; six grandchildren, F. Jeffrey Williams, Jr. of Lake Forest, Ill. Samuel B. Williams of Boston, Elizabeth T. Williams of Seattle, Wash. R.C. Williams, IV of Jackson, Miss., Bruce P. Williams of Grosse Pointe, Mich., Diana M. Williams of Park City, Utah; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church 18 Springdale Ave. Dover with The Rev. Deborah M. Warner, Rector officiating.

Interment will be private.

Arrangements were handled by The J.S. Waterman and Sons-Waring Funeral Home in Wellesley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Dunstan B Church, 18 Springdale Ave. Dover, MA 02030.

Mary Chittim

Mary (Chase) Chittim died Dec. 23, 2001 at the Orchard View Manor nursing home in Barrington, R.I. after a brief illness at the age of 84.

Born in Concord, Mass., she was a graduate of Fitchburg State Teachers College and in her early years taught in New Canaan, Conn. She later went to the Boston area elementary schools.

A resident of Barrington, R.I. the last five years, living with her son Mark Chittim, she was also a resident of Cohasset, for more than 30 years.

She was an active volunteer for more than 20 years at the Cohasset Consignment Shop.

The wife of the late David Chittim, she leaves three sons, David B. of Pittsburgh, Pa., Kevin G. of Hopkington, N.H., Mark H. of Barrington, Fla.; and one daughter, Ann K Chittim of Brookline; a brother, John K Chittim of Morgantown, W. Va.; seven great-grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A funeral mass was celebrated in St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Donations in her memory may be sent to the American Cancer Society at 110 Chestnut St in Brockton, Mass., 02301.

HAPPENINGS

Greek church benefit night

Comedy night featuring four comedians will be held Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Red Parrot in Hull. Hors D' Oeuvres will be served. $30 per person. Proceeds to go to the building fund, the community center, Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church.

'Our Town' auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for "Our Town" at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. on Sunday Jan. 13 from 2-5 p.m. and Monday Jan. 14, from 7-9 p.m. Cast consists of 17 men and seven women. Some teen roles are also available. Show opens the end of February. Call Jean at 617-750-8987 with any questions.

Slides, lecture

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is launching a five-part winter lecture series, beginning Friday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. with "Trekking in Bolivia," presented by Billy Guild and Paul Breneman. The lecture and slide show will focus on the Cordillera Real, which has some of the highest peaks in the Americas, as well as on the indigenous highland people of the region. Both Massachusetts natives, Guild and Breneman are seasoned outdoorsmen and extensive backcountry-travelers.

Light refreshments will be served. Cost is $3 for members and $5 for non-members. The museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull.

For more information, call Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433 or check out the museum's Web site at www.bostonharborheritage.org.

WORSHIP NOTES

Abbey series

The Benedictine monks in Hingham announce the third speaker in the Glastonbury Abbey series, "Listening to Other Voices: Spirituality in Everyday Life." Charles I. Clough, Jr., chairman and CEO of Clough Capital Partners, L.R., a Boston-based investment firm and chairman of the board of trustees of Boston College will speak on "Spirituality and the Workplace: A Deacon on Wall Street." The talk is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7:15 p.m. at the abbey Conference Center.

The program is free of charge and donations are welcome. Please call for reservations at 781-749-2155.

First Friday Mass

First Friday Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Jan. 4 at 5 p.m. at St. Anthony Church. Eucharistic adoration will follow from 6 to 10 p.m.

While all are welcome to visit the church for quiet prayer during this exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, it is important that at least two people be present at all times. If you can commit to one hour during the evening, call Nancy Roach at the parish office at 383-0219, to sign up.

The Wednesday night holy hours that have been led by the Rev. Peter Shakalis for the past six years have been discontinued. Father Shakalis, the retired pastor of St. Casmir Church in Brockton, has decided to cut back on his work schedule. He has assisted not only Father Mulvehill at St. Anthony Parish, but also numerous other pastors on the South Shore. Parishioners who wish to send Father Shakalis a note of thanks for all his work here may contact the parish office for his address.

Send us your news

The Cohasset Mariner welcomes information on local stories The deadline for submitting community copy is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St., sent by fax to 741-2931 or emailed to mford@cnc.com. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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MONDAY, DEC. 24

1:10 a.m. North Main St., general services.

5:05 a.m. Gardiner Rd., assist other police dept.

6:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

9:51 a.m. North Main St., and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:19 a.m. Sohier St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:21 p.m. Summer St., breaking and entering into an automobile.

1:39 p.m. Elm St., structure fire.

1:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:07 p.m. South Main St. and Spring St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:02 p.m. Nichols Rd., disturbance.

3:27 p.m. Nichols Rd., disturbance.

3:29 p.m. North Main St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:37 p.m. North Main St., and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:08 p.m. Atlantic Ave, assist citizen.

6:23 p.m. Summer St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:26 p.m. Cushing Rd. and Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:16 p.m. Forest Ave., assist motorist.

8:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious activity.

9:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious activity.

9:39 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

10:22 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

10:33 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:09 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:16 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:28 p.m. S. Main St. and Beechwood St., traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, DEC. 25

12:33 a.m. Nichols Rd., animal control.

1:21 a.m. Beechwood Rd., assist citizen.

7:14 a.m. Ledgewood Dr., power outage.

8:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglary/breaking and entering.

3:45 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:27 p.m. Beechwood St. and King St., lost property.

7:42 p.m. Rockland St, assist citizen.

8:22 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.

10:25 p.m. South Main St., fire.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

12:48 a.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

7:02 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:52 a.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

10:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop,

12:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway registration inquiry. Arrest: Gregory Rivera, 23, 23 Pine St., Woburn. Chrgs. Illegal possession of Class D substance.

2:34 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

5:40 p.m. Parker Ave., motor vehicle stop.

10:11 p.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop,

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

4:43 a.m. Samoset Ave, assist other police department.

9:12 a.m. Forest Ave., and Heather Dr, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:20 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire

10:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic citation issued.

11:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, found property.

11:34 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle crash.

11:44 a.m. Smith Pl., serve restraining order.

1:13 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. parking complaint.

3:10 p.m. Stockbridge St., general services.

4:31 p.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

8:12 p.m. Elm St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, vandalism.

10:48 p.m. Smith Pl., violation of restraining order.

11:12 p.m. King St., medical aid.

FRIDAY, DEC. 28

12:22 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window.

7:10 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

7:37 a.m. Bancroft Rd., vandalism.

10:12 a.m. Brook St., and Elm St., parking complaint.

10:17 a.m. Elm St., wires down.

11:09 a.m. Cedar St. and Hull St., parking complaint.

12:53 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop,

1:22 p.m. Elm St., malicious destruction.

1:29 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:10 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:20 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire.

5:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway , motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:20 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway , motor vehicle accident.

9:48 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:54 p.m. Ripley Rd., suspicious person.

10:57 p.m. Square, parking violation.

10:02 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity.

11:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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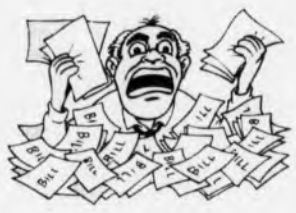

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Hingham's Isaac Sprague is in the spotlight

Large exhibition of his works in Wellesley

By Lesley Mahoney
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Although he initially followed his father's advice to pursue a practical career, Isaac Sprague — a Hingham native — ultimately turned his full attention to his interests in drawing and painting.

Sprague's career change was undoubtedly welcomed by the many who enjoyed his work, mostly known as his depictions of flora and fauna. It also made possible the full exhibition that will be at the Wellesley Historical Society through May — "Isaac Sprague: Naturalist & Delineator."

Photograph of Isaac Sprague

The exhibition provides a comprehensive look at Sprague's work, from his birds and botanicals to his lesser-known depictions of New Hampshire's White Mountains.

A Hingham native, Sprague (1811-1895) settled in Cambridge for quite some time. It was not until 1865 that he moved to Wellesley, where he lived for the remainder of his life. The move to a small farm on Linden Street was actually spawned by the ill health of his second wife, Sarah; at the time, west of Boston was considered healthier than the city.

Sprague's wife died five years later (his first wife died only five years after they were married), and he continued his drawing and painting into his late '70s.

Although Sprague tried the "practical" route by apprenticing his uncle, a carriage painter, at age 14, by age 28, he turned completely to art. Previously, he had pursued his passion on the side by studying the birds of Nuttall's "Ornithology" and observing and painting them during walks through the South Shore towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate.

Hence, an artist was born, self-taught at that. But the title was not one Sprague would accept, preferring to refer to himself as a "naturalist and delineator."

Nevertheless, admirers of his work were quick to call him an artist.

It wasn't long before Sprague was noticed by John James Audubon, an American illustrator whose specialty was birds. He accompanied Audubon on a famous expedition out West, and made drawings and measurements for him.

The Wellesley exhibition includes a few of Audubon's pieces, which illustrate the contrast between the two artists' work.

While Audubon's work was very busy, Sprague "was more interested in the details, which made him so popular with ornithologists and botanists," said Laurel Nilsen, director of the Wellesley Historical Society.

Still, Audubon influenced Sprague to include more background into his work.

The exhibition's centerpiece is undoubtedly Sprague's "Golden Eagle," an oil on canvas that was an anonymous gift to the Historical Society.

Noting that eagles are rarely seen in the East, Nilsen said the model for this illustration was "almost certainly seen on his expedition with Audubon."

Unlike this oil, most of Sprague's work was in watercolor.

"Swamp Rose," rosa carolina, by Isaac Sprague

Another work that stands out is Sprague's "Blue Jay," a watercolor and gift of Sarah and Priscilla Sprague that actually features the Sprague family home in Hingham.

Beyond birds, Sprague made a name for himself illustrating flowers. His work in that genre includes the illustrations for Harvard Professor Asa Gray's 1856 "Manual of Botany," two Victorian parlor books, "Flowers of the Field and Forest" and "Beautiful Wild Flowers," and the illustrations for Harvard Professor George Lincoln Goodale's "Wild Flowers of North America."

The Wellesley Historical Society's exhibition features plates from these works. The plates and illustrations are part of the Historical Society's permanent collection.

In fact, with the exception of a few items on loan, most of the exhibition is comprised of the Historical Society's permanent collection.

"Isaac Sprague: Naturalist & Delineator" is on display at the Wellesley Historical Society, 229 Washington St., through May. Call 781-235-6690 for more information.

"Blue Jay," an Isaac Sprague watercolor, undated, was a gift of Misses Sarah and Priscilla Sprague, granddaughters of the artist.

"Pitcher Plant," sapracenia purpurea, by Isaac Sprague

Isaac Sprague's "Golden Eagle," an oil on canvas, was an anonymous gift to the Wellesley Historical Society.

"Wild Rose," c. 1880, an original Isaac Sprague watercolor, was a gift of Misses Sarah and Priscilla Sprague, granddaughters of the artist.

Movies I'd see again

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

Top 10 films of 2001

By David Brudnoy
FILM CRITIC

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

If like me, you saw 300 movies a year, you wouldn't want to see many of them again. But if I had to watch 10 again, these are they; this is my approach, this year, to the 10 best list.

"**A.I.**," Steven Spielberg's homage of sorts to Stanley Kubrick, is a masterpiece much detested by most critics and ignored by most movie-goers. It is the tale of a very human-like android (the estimable Haley Joel Osment, supreme child actor), his doomed robot gigolo pal (Jude Law, sexy even as a machine) and a world in need of love and reordering of priorities.

"**A Beautiful Mind**" shows what Russell Crowe can do when not reduced to that toga twaddle that won him his undeserved Oscar last year. As the brilliant John Nash, who found one unique thing to make his life's work worthwhile but was bedeviled by paranoid schizophrenia, Crowe creates a nuanced character: charmer, lunatic, survivor. I did not know when I reviewed the film last week that Nash was also homosexual; the biography on which this movie is based is explicit about that. Once again, a major Hollywood release rewrites history and writes out the gays.

"**Black Hawk Down**" tells with precision and heart-pounding force of the horrific 1993 battle of Mogadishu, the last finale to Clinton's dumb Somalia adventure in "nation building." The battle was all day-all night and led to 19 Americans dead, many wounded, a thousand Somalis dead. The crawl at the end reminds us that we bugged out; what it omits is that this gave the world's bad guys the idea that Americans won't take the heat. Wonder what *that* led to.

"**The Fellowship of the Ring**" is right up there with "Harry Potter" as a fantasy film worthy of repeat viewing, a sure-fire gargantuan box office hit, one for mature children and grown-ups who don't quake at the prospect of letting their inner non-adult grab hold. Not "just" an adventure tale, it's an epic about the pre-modern world's virtues, nobility of spirit, fellowship of the worthy, truth, justice and, in a sense, the medieval Catholic and Nordic ways of life, although neither term is ever mentioned. Middle-earth could use more of this, and in 2002 and 2003 we'll get the continuing and concluding parts. Waiting will be agony.

"**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**," the year's biggest hit and the friendliest to wide-eyed children of all ages, is what had to come after J.K. Rowling's books turned a gazillion children on to reading, an awesome achievement. The child stars soar and the adults, notably Maggie Smith in full I-dare-you-to-cross-me mode, hold up their end of the bargain. Quidditch looks like even more fun than my fave, exciting hockey.

"**In the Bedroom**" reminds us of Sissy Spacek's acting skills — Tom Wilkinson's were never in doubt — in service to a tale of a senseless, heartbreaking murder of a good young man, of the Law's inability to bring about proper recompense, and of private action to do what the system cannot (or rather, given its inadequacies and stupidities, will not) do. Superb.

"**L.I.E.**" gave the dependably excellent and often taken for granted Brian Cox the role of his life, as a pedophile with a huge redeeming part to his character, and introduced us to Paul Franklin Dano, a new kid actor, in a debut performance auguring a terrific career. Saddled by the moronic ratings board with the dreaded NC-17 curse of death, not because of violence, sex or language, but because its lead character is like *that* but not a monster, it was seen by few but is, for much of its length, amazing and distinctive. Most movies play it safe; this one dared.

The Coen brothers are an acquired taste though not all their movies rise to "Fargo" levels. Neither does "**The Man Who Wasn't There**," but this is slyly mood setting, and Billy Bob Thornton is on-point as a sad, soon to be desperate barber, *uh huh*. The film is graced by an A-list supporting cast, vibrant black and white photography and a perfectly laconic screenplay.

"**Memento**" *backwards seen sense some makes. Understand can I than more lot a signify may it.* Huh? Just trying to get into its spirit, about a mightily confused guy (Guy Pearce), a good cop-bad cop (Joe Pantoliano), a murder, maybe, or not, and fragile memory. *Film fine a is this. Times three maybe or twice this see gotta you. Me to all it explain please out it figure you if.*

David Lynch's "**Mulholland Drive**" isn't nearly as puzzling as "Memento" but it's a brain teaser featuring luscious babes, an irritating young director, a dwarf and enough erotic and dangerous stuff in it to keep us on our toes while our brains sizzle from confusion overload. Will no one give Lynch a TV series of his own, a "Twin Peaks" for the new century? Please.

These are 10 movies I'd happily see again and will keep at home on video so I can.

"In the Bedroom"

Food & dining

Roasted Apple Bread Pudding

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Bread pudding sound easy enough but it can easily turn soggy, eggy, and dull – really nothing more than a bowl of sickbed custard. Bread pudding, after all, is primarily about bread, some of which ought to be crispy with good chew. Bad bread pudding is fine fare for 2-year-olds but a good recipe ought to have character enough to please even a hulking defensive back.

Having worked with bread pudding recipe before, I knew the basic drill. One whisks together a custard base (eggs, diary, sugar, flavorings), soaks some of the bread (but not all), adds the rest of the bread as a topping, and then off into the oven. Some recipes call for a water bath but I was hoping to avoid this complication.

I tested milk, cream and combinations and settled on a 50/50 ratio for the best texture. I cut back on the total liquid since a layer of custard formed on the bottom of the baking pan. Bread pudding is often made with whole eggs plus yolks and I settled on three whole and two yolks. (More yolks tasted too eggy; no yolks produced an anemic pudding.)

As for the bread, I found I preferred cubed to sliced bread since cubes soak in the custard more evenly and have a slightly firmer texture once baked. A bakery style sandwich loaf cut into one-inch cubes is ideal – forget about challah and brioche since both produce a soggy, wet bread pudding. Only soaking three quarters of the bread in advance of baking gives one a nice crisp topping since the remaining bread is brushed with melted butter and then sprinkled with sugar. A 325 degree oven avoids the need for a water bath since a moderate oven will not overbake the perimeter of the pudding.

As for the roasted apples, they gave me some trouble. Raw apple pieces added to the pudding mixture were a disaster, turning out half-cooked pieces with little flavor. Next, I peeled, cored and cut four apples and placed them on a jelly roll pan, sprinkled them with 1/2 cup sugar, and then baked them at 425 degrees. This produced a hard, caramelized syrup on the bottom of the pan so I ended up with just a tablespoon of sugar and a 375 degree oven. The apples took on a bit of color without burning and they had a lot of flavor.

Bread pudding is best served not on its own, but with some sort of topping or accompaniment. Try beating a mixture of sour cream, plain yogurt, and heavy cream or simply flavor whipped cream with maple syrup. Vanilla ice cream also works well. Be sure to serve it warm.

ROASTED APPLE BREAD PUDDING

If you want to skip the apples, just skip them! You can also try this recipe with pears. Measuring 8 cups of cubed bread is a little tricky. Don't press down hard on the bread to measure – simply add the pieces to an 8-quart measuring cup, making sure that the pieces stack fairly evenly. To save time, roast the apples when the bread is soaking.

4 large apples, peeled, cored, and sliced into half-inch pieces
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
3 large eggs plus 2 yolks
2 1/4 cups whole milk
2 1/4 cups heavy cream
2 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 tablespoons bourbon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
8 cups firm white bakery bread, sandwich or Pullman loaf preferred, cut into 1-inch cubes
1 1/2 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Place apples on a buttered jellyroll pan and sprinkle with 1 tablespoon granulated sugar. Roast until softened with some brown spots, about 15 minutes. Lower oven to 325. Butter a 9 x 13-inch baking dish.

2. Whisk the eggs and 3/4 cup sugar together in a large bowl until well blended. Whisk in the next 6 ingredients (milk through nutmeg). Add 6 cups of the bread pieces and toss thoroughly to moisten. Allow to sit for 15 minutes.

3. Transfer the mixture to prepared baking dish and gently stir in apples. Top evenly with the reserved 2 cups bread cubes, pushing down gently so they are about halfway submerged. Brush the exposed tops with the melted butter and sprinkle the top with the remaining tablespoon of sugar. Place in the oven and bake for about 45 minutes or until the bread pudding is golden brown, is beginning to rise up on the sides and the center still jiggles slightly. Let stand for 30 to 45 minutes before serving. Serve warm with whipped cream (and a splash of maple syrup) or vanilla ice cream.

Serves 8 to 10

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

It may be difficult to get back to business today. The Leo moon becomes inactive at 6:16 a.m. until 6:34 p.m., when it enters Virgo. In addition, an applying polarity of Venus and Jupiter continues to generate an upbeat mood. People will be sociable and cooperative. You can make gains developing projects that need financial or moral support from others.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

Planetary influences turn around completely today. The moon travels in Virgo, forming a stressful alignment to Saturn in the morning and Pluto this evening. Sidestep worries, self-doubts. Ignore the criticism and do what your conscience tells you. Take on a full work agenda. It is better to finish projects already begun rather than starting anything new. Mercury moves into Aquarius at 4:38 p.m. Mercury will begin retrograde travel when it reaches 14 1/2-degrees of Aquarius, January 18.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

At 2:30 a.m. the Virgo moon opposes fiery Mars and becomes inactive. Go on a cleanup campaign today. Get your life in order. Stock up on healthy foods and vitamins. Get back on track with physical fitness regimens. The green light for new starts goes on at 8:23 p.m., when the moon enters Libra. This is a wonderful evening for social or romantic activities.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

This is one of the few days this month that rates high for launching ventures, making decisions or purchases. Pull out all the stops. Influences are particularly favorable before 11:39 a.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn. Because the moon travels in Libra, this day also rates high for meeting people, establishing new relationships. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 10:55 p.m. A new moon will culminate January 13.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

A Libra moon continues to place the focus on key relationships. This morning is ideal for spending quality time with loved ones. If you have been experiencing problems with another, now is a time when you can iron out differences. Open the doors to a higher level of communication; be willing to compromise. The Libra moon forms a harmonious contact to Uranus at 11:05 a.m. and becomes inactive until 11:41 p.m., when it enters Scorpio.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

A Scorpio moon generates a serious mood today and tomorrow. On the other hand, lunar alignments to Mercury and Neptune can make for a slow start to this day. Stay alert and use common sense. Others may be pensive, moody, distracted. You can be most productive, if you focus on work or study projects in the afternoon and evening. Influences also rate high for making repairs and troubleshooting problems. You can cut through obstacles and achieve significant breakthroughs.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full agenda today. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action until tomorrow. Instead, tackle jobs that have been left hanging and finish them. Influences are also prime for developing creative projects, like art, music, poetry. You can find new ways to express feelings you usually cannot. Pay attention to your intuition. At 4:03 p.m. the Scorpio moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

The Royal Tenenbaums (B+)

Is anyone in as many movies this year as Gene Hackman? He robs cleverly in "Heist" and helps out the aviator in "Behind Enemy Lines" and here manages to father a trio of geniuses, then divorce and leave their mother and reduce his offspring to incompetent twits, then come back under the guise of imminent death and manage to screw up everybody all over again. Give him the Omnipresence Award of the Year for a Male Actor and see what next year brings.

"The Royal Tenenbaums," with its punning title - the paterfamilias' given name is Royal and his family is possessed of enough collective amour propre to think of itself as regal - is of that sub-genre of film that collectors of puns, in-jokes and sly references for niche audiences find irresistible. Will you not disgorge an ongoing titter at the presence of two curly headed pre-teenaged smarty-pants scamps, sons of Royal's hitherto brilliant investor son Chas, named Ari and Uzi? Chas, played by Ben Stiller, the child of real mixed parentage - their family always celebrated Festivus - has with one blow given us one kid with a Hebrew name, the other that of a serious weapon. The Jewish thing is nearly subterranean, as Royal at one point makes reference to his half-Hebraic lineage, and the surname is Jewish-sounding while it is also, if given one vowel change, the German word for Christmas tree. Go figure.

Gene Hackman takes a quick, happy spin while not being nasty.

The erstwhile Mrs. Tenenbaum, Etheline (Anjelica Huston), keeps a pencil in her hair and an accountant (a totally refined Danny Glover) at her beck; he would like to be also at her call, as husband #2; Royal insults him with just this jot shy of really race-baiting epithets, as he schemes not only to be let back into the family house but also into Etheline's life.

Adopted daughter Margot (Gwyneth Paltrow, looking like a raccoon - it takes beaucoup chutzpah to uglify Gwyneth), once a budding playwright, now a cigarette smoker, is bored by her bizarre husband (Bill Murray), who conducts harmless and pointless experiments on a dorky kid, and is in lust with her neighbor, Eli Cash (Owen Wilson, with whom Gene Hackman stars in "Behind Enemy Lines"), though her step-brother (Luke Wilson), once a tennis star but now not, is in love with her.

The superannuated family servant is played by Kumar Pallana and given the name Pagoda, which has nothing to do with Indians or Pakistanis, of which the character Pagoda is one or the other. The household is like something out of a time-warp of Kaufman and Hart's "You Can't Take It With You," sharing living space with "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

Everybody is miserable except maybe Eli, who wears cowboy gear and is suddenly a hugely popular author who spends time with strange people and is six arrows shy of a full quiver, Ari and Uzi. But so is Royal, who is the consummate operator weaseling his way, through every imaginable con, back, he hopes, into the hearts both of the indomitable Etheline and the wretchedly unhappy trio of children whose lives, they think, he has ruined just by holding out the promise of eternal paternal love and then leaving. They are all the weakest link. Good bye.

Count the puns, tote up the arcane references, gather the pop-cult references (to an era ostensibly ours but in actuality that of an earlier decade) and settle back in anticipation not of a film-full of cackling belly laughs but rather of gentle guffaws and knowing chortles.

Co-written (with Owen Wilson) and directed by Wes Anderson. Rated R

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JOHNNY RIVERS COMES TO LOMBARDO'S in Randolph, Jan. 18, for an 8 p.m. show. Tickets are $32. Johnny Rivers, the man who recorded the unforgettable "Secret Agent Man" will perform with his red-hot-band. Call 866-468-7619 for tickets or www.ticketweb.com Tickets are also available at all Strawberries outlets. Lombardo's is located off Exit 5a off Rt. 128 on the Randolph/Milton line.

THE SWING BAND OF THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA will perform Jan. 26, at the PartyLite Worldwide Headquarters, 59 Armstrong Road in the Plymouth Industrial Park. Seating will be at tables of eight surrounding the dance floor and in the balcony overlooking the floor. In keeping with the cabaret-style surroundings, refreshments will be available. A table of eight is $250; individual table seats are $35. Proceeds will help the orchestra meet the additional expenses in this season "on the road." Reservations are required. to order tickets call the Phil office at 508-746-8008.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC presents "A Symphonic Valentine" concert held on Feb. 9, and 10. Both performances are in the Duxbury High School auditorium; the Feb. 9 concert begins at 8 p.m. and Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $28, $25, and $20. Senior and youth discounts are available. Also, $5 student "Rush" tickets are sold at the door one hour before performance time. For information call 508-746-8008.

ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER inspired by the 1977 film and its score by the Bee Gees, comes to Boston's Wang Theatre on Jan. 22 and runs through Jan. 27. Adapted for the stage by Tony nominee Nan Knighton, Saturday Night Fever is directed and choreographed by Arlene Phillips and features a cast of 33 leading Broadway singers and dancers assembled by the Broadway production's entire award-winning creative team. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $45/$55/$65/$75. Group discounts are available for all performances except Friday and Saturday evenings. Special student group discounts are available only for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening performances at $30. Tickets are on sale now at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont Street or through Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400. For TTY ticket orders call 1-888-889-8587. For all other information call The Wang Theatre at 617-482-9393.

BROADWAY IN BOSTON presents **THE GRADUATE** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27m at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

Thurs. 3

Jimbo's Restaurant Comedy Night featuring South Shore's own **Tommy Dunham** along with Mike O'Neill, Tom Caswell, Annette Pollack, Vernon Harrison, and Chris McCabe, hosted by Ben Boime on Jan 3, at 8:30 p.m. Admission $10, Special priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.

Fri. 4

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is launching a five-part winter lecture series beginning Jan. 4, with "Trekking in Bolivia," presented by **Billy Guild** and **Paul Breneman.** The lecture and slide show will focus on the Cordillera Real, which as some of the highest peaks in the Americas, and on the indigenous highland people of the region. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433 or www.bostonharborheritage.org

South Shore Baseball Club The final clinic/tryouts for the Seadogs/AAU Travel Team Baseball Program's 2002 season will be held Jan. 4 and 6, at the South Shore Baseball Club's headquarters in Holbrook. The Seadogs will field seven teams in 2002: 10U through and including 16U. Players are selected from a series of clinic/tryouts for Team 2002. The cutoff day to determine proper age group is July 31, 2002. 10U, 11U and 12U Jan. 4, 9 p.m. 15U and 16U Jan 6, 4:30 to 7 p.m. For more information call 978-664-0386.

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South Shore Folk Music Club, featuring **Brooks Williams** in concert. $10 members $12 non-members. All events begin at 8 p.m. at The Beal House, Rt. 106 in Kingston. For information call 781-871-1052.

South Shore Art Center January Watercolor Wakeup Water colorist **Mary Lizotte** will present a five-week special workshop beginning Jan. 4, through Feb. 1. The class will include study in composition, shapes, scale, washes, line and texture choices. Tuition $170 ($150 for SSAC members) Call 781-383-2787 for more information.

Weymouth Art Association's artist of the month, Isabel Shamitz, will exhibit her paintings at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury, will present recent works, watercolors and collages by Lexington artist, **Gracia Dayton** from Jan. 4 though Feb. 28. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-934-2721.

James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, will host a show of recent oil painting and watercolors by local artist **Jeff Bellerose** during the month of January. The show, entitled, "Vista" will be on view from Jan. 4 through Jan. 31. For more information call, 781-659-7100.

Sat. 5

The South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition entitled **"Planes, Trains and Automobiles"** in the Bancroft Gallery, now through Jan. 5, 2001. For more information, call 781-383-2787.

Friends of the Plymouth Pound present **"Stray Cat Blues"** with legendary Blues singer **James Montgomery**. The performance will be held Jan. 5, at Handlebar Harry's in North Plymouth. Tickets are $15 each. Doors open at 9 p.m. with James Montgomery performing at 10 p.m. Ticket will be available at the door. Handlebar Harry's is located at Cordage park Marketplace off Route 3A in North Plymouth. All proceeds will benefit Friends of the Plymouth Pound's spaying/neutering fund. For more information, call 508-224-6651.

Sun. 6

Late Nite Catechism, Shubert Theater, Boston. International comedy by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan. Dec. 26, through Jan. 6. Tickets on sale at Shubert Theatre Box Office, online at www.telecharge.com or by calling Tele-charge at 1-800-447-7400.

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Edaville Railroad, Christmas Light Festival now though Jan. 6, 2002, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Weekdays 4 to 9 p.m. Weekends and 2 to 9 p.m. weekends. Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Tickets are $15 adults, $10 per child age 3 to 12 (children under 3 free). Visit the website at www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

A Little Christmas in Jackson Square, an Epiphany Sunday concert at 3 p.m. Jan. 6 at the **Congregation Church** in East Weymouth, 1320 Commercial Street. The Senior Choir of the Congregational Church in East Weymouth, the Weymouth United Methodist Church Choir, Immaculate Conception parish Choir, the Youth choir of Old South Union congregational Church and the south Intermediate School Seventh Grade Select chorus will participate in the program of traditional and contemporary Yuletide music, including a sing-along. It will conclude with "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah." Suggestions donation is $5. For further information, call 781-35-6919 or 781-340-1403.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston presents a forum on Protecting Human Rights featuring guest speaker **Mary Robinson,** United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. She has traveled the globe in an effort to advance freedom, promote peace, and protect human rights. In this forum, she will comment on the roles of, and relationship between, the United Nations and the United States in these endeavors. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations are recommended as those who have called to reserve a space are seated first. Call 617-929-4571. Speakers schedules may be affected by world events, call 617-929-1247 to confirm all forums before coming to the library. On the web at www.jkflibrary.org

Mon. 7

Braintree Art Association will present an art exhibit at the **Thayer Public Library**, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. The exhibit will run from Jan. 7 through Jan. 18.

Tues. 8

The South Shore Science Center, Norwell hosts the grand opening of their new state-of-the-art interactive exhibit area. The EcoZone. The exhibit area includes: Live turtle and frog ponds, a life-size model of a red maple tree that houses several mounted animals and nests, a hollow log large enough for both children and adults to crawl through, allowing them to see turtles and frogs through peep holes and hear pond noises. The South Shore Science is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information, call 781-659-2559.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Rt. 139 in Marshfield. The guest speaker will be Kristin Ross of Creative Stitch and her topic will be "Making Your Own Buttons." Refreshments will be served. New members and guests are welcome. For more information call 781-834-8560.

American Cancer Society's Look Good...Feel Better program is a unique event designed to help patients maintain their personal appearance while undergoing treatment for cancer. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association and the National Cosmetology Association, the free program features cosmetologists leading group sessions. There will be a Look Good...Feel Better session Jan. 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at **Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover Street, Hanover.** To pre-register, call 781-829-4823. Individual sessions are also available. For more information, call the local American Cancer Society office at 888-648-4880.

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Wed. 9

SeniorNet Learning Center Open House at Massasoit Community College will be held Jan. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. SeniorNet Board members will be on hand to give tours of the newly expanded computer lab and answer questions about SeniorNet courses. SeniorNet classes are taught by trained volunteers who have experience with the senior population. SeniorNet is a non-profit organization that provides adults 50 and over education for and access to computers and the internet. Classes offered during the spring semester include: Fundamentals of Computers, Introduction to Computers, tour of Windows, Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Quicken, Internet, Genealogy using Family Tree Maker and Graphics. Information and registration will be available. The SeniorNet Learning Center is located in the lower level of the Student Center, room SC181 on the Brockton campus of Massasoit Community College. For more information call 508-588-9100x1695.

North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Science Center and the Massachusetts Audubon Society announce their partnership in presenting a series of 13 Wednesday evening lectures beginning Jan. 9 and ending April 3. This series has something for everyone with topics including New England natural history, nature, travel, history, ecology and science. The lecture locations will alternate each week between the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell and the Massachusetts Audubon Sanctuary in Marshfield. Members and the general public are encouraged to attend. Admission is free of charge.

The Granite Kiss: Traditions and Techniques of Building New England Stone Walls - Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. at South Shore Science Center. Join **Kevin Gardner**, master stonemason and award winning author of "The Granite Kiss," as he discusses the fundamentals of building traditional New England dry stone walls, as well as the history and aesthetics of this craft. Admission is free. For more information call 781-659-8168, 781-659-2559 or 781-837-9400.

Fri. 11

Boston Harbor Hotel announced it will host the **13th Annual Boston Wine Festival.** The series which will kickoff Jan. 11, and continue through April 5, will include a number of events such as educational seminars, charity affairs, the battle of the cabernets, and wine and food pairing dinners that have become the signature of the festival. Chef Daniel Bruce will produce menus to be paired with some very special and rare wines. Come hear the wine makers tell their tales and showcase their talents. More than 50 events are scheduled, including: seminars, vertical tastings, dinner dances and celebrity guests. There will be 50 wines showcased throughout this year's festival. For more information call 617-439-7000.

"Rhythm of Our Lives" retreat for women at **Alice's House.** Humarock in Scituate on Jan. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. $99 includes donation to Alice's House, a non-profit sanctuary for spiritual renewal. Life-writing brings clarity and comfort especially during times of change. Take time to experience the flow of your life; reflect in your journal, walk the beach, and enjoy good company in a homey waterfront setting south of Boston. Advance registration required and group size is limited. Call 617-479-6831. or email journalguru@yahoo.com for registration and program details. Future dates will be March 16, and May 18.

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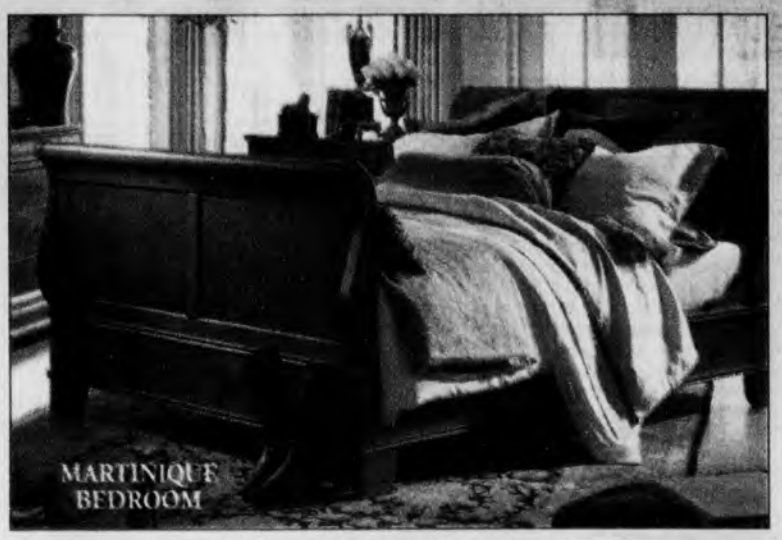

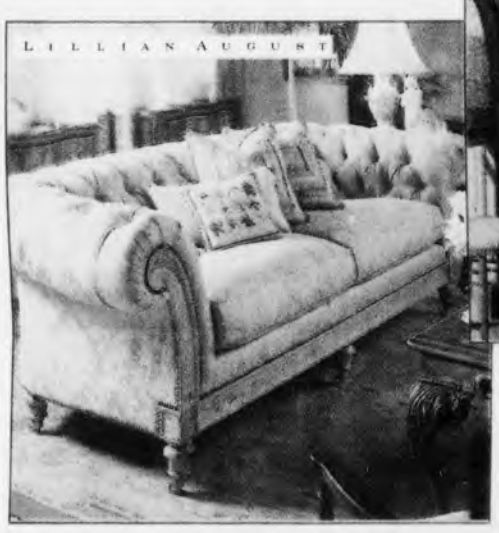

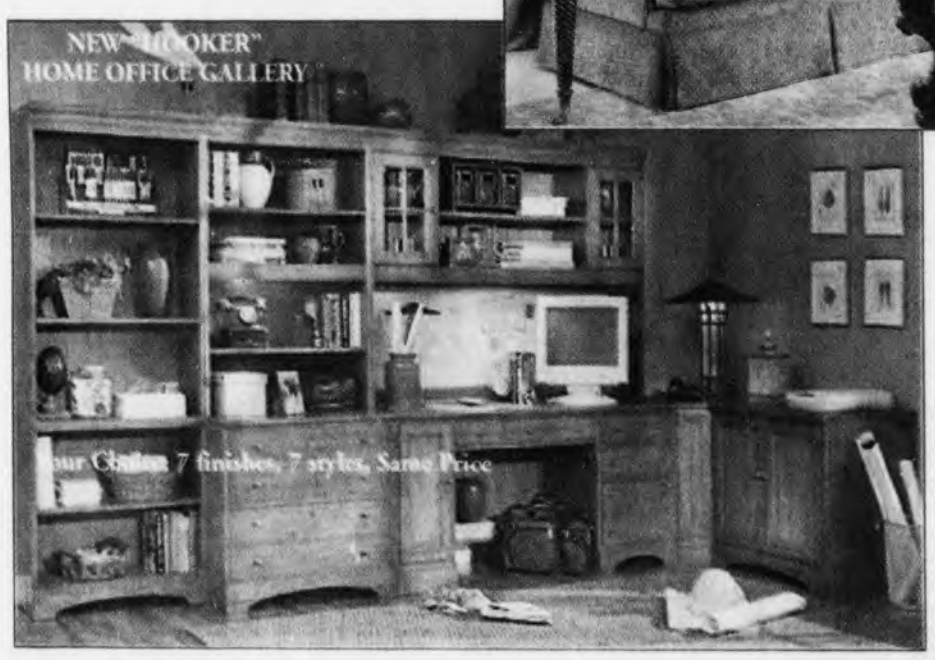

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Showdown with DOE

Officials seek full funding for SBA

By Mary Ford
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The wagons are circling for what could be a showdown at the OK corral later this month at state Department of Education offices in Malden.

Town Manager Mark Haddad has mustered the troops from surrounding towns and, along with local legislators, hopes to demonstrate solidarity of purpose before the DOE on Jan. 22.

"It would be catastrophic to future budgets if we are not reimbursed for the project on time."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

At stake is — not if, but when — Cohasset and nearby towns of Norwell, Scituate, Hull, Duxbury and Pembroke will start to be reimbursed for the state's share of the towns' multi-million dollar school building projects.

The effect of the delay will make a significant dent in the pocketbooks of taxpayers, who will have to make payments on the entire school building mortgage until the state kicks in its share. For Cohasset that could mean an additional $700-plus a year for the owner of a home valued at about $500,000.

"It would be catastrophic to future budgets if we are not reimbursed for the project on time," Haddad said.

The DOE has said it plans to cut back by more than half — from about $52 million to $20 million — the amount it would have put toward new school building assistance grants next year to free up money for special education and other programs in a weak economy. There are currently 300 projects on the waiting list for reimbursement.

If the DOE continues putting only $20 million toward new construction grants, because if its place on the waiting list, Cohasset would have to wait 10 years rather than five to start receiving payments on the 60 percent promised by the state for the town's $40 million renovation and expansion of the Deer Hill and middle-high schools. Deer Hill is ranked 98 and the middle-high school, 130 on the list. Many other towns are in the same fix, Haddad said.

Town Finance Director Michael Buckley was surfing around the DOE Web site when he discovered a department advisory spelling out what could be bad news for taxpayers: there was no guarantee that grants would be awarded within the allowable five-year period for temporary borrowing.

"I don't think they wanted anyone to find out," Buckley said.

But Jeff Wulfson, associate commissioner of school finance, said the DOE never made any promises on how long communities would have to wait for reimbursement.

He explained school building assistance grants have a cumulative effect on the department's budget.

"If we give $20 million in grants this year — then next year's budget must include that $20 million." He added those grants are locked in every year for the next 20 years. What the DOE is cutting back is expansion of the program because towns, which are already receiving reimbursement, will continue to do so.

"Clearly there is not enough money," he said. "So we have to delay things a couple of years. We are all hopeful, within a year or two the economy will recover." He also pointed out the towns will ultimately get whatever money is due them.

Wulfson said even with the signif-

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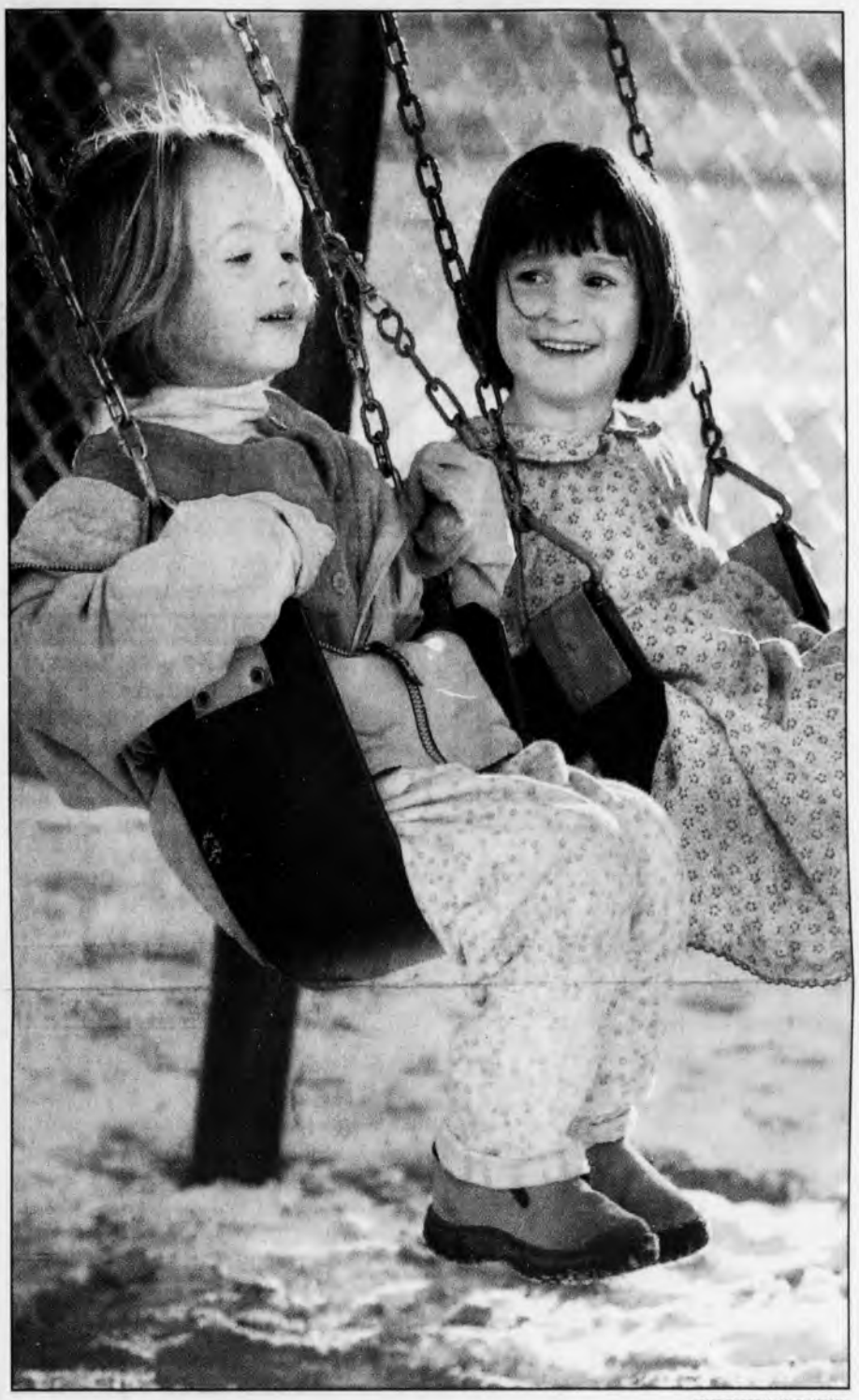

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BEST FRIENDS
Carly Gundersen and Dagmar Seppala swing in sync behind the South Shore Community Nursery School.

ZBA to take center stage

AvalonBay project will be a challenge

By Mary Ford
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The Zoning Board of Appeals wants to get an "A" on Chapter 40-B.

The ZBA — which is one of the more cerebral town boards whose members can usually be found working quietly together into the night as they analyze nuances in the zoning bylaw — is about to become the center of attention.

The ZBA expressed some concern that there's considerable misinformation being floated around town.

But not to worry, the studious five-member board has done its homework and will have Town Counsel Rick Hucksan, who has expertise on the complex affordable-housing law, at its side during negotiations which are expected to start with AvalonBay Communities early this year.

If the ZBA has its way Chapter 40-B — dubbed the "Anti-Snob Zoning Act" — will become almost as familiar a term as "Proposition 2-1/2" to residents and town officials as plans for the 254-unit, rental apartment complex moves forward. The size and scope of AvalonBay and the fact it will be built on one of the few remaining tracts of industrially zoned land in town, make it controversial.

The ZBA expressed some con-

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HATS ON!
Clockwise from top, Marcus Charles, Carly Salerno, Carly Zappolo, Dean Driscoll and Samantha Williams show off the wool hats they knit for the homeless as part of an annual project at Deer Hill School. This year the hats were delivered to Rosie's Place, a Boston-area shelter, says art teacher Ann Berman.

Paramedic program pays off

50 percent of calls require ALS

By Evan Schiff
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Paramedics in Cohasset are already paying off — not only in saving lives but also in more revenue for the town, which helps pay for the program that started 14 months ago.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said paramedics, who use Advanced Life Support, have enabled the fire department to provide better emergency care.

"This is absolutely a great program," he said.

"It gives people advanced care which is equivalent to an emergency room."
— Fire Chief Roger Lincoln

A recent 12-month total for ambulance receipts shows an increase of more than $75,000 to the town coffers. From November 2000 to November 2001, the town grossed $212,160. The year before in the same amount of time, the town received $135,519.

The ALS program, which started in November 2000, includes six firefighters, who are also trained as paramedics.

Having paramedics on staff allows the department to provide more advanced treatment. Without ALS, a heart-attack victim, for example, would have to endure a 20-minute ride to South Shore Hospital before they were treated with life-saving drugs. Paramedics are able to administer those drugs as well as employ a heart defibrillator.

"It gives people advanced care which is equivalent to an emergency room," Lincoln said. "It gives them more of a chance to survive."

In the first year of the paramedic

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Fire chief Lincoln to retire

Leaves in July after 33 years of service

By Evan Schiff
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After 33 years fighting fires and protecting the residents of Cohasset, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln is retiring.

He announced this week that he will step down from the fire department in July, leaving Town Manager Mark Haddad with a big pair of shoes to fill.

Lincoln said he felt this was the best time to leave his post.

"I just reached the point were I have the appropriate combination of age and experience to retire," he said.

In 1993, Lincoln became the first local fire chief in more than a decade. The prior three chiefs all came from out-of-state: Martin Dooley, Daniel Brock and John Nadeau.

Lincoln graduated from Cohasset High School in 1965 and holds an associate degree in fire science from Massasoit Community College. He has lived in Cohasset his entire life and is the fourth generation of Lincolns to live in the town. Haddad says he will be missed.

"I've enjoyed working with Roger immensely," Haddad said. "He was a great fire chief."

Lincoln said he will enjoy his retirement, though he's made no specific plans.

"All I know is that I won't be getting up in the middle of the night to fight a fire," he said. He added he is

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Citizens show early interest in holding elected office

By Evan Schiff
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Monday and Tuesday were the first two days citizens could pull nominations papers for the April 6 Town Election and they did.

Jane Pescatore of Lantern Lane will run for the open seat on the school committee being vacated by Stephanie Noble, who is not seeking reelection. She has been involved in the PSO since 1995 and as president of the organization, has attended school committee meetings for the last five years. She said it is time for her to go to the other side of the table.

"I think there are a lot of changes on the horizon and I have experience with the school system and could make informed decisions," she said.

Pescatore said having three children all who are, or have made their way through Cohasset's schools, has provided her an invaluable familiarity with the system.

She added due to tough economic times, she does not intend to seek or accept donations to her campaign.

"I'm hoping to communicate with the people in town without taking their money," she said. She wants to reach all members of the community and let them know how their tax dollars are being spent.

"It's not about me as a candidate," she said. "It's about the schools."

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said he will be seeking re-election on the Board of Selectmen. He said the hardest work in his first term has been negotiating the Greenbush deal.

"It was a long process and I'd like to see it through to the end," he said.

Mary Granville, 100 Beach St., will seek a seat on the Board of Assessors. Granville has worked full-time as a real estate appraiser since 1978. While she concedes appraising is slightly different than assessing, she still feels she can make a positive contribution to the board.

"I think I could add a lot of value because of my experience," she said. Granville was the past president on the Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Appraising.

Roger Lowe, also of 100 Beach St., plans to run for reelection to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees. Lowe is completing his second term on the board and said he has worked the last six years to see the new library come to fruition and he would like to see it through.

"There's still work that needs to be done and I would like to involved with it," he said. Lowe is also on the library building committee.

Roger Q. Hill, 17A Highland Ave., reserved commenting on his campaign until a later date. He intends to run for a position on the Board of Selectmen.

The last day to pick up the papers is Feb.14 and all papers need to be returned by Feb. 19. To be put on the ballot, a candidate must garner 50 signatures from registered voters.

For more information contact Marion Douglas at the Town Clerk's office, 781-383-4100.

Positions for elected office

Nomination papers for the annual town election for 2002 will be available on Monday, Jan. 7, at the Town clerk's Office. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available:

Selectmen - TWO for three years
Town Moderator - ONE for three years
Town Clerk - ONE for three years
School Committee - ONE for three years
Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - THREE for three years
Assessor - ONE for three years
Board of Health - ONE for three years
Cohasset Housing Authority - ONE for five years
Planning Board - ONE for five years
Recreation Commission - THREE for five years
Sewer Commission - ONE for three years
Water Commission - ONE for three years

Friday, March 8, is the last day to register for the annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 30, and the annual Town Election, Saturday, April 6.

This week in COHASSET

Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Jan. 8.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, Jan. 10, 7:30p.m.

Library Building Committee, Jan. 29, 9:30 a.m.

Water Commission, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. at 339 King St.

Committee on Town History, Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Lothrop House

Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Growth and Development, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Assessors, Jan. 10, 3 p.m.

Open Space, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Jan. 14, 6 p.m.

All meeting are held at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Schedule set

Selectmen unanimously approved the schedule for their meetings that will take the board through annual election in April. They will be meeting every Tuesday except for the following dates:

Tuesday, Jan. 22, there will be no meeting due to Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 19, there will be no meeting due to President's Day.

Tuesday, March 12, there will be no meeting.

Tuesday, April 2, there will be no meeting.

At a previous meeting, Selectmen set Annual Town Meeting for March 30 and Annual Town Election for April 6.

Traffic count

Due to reports of speeding cars on Pleasant Street, Norfolk County Engineers conducted a study there last month. They found the average speed on the street was 23 miles per hour. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the police currently enforce a 30 mph speed limit on Pleasant Street, which has no posted speed limit signs. Haddad said to set a speed limit on Pleasant Street would be detrimental because it would set the limit at 30 mph or higher. Haddad said he will have the police step up patrols of Pleasant Street and will continue to monitor the situation.

Brown on ZAC

Selectman Merle Brown was appointed to the newly formed Zoning Advisory Committee as the board's representative at its last meeting . Brown felt he should represent the board because of his involvement with the formation of the ZAC.

Liquor licenses

Selectmen approved three, one-day liquor licenses for the South Shore Arts Center this week. On Jan. 18, March 1, April 19 the center will be able to provide wine for its open houses.

No sticker shock

The Recycling Committee recommended the sticker fee for the RTF be reduced from $50 to $35. This will take effect once the stickers are sold again this spring. Selectmen unanimously supported the change and Town Manager Mark Haddad said he accounted for the difference in the budget. Selectman Merle Brown said he hopes in the future, the price will be lowered further.

"Hopefully we can get it down to $10 in a couple of years," Brown said.

Police chief update

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he will be meeting with the police chief search committee tonight. The committee is still trying to narrow down the list of candidates to a handful of finalists. Haddad said he hopes to announce the chief before annual Town Meeting in April.

Veterans memorials

Selectmen approved a request from the Veterans Memorial Committee to put an article on the annual Town Meeting warrant regarding repairs and upgrades to various memorials around town. The committee asked for $15,000.

The committee stated the money was needed to repair the Herman E. Daley sign, refurbish Norman M. Todd park, repair and improve Peter Cogill Square, make a plaque and dedicate a square to Allen A. Buffum, refinish the William C. Laidlaw square plaque, erect a plaque for Howard R. Gleason Road, and see what would be appropriate for a Perry H. Johnson plaque.

Town Manager Mark Haddad recommended the selectmen approve the article.

"This is a worthwhile cause that can be done at little cost to the town," he said. "This is money well spent."

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FY'03 town budget maintains services

By Evan Schiff
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Despite the current economy, Cohasset's budget for Fiscal Year 2003 looks quite healthy.

"We're in pretty good shape," said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Haddad presented his town operating budget proposal to the Board of Selectmen this week.

"Our philosophy this year is the same as in the past," he said. "We will continue to provide a budget that maintains the services the town is accustomed to without an override."

The anticipated tax rate for Fiscal Year 2003 is $11.99. This is a 51 cent increase in the tax rate from FY 2002. Currently, a house valued at $565,700 has an average tax bill of $6,437 — in FY 2003 the same home could see an increase of $286 bringing a tax bill to $6,723.

Haddad said he asked all department heads to keep spending to a minimum while continuing current services. With this in mind, he said a general override of Proposition 2-1/2 would not be necessary. Proposition 2-1/2 is a state law that limits the amount a town can raise the tax rate with out an override.

The only new initiative in the budget is a request to add two workers to the Department of Public Works. Because of the addition to Woodside Cemetery, the new park on the former Hagerty property, and new Little League fields in the future, Haddad said it is necessary to protect these areas by keeping them maintained. The two employees will be paid approximately $33,000 a year.

"I'd like to see these areas well maintained," said Selectman Michael Sullivan.

As has been the case in past years, the School Budget was one of the most complicated areas.

"We will continue to provide a budget that maintains the services the town is accustomed to without an override."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

The School Committee is hard pressed to determine its financial needs for the coming year nine-months in advance. It has been common practice to allow the School Committee to come back to special Town Meeting in the fall with additional requests. Haddad said he would like to continue this process and is confident the town can absorb a 6 percent increase in the budget which he is recommending. The 6 percent increase is equivalent to approximately $600,000.

Haddad said the School Committee is still reviewing its budget which right now, requires a larger increase than the town can take. He said the town could not support the increase unless it got an override, or cut from other areas which he does not want to do. Haddad plans to work closely with the School Committee to resolve the differences. Haddad also raised the flag concerning shrinking state aid.

In FY 2003 the town will see a drop in state aid which will cover 10.47 percent of the budget. In FY 2002, the state covered 10.83 percent of the budget and in 2001 covered 11.83 percent. Because of the drop, the town will need to rely more heavily on the tax rate, estimated receipts and free cash to cover expenses.

The budget anticipates new revenues close to $1 million in FY 2003. In his report, Haddad said some of the significant new revenues include $100,000 from the Overlay Surplus account to help balance the budget. An overlay account is established annually to fund anticipated tax abatements, exemptions and uncollected taxes in that year.

About $10,000 will come from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to pay the debt service on the Woodside Cemetery improvements, as well as $10,000 from the Waterways Account to offset the cost of the mooring removal service.

The funding of the School Building Assistance program will have no direct bearing on the budget for FY2003. However, if the program continues to be funded at its current low levels, tax rates could sky rocket in the future.

Greenbush foes show how train money could be spent

By Rick Collins
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Two South Shore legislators have taken the unusual step of lobbying against a massive public transit project for their district, and are enticing their colleagues to join them by promising that their opposition will free up funds for projects back home.

Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, are calling the $440 million Greenbush commuter rail project too expensive and environmentally damaging and instead are pushing for a region-wide system of feeder buses and ferry boats for a third of the price. The result, they say, will be a cheaper, more efficient public transit system that frees up as much as $300 million for capital projects elsewhere the MBTA says it doesn't have the money to do.

"It's our job to tell legislators that this does effect your district and here's how," Bradley said Monday. "There's money being spent in our district and we believe we can spend less with the same result and that means more money the state can use in their districts."

The Greenbush project would extend commuter rail service along 17.7 miles of track from Braintree through Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate. It has faced more than a decade of delays, lawsuits and some citizen outrage. But the project also enjoys plenty of support and has forged ahead in recent years.

Project funding is included in the MBTA's five-year capital project plan.

The two legislators sponsored a slide-show presentation Monday featuring former environmental affairs secretary John Bewick, who heads up a Hingham-based anti-train group called Advocates for Transportation Alternatives. Bewick's presentation slammed the MBTA's analysis of alternatives to the train.

"It's our job to tell legislators that this does effect your district and here's how."
— State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham

According to Bewick, by hiring bus companies to provide service to existing water shuttles in Quincy, Hingham and Hull, the MBTA would service 4,189 passengers daily instead of the 1,708 that would ride the Greenbush line at a savings of $300 million. That breaks down, he said to a cost of $7,500 per rider for the bus, and boats compared to $306,536 per train rider. The state is currently in the process of taking over the failing Quincy ferry service from General Dynamics.

Other strategies include expanding parking capacity at the Braintree and Quincy Adams Red Line stations, and building a commuter link from the vacant South Weymouth Naval Air Station to the South Weymouth commuter rail stop along the Plymouth branch of the Old Colony line.

He also said the bus and ferry alternative will prevent the train from running through 22 historical districts and 43 grade crossings – both numbers being the most of any commuter rail project in the state – and prevent 248 homes from being affected by diesel engine fumes.

The money instead, said Bewick, could be spent on other public transit projects "where it is needed." He gave a list of projects that have been postponed because of a lack of funds, including the $20 million overhaul of both Orient Heights and Maverick stations on the Blue Line, the $275 million Blue Line expansion to Lynn, and $20 million construction project of a new Orange Line station at Assembly Square in Somerville. The money could also be used, he said, to help build a connector from South Station to the Green Line and bring back train service along Washington Street in Roxbury.

John Carlisle, spokesman for state Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan, cast doubt upon Bewick's proposal. "We'd be very interested in seeing the plan and checking the numbers and their credibility," he said. "There have been environmental reviews, transportation studies and other independent reviews that have taken place that show that Greenbush moves the most amount of people in the most environmentally friendly way for the most reasonable cost."

Fire chief Lincoln to retire

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looking forward to spending more time with his family.

Lincoln was influenced by firefighters very early in his life and sees this as a reason he became involved with the work. As a child, he was raised near a fire station and grew to know many of the men.

"I would chase after the trucks when they left," he said. "It seemed so exciting."

Lincoln said his biggest accomplishments during his tenure, included adding four firefighting positions to the force, continuing to keep the equipment up-to-date, and instituting a paramedic program.

"The ability to try and make changes, and to see them through, gives you a satisfying feeling," he said.

The town's six paramedics can offer a wide range of treatments competitive with the type of care found in a hospital's emergency room.

"Going from offering BLS (Basic Life Support) to ALS (Advanced Life Support) was a big step for the department," Lincoln said.

According to Lincoln, the hardest part of the job is the budget process. Trying to maintain a high level of service with limited financial resources can prove quite difficult, he said. His advice for the next chief is to not take budget cuts personally.

"The budget process is really frustrating," Lincoln said.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln plans to retire in July.

Haddad said he hasn't decided a process for selecting the next fire chief but it will probably be one similar to the police chief search, which is underway. He said appointing a departmental head is always a tough decision.

This will be Haddad's third appointment in less than a year. Haddad is expected to announce a new police chief by April. And DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield will step down at the end of March.

"I'm starting to take this personally," Haddad joked. "Those three departments are the most critical to the town so any appointment gains extra importance."

Paramedic program pays off

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program, the fire department responded to 273 calls that required basic life support and 292 calls that required advanced life support. This means more than 50 percent of all the calls have required advanced life support.

According to town Finance Director Michael Buckley, the increased revenue is due to the higher charge for an ALS (advanced life support) response. The standard rate charged for a BLS (basic life support) response is $228.75 while the flat rate for ALS response is $300.99. These charges do not include additional costs such as, oxygen, IVs and mileage.

After an ambulance run, the town sends the bill to ComStar in Ipswich, which bills the patient's insurance company. ComStar charges a 7 percent surcharge to the town for its services.

The town is not making any money on the program as it costs more to have the paramedics in the fire department. Haddad said when the issue was brought before Town Meeting; voters were promised the program would generate 50 percent of the increased budget, which it has.

The movement towards offering ALS service began in 1998, when Haddad negotiated with the fire department union to have the next eight people hired, be trained paramedics.

"The union has been unbelievably cooperative," Haddad said in a previous interview. "We couldn't have done it without their support."

Two paramedics were hired in early 1999 to replace two retiring firefighters, and then four were hired in the fall of 1999 after a special Town Meeting vote allocated the money to expand the fire department to 24 members.

Cohasset successfully lobbied the state Department of Public Health for a waiver allowing the town to offer ALS services with six paramedics, instead of the required eight. There are two EMTs currently in paramedic training.

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Relay for Life planning committee to meet Jan. 17

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

WINTRY WEATHER

Hello Cohasset. It is wet, snowy and cold as I write this week's column, was it me who wanted snow and winter? Hmmmm, I may be rethinking that unless we get a lot more of the white stuff at once. I am still in amazement that we are in January of 2002! I feel like last New Year's Eve just ended and here we are. What an incredible difference a year makes, a month makes, a day makes etc. I really hope that we have a more positive year in 2002 in so many ways.

I have a favor to ask of all of you reading this column. I know that the holidays have been hectic for us all and that with everything else that has been happening around the world, the Around Town column is the last thing on many peoples minds. Remember this, family, friends and community are key in life and your news, event information, family and friend photos are all a part of our town. Please make sure to send it all in to me no later than Monday mornings by noon. It really does make a difference in so many peoples weekly routines!

BEACH BASH!

Here is a great way for everyone to enjoy a night at the beach in the middle of winter. Step into summer and shake off the cold at the South Shore Art Center's "Beach Bash", Saturday, Jan. 26, at Atlantica Restaurant on Cohasset Harbor from 7 p.m.-12 a.m.. The entire restaurant will be transformed into a summertime resort with beach games, lifeguards, summer sounds and other warm-weather diversions.

Local artists have been working hard creating unique masterpieces and in addition to those wonderful auction pieces, their are so many more to bid on! Vacation homes, a diamond bracelet, fine wine and the list just continues on. The live and silent auctions will continue all night long. Food will be served that will make your mouth water and the popular local band, "The Grateful Dads will keep guests dancing all evening. Tickets for this event are $100 per person($85 for members of the Art Center) and a portion of this cost is tax-deductible. For reservations or more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We have a little girl in our town who is turning *six* years old this Saturday, Jan. 12 and yes, she happens to be my god-daughter! Miss **Tricia Litchfield** is celebrating her wonderful day and I know that so many of us are all wishing her a very, happy birthday!

Tricia's grandfather is **Harold Litchfield** and I want to send him a belated happy birthday as well as wishing Tricia's Auntie **Julie** a happy birthday as well. Tricia wanted to see your names in the paper for your birthdays and of course, couldn't wait for her big day! Happy Birthday to all of you.

NEW ARRIVAL

A wonderful Christmas present was given to **Dr. James and Stephanie Popkin** and their daughter **Kellie** of Cohasset. **Bridget Noelle Popkin** was born on Dec. 17, 2001 and weighed in at 5 lbs., 11 oz. and was 18-1/2 ins. long. Welcome little one to our world and to your family who, I am sure were so happy and full of joy with two little girls on Christmas Day.

QUILT SHOW

The Second Congregational Church will hold its 9th annual Quilt Show and Luncheon on Saturday, March 2, 2002. Proceeds from this event benefit the "Children's AIDS Program" in Mattapan and "Reach Out and Read", a program at Boston Medical Center's pediatric clinic which provides young children with a new book at every check up. Every year, there are 55-60 different quilts displayed. If you would like to show a quilt, call **DeeDee** at the church office at 781-383-0345 or **Carol Sandblom** at 781-383-1812 by Jan. 21. I know that many of you in our town and surrounding ones as well, have quilting talent and these hidden beauties would look so beautiful hanging on display for this fantastic benefit. Pick up the phone and arrange for your quilt to be seen.

COLLEGE GRAD

Robert Vanderpool, son of **John and Geraldine Vanderpool** of Cohasset, earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration in December from Saint Michael's College. Robert is a Cohasset High School graduate. Congratulations!

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Planning Committee for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is ready to begin and they are encouraging anyone from Cohasset to join, as well as residents in surrounding towns. If you are interested, please call **Mary** at 1-888-648-4880, ext.229 or, event chair, **Gordon Behrer** at 617-770-7989 or gcbehrer@aol.com. The first meeting of the planning committee is scheduled for Jan. 17 from 6:30-8p.m. and is being held at the Cohasset High School cafeteria, 143 Pond St. The dates for the Relay are set for May 17-18 at CHS.

That is all for this week. Make sure to get all your news to me no later than Monday by noon. All photos can be dropped off at Cohasset News in an envelope marked, "Around Town, Cohasset Mariner."

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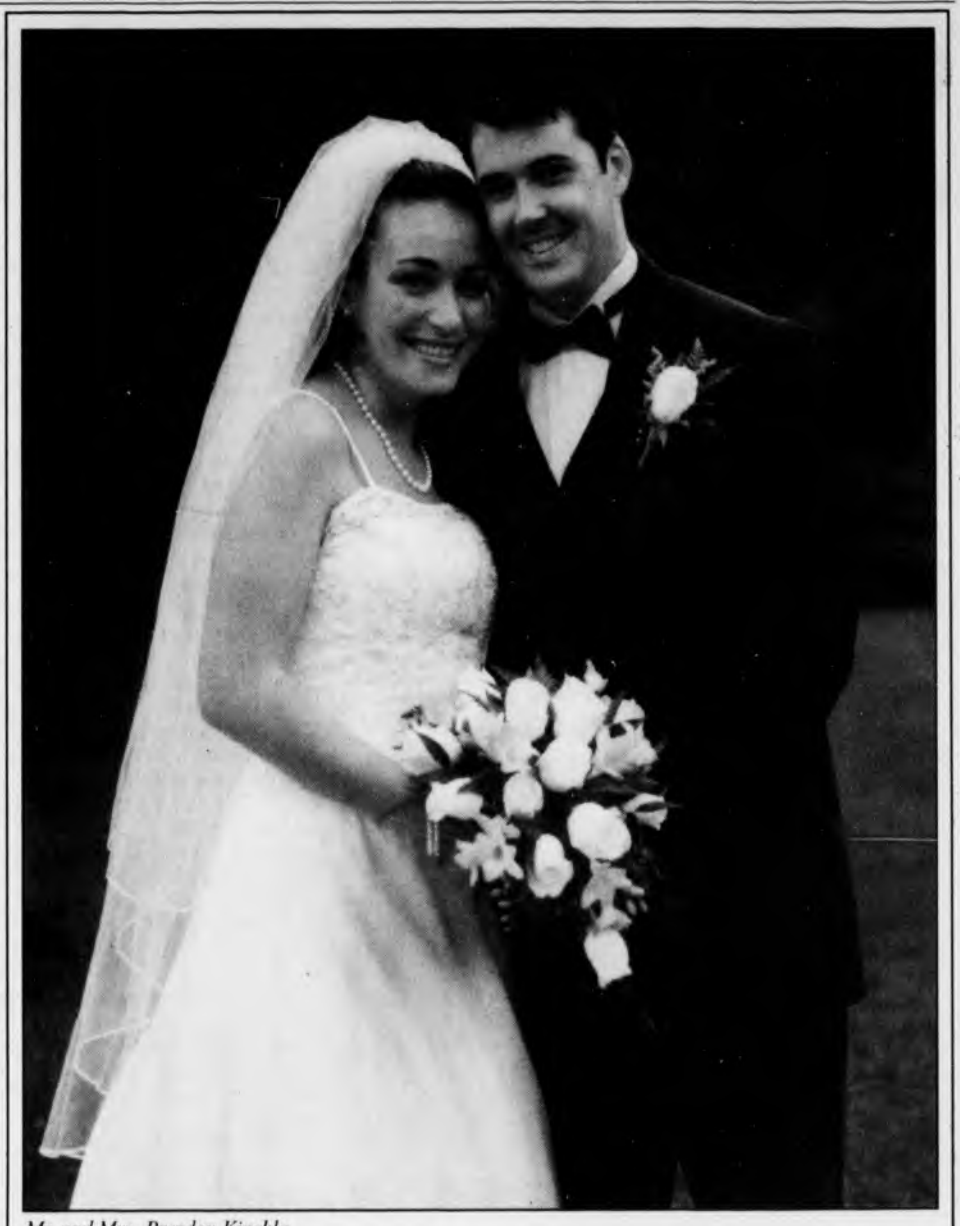

Mr. and Mrs. Brendan Kinchla

Kinchla - Press

Olga Press, the daughter of Alya and Nathan Press of Manchester, Conn., married Brendan Kinchla, the son of Nancy Kinchla of Cohasset and John Kinchla of Ridgefield, Calif. on Aug. 18, 2001, at The Colonnade, Glastonbury, Conn. Justice of the Peace, Joseph Reardon officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her matron of honor was Helen Viaznensky of Avon, Conn. Bridesmaids were Alison Kinchla of Cohasset, Ilona Ryvkin, of Manchester, Conn., Lauri Taft of Milton.

John Kinchla of Cohasset served as best man. Ushers included Daniel Kinchla of Cohasset, Eric Viaznensky, Matt Viaznensky both of Avon, Conn.

The bride is a graduate of Brandis University and is employed at Hurwitz Group in market research.

Her husband is a graduate of Berklee College of Music and is employed at Unicco, Inc. in computer specialist systems.

The reception was held at the colonnade in Glastonbury, Conn.

After a wedding trip to Italy, the couple will reside in Newton.

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Historical Society welcomes new presidents

By Evan Schiff
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Kathy O'Malley, left, and Paul Kozol are the new co-presidents of the Cohasset Historical Society.

When the Cohasset Historical Society elected Kathy O'Malley and Paula Kozol to represent its interests as co-presidents — it anticipated the women would work professionally to accomplish the goals of the society. However, no one envisioned their relationship would blossom further.

"We've become great friends," glowed O'Malley.

The two had never met before the society's first meeting after special Town Meeting in October when they were both elected to office. They both agreed their personal relationship has buoyed their professional one.

"Being so compatible makes it a joy to work together," Kozol said. Both added having co-presidents in the society is a necessity because of the large work load associated with the position.

O'Malley said she concentrates on the day-to-day operations of the society while Kozol presides over the society's meetings and represents the board at town functions.

Kozol has been working with museums for more than 30 years. She worked at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston for 13 years before becoming the archivist at the Isabella Stewart Gardner museum. She is also the curator of the Hull Lifesaving Museum and has a primary interest in maritime collections.

O'Malley has had an interest in history her entire life. She worked for the Women's City Club of Boston, which was located in two historic buildings on Beacon Street, for 15 years. She said she also has a wealth of experience writing grants, which comes in handy.

One of the goals of the co-presidents is to become more involved with the school system. However, their current focus is the ambitious task of raising $100,000 for improvements to all the Historical Society's buildings.

The society owns three historic buildings in town that also serve as museums, which includes the society's headquarters, the Caleb Lothrop House, 14 Summer St.; and the Maritime Museum and John Wilson House on Elm Street in the village.

All three need repairs. The Lothrop House needs the roof repaired as well as an exterior paint job. The Maritime Museum needs upgraded lighting, display cases, and signage. Perhaps the most expensive endeavor is to the Wilson House in which drainage problems need to be corrected. There is also a need to create handicap access at the Wilson House and the Maritime Museum as well as providing museum quality storage and display for the gowns and textiles at the locations. The most pressing matter is addressing the drainage problems at the Wilson House which is estimated to cost more than $45,000.

This is the first capital campaign the Historical Society has embarked on since 1974 when the group raised enough money to purchase the Lothrop House. O'Malley said the current effort began under former president Martha Gjesteby and the two co-presidents are trying to sustain the momentum.

As of Jan. 7, the group has received 126 donations totaling almost $16,000. The average donation has been around $130 and the largest donation was close to $2,000.

"We are happy with any amount of money," O'Malley said. The society has received donations as small as $5 and welcomes any contributions.

Kozol said there are many reasons the community should make donations.

"It's Cohasset's heritage," she said. "It's something that should be preserved for future generations to enjoy."

The co-presidents said they will not wait for the entire sum of money to begin renovations, rather the society will begin construction as the money becomes available.

Kozol said the group is trying to work with other organizations to raise funds.

"We are going to approach the Community Preservation Committee for money," Kozol said. The CPC is an organization dedicated to preserving the town's present character through acquisition of open space and preservation of historic resources.

The society also is trying to work in conjunction with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation in an attempt to create handicapped access to the two Elm Street museums. The CRC is a private organization that works in conjunction with the village revitalization task force for village improvements.

There will be a "thermostat" in between the two Elm Street museums designating how much money the society has raised. The sign was donated from the Cohasset Fire Department which used the sign in a similar fashion when it was raising money for its thermal imaging camera. David Hassan repainted the sign at no cost to the Historical Society, the women said.

The society is governed by 18 residents who form a board of trustees. The society has approximately 400 members with family memberships costing $30, and individual memberships listed at $20.

The Lothrop House is open Monday through Wednesdays 1 - 5 p.m. Historian David Wadsworth, 14 Summer St., is available on Mondays and Wednesdays to answer any questions. The museums on Elm Street are closed for the winter.

Community blood drive Jan. 16

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, Jan. 16. The Blood Drive will be at St. Anthony Parish Center at the corner of South Main St. and Summer St. from 1:30-7:30 p.m. As in the past, baby-sitting will be provided from 3-5 p.m. Ample parking is available.

The blood drive is being dedicated to the memory of the late Al Odermatt, a tireless worker for the cause for more than 50 years.

The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors in the Cohasset area to give blood when the bloodmobile comes to Cohasset.

The best way to give blood for the first time is to come with a friend who is experienced in the donation process. New donors usually find the procedure easy and painless and most come back regularly to donate.

Most people can give blood through the American Red Cross. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

The Red Cross always counts on a good turnout when it visits Cohasset so please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the church, civic, corporate or social organizations calls. New donors are welcome and especially needed. To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have any questions, please call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290 or the Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

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Representatives of the Cecil Group, an urban landscape architectural firm, will present design details regarding safety, public access and aesthetic improvement opportunities around the perimeter of Cohasset Harbor.

Are all welcome to share ideas on design elements to address the demands of today's environment, as well as preserve the rich maritime history of the waterfront.

Discussion Items Include

✔ An improved sidewalk, designed to provide a safe area for walkers, runners, and bikers of all ages and abilities.

✔ Opportunities for designated public parking and bicycle lanes.

✔ Added amenities such as granite curbing, railings and pedestrian scale lighting.

✔ Interpretive historical signage to complement the maritime history preserved by the various Captain's Walk stations along the waterfront today.

If you would like additional information, please contact the CRC office at 781-383-2449.

Charting a Vision for the Future... With an Eye on the Past

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Promises, promises

A very serious issue is facing us on the financial front. The state Department of Education says it won't be able to afford to reimburse school building projects on the same timetable, as has been its practice.

Slashing the amount of money for new grants for school construction by more than half — as is the plan — puts places like Cohasset in a real bind because the towns will have to wait longer to start receiving payments from the state to offset the cost of school building projects. Because state law only permits towns to borrow on a short-term basis for five years, Cohasset homeowners will have to start footing the full payments on the $40 million mortgage on the expanded and refurbished Deer Hill and middle-high school in 2005. This means the annual taxes on an average-valued home in town will be more than $700 higher (for up to five years) than they would be if the town receives the building assistance money on schedule.

Cohasset picked up on this new development quickly and sought help from our local legislative delegation, state Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley. Now a meeting is scheduled on Jan. 22 with the Department of Education to discuss the issue. In addition to Cohasset officials, also attending will be representatives from other area towns, which are in the same fix.

We can only hope the DOE will be in a receptive mood. If not, then a legislative solution is possible — but Mr. Bradley and Mr. Hedlund would need support from their counterparts at the Statehouse.

We congratulate Town Manager Mark Haddad and Finance Director Michael Buckley for being ahead of the curve. They brought this to the forefront and sounded the alarm. Many other towns are just now waking up to the problem.

Let's hope the issue is resolved to everyone's satisfaction soon.

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Thinking of running for local office?

If you have ever thought about running for selectmen, school committee, health board or other local office, then mark your calendar for Jan. 30.

The Hingham League of Women Voters will run its second informative workshop on what's involved in running a campaign — from dealing with the media, to campaign finance laws, understanding the responsibilities of the office, and much more. Future campaign managers may be interested, also. Last year's successful workshop was quite well attended.

The workshop will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., and is open to residents of Cohasset, Hull, Scituate, and Hingham.

Experienced candidates, campaign managers, and League members will provide pertinent advice on what to expect once you've made the decision to throw in your hat, or are simply testing the waters. Handouts on financial reporting and nominating deadlines, etc., will be available.

The deadline for filing nominating papers in most South Shore towns is imminent.

For further details, please call Patricia Facey, 781-383-0470.

Positions for elected office

Nomination papers for the annual town election for 2002 will be available on Monday, Jan. 7, at the Town clerk's Office. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available:

Selectmen - TWO for three years
Town Moderator - ONE for three years
Town Clerk - ONE for three years
School Committee - ONE for three years
Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - THREE for three years
Assessor - ONE for three years
Board of Health - ONE for three years
Cohasset Housing Authority - ONE for five years
Planning Board - ONE for five years
Recreation Commission - THREE for five years
Sewer Commission - ONE for three years
Water Commission - ONE for three years

Friday, March 8, is the last day to register for the annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 30, and the annual Town Election, Saturday, April 6.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On the mend

TO THE EDITOR:

It's amazing to see how good and bad news brings out community warmth and support. We recently had both.

On Dec. 30 Kelsey was involved in a skiing accident. Those who know of her diving and gymnastic interests were shocked, as were those who simply heard about the accident. The short story is that she will be out of athletic workouts for one month after skiing out of control enough to have sustained an impact which broke three ribs, slightly lacerated her spleen, and partially collapsed a lung. Her doctor stated the injury was similar to that which Drew Bledsoe sustained. She's OK, and can participate in somewhat normal activities, but needs to be cautious as she fully heals through January. (Unlike the Bledsoe deal, Kelsey *will* remain "starting-daughter" for the remainder of her contract.)

Thanks to everybody who has approached us with their thoughts, concern, and wishes for speedy healing. Special thanks to the wonderful people at school for their day to day support as well.

The Bell/Sheridan family
460 King St.

Massport tries to kill runway injunction

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

Logan Airport expansion will be in the news again soon. Massport filed a lawsuit against Boston, "Massachusetts Port Authority vs. City of Boston, et al., Superior Court Civil Action No. 01-2731," to try to kill a long-standing injunction against the runway expansion project. In the aftermath of Sept. 11, Massport asked for and got a stay of all proceedings on the lawsuit. The stay runs out on Jan. 15. Massport could withdraw its suit and its expansion proposals to concentrate instead on building public confidence.

Logan's neighbors hope that balanced transportation development in the New England region and commitment to passenger security will now head Massport's priorities. Accelerated development of other transportation modes must increasingly keep the economy moving while aviation is adjusting its resources toward security. If future congestion-related delay develops at Logan, it can be reduced using existing well-tested models for spreading traffic beyond so called "peak hours" — without runway expansion and without cutting the airport's capacity.

After Sept. 11, Acting Governor Swift appointed a Special Advisory Task Force on Massport, to recommend changes. The Task Force findings reveal Massport's past priorities: "... the CEO's focus has previously been on external politics rather than the daily management of the organization. ...the concept of promotion has ballooned into a broader trade and tourism orientation that goes beyond the core mission."...

Massport should drop its lawsuit and its expansion efforts and work with its neighbors, not against us.

"The fragmentation of responsibility among three parties — the FAA, the airlines and airports — created a system where everyone was involved in aviation security, but no one was singularly responsible. ... Differing priorities and the inconsistent application of rules and regulations furthers this problem."

If you substitute "emissions pollution and noise" for "aviation security" in the preceding quote, you will see the complaints of neighboring cities and towns precisely in the context of the aviation crisis.

Massport should drop its lawsuit and its expansion efforts and work with its neighbors, not against us. We all want a strong economy and reliable security. Logan's neighbors want a clean environment and reliable protection of public health. If all parties worked together in good faith and with high professional standards, like the Task Force prescribes ("Massport's relationship with its local neighbors must be repaired."), we could get there.

Mary Ann Frye is a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, southshorejet-pollution.org Special Advisory Task Force on Massport Recommendations can be seen in full at:

http://www.state.ma.us/gov/120301task-forcereport.htm.

Rec Department issues safe ice advisory

With any outdoor skating area the ice should be tested before venturing on it. There are specific ways to test ice safety which do not include throwing debris such as rocks, sticks, etc. on the ice making it hazardous for everyone.

Rather, test the ice by the edge of a skating area by carefully stepping out 6 to 8 inches, proceeding carefully to about 2 feet out from the edge only if the ice appears to be safe under your weight. Chip the ice with a tool or stick until you can ascertain a rough idea as to the thickness of the ice. You should always have another person with you when doing this.

Many outdoor skating areas do not have the same thickness of ice universally over the area. Always be on guard for soft spots or thin ice which manifest from underground springs, drain pipes, etc. etc. This is especially true at Ellm's Meadow by the Spring Street/Cushing Road corner of the area due to drains off the hillside.

GENERAL SAFE ICE STANDARDS

	Degrees		
Ice safe for:	**0-30**	**30-40**	**40-50**
Single Skaters:	1.75"	2.75"	6"
Couples:	2.75"	3.75"	8"
Crowds:	3.75"	4.75"	12"

Stay off of salt water ice completely.

These figures are for clear, fresh water ice only; for snow ice, add 2 inches; for water logged ice, add 3 inches; if skates cut in — go home. Salt water in mild climates is always treacherous, keep away from it. Also thickness in 40-50 degree column are safe depths for short periods of time only.

No Ellm's Meadow skating

The Cohasset Recreation Department said due to work being done in the well heads at Ellm's Meadow currently, the area will not be available for skating.

Ellm's Meadow, located at Cushing Road and Spring Street is a water level controlled, lighted skating area for residents to utilize until 9:30 p.m. nights. The current well head project should be completed by late January, at which time the dam boards will be replaced to collect water for ice. The area will be opened as soon as possible.

Nature folklore: wisdom of the ages

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

One of the many bald-faced hornet nests hanging high in trees around town. Could there be a severe winter in our future?

Back in the good old days, before science could explain most all things mysterious, the "whys" of the natural world were explained with folklore and myth. I've often written about our forebears' intimacy with the natural world, their use of nature's "signs" to tell time, to forecast the weather, to plant and harvest crops, to construct daily lives. Then, symbolism and legend attached to animals and plants. All of nature was empowered. Events like eclipses and meteor showers were feared because it was believed they were evidence that the gods had been angered and the world was coming to an end. When the darkness of winter settled in over the primal land, our ancestors burned fires and offered sacrifices to insure the return of the sun.

These days, though we understand most of the "whys" of nature, we can still be awed by her stories of survival, her moments of drama and beauty. And we can still be charmed by the folk traditions, that collective memoir of a long ago time. Indeed, many of us unwittingly retain a connection to that past. Think of all the superstitions we carry around - black cats, the number 13, cracks in the sidewalk - and all the folksy expressions that are part of our daily dialogue. Just the other day I heard someone say that it *felt* like it was going to snow. It reminded me of someone I knew on the Cape who used to say that he could *smell* the rain coming.

The link to the past, though, is tenuous. We can afford to have some fun with these quaint "wisdoms" because we know that the course of our day, the success of our day, doesn't depend on them. We don't need the wisdom to explain our world. But, imagine if we did. Imagine if, like our ancestors, we risked being cursed if we didn't believe in the power and reality of the wisdom.

Among the nature lore was the magic of dew, believed to be a powerful remedy and charm. How else could so mysterious a property, appearing on clear, dry nights but vanishing by morning, be explained but by magic? Washing with dew during the fertile month of May would bring good luck during the coming year.

Good luck came, too, to those who wished for it at the first sight of a rainbow, though it was considered bad luck to point at the rainbow. At the rainbow's end there was a pot of gold, if only that elusive end could be reached.

The night sky, the realm of the gods, was a never-ending source of folklore. For children, wishing on a star, either the first star of the evening or a shooting star, would bring fulfillment of that wish. Native Americans believed the silver swath of the Milky Way to be the soul-road and the brightest stars in the sky the campfires where souls rested in their travels.

Farmers said that if the stars were larger and brighter than usual, a storm was on the way. Their animals knew it, too. Pigs would gather leaves and straw. Dogs would eat grass. Cows would lay down, refusing to go to pasture. Birds flew low and silently.

'Punxsutawney Phil'

Surely one of the more familiar of the folk legends is the tale of "Punxsutawney Phil", the lovable groundhog who, since 1886, has been the center of attention every Feb. 2, in Pennsylvania. Around New England, groundhogs are better known as woodchucks and their voracious appetite and indiscriminate eating have made them the nemesis of gardeners. True hibernators, they are the largest member of the squirrel family, short-legged and chunky in build, measuring up to 30 inches long. To naturalists, the woodchuck is known as an "edge" specialist, a master digger who fashions a deep, long and extensive - up to 45 feet - den with multiple entrances in fields and forest edges.

Coaxed out of his burrow by the town fathers of Punxsutawney, Pa., all eyes are on Phil as the prognosticator of the weather. The tradition of using a hibernator to predict the weather actually dates back to 16th century Germany where badgers and hedgehogs were used as forecasters. But, when German farmers arrived in Pennsylvania and could find no badgers or hedgehogs for the job, they substituted groundhogs. The folklore says that if the day is cloudy and the groundhog does not see his shadow, spring will arrive early. If, however, he does see his shadow and is frightened back into his den, spring is six weeks away. In truth, if left undisturbed by television crews and publicity-seeking elected officials, Phil and his brethren and sistern are happy to sleep away the month of February, emerging much later in the winter during the first warm-up.

Here in New England, our seafaring tradition has made "Red sky at night, sailors' delight; Red sky in the morn, sailors take warn" another familiar adage (country folk substituted shepherd for sailor), but one that holds true only if the red sky at night is in the east. Because weather travels from west to east, a red sky at night in the east means that clouds and rain have already passed and that fair weather is on the way. A red sky at night in the west, however, could mean that stormy weather is approaching.

Growing up summers in Provincetown, where keeping an eye on the sky became second nature, I often heard the red sky wisdom, though it was another bit of folklore - about razor clams, what we called jack-knife clams - that made an even more lasting impression. The harbor sand flats, then, were littered with shells from all sorts of clams - quahogs, steamers, scallops and razors - and we spent many an hour digging for the buried bounty. The razor clam, though, always eluded us. An old fisherman, watching us dig one afternoon, explained that razor clams can "feel" the vibration of approaching footsteps and pull themselves down deep in the sand, out of reach. "You have to sneak up on them," he told me, "and grab them in the first scoop." I remember thinking it absurd that a clam could outsmart a person, but I have retold the tale on many occasions, as much for its charm as for the excuse it gives me for never having unearthed a live razor clam.

With winter settling in around us, it will be fun to see just how much of the seasonal folklore proves true. Said to be among the harbingers of a hard winter are a warm November, November blooming flowers and leaves that fall late. A green Christmas, goes the saying, a white Easter. Folks with wood stoves and fireplaces can listen for "popping" wood and watch for their cats to sit with their backs to the fire, signs that the snow will soon fall. Prolific nut and berry crops - I can personally attest to a bumper crop of wild blueberries and raspberries, beach plums, grapes and acorns this season - are also a portent of a harsh winter, as is a first snow falling on frozen ground. Bees' nests built high in trees are said to be another predictor of a long, harsh winter. Last summer was a particularly bountiful year for bald-faced hornets whose complex, football-shaped "paper" nests, made from chewed wood and leaves, can now be seen all over town hanging from bare tree branches.

Here in my backyard the bushy-tailed squirrels are frantically foraging, carrying away piles of acorns and corn kernels, though I can't tell if their behavior is any more frantic than it has been in years past. But, what is unusual is the number of cheerful tufted titmice, mixing happily with chickadees, woodpeckers and nuthatches at the feeders. We've always had these adorable little birds with the pointed crest and beady black eyes, but never in such numbers. I have to wonder if maybe they, too, are a sign of something to come.

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A note to Mariner readers: Do you have your own bit of nature or weather folklore that has been passed down through the generations? E-mail your "wisdom" to sandcollar@yahoo.com and we'll publish an almanac of anecdotes in a future column.

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AHANA is PC

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

If the Boston City Council had its way, there would be no more minorities.

At worst, we may have to learn a new word, made-up word — AHANA.

The Council last week voted unanimously (12-0) to ban the word "minority" from all official city documents.

"The term is anachronistic and demeaning," said Council President Charles Yancey, a minority himself. "The city of Boston is in a great position to exercise some leadership as to the meaning of this word . . . which very clearly means 'less than.'"

Great! So now the government writes the dictionary for us.

But don't laugh — at least, not yet. The city of San Diego has banned the word "minority" since last spring, and California has not yet slid off into the ocean, although there are people who still hold out hope.

"To have that term really made me feel inferior," Robert Ito, a fourth generation Japanese-American, told the San Diego Council. Fourth generation and he's still a Japanese-American? When does he become an unhyphenated American?

"When you see all people as children of God, you then see all people as your brothers and sisters," said San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy as he signed the measure into law.

Fortunately for Boston, Mayor Tom Menino suffered an attack of lucidity that lasted long enough for him to veto the measure before it got out of hand and the city adopted the acronym AHANA to describe Yancey and those like him.

AHANA stands for "African, Hispanic, Asian, and Native Americans."

AHANA stands for "African, Hispanic, Asian, and Native Americans" and, believe it or not, already is used by Boston College to file its minority students in politically correct pigeon holes.

"I would argue that using the word AHANA has drawn students closer to the office. It speaks about cultural diversity," Donald Brown, director of BC's AHANA office, was quoted as saying.

Instead of going all out for AHANA, Yancey proposed that the phrase "people of color" replace minorities in city documents, even though I know a large number of Hispanics who could pass for Swedes if northern Europeans ever became fashionable again.

"People of color" may be a misnomer for minorities, too, because women, who are actually a majority, have been considered a minority ever since it was discovered that they differed from men and had to be protected under the affirmative action umbrella.

Use of the words "people of color" has always baffled me, too, since I can recall a time when African-Americans were known as "colored people," a term that was consigned to the scrap heap in favor of "blacks" and then "African-Americans," etc.

Tell me, what is the difference between "colored people" and "people of color?" And has anyone told the folks at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that their name is now politically incorrect?

Herbert Gans, a sociologist who views the contretemps from an ivory tower at Columbia University in New York, thinks the whole thing is a step backward.

"People of color is sort of racist because it says that all we care about is the color of people's skin," he said.

HEALTH NOTES

Algae blooms aren't pretty

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Every new year, Dennis and Doris McNulty, whose house is on upper little Harbor (above Cat Dam at the north end of Nichols Road), make a request of the town to open Cat Dam using a schedule they have developed. The purpose of this regular opening of the dam between the upper and lower harbor is to reduce the probability of an algae bloom in the spring.

Predicting the timing and severity of an algae bloom is clearly an inexact process.

Over the years, studies have concluded, and experience has found, that if the dam is opened once a month at spring tides (the highest tides of the month, coinciding with the full moon) and kept open during the months of January and February, the chance of an algae bloom in June is considerably reduced.

Sometimes, it is also necessary to open the dam during the onset of a bloom. Predicting the timing and severity of an algae bloom is clearly an inexact process. It depends on the amount and severity of rainfall, how much open land has been covered by additional building; what lawn care procedure abutters use on their lawns, and how they dispose of debris and brush plus a host of other factors.

Over the last few years, the algae has been especially difficult to control so the McNultys have taken to requesting the Board of Health to include with their schedule of Dam openings, reminders about the things property owners around upper Little Harbor can do to reduce the probability of a spring algae bloom. If you live around Little Harbor, you can look for such a letter from your neighbor toward the end of February or in March. Meanwhile, Here's the schedule for this year's Cat Dam openings:

Cat Dam will be opened between Jan. 7 and March 18; also on the following dates:

April 24, 25, 26	Wednesday,	Thursday, Friday
May 27, 28, 29	Monday,	Tuesday, Wednesday
June 26, 27, 28	Wednesday,	Thursday, Friday
July 22, 23, 24	Monday,	Tuesday, Wednesday
Aug. 13, 14, 15	Tuesday,	Wednesday, Thursday
Sept. 9, 10, 11	Monday,	Tuesday, Wednesday
Oct. 7, 8, 9	Monday,	Tuesday, Wednesday
Nov. 4, 5, 6	Monday,	Tuesday, Wednesday
Dec. 2, 3, 4	Monday,	Tuesday, Wednesday

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Cultural grant supports art center

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, state Rep. Garrett J. Bradley and Diane M. Kennedy, chairwoman of the Cohasset Cultural Council, announced a $3,300 has been awarded to the South Shore Art Center by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Hedlund said the grants are an essential resource for the arts.

"Programs like the South Shore Art Center, which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, play an important role in our community," said Hedlund, R-Weymouth. "Programs like these are an essential resource to a community's quality of life and economic prosperity. Public support ensures cultural and educational opportunities provided by these programs are available for everyone."

Bradley said the programs, which the grants help pay for, are vital to the communities.

"I am very proud of the organizations here who have submitted successful proposals to the Mass. Cultural Council," said Bradley, D-Hingham. "In times like these, when arts and culture are invoked to commemorate celebrations as well as sadness, we must remember how vitally important they are to our communities. We should all take great pride in the fact that cities and towns in this region and throughout Massachusetts have vibrant cultural organizations of all sizes."

The grant is funded by the council's Organizational Support Program, which provides multi-year operating support for public programs in the arts, sciences and humanities administered by local cultural organizations and schools that have excelled in serving the public.

Studies prove that in-depth participation in cultural programs by schoolchildren enhances cognitive and work skills, builds creative and critical thinking skills, reduces truancy and dropout rates and encourages self-esteem. In turn, not-for-profit cultural organizations have an enormous economic impact in Massachusetts, providing more than 40,000 jobs, attracting tourists and leveraging other public and private dollars to improve the state's quality of life. For more information about the Mass. Cultural Council programs, call 800-232-0960

LIBRARY CORNER

Memorial Library preschool story hour

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is now accepting registration for the Winter Preschool Story Hour. Children between the ages of three and five are welcome to participate. The program will consist of six sessions and will begin Jan. 28, and end March 4. A Thursday morning session from 10 to11 a.m. will be offered. You may register by calling the library 781-383-1348 or by signing up in person. Space is limited to 15 participants. Children currently on the Fall Story Hour waiting list are considered registered and will receive a telephone confirmation.

Officials seek full funding for SBA

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icant increase in the DOE budget proposed by the governor next year, there wouldn't be enough money to do "what we want to do" including providing towns relief with high special education costs. So the DOE cannot put an additional $30 million toward new school construction grants, he said.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, explained the DOE makes the first payment on school projects the year after the grant award is made. So the $52 million approved by the legislature for the SBA line item in fiscal year 2002 actually pays for FY01 grant awards. So it isn't as if, the DOE is diverting SBA money to special education or other programs, he said.

Hedlund said this would be a major issue in the budget debate in the spring. He expects bipartisan support to get funding closer to the $50 million if not the full $52 million.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who worked with Hedlund to get the matter on the DOE's Jan. 22 agenda, said there should be full and fair debate on the matter and how this affects the communities.

"This is an inappropriate way of cutting money from the budget," he said. "The towns started project borrowing based on a given window."

Haddad said the delay in reimbursement could jeopardize other town projects and financial needs. Operating budget overrides are routinely required in Cohasset every third year or so — but with homeowners saddled with hundreds of dollars in extra taxes for the school buildings — they may not be open to raising their taxes any higher.

Haddad and school building committee chairman Rob Spofford told Town Meeting at the time the projects were proposed, the town could expect reimbursement in five years.

"It's been their history, that's the point," Haddad said. "You can't throw $50 million a year at something then all of a sudden cut it in half. You just don't do that with certain services."

ZBA to take center stage

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cern at a recent meeting that there's considerable misinformation being floated around town about what the town can and cannot do regarding Avalon's application for a comprehensive permit. The comprehensive permit allows a developer to skirt most local zoning laws in exchange for providing a percentage of affordable housing — something which Cohasset has precious little of.

The project is not a "done deal" because the Zoning Board can set conditions as long as they don't hurt the economic viability of the project and the board also has the authority to deny the comprehensive permit. Avalon can appeal a denial to the state although the state expects a fairly rigorous process at the local level, the ZBA said.

Chairman Woody Chittick expects a crowd at the early negotiations, which must start within 30 days of Avalon's filing for a comprehensive permit, because so many town boards and town officials are interested in the project.

The ZBA will invite Hucksan to its Jan. 24 meeting to provide a short refresher on the law, which has undergone some changes at the state level. Last winter, the ZBA attended what members describe as "40-B boot camp," a workshop on the complex law. The board will also appear before selectmen Jan. 15 to discuss the comprehensive permit process. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Plans are to conduct the AvalonBay hearings in the selectmen's office which has better acoustics than the Town Hall auditorium and the room can accommodate about 30 people.

This week in COHASSET

Cohasset census for 2002 mailed

The Town Census for 2002 has been mailed to each household. The local census is primarily used to maintain voting and jury lists but it also aids in school enrollment projections, public safety and senior citizens' needs. The local census also establishes proof of residency, which is often needed for certain privileges, such as transfer station stickers and cemetery rights, certain veterans' benefits, and reduced tuition rates at state colleges and universities.

Dog forms are on a tear off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31. Forms need to be returned as soon as possible although you may have recently renewed your 2001 license. If you did not receive your census, contact the Town Clerk's office.

Harbor Walk public workshop

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation is hosting a public workshop on proposed Harbor infrastructure and streetscape improvements on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Saint Anthony's Parish Center. The Cecil Group, and urban landscape architectural firm, will present ideas to improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and the linkages between public access points around the waterfront. Discussion items will include sidewalk and railing designs; defined parking lanes; pedestrian scale lighting; and the possible inclusion of designated bike lanes. For additional information contact the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation office located at 87 Elm St., 781-383-2449.

Positions filled

Selectmen appointed Charles and Michelle Furtado, 63 Highland Ave., to the Common Historic District Commission this week. Chairman of the Commission, Jacqueline Clarke, approved of the appointments, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Harbor group forms

The "Friends of Cohasset Harbor," a group of citizens concerned about the development around the harbor and promoting managed growth urge all citizens to attend the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation workshop on proposed harbor infrastructure and streetscape improvements on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Saint Anthony's Parish Center.

The group is particularly concerned about public access, the impact of traffic and congestion, commercial uses with less than adequate required off-street parking, which leaves fewer spaces for Cohasset residents, noise and excessive illumination. The Friends support appropriate development such as the rehabilitation of the Mill River Marine, provided it can be done on a reasonable scale and within the bounds of existing environmental and zoning bylaws.

Selectmen sour on sewer plant

Selectmen lambasted the Sewer Commission at their meeting this week saying the commission needed to make aesthetic improvements to its Elm Street plant. At the Selectmen's last meeting in December, the Sewer Commission said it would need close to $450,000 to redo all the buildings.

"That's ridiculous," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris. "They were just throwing around high numbers to put people off to the idea."

Selectman Tom Callahan said encapsulating the current plant with a large building makes no sense.

"Constructing a building around another one is asinine," he said. "That would just create a bigger eyesore."

Some felt the problem was with the town's consultants, Tutela Engineering Associates.

"Tutela should not be involved with this project," Selectman Michael Sullivan said. "We should hire a separate contractor."

Concerned residents met Wednesday to discuss their options, after the Mariner went to press Selectmen will set a time at a later date to hear their recommendations.

Health screening Jan. 23 at St. Anthony's

A community health screening will be held Wednesday, Jan. 23, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 129 Main Street.

Life Line Screening will offer three primary health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and vascular disease. These tests include a Carotid Artery Screening Test, an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) test, and an ankle Brachial Index (ABI).

Also on that day, Life Line Screening will offer a bone density screening for women which tests for the early detection of osteoporosis.

These fast, painless, and low cost tests are conducted by a registered or registered eligible Ultrasound Technologists. A board-certified physician reviews the results of each test to ensure accuracy of the results before the findings are mailed to each individual.

All participants will receive money saving coupons and free information on the identification and control of risk factors, how to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke and other vascular diseases as well as helpful information regarding osteoporosis.

Anyone interested must register at least 24 hours in advance. Call 1-800-407-4557 to schedule an appointment for tests. The tests are offered for $40 ($35 for osteoporosis test).

SENIOR SCENE

Upcoming events at the Cohasset Elder affairs include:

Important changes

No Stop & Shop trips on Jan. 25 and Feb. 22

No Shaw's trips on Jan. 16 and 23.

Christmas Tree Shop trip Feb. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Hanover Mall trip Jan. 16 and Feb. 20 at 9 a.m.

PJ's Lunch: Friday Feb. 1, leaving the senior center at 12:30 p.m.

Book Club: Friday, Feb. 11, - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All senior readers are welcome to drop in.

TRIAD Meeting at the senior center on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 9:30 a.m.

South Shore Vo Tech Lunch: at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 23, reserve early call 383-9112.

Brown Bag Series: Stay healthy in your senior years. This will be a Friday series on the fourth Friday of the month during the winter months. The January meeting will be Jan. 25 at noon at the center. Bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and beverage will be served. The February date will be Feb. 22, at 2 p.m.

Cabaret: "Away We Go…Again" Thursday, Jan. 24, showtime 7 p.m. van pickup 6 p.m. at St. Anthony's. Tickets are $10.

Valentine Tea: Friday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m. Second Congregational Church, watch the Mariner for bulletin and more details.

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Science Center opens first EcoZone exhibit

By Gregory Mathis
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They were going wild at the South Shore Natural Science Center Tuesday night. Not only because Jeff Corwin was in the house, but also for the unveiling of the first phase of its state-of-the-art interactive ecology exhibit.

Corwin, the Norwell native and host of Animal Planet's "The Jeff Corwin Experience", took a break from his busy schedule to join the "Tossing of the Turtles" party at the Science Center as the first phase of the EcoZone project was revealed during a private party Tuesday.

"This is a reminder of the magic you find in your own backyard," Corwin told those in attendance before the official ribbon-cutting. "It's for our children and our families to wallow in and to remind us of what this area has to offer and what it's all about."

The EcoZone features live turtle and frog ponds, surrounded by grasses, ferns and swamp azalea, with high glass walls for visitors to view the animals; a life-sized model of a red maple tree that houses several mounted animals and nests; and a hollow log large enough for both children and adults to crawl through, allowing them to see turtles and frogs through peep holes and hear pond noises.

Corwin said the goal of the EcoZone is to make magic and compete with any natural science museum in the country, no matter what size.

"It's about getting people excited about their backyard, not because it's their backyard, but because it's something to get excited about," Corwin said.

Corwin, who now lives in Marshfield, approached those in charge at the South Shore Natural Science Center in early spring of 1999 with a vision of an interactive, multidimensional exhibit focusing on the eco-systems of southeastern Massachusetts.

"This was purely Jeff's vision," said Martha Twigg, executive director of the center.

And the first phase of his vision was well received by those in attendance Tuesday, especially the children.

Spencer Parsons greeted Corwin upon his arrival at the Science Center Tuesday night and presented the local celebrity with an EcoZone T-shirt to autograph. Spencer, as well as brothers Cameron and Colby Parsons, have been big fans of Corwin for a long time and had even taken part in a summer reading fundraiser at the Science Center "Pages for Peepers."

Geoff Gordon, 13, of Scituate, said his mother worked at the Science Center and he's seen the transformation of the EcoZone over the past several months.

PHOTO/GREGORY MATHIS

Jeff Corwin, of Animal Planet's "The Jeff Corwin Experience" fame, cuts the ceremonial ribbon for the first phase of the EcoZone during a private party for contributors at the South Shore Natural Science Center Tuesday night.

"I've seen it being built for awhile, my mom works here" Geoff said. "It hasn't looked great until tonight."

Ethan Niyangoda, 4, of Weymouth, was the lucky winner of the raffle prize, which won him an invitation to the party and a chance to meet Corwin.

Ethan's mother, Cheryl, said he was a huge fan of Corwin's and couldn't wait to meet him. "He watches the show all the time," Cheryl said.

Niyangoda, who lives in Weymouth, said her family has been a member at the Science Center since moving to the area 2 1/2 years ago.

"This is such a great place," she said, noting Evan attended the summer camp program at the Science Center this summer.

After Corwin cut the ceremonial ribbon and released several turtles into their new habitat, the children went wild crawling through the hollow log to see the turtles and frogs through the peep holes.

"I can't believe how much the kids are enjoying it," said Joan Reid, publicity coordinator at the Science Center. "It's so great."

The invitation-only celebration was a "thank you" party, said Twigg, for those who have contributed significantly to the EcoZone project since its conception in 1999.

The first phase of the EcoZone project and the preliminary design for the rest of the exhibit cost $150,000. The Science Center is looking to raise an additional $400,000 for the second phase and to set money aside for maintenance of the facility.

Scott Butterfield, a member of the board of directors at the Science Center, said he hopes Tuesday's event accelerates the fundraising efforts. He even shared a personal story about the types of contributions the project is receiving.

"I told my son it was time to pay up," Butterfield said. "He got his piggybank and said you can take the pennies but you can't take the dollars."

Butterfield said with all that's happened in the world since Sept. 11, it was important not only to focus on our families, but also our environment.

Depending on how quickly additional funds are raised, Science Center officials are hoping to have the exhibit completed within 18 months.

The first phase of the exhibit opens to the public on Monday, Jan. 14.

The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacob's Lane in Norwell. For more information call (781) 659-2559.

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Moe

Curly

The Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is looking for a few good homes! This week, there are three beautiful young cats in need of adoption.

Fluffy is a long hair tiger female, who lives up to her name! She is less than one-year-old, spayed and has received all her shots. Fluffy is gentle and cuddly and would do well in a home with older children. She is very attached to Curly and it would be ideal to find them a home together.

Curly is a male, compact version of fluffy. He's a little on the shy side, but very sweet and probably about 6-8 months old. He has been neutered, tested and vaccinated, and would like to be placed with Fluffy, if possible.

Moe is a handsome male black short hair, about one-year-old. He is shy, but has quite the personality and would do well in a one or two adult household with no other pets or children.

If you would like to meet one of these cats, please contact Hull Seaside Animal Rescue - 781-925-8584 or email: seaside8584@aol.com.

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The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades K-3 arts and crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and crafts for grades K-3 will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $42 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Monday, Jan. 28, continuing through March 4. The class will not meet during February school vacation.

For more information, details and registration call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109.

'Our Town' auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for "Our Town" at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. on Sunday Jan. 13 from 2-5 p.m. and Monday Jan. 14, from 7-9 p.m. Cast consists of 17 men and seven women. Some teen roles are also available. Show opens the end of February. Call Jean at 617-750-8987 with any questions.

CHS Winter Cabaret

The 2002 edition of the CHS Music Department's evening showcasing their multi-faceted and multi-talented students will be held at Kimball's By the Sea on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with a selection of snacks and sweets. From 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. emcee and choral director Bryan Marks and band director Gregory Lessard will present student singers, musicians and other performers in a variety of solo and ensemble performances.

Tickets are $8. Due to the intimate nature of CABARET, space is limited and reservations are strongly encouraged. Make checks payable to the Cohasset Arts Boosters and send c/o Olga Nohe, 21 Whitney Woods Lane, as soon as possible. For further information, call Olga Nohe at 383-2201 or Donna O'Donnell at 383-6113. Proceeds of this event benefit music and art curriculum enrichment.

Greek church benefit night

Comedy night featuring four comedians will be held Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Red Parrot in Hull. Hors D' Oeuvres will be served. $30 per person. Proceeds to go to the building fund, the community center, Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church.

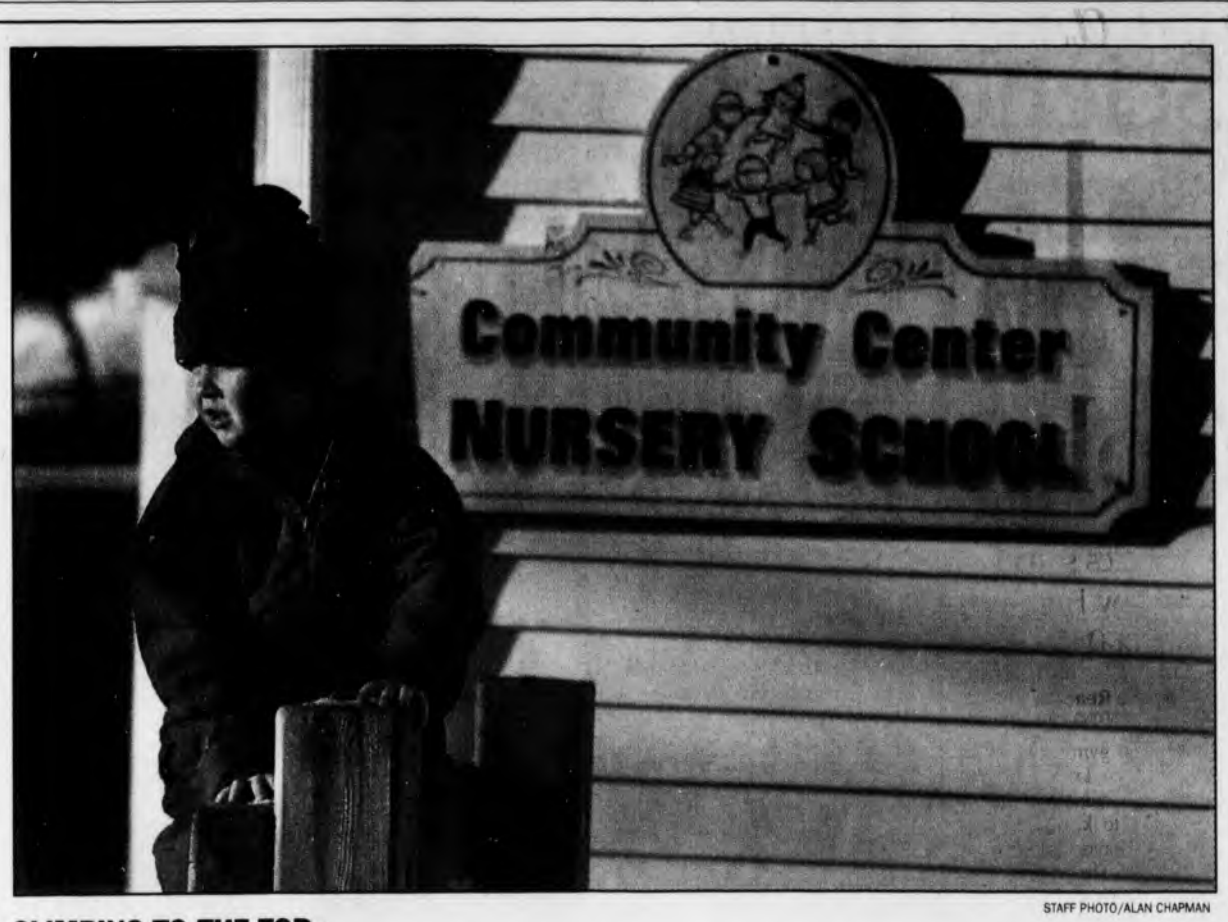
Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for 2002/2003 will being Tuesday, Jan. 15, daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kindergartners must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2002 in order to enroll. A copy of the child's birth certificate is required for registration.

Caregivers support

A caregivers support group, co-sponsored by the Affiliated Community Visiting Nurse Association and the Cohasset Council on Aging will meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Marla Kaplan, social worker for the Affiliated Community Visiting Nurse Association will lead the group. All those who provide care for family or friends are cordially invited to attend.

For more information call the VNA at (781) 681-1000.



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CLIMBING TO THE TOP

Tom Giuggio climbs to the top of the jungle gym at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School for a better view of the playground.

Register for SS Community Nursery School

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces nursery school applications for the 2002-2003 school year will become available on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Nursery School and Community Center offices.

Nursery School registration is based on a lottery system. Applications will be available Jan. 22 - 29.

Completed applications must be returned to the South Shore Community Center office by Wednesday, Jan. 30. Application envelopes should be marked nursery school registration application.

Parents registering their child in the 3-year-old program should enclose a copy of the child's birth certificate to ensure proper placement of students in the program. All applications must include the $90 registration fee. Family membership for the school year is included in the fee. There is no financial commitment for children who are placed on the waiting list; checks will be returned.

The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 4. Nursery School acceptance letters will be sent via the mail the following week.

The school offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of 3 to 5-year-olds. Programs run from 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 -3 p.m. Some extended before and after school programs will be available.

The nursery program is for children who will be three years of age by Oct. 20. The pre-kindergarten program is for children who are, or will be 4 years old by Oct. 20, 2002. The four day and five day enrichment programs are offered to older 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds who have attended a pre-kindergarten program but are ineligible for kindergarten, or would benefit from an enrichment year.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Jon Littauer

The Cohasset High freshman opened a lot of eyes wrestling at 103 pounds at this past weekend's Whitman-Hanson Invitational Tournament, finishing third in the strong 10 wrestler field. This marks the second 3rd place finish for Littauer at a major tourney in a week, the other strong showing coming at Marshfield's Holiday Tourney on Dec. 27 and 28.

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On the South Shore

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Cohasset-Norwell girls vault ahead

Gymnastics squad squeaks by Hanover to go to 3-0

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Hanover High gymnastics coach Alesha Delgiacco knew her girls would have to come up with a supreme effort to keep Cohasset-Norwell from winning its third meet in as many tries. The Lady Indians didn't have enough steam to defeat C-N, but the young Hanover team did put a pretty good scare into Kara Connerty's squad. And C-N showed some resolve by overcoming eight falls on the balance beam before surging through the floor exercise to pull out a 124.9–119.1 win at Cohasset. C-N raised its record to 3-0 while Hanover fell to 1-1 after defeating Hingham in its opening meet.

Delgiacco, a transplanted North Carolinian via Pennsylvania, worked the numbers prior to the meet and figured Hanover would have a tough time downing C-N.

"We knew we'd have to make up about five points to beat them," she said. "They're a very good team but I'm thrilled with our performance.

"We knew Cohasset-Norwell would be our toughest competition."

C-N swept the top-two all-around spots as Kristin Sheerin's 8.9 scores on the vault and floor paced her to a 34.3 with Meredith Bixby second with a 31.5. Hanover freshman Molly Fanning was third at 30.7 and Julianne Sullivan's 29.6 was good for fourth.

Hanover was well within striking

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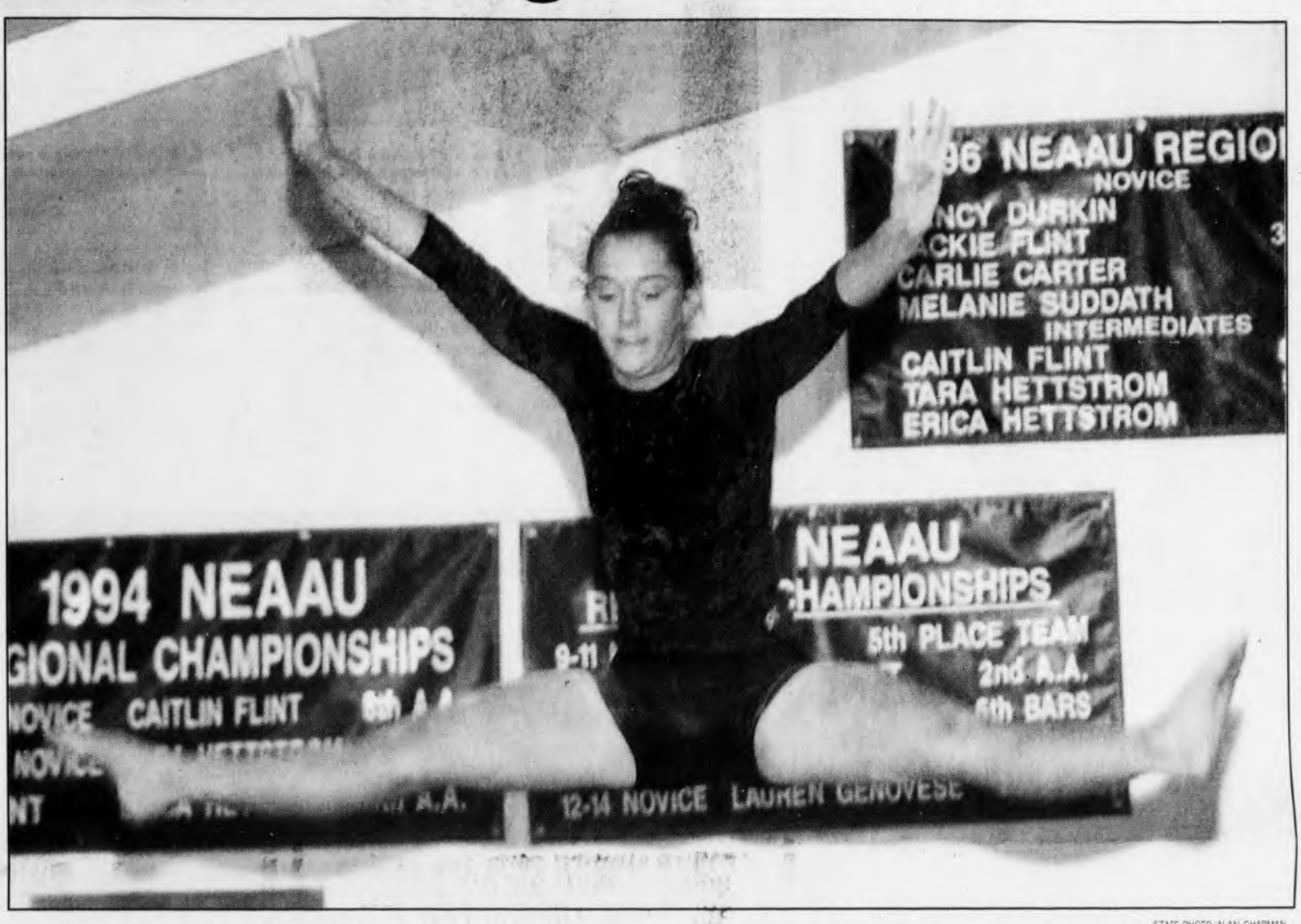

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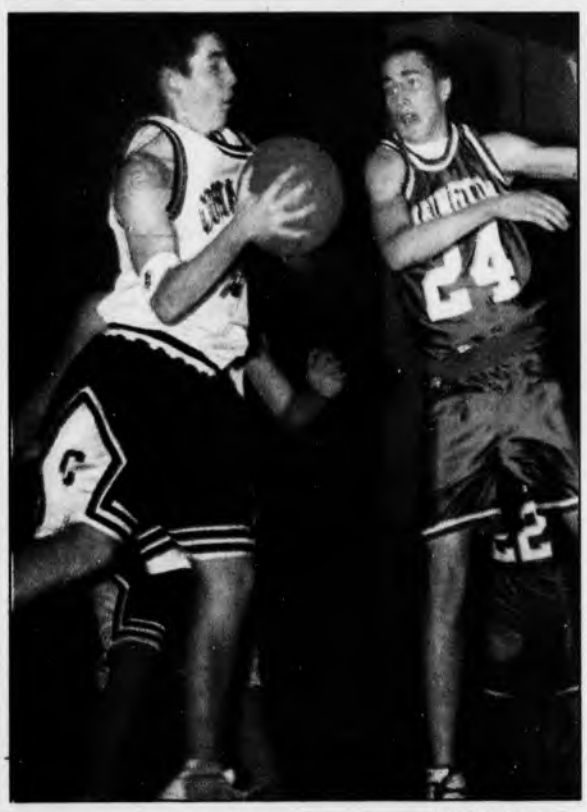
Cohasset's Kristin Sheerin shows the form that made her the Pilgrim Conference all-around champion last year, and the leader of the 3-0 Cohasset-Norwell squad this season.



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Cohasset's Matt Bilodeau (white shirt) hauls down a rebound in Tuesday's tough home loss to league powerhouse Abington.

Green Wave scuttles Skippers

Slow start costs hoopsters in Abington showdown

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Against one of the top teams they will play this season, the Cohasset basketball Skippers played arguably their best game of the year Tuesday.

Although Abington did get the better of its hosts, 57-45, Cohasset High coach Ron Ford could not have been more pleased with how his team performed.

"I am extremely proud of the way we played tonight," said the 11th year head coach. "We were solid."

Senior Tom McSharry led the Green Wave with 20 points, connecting on pull-up jumpers and smooth moves in the paint.

Senior captain Pete Maitland led the Skippers in scoring with 13 points, making five or his last six field goal attempts to help close the gap late in the game.

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Wrestlers turn it around at W-H tourney

Jon Littauer does team, family proud with second place finish

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

After the Cohasset wrestling squad lost standout captain Dan Littauer to a dislocated elbow in the pre-season, the young squad got off to a rocky start. Coming off a strong performance at the Whitman-Hanson Tournament this past Saturday, veteran coach Torin Sweeney believes his team can turn things around.

Their record now standing at 3-7, the C.H.S. grapplers have lost five matches that have come down to the final bout. And though their record could easily be 7-3, the low team morale showed through in a lackluster performance at the Marshfield Tournament over the Christmas holiday.

"We wrestled very poorly," said Sweeney of his team's showing in Marshfield. "I was disappointed as a coach."

Freshman Jonathan Littauer was

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Getting back in the flow

Saturday's cancellation extends hockey team's layoff to 18 days

By Mike Spellman
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A long layoff for the Cohasset High hockey team became a little longer, as a cooling tower breakdown at Hingham's Pilgrim Arena forced the cancellation of Saturday's scheduled South Shore League tilt with Harwich.

This pushed the Skippers removal from real game action from 14 to 18 days. The C.H.S. skaters last played on Dec. 22, taking the entire Christmas school vacation off, and were now not scheduled to play next until last night against SSL rival Mashpee, a first year varsity program.

This matchup is not likely to present the 4-0 Skippers with much of an opportunity to scrape off the rust before their much anticipated showdown with Norwell on Saturday at Pilgrim (7:20 start).

"The long time between games does concern me a little bit, but I think we'll be alright," offered veteran Cohasset coach Dennis

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Record turnout for alumni hockey games

By Jo-Ann Pilczak
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

If there is ice, they will come to skate:... and come to skate they did. They came from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and New York to skate. A record number of alumni varsity ice hockey skaters — 39 in all — played in the Third Annual Varsity Ice Hockey Alumni Games, representing CHS graduation classes from 1972 through 2001. The games were held last Sunday from 12:20 to 2:30 at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham, the Skippers' home rink.

Game #1 was a face-off between alumni skaters representing graduating classes 1972 to 1986 and this year's Junior Varsity team. Freshman goalie Brendan Michaud was in net for the Junior Varsity team while Alumni goalie Jeremy Williams protected the Alumni net. The Alumni team left the ice as the victors with a 6-1 win over the Junior Varsity.

Alumni skaters from 1987 to the most recent graduates of 2001 faced-off in the second game. With senior Dan Kinchla in net for the Varsity team, this exciting game had the Varsity team in a comfortable lead into the third period when the Alumni skaters turned on the heat. The game ended in a 9-9 tie. Jeremy Williams covered the net for the Alumni team in his second game of the day.

In addition to good-spirited camaraderie, nostalgia was ever present as old team members stepped on the ice together. Jack Dean: ('72), Craig Seeley ('72) and Will White ('73) enjoyed the opportunity to once again skate on the same line during the first game. The largest group of alumni, from the '80s when the team was particularly strong, accounted from more than half the Alumni players on the ice.

This year also presented an opportunity for family members to play one another. John Durkin ('78) was on the ice opposite his son, junior forward John Durkin. Brothers Jay Rasmussen ('01) and sophomore forward Mike Rasmussen played

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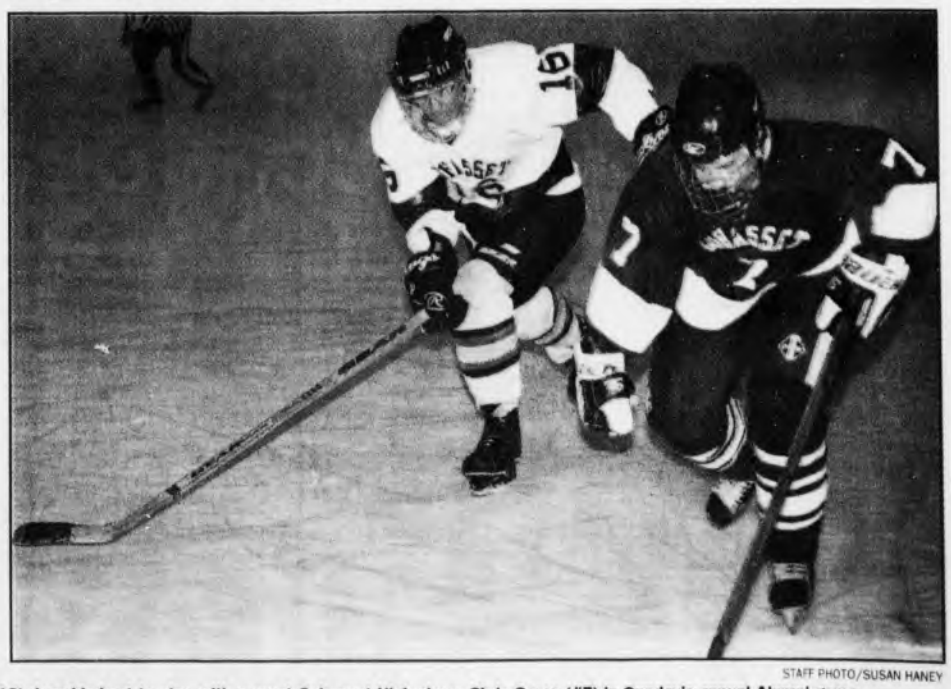

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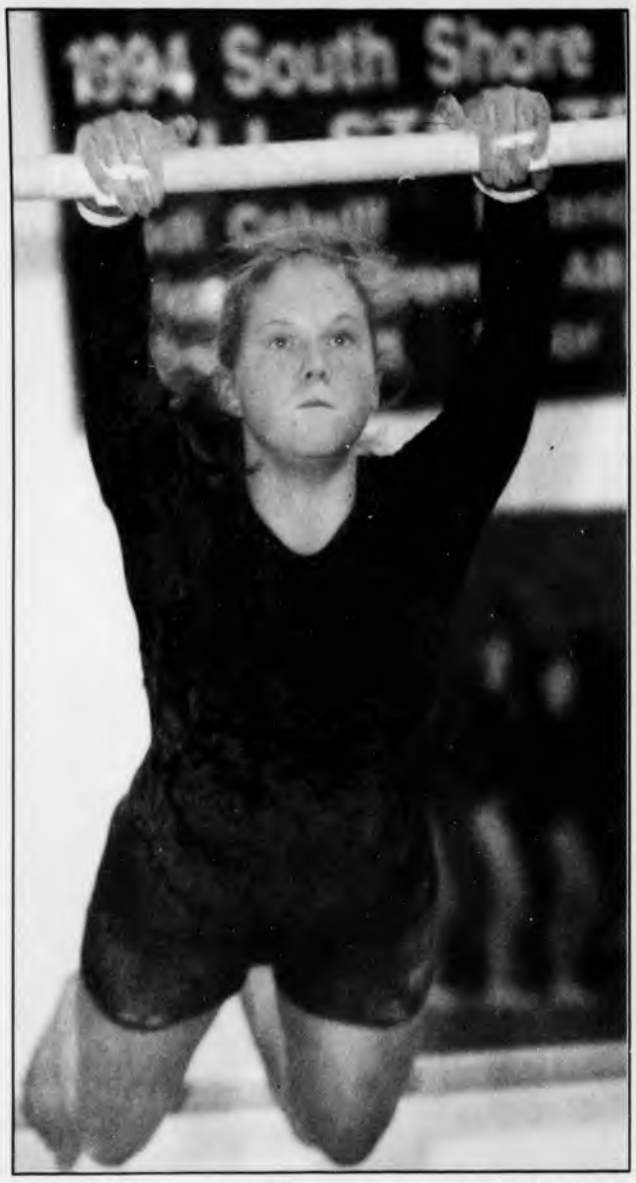
Cohasset High class of '73 graduate (#16) does his best to stay with current Cohasset High player Chris Caron (#7) in Sunday's annual Alumni game.



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JUST HANGING AROUND

Cohasset's Katherine Coyne is all concentration as she poises herself for a maneuver on the uneven bars in Tuesday night's big win for the Cohasset-Norwell team over Hanover.

Record turnout for alumni

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against one another as did Matt Pilczak ('00) and freshman defenseman Tim Pilczak. Senior goalie Dan Kinchla found himself defending the net against his older brother John ('93). Brothers Mike ('93) and Pat ('96) Reynolds were together again on the ice as Alumni players in the second game.

Head Varsity Coach Dennis Walsh was present to greet the Alumni skaters, but had to leave before the games began for the christening of a new grandchild.

Referees for the game were Chuck Peterson and Bill Devine, father of sophomore defenseman Mike Devine. Varsity Assistant Coaches Benjamin Watson and Peter Sandblom (who is also the Head Coach for the Junior Varsity team) coached the bench for the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. For the second game, Sandblom left the role of coach to join his former 1988 teammates as an Alumni skater.

For the third year in a row, one member of the Alumni skaters who prefers to remain anonymous generously offered to pay the game registration fee for any Alumni skater who is currently a college student. This was only one gesture of the brotherhood these former Varsity skaters feel for one another.

To add to the afternoon's excitement, Alumni player John Durkin ('78) donated four tickets to the Jan. 21 Bruins vs St. Louis Blues hockey game to be raffled off during the afternoon. The lucky winner — referee Bill Devine — and his family will be sitting in these great seats on the red line for this exciting game.

As players left the rink — many wearing the "2002 Alumni Game" souvenir shirt given to all the players and coaches — the departing words most frequently heard were ... "see you at next year's game!" If there is ice ... they will come to skate.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Class of '87 alum Bob Durkin (#24) wisely keeps his head up. The alumni matches were "friendly games", but with all of the relatives on the ice, it was probably not advised to get too comfortable.

ALUMNI SKATERS

Game #1 versus JV

Jack Dean '72**, Craig Seeley '72**, Will White '73**, John Conte '75, John Durkin '78, Joe McCullough '80, Frank Mahoney '80, Doug Yeagher '80, Matt Brown '80, Gary Ormiston '81, Joe Becker '82, Jack McNeill '82, Sean Curran '82, Barron Salvador '82, Don O'Neill '83, Gary Parziale '85 and Greg Ferreira '86.

Game #2 versus VARSITY

Rich Evans '87, Bob Durkin '87, Phil Mahoney '87, Jeff Hartwell '87, Dan Pompeo '88, Craig Mulcahy '88, Peter Sandblom '88, Todd Fitzpatrick '88, Jim Gallagher '89, Paul Marks '89, David Farrag '90, John Kinchla. '93, Mike Reynolds '93, Pat Reynolds '96, Neven Bunstein '96, Jeremy Williams '97, Ted Goff '99, Bill Good '00, Matt Pilczak '00, Dan Morse '01, Jay Rasmussen '01 and Dan Williams '01.

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And here's your entire Alumni crew!

Gymnastics squad squeaks by Hanover to go to 3-0

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distance of C-N after two events, 62-59.9, heading into the beam. Sheerin and Bixby went 1-2 on the bars, but Fanning (8.1) and Keri Gerrish (8.0) went 2-3 on the vault behind Sheerin.

It was Bixby's solid 8.1 behind Sheerin's 8.4 that proved to be the key performance. C-N bested Hanover on the beam then took the floor with Sheerin and Bixby leading the way with scores of 8.9 and 8.2, respectively. Sullivan was third with an 8.1 and C-N's Jenn Guiney also broke into the 8s with her 8.0 for fourth.

"It was a little nerve-racking after bars and vault when they were so close," said Bixby, who equaled her best score of the season on the beam. "I usually get stronger as the meet goes on."

Connerty knows that C-N will live or die by the beam all season. Sheerin and Bixby will only be able to carry the team so far and they'll only be able to carry the slack of eight falls for so long.

"We had a really difficult time on the beam tonight," she said. "We need to be more consistent. It doesn't matter if you're the better team. Anything can happen on any given night."

Connerty believes the three meets next week will be a good change of pace for the girls, who have competed just three times since the season started in late November.

"We're all really looking forward to it."

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Pee Wee A squad starting to heat up

COASTAL STARS REPORT

For the Coastal Stars Pee Wee A team it looked as though it would be a long Christmas week. With back-to-back games on the weekend before Christmas and four games in Pilgrim Arena's "Santa Claus" tournament, it looked as though the Coastal Star's elite Pee Wees might have a little holiday blues to go along with their Christmas cheer.

The Stars entered the first contest of their hockey packed holiday week on Dec. 22 in a matinee match against a statistically better Braintree A team in Asiaf rink in Brockton. Star's coach Rich Ohlund, a former Marshfield High School superstar, never gave up on his team despite their winless record. The source of his confidence was an awareness that his team was in every game, with most of their losses coming by only a goal or two. Hoping to pass his confidence on to his players, Coach Ohlund implored his team to play harder and persevere.

Ohlund and his assistants, Leo McDonald and Rich Shea, continued to prepare the team well in practice and demanded that if they wanted a chance to win their players couldn't just play well in spurts, but had to be consistent throughout the whole game.

The Braintree game started with Braintree jumping out to an early 1-0 lead and the Stars in an all too familiar position of being down and having to battle back. The Braintree lead did not last long as Coach Ohlund's son, Richie, buried a nifty pass from line mate and high scoring forward P.J.Martina.

After battling back and forth for the rest of the first period Star forward Justin McDonald sped down his wing and found line mate Richie Shea perched in the slot who slammed home his pass for the game's go ahead goal.

As the second period got underway Stars forward Craig Nicohols, whose fine game and determined effort was not reflected on the scoring ledger, got on the board by setting up line mate, Shea, to put the stars in the unfamiliar position of being up by two goals. The Stars' comfortable lead would not last long as Braintree came roaring back with a goal that beat the otherwise dependable goalie Dan Wehlan pulling them within one.

Once again it was Shea who would answer for the Stars. This time Shea went in unassisted and beat the Braintree goalie completing his hat trick and putting the Stars up by two once again.

The dogged Braintree attack never abated and through hard work and aggressive play they pulled within one early in the third.

With the score 4-3 midway through the third, the Stars were looking for something that would change their bad fortune. What they found was a determined skillful spark plug of a player, Cody Morgan, who they had just called up from the Pee Wee B team. Morgan playing smart positional hockey put himself in position to bang home a rebound from a Justin McDonald blast to put the Stars up by two for the third and final time.

With the seasons first victory under their belt, the Stars were eager to play their next match the following day against always dangerous Cape Cod Canal Pee Wee A team. The Stars fell behind early but pulled even on a Justin McDonald unassisted gem.

The second period was a defensive stand off as there were no goals and just a handful of offensive opportunities. Coach Ohlund's praise of his team's defensive play was effusive highlighting specifically the superb play of defensemen Patrick Kennedy, Mike Kerrigan, Conor Holoway, and Mike Parsons. Holoway and Kerrigan were steady unflinching guardians of their goalie and protected the puck in their own zone. Kennedy and Kerrigan's ability to move the puck out of their own zone to start offensive rushes contributed greatly to the offensive flurries the Stars were able to muster.

The Stars scored twice in the third on goals by Nicohols and Kerrigan to take a 3-1 victory into their tournament play during Christmas week.

What looked to be a week of holiday blues turned into a week of triumphs and celebration for the hard fighting Pee Wee A team. Using their two regular season victories as the catalyst the Stars notched two more victories in the Santa Claus tournament in Hingham.

Coach Ohlund and his staff recognizing the importance of momentum felt confident that these victories would give the team the confidence they need as they start a new year and the second half of the season.

— By Peter J. Buckley

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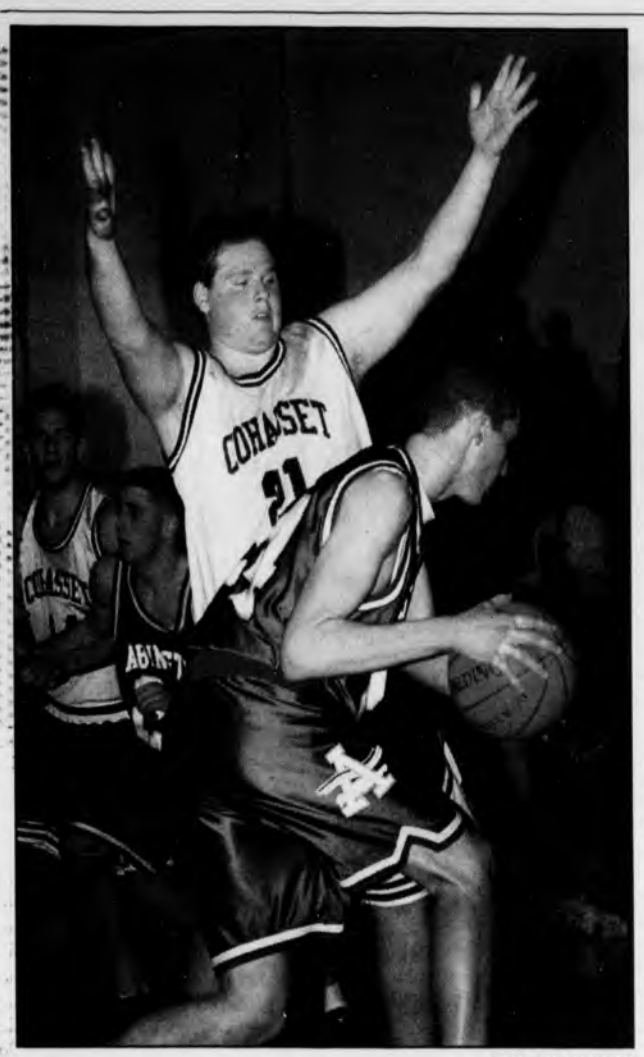

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Despite a superb job of defending done by Cohasset's Ben Lynner (21) on SSL top scorer James Smith (green shirt), Tuesday night, the Skippers couldn't recover from a slow start against Abington.

Green Wave scuttles Skippers

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Junior power forward Ben Lynner tallied 12 points to go with nine rebounds, scoring eight of his points from the foul line. Lynner also did a tremendous job defending one of the league's best players, senior James Smith.

Smith, a South Shore League All-Star starter a year ago and the league's leading scorer heading into the game at 22.3 per tilt, was held without a three-pointer for the first time this season. The team defense for Cohasset was also tremendous, holding a sharpshooting squad to under 60 points.

"If someone had told me before the game that we would hold them to 57 points," began Ford, "then I would have thought we would win the game."

Abington showed its speed and ability to press early on, snatching up a10-0 lead before Ford could call a time-out. After that, the teams played almost dead even.

With a 33-19 halftime lead, Cohasset could not do much more than trade bucket for bucket with the visitors, and the closest they got the rest of the way was nine points with 2:35 left (51-42).

Ford classified Abington as one of the elite Div. 3 teams, along with schools such as Carver, Norwell, Scituate and Rockland. They are again one of the favorites to win the South Shore League after finishing last year with the number 6 seed in the state tourney sectionals.

Abington has had Cohasset's number this millennium with a 4-0 record. The Green Wave handed the Skippers three of their eight losses last year, including the loss that knocked them out of the state tourney.

The Skippers now stand at 3-5 after losses to Abington and Norton (Friday night). Ford has made it clear that his main objective is to get back up to sea level, and maintain .500 ball until the Div. 4 post-season rolls around.

Game Notes

-Abington shot 90% as a team from the foul line.

-Between the last two Abington-Cohasset meetings, Green Wave sniper Mike Carey has made 10 field goals, all of them threes.

-Within the final 35 seconds of the game, Cohasset junior Ian Kidder recorded at least one tally in four different statistical categories: rebounds, blocks, steals, and assists.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

COED SWIMMING
Cohasset/Scituate

Jan.
11 at Cardinal Spellman
17 at Duxbury
Coach: Jamie Kearney

WRESTLING
11 at New Bedford, 5 p.m.
Duxbury, Holliston
Coaches: Torin Sweeney and Peter Buckley

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan.		JV	Var.
11	at Carver	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12	at Scit.	2:30 p.m.	4 p.m.
16	Sturgis Charter (Hyannis)	6:30 p.m.	

Coaching staff: Varsity, Ellen Carr
JV, Deb Beal

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan.		JV	Var.
11	Carver	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12	Holbrook	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

Coaching staff: V, Ron Ford
JV, Tim Owens

ICE HOCKEY

Jan.		Rink
12	at Nrwll	7:20 p.m. Pilgrim
16	at Ab/EB	5 p.m. Rockland

Coaching staff: Dennis Walsh, Benji Watson, Peter Sandbloom

GYMNASTICS
Cohasset/Norwell
11 at Nauset, YMCA 7:30 p.m.
16 Notre Dame YMCA 7 p.m.
Coach: Kara Connerty

Wrestlers turn it around

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the only Skipper to place in that tournament, taking third place at 103 pounds.

Sweeney decided to hold a team meeting to tell his team that "we would not go through the season like that."

After four very demanding practices, the team showed their preparedness, taking sixth place in the very difficult Whitman-Hanson field.

"At Whitman-Hanson, there was a higher intensity," the nineteenth year coach said. "It was just a better overall effort."

Again, Littauer took third, solidifying his place as one of the top lightweight wrestlers in the area. The little brother of Dan, Jon admitted that he has some big shoes to fill.

"Now that my brother is gone, I feel more pressure from my family," confessed the frosh. "But we have stepped up the practices, and I feel [the team] will do really well."

Junior Terry Baroudi, named a captain because of his leadership and extensive tournament experience, placed second at 135 pounds at W-H.

Freshman Matt Casey also took second at 120, while his junior brother Mike placed fourth at 171.

Converted basketball player Cosimo Cambi, a junior in his first year wrestling, also finished fourth at 189.

Sophomore Chris McKenna did not place, but had one of the day's highlights in knocking off the number two seed at 145 pounds before being eliminated.

Although the Skippers may have liked to finish higher, they can take some pride that four of the five teams finishing ahead of them (Weymouth, Duxbury, Whitman-Hanson, and BC High) are Div. 1 powers.

"We turned it up a notch, and they responded," lauded Sweeney, who believes that he can regroup his team for the second half of the year.

Something Skipper fans can look forward to is Dan Littauer possibly returning to do some light drilling. Although he has not received a doctor's clearance yet, Sweeney seems excited about the prospect of having his leader back.

Getting back in the flow

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Walsh. "We've had some good practices over the last four weeks, and we've got four lines skating hard and competing for ice time. That helps keep the boys motivated."

Walsh, who is minding the Skippers bench for his 30th and final season, also feels his team's re-imbuing will be aided by the Alumni game it played in this past Sunday, with several still-active college age players returning to take part in the "friendly exhibition."

"The kids were pushed in that game," reported Walsh. "There was a good level of competition. Obviously, the scheduling of the game turned out to be a big plus for us."

The Harwich game is expected to be made up in early February.

SPORTS NOTES

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Any questions should be directed to Sue Mavilia at 781-383-1988.

Cohasset High coaching vacancies

For the spring, 2002 seasons, Cohasset High is seeking a girls lacrosse coach and the Cohasset Middle School is seeking a softball coach. Interested individuals should call Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383- 6103.

Cohasset Youth Lax looking for coaches

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program is looking for volunteer assistant coaches at all levels for its spring season.

In all, seven Cohasset teams are expected to play in 2002, including boys teams at the 14 & Under, 12 & Under and 10 & Under levels, with two teams each at the youngest levels. For the first time, the program also will field girls teams, with one each in the 14 & Under and 12 & Under level.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse currently has head coaches at all age levels, but with so many teams and the possibility of nearly 200 children spread throughout, increasing the coaching staffs and enabling the players to get more personalized instruction.

Through its seven-year history, the foundation of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse coaching staff has been volunteers who do not have children on the teams involved. In seeking additional coaches, the program is hoping to get both community volunteers and parents whose children will play. Experience playing or coaching the game is desired, but not necessary. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will pay registration costs to coaching clinics for those individuals interested in participating.

At most levels, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse holds two practices each week, and has games on Sunday afternoon. Assistant coaches are not expected to attend every event, although the hope would be that they can make two of three per week.

In addition to coaches, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is interested in developing referees who can work its games. Interested individuals will be required to take some officiating instruction classes during the winter, and may then be eligible to work games either with a partner or solo in the spring. Officiating fees have not been set for 2002, but are expected to be $50 or more per game.

For more information or to express your interest in coaching or officiating, call Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of youth lacrosse, at 781-383-9858.

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Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

COED SWIMMING
Cohasset/Scituate

Jan.
4 vs Nantucket- postponed
9 at Taunton

GYMNASTICS
Cohasset/Norwell
8 beat Hanover, 124.9–119.1

WRESTLING
5 sixth/10 at Whit-Hanson Tourney
9 Hanover 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
4 lost to Norton, 54-52
8 lost to Abington, 71-33

BOYS BASKETBALL
4 lost to Norton, 70-49
8 lost to Abington, 57-45

ICE HOCKEY
5 Harwich- Postponed
9 Mashpee

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OBITUARIES

Richard J. Fettig

A funeral Mass was celebrated for Richard J. Fettig, 68, of Scituate, a laborer, who died Dec. 31, 2001 at South Shore Hospital after a short illness.

He was raised and educated in Scituate, where he was a self-employed laborer for many years.

He leaves his two brothers, Howard of Framingham and James of Cotuit, and a sister, Marianne Vandreuil of East Sandwich.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Old St. Mary's Cemetery, Scituate.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, 683 Main St., Norwell 02061.

William M. Fletcher

William M. Fletcher, 70, of Cohasset, owner of an art-book publishing firm and magazine, died Jan. 3, 2002 at home, after a long battle with throat cancer.

Mr. Fletcher started North Light Publishing, which became the largest publisher of how-to art books.

He was founder and publisher of Artist's Magazine and director of the North Light Book Club, which had more than 65,000 members.

He was an instructor for five years at the Famous Artists Painting School in Westport, Conn. before starting his publishing firm.

He graduated from Hebron Academy in Maine and attended Williams College in Williamstown, and the Arts Students' League in New York City.

Mr. Fletcher leaves his wife of more than 49 years, Verdella (Goddard) Fletcher; his two sons, William S. Fletcher of Westmoreland, N.H. and James G. Fletcher of Greenfield, N.H.; his two daughters, Patricia Fletcher Murphy of Antrim, N.H. and Sheryl Fletcher of Northfield, Vt.; two sisters, Alice Fletcher Freymann and Mary Louise Fletcher Pitts, both of Scituate; the late Saxton Woodbury Fletcher. He also leaves his five grandchildren, Griffin, Terra and Krista Fletcher and Sara and Alex Murphy.

The funeral service and interment was private.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mr. Fletcher's memory to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02184.

Lloyd M. Huskins

Lloyd M. Huskins, age 80, of Cohasset, retired general manager of Framingham Welding & Engineering Corporation, died Jan. 3, 2002 at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth.

Born in Boston, he lived in Hingham before moving to Cohasset 50 years ago.

Mr. Huskins worked at Bethlehem Steel during World War II. He also worked as a commercial lobster fisherman.

He was a graduate of Boston Mechanical Arts High School and studied metallurgy at M.I.T.

Mr. Huskins enjoyed traveling.

He leaves his wife, Helen T. (Murphy) Huskins; his two sons, Lloyd M. Huskins, Jr. of Cohasset and Timothy A. Huskins of Scituate; a brother, Arnold Huskins of Pittsfield; and his three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made to St. Anthony's Parish Building Fund, 10 Summer St., Cohasset 02025.

Marie C. Ingemi

Marie C. (Baker) Ingemi of Cohasset died Jan. 5, 2002.

Mr. Ingemi leaves her husband of 56 years, Anthony F. Ingemi; three sons, Anthony F. Ingemi Jr. of Brockton, Gregory Ingemi of Newton and Richard J. Ingemi of Meredith, N.H.; two daughters, Lynn M. Walsh of Duxbury and Karen L. Brown of Scituate and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the St. Anthony's Parish Building Fund, 10 Summer St., Cohasset.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

2:02 a.m. South Main St., disturbance.

12:06 a.m. Norman Todd Ln., medical aid.

12:08 p.m. Hobart Ln., fire investigation.

5:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, parking complaint.

6:52 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:41 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:47 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, DEC. 30

12:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:53 a.m. Highland Ave., noise complaint.

11:21 a.m. Spindrift Ln., suspicious auto.

11:48 a.m. King St., medical aid.

1:24 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

1:32 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

3:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations.

5 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., verbal warning.

5:06 p.m. Elm St., disturbance. Arrest: Michael A. Conti, 36, 104 Dale St., Roslindale. Chrgs. assault and battery.

6:39 p.m. South Main St,. fire investigation.

8:03 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

9:11 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:53 p.m. S. Main St., and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:24 p.m. King St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:33 p.m. Border St,. suspicious auto.

10:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Bailey Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:39 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, JAN. 1

12:38 a.m. Elm St., general information.

1:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:30 a.m. Hull St., and East St., motor vehicle stop,

1:37 a.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity.

12:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious.

12:36 p.m. Beechwood, larceny.

'4:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, registration inquiry.

4:29 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop,

5:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

6 p.m. King St., medical aid.

6:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

7:24 p.m. Hull St,. well being check.

9:17 p.m. North Main St, medical aid.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

6:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle accident.

8:35 a.m. King St., animal control.

8:50 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

9:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, registration inquiry.

10:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: James Silva, 46, 7 Emmitt St., Peabody. Chrgs. op after revocation, 2nd subsequent offense, state highway-fail use care backing.

11:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop.

11:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle accident.

11:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

11:42 a.m. South Main St., larceny.

1:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:20 p.m. Lighthouse Ln., vandalism.

4:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident.

4:55 p.m. Pond St,. and Spring St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:09 p.m. North Main St., and Rocky Ln., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

5:33 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:05 p.m. King St., assist other police dept.

6:22 p.m. parking Way, motor vehicle violations. Traffic citation issued.

6:41 p.m. North Main St,. and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle violations.

7:16 p.m. Lantern Ln., parking complaint.

7:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle accident.

9:40 p.m. North Main St,. threats.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

12:07 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Howe Rd., disturbance.

9:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:34 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:07 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

WORSHIP NEWS

Abbey series

The Benedictine monks in Hingham announce the third speaker in the Glastonbury Abbey series, "Listening to Other Voices: Spirituality in Everyday Life." Charles I. Clough, Jr., chairman and CEO of Clough Capital Partners, L.R., a Boston-based investment firm and chairman of the board of trustees of Boston College will speak on "Spirituality and the Workplace: A Deacon on Wall Street." The talk is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7:15 p.m. at the abbey Conference Center.

The program is free of charge and donations are welcome. Please call for reservations at 781-749-2155.

Citizens for Life

New members are welcome to the next monthly meeting of the South Shore Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life in Hingham. The meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House on Fearing Road, behind St. Paul's School Hall.

The group meets the third Tuesday of each month. Donations and inquiries may be sent to the South Shore Chapter, Massachusetts Citizens for Life, P.O. Box 591, Accord 02018.

POLICE BRIEF

Snow-related accident

Police cited the driver of an SUV for failure to stay within marked lanes in a snow-related accident early Tuesday morning.

Sgt. David Cogill said Chris Leighton, 25, of Hull was driving the 1992 Nissan Pathfinder when it skidded off the road and into a tree at the intersection of Beechwood and King streets at about 3:30 a.m.

Leighton and the two passengers were transported to South Shore Hospital where they were treated and released, Cogill said. Their injuries appeared to be minor, he said. The SUV was towed away.

LEGAL NOTICES

DORMITZER ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 01P3146AA

In the Estate of JULIA M. DORMITZER

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death September 29, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that RALPH DORMITZER of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and JANE DORMITZER-KEENAN of GREENWICH in the State of CONNECTICUT and GREGORY P. DORMITZER of SWAMPSCOTT in the County of ESSEX be appointed administrator with the will annexed of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 6, 2002.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, December 20, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#758017
Cohasset Mariner 1/10/02

GARRISON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 01P3132EP

In the Estate of FREDERICK GARRISON

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 26, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that TIMOTHY P. GARRISON of NATICK in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 6, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, December 20, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
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AD#758013
Cohasset Mariner 1/10/02

ZBA/PILGRIM CO-OPERATIVE BANK
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Thurs., **Jan. 24, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to 6.5.1 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Pilgrim Co-Operative Bank, seeks signage at **800-CJCH** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-12-31
AD#760239
Cohasset Mariner 1/10, 1/17/02

ZBA/31 STOCKBRIDGE ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Thurs., **Jan. 24, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.6 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Peter & Gillian O'Connell seek an addition of non-conforming structure at **31 Stockbridge St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-01-08B

AD#763423
Cohasset Mariner 1/10, 1/17/02

ZBA/491 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Thurs., **Jan. 24, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.8 & 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, William S. Shelton & Margaret M. Fitzpatrick seek an addition of non-conforming structure in a Flood Plain at **491 Jerusalem Rd.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-01-08A.

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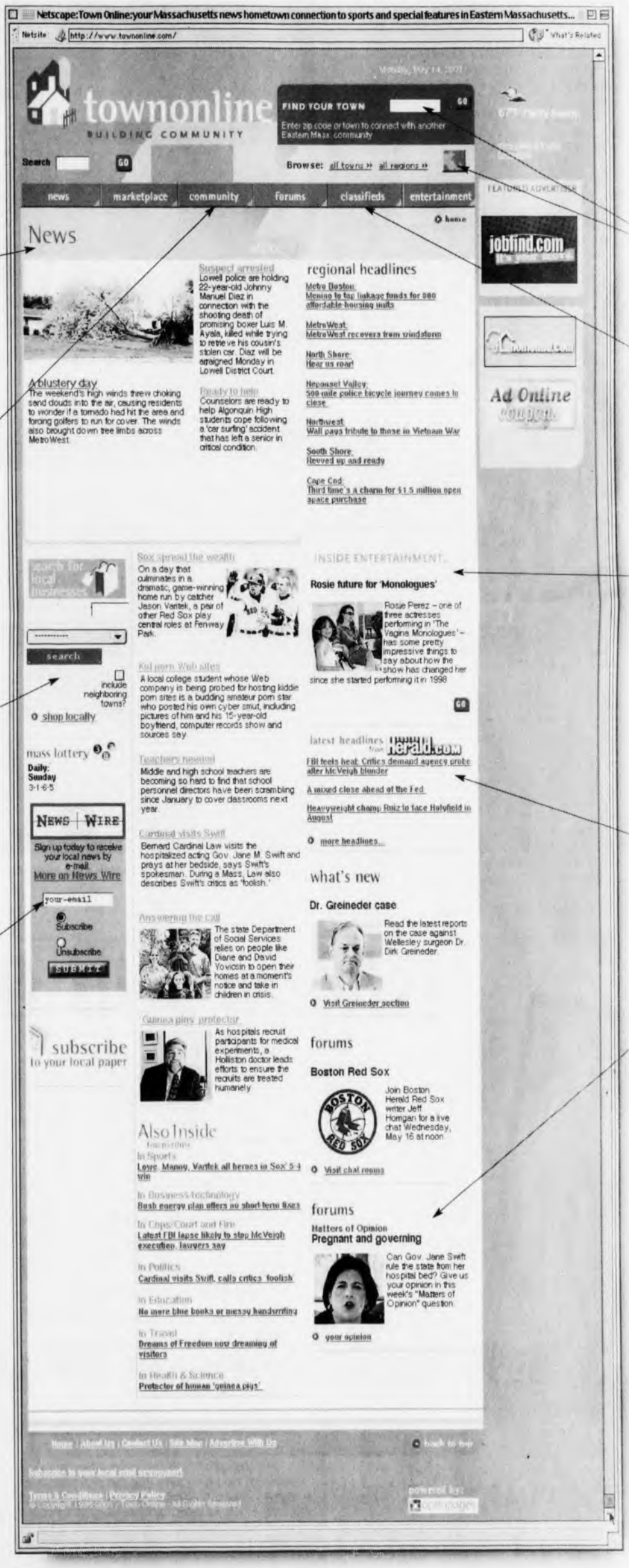

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JANUARY 9 - 11, 2002

The real decoy

Hingham carver carries on a truly American art

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

One of only two indigenous American art forms has its roots, and most of its acclaim, right here on the South Shore. While scrimshaw is a New England-based art tied to the whaling industry of Nantucket, decoy-carving can rightfully be claimed as the South Shore and Cape Cod's own for it's original practical use in the region's hunting tradition.

Such a rarefied art form has seen relatively few practitioners and even fewer masters over time. Even today, there are still a select few in the ranks of professional woodwork decoy artists nationally. One of them is Hingham's Robert Mosher, whose award-winning work is currently on exhibit at the Massachusetts Audubon Society's South Shore Sanctuary in Marshfield.

The show features 22 pieces, with enough refinement and diversity to reflect Mosher's more than 40-year experience with his craft. There are the standard duck like-nesses, most recalling the initial era of function before form, along with waterbirds, shorebirds, songbirds and even a mounted striped bass recreation.

STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Hingham artisan Robert Mosher shows off a pair of bluebill ducks he carved. Mosher's extraordinary decoys are on display through Jan. 26 at the Massachusetts Audubon Society's South Shore Sanctuary in Marshfield.

Raised in Hingham, Mosher began carving decoys as a teenager in high school, his interest sparked by his first exposure to them when hunting with his uncle as a boy. Before long, the artist came to know the names of the original carving masters, most notably the late Elmer Crowell and Joseph Lincoln of East Harwich and Hingham respectively, who crafted the decoys he and his uncle used to lure ducks for dinner. Mosher made his own first decoys to "gun over" while duck hunting and, yes, he still hunts occasionally today.

Like Crowell and Lincoln, Mosher sought from early on to capture the essence of his subjects with emphasis on simplicity of shape and form as well as graphic paint patterns and colors, while avoiding clutter and over-detail. Consequently, several of the artist's show pieces acknowledge the Lincoln influence on an "in the style of" basis, such as complementing Bluebill and Mallard drake-hen sets, and Black Duck, Wood Duck and Merganser renderings.

Mosher's material of choice is northern white cedar, which he carves by hand using draw knives, hand knives and rasps. This wood, which the artist routinely journeys to Maine to stock up on, is friendly to varieties of shapes and forms, as Mosher's exhibit works extend to subjects such as plovers, egrets, swans and Canada geese.

"The artists' market is at a height right now for producing and selling decoys," said Mosher at the recent reception/lecture at the Audubon Society for his show. "There's some widespread public interest these days in decoys as an art form, and not just in New England. It's not bad for a craft that was once used mainly to generate supper."

Mosher also noted that works by his mentor, Crowell, have fetched as much as $300,000 at auction at Sotheby's in New York. The artist's own prices have not been quite so spectacular, much closer to the $170 apiece for which he recently sold a collection of carved shore birds. But he's pleased to mention that his work appears regularly in major decoy auctions.

Robert Mosher's carved birds will be on display through Jan. 26 at the Massachusetts Audubon Society's South Shore Sanctuary, Route 3A in Marshfield. For more information call (781) 837-9400.

Mosher's work can be seen and is for sale at Nine Points Sign Shop 105 South Street in Hingham, or at Robert's home address at 16 Water Street also in Hingham. For more information ca.ll (781)749-6766.

This graceful egret is one of 22 carved birds Hingham woodcarver Robert Mosher is showing this month.

Rivers still flowin'

60s rock legend to perform Jan. 18 at Lombardo's

Johnny Rivers will perform Jan. 18 at Lombardo's in Randolph.

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

On stage, on the radio or behind the scenes, Johnny Rivers was a major presence of 1960s rock and progressive pop. A music-biz entrepreneur as well as performer, Rivers was as notable for founding two record labels, SoulCity and Dunhill Records, and producing or promoting the careers of "West Coast sound" artists such as the Mamas & the Papas, the 5th Dimension and songwriter Jimmy Webb as for his own finely-crafted stream of pop/rock hits including the Chuck Berry covers "Memphis" and "Maybelline," and "Mountain of Love," "Secret Agent Man," "Poor Side of Town" and "Summer Rain" to name just a few.

What's lesser known is Rivers' career since the 60s. The New York-born, Baton Rouge-raised singer/guitarist continued to have hits in the following decade, including the respective Huey "Piano" Smith and Beach Boys covers "Rockin' Pneumonia and the Boogie Woogie Flu" and "Help Me Rhonda" along with "Swayin' to the Music (Slow Dancin')." Rivers has never been away from recording or performing for long since the end of the 1970s, enjoying popularity overseas and particularly in South America. He also found a career resurgence with the wide-scale rediscovery of blues and roots music during the 90s, resulting in two well-praised recent albums on his re-formed SoulCity label, 1998s fresh take on blues, country and rockabilly roots, "Last Train to Memphis," and his triumphant return to his 60s-L.A. stomping grounds, Johnny Rivers Live! — Back at the Whisky released in 2000.

"I've never seen myself as an oldies act. I'm most inspired by the kind of roots music I listened growing up in the South — blues, country, rockabilly, R&B, gospel. I find that there's always new directions to follow in the music and new directions to take it."
Johnny Rivers

Fans who catch Rivers' act Friday at Lombardo's in Randolph can expect more than the predictable offering of vintage hits. They'll also hear a seamless, eclectic mix of Rivers' more recent, deeper-sourced material when the singer and his five-piece band appear in concert Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. The show was rescheduled from its original date of Nov. 2 due to flight cancellations after Sept. 11.

"We've always tried to keep the music fresh and vibrant, and not get stuck in any dead-end routines just playing the same songs the same way all the time," said Rivers, whose given name is John Ramistella. "We play the oldies shows sometimes when we go out on tour, but I've never seen myself as an oldies act. I'm most inspired by the kind of roots music I listened growing up in the South — blues, country, rockabilly, R&B, gospel. I find that there's always new directions to follow in the music and new directions to take it.

"Even the old hits, we often like to play them with a new twist or a new arrangement, give them an updated, contemporary feel and keep them from sounding boring. For instance, we never `Midnight Special' the same way twice. When you're in this business and you have a resourceful past of old hits, you have to play some or most of them when you're out on the road, as people like Bob Dylan, Paul McCartney and Elton John have to. But as an artist, you want to be creative and keep things fresh and interesting," Rivers said.

Rivers plays theatres, state fairs, festivals and casinos along with the occasional oldies show when touring internationally for usually some 50 dates per year. On the oldies circuit, which is where Rivers has most often appeared in the Boston area in recent years, the singer's inclinations towards mixing familiar hits with newer, roots-exploring, more adventurous material has even been ear-opening and enlightening to demographic audiences more used to paler, routine, greatest-hits-live sets from the likes of Gary Lewis, Gary Puckett, Peter Noone or others of Rivers' pop contemporaries of the 60s.

More recently, pockets of loyal, longtime Rivers fans in various areas around the U.S., including Boston, have launched efforts to make their voices heard, circulating petitions to persuade the powers-that-be to recognize the singer with an induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. To date, Rivers has yet to be nominated, much less inducted, in the Hall's sixteen-year history, and to many, the honor and acknowledgement are well overdue.

"I think it's gratifying to have that fan-base out there. I'm not involved in this whole effort personally, but no matter how well you've done in the past, it's always great to have this ongoing listener-ship for someone who's been around as long as I have."

Johnny Rivers will perform at Lombardo's in Randolph Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. For tickets call (866) 468-7619, visit www.ticketweb.com or stop into local Strawberries outlets.

Food & dining

Pasta with Chicken and Broccoli

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Some dishes have no history and, unlike Beef Wellington or Peach Melba, they do not fire the imagination of food writers. They are born homeless, without lineage, and then soon become ubiquitous without public acclaim. However, this particular dish – Pasta with Chicken and Broccoli – deserves attention since it is simple, quick, and a one-dish meal. When well-made, each ingredient is perfectly cooked, the textures and flavors playing off one another like musical instruments. However, we've all had egregious variations on this theme – overcooked broccoli, tough, dry chicken, and a watery sauce – so a bit of investigation seemed in order.

I began with the chicken. I used boneless, skinless chicken breast which was tender and worked well in combination with the pasta and broccoli. The easiest way to prepare the chicken was to simply cut it into bite sized pieces. I tried dredging the pieces in flour but the sauced turned out muddy. Once chopped and well seasoned, I sautéed it over medium high heat in a combination of butter and olive oil until dark golden brown. I found that, for best results, I needed to remove the chicken from the pan and then add it back to the dish at the final stages.

I wanted the broccoli to be tender though not soft. I tried adding it to the skillet to braise in the chicken stock but this idea was discarded since it often resulted in overcooking. (Cooking broccoli requires precision timing and reducing a sauce is imprecise at best.) I tried steaming but this requires an extra pot. Then I remember that Italian cooks often add such ingredients to the pasta as it cooks so I added the broccoli about 3 minutes before the pasta was ready. The broccoli was just tender and then I added it to the sauté pan (along with the pasta) and cooked it for an additional 2 minutes until it was perfectly done.

As for the pasta, I preferred penne, ziti or fusili. (Any pasta that is about the same size as the broccoli and chicken pieces is fine.) I removed the pasta from the cooking water 2 minutes shy of the al dente directions on the package – 9 to 13 minutes for most shapes – and then finished the cooking in the skillet along with the broccoli and sauce.

To build a flavorful sauce, I removed the chicken from the pan, lowered the heat, and added three cloves of minced garlic. (Onion and garlic added little to this dish.) To deglaze the pan I tested Marsala, sherry, dry vermouth and white wine and vastly preferred the latter. Then I added 2 cups chicken stock which, once reduced, would still be enough to coat the pound of pasta. At this point I raised the heat and let the liquid reduce by about two thirds or until a wooden spoon left a trail at the bottom of the pan. The liquid should be thickened, but not quite syrupy, and amber in color. To finish, I added one tablespoon lemon juice, the pasta, broccoli, chicken, one tablespoon butter and two tablespoons olive oil. Over medium heat the mixture is sautéed together for two minutes to finish. Lots of Parmesan cheese and freshly ground black pepper should be considered part of the dish and not just a garnish.

PASTA WITH CHICKEN AND BROCCOLI

Use the Zyliss garlic press if you want to make short work of the three garlic cloves in this recipe. A healthy amount of salt and pepper are essential to make this dish flavorful.

3 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons butter
2 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (one whole) cut into bite sized pieces
1 tablespoon salt plus additional salt for seasoning the chicken
Freshly ground black pepper
3 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
1 cup white wine
2 cups low sodium chicken broth such as Swanson's
1 pound penne, ziti, rigatoni, or other similar sized pasta
1/2 pound broccoli florets, about 3 cups
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. Heat one tablespoon each olive oil and butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Liberally season chicken pieces with salt and freshly ground pepper. Add chicken to the skillet and cook, turning frequently, until deep golden brown, about 8 minutes. Remove and set aside. Reduce heat to medium low. Meanwhile bring 4 quarts of water to a boil in a large pot.

2. Add garlic to skillet and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add wine and scrape up brown bits stuck to the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon or spatula. Boil until wine is reduced by 3/4, about 1 minute. Add chicken stock, increase heat to medium-high and boil until a wooden spoon leaves a trail on the bottom of the pan and liquid is amber colored and slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. (At this point the sauce can be held with the heat extinguished until pasta is ready.) Once water has reached a rolling boil, add 1-tablespoon salt and pasta and cook until pasta is 5 minutes shy of al dente package directions. (The cooking times will vary depending on the brand and shape of the pasta.) Add the broccoli florets to the pasta pot and continue cooking for 3 minutes longer. Once cooked, drain pasta and broccoli and add to the skillet set over medium heat. Add the browned chicken pieces back to the skillet along with the lemon juice and remaining two tablespoons olive oil and tablespoon butter. Sauté for two minutes stirring gently. Adjust seasonings, adding salt to taste if necessary. Serve immediately with freshly grated Parmesan cheese and plenty of ground black pepper.

Serves 4 to 6

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Take advantage of one of the best days of the month for launching new enterprises. Sign contracts, make important decisions, purchases and changes in your business or personal life. The moon enters optimistic Sagittarius at 4:57 a.m. An alignment of Mercury/Neptune at 7:01 a.m. can make for a foggy start. However, influences turn around completely after that, and the green light goes on at 8:00 a.m. An applying alignment of Mercury and Saturn makes this a great evening to work or study. You can be most productive.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

Mercury forms a flowing 120-degree contact to Saturn at 3:37 a.m. There is a rough spot in effect between 8:54-11:54 a.m., however, when the moon and Pluto align. Others may be hypersensitive; hidden feelings or deep resentments can surface. Don't make waves; keep it light. Fortunately, this influence passes over quickly, and the afternoon rates high across the board. It is okay to initiate new activities. Get back in the swing of favorite sports, exercise routines, hobbies.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

At 1:49 a.m. the Sagittarius moon becomes inactive for the remainder of the morning. It may be difficult to focus on practical matters and easy to waste time and energy. To avoid spinning your wheels, make up a list of things to do and stick to it. At 12:18 p.m. the moon enters Capricorn, beginning the final windup to this month's new moon. Plan to handle routine chores, errands and follow through on unfinished projects.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

The dark side of a new moon prompts you to renew your spirit through time spent in solitude, meditation, art or nature. Rather than starting new activities, this is a time to tackle old projects or issues that have been left hanging, review and redo. Others may be pensive or anxious. A kind word or thoughtful gesture will make all the difference.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

The new moon culminates at 8:29 a.m., when the sun and moon align at 23-degrees of Capricorn. This is a great day to spend quality time with family and close friends.Zero in on promises you have made and follow through. At 2:24 p.m. the moon aligns with Mars and becomes inactive until 9:41 p.m., when it enters Aquarius. An applying alignment of the sun and Venus highlights social activities this evening.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

It may be difficult to get back to daily routines and responsibilities. The moon travels in free-spirited Aquarius, and aligns with idealistic Neptune at 1:13 p.m. On the other hand, influences are ideal for working to assist people who are less fortunate or for causes you believe in. Team sports, community projects, charitable endeavors get the green light. The moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn at 2:27 p.m. and with Mercury at 11:43 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

The Aquarius moon may point you in directions you do not normally travel. Keep an open mind. Most likely, things won't go as planned. Look for the silver lining. You may experience sudden flashes of insight, new understanding. Chat, network, collaborate. The Aquarius moon aligns with its planetary ruler, Uranus, at 7:25 p.m. and becomes inactive.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

A lark in the 'Park'

Helen Mirren is a bit uncomfortable around Stephen Frye's prying about.

Gosford Park (B)

If you had to spend eternity with ever-optimistic Dr. Pangloss or Theodore Roosevelt's waspish daughter, Alice Roosevelt Longworth, whose motto was *if you have nothing nice to say about someone, come sit right next to me,* whom would you choose? Sitting, sometimes fitfully, sometimes not, through Robert Altman's slick pastiche, "Gosford Park," I kept beseeching the cinema gods: Please give us another Maggie Smith insult! As Constance, Countess of Trentham, impoverished but acting as if she wasn't a remittance woman, Smith is the movie's black bile. To her, gold-diggers are beneath contempt, an American movie director is not quite human — and Jewish, too — lusts not fully smothered by decorum are unendurable. Her sense of her own superiority easily makes a fancy weekend serve as an ideal forum for judgmentalism.

These aristocrats, would-be aristocrats, pseudo-aristocrats, moneyed or non-moneyed hangers-on and their servants gather for a shooting party at a luxe mansion, and the upstairs-downstairs relationships are quickly delineated. We peer in to see who's sleeping with whom; for instance, the lord of the manor, Sir William McCordle (Michael Gambon), who keeps his relative, the countess, in funds, is sleeping with sexy servant Elsie (Emily Watson); his wife, Lady Sylvia (Kristin Scott Thomas), spotting a likely boy toy, a supposed Scots servant (Ryan Phillippe) but actually a handsome American actor whose lover is an American producer (Bob Balaban), commands him to bring her a glass of warm milk at 1 a.m. *Ah ha,* one says, *Ah ha.*

It's not all sex and snootiness. A famous actor (Jeremy Northam) who plays charming aristocrats *is* charming and also plays piano and sings; dark broodings — are broodings ever light? — make even more gloomy the ill-lighted confines below stairs; some deep secrets — much better than shallow secrets, don't you know? — poke their spunky tendrils through the cracks, yearning to be unearthed; and murder most foul is afoot — actually, is murder ever a-kidney?

Ostensibly the movie's centerpiece, murder is just an excuse to ratchet the frothy comedy up (or down) a notch into what it needn't be. We should care about whodunnit and we do hope it's like Agatha Christy's "Murder on the Orient Express," where everyone dunnit, but when we finally find out who did it, we're pooped and the explanation lets us down. Sometimes it's best not to know. This may be the least consequential murder, ever, in a murder mystery.

The cast is dreamy: Helen Mirren's perfect servant is perfectly morose; Stephen Fry's inept police inspector is the anti-Poirot, and fine turns by Alan Bates, Charles Dance, Derek Jacobi, Clive Owen, James Wilby and a dozen others give vivid flesh and blood to the splendiferous early 1930s ambiance. "Gosford Park" slows down at many junctures; there are some characters, like two sleek chaps who come, hover about and leave, and I'll be darned if I know just who or what they are; and if you're looking for *subtlety* in clues, look elsewhere. Still, High Wasp minutely precise period detail and shrewd acting are not to be sniffed at, and every few minutes Maggie Smith lifts her hooded eyes and flattens someone with a choice apercu.

Written by Julian Fellowes, directed by Robert Altman. Rated R

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BIG BROTHER & THE HOLDING COMPANY, Janis Joplin's original band, along with veteran vocalist, **Lisa Mills** will be making a rare area appearance with a stop at The Company Theatre in Norwell on Feb. 2. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord park Dr., in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $27 for general admission, and $50 for VIP tickets, which include reserved seats and a reception with the performers.

THE SWING BAND OF THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA will perform Jan. 26, at the PartyLite Worldwide Headquarters, 59 Armstrong Road in the Plymouth Industrial Park. Seating will be at tables of eight surrounding the dance floor and in the balcony overlooking the floor. In keeping with the cabaret-style surroundings, refreshments will be available. A table of eight is $250; individual table seats are $35. Proceeds will help the orchestra meet the additional expenses in this season "on the road." Reservations are required. to order tickets call the Phil office at 508-746-8008.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC presents "A Symphonic Valentine" concert held on Feb. 9, and 10. Both performances are in the Duxbury High School auditorium; the Feb. 9 concert begins at 8 p.m. and Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $28, $25, and $20. Senior and youth discounts are available. Also, $5 student "Rush" tickets are sold at the door one hour before performance time. For information call 508-746-8008.

ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER inspired by the 1977 film and its score by the Bee Gees, comes to Boston's Wang Theatre on Jan. 22 and runs through Jan. 27. Adapted for the stage by Tony nominee Nan Knighton, Saturday Night Fever is directed and choreographed by Arlene Phillips and features a cast of 33 leading Broadway singers and dancers assembled by the Broadway production's entire award-winning creative team. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $45/$55/$65/$75. Group discounts are available for all performances except Friday and Saturday evenings. Special student group discounts are available only for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening performances at $30. Tickets are on sale now at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont Street or through Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400. For TTY ticket orders call 1-888-889-8587. For all other information call The Wang Theatre at 617-482-9393.

BROADWAY IN BOSTON presents **THE GRADUATE** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27m at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

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The Sheraton Plymouth will host a Murder Mystery Weekend Jan. 12-13, "WHODUNIT?" The cast themselves are part of the audience and they slowly over the course of their production drop subtle hints and clues to lead the guests to solving the crime. For information on the Murder Mystery weekend, call The Sheraton Plymouth at 508-747-4900.

(Teen II class: Ana Sahroodi, Taylor Glynn, Amanda Cuddy, Tina Sampson, Erika Johnson, Danielle Taleas, and Amy Duthie. Pre-teen II Class: Lexi Muller, Erika Voss, Kati Farquharson, and Elizabeth Rogers.)

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Personal Best Salon in Pembroke will host a graduation fashion show on Jan. 12. All proceeds from ticket sales and raffles will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The salon offers a modeling and finishing program for girls, ages 6 to 17. Classes include personal grooming, etiquette, runway modeling, photography, hair care and other offerings. The fashion show will be held at the Pembroke Knights of Columbus. For more information call Maria Wood at 781-826-0241.

Thurs. 10

Singles in the Suburbs is a non-profit club for singles from ages 21 to 45 offering activities for people to meet in a casual environment. For information and a newsletter, call 781-721-4220.

Fri. 11

South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will present the play **"Clue"** on Jan. 11, 12, 18,, and 19 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 13, 20, at 4:30 p.m. Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. Adult $8 Child $5. For reservations or information call 508-747-1234.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $5 SSS members, $8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For more information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoressingles.org

Boston Harbor Hotel announced it will host the **13th Annual Boston Wine Festival.** The series which will kickoff Jan. 11, and continue through April 5, will include a number of events such as educational seminars, charity affairs, the battle of the cabernets, and wine and food pairing dinners that have become the signature of the festival. Chef Daniel Bruce will produce menus to be paired with some very special and rare wines. Come hear the wine makers tell their tales and showcase their talents. More than 50 events are scheduled, including: seminars, vertical tastings, dinner dances and celebrity guests. There will be 50 wines showcased throughout this year's festival. For more information call 617-439-7000.

Sat. 12

Howie Newman appearing at **Javawocky Coffeehouse** Jan. 12 . Javawocky Coffeehouse is located at the UU Church of Brockton, 325 West Elm St. Readings by local poets will open the show. Suggested donation for the 7:30 p.m. show is $5. For further information call 508-588-2950.

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Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Square, Bridgewater, featuring **(you can call me) Susan Mahn**. For more information call 508-279-9952. Free admission pass the hat for feature. Open mike signup at 7:30 p.m.

The DNA Chamber Players featuring guitarist Louis Arnold and clarinet-player Robert D'Ambrosio.will perform original works for clarinet and guitar as well as many traditional classical pieces in the Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington Street, Braintree, Jan. 12, 3 p.m. Call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

North and South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors seminar; **Thinking about buying a kayak?** Jan. 12 10 a.m. to noon at Crawford Boating building in Marshfield. The kayak craze is underway. Get information you need to buy the boat best suited for you for the next Watershed event and the Great River Race. Crawford Boatbuilding is located on the South River at 1245 Ferry St., in Marshfield. Refreshments included in the suggested donation of $5. Space is limited and pre-registration is mandatory. For more information, call 781-659-8169 or email NSRWA@aol.com

"Rhythm of Our Lives" retreat for women at **Alice's House,** Humarock in Scituate on Jan. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. $99 includes donation to Alice's House, a non-profit sanctuary for spiritual renewal. Life-writing brings clarity and comfort especially during times of change. Take time to experience the flow of your life; reflect in your journal, walk the beach, and enjoy good company in a homey waterfront setting south of Boston. Advance registration required and group size is limited. Call 617-479-6831. or email journalguru@yahoo.com for registration and program details. Future dates will be March 16, and May 18.

Sun. 13

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents recent works, collage and water color by **Gracia P. Dayton** now through Feb. 28 with a demonstration and reception Jan. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. Merry Meeting Room Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. Duxbury. For information call 7810934-2721.

Summer Opportunities Fair at Milton Academy, Jan. 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the boy's gym at Milton Academy, 170 Centre Street, Milton, for students ages 8 to 18. Meet directors from more than 85 programs

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Mon. 14

The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery located at the corner of School and Summer Streets in Bridgewater will exhibit the work of members of **the Portuguese-American Artist Association**, Jan. 14 through Feb. 8. A non-profit art association whose mission is to showcase the creative and visual talents of the Portuguese-American community, the work is diverse, ranging from abstract art to printmaking to ceramic sculpture. All of the artists are of Portuguese-American descent. For information call 508-531-1359.

Tues. 15

Watercolor Workshop with Elizabeth Pratt. Duxbury Art Association offers three-day workshop with visiting artist Jan. 15-17, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit duxburyart.org

Wed. 16

North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Science Center and the Massachusetts Audubon present **Seals of Massachusetts**, Jan. 16, 7 p.m. at Massachusetts Audubon Sanctuary in Marshfield. Admission is free of charge. Bob Prescott, Director of the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary will talk about a topic that intrigues us all – local seals. The presence of seals along the South Shore during late fall into early spring has been as constant as tides over the years, but many residents are surprised to observe a harbor seal at rest on the beach or swimming in the North or south Rivers. Become familiar with the evolving natural history of the seals that may migrate to the south Shore and Cape Cod for a winter vacation. For more information call 781-837-9400.

Thomas F. Williams to host seminar on contract law at Plymouth and South Shore Board of Realtors, 48 Schoosett St., Pembroke, Jan. 16, from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. Call 781-826-5139 by Jan.11, to reserve a space. $20 for Plymouth and South Shore Board of Realtors members and $30 for nonmembers.

Thurs. 17

The Plymouth County Beekeepers Association will sponsor its 22nd annual Beginners' Beekeepers School at the Plymouth County Extension building on High Street in Hanson. Course runs seven two-hour sessions on alternate Thursday evenings. Registration will be held the first night of the course on Jan. 17 at 6:45 p.m. For information call Howard Scott 781-293-9027 or Lee Benford 781-837-9050.

Benedictine Monks in Hingham announce third speaker **in The Glastonbury Series Listening to Other Voices; Spirituality in Everyday Life. Charles I. Clough, Jr,** Chairman and CEO of the Clough Partners, L.P., Boston based investment firm, will speak on the topic of **Spirituality and the Workplace: A Deacon on Wall Street,** Jan. 17, 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center. Free of charge, donations welcome. Call 781-749-2155 for reservations.

Fri. 18

BeanZee's 203 Café, a specialty coffee, tea, beverage and food shoppe at The Hanover Mall will present **Dana Lipp** as its featured poet on Jan. 18, from 7:30 p.m. Open Mike.

Johnny Rivers will perform at Lombardo's in Randolph, Jan. 18, for an 8 p.m. show. Tickets are $32. Johnny Rivers, the man who recorded the unforgettable "Secret Agent Man" will perform with his red-hot-band. Call 866-468-7619 for tickets or www.ticketweb.com Tickets are also available at all Strawberries outlets. Lombardo's is located off Exit 5a off Rt. 128 on the Randolph/Milton line.

Sophisticated Singles cocktail party and social Jan. 18, at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rt. 228 Rockland. :Live music by The Ron Towers Band, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. Single professionals 35-55 years old. Cost $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Proper dress required. Tuxedos admitted free. Sponsored by Single Executives Club and the Young Professionals Club.

South Shore Folk Music Club, hosts its annual **All Open Mike Night.** If you sing, play an instrument, tell stories or recite poetry, share your talent. $4 members $5 non-members. All events begin at 8 p.m. doors open at 7:30 p.m. at The Beal House, Rt. 106 in Kingston. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available and the hall is handicapped accessible. For information call 781-871-1052.

Ongoing Events

Snow Tubing at Blue Hills Ski Area will have yet another new adventure for winter enthusiasts this coming season. With a new infinite snowboarding park already set, the management of Blue Hills Ski Area announce plans for a new **snow tubing park.** Snow tubing is a no-skills way to get out on the slopes. Specially groomed walls and a stopping area will keep tubers safely inside the slick chute and insure a nice easy end to a wild and fun ride. Tubers will also be able to enjoy the ride back up the hill as they're whisked away by handle tow, while seated comfortably on their tube. Two hours of sliding and careening will cost $14.

Braintree Art Association member **Isobel Shamitz** will display her paintings at the **Thayer Public Library**, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. The exhibit will run from Jan. 7 through Jan. 18.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury, will present recent works, watercolors and collages by Lexington artist, **Gracia Dayton** from Jan. 4 though Feb. 28. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-934-2721.

James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, will host a show of recent oil painting and watercolors by local artist **Jeff Bellerose** during the month of January. The show, entitled, "Vista" will be on view from Jan. 4 through Jan. 31. For more information call, 781-659-7100.

South Shore Art Center January Watercolor Wakeup Water colorist **Mary Lizotte** will present a five-week special workshop beginning Jan. 4, through Feb. 1. The class will include study in composition, shapes, scale, washes, line and texture choices. Tuition $170 ($150 for SSAC members) Call 781-383-2787 for more information.

Weymouth Art Association's artist of the month, Isabel Shamitz, will exhibit her paintings at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513.

Staircase Gallery in Scituate will feature the photography works of Tim Ryan during the months of January and February.

The South Shore Science Center announces **Patterns, Outdoors, and Beyond,** a photography exhibit by retired Hingham physician, **Dick Norton,** in the Vine Hall Gallery, from now until Jan. 28. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Weymouth Art Association will display local artwork around town. Locations include various offices in the Town Hall, Snyder Jewelers, Jordan Insurance, Rizzo Insurance, Colonial Federal Savings Bank.

Duxbury Art Association and sponsored by Longwood Partners, LP Investment Partnership, Will Robinson's **Lost in Space** opens in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts now and continues through Feb. 1. The show included 40 works done in classes entitled "Draw-Paint-Explore!" classes taught by DAA faculty member Willard Robinson. The exhibition is open to the public.

The Scituate Arts Association is featuring the works of gallery artists from now through Feb. 3. On display will be original works in a variety of media, many of which will be priced below $150 All proceeds benefit Scituate Arts Association.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum - Featured among the more than 70 original costumes and accessories worn by Jacqueline Kennedy are the two outfits she wore to the Christmas receptions for White House staff. The White House years – Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum now being presented through Feb. 28. Tickets are $15 for adults $13 for seniors and students, and $8 for children ages 13-17, and include admission to the Museum's permanent exhibition on President John F. Kennedy. For information call 617-695-2JFK. Reservations recommended for weekends.

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by **Alison Martin Davidson** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street in Marshfield Center. The show will run from now until Jan. 13, open for viewing by the public Monday-Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. with a reception at the Ventress Library, Monday, Nov. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

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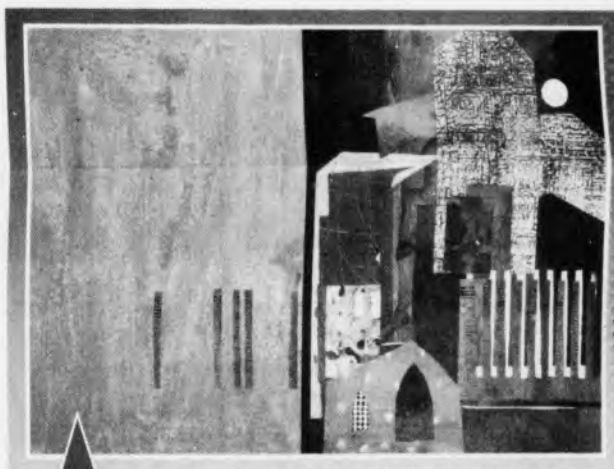
BEST BET

The South Shore Art Center features Qingxiong Ma: Chinese Brushstroke on Canvas from Jan. 11 to Feb. 24. An opening reception will be held Friday, Jan. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. The art center is located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information call (781) 383-2787.



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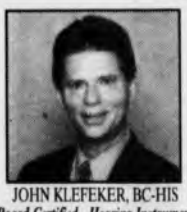
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Group wants to save Great Neck from development

Sees parkland expanded by acquiring parcels

By Mary Ford
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The easy part for a group of local citizens, who have joined forces with the Cohasset Land Conservation Trust, a non-profit organization, will be to raise awareness of one of the town's open space gems — Great Brewster Woods.

Owned by the land trust, the 25-acre parcel provides walking trails where people like Mimi White can escape to commune with nature.

"I walk down Beach Street, cut in and come out by St. Stephen's then I go to French Memories for coffee and a croissant, turn around and come back," the Sheldon Road resident said. "I'm a regular user."

But the challenge that lies ahead for the Great Neck Preservation Group — consisting of Beach Street, Little Harbor and Sandy Cove neighbors and other concerned citizens — is winning support to obtain an additional 13-plus acres of land off Beach Street that is contiguous to Great Brewster Woods and could be added to the town's open space rolls. The privately owned land, which is also part of Great Neck, an area of spectacular ledge outcroppings and woods above and east of the common, is being eyed for development. If acquired for conservation purposes, the town could combine it with Great Brewster Woods to provide a largely contiguous tract of open space for passive recreation.

Barry and Carla Getto, who live on seven acres in Great Neck, have agreed to permanently restrict development of their land contingent on the open space plan working out. But persuading the other two landowners may not be easy.

Ellen Morrissey, who owns two lots, said the land is very valuable with "major views."

"Plans are to build three houses on 14 acres — that's not hard to live with," she said. Morrissey, who described the Great Neck group's effort as "an absurd waste of time," didn't think the Town of Cohasset would support losing the valuable tax revenue that developing the property would bring.

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No pact yet on plant's looks

By Evan Schiff
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The Sewer Commission and residents concerned over the aesthetics of the Elm Street sewer plant are finally on the same page...maybe.

After weeks of contentious debate between the two sides, it seems there may be an agreed upon design for improvements to the plant. While nothing is set in stone, the current plan calls for the sides of the main building to be painted and the roof to be redone. Residents are also asking for windows to be put in on the side of the main building and for landscaping to screen the outer buildings.

"We're coming to a nice resolution," Sewer Commission chairman Gary Vanderweil told selectmen Tuesday.

However, some residents feel the

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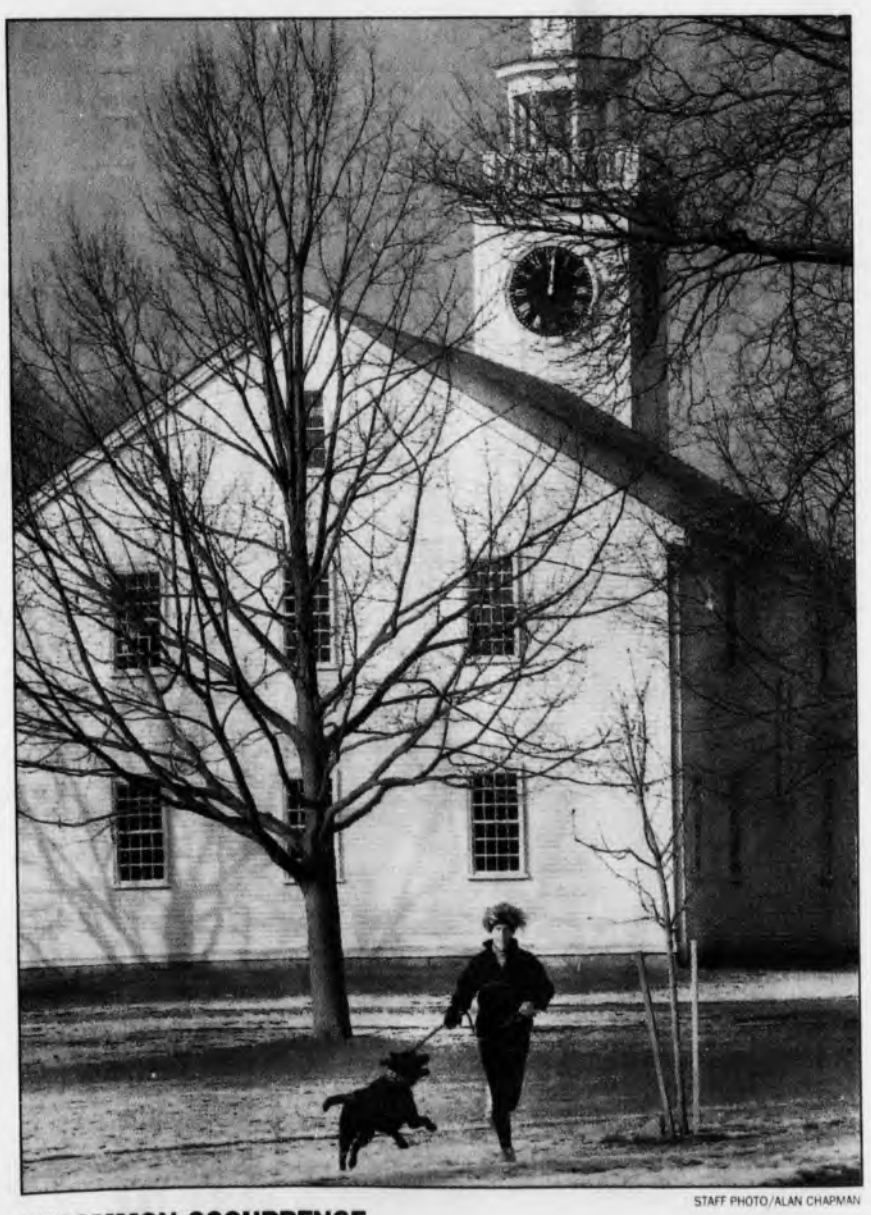
WALL OF HONOR

A new display honoring all 22 Cohasset soldiers, who lost their lives in wartime since World War I, is now in place on the wall across from the Town Clerk's office. Last September, selectmen approved the project, which was paid for through private donations from local citizens.



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UNCOMMON OCCURRENCE

Trish Berube runs with her dog KoKo across the snow-covered town common. There has been precious little of the white stuff in town so far this winter.

Not enough elective courses for Cohasset High upperclassmen

Principal wants to see that change

By Mary Ford
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If Cohasset High School lacks anything it's not a motivated student body — whose scores on MCAS, SATs and Advanced Placement tests are among the best in the state — but the ability to offer a range of electives.

The students' high achievement has a lot to do with block scheduling, says Principal Michael Jones. Block scheduling is an education system in which classes are 90 minutes in length and meet four times a week, rather than the 45 minutes a day in a "conventional" high school.

But increasing time on task enables students to move more quickly through academic requirements. Blocks also provide teachers will much more flexibility in their instructional time.

"Students get through their required courses and can take upper-class electives, but we don't have them to offer."
— Principal Michael Jones

"With five periods of block scheduling, students can move through a course in one semester instead of two, and complete eight or nine courses in a year — as opposed to six or seven in a conventional high school," Jones said.

That means a student can take two years of math or two years of science in a single year.

"That advantage in part accounts for our high MCAS scores," Jones said. Teachers also teach three courses at a time, rather than four, so with class sizes at 22 or 23, teachers work with 70 students each semester rather than 100 or more.

But the "down" side in a small school like Cohasset High is the need to offer more upper-class electives to students, who have completed their required courses, and not having enough staff to do that.

If Jones has his way, however, that will start to change. He's asking for two new teaching positions in his

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South Shore Vo-Tech gets high marks

By Evan Schiff
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Perceptions can be misleading. The common understanding in Cohasset about the South Shore Vocational Technical High School is that it is filled with students who could not handle the rigorous academic schedule provided by Cohasset Public Schools. That is not the case.

"The perception of our school as not being as academically competitive as others is difficult to change," said Supt. John Kosko. "However, once people become informed about what we offer, they realize their ideas are inaccurate."

The South Shore Vocational Technical High School is celebrating its 40th year in existence but has yet to capture the hearts, and students of Cohasset.

Historically, there have never been many Cohasset teens at VoTech, and this year, out of 540 students there are only seven.

"Cohasset is pretty homogenous," said Cohasset Supt. Edward Malvey. "Most in town are more interested in a traditional track that sends students to a four-year college program after graduation."

Vo-Tech draws from eight towns on the South Shore including Abington, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate, Whitman and Cohasset. Whitman and Rockland routinely supply the most students and Cohasset consistently sends the fewest.

It's not from a lack of trying that VoTech has such a small population of Cohasset students. The school visits the eighth-grade every year and gives a presentation, which includes a video, to the teens.

"We try to communicate to the kids that there is a vast array of programs we offer and they are not eliminating college by attending our school," said guidance counselor Kate Schwabe. "It's not a dead end by any means."

While Vo-Tech does send students onto higher education, about 40 per-

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DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield is set to retire

Will leave after 42 years of service

By Evan Schiff
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Harold Litchfield, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, officially announced his retirement in a letter to selectmen last week.

Lithcfield, who said he has enjoyed his time in Cohasset, will be leaving his post on April 1 .

"He's the most hardworking and knowledgeable employee I have ever worked with," Town Manager Mark Haddad said. "He will be very hard to replace."

Litchfield came to work for the highway department as a laborer back on Nov. 10, 1960.

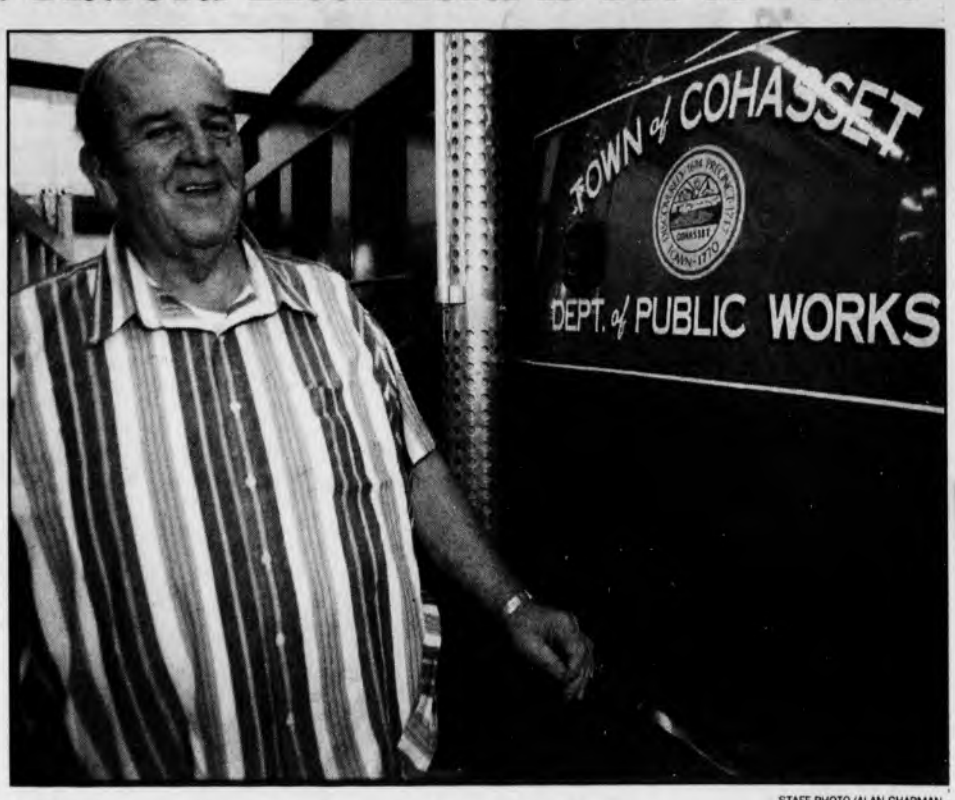
He was elected as highway surveyor back in 1978 and served six, three-year terms before Cohasset created a Department of Public Works in 1995.

Litchfield worked his way up the ladder to truck driver and heavy equipment operator before being elected to head the department.

The DPW oversees the highways, the cemeteries and parks, the RTF and the maintenance of all town buildings.

As well, the Cohasset DPW, with its three big and five small sanders and four plows, is responsible for plowing the 37 miles of accepted roads in Cohasset and 11 miles of private ways during inclement weather. MassHighway takes care of Route 3A, a state highway.

What most impressed Haddad about Litchfield's accomplishments is that he worked with limited resources. There are four people who work in the highway department, four who work in the cemetery and park department, 3 fi positions at the RTF and four in the maintenance department.



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DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield plans to step down after 42 years of public service.

"There are not a lot of people who work in the DPW," Haddad said. "He's able to get water from a stone."

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said Litchfield is an outstanding highway surveyor and described his retirement as "a great loss to the town."

Selectman Michael Sullivan agreed.

"He's done a fabulous job for over 40 years," Sullivan said. "He always brought humor to the job."

Haddad said Litchfield planned on retiring some years ago but he was able to convince him to stay on longer.

Haddad said he is not sure what the process will be for replacing Litchfield but will take Litchfield's recommendation of Carl Sestito "into strong consideration." This will be Haddad's third replacement in less than a year. He is currently in the process of finding replacements for Police Chief Brian Noonan and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln.

"We have lost a lot of hard-working dedicated people in the last year," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris.

Litchfield says he has no immediate plans for his retirement just some rest and relaxation.

Litchfield was paid $65,000 last year.

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Cohasset Conservation Commission, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Housing, Jan. 23, 9 a.m.

Democratic Caucus, Feb. 2, 9:30 a.m.

School Committee, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Committee on Town History, Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Youth Resources Committee, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Correction

In a story about the library ground breaking, the Mariner should have reported items from the old library will not be transferred from the old Paul Pratt Library building to the new library until construction is completed. The size of the Paul Pratt building is not 24,630 square feet, as reported, but 9,300 square feet. The lot is 24,630 square feet.

Greenbush concerns

Selectmen chairman Fred Koed wrote a letter to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority outlining concerns selectmen have about the contract that was awarded and asks the MBTA to reject the low bid. Two weeks ago, the MBTA awarded the construction bid to Balfour Beatty Construction Company of England which has teamed with Jay Cashman Incorporated for the project.

In his letter, Koed outlines several reasons the construction companies should not be trusted.

The State of Pennsylvania has banned Balfour Beatty from working on state projects for three years and fined it $7 million. As well, Balfour Beatty will stand trial in South Africa for its connection with a multimillion dollar bribery and corruption case to win an engineering contract. Officials for the company are accused of accepting more than $2 million in bribes while constructing a hydroelectric dam. Balfour Beatty was also involved in a 1994 bribery scandal in Malaysia.

Koed said the board is troubled by the reports of prior problems and feels Balfour Beatty is not qualified to work on Greenbush construction.

ZBA resignation

Lisa Hewitt Dick, 3 Arrowhead St., will be resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he received a letter informing him of the decision earlier this week.

Chairman of the ZBA Woody Chittick recommended Mark Dunne, 21 Beach St., to take her place. Chittick said Dunne's background as a developer would serve the board well.

"The one skill that is lacking on the ZBA is a developer's expertise," Chittick said. "Dunne is a replacement who will serve the town well."

Selectmen approved the appointment.

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School board meeting reaches boiling point

Heating system is work in progress

By Mary Ford
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School budget discussions have been known to make temperatures rise.

But during the first School Committee meeting of the New Year, the sweltering conditions were not caused by high emotion.

The new boilers are installed and working, explained a rosy-cheeked Supt. Edward Malvey to the committee and those in attendance, who resorted to using their budget summaries as fans. The school board meets in the old high school Dorr gym, which is being used as a makeshift library during construction.

The days of the old boiler system — which had operated on a "wing and a prayer" in recent years — are over, but some of the vestiges of heating system remain such as, the 50-year-old thermostats and air-handling units that are still in place. Those new delivery systems will be phased in as the middle-high school renovation project continues.

"It's toasty here. But at my office you get into the deep freeze."

— Supt. Edward Malvey

"If you feel the heat, that's a good sign — we're warm," said Malvey, explaining the new boilers were working into old pipes.

"It's toasty here," he said. "But at my office you get into the deep freeze." Malvey's office is at the other end of the school, in the middle-school wing.

Simon Tempest, school building project manager, said in a telephone interview that heating problems, which are preexisting, have nothing to do with the contractor. He said plans are to install temporary radio controls around the building that can relay messages when to shut off back to the boiler to avoid over heating some areas.

"We're aware of it and we're attempting to resolve it," he said about heating fluctuations. Tempest said when the new heating system is completely installed it will have sophisticated computer controls.

But in the interim, Malvey, who was clad in shirtsleeves, said the winter could be a warm one for the School Committee.

"This winter is going to be real warm for us until we can coordinate the timing so we're not freezing one side and toasting the other side," he said.

That provided little comfort for those in attendance and prompted one woman to say she'd lost two pounds that night.

School budget talks begin

By Mary Ford
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"Base Budget," "Needs Budget," and "Town Manager Budget" are not the same thing, Supt. Edward Malvey said.

In the fiscal year 2003 "worksheet" distributed to School Committee members at their last meeting, Malvey explained the three budgets, which are hundreds of thousands of dollars apart.

If the proposed budget is level funded to only include contractual salary increases it would jump by about $410,000 — a 4 percent hike over last year's $10.6 million budget.

The proposed "needs" budget that includes requests from the principals and department heads is 11.5 percent or $1.174 million over last year.

But Town Manager Mark Haddad is asking the schools to take the middle ground and keep the total budget increase within $600,000 or just under 6 percent.

"This is a work in progress," Malvey said about budget talks. "No final decisions have been made and no final budget figure is established." He said the target date to finalize the budget is mid-February.

Haddad is also recommending not fully funding the school budget at the annual Town Meeting as has been the practice for the past two years. In his budget report to selectmen and the Advisory Committee he explained it is "crucial" this year to follow that course of action because of uncertainty over state aid. School union contracts are also being negotiated.

"Waiting until the fall, the School Committee will be able to determine its needs more precisely," Haddad stated. He is therefore recommending an increase of 4.88 percent or $500,000 at this time, and if the schools need an additional increase of $100,000 as was the case in fiscal year 2002 – the overall increase would be 5.88 percent. The additional money would be appropriated at the fall Special Town Meeting.

Malvey told the School Committee the school department doesn't necessarily agree with Haddad's recommendation to "under-fund" the budget again.

"We expressed, we weren't proposing that ourselves this year," he said.

The total Cohasset proposed operating budget, including the schools, is $27.8 million for fiscal year 2003, which starts July 1.

Not enough elective courses for Cohasset High upperclassmen

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fiscal year 2003 budget request, one in English and one in Social Studies, at a salary of about $40,000 each.

Increasing enrollment is also driving the request. This spring CHS will graduate 81 students and expects to have 104 freshmen in the fall — an increase of more than 20.

"The increase will impact almost every discipline," Jones said. The two new positions will also provide more flexibility in terms of offering electives some of which, like psychology, are oversubscribed.

The elimination of study halls, which became history when state education reform took effect in the early 1990s requiring a minimum number of hours of "direct instruction," also contributes to the need for more electives. In order to achieve the state requirement, students are expected to take courses throughout the day.

"We never really had the staff to schedule students for classes every period," Jones said in an interview Friday. He explained students have been able to undertake an independent study, a teacher assistance-ship or community service project to fill in the gaps. Some of those programs were excellent but some were "fillers," Jones said.

"We want to make sure those are viable academic options and don't constitute simply a holding area for seniors until they graduate," he explained. Some seniors are taking two or three successive quarters of gym because they couldn't be scheduled elsewhere. More electives would mean more options, Jones said.

"Students get through their required courses and can take upper-class electives, but we don't have them to offer," he said. Thirty-six signed up for psychology, for example, and 31 are in a class on domestic issues. Jones would like to be able to offer electives in journalism and drama and be able to maintain some classes with small enrollments.

Jones presented his request for new teaching positions at a recent School Committee meeting as part of his $4.7 million fiscal year 2003 budget proposal.

School Committee member Chartis Langmaid said Cohasset can't be as flexible as large school districts and taxpayers should realize the number of teachers is not only driven by enrollment but by the courses students need.

"It's ridiculous having seniors at CHS twiddling their thumbs," she said.

Supt. Edward Malvey said schools have been driven by the "accountability era."

"If we truly look at what education is all about, it is to enrich a student's life and we need to get back to that," he said. "I would love to see us build in more variety so youngsters have something they can excel in — to me this is what education is all about."

He also said offering electives "of a quality nature" is something the school department would be dealing with over the next several years.

Jones said Friday high academic standards at CHS have not overburdened the students.

"They are active, engaged, high-achieving students," Jones said, adding a walk in halls also shows they are a happy group.

"There are a lot of smiles," he said.

Sewer rates to increase in July

The Sewer Commission presented its proposed $881,000 Fiscal Year 2003 budget to Selectmen Tuesday. The budget increases the rate for users in North Cohasset as well as in central Cohasset. In North Cohasset, the rate will be raised from $4 to $5.46 per 100 cubic feet. In central Cohasset, the rate will be raised from $3.70 to $4.93 per 100 cubic feet. A fixed fee of $35 a quarter will be kept in place. The rate changes will take effect in July.

According to sewer commissioner Raymond Kasperowicz, one of the reasons the rates are going up is because the town is connecting almost 700 new users to the sewer with most of the additions coming from the Veterans Hill side of Lily Pond. The sewer department will also switch to an enterprise fund, which allows the Sewer Commission to make necessary purchases, such as replacement parts, without going to Town Meeting for an appropriation. The enterprise fund is funded by the users.

"The enterprise fund makes it easier for us to make improvements to our plant," said Gary Vanderweil, chairman of the Sewer Commission. "We are now self-sufficient."

Burning season is underway

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis through May 1 for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch Center at 781-383-0260 from 9 am.-2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

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COLD SEASON

Hello Cohasset. The middle of January is here and so are the viruses and other bugs that plague us around this time each year. Make sure to keep plenty of tissues around, encourage a lot of hand-washing and if your child is sick, *please* keep them home from school or other activities to help slow the spreading of all this yucky stuff! I want to remind all parents of two no-school days that are coming up. This coming Monday, Jan. 21 there is no school in celebration and remembrance of Martin Luther King and the following Monday, Jan. 28 is a no-school day for Cohasset Public Schools for a professional day. Who knows, maybe we will get some more snow for these days at home.

HONEST FEELINGS

I wanted to share a little personal note about a column that I had written before the holidays. I am sure a lot of you remember the column that I had written in complete frustration with peoples behaviors and attitudes, including my own. I was very nervous about that column and actually left town for the day when it came out. I was so shocked to come home to four messages that night and then, an additional 13 in the days to follow. Yes, three of them were very negative and that I had expected and is part of sharing your views and feelings with others. The other comments were all in favor of the column and several actually thanked me for pointing out these behaviors and issues.

The two most heart-warming and mind-opening comments were from an 11-year-old girl and a 87-year-old citizen, both who were so honest and took the time to share their own feelings with me. This amazing 11-year-old had just read the column with her parents and her words were, "I don't know why all the grown-ups get so mad and grouchy, I am glad that they don't have to come to my school or go on the bus. Well, at least if they did, Mr. Callahan and the bus drivers could get them in trouble and make them have some punishment. I keep trying to help my friends be nice even when it is a hard thing to be nice about, it doesn't always work but sometimes it does."

Then, I received a call from a dear elderly citizen who was in tears as we talked and of course, my tears were flowing as well. This woman has lived in Cohasset for most of her life and she says that the last 10-15 years have been horrible for her to witness the behaviors of adults my age (in our 30s-40s) and then, to see how our children behave. As she goes to church and no one tries to help her when needed or on the few occasions that she gets to the stores, she says it is so upsetting for her to watch and listen to all the negative behaviors and comments that come from so many. When I asked her why she thought this was happening, her answer was "I don't really know, maybe we all just forget what is important to everyone and focus too much on ourselves." This young child and touching elderly woman really made a difference to me.

Thank you so much for these phone calls and also, to everyone who comments by email or phone. I know that for me, I have so much to work on, does anyone care to join me?

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Joel R. Carpenter of Cohasset, was among 55 Boston College High School seniors who recently received word that they had been accepted at the colleges and universities of their choice. The colleges and universities eagerly accepted these students because of their excellence and promise in academics, extracurricular activities, sports and community service. Joel has been accepted at St. Lawrence University. Great news, Joel and the best of luck to you.

Amanda Cellucci, a senior at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, has been accepted under the early decision program to Roger Williams University Feinstein College of Arts & Sciences in Bristol, Rhode Island. She will be a member of the freshman class of 2006 entering in the fall. Amanda will be an elementary education major. Her parents are so proud of her as they should be. Congratulations.

KINDERGARTEN SIGNUPS

Speaking of schools and whatnot, it is registration time at the Joseph Osgood School for all new, incoming Kindergarten children. Starting this week, you can go to the office at the Osgood with a copy of your child's birth certificate and sign him/her up for a fantastic year in Kindergarten. This process will be ongoing throughout the remainder of the year but why wait when you can take care of it now. If you have any questions at all, please call the main office at 781-383-6117.

QUILT SHOW

Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2 as the Second Congregational Church will hold its ninth Annual Quilt Show and Luncheon. Proceeds from this event benefit the Children's AIDS Program in Mattapan and REACH OUT and READ, a program at Boston Medical Center's pediatric clinic which provides young children with a new book at every check up. With more than 55 quilts on display each year, this show is a great success. If you would like to show a quilt or have any questions, call **DeeDee** at the church office at 781-383-0345 or **Carol Sandblom** at 781-383-1812 by Jan. 21.

'BEACH BASH'

Looking for a taste of summer? Don't forget about the South Shore Art Center's Wintertime "Beach Bash" being held on Saturday, January 26 at the Atlantica from 7 p.m.-12 a.m.. Enjoy the transformation of the restaurant into a summertime resort with beach games, lifeguards, summer sounds and more. Tickets for this event are $100 per person($85 for members of the SSAC) and include a wonderful dinner buffet from clam chowder to beef tenderloin! The popular local band, "The Grateful Dads" will keep everyone dancing all evening long. For tickets or more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

AMATEUR GARDENERS

The Amateur Gardeners of Cohasset will hold its January meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 9 a.m. at the Lightkeepers Cottage on Government Island. An easy and attractive craft project is planned for the program. All are welcome.

CHS 20TH REUNION

The next meeting for planning the Class of 1982 20th Reunion will be in Cohasset on Sunday eve, Feb 10. If you are interested in helping out or if you know of anyone from Class of 1982, please have them contact **Marcy Brown Fleming** at 781-585-9913 or email her at marcydon @msn.com

That is all for this week. Please have all your news, photos and event information to me no later than Monday mornings by noon. All photos can be dropped off at Cohasset News in an envelope marked "Cohasset Mariner, Around Town." Have a great week.

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The next Schools In page will be coming out on Thursday, Jan. 31. Please send all information, events etc. to me no later than Friday, Jan. 25!

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Grace Tuckerman is all smiles at the recent holiday lunch at the Senior Center.

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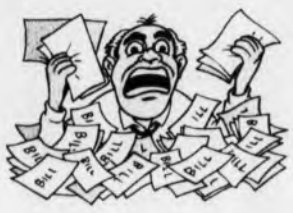

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Williams lends an ear to those affected by Sept. 11

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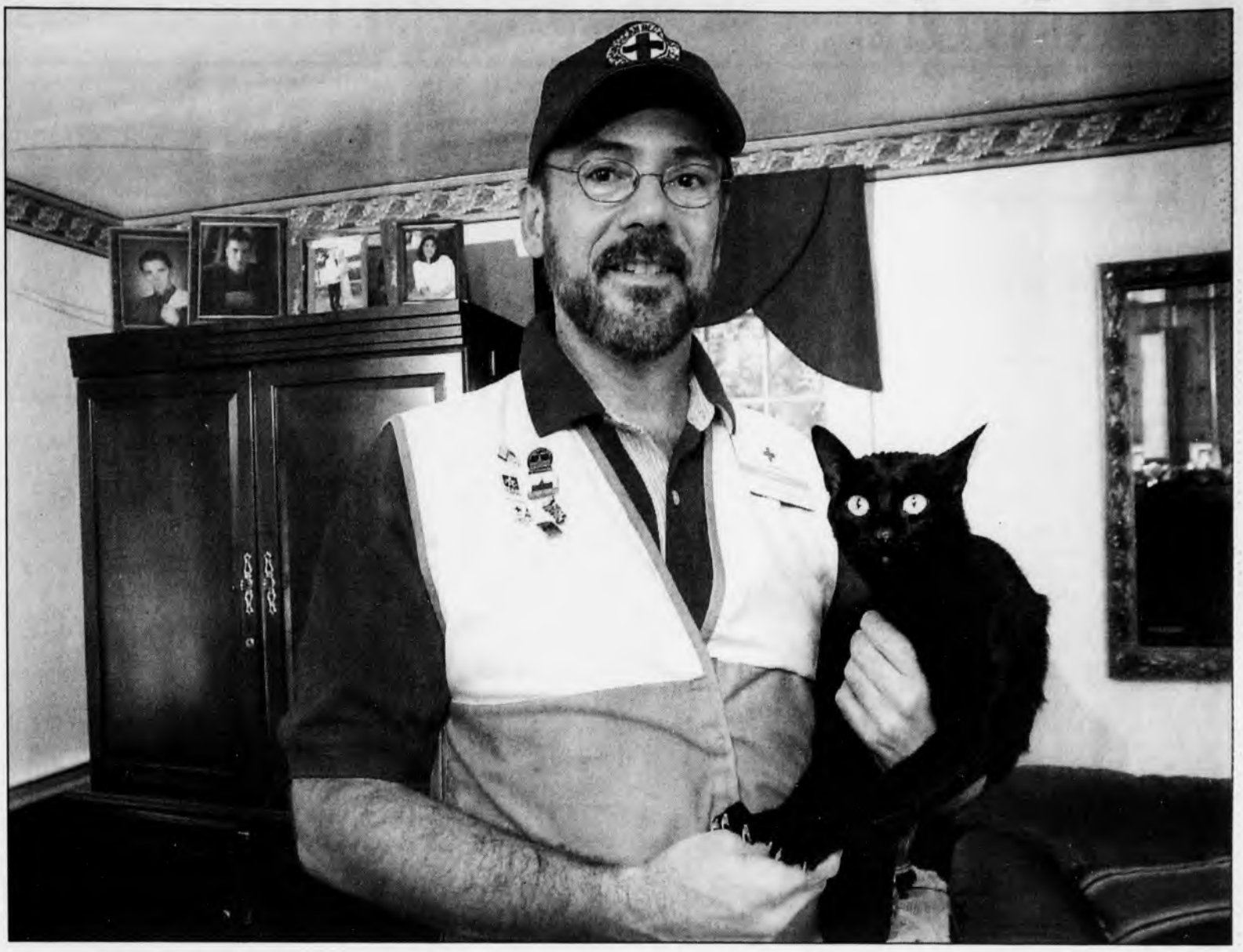

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Psychologist Bob Williams, shown here in his Cohasset home, volunteers as a disaster mental health specialist with the Red Cross.

Some people have moved on since Sept. 11, and some have not.

Bob Williams, 217 N. Main St., recently returned from a trip to New Jersey where he worked with the Red Cross as a Disaster Mental Health specialist.

Williams, a psychologist whose practice is in Quincy, has been volunteering with the Red Cross since 1995 in as part of its Disaster Response Network. The program takes psychologists away from their practice for a two-week period to help where ever it is needed.

"Two weeks is about the maximum amount of time a mental health practitioner can get away for," he said. This was Williams' fourth assignment.

Before heading to New Jersey, Williams worked locally trying to help those severely affected by the tragedy. He helped at the airport aiding workers who may have had stress reactions, feelings of guilt, and other mental problems due to Sept. 11. He was stationed in New Jersey from Dec. 3 - 16.

In New Jersey, Williams volunteered at Liberty State Park which is a rail station set up as a disaster relief center. He said he saw up to 50 families a day, but the work with them wasn't necessarily the hardest part of the job.

"There was a wall of remembrance as you walked into the station," he said. "Seeing all those pictures and poems dedicated to those who lost their lives was the most difficult thing." Williams also said leaving his post and coming home was not easy.

"After developing a relationship with many of the co-workers and the patients it was difficult to walk away," he said.

Williams said he helped in any area he was needed but primarily, "helped with the families of those who worked in the World Trade Center."

Williams was supposed to work eight-hour shifts but would not leave until the last person who needed help exited the hall. The center was open from 8 a.m. to midnight.

"We made a difference," he said. While there, he worked not only with families of victims but also with other Red Cross workers who had been on the scene for sometime..

"They needed some support as well," he said. He added that the Red Cross was there to provide a compassionate presence.

Disaster Mental Health relief is a relatively new field for the Red Cross. Williams said in the last six or seven years the program has gained acceptance.

"Mental health is a funny thing," he said. "It's not as tangible as some other areas but can be just as effective if not more so."

Mary Thang, a spokesman for the Red Cross, said the mental health aspect to a tragedy cannot be taken lightly.

"Due to our past experience with airplane tragedies we knew how important mental health counseling was in these situations," she said. She added she anticipated the Red Cross will provide relief to the victim's families for years to come.

Williams said while in New Jersey, he advised patients on how to get back to a normal routine, especially around the holidays. "I would tell them to get a Christmas tree, open presents with their children and so forth. It's really important to get back to feeling normal," he said.

Williams' other assignments included the West Virginia floods in 1996, the Minnesota tornadoes in 1998, and the tragic deaths of six Worcester firefighters in 1999. However, he said the Sept. 11 tragedy was the most difficult to deal with.

"This was the worst assignment because of the magnitude of the disaster," he said. "To think someone did this intentionally cut across all sorts of cultural and ethnic lines. This was an international tragedy."

Williams said he became involved in the Disaster Mental Health program because he wanted to learn how to function under exceptional circumstances.

"I want to be the one who knows what's going on under extreme conditions," he said.

Williams worked at Boston City Hospital after receiving his Ph.D. from Boston University. He has worked at his office in Quincy for 17 years and specializes in addiction and trauma. He grew up in Cohasset and worked as a permanent intermittent police office for seven years while he attended graduate school.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The sewer plant's looks

The most important thing, and what the Sewer Commission and its engineers can pride in, is the sewer treatment plant — with its state-of-the-art treatment system — is no longer a polluter.

In the debate over the sewer plant's "new clothes," it might be easy to forget the state's court order that the town solve its wastewater problems across town or face potential fines.

From all accounts the new treatment system is doing the job, so much so that the influx of fresh water into the harbor raised concern among lobstermen a while back.

That being said, however, it's not surprising that seeing a warehouse-looking structure emerge in the salt marsh caught the neighbors' attention. The marsh behind the Paul Pratt Library provides a beautiful, peaceful vista for dozens of homes. Although the original plant was also located there, the facility was much lower and less visible.

We've heard stories about a sewer commissioner appearing in an abutter's driveway with a collection of paint chips as the only premeditation that went into the exterior of the structure.

In hindsight, the commissioners surely wish they'd called the Design Review Board in for a consultation.

But in all fairness we've sat through some pretty heated Sewer Commission meetings during which homeowners were ready to do battle over access to the sewer. So we can see how the commission, which is occupied with sewer connections and access, could have underestimated the public outcry over a corrugated building.

No one is arguing that the new wastewater treatment equipment needs to be protected and therefore, the "new" plant needs a building over it.

The good news is the Sewer Commission and neighbors appear to be trying to reach a solution that will improve the plant's appearance for a reasonable cost.

When Ralph Venning wrote back in 1650, "All the beauty of the world, 'tis but skin deep" – he couldn't have had a Sewer Treatment plant in mind.

But, again, in this situation while the wrapper is important aesthetically — it's what's inside that really counts.

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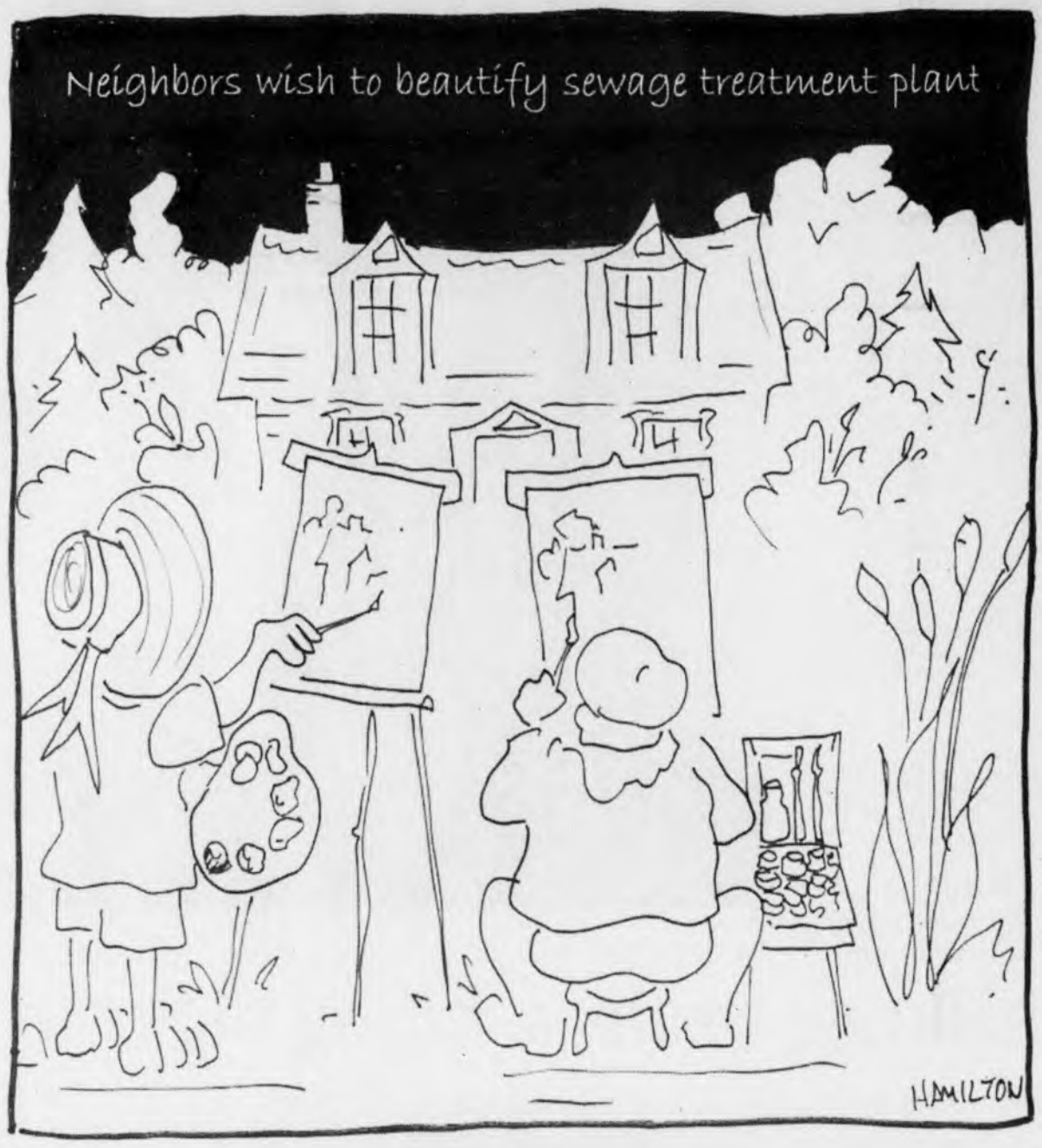

Legislative seminar for citizens offered

The office of state Senator Robert L. Hedlund is now accepting applications for the Citizens Legislative Seminar (CLS). The program is designed to familiarize citizens firsthand with the legislature and lawmaking process. The six-week program will give CLS participants the opportunity to gain knowledge about the lawmaking process by listening to presentations from senators as well as representatives.

"The CLS is another wonderful way for constituents to become more familiarized with the legislative process," Hedlund said. "This is an exceptional program that provides citizens with a 'nuts and bolts' style education given firsthand by the very individuals responsible for lawmaking in the Commonwealth."

The Citizens Legislative Seminar will meet from mid-March to mid-April, on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Specific dates will be announced soon. The seminar is open to any interested citizen. Please contact Senator Hedlund's State House office at (617) 722-1646 by Friday, Jan. 25 for information and applications.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honoring our fallen heroes

TO THE EDITOR:

So far, US forces have had few deaths in Afghanistan; few enough that the media devote much attention to each individual.

Let us honor also the law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty here in the US; about 300 each year!

Instead of filling our prisons with people guilty of such piddling offenses as possession of marijuana, our criminal justice system should be refocused on providing minimum slack for real criminals, and on precluding harm to victims rather than on the protection of the civil rights of armed and dangerous predators.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Plans for homes on Great Neck opposed

TO THE EDITOR:

Does Cohasset need a few more multi-million dollar homes, or would the community be better served by more open space that all residents could enjoy? This is the question you should consider as you think about the proposed development of land locally known as Great Neck.

Great Neck is bordered by Beach Street, Highland Avenue, the Mohawk tidal estuary and short private ways off Atlantic Avenue and Elm Street. Most of Great Neck is owned by the Cohasset Conservation Trust and is known as Great Brewster Woods. The public can access the walking trails in Great Brewster Woods behind town hall. But the 13.6 acres abutting Great Brewster Woods is in danger of being developed into 3 or 4 multi-million homes. This acreage is beautiful, with dramatic ledge outcroppings, mature trees and vegetation and spectacular vistas of Little Harbor. Because of the unique nature of the site, the proposed development is being reviewed by the Cohasset Conservation Commission this Thursday, Jan. 17, at 9p.m. at town hall.

The tragedy of the proposed development is that very few people are aware of this resource bordering Great Brewster Woods, which is close to being permanently altered. Residents in the area who abut the property have been fighting development of this property for years with the hopes that eventually the town will purchase it and reunite it with the existing conservation land to preserve the "greenbelt" of downtown Cohasset. The town (through the Cohasset Community Preservation Committee) is in a position to make an offer for the property due to: taxes paid by all residents into the Community Preservation Act Fund environmental mitigation funds from the MBTA for the installation of the Greenbush line

I encourage you to attend tonight's Conservation Commission meeting and to speak with members of the zoning and planning boards about the development of Great Neck. But above all, take a walk through the property and ask yourself if the town of Cohasset will be a better place with a few more multi-million dollar homes built on Great Neck.

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Mixing music and family life

CONSERVATORY BEAT

ELIZABETH SPENCE

South Shore Conservatory is the largest community performing arts school in Massachusetts and 17th largest nationwide… and it is right here in our own backyard. From time to time Conservatory Beat will comment on aspects of the Conservatory that make it special. This article reviews a recent conversation with SSC parent, Andrea Alvarado whose three sons study piano at South Shore Conservatory.

Andrea and Luis Alvarado were attracted to the charming, relaxed atmosphere of Hingham and its proximity to the ocean when they moved here from Hartford nine years ago. They built their home in Conservatory Park, which appealed to them as a safe, family-oriented neighborhood. They find it a plus to have the Conservatory so nearby that they are able to walk to lessons. They also enjoy hearing the students practice in the warmer months as the tunes drift down from the hill. "The Conservatory is a good neighbor," Andrea says. She is impressed with its importance in the community, noting that many families she knows participate in South Shore Conservatory programs.

Lou and Andrea both play the piano and music is an important part of their family life. Andrea emphatically says, "In our house, if you play hockey, you play the piano." Their three sons, Luis, Bobby and Joseph, play both the piano and hockey. At two years old, Bobby and Joseph were introduced to music when they started in the Conservatory's Music for Mom and Me class. Andrea chose the music class after she read studies indicating the importance of music in helping to develop neuro-pathways in the brain at an early age. She also appreciates that music will add a life-long dimension to their lives.

All the Alvarado boys began studying piano through the Conservatory's Suzuki program which is modeled to teach music to young children using the same method in which children learn to speak their native tongue. Andrea remembers that period with fondness. With three active boys, she felt it was important to set aside individual time with each boy each day. The daily piano practice periods soon became a special time just between mother and son. Memories of holding hands as they chatted and walked up the hill to their lesson are treasured parts of their early years.

Andrea and Lou also value the relationship their boys have developed with their piano teachers who are encouraging and supportive, yet demanding, especially at recital time. Andrea remembers how difficult it is to get up and perform in front of an audience and she is impressed and awed by her boys and the courage it takes to perform in a recital.

When asked about what would improve South Shore Conservatory, Andrea doesn't hesitate to mention the cramped quarters. Mondays are particularly crowded, and she is glad the Conservatory is investigating the possibility of expanding its facility. She knows that the SSC Arts Partners outreach program is expanding but would like to see more demonstrations in public places, like the library, to let more people know about the wonderful programs.

Her son, Luis, recently started guitar lessons through the Arts Partners, at St. Paul's School, one of 11 schools where music is provided by the Conservatory to students who otherwise would not have music in their school setting. Joseph is looking forward to beginning the trumpet soon. Whatever other instruments they pursue, piano will be a constant.

"I'm glad we started the boys in music at such an early age," says Andrea. "It adds that extra dimension to their personalities." Her next challenge? "With five people practicing, we need a new piano."

Elizabeth Spence is an Overseer at South Shore Conservatory. She and her son, Trevor, attend Mom and Me classes on Friday. She may be reached at the Conservatory at 781-749-7565, ext. 23 or through valentine133@hotmail.com SSC is located in Conservatory Park at One Conservatory Drive.

Bradley reflects on his first year

By Evan Schiff
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State Rep. Garrett Bradley isn't a patient man. He was just 27 when he launched his first campaign to represent the Third Plymouth District, ultimately losing to long-time incumbent Mary Jeanette Murray back in November 1998. The youthful Bradley, who is an attorney, didn't come up through the ranks by first serving locally as a selectman or school committee member, as his predecessor and many of his colleagues had done, before seeking higher office.

"It was a great first year, I learned a lot."

— Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham

Murray, a Cohasset Republican, announced her retirement half way through her 12th term and Bradley campaigned hard again. This time around, he had to fight a tough primary campaign against Michael Holden, a popular Hingham selectman, and then ran against political newcomer Republican Mary Anne McKenna of Hingham and independent Walter Murray of Hull in the state election.

And now at 31 and finishing his first year at the Statehouse, he readily admits the job he so desired can be frustrating at times.

The Hingham Democrat envisioned being able to pass non-controversial bills without delay, but quickly found out that was not the case.

"I was shocked at how many boards needed to approve a bill in order for it to pass," he said. "The bills go back and forth even if there's no opposition to them. It gets a little ridiculous."

But nevertheless, Bradley has tackled his duties with the energy and gusto that were hallmarks of his campaigns during which he literally knocked on every door in Hingham, Cohasset and Hull.

During a recent interview in his cramped office on the fourth floor of the Statehouse, Bradley reflected on his first year in office.

"It was a great first year," he said. "I learned a lot."

Bradley, who will seek reelection next fall in the expanded district that will include a Scituate precinct, said there was no time for freshman jitters because he had to jump right into the job.

"There's such a steep learning curve that it takes a lot of work to keep up," he said.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley

When Bradley, who lives in Hingham with his wife and daughter, served as a Plymouth County assistant district attorney, he saw first-hand people in trouble due to substance abuse, domestic violence, broken homes and lack of employment and educational opportunity.

Although the experience wasn't always representative of the district, his work made him want to make a difference in lives and he felt he could do that by drafting legislation that would help people.

"My job with the DA was reactionary," he said. "I really wanted to be pro-active in my approach and thought I could make a difference as a representative."

He hasn't regretted that decision. The three towns he represents face myriad issues that directly affect their quality of life. Bradley is a critic of the proposed, new Logan runway would add thousands of flights a day overhead; Chapter 40B (affordable housing law) that allows developers to skirt local zoning regulations; and a new issue — the potential delay of School Building Assistance grants that would put an additional burden on the backs on homeowners in Cohasset and Hull. (Hingham is already receiving reimbursement for its school building projects).

Bradley is involved in them all. He also continues to oppose Greenbush and has concerns about its cost, and affect on public safety and pollution. Recently — along with state Sen. Robert Hedlund and members of the anti-train AfTA — he tried to convince fellow legislators Greenbush money could be better spent elsewhere.

Two complicated land swaps in Hingham requiring special legislation came to fruition last session thanks to Bradley and his colleague across the hall, Sen. Hedlund.

"This will enable us to comprehensively develop a jewel on the South Shore," Bradley said about the shipyard legislation that involved an exchange of 25 acres of land among the MBTA, Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and developer SeaChain, LLC. The legislation, which means the plans to redevelop the 155-acre site can move ahead, also improves the commuter boat parking by adding space for 150 more cars.

The Old Ward/Main streets' land swap enabled Blackrock Corporation to pursue its golf course/residential development plan and provided Hingham with valuable open space on historic Main Street.

In relation to Chapter 40B, the so-called "Anti-Snob Zoning Act," Bradley said his biggest challenge was changing the mindset of inner-city representatives.

"I was trying to convince them in the suburbs, it's not used to build affordable housing, it's used as a threat," he said, referring to the fact some developers hold the alternative of high-density housing allowed under Chapter 40B as a cudgel over the heads of town board members to persuade them to OK their projects.

Bradley, who says the demands of the district take a toll on family time, said he routinely starts working in the early hours of the morning and stays busy long past sunset.

"I try to be as available as I possibly can," he said about his constituents.

But the time away from his family is difficult.

"My daughter is asleep when I leave in the morning and when I come home at night. It's tough," he said.

In what little spare time he has, Bradley — a "triple Eagle" meaning he graduated from B.C. High School, Boston College and Boston College Law School — continues to practice law for the Boston law firm Thorton and Naumes in order to put money away for his children's education. (Bradley has another daughter on the way).

His favorite part of being a state representative is when schoolchildren come in for a tour of the Statehouse. He talks with them about the history of the building and the importance of government.

"I remember when I used to come in as a student and Mary Jeanette Murray would talk with us, that made a large impression on me," he said.

While he's not sure if he will be breaking Murray's record for length of time in office, he does hope to represent the district for some time.

Building bridges, fixing highways

By Mary Ford
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Unlike the death penalty or abortion rights — transportation infrastructure — apart from the Big Dig and Greenbush, may not provide fodder for intense political debate or particular constituent interest, for that matter.

But that's OK with state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, who, at the halfway mark of his fifth term, knows the bricks, mortar and asphalt of his district's bridges and roadways provide a lifeline to the South Shore.

"The Transportation Committee is the most important committee I serve on," the Weymouth Republican said. "Local projects consumed the bulk of my time and probably will in the coming year.

"More non-Central Artery road and bridge projects are underway and funded in my district than any other senatorial district in the state," he said.

Hedlund has the ear of acting Gov. Jane Swift and Massachusetts Highway Commissioner Matthew J Amorello, both of whom were freshmen Republican senators along with Hedlund in his first term back in 1990. In the case of Amorello, that means fighting to get on the list of local projects prioritized by MassHighway.

Serving on the Transportation Committee, Hedlund also tries to get language included that incorporates his district's projects in state bond bills, which finance the projects.

One of the biggest items on the docket is replacing the Fore River Bridge — a $100 million project — half of which is in Weymouth, one of the eight towns in Hedlund's Plymouth-Norfolk senatorial district.

The project, which is ten years in the making, will either involve a new bridge or tunnel.

"A tunnel would open up waterfront land there," said Hedlund, who thinks a tunnel might be popular with commuters. "One of the most frustrating experiences for my constituents is having that bridge up during rush hour." Additional funding will remain a priority so the project can move ahead and be completed in a timely fashion, he said.

"This is the biggest non-Central Artery road and bridge project in the state," he said.

Hingham's $2-1/2 million Route 228 reconstruction project hit a snag when the town sought a waiver on some binding roadway requirements holding up the undertaking. Last fall, Hedlund was able to broker a compromise between MassHighway and the Town of Hingham over certain engineering issues affecting the progress of the 7-1/2 mile project from Queen Ann's Corner to the Cohasset line.

"I got involved and helped work out a compromise between MassHighway and the town allowing the project to go forward," he said. The first segment of the project starting at West Corner (near the Cohasset and Hull lines) is set to start this spring.

Lobbying efforts to get the $2-1/2 million Queen Ann's Corner project — which will likely be adjusted higher now that the design phase is complete — also paid off. Improvements to the intersection shared between Hingham and Norwell that have been talked about for the past 15 years are now set to get underway. The project includes widening Route 53 south to the Grove/High streets intersection including a center-turn lane.

"There was not a lot of momentum behind it, so I and other local legislators took the lead down there to see that through," said Hedlund, who is as comfortable in jeans and hardhat, as a suit and tie.

The senator also worked to get federal and state officials in sync on enhancements at Pemberton Pier at tip of Hull, a $2 million project that also consists of reconstructing, resurfacing and minor widening along 1-1/2 miles of Main and Spring streets.

The state will pick up 100 percent of the cost of replacing the Fitzpatrick Way Bridge in Hull and Sea Street Bridge between Humarock and North Marshfield (renamed the Capt. Frederick Stanley Bridge), said Hedlund, who is also working to get the bridge between Cohasset and Hull, near Strait's Pond, refurbished through a grant.

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State Sen. Robert Hedlund, left, and MassHighway Commissioner Matthew Amorello look over the decaying underside of the Fore River Bridge. Replacing the bridge with a new bridge or a tunnel will cost about $100 million.

The contract to rebuild the Back River Bridge on Route 3A between Weymouth and Hingham is going out this year.

"The bad news is it will disrupt traffic, but the good news is that is it badly needed," Hedlund said.

Although small in terms of dollar value, Hedlund — an avid cyclist — was able to resolve a long-time pet peeve of his. The so-called "bike path to nowhere" — an expensive bikeway project constructed by MassHighway in Hingham along George Washington Boulevard before Hedlund was in office — ended at the Hull line.

"It dumped you down on George Washington Boulevard with no shoulder," Hedlund said. During a visit, Amorello agreed "it was absurd," Hedlund recalled, and agreed to have MassHighway pave the 1,685 foot unpaved portion from the Hingham/Hull line at a cost of about $30,000. The project was completed in September.

In the spring, the district will also see the resurfacing of a section of Route 3A in Cohasset, the entire length of 3A in Hingham, and Summer Street in Hingham to the Hull line.

Hedlund is also pushing to see Route 18 improved in Weymouth. "Route 18 is an absolute priority with me," he said. And in Marshfield, he worked along with Rep. Frank Hynes and local residents to have MassHighway issue a temporary truck ban on Union Street. Hedlund, who brought Amorello down to view the Union Street Bridge and area, thinks when data is assessed it could result in a permanent truck ban.

Traveling on terra firma is not the only focus for Hedlund, who has always been an advocate of commuter boats. Last week he met with Harbor Express — the Quincy-based catamaran service — and state officials to try to work out a plan that makes sense and will pass legal muster to ensure the service stays in business.

"We're moving in the right direction and I want to see the service continue and flourish," he said. "There's a huge untapped potential for commuter boat service to Long Wharf from that site."

Hedlund also recently announced improvements to the Hingham commuter boat at Hewitt's Cove including widening the gangway and providing a covered walkway.

Although he opposes restoration of the Greenbush railroad line, Hedlund continues to work with the affected towns, specifically Weymouth and Scituate, on their mitigation agreements with the MBTA.

"My involvement from town to town depends on the issue and how much assistance the town requests of me," he said. As an example, Hedlund helped Cohasset eke an additional $1 million in its agreement and was personally involved in suggesting that a cut and cover tunnel option at Weymouth Landing could work. He invited Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan down to take a look — a visit that resulted in putting the tunnel, which will eliminate a grade crossing on Quincy Avenue — on the table.

In Hull, the Bernie King Pavilion will be rebuilt and Nantasket Beach, the busiest public beach in the state, will see $10 million in improvements that include beach restoration and replacing the seawall.

"Over the past three years, $13 million has been either funded or is about to be funded for seawall repairs in the senatorial district," Hedlund said. The district incorporates Weymouth, Hingham, Scituate, Hull, Cohasset, Marshfield, Duxbury and part of Braintree. Next year the district loses Braintree and gains Norwell.

Hedlund is also proud of his efforts in getting the buildings at a former military facility, Hingham Annex, abated and the area cleaned up so the site can become part of Wompatuck State Park.

Looking forward, Hedlund plans to be at the forefront of securing School Building Assistance funding which the Department of Education plans to slash that will directly impact taxpayers and he also wants to make sure there is no cut in library building grants. He also is working to get more local control over affordable housing and the siting of cell towers.

More money, a lot less value

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, one of the more popular radio programs was "The $64 Question," a quiz show in which contestants were called upon to answer a series of questions with the winner getting $64 for his trouble.

That was considered pretty good when you recall that sirloin steak was selling for 25 cents a pound, two cans of Franco American spaghetti went for 15 cents, and the Business Man's Lunch at HoJo's cost you 35 cents, plus tip.

We, the listeners, couldn't wait to see the next lucky guy pocket his check for $64 and, possibly under police escort, strike out for the nearest bank to put down a deposit on a new house, a new car, or a college education for the kids.

Right now, as I understand it, Regis Philbin is trying to give away a million dollars on television, and the program is going into the tank because viewers are getting bored watching contestants win what has become little more than parking meter change.

What has happened to our sense of value in the years since FDR, that great juggler of economic verities, performed his magic from the Oval Office?

I asked myself that question the other day when I learned that Charlie Dolan had managed to scrape together another $40 million to add to his original bid of $400 million to win the affections, not to mention the ownership, of Our Old Towne Team, the Red Sox.

This tops the $400 million bid by the previous winners, John Henry and his gang, but falls short of the $490 million bid by Miles Prentice, which was rejected because . . . What the heck? What's another $90 million or so among friends?

The same issue of the Globe reminded me of the problems facing Enron, the once powerful energy company that is seeking bankruptcy after losing $618 million during the third quarter of 2001 alone, roughly one/tenth the gross national product of the Republic of Georgia and its five million people.

I can recall when Louise Day Hicks (remember her?), during one of her many campaigns for public office, promised the Boston police that if she were elected, they would soon make $10,000 a year, or she would know the reason why.

I don't know how much Louise had to do with it, but now a Boston cop starts at three times that much, and with overtime and special details added, some of them pay taxes on or near $100,000 a year.

I can also recall covering a 1948 strike of Eastern Mass Street Railway Co. (remember them?) bus drivers, who were seeking a 40 hour work week and a 20 cent an hour raise. They were working 48 hours for $66.82 a week. The company offered a five cent raise.

Did I ever tell you about the time we used to thumb our way to Quincy to watch a Saturday matinee of Tom Mix or Hoot Gibson movies, plus a serial, a cartoon, and various short subjects from the balcony of the State Theater — all for the price of 10 cents?

Ah, them was the days . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wellspring says thanks for support

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from your thoughtfulness that we would be "preaching to the choir" if we were to tell you what your kindness meant to the children and most especially, to the parents.

Your generous help and support of our Wellspring Holiday program provided more than 65 families, including 150 children, with gifts. The most oft repeated reaction was, "Wow, all this for me?" or "I can't believe this!" The first mother to pick up her family's gifts burst into tears and said, "This will be my children's best Christmas ever."

One of our donors said, "I remember hard Christmases and there was no Wellspring — God bless you." Another anonymous donor came in and said his name was 'Ben There' and now I have enough to share." What a wonderful end to 2001!

We sincerely hope that you had a Happy Holiday Season and we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year. And please know that you were truly the "wellspring" of much holiday happiness.

Jo Loughnane, Executive Director

Sharon O'Mara, Administrative Assistant

POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats to hold caucus in Cohasset

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will be holding a caucus at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. to elect five delegates and five alternates to the 2002 Massachusetts Democratic Convention to be held on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 at the Worcester Centrum in Worcester.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. All candidates must be present at the caucus to be elected and must consent to nomination in writing. Those not elected as delegate or alternate may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 10 Granite Street, Quincy, MA 02169 no later than ten days after the caucus date.

For more information, please contact Agnes McCann, chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee (781) 383-0222 or the Democratic State Committee at (617) 472-0637.

Tolman makes local stop

Warren Tolman, a candidate for governor, was the Democratic nominee for Lt. Governor, has served as a state senator and state representative from 1991 to 1999. He lives in Watertown, where he was raised, with his wife Carolyn and three children.

In the legislature, Tolman was a strong supporter of early childhood education, an advocate of campaign finance reform, he fought against the tobacco industry, and served as a watchdog of the MWRA and other agencies. He currently teaches at Boston College Law School.

Tolman will be in Cohasset on Saturday, Jan. 19 from 12-2 p.m. at the home of Margy Charles, 85 Linden Drive. The public is invited. This reception is not a fund-raiser, but an opportunity to understand what a citizen's campaign is all about.

For information, call Margy Charles at 781-383-0916.

Group wants to save Great Neck from development

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David Walsh, who owns one of the three parcels and who said he is in litigation with Morrissey over a contract to buy the other two, was a little more accommodating.

"No one's made me an offer," he said. "Just tell them to write the check and we'll be there."

But just how much the dollar amount on that check would be remains an open question; the Great Neck group's estimates place the value at $1.2 million.

And if the landowners weren't willing to sell — an "unfriendly" eminent domain land taking could be the route to take — a move that could also involve litigation.

The land trust has already pledged $100,000 toward the effort to acquire the property and the Great Neck group hopes others, including the town, will also donate generously.

To that end, members of group made a presentation before the first meeting last week of the Community Preservation Committee, formed under the auspices of the Community Preservation Act, which the town adopted last year. They hope the CPC will look favorably on the proposal and recommend to Town Meeting that preservation funds be used to buy the property.

Sensitive to the potentially imminent threat of development, the CPC agreed to hear the group's proposal and has taken the matter under advisement until its Feb. 11 meeting.

"There's no question it's a lovely, unique piece of property," said CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey, who has walked the site. "It's a forested area near the downtown area."

"We want the town to be aware what they stand to lose if it's allowed to be developed."

— Lynne DeGiacomo, Beach Street

Under state law, the CPC must dedicate at least 10 percent of preservation funds toward affordable housing, 10 percent toward historic preservation and 10 percent toward the acquisition of open space. The money comes from a 1.5 percent surcharge on local property taxes. The state also provides matching funds.

"We don't want to spend all our money now before we've gone out and educated ourselves on what projects to spend the money on," Ivimey said. The CPC plans to conduct a public forum later this winter or early spring to solicit ideas from townspeople.

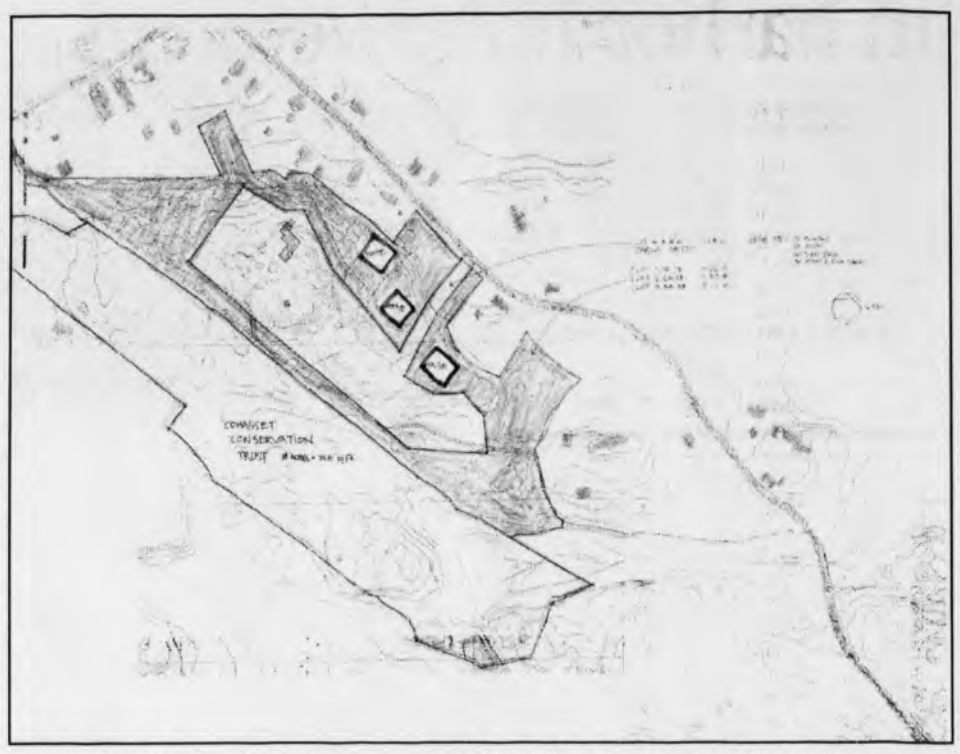
But Ivimey, who suggested the group vigorously pursue alternative funding to bring the price down for the town, didn't rule out the CPC putting a "yes" on the proposal.

Lynne DeGiacomo, a member of the Great Neck group, said it's important to get the word out about the potential of the property.

"We want the town to be aware what they stand to lose if it's allowed to be developed," she said.

John Hartshorne of the Cohasset Land Conservation Trust (owner of 18 parcels of land in town) said the $100,000 from the trust and other private donations could cover the debt service on a loan for the land for at least a year. That would provide time for the town to build funds in the Community Preservation Account. State rules allow communities to secure mortgage payments for land acquisition against anticipated revenues of the community preservation fund.

Great Neck is the same group lobbying for a bylaw amendment that would protect ledge over a certain height from being altered without first obtaining a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.



Great Neck with the three houses that are proposed off Beach Street. Great Brewster Woods is the area owned by the Cohasset Conservation Trust.

Third quarter tax bills issued

The Town of Cohasset has issued the Fiscal Year 2002 third quarter tax bills due Feb. 1. Anyone who has not received their tax bill should contact the Board of Assessors at 781-383-4102 for a copy of the tax bill.

The fiscal 2002 total tax is based on the new fiscal 2002 assessment. The new assessments are based on sales market activity during calendar 2000 and early 2001 to reflect the value of real estate as of Jan. 1, 2001.

Tax payers who feel that their property is over assessed and want to contest their assessment must file for and abatement with the Board of Assessors by 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1.

Real Estate tax exemptions are available to qualifying elderly, widows, blind persons, and veterans with a 10 percent service connected disability or greater.

The sewer betterments for both the north (NSWR) and central (CSWR) sewer projects are included on this bill. The total amount of the apportioned sewer betterment to be paid during this fiscal year is shown on the tax bill under the "special assessment" section. The amount due also includes accrued 1 percent interest on the unpaid principal betterment balance. The total amount due is split between the third and fourth quarter payments. The amount due is included in the total due Feb. 1, line show at the bottom right of tax bill.

The tax bill also contains the Community Preservation Act (CPA) 1.5 percent surcharge. The total CPA surcharge due for the full fiscal year is shown next to the Community Preservation Act line on the tax bill. The surcharge is calculated as follows: FY2002 Assessment - $100,000 (residential exemption) x $11.48 (tax rate)/1000 = gross taxes subject to surcharge. Gross taxes subject to surcharge - FY2002 exemptions approved by assessors, if applicable = net taxes subject to surcharge. - Net taxes subject to surcharge x .015 (1.5 percent CPA surcharge) = Total CPA surcharge. Total FY2002 CPA surcharge - Preliminary surcharge/2 = surcharge Feb. 1, and May 1. The amount due is included in the total due Feb. 1, line shown at the bottom right of tax bill. There are exemptions for qualified low income and elderly property owner. Contact the board of assessors at 781-383-4114 for details.

Finally, enclosed with the tax bills is an insert that allows taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the scholarship, education and elderly/disabled funds established a few years ago.

Scholarship fund will provide secondary school tuition assistance to deserving town residents. these funds will be in addition to scholarships currently available to the town residents.

Educational fund will provide supplemental educational funding for the Cohasset Public Schools. Additionally, funds may be used for existing adult literacy programs.

Elderly disabled fund will provide property tax relief for elderly and disabled Cohasset taxpayers who meet specific criteria established by the elderly/disabled fund committee.

Awards for the above funds will be made once there are sufficient funds available.

What the Great Neck Preservation Group would like to see. Public hiking trails throughout Great Neck, which would be joined with Great Brewster Woods.

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UMASS BOSTON

New group wants voice in harbor improvements

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Attendees at tonight's workshop on the proposed harbor streetscape and infrastructure improvements will include a new group, dubbed "Friends of Cohasset Harbor."

The citizens' group initiated by Border Street neighbors Dick Karoff and Sam Knox has concerns about the future "look" of the harbor as well as public access and sidewalk maintenance. Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private entity working with the town's village task force, is sponsoring the workshop at 7:30 at St. Anthony's Parish Hall..

The Cecil Group, hired by CRC which is backed by businessman and property owner Peter Roy of Margin Street, will present ideas to improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and linkage to public access points ant the waterfront, according to CRC executive director Dean Rizzo. Discussion items include sidewalk and railing designs, defined parking lanes and lighting.

"Cohasset is stone and wood and not wrought-iron fencing and fancy lighting."
— Dick Karoff, Border Street

Karoff said he and Knox sent letters out to about 300 residents and received a "substantial" response.

The group's three major concerns include:

- The "tone" of the harbor in that the area should be enhanced with wood and stone rather than wrought iron and fancy lighting.
- Parking accommodation that allows townspeople access to the harbor
- That any new sidewalks and other improvements be maintained

Karoff mentioned, for example, that pavers would be a better choice for sidewalks than brick. Pavers are larger and made of a rougher texture, he said.

Karoff praised Roy's interest in the harbor.

"We second and endorse the fact someone is interested in the harbor," he said. "But at the same time Cohasset is stone and wood and not wrought-iron fencing and fancy lighting."

Rizzo said he welcomes the feedback and thinks active community groups are a plus..

"If there's an active group invested in protecting the integrity of the harbor – that falls right in line with the thoughts and feelings of the CRC," he said.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Citizens' petitions

Selectmen approved six citizens' petitions to the warrant for Town Meeting Tuesday. In order for a citizens' petition to be incorporated into the warrant, the proponents must garner 10 signatures for the article.

The six articles are:

- A ledge preservation article.
- An act to establish a special election in the town of Cohasset pertaining to certain financial matters.
- An act to establish a local binding initiative petition process in the town of Cohasset
- An article asking for an appropriation of $30,000 to join a coalition of towns to try and stop proposed Logan runway 14/32.
- An article asking for a sum of money for the purpose of retaining engineers to develop a cost estimate and construction drawings to reconstruct the sidewalk along Beechwood Street from South Main Street up Norman Todd Road and continuing with a new sidewalk to meet the existing sidewalk at #131 Beechwood Street.
- The last article would be an amendment to the zoning by-law relating to district boundary lines.

Historic commission

After receiving calls from concerned residents, selectmen decided to delay the appointments of Charles and Michelle Furtado to the Common Historic District Commission. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he received numerous complaints from residents who thought having a husband and wife on the same board was not a great idea.

After hearing the complaints, Michelle decided to not accept her appointment but selectmen wanted to review Charles' appointment as well.

Victualer license

At the selectmen's meeting Tuesday, Robert Gould of Grapevine Caterer's was awarded a common victualer's license for his business at 3 Stage Coach Way. The business will be a cafe open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. The inside of the restaurant will sit 10 people and there will be seating for 30 outside from May through October.

A victualer license is a food license.

Town election activity picks up

It was a week for incumbents to pull papers.

Six residents pulled nomination papers in the last week indicating they will be seeking re-election on their chosen board.

Selectmen Ronnie McMorris and Fred Koed plan to run again for their seats on the Board of Selectmen.

The last day to pick up the papers is Feb.14 and all papers need to be returned by Feb. 19.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees Sheila Evans and Roger Whitley are looking to serve another term.

Ralph Perroncello, 10 Pleasant St., hopes to keep his seat on the Cohasset Housing Authority and, Town Moderator George Marlette pulled papers for another term.

Two candidates are officially on the ballot after collecting the required 50 signatures from residents. Mary Granville and Roger Lowe are the first two citizens to be place on the ballot. Granville is seeking a seat on the Board of Assessors while Lowe is looking to retain his position as a Paul Pratt Memorial Library trustee.

The last day to pick up the papers is Feb.14 and all papers need to be returned by Feb. 19. To be put on the ballot, a candidate must garner 50 signatures from registered voters. Annual Town Election will be on April 6.

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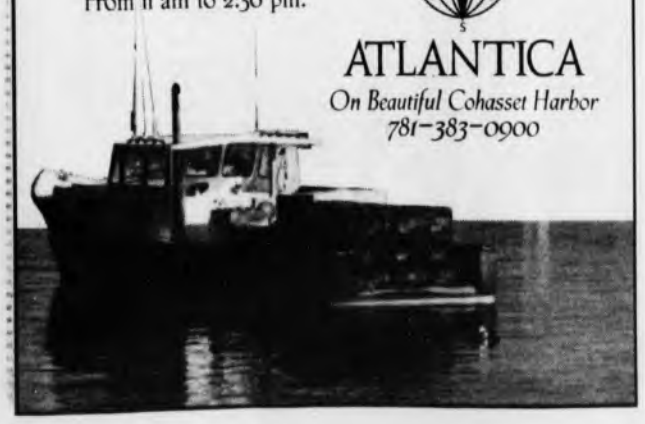

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S. S. Vo-Tech gets high marks

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cent, it concentrates more on trades. The school offers 14 specialty areas. The areas include auto body work, automotive work, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, drafting, electronics, graphic arts, health careers, heating and air conditioning, industrial electronics, industrial technology machine shop, and metal fabrication.

The students do not just get a brief synopsis of their specialty area, they are immersed in it. Over the four years, they will spend 1500 hours in a shop along with their regular studies. The school has a working auto body shop, restaurant, beauty salon and welding shop to name a few of the working classrooms.

Students spend six days in an academic setting followed by six days in the shop. Even with the diminished time spent in a classroom, the students are required to pass the MCAS test.

Upon graduation, students not only have a high school diploma but posses a technical performance certificate which attests to competency in a chosen area.

"We have become a more service-oriented society, and there is not a better way to get into the industry than a VoTech school," Malvey said. "Many will have jobs waiting for them after they graduate high school, not many people can say that."

So why is there an apprehension of Cohasset youths to attend the school?

"Cohasset is such a closely knit town that students do not see a lot of reasons to leave their friends and enter a new school," said junior Justin Drybanski, of Cohasset.

Christine Portanova, mother of Vo-Tech freshman Elyse Portanova, thinks the parents of Cohasset students do not realize what Vo-Tech is about.

"Cohasset Middle/High School is great academically, but if your kids are interested in something different, Cohasset has nothing to offer," she said.

To get an idea in what they are interested in, students spend their first three months at Vo-Tech in an exploratory program. In the program, the teens choose six areas and spend the days getting to know each of those specialties. At the end of the time, they apply to their favorite one.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Kristen James, Justin Drybanski and Elyse Portanova are three of just seven Cohasset students enrolled at South Shore Vocational Technical High School in Hanover.

Drybanski, whose specialty is electronics, attended ninth-grade at Cohasset before deciding he wanted something else. His family is in the electronics business and he felt Vo-Tech would provide him an excellent avenue toward that profession. He says making the change to Vo-Tech was "the best thing I ever did," but admits it may not be for everyone.

Sophomore Kristen James, 19 Buttonwood Lane, says she is glad few students from Cohasset try Vo-Tech.

"I didn't like the Cohasset schools and didn't like most of the people," she said. "The people at this school are so much more grounded. I don't think a lot of kids from Cohasset would fit in."

Supt. Kosko said the school prides itself on conveying the importance of being level headed and responsible to its students.

"Part of the mission of the school is to prepare our students for the real world," he said. While the students do become highly educated in their trade, they are also schooled in English, social studies, math and science.

James, who made high honors this semester specializing in electronics, said the perception of the school as lacking academic credentials is unfounded.

"People say this is a school for slow students but we have to take the MCAS and pass them just like anyone else and we only have half the time to study for them," she said.

Freshman Elyse Portanova, 50 Elm Court, thinks the school deserves a better reputation.

"Kids used to tease me about the school," she said. "But they don't understand what we do here, it's very competitive."

Portanova, who made honors in electronics, said she feels the Cohasset public schools were just not for her.

"I wouldn't be able to sit through nine hours of classes everyday," she said. "I love working hands on in something I like to do."

All three students lauded the efforts of their teachers and said their energy and support is contagious.

"There are a lot of people who want you to succeed here," Drybanski said.

The three said they felt the teachers in Cohasset schools had a laissez faire approach which did not coincide with their styles of learning.

"I like the way we are presented with the material here," Portanova said. "It's not just here's a book, now read it."

The town of Cohasset pays for the students to attend Vo-Tech, it does not come out of the school budget. Haddad said the town spent $56,000 last year for students to attend the school.

No pact yet on plant's looks

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Sewer Commission is jumping to conclusions.

"We need to slow down and get a consensus for the plans," Joe Coggins, 57 Elm St. said. Coggins said the abutters must all meet and agree upon what changes are most important before any design plans are approved. He said while some have discussed the plans, it is necessary for all who are affected be consulted.

Howie Altholz, de facto head of the citizens' group, said there has been progress made but there is still a ways to go. "We are moving ahead very warily," he said. "Words are no longer satisfactory, we need to see results."

Selectman Michael Sullivan agreed the plans should not move ahead too quickly. He said that when the plant was built it was done rapidly and without any input from the residents and these mistakes should not be made twice.

"This has to be well thought out," Sullivan said.

Another concern brought up by Selectman Merle Brown was the lack of trust some have for Tutela Engineers, the engineering company that designed the plant.

"We need to get a different engineering company for the redesign work because Tutela has no idea what they are doing," Brown said. He said if Tutela had built the plant as it said it was going to, in the motif of an old country barn, none of this would have been necessary.

While there has not been a cost estimate done on the plans, residents feel a majority of the work could be done with the $150,000 currently in the budget. Selectmen decided to put a "place-saver" article on the warrant which would allow the project more funds if necessary. The article would be worded in a way to keep the additional appropriation under $100,000.

"We are going to come up with a nice, cost-effective solution which will provide the necessary aesthetics for the abutters," Vanderweil said.

The situation started in the winter of 1999 when the sewer plant was constructed. The plant, which is in the marsh off Elm Street, can be seen from St. Anthony's Church, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and dozens of private homes.

The old plant consisted of some outside tanks and smaller structures, which were lower and therefore less visible to the neighbors. But the new state-of-the-art sewer treatment system needed to be enclosed to protect the equipment, which has been able to increase four-fold the amount of wastewater treated and provide better treatment than the old plant.

Residents were promised the plant would be compatible with the site and the environment, however, many feel they were misled. The abutters wanted a say in the look of the plant but were never consulted.

"We were supposed to have a nice country barn out there but we don't," said Coggins. "They just threw up the cheapest, biggest building they could."

Coggins said he is embarrassed to entertain guests on his back porch which looks directly at the plant. He described the view as looking at "a whole lot of ugliness."

Altholz is not pleased with how the process has evolved. "Once is was built, everyone was shocked," he said. "We were never involved at all."

Altholz wished none of this was necessary.

"We're just a group of average citizens," he said. "But we know if we didn't make a lot of noise about this it would never get done."

However, Altholz said the residents are still working cooperatively with the Sewer Commission.

Residents will continue to meet with local architect Keith Moskow on new drawings. The Sewer Commission and the residents' group will communicate on their progress and once the plans become a reality it will be brought before the selectmen for review.

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The view of the sewer treatment plant from the back porch of an Elm Street home.

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Stars of the Week

Kristin Sheerin

The Cohasset High senior kept herself and the Cohasset/Norwell gymnastics team a perfect 4-0 on the season by winning the all-around competition in Monday's showdown with Randolph/Milton with a score of 34.7.

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On the South Shore
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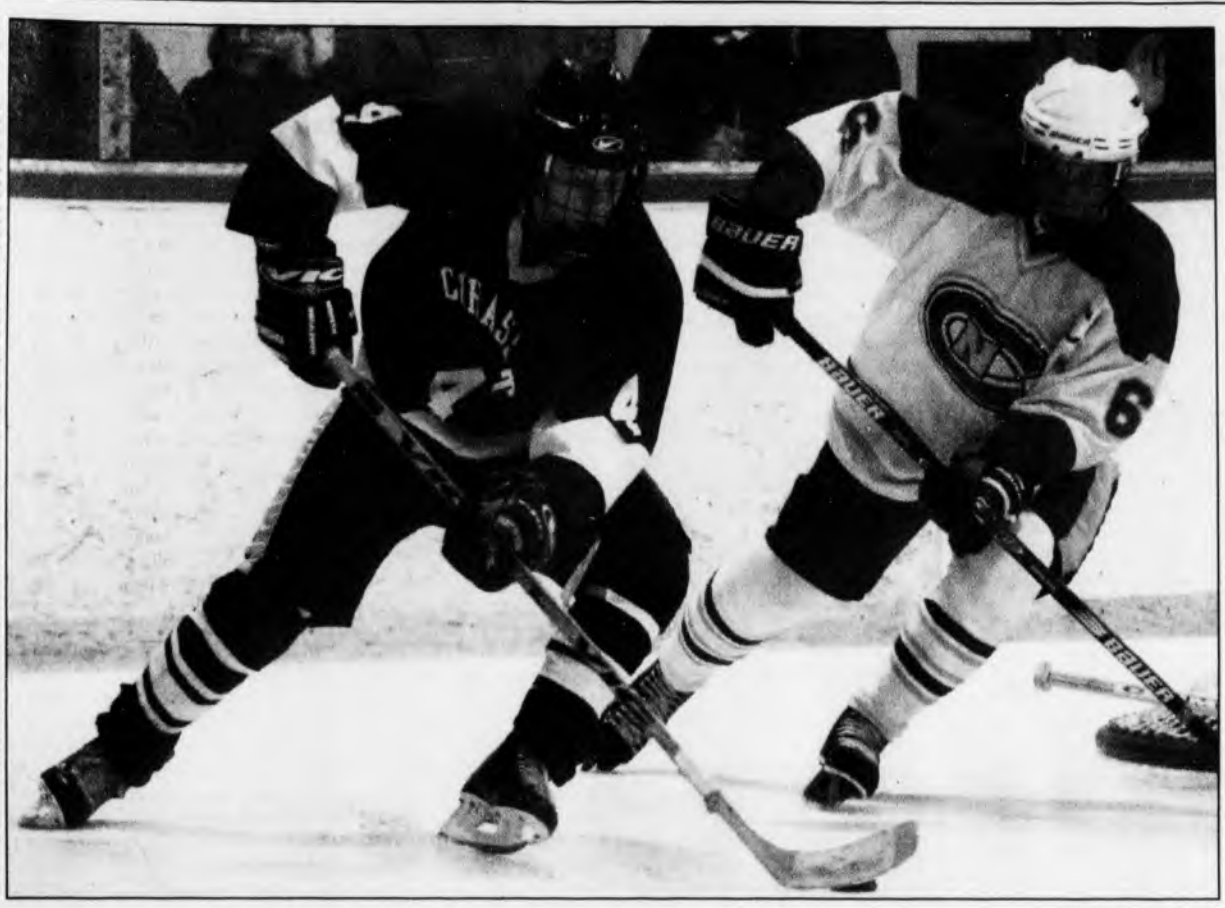

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Cohasset's Matt Davis (4) tries to go around Norwell's Ben Spitz in Saturday's action at Pilgrim Arena. The South Shore League showdown ended in a 3-3 tie.

Fit to be tied

Penalties do in Cohasset skaters in 3-3 tie

By Mike Spellman
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The Norwell and Cohasset High hockey teams played to a 3-3 tie on Saturday night in a much anticipated showdown of apparent South Shore League contenders. Both of the team's coaches thought the performances of their respective teams was something they'd be able to build around, though the reasons for these beliefs could not possibly have been more divergent.

Norwell coach Paul Hurley was ecstatic after watching his team erase a two goal deficit in the third period to salvage a tie and get to 2-4-2 on the season, effusing afterwards: "this showed what these guys can do when they set their minds to it and work hard."

Cohasset benchwalker Denis Walsh was rankled by the collapse that blemished his team's perfect 5-0 slate, declaring: "We didn't take this game as seriously as we should have. Norwell's a solid team and they surprised us a little. This showed us we can't let down."

Regardless of which coach speaks the greater truth, one thing is clear: this game did not follow the script envisioned by most close observers. Many close to the SSL hockey scene felt the talented but thin on top Clippers might be able to stay with the deeper Cohasset squad for a period or two, but that the Skippers would eventually wear them down.

What transpired was just the opposite. Trailing 3-1 in the third period, Norwell—aided by a host of Cohasset penalties— scored the final two goals of the contest to pull out the tie.

Cohasset committed the last four penalties of the game, but they all occurred in their own defensive end, as Norwell pushed their advantage repeatedly.

Norwell captain Rob Himberg cut his team's deficit in half 4:05 into the third when he won the race to the rebound of a Matt Greenburg shot, spinning and firing in one smooth motion before Cohasset goalie Dan Kinchla could recover, the puck deflecting off his shoulder and into the top left corner of the net. The put-back opportunity was set up by a nice rush by Norwell's other captain, senior defenseman Ben Spitz, who dished to Greenburg for the one-timer.

"We didn't take this game as seriously as we should have. Norwell's a solid team and they surprised us a little. This showed us we can't let down."

Cohasset hockey coach Dennis Walsh

Spitz, who also scored the game's first goal three minutes in, set up the equalizer in similar fashion a little over two minutes later. With Norwell on the power play, the smooth skating blue-liner again carried hard into the Skippers zone to draw in the defense, then feeding to Mike McAteer near the right circle. McAteer then quickly slid a pass in front to "power forward" Brendan McDonald, who fended off the heavy checking of a Cohasset defensemen long enough to get his stick on the ice and re-direct the pass through the pads of Kinchla.

The final eight minutes were played at a tourney-level pitch, with both teams crashing the net and going all out in search for the gamewinner that would never come.

Norwell barely missed on a handful of opportunities on the power play, the best chances an attempted wraparound by Himberg that Kinchla just managed to get a skate on, and a beautiful feed by Spitz from the left point to the right post to Curt Alpert, who was checked off by Cohasset defenseman Eric Libby at the last second to bail out Kinchla.

The Skippers— who outshot Norwell, 24-15—had the better opportunities in the final minutes. Team leading scorer Tom Anderson made brilliant rush near the two minute mark, gaining a step on his

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Rough week for swimmers

Back-to-back losses drops Scituate-Cohasset squad under .500

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It was a simple case of bad timing: the Scituate-Cohasset swim team ran into two of the toughest opponents on the schedule in a span of three days.

The SciCohs found themselves on the losing end of both meets, running their record to 2-3-1. Spirits have remained high, though, as second year coach Jamie Kearney continues to be pleased with the effort her team puts forth.

"The kids are always improving, always lowering their times every week," began the coach, and former state record-holding swimmer. "What more can I ask for from these guys?"

Last Wednesday, the Skipper-Sailors took on Taunton in the Taunton Boys and Girls club, with the hosts prevailing, 49-40. The low score was a result of the four-lane configuration of the pool, but Taunton did stop adding on points to their score when the lead became insurmountable.

Taunton set the tone early, opening the meet with a 1-2 finish in the 200 medley relay. The hosts also took the top two spots in the next two events for a big cushion going into the

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Coming on strong

A banner day for the Baroudi brothers

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The Cohasset wrestlers took one of three against much larger schools at a quad-meet on Friday at New Bedford, topping Holliston, 42-36, but falling to powerhouse Duxbury, 67-12, and the host Whalers, 40-30.

Not surprisingly, Duxbury (now 12-0) swept all three of its matches in lopsided fashion.

The only triple winner of the day for Cohasset was freshman Matt Baroudi, who bumped up from his usual 189-pound weight class to wrestle impressively at 215. The frosh earned six key points with a pin in the Holliston match, and also notched half of the Skippers' total in the Duxbury match with a pin.

Junior Dave Kupsc earned the Clippers other six points in the Duxbury match with a pin at 103.

It turned out to be a banner day for the Baroudi family, as junior Terry beat his Holliston counterpart at 135, a top 10 ranked Massachusetts wrestler.

"Terry's really coming on," said veteran Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney of the elder Baroudi, who advanced out of the Sectionals a year ago but could not compete at State's because of a shoulder injury. "I think Terry might be ready to take that next step up into the rankings. He's close."

The Skippers needed every point

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Meredith Bixby took a big second place in the all-around in Monday's win over Randolph.

Gymnasts stay perfect

Cohasset/Norwell 127.7
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Cohasset's Kristin Sheerin won the all around with a 34.7, and teammate Meredith Bixby tied Randolph's Jen Ng for second place with 32 total points to lead the way for the Cohasset High/Norwell High gymnastics team.

The win kept both the C-N team and Kristin Sheerin perfect on the season at 4-0.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset captain Pete Maitland (left) paced the Skippers winning effort Saturday with a game high 17-points.

Stopping the skid

Andrade and Maitland key vital win for boys over Holbrook

By Mike Spellman
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Numbers: there's no way of escaping them in the world of sports, and basketball is certainly no exception.

Cohasset boys basketball coach Ron Ford finds it easy these days, however, to look through the thick haze of stats and figures. Indeed, there is only one number in which he's interested: -2.

That numeral represents Ford's Skippers' chase for a state tourney berth. With their record standing at 4-6, the C.H.S. hoopsters reached the midway of their season this weekend two games under the magic .500 mark needed for post-season qualification. This leaves the veteran coach and his charges eyeing another figure, "6", the number of wins needed over the remaining 10 games to sneak in to the Div. 4 state s tournament.

Any more than four losses the rest of the way and the Skippers are out. If they are to make the tourney, the boys will have to do a better job in second go-rounds with their South Shore League competition, their league slate standing at 0-5 after Friday's 64-41 loss to Carver. This followed lopsided losses to league rivals Abington, Norton, Mashpee and Norwell.

"We've got our work cut out for us," conceded Ford. " We can't afford to give away too many winnable games from this point on."

The Carver loss capped a brutal 0-4 stretch for the Skippers that left Ford feeling a shakeup was in order for Saturday's important non-league showdown with Holbrook—one of only 11 fellow Div. 4 teams on their 20 game schedule. Scrappy sophomore guard John Andrade was inserted into the starting lineup—a move the veteran coach felt made a vital difference in the 62-49 win.

"John set a real aggressive tone with his scrappy play," said Ford. "He was diving all over the place for loose balls and really providing a lot of energy."

Andrade got the Skippers off to a nice start when he put the game's first three points on the board with a bomb from behind the arc. The sophomore finished the game with 10 points and four steals.

Captain Pete Maitland led all

BOYS BASKETBALL, PAGE 12

Rough weekend for lady hoopsters

Losses to Carver and Scituate drop C.H.S. girls to 3-8

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Last weekend, the girls basketball team lost two games that they are going to have to forget if they want to turn their season around.

"We want to see if we can get things going in the other direction," asserted third year coach Ellen Carr.

On Friday, Cohasset was outmatched and outplayed, getting lit up by an outstanding Carver squad, 53-28.

Carver has put together a very quick, pressing team, one seemingly with enough talent to contend with Abington and Norwell for the South Shore League crown.

Their quickness on the fullcourt defense proved too much for Cohasset, as they jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

The Lady Skippers tried everything they could to beat the Crusaders up the floor, rotating four point guards in (juniors LaRaine Langford, Heather Peraino and Lindsay Grossman, and sophomore Jen Buckley).

Carver's Meaghan Jesse led her team with 18 points, continuing her spot as one of the most dangerous offensive threats in the league.

Peraino led the way for Cohasset, collecting 11 points. With very solid efforts in the past two weeks, she appears to be back to full strength after missing the first four games of the season due to injury.

The more difficult to bare of the two losses came last Saturday when Cohasset was downed in Scituate, 46-39. Cohasset had gotten the better of their neighboring rivals in December, 57-45, but the Lady Sailors made some key adjustments to ready themselves for the rematch.

"I think Scituate was well prepared defensively," offered Carr, noting that Scituate was one of the few teams Cohasset has faced that primarily runs man-to-man. "It did frustrate us. The girls weren't able to execute."

Cohasset was shut down in similar fashion by Carve. Scituate's pressure on the ball flustered the Lady Blue. In the eyes of their coach, nothing seemed to go as it usually does on the offensive end.

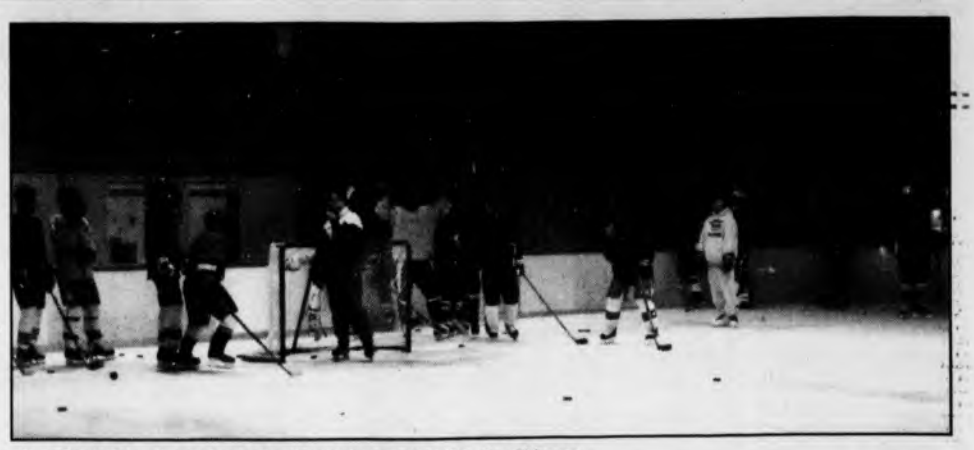
"We did not play together as well as we could have," Carr asserted.

"Everyone worked hard, but we were not able to click."

Carr also mentioned that to return her charges back to the winning track, they will need to bring their scoring totals back up into at least the 40s.

Junior Maura O'Brien, who torched the Lady Sailors for 22 points last time, found herself pinned under constant double teams, and was unable to form a threat.

Grossman did her best to pick up the slack, coming through with 12 points. She is now averaging a team best 14.7 points per game this year.



Greg Scott (standing in front of net) explains a new drill to the Skippers.

Skippers attend customized hockey clinic

On a Saturday evening, the Cohasset Varsity and Junior Varsity Hockey Teams participated in a rigorous two-hour hockey clinic. The clinic, sponsored by the Cohasset Hockey Boosters, was customized for the team through discussions between head coach Dennis Walsh and the clinic lead coach, Greg Scott.

Scott, an New England College Development League (NECDL) skills instructor and coach since 1991, is also a coach for the NECDL All-Star travel team. This team is comprised of top players in the New England College Development League and competes against teams from the area's Independent School and Prep School Leagues in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Scott graduated from Concordia College in Minnesota.

To insure that the Skippers received plenty of attention, Scott brought two additional coaches to assist with the clinic. Dan Scott, a NECDL skills instructor and coach as well as head ice hockey coach at Derby Academy, played junior hockey for the Bridgewater Bandits of the EJHL. NECDL goalie coach Tom Welby was on the ice to work specifically with senior goalie Dan Kinchla and freshman goalie Brendan Michaud. Welby played goal for Thayer Academy in Braintree, the Nipawin Hawks of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League and Merrimack College in Hockey East, graduating earlier this year from Merrimack.

After talking with the Skippers' head coach Dennis Walsh, Scott set goals for the clinic. "First," said Scott, "we wanted to challenge the team with some drills they have not seen before. Every coach expects their team to be conditioned, but if you design and run drills with game speed in mind and keep the drills jumping from one to another, there is no true need for conditioning drills, because they are inherently built in. This gives coaches more time to work with their team on systems and, the plus is, that the players do not really notice that they are sprinting and moving every second because they are in the midst of shooting, passing, back-checking or are involved in a 2 on 1"

"I also wanted to stress shooting and passing in stride with the group. I wanted to make it clear to the team that practicing passing and shooting while moving their feet will improve their game greatly by improving their ability to shoot, pass and think at game speed" continued Scott.

While enjoying pizza with the team at the end of the clinic, Scott said he "thought the clinic went very well. From what I saw they looked like they got their money's worth although, everyone looked a bit tired at the end!"

Coach Dennis Walsh agreed that the clinic went very well. "I think the boys paid attention, worked hard and got a lot out of the drills," said Walsh. "Every minute on the ice continues the development we've been working on for a number of years. Being on the ice with a new individual introduces the players to new drills and new perspectives."

Scott's overall impression? "The Cohasset team is a great group of kids. My staff and I had a lot of fun working with them. They have some really good young hockey players and they have the potential to be a very strong team this season ... we'll be keeping an eye on the paper to see how the season is going!"

A banner day for the Baroudi brothers

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they could get against Holliston, so additional pins by Vinnie Gratta (112 pounds), Bill Carbone (130), John Hussey (heavyweight) and the Casey brothers, Matt (140 pounds) and Mike (171), all proved huge. Sweeney was particularly impressed by Mike's decisive win over a quality opponent.

A solid win on points by Phil Strazzula at 125 also provided a crucial six point swing.

Carbone and Matt Casey were the only other multiple winners on the day. Both of these freshman recorded pins against New Bedford, as did their fellow froshes Matt Baroudi and Joe Kehoe (119). Sophomore Ian Kidder also notched a pin in this match.

Obviously, Sweeney is excited about the future of his program.

"We've got a lot of first year wrestlers who have really stepped up this season," said the 13th year coach. "It's exciting to look ahead at the possibilities."

The Cohasset team is now 5-9 overall, but 2-0 in the Pilgrim Conference 2. Eyeing individual success in the state tourneys, Sweeney generally puts together one of the most challenging non-league schedules in the area, and this year has certainly been no exception.

"If you want to do well in the state's, you've got to let your kids wrestle the best talent possible," he explained earlier in the season.

Since his team's disappointing performance at Marshfield High's annual Holiday Tourney last month, Sweeney says he has noticed a "hungrier" approach from his grapplers.

"I'm happy with the way we've been wrestling over the last few weeks," he continued. "We're 2 and 2 in our last four matches, and we've had a lot of guys really step up their performance."

The Skippers were scheduled to face league rival Hull on the road last night, and to host their annual wrestling tourney on Saturday. The matches start at 10:30 a.m. in the Cohasset High gym, with finals scheduled for 5:30 p.m..

Wrestling Notes

The Skippers took a lopsided 63-10 win over Pilgrim Conference rival Hanover last Friday. Cohasset notched 11 wins, including eight pins, in the lopsided affair.

The pins were slapped on by Jonathan Littauer (103 pounds), Kupsc (112), Terry Baroudi (135), Matt Casey (140), Ian Hickey (145), Chris McKenna (152), Mike Casey (171) and Cosimo Cambi (189). Wins on points were delivered by Strazzulla (125) Carbone (130) and Hussey (215).

Andrade and Maitland key vital win for boys over Holbrook

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Cohasset scorers with 17 points, all of these coming in the second half, while Ben Lynner chipped in with 12 and Matt Bilodeau with 10.

Defending SSL champion Carver seized control of Friday's game quickly, which prompted Ford to say later of the first half "that was easily our worst half of the year." He was encouraged by the way his club hung in for the second half , though—something he felt provided a nice mental lift the following night.

"I thought we played a pretty strong second half against Carver on Friday, and we were able to carry that over somewhat into the Holbrook game." said Ford. "That (Holbrook) win was one we had to have, and the guys came out and played a very strong game."

The Skippers travel to Harwich Friday night (6:30 start) for another SSL tilt. They'll then spend that night in a local hotel, and catch a ferry for Nantucket the next morning for a 1 p.m. game against a rebuilding but reportedly much improved Whalers team. The Skippers next game after that will be Monday at Hull.

Cohasset shares the bottom of the SSL standings with Harwich and Hull, so all three of these upcoming games appear to be winnable for the Skippers.

Following this calm in the storm, the Skippers repeat the aforementioned brutal stretch against SSL rivals Norwell, Mashpee, Norton, Abington and Carver. Wins here will be tough to come by, though the Cohasset boys appear to match up pretty well with Norton and they get them at home this time around. The Skippers will then wrap up the season at home versus Harwich and Hull.

"Obviously, there's not a lot of margin for error with this schedule," said Ford. " Norwell, Abington and Carver are three of the strongest Div. 3 teams in the state, and Mashpee and Norton are strong teams too. We're really going to have to scrap for any win we can get."

There is, of course, one potential silver lining to this savage slate.

"If we get in to the state tourney, we'll be more than battle-tested," concluded Ford. "Division Four competition will look a lot easier than what we've been facing in our league."

Boys hoop notes

The Skippers had the unusual and rather dubious honor of watching an opposing player reach the 1,000-point plateau against them for the second time this season on Friday. Carver senior Ralph Frazier hit quadruple-figures for his career on a first half foul shot seven minutes into the game, his eighth of 11 points on the night.

This put a temporary halt to the action on Cohasset's home floor, as Carver High principal Kathy Spencer conducted a brief ceremony to mark the occasion. All things considered, Ford didn't seem to mind the interruption.

"Ralph is a class player and a great kid," said the Cohasset coach. "He plays the game hard and he's such a nice player. I was happy for him."

Of course, the Cohasset coach would much rather have preferred for Frazier to get the points at Norwell on Tuesday. The 6-foot-4 power forward entered that game needing 21-points to reach 1,000, but the Clippers had other thoughts. The host Norwell squad held Frazier to a mere two-points in the first half as they rushed out to a 24-point first half advantage, quickly turning what was supposed to be a hard-fought battle between unbeaten teams into a laugher.

"Obviously we couldn't have caught Carver at a worse time than we did," noted Ford. "They were loaded for bear after that loss, and they took it out on us."

Fit to be tied

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defender to circle in on Norwell goalie Ryan O'Shaughnessy. The junior netminder did a nice job holding the post and squaring up, though, and took the shot of his chest protector.

O'Shaughnessy came up big again with just 30 seconds showing on the clock when a scrum in front saw the puck pop back towards the blueline, allowing Libby to retrieve it and walk in for a point blank wrister from 20 feet out that the Norwell goalie was somehow able to pick up through the screen and flash out his blocker just in time to send it over the crossbar.

"This game was huge for us," said Hurley. "In games like this you look for your big players to step up and that's just what we got."

Norwell surprised Cohasset early as well, as Spitz finished on a pass from Rob Himberg just 3:10 in to make it 1-0.

The Skippers took just 13 seconds to respond, however, winning the faceoff and pushing right into Norwell's zone, where Anderson batted home the rebound of a Matt Davis shot from the boards. Tim Straughn was credited with the other assist.

The go-ahead goal for Cohasset came 1:10 before the break, as Straughn picked up a weak clearing attempt and fired home a wrister from 30 feet out.

The Skippers appeared to control much of the flow throughout the second period, a point that was hammered home when Anderson scored on a shorthanded breakout midway through the second period.

Cohasset shot itself in the foot with a series of bad penalties from about the midpoint of the game on, arguably the most costly of these being an inadvertent tripping call on Straughn 7:16 into the second period, the third minor of the game for the big, strong-skating blue liner his third minor of the game—drawing an immediate game misconduct. The loss of the defensive stalwart had an obvious trickle down effect for the Skippers, who seemed to have trouble in their defensive end the rest of the way—as indicated by the final four third period penalties.

"Those penalties really prevented us from staying in control of the game like we were early on," said Cohasset's coach Walsh. "Once we got out of that flow, we just never seemed to get it back.

"There were guys who played hard, like Tom Anderson and Greg O'Connell, and a few others, but we just never seemed to click."

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

The loss of standout defenseman Tim Straughn (#13) to penalties proved costly for the Skippers in Saturday's 3-3 tie with Norwell.

Coaching vacancies

For the spring, 2002 seasons, Cohasset High is seeking a girls lacrosse coach and the Cohasset Middle School is seeking a softball coach. Interested individuals should call Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383- 6103.

Rough week for swimmers

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sprints.

Coh-Sci did not end up taking first in any of the 12 events, but Cohasset juniors David Ingber and Bryan Bilton took home seconds in the 50 freestyle (25.78) and 100 backstroke (1:11.63), respectively.

Taunton's highlight of the day was when their senior captain, Ryan Clark, qualified for Sectionals in the 100 freestyle with a time of 55.59 seconds.

The Sci-Cohs closed the day solidly, taking second in the 400-yard free relay, recording the best time the team has this year.

"I was very proud that the team finished strong even though the outcome had already been decided," lauded Kearney. "That shows some real character."

Two days after that meet, the Skipper-Sailors faced Cardinal Spellman in the beautiful Randolph facilities, the practice sight for the Sci-Cohs two years ago. Not only that, but former CHS teacher and swim coach Mary Ferrazzi found herself coaching against her old team.

Even though the Sailors-Skippers were missing a few team members in this contest, they held their own, winning four events.

Bilton won the 200 freestyle, a longer event than he usually competes in, coming in with a time of 2:15.72. Bilton won the 100 backstroke as well later in the day, comfortable taking it at 1:12.06.

Scituate freshman Danielle Swain took first place in the 100 fly with a very impressive 1:16.58. She also put in an impressive showing in the 50 free, taking second with a 26.88.

The SciCohs won the 200 medley relay, and would have gone 1-2 if the second place team had not gotten disqualified. The winning team consisted of Cohasset senior captain Kelly Stone, CHS junior Julie Shea, and Scituate juniors Kathryn Noonan and Amanda Turner.

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CHS Honor Roll

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Juniors

Anne Barber, Deirdre Bigley, Mark Chapman, Katherine Coyne, David Curry, Matthew Davis, Emily Dean, Scott Faber, Laura Genello, Lindsay Grossman, Sarah Hassan, Kelly Holway, Terence Hurley, David Ingber, Ian Kidder, Ross Lieb-Lappen, Allison Moje, Shan Shan Nie, Gregory O'Connell, Elizabeth Reynolds, Julie Shea, Kimberly Ulmer and Alexis Bugley.

Sophomores

Erik Belz, Christopher Bilodeau, Jennifer Buckley, Sean Connolly, Jonathan Downing, Rachel Doyle, Nicole Durant, Allison Earon, Ashley Faber, Tess Foley, Caitlin Gontarz, Jessie Guild, Elizabeth Meikleham, Brittany Novak, Carling Sturino, Emilie Sullivan and Daniel Tarpey.

Freshmen

Peter Bunstein, Jack Carroll, Matthew Casey, Cecelia Chapman, Elizabeth Condos, Jeannette Daley, John DeWaal, Katherine Englander, Rachel Garber, Jonathan Grimm, Danielle Hajjar, Adam Haracz, Lindsey Kennedy, Jonathan Littauer, Toby Norman, Molly Ogrodnik, Thomas Ross, Mary Silvia, Elizabeth Stone and Domenic Strazzulla.

HONORS
Seniors

James Bertovich, David Bouchard, Christopher Caron, David DeVito, Shane Dewar, Sarah Downing, Brendan Fludder, Kate Flynn, Vincent Gratta, Eric Libby, Maggie O'Neil, Paul Previte, Allison Scott, Nancy Winters, Peter Maitland, Jari Martin and William Moody.

Juniors

Yasmine Afshar, Meredith Bixby, Sarah Brady, Nell Brewer, Cosimo Cambi, Megan Chastain, John Figueiredo, Mary Flanagan, Sera Genovese, David Kupsc, Benjamin Nash, Nicole Needle, Matthew O'Brien, Heather Peraino, Patrick Reardon, Christina Sadler, Rachel Smith and Shawna Sullivan.

Sophomores

Timothy Anton, Jefferson Barrett, Jake Berger, Conor Buick, Andrew Busk, Robert Carpenter, Chris Clark, Mark Davis, Michael Devine, Michael Dooley, Corey Evans, Kara Flint, Kristin Howard, Kathleen Hurley, Craig Laugelle, Jenna Lowe, Meghan Marr, Andrew Musto, Elisa Ninde-Jerome, Sarah Noble, Andrew O'Keeffe, Ryan Ofshun, John Oronte, Danielle Pinkus, Michael Rasmussen, Julia Scribner, Emily Simmons, Phillip Strazzulla, Julie Trahon, Anthony Truglia, Nicole Turgiss, Kristen Watts and Gillian Weber.

Freshmen

Daniel Allen, Casey Anderson, Dominique Asnault, Alice Bellone, Jacqueline Blake, Brian Bolger, Allison Dean, James DeGiacomo, Lucy Gardner, Courtney Hurley, Miranda Lanzillotti, Daniel Leahy, Molly Liddell, Jennifer Murray, Lauren Rizzotti, Christopher Simms and Nicole Whitney.

Middle School Honor Roll

FIRST QUARTER 2001-'02
HIGH HONORS
Grade 8

Brooke Allen, Kelsey Bell, Kathryn Evans, Amanda Faulkner, Matthew Fithian, Jacqueline Flint, Aileen Fortunato, Remy Lee, Emily Nash, Caitlin O'Connell, Christopher Ofshun, Christopher Reynolds, Emily Savage, Nils Sceery and Molly Trisler.

Grade 7

Kevin Barber, Austin Breslow, Laura Campedelli, Emily Coggins, Brent Daly, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Donald Dickinson, Kristen Dooley, Elizabeth Englander, Stephanie Fewsmith, Molly Gallagher, Caren Garber, Ryan Ingram, Sarah Malone, Benjamin Masotta, Robert Meikleham, Zachary Murray, Lara Novak, Charlotte Reel, Colleen Richardson, Adam Smith, Virginia Spofford, Paul St. Pierre, Owen Stevenson, Lauren Strazzulla, Kiersten Swain, Alida Tangherlini, Amanda Thompson, Kara Wilcox and Ellen Wise.

HONORS
Grade 8

Isabelle Bertolami, Katherine Bolger, Prescott Busk, Rita Carpenter, Adam Chang, Melissa Crawford, Susan Curry, Amanda Daley, Michael Devlin, Nicole Dugan, Marissa Evans, Victoria Gavaza, Chelsea Grossman, Patrick Horigan, Kaitlin James, Katherine Jensen, John Keniley, Alison Krupczak, Sam Kusek, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Jonathan Lowe, Michael Martone, Kate McBride, Daniel McCarthy, Carolyn Muir, Christiane Muir, Lisa Musto, Nathan Needle, Stefan Parnell, Vanessa Plante, Katrina Reardon, Jennifer Roche, Cassie Rosano, John Schiepers, Kristen Schwerin, Charlotte Sida, Brandon Smith, Lisa Spirito, Ellen Tarpey, Molly Trahon, Emma Weston, Jessica Wheelwright and Katherine Whoriskey.

Grade 7

Christopher Ackley, Justin Alexander, Caroline Barrett, Parker Berg, Robert Brady, Nicholas Cambi, Alyssa Campbell, Michael Corry, Shalea Daly, Christopher Davis, Jared Dick, Meredith Evans, Patrick Flynn, Aisling Guinee, Haley Haracz, Robert Hertig, Alexander Hunt, Caitlin Hurley, Ryan Kucinski, Austen Lanzillotti, Tessa Leahy, Kacy Litchfield, John McCarthy, Charles Morin, Christina Pinkus, Mary Previte, Nick Sida, Fletcher Smalzel, Timothy Smith, Robert St. John, Roxanne Tehranian, Timothy Toomey, Caitlyn Tresse and Nicholas Zappolo.

Garage hours

The Garage (for grades 6 and over) winter hours are Fridays from 4 to 10 p.m. the first and third Saturdays from 5 to 10 p.m.

Special events, activities, dances, etc. will be held and announced periodically throughout the year.

Facility rental for children's parties available during non-scheduled times/days. Call 781-383-4109.

Community Center nursery school registration starts

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces nursery school applications for the 2002-2003 school year will become available on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Nursery School and Community Center offices.

Nursery School registration is based on a lottery system. Applications will be available Jan. 22 - 29.

Completed applications must be returned to the South Shore Community Center office by Wednesday, Jan. 30. Application envelopes should be marked nursery school registration application.

Parents registering their child in the 3-year-old program should enclose a copy of the child's birth certificate to ensure proper placement of students in the program. All applications must include the $90 registration fee. Family membership for the school year is included in the fee. There is no financial commitment for children who are placed on the waiting list; checks will be returned.

The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 4. Nursery School acceptance letters will be sent via the mail the following week.

The school offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of 3 to 5-year-olds. Programs run from 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 -3 p.m. Some extended before and after school programs will be available.

The nursery program is for children who will be three years of age by Oct. 20. The pre-kindergarten program is for children who are, or will be 4 years old by Oct. 20, 2002. The four day and five day enrichment programs are offered to older 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds who have attended a pre-kindergarten program but are ineligible for kindergarten, or would benefit from an enrichment year.

Please direct questions regarding placement to the director, Lynne Sheridan at 383-0036. Parent observation welcome.

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School is licensed by The Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services.

School Lunch Menu

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MONDAY: NO SCHOOL — MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

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WEDNESDAY: Pasta with meat sauce, bread stick; or Chef salad with pita bread.

THURSDAY: Chicken patty on a bun; or Seafood salad roll, French fries, cake.

FRIDAY: Cheese or pepperoni pizza; or Turkey sandwich, baby carrots, fruit.

- Fresh fruit and choice of milk served daily
- Fresh salads and deli-style sandwiches also available
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

11:11 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:45 a.m. Beach St,. registration inquiry.

12:51 p.m. Hull Police Station, assist other police dept.

1:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:02 p.m. Hull St, well being check.

2:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.

2:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St,. motor vehicle stop,

2:53 p.m. Cushing Plaza, suspicious person.

3:36 p.m. Elm St,. hazmat incident.

4 p.m. North Main St., general services.

4:45 p.m. Beechwood St,. motor vehicle stop,

5:01 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

5:22 p.m. Beechwood St, motor vehicle stop, warning issued.

6:03 p.m. N. Main St,. general services.

7:30 p.m. N. Main St., officer wanted.

7:51 p.m. Hull St,. officer wanted.

8:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop,

9:25 p.m. S. Main St., general services.

10:04 p.m. Sohier St., open door window.

11:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop,

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

8:08 a.m. N. Main St,. larceny.

9:44 a.m. N. Main St., outside fire.

11:20 a.m. N. Main St. and Cedar St., general services.

11:59 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

12:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny by check.

12:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist motorist.

1 p.m. Sohier St., fire investigation.

1:30 p.m. Beach St,. medical aid.

5:26 p.m. Beechwood St,. motor vehicle stop, warning.

8:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway open door/window.

8:36 p.m. Ripley Rd,. motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

9:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:17 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., and Windy Hill Rd. parking complaint.

11:24 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

12:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

12:40 a.m. Brewster Rd., general services.

12:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window.

1:03 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.

7:31 a.m. Wood Way, power outage.

10:02 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Ln., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

10:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:13 a.m. Mendel Rd., structure fire.

10:35 a.m. King St., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

11:01 a.m. Sohier St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:16 p.m. N. Main St., registration inquiry.

1:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:45 p.m. N. Main St., registration inquiry.

1:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, registration inquiry.

2:18 p.m. S. Main St., registration inquiry.

2:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, registration inquiry.

2:26 p.m. Forest Ave., registration inquiry.

2:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, registration inquiry.

3:44 p.m. S. Main St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

5:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.

5:42 p.m. N. Main St,. suspicious activity.

7:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

7:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

8 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

8:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire.

8:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

8:50 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

8:58 p.m. King St,. medical aid.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6

12:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:20 a.m. Pond St. suspicious auto.

1:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window.

2:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:35 a.m. King St., general services.

10:51 a.m. S. Main St., and Castle Rd., general services.

12:56 p.m. Forest Ave., well being check.

2:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, burglary, breaking and entering.

5:04 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop.

5:52 p.m. Ripley Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

5:59 p.m. Sohier St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, JAN. 7

5:25 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:25 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

11:42 a.m. King St., medical aid.

2:15 p.m. Red Gate Ln., medical aid.

2:54 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

3:59 p.m. Elm St., assist other police department.

4:27 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash.

4:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., fire, investigation.

8:32 p.m. Rocky Ln., animal control.

11:55 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle crash.

Police arrested nine last month

December was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were nine arrests: 3 for Outstanding Warrant; 1 for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor; 2 for Assault and Battery; 1 for Illegal Possession of a Class "A" Substance; and finally, 2 for Illegal Possession of a Class "D" Substance, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

During the month of December, the police department investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents, three of which resulted in personal injury. There were 161 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $4,125 in fines. Additionally, there were 71 Parking Tickets issued for $2,075 in fines. There were 6 Criminal Complaints issued.

Also in December, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 720 calls for police services, of those, 132 were Emergency 911 calls, Noonan said.

In the month of December, there were two Breaking and Entering offenses, both in a commercial business, he said.

Finally, in the month of December, Detective Greg Lennon attended an eight-hour presentation on Dec. 3 in Boxborough titled, " Terrorism: Understanding the Threat and Developing an Integrated Response." Keynote speakers included the Governor, FBI Boston SAC, US Attorney and Attorney General. The training focused on the nature of the terrorism threat in Massachusetts, understanding the terrorist mindset, activities and threats in Massachusetts, Biological and Chemical Weapons of mass destruction, explosives, attacks on our infrastructure, an overview of the new Anti-Terrorism Task Force (ATTF), and lessons learned from past acts of domestic and international terrorism.

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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P0028EP

In the Estate of EUNICE L. BROWNELL

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 25, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CAROLD H. BROWNELL of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and DEBORAH BROWNELL of HANSON in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 20, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, January 7, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#765489
Cohasset Mariner 1/17/02

ZBA/PILGRIM CO-OPERATIVE BANK
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Thurs., **Jan. 24, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to 6.5.1 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Pilgrim Co-Operative Bank, seeks signage at **800-CJCH** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-12-31

AD#760360
Cohasset Mariner 1/10, 1/17/02

ZBA/31 STOCKBRIDGE ST.
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Thurs., **Jan. 24, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.6 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Peter & Gillian O'Connell seek an addition of non-conforming structure at **31 Stockbridge St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-01-08B

AD#763424
Cohasset Mariner 1/10, 1/17/02

ZBA/491 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Thurs., **Jan. 24, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.8 & 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, William S. Shelton & Margaret M. Fitzpatrick seek an addition of non-conforming structure in a Flood Plain at **491 Jerusalem Rd.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-01-08A.

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The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades K-3 arts and crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and crafts for grades K-3 will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $42 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Monday, Jan. 28, continuing through March 4. The class will not meet during February school vacation.

For more information, details and registration call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109.

Rotary announces phone book drive

The members of the Rotary Club of Cohasset have announced the kick off of their annual Cohasset Phone Book and Buyers Guide drive.

Marking its 39th year, the Rotary Club Cohasset Phone Book has grown to become one of the most popular and widely used community resources. In addition to local phone numbers, residents have come to rely on the publication as a reference for everything from town government information to street map locations.

The Cohasset Phone Book is also viewed as the premiere buyers guide for Cohasset residents in search of goods or services. With low rates and high readership level, an advertisement in the Rotary Club Phone Book makes perfect sense for all local businesses.

All of the advertising dollars generated through the phone book are redirected in the form of support for many local organizations and charitable institutions serving Cohasset citizens. The money also helps fund annual scholarships for high school graduates and current college students.

Persons and organizations interested in finding out more about the benefits of advertising in the Rotary Club Phone Book and Buyers Guide should contact Ed Fox at Fox Associates 781-383-3000.

The Rotary Club of Cohasset is an organization of business and professional leaders united to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in our town, state country and throughout the world. In more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs.

Relay For Life events

Planning for the American Cancer Society's annual Relay For Life in Cohasset is ready to begin. Area residents wishing to join the volunteer planning committee for this event are encouraged to contact Mary at the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880, Ext. 229; or Event Chairman, Gordon Behrer at 617-770-7989 or by email at gchebrer@aol.com.

The first meeting of the planning committee is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 17 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Cohasset High School cafeteria, 143 Pond St., Cohasset. All interests and talents are welcome.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for May 17 and 18 at Cohasset High School.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's nationwide, signature activity. Last year, 11 Relay For Life events took place around southeast Massachusetts raising more than $2.3 million for the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services.

If you are interested in finding out more about Relay For Life, call 1-888-648-4880 and press 3, to be connected to the local office.

Gardeners to meet

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 22 at the Second Congregational Church.

"The Emerald Necklace: Restoring the Vision Preserving the Legacy" will be the topic. Located in Boston and Brookline and designed by Frederick law Olmsted, America's first landscape architect, this environmental treasure of six parks was constructed in the years 1878-1896. Simone Auster, executive Director of Emerald Necklace Conservancy, will speak about this special landscape and the restoration work currently underway and planned.

Coffee will be served at 9 a.m.

Bradley office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D – Hingham, will hold district office hours this Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Cohasset Town Hall, first floor meeting room, from 5-6 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

OBITUARIES

Russell H. Mitchell

Russell H. Mitchell, age 67, of Bradenton, Fla. and formerly of Cohasset, died Dec. 25, 2001 in Bradenton after a long illness.

Mr. Mitchell lived his early life in Cohasset where he graduated from high school. The then attended the Vesper George School of Art in Boston.

In 1958, he moved to Bradenton where he founded and designed Mitchell Fiberglass Boats.

He leaves his wife, Mary (Ramise) Mitchell of Bradenton. He also leaves his children, Buddy Mitchell of Sarasota, Fla., Angela Mitchell of Parrish, Fla., Gena Rogers of Bradenton, Fla., Denise Bramblett of Palatka, Fla., Jackie Porter of Ocala, Fla., Mary Lundstrom of Orange Park, Fla., Pamela Middleburg of Lebulon, N.C. and Grace Johnson of Metarie, La. He leaves his two brothers, Francis Mitchell of Cohasset, Kenneth Mitchell of Vermont and sister, Eileen Sargent of New Hampshire. He was married to the former Barbara DeMellio of Scituate.

Private funeral services and interment were conducted in Bradenton, Fla.

James P. Stuart

James P. Stuart, 44, of Scituate, died Jan. 11, 2002.

He leaves his wife, Katherine L. Spear of Marshfield; his children, Kelsey Claire Stuart and Jake James Stuart; a sister, Arline Carreiro of Foxboro. James is the brother-in-law of Steven and Marguerite Gustafson of Scituate, and an uncle to their children, Steven and Katie Gustafson. He also leaves a father-in-law, Roy E. Spear.

A funeral Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate. Interment to follow at New St. Mary's Cemetery in Scituate.

Arrangements were handled by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate.

Those who wish may remember Mr. Stuart through donations in his name to James Stuart Childrens Fund, c/o Scituate Federal Savings Bank, 72 Front St., Scituate, Mass. 02066.

WORSHIP NEWS

Interfaith assembly

Members of St. Anthony Parish Respect Life Committee will attend the 29th annual Interfaith Assembly for Life Sunday, Jan. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Fanueil Hall, Boston. The speaker at this event sponsored by Mass. Citizens for Life will be Sen. Bob Smith, N.H. The event precedes the National March for Life, which will be held Tuesday, Jan. 22, in Washington D.C. Rose lapel pins, a reminder that all life is sacred, will be distributed along with the Pope's encyclical, "The Gospel of Life," at all Masses this Saturday and Sunday.

Also tickets will be available for the parish's Fourth Annual "Pasta with the Pastah," which will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sat. Feb. 2, in the parish hall. The dinner is sponsored b the Lagrotteria Family and Friends; tickets are $20, $15 for seniors.

Shabbat dinner, Tu B'Shevat Seder

Come celebrate Tu B'Shevat on Friday, Jan. 25 at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom at 1112 Main St. in Hingham. We will have a community-wide dinner and seder beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The beautiful seder ritual includes foods associated with Israel, including figs, pomegranates, dates and almonds as well as songs and readings that reflect the themes of nature, ecology and the land of Israel.

As you celebrate this Festival of the Trees, you will also greet Shabbat with our Temple community. Shabbat readings and Kaddish will be included.

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Broadway goes disco

Quincy native lands role in 'Saturday Night Fever - The Musical'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

From the first time he saw it in 1977, Quincy native Rich Hebert knew that "Saturday Night Fever" was more than just another movie. The film told the tale of Tony Manero (John Travolta), a young man who finds meaning in his life through the dancing he does at a neighborhood disco. The story may have taken place in Brooklyn, but Hebert says it could just as easily have been set on the South Shore.

"Back then, I was living the life of Tony Manero at clubs like Uncle Sam's in Hull and the Mad Hatter in Boston," explains Hebert, a now New York-based actor and singer who returns to Massachusetts next week with the national tour of "Saturday Night Fever — The Musical" at Boston's Wang Theatre. "My friends and I were out at the discos practically every night. The next day we'd get together to play some basketball and compare notes on what we did the night before."

A 1975 graduate of Quincy High School, Hebert was a student at Boston University when the John Badham-directed film was released. "I saw the movie four times at the old Strand Theatre in Quincy. I even took all my friends to see it, because one of them really reminded me of a lot of Travolta. I loved rock n' roll as much as the next guy in those days, but I also fully embraced disco."

A whole new generation now has a chance to discover the disco craze that dominated the late 1970s, thanks to the "Saturday Night Fever" stage production which originated in London, played Broadway, and is now on tour in the United States. The show, being presented by the film's producer Robert Stigwood, features several Top 10 hits from the film's legendary soundtrack. Many of the songs were originally performed by the Bee Gees, including "Stayin' Alive," "How Deep Is Your Love," "Tragedy," "Jive Talkin,'" "Night Fever," and "You Should Be Dancing."

More than 20 years after his own disco fever broke, Hebert won't be donning Tony's signature white suit on stage. He will instead play the character's father, Frank Manero, Sr., remembered by fans of the film as a man often in conflict with his youngest son.

"Frank, Sr. is just a hardworking blue collar guy," explains Hebert. "He has no higher aspirations than just to keep his family on track. He is out of work and has very few job prospects, however, and he is feeling a little emasculated. His son, Tony, is earning money that the family needs and the father knows that if Tony leaves the house the family will be in trouble. He finds the whole situation very frustrating."

While the movie explored the darker themes of gang violence and drug use, the stage adaptation is "more of a sanitized version of the story," according to Hebert. "There are still some heavy subjects being dealt with, but is more about the music and the dancing. It really works well, too, because you do want to hear these songs sung. You almost want to sing along. The songs are so good that you can't get them out of your head."

Quincy native Rich Hebert returns to Boston next week to perform in "Saturday Night Fever — The Musical" on stage at the Wang Theatre. Hebert will play the role of Frank Manero, Sr., remembered by fans of the film as a man often in conflict with his youngest son.

Disco's alive and well in the new Broadway show "Saturday Night Fever— The Musical."

If the music and moves are familiar to Hebert, the same cannot be said for all members of the touring company. "Most of the cast was born after the movie came out. They had certainly never owned any polyester bell bottoms. When we had our first costume fittings, they couldn't believe that people had actually dressed this way in the 1970s. I had to tell them that they did and that I still had some of the real clothes from that time in my closet."

Following his 1979 graduation from BU with a BFA in Acting, Hebert embarked on a performing career that has included Broadway roles in "The Life," "Sunset Boulevard," "Les Miserables," and "Rock 'N Roll: The First 5,000 Years." In the early 1980s, Hebert played Judas in an extended run of "Godspell" at Boston's Charles Playhouse. He has not been on a Boston stage, however, since he played Rum Tum Tugger in the first national tour of "Cats." Hebert has also been seen on television in series including "Law and Order: SVU" and in the feature film, "Conspiracy Theory," with Mel Gibson. Over the years, he has watched a fellow BU classmate from Wareham achieve her own considerable degree of show business success.

"Geena Davis ("The Accidental Tourist,""Thelma and Louise") is still a very good friend of mine. Interestingly, she was used very little in the productions we did at BU She was this very tall, beautiful girl and still they didn't know what to do with her. Geena ended up doing our posters, because in addition to being a very good actress she is also a good artist."

Hebert has also maintained many friendships from his childhood in the Germantown section of Quincy. Although his father passed away last year, his mother remains in the city. He also has sisters in Quincy and Weymouth, while a brother lives in New York State. Boston will mark Hebert's final performance in 'Saturday Night Fever," although the national tour will continue through July. After a skiing vacation in New Hampshire, Hebert will return to New York to explore new roles. He won't be alone at the Wang, though, when he ends his one year run as the elder Manero.

"There are at least 20 of my family and friends coming to see the show on Saturday night, when I have promised them they will really get the fever," Hebert says with a laugh.

("Saturday Night Fever — The Musical" will be at The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, from January 22-27, 2002. For tickets and information, call 1-888-889-8587.)

STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

An addition and remodeling at the Rockland Memorial Library several years ago allowed the building's beautiful rotunda become a home for artwork by local artists.

Room to show

Rotunda at Rockland Library features local talent

By Patrick Cronin
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Elaine Mann has been interested in art since she was a child drawing on a chalkboard in school. "I feel as though I have been drawing all my life," said Mann. "One of my fist palettes was on a blackboard at school."

Mann's artwork will be displayed at Art in the Rotunda in the Rockland Memorial Library through the end of January. Most of her paintings and prints are taken from her travels across the world including Europe, Switzerland, France, and Mexico.

Mann, who grew up in Hanover and now lives in Jamaica Plain, began to take professional art classes while she was working full time as a nursing supervisor at Harvard's Psychiatric Unit at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center.

"I used to work as a nurse," said Mann. "I would work the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift which would allow me to take art classes in the morning."

Mann said she took several diverse art classes in colleges, workshops, museums, and by private instructors. She also became a member of a number of art associations including "Partners in Printmaking" out of DeCordova Museum School in Lincoln.

Mann's artwork has been displayed all over the country.

"I had a one women show in August at the World Trade Center," said Mann. "It was an invitation only event."

Mann has also had art shows in Ireland and France but is happy to have her work displayed in Rockland.

"I grew up around here," said Mann. "I heard about the Art in the Rotunda at the Rockland Memorial Library and thought it would be a great idea to expose my work to people who live around here."

Since 1995, the Rockland Memorial Library has given local artists an opportunity to share their work with the public. It also gives residents a chance to meet with local artists and discuss their work.

"We thought it would be a great idea for art exhibits," said organizer Carole Mooney. "It gives area artists a chance for their artwork to be displayed and gives residents a chance to view the artwork of their fellow residents."

The library remodeling and addition made Art in the Rotunda possible. Once the circulation desk was moved from the spacious rotunda, it became the perfect gallery to display local talent.

"It's also really nice for people who visit the library and are interested in art," said Mooney. "I think the artwork inspires others."

Mooney said the artwork of Keith Favazza, who was the featured artists in September, inspired many including students at Rockland High School. Favazza displayed his artwork from "A Time For Heroes." The work pictured a young girl, growing up in Pennsylvania, struggling to understand and cope with the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Mooney said one of the great things about Art in the Rotunda is the variety of artwork they have been able to showcase over the years.

"Over the years there have been a diverse variety of artwork displayed," said Mooney. "We have had paintings, photographs and Christmas cards. Very contemporary work. Once people discover we have artwork being displayed they keep coming back to see more."

Mooney said they have a couple of artists lined up for the next two months including Rockland resident Robert Dunn. Dunn graduated from Rockland High school and has just graduated from Umass Dartmouth. He won several art awards in High School and his artwork will be displayed for the entire month of February.

Artists interested in displaying work at the Rockland Memorial Library can contact Carole Mooney at (781) 871-1234.

Former Hanover native Elaine Janson Mann's work is currently on display in the Rotunda at the Rockalnd Memorial Library.

Food & dining

Roasted Pear Salad

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

In the last few years, roasted pears have become ubiquitous, showing up on restaurant menus as salads, not desserts. They are usually paired with a spicy green, goat cheese, and perhaps a few toasted nuts. I have improvised a few of these at home over the years and found that they range from show-stopping to an insipid pile of rabbit food. The secret is in how the pears are roasted as well as in the perfect balance of the remaining ingredients.

I started with the pears. First, I peeled, quartered, and coated them with olive oil and then placed them in a 400-degree oven for 30 minutes. They turned out bland and dry and looked like a Vermonter in March (pale and gray). Next, I sliced them, coated them with sugar and melted butter, and roasted them in a 500-degree oven for 15 minutes. I didn't like the added sugar and didn't want to have to turn them, a step that seemed necessary for even coloring. Finally, I quartered the pears, placed them in a buttered baking dish, covered the dish, and placed them in a 450-degree oven. After 15 minutes, I removed the cover and let them cook another 10 minutes, or until done. They were perfect — shiny, spotted golden brown and very sweet.

My testing was done with Anjou pears but I also tried red skin pears (firm and flavorful), Bartlett (slightly less intense and less firm), Bosc (dry and grainy). Once the pears have been roasted, they keep fine for 3 to 4 hours so the roasting may be done ahead of time. However, they must not be refrigerated or heated since their texture will suffer.

For the greens I tested arugula, bibb lettuce, watercress, radicchio, and endive. Arugula was the clear winner – sharp, peppery and a nice foil for the sweet pears. Watercress would work in a pinch but bibb and mache didn't have enough bite. Radicchio and endive are nice additions to the arugula but are overpowering on their own.

Goat cheese is widely available in small logs that weigh 4 or 5 ounces. Trying to slice them into neat medallions is very difficult unless you use a cool knife and wipe it with a damp towel after each slice. However, the cheese is just as tasty if it is simply crumbled over the top of the salad. For the dressing, I started with olive oil. I then tried many different types of vinegar and preferred both red and white balsamic. I used a four-to-one ratio of oil to vinegar and also added salt, mustard, and shallot.

To assemble the salad for 6 people, I started with three bunches of arugula. (Washed, dried and cut into bite sized pieces it ended up to be about 9 cups.) I then placed them into a large bowl and added the optional endive and radicchio. Next, the vinaigrette was added and the greens were tossed to coat.

This salad is best portioned onto plates and then topped with the crumbled cheese and pear quarters. I tried chopping the pears into bite-size pieces but they lose their identity and the salad loses some of its style. Topping the finished salad with chopped toasted pecans added crunch and flavor although they are optional.

ROASTED PEAR SALAD WITH ARUGULA AND GOAT CHEESE

Make sure that you are using fresh, not aged, goat cheese. It should be the texture of cream cheese. Use the largest possible mixing bowl to toss the salad. It makes tossing much easier. To vary this recipe, try dusting the pears with 5-spice powder before baking.

3 Anjou, Bartlett or Red Skinned pears peeled, quartered and cored
1/4 teaspoon salt
1tablespoon red or white balsamic vinegar
4 tablespoons best quality olive oil
1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons finely chopped shallot
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
3 bunches arugula washed, dried, stemmed and cut into bite-sized pieces, about 9 cups
1/2 cup thinly sliced radicchio (optional)
1/2 cup thinly sliced endive, (optional)
4 to 5 ounce log goat cheese, crumbled
1/2 cup chopped pecans toasted in a dry skillet over medium heat until fragrant and lightly browned, about 3 minutes

1. Heat oven to 450 degrees and adjust rack to the center position. Place the pears in a lightly buttered baking dish and cover with aluminum foil. Place baking dish into oven and cook for 15 minutes. Remove foil and bake for 10 minutes more or until the pears are just tender and dark golden brown on the bottom. Remove from oven and allow to cool to room temperature.

2. Place the salt and vinegar in a small bowl. Whisk until the salt has dissolved, about 10 seconds. Add the olive oil, mustard, shallot, and pepper and whisk until smooth, thickened and evenly colored. Place the arugula in a large mixing bowl and add the optional radicchio and endive. Add the vinaigrette and toss gently to evenly coat the greens. Distribute the greens onto six plates. Top each with crumbled goat cheese and two pear quarters. Sprinkle the optional pecans over the salads if desired.

Serve immediately. Serves 6 —

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

The moon enters laidback Pisces at 9:00 a.m. No major planetary activity occurs today. You can make gains developing creative projects. Spend time alone; listen to music, write poetry, curl up with a good book. Get extra rest tonight.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

A Pisces moon continues to place the spotlight on creative endeavors. Follow your hunches. If you have work projects to accomplish, finish old business rather than starting new activities. Move cautiously in business or romance. Sleep on new ideas; don't take action. A lunar alignment to Pluto at 6:27 p.m. may generate emotional thunderstorms. Keep a cool head.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

The planet Mercury has been slowing its rate of motion in the past few days, preparing for retrograde travel. At 3:50 p.m. Mercury, standing at 14 1/2-degrees of Aquarius, begins to travel in retrograde motion until February 8. Making important decisions, launching major enterprises, signing contracts are off limits in this period. The planet Mars moves into Aries at 5:54 p.m., and Venus moves into Aquarius at 10:42 p.m. The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 9:27 p.m. until 9:35 p.m., when it enters Aries. Venus and Mars align in the early morning hours, setting the stage for a romantic evening.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

An Aries moon sets a quick pace this weekend. You can be most productive, if you are well-organized. Tackle jobs that require physical labor and exertion. Get back in the swing of favorite sports and exercise regimens. Forget your troubles and go for the good times this evening.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

The sun enters Aquarius at 1:02 a.m., remaining there until February 18. The Aries moon continues active travel until 8:50 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus. Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. Put career or domestic concerns on the back burner; let off some steam and go for the good times.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

The moon enters earthy Taurus at 9:47 a.m., bringing a change of pace. This day rates high across the board. If you are working, you can be most productive. On the other hand, influences are great for socializing or just veging out and enjoying the moment. The first quarter moon occurs at 12:46 p.m., serving as a reminder that this moon is growing in light. A full moon will culminate next Monday, January 28.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

The moon continues to travel in Taurus and forms a 90-degree contact to Neptune between noon-3:00 p.m. It may be difficult to concentrate on practical matters in this period. An applying alignment of the sun and Mars brings an energy boost later in the afternoon and evening. Saturn prepares to interact with Neptune, urging you to find time alone. Reassess your values and set new goals; strive for greater spiritual vision.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Avoid rigid time schedules this morning. The Taurus moon aligns with unpredictable Uranus at 7:29 a.m. and becomes inactive. If you are working, handle routine chores and follow through on unfinished projects. Influences turn around completely at 7:28 p.m., when the moon enters lively Gemini. This is a great evening to get in touch with friends you haven't heard from in a while or to chat on the internet or just hang out with favorite buddies.

Talent Search

MILTON PLAYERS will hold auditions for the Neil Simon comedy **London Suite** on Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Cunningham Park Hall, Edge Hill Road in Milton. The play is directed by Dee Chapit. Auditions will consist of readings from the script. For more information visit www.miltonplayers.org

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY, is looking for a few good men, and women, to add to their already quality program. Spring Concert rehearsals at the Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be asked of all new members, primarily for voice placement. Come and be a part of a grand musical tradition; its fun and a very rewarding experience.

NORTH RIVER THEATER, 513 River Street, Norwell announces auditions for it's April Production of TRIBUTE. Auditions will be held at the theatre on Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. There are roles for men and women ages 20s to 50s and also openings for technicians in all area of stage production. For information, call 781-335-4295.

HINGHAM CIVIC MUSIC THEATRE announces Auditions for the musical **GYPSY.** Auditions will be held Feb. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium at Hingham Civic Center, 210 Central St. (off Rt. 228) in Hingham. Call-backs will be held on Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. for selected candidates. Show dates are May 10, 11, 12, 17, and 18. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing (bring sheet music in the correct key; accompanist provided) and dance/move. There are roles in this show for children (ages 7 and over) and adults. All roles are open and new members are welcome. Call Joel Leonard at 781-749-6431 for details.

THE CHORAL ART SOCIETY seeks singers for all voice parts. No auditions are required. There will be three open rehearsals in January for new singers: Jan 14, and Jan. 21. The group rehearses on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church on Country Way in Scituate. Opportunities for group and solo singing are offered. Music will feature a Requiem and songs of peace. For more information, call 781-837-5547 or visit www.choralartsociety.org

ISLAND GROVE WOMEN'S CHORUS – looking for women, 18 years old and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Rt. 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audio tape. For more information, call Cory at 781-294-1880.

Winter protection for trees, shrubs and perennial gardens

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As dusk approached on an overcast afternoon in early January, I ventured forth for a brief stroll through the slumbering garden. Only the soothing sounds of bubbling water from my little fishpond broke the silence as darkness fell over the dormant winter landscape. Despite periods of frigid weather, the bubbling pump furnishes a nearly perpetual opening in the frozen surface of the water garden, providing a constant source of water for wildlife all winter long. When temperatures drop below freezing, unique ice sculptures are created by this gurgling, miniature fountain, their forms changing throughout the day as sun, wind and shadows continually influence nature's artwork.

Several minor storms over the past week have delivered much needed precipitation to our area. Predictions of a spring drought are already being mentioned in local weather reports, reminding gardeners of our responsibility to conserve water. The need to insulate our precious plants is especially critical this winter season. Warm temperatures in December may have delayed our efforts to provide plants with winter protection, but Mother Nature is sure to deliver many weeks of chilly temperatures and damaging winds in the weeks to come. Quick action should be taken to preserve fall transplants, tender perennials, and evergreens prone to heaving out of the ground and winter desiccation.

Evergreen plants, especially boxwoods, and broad-leaf shrubs including rhododendrons, mountain laurels, Leucothoe and Oregon hollies, face the greatest hazards, particularly in this year of diminished rainfall. Subjected to desiccating winds and winter sun, their leaves may be scorched, particularly during the latter half of the winter. Most of these woody ornamentals appreciate sheltered or shady locations to minimize this exposure. For shrubs or boxwood hedges prone to winterburn, the construction of a temporary windscreen may be helpful to minimize damage. Install a series of stakes around these bushes and wrap with burlap leaving the top open for air circulation. Anti-desiccant sprays, available from your local nursery, can be applied to evergreen leaves on warmer days to further protect their leaf surfaces and may be especially beneficial this season. Similar steps should be taken to protect the stems and buds of the showy, but often finicky, blue and pink hydrangeas.

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January tends to be a month of fluctuating temperatures, which often takes its toll on many shallow-rooted perennials and fall transplants. The alternate freezing and thawing of the soil surface may cause the crowns of these plants to lift above ground, exposing the roots to drying winds and cold temperatures. Monitor your perennial gardens for plants that may have heaved out of the ground when temperatures rise above freezing. These plants can usually be gently pushed back into the soil on a warm day.

The application of winter mulches is an ideal means of protecting dormant plants from heaving out of the ground. Mulches applied over roots after the ground freezes will insulate the surface of the soil. The purpose of this kind of mulch is not to keep the plant warm but rather to keep the ground beneath frozen. The upper two or more inches of the applied mulch alternately freeze and thaw when temperatures rise and fall but the ground remains frozen and slowly thaws when temperatures begin to moderate. It is usually advisable to spread these mulches after the ground has frozen to ensure that most of our destructive little critters have hibernated or they may seek refuge in your cozy covering.

Perhaps the best winter mulch of all is Mother Nature's gift of snow. Unfortunately, the majority of our South Shore winters are open with little or no snow cover. When Mother Nature cannot provide, gardeners can assist in the insulating process by laying down a layer of compost, manure, shredded pine bark or chopped leaves, all of which will gradually benefit the soil by adding moisture-retentive organic matter to the soil.

Alternative mulches include salt marsh hay, straw, pine needles and evergreen branches. Straw may need to be anchored in place, especially in exposed areas, by laying branches over the protected areas. White pine needles are my preferred mulch because they are light and airy and stay in place as they have a tendency to cling to one another. Evergreen boughs, such as those from a discarded Christmas tree, provide valuable protection for evergreen perennials in sunny, exposed locales, including candytuft (Iberis), evergreen ground phlox (Phlox subulata), coral bells (Heuchera) and pinks (Dianthus), which may be subject to winterburn due to dry, desiccating winter winds. The application of an anti-desiccant spray would offer additional protection.

When weather conditions and time permit, I venture into the garden throughout the winter months to monitor my plants, always on the lookout for signs of animal intruders, winter damage and signs of spring. Our mild December temperatures prompted many bulbs to sprout prematurely, and although the exposed tips of foliage may be damaged when spring finally arrives, these harbingers of the new growing season should still reward us with glorious blossoms. Cold, gloomy days will be spent browsing through the innumerable catalogs and gardening magazines that arrive daily and dreaming of the beauty resting beneath the frozen earth.

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VALENTINE'S DAY GALA with the **Plymouth Philharmonic** The Sheraton Plymouth's Valentine's Day Gala will feature a full night of dinner and dancing, with music by The Plymouth Philharmonic Swing Orchestra on Valentine's Day, Thursday, Feb. 14. Cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. with an acoustic guitar playing jazz and classical music. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the main ballroom, as guests are serenaded by a jazz duet of guitar and saxophone. After dinner George J. Sharr and the Plymouth Philharmonic Symphony Swing Orchestra will play the night away. The price for dinner and dancing is $139 per couple. Or a couple can enjoy dinner, dancing and overnight accommodations for $219. For reservations and more information call 508-747-4900.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY presents **Madama Butterfly** at the **Metropolitan Opera**. A day trip to New York sponsored by South Shore Conservatory. Leave the Ellison Center in Duxbury at 6:30 a.m. with optional 7 a.m. boarding at Rockland commuter parking lot (Rt. 3/Exit 14). Brunch at Tavern on the Green, followed by 1:30 p.m. matinee performance (seats in the balance orchestra). Box suppers for return trip. Cost: $250 per person included opera ticket, transportation, brunch and box supper. Call Laura Carleton at South Shore conservatory, 781-934-2731, ext. 14 to reserve.

THE SOLID GOLD OLDIES SHOW at the **Quincy Dinner Theater**, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. Musical review featuring songs of the 50s and 60s. Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 10, 14, 16. Thurs. Fri., Sat., dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30; Sun. matinee, dinner at 2 show at 3:30 p.m. Charge $37.50 for dinner and show. Wheelchair accessible. For reservations, call 781-843-5862.

BIG BROTHER & THE HOLDING COMPANY, Janis Joplin's original band, along with veteran vocalist, **Lisa Mills** will be making a rare area appearance with a stop at The Company Theatre in Norwell on Feb. 2. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $27 for general admission, and $50 for VIP tickets, which include reserved seats and a reception with the performers.

THE SWING BAND OF THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA will perform Jan. 26, at the PartyLite Worldwide Headquarters, 59 Armstrong Road in the Plymouth Industrial Park. Seating will be at tables of eight surrounding the dance floor and in the balcony overlooking the floor. In keeping with the cabaret-style surroundings, refreshments will be available. A table of eight is $250; individual table seats are $35. Proceeds will help the orchestra meet the additional expenses in this season "on the road." Reservations are required. to order tickets call the Phil office at 508-746-8008.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC presents "A Symphonic Valentine" concert held on Feb. 9, and 10. Both performances are in the Duxbury High School auditorium; the Feb. 9 concert begins at 8 p.m. and Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $28, $25, and $20. Senior and youth discounts are available. Also, $5 student "Rush" tickets are sold at the door one hour before performance time. For information call 508-746-8008.

ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

BROADWAY IN BOSTON presents **THE GRADUATE** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27m at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

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The Company Theatre's Teen Acting Class presents the musical-comedy "Little Shop of Horrors" Jan 18-20. Performances are Jan. 18, 8 p.m.; Jan, 19, 4 and 8 p.m.; and Jan. 20, at 3 p.m. Tickets are priced at $12 each. Tickets available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787.

Thurs. 17

Oil Paintings by Hull artist Claire Gamble – including a piece that memorializes the Set. 11 tragedy – are featured in the windows of **Brewed Awakenings**, 19 Main St., Hingham Square throughout the month of January, courtesy of **Artful Things Gallery** in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-6595 or www.artfulthings.com

Watercolor Workshop with Elizabeth Pratt. Duxbury Art Association offers three-day workshop with visiting artist Jan. 15-17, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit duxburyart.org

The Plymouth County Beekeepers Association will sponsor its 22nd annual Beginners' Beekeepers School at the Plymouth County Extension building on High Street in Hanson. Course runs seven two-hour sessions on alternate Thursday evenings. Registration will be held the first night of the course on Jan. 17 at 6:45 p.m. For information call Howard Scott 781-293-9027 or Lee Benford 781-837-9050.

Benedictine Monks in Hingham announce third speaker **in The Glastonbury Series Listening to Other Voices; Spirituality in Everyday Life. Charles I. Clough, Jr,** Chairman and CEO of the Clough Partners, L.P., Boston based investment firm, will speak on the topic of **Spirituality and the Workplace: A Deacon on Wall Street,** Jan. 17, 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center. Free of charge, donations welcome. Call 781-749-2155 for reservations.

BEST BET

The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Hingham — "The Old Ship" presents "Music Is For Everyone," a one-hour, intimate and informal concert with Evan Drachman, cello and Richard Dowling, piano, Sunday, Jan. 27 at 4 p.m. .For more information call (781) 749-1679.

Fri. 18

Blood Drive at South Shore Hospital Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Call the Red Cross at 1-800-Give-Life to schedule an appointment.

The Art of Music Chamber Players continue the 2001-2002 season with a performance on Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. General admission $15, seniors $12, students $8. For more information, call 781-837-2705.

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BeanZee's 203 Café, a specialty coffee, tea, beverage and food shoppe at The Hanover Mall will present **Dana Lipp** as its featured poet on Jan. 18, from 7:30 p.m. Open Mike.

Johnny Rivers will perform at Lombardo's in Randolph, Jan. 18, for an 8 p.m. show. Tickets are $32. Johnny Rivers, the man who recorded the unforgettable "Secret Agent Man" will perform with his red-hot-band. Call 866-468-7619 for tickets or www.ticketweb.com Tickets are also available at all Strawberries outlets. Lombardo's is located off Exit 5a off Rt. 128 on the Randolph/Milton line.

Sophisticated Singles cocktail party and social Jan. 18, at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rt. 228 Rockland. :Live music by The Ron Towers Band, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. Single professionals 35-55 years old. Cost $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Proper dress required. Tuxedos admitted free. Sponsored by Single Executives Club and the Young Professionals Club.

South Shore Folk Music Club, hosts its annual **All Open Mike Night.** If you sing, play an instrument, tell stories or recite poetry, share your talent. $4 members $5 non-members. All events begin at 8 p.m. doors open at 7:30 p.m. at The Beal House, Rt. 106 in Kingston. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available and the hall is handicapped accessible. For information call 781-871-1052.

South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will present the play **"Clue"** on Jan. 11, 12, 18,, and 19 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 13, 20, at 4:30 p.m. Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. Adult $8 Child $5. For reservations or information call 508-747-1234.

Sat. 19

Children's Art Day, Jan. 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills. Explore the arts with the **North River Arts Society's** staff of art teachers. Murals, cray and ink collage, drawing and more. Admission $2 for children, free for adults and refreshments will be sold. (Snow date Jan. 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) For more information call 781-837-8091 or northriverarts@rcn.com

The Weymouth Art Association will meet Jan. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth. **Anet Pagliarini** will demonstrate painting in oils. The meeting is open to the public and is free. Refreshments will served. For information call 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

Eyran Katsenelenbogen, internationally acclaimed jazz pianist will perform in concert Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Scituate. The concert is free but a $10 donation will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds will go to the Elizabeth Smith Memorial Fund, established for the restoration of the First Parish's historic Hook and Hastings pipe organ. First Parish is located at 330 First parish Road in Scituate and is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 781-545-3324.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents **Owl Hootenanny**. Each performance will consist of five skits about owls, their adaptations, and their habits. Trailside's live owls will be on display in the exhibit hall for up-close viewing, we'll have owl pellets to dissect, and owl video to view and an owl craft to create. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Each performance is limited to 60 participants. For information call (617-333-0690. Participants must pre-register for a scheduled auditorium performance (Jan. 19, 6 and 7:30 p.m. $8non-members $6 MAS members.

Broadway Exchange in **"The Lullaby of Broadway,"** a sassy, sizzling, sentimental trip to Broadway at the Cape Codder Resort, 1225 Iyannough Rd. or Rt. 132 in Hyannis, Jan. 19. Dinner show $39. Call for reservations at 508-771-3000.

Open wine tasting – Jan. 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Corporate Park unit 530, Pembroke. Wine tasting featuring small, boutique style wines from California and around the world. Taste some wines and gourmet foods in an unpretentious atmosphere. No charge for this event. For directions or more information call 800-814-0108.

Sun. 20

The Old Colony & Fall River Railroad Museum, Inc. will be sponsoring its 15th Annual Railroad Show on Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Luke Urban Field House, B.M.C. Durfee High School, 360 Elsbree St., Fall River. Featured will be 160 tables of dealers and exhibitors from through-out New England selling railroad antiques and model railroad equipment for all gauges. The public is invited to attend this show with all proceeds directly benefiting the museum. Admission $3 adults; $1 children age 2 to 12 and no charge for children under 2. For further information, contact Jay Chatterton at 508-674-9340 or www.ocandfrrailroad-museum.com

Tues. 22

Saturday Night Fever inspired by the 1977 film and its score by the Bee Gees, comes to Boston's Wang Theatre on Jan. 22 and runs through

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Jan. 27. Adapted for the stage by Tony nominee Nan Knighton, Saturday Night Fever is directed and choreographed by Arlene Phillips and features a cast of 33 leading Broadway singers and dancers assembled by the Broadway production's entire award-winning creative team. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $45/$55/$65/$75. Group discounts are available for all performances except Friday and Saturday evenings. Special student group discounts are available only for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening performances at $30. Tickets are on sale now at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont Street or through Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400. For TTY ticket orders call 1-888-889-8587. For all other information call The Wang Theatre at 617-482-9393.

BEST BET

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by Jack Haran at the Ventress Library Gallery through March 9. The show is open for viewing by the public Mondays-Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information call the NRAS at (781) 837-8091.

Wed. 23

Dog Training at the South Quincy Social Club, 480 Quincy Ave., Quincy, sponsored by **The New England Humane Association.** A new session is starting Jan. 23, at 6 p.m., Good Manners for Beginners, a level one class. Level two class, Obedience with Distractions will be held at 7 p.m. Class cost is $90 for five-week session. Improvisational Obedience will also be offered. The goal of each class is not only to help your dog to be better mannered, but to give you both an outlet for socialization and enjoyment. Call 617-789-3647 for information.

North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Science Center and the Massachusetts Audubon present King Phillip's War, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. at South Shore Science Center. Over the last decade, author Eric Schultz has reconstructed the history of the King Phillip's War, taking him to sites, historical societies and book archives all over new England, In his superbly researched book, **King Phillip's War**, co-authored with Michael Tougias, he details the history and lasting legacy of this brutal, and sometimes forgotten, war which marked a crucial turning point in the battle for control of land in the new World. In his presentation, Mr. Schultz will provide us with insight into this dark and formative period of America's past that claimed thousands of lives and marked the beginning of the westward push of Native Americans from their traditional lands. This lecture is not to be missed by lovers of American colonial history. For information call 781-659-2559.

Duxbury Art Association Winter Juried Show 2002. Artwork registration Jan. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Art Complex museum, Alden St., Duxbury. All mediums accepted. Show runs Feb. 3 through April 28. Entry $10 per piece. Opening gala reception and awards Feb. 2, 6 to 9 p.m. Call 781-934-2731 x 4 for prospectus and information, or visit www.duxburyart.org.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will host **Douglas Watt, PhD.** As featured speaker Jan.23, at 7:30 p.m. His topic will be **"The Stages of Alzheimer's Disease."** ADSGSS meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central Street, Hingham. For information call 781-740-2426 or 781-749-5417. Respite care for the patient is available at no cost during the meeting at Harbor House so that the family may attend this lecture. To reserve, call 781-749-4774x843 by 3 p.m. on Jan. 23. In case or inclement weather, meeting date cancellation will be aired on WJDA.

Thurs. 24

Jimbo's in Braintree will host a double-headline show featuring **Patty Ross** featured on television shows such as Girls Night Out and The Rosanne Show and a pilot sitcom and **Mark Riley** who owns the Gymboree in Quincy, Jan. 24 at 8:30 p.m. Also on the show will be **Paul Keenan** hosting, **Jay Savage, Adam Pearlman** and **Annette Pollack**. Call Jimbo's to reserve early at 781-848-0300.

"At Ground Zero" Braintree resident and disaster medical assistance team member **Tony Forgione** recounts his experiences at the World Trade Center during the first 10 days after Sept. 11. Activated as part of an 80 person crew from Mass. General Hospital, Mr. Forgione's slide lecture portrays images of human interest in and around five first aid stations. Free and open to the public, Jan.24 at 7:30 p.m. Logan Auditorium, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405 ext. 4420 for more information.

BEST BET

The Plymouth County Beekeepers Association will sponsor its 22nd annual Beginners' Beekeepers School at the Plymouth County Extension building on High Street in Hanson. Course runs seven two-hour sessions on alternate Thursday evenings. Registration will be held the first night of the course on Jan. 17 at 6:45 p.m. For information call Howard Scott 781-293-9027 or Lee Benford 781-837-9050.

Fri. 25

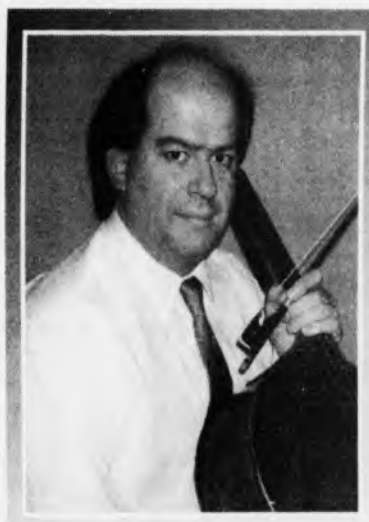
The Company Theatre in Norwell presents and added performance of **Beatlemania-LIVE** on Sat. Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. All other performances are sold out. Tickets are $26 in advance and $29 day of show. For tickets and information call 781-871-2787. Ticket box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, Friday, Jan. 25, with DJ music from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 nonmembers. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021. Wwwsouthshoresingles.org

South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will hold youth dances for ages 9 to 13 on Jan. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower level. Tickets are $6 per person. For more information, call 508-747-1234.

Ongoing Events

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery in Hingham features **"Havens,"** a photographic exhibition by Scituate artist Tim Ryan, from January through the end of February. Admission is free. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16



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The Art of Chamber Players continue the 2002 season with a performance Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street, Duxbury. General admission for the concert is $15, seniors $12 and students $8. For more information cal (781) 837-2705.

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Glenn Pratt stands at the memorial to Cohasset's Gold Star Mothers in the expanded section of Woodside Cemetery. Pratt's work on the cemetery expansion, memorial and countless other projects led to his selection as Citizen of the Year.

The determination to get things done

By Mary Ford
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Glenn Pratt likes to talk in short, declarative sentences. He's direct, looks you in the eye and doesn't use a lot of flowery language.

So it's not surprising that Pratt isn't one to talk about himself. If he did — with the enormous list of contributions he has made to Cohasset — this article would quickly turn into a series.

"Some things just need to be fixed," Pratt said about his involvement in town over the years . "Somebody has to do it. So, let's just get to it."

Glenn Pratt named Citizen of the Year

Whether it's his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center or serving as an elected official – Pratt approaches them all with a can-do attitude that gets things accomplished.

It is his generosity of spirit and true dedication to his hometown in numerous ways — highlighted by his more recent efforts to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime — that led to Pratt being named the Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year.

"Glenn was born and raised in Cohasset, and has been a loyal and concerned citizen," wrote his sister

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School building funding appeal flunks

By Evan Schiff
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Six minutes was all it took for the state Department of Education to send representatives from several South Shore towns packing yesterday morning.

"We want to work with other legislators whose districts are impacted. This isn't going to just go away."
— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

The group made the early morning trek to Malden to plead for more funding for School Building Assistance without which towns will have to wait longer for state reimbursement to kick in on their multi-million dollar school projects. The wait will add hundreds of dollars of year to homeowners' property tax bills.

Representatives from Norwell, Pembroke, Cohasset and Hull tried to persuade DOE officials to continue the current practice of funding the program at $52 million rather than the proposed $20 million. More funding translates into

SCHOOL , PAGE 8

AvalonBay won't file until sewer issue is resolved

Selectmen briefed on affordable housing law

By Mary Ford and Evan Schiff
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AvalonBay Communities – the company proposing a 250-unit apartment complex off Route 3A – is still six-to-eight weeks away from filing for a comprehensive permit, an Avalon official said.

Michael Roberts, senior acquisitions director, said the company continues to grapple with which route to take regarding wastewater disposal from the project.

"I wish I could be more specific but there are still two options out there we're weighing."
— Michael Roberts, AvalonBay

"It's a very complicated scenario," he said. "We want to have it resolved ahead of time (before filing for a permit)."

AvalonBay is looking at buying sewer capacity from Hull or building an on-site treatment system on the former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor property, which on Rt. 3A is across from Atlantic Bagel.

Roberts said AvalonBay has discussed buying sewer capacity with Hull officials. But the logistics of connecting to the Hull system that would include installing two miles of pipe would have to be worked out, he said. Roberts could not say which proposal — on-site system or connecting to Hull — the company was leaning toward.

"I wish I could be more specific but there are still two options out there we're weighing," he said.

Roberts did say Avalon is optimistic the wastewater treatment issue could be resolved and the project would move forward.

"This is part of our business," he

AVALONBAY, PAGE 10

Harbor plans draw mixed reviews

By Evan Schiff
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More than 50 residents filed into St. Anthony's Church Parish Center last week to discuss specific design details regarding safety, public access and aesthetic improvement opportunities along Cohasset Harbor.

Some were less than thrilled about the proposed improvements to the area and a new citizens' group dubbed the "Friends of the Cohasset Harbor" voiced its concerns. The group was initiated by Border Street neighbors Dick Karoff and Sam Knox who have concerns about the future "look" of the harbor as well as public access and sidewalk maintenance.

But Dean Rizzo, executive director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private entity working with the town's village task force, assured participants the intent is not to destroy the harbor.

"I like to consider us all friends of the harbor," Rizzo said. "We want to maintain the integrity and rich history of the area."

Two of the most prominent residents of the harbor area, Herbie Jason and John Small who initiated several projects in Government Island, thought the improvements were a good idea.

"I think the plans look wonderful," Jason said. "The improvements are long overdue and Rizzo has done a magnificent job."

Rizzo emphasized the plans are simply preliminary drawings and nothing is set in stone.

"We're here to get your opinions and work with you," he said.

Howie Altholz, 80 Summer St., said the improvements could be a good idea as long as it is done for the proper reasons.

"The initial plans look good," he said. "I just hope it is being done so the town is a better place to live in rather than a nicer place for tourists to visit."

Roger Q. Hill, 19 Highland Ave., did not feel any changes in the area were necessary.

"Why don't we concentrate on other areas in town that need improvements? These changes only benefit certain people in town."

Steve Cecil, of the Cecil Group who gave the presentation, said if nothing else, the are around the harbor should be safe.

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SOFT LANDING

Jack Donahue plays parachute in the Sports for Kids class at the South Shore Community Center. For more photos, see page 9.

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Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Jan. 22.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, Jan. 24, 7:30pm.

Growth and Development, Jan. 24, 7:30p.m.

Board of Assessors, Jan. 29, 3:30 p.m.

Board of Health, Feb. 6, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Feb. 13, 7:30p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Recreation Commission, Feb. 6, 6 p.m.

Democratic Caucus, Feb. 2, 9:30 a.m.

Recycling Commission, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. at the DPW garage.

School Committee, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Middle/High School

Water Commission, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m. at 339 King St.

Board of Selectmen, Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Youth Resources Committee, Feb. 29, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

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Thurs. 24	6:53	9.3	12:38	7:32	8.2	1:21
Fri. 25	7:46	9.7	1:32	8:28	8.5	2:16
Sat. 26	8:39	10.3	2:25	9:21	8.9	3:09
Sun. 27	9:31	10.8	3:18	10:12	9.3	4:00
Mon. 28	10:22	11.3	4:09	11:02	9.8	4:49
Tues. 29	11:12	11.7	5:00	11:51	10.2	5:38
Wed. 30	——	——	5:50	12:03	11.8	6:27
Thurs. 31	12:40	10.5	6:42	12:55	11.8	7:15

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Bradley office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D – Hingham, will hold district office hours this Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Cohasset Town Hall, first floor meeting room, from 5-6 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

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Dog forms are on a tear off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31. Forms need to be returned as soon as possible although you may have recently renewed your 2001 license. If you did not receive your census, contact the Town Clerk's office.

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Beach St. builder's plans move along

By Mary Ford
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Developer David Walsh wants to go ahead with plans to cut into the ledge in order to provide access to a luxury home he plans to build on a rocky hill off Beach Street in an area called Great Neck.

To that end, he is seeking a variance from the Conservation Commission to do some work within the 50-foot buffer zone at the start of the proposed driveway that would not have an adverse impact to the wetlands across the street, Walsh's engineers said.

But what might have been a routine matter if it involved another part of town was anything but at last week's meeting.

Beach Street neighbors along with other interested citizens have joined forces as the Great Neck Preservation Group to try and stop development of Walsh's lot and two others, owned by Ellen Morrissey. The group, which packed the cramped upstairs meeting room for the 9 p.m. hearing, would like to see the land remain as open space and be incorporated into the adjacent Great Brewster Woods.

And while the Conservation Commission allowed opponents to voice their concerns — Walsh and his engineers also had their say.

The prior owner's efforts to obtain a building permit to develop what is now Walsh's property (known as lot #2) were rejected by the building inspector because the slope of the driveway did not provide safe access.

But Walsh has invested a lot of time and money in designing a 700-foot driveway that winds its way up to where the house will be built at the grade of a wheelchair ramp.

He plans to use as much of the blasted ledge on site as possible and remove the rest — a proposal that caused some dispute at the meeting over interpretation of the town zoning bylaw.

Walsh said the building inspector's interpretation meant ledge blasted to create a driveway is exempt from the zoning bylaw and could be removed from the site, but attorney Rich Henderson, representing one of the Beach Street families, disagreed, saying the ordinance would not permit ledge removal in this case.

Plans are to cut into the ledge about four feet for the first 75 feet of the driveway that would be visible from the street. A small section of the driveway would involve a 23-foot cut but the average along the entire length would be about eight feet, Walsh said. He plans to use about 50 percent of the blasted ledge on site that would be crushed for use in a variety of ways including the drainage system that would be installed along both sides of the driveway.

After 2-1/2 hours of sometimes-heated discussion among commission members, neighbors, engineers and the property owner — the commission closed the hearing and asked Walsh to provide the following:

- A letter from zoning enforcement officer Bob Egan stating ledge removal is permitted under the zoning bylaw;
- A revised plan about where Walsh proposes to use the excavated ledge on the property;
- Cut and fill calculations on the removed ledge;
- Plans that show the width of the driveway (there was confusion over whether part of the driveway could be 11 feet in width as opposed to 12 feet).

Walsh promised to have the additional information within seven days. The commission has 21 days to made a decision.

Opponents to the project voiced concern over snow removal; whether emergency vehicle could negotiate the driveway; the proposed septic system and potential run-off from the site, among other concerns.

Commission Chairman Jim Dedes reminded those in attendance that his board's jurisdiction was limited to activity within the 50- and 100-foot wetlands buffer zone — areas that make up a small part of the project.

While the project would disturb some 275 square feet within the 50-foot wetland buffer zone near Beach Street, rather than replicate the wetland, Walsh plans to install plantings in an 875-square-foot area that would provide wildlife habitat.

Morrissey, who attended the meeting and plans to build in the two lots she owns, said later she would not sell her lots to the Great Neck group or the Cohasset Conservation Trust. The two groups would like to buy the property to join it with the adjacent Great Brewster Woods.

"My only intention is to build upon the land," she said.

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At the groundbreaking ceremony last week were, from left, Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed, Library Director Janet Husband, and trustees June Hubbard, Sarah Pease, Patience Towle, Barbara Power, Sheila Evans, Roger Lowe, Agnes McCann and Roger Whitley. That's Polly Logan in the background, far right.

Construction of new library begins

By Evan Schiff
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With smiles on their faces and shovels in their hands – members of the Board of Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library broke ground for the new library.

The celebration culminated years of work for the board and set in motion construction of the new library which is expected to take 12-14 months. The early morning snow and frigid temperatures did not stop about 70 people from attending the ceremony last Thursday at noon in front of the old Osgood School.

"This is a wonderful day for the town," said Patience Towle, library trustees chairman. "I'm so excited."

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed thanked both Towle and the board for all their hard work and dedication to the project. He said it was an exciting day for Cohasset and he is glad the building is going to be preserved for future use.

"When the building closed as a school the town faced a dilemma with what to do with it," Koed said. "The library trustees stepped up and have done a great job."

Library director Janet Husband looks forward to the new library as an education center for both young and old.

"This is the beginning of a wonderful project that has been needed for many years," she said. "We are going to be able to provide modern library services with all kind of exciting displays."

Frank Adams, from Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates, the architectural firm that designed the building, said the building is a perfect fit for a library.

"It works extremely well in the space," he said. "The building has a presence of learning and of a library."

While the construction of the building should move along, there are still some unresolved issues. One is the receiving of a $1.5 million construction grant from the state.

In June, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners announced that it awarded over $16 million for the construction of 10 public libraries in Acushnet, Blackstone, Chicopee, Chilmark, Gardner, Leverett, Palmer, Provincetown, Rowley and Sunderland. Cohasset wasn't awarded any money initially, and it is first on the waiting list to receive a grant as soon as the funding became available.

> **"This is a wonderful day for the town."**
> — Patience Towle, chairman of the library trustees

In what could be good news for the town, Deborah Hill Bornheimer, a commissioner on the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, said Acushnet and Provincetown were unable to meet the requirements for securing their grants, so the two towns were given an extension. Both of the towns have until March 7 to satisfy the board's needs otherwise the funding could be allocated to Cohasset.

Bornheimer, who is from Cohasset, said if either of the towns is not awarded the money, the commissioners would have to vote on the re-appropriation.

Another issue is the sale of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

In a previous interview, Town Manager Mark Haddad said he is receiving plenty of inquiries about the sale of the Paul Pratt Library and will put the building out to bid in February.

Haddad has set a minimum bid of $700,000. This is the amount of money the town is counting on to help pay for the new library. At a projected cost of $3.9 million to turn the old Osgood School into a new library - the anticipated $700,000 from the sale of the old building is crucial to finance the project. If the building is sold for more money, it will reduce the amount the town needs to borrow.

Towle said selective demolition has already begun to the 1950 wing of the building and once completed, workers will start on the interior of the building.

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DERBY HONORS

Three Cohasset girls were recently awarded Headmaster's List certificates from Derby Academy in Hingham. **Katharine Kuppens**, the eighth-grade daughter of **Michael and Cindy Kuppens**; **Jenna Larson**, ninth-grade daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Donald Larson** and **Maggie Pilczak**, eighth-grade daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pilczak** all received this award. Great work to all of you!

A REAL CUTIE

One little guy who is too young for the snow joined his family on Nov. 8, 2001. **Ryan Edward Leahy** joined big brother **John** and big sister **Alexandra** at home, along with his mom and dad, **Gina and Ed**. Ryan weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19-1/2 ins. long. He is a real cutie and is surrounded by love. Congratulations to the whole Leahy family on this wonderful new addition.

CLASS OF 1982 REUNION

Anyone who is reading this who was a member of the CHS Class of 1982 should try and plan to attend the next meeting for the 20th reunion. It will be held in Cohasset on Sunday eve, Feb 10. If you are interested in attending or know the whereabouts of some of your classmates, please call **Marcy Brown Fleming** at 781-585-9913 or email her marcydon@msn.com.

Chris Carr of Cohasset (dressed as an elf) helps out in the Christmas in the City program. That's his classmate Richard F. Walsh of Needham in the background.

AWARD WINNERS

Paul Buick, Eleanor Coughlin and **Cindy Dedes**, all of Cohasset, were presented recently with Partners in Excellence Awards for contributing to Partners HealthCare's excellence as a health-care provider. Recipients are nominated by their colleagues on the basis of their quality treatment and service, leadership and innovation, operational efficiency and outstanding community contributions. Eleanor works at Mass. General Hospital, a founding member of Partners; Paula works at Partners Healthcare and Cindy at Partners Home Care, Inc.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Christopher J. Carr of Cohasset, a senior at B.C. High, recently assisted the homeless children of Boston. Christopher was one of the 125 BC High students who helped out at "Christmas in the City" at the Bayside Expo Center. The students are members of the BC High Key Society.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Andy Hamilton was a member of the 2001 Westfield State College football team that posted the best record in school history, won its first New England Football Conference Championship and qualified for its first NCAA tournament! Andy, a defensive back, is a junior at Westfield.

State Street employees Catherine Frazer of South Boston, left, and Jeanne Woo Hartlage, right of Cohasset, spent the day recently helping to construct a new home for Habitat for Humanity in Roxbury.

SPECIAL CONCERT

Cohasset's Second Congregational Church is hosting an Organ Concert on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. to celebrate the arrival of their new state-of-the-art digital organ. **Roger Mansen**, a professional organist from Concord, Massachusetts and sales representative from Marshall Ogletree Associates, will showcase the organ's capabilities with a selection of music ranging from spiritual to pop. This Rodgers Trillium 927 three-manual Classic Organ is fully programmable and features orchestral sounds so real, concert-goers will be looking for other instruments. The concert is free to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 781-383-0345.

VOLUNTEER DAY

Jeanne Woo Hartlage of Cohasset was one of 600 State Street Corporation employees from the Boston area that volunteered at more than 50 service projects during the company's first "Global Volunteer Day." Held in conjunction with the United Nations' International Volunteer Day on Dec. 5, the event is part of the company's Global Outreach program.

VALENTINE'S TEA

In the late 1700s, unmarried women would place five bay leaves on their pillows on the eve of Valentine's Day. If tradition held true, the women would see their future mates while dreaming. Did you ever wonder how Valentine's Day came to be? Join the South Shore Natural Science Center at a special tea on Valentine's Day, and learn the history and traditions associated with this midwinter holiday. What makes flowers and chocolates a traditional gift for those we love? Learn the meanings of the various flowers in your Valentine's Day bouquet, and the history of the Valentine card, from its earliest beginnings to the present day. View a collection of vintage valentines that spans over 80 years. Bring a favorite or homemade valentine to the tea with you. Tea and delicious valentine treats will be served following the presentation. Part of the center's Thursday Tea Series for adults, on Thursday, Feb.14, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Admission is $7 members, $10 non-members. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, call (781) 659-2559.

That is all the news for this week. Please submit all news, photos and information to me no later than Monday mornings by noon. Also appearing next week will be the Schools In column. Please have all school related information to me no later than this Friday.

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Another important feature of the recital is that it is to be the first performance played on the church's newly-refurbished 1906 Steinway grand piano, recently rebuilt by Brian Grinrod of New Hampshire.

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Paul Carlson

Carriage House Nursery School

The Carriage House Nursery School is having an open house on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 10-12 p.m. Parents and children are invited to come and meet the teachers and explore the classroom with their 3-5 year-olds.

Open house will be held on the second floor at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., (next to Town Hall). The nursery school will move back to its newly-renovated classroom this summer at 23 North Main St.

Applications are available and must be completed and returned to the school by Feb. 9. A $30 registration must accompany the completed registration form.

Nursery school registration is based on a lottery system: the lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 11.

If you cannot make the open house, please call the school at 781-383-9785 and other arrangements will be made for you to visit the school and obtain an application.

The "young 3-year-old program" is for children who are age 2.9 in September; the older 3-year-old program is for older "3s" and young "4s;" and the pre-K program is for children who will be 4-years-old by Sept. 1.

Please direct questions to the director, Georgie Gladdys at 781-383-9785.

The Carriage House School is licensed by the Office of Child Care Services and is currently pursuing NAEYC accreditation.

Garage dance

Don't miss the dance at the Garage on Friday, Jan. 25, from 7 to 10 p.m. $5 per person in grades 6 and up.

Arts and crafts

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades K-3 arts and crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and crafts for grades K-3 will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $42 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Monday, Jan. 28, continuing through March 4. The class will not meet during February school vacation.

For more information, details and registration call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Buckley

Buckley - Schramm

Lisa Schramm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin T. Schramm of Cohasset, married Peter Buckley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Buckley, also of Cohasset. They were married Dec. 29, 2001 in Madrid, Spain at the Church of San Jorge.

A reception was held at the Hotel Ritz in Madrid.

Following Spanish custom, the couple were accompanied at the altar by the father of the bride, the mother of the groom, and the witnesses-of-honor.

The bride's witnesses were her sister, Ellen Schramm Hublitz, and Fernando Pena Moller, Christina Pena Moller, Christina Marin Egoscozabal, Kate E. McCabe, Rachel M. Carr, Lauren H. Kelley, Karyn Murray and Melissa L. Carlo.

Witnesses for the bridegroom were his father, John M. Buckley, and Maureen A. Buckley, Jeanine M. Perrone, Lizanne M. Buckley, Justin P. Buckley, Matthew J. Buckley, Ian M. Smart, and James M. Donohue.

The bride graduated from Cohasset High School and Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. She is a marketing consultant with Digitas, Inc.

Her groom graduated from Cohasset High School and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and is self-employed.

The couple traveled to Switzerland and reside in North Scituate.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen V. Myers

Myers - Coggeshall

Katharine Ducey Coggeshall, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Coggeshall of Dedham and Barnstable married Stephen Victor Myers, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Myers of Cohasset on Sept. 8, 2001.

The Rev. George Andrews officiated the ceremony which took place at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her matron of honor was her sister, Natalie Nelson of Ferndale, Wash. David Shultz served as best man.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of St. Georges School, Newport, R.I. and a 1992 graduate of St. Lawrence University and is employed at Leagas-Delaney Advertising in SanFrancisco, Calif.

Her husband is a 1988 graduate of Cohasset High School and a 1992 graduate of University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He is employed at Draft World-Wide Advertising Agency in SanFrancisco, Calif.

The wedding reception was held at the Coggeshall home in Barnstable.

After a wedding trip to Italy, the couple will reside in SanFrancisco, Calif.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Citizen of the Year

As editor of the Cohasset Mariner, it is my pleasure to announce that Glenn Pratt is the Citizen of the Year. The father of three has touched countless lives. Often through sheer determination, the 1965 CHS graduate has seen projects through to fruition — whether that be more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, or serving as an elected official.

While nominations were open, a total of 27 different individuals or families took the time to propose a citizen for the annual award, detailing his or her contributions to help make this town one we all love.

The selection committee consisting of Jennifer Piepenbrink, Osborne Ingram, Town Manager Mark Haddad and myself met at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on Sunday to pore over the more than two dozen forms and heartfelt letters of nomination. The decision was unanimous although not reached without considerable discussion about all the very deserving candidates.

Brian Keating talked about Mr. Pratts' "incredible perseverance" in his nomination.

David A. Hassan said he "has given unselfishly of his time."

And his sister, Sheralyn Craig said, "Glenn has been a loyal and concerned citizen, he takes pride in the community and cares about what happens to the town."

So we extend our warm congratulations to Mr. Pratt, who, despite the same pressures of work and everyday life that face us all, still finds the time to devote countless hours to so many people and worthwhile causes and issues.

With this award, the Cohasset Mariner offers recognition for making a difference. In our society too many role models go unrecognized. Too often people today look to the sports, rock or movie stars with envy, when the real hero is the local police officer, firefighter, parent, teacher, church leader or government official.

The annual Citizen of the Year Award is our way of taking our hats off to those among us who go that extra mile without asking for anything in return but the intrinsic reward of helping to make Cohasset a better place.

Perhaps Robert E. Maree, Jr., who lost his brother in Vietnam and whose mother Betty was honored as a Gold Star Mother on Veterans Day, put it best in his nomination.

"Glenn and I are former classmates who reaped the benefits of growing up in a wonderful town," he said. "Now he has given back to the town and touched the hearts and souls of so many of us in the process.

"For that, I feel he is a worthy candidate for the Citizen of the Year award."

— Mary Ford
Editor
mford@cnc.com

Koed to speak at election workshop

A former candidate and two Hingham town officials will discuss running for office and conducting a political campaign at a Hingham League of Women Voters workshop Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Town Hall Sanborn Auditorium, 210 Central St. The forum is open to residents of Cohasset, Hull, Scituate, and Hingham.

Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed, who also served on that town's water commission, Hingham Town Clerk Eileen McCracken and Hingham Moderator Thomas L. P. O'Donnell will review what's involved in running for office or working on a political campaign. Topics will include dealing with the media, campaign finance laws, understanding the responsibilities of the office, getting out the vote, and post election strategy. Future campaign managers may be interested, also. Last year's workshop was well attended. Handouts on financial reporting and nominating deadlines, etc., will be available.

The deadline for filing nominating papers in most South Shore towns is imminent.

For further details, please call Patricia Facey, 781-383-0470.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Burying utility lines, costly for taxpayers

TO THE EDITOR:

Although we are supporters of most of what the Cohasset Revitalization Committee (CRC) wants to do, we were dismayed to read in the CRC's most recent newsletter that the CRC intends to pursue the 2 percent assessment on our utility bills at our next Town Meeting in order to pay for the $900,000 cost of placing the utility lines in the village underground.

First and foremost, the dollar figures used by the CRC as to the cost to be incurred by each homeowner are way out of line with reality. The CRC writes that the cost will be "$2 a month, or $24 a year to an average $100 phone and electric bill, and approximately 90 cents to a monthly cable bill." Simple arithmetic reveals that the CRC is leading us to believe that the cost to the average homeowner will be about $35 per year.

What world is the CRC living in? It certainly isn't ours.

Our most recent electric bill was $228; the monthly ATT Broadband bill is $141; the ATT local telephone bill is $35; and our ATT long distance bill is about $30 per month, for a total of $434 monthly, of which 2 percent is $8.68 per month — which equals $104.16 per year — which is three times the estimated cost provided by the CRC.

On that basis alone, the CRC should withdraw its petition until it comes up with some realistic figures. The numbers they are giving us are not the "average" bill, but rather are the minimum.

However, the CRC also needs to think about these issues before asking every homeowner to pay the $900,000 cost of burying the village area power lines:

1) Regardless of what the actual cost assessment is going to be on our utility bills, the 2 percent assessment formula is wholly unfair to anybody whose utility bills are above average. Burying the power lines is a fixed cost which bears no relation to the amount of electricity, phone service, or cable service used by a homeowner. Moreover, a 2 percent assessment over a number of years (at least six years according to the CRC newsletter) will prove to be a windfall for the utility companies, especially if there are sharp increases in the cost of utility service over that time period.

The only fair way to pay for this sort of project is to assess a flat fee on each utility user. Everybody pays the same amount and the assessment amount will be fixed without being subject to the variables of higher utility bills in the future. The CRC says it has worked out the exact cost of burying the power lines with the utility companies. Logically, there is absolutely no reason, therefore, why there cannot be a fixed assessment on each service user.

2) All of us are aware that municipal finances are facing a crisis in the near future. At the fall Special Town Meeting, we were informed that our town's debt ratios currently are at the maximum acceptable level. On that basis the new police station was voted down, even though the cost of that project was only a fraction of what the CRC wants us to pay in monthly assessments to bury the utility lines in the village area. Now, the state is telling us that we will not be reimbursed as promised for the new school projects, which could cost the average homeowner almost $1000 per year.

We already pay an outrageous amount in property taxes – Cohasset homeowners' taxes are among the top 10 in the state – and we obviously are going to be facing an even larger burden in the near future. Improving the aesthetics of the village would be nice, but in this economic environment there is no one who seriously could argue that burying the power lines at a cost of $900,000 is anywhere near a priority in our community. The additional $50-$100 each of us will be paying in additional utility fee assessments could go to something far more important in our town.

As we said at the outset, we support much of what the CRC is doing to improve the downtown and waterfront. And yes, ideally we would like to see those ugly utility lines be removed from the area of the Village and Common – and we would be willing to pay a reasonable fee to do so. But from our point of view, since it is going to cost us more than $100 per year in Year 1, and who knows how much in the years ahead, it's not worth it. Moreover, the proposed 2 percent assessment will extract from every taxpayer monies for which other projects and needs in our community will be far more deserving when the fiscal Sword of Damocles inevitably falls upon us.

Andrew and Claudia Quigley
38 Jerusalem Rd.

P.S. Also, let's not forget that a few years ago the town shut off a number of street lights to save a few thousand dollars in electric bills. It is a ridiculous proposition on its face to ask our citizens to come up with hundreds of thousands of dollars to bury utility lines in a small area of town when we can't even afford the puny sums necessary to pay for adequate street lighting because of the town's budget constraints.

Train was great

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a former resident of Scituate. I remember when there was train service from Scituate to Boston; it was wonderful. There was a station in the Egypt section of Scituate. I would go to Boston often and in comfort.

It was a sad day when they stopped the train and I had to commute to work by bus. In the summer I would spend hours getting home because of all the traffic going to the Cape. It will cost a lot of money to set up the system, but in the long run I believe people will enjoy the train more than sitting in traffic.

Carol Zimmerman
4950 River Ranch Road
Fort Worth, Texas

LIBRARY CORNER

The Children's Room

Mrs. Moody, children's librarian at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, would like to remind all students that the Children's Room has a variety of magazines to aid in your research projects. Calliope explores world history. Discover American history with Cobblestone. Faces, is a study of people, places, and cultures. Kids Discover chooses a different theme each month to study in depth. National Geographic World reports on a variety of issues from around the world. Zoobooks and Animals closely examine the world of animals.

Computer training sessions offered

If you've been having trouble adjusting to the new computer system at the library, you're not alone. We will be holding training sessions to teach you how to use the new Ibistro catalog effectively. The sessions will be held Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Please call 781-383-1438 or stop by the reference desk to sign up. If these times are inconvenient, another time may be arranged.

Changes in the Library

Janet Husband, Paul Pratt Memorial Library director, would like to inform library users that a few changes have occurred. New hardcover mysteries, fiction and non-fiction have been shelved from the side wall to the middle section of the room. This has been done to allow more room for those using the computers to look-up a book. We hope this will be more convenient for all.

Childhood winters in the early 60s

LINCOLN HILLSIDE

KATHLEEN O'DONNELL

Writing this from a distance of many miles and many years, I remember January winters on Lincoln Hillside in the early 60s as a sensory-filled experience. Winter might seem to be a time of dormancy, but for me it had its own sparkling vitality. For many children it was a time of waiting; waiting for the ponds to freeze so that we could skate, so the boys could play ice hockey. After the ponds had frozen for three consecutive days we received the vital parental permission. There was nothing like that first skate of the winter, nothing more satisfying than that final slap on the sides of our skates after lacing them up so tight our circulation was threatened (no wonder our feet were always cold!). Many of the Lincoln Hillside children skated at the Duck Pond at Cushing Road/Spring Street, next to Butmans'.

The colors of children's winter clothing in the late 50s/early 60s s weren't today's hot pinks, imitation Dalmatian fleece or sparkle–encrusted skiwear. Children's winter clothing at that time was made of solid, utilitarian colors. Forest green, navy blue, dark brown and red made up our snow jackets, snow pants, mittens, scarves and hats. There was the occasional strip of Nordic-influenced decoration at the sleeves. Most of our accessories were hand-knitted. A fortunate few had waterproof mittens and gloves. Although woolen mittens were warm when dry, they turned into instruments of torture when wet. Was there ever anything as unpleasant as cold wet wool against your skin on a January day when you were a child? As we walked home after our skating sessions, the leafless trees of Cushing Road, Spring Street, Norfolk Road and Ash Street were silhouetted against the gray late afternoon skies.

Home again, and everything wet was removed. At that time many homes on Lincoln Hillside still had large cast iron furnaces, which sat like fat old men faithfully generating heat in the cellar. Wet things would be hung around the furnace and draped around the cast iron radiators elsewhere in the house. I've never found any heating system that could throw heat like a cast iron radiator, and I often long for that time when a radiator was so hot you could get a third-degree burn from leaning on it for too long. I don't think I've ever been as warm as when I lived in a house with cast iron radiators. Remembering the smell of wet wool drying on those radiators is the scent of Lincoln Hillside winters.

Security comes in many forms for children. I remember with warm clarity the good feeling of lying in a warm bed in a warm room in the wee hours of a snowy morning, after being woken by the town trucks pushing their heavy plows down the road. It was a good feeling to know that the good men of the Cohasset Roads Department were working through the night, taking care of us, plowing and sanding. They were a reminder that we lived in an ordered world. I'm sure I wasn't the only person at the time who got out of bed just to admire the beauty of their work…for a few minutes at least our road was clear and snowless, until the persistent flakes restored the road to its silent snowy slumber.

Remembering the smell of wet wool drying on those radiators is the scent of Lincoln Hillside winters.

On snowing mornings, the sound which meant the most to children in Cohasset at that time was the sound of the Cohasset Fire Department horn calling no-school. Children sat in kitchens around the town just praying for that sound. There was nothing more delicious than a day off from school, unless it was a day off from school when a test was due to be taken. When the much wished-for horn sounded the day opened up like a precious wintry flower; full of possibilities, phone calls to friends, plans to make.

One of our favorite places to go sledding was the front hill at the high school. The edge of the field where only a few months earlier the faithful field hockey moms had sat chatting and cheering in their beach chairs was transformed into an Indy 500 style line-up of assorted battered tin Flying Saucers, freshly-waxed Flexible Flyers and small toboggans. A four-second thrill of a ride then the trudge up the hill to do it all over again. Cold, fast, slightly dangerous and good clean fun. Ever present in those days were reminders of my Cohasset heritage. I could look across the high school field and see my great-grandparents former home, the house where my parents held their 1949 wedding reception. Whether they were of Irish, Portuguese or Italian heritage, these constant reminders were a part of daily life for many of the Lincoln Hilllside children, whose family links went back many generations.

Roast duck

The last sensory image I have of a Lincoln Hillside January was the taste of roast duck. My grandfather had been hunting in Cohasset and Scituate since he was a young boy. He and a hunting friend, usually Lou Bailey, would rise so early that they would be dressed, go hunting and be back by 7:30am ready for a full day's work. A platter filled with that rich dark meat was the succulent centerpiece of many Sunday feasts. Hunting was my grandfather's favorite winter pastime. He and his Cohasset hunting friends looked forward each year to the time when duck hunting season began. I recall with no distaste or discomfort admiring the beautiful ducks he'd shot; their sleek fat breasts, the delicate tracings in their webbed feet and the way their head feathers seems to turn from blue to green depending on the angle at which I stood. When my grandfather passed away the only item I took from his house was his little canvas hunting cap with his hunting license pinned to the back. It carried his scent and although it was inanimate, I have no doubt that woven somewhere in its soiled threads were happy moments of cold companionship sitting in duck blinds with Lou Bailey and other hunting friends of years past.

Today's children of Cohasset may be enjoying winter activities that may be slightly different than the ones we enjoyed 40 years ago, but I have no doubt their experience and happiness is as rich and full as ours was. I wish them all a Happy New Year.

Kathleen O'Donnell, a CHS graduate, grew up in Cohasset and now lives and works in the UK with her family. Her reflections about growing up on Lincoln Hillside appear occasionally in the Cohasset Mariner.

Always listen to your mother

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

One thing you have to say about the Bush boys, father and son, George (41) and George (43) — they don't listen to their mothers.

George (43) learned the folly of his ways the other day when he went to the mattress with a rebellious pretzel and came out with a bruised cheekbone and a fat lip for his pains.

"If my mother is listening, 'Mother, I should have listened to you: Always chew your pretzels before you swallow,'" he said.

This compares favorably with what George (41) had to say when he was caught sneaking his side dish of broccoli under the table to his dog, Millie, at dinner.

"I do not like broccoli and I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it," he said. "And I'm president of the United States, and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli."

Myself, I didn't like broccoli at first when I was a kid.

George (41)'s blunt response so thrilled the farmers of America that the California broccoli growers dispatched a caravan with 10 tons of broccoli to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

And right there on television in our very living rooms, Julia Child herself whipped up a brand new dish that featured blanched broccoli sautéed in olive oil and garlic.

I would have tried the recipe, but I never could make out what Julia was mumbling about.

So far, I haven't seen where the pretzel growers of California have sent even a small package of pretzels to George (43), and what could Julia Child do with a blanched pretzel?

Barbara Bush, the wife of George (41) and the mother of George (43), said she loves broccoli, although she has yet to make a public announcement of her feelings about pretzels.

Under the probing questions of the press, however, she did let slip that she could not stand pork skins, which she disclosed was the favorite pig-out food of George (41).

Myself, I didn't like broccoli at first when I was a kid.

This was because my father once cautioned me never to eat anything I couldn't spell.

Once I had mastered the "Cs" (2) and the "Ls" (1), I found that it wasn't bad at all.

I lost whatever taste I may have had for pork skins on a trip to pre-Castro Havana, where they were eaten like potato chips with a glass of Carta Blanca for a chaser.

The Cubans also snack on refried beans, and fried baby bananas are considered a delicacy, although Fidel may have since changed their tastes along with their quality of life.

George (43)'s bout with the pretzel involved a snack that, according to his doctors, "went down the wrong way," striking a nerve that caused his heart to skip a beat and rendering him momentarily unconscious.

He was alone at the time, watching the Baltimore Ravens-Miami Dolphins football game on television.

I was watching the very same game, but I had a bowl of popcorn along with my glass of merlo and I survived uninjured.

I used to tell people it was a bad pretzel, too.

Reconnecting with the soul of Cohasset

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY

I'd like you to get into a natural state of mind while reading this column. It will feel really good. Turn off all the electronic gadgets that might interrupt you. Sit back, relax, and allow your tense muscles to just let go. Notice how your body feels where your chair, or whatever, supports you. (If you're reading this while sitting on a rock under the sky, award yourself extra credit.) Become aware of your breathing for several cycles. Let yourself feel where the air passes in and out of you. Maybe you'll notice it in your nose, throat, chest or lungs. Be aware this life-sustaining air is Nature. Nature moves in and out of your lungs every moment of your life. Now prepare to be with the right side of your brain, and, when you're ready, visualize with me a little movie about Cohasset.

SCENARIO:

7,000 years ago: the glacier covering Cohasset finally melts, and plants little by little green the land. White pines and oaks take root. Lush mosses and ferns sprout and decay in endless cycles. Wildlife returns. Cohasset becomes a New England Garden of Eden. Close your eyes and see this heaven, this virgin ecosystem.

5,000 years ago?: the Indians arrive, or return, to take up residence in Cohasset. They summer along the beautiful seacoast, enjoying fish, shellfish, waterfowl, and lying out in the warm sun. They move inland during the winters, wisely avoiding Nor'easters. They are in touch with the soul of Earth. They feel the Earth owns them. They leave the ecosystem intact.

1600s: Whites settle in Cohasset, eventually forcing out all the Indians. They begin altering the ecosystem.

1700s: Whites divide up all the land in Cohasset, declaring it private property. All except for the Town Common, a remnant of English Common Law and the biblical idea of common wealth. Expanding farms nibble away at the ecosystem.

1800s: The population of Cohasset increases. Trees, many 300 years old, are clear-cut for farming, lumber, and firewood. Large portions of ecosystem are destroyed. I've seen a photograph of the harbor area of this period with nary a tree in sight. In 1848 a railroad connects Cohasset to Boston via Weymouth. In 1898 E. Victor Bigelow foretold: "*The character of this town as a suburb and summer resort, to the exclusion of industries, has become fixed. A fair estimate of the future for at least a century must predict for Cohasset a suburban retirement.*" ("Narrative History of Cohasset," p 538.) Still a strong sense of Nature remains throughout the town, and Cohasset possesses a strong sense of place. Individuals build homes and businesses for themselves, using processes and patterns that nurture life and spirit (nurtures soul).

1900s: Cohasset loses much of its identity as an independent town, becoming one of Boston's many dormitory towns. Real estate speculators begin chopping farms into faceless little tract developments. Characterless houses from plan books are built for no one in particular. Toward the end of the century, offensive trophy houses become de rigueur. People become virtually 100 percent cut off from the soul of Cohasset, the soul of Earth. The ecosystem is dealt a cruel blow, and is in rapid decline. Woodlands, wildlife, rock ledge, water, soil, silence and air are being destroyed or rendered toxic. A threshold has been crossed. Hardly anyone notices.

While preventing the worst abuses, our regulations fail utterly to help us in any proactive manner.

2000s: A few brave souls admit all is not well in Cohasset, and it's rapidly getting worse. Out of control, in fact. In deep concern, if not desperation, the Selectmen launch an attempt to find a healthier way. It's called a Master Planning Process. It doesn't dare say that what's missing in Cohasset's present and future is soul. Someone needs to say it and put it on the table for discussion. So I'm saying it now. The process and patterns we're now using to shape Cohasset are resulting in dead structures. We can see it all around us. We hunger and thirst for something more whole, but don't know what. Healthy alternatives aren't exactly clamoring for our attention. Even the Growth and Development Committee, in hiring a master planning consultant, may be reduced to selecting a status-quo planner. More of the same. End of movie.

Where did we go so wrong?

Very early all the land of Cohasset was "owned", and subject to a development pattern inherited from England. Just what does the idea of town planning mean if private individuals own all the land in town? Can town planning then mean only restrictions on what these private owners may do with their land? This is precisely what our zoning regulations are — a set of restrictions. While preventing the worst abuses, our regulations fail utterly to help us in any proactive manner. Is there a possibility of town planning where the plan actually facilitates private owners doing the right thing with their property for themselves, for the community, and for Earth?

During the 1800s the patterns used in building Cohasset homes and public buildings resulted in living structures, both physical and social. I can still sense *something* about the old village buildings and homesteads that feels good, and I suspect those old physical and social structures *were* alive. But it sure isn't happening any more. Some try to resurrect that old spirit by building historic reproductions (fakes). Cohasset is filling up with buildings of the Colonial, Georgian, and neo-Classical styles. We now have a Pseudo-Colonial auto body shop and a Pseudo-Neo-Classical bank with a drive-up window. This doesn't work. What we get is generic, dead structures, similar to the generic, dead structures proliferating and sprawling everywhere. Can we really be so blind or so in denial that we fail to see how shallow this architectural drek really is?

Another way of looking at our predicament is to look for soul in Cohasset. Our present regulations dealing with land use and town planning, having no belief in the soul, have excluded the soul of the land and the soul of the community. Are there ways a new plan can recognize soul, and help keep us in touch with soul? This excerpt from "Touch The Earth" (T. C. McLuhan, Outerbirdge & Dienstfrey, 1971) expresses how aware of soul the original human residents of Cohasset were:

"We shake down acorns and pine nuts. We don't chop down the trees. We only use dead wood. But the White people plow up the ground, pull down the trees, kill everything. The tree says, 'Don't. I am sore. Don't hurt me.' But they chop it down and cut it up. The spirit of the land hates them. They blast out trees and stir it up to its depths. They saw up the trees. That hurts them. The Indians never hurt anything, but the White people destroy all. They blast rocks and scatter them on the ground. The rock says, 'Don't. You are hurting me.' But the White people pay no attention. How can the spirit of the earth like the White man? . Everywhere the White man has touched it, it is sore."

— an old holy Wintu woman

The master planning process can reintroduce life and spirit (soul) into Cohasset. But first we must, as a community working toward consensus, recognize what we've lost and begin the discussion of how to bring it forward to life. Don't expect to find community soul-nurturing listed under the standard state planning procedures. You won't find it. We need to begin by recognizing what we've lost, recognizing the damage we're doing to Earth, and discovering ways others are adopting to realize the possibility of sustainable living. It's a century filled with possibility!

Local Rotary Club announces phone book drive

The members of the Rotary Club of Cohasset have announced the kick off of their annual Cohasset Phone Book and Buyers Guide drive.

Marking its 39th year, the Rotary Club Cohasset Phone Book has grown to become one of the most popular and widely used community resources. In addition to local phone numbers, residents have come to rely on the publication as a reference for everything from town government information to street map locations.

The Cohasset Phone Book is also viewed as the premiere buyers guide for Cohasset residents in search of goods or services. With low rates and high readership level, an advertisement in the Rotary Club Phone Book makes perfect sense for all local businesses.

All of the advertising dollars generated through the phone book are redirected in the form of support for many local organizations and charitable institutions serving Cohasset citizens. The money also helps fund annual scholarships for high school graduates and current college students.

Persons and organizations interested in finding out more about the benefits of advertising in the Rotary Club Phone Book and Buyers Guide should contact Ed Fox at Fox Associates 781-383-3000.

The Rotary Club of Cohasset is an organization of business and professional leaders united to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in our town, state country and throughout the world. In more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs.

Democrats to hold caucus in Cohasset

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will be holding a caucus at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. to elect five delegates and five alternates to the 2002 Massachusetts Democratic Convention to be held on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 at the Worcester Centrum in Worcester.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. All candidates must be present at the caucus to be elected and must consent to nomination in writing. Those not elected as delegate or alternate may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 10 Granite Street, Quincy, MA 02169 no later than ten days after the caucus date.

For more information, please contact Agnes McCann, chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee (781) 383-0222 or the Democratic State Committee at (617) 472-0637.

Get plugged in to utility plan

The Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing at Town Hall for Jan. 30 relative to the underground utility conversion project in Cohasset Village.

Along with Dean Rizzo, executive director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, the Planning Board will answer any questions and concerns residents may have on the proposed plan.

For underground utilities to become an option, for approximately the next six years Cohasset residents and business owners would have to agree to add $2 a month to an average $100 phone and electric bill, and approximately 90 cents to a monthly cable bill.

Rizzo said if this is something the residents want, now is the time to act.

"If there ever was a time do this, it is now," he said. "While the village is already being dug up, it's not that much more of a cost and effort to have the contractor bury the lines.

In a newsletter sent to residents, the CRC predicted if the work is undertaken in conjunction with the planned village improvements the project will cost about $900,000. However, if the project is done at a later date it would increase the price at least by $500,000.

"Aesthetically, it will open up the beauty of the village," Rizzo said. "As well, if the utility lines are removed from the street it will provide a better flowing pedestrian environment and, will create more parking spaces in some areas."

The 2 percent surcharge program requires the approval of 2002 Annual Town Meeting which can authorize the implementation of a 2 percent betterment fee.

Short-term measure could alleviate some burden

By Evan Schiff
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A proposed short-term solution to the School Building Assistance Bureau funding problem is making its way through Beacon Hill.

The bill, cosponsored by state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, aims to extend short-term borrowing from five years, to seven. The reason for the bill is to try and alleviate the financial burden put on taxpayers by the delayed funding of the program.

Cohasset will pay the interest on its loan for a five-year span, however, after five years the town is responsible for the principal. Without reimbursement, this would raise the average tax bill in Cohasset $875 based on a house valued at $500,000.

Michael Buckley, the town's director of finance, explained this bill would help reduce the tax rates by one-third for two years. Currently, Cohasset is short-term borrowing on its $42 million school construction projects. By short-term borrowing, it allows the town to have a lower interest rate and not pay the principal for five years. Beginning in FY04, Cohasset will have a debt service of $2.1 million as opposed to the $3.4 million it would have with long-term, or 20-year borrowing. Buckley agreed with legislators who believe this may only be a quick fix.

"This is a stop-gap solution," Hedlund said. He said the problem will not be fixed unless the state Department of Education funds the projects at its anticipated level of $52 million rather than the current rate of $19 million.

Buckley said if the bill goes through, Cohasset will be paying off its loan for 27 years rather than 25. As well, Buckley said this would be a better solution if the delayed reimbursement was only going to last two years, however, at its current funding rate the reimbursement for the project could be deferred for up to seven.

Harbor plans draw mixed reviews

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"Historically, this is an extremely important part of town and any improvements should come in the spirit of the town while maintaining a high level of safety," he said.

While the proposed improvements would not see any construction until around 2004, some were concerned over the lack of funding for the project.

"If none of the money for these improvements comes out of taxes then I'm fine with it," Hill said. "But there a lot of elderly people in this town who can't afford to live here and this would just make it worse."

Rizzo told the residents the CRC will be trying to obtain grants throughout the process so the construction could be done with as little cost to the taxpayers as possible.

According to the CRC, the improvements are intended to:

- Link the various public and private properties along the harbor's edge
- Enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety and convenience
- Facilitate vehicle and pedestrian access through the creation of clear delineation between parking, walking, biking and vehicle travel along Border Street
- Preserve and enliven the rich maritime history of the waterfront
- Develop appropriately scaled public spaces and harbor viewing areas.

The walk would work its way down Margin Street, around Kimball's, and up Border Street to Government Island.

Rizzo said Tuesday he was happy to see such a large group of people at the workshop and felt there were a lot of good points brought up.

"We will continue to meet with advisory groups to convey what was brought up in the workshops and define the parameters involved in putting together a walkway."

School building funding appeal flunks

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less time projects must stay on the waiting list for reimbursement, area representatives said. But the DOE didn't appear to be in a receptive mood and granted the town officials only six minutes to speak.

And the response from the DOE was not what those officials wanted to hear.

After listening to state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, outline the effect of the school building assistance cut — DOE Commissioner David Driscoll said he sympathized with the communities' plight but there was little the board could do.

"We recognize the amount of strain, planning and commitment that went in to these projects and we are hoping to right the ship eventually," he said.

Driscoll said the DOE has already submitted its fiscal year 2003 budget to acting Governor Jane Swift for approval and any changes in the funding for next year are unlikely.

Pembroke Town Administrator Ed Thorne said the towns can't give up.

"We are going to have to keep writing letters and coming to meetings until the DOE realizes what a catastrophic effect this will have on taxpayers," he said.

The delay in reimbursement will make a significant dent in the pocketbooks of taxpayers, who will have to make payments on the entire school building mortgage until the state kicks in its share.

For example, in Cohasset that could mean an additional $800-plus a year for the owner of a home valued at $500,000.

While Driscoll said it had been common practice for the DOE to start reimbursing the projects in five years, no promises were ever made.

"There are no sacred cows here," Driscoll said. "We are not making these cuts because we have to, but because we need to."

Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said he is disappointed the DOE did not communicate the implications of this change to the towns. He said without Michael Buckley [Cohasset's finance director and Pembroke's town accountant] discovering the funding cuts on the DOE's Web site in December, this matter may have gone unnoticed for longer.

"This was basically like a move in the middle of the night," Koed said.

Rob Spofford, chairman of Cohasset's School Building Committee, said the DOE did not realize the promises local governments made to taxpayers assuring the residents their taxes would not rise dramatically due to school construction projects.

"I sat before Town Meeting twice and told them this funding was a sacred cow," he said about Cohasset's $42 million projects. "By this course of action you are going to kill this program and we will never be able to get an operational override again."

Hedlund and Bradley said they will continue to try to garner more legislative support for this cause.

"We want to work with other legislators whose districts are impacted," Hedlund said. "This isn't going to just go away."

He said it seemed unlikely the DOE was going to take any immediate action based upon the hearing on Tuesday.

"I left the meeting with the same feelings I had before I entered," Hedlund said. "Our presentation was met with blank stares."

Town Manager Mark Haddad was irked the town officials and local legislators had so little time to present their case.

"We had to wait two months to having a hearing before the board and they gave us six minutes, that's very unprofessional," he said.

Incumbents pull nomination papers

By Evan Schiff
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Incumbents once again ruled the day as five residents pulled nomination papers last week indicating they will be seeking reelection on their chosen board.

Glenn Pratt, 482 King St., plans to run for reelection on the Water Commission.

Recreation Commissioner Mary K. Muncey, 377 S. Main St., is looking to serve another term and, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, hopes to keep his seat and will be running again.

On the Board of Health, Robin Lawrence intends to seek reelection and Town Clerk Marion Douglas will also be looking to serve another term.

The following residents pulled papers earlier in the month indicating their desire to run for office.

Jane Pescatore of Lantern Lane plans to run for the open seat on the school committee being vacated by Stephanie Noble, who is not seeking reelection.

Mary Granville, 100 Beach St., will seek a seat on the Board of Assessors.

Roger Lowe, also of 100 Beach St., plans to run for reelection to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees and, Roger Q. Hill, 17A Highland Ave., intends to run for an open position on the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Ronnie McMorris and Fred Koed both plan to run again for their seats on the Board of Selectmen.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees Sheila Evans and Roger Whitley are looking to serve another term. Ralph Perroncello, 10 Pleasant St., hopes to keep his seat on the Cohasset Housing Authority and Town Moderator George Marlette pulled papers for another term.

Two candidates are officially on the ballot after collecting the required 50 signatures from residents. Mary Granville and Roger Lowe are the first two citizens to be placed on the ballot. Granville is seeking a seat on the Board of Assessors while Lowe is looking to retain his position as a Paul Pratt Memorial Library trustee.

The last day to pick up the papers is Feb. 14 and all papers need to be returned by Feb. 19. To be put on the ballot, a candidate must garner 50 signatures from registered voters. Annual Town Election will be on April 6.

For more information contact Marion Douglas at the Town Clerk's office, 781-383-4100.

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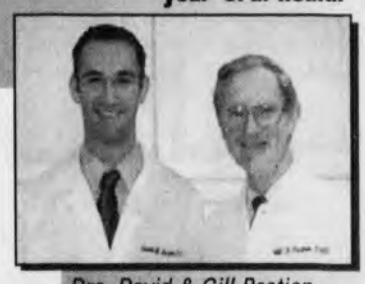

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Eye on sports

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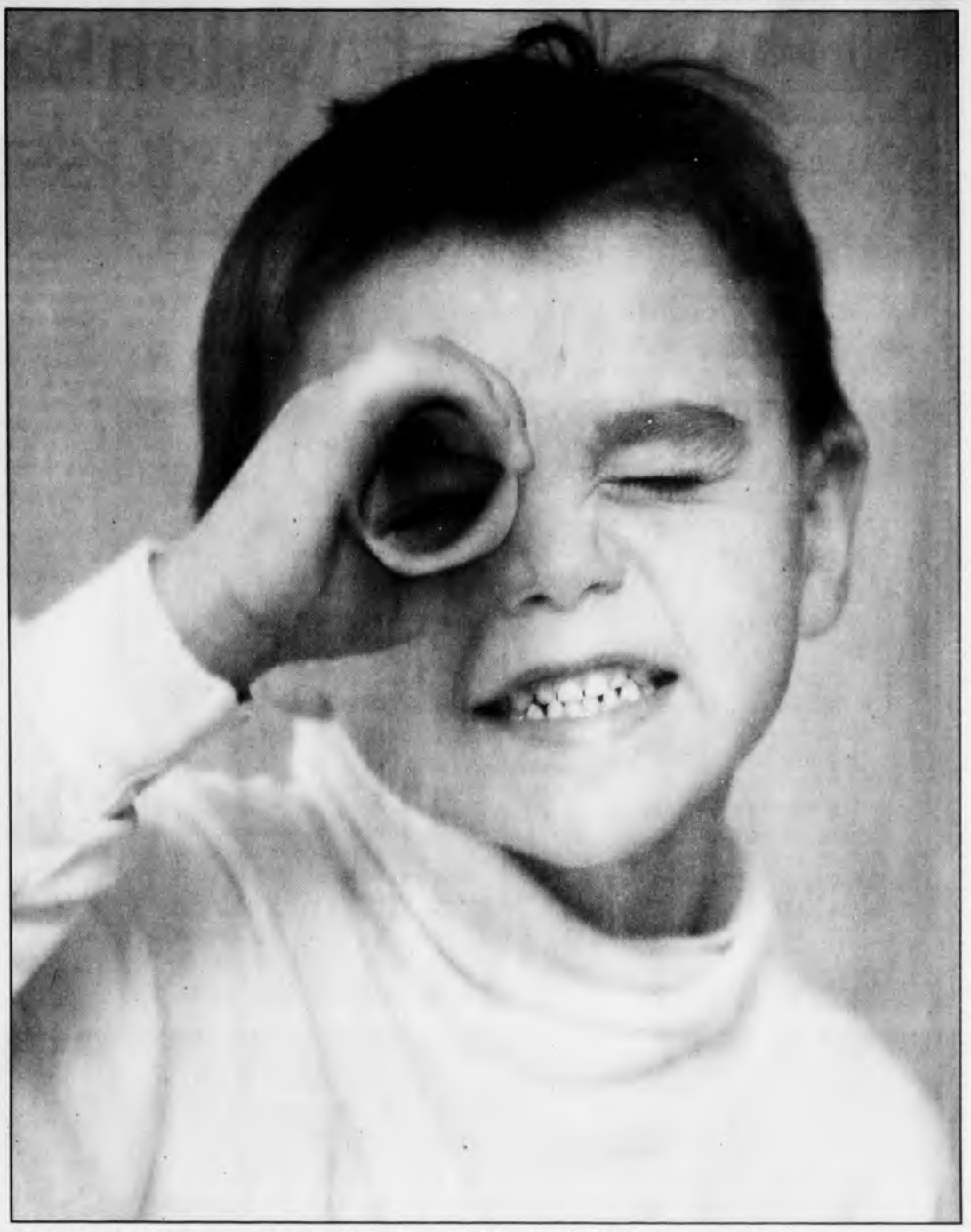
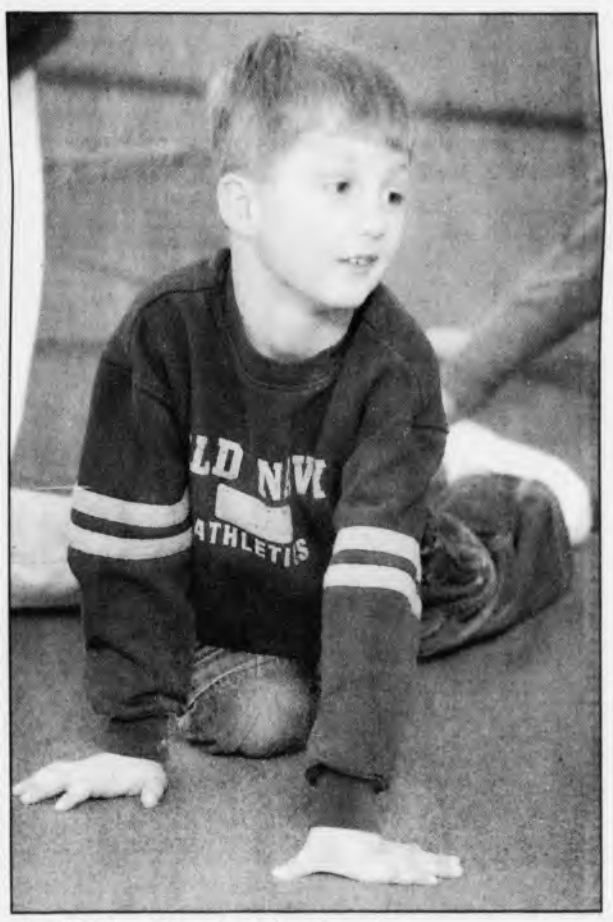


Martin Buckley keeps an eye on the action during Sports for Kids at the South Shore Community Center.

During the "natural disaster" game Levante Huber and Noah Pillsbury create a mudslide.



Patrick Holway takes a break from the action.

Daniel Toomey sits on the sidelines after elimination from a game.

Liam Prescott gleefully lifts the parachute.

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AvalonBay won't file until sewer issue is resolved

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said about resolving sewer issues. Roberts said AvalonBay is also working on a project in Weymouth that required "a substantial amount of work" by upgrading the existing sewer system.

Avalon is spending upwards of $2 million to replace 3,700 linear feet that make up one of the Weymouth's three main sewer trunk lines for Avalon Ledges, a 304-unit project. The sewer upgrade was a condition attached to the comprehensive permit granted Avalon by the Weymouth Zoning Board of Appeals.

Under Chapter 40B, the state affordable housing law, developers can file for a comprehensive permit that allows them to skirt local zoning regulations if they set aside 20-25 percent of the units as affordable housing. But the ZBA can set conditions or deny the application. The developer has the right to appeal to the state.

Selectmen met with the Zoning Board of Appeals last week and Town Counsel Rick Hucksam to go over the complex law, also dubbed the "Anti-Snob Zoning Act," to get a better understanding of what the town might be facing.

The size and scope of AvalonBay and the fact it will be built on one of the town's last tracks of industrially zoned land make it controversial.

Hucksam declined to answer any questions directed specifically toward AvalonBay, and instead tried to educate those in attendance about 40B. He said a town like Cohasset has little chance of stopping a developer and would be better served to negotiate.

"We heard loud and clear that the ZBA should take the concerns of the town and try to come to a mutual agreement with a developer," Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said.

In a packet given to all in attendance, Hucksam said compromise and negotiation are integral to the 40B process.

"Appeals of ZBA decisions generally support the developer, not the town, so working with the developer is beneficial in the process," he said.

Residents voiced concerns over the proposed development being placed on one of the town's last tracks of undeveloped industrially zoned land and its proximity to the watershed..

Hucksam said the Conservation Commission and Board of Health could conduct separate hearings on the permit process but typically, acts as consultants to the ZBA. Those hearings should be held before the ZBA hearing process begins.

Once Avalon files for a comprehensive permit, the ZBA has 30 days to start negotiations.. The town is vulnerable to the comprehensive permit process because it has so little affordable housing by state standards.

Chapter 40B imposes a quota of 10 percent of year-round housing units for affordable housing. To qualify such housing must be subsidized by a state, federal or local agency. Housing occupied by low-income families without direct subsidy does not count. The most recent survey of Cohasset housing showed the town has 2,752 units and of those only 76 or 2.76 percent qualify as affordable under Chapter 40B.

Lecture series

On Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m., the Hull Lifesaving Museum at 1117 Nantasket Ave. in Hull will continue its Winter Lecture Series with "Dories of Massachusetts Bay," a presentation by Gary Kissal, curator at the Marblehead Dory and Schooner Museum.

An ancient boat type, prized for its astonishing seaworthiness and versatility, the dory is the ancestor of most small, open-water rowing boats in the North Atlantic basin. Mr. Kissal will discuss the boat's many types and uses, as well as its historical significance in the New England fishing industry. The lecture will be held in the midst of our ongoing small-craft exhibit.

Light refreshments will be served. Admission is $3 for museum-members and $5 for non-members. For more information, call Museum Director, Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433; or visit their Web site at www.hullmuse@channell.com.

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With 10 points in two wins for the Cohasset High hockey team this week, the junior climbed to third in the South Shore League scoring race with 23 points (10 goals, 13 assists) through just nine games.

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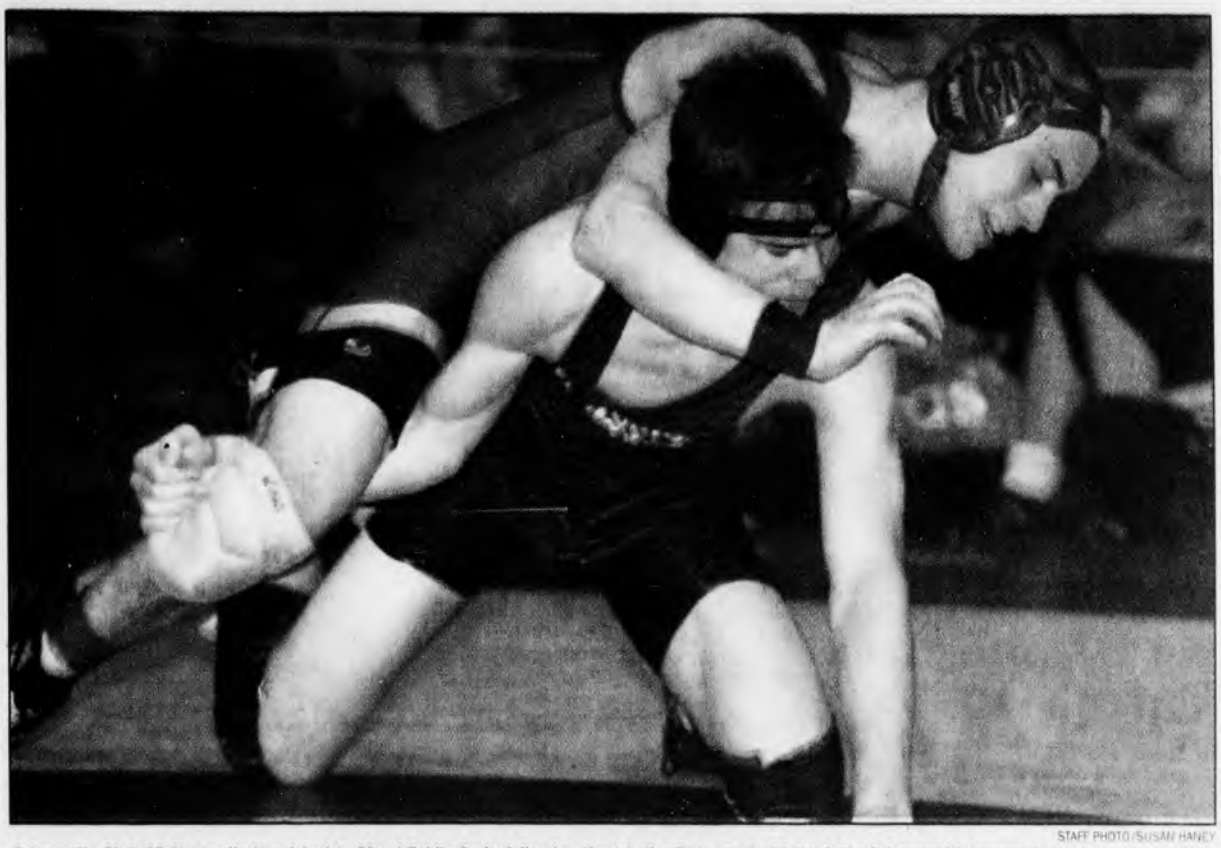

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Cohasset's Chris McKenna (bottom) lost to Marshfield's Craig Adjemian (top) in the first round of Saturday's Cohasset High wrestling tourney, but rallied to win three straight after that to finish third in the 147-pound division, including a revenge victory over Adjemian.

Home cooking

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset wrestling team served up some quality home cooking Saturday, taking third place in a field of 13 teams at its own tourney.

To no one's surprise, Duxbury dominated the field at the 11th annual Cohasset High School Wrestling tournament, placing nine wrestlers in the finals and coming away with six champions. The Green Dragons finished with 261 points, well ahead of Lynnfield's 118. But little Cohasset High managed to finish just behind larger Lynnfield High with 108 points, which was also 4.5 points ahead of perennial power Rockland.

"I was thrilled with our overall performance," gushed veteran Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. "We've had a lot of wrestlers really step it up over the last few weeks, and that was really appar-

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Things going smooth as ice

C.H.S. hockey team continues dominant ways

By Mike Spellman
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Given the exorbitant price of for game-time ice, there aren't many acceptable excuses for teams not doing their utmost to get their full money's worth. If you're a coach, you obviously want your team going full bore full-time.

But what's a sportsman like Cohasset hockey coach Dennis Walsh supposed to do when his team is regularly putting games out of reach before they're even half over?

Long answer short: the Cohasset High hockey players are becoming masters in the ageless game of keep-away.

After senior defenseman Eric Libby only semi-intentionally put the Skippers up 9-0 with a wicked slapshot from the point 7:48 into the second period of Saturday's night tilt with Hull, Walsh orders his troops to go into full keep-away mode.

It was clear before the second period reached the five minute mark that the boys in blue and white have this drill down to a fine science. Obviously, they've had more than enough time to practice it, having now outscored their nine opponents on the season by a total of 83-8, this while building an 8-0-1 record.

And they gave their home fans quite a show. Greg O'Connell, Matt Davis, Tom Anderson, Tim Straughn and Eric Libby were particularly impressive in continually cycling and recycling the puck in Hull's end. There were several stretches for a minute or more in Hull's end when no Pirates player even touched the puck.

"You don't like to run up a score on an opponent," explained Walsh, in his 30th and final year of walking the Cohasset High bench. "It can come back to haunt you, plus it's just not good sportsmanship. It's not the way you want to teach your players."

Being a glass is half full kind of mentor, however, Walsh feels his team can take something from this hockey version of the four corners offense.

"We're a good passing team, and this can only make us better," said Walsh. "We're moving the puck well while we're stalling, so it's good practice."

Walsh also made sure he emptied his bench early, as the Skippers took a 5-0 lead before the break, and got it

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Matt Davis (#4) circles away from Norwell's Mike McAteer in recent matchup between South Shore League powers.

Slip sliding away

Boys hoop team (5-8) now behind 8-ball in post-season push

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The boys basketball team engaged in their first and only true "road trip" of the season, coming away with mixed results.

Although the Skippers were taken down by a surprisingly powerful Harwich squad Friday, they got the better of Nantucket on Saturday.

The Skippers left for the Cape Friday afternoon, and did not return until late the next day, after playing two games and enduring hours of travel. The one win and one loss left the Skippers dangerously close to elimination from the playoff picture, but eleventh year coach Ron Ford liked having his team come together around a unique experience like this.

The tradition of going overnight for two weekend games had been dormant in Cohasset for a few years, but Ford resurrected it to fit another Div. 4 opponent into the schedule.

Against Harwich, the Rough Ryders jumped on the road-weary visitors, coming away with a 64-45 win. Ford continues to show concern at his team's lack of offense against other South Shore League teams, as it is averaging well under 50 points a game in SSL competition.

"That's a team that has been playing very well," noted Ford of the Harwich squad, which should be one of the strongest contenders come Div 4 playoff time. "They are fundamentally better than us. They are going to be tough to beat."

The Rough Ryders were led by junior Adam Rose, the coach's

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Lady Skippers sink Pirates

O'Brien buzzer-beater lifts C.H.S. hoopsters past Hull

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

"It was wonderful. They played together beautifully."

C.H.S. girls basketball coach Ellen Carr after 57-55 buzzer beating win over Hull

In sports, nothing feels greater than narrowly beating a rival team on your home floor. So one might well assume the Lady Skippers felt better than great when they slipped by Hull on Tuesday, 57-55.

The win marked Cohasset's second in a week, after they toasted Sturgiss Charter School last Wednesday. Even though the Lady Skippers got knocked down a peg by Harwich two days later, they rebounded for a tremendous win over their bitter foes to the north.

The Lady Pirate commanded the tempo of the game early on, employing their very disciplined, slow-moving halfcourt set offense to counteract Cohasset's aggressive 1-3-1 zone. With their lead stretching as far as seven, Hull proceeded to commit six turnovers on seven possessions to let their hosts crawl back into it.

Cohasset took their momentum into halftime, finding themselves down only 28-25. They came out of the locker rooms with new fire, rattling off a 12-2 run before the Lady Pirates could call timeout.

The Lady Skippers held onto a single-digit lead all through the second half, until Hull long range threat Christine Sampson banged home a three-pointer to give her team a 51-50 advantage. Sampson finished the game with 13 points, nine from beyond the arc.

Cohasset junior Maura O'Brien closed out the game by scoring five of her team's final seven points, capping an unbelievable second half. She had 21 points in this contest, her second highest output of the season, behind a 22-point outing against Scituate. In the second half alone, O'Brien recorded 15 of her points, and 10 of her 14 rebounds.

Another key play down the stretch for Cohasset was when junior Lindsay Grossman stole an inbounds pass with the score tied, and converted a layup for a 55-53

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Jen Gulney performs her floor exercise at recent Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics meet.

Kristin Sheerin not sharing

C.H.S. gymnastics star continues to dominate for 6-0 Cohasset-Norwell squad

By Mike Spellman
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The Norwell/Cohasset gymnastics team remained perfect on the season (6-0, 3-0), notching relatively easy wins over Notre Dame and the joint Plymouth North/Plymouth South team.

And Cohasset High senior Kristin Sheerin remained herself near perfect, winning her fifth and sixth all-around competition in succession on the season.

In Wednesday's 128-121.1 win over Notre Dame, Sheerin won all four events to come away with a score of 35.6 in the all-around. Sophomore classmate Meredith Bixby finished with a solid score of 32 for all four events to finish second overall.

Sheerin, who already holds every C.H.S. gymnastics record, scored a 9.3 on the floor exercise, 9.1 on the beam, 8.7 on the vault and 8.5 on the uneven bars. This Pilgrim Conference 2 win improved the C-N girls squad to 3-0 in league action.

The Cohasset-Norwell squad broke its all-time record on Friday with a total score of 129.9 to easily best the joint Plymouth team (118.8 points) in non-league action.

Bixby finished with a career best in the all-around of 33.25 to notch second place honors again.

Sheerin took home top honors with a 9.2 on the floor, 8.9 on the beam, 8.85 on the vault and 8.5 on the bars—good for an all-around score of 35.45.

COASTAL STARS REPORT

With the indictment in the Junta murder trial, hockey families have been forced to defend the game they love so much and decry the violence that at times accompany overzealous fans.

As a local hockey program that is a member of USA hockey program nationally and the South Shore and Yankee Conferences locally, the Coastal Stars feel it is important for parents to know what steps have been implemented to eliminate violence in the stands.

It was in the wake of Junta beating a man to death outside a hockey rink in Reading, the South Shore Conference (SSC) passed an ordinance, Rule 16A, obligating every parent watching a USA hockey sanctioned game to maintain a certain level of conduct or be subject to suspension or banishment. The spirit behind this rule is to quell the level of furor that can lead to criminal acts. Now, the loudmouth idiot screaming relentlessly at little Johnnie to pass the puck will not be covered under this rule. What will be considered an offense is screaming at officials, coaches, other parents and anything deemed to be threatening, antagonistic, and abusive.

If there is a violation of this Rule, the South Shore Conference Discipline Committee will investigate and, if necessary, conduct a hearing. The Coastal Stars Organization fully supports the SSC's efforts to eliminate unruly conduct through the enactment of Rule 16A and will cooperate with the Conference fully in all its efforts to punish any offenders. As such, the Board of the Coastal Stars has set up a Discipline Committee that will act as the initial arbiter in any reports of abuse and then will pass along their findings to the SSC Disciplinary Committee.

The sad reality that adults, parents, authority figures have allowed their conduct to degenerate so drastically that a rule like this is even needed is regrettable. What has happened? What have we become? Why is the result of a youth sporting event so important that we scream, threaten and sometimes abuse our kids, our coaches and one another?

Something has happened in sports over the last few years. Sports, particularly youth sports, used to be played for fun and the thrill of competition. As sports have become more of a business than a recreation, the status of the athlete has evolved from that of a vaunted everyman warrior to a pampered untouchable celebrity. Sport stars and movie stars have become interchangeable - they all fall under the category of entertainers and as such, they are paid the same way, promoted the same way and are idolized the same way. Ask any one of your kids to list their ten heroes and notice how many athletes appear on the list. Sports are no longer that win for the gipper character forming enterprise, sports for some has become a means to an end. A means to fame, a means to riches, a means to a good prep school, a means to a good college, a means to show up a neighbor, a means to everything but good healthy competition.

Once we treat sports as a means to some kind of end for our children, then our outlook changes from a disinterested supporter to a vested stakeholder in the vision we have set forth for them. As such, each game is intense not just in its potential outcome but in how it might affect the means we hope to see realized. If an official makes a call or a coach makes a judgment that might impact, even in a small way, that vision then they could become the object of the vested parents wrath and fury. This is what triggers some otherwise normal respectable parents to become fanatical nuts once little Johnnie or Jannie steps on the ice.

The vast majority of parents are good, well intended parents, who through the love of their children, support them in all their activities. Most parents scream, yell, implore because emotion that each game brings with it. This is the supportive, screaming we hear echoing through the rinks from late August to early April. It is the abusive and threatening language that occasionally punctures those loving screams of support that Rule 16A hopes to permanently silence.

— By Peter J. Buckley

PHOTO/ROB KEANE

Cohasset captain Matt Bilodeau (#15) slaps a little defense on Norwell point guard Bob Savoy in recent South Shore League hoop action.

Boys' season slip sliding away

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son, who scored 17 points. The Bilodeau brothers, Matt and Chris, led the Skippers with 17 and 15 points, respectively.

The Skippers felt the absence of their normal starting center, sophomore Sean Connolly, against a Harwich team that consistently posted their tall guards. Junior Ian Kidder did all he could to fill the role in the paint, but at 6-foot-1, the Rough Ryders' inside game proved to be too much.

Kidder turned it around the next day, though, leading his team to a much needed victory over the Whalers, 67-50. Kidder tallied 18 points, 10 rebounds, and a ridiculous eight blocks, by far his most productive game of the year.

Chris Bilodeau continued his role as one the main offensive threats on the team with 12 points, as he seems to be fully recovered from the finger injury that sidelined him the first few weeks of the season.

"He has settled in nicely," affirmed coach Ford. "I expected him to be one of our top scorers."

Harwich is the only Div. 4 opponent the Skippers have lost to so far, but Cohasset now stands in the SSL basement with an 0-6 league record.

The Skippers will need some consistency down the stretch to turn things around, something of which they have not had much. Ron Ford, the self-proclaimed Jimy Williams of Cohasset High, has gone with the same starting line-up only twice.

Roster cards will continue to be shaken up, with the possibility of senior captain Liam Martin's return from injury still on Ford's mind.

The junior varsity squad won both their games on the trip, their first two wins of the year. It has been a rough year for the JV squad of six players (that's right, barely enough for a starting line-up on some games), and the pair of victories added a nice touch to the weekend.

Boys hoop notes

A 47-45 setback to SSL and Div. 4 rival Hull on Monday dealt a considerable blow to the Skippers post-season chances, dropping them to 5-8. Two key free throws from Hull's Luis Andrade to break the tie with 5.6 seconds remaining may have stuck the dagger into Cohasset.

Three more losses in their final seven games and the Skippers are out of post-season. This remaining slate includes rematches with SSL powerhouses Abington, Norwell and Carver, each of whom handled Cohasset pretty handily in the initial go-round.

- Mike Spellman

Lady Skippers sink Pirates

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lead. She had 20 points by the end of the game, while dishing out seven assists.

After the Grossman steal, Sampson drove past the fullcourt pressure to convert a lay-in, knotting the score up at 55.

With seven seconds to work with, Cohasset junior point guard LaRaine Langford dumped the ball off to Grossman, who found O'Brien open under the basket for a buzzer-beating jumper.

"It was wonderful," said elated Skippers' coach Ellen Carr right after the game. "They played together beautifully."

Sophomore Danielle Pinkus had a terrific game in the paint, finishing up with 12 points, 12 boards and six blocks.

The junior varsity destroyed their Lady Pirates counterparts, 42-16, being led by freshman center Casey Anderson and varsity swinger Jen Buckley.

The win the varsity had previous to Tuesday looked exactly as it should have: a solid Div. 4 team taking on a tiny Charter School in its first year of varsity existence. The Lady Skippers rolled to victory 60-31.

Cohasset controlled everything in the game, using their big early lead to try out some different offenses and defenses.

"We were playing a lot of man-to-man," explained Carr. "We were working on new things."

Grossman scored 22, while junior guard Heather Peraino threw in 15.

Last Friday, Cohasset endured a tough loss, this one at the hands of Harwich, 59-34. A new member of the South Shore League, the LAdy Rough Ryders have quite an impressive team that, like their boys team, should prove a top contender in the Div. 4 State Tourney.

Harwich enjoyed the return of their star scorer Sharee Deluze, who knocked down 20 points. She had missed the first six weeks of the season, but having her back was a key component to Harwich's success.

O'Brien was the only Lady Skipper to crack double digits, tallying 10 points.

Although the loss put a dark mark on the last week, the two wins put Cohasset at a very respectable 5-8. Carr's stated pre-season goal of six wins seems more than attainable.

"We are starting to make that transition," affirmed the coach, who had one win last year, hopes for six this year and is on record with a call for 10 next winter. "The girls never give up and I am proud of them at the end of every game."

Home cooking

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ent on Saturday.

"To finish ahead of some great teams like Marshfield and Rockland, even though they were missing a few kids, was a real thrill for our guys."

The Skippers advanced five grapplers to the semifinals, with junior Terry Baroudi moving all the way to the Championship match at 137 pounds, where he lost to Duxbury star Scott Klebanoff in a heartbreaker,6-5, to finish second in the weight class. This was the third meeting this season between these two mighty mites, with Klebanoff now holding the 2-1 advantage.

"They've got a nice rivalry going there and they should meet at least one more time in the sectionals," said Sweeney. "Hopefully, Terry will even the score there."

Falling short for the Skippers in the semifinals, but still earning invaluable points were senior captain Phil Strazzulla at 121 pounds, and three freshmen: Jon Littauer at 105 pounds, Joey Kehoe at 114 and Matt Baroudi at 191.

Strazzulla was pinned by Duxbury's Ian McConnaughey 2:25 into the match, which was just 1:34 less than he needed to put away Rockland's Zach Gorman in the finals. The Cohasset senior battled back to get a double overtime win in the consolation semi-finals, though, to finish third. He also had two pins on the day.

Littauer, who had three pins on the day, appears to be following in the footsteps of a big brothers Dan (a senior standout currently out of action with an elbow injury). John lost in the semifinals to Hull's Rob Smolansky on points, but he too rallied to finish third with a consolation win.

Kehoe was pinned by eventual champion Jeff Byron, another of the Duxbury standouts, but recorded his third pin of the day in the consolation match to take third place honors. Kehoe actually wound up wrestling teammate Vinnie Gratta for third place. Gratta fought his way up through the consolation round ranks to earn the shot at his teammate. Of course, no points were awarded to Cohasset for Gratta's fourth place finish, as teams are not allowed to have multiple scorers in weight classes.

Matt Baroudi, Terry's "little" brother, did a commendable job of hanging in against a more seasoned wrestler in Duxbury's Elmo Roberts in the semis at 191 pounds before falling on points, 7-3. The frosh also fell in a close consolation match to finish fourth.

It's unusual for any wrestler to lose a first round match and battle back to place, but the Cohasset team had two grapplers follow this course. Both Chris McKenna (147 pounds) and Mike Casey (173) took three straight wins after opening round defeats to finish third in their respective weight classes.

McKenna lost to Marshfield's Craig Adjemian in the first round, scrapped back to take two pins and then beat Adjemian on points in the match for third place honors.

Casey, likewise, recorded a couple of consolation round pins before wrapping up a third place win.

Other Cohasset notables included freshman Matt Casey taking a tough win in the 142 pound division and John Hussey losing a pair of one-point heartbreakers to the third and fourth seeds at 217 pounds.

The Skippers were scheduled to face off at home last night with Norwell. A win here would lift them to 4-0 in the Pilgrim Conference 2, and provide huge implications for next Wednesday's showdown at Carver— 3-1, with the one loss coming to the only other unbeaten team in conference, Rockland. Cohasset is scheduled to faceoff with Rockland in what could be a winner-take-all match on Feb. 2 at Middleboro High School.

"If you had told me a few weeks ago that we'd have a chance at a league title, I'd have said your crazy, but we've really had a lot of young guys progress," said Sweeney. "It's nice to be in this position."

The Skippers host a good tune-up quad-meet this Saturday (10 a.m. start), with bigger schools Durfee, Wayland and Whitman-Hanson coming into town.

SPORTS NOTES

C.H.S. Fitness Center

The fitness center at Cohasset High will be open to the publci for use and/or registration durign the following days/hours.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday (5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.).

These hours will remain in effect until 125 individuals are registered, at which time the Center will be open expanded hours, Monday through Saturday.

The fee is $30.00 per month, per person and registration is at the Fitness Center, Cohasset High School, 143 Pond Street. Please enter the school via the front door, located to the right of the main entrance at C.H.S.

Lifeguards wanted!

It's not too soon to be thinking about a summer time job!

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Winter courses are being offered starting Jan. 20, running on Sundays, 9a.m. to 5 p.m., and also during the school break, Feb. 18-22, 9a.m. to 5p.m.. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 17 years old.

Any questions should be directed to Sue Mavilia at 781-383-1988.

Cohasset High coaching vacancies

For the spring, 2002 seasons, Cohasset High is seeking a girls lacrosse coach and the Cohasset Middle School is seeking a softball coach. Interested individuals should call Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383- 6103.

Hockey team continues dominant ways

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to 9-0 in short order in the second.

Greg O'Connell (goal, four assists) started the onslaught with a quick wrister from just in front of the left circle off some nice quick puck movement. The assists went to Straughn (2 assists) and Anderson, who added further to his team best scoring totals with two goals in the game.

The other goals were scored by Davis, Dave Bouchard Mike Devine, Pete Whoriskey, Rob Carpenter, Libby and Mike Rasmussen. The first three players also had an assist apiece. Chris Caron contributed with two assists, while Ted Straughn and Will Moody added one apiece.

Hull finished the game with three shots, all coming from long distance, to Cohasset's 38. Of course, 27 of those came in the first period.

The hometown boys took their game of keep-away on the road for a Monday afternoon holiday matinee, as they jumped out to a quick lead against Harwich at Moore Arena in Orleans on the way to a 9-0 win.

O'Connell continued to pad his stats with another five point outburst (goal, four assists). The junior, who led the Skippers in scoring last season with 27 points, is already up to 23 points (10 goals, 13 assists) a game before the midway point. After a slow start (relative to Cohasset standards), O'Connell has climbed all the way to third in the SSL scoring race, behind teammates Anderson (16-10—26), who added to his team best goal total on Monday with a pair, and Norwell's Rob Himberg (14-14—28)

Junior winger John Durkin had two goals and two assists in the Harwich whitewashing, while Carpenter added a tally and a helper.

Senior goalie Dan Kinchla split the time in net with freshman Brendan Michaud.

Kinchla sports an SSL best 0.889 goals against average, more than two goals per game under second place Kevin O'Sullivan of Abington-East Bridgewater.

Hockey notes

By the time anyone reads this, the Skippers will have faced their biggest test of the season to date, a Wednesday night showdown with defending Div. 3 state champion Hanover.

Cohasset and Hanover were long-time South Shore League rivals up until this year's realignment. Now, the Indians have moved up to the Patriot League and Division 2.

Now, it's a non-league game that Walsh says should reveal a lot about the true makeup of his team.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

3:36 a.m. Beechwood St., MV crash.
4:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
11:35 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint.
12:39 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
12:57 p.m. Doane St. and Bates Ln., motor vehicle violations.
2:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:54 p.m. Lambert's Ln., animal control.
3:15 p.m. Beechwood and King sts., general services.
7:49 p.m. South main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.
9:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.
9:36 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

8 a.m. Doane St., traffic control.
9:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:02 a.m. South Main St., traffic safety inspection.
10:38 a.m. Ledge Way, medical aid, removed to hospital.
11:08 a.m. Rust Way, fire.
11:10 a.m. Summer St., wires down.
11:35 a.m. Ripley Rd., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.
Noon, Highland Ave., officer wanted.
12:11 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., lost property.
12:39 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
1:14 p.m. Beechwood and King sts., traffic safety inspection.
1:36 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious person.
1:42 p.m. Forest Ave., traffic safety inspection.
1:46 p.m. Rust Way, structure fire, fire extinguished.
2:36 p.m. Cedar St., animal control.
4:45 p.m. Elm St., recovered property.
6:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle crash.
8:46 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

12:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window, secured building.
8:56 a.m. Lambert's Ln., fire.
9:25 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:51 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:20 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:24 a.m. Highland Ct., trespassing.
10:36 a.m. Doane St. and Bates Ln., officer wanted.
10:50 a.m. Summer St., officer wanted.
11:22 a.m. Spring St., general services.
11:45 a.m. Beechwood St., investigation.
12:58 p.m. South Main St., investigation.
1:40 p.m. Lambert's Ln., animal control.
2:23 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.
3:32 p.m. Rocky Ln., motor vehicle crash.
4:06 p.m. Ripley Rd., fire investigation.
5:08 p.m. Ripley Rd., general services.
8:12 p.m. Buttonwood Ln., motor vehicle crash.
9:33 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:13 p.m. Bancroft Rd., fire investigation.
11:30 p.m. Atlantic Ave., trespassing.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

1:37 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:59 a.m. Nichols Rd., fire.
8:13 a.m. Lambert's Ln., fire.
9:17 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire.
1:45 p.m. Spring St., wires down.
2:29 p.m. Elm St., found property.
4:34 p.m. Norfolk Rd., suspicious activity.
5:11 p.m. Hull St., well-being check.
8:37 p.m. Elm St., notification.
8:47 p.m. South Main and Summer sts., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

8:53 a.m. Beechwood St., annoying phone calls.
9:34 a.m. Pleasant St., fire inspections.
10:25 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
1:15 p.m. Margin Ct., fire investigation.
3:03 p.m. Holly Ln., well-being check.
4:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., warrant arrest: Glenn E. Dukes, 32, 89 Orleans St., E. Boston.
6:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:10 p.m. Black Rock Rd., animal control.
10:19 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity.
10:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
11:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

Third quarter tax bills issued

The Town of Cohasset has issued the Fiscal Year 2002 third quarter tax bills due Feb. 1. Anyone who has not received their tax bill should contact the Board of Assessors at 781-383-4102 for a copy of the tax bill.

The fiscal 2002 total tax is based on the new fiscal 2002 assessment. The new assessments are based on sales market activity during calendar 2000 and early 2001 to reflect the value of real estate as of Jan. 1, 2001.

Tax payers who feel that their property is over assessed and want to contest their assessment must file for and abatement with the Board of Assessors by 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1.

Real Estate tax exemptions are available to qualifying elderly, widows, blind persons, and veterans with a 10 percent service connected disability or greater.

The sewer betterments for both the north (NSWR) and central (CSWR) sewer projects are included on this bill. The total amount of the apportioned sewer betterment to be paid during this fiscal year is shown on the tax bill under the "special assessment" section. The amount due also includes accrued 1 percent interest on the unpaid principal betterment balance. The total amount due is split between the third and fourth quarter payments. The amount due is included in the total due Feb. 1, line show at the bottom right of tax bill.

The tax bill also contains the Community Preservation Act (CPA) 1.5 percent surcharge. The total CPA surcharge due for the full fiscal year is shown next to the Community Preservation Act line on the tax bill. The surcharge is calculated as follows: FY2002 Assessment - $100,000 (residential exemption) x $11.48 (tax rate)/1000 = gross taxes subject to surcharge. Gross taxes subject to surcharge - FY2002 exemptions approved by assessors, if applicable = net taxes subject to surcharge. - Net taxes subject to surcharge x .015 (1.5 percent CPA surcharge) = Total CPA surcharge. Total FY2002 CPA surcharge - Preliminary surcharge/2 = surcharge Feb. 1, and May 1. The amount due is included in the total due Feb. 1, line shown at the bottom right of tax bill. There are exemptions for qualified low income and elderly property owner. Contact the board of assessors at 781-383-4114 for details.

Finally, enclosed with the tax bills is an insert that allows taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the scholarship, education and elderly/disabled funds established a few years ago.

Scholarship fund will provide secondary school tuition assistance to deserving town residents. these funds will be in addition to scholarships currently available to the town residents.

Educational fund will provide supplemental educational funding for the Cohasset Public Schools. Additionally, funds may be used for existing adult literacy programs.

Elderly disabled fund will provide property tax relief for elderly and disabled Cohasset taxpayers who meet specific criteria established by the elderly/disabled fund committee.

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OBITUARIES

Richard S. McLaughlin

Richard S. McLaughlin, 65 years old, of Cohasset, died Jan. 16, 2002 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

He had lived in Cohasset for 13 years and previously in Marshfield

Born in New Haven, Conn., he graduated from Hillhouse High School and New Haven State College in New Haven, Conn.

Mr. McLaughlin was a self-employed building contractor in the South Shore.

He served in the U.S. Marines.

He leaves his mother, Lilian McLaughlin of Arlington, Texas; his two sons, Sean McLaughlin of South Dennis and Scott McLaughlin of Pembroke; his two daughters, Kate McLaughlin of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. and Erin McLaughlin of Hamden, Conn.; his two grandsons, Paul Nolan and Joseph McLaughlin.; innumerable friends, loved ones and extended family.

Funeral services were private. Arrangements were made by the MacDonald Funeral Home, Route 139 in Marshfield.

Contributions to Mr. McLaughlin's memory may be made to Pivot Ministries, 495 Jane St., Bridgeport, Conn. 06608.

Jane B. Gillingham

Jane B. Gillingham, 77, of Scituate, formerly of Norwell and Cohasset, died unexpectedly Jan. 15, 2002, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born in Cohasset, she later moved to Norwell and Scituate where she has lived for 40 years. She was educated in the Norwell Public Schools, graduating from Norwell High School. She also attended Perry Normal Kindergarten School in Boston where she received a degree in teaching. She was a first-grade teacher in the Scituate Public Schools for 34 years. Mrs. Gillingham was one of the first teachers in the New Hatherly School and continued there until her retirement in 1985.

She was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

An avid Bruin and Red Sox fan, she also enjoyed boating.

She leaves a daughter, Linda J. Farley, two granddaughters, Michelle L. Coles and Deloris J. Farley, and a great-grandson, Christian J. Castelli, all of Plymouth; and many cousins and dear friends.

A funeral service was held at the Richardson Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate. Interment will be at a date and time to be announced.

Pasta at St. Anthony's

St. Anthony Parish's fourth annual "Pasta with the Pastah" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2 in the parish hall. The dinner is sponsored by the Lagrotteria family and friends. Tickets are $20 and $15 for seniors. Call the parish office at 781-383-0219.

On Sunday, Feb. 3 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, the Rite of Welcoming ceremony will be held for the four candidates taking part in the parish RCIA program. This program, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, prepares people to enter the Catholic Church, usually during the Easter Vigil. RCIA will next meet on Monday, Jan. 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Also, World Marriage Day will be celebrated at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Feb. 9 for parishoners celebrating their first, fifth, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 50th, and any 50-plus wedding anniversary in 2002. A reception will be held following the Mass in the parish rectory. Register by calling the parish office. Widows and widowers who would like the memory of their marriage commitment honored are also invited and encouraged to attend.

LEGAL NOTICES

SIDEMAN ESTATE

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 01P3223EP

In the Estate of CAROLYN SIDEMAN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 19, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JEFFREY M. SANKEY of MANSFIELD in the County of BRISTOL be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 13, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, January 2, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE
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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon., **Feb. 11, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Peter & Merrill Mahoney, seek to construct addition of nonconforming structure at **114 Linden Dr.**, according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-01-22.

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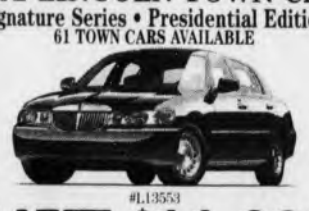
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Many fine citizens were nominated for annual award

By Mary Ford
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Twenty-seven individuals and families nominated a total of seven different people for The Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year Award. This is the ninth consecutive year the Cohasset Mariner has sponsored the annual recognition of a local citizen.

After poring over the numerous letters and nomination forms, a committee of four consisting of editor Mary Ford, Town Manager Mark Haddad, Jennifer Piepenbrink of 622 CJC Hwy., and Osborne Ingram of 274 Beechwood St. selected Glenn Pratt of 482 King St. as Citizen of the Year.

Pratt joins prior year citizens, the late Gerard Keating, Joseph D. Buckley, Dr. Robert Sceery, the Rev. Gary Ritts, Anna Abbruzzese, Katherine Stanton, the late Clark Chatterton, and Mary Jeanette Murray.

Some candidates received multiple nominations. Although the number of nominations an individual receives was not a criterion for the award – all letters and nominations forms submitted were carefully read and considered.

Nominees could be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker; a person in the business community, sports figure or an 'unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

The other nominees for this year's award included:

• Herbert Jason, lobsterman, for his many contributions to the maritime history of Cohasset including his efforts to get the Wilson and Antoine Memorial built and installed on Government Island, his work with the Minot Light Replica, for helping to start the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association, and for continuing to try to better the town in his senior years.

• Arthur Lehr for embodying everything a community should be, through his volunteering with the Boy Scouts, Appalachia Service Project, as Civil Defense Director for the town, election warden, helping to maintain Wheelwright Farm and his immeasurable contributions to Cohasset's recycling efforts that started back in the 1940s.

• Polly Logan for her generosity and countless efforts behind the scenes in innumerable charitable and political causes, for opening her home and her heart to those causes, for spearheading the Cohasset Chapter of the Doric Dames at the Statehouse, and for her efforts in getting women and young people involved in public service.

• Police Chief Brian Noonan for his extraordinary commitment to the community, for his leadership in getting Cohasseters to be better citizens and for introducing his own brand of community policing to the town.

• Bob Thompson for not knowing the word "no" when it comes to helping a neighbor, for his countless hours of volunteer work at the food pantry and for his many years as a marvelous science teacher;

• Jack Worley, who as recreation director has made the recreation department a wonderful asset for the town; for taking on the chairmanship of the Youth Resources Committee; for providing leadership in turning the old DPW garage into the teen center, and for giving his time and energy in all aspects of his service to Cohasset.

Money for a worthwhile cause

Veterans squares need some attention

By Evan Schiff
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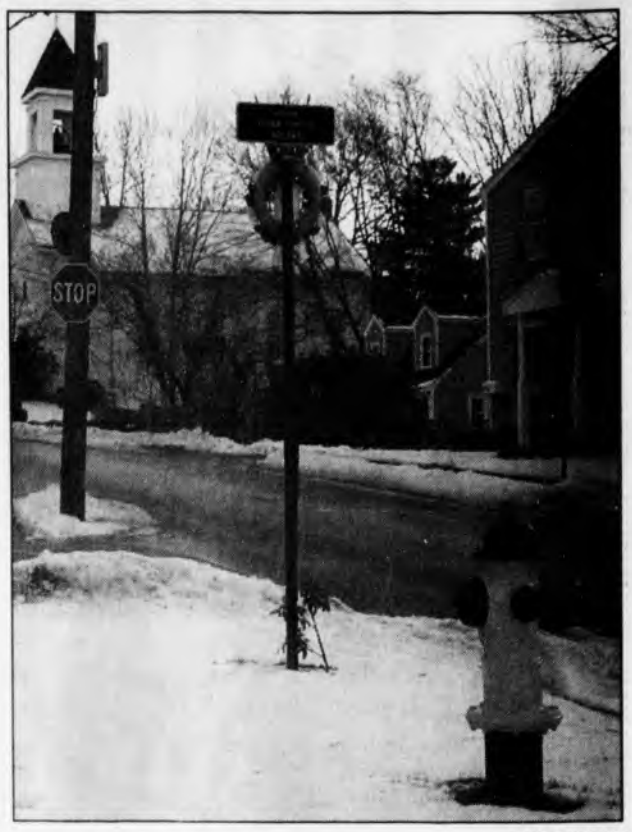
The Veterans Memorial Committee will ask Town Meeting to appropriate $15,000 toward the repair and upgrade of seven memorials around town.

In light of current world affairs, Glenn Pratt — chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee — is confident the community will back the request. Selectmen placed the article on the warrant at a meeting earlier this month..

"I think there is a high priority on remembering veterans right now and the memorials for those who were killed should be kept up."

— Glenn Pratt, Veterans Memorial Committee



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The Veterans Memorial Committee plans to refurbish Peter Cogill Square at the corner of Church and Doane streets.

"I think there is a high priority on remembering veterans right now and the memorials for those who were killed should be kept up," Pratt said.

Some of the repairs are fairly simple, such as fixing the Herman E. Daley square sign at the corner of Jerusalem Road and North Main Street, or refinishing the William C. Laidlaw Square plaque. However, others require more effort.

The most involved project is improving the Peter Cogill Square, at the intersection of Doane Street and Church Street where the fire hydrant needs to be relocated. "The fire hydrant sticks out like a sore thumb," Pratt said. He said the committee will try to work with the Water Department on the relocation of the hydrant.

The curb also needs to be defined so cars won't cut across and ruin the grass. With the existing low curb, vehicles often cut the corner running up onto the square.

Another square that needs attention is the one dedicated to Norman M. Todd. The square at the intersection of Beechwood Street and Norman Todd Road. Todd died from the effects of radiation after WW II.

"The square used to be really something," Pratt said. "We are going to get it back to the way it used to be."

Pratt said it is important to preserve these, and other memorials, for the sake of history.

"I have a personal fear that younger generations don't know the sacrifices and hardships that were endured by these veterans," he said. "The people that were killed left a normal life and paid a pretty high price."

Pratt wanted to make sure their names are kept in the forefront of the community.

Other improvements include making a plaque and dedicating a square to Allen Buffum, erecting a plaque for Howard R. Gleason Road, like the ones built for Robert E. Jason and William B. Long Jr., and seeing what would be appropriate for a Perry J. Johnson plaque.

Pratt is optimistic that Town Meeting will approve the appropriation.

"I think it's fairly difficult to build a case against this cause," he said.

Next year, the committee will go to Town Meeting for an appropriation to build an honor roll at Veterans Park at the harbor dedicated to Cohasset soldiers who served in the Vietnam and Korean wars.

The honor roll at Veterans Park for local veterans of WW II has been up for several years. Plans are to eventually have all soldiers who served during wartime honored at the park. Pratt said the World War I honor roll will be completed soon.

"We are just waiting for the stone mason to finish," he said.

Determination to get things done

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Sheralyn Craig of Kensington, Md., in her nomination. "Glenn takes pride in the community and cares about what happens to the town."

For Robert E. Maree, Jr., who lost his brother, Edward, in Vietnam, this past Veterans Day was a memorable one, thanks to Pratt.

"I attended the memorial dedication to the Cohasset Gold Star Mothers," Maree recalled. "This was a special event for me because of my brother who served two tours of duty in Vietnam and especially for my Mom… I will never forget that day."

A selection committee consisting of Jennifer Piepenbrink, 622 CJC Hwy., Osborne Ingram 274 Beechwood St., Town Manager Mark Haddad, and Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford selected Pratt for the ninth annual Citizen of the Year award from a field of seven nominations submitted by 27 different individuals and families.

Pratt, 54, graduated from Cohasset High in 1965 and joined the Massachusetts National Guard a few years later. During his stint in the guard, his best assignment was as a general's aide to Cohasset's Gen. Edward Logan, commander of the 26th Infantry Division.

His time in the guard coupled with the effects of the Vietnam War at home had a profound effect on Pratt, who, to this day, continues efforts to ensure the sacrifice so many local soldiers made won't be forgotten.

"Back in 1969, which was the biggest year of losses for Cohasset, I started to talk to people about doing something for our friends," Pratt recalled. "Until your peers start dying in the service, you don't get it. You don't understand what it is."

Cohasset lost a total of eight young men in Vietnam including Alan Keating, who had been a lifelong friend. "I knew Alan my whole life and our parents were friends," Pratt said.

So Pratt got a group together and asked Town Meeting for $6,600 to install the plaques honoring those who lost their lives in wartime since World War I at Veterans Memorial Park at the harbor.

A little more than 20 years later, Pratt led the effort to dedicate squares around town to local soldiers who died in Vietnam and Korea. And this spring the Veterans Memorial Committee plans to refurbish several veterans' squares that need attention and dedicate a square to WWI veteran Allen A. Buffum. The committee will also finish the honor roll at Veterans Memorial Park to include those who served in Korea and Vietnam.

Getting a group together is another hallmark of Pratt's style. Often the mover and the one who stays on board for years – Pratt is still very much a team player.

The father of three grown children (Megan, 23, Caroline, 21, and Chris, 20) got involved in their pre-school days with the Community Center where his children attended nursery school there.

"A bunch of us got involved back in '82," he recalled. That involvement led to two building expansions one in 1984 (gymnasium and nursery school) and another in 1991 (the Senior Center). Pratt served on the Community Center Board of Directors for 12 years, 10 as president.

Cemetery space

It was back in 1977 when Pratt was on the Planning Board that the cemetery issue first surfaced. The board was reviewing the Benjamin Report of the early '60s – a master plan – that spelled out the town would run out of cemetery space in 25 years. What followed for Pratt over the next 20 years was often frustrating efforts to find more burial space. There were about 20 people on and off the committee over the years.

"I stayed on and on," he said. The committee's efforts included finding a potential solution only to have it scrapped because of neighborhood opposition or other factors.

"Some (solutions) never surfaced because no one listened to the money situation," Pratt explained. But Pratt never gave up despite having to have a thick skin to handle those who liked to poke holes in a well-thought out plan.

"It's just the way I am," he said about seeing the job through to fruition.

But today, largely thanks to Pratt, Woodside Cemetery has been expanded and the Cemetery Committee is ready to offer graves for sale on a pre-need basis for the first time in a decade. During the interview at Suburban Companies, a building services business, which Pratt owns — he proudly displayed the new cemetery brochure that is being mailed to all Cohasset households.

There's nary a corner of Cohasset that Pratt hasn't touched in a positive way.

A lover of history [the Pratt family dates back in town to 1680], Pratt also led the effort to refurbish the old "Konohasset" hand-pump fire engine for the historical society a few years back. He also bought a retired, surplus engine from the town which he refurbished and shares with the Little League Parade every year.

Other good deeds include: a new scoreboard for the Dorr gym (which is now at the Osgood School due to the high school construction), arranging for new gym mats, helping with the renovation of the Lightkeeper's Residence – the list goes on. Last year Pratt was appointed to the Water Commission to fill an unexpired term and is up for election this spring.

"I've been interested in the Water Department since I was a kid," says Pratt, whose father Edwin Pratt served as superintendent of the Water Department for many years. "It was part of the dinner-table discussion."

But the centerpiece of Pratt's town-wide efforts so far is no doubt the Gold Star Mothers memorial in the expanded section of Woodside Cemetery. Upwards of 500 people – many of whom were family and friends of the fallen soldiers – attended the Veterans Day dedication.

It was during the ceremony where the hearts of old and young alike were touched in a warm, caring way.

"Glenn and I are former classmates and reaped the benefits of growing up in a wonderful town," said Robert Maree, whose mother Betty Maree is a Gold Star Mother. "Now he has given back to the town and touched the hearts and souls of so many of us.

"For that, I feel he is a worthy candidate for the Citizen of the Year Award."

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A taste of Tuscany

Visiting chef shares her recipes at sold-out Mount Blue dinner

By Alice Coyle
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When renowned Italian chef Benedetta Vitali agreed to do an American tour promoting her first cookbook "Soffritto" it was no surprise she'd be making stops at some of the country's most renowned restaurants.

After making an appearance at the San Francisco food show, Vitali will step into the kitchen at Alice Water's restaurant Chez Panisse before flying off to Chicago where she'll cook up lunch at Charlie Trotter's. Sage will be her stop on the Boston Cook's tour before heading down to Westport, Conn. to hang with Martha Stewart.

Before returning to her native Florence, Vitali will squeeze in one last New England visit, wrapping up her whirlwind tour Jan. 30 at Mount Blue where she'll prepare a four-course Tuscan dinner to the 120 lucky guests who reserved a seat at the sold-out culinary event.

There's no question the Norwell Center restaurant is in good company on that list of who's who on the national restaurant scene but its place on Vitali's tour itinerary has a little something to do with the designer and photographer that helped put her exquisite cook book together — longtime residents Cary and Barbara Wolinsky.

Cary, who has worked for National Geographic for three decades, shot all of the photography in the book on location in Italy along with wife Barbara, a graphic designer who designed the layout — including selecting all the incredible images in the 240 page-book.

"Benedetta didn't want to do a normal cookbook," Barbara said. "She wanted people to understand the quality of food, how to use it and the people involved." Cary's portfolio of work, which was one of a handful shown to her by publicist Michael Milford, appealed to her at once, Barbara said.

In addition to the beautiful color photographs of prepared foods including breads and pasta dishes and gelato you can almost taste through the picture, Cary captured those behind the foods Vitali loves to prepare —from the fishermen bringing in their catch, and the street vendors selling fresh vegetables, to her own restaurant staff picking fresh herbs that will be used to season the dishes at her restaurant Zibibbo.

These are the central ingredients to her book and to Vitali's way of life. Which makes the book's title, "Soffritto" particularly appropriate, Barbara explains. In cooking, Soffritto is the term for the aromatic combination of sautéed carrots, celery and onions used as the first ingredients in much of traditional Tuscan cooking. How these three main ingredients are cooked determines the full flavor in the recipe's finished product.

When Cary and Barbara started out to put the concept into pictures, they were expecting to shoot about 60 images for the book — a daunting task considering the short five-week time frame they had to work with last fall.

"Cary's given double that amount of time to do a 22-page story in National Geographic," said Barbara, noting that they knew at the outset they'd have to be moving as fast as they could the entire time they were in Florence.

"We were up at 5 a.m. and out the door when our driver arrived. Our day usually ended at 7 p.m. after which we'd get cleaned up and go to eat — usually at Zibibbo's but occasionally we'd try other restaurants," she said.

"The food was fabulous," said Barbara who is not normally adventurous when it comes to trying new things. But Vitali's delicious traditional recipes had her biting into sweet breads and tripe before the trip was through. "With her cooking, it was so good," she said.

In addition to a challenging schedule of shooting, Barbara said Cary faced some climatic challenges along the way. In general, the weather in Florence at that time of year is beautiful.

"It's a gorgeous time of year with just the right temperatures," Barbara said. But the Tuscan landscape during morning and early evening hours takes on a misty, hazy quality which made shooting during those hours difficult.

Still, Cary managed to capture the region's people, their surroundings, and of course the food, incredibly well. So well, in fact that the 60 images they would need turned into 150 by the time the book went to press.

"The book grew as we went along," she said.

The finished product which retails for $32 (available at Front Street Book Shop, Borders, Barnes and Noble and at Amazon.com) is a combination art and cook book that is eminently readable.

Vitali and the Wolinskys will sign copies of the book from 6 to 7:30 p.m. — just prior to the dinner Jan. 30. The hors d'oeuvre and cocktail segment will feature traditional Tuscan appetizers including delicious Pecorino cheese served with grapes and nuts and "North River Gold" honey provided by Norwell bee-keepers Bruce and Debbie Lenahan.

"We tried to keep everything as local as we could," said Mount Blue owner Jayne Bowe, who along with chef Larry Weigel has been having a great time hunting up the all ingredients Vitali will need for the four-course feast.

"Larry's very excited," said Bowe. "He's been emailing back and forth to find out what he'll need for the dinner."

While their search has taken them to Cambridge and Boston where markets import Italian cheeses and vegetables like cardoons, looking locally for the honey for the Pecorino cheese appetizer is very much in keeping with Vitali's philosophy for cooking which involves using the freshest, local and home-grown ingredients — ingredients that are often quite literally plucked off the vine and put into a pan.

Guest chefs like Vitali give Weigel a chance to expand his cooking horizons, Bowe said and don't be surprised if something he cooks up next Wednesday night is adopted for future Mount Blue menus.

Mount Blue became a stop on the tour at the Wolinsky's request. Barbara has worked with the Bowes on other events and thought Mount Blue would be a great place for Vitali to work her culinary magic.

Bowe couldn't agree more.

"Our environment is fun and playful here and the food will be just perfect for it," Bowe said. While the $60 per plate dinner is sold-out, Bowe said people can still attend the $20 cocktail and hors d'oeuvre hour, sample delicious appetizers and Italian red and white wines and meet Vitali during the book signing.

Those with tickets for the dinner are in for an unbelievable culinary experience featuring four traditional courses with complimenting wines and dessert.

"It's a really nice thing to do in the middle of the doldrums of winter," said Bowe who will host 120 for the dinner.

While this was the first cookbook she and Cary have done, Barbara said it most likely won't be their last. Russia might be the Wolinsky's next stop.

"We're hoping to do another (book) with a restaurant in Russia, called the Pushkin which features traditional cooking," said Barbara, noting Cary has been to Russia to shoot several times over the years.

But this week the Wolinsky's will be staying close to home in anticipation of Vitali's dinner at Mount Blue and are looking forward to sharing the taste of Tuscany with their friends and neighbors.

"It's wonderful to be able to introduce people to Benedetta and her cooking and to have others enjoy the pleasures that we do."

For information on attending the hors d'oeuvre reception and book signing of Soffritto at Mount Blue Jan. 30 call (781) 659-0050.

PHOTOS BY CARY WOLINSKY

Above, the paintings that grace Soffritto's cover and chapter pages were done by architect Antonio Andreucci, whose works hang on the walls of chef Benedetta Vitali's restaurant Zibibbo.

(Top left) Pecorino cheese, pictured here, will be served as an appetizer for Benedetta Vitali's upcoming dinner at Mount Blue. The cheese will be served with grapes and nuts and dipped in "North River Gold" honey provided by local bee-keepers Bruce and Debbie Lenahan of Norwell.

(Top right) The chef at work — Benedetta Vitali squeezes the passatelli mixture through a potato ricer before dropping it into meat stock.

(Bottom left) In the morning before Zibibbo opens, Armando picks herbs and tomatoes in the market garden across the street from the restaurant.

(Bottom right) A vendor in Sant'Abroglo Market selects Porcini mushrooms.

Hot, hot, hot!

January heat wave forecast for art center fund-raiser

By Alice Coyle
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It might be 30 degrees outside with a chance of light snow but don't be surprised to find folks sporting bathing suits and flip flops in Cohasset this weekend.

Creative summer-ware is the recommended attire for Saturday night's Beach Bash fundraiser for the South Shore Art Center. So take out your self-tanning lotion and slip into your sarong and head over to Atlantica, which bash organizers promise will be transformed into a summer paradise sure to melt away the winter blues.

Art center board member and Beach Bash designer Franny Andahazy said the popular restaurant will be split in half for the event with an authentic beach party atmosphere complete with beach umbrellas, lifeguards and a functioning lighthouse on one side, and a tropical oasis featuring a functional tiki bar and palm trees on the other.

"We wanted to bring some fun into the middle of winter," said Andahazy who has made a career of party planning. Andahazy's Boston-based business Party By Design has been catering to the event needs of some of the region's largest corporations for going on two decades. An artist in her own right, Andahazy did the design work for the art center's hugely successful wine tasting event last fall and when the beach bash notion was floated, she again came forward to contribute her creativity, along with a good deal of her time and the materials for this weekend's event.

"I like to give back to the arts," said Andahazy of Hull, who became an art center member after showing her paintings at the Festival on the Common. By helping to make this fundraiser one of the art center's most colorful and fun, Andahazy hopes more people will attend and contribute generously.

"People who are having fun tend to be more generous."

"We're hoping to raise about $30,000," said Monica McKenney, the art center's director of public relations. All the proceeds raised will support the center's educational outreach programs —"Looking at Art" and "Arts to Go."

Those in attendance will have several ways to contribute. The $100 per ticket event ($85 for art center members) will also feature both a live and a silent auction with merchandise and trips valued at $40,000. Items up for grabs include furniture, colorful beach umbrellas, beach chairs and canvas bags hand-painted by local artists. Vacations and dinner packages are also available to the highest bidder.

"We have quite a few interesting dinner and wine packages," said art center board member and Beach Bash Committee co-chairman Jennifer Willms. Anna Abruzzi will offer a cooking class at her home and the Red Lion Inn chef will do the same in your own home or serve you an your guests dinner, Willms said. The Hingham Wine Merchant is providing a wine tasting for the winning bidder and 23 of his or her closest friends.

Cohasset jeweler has added some glitter to the event with a white gold and diamond bracelet which will also be auctioned off Saturday night.

To keep people interested in the auction items and on the dance floor, Andahazy said the Beach Bash will feature beach-style concession stands and grazing stations rather than a sit-down dinner. A volley ball game with beach balls might be just the thing to get people dancing and lifeguards will be circulating with hors d'oeuvres and tropical drinks, Andahazy said. Local band "The Grateful Dads" will provide the musical entertainment for the event.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Willms. "We want people to go away saying the art center has great events."

Planning for the big fund-raiser began at the end of August, recalled Willms. After Sept. 11 happened she said the committee became even more determined to do something "light, fun and positive" to give people a great break.. While quite a few ideas were tossed around, in the end the consensus was "What could be better than a summer party in January?"

Obviously art center supporters agree. Ticket sales were going very well with just over a week to go, Willms said.

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

South Shore Art Center event committee co-chairwomen Tref Borden and Jennifer Willms show off the colorful umbrellas and canvas bags hand-painted by local artists that will be on the auction block at Saturday's Beach Bash.

Food & dining

Quick and Easy Steak au Poivre

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

The basis of this dish is simple enough – a pan-seared steak impregnated with peppercorns and finished in a brandy/cream sauce. At its best, it marries the rough and tumble taste of steak and pepper with a creamy, four star pan sauce. It's the prince and pauper of French cooking. Yet, badly executed, Steak au Poivre has a pale crust, an insipid sauce, and is so loaded with peppercorns that one is forced to wash it down with tumblers of high-octane wine.

The first step is choosing a steak. Steak au Poivre is typically made with strip steak but I also tried ribeye, shell steak and sirloin tip, the latter two in hopes of keeping down the price. (I didn't try tenderloin since it has less flavor and is wildly expensive.) The shell steak was dry and tough, the sirloin tip was juicy but tough, and the ribeye was the winner – more flavorful and slightly juicier than the strip. However, it ain't cheap, running $6.99 to 10.99 per pound. The steaks are best when cut to a one-inch thickness. It allows for a well-browned crust without overcooking the interior. (Thinner steaks quickly dry out.)

The problem with the pepper is that, when pressed into the steak, it provides a barrier between meat and pan thus preventing browning and the development of a nice fond, those browned bits which are used to make a rich sauce. After much testing, I decided to simply add the peppercorns to the sauce instead, a method that worked just fine. The heat of the pan was also an issue. When I tried high heat, the fond became too dark and bitter by the time the steak was cooked; medium/high heat, therefore, worked best. I also found it necessary to weigh down the steak to produce the best crust. A second skillet placed on top of the steak worked fine.

The sauce is usually made from shallots, brandy, cream, stock, butter, and lemon juice or vinegar. In my case, I was adding the pepper directly to the sauce and I preferred black to green peppercorns and liked them crushed instead of whole or ground. I found stock unnecessary since it watered down the sauce, requiring extra time to reduce it back to the proper thickness. Without the stock, the sauce cooked very quickly and the tastes were fresher. One third cup brandy or Cognac and 2/3 cups heavy cream was just right. I dumped the butter as being superfluous. Cognac is a bit sweeter than brandy but the choice is yours.

The shallots didn't add much given the horsepower of the peppercorns and the lemon juice/vinegar was unnecessary since the sauce now cooked so quickly that it was bright and lively on its own. As for technique, I simply dumped all of the sauce ingredients into the pan at the same time and scraped the bottom of the pan to dissolve the fond. In just 2 minutes, the sauce was done. Now this simple sauce was made with only three ingredients and I liked it better than more complex and more traditional recipes.

STEAK AU POIVRE MADE EASY

Place the peppercorns in a heavy-duty zipper lock bag and whack them with either a rolling pin, a heavy saucepan, or flat meat pounder. Note that the cooking times are approximate. Everything depends on the thickness of the steaks, the type of skillet, and the horsepower of your stovetop.

For the steaks

4 ribeye or strip steaks about 1 inch thick (8-10 ounces each)

Salt and freshly ground pepper

For the sauce

1/3 cup brandy or Cognac

2/3 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon black peppercorns, crushed

1. Heat a 12-inch heavy-duty skillet over medium heat for 4 minutes. Season the steaks with salt and freshly ground pepper. Place the steaks in the hot skillet, adjust the heat to medium-high and place another skillet over them. (If you do not have another skillet you may press down on the steaks with the bottom of a cake pan.) Cook the steaks without moving them for 6 minutes, or until well browned. Flip the steaks and press on them again with either another skillet or cake pan. Cook them for about 4 minutes longer for rare, 5 minutes for medium-rare and 6 minutes for medium. Transfer to a large plate and tent loosely with foil.

2. Add the brandy, heavy cream and peppercorns to the skillet. Bring to a boil, scraping the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon or spatula to loosen browned bits. Simmer until thick enough to heavily coat the back of a metal spoon, about 2 minutes. Adjust seasonings with salt if necessary.

3. Place steaks on individual dinner plates. Spoon sauce over steaks and serve immediately.

Serves 4

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Avoid rigid time schedules this morning. The Taurus moon aligns with unpredictable Uranus at 7:29 a.m. and becomes inactive. If you are working, handle routine chores and follow through on unfinished projects. Influences turn around completely at 7:28 p.m., when the moon enters lively Gemini. This is a great evening to get in touch with friends you haven't heard from in a while or to chat on the internet or just hang out with favorite buddies.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

This is a day that can go either way. The moon continues to travel in Gemini today and tomorrow. Because, Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini travels in retrograde, there may be breakdowns, changes in plans, unexpected dilemmas. Be adaptable; go with the flow. It is better to handle a variety of tasks rather than one project that demands mental precision and concentration. A sense of humor is your ace in the hole.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

The planet Venus, traveling in Aquarius, interacts with Saturn and Neptune today, Mercury tomorrow. The moon travels in Gemini, making for a social day. People will be friendly, talkative. Influences are prime for patching up relationships that have broken down. Although this is not a favorable time for beginning new friendships, it is ideal for strengthening the ties in existing partnerships. At 2:22 p.m. the Gemini moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

The combination of a full moon buildup and Mercury traveling in retrograde promises a hectic weekend. Be more cautious. Channel high energy productively. This is a great day to tackle 'rainy day' projects, particularly in your home. Clean out drawers and closets; make repairs. The moon enters the sign Cancer at 1:17 a.m. and forms a challenging 90-degree contact to combative Mars at 10:55 a.m. At 2:03 p.m. the moon aligns with Jupiter and becomes inactive. Mercury retrograde is also in high profile, aligning with Venus and Neptune today, Saturn and the sun tomorrow, and Mars on Monday.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today. The moon continues inactive travel in the sign Cancer. Others may be moody and difficult to get along with. Keep a low profile. Take extra quiet time out for yourself. Meditate for clarity and peace of mind. An alignment of the sun and Mercury may shed new light on issues that have been troubling you. Because it's often difficult to sleep on full moon evenings, plan to work or study or party into the wee hours.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

Along with the full moon, a flurry of astrological activity greets us today. Slow down. Remain calm no matter what is happening around you. The sun aligns with Saturn and Neptune; retrograde Mercury with Mars. A 90-degree alignment of Mars to Jupiter intensifies this high energy period. Don't overdo, overextend or take risks. The moon enters Leo at 3:31 a.m. and the full moon culminates at 5:50 p.m., when the moon and sun oppose at 9-degrees of Leo/Aquarius.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

A harmonious alignment of Mars and Saturn saves this day. It means that you can focus on work projects and get them out of the way. Roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished. There is a rough spot at 6:04 p.m., when the Leo moon opposes unpredictable Uranus and becomes inactive. Go with the flow. Catch up on rest and relaxation this evening.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

The moon enters Virgo at 3:40 a.m., remaining there today and tomorrow. This Mercury-ruled moon may intensify the retrograde action of Mercury, generating unexpected obstacles, reversals, mechanical or electrical breakdowns. Making important decisions or signing contracts are definitely off limits. On the other hand, this period is prime for developing study or research projects or for making repairs or renovations. Mars and Neptune align at 12:00 p.m. A lunar contact to Saturn at 4:33 p.m. may bring a lull period, when energy is deflated. Plan a quiet evening.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

A 90-degree alignment of the moon and Pluto at 6:46 a.m. may spark emotional thunderstorms. Avoid getting caught up in morning hassles or the blues. At this time the moon becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. No major planetary activity occurs. Take advantage of this period and get work projects, especially jobs you have been putting off, out of the way. You can be most productive. Clean out drawers and closets, get rid of items that are cluttering up your life. Zero in on diets and self-improvement programs. Take better care of yourself.

Hot, hot, hot!

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The last time the art center hosted its big fundraiser, more than 200 attended the black-tie event, and McKenney is hoping for a similar turnout this weekend.

"It's such a welcome theme at this time of the year," McKenney said.

And it benefits wonderful art education programs, she added. For more than a decade, the art center has offered its outreach programs to local schools at a very small cost, McKenney said. Through "Looking at Art" students visit the art center exhibits, often get to meet the artists and then have an opportunity to do a hands-on project of their own. "Arts to Go" brings the artist to the schools to conduct a visiting arts program.

"It's a great program," said McKenney, noting that Saturday's fundraiser along with grant money makes both programs possible.

For tickets or information on the South Shore Art Center's Beach Bash call (781) 383-2787.

Witness the wonders of the winter garden

Green thumbs up

Part 1

By Suzanne Mahler
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In the aftermath of our most recent winter storm, brilliant sunshine drenched the dormant landscape illuminating a diamond-dusted blanket of new fallen snow beneath a canopy of crystal clear, deep blue skies. With camera in hand, I ventured forth into the garden to capture the beauty of nature's handiwork, pausing to savor the serenity and pristine elegance of this winter wonderland. Even an average landscape seems to be miraculously transformed into a picture postcard when overlaid with this uniform, crystalline coating. Mesmerized by the peaceful solitude of an absolutely perfect winter day, I wandered from garden to garden, enjoying the sights and sounds many gardeners fail to explore once the gardens have been put to bed at the end of the growing season.

A pair of white-breasted nuthatches, the little upside-down birds, systematically worked their way up and down the trunk of an old cherry tree as a distinctively-marked flicker landed nearby, its piercing call momentarily disrupting the tranquility. Tufted titmice, chick-a-dees and finches darted back and forth from feeders to the nearby shrubbery to feast on sunflower seeds. Perched among the branches of a rich, deep green Scotch pine, the unmistakable red plumage of a handsome male cardinal was particularly striking against the backdrop of the new fallen snow. Perhaps my favorite of all the little feathered creatures, the perky Carolina wren hopped along the fence railing, probing each nook and cranny for tidbits while singing its exuberant melody for all to enjoy.

Our dormant landscapes possess a beauty all their own with form, line and texture becoming the essential features. The pure white, snowy background serves to accentuate and highlight many of these elements which form the basis for any successful garden design, the so-called "bones" of the landscape. This is the season to analyze these primary elements that form the foundation and structure of your garden and to note adjustments that should be made when warmer weather permits modification of these fundamental forms and lines. Trees and shrubs, both deciduous and evergreen, are often the primary sources of structure and architecture in the garden but fences, arches, stone walls, arbors, gazebos, or even a birdhouse or feeder on a decorative post can be used to create strong vertical or horizontal lines.

There are many noteworthy deciduous trees and shrubs to provide structure and multi-seasonal beauty to the landscape. Some of these forms appear as living sculptures when viewed as part of the winter landscape, particularly against the backdrop of a snow cover or a clear blue sky. Look for the beauty in the silhouettes of trees whose leaves have fallen. Each family of trees tends to have its own unique architecture. Dogwoods, magnolias, Japanese maples and crabapples possess extremely attractive shapes when undressed. As the rays of sunlight strike their frameworks at a lower angle during the winter months, longer shadows and intricate patterns are cast providing additional interest. This slanted lighting also presents an ideal opportunity for backlighting dramatic elements that you may want to consider when positioning a tree of architectural interest in your landscape. Placing an attractive element to the south, southeast or southwest of your home will allow it to be backlit for many hours.

Weeping forms are personal favorites and pendulous varieties of cherry, katsura, willow, birch, threadleaf Japanese maple and crabapple are just a few of the species which I have planted to provide this graceful form in my own landscape. The contorted, twisted branches of Harry Lauder's Walking Stick, corkscrew willow and the Japanese fantail willow offer equally unique designs.

Consider also the texture of bark and the variations in its color. Birches, with their distinctive, peeling bark, are especially attractive when planted against a backdrop of evergreens. A clump of Heritage Birch serves as a focal point in one of my shady borders that can be readily viewed from several windows and sitting areas, its soft beige, peeling bark dramatic in all seasons. The handsome, silver and cream mottled bark of a stewartia is exceptionally lovely. A small specimen graces my front walk, where its upright form, creamy white flowers in July, and attractive foliage during the growing season offer year-round beauty. The cinnamon-colored, peeling bark of an oak-leaf hydrangea adds a unique look to a foundation planting in winter, furnishing showy, white, pyramidal blooms in summer and handsome, bronze foliage in the fall. A paperbark maple graces a shady corner of my property, its sensational peeling bark a highlight in all seasons, with an additional bonus of brilliant red, fall foliage. Nearby, the silvery, peeling trunk of the Seven-Son Flower (Heptacodium) stands in contrast, its clusters of fall flowers small but noticeably fragrant at a time when few other shrubs are in bloom.

As you analyze your landscape at this time of year, it should be noted that the scenery in winter is usually viewed from within your home or near entryways. Focus your most dramatic and colorful plantings where they can be observed from a kitchen window, a favorite sitting area, beside a walkway or along the driveway or street. A well-planned design that provides color and textural contrasts during the winter months becomes a landscape for all seasons.

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VALENTINE'S DAY GALA with the **Plymouth Philharmonic** The Sheraton Plymouth's Valentine's Day Gala will feature a full night of dinner and dancing, with music by The Plymouth Philharmonic Swing Orchestra on Valentine's Day, Thursday, Feb. 14. Cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. with an acoustic guitar playing jazz and classical music. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the main ballroom, as guests are serenaded by a jazz duet of guitar and saxophone. After dinner George J. Sharr and the Plymouth Philharmonic Symphony Swing Orchestra will play the night away. The price for dinner and dancing is $139 per couple. Or a couple can enjoy dinner, dancing and overnight accommodations for $219. For reservations and more infcrmation call 508-747-4900.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY presents **Madama Butterfly** at the **Metropolitan Opera**. A day trip to New York sponsored by South Shore Conservatory. Leave the Ellison Center in Duxbury at 6:30 a.m. with optional 7 a.m. boarding at Rockland commuter parking lot (Rt. 3/Exit 14). Brunch at Tavern on the Green, followed by 1:30 p.m. matinee performance (seats in the balance orchestra). Box suppers for return trip. Cost: $250 per person included opera ticket, transportation, brunch and box supper. Call Laura Carleton at South Shore conservatory, 781-934-2731, ext. 14 to reserve.

BIG BROTHER & THE HOLDING COMPANY, Janis Joplin's original band, along with veteran vocalist, **Lisa Mills** will be making a rare area appearance with a stop at The Company Theatre in Norwell on Feb. 2. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $27 for general admission, and $50 for VIP tickets, which include reserved seats and a reception with the performers.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC PRESENTS "A SYMPHONIC VALENTINE" CONCERT held on Feb. 9, and 10. Both performances are in the Duxbury High School auditorium; the Feb. 9 concert begins at 8 p.m. and Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $28, $25, and $20. Senior and youth discounts are available. Also, $5 student "Rush" tickets are sold at the door one hour before performance time. For information call 508-746-8008.

ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

BROADWAY IN BOSTON presents **THE GRADUATE** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

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Thurs. 24

Blue Hills Ski Area to host a Four-Event Pro/Am Snowboard Series to be held four Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 24, and will give some of the area's top pros an opportunity to show off their talents as well as provide anyone who wants to give it a go, a chance to see how they measure up. There are two age divisions for Amateur riders along with a men and women's pro division. Registration will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. each night with the contest always beginning at 7 p.m. Entry fees will be $15 for amateurs and $30 for pros. The fee includes a lift ticket. Half of the entry goes towards prize money. Live music will be provided for the last two events. Other dates are Feb. 7, 21, and March 7.

BEST BET

South Shore native Rich Hebert stars as Frank Manero in "Saturday Night Fever —the Musical" now on stage through Jan. 27 at Boston's Wang Theatre. Inspired by the successful 1977 film, the show has a legendary score by the Bee Gees who created two new songs especially for this production. For tickets and information call 1-888-889-8587.

Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center, 45 Pond St., Norwell, presents **Feng Shui: Tips for Career and Business Success**, 7 to 9 p.m. ($28) For information call 78-982-1616.

Jimbo's in Braintree will host a double-headline show featuring **Patty Ross** featured on television shows such as Girls Night Out and The Rosanne Show and a pilot sitcom and **Mark Riley** who owns the Gymboree in Quincy, Jan. 24 at 8:30 p.m. Also on the show will be **Paul Keenan** hosting, **Jay Savage, Adam Pearlman** and **Annette Pollack**. Call Jimbo's to reserve early at 781-848-0300.

"At Ground Zero" Braintree resident and disaster medical assistance team member **Tony Forgione** recounts his experiences at the World Trade Center during the first 10 days after Sept. 11. Activated as part of an 80 person crew from Mass. General Hospital, Mr. Forgione's slide lecture portrays images of human interest in and around five first aid stations. Free and open to the public, Jan.24 at 7:30 p.m. Logan Auditorium, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405 ext. 4420 for more information.

Fri. 25

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding The original interactive dinner theatre show Jan. 25 and 26, at **The Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel,** 275 Tremont Street, Boston. Additional performance dates, every Friday and Saturday in Feb. and March.. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 7:30. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. For tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

The Company Theatre in Norwell presents and added performance of **Beatlemania-LIVE** on Sat. Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. All other performances are sold out. Tickets are $26 in advance and $29 day of show. For tickets and information call 781-871-2787. Ticket box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, Friday, Jan. 25, with DJ music from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 nonmembers. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021. Wwwsouthshoresingles.org

South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will hold youth dances for ages 9 to 13 on Jan. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower level. Tickets are $6 per person. For more information, call 508-747-1234.

Sat. 26

The Massachusetts Audubon Society presents **Alice C. Robinson Coastal Appreciation Walks** meet at locations, dress for the weather and bring binoculars. Explore the rich natural resources to be found along the south coastal region from Quincy to Plymouth. Jan. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. meet Abby Childs and The Friends of Webb State Park in the parking lot at Webb State Park in Weymouth. This park is a peninsula that divides Quincy Bay and Hingham harbor. From vantage points along the walk a fine view of the Boston Harbor Islands can be enjoyed as well as a variety of sea and bay ducks. Information about birds and the history of the land use of this area will be shared by the naturalist. For information call 781-837-9400.

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The Museum of Fine Arts Boston presents "From Paris to Provincetown: Blanche Lazzell and the Color Woodcut" on display in the Torf Gallery through April 29. The MFA is located at 465 Huntington Ave. Boston. Visit them online at www.mfa.org.

Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center, 45 Pond St., Norwell, presents **Feng Shui: "Clear your Clutter: Love it, Use it or Lose it!"** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. $88. Learn why we keep clutter and the dramatic impact it has on weight, finances, health, energy levels, relationships, and sex lives. Learn powerful Clutter Clearing techniques to improve your health, deepen your relationships and expand your prosperity in the new year. For information call 781-982-1616.

Connected Catholics is hosting a wine and cheese party for the over 40, single, divorced, and widowed on Jan. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, in Pembroke. $5 members; $8 nonmembers. Call 781-293-5661 for information.

Parents Without Partners Singles Dance Jan. 26, 8:30 p.m., Club 29 DAV, Liberty St., Braintree. Wheelchair accessible $5 members; $8 non-members. Refreshments available. Call 781-337-6766 for information.

Taste-A-Wey event on Jan. 26, at 7 p.m., held at the Weymouth Elks Club, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. Weymouth's area's finest restaurants, caterers and bakeries will prepare their specialties to be enjoyed along with music by JJ the DJ, Dancing and raffles and door prizes. $25 per ticket benefits **Saint Jerome School** and each ticket holder is automatically entered in a raffle for a $50 dining out gift certificate. For information call Pam at781-337-8524.

The South Shore Art Center presents a **Wintertime Beach Bash**, Jan. 26, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Atlantica on Cohasset Harbor. Enjoy dining, dancing, live and silent auctions, summertime diversions. Music by the Grateful Dads, creative summer attire encouraged. $85 per person – SSAC members $100 per person, non-members; $60 of this ticket price is tax deductible. Auction items will include beach umbrellas, beach chairs, and beach bags hand painted by local artists, vacation destinations, jewelry and other unique items. All to benefit educational programs at the South Shore Art Center. For information call 781-383-2787 or www.ssac.org

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Square, Bridgewater featuring **Rachel Hyman**, Art and Poetry. Also **Ainsley Burrows**, performance poet from New York. Open mike sign up at 7:30 p.m. Free admissions pass the hat for feature. For information call 608-279-9952 or SoShorePoet@aol.com or www.mothwing.com/dailygrindpoetry

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding The original interactive dinner theatre show at **the Roseland Ballroom, Taunton**, Jan. 26. Additional performances on Feb. 23 and March 23. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 7:30. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. For tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

The Swing Band Of The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will perform Jan. 26, at the PartyLite Worldwide Headquarters, 59 Armstrong Road in the Plymouth Industrial Park. Seating will be at tables of eight surrounding the dance floor and in the balcony overlooking the floor. In keeping with the cabaret-style surroundings, refreshments will be available. A table of eight is $250; individual table seats are $35. Proceeds will help the orchestra meet the additional expenses in this season "on the road." Reservations are required. to order tickets call the Phil office at 508-746-8008.

The Solid Gold Oldies Show at the **Quincy Dinner Theater**, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. Musical review featuring songs of the 50s and 60s. Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 10, 14, 16. Thurs. Fri., Sat., dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30; Sun. matinee, dinner at 2 show at 3:30 p.m. Charge $37.50 for dinner and show. Wheelchair accessible. For reservations, call 781-843-5862.

Sun. 27

Pilgrim Hall Museum located at 74 Court St., Plymouth will present **Joan Gatturna** portraying Deborah Sampson, a woman from Plymouth County who in October of 1782 joined the Continental Army disguised as a boy. Members $3 nonmembers $5. Ticketed event, limited seating. For information call 508-746-1620 ext.7 or www.pilgrimhall.org

The Old Ship Church Candlelight Concert Series presents **Piatigorsky Foundation Duo,** Jan. 27, at 4 p.m. Free admission. Old Ship Church located at 107 Main St., Hingham. Call 781-749-1679 for information.

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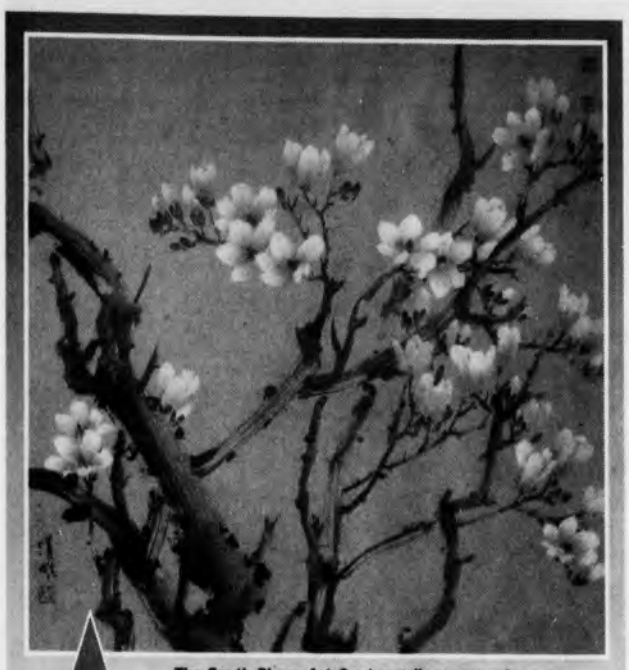

BEST BET

The South Shore Art Center gallery presents "Qingxiong Ma: Chinese Brushstroke on Canvas" through Feb. 24. The art center's hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 4. For more information call (781) 383-2787 or visit them online at www.ssac.org.

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Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham in association with the **Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry**, will conduct a non-invasive (no needles, no blood drawn) bone marrow screening Jan. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in honor of the temple's past president and long-time congregant Dr. David Carr, who is in need of a bone marrow transplant. Members of the public between the ages of 18 and 60 are invited to this fast free screening which will register them to help patients worldwide.

Wed. 30

North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Science Center and Massachusetts Audubon Society presents Protecting Ocean Places: The Story of the Tortugas Ecological Reserve and Other Tales from the National Marine System, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. at Mass. Audubon Society, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Join Ben Cowie-Haskell, Operations and Program Coordinator at the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, will take us via slide-show to the nation's largest no take marine reserve, the Tortugas. The Tortugas is an ecological reserve covering 151 square nautical miles of one of the healthiest coral reef communities in the Florida Keys, and the Dry Tortugas National Park covers 197 nautical miles. The two combined now protect a huge area of ocean wilderness that is home to a diversity of sea turtles, fish and seabirds. For information call 781-837-9400

The Speech Company is offering workshops in **"ten steps for effective speaking"** and **"being more effective communicator"** on Jan. 30, Feb. 6, and Feb. 20, at the Stratis Business Center in Hingham from 7 to 9 p.m. These workshops are designed to improve your communication skills in front of groups and on-on-one. We will show you 10 easy steps for more effective communication skills. Audi-visual feedback is available on a personal request during the class. Enrollment is limited to 12. Sign up for both and you will receive a discount and be eligible to win a free consulting prize. For information call 781-749-7895 or www.thespeechcompany.com

Fri. 1

South Shore Folk Music Club will present **Jez Lowe** at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Tickets are $10/members $12/non-members. For information call 781-871-1052.

Sheraton Inn in Plymouth will offer **Spa Wellness Weekends** on the first weekend of each month. The weekend package beginning Feb. 1 to 3, will include two nights at the Sheraton Plymouth, instruction in yoga, a complimentary massage for each participant, meditation, foot reflexology, Reiki healing, and weight control through healthy eating and balanced exercise. Maureen Spencer, R.N., M. Ed, will direct the workshops on holistic wellness. Also included in the weekend package will be three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, all from a special spa menu. the cost of the weekend is $349/single, $549/couple. For information call 508-747-4900.

The James Library and Center for Arts presents "Something for Everyone," a show of decorative arts and paintings by local artist **Sally Dean** Feb. 1 to 28. An opening reception for the public will be held on Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 781-659-7100.

For Your Health

JORDAN HOSPITAL Dance and Movement Therapy Seminar Jan. 25, at Plymouth Yacht Club, 34 Union Street, Plymouth. Applications for continuing education credits for nursing professionals and social workers have been submitted. Registration fee is $30 ($15 for students with ID) and includes continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, call 800-750-5343.

ADULT DAY HEALTH PROGRAM is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at the Salvation Army in Quincy). Medicaid, MassHeallth and other funding available.

PATHWAY CENTERS FOR CANCER SUPPORT INC. has moved to 273 Hanover Street, Hanover. A non-profit organization. Pathways offers education, counseling and mind-body approaches to surgery, chemotherapy and radiation free of charge to those facing the life challenges of cancer. Support services are held the first and third Wednesday of each month. Support services are also offered to their loved ones. Complementary therapies such as acupuncture, massage and reflexology are available on a sliding scale basis when deemed appropriate by medical caregivers. Yoga classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.. For information call 781-829-4823.

MEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP AT JORDAN HOSPITAL offers free physicals, including cardiovascular disease and prostate cancer screenings and support groups to men who are 18 years of age or older, and are uninsured or underinsured. These free health screening services include a Prostate Specific Antigen Test and a Digital Rectal Exam for men over age 50, or for African-American men and those with a family history of prostate cancer who are over age 40.

Ongoing Events

Snow Tubing at Blue Hills Ski Area will have yet another new adventure for winter enthusiasts this coming season. With a new infinite snowboarding park already set, the management of Blue Hills Ski Area announce plans for a new **snow tubing park.** Snow tubing is a no-skills way to get out on the slopes. Specially groomed walls and a stopping area will keep tubers safely inside the slick chute and insure a nice easy end to a wild and fun ride. Tubers will also be able to enjoy the ride back up the hill as they're whisked away by handle tow, while seated comfortably on their tube. Two hours of sliding and careening will cost $14.

BEST BET

Joey & Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding, the original interactive dinner theatre show has been extended into 2002 in Boston's Theatre District. The Italian wedding spoof runs Fridays and Saturdays at the Tremont Playhouse. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are $49 per person for dinner and the show. For more information and tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

BEST BET

The Wallace Anderson Gallery at Bridgewater State College presents "Comunidade Community" an exhibit featuring the work of the Portugese-American Artist Association through Feb. 8. The collection of works is diverse ranging from abstract art to printmaking and ceramic sculpture. A reception will be held Friday, Jan. 25 from 3 to 7 p.m. For more information call (508) 531-1359.

BEST BET

George Scharr, bandleader and PPO bass trombonist joins PartyLite executives Rosemary McGreevey, finance manager and Frank Mineo, president.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's Symphony Swing Band will present an evening of Big Band favorites for listening and dancing at the atrium of the Parylite Worldwide Headquarters 59 Armstrong Road in the Plymouth Industrial Park Saturday, Jan. 26. The evening begins at 8 p.m. and will include a cash bar and snacks in the Starlite Café. Tickets are $35 or $250 for a table of 8. Proceeds benefit the PPO's education and outreach programs. For more information or tickets call (508) 746-8008.

Classes

THE SOUTH SHORE YMCA AT MILL POND announces the introduction of **Family Education and Parenting Programs** at their facility. Programs include Mommy and Me, a discussion program for mothers and their infants birth to one year, and Walk With Me for moms and their children birth to three who would like to get back into shape while connecting with other mothers. Toddler Play, a play group designed for parents and their children 1 to 3 years old. Parenting Your Toddler, and Active parenting for Parents of Teens and Pre-Teens are also included in the new Family Education program offering. Programs begin the week of Jan. 28. For information call Cheryl Botieri at 781-829-8585 ext 260 or ext 227.

INSIGHT EDUCAITONS CENTER is presenting a workshop at various South Shore locations during the months of January and February. **Raising Confident Girls** ages 2 to 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Certificates of attendance for teachers, nurses, and child care providers. $25 per individuals; $40 per co-parenting couple; $20 for groups of 4 plus. Jan. 24, held at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Braintree; Jan. 29, at Canton Community Kindergarten and Feb. 27, at South Shore Community Center. Pre-registration is required by calling InSight at 781-294-8004.

FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER in Marshfield presents **Kidspot's** winter/spring semester announcing registration for its next musical production **THE KID INSIDE.** The first class is Feb. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. and will be held at the United Methodist Church (Rt. 139) in Marshfield. Open to students ages 7 to 13 years old. Performance dates April 26, 27 and 28. Classes include instruction in voice, acting and movement as well as creative dramatics and theatre games. Participants will experience some of the technical aspects of theatre production such as set design, props and costumes. Cost is $150. Call 781-837-8990 for information.

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Field of police chief candidates narrowed to four

Finalists will make the rounds in town

By Evan Schiff
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After much anticipation, the results are finally in. The four finalists for the position of Cohasset Police Chief have been announced.

Cohasset Sgt. Robert Jackson is the only local candidate of the four with the others serving on the police departments in New Bedford, Fitchburg and Westfield.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he is thrilled with all the candidates and in the coming weeks they will be interviewed by various department heads, school officials and union representatives. Haddad said he expects to announce the new chief by the end of February.

"I am very pleased with the quality of the candidates," he said. "The search committee did a fantastic job."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who was on the police search committee, said the town was very fortunate to have so many qualified individual apply for the position. She said it was difficult to narrow down the field of 54 to four.

The only candidate to live within the town's limits, Sgt. Jackson stated in his letter to Haddad that his background provides him with the supervisory, community relations, and budget management skills the town is seeking. Jackson has 22 years of police experience with the Cohasset Police Department including 18 years of supervisory experience as a sergeant.

He also has 30 years of service in the United States Naval Reserve including extensive command experience that he believes demonstrates strong leadership and strategic planning skills. Jackson was also elected to the Cohasset Water Commission in 1980 and served for three years.

Jackson graduated with a bachelor of arts in political science in 1970 from the University of Virginia and went on to receive his bachelor of science in law enforcement in 1979

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Small houses double in size

By Mary Ford
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The adage "good things come in small packages" doesn't seem to apply to houses anymore. When buyers shop for a home today, size doesn't necessarily enter into the equation. If it's too small, the new owners just add on.

David Drinkwater, who is president of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors, said there aren't enough choice locations in a town like Cohasset to build on, so many buyers are opting for small houses on a great site with the intent of completely renovating and expanding their homes.

"The trend is certainly going to continue because of the value of the piece of land the house is sitting on, is a larger percentage of the whole property," said Drinkwater, who is also a partner at Coastal Countryside Properties in Cohasset.

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HAVING A LOT OF PULL

A tugboat pulls a barge on its way to Boston past Minot Light on a warm winter's day. The lighthouse has been warning ships about the dangerous ledge off Cohasset's shores for some 150 years.

This Atlantic Avenue fence doesn't fit the mold

By Mary Ford
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An Atlantic Avenue homeowner wants to delineate her property by installing a fence.

Sounds simple enough.

But think again, the planned fence isn't in your ordinary neighborhood but on Cohasset's so-called "Gold Coast" where dozens of million-dollar homes are perched high on ledge overlooking a sometimes volatile ocean.

But then again — even for Atlantic Avenue — this isn't a "usual" mansion. The house is a box-like structure, which is on the National Register of Historic Places because of its world-renowned architect, the late Walter Gropius, who pioneered the "modern" look.

So it should come as no surprise that the proposal isn't a typical stockade, split rail or picket fence.

To get the picture you have to imagine a chain link fence, but with fabric substituted for the chain link.

"We can have it break at any strength you want."

— Richard Henderson, attorney for the applicant

The fence would consist of a rugged, charcoal-colored, tweed fabric (akin to what you might find on lawn chairs) attached top and bottom to horizontal steel pipes and anchored on the sides to vertical steel posts, similar to what you might see on the deck of a cruise ship. The fence would also be "weatherproof" by breaking away in stormy conditions to allow water or wind to pass through.

Varying strengths of twine woven through eyelets — with the thinner or weaker twine giving way with a certain amount of force — would anchor the fence fabric to the steel posts. The thicker twine to be used on one end of each section of fence would keep the fabric attached to the steel pole so the material wouldn't fly completely off the posts creating a possible hazard.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has to determine if the fence can be installed in a floodplain before it can issue a special permit.

An entourage of engineers, marine experts and an attorney with fence plans interested the board with details about how the fence would

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STAR POWER

Thomas Langdon uses stars to keep time to the music during Music for Kids, a class at the South Shore Community Center.

Harbor Walk plans may be on the ropes

Town to hire its own consultant

By Evan Schiff
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The proposed harbor walk improvements plans took a hit Tuesday as both selectmen and some residents voiced their disappointment with the ideas.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris was particularly upset and asserted that the community does not want any improvements to the harbor area.

"Whose project is this anyway?" she asked. "Why are we even doing anything to the harbor?"

Selectmen asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to write a letter to the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, the corporation which is working on the harbor walk plans, thanking the CRC for its work but asking it not to hold anymore public workshops on the harbor.

They also agreed to take money from the Public Works Economic Development grant to hire a different firm to make changes to the plans drawn up by the Cecil Group, which was hired by CRC. The PWED grant is a $1.5 million grant that was awarded to the town by the state for streetscape and other improvements.

"There is nothing wrong with the harbor," McMorris said. "I'm upset, and residents are upset, because we feel our changes haven't been considered."

McMorris added the town should hire a consultant that addresses what the town wants, and more importantly, can afford.

"It's to tweak what's already there," she said.

Sam Knox, a Border Street resident, said if the purpose of the CRC workshops was to solicit community input for its plans, it failed. A harbor walk improvement workshop was conducted by the CRC at St. Anthony's Church Parish Center two weeks ago.

"The suggestions, objections and concerns of the neighbors failed to be incorporated into the CRC plans," Knox wrote in a letter to selectmen.

"Why are we even doing anything to the harbor?"

— Selectman Ronnie McMorris

In a telephone interview Dean Rizzo, executive director of the CRC, said he welcomes the community's input.

"We welcome the ideas and thoughts of the town," Rizzo said. "If some changes have not been incorporated, residents should call us or come by our office to discuss them."

Rizzo said it was discouraging to hear negative comments about the ideas especially when there has been little constructive criticism offered.

Another part of the plan Knox, and other residents, took exception to is that the harbor is dangerous.

"The CRC puts forth the idea that the harbor is unsafe so there is a need for improvements, but there is

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Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Jan. 28.

Advisory Committee, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Assessors, Feb. 5, 6 p.m.

Board of Health, Feb. 6, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library

Recreation Commission, Feb. 6, 6 p.m.

Democratic Caucus, Feb. 2, 9:30 a.m.

Recycling Commission, Feb. 2, 10 a.m.

Planning Board, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m. at 339 King St.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

SBAB update

Town Manager Mark Haddad informed selectmen about the Board of Education meeting he attended last week. A group of representatives from Hull, Norwell, Pembroke and Cohasset went before the board to discuss the decision to reduce the amount of funds appropriated in the School Building Assistance program. The group was only allowed six minutes to speak and left feeling disgruntled.

"They can choose to disagree with us if they want," Haddad said. "But they were downright rude to us." Haddad assured the selectmen that he will continue fighting for more funding and will work with Town Managers Phil Lemnios (Hull) and Jim Bordreau (Norwell) to get this issue resolved.

Selectman Tom Callahan wrote a letter to Governor Swift asking her to reconsider the proposed cuts. It was the board's hope that the letter can be distributed to all the communities involved in the program so they can be made aware of the potentially disastrous effects of a cut.

"We really need to wake everyone up about this," Callahan said.

The delay in reimbursement will make a significant dent in the pocketbooks of taxpayers, who will have to make payments on the entire school building mortgage until the state kicks in its share.

For example, in Cohasset that could mean an additional $800-plus a year for the owner of a home valued at $500,000.

Village workshop

On Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation and the Town's Village Revitalization Task Force will hold a workshop on streetscape design alternatives for Cohasset Village. Discussion items will include types of sidewalk and crosswalk materials, granite curbing, ornamental light fixtures, and tree and flower planting opportunities. Physical examples of brick, blue stone and concrete sidewalk designs will be on display, as well as samples of ornamental light fixtures. In addition, representatives of the Cecil Group will give a pictorial presentation of design alternatives implemented by communities throughout the region. For additional information please call the CRC at (781) 383-2449.

Open Space board seeks two members

The Open Space Committee is looking for two new members. The committee's role is to recommend properties for acquisition by the town, and to oversee implementation of goals set forth in the Open Space Plan. For more information, contact Debbie Cook at 383-6313.

The Open Space Committee has completed its five-year, state-mandated open space report. Copies are available for viewing at the town hall, or Conservation Commission office.

Forest Avenue sidewalk update

Town Manager Mark Haddad asked selectmen to put a "just in case article" on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for more money for Forest Avenue sidewalk construction. The town has already appropriated $190,000 for the project, but Haddad doesn't think that will be enough. He said the project could cost $50,000 to $100,000 higher than anticipated.

Selectmen balked at the request saying its time the town became more fiscally prudent.

"They should stretch the $190,000 as far is it can go," said Selectman Merle Brown. "I don't want to spend anymore money on this."

Selectman Tom Callahan agreed saying it was about time the town prioritized how it is going to spend its money.

"We already allocated $190,000," he said. "That was the estimate we were given and the bids should not be more than that."

Haddad said the estimate was done six months ago and unforeseen costs may have ballooned the price.

The "just in case" article will not appear on the warrant.

Manager change

On Tuesday, selectmen approved the change of manger at DiNero's restaurant from, Sandra M. Stilphen to John J. Martin.

Position filled

Selectmen appointed Peter Wood, 77 Summer St., was placed on the Cohasset Common Historic District Tuesday.

Red Cross month

The Town of Cohasset is officially recognizing March as Red Cross month. The Red Cross sent a letter to all the municipalities in the state requesting this designation.

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Small houses to double in size

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As an indication of that trend, two homeowners — who plan to double the size of their homes — came before the Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals last week seeking zoning relief before moving ahead with their additions. Neighbors who attended the hearings gave the plans mixed reviews.

"This is going to loom large."
— Woody Chittick, Zoning Board

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The new owners of 491 Jerusalem Road plan to double the size of the existing house.

The waterfront house at 491 Jerusalem Road near Linden Drive is a small, Cape Cod-style home built in 1956 on about one-half acre The new owners Margaret Fitzpatrick and William Shelton plan to enlarge the first floor of the house by 426 square feet to 1,668 square feet, by expanding the living space using the present terrace and part of the existing garage. They also plan to add a second floor increasing the total living space of the home to 3,200 square feet which about doubles its current size — not including the new garage to be built in front of the house.

Zoning board chairman Woody Chittick said although total lot coverage was within the zoning regulations, the new garage would occupy "one heck of a lot of the upland" that, coupled with dramatic changes to the house, would attract attention.

"This is going to loom large," he said about the way the home will appear from the street and to abutters.

But Cohasset architect Heidi Condon, who represents the owners, said the expansion would make the house, which she said is "inappropriately small" for the neighborhood, a better fit.

"It looms small now," she said. Jerusalem Road is known for its ocean vistas and for the most part, spectacular, grand homes.

Although the project received high marks from Mary Eisenhaure of 478 Jerusalem Road who stated in a letter to the board, the home expansion would be "a definite enhancement," Ellen Morrissey of 488 Jerusalem Road described it as "an aggressive plan" for a non-conforming structure. (The owners need a special permit to add a second floor over the existing garage because the garage doesn't meet setback requirements under the zoning bylaw and therefore, the expansion would increase the non-conformity. The house was built nearly 50 years ago, just before the zoning by-law went into effect.)

New homeowners in a neighborhood just a short jog across town near the harbor also plan to dramatically increase the size of their 100-year-old house on Stockbridge Street, where homes sit on small lots.

Peter and Gillian O'Connell plan to double the size of their 1,075-square-foot home that sits on a 9,100-square-foot lot. The increase in breadth of the house, which is sandwiched between Stockbridge Street and Ennice Avenue, was of concern to neighbors.

Condon, who was also representing the O'Connells, said the increase in size would not change the fabric of the neighborhood. The plans that include building a one-car garage require a special permit because the structure is closer to the street (Ennice Avenue) than regulations allow. Condon said the owners could by right build a two-car garage on the Stockbridge side of the house where there is plenty of setback from the road, but felt a one-car garage off Ennice Avenue would be a compromise.

Richard Redfield, 6 Ennice Avenue, worried the neighborhood would lose its "openness" if homeowners were permitted to turn small houses into big ones. And Will Fox, 35 Stockbridge St. said his view of the harbor from his front porch might be obstructed by the addition.

During the O'Connell hearing, Chittick, the zoning board chairman, surmised if a house is too small than perhaps perspective buyers should look at buying another house.

Later in the hearing zoning board member Anson Whealler said he was concerned about "mansion-ization" in town but noted the bylaw permits huge additions as long as they are within setback and height requirements and don't cover too much of the lot.

In a telephone interview, Drinkwater said both homes are great examples of choice locations where the new owners are doing the next best thing to a tear down.

The 491 Jerusalem Road house (which sold for $1.25 million last June) has views of Boston and Minot Light. And the house at 31 Stockbridge St. (which sold for $422,000 earlier this month) is near the harbor and in walking distance of the village. Both homes are on the sewer.

Drinkwater said another example of the trend is the house at 419 Jerusalem Road – an unassuming 1960 Royal Barry Wills Cape on three-quarters of an acre – that sold for $1.75 million and will be a "redo."

He said with Cohasset home prices, expanding a small house "to make it yours" is very likely a good investment. A home on Border Street recently broke the $3 million barrier, Drinkwater said.

Pilgrim Bank seeks sign variance

By Mary Ford
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It's no secret that Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, based in the village, is building a new facility on Route 3A next to Tedeschi Plaza.

Although the bank will be visible, directional signs that would be limited to one square foot – might not be. The signs would direct the traffic flow through the parking lot and drive-through services.

David Hassan of Hassan Sign presented arguments to the Zoning Board of Appeals last week as to why the board should grant a variance allowing for directional signs that would be about three square feet in size.

The new bank building, which is on the corner of Brewster Road and 3A, is also seeking a variance to install two wall signs with the bank's name and logo that would go over the building's two entrances. The bylaws allow only one sign of up to 25-square-feet in size. Hassan is proposing two signs at 12-square-feet each.

He pointed out that both Rockland Trust and Fleet bank, also on Route 3A, have two signs.

The bylaw only allows directional signs to be one-square foot, which is too small, Hassan said. He explained the standard handicapped parking sign, for example, is 18 inches by 24 inches.

"I'm in the business and I think the sign code needs work," he said. Hassan also said anything smaller would be a potential hazard because people might not see the sign. The bank would like to install six posts with double-sided signs saying one-way, drive-through and the like.

Even though the zoning board might think the request makes sense – it still must meet several tests before a variance can be granted.

"Regardless of what we think or you assert, we have to figure out if these conditions fit with what you've requested," said zoning board member Anson Whealler.

A synopsis of the conditions that must be met for a variance include:

- The conditions and circumstances are unique to the applicant's lot;
- Strict application of the bylaw would deprive the applicant of reasonable use of the lot or building in the same manner permitted others in the neighborhood;
- The unique conditions are not the result of actions of the applicant;
- Relief, if approved, would not be detrimental to the public good;
- Relief, if approved, would not constitute a grant of special privilege.

The consensus of the board was that public safety would be enhanced with better signage.

Route 3A is a state highway. The state reduced the curb cuts at the site (where the old Curtis Liquors building stood) and the bank responded to that action by needing appropriate signs, the board argued. One of the accesses to the bank will be through the Tedeschi Plaza parking lot; the other would be off Brewster Road. There would be no direct access off Route 3A.

Hassan said without good traffic flow, it could be argued, the bank would be deprived of business.

Zoning board chairman Woody Chittick said the bank wanted to be able to use the property with a drive-through, as other banks in the are have.

The board closed the hearing and took the issue under advisement.

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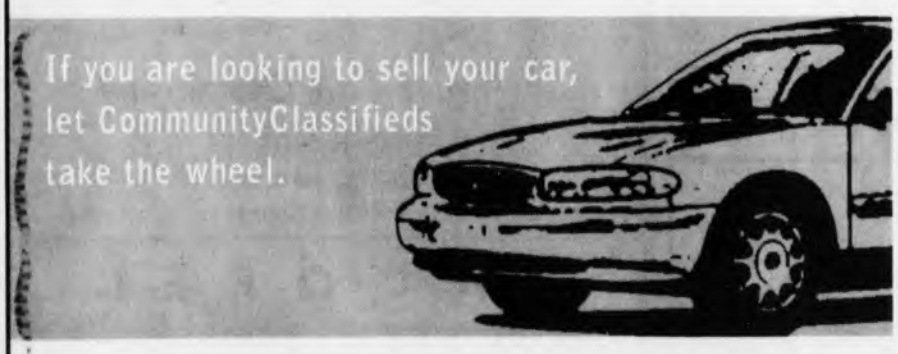

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Town Manager names finalists for police chief

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from Northeastern University. Jackson graduated from Brockton Police Academy in 1980 and completed a command training program from Babson College in 2001.

"I believe my unique blend of education, combined with my law enforcement, military and civic experience demonstrate my potential to meet the demands and challenges of the chief of police position," Jackson said in his letter to Haddad.

Another finalist competing for the position in Lt. Richard Spirlet from Westport. Spirlet has worked for the New Bedford Police Department for the past 30 years and is currently assigned to the Public Relations Unit.

"As a seasoned police officer, I found one common denominator in how to help neighborhoods move along the continuum of crime prevention and control: successfully reaching out to the community by maintaining a positive report between police officers and residents," Spirlet states in his letter to Haddad.

Spirlet served as a part-time patrolman on the Marion Police Department from 1968-1971 before becoming a patrolman on the K-9 Officer and Unit Supervisor division in New Bedford. He was promoted to sergeant in 1989 and promoted to lieutenant of the Neighborhood Police Unit in 1993. Also in 1993, Spirlet was part of a team that initiated Community Policing in New Bedford. As commanding officer, he was responsible for the implementation, fiscal administration, evaluation and monitoring of the unit which later went on to become a model in a nation-wide community policing program.

The following year, he oversaw human resource management protocol for 20 officers and three sergeants, as lieutenant of the Uniform Division of the North End Station Commander.

Spirlet received his associate of science in criminal justice from Bristol Community College in 1976 before attaining a bachelor of science in criminal justice from Salva Regina College in 1978. He accomplished a masters of science in criminal education from Anna Maria College in 1982.

"I would anticipate my administrative experience and overall qualifications in the field of law enforcement as an asset to the town and directly applicable to the requirements of the position of police chief," Spirlet stated.

"The search committee did a fantastic job."

— Town Manager Mark Haddad

In a telephone interview he said, "there's no doubt Cohasset is a beautiful town and I would welcome an opportunity to police there."

The third finalist has been the police captain for the Fitchburg Police Department since 1989. Over the last decade, Captain Mark Louney has acted as the liaison for the police department in civil matters involving the police department and legal counsel representing the city or its insurance carriers.

Louney has served for more than ten years on the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Committee during which time he was a member of the negotiation sub-committee and the budget sub-committee. Louney also has extensive investigative experience supervising the Bureau of Criminal Investigation for the City of Fitchburg.

He graduated from Mt. Wachusett Community College with an associate of science in law enforcement in 1974 and then received his bachelor of science in education from Fitchburg State College in 1979. He received a master of arts in criminal justice from Anna Maria College in 1983 and graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy in 1991.

Louney lists as one of his accomplishments the development of programs and initiatives which have provided more than $4 million in grant funding and related support for the City of Fitchburg and its Police Department.

"It's very exciting to be picked from a group of 54," Louney said in a telephone interview. "I'm thrilled."

The final of the four candidates is Lieutenant Hipolito Nunez from the Westfield Police Department. In a telephone interview, Nunez said he would bring professionalism and strong leadership to the police department in Cohasset.

"I don't believe I know all the answers but with the community's involvement, we can find them," he said.

His current duties as lieutenant include supervising up to 22 officers on any given night as well as assigning patrol personal to their duties and reviewing all reports written by the officers under his command.

Nunez said he looking to build a police department which is community oriented and one where the citizens can have input and be an intricate part of the force. He said he sees the position in Cohasset as a place where he can grow intellectually while at the same time brining a professionalism and integrity to the position.

Nunez received his associate in science in law enforcement in 1987 from Holyoke Community College and went on to receive his bachelor of science in criminal justice in 1993 from Westfield State College. He rounded out his education in 2001 when he received a master of science in criminal justice administration from Western New England College.

The new chief will replace Chief Brian Noonan who is retiring.

Harbor Walk plans may be on the ropes

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no evidence that supports this," he said.

Dick deLima, a Summer Street resident, said there have never been any studies done to show the dangers of the harbor area.

Rizzo said there is no need for studies.

"I don't believe you need to prove through data the dangers of an area especially when you see people walking on the street because there is no room on the sidewalk," he said. "That shows evidence of a safety problem."

The proposed walk would work its way down Margin Street, around Kimball's, and up Border Street to Government Island – a concept some objected to, saying the walk should hug the harbor.

Rizzo said there are many issues than inhibit the walk following the harbor. He said the permitting required to put a walk in a marsh area as well as extending it over the water, is extremely difficult to procure.

"We're trying to be realistic in our approach," he said.

The CRC is the corporation that has championed the village improvements. The CRC has also held a series of workshops designed to inform the town about the proposed changes to the village. The St. Stephen's sidewalk, which is being paid for through a state grant, would be the first part of the village revitalization project to see construction.

Atlantic Avenue fence doesn't fit the mold

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"break away" under a strong wind gust or if hit by a wave, conditions precluding it from adding to any potential flooding problem in inclement weather.

Richard Fitzgerald, an engineer hired by the homeowner, explained the physics of the fence and how a certain intensity of force — such as a 70 mph wind — on a particular amount of square footage would put enough load on the fabric causing the twine holding it in place to break. The lengths of the fence sections, which are proposed as eight-by-six feet, and the number and distance between the eyelets through which the twine would be woven, also contribute to the "breakability" of the fence.

The zoning board was concerned that the fence not redirect any water flow, so it spent some time trying to grasp what the engineers laid out before them.

"We can have it break at any strength you want," said attorney Richard Henderson, who represented the homeowner. He explained the proposal satisfies the board's concerns in that the fence would not create any debris in a storm and would not divert water flow. More traditional fences were ruled out for the site because in a storm, they could break apart creating a potential danger.

In order to be allowed to build in a watershed protection district, the structure must not divert water that would not have already been diverted if the structure weren't there, Henderson explained.

Sounds simple enough — except for the neighbors who don't want the fence fabric flapping over the property line onto their yard.

To that end attorney Charles Humphreys, representing the next-door neighbor, Doug McNeary at 355 Atlantic Ave., took issue with the concept of "designing a fence to fail" onto another person's land.

"If it breaks that way, an eight-foot section of fabric will be blowing over Mr. McNeary's property," he said. He suggested the fence be placed eight feet inside the property line. "Then that objection would go away," Humphreys said.

Fitzgerald, the engineer, replied the fence could have four-foot sections instead of eight-foot ones, and could be designed so the fabric breaks away at the top, rather than the sides of the panel, so when it breaks away it would just lie down flat and not flap like a flag.

There was also some dispute about whether the fence would be harmonious in the setting.

Humphreys described the fence as an "abomination," but zoning board member Barbara Power said it fit the modern look of the Gropius house.

But next-door neighbor McNeary said the fence could be seen from both sides, and from his perspective it didn't fit.

"What appears appropriate for that house might not be for my house," he said.

The zoning board asked for a table showing the effect wind and water velocity would have on the proposed fence. The board also closed the hearing and took the matter under advisement.

The Gropius House at 357 Atlantic Ave., which is now owned by Janice Reiter; was previously owned by Dr. Richard Anderson for many years. The McNeary home next door was owned by Mary Hagerty. Anderson and Hagerty did not have a problem with the fact part of the lawn of the Gropius house does look like it belongs next door, said Building Inspector Robert Egan, who said most fences go up without any zoning relief. The fact all or part of the proposed 54-foot-long fence is in the floodplain brought it before the zoning board.

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BUSINESS

Red Lion chef is pleased to serve

By Evan Schiff
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Robert Fathman became the executive chef at the Red Lion Inn on Aug. 1 and has been enjoying the work ever since.

"It's a great group of people that work here," he said. "I'm very happy at this restaurant."

Fathman, 39, said when he approaches a plate of food he tries to respect the origins of the cuisine. He said he tries to bring out the flavor of a dish without disguising it too much. His favorite plate on the Red Lion Inn's dinner menu is the seared rare tuna wrapped in prosciutto, caramelized figs, and citrus-vanilla syrup that sells for $22.

"I need to be excited about what I'm doing. Work is my life."
— Robert Fathman, chef

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Red Lion Inn chef Robert Fathman, at right, with line cooks Tiago and Rodrigo Costa. Fathman is going to teach a community center course on how to prepare a special Valentine's dinner.

Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide, said he heard of Fathman when he was cooking at Grill 23 and later, The Federalist, both in Boston.

"He did great jobs with both of those restaurants and I wanted to bring someone in who would upscale the Red Lion Inn," Ordelheide said.

Despite Fathman's involvement in a rock group, Ordelheide said he likes the fact that Fathman doesn't think he is a star.

"A lot of these younger chefs think they're rock stars," said Ordelheide, who is happy to have him on board.

Fathman is in charge of every kitchen in the Red Lion Inn complex. This includes the main dining area for the restaurant, the pub, the bakery and multiple function rooms.

Fathman has been interested in cooking ever since he can remember. He started working at a European Bakeshop in Cincinnati at the age of 14. After running from coast to coast for a decade, and starting a punk-rock group in the process, Fathman began a prestigious job at The Waterfront in Cincinnati. The job consisted of basic "meat and potato type dishes" and Fathman said he quickly grew bored.

"I need to be excited about what I'm doing," he said. "Work is my life."

In 1991, Fathman started working at Grill 23 in Boston where he redid the menu and earned the restaurant the distinction of being named the best seafood restaurant in Boston. He said fish is his favorite delicacy.

"It can be so simple yet so exciting," he said.

Fathman said there has been a big adjustment for him coming to work in the suburbs.

"The dining community is much more conservative here," Fathman said. He tries to make the customers feel as comfortable as possible when they dine at the Red Lion Inn. He also said the lifestyle is slower in Cohasset but was quick to add how great all the people in the town have been.

Fathman is replacing chef Brendan Nolan who had been with the "new" Red Lion Inn since it opened Ordleheide said the decision to hire Fathman was any easy one because of his reputation.

"We never thought we would actually be able to get him," he said.

Fathman, who is also writing a cookbook, said he has no idea what the future holds, but right now, he's is concentrating on making eating the Red Lion Inn something special.

Cooking course for a Valentine's dinner

For the romantic gourmet, Chef Robert Fatham of The Red Lion Inn offers an "Aphrodisiac Valentine's Dinner" on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The menu will feature risotto with white truffles, oysters with creme fraiche and caviar, pan roasted lobster with a vanilla bean buerre blanc, roasted baby vegetables, and a warm chocolate cake with orange-pepper compote and cardamom ice cream. Wine will be served. The cost is $70 per person. This class will be held at The Red Lion Inn, 71 South Main Street.

For questions or to register, call the South Shore Community Center at 781-383-0088. Class size is limited.

NETWORKING

Fighting hunger

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company announced that the Cohasset Stop & Shop raised $597 for Well Spring to help provide hunger relief to local residents.

The money was raised as part of the annual "Food for Friends" campaign. Through the sale of paper pumpkins and turkeys and fundraising events held at the store, Stop & Shop associates and customers supported the effort to provide assistance to local hunger relief agencies. In total, Stop & Shop raised approximately $700,000 to benefit local relief agencies.

Rotary announces phone book drive

The members of the Rotary Club of Cohasset have announced the kick off of their annual Cohasset Phone Book and Buyers Guide drive.

Marking its 39th year, the Rotary Club Cohasset Phone Book has grown to become one of the most popular and widely used community resources. In addition to local phone numbers, residents have come to rely on the publication as a reference for everything from town government information to street map locations.

The Cohasset Phone Book is also viewed as the premiere buyers guide for Cohasset residents in search of goods or services. With low rates and high readership level, an advertisement in the Rotary Club Phone Book makes perfect sense for all local businesses.

All of the advertising dollars generated through the phone book are redirected in the form of support for many local organizations and charitable institutions serving Cohasset citizens. The money also helps fund annual scholarships for high school graduates and current college students.

Persons and organizations interested in finding out more about the benefits of advertising in the Rotary Club Phone Book and Buyers Guide should contact Ed Fox at Fox Associates 781-383-3000.

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Chairman of Board at S.S. Chamber

The Board of Directors of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce has elected James G. Welch, CPA, as Chairman of the Board for 2002. A resident of Hingham, Welch is the managing partner of Needel, Welch & Stone, P.C., an accounting and business advisory firm in Rockland.

Welch has served as an officer and director of the Chamber for many years. He also serves on the boards of the South Shore Hospital Health and Education Foundation and the Hingham Public Library. He is a member of the Review Oversight Board of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Public Accountancy.

Then-Governor Paul Cellucci appointed Welch in 2000 to the Massachusetts E-Government Task Force, which developed the state's strategic roadmap for developing and integrating the state's electronic services.

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JUST A LITTLE SNOW

Hello Cohasset. I am hoping that January is going to leave rather quietly and that February brings a little bit of snow. After that, bring on the Spring!

COACH OF THE YEAR

I received a note last week from a very proud father indeed. **Mr. Austin Ahearn** is the father of **Beth Ahearn** and Beth recently was awarded Plymouth South High School's coach of the year as a well respected coach of field hockey. Beth learned how to play field hockey at Cohasset High School and went on to learn perseverance at Springfield College when she was cut from the team in her freshman year and went on to be named team captain in her senior year. Beth is coach who has never won not even one game with her team in the year 2000, but through her amazing talents of teaching respect, self-esteem and determination has won the praises of her peers and this wonderful award. Congratulations!

DEAN'S LIST AT ASSUMPTION

Jessica Stevens, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens** was named to dean's list at Assumption College for the fall semester.

HOMEWORK ISSUES

Homework problems and issues got you down? How about attending a workshop on Wed. Feb. 6 at the Joseph Osgood School from 7-9 p.m. "Avoiding Disaster: The Homework Dilemma" is the topic and **Dr. Jerome J. Shultz, Ph.D** is the person who will give the workshop. Dr. Shultz is from the Learning Lab at Leslie College, is a former Special Education teacher and is an expert on LD and ADHD with more than 30 years of experience. This program is being sponsored by the Parents Advisory Councils of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull-South Shore Regional PAC. This is open to everyone and has free admission. Any questions can be asked by calling 781-383-9242 or 781-383-3075.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Kayvon Michael Tehranian, a sophomore at Noble and Greenough School has earned academic honors for the first semester. Great work, Kayvon. I know how proud your mom and dad are.

DEAN'S LIST AT COLBY

Ashley Mihos, Caitlin Slodden, Lauren Smith and **Jessie Zerendow** were all named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Colby College. Ashley and Lauren are the class of 2005 and Caitlin and Jessie are the class of 2004. Keep up the great work ladies!

HONORS AT LEHIGH

Amanda Gontarz was named to the dean's list at Lehigh University for the fall semester. This is a great accomplishment for you Amanda.

THAYER HONORS

The Thayer Academy Upper School Honor Roll for the first term and first semester was released and **Christina Daniels, Malcolm Stansell, Michael Ernst** and **Suzanne Lewis** all were recipients of this honor. Fantastic!

ORGAN CONCERT

Cohasset's Second Congregational Church is hosting an Organ Concert on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m., to celebrate the arrival of their new, state-of-the-art digital organ. **Roger Mansen**, a professional organist will be playing and showcasing the organ's capabilities with a selection of music ranging from spiritual to pop. This is a free event to the public with refreshments being served. For more information, call 781-383-0345.

WATCH THE GAME AT TEEN GARAGE

There will be a Super Bowl Party at the Teen Garage on Sunday, Feb. 3 to watch the Patriots and the Rams fight it out on the field. The cost is $5 per person which includes all the pizza the hungry fans can eat while the supporters watch the game on the big screen TV — plus four other regular-sized TVs.

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CAROLLING

Margaret Campbell, who lives in the senior housing complex off Elm Street, enjoys listening to local Girl Scouts, who serenaded the residents with Christmas Carols just before the holidays.

The party will start one hour prior to kick-off and youngsters must be picked up *within a half-hour* after the game is over.

SWING INTO SPRING GALA

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. when the Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI) will host a "Swing Into Spring" Gala Event at the Cohasset Lighthouse Keeper's Residence. The festivities will include food and drink, live music and a silent auction to help kick-off the 2002 season.

CMI Director, **Jack Buckley** says this event "not only marks the start of a new season, it also marks the start of a fund-raising campaign for new and improved ways to get people on the water!"

"CMI is planning to host a fun evening for returning and new members and their guests," Mr. Buckley says. Join in the festivities and renew old friendships, make new acquaintances, and to learn what's new at CMI this season.

For more information, call Jack Buckley at 781-383-8261 or **Mary Sease** at 781-383-8318.

DROWNED HOGS TAKE A DIP

Since the 19th-century, America has eagerly awaited the emergence of Punxsutawney Phil from his den each year. Tradition has it that if the ground hog sees his shadow and returns to its burrow, spring will be late in coming. In that same vein, a hearty group of men and women, known as the Drowned Hogs take to the waters of Nantasket Beach in Hull to try to outwit Pennsylvania's best by predicting spring's arrival.

And if past predictions are any indication, the Drowned Hogs have developed a better gauge than their Pennsylvania cousin. It works like this: if the Drowned Hogs frolic in the icy brine on the Saturday before Ground Hog Day, and all submerge before returning, then spring is just around the corner. But if even one fails, winter will be long and hard.

"We haven't been wrong in predicting the arrival of spring since we started in '96," says Drowned Hogs Co-founder, **Al Bollinger**. "We have a better record than Punxsutawney Phil."

It always proves a good time and benefits the Wellspring Multi-Service Center. The Drowned Hogs took their first dip in the chilly Atlantic on Feb. 2, 1996. Since then, the event has grown with hundreds of registered swimmers, thousands of spectators lining the sea wall, and more than $20,000 raised at last year's 2001 splash-down.

The event will be held Saturday, Feb. 2 at noon, at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bath House on Nantasket Avenue.

To become a swimmer, to sponsor, or to learn more about the Drowned Hogs, call 781-925-3211 or visit their Web site at www.DrownedHogs.com for more details.

That is all the news for this week. Please send me your news no later than Mondays by noon. Because of time frames and computer glitches at any given time, I will no longer be able to accept any items for the current weeks column after noon on Mondays.

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Relay chief understands the need for cancer cure

Lost both parents to the disease

By Evan Schiff
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Gordon Behrer knows firsthand the grief associated with cancer.

After losing both of his parents to the disease, Behrer has become involved with the American Cancer Society's effort to find a cure and provide services for those who are afflicted with cancer.

Behrer is beginning his fourth year of involvement with the American Cancer Society's Cohasset Relay For Life and serve as its chairman for the second consecutive year. The event is slated for May 17-18 at Alumni Field.

The relay includes participants from Hull, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate who participate in an effort to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Participants, who garner sponsors for the event, are divided into teams — the goal is to have someone from every team walking around the track for 20 consecutive hours. However, Behrer says the event is not all about the money that is raised.

"It's about seeing people who have had similar experiences," he said. "It's knowing you can share your experience with others."

Behrer said it has taken him quite some time to be able to talk about the terrible disease, and it is still a very emotional time for him at the relay.

"The tears shed there are supportive ones," he said. "I try not to look at it a sad time but rather as a celebration for those who have survived."

Behrer said his favorite part of the relay is the Luminaria which takes place during the opening ceremonies. In the weeks and months leading to the relay, the ACS sells candles to the public. The candles serve as memorials to those who have died and honor those who have survived. During the ceremony, the candles are lit illuminating the track. Last year there were close to 4,000 candles burning through the night.

"That's one of the most emotional times of the entire evening," Behrer said. "You can really feel the closeness with all the participants at that moment."

Behrer said another moving experience, which occurs during the opening ceremonies, is the survivors' lap. He said the lap is so powerful because while the men, women, and children are making their way around the track, "you see cancer doesn't discriminate."

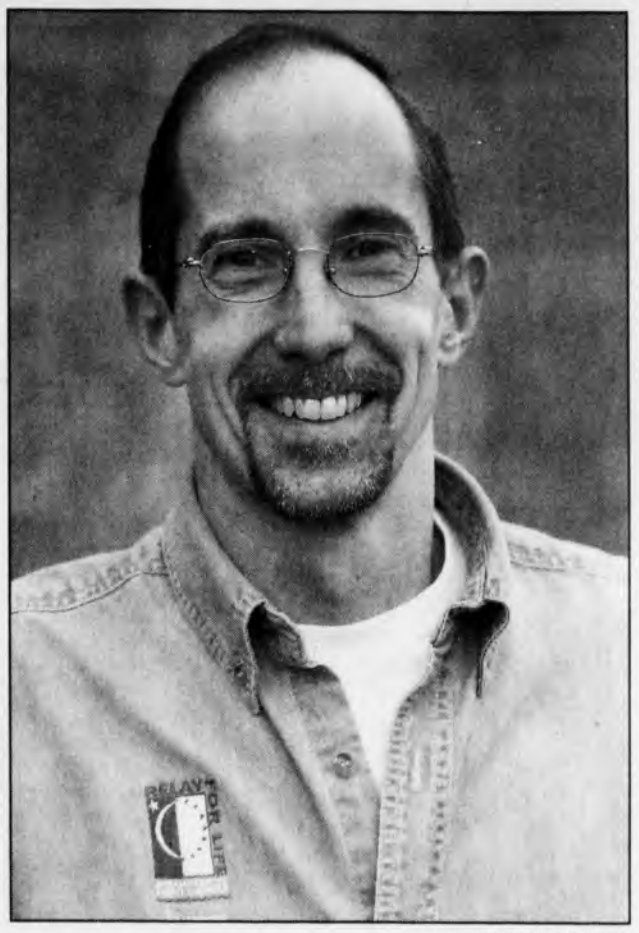
Behrer became involved with the ACS relay to help make a difference. Although he said he is doubtful a cure will be found in his lifetime, he's optimistic that one day, the answer will be found.

"Thirty-five years ago cancer was the 'C' word, it was a death sentence" Behrer said. "But now we're making good headway and people are surviving."

In 1996, Behrer became involved with the relay but soon realized he wanted more responsibility.

"There's a need for the job to be done, for funds to be raised and support to be given," he said. "That's what drives me."

As chairman of the event, Behrer helps orchestrate logistics, publicity, ceremonies and team recruitment. He said without the effort of others the event wouldn't be as big of a success as it is.



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Gordon Behrer is chairman of the Relay for Life in Cohasset, which takes place May 17-18 at Alumni Field.

"We have a great committee that really helps me out," he said.

Behrer, who grew up in Long Island and currently resides in North Quincy, said families often bring tents to camp in and grills to cook food while trying to stay the course of the 20-hour relay.

Last year, the event had about 700 participants including 49 cancer survivors and raised more than $120,000. The Taste of the Relay, which sells food donated by various restaurants, raised close to $2,000 last year. Participants can look forward to great food again this year.

Last year, 11 Relay For Life events took place around southeast Massachusetts raising more than $2.3 million for the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services.

The Relay started 15 years ago with Dr. Gordon Klatt walking around a track in Tacoma, Washington to raise money for cancer research. The following year, 220 supporters on 19 teams joined Dr. Klatt in this overnight event and the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life was born.

The kickoff for the relay begins on Feb. 12 at PJ's Country House in Scituate. There will be two informational sessions, the first will be from 6-6:45 p.m. and is for newcomers to the relay the second is from 7-8 p.m. and is for veteran relayers. For more information contact Behrer at 617-770-7989 or the American Red Cross at 1-888-648-4880, extension 229.

Relay kick-off is Feb. 12

In anticipation of the American Cancer Society's sixth annual Relay For Life in Cohasset, the volunteer planning committee is hosting a kick-off on Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at PJ.'s Country House, 227 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Route 3A in Scituate. Area residents hoping to start a relay team for the first time or just interested in learning more about Relay For Life are encouraged to join this informational session from 6-7 p.m. Veteran team members are welcome to join at 7 p.m. The kickoff is an opportunity to hear about last year's results, preview this year's event and receive team captain packets and materials. Hors d'ouvres will be served and there will be a cash bar.

For more information, contact Event Chair, Gordon Behrer at 617-770-7989 or email him at gcbehrer@aol.com; or Mary Shepherd at the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880 and press 3 for Ext. 229.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18 at Cohasset High School. Relay For Life is the cancer society's signature activity taking place in more than 3,000 communities nationwide. Last year, 11 events were held in towns across southeast Massachusetts raising $2.3 million for American Cancer Society programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services. This unique, overnight, community event allows individuals from all walks of life to join in the fight against cancer. The event raises cancer awareness while serving as a celebration for cancer survivors, a memorial for loved ones lost, and a rally for the community.

If you are interested in finding out more about the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, please call 1-800-ACS-2345. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing this disease, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

The future of town's new history book looks bright

By Evan Schiff
ESCHIFF@CNC.COM

The Town History Committee updated selectmen Tuesday on the progress of the next volume of the town history, "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume 3."

Wigmore Pierson of 123 Atlantic Ave. and chairman of the committee, informed the board that everything is right on schedule.

"We here to say we do not need any more money," joked Pierson.

The committee has pre-sold more than 400 copies and anticipates that hundreds more will be sold. The group has put countless hours of effort into the book and is pleased to see the work coming to fruition.

"This has been a tremendous team effort," Pierson said.

During the meeting Jim Hamilton, 298 King St., showed selectmen what the cover of the book will look like. It's a color aerial shot taken of Cohasset by Margot Cheel, a member of the committee.

"The cover looks really great," said Selectman Merle Brown.

According to Harold Coughlin, 25 Reservoir Road, by the end of next week the first chapter should be completely finished and ready to go to press. The committee is aiming to finish the book by mid-March and wants to send it to the printer by April. Copies should be available by mid-summer.

> **"This has been a tremendous team effort."**
> — Wigmore Pierson, book committee

Author Jacqueline Dormitzer, 334 S. Main St., said she would love to have the book used in the high school to educate students about Cohasset. She said the book is very comprehensive and there is a lot of explanation about how the town government works.

"It might prove useful to us," joked Selectman Tom Callahan.

Pierson suggested the money that the book raises be used to develop a curriculum about Cohasset history.

Although the writing of the book is complete, there is still a lot of work to be done. All the photos that were selected for the book need to be scanned and the text needs to be formatted.

The 416-page book aims to cover the events, happening and changes in Cohasset from 1950 to 2000. Residents will have an opportunity to order the book when their Annual Town Meeting warrant arrives. There will be an order form for the book in the warrant.

"I just want to thank the entire committee and I think I speak for everyone when I say I can't wait for the book to come out," said Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed.

'Encore!' concert is Feb. 9

The Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale, two of the South Shore's choral ensembles, will combine to present "Encore!" a pops/cabaret style performance at St. Anthony's Parish Hall on South Main Street, Cohasset on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. and again Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.

This year's "Encore!" will feature costumed medleys from the Broadway shows, "Oklahoma!" and "Most Happy Fella," along with other lighthearted selections of jazz, barbershop, folk, pop and classical music. Both choruses, under the direction of Margo Euler, are noted for their creative presentations and the concert is a lively and colorful mid-winter pick-me-up!

Seating for the concert is at tables and in the pops tradition, audience members are encouraged to bring a festive picnic to enjoy during the performance.

Tickets for "Encore!" are $15 ($10 for students and seniors on Sunday) and are available at Nobles in Hingham Square or at Cards & Shards in Cohasset. For more information, call 781-749-6561.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Hands off injured wildlife

We could hear the concern in her voice when Meg Hanrahan, the animal control officer in Hull, called us last week for help. A well-meaning man had stopped to help what appeared to be an injured raccoon. She said he put it in a box where it would be safe until help arrived and drove off.

At the time of the initial phone call, Ms. Hanrahan provided us with a description of the car – but because we're a weekly newspaper, there was little we could do for several days.

Neighbors called the New England Wildlife Center to come to pick up the raccoon that appeared to be sick by "acting drunk" when it crossed the street. The raccoon died the next day at the wildlife center and later, tested positive for rabies.

Ms. Hanrahan received a copy of the test results and then set about trying to find the Good Samaritan who unknowingly was exposed to the disease by coming in contact with the sick raccoon. Neighbors on Atlantic Avenue in Hull provided her with a color and make of the car, which was — through good detective work involving both Ms. Hanrahan and Cohasset police and Cohasset's Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy – traced to a Cohasset resident, who was offered the rabies vaccine.

"Sick or hurt wild animals don't know you're there to help," Ms. Hanrahan said. "Therefore, they might bite."

She said, in this case, neighbors thought the raccoon had been hit by a car because it was "wobbling" across the street. Then the Cohasset man stopped to help and pushed it into a box where the animal stayed until representatives from the wildlife center arrived. Ms. Hanrahan also said one of the neighbors had reportedly been feeding the raccoon and may have also been exposed to rabies that is transmitted through saliva.

This incident should serve as an important reminder to us all to keep our hands off any injured or sick wildlife. Let's all remember to leave handling wildlife up to experienced experts. Those of us who love animals find that hard to do, but the specter of contracting rabies should provide us with a good deterrent.

— Mary Ford
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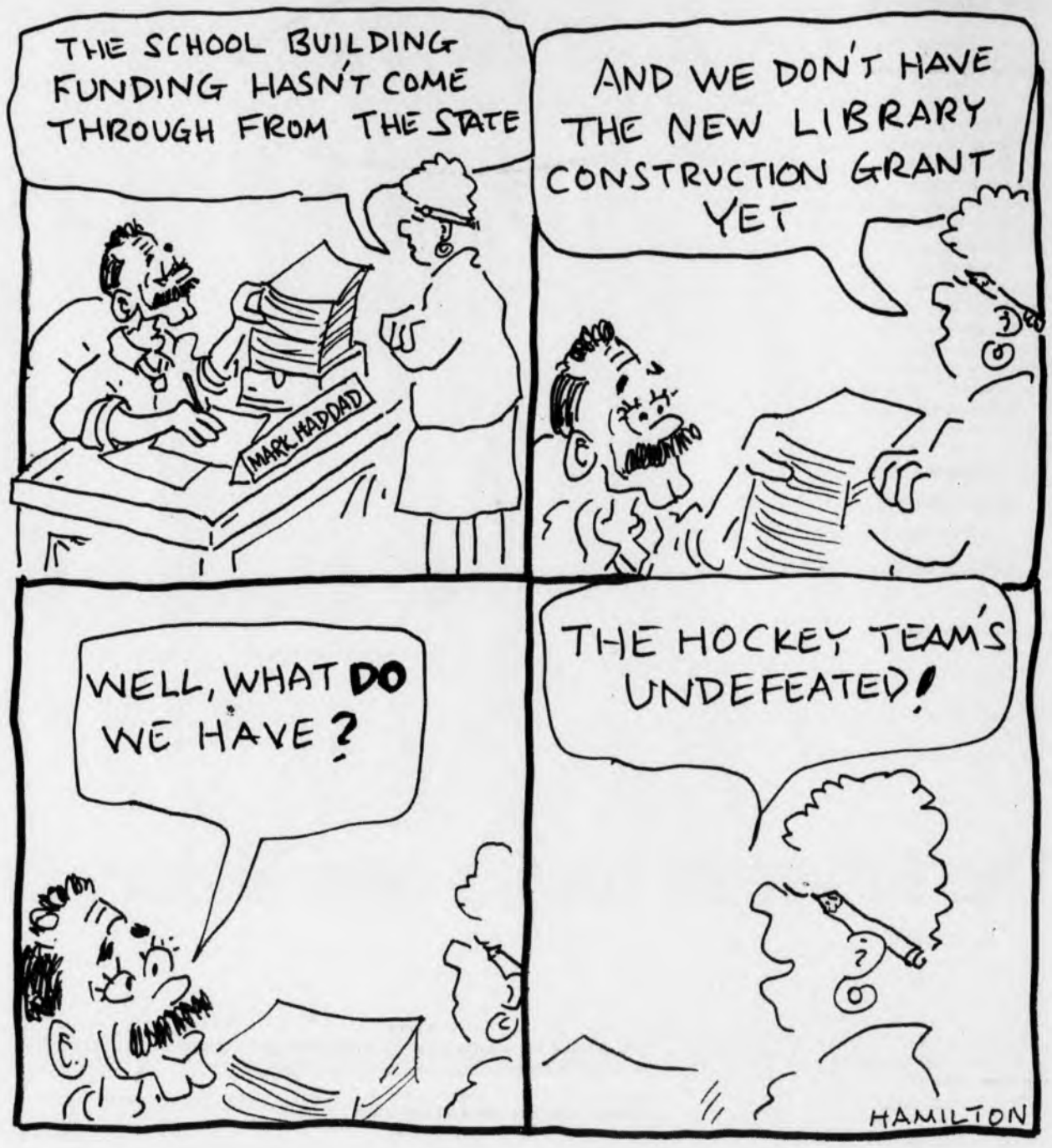

Burning season is underway

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis through May 1 for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch Center at 781-383-0260 from 9 am.-2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

Burning may be conducted during periods of good atmospheric ventilation and must not cause a nuisance, the fire department says. Adverse weather conditions (wind and drought) will impact the issuing of permits. Burning hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on days permits are issued. Decisions to issue permits are made daily at 9 a.m. Persons calling for permits before that hour will be advised to call back.

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Open burning permits are issued for the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood and forest debris. Burning shall be conducted on land nearest to the place were the debris came from. Burning must be conducted at least 75 feet away from any dwelling. Select a safe area with no ground cover.

While burning, the fire must be attended at all times until completely extinguished. Have a water hose, rake and shovel nearby for fire control.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Postponing run for school board spot

TO THE EDITOR:

Last year at this time, I had decided to run for a seat on the Cohasset School Committee. I asked members of our community to consider me, my past accomplishments around town and my ability to listen and communicate their concerns and to take action when necessary. They responded positively and after campaigning with all our heart and reaching out to all members of our community, I am proud to remind you that we lost by only two votes! Who says that one vote can't make a difference?

It is campaign season here in Cohasset once again. This year the School Committee landscape is a little different, as there will not be an incumbent seeking reelection. This leaves room for the introduction of new perspectives and new lines of communication. After the careful consideration of my family, my friends and supporters and my continuing commitment to the successful completion of the school renovation projects, I feel that I can best serve the community by postponing my candidacy until next year.

I wish to thank all those who continue to support my commitment to our schools and to our community. Please look for me in 2003!

Adrienne MacCarthy
Doane Steet

Let me tell you where I'm coming from

MY VIEW

EVAN SCHIFF

I was warned not to do this. My roommates begged me not to.

"How can you rip the Patriots," they said. "This is their time, just let them have it."

Hmmph, I scoffed. Why would I ever compromise my journalistic integrity to please championship starved New England fans? I don't think the Pats are deserving of a Super Bowl berth, so why hide that fact? Maybe because I like my face configured the way it is but hey, I live on the edge.

Before I continue, let's take a step back to understand where I'm coming from.

Ever since the Eagles got eliminated on Sunday and the Patriots advanced to the big dance I've struggled with my sport psyche. Whom do I root for?.

During the first football game on Sunday, I admit it, I was rooting for the Pats to pull off the upset. However, it was only for selfish reasons.

If the Pats win, the Eagles would have an easy road at the Super Bowl, I reasoned to myself.

Plus, I thought I'd make a ton of dough ripping off all the fans who are going to foolishly lay their money on the Patriots. But then a funny thing happened, the Eagles lost.

Whoa is me I lamented. My dream season has come to a crashing halt and I now faced a fork in the road and was unprepared to commit to either avenue. Root for the Rams, or cheer for the Patriots.

It would be easy to root for the Rams. They beat the Eagles so if they win, I can justify the Eagles loss as losing to the best team in football. Plus, the Rams have the most prolific offense in the history of the game and are a pleasure to watch march down the field. But how can I root for a 14-point favorite, cheering for the underdog is always more satisfying. Go Pats, right? Well, maybe.

I tried to convince myself to like them, I really did. I got on the Brady bandwagon, then the Bledsoe bandwagon, and now I think I'm back on the Brady train, at least for the time being. And what's wrong with me, I live in New England and should be first in-line at the bar on Sunday with my Bryan Cox jersey on.

I've been bleeding Philadelphia sports for 22 years...

However, it's hard to get caught up in the emotion of a city when your heart isn't entirely in it. Yea, sure I'd love to be at a bar boozing it up and join the Pats fans in celebrating a Super Bowl win into the wee hours of the morning. But I also wouldn't mind throwing some back while all the Patriots backers are miserable and fighting over whether Brady or Bledsoe should have started. Call it bitterness, call it jealousy, it's the truth.

My indecisiveness comes down to an interesting dichotomy. Would I rather be silently content in a room full of disheartened Patriots fans or, would I rather be upset in a room crowded with wild, celebrating, inebriated chowdah-heads? Why can't I just enjoy the game? I'll tell you.

I'm insanely jealous that people will be watching the game on Sunday with a vested interest even though it doesn't concern a bet. I've been listening to the sports talk stations with a heavy heart, wishing the DJ's were talking about stopping McNabb instead of Warner.

I don't particularly want to see the smiling faces at Town Hall on Monday as I trudge in with sadness stitched to my sleeve. I deserve to see my team win a championship don't I? I've been bleeding Philadelphia sports for 22 years and have yet to have a sniff of finishing a season with my team hoisting a trophy. I admit my basketball team and baseball team have won their respective titles since I've been alive but I was hardly cognizant as a three-year-old. You New England folk whine about the Red Sox drought, imagine rooting for the equivalent of the Red Sox in four sports.

Plus, isn't it just jumping on the bandwagon, which I can't stand, if I root for the Pats? Would you really want me sharing in your joy on this day? My answer is probably not, especially now.

So what is a football fan to do? I tell you, I'll probably be raising my glass to the Pats on Sunday rooting for a good game. If they win, I'll be happy. Happy like when your sibling does something better than you, or beating your girlfriend in mini-golf knowing she's not talking to you after that. Believe me, both are bitter sweet.

So, go Pats, take it to 'em on Sunday and make Boston proud. Oh yea, 1918.

The Great Backyard Bird Count - you can help!

A BIRDER'S-EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

There are more than 7,800,000 square miles in the United States and Canada combined. Where in this huge area do the birds go in the winter? How do weather, snow cover and temperature affect where they go? There is some evidence that fewer robins will winter over in their breeding grounds when there is deep snow cover. Will some species push farther north than usual? Carolina Wrens and Red-bellied woodpeckers have both been extending their ranges northward in recent years. Will irruptive species such as winter finches, crossbills and grosbeaks move farther south than usual to find areas with more abundant food supplies? These are some of the questions scientists are interested in. To help find the answers, they turn once again to amateur volunteers.

Taking a survey at the end of winter should show the number of birds that have survived the harsher weather of December and January.

Photo courtesy of www.birdsource.com

What is the GBBC?

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a joint project of National Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology. It is sponsored this year by Wild Birds Unlimited. During the first GBBC, 14,000 people reported more than a half million birds during the four day weekend. Last year 53,343 people reported 442 species and 4,555,411 individual birds. The United States and Canada have been involved from the beginning. Last year a few Latin American sites were added. As time goes on, perhaps it will become a hemispheric event.

How does it work?

Do you have a bird feeder? Do you like to look at birds? If so, you are invited to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count. There is no charge for joining this effort. You can spend as little as 15 minutes or as many hours as you wish. You can count birds in your yard or at any other area you might like to visit. If you count while taking a walk, please keep the distance to less than a mile.

When do the counts take place?

This year the GBBC is scheduled for the four-day weekend of Feb. 15-18. You can count on just one day or on as many as four days. The month of February was chosen for several reasons. From a practical point of view, this is a month when people tend to be less involved with other natural history projects. Taking a survey at the end of winter should show the number of birds that have survived the harsher weather of December and January. These will be the ones that are ready to breed either here or at the end of a migration route.

How to report results

Write down the species you see, followed by the number you have counted. Later if you see a higher number, revise the figure. Do not add numbers together; use only the highest number seen at any one time. This way you will be sure not to count the same bird twice. Keep track of the time spent watching as well. Separate lists should be kept for each day and each location. To report your results, you will need access to the Internet. If this is not available at home, you can use the computers at the library. Go to <http://birdsource.cornell.edu/> and click on "Show me how". Then go to "Submit your bird checklist" to record your results. Any birds seen which are not listed can be added as "write-in" species.

Quality control

You may wonder about the quality of the data collected by thousands of amateurs with a potential for miscounting or misidentifying birds. To prevent the worst errors, the birds reported are checked against regional lists. If you report a pelican in Vermont in February, it will be deleted. If you report 300 cardinals in your backyard within a 15-minute period, it will be rejected. The scientists are more interested in common birds than they are in rarities, so if you see an unusual bird that you can't easily identify, don't worry about it. "Write-in" birds will be evaluated before being accepted.

Watching the results on the Web

The Birdsource URL is an interactive Web site with animated maps and graphs. These are updated every hour as the data come in, making it possible to watch the results as they change. Look up the numbers from previous years. Check out the "Maproom". Choose a particular species and see where it is on the map. Compare results from different states and provinces. Study the "Top Ten" lists. There are also identification helps if you need them.

The importance of collecting data

Birds move around. Their whereabouts are not static. Mapping data collected during a particular period of time can help show patterns and trends in the movements and size of bird populations. The data from the Great Backyard Bird Count will be studied in conjunction with data from the Christmas Bird Count and from Project FeederWatch. The Christmas Bird Count has been going for more than a hundred years. Project FeederWatch is in its 15th season. Now the GBBC is about to happen for the fifth year in a row. The scientific value of all these counts increases with the number of people participating and with the number of years the data are collected. Therefore, I hope you will consider joining the GBBC.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

Move over Dan Quayle

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

"Correct spelling," once wrote the social critic H. L. Menken, "is one of the arts that are far more esteemed by schoolma'arms than by practical men."

(He also wrote that "no man is genuinely happy, married, who has to drink worse gin than he used to drink when he was single," but this column is about spelling so we'll have to wait until the sun goes over the yardarm to deal with strong drink.)

I'm afraid that I and a number of my fellow columnists from the left wing liberal media are going to have to apologize to Dan Quayle, George the 41st's favorite right wing reactionary vice president.

Remember how we pilloried him for spelling "potatoe" to an impressionable class of youngsters and how surprised we were when Western Civilization survived, the sun came up in the East and the Yankees continued to win the American League pennant?

Well, the other day Robert Reich, everyone's favorite left wing liberal Democrat — and the only one under five feet tall — came out with his announcement for governor in which he "sited" his experience as secretary of labor with the Clinton Administration, an experience most people are trying to forget.

Remember how we pilloried him for spelling 'potatoe' to an impressionable class of youngsters...

And he described his current occupation as a professor at "Brandies" University, a claim that must have made his bosses at the real Brandeis University seriously consider sending him back to sixth-grade spelling class or at least remove him from the Brandeis spelling team.

As if to prove that he can misspell 'em with the best of vice presidents, Reich and his people then whipped out a fundraising letter in which they referred to former Gov. Paul "Celucci," now the ambassador to Canada.

Unless the Canadian Francophones have been fooling around with the Italian dictionary, it's still "Cellucci" as far as I know.

When I was young, and ice covered most of the earth, spelling was a almost a school subject by itself, like reading and writing and arithmetic and probably would have been the fourth R if anyone could find and R in it.

Along the way I met a co-worker who used to write out his copy phonetically with the comment: "Let Jack (the editor) worry about the spelling."

I don't know how many of you have ever heard of Richard Wade.

He's a retired British advertising writer, who leads a movement to simplify the spelling of the English language. "Freespeling," he calls it. "Let's chanj the way we spel," he says.

Wade would like to prune all the silent letter from those words that are most likely to baffle contestants in spelling bees.

Who needs the "B" in debt? What difference does it make if there's a "K" in knee? Why do we need an "E" at the end of definite and donate? What does the second "R" do for the word parrot?

The last I heard of Dick Wade he was scouting around for a commercial sponsor for "freespeling" and putting 10 to 20 newly spelled words on his Web cite . . . oops, I mean "site."

See, already he has one convert who's running for governor of Massachusetts.

POLITICAL NOTES

Legislative seminar offered mid-March

The office of state Senator Robert L. Hedlund is now accepting applications for the Citizens Legislative Seminar (CLS). The program is designed to familiarize citizens first-hand with the legislature and lawmaking process. The six-week program will give CLS participants the opportunity to gain knowledge about the lawmaking process by listening to presentations from senators as well as representatives.

"The CLS is another wonderful way for constituents to become more familiarized with the legislative process," Hedlund said. "This is an exceptional program that provides citizens with a 'nuts and bolts' style education given first-hand by the very individuals responsible for lawmaking in the Commonwealth."

The Citizens Legislative Seminar will meet from mid-March to mid-April, on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Specific dates will be announced soon. The seminar is open to any interested citizen. Please contact Senator Hedlund's State House office at (617) 722-1646 by Friday, Jan. 25 for information and applications.

Edwards to speak to GOP

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, the birthday of President Ronald Regan, who was born in 1911 and is the oldest-living president, Republicans will celebrate his birthday with dinner at the John Carver Inn at Plymouth. Republicans from Bristol, Barnstable, Plymouth and Norfolk Counties are invited to the 6 p.m. social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m., and a meeting at 8 p.m.

Congressman Mickey Edwards of Oklahoma, who headed Regan's committee in Oklahoma is now teaching at the Kennedy School of Government and Harvard Law School.

Chairman of Division Five said reservations are required and may be made with Lawyer Novak at 508-587-8400; Polly Logan at 781-383-0031; Jason Kenney at 508-673-3637; Hazel Costa at 508-674-8153; Randy Cabral at 508-673-3637; Ann Wolf at 508-763-8866; Chris Fava at 508-746-6239; Kathy McGilvary at 508-745-6044; Tom Barry at 617-834-6763; Irene Schall at 508-944-3393; Darrin McAuliffe at 617-843-9520; and Judy Folsom-Roberts at 617-471-2370. These people are also available for further information.

Attendees will also hear and meet the Chief of Staff for Governor Swift, Peter Forman; the GOP Leader of the House, Rep. Fran Marini; District Attorney Tim Cruz; Rep. Viriato Manuel DeMacedo; GOP State Chair, Kerry Murphy Healey of Beverly, and other elected and GOP leaders.

Democrats to hold caucus

Registered Democrats in Hingham will hold a caucus at the Hingham Library, Whiton Room, 66 Leavitt St. on Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. to elect 11 delegates and six alternates to the 2001 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

The convention will be held on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 at the Worcester Centrum in Worcester. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Hingham. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their own behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. All candidates must be present at the caucus to be elected. Those not elected as delegate and alternate may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority, and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 10 Granite St., Quincy 02169, no later than 10 days after the caucus date.

For more information, call the Democratic State Committee at 617-472-0637 or the Hingham Democratic Town Committee Chair, Tom Vangel at 781-740-2757.

Bradley wants home care funds restored

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, along with 103 other members of the House of Representatives have signed a letter urging Speaker Thomas Finneran and House Chairman of Ways and Means John Rogers to restore $3.4 million in vital home care funds. The signatories constitute a majority in the 160-member House of Representatives, which represents more than the number of votes needed to pass a home care funding increase in a roll call vote.

The $3.4 million sought includes $2.5 million for home care management services; $738,887 for protective services against elder abuse; and, $140,535 in affordable assisted living for low-income seniors. The services provided through these funds would enable thousands of elderly residents of Massachusetts to receive assistance with the daily tasks that allow them to remain safely in their homes. Currently, 83 percent of the state's long-term care dollars are spent on institutions. In the current fiscal year budget more than $46 million for nursing home salary incentives were added, but there were no such additions to the home care budgets.

The governor has already indicated support for the restoration of these funds and the Senate had previously voted a supplemental appropriation for these accounts. It is now evident that there is also a strong majority of House members who want these funds restored.

It's the same old story with Massport

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

Since 9/11 a series of high profile newspaper articles laid Massport out in the public view: Airport security consistently caved to the airlines' wishes. Massport is a revolving door for a small clique of pols and cronies who profit directly from lush consulting contracts, made-to-order patronage posts and back-scratching election support. The director and security head were elevated by former governors from their own staff and lacked aviation credentials. The director resigned after securing a shockingly large severance package. The security head got another position with half the responsibility — director of Public Safety for the Port — but the same paycheck. Massport employed 35 people for public relations. The board was appointed by one person. It agrees to whatever is proposed to it with almost no discussion. A board member with close ties to the chairman was indicted last week. One thing I don't hear anyone express as the news stories pile up is surprise. Massport management is a patch of poison ivy that everyone sees and no one can figure out how to get cleared.

Now Massport wants the public and the FAA to take seriously the runway expansion proposal that has been working its way to the courts as the scandals grow. The runway expansion scheme was made by the same cast of characters that was caught in the scandals. It formed in their hands in the same atmosphere, standards, and greed, the same lavish consulting budgets, the same fuzzy relations with airlines and regulators and the same arrogance toward the public. That huge PR department at Massport spun stories for years to make runway expansion look like a shiny red apple that's good for us. After all the disgrace, Massport still thinks it can make the public believe an apple grows on poison ivy.

Mary Ann Frye is a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, southshorejetpollution. org

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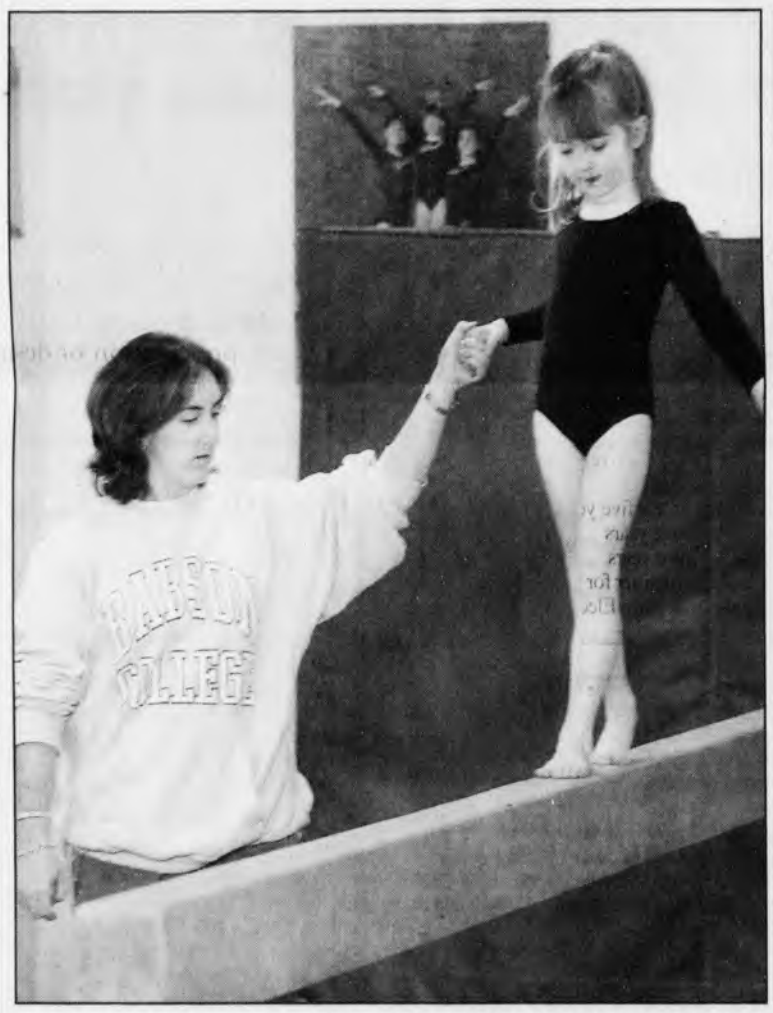
Below right, Emma Davis shows her skill on the balance beam in Gymnastics Explorers at the South Shore Community Center.



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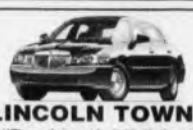

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Crash-prone corner on agenda

State, Rep. Bradley invited to meeting

By Evan Schiff
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Selectmen have invited Bernard McCourt from the Massachusetts Highway Department and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, to their meeting Tuesday to discuss safety improvements to the Beechwood Street/Route 3A intersection.

Statistics provide by Police Chief Brian Noonan show in 2000 there were 19 accidents at the intersection with four resulting in injuries. In 2001, there were 17 accidents there with seven resulting in injury.

"It's the worst intersection in Cohasset," Noonan said.

Doug Cope, a spokesman for the Mass Highway Department, said he is interested to hear what the town would like to do with the intersection.

"The purpose of the meeting is to discuss what they'd like to see done," he said. "We're open to any suggestions the town may have."

Noonan said he would like to see one-way turning arrows to eliminate the passing lanes.

"People going through the intersection don't see the cars turning," he said. "It's just a very dangerous intersection."

While Cope wouldn't go into specifics about the cost, he did say if it's determined the intersection needs to be reworked, then financial matters would be discussed.

The invitation to McCourt and Bradley was prompted by a recent study that showed the intersection is accident-prone.

A recent study conducted by the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization shows from 1997-1999, there were 29 accidents at the Beechwood/3A intersection, an average of 9.7 accidents per year or 1.28 per million vehicles, which is well above the state average of .89 per million vehicles for a signalized intersection. More than 40 percent of the collisions involved personal injury including one fatality in 1997.

The Massachusetts Highway Department grades intersections on level of service in relation to delays and gives the intersection an overall "B" — which means the average stop delay is about 13 seconds per vehicle.

That could change if recommended safety improvements detailed in the study are implemented. The potential changes, including allowing for left turns on a delayed green light, would add about seven seconds to the average delay and drop the intersections grade to a "C".

"Route 3A carries heavy through volume in both directions; it is difficult for the northbound and southbound left-turning traffic to find a gap," the report states. "In some cases drivers may miscalculate acceptable gaps in other time, out of frustration, drivers may try to force themselves into the through traffic."

In addition to delayed green light to allow for protected left-hand turns on 3A, the report also recommends:

- Installation of a raised median barrier to eliminate left turns in and out of the gas station driveways on 3A
- Increase the all-red clearance from one to two seconds
- Correct the pedestrian signal which is not displaying the "walk" and "don't walk" symbols.

No races yet for town election

By Evan Schiff
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Only one resident pulled nomination papers this week — Ray Kasperowicz, 172 S. Main St., intends to seek reelection to the Sewer Commission.

Time is ticking away for candidates the last day to pick up papers is Feb. 14 and all papers need to be returned by Feb. 19. To be put on the ballot, a candidate must garner 50 signatures from registered voters. Annual Town Election will be on April 6.

Residents who previously pulled papers include, Glenn Pratt, 482 King St., who plans to run for reelection on the Water Commission.

Recreation Commissioner Mary K. Muncey, 377 S. Main St., is looking to serve another term and, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, hopes to keep his seat and will be running again.

On the Board of Health, Robin Lawrence intends to seek reelection and Town Clerk Marion Douglas will also be looking to serve another term.

The following residents pulled papers earlier in the month indicating their desire to run for office.

Jane Pescatore of Lantern Lane plans to run for the open seat on the school committee being vacated by Stephanie Noble, who is not seeking reelection.

Mary Granville, 100 Beach St., will seek a seat on the Board of Assessors.

Roger Lowe, also of 100 Beach St., plans to run for reelection to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees and, Roger Q. Hill, 17A Highland Ave., intends to run for an open position on the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Ronnie McMorris and Fred Koed both plan to run again for their seats on the Board of Selectmen.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees Sheila Evans and Roger Whitley are looking to serve another term. Ralph Perroncello, 10 Pleasant St., hopes to keep his seat on the Cohasset Housing Authority and Town Moderator George Marlette pulled papers for another term.

Four candidates are officially on the ballot after collecting the required 50 signatures from residents. Mary Granville, Roger Lowe, Ralph Perroncello and Roger Whitley are the first four citizens to secure a place on the ballot.

For more information contact Marion Douglas at the Town Clerk's office, 781-383-4100.

Positions for elected office

Nomination papers for the annual town election for 2002 are available at the Town clerk's Office. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available:

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Town Moderator - ONE for three years
Town Clerk - ONE for three years
School Committee - ONE for three years
Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - THREE for three years
Assessor - ONE for three years
Board of Health - ONE for three years
Cohasset Housing Authority - ONE for five years
Planning Board - ONE for five years
Recreation Commission - THREE for five years
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Water Commission - ONE for three years

Friday, March 8, is the last day to register for the annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 30, and the annual Town Election, Saturday, April 6.

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The goal of this workshop is to develop a community consensus on streetscape improvement elements such as the choice of sidewalk materials and ornamental light fixtures. Physical examples of different styles will be on display, and representatives of The Cecil Group will give a pictorial presentation of design alternatives implemented by communities throughout the region.

Discussion Items Will Include

- Sidewalk & Crosswalk Materials
- Ornamental Lighting Designs
- Tree and Flower Planting Opportunities

This workshop is held in partnership between the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation and the Town of Cohasset Village Revitalization Task Force.

For additional information please call 781-383-2449, or visit the CRC office at 87 Elm Street.

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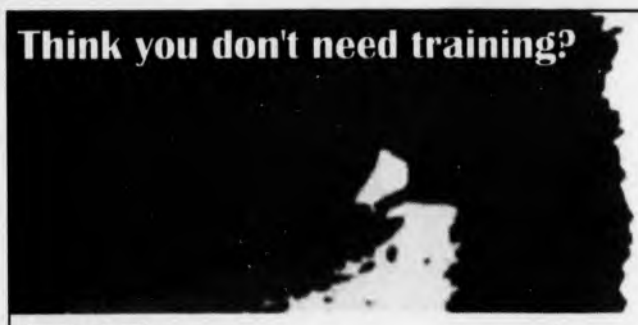

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On Sunday, Feb. 3, the parish will collect non-perishable food and household goods for the food pantry, which is located at the Second Congregational Church.

The fourth annual "Pasta with the Pastah" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, in the parish hall. The dinner is sponsored by the Lagrotteria family and friends. Tickets are $20, $15 for seniors. Call the parish office at 383-0219.

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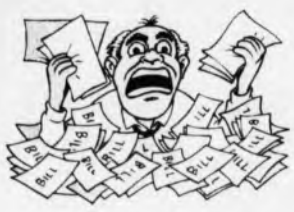

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Group: petitions will allow for more input

Articles aimed at increasing voter participation on key issues

By Evan Schiff
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Some residents in town are concerned that Town Meeting may not be the best form of government for Cohasset.

That's why the Concerned Cohasset Taxpayers have submitted two citizen petition articles for the annual Town Meeting warrant to try and correct what the group perceives as a problem.

The first article requests the town go to a Special Election for all money articles voted at Town Meeting which are $25,000 or more, and are outside any department's operating budget. An appropriation of $25,000 or more would still be voted on at Town Meeting and, if it garners the necessary approval there, it would be moved to an election.

The group believes this would encourage more participation in town government.

"Town Meeting is very poorly attended which allows the will of the few to make decisions of many," said Rich Silvia who signed the citizens petition and is part of the taxpayers association.

The group, which tried to get a similar article passed in 1999, feels many in town are unable to attend Town Meeting for various reasons including work, illness and family commitment, but with the election held on a Saturday, more people would have a say.

"We could have 2,000 people deciding these issues rather than 250," said CCT member Leland Jenkins, of 198 Jerusalem Road. He said many seniors in town complain that Town Meeting runs too late and has poor seating. "Town Meeting is not a friendly place anymore," he said.

Jenkins, who was on the Advisory Board for six years, said most of the spending in town is determined by a small section of voters. He said the article is not trying to hinder the town but aims to please all sides.

Jenkins went on to say this form of government would give the average person more power.

> **"Town Meeting is not a friendly place anymore."**
> — Leland Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road.

"This is better for the community as a whole," he said.

But not everyone sees the benefits.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, for one, is opposed to the change. He said the state Legislature established Town Meeting as the town's form of government and it has worked.

"By making people vote on an article after it has already been approved at Town Meeting goes against the integrity of Town Meeting," Haddad said.

Selectman Merle Brown agreed with Haddad and said if this article passed it would discourage people from going to Town Meeting at all.

"This just creates more havoc and extra steps," Brown said. "It does not allow Town Meeting to do what it is supposed to do."

Members of the taxpayers group said the article is not designed to discourage participation, but rather to facilitate it. They note that if a voter can't go to the polls on Election Day, he or she can still vote by absentee ballot.

"But if you cannot attend Town Meeting, you cannot decide any of the financial questions of the town, which may directly affect your ability to remain in Cohasset," CCT stated in its informational summary of the article.

The second article the Concerned Cohasset Taxpayers has placed on the warrant would establish a petition process for citizens to go directly to the voters for a proposed bylaw or resolution. It would require a minimum of 15 percent of the registered voters in town and the signatures would have to be certified by the Town Clerk before the question could be put on the ballot.

Leonora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, said this in another attempt to get the entire town involved with an issue rather than those who can sit through a lengthy Town Meeting.

"People just seem to pay more attention to an issue when it's on a ballot," she said.

Jenkins went on to say that many people she has talked with have become disenfranchised with Town Meeting and have decided not to attend.

"What is the use of Town Meeting if is just becomes packed with proponents of an issue who leave after their article is heard," she said. "This is not the way Town Meeting is supposed to be run."

Voters will have a chance to act on both articles at Town Meeting on March 30. The two petitions have met the necessary signature requirement in order to be placed on the warrant.

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Dean Rizzo, executive director of the CRC, said if this is something the residents want, now is the time to act.

"If there ever was a time do this, it is now," he said. "While the village is already being dug up, it's not that much more of a cost and effort to have the contractor bury the lines."

The 2 percent surcharge program requires the approval of 2002 Annual Town Meeting which can authorize the implementation of a 2 percent betterment fee.

"Aesthetically, it will open up the beauty of the village," Rizzo said. "As well, if the utility lines are removed from the street it will provide a better flowing pedestrian environment and, will create more parking spaces in some areas."

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

David Ingber and Danielle Swain

These two members of the Scituate-Cohasset swim team had strong efforts for the undermanned squad in a pair of meets this past week. Ingber, a C.H.S. junior, took two second place finishes against a powerhouse Nauset squad, and won both the 50 and 100-meter freestyle races versus Oliver Ames. Swain, an S.H.S. freshman, took a first in the breaststroke versus Nauset and won the 500-meter freestyle in the OA meet. These two swimmers also contributed to a first place finish in the 200-meter relay versus OA.

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A familiar site for Cohasset hockey fans: Greg O'Connell (#8) leaving defenders in his dust.

This apple didn't fall far

Cohasset hockey star O'Connell casting his own large shadow

By Mike Spellman
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Even the most disinterested of observers would have a tough time keeping their eyes off number 8 for the Cohasset hockey team.

Included in the Cohasset star's two-goal, three-assist effort in Saturday's 6-2 win over Rockland was a two on-three rush that saw two Rockland defenders lining him up as they backpedaled slowly toward the blue line, obviously intent on standing him up there in order to draw the off sides.

Rather than zigging or zagging to go around one of these defenders, however, as both Rockland player were no doubt expecting, the lanky kid with the number 8 jersey accelerated on a path right between them, leaping to avoid the tangle of feet as he absorbed contact on both sides. But he popped through clean on the other side and, more amazingly, the puck was still with him. He then faked a pass to linemate Rob Carpenter on the left, freezing Rockland goalie Dan Dun just long enough to put him at a disadvantage for the 30-foot bullet that followed. Dunn was able to get a bit of his blocker on it, but not enough…6-2, Cohasset.

"Wow, that looked like a move straight out of the NHL," said one Rockland fan who either had not caught the name or did not make the connection.

Funny he should say that about Greg O'Connell, the son of the most famous hockey dad in New England: Mike O'Connell, the former Boston Bruins player and current Bruins General Manager.

Such moves have by now become almost commonplace for fans of the Cohasset High hockey team, particularly of late. The chip off the old block has posted an eye-popping 26 points in the Skippers last six games, increasing his South Shore League best total to 35 (17 goals, 18 assists).

"Greg is a much more complete and mature player this year," noted

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They're for real!

Cohasset skaters stay unbeaten with first win over powerhouse Hanover in 14 years

By Mike Spellman
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So how many post-season wins will it take for the Cohasset hockey team to top the thrill of last Wednesday's 5-4 win over Hanover?

A state championship or Sectional title would no doubt do it, but anything less…don't bet on it.

"That was just a huge stepping stone for this program," said veteran Cohasset coach Dennis Walsh of the 5-4 win for his now 11-0-1 team. "We've had a good year, but this helped convince the kids we really are for real."

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Cohasset hockey coach Dennis Walsh after win over Hanover

A little perspective. The last time Cohasset beat Hanover — who, incidentally, is the defending Div. 3 state champ — many of the stars in Wednesday's win hadn't even cut their first teeth. That victory came in January of 1987.

In all 14 of the seasons that have followed that ancient win, the Skippers met the Indians twice as league rivals in regular season play. So that's 27 or 28 consecutive losses. The 2001-02 season marked the first elective meeting in many years, as Hanover was bumped up to the Patriot League as part of the Pilgrim Conference realignment this past fall. Needless to say, coach Walsh, who was there for the 1987 win as well, is pretty tickled right now over his decision to accept this match-up.

Walsh, in his 30th and final season on the Skippers' bench, said his team entered the game with a "great intensity level," something it didn't take the Indians long to find out for themselves, as the Skippers out-shot them 15-2 in the opening period to take a 2-0 lead into the first break.

South Shore League leading scorer Greg O'Connell (17 goals- 18 assists—35 points) put the Skippers on the board first and then assisted on tally number two by linemate Rob Carpenter.

Hanover cut the deficit in half early in the second frame, but Mike Rasmussen gave the Skippers back their two-goal cushion late in the period. After Indians goalie Matt DiGiacomo stopped his initial salvo, the gritty sophomore winger stuck with the play, fending off a check to re-collect the puck and flip it over the downed goaltender.

The Indians showed their champion spirit by peppering Cohasset goalie Dan Kinchla with shots early in the third, managing to sneak two past the senior stalwart.

It was the upstart Cohasset team, however, which features only six seniors on its varsity roster, that had the final word. O'Connell potted back-to-back answering goals down the stretch to exorcise the Hanover curse once an for all.

The Indians did add the game's final tally in the last minute of play, though, to make the waning moments interesting.

Given the emotion and energy

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Boys get first win

Hoopsters still clinging to post-season hopes

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

In consecutive games, the Cohasset High boys basketball team put together one of its ugliest performances and one of its best performances of the season.

The Skippers got lit up Friday night by the high-flying Norwell Clippers, a team that has been playing some of the best basketball in the state recently. Cohasset responded on Tuesday though, recording their first South Shore League victory of the year, a 47-41 win in Mashpee.

"It's like getting a gorilla off our back," said 11th year coach Ron Ford, able to smile after an SSL contest for the first time in nine tries. "We are way passed the monkey stage."

The Skippers have had some very rough losses in league this year. The Skippers outplayed Abington for all but the first two minutes of the game, but lost by 12. They were tied with Norton at halftime but fell apart in the second half. And of course, the hardest loss to take was the two point setback to Hull last week. This game saw the Skippers score just eight points in the first half.

In the contest against Mashpee, the opening 16 minutes looked eerily reminiscent of the loss to the Pirates, with the teams going into the break with the hosts up 18-13. Shooting poorly, but determined not to let this one slip away, the Skippers made a clean start to the second half, opening up a five point lead.

"We had a good second half,"

HOOPSTERS, PAGE 15

Prospects brighten for CHS grapplers

Dan Littauer returns from injury way ahead of schedule

By Mike Spellman
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Things really couldn't be going much better these days for the Cohasset High wrestling team…that is with one major exception.

Matt Casey, the 142-pound standout, broke his arm last Wednesday in match action versus Norwell, ending his surprisingly strong freshman campaign.

"That was a tough blow for Matt and the team because he was really getting better and better," said Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. "He might have surprised some people at sectionals."

While the team didn't lose much, if anything, at 142 pounds, with sophomore Ian Hickey now sliding into that role full-time, the injury did deplete the depth somewhat, as Sweeney often moved things around within the weight classes to maximize scoring potential by wrestling both Hickey and Casey.

Dan Littauer . . . he's baaack!

Fortunately, Sweeney may be getting back some of that flexibility and a lot more in the form of captain Dan Littauer. The senior, who wrestles at 154 pounds, was Cohasset's clear favorite to advance far into the states this season before suffering a dislocated elbow in practice days before the season opener, an injury doctors told him at the time had likely ended his high school wrestling career.

But Littauer attended therapy daily with noted Cohasset Physical Therapist Peter Stone, and worked out regularly with personal trainer Joe Hayes, and this week received clearance from his doctor to resume wrestling activity.

Dan went through his first full practice on Monday with the team, and Sweeney said it was to be a match time decision whether he would wrestle in yesterday's huge league showdown with Carver.

"Dan has just worked his butt off to get back way ahead of schedule," reported Sweeney. "He was primed for this season like no wrestler I've ever seen, and it's just like he wouldn't be denied. He's still not all the way back, but we'll see. If anyone can do it, he can."

Even without Littauer and Casey, Cohasset pulled out two of three matches in Saturday's quad meet at home, topping Whitman-Hanson and Durfee in thrilling fashion, but falling to powerhouse Wayland, 51-21.

The win over W-H was particularly hair-raising. After a match full of exciting twists and turns, both literally and figuratively, the whole shooting match came down to the bout at 142 pounds with Ian Hickey. Cohasset actually led by five points at the time, 33-28, but had already conceded the forfeit for six points at 147, having no one to wrestle that match due to the injury to Casey.

Hickey won the decisive match on points, 7-1, to wrap up the 36-34 win.

"That was a lot of pressure on a kid who didn't have a lot of experience, but he really came through," lauded Sweeney. "He wrestled a good, smart match."

And Hickey wasn't done there.

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Swimmers lose numbers game

Small roster only thing doing in talented Scituate-Cohasset squad

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, the Scituate-Cohasset swim team had two meets that it could be proud of: individuals swam some of their best times of the season and relays finally started clicking. Unfortunately, both meets ended with the South Shore locals on the losing end.

"It's tough," noted second year coach Jamie Kearney. "We have a tiny team and we are going against some monster swimming schools, but the kids are really hanging in there."

Against Nauset last Wednesday, the Sci-Cohs came into the meet expecting to lose big. But Kearney, as well as the team members, emerged pleasantly surprised.

The reason for the pre-meet pessimism? Nauset had destroyed Duxbury earlier in the year, and Duxbury took first and second in every individual event against the Skipper-Sailors. Still, the Sci-Cohs held their own against the juggernaut Warriors, losing only 62-32, not a large margin for a four-lane meet.

Nauset took first and second place in only one event the entire day, the 200 freestyle. Scituate freshman Danielle Swain even recorded a first in the 100 breastroke, swimming a 1:20.71. She also too second in the 500 freestyle earlier in the day.

Cohasset junior David Ingber took two seconds in the 200 Individual medley and the 100 fly, while Scituate's Kathryn Noonan and Jen Kreutzberg and Cohasset senior captain Kelly Stone also took second.

On a day in which Nauset had nine different swimmers qualify for Sectionals, and four more qualify for states, the Sci-Cohs did a terrific job staying with one of the top swimming programs in Eastern Mass.

"Going to Nauset is like nothing else," stated Kearney. "You get off a two hour bus ride, everyone is exhausted, and you have to go against some outstanding swimmers. But my kids did everything they could. I am so proud of their performance."

On Friday, the Skipper-Sailors found themselves against a much more manageable opponent in Oliver Ames. With their sights on their third win of the season, the locals had their hopes dashed when only nine swimmers showed up to compete.

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Maura O'Brien goes for a fall-away shot in Friday's loss to South Shore League rival Norwell. The Lady Skippers record for the season now stands at 5-10.

Swimmers lose the numbers game

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Sickness, car accidents and school absences all contributed to the Sci-Cohs dwarfed numbers. However, the nine who were there proved to the Tigers that they would have won at full strength. The final score: 87-77.

The Tigers won the first three events, jumping out to a sizable lead, primarilly because they were able to fill all three of their lanes, while the visitors could only enter one or two per event.

The Sci-Cohs proceeded to take the next five events, showing dominance in the sprints. Ingber won the 50 freestyle, and Scituate junior Amanda Turner pulled out a close one to take the 100 fly.

After a short break for diving, Ingber won the 100 freestyle, and Swain downed all three Tigers in winning the 500 free. The Skipper-Sailors then took their only lead of the day when the team of Bilton, Ingber, sophomore Marion Powers and Swain won the 200 freestyle relay.

The Tigers battled back though, getting a lead that would stick by winning the backstroke and breaststroke.

While the loss was disappointing, the Sci-Cohs finally got a chance to show their team's capabilities against schools of similar size.

"If we went against schools with the same number of students as us, our record would be a lot different. Instead, we have to go against Duxbury, Nauset, Sandwich. It just doesn't seem fair."

Fortunately, the Sci-Cohs are in the process of a league switch out of the Pilgrim Conference, so that next year they can go against more schools like Oliver Ames. For right now, though, they have to worry about the League Championships next week.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset captain Chris Caron ($7) gets pushed over Rockland goalie Dan Dunn in action Saturday at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham.

Cohasset skaters stay unbeaten with win over Hanover

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spent on Wednesday's game, coach Walsh didn't seem all that surprised or concerned over his team's "escape" win of 6-2 over a sub-par Rockland team (1-11) in non-league play Saturday.

Rockland goalie Dan Dunn came up with several huge saves through the first two periods, keeping it a 3-0 game heading into the final frame. This seemed to ignite his always physical teammates, who managed to slip two by Kinchla in the third — both times cutting the Skippers lead to two.

It was the Cohasset line that had hurt the Bulldogs all afternoon, though, that finally put the game away.

In fact, the trio of Carpenter, O'Connell and John Durkin had a hand in all six Skippers' goals. The first of the two backbreakers came just 34 seconds after Rockland star Mike Celestino had made it a 4-2 game.

Gaining control of the puck behind Rockland's net, Carpenter (goal, four assists) tried to bank in an impossible angle shot off the back of Dunn's leg (a frequent Cohasset trick), with the carom going instead to Durkin in front for a quick poke-in, good for his second goal of the game (to go along with two assists).

Less than two minutes later, O'Connell wrapped up his own five-point game (two goals, three assists), finishing off a beautiful rush from Cohasset's side of center ice by splitting a pair of Rockland defensemen at the blue line and beating Dunn high from 30 feet out.

This apple didn't fall far

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longtime Cohasset head coach Dennis Walsh. "You could see he had the skating, and stick handling, and shooting ability since his freshman year, but he's really become a much more complete player this year. His passing has really improved. He's seeing the whole ice now."

In the coach's opinion, however, none of these assets are his leading attribute.

"It's Greg's great attitude that really sets him apart," said Walsh. "No matter what you ask him to do or what line you put him on, he never complains. He's almost always one of the first kids on the ice for practice and he's definitely one of the hardest workers out there shift after shift."

The 35-point total is already six more than O'Connell put up all of last season as a sophomore when he led the Skippers in scoring.

Of course, the Skippers as a team are scoring a lot more than they did last year. With 103 tallies through 12 games, the team has already surpassed its total from the 2000-01 campaign. Best of all, the team has the record to show for it: 11-0-1.

Obviously, one of the reasons many outside of the Cohasset loop probably aren't quick to draw the connection between Mike and Greg O'Connell is the rarity with which we see children of celebrities attending public schools.

Clearly, it speaks to the unassuming character of the senior O'Connell that Greg is still at Cohasset High. It also speaks, though, to the loyalty of Greg to all of his friends with whom he grew up playing hockey and other sports—another case of the apple not falling far from the tree.

"It would be tough to leave the guys I've been playing with most of my life," said Greg, who is also a standout performer for the Cohasset High soccer team which has won games in the state tourney each of the past two years. "I'm really having a ball right now."

Of course, this is a decision he will have to face within the next few months. Coaches from St. Marks (of Southborough) and Belmont Hill have already made overtures to Greg, who knows his best chance of earning a scholarship would come via playing at an elite private school such as these.

"I know I'm going to have to make a decision pretty soon," conceded Greg. "I'll probably start thinking hard about everything this spring."

If he committed to a private or prep school after this school year, Greg would have to repeat his junior year. That being the case, he claims he is also considering the possibility of graduating from Cohasset High in the spring of 2003, and then attending a year of private school before college.

Greg indicates his mother and father (who played two years at Archbishop Williams in Braintree before making a surprising jump to the Ontario Hockey League to play Canadian major junior hockey) are leaving the decision pretty much to him

Despite his hectic schedule as G.M. with the NHL's fourth winningest team (at the moment), Mike still finds time to occasionally attend Greg's games. He is a more frequent visitor to practices, where there aren't nearly as many folks around anxious to share their opinion of the Jason Allison trade, or other weighty Bruins matters. He even laces them up from time-to-time to help Cohasset coach Dennis Walsh out.

"It's kind of neat having (his father) there," confided Greg, who has an older sister, Kristen, and younger brother, Matt, an eighth grader at Cohasset Middle School who is likewise a standout at soccer and hockey. "Although the other night (Sunday, in Mashpee) he was there and he heard some fan yell something about me being 'Mike O'Connell's kid.' Sometimes it's awkward."

There are also issues with teammates, though he notes those are generally kind of a kick.

"They always want to know what's going on with the Bruins," said Greg, with a laugh, "or wanting to know why they're slumping on trying to get the inside scoop on any trades."

As far as carrying forward with his lofty hockey aspirations, however, Greg makes it clear that he couldn't have done much better in the dad department.

"He's got such great insights and he really helps me out with pointers," said Greg.

"He also lets me know when I've had a bad game," he adds. "But that's OK. Sometimes I deserve to hear it."

COASTAL STARS

I had the good fortune to attend my son's practice the other night. Trying to find good fortune in being at a frigid rink in Quincy on a Wednesday night to watch a youth hockey practice would be a challenge for most.

However, it was my good fortune to be there because I don't get to see my son's team practice that often and I was able to witness an exhibition of sportsmanship and commitment that was the very embodiment of all that is good in youth sports.

There were two teams practicing. On one side of the ice was a team with just two victories. On the other side of the ice was a team with just two defeats. And yet from the view of the casual observer there was no way of telling which team was which from the way they were practicing. One would have expected that the team with all the wins buoyed by these many victories would be practicing intensely, maintaining an upbeat tempo. Alternatively one could have expected the team with two wins to be downbeat, lethargic, and simply going through the motions.

Instead what I found were two terrific practices that were high tempo, fun for the kids, with a focus on development and learning. It says a lot for a team and their coaches in the midst of a season that has not brought them much luck on the score sheet to show up and practice with such enthusiasm and dedication.

The team with the two wins is the Coastal stars Squirt C team coached by Jack Carrigg, Larry Evans, and Keith Moscow. Carrigg and his staff never let the standings effect how they practice and prepare. Their focus has been and continues to be developing players and keeping the game fun. They know with continued hard work they will get their share of victories.

Well a couple of games ago Carrigg's team notched an impressive victory against their arch rivals, the South Shore Seahawks. And sure enough it was an intense practice dedicated to battling for the puck as crafted by coach Evans that provided the impetus for the Stars to defeat the always tough Seahawks.

The game started with a scoreless first period. The Stars were anchored by a stalwart defensive corp. led by goalie Willie Lunberg. Lunberg who made a number of crucial saves was supported mightily by three solid defensive pairings. Kevin Daugherty and Grahm Schoenman were phenomenal in the eyes of coach Carrigg. The Cohasset tandem of Zach Moscow and Will Evans played unbelievably as they continually broke up Seahawk rushes and assisted forwards in bringing the puck up ice. Christian Terrio and Chris Riley played a solid defensive game and it was their effort to keep the puck in their zone that helped to create a number of offensive opportunities.

Early in the second, having secured the defensive side of the ice, the Stars began their offensive assault. The rugged Marshfield forward Mike Payne started things off by fighting through traffic and getting the puck to his reliable center Kevin O'Connell who roofed the puck by a talented Seahawk goaltender for the game's first goal.

The Stars second goal came midway through the second period as John Carrigg slid a pass to line mate Will Meech who then found a breaking Gordon Smith, who picked his spot and fired the puck home. Tic tack toe, Stars up by two at the end of two.

As the third period got underway it was steady Kevin O'Connell who gave the Stars a little more breathing room as he converted a beautiful pass from line mate and neighbor John Plante. O'Conell's aggressive two way play and his deftness with the puck earned him the game's MVP honors. With two unanswered goals late in the third the Seahawks made it a game.

However, the tenacious play of Geoff Evans, Connor Queenan, and Patrick McPartlin helped seal the deal for the Stars. Coach Carrigg marveled at the dogged play of the Evans, Queenan, and McPartlin line and considered a great back checking play by the always hustling Queenan as emblematic of the unyielding effort put forth by the entire team.

In the locker room after the game Coach Carrigg said it was nice to get a win but if it was all about wins and losses he would have hung it up a long time ago. Coach Carrigg interrupted the team's celebration with a sobering reminder to be ready for practice next week where they will continue to focus on skill development and teamwork.

— Submitted by Peter J. Buckley

SPORTS NOTES

Girls youth lacrosse sign-up extended

Registration for Cohasset's first-ever girls youth lacrosse programs will be extended through February 3. Girls in grade 5-8 are eligible to play for the Cohasset program, which will play in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse Girls league.

The girls will be divided into two teams, with 7th and 8th graders playing on the 14-and-under squad, while 5th and 6th graders will play on the 12-and-under team. Because the program is new, it did not fill all available roster spots during its initial registration day. Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until the rosters are filled.

The girls teams will practice twice each week and play on Sunday afternoons throughout the spring. Once the Cohasset Middle School girls lacrosse team opens its practices, the youth program will scale back the practice schedule for girls in grades 7 and 8.

Registration is $110. To receive forms or get more information, contact youth lacrosse coordinator Chuck Jaffe at 781-383-9858.

Registration for the boys' youth lacrosse program was closed on Jan. 5. All boys hoping to sign up for the spring season will be put on a waiting list in the hope that a roster spot will open up. Contact Jaffe at 781-383-9858 for forms and information.

Middle school gymnasts vault past Thayer

The CMS gymnasts won their first meet of the season against Thayer Academy with a score of 108.40 to 98.20.

On the vault Lisa Spirito took a first-place finish with a 7.80 followed by teammate and captain Kate Carpenter with a 7.70.

Swinging over the bars Lisa Spirito took first with a score of 6.80, second-place Kate Carpenter 6.30, followed by a third-place finish by Caitlin Sanchez with a 6.20.

Cohasset took all three places on the balance beam as well with Lisa Spirito taking in a first with a score of 7.7, second-place Kate Carpenter with a 7.10, followed by Caitlin Sanchez with a 6.60.

Cohasset's Kate Carpenter took second on floor and teammate and captain Allison Krupczak took third with a 7.0.

Teammate Kelsey Bell sat on the sidelines flashing scores due to an injury.

Katharine Murphy, Melissa Crawford, Sheelah Scott, Katie DeWaal, Nikki Dugan and Kate McBride are also a part of the middle school team for the 2001-'02 season.

The team is coached by Ruthann Ardizzoni, director of the gymnastics program at the SSCC. Assisting her are Carolyn Pratt and former Silver Lake star gymnast Lindsay Kay.

The Cohasset Middle School Gymnastics team. Back Row (L-R): Katherine Murphy, Caitlin Sanchez, Kate Carpenter, Sheelah Scott, Kate McBride. Front (L-R): Kate Dewaal, Lisa Spirito, Melissa Crawford, Kelsey Bell.

Captains Alison Kruczak and Kate Carpenter.

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Prospects brighten for grapplers

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The sophomore also clinched the win against Durfee with a pin, rendering moot the match at 145 with Chris McKenna. McKenna, who wrestled up at 154 to get a big win versus Whitman-Hanson, slapped on the pin on his Durfee counterpart for good measure to wrap things up at 43-29.

The match against Whitman-Hanson was the one that really had the team buzzing, though. This was just the third time the Skippers have topped the Panthers in their annual meetings since 1990.

"So many things went our way, and then when we thought we had it," said Sweeney. "But then Terry (Baroudi, in the 137 pound division) got upset by the Whitman-Hanson kid, and it all came down to Ian."

After McKenna's win at 154, Mike Casey (Matt's junior brother) bumped up from 173 to 191 to wrestle the Panthers standout and accomplished his objective of not getting pinned, thus awarding W-H just three points rather than six. This tact was taken because Sweeney felt Cosimo Cambi could bump up from 191 to pin W-H's 217 pound grappler, and the stratagem worked, as Cambi got the putdown and earned a big six points.

Also extremely noteworthy, according to Sweeney, was how tough Adrian Batson wrestled W-H's state title contender Nate Dineen at 173 pounds before being pinned.

John Hussey, weighing in at 205 pounds, bumped from his 217-pound division to heavyweight, and lost on a third period pin to a much larger W-H wrestler.

Freshmen Jonathan Littauer (Dan's little brother) at 105 pounds and Joe Kehoe at 114 earned big wins, as did junior Phil Strazzula at 127. Baroudi, a junior standout, was then shocked at 137, as he was twice caught in a scissors lock and lost on points.

"Terry was the better wrestler there, but he just got caught in a tough hold," asserted Sweeney. "It's just one of those things that happen sometimes in wrestling."

Of course, this set the stage for Hickey to wear the hero's crown.

Jonathan Littauer and Strazzula turned out to be the only triple winners on the day for the Skippers. Among the former's victories was a decision on points over a Wayland junior who finished third at sectionals last spring.

Baroudi rebounded, as expected, to take a couple of pins in his other two matches.

Hickey, McKenna and Kehoe were the only other double winners.

Wrestling Notes

This two-for-three performance, coupled with Wednesday's 49-27 league win over Norwell, gave the Skippers six wins in their last nine matches and raised their overall record on the season to 9-10.

"We've really come on steadily," raved Sweeney. "Hopefully, that's something we can continue to build on right through the end of the season and into sectionals."

Indeed, if the Skippers should have pulled off the win yesterday with Carver, their record in Pilgrim Conference competition would be 6-0, setting up a winner-take-all showdown against Rockland on Saturday at Middleboro High School.

"Rockland presents us with some huge challenges, but we saw (Saturday) that anything can happen," said Sweeney. "If our guys keep wrestling the way they have recently, and we work a break or two, I think it could be a real good match."

Sweeney gives much of the credit for his team's late-season push to his coaches. Peter Buckley has been his tireless and erstwhile assistant since 1988. The team has also been receiving help from Deke Conklin, the former Scituate High head coach and an assistant at Cohasset in 1999 and 2000, and Mr. Littauer.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

COED SWIMMING
Cohasset/Scituate

Jan.
23 lost to Nauset, 62-32
25 lost to Oliver Ames, 87-77
30 at Sandwich

GYMNASTICS
Cohasset/Norwell

22 lost to Marshfield, 126.1-125.7
29 beat Hingham, 130.95-116.95
31 at Duxbury 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

23 beat Norwell, 49-27
26 beat Durfee, 43-29
lost to Wayland, 51-21
beat Whitman-Hanson, 36- 34
30 Carver

GIRLS BASKETBALL

25 lost to Norwell, 62-34
29 lost to Mashpee, 62-47

BOYS BASKETBALL

25 lost to Norwell, 84-55
29 beat Mashpee, 47-41

ICE HOCKEY

23 beat Hanover, 6-5
26 beat Rockland, 6-2
27 beat Mashpee, 9-2
30 Norwe ll

Only half perfect

Kristin Sheerin went to a perfect 7-0 on the season, but her Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics team could not follow suit.

Four-tenths of a point is all that kept the Nor-Coh squad from keeping pace with its star performer, as visiting Marshfield took home the spoils from last Tuesday's showdown at the Cohasset Community Center, 126.1- 125.7.

Sheerin, a Cohasset High senior, took first in the vault (8.7), beam (8.8) and floor (9.1) to beat out Marshfield Julia Wilson for the all-around.

Wilson edged Sheerin in the bars with an 8.7 on her way to a second place finish in the all-around with a score of 33.3.

Hoopsters still clinging to post-season hopes

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affirmed Ford. "We were behind by five, but we never let [the deficit] get to double digits."

Senior captain Pete Maitland scored all of his 12 points in the second half to lead a very balanced scoring attack. Sophomore Chris Bilodeau also threw in 12, while junior Ben Lynner had nine, and senior Matt Bilodeau tallied eight.

Falcons All-star Bill Bellatty did his best to keep his team in it, with a game-high 23 points. He even rattled off four consecutive three-pointers late in the game to keep his team's hopes alive. With little support from his teammates, however, the Skippers were able to salt things away by making their free throws down the stretch.

Mashpee center Tom Dickenson, also a Patriot League All-star from last year, torched Cohasset in their earlier game this year on Dec. 20. He had been kicked off the team for disciplinary reasons, leaving Mashpee without a presence inside, and Bellatty with very limited passing options.

Against Norwell, Cohasset just became another name on the list of schools Norwell has been destroying this year, with the Clippers recording an 84-55 win.

"They are awesome," concluded Ford of the remarkably talented squad. "They are one of the best shooting teams around.

"No matter how hard we played, they could match it," added Cohasset junior Ian Kidder. "They proved that they are a top team."

As is usually the case with Norwell games, junior Gerry Corcoran stole the show, lighting up a career high 42 points. His combination of sweet outside shooting and uncanny ability to post-up smaller guards led the way for a team that collectively shot over sixty percent from the floor.

"(Corcoran) is the best player in our league," said Ford of the player who had been criticized for only being a scoring threat. "He has definitely improved his complete game. You can't stop him."

With their record standing at 5-9 on Friday night, many counted the Skippers a lost cause for the playoffs. But at 6-9 now, they still have an outside chance. They need to steal their next match-up with Abington, then come away with the winnable home games against Norton and Hull, and one more non-league Div. 4 opponent.

Boys hoop Spirit Night

The Cohasset High athletic boosters have scheduled a Spirit Night for tomorrow night's boys basketball game against South Shore League rival Norton.

Any Cohasset student wearing a Cohasset Recreation T-shirt and accompanied by a paying adult will receive free admission.

The junior varsity game is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m., with the varsity tip-off slated for 6:30.

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

Cohasset schools have been so busy and active over the last few months. The construction is moving along very well and the changes are amazing at both the Deer Hill and the Middle/High School. The weather has been rather bizarre but I have a feeling that all those involved in the construction are rather happy with the mild days. Now that we have past the holiday period, I will be getting back on track with the Schools In page. For the February page, please have all information, pictures and event news to me no later than Feb. 22 by noon. This information can come from administrators, staff, parents or even children. We all love to hear, read and see photos of some of the wonderful events and happenings in and around our schools.

Please remember at all three schools that their are definite drop-off, pick up and parking rules in effect. These are put into place for the safety of our children, the smooth and timely manner in which cars and buses can be moved in and out and for adequate parking for all. Nothing makes any one person or car more important than the one in front of or behind it and certainly, *none of us are more important than the safety of our children!* If you choose to drive to any of the schools, *follow all the rules*! The Cohasset police have definitely been making their presence known in random spot checks and I know that none of us want to risk an issue with them because we have chosen to not follow the rules. Really, it is a very simple request.

OSGOOD

The Joseph Osgood School has been very busy with so many wonderful projects, activities and events. Just recently, Mr. Kevin Dykas and his students in kindergarten, second and third grades were able to share with parents, relatives and friends the amazing art of Taebo. It was so fun for us as parents to see what the kids have been talking about(and instructing us) in this fascinating and healthy activity. Thank you Mr. Dykas for keeping our kids active and motivated while in gym class.

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Another recent program at the school was from the PSO Curriculum Enrichment Committee. Kim Canney and Mary Kate McKenna arranged to have noted author/illustrators Betsy and Giulio Maestro to the Osgood School. This wonderful program was enjoyed by all and Mr. Michael Astley has submitted a story for you to read and enjoy about this program.

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All families of the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools are being asked to *not park, pick up or drop off* children behind the Osgood School on Old Pasture Road. The Cohasset police will ticket anyone taking part in this. Believe it or not, numerous complaints have been filed with the police of people dropping off and picking up children right under the sign that says, "No Dropping Off or Picking Up Children!"

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Kindergarten Registration for the 2002-2003 school year is in progress. This ongoing process takes place in the Osgood School office and you will need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate with you. If you have any questions, call 781-383-6117.

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Report Cards will be distributed on Tuesday, Feb. 5 for all Osgood students. Parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled during early release days on Feb. 7 & 14. Make sure to mark these dates on your calendars and if you have not been contacted for a conference, please call your room mother(s) for a date and time.

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The next scheduled PSO meeting for the Osgood School is on Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. This is a wonderful way for all parents to voice their questions, comments or concerns and to hear what is happening in the school. Mothers and/or fathers, please think about attending a meeting and seeing what the PSO is all about. It is definitely a way for you to stay completely connected to all the happenings within the schools.

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The Cohasset PAC (Parents Advisory Council) was recently able to purchase a language package in memory of Barbara McCabe, a special needs teacher who passed away last spring. The Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing assesses phonological awareness, phonological memory and rapid naming. A deficit in one or more of these kinds of phonological processing abilities is viewed as the most common cause of learning disabilities in general and of reading disabilities in particular. In addition, phonological processing abilities also support effective mathematical calculation, listening comprehension and reading comprehension. The CTOPP was developed to aid in the identification of students who may profit from instructional activities to enhance their phonological skills. The Special Education Department was asked to select a program that service providers felt would benefit the school-age children who worked with Barbara McCabe and her skills. This is just a fantastic program that definitely showed parents giving back in the name of a wonderful and special teacher.

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Their is a PAC presentation open to all on Feb. 6 in the Osgood Music Room from 7-9 p.m. Dr. Jerome Shultz, from the Learning Lab at Lesley College will provide this workshop on "Communication and Stress between School and Home."

DEER HILL

Students and Staff at the Deer Hill School have also been hard at work. Every week brings the news of another successful theme, project, field trip or event in all the grades and the children show a great deal of enthusiasm with it all. As stated in the Osgood section, Thursday, Feb 7 and Thursday, Feb. 14 are early release days. If you would like to schedule a conference with any of the staff at the Deer Hill, please make an appointment with that staff person. It is not advisable to try and catch them in the morning before school as they are getting ready for the day ahead or may already have a scheduled conference. Please send a note or call the office at 781-383-6115 to work on an agreeable time for all.

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A helpful reminder was recently sent out for all parents of Deer Hill students about the money being sent in for lunch. Please remind your children that money sent to school for lunch should be used for just that. If you have given them a small amount for a snack, please make sure that they know to eat lunch first. A lunch ticket can be purchased for $22.50 and can only be used for lunches, not snacks.

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A Grade 6 Family Fun Night is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The children took a vote and the pizza/karaoke party was the hands down winner. This is a whole family event and all children need to be accompanied by an adult. If anyone has a karaoke machine that could be borrowed for the evening, please call Diane Shipp at 781-383-9198.

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Looking for a great way for your children to send a heartfelt and meaningful note of thanks, invitation or message to someone? KIDSART is coming to the Deer Hill School in February and it is the answer to the question. Children's designs find special places in the hearts of families and friends. Each student will have an opportunity in art class to design his/her own personalized note cards. These make great thank you notes, birthday cards or invitations, announcements, Mothers Day cards or gifts and more! Deer Hill students will create these works of art in their scheduled art class and bringing the copies of their design home for you as parents to look at and place your orders. A special day will be set aside at the Deer Hill School for families of children of all ages to come and design your own special design. Please read next week's Around Town for the day and time. If you have any questions, call Karen Hurd at 781-383-1827, Karen Oronte at 781-383-6737 or Jen Piepenbrink at 781-383-0143.

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The Deer Hill PSO Web site is now up and running! This site has been a work in progress and due to the hard work of Jackie Fitts, it is finally a reality. Make sure to check it out at www.cohassetpso.org. Also being added to the site this month is the exciting release of a Classified Section open to anyone in town! The Classifieds will be a place for you to offer too-small clothing, sports equipment, furniture and more. All of those yard sale items can now be placed right on this site. So start some early spring cleaning, box up those clothes and sports equipment, clean off that furniture that needs a new home and get ready to go shopping on the Classifieds! Questions, comments and new ideas? Call Jen Piepenbrink at 781-383-0143 or Susan Galligan at 781-383-0765.

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The MCAS Test Schedule for the Deer Hill School is: English Language Arts Composition for Grade 4, April 9, with a makeup date of May 9. All other content areas for Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be May 13-26.. Students who miss tests and makeup tests will receive a grade of "zero." Students who miss tests and make-ups due to illness must provide a note(which must be returned with testing materials) from a physician.

CMHS

Although I don't have much news to report from the Middle/High School, the students have been very busy indeed. I have two items to mention. The gift of giving is still going strong and families of students in the Middle/High School are all asked to donate $5 to the Cohasset Middle/High School book drive. This program is being continued through the end of February and the response has been wonderful. If there are families or students who would like to donate towards a specific book, please contact the people included in this message. A special bookplate will be affixed acknowledging your generous contribution. Please make all checks payable to: Cohasset Middle High School book drive and mail them to 143 Pond Street, Cohasset MA 02025, attn: CHMS/PSO.

If you have any questions, please call Helen Daley, 383-2978, Bernadette Faulkner, 383-6918, Karen Oronte, 383-6737, Sally Fletcher, 383-2344, Nancy Hertig, 383-3214 or Caren Wheelwright at 383-9019. You can also email them at CMHSPSO@hotmail.com This is a much-needed program that really helps at all levels of learning. Art books and resources are also needed and donations can be directed to them as well. Thank you for all your support.

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Cohasset High girls lacrosse and Cohasset Middle School softball are looking for coaches. Call Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

That is it for this month. Please make sure to start submitting your school news, activities, photos, poems and stories about the Cohasset Schools to me no later than Friday, Feb. 22!

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You can also leave items in your school office as long as you contact me ahead of time to pick it up. Thank you for all the support of the Schools In page.

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By Michael Scott Astley
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Watch. As a child picks up a new book, wonder fills eager eyes. The expectation of an opportunity to absorb the tapestry of new ideas and original thoughts captivates. However, this curious magic is, in fact, the culmination of an often tedious and lengthy process firmly rooted within concrete reality.

The reality-based process combines a long series of many distinct steps. Recently, these various steps came to life before the very eyes of Osgood students during a special visit from Betsy and Guilio Maestro. This interesting couple is an accomplished and prolific author and illustrator team. Although their goal is to create exciting and gripping products, the working process is both intensive and laborious. But, it is ultimately a rewarding labor of love.

As inquisitive students fill the Osgood library, the Maestros prepare to deliver a glimpse into their world of research and specialized craft. The creative team proceeds to offer an inspiring demonstrative talk about the process of creating non-fiction children's books.

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Surrounded by many of their published works, the Maestros lay groundwork for the initial conception of a book project. Betsy Maestro explains that developing the subject of a proposed book is merely the beginning of many weeks and even years of work. The subject development phase expands into a major research effort involving the collection of historical detail, visual cues, and related topic information.

Once the subject has been developed through research, however, Betsy Maestro's work is just beginning. Mrs. Maestro must now plan her text. She must take all of the research notes and organize them in such a manner as to present a concise and interesting story. This might involve many consecutive writing drafts. Once she has completed a successful copy that satisfies her careful scrutiny, Mrs. Maestro will send the manuscript off to the publisher in New York.

At the publishing house, Betsy Maestro's manuscript will be read by her editor. The job of the editor is to read the manuscript very critically. The editor looks for all types of errors and even makes creative suggestions and changes. When the manuscript arrives back from the editor, Betsy Maestro will have lots and lots of post-it notes to read. It will take several more weeks to make all of the suggested corrections.

The editorial part of the written process will be repeated again, and sometimes again. Once the written manuscript is finalized, the words which Betsy Maestro has written will be passed to Guilio Maestro, the illustrator. His job is to take those words and design pictures to enhance them. His process will begin with the same type of research material that his wife gathered.

Because the Maestros create non-fiction books, their research must provide them with accurate pieces of information to help them convey actual events in real circumstances. After completing the research for his pictures, Guilio Maestro will create a storyboard with thumbnail drawings for each image to be included. He must then create a working dummy of drawings in book form. There are several different possible formats for presenting these initial sketches. Mr. Maestro will create several more incarnations of the illustrations in progress before making semi-finished artwork to send to his editor in New York.

After several weeks, his art will be returned covered with many notes, just as the writing was. After carefully recreating his illustrations to accommodate the alterations, Guilio Maestro will return new artwork to his editor. This editorial process will continue until both the editor and Mr. Maestro are satisfied with the pictures.

Once all of these steps have been completed, the written words and the drawn illustrations are ready to be combined into the finished book. Large sheets of paper will be printed with many pages appearing on each side. These sheets will be folded and trimmed in such a way that they will form the correct pages of the book. Once this set of pages is stapled, it can be inserted into either a hard or soft binding. After the pages are bound into the cover, the completed book will be ready for distribution to booksellers anywhere.

In the end, when the new book is picked up by a passing child and eager eyes twinkle, the long and exhausting process will be well rewarded. Betsy and Guilio Maestro have created more than 90 books together. Some of the titles include: "The Discovery of the Americas," "The Story of Money," "Snow Day," "How do Apples Grow," and "A Sea Full of Sharks." Their books have been translated into a number of foreign languages.

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Betsy and Guilio Maestro share with Osgood students their craft of writing and illustrating children's books.

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Cohasset Schools Lunch Menu

WEEK OF FEB. 4

MONDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun; or egg salad sandwich, green beans, peaches.
TUESDAY: Chicken nuggets, dinner roll; or seafood pocket, potato wedges, Jello.
WEDNESDAY: Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll; or Greek salad with pita bread, fruit.
THURSDAY: Baked chicken, mashed potato, carrots; or tuna salad plate, pudding.
FRIDAY: Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or fish fillet on a bun, carrot sticks, pears.

WEEK OF FEB. 11

MONDAY: Chicken patty on a bun; or ham and cheese sub, lettuce and tomato, pudding
TUESDAY: Grilled cheese; or tuna pocket, French fries, carrots, brownie.
WEDNESDAY: Pasta with meatballs, garlic bread; or chicken salad roll with tossed salad, pears.
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POLICE / FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, JAN. 13

1:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, arrest: Geraldine O. Kalita, 52, 4 Gannet Rd., North Scituate. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor, operating recklessly so as to endanger, failure to stay within marked lanes, speeding in violation of special regulations.

7:10 a.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen.

8:49 a.m. Stockbridge St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:42 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., wires down.

10:46 a.m. Elm St., notification.

1:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash.

2:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation.

4:30 p.m. South Main St., assist motorist.

5:26 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., Dr., general information.

6:09 p.m. Headquarters, general services.

7:22 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

8:06 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., and North Main St., tree down.

8:19 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:08 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., traffic complaint.

MONDAY, JAN. 14

8:51 a.m. Sohier St., general services.

10:54 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

10:55 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Ln., animal control.

12:55 p.m. King St., animal control.

12:57 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., investigation.

1:43 p.m. King and Sohier sts., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:16 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

4:21 p.m. Nichols Rd., larceny.

6:29 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

10 p.m. Highland Ave., open door/window.

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

1:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

7:53 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

10:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:07 p.m. Nichols Rd., structure fire, extinguished.

5:24 p.m. Somewhere around town, lost property.

6:06 p.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

10:12 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

10:33 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

7:26 a.m. Howard Gleason Rd., vandalism.

8:38 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:17 a.m. Stagecoach Way, fire.

9:30 a.m. Riverview Dr., lost property.

2:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:17 p.m. White Head Rd., structure fire, extinguished.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

1:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, protective custody.

8:32 a.m. North Main St., animal control.

12:46 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:47 p.m. Old Coach Rd., animal control.

2:25 p.m. Hull St., assist other police department.

2:49 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

5:33 p.m. King St., assist motorist.

9 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

1:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

7:21 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:30 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:39 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:41 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:55 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., animal control.

9:28 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:52 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:49 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:46 p.m. Pleasant St., vandalism.

1:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

2:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

4:05 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

5:45 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

5:50 p.m. South Main St., general services.

7:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:41 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:07 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.

10:12 p.m. Beechwood St. and Riverview Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

12:01 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:01 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, arrest: Kimberly Fisher, 23, 5 Harrison Ave., Lakeville. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor, operating recklessly so as to endanger, failure to stay within marked lanes, speeding in violation of special regulations, operating MV without license in possession.

5:11 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:20 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:57 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., officer wanted.

11:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:12 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:15 p.m. Cedar Ledge Village, assist other police dept.

7:07 p.m. Pond St., lost property.

11:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

1:31 a.m. South Main and Summer sts., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:42 a.m. South Main St., animal control.

3:26 a.m. Border St., general services.

4 a.m. Cox estate, general services.

8:45 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

12:51 a.m. Riverview Dr., assist municipal agency, services rendered.

12:53 a.m. Aaron River Rd., assist municipal agency, services rendered.

1:31 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:42 a.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

3:26 a.m. Border St., general services.

4 a.m. Cox Estate, general services.

8:45 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.

11:31 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:50 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

1:52 p.m. Spindrift Lane, general services.

2:07 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

2:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation.

3:15 p.m. King St., medical aid, to hospital.

7:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, to hospital.

7:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:52 p.m. Hull St., well-being check.

9:01 p.m. Highland Court, general services.

9:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:42 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:02 p.m. Tad Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

MONDAY, JAN. 21

2:28 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, investigation.

2:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:58 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:32 p.m. HQ, general services.

8:47 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Forest Ave., public service, other.

8:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

10:01 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle accident.

10:24 p.m. Highland Ave., transport, services rendered.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

9:15 a.m. Old Pasture Rd., traffic complaint.

10:02 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal call or complaint.

10:15 a.m. Atlantic Ave., traffic complaint.

10:40 a.m. Whitney Woods Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

11:22 a.m. Beechwood St., harassing/annoying phone calls.

11:58 a.m. Surry Dr., harassing/annoying phone calls.

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Stairway to 'Havens'

Scituate photographer now showing at conservatory gallery

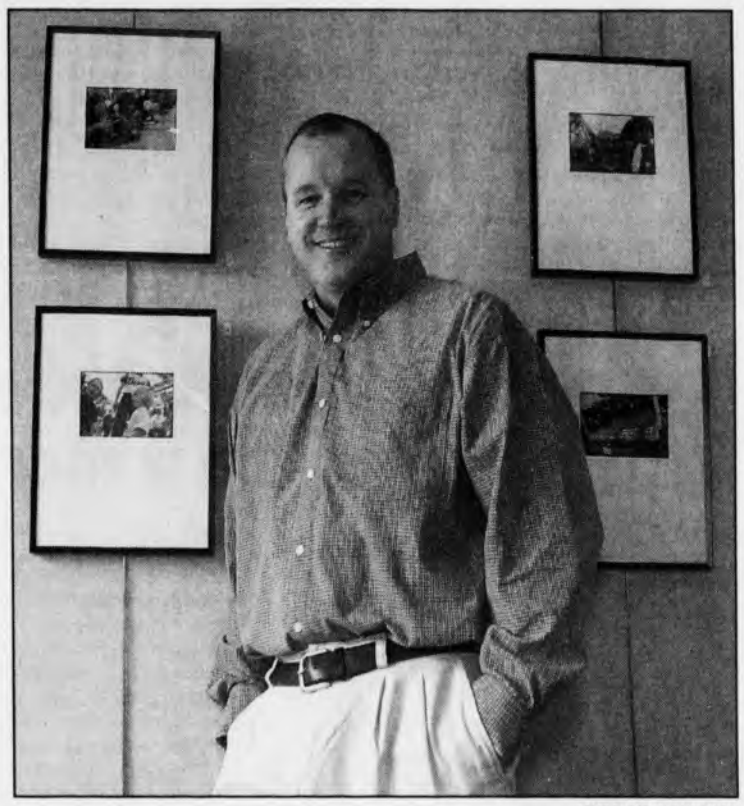
By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

With the body of work before you, I hope to share with you some of the goodness that exists in the world today. The goodness in people. The goodness in places. The goodness in things. Havens."

The closing word of this artist statement by Scituate photographer Tim Ryan is also the title of his long-term project and photo exhibition. "Havens," which Ryan characterizes as a work in progress, is currently on display in the Staircase Gallery at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham through the end of February.

Ryan's concept of "Havens" underscores his show's theme of havens, or refuges, from the variety of uncertain or unsettling aspects of modern life. These include not only the fear or anxiety that might result from strife and disorder as viewed on the daily news but also the relentless rush toward "progress" — business, industrial, and cultural —affecting change for better or worse. Because Ryan began the back in 1997, he stressed that its motif is certainly not just in regard to the international climate since September 11, as timely as it might seem in light of recent events.

"There isn't any strong September 11 angle to this show," said Ryan. "I wouldn't really feel right capitalizing on or referring to that tragedy. The reason I started this body of work in 1997 was simply because I wanted my documentary photography to show some of the goodness that exists in the world and not focus on the bad or the strife. To me, the name 'Havens' represents any person, place or thing that provides safety or sanctuary. So it can be sanctuary from too much change in society, or from the challenges of inner city schools, or inner city life in general, for that matter."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Scituate photographer Tim Ryan stands with some of his work on display through the end of February at the South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery.

The portraits of Scituate attempt to convey what Ryan sees as the town's sanctuary appeal to fishermen and sailors as well as residents and visitors.

Ryan's words might suggest that although his work's theme is of safety and sanctuary, it's not necessarily all rosy. "Havens" is presented in three distinct portions, including segments of photos shot in 1997 at Willauer Middle School, the nationally-known, Outward Bound school located on Thompson Island in Boston Harbor; shots of various travelling summer carnivals around Massachusetts taken in '98; and images and portraits of mostly beach and ocean scenes taken around Scituate in 2001.

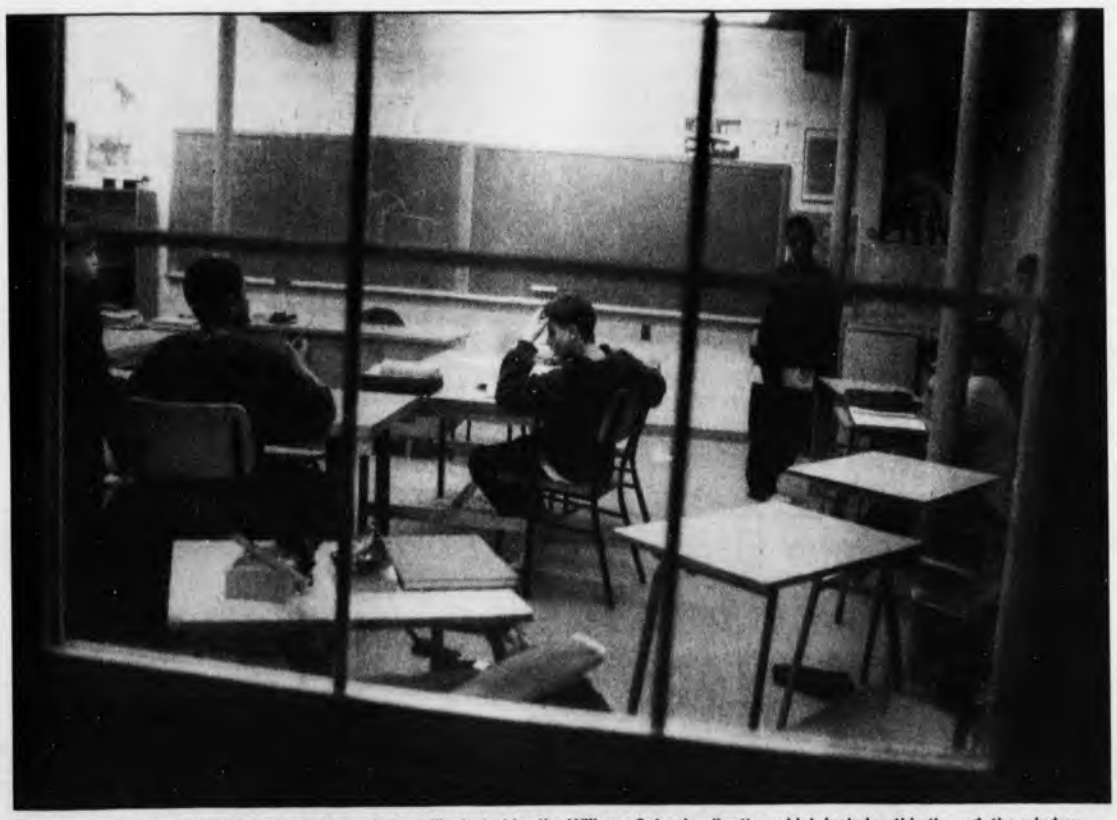
Sanctuary is best illustrated by the Willauer School collection. First, these scenes, showing middle school students in various activities in the school's classrooms, science lab, gymnasium and the end-of-day ferry ride back to Boston, are shot in stark black-and-white, as opposed to the standard color of the rest of the show's photos. Among the most impressive are the angled, through-the-window-panes scenery shot on Thompson Island of "Winter Walk" and the blurry, stop-action figures of two inner-city teenagers named Micheal and Jason playing basketball in the gym of the aptly titled "Joy." Altogether, the images capture what Ryan describes as the different qualities of life on the Island — the hard work, the camaraderie, the optimism, and ultimately, the safety.

The carnival-shot collection is gathered from scenes at recreation parks in Wakefield, North Andover and Dedham of three summers ago. All of the typical images —carousel horses, bright red candy apples, Ferris Wheels — are included and caught in friendly, folksy style, which, Ryan would say, is precisely the point. "I'm most impressed by how carnivals still look the same and have the same appeal now, in this age of the Internet and PlayStation, as they did thirty years ago," Ryan said.

The portraits of Scituate attempt to convey what Ryan sees as the town's sanctuary appeal to fishermen and sailors as well as residents and visitors. Some standouts here include "Lighthouse with Rocks," with the photographer's emphasis on the warm, amber light reflected off the rocks at the foot of Scituate Light, and "Porch and Blue Sky," where the homey quality of the hedge-lined beachside house plays artfully off the blue ocean background.

Ryan, a graduate of Boston's New England School of Photography, worked in the financial business before switching to his current career. He also shoots portraits of weddings, families and high school seniors in addition to his artistic work.

Tim Ryan will show his work through the end of February at The South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery. For more information on the exhibit call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16



Photographer Tim Ryan's notion of sanctuary is best illustrated by the Willauer School collection which includes this through-the window-pane shot of students in a classroom at the Thompson Island school.

The HSO drums up interest in percussion at last year's Discovery Concert.

A twist of the tale

Wolf has his day in court in HSO Discovery Concert

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

For those that have wondered what would happen to the wolf after his unfortunate encounter with Peter, the Hingham Symphony Orchestra will answer that question with performances this weekend of "Peter vs. The Wolf," a courtroom comedy based on the classic Prokofiev symphonic fairy tale.

Both children and adults will love this blend of music, story and comedy, says Nina Wellford, managing director of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra.

"It's very funny and entertaining for children and their parents. It also does a lot toward teaching children about each of the instruments that makes up the symphony. And of course, there's lots of beautiful music as well," she said.

Written By Justin Locke, a Boston-based writer, media producer and former member of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, the story picks up where the classic tale of Peter and the Wolf ends.

The Wolf gets his day in court, defending himself against the charges brought against him and calling each of the orchestra instruments to the stand in order to "cross-examine" them.

This program, which has been delighting family audiences around the world for 15 years, will be performed in New England for the first time in several years.

"This program is unusual in a number of ways," said Locke. "First of all, the bad guy is the star, and unlike most children's programming, the bad guy does most of the teaching. And it is very unusual to have musicians as actors — I still get questions from presenters asking if that will work. But experience has shown that musicians love to ham it up whenever possible," said Locke.

In addition to the comedic aspects of the program, the classic music of Peter and the Wolf will be included, as well as narration from Kaleigh of the PBS kids' show ZOOM, and the regional actors Sarah DeLima, Douglas Trudeau and Jeremy Harrington.

The 65-member Hingham Symphony Orchestra known for most of its 50 years as the Hingham Civic Orchestra and called the HSO since 1997, is really beginning to hit its stride and build a reputation, Wellford said.

After hiring conductor Jin Kim in 1997, the HSO placed a greater emphasis

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HSO conductor Jin Kim

Big Brother is back

60s rockers make tour stop at Company Theatre

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Rock fans and historians remember Big Brother & the Holding Company as one of the flagship bands of San Francisco's late 1960s psychedelic scene, along with the Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane and Quicksilver Messenger Service.

Some also recall Big Brother as Janis Joplin's original band, which she ultimately outgrew and left behind on her way to a legendary and finally tragic solo career. That point may be arguable, but as singer/guitarist and surviving BBHC member Sam Andrew is here to tell, there was and indeed has continued to be life for the semi-famed, Bay Area band both before and after Janis.

Andrew and other original bandmates Peter Albin (vocals, bass), James Gurley (guitar) and Dave Getz (drums) have reunited frequently in the last decade-and-a-half as BBHC for recording and touring dates, when not busy with various musical projects on their own. Currently, the trio of Andrew, Albin and Getz is together once again, and with more recent recruits Lisa Mills (vocals) and Tom Finch (guitar), is playing a series of Northeast winter dates featuring both Big Brother classics and newer material. The group makes a local stop when the band appears in concert at Norwell's Company Theatre on Saturday (Feb. 2) at 8 p.m.

"We've never really gone away for too long," said Andrew. "All of us in Big Brother have been playing around the Bay Area or touring internationally, either in reunions or with other band projects or sitting in with other bands and musicians for club gigs and what-have-you. We've always had various and wide-ranging musical influences for one thing, everything from blues and traditional and progressive jazz to classical and world music, and have pursued those interests with bands both onstage and in the studio. I had a jazz-rock quartet in San Francisco in which I played sax from 1985 to '95. We've all had an experimental bent with our music which I think was evident right from our earliest Big Brother records."

"This current version of Big Brother is one that we're really excited about, Peter (Albin), Dave (Getz) and I. We have a new vocalist, Lisa (Mills), who does sort of step into the Janis (Joplin) role with the band, but coming from Alabama, has a different sort of Southern, soulful style of singing than

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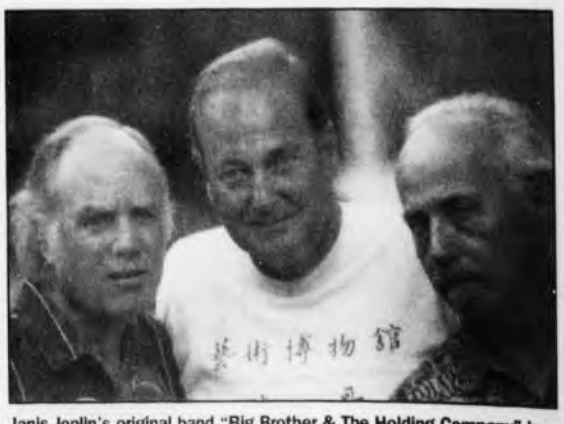

Janis Joplin's original band "Big Brother & The Holding Company" is back together with some new additions. The group will perform at Norwell's Company Theatre Saturday, Feb. 2 at 8 p.m.

Living

Food & dining

Fettuccini Alfredo

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

This classic dish began life in Italy as a simple combination of triple crème and Parmesan tossed with fresh fettuccini. Once it was imported into this country, American chefs began adding an egg yolk as well, perhaps to make up for the lackluster state of American cream. (History books suggest that Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford brought it back from their Roman honeymoon but this version sounds apocryphal – I am sure that plenty of Italian immigrants were serving it on these shores long before Hollywood discovered it.) In any case, bad Fettuccini Alfredo abounds – gloppy, heavy, and indigestible. This is no spa supper but the combination should be rich without being dull and burdensome.

More research into current variations on this recipe turned up other ingredients including chicken stock and butter but I started with a simple recipe of 1 cup heavy cream, 1 egg yolk, Parmesan cheese, and salt and pepper married to one pound of fettuccini. I simmered the heavy cream until it coated a spoon, whisked in the egg yolk, and then added 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese and 1/4 teaspoon salt. I added the cooked pasta and briefly cooked the sauce and pasta together. It was surprisingly good for so little effort but I wanted to test other ingredients as well.

My first discovery was that I preferred this sauce with a bit (three tablespoons) of unsalted butter added along with the heavy cream. Chicken stock fared less well, however, since the flavor was unexpected and it diluted the flavor of the cream. One whole egg instead of just a yolk reduced the color and flavor of the sauce and two yolks made the dish too eggy. I also tried omitting the egg altogether but the sauce was flat tasting. As far as how to add the one egg yolk, I found it best to whisk it into the thickened butter/cream mixture and then simmer it for about a minute or until the sauce is very smooth, glossy, and slightly thicker.

Too much cooking at this point results in scrambled eggs. The best way to manage the timing of this process is to prepare the cream and butter and hold it until the pasta is almost ready. Now whisk in the yolk and add the drained pasta to the skillet as soon as possible. For the cheese, the 1/3 cup of Parmesan I started with was just right – it added flavor without overpowering the other delicate ingredients.

Traditionally, this dish is served with fresh egg pasta cut into fettuccine. (Fresh pasta absorbs a cream sauce better than dried; extruded pastas shapes tend to trap too much sauce in each bite, making the combination a bit too rich for most folks.) This is why I preferred using store-bought fresh pasta to dry pasta since it does absorb the sauce better.

To finish, I seasoned each portion with a healthy dose of freshly ground black pepper. I was also happy to grate a hint of nutmeg over each portion. Fresh herbs tasted out of place in this dish unless I was using the sauce to dress something besides fettuccini. (Se variation below.)

FETTUCCINE ALFREDO IN 10 MINUTES

This dish was invented by Alfredo di Lelio as a restorative for his wife after she gave birth. Who else but the Italians or French would consider cream and cheese a restorative?

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 cup heavy cream
1 1/2 teaspoons table salt for the pasta plus 1/4 teaspoon for the sauce
1 pound fettuccini, fresh preferred
1 large egg yolk
1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese plus additional cheese for serving
Freshly ground black pepper
Freshly grated nutmeg (optional)

1. Place a large pot of water to boil over high heat. Place the butter and cream in a skillet large enough to hold the sauce and cooked pasta over medium heat and bring to a simmer and then cook until thickened enough to heavily coat the back of a spoon. (At this point you may turn off the heat and hold the cream mixture to wait for the pasta if necessary.)

2. When the water is boiling, add the 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and pasta and cook to within 2 minutes of package directions. Place the cream over low heat (or lower the heat if the cream has been continually cooking) and whisk in the egg yolk. Once incorporated gently simmer until the sauce is thick, smooth and shiny, about 1 minute. Add the Parmesan and 1/4 teaspoon salt and whisk to combine until smooth, about 30 seconds. Taste for seasoning and add additional salt if necessary. Drain pasta (it should be toothsome, not flabby), add to skillet, and toss to combine. Serve immediately with additional freshly grated Parmesan cheese, freshly ground black pepper and a grating of fresh nutmeg if desired.

Serves 4 to 6

FRESH SAGE AND TORTELLINI VARIATION

Add 2 teaspoons fresh sage to the heavy cream and butter before it thickens. Substitute tortellini for the fettuccini.

A twist of the tale

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on professionalism and building a strong core of musicians, according to Wellford, who said that every year, the HSO gets better and better.

"We're known as one of the best regional orchestras around," said Wellford. "Many of the musicians who leave the HSO go on to large, well-known orchestras. We've had some of the best," she said. Some former HSO musicians have gone on to play for the Paris Opera, the Israeli Symphony and the Chicago Symphony, to name a few.

Wellford said the HSO is more than just a performing orchestra — they also consider themselves a teaching orchestra.

"We give our members a lot of exposure and plenty of opportunities to play. They work hard, but the reward is that they come out of a season a better musician," she said.

The orchestra is made up mostly of students of music from area colleges and universities. The orchestra also has eight volunteer spaces, very highly coveted and sought after by area residents who are expert musicians.

Those spots have gone in the past to music teachers, recent music school graduates, or even the lay person who has kept up with their art over the years.

"Volunteers are very appreciative of the time they get to play with the HSO, the coaching they receive, and the opportunity to play with a full orchestra," said Wellford

Welland said the HSO draws listeners from all over the South Shore.

"Our audience is made up of people who love orchestra music. We're another layer for people who love the Boston Symphony Orchestra. We don't claim to be the BSO, but our audience is growing in leaps and bounds," she said. Wellford said she has even had people tell her they're giving up their BSO subscription in exchange for a HSO series.

"It's quite a compliment," she said.

The HSO's $220,000 budget is funded mainly through state grants, individual donors, businesses and foundations, including the Wilder Foundation of Hingham, one of the HSO's largest contributors. Wellford said this year's Discovery Concerts are dedicated to the Wilder Foundation.

The HSO has several performances each year from October through May, including Summer Pops performances, a chamber series and their Discovery Concerts. This weekend's performances will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 2 and 3 at Weymouth High School. The high school is located at 360 Pleasant Street. An instrument showcase follows the program. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for youths ages 5 to 18 and $5 for children under 5. For more information, call 781-740-5694.

Big Brother is back

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Janis, who was from Texas. And there's our current guitarist, Tom (Finch), who has heard Eddie Van Halen and the other heavy metal players and all the guitar gymnastics, and brings those more contemporary influences to our sound. It's like the real mother's milk with those young muscles brought in to help out and bring us up to date," Andrew said.

Guitarist Finch appeared with Big Brother on the band's first all-new studio album in many years, Do What You Love, released on an independent label in 1998. Along with BBHC's four original albums released on Columbia Records during Janis' late-60s stay, including the infamous 1968 semi-live set Cheap Thrills, the last decade or so has seen a slew of first-time disc releases capturing the legendary psych-jamming club and ballroom shows of the original band's heyday - even one called Cheaper Thrills - plus another reunion outing under the name Big Brother and the Holding Company and Friends released in the mid 90s.

Despite BBHC's success in carrying on in recent years, Andrew always remembers how central Joplin was as dynamic frontperson of the classic-era band. Recalling his close personal and professional relationship with the late singer, Andrew said he essentially thinks about his friend and former bandmate every day. The guitarist offers this memory of Janis on his band website at www.bbhc.com.

"Her voice was high and edgy like the scratching of an old Victrola spinning out a Bessie Smith tune. She seemed to be on fast forward, with very quick reflexes. She understood the blues tradition intellectually and she had absorbed the blues feeling by osmosis growing up in Texas. Janis had a very authentic sound to her voice that was naturally there."

Many of the classic songs delivered by that voice, including "Piece of My Heart," "Summertime," "Me and Bobby McGee" and others, will be heard in Saturday's show.

Witness the wonders of the winter garden

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Part 2

The spellbinding beauty of a winter wonderland quickly melted before our eyes this past week as mild temperatures and balmy breezes kindled spring fever throughout our region. The crystalline blanket of snow that covered our gardens only a week before became a distant memory as the warmth of the afternoon sun created an irresistible urge to stroll through the garden searching for signs of springtime.

During the latter half of each January, Mother Nature customarily teases us with a momentary glimpse of spring. The January thaw, which tends to follow a period of frigid weather, offers hope and promise to gardeners who yearn for the rebirth of their landscapes all winter long. Despite a remarkably mild winter thus far, this annual warming trend gives our spirits a boost as gardeners everywhere begin to envision their gardens in bloom once again. Wintry weather is likely to return, but the realization that spring will eventually appear in all its grandeur makes these temporary relapses bearable.

As I observed my own plantings during this past week of weather contrasts, I took a number of photographs to document my own landscape as it appeared in the dead of winter. Each spring, we can enjoy nature's beauty with the greening of the landscape and the flowering of native trees and plants. Gardeners further enhance this kaleidoscope by adding trees, shrubs and flowers to their gardens to provide glorious color from spring through fall. The winter landscape, however, tends to be forgotten when planning the overall design and yet, this is the time when we most need color.

The garden in January need not be a bare, lifeless, desolate patch of brown earth. After many years of planting, this realization led me to begin the search for small trees and shrubs to incorporate into the perennial border that provided multiple seasons of interest. Perennials that demonstrated evergreen foliage or attractive seedpods during the winter season likewise became a high priority. Groupings of these plants offer patches of texture and color that are a welcome sight during the dormant winter months.

Although most homeowners recognize the value of evergreen trees and shrubs as an integral part of their foundation plantings, we often neglect this feature when designing our gardens. Plantings of different colored evergreens including varied tones of green, blue, yellow and copper enhance every landscape. The ability to blend, contrast and repeat textures, using smooth, shiny foliages with the coarser textures of needled evergreens further strengthens the overall design.

Prior to the melting of the snow, I noted several evergreen shrubs that were particularly captivating against the sparkling white background. Along my back walkway, the attractive, variegated foliage of Daphne 'Carol Mackie' lingers during this moderate winter season. This small, handsome, semi-evergreen shrub will offer the additional reward of remarkably fragrant, pink and white flower clusters in late spring. Set against the backdrop of a stately, deep green, 'Fernspray' Chamaecyparis and the pristine snow cover, the effect was particularly eye-catching.

Beneath the pendulous branches of a magnificent weeping Katsura tree, the dramatic foliage of Euonymus 'Moonshadow' glowed in the slanted rays of the afternoon sunlight above the blanket of glimmering snow. The stunning yellow leaves bordered in deep green make a bold statement in all seasons. Its cousins, E. 'Emerald Gaiety' and E. 'Emerald and Gold' become tinged with mauve pink tones during the winter months providing an attractive complement to the bronze-colored leaves of PJM Rhododendron and the red, arching branches and glossy, burgundy-tinted leaves of Leucothoe.

Equally striking in color contrast, the stiff, pointed leaves of Yucca 'Golden Sword' provide a sensational focal point in the dormant landscape. The erect, yellow and green rosette is set against a deep green background hedge of a particularly hardy boxwood, Buxus 'Vardar Valley', which has yet to show evidence of winterburn in the many years that it has accented my front walkway. A fabulous clump of maiden grass, Miscanthus 'Morning Light', completes the small planting that greets visitors at the base of my walkway and contributes color, sound, texture and motion in all seasons.

A longtime, personal favorite, the brilliant red twigs of the variegated red-twigged dogwood, Cornus alba 'Elegantissima', are electrifying during the dormant winter months against an evergreen background, a blanket of snow, a white fence or in a foundation planting. The glorious, green and white leaves brighten a lightly shaded corner during the growing season or this adaptable shrub can serve as a focal point in a moisture-retentive sunny locale. Equally pleasing are the bright golden branches of the variegated, yellow-twigged dogwood. As the branches of these vigorous shrubs mature, the older bark tends to lose its vibrancy and a major renewal pruning in early spring is recommended to rejuvenate and promote new growth that will demonstrate the fabulous winter color in late autumn.

As the shadows lengthened and the temperatures dropped, I paused to take one last photo of the brilliant red fruits still clinging to the thorny branches of the barberries, Berberis 'Rosy Glow'. Although barberries have been targeted as one of our invasive species, I still consider them to be worthy additions to the landscape for the handsome burgundy foliage offered by many cultivars during the growing season and their colorful berries that persist through the winter months. Take time to enjoy the sights, sounds and beauty of the winter landscape.

For Your Health

JORDAN HOSPITAL offers free physicals, including breast and cervical screening services for eligible, uninsured and underinsured women over the age of 18. These free services include mammograms, clinical breast exams, Pap test, physical exams, and health education are offered to income-eligible women in Massachusetts through the Women's Health Network Program. Screenings by appointment. For more information or to enroll in the program, contact JordanCall at 800-750-5343.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, 1495 Hancock Street, Quincy, will offer a course in **Adult CPR,** on Feb. 5 This course will teach you rescue breathing, first aid for choking and CPR for victims over 8 years of age. 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is $50

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL OFFERS HAND SCREENING, Jan. 31; If you hands hurt, look or feel different, are weak, or just don't work well, register now to attend a hand screening at South Shore Hospital on Friday, Jan. 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. Joseph Lenehan, MD, a board-certified plastic surgeon and hand specialist, will conduct examinations for carpal tunnel syndrome and similar repetitive-motion injuries and also screen for other common hand conditions. The screening is free but appointments are required and space is limited. Call 781-340-8140 to register or for more information.

MEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP AT JORDAN HOSPITAL offers free physicals, including cardiovascular disease and prostate cancer screenings and support groups to men who are 18 years of age or older, and are uninsured or underinsured. These free health screening services include a Prostate Specific Antigen Test and a Digital Rectal Exam for men over age 50, or for African-American men and those with a family history of prostate cancer who are over age 40.

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DOO-WOPP HALL OF FAME OF AMERICA The Second Annual Doo-Wopp Hall of Fame of America" concert and induction, honoring The Five Keys, The Moonglows, The Harptones, the Shirelles, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, the G-Clefs, Arnie "Woo-Woo" Ginsberg, and Skippy White at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, March 29, 8 p.m. tickets $59, $51.50, $41.50 (special VIP reception $159) Box ofice 617-266-1200, or Ticketmaster outlets 617-931-2000. VIP reception reservations only call 978-256-6472.

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE in Braintree will present the production of a musical fable **"Once Upon a Mattress"** directed by Martha Sawyer. Production dates are March 14, 15, 16, Sunday, the 17, and 20, 21, 22, and Sunday, the 23. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sundays at 7 p.m. Call and reserve tickets 781-356-5113, leave message. Tickets are $14 the CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

SOUTH SHORE MEN OF HARMONY will offer **"Singing Valentines,"** on Sunday, Feb. 10, from noon to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. or Thursday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A barbershop quartet will be sent in appropriate costume, to anywhere on the South Shore, search out the person, sing "Heart of My Heart I love You" and "I Love You Truly," present a long-stemmed rose, a lovely valentine card naming the sender and a Polaroid picture. Available for $40. To place an order or for more details call Bill Fitzgerald 781-337-0227 or Pete Fitzgerald 781-341-1688.

GUNNAR AND MATTHEW NELSON IN CONCERT TRIBUTE TO THEIR FATHER at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Gunnar and Matthew Nelson and their band will perform a live concert tribute to the music of their father, Ricky Nelson, as well as their own top-10 songs for two shows, Feb. 17, at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $29 in advance and $32 day of the show. A limited number of VIP tickets at $55 for the 7 p.m. show, which includes the best seats and a reception with Gunnar and Matthew Nelson. Purchase tickets at the box office or call 781-871-2787 or www.companytheatre.com .

VALENTINE'S DAY GALA with the **Plymouth Philharmonic** The Sheraton Plymouth's Valentine's Day Gala will feature a full night of dinner and dancing, with music by The Plymouth Philharmonic Swing Orchestra on Valentine's Day, Thursday, Feb. 14. Cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. with an acoustic guitar playing jazz and classical music. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the main ballroom, as guests are serenaded by a jazz duet of guitar and saxophone. After dinner George J. Sharr and the Plymouth Philharmonic Symphony Swing Orchestra will play the night away. The price for dinner and dancing is $139 per couple. Or a couple can enjoy dinner, dancing and overnight accommodations for $219. For reservations and more information call 508-747-4900.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY presents **Madama Butterfly** at the **Metropolitan Opera**. A day trip to New York sponsored by South Shore Conservatory. Leave the Ellison Center in Duxbury at 6:30 a.m. with optional 7 a.m. boarding at Rockland commuter parking lot (Rt. 3/Exit 14). Brunch at Tavern on the Green, followed by 1:30 p.m. matinee performance (seats in the balance orchestra). Box suppers for return trip. Cost: $250 per person included opera ticket, transportation, brunch and box supper. Call Laura Carleton at South Shore conservatory, 781-934-2731, ext. 14 to reserve.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC PRESENTS "A SYMPHONIC VALENTINE" CONCERT held on Feb. 9, and 10. Both performances are in the Duxbury High School auditorium; the Feb. 9 concert begins at 8 p.m. and Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $28, $25, and $20. Senior and youth discounts are available. Also, $5 student "Rush" tickets are sold at the door one hour before performance time. For information call 508-746-8008.

ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

BROADWAY IN BOSTON presents **THE GRADUATE** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

BEST BET

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Thurs. 31

The Fuller Art Museum will feature photographs by **Max Belcher** from Liberia and the Dominican Republic now until March 31. The museum is open Tuesday - Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admissions $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, and free for children under age 18. For more information call 508-588-6000 or www.fullermuseum.org

Fri. 1

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center will host a show of arts and oil paintings by local artist **Sally Dean** during the month of February. The show "Something for Everyone" will be on view from Feb. 1 through 28. There will be an opening reception open to the public on Friday, Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for further information

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Barbara Swanson** will exhibit her painting for the month of February at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad street, Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402

The Fuller Museum of Art seeks vendors for its **Fifth Annual African Festival and Marketplace** which will take place Feb. 23. The African Festival is a celebration of the contributions of Africans and African-Americans to the arts, and features a day of music, drama, art activities and lectures. The African Marketplace consists of 10 to 15 vendors selling handcrafted or imported Afrocentric items. No novelty items are accepted. Interested individuals in applying for a vendor booth should send a letter describing their items/artwork as well of photographs. Items should sell for $30 or less. Applications that are late or do not include photographs will not be considered. Send applications to African Festival and Marketplace, Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street, Brockton, MA 02301/

Braintree Art Association member **Eddy Brown** will be displaying her paintings for the month of February at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree.

The Soprano's Last Supper an interactive dinner theatre show based on the smash HBO televisions series, "The Soprano's" re-enacts the life story of an Italian-American family who is in the mob. The show opens Feb. 1, at the **Tremont Playhouse**, 275 Tremont Street in Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are $49 per person for dinner and the show. For tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

South Shore Folk Music Club will present **Jez Lowe** at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Tickets are $10/members $12/non-members. For information call 781-871-1052.

Sheraton Inn in Plymouth will offer **Spa Wellness Weekends** on the first weekend of each month. The weekend package beginning Feb. 1 to 3, will include two nights at the Sheraton Plymouth, instruction in yoga, a complimentary massage for each participant, meditation, foot reflexology, Reiki healing, and weight control through healthy eating and balanced exercise. Maureen Spencer, R.N., M. Ed, will direct the workshops on holistic wellness. Also included in the weekend package will be three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, all from a special spa menu, the cost of the weekend is $349/single, $549/couple. For information call 508-747-4900.

The James Library and Center for Arts presents "Something for Everyone," a show of decorative arts and paintings by local artist **Sally Dean** Feb. 1 to 28. An opening reception for the public will be held on Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 781-659-7100.

Sat. 2

Duxbury Art Association's Winter Juried Show Benefit Opening reception Feb.2, at the Art Complex Museum, 64 St. George St., Duxbury, from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibition showcases artwork in all mediums by more than 100 New England artists. Ticket donation $40 includes hors d'oeuvres, music by pianist, Tom Boyer, and a cash bar. Call 781-734-2731 ext. 4 or www-duxburyart.org

Big Brother & The Holding Company, Janis Joplin's original

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Celtic harpist Aine Minogue will perform at the Thomas Crane Public Library, Quincy Square on Feb. 3 at 2 p.m.

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band, along with veteran vocalist, **Lisa Mills** will be making a rare area appearance with a stop at The Company Theatre in Norwell on Feb. 2. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $27 for general admission, and $50 for VIP tickets, which include reserved seats and a reception with the performers.

North River Arts Society invites the public to view its **15th Annual Members Show**, Feb. 2 through 10 Saturday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at NRAS headquarters, The G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills. For more information call 781-837-8091 or www.northriverarts@rcn.com

Cambridge Society for Early Music, "Chamber Music by Candlelight: series presenting "German Music from the 17th and 18th Centuries," Feb. 2, at 4 p.m. at the First Parish Church, Tremont St., (Rt. 3A) in Duxbury. For more information call 617-489-2062.

The Hingham Symphony Discovery Concerts, Feb. 2 and 3 at 3 p.m., Weymouth High School, 360 Pleasant Street Campus. **Peter vs. the Wolf** - music by Prokofiev, story by Locke - a witty musical courtroom comedy that highlights instruments of the orchestra. Instrument showcase follows the program. $15 adults; $10 youth (age 5 to 18); $5 under age 5. Call 781-740-5694.

The Solid Gold Oldies Show at the **Quincy Dinner Theater**, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. Musical review featuring songs of the 50s and 60s. Feb. 2, 9, 10, 14, 16. Thurs. Fri., Sat., dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30; Sun. matinee, dinner at 2 show at 3:30 p.m. Charge $37.50 for dinner and show. Wheelchair accessible. For reservations, call 781-843-5862.

Sun. 3

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South Shore Baseball Club will offer **"Girls Night Out"** starting Feb. 3 and continuing Sunday nights excluding Easter (March 31) through April 14 at its Holbrook facility. Girls of all ages are invited as long as they are SSBC members. Lectures, clinics and softball drills will be offered under the guidance of coach Kate Daley. Sessions will be 5 t 8 p.m. **Softball Pitching Clinics:** The second of three one-hour softball pitching sessions (five consecutive Sunday mornings at 9, 10, 11, and 12) offered. The remaining session will be mar. 17 through April 21. (Pitchers must provide their own catchers).

Quincy Symphony Orchestra will present the third concert of its 48th season on Feb. 3, at 2:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of the North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock St., Quincy. Single tickets, available at the door, are $12 for adults, $8 for students and seniors. Admission for a child 12 and under, accompanied by an adult $5.

Tribute to Jacqueline Kennedy, Feb. 3, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Join historian, Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., former dean of the White House Press Corps., Helen Thomas, Irish novelist Edna O'Brien, Pulitzer-Prize winning Boston Globe Columnist Ellen Goodman, and Tiffany & Co. Design Director John Loring, as they discuss the life and legacy of Jacqueline Kennedy. Free to the public. For forum reservations, call 617-929-4571. This forum is being held in conjunction with the exhibition: Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years - Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum now being presented through Feb. 28.

Taber Concert Series presents **"An Afternoon of Chamber Music"** Feb. 3, at 3 p.m. at the East Congregational Church, 610 Adams Street, Milton. Admission is $10 per ticket $8 students and seniors. Reception immediately following concert handicap accessible. For information call 617-698-0270.

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Wed. 6

Boston Poetry Slam, The Cantab Lounge, 738 Massachusetts Ave,. Central Sq., Cambridge, Feb. 6,. **Rashida**, performance poet and publisher, with two books. Last 8 x 8 slam in a series. At 8 p.m, open mike; 9:30 p.m. feature; 10:30 p.m. slam $3. All ages welcome, but everyone must have a photo ID Hosted by Michael Brown, Valerie Lawson and Craig Nelson. 8 x 8 slams.

Forbidden Hollywood Feb. 6 to 10. Hot on the heels of its long-running predecessor "Forbidden Broadway," the national tour of **Forbidden Hollywood** comes to the **Company Theatre** in Norwell for seven shows. With pacing as furious as "Forbidden Broadway," **Forbidden Hollywood** cuts through Hollywood's bombast with surgical precision, musically lampooning films like "Saving Pvt. Ryan" "Braveheart" "Forrest Gump" and stars like Matt Damon, Keanue Reeves and Tom Hanks. Where else can you hear "Pulp Fictions" John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson kidding their screen persona with a wickedly funny "Make Em Bleed" (from "Singing in the Rain's" "Make Em Laugh"). Tickets are priced as follows Feb. 6, 7, 10, $25/$27 and Feb. 8 and 9 $27/$29. Tickets and information available at box office at 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787.

North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Science Center and Massachusetts Audubon Society presents **The Life of a Horseshoe Crab,** Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Science Center in Norwell. Naturalist Jackie Sones, from the Massachusetts. Audubon Society will present a program on Horseshoe Crabs (Limulus polyphemus) covering their anatomy, biology, behavior and importance in scientific research. Jackie has spent the last 10 years as a naturalist on Cape Cod where the horseshoe crabs can be found in every bay and marsh. Her unique experience, which she will share with us, includes raising the crabs from eggs to adulthood. Admission is free.Call the South Shore Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Massachusetts Audubon Society at 781-837-9400 for more information.

The Speech Company is offering workshops in **"ten steps for effective speaking"** and **"being more effective communicator"** on Feb. 6, and Feb. 20, at the Stratis Business Center in Hingham from 7 to 9 p.m. These workshops are designed to improve your communication skills in front of groups and on-on-one. We will show you 10 easy steps for more effective communication skills. Audi-visual feedback is available on a personal request during the class. Enrollment is limited to 12. Sign up for both and you will receive a discount and be eligible to win a free consulting prize. For information call 781-749-7895 or www.thespeechcompany.com

Thurs. 7

Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center presents **The Magic of Machu Picchu:** A Healing Evening with Romulo Lizarraga, Feb. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. $22. The center is located at 45 Pond Street, Norwell. Call 781-982-1616 for reservations.

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"Spiked Tea," by Keith Archer
The North River Arts Society invites the public to view its 15th Annual Members Show, Feb. 2 through 10 Saturday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at NRAS headquarters, The G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills. A gala opening party will be held Friday, Feb. 1 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 781-837-8091 or www.northriverarts@rcn.com

Blue Hills Ski Area to host a Four-Event Pro/Am Snowboard Series to be held four Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 24, and will give some of the area's top pros an opportunity to show off their talents as well as provide anyone who wants to give it a go, a chance to see how they measure up. There are two age divisions for Amateur riders along with a men and women's pro division. Registration will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. each night with the contest always beginning at 7 p.m. Entry fees will be $15 for amateurs and $30 for pros. The fee includes a lift ticket. Half of the entry goes towards prize money. Live music will be provided for the last two events. Other dates are Feb. 7, 21, and March 7.

Fri. 8

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, Feb. 8, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission $5 SSSmembers, $8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org.

Sophisticated Singles Valentine Ball, Feb. 8, from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. Sheraton Tara Hotel, Forbes Rd,. Braintree, Exit 6, Rte. 37, off Rte. 128. Dance music by Brian Milligan, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. Ties and jackets required. Admittance $20 or $15 by prepaying by calling 781-446-0234; tuxedos admitted free. A non-smoking event. Sponsored by the Singles Executives Club and the New England Association of Single.

The Milton Players will perform the American classic **"To Kill a Mockingbird"** evening performances on Feb. 8, 9, 15, and 16 begin at 8 p.m. Friday evenings are reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. The Saturday matinee is at 2 p.m. on Feb. 9. Performances are at the Milton Woman's Club, 90 Reedsdale Rd., (Rt. 28) in Milton. To order tickets call 617-698-SHOW or wwwmiltonplayers.org

Notre Dame Academy Drama Club to host **"An Evening of One-Acts"** Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. Notre Dame Academy, Cardinal Cusing Auditorium, 1073 Main St., Hingham. $5 per person.

Maria's Bachelorette Party, the original interactive dinner theatre show, a spoof on an **"Italian Bridal Shower"** has been extended Fridays at **The Tremont Playhouse**, 275 Tremont Street, Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40.95, includes dinner and show. Call 1-800-944-5639 for tickets.

Ongoing Events

Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our nonprofit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers"; Those who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women who choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. Come join us! The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

Snow Tubing at Blue Hills Ski Area will have yet another new adventure for winter enthusiasts this coming season. With a new infinite snowboarding park already set, the management of Blue Hills Ski Area announce plans for a new **snow tubing park.** Snow tubing is a no-skills way to get out on the slopes. Specially groomed walls and a stopping area will keep tubers safely inside the slick chute and insure a nice easy end to a wild and fun ride. Tubers will also be able to enjoy the ride back up the hill as they're whisked away by handle tow, while seated comfortably on their tube. Two hours of sliding and careening will cost $14.

Oil Paintings by Hull artist Claire Gamble – including a piece that memorializes the Sept. 11 tragedy – are featured in the windows of **Brewed Awakenings**, 19 Main St., Hingham Square throughout the month of January, courtesy of **Artful Things Gallery** in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-6595 or www.artfulthings.com

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery in Hingham features **"Havens,"** a photographic exhibition by Scituate artist **Tim Ryan,** from January through the end of February. Admission is free. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16

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"Peter vs. the Wolf" The Hingham Symphony Orchestra's Discovery Concert will be performed Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 2 and 3 at 3 p.m., Weymouth High School, 360 Pleasant Street Th music by Prokoflev, story by Locke, "Peter vs. The Wolf," is a witty musical courtroom comedy that highlights instruments of the orchestra. Instrument showcase follows the program. $15 adults; $10 youth (age 5 to 18); $5 under age 5. Call 781-740-5694.

Calendar

JANUARY 31- FEBRUARY 8, 2002

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The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery located at the corner of School and Summer Streets in Bridgewater will exhibit the work of members of **the Portuguese-American Artist Association**, Jan. 14 through Feb. 8. A non-profit art association whose mission is to showcase the creative and visual talents of the Portuguese-American community, the work is diverse, ranging from abstract art to printmaking to ceramic sculpture. All of the artists are of Portuguese-American descent. For information call 508-531-1359.

Boston Harbor Hotel announced it will host the **13th Annual Boston Wine Festival.** The series which will kickoff Jan. 11, and continue through April 5, will include a number of events such as educational seminars, charity affairs, the battle of the cabernets, and wine and food pairing dinners that have become the signature of the festival. Chef Daniel Bruce will produce menus to be paired with some very special and rare wines. Come hear the wine makers tell their tales and showcase their talents. More than 50 events are scheduled, including: seminars, vertical tastings, dinner dances and celebrity guests. There will be 50 wines showcased throughout this year's festival. For more information call 617-439-7000.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury, will present recent works, watercolors and collages by Lexington artist, **Gracia Dayton** from Jan. 4 though Feb. 28. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-934-2721.

James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, will host a show of recent oil painting and watercolors by local artist **Jeff Bellerose** during the month of January. The show, entitled, "Vista" will be on view from Jan. 4 through Jan. 31. For more information call, 781-659-7100.

South Shore Art Center January Watercolor Wakeup Water colorist **Mary Lizotte** will present a five-week special workshop beginning Jan. 4, through Feb. 1. The class will include study in composition, shapes, scale, washes, line and texture choices. Tuition $170 ($150 for SSAC members) Call 781-383-2787 for more information.

Weymouth Art Association's artist of the month, Isabel Shamitz, will exhibit her paintings at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513.

The South Shore Science Center announces **Patterns, Outdoors, and Beyond,** a photography exhibit by retired Hingham physician, **Dick Norton,** in the Vine Hall Gallery, from now until Jan. 28. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Duxbury Art Association and sponsored by Longwood Partners, LP Investment Partnership, Will Robinson's **Lost in Space** opens in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts now and continues through Feb. 1. The show included 40 works done in classes entitled "Draw-Paint-Explore!" classes taught by DAA faculty member Willard Robinson. The exhibition is open to the public.

The Scituate Arts Association is featuring the works of gallery artists from now through Feb. 3. On display will be original works in a variety of media, many of which will be priced below $150 All proceeds benefit Scituate Arts Association.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum - Featured among the more than 70 original costumes and accessories worn by Jacqueline Kennedy are the two outfits she wore to the Christmas receptions for White House staff. The White House years – Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum now being presented through Feb. 28. Tickets are $15 for adults $13 for seniors and students, and $8 for children ages 13-17, and include admission to the Museum's permanent exhibition on President John F. Kennedy. For information call 617-695-2JFK. Reservations recommended for weekends.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

Tours to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call 617-479-8500 ext. 135-1.

Special Olympics Offers Free Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Courses Offered for Adults with Developmental Disabilities held at New England Village located on Route 27 in Pembroke. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Classes include Basic First Aide II, Clay Sculpture, Bicycle Safety, Restaurant Etiquette and an Acting Workshop. To register or for more information call Lisa Drennan at (781) 293-5461 ext. 119. Power Wheelchairs Available. The Senior Wheels USA Program makes power electric wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 years. old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost if you qualify. Available for those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair. If your need is for use in your home, call for more information at 800-246-6010.

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Pamela Hoss, Self-portrait charcoal on paper
Talented artists from metropolitan Boston will be exhibiting in "On Their Own," three individual shows from Feb. 3 through April 28 at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury. Pamela Hoss' works in charcoal or pencil on paper the figure (using herself as model) are on display from Feb. 3 through March 3. An opening reception will be held Sunday, Feb. 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Duxbury Art Association's Winter Juried Show will run from Feb. 3 to April 28. A Benefit Opening reception will be held Feb.2, at the Art Complex Museum, 64 St. George St., Duxbury, from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibition showcases artwork in all mediums by more than 100 New England artists. Ticket donation $40 includes hors d'oeuvres, music by pianist, Tom Boyer, and a cash bar. Call 781-734-2731 ext. 4 or wwwduxburyart.org

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

The moon enters Virgo at 3:40 a.m., remaining there today and tomorrow. This Mercury-ruled moon may intensify the retrograde action of Mercury, generating unexpected obstacles, reversals, mechanical or electrical breakdowns. Making important decisions or signing contracts are definitely off limits. On the other hand, this period is prime for developing study or research projects or for making repairs or renovations. Mars and Neptune align at 12:00 p.m. A lunar contact to Saturn at 4:33 p.m. may bring a lull period, when energy is deflated. Plan a quiet evening.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

A 90-degree alignment of the moon and Pluto at 6:46 a.m. may spark emotional thunderstorms. Avoid getting caught up in morning hassles or the blues. At this time the moon becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. No major planetary activity occurs. Take advantage of this period and get work projects, especially jobs you have been putting off, out of the way. You can be most productive. Clean out drawers and closets, get rid of items that are cluttering up your life. Zero in on diets and self-improvement programs. Take better care of yourself.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2002

The first half of February is prime for finishing old business, making repairs or renovations. It is a time for focusing on your inner, spiritual life rather than trying to forge ahead in your external, professional world. After the new moon on February 12, however, influences begin to turn around; on February 15 the green light for new starts goes on. Today a Libra moon and Venus/Pluto alignment places the spotlight on partnership matters. Influences are ideal for repairing relationships that have broken down, healing old wounds. A lunar opposition to Mars may spark romantic fireworks this evening.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

A Libra moon continues to generate a social mood. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can be productive. Zero in on creative projects. Beautify your surroundings; purchase flowers, plants, decorative items for your home. At 7:45 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive for the remainder of the evening. Break away from old routines and be more adventurous this evening.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

At 5:35 a.m. the moon enters Scorpio, remaining there for the next 2 1/2 days. Others may be pensive, moody, difficult to please. Don't make waves. This day is ideal for tackling projects that have been problematic and left hanging. You can work out the glitches and find solutions. Take extra quiet time out for yourself; pursue activities that help you to relax and unwind.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today as well. Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agen da. Clean and reorganize; repair, repaint, remodel. The moon travels in Scorpio, and the sun prepares to align with Pluto. This combination is prime for making changes, transformations on an inner, personal level. Get back on track with programs to help you break bad habits. Let go of situations or relationships that are not working; find a new course of action for yourself. Look within for answers; open your heart to higher visions.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

The Scorpio moon aligns with Mercury at 9:02 a.m. and becomes inactive. A Sagittarius moon takes over at 10:21 a.m., generating a lighter, brighter mood. The sun forms a harmonious 60-degree contact to Pluto at 9:42 p.m., continuing to highlight personal transformations and projects that need redoing or renewal. Read yesterday's advice.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

The combination of a Sagittarius moon and applying Venus/Uranus alignment makes this a wonderful day for vacationing. People will be cheerful and outgoing. If you are working, it may be difficult to settle down to practical matters and easy to overlook important details. Be careful not to go to extremes between 3:54-6:54 p.m., when the moon and Pluto align. The remainder of the evening rates high for relaxing and enjoying favorite friends, leisure activities.

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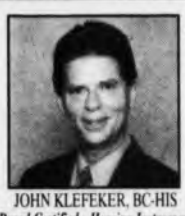
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N. Cohasset could be put on town water

Could be part of deal to sell to Mass-American

By Mary Ford and Evan Schiff
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As part of its negotiations with Mass-American Water Company that is seeking to purchase 500,000 gallons of water a day from Cohasset — the Water Department has put acquiring North Cohasset on the table.

Mass-American that serves Hingham, Hull and about 320 households in North Cohasset would like to buy water from Cohasset to ensure there is enough water for the burgeoning new development in its service area. However, Mass-American customers pay among the highest water rates in the country. So the Cohasset Water Department is looking into what it would cost to bring North Cohasset into the Cohasset municipal system, chairman John K. McNabb Jr. said. A move that would no doubt would be popular with those in that part of town.

The Water Commission laid out several Town Meeting warrant articles before selectmen Tuesday that would set the stage for an agreement to sell water to Mass-American, a

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Donald Ivas, the new administrative director of the Social Service League, stands outside St. Stephen's Church where the league's offices are located.

League introduces new director

By Evan Schiff
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"The best part of this job is knowing at the end of the day that something I did perhaps helped someone in a small way."
— Donald Ivas, administrative director

For more than 90 years the Social Service League of Cohasset has been a staple of the community. It traditionally has concentrated on helping elders in town and although the league still intends to help senior citizens — new Administrative Director Donald Ivas wants to breathe new life into the organization by branching out.

"We'd like to get involved with the youth and enriching the community," Ivas said. "We're not going to just focus on the elderly."

Ivas is the first paid administrative director in the league's lengthy history. President of the Board of Directors Motoko Deane said the board was looking to go in a different direction.

"We wanted to get more focused as an organization," Deane said. "We wanted a director who could tighten up the league and provide some administrative direction."

Deane said the board has become younger over the years and felt the seniors are well serviced by various groups in the town and wanted to expand. Ivas's outlook was the perfect match.

"He is a great fit because he has experience working with teens as a guidance counselor," Deane said. "He is also a licensed social worker and is very enthusiastic about the job."

Deane said his salary will be paid from private donations and revenue from the consignment shop, which the league operates in Tedeschi Plaza on Rt. 3A.

"We are planning on holding fund-raisers in the future to generate some more money," she said.

While Ivas has only been on the job for three weeks he has been

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Library gets grant early

By Evan Schiff
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While recent headlines have painted a bleak financial picture across the South Shore, there is some positive economic news for Cohasset.

The state Board of Library Commissioners notified Cohasset that the town of Acushnet has provided written notification that it will not be able to accept its provisional grant award. The amount of the Acushnet grant would have been approximately $1.6 million and with the availability of the funds, the board is expected to award the money to Cohasset, which is number one on the waiting list at its meeting this week. Cohasset stands to receive $1.5 million.

At special Town Meeting in November, the library trustees asked residents to appropriate $1.5 million toward the library project and said they would pay for the interest on the loan — about $60,000 a year, until the grant became available. At the time, the trustees said Cohasset was first on the waiting list for the state grant and would receive the money. Still, with the current worries over the reimbursement of the School Building Assistance program, the grant comes as a breath of fresh air and is earlier than expected.

"We promised the town that we would pay the interest on the loan and we thought we'd be paying for at least three years," said Paul Pratt Library trustees chairman Patience Towle.

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Schools are part of a high-tech world

By Mary Ford
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Ken Cisneros used to take a skeleton out of the closet to talk about anatomy to his seventh-grade science classes. But today the only skeletons in his closet are old computers and his classroom has expanded to include his colleagues.

School technology has quietly revolutionized education. Cohasset is no exception as the town and schools have made technology education—whose primary component is the world of computers but also includes video equipment and digital cameras — a priority.

"Our students are living it and it behooves the school staff to use technology as part of their educational strategy."
— Supt. Edward Malvey

"It's an absolute must is a quality district," said Supt. Edward Malvey about incorporating technology into the classroom. "Our students are living it and it behooves the school staff to use technology as part of their educational strategy."

As the school department technology director, Cisneros talks in the language of gigabytes and megabytes while at the same time explaining to his fellow teachers in plain English computers will make their lives easier.

Schoolchildren for the most part are computer savvy, he says. They are likely to have computers at home and have definitely become the offspring of the technological age.

But just as some people had to be dragged kicking and screaming into automobiles at the turn of the last century — the computer, which is every bit as revolutionary, can be daunting to those who grew up with the comfort of a typewriter.

"My biggest complaint from teachers is 'I don't have time to do that…'," Cisneros says about teachers learning to use the computer as a tool.

The approach today is not so much the technology, he says, but the philosophy that computers aren't adding something to what busy teachers are already doing, but will actually make their jobs easier.

Cohasset taxpayers have supported technology in the schools through their pocketbooks by appropriating more than $450,000 over the past four years. The technology plan for the schools took root in 1997-1998 with wiring for the middle-high school and Deer Hill, the initiation of staff development, and making the new

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Technology teacher Lisa Kalapinski works with fifth-graders in the computer lab at the Deer Hill School. In front are Emma Astley and Megan Parnell.

New light could prevent crashes

Beechwood signal might be changed

By Evan Schiff
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A five-tiered traffic light may be the relief that Cohasset's most dangerous intersection needs.

Representatives from the MassHighway Department listened to concerns expressed by selectmen Tuesday about the dangers of the intersection at Route 3A and Beechwood.

"We've got a problem, you are the ones who control it, and we want it fixed," said Selectman Michael Sullivan.

The consensus among selectmen was what was needed was a turning lane to alleviate the problem of vehicles being broad-sided while turning left onto Beechwood from 3A.

"We don't jump at every request just because a community feels an intersection is dangerous."
— Bernard McCourt, MassHighway

However Bernard McCourt, the representative from Mass Highway, said the statistics do not support the claim that the intersection is that bad.

"We don't jump at every request just because a community feels an intersection is dangerous," he said. "We have thousands of intersection dubbed 'hazardous' and this does not come close to that."

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Harbor Committee, 7 p.m.. Feb. 12
Library Trustees, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 13 at the Paul Pratt Library
Library Building Committee, 9:30 a.m., Feb. 20, at the Paul Pratt Library
Community Preservation Committee, 7 p.m., Feb. 11
Open Space Committee, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 7
Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 20
Committee on Town History, 7:30 p.m., March 4 at the Lothrop House
All meetings at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Cemetery office

Selectmen thanked Glenn Pratt, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, for orchestrating the new cemetery office at the DPW building off Cedar Street. Pratt donated the materials for the project.

"This beautiful space will provide a more professional setting for the DPW to conduct cemetery business," Town Manager Mark Haddad stated. "Cohasset is fortunate to have an individual like yourself willing to give unselfishly to the town."

For information on burial options or to set up an appointment at the new office, call 781-383-0273.

Parking violations

Town Manager Mark Haddad asked police to increase enforcement of parking violations in and around the harbor area. He said the selectmen's office has received several complaints about vehicles parking on the sidewalk along Border Street forcing pedestrians into the street.

"I would ask that you monitor this situation and report back to me on the enforcement of parking violations on Border Street," Haddad wrote to Police Chief Brian Noonan.

Reached by telephone Sgt. Robert Jackson said an e-mail message went out to all police officers regarding enforcement in the area. He explained there is a rolling sidewalk along Border Street that has no curb and is delineated with a white line. Some motorists park so far over they completely obstruct the sidewalk making it impossible for pedestrians or a wheelchair to pass by. Officers can use their discretion if a motor vehicle is just a couple of inches over the line, he said.

Hazardous trees

Tree warden Andy Swanson is recommending the town remove five dead Norway maple trees on Short Street.

In a letter to Town Manager Mark Haddad, Swanson stated the town does not have the equipment to cut down trees of this size and there was no line item in the budget to hire an outside contractor for the job. The electric company won't help because there are no wires in the trees, he said.

Swanson contacted Stoughton-based Maltby & Co., which has done work for the town in the past, which estimated removing the trees would cost $2,600, not including a police detail.

Haddad sent the request on to the Advisory Committee.

Town Meeting change proposed

Town Meeting voters will have the chance to change the date of Town Meeting that is normally schedule for the last weekend in March. The by-law amendment that would require a 2/3 vote would state: "On or before Dec. 1 of the preceding year, the Board of Selectmen shall set a date for the following year's Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting shall be on a Saturday commencing at 10 a.m. in either March or April of any year."

Where to file jet noise complaints

Town Manager Mark Haddad said residents can file noise complaints about air traffic with Massport Director Thomas J. Klinton, Jr., One Harbor Drive, Suite 200S, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. (Telephone, 617-561-1600).

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed asked his fellow board members to read recent noise complaints he received. Plans are to make the matter an agenda item at an upcoming meeting.

Pleasant Street fence dispute

Mary Bohmer of Pleasant Street was back before selectmen last week complaining that the board had done nothing about an ongoing fence dispute she has with a neighbor. Bohmer claims the town allowed the construction of her next-door neighbor's fence on her property.

Town Manager Mark Haddad subsequently talked with Ted Purdy (Bohmer's neighbor) and building inspector Bob Egan. Egan reviewed the matter and said the fence is clearly on Purdy's property with the exception of the font post that is exactly on the property line but leans toward Bohmer's property.

"Mr. Purdy has informed me he will straighten out the fence to resolve the issue," Haddad stated in his weekly report to selectmen.

Bohmer told selectmen last week she had hired an attorney to look into the matter.

Field trips go ahead

At last month's School Committee meeting, board members approved two field trips for Cohasset's High School. Although there was concern over security and insurance issues, the board granted approval for a Music Department trip to New York and a Science Department trip to Coast Rica.

In the fall of last year, after Sept. 11, the School Committee was reluctant to grant permission for the field trips and asked both departments to come back after the new year. The consensus of the board was that it was now safe to travel.

The music trip will be from April 26-28 and will take the high school band and chorus to New York for a Creative Arts Workshop Showcase.

The group will attend a Broadway Show and compete is various showcases.

Although final figures are not definite, the anticipated cost will be about $350 a person not including meals and spending money.

The more elaborate trip to Costa Rica will be a nine-day trek over the students' April break.

The trip begins in the La Selva Biological Research Station which is home to 420 species of birds and 120 species of mammals in a tropical rainforest.

Students will hike through various indigenous reserves learning about the culture and customs of the locals. The group will also spend a day of white-water rafting on the Pacuare River which is described as the most scenic and famous rivers in the country.

"These both sound like wonderful trips," said chairman Stephanie Noble.

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Sun. 10	9:56	10.1	3:36	10:34	8.9	4:19
Mon. 11	10:39	10.2	4:21	11:13	9.1	4:59
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Town and schools use teamwork on budget

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Maybe it's the tough financial times, or maybe it's the teamwork displayed by the Patriots, but whatever it is, the schools have decided to go with the town manager's recommended budget increase of 6 percent.

Initially, the school department sought a budget hike of about 11 percent — or $1.1 million over last year — but Town Manager Mark Haddad's asked the School Committee and superintendent to set their sights lower.

"In the spirit of cooperation we had to stretch our budget to make it work," Supt. Edward Malvey said.

The School Committee was expected to approve the budget at a public hearing last night (Wednesday) after the Mariner went to press.

School officials have emphasized classroom size as one of their concerns in light of increasing enrollment, and the budget includes three new teaching positions.

"As a parent, and one who is studying education, I felt classroom size was the number one priority and the committee agreed," said School Committee chairman Stephanie Noble.

"In the spirit of cooperation we had to stretch our budget to make it work,"
— Supt. Edward Malvey

With the 6 percent increase ($600,000 over last year's budget) — $410,500 is tied up in existing salaries. That leaves the schools with an additional $189,500 to work with. Of that, approximately two-thirds will be used for salaries for the three new teachers (two for the Middle/High School and one for the Deer Hill School).

Other areas receiving money from the remainder of the budget increase include the technology department which will receive almost $5,000 to be used for network support and $10,000 will be slated to prepare for the high school re-accreditation process, which will begin next year.

As has been practice in prior years, $100,000 of the school department budget will not be funded until the fall special Town Meeting. Haddad said there are still a lot of variables to be figured out such as the amount of state aid the town will receive and the total enrollment of the school for next year.

"Nine-months is just too far ahead to determine final financial numbers," he said. "We'll have a clearer picture in the fall."

Malvey stressed even with a lower budget than preferred, the school system is still going to provide the same level of education that has been a hallmark of the school system. He said items such as additional personnel, additional clerical support, equipment needs, instructional supplies and supplementary supplies took a hit in the reduced budget but the schools will operate smoothly without them.

Malvey said the main reason the committee decided to go with a lower proposed budget than it wanted was the current economic times and the possible delay of reimbursement of the town's $40 million school renovation projects through the state School Building Assistance program. If the SBAB reimbursment is delayed it could add approximately $875 to the average taxpayer's bill for several years.

Haddad said he is very appreciative with the way the School Committee handled the budget.

Fictional portrayal offends mother visiting Osgood

By Mary Ford
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When "Sgt. D" takes over the microphone to make announcements to start the day at the Osgood School the pupils and staff usually find it an enjoyable experience.

Physical Education teacher Kevin Dykas has occasionally pinch-hit for the principal and guidance counselor on the microphone over the past year and has developed a "voice" that he uses for his fictional characters like Sgt. D. According to Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan – Dykas uses the same "voice" for all of his characters.

But Friday morning, Claudia Quigley was waiting in the school lobby with her five-year-old son when Dykas's "voice" came over the public address system. Dykas was portraying "Bubba Smith," a fictional brother of New England Patriots' running back Antoine Smith to gear the kids up for Super Bowl Sunday.

But to Quigley – who submitted a lengthy letter to the School Committee that is printed on page 6 – the "imitation" that she said was replete with poor diction and grammar was not funny at all. In fact, the portrayal which she interpreted was that of "a dumb black person" displayed the worst in racial stereotypes.

Quigley and her husband Andrew Quigley, who did not hear Dykas, both relayed their dismay to Sheehan and the School Committee. The Quigleys' son is not a student at the school but goes there for special services.

However, Sheehan who is nonplused by the accusations, says Mrs. Quigley was alone in what she heard.

"There isn't anyone I've discussed this with who sees it that way," Sheehan said about Mrs. Quigley's allegations of racism.

Dykas said he tries to spice up the morning PA announcements with his characters and uses the same "low voice" for all of them. He said he thought of "Bubba Smith" on the spur of the moment and didn't choose Drew Bledsoe or Tom Brady because they were so familiar.

"I wanted something different that would make the kids think a little more," he said. Dykas said the entire monologue lasted about 10 seconds and said something to the effect, "boys and girls I've come a long way to visit you and I have to head back to New Orleans, so be sure to root for the Patriots."

Dykas said he did not use bad grammar or slang or say anything that would be offensive to anyone.

"I'm in total shock," he said about the Quigleys' reaction. Far from being a racist, Dykas says he embraces diversity. For example, he works with the METCO program and Breakfast Club in the mornings before school organizing physical education activities to get the two groups together. METCO kids, who come from Boston, are there early and the Breakfast Club is for children whose parents leave for work before school starts.

School Committee Chairman Stephanie Noble said Dykas was not capable of racist behavior and was outraged by the Quigleys' letter.

"Everyone has a right to their opinion," she said. "But we all need to stop for a minute and not think about what is politically correct but what we know in our hearts to be true.

"Mr. Dykas is not capable of that kind of behavior he is accused of and I stand behind him 100 percent."

Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey said he had not seen the letter but understood what happened involved a parent who walked into the school and overheard something that has been done a number of times as a "spoof" and took the matter completely out of context.

"I view it as an overreaction to a spoof – to role playing – after walking into a situation," he said. "We're not going to close down shop because one person has a reaction."

The Quigleys suggest the School Committee contact the Anti-Defamation League to conduct a training session for all school staff.

Sheehan, the principal, said teachers have had training in multi-culturalism and diversity awareness but would "always be willing to grow in that area in a positive direction."

"But I think this is something that has gotten out of hand and the accusations are very offensive to us," she said.

Restating the CMHS mission

By Evan Schiff
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It is in front of every student's agenda book and will be laminated and posted in every classroom once construction is completed at the school. The statement will be widely displayed in order to communicate the message to the students.

"We were trying to capture what the school represents."
— Maura Devin, committee chairman

And why not? After all, a mission statement is supposed to inspire, enlighten and guide those people it speaks to.

"It's important the students really understand what we're trying to accomplish with the mission statement," said teacher Maura Devin, who chaired the committee made of parents, students, and administration and faculty members.

"The changes were minor this year," Devin said. "We are continually trying to perfect the statement."

The process began three years ago in anticipation of the reaccreditation process run by the New England Association of Secondary Schools. The NEASS "strongly suggested" that the school solidify its philosophy in a mission statement.

Changes to the mission statement include the revising the phrase, providing moral education for the students, to the students being given the opportunity to practice respect and responsibility. Devin said students objected to the word "morally" because they felt the school should not be concerned with their moral development. The committee agreed and felt "respect and responsibility" was more appropriate.

The second change re-worded the first sentence of the statement. Originally, the sentence read, "…school is to provide educational experiences that prepare the students academically, physically and emotionally." Devin explained the committee thought it was more effective to put the most important aspect last. Academically now appears after physically and emotionally.

"We were trying to capture what the school represents," she said. "It was quite a challenge."

Devin presented the update to the School Committee last month along with fellow teacher Marie Schleiff.

School Committee member Pat Martin, said she is pleased with the way the statement looks.

"It is tremendous you got such input from both students and teachers," she said. "It really is a statement that people feel is fantastic."

The mission statement committee brainstormed for a few months before trying to revise the statement. Devin said the process was a lengthy one because the committee wanted to ensure it sent the right message.

Devin said current curriculum in the school is driven by the statement.

"It's important the students really understand what we're trying to accomplish with the mission statement," she said.

Text of CMHS mission statement

"As we enter the twenty-first century, the Mission of the Cohasset Middle-High School is to provide educational experiences that prepare students physically, emotionally and academically. Our mission is to help students develop an ability to think critically and creatively while investigating the past, examining the present, and preparing for the challenging future. Students are given the opportunity to form personal goals, to practice respect and responsibility, and to view learning as a lifelong process. Our small size enables students, faculty, parents, and community members to become partners in creating a nurturing environment in which students can achieve a strong sense of self and can involve themselves in diverse learning experiences."

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Eric Moore receives Gold Key honors at Boston College

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SUPER PATRIOTS!

Hello, Cohasset. The cold weather is here and it feels almost good to me, at least a little more seasonal. Now, bring on some snow! Congratulations go out from Cohasset to the New England Patriots! What a great game and a wonderful Super Bowl. Although Monday brought about some rather, tired people, it was well worth it for all.

GOLD KEY HONOR SOCIETY

Meg and Bob Moore of Sohier Street, are a pair of super proud parents who have some wonderful news to share with us. Their son, **Eric,** has been invited to be inducted into the Gold Key International Honor Society that recognizes college seniors with a record of academic excellence. Eric, a marketing major, attends Boston College where he has been named to the dean's list every semester. A ceremony for those being honored is planned for later this month. Eric's brother **Travis** is a sophomore at Bryant College where he was named to the dean's list this past term. And **Jason**, a senior at CHS, is in the process of applying to colleges. Congratulations to all of you!

DAFFODIL DAYS

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days are coming and volunteers are being sought. If you are able to come forward as a volunteer as a sales coordinator for your town or business, or to work in the office in March to map out driving routes, or to help make deliveries the week of April 1, you are needed! If you want to volunteer or order a bouquet of daffodils for $6, call the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880 and press 3 for ext. 243. Orders must be placed by March 15.

ORGAN CONCERT

This Sunday, Feb. 10 is the Cohasset's Second Congregational Church's Organ Concert at 3 p.m. This event is to celebrate the arrival of their new state-of-the-art digital organ and will be played by **Roger Mansen**, a professional organist from Concord, Mass. Roger will showcase the organ's capabilities with a selection of music from spiritual to pop. The concert is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 781-383-0345

Stephanie Perkinson has been named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth for having a gpa of 3.2 or higher for the fall 2001 semester. Stephanie is majoring in textile design.

DEAN'S LIST

Roger Williams University announces dean's list for the fall 2001 semester. **Jared Ford** of Rustic Drive and **Carolyn Pratt** of King Street were both named to this list with GPAs of 3.4 or higher.

Susan D. Thompson and **Amy Weidenbach** have been named to the dean's list at Emmanuel College for the fall semester. Both ladies had to earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher to achieve this distinction.

Congratulations to all of the students who are working so hard to achieve these many honors. Whether in grade school, college or pre-school, we certainly want to hear about all our children's achievements. Keep passing along the information to me as I love to hear and spread the good news.

CALLING CLASS OF 1982

Anyone out there from the CHS Class of 1982? If so, then this message is for you. A meeting is happening this Sunday, Feb. 10 to discuss and help plan the upcoming 20th Reunion. If you are interested in helping or know of any classmates who may be, please call **Marcy Brown Fleming** at 781-585-9913.

SPIRIT NIGHT

The High School Basketball Team is hosting a Spirit Night this Friday at Cohasset Middle/High School at 6:30 p.m. The team will be playing against Carver and have asked that anyone out there who can come to show spirit and support for the team do so. Any student who comes wearing a recreation T-shirt will be admitted free as long as they are with a paying adult.

A 50/50 raffle will be held and a yummy, concession stand will be open to satisfy those rumbling tummies of all. Come on out and cheer this team onto victory!

VALENTINE'S TEA

The Senior Valentine's Tea is being held this Friday, Feb. 8 from 1-3 p.m. and is being held at the South Shore Community Center.

The PSO Community Relations Committee is sponsoring a bake drive on Feb. 7 where all delicious baked goods may be dropped off at a table in the Osgood main entrance. If your child has helped with the goodie, feel free to enclose a special note and/or picture with the treat. This is a wonderful way for the town to show support for our Seniors and to include our children in the act of giving. So bring out the measuring cups, mixing bowls and flour and share your love and caring with others. It is greatly appreciated by all.

UMASS HONOR

Naomi Ansbergs, Class of 2000 and attending UMass Amherst was recently asked to join Alpha Lamda Delta because of her hard work and honors that she has received. Naomi's family is extremely proud of her as they well should be and we would love to hear more about this young lady.

PARENTS OF TEENS

The Social Service League of Cohasset is offering a support group for parents of teens that are experiencing turbulent times in their lives. The group would provide the opportunity for parents to share their concerns about teen lifestyles and experimentation that may present symptoms of stress and anxiety in the lives of parents.

The confidential support program affords parents the opportunity to share their concerns and explore options to deal with this issue. The discussion is facilitated by a licensed clinical social worker and examines the input from all those with concerns.

This support group is strictly confidential and held every other Monday from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Space is limited to 10. If you are interested, please call 781-383-0771.

PIANIST PERFORMS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now it its 11th year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting pianist **Paul Carlson** in a recital on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. Dr. Carlson, a graduate of Boston University, is an expert in the music and performance style of Debussy. Other areas of his expertise and interest include the music of pianists active during the several decades before World War I. Recent premiers by Carlson include works by Native Massachusetts composers John McDonald and Hayg Boyadjian. An experienced recitalist, Carlson has performed widely in the Boston area, maintains a large teaching studio in Arlington, and has taught at Gordon College and the Tanglewood Institute.

Another important feature of the recital is that it is to be the first performance played on the church's newly-refurbished 1906 Steinway grand piano, recently rebuilt by **Brian Grinrod** of New Hampshire.

A free-will offering will be taken. Also, there will be a reception following the concert. For more information, call 781-383-1083.

That is all the news for this week. Make sure to pass on all information to me in one of the following ways.

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(Make sure to leave a DETAILED message with your name and phone number if I have any questions. If your news does not appear in that particular week's column, please call back with the information again as every now and then, I erase instead of save, YIKES!)

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Have a Great Week.

GOOD FRIENDS

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Louise Ward and Betty Maree enjoy a recent holiday program at the Senior Center. Friday from 1-3 p.m., a special Valentine's Tea for our senior citizens is planned at the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St. For information, call 781-383-9112.

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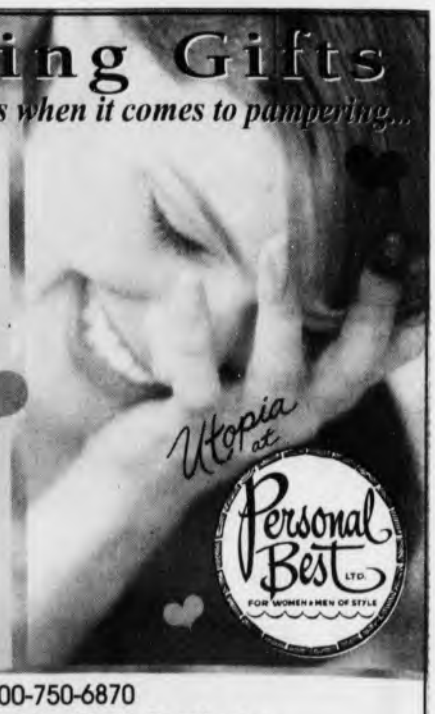

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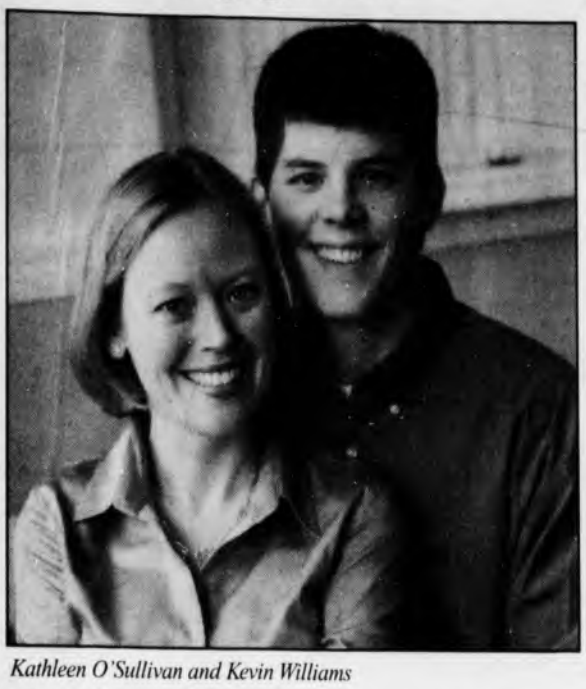

Kathleen O'Sullivan and Kevin Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah F. O'Sullivan of Cohasset are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to Mr. Kevin Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams of Amherst.

Miss O'Sullivan is a 1993 graduate of Cohasset High School and a 1997 graduate of Brown University. She currently resides in Boston and is a reporter for Inc. Magazine.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Boston College and is senior account at The Parthenon Group in Boston.

A September 2002 wedding is planned.

Relay kick-off is Feb. 12

In anticipation of the American Cancer Society's sixth annual Relay For Life in Cohasset, the volunteer planning committee is hosting a kick-off on Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at P.J.'s Country House, 227 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Route 3A in Scituate. Area residents hoping to start a relay team for the first time or just interested in learning more about Relay For Life are encouraged to join this informational session from 6-7 p.m. Veteran team members are welcome to join at 7 p.m. The kickoff is an opportunity to hear about last year's results, preview this year's event and receive team captain packets and materials. Hors d'ouvres will be served and there will be a cash bar.

For more information, contact Event Chair, Gordon Behrer at 617-770-7989 or email him at gcbehrer@aol.com; or Mary Shepherd at the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880 and press 3 for Ext. 229.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18 at Cohasset High School. Relay For Life is the cancer society's signature activity taking place in more than 3,000 communities nationwide.

When you're good at striking out

Local woman is top bowler

By Evan Schiff
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The Patriots aren't the only athletes in the state that are number one.

Florence Stanford, 100 Pond St., was named the top women's senior ten-pin bowler in Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Women's Bowling Association last month.

Stanford, whose average is 143, was taken aback by the honor.

"This was a complete surprise," she said. "I never expected something like this would happen to me."

Stanford said she competes in two or three tournaments a year and has never finished in first place before. However, at a recent tournament in Brockton which she won — she was hitting on all cylinders.

"I bowled my highest game of my life," she said. "It was definitely unexpected."

Stanford, who is 71-years-old, bowled a 201 at the tournament to cement her position as the state's top senior bowler. The tournament was the lone qualifier for the distinction.

As a reward for the honor, Stanford will fly to Reno in April where she'll compete in the national tournament representing this state. She also received a check for about $300 and will get a T-shirt and pin when she is honored at a luncheon in Fitchburg later this year.

Stanford started bowling 20 years ago after her sister introduced her to the sport. She used to bowl at Wonderbowl in Quincy, but now is in a competitive league and bowls every Wednesday morning at Boston Bowl in Dorchester.

"I love going there to meet with the girls," she said. "We call it our therapy."

Stanford, who bowls with a 10-pound ball, said she enjoys bowling for the social aspects as much as the athletic ones. She said the secret to her success is the support she receives from her friends and the fact she doesn't take bowling too seriously.

"There's usually a lot of talking and horsing around there," she said. "We're all really supportive of one another."

STAFF PHOTO/ ALAN CHAPMAN

Florence Stanford is the top female, senior bowler in the state.

Stanford, who has lived in Cohasset for the past 40 years, has 10 children and 23 grandchildren. She said most of her relatives live in the area and have been extremely happy about her success.

"They called and said how proud they were of me," she said.

Her daughter, Florence O'Brien, said she is so excited for her mother.

"We're all so absolutely thrilled for her," she said. "We're trying to get her as ecstatic about this recognition as we are."

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The goal of this workshop is to develop a community consensus on streetscape improvement elements such as the choice of sidewalk materials and ornamental light fixtures. Physical examples of different styles will be on display, and representatives of The Cecil Group will give a pictorial presentation of design alternatives implemented by communities throughout the region.

This workshop is held in partnership between the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation and the Town of Cohasset Village Revitalization Task Force.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanks, Pats

On Sunday, the Patriots restored our faith in some of the most enduring values — playing hard, playing fair, sticking to it when the odds are against you, and working together as a team. And, oh yeah, staying humble on the meteoric rise to sports greatness, something that is hardly ever seen.

In pre-game shows, the sports talking heads dismissed the Patriots as out of their league against the mighty Rams, so it was all the more sweet when the Patriots beat St. Louis in the final seconds of the game.

For dreaming and achieving the impossible, the Patriots have been dubbed Cinderella fellas. In this case, the glass slipper fits.

What a thrill it was when Adam Vinatieri kicked the winning 48-yard field goal and the New Orleans stadium erupted.

Quarterbacks Tom Brady and Drew Bledsoe have consistently come across as class acts in a sport known for oversized egos and team infighting. Bledsoe, sidelined for most of the season with an injury, graciously allowed the younger, less experienced Brady to share in the limelight. In the spirit of true sportsmanship, Brady has kept things in perspective, staying down to earth even as the Patriots advanced in the playoffs and made it to the Super Bowl. So centered was Brady about Sunday's game that he took a nap just before starting time.

This year's Super Bowl game was played against the backdrop of Sept. 11 and it came as no surprise that patriotism was the dominant theme. Who could miss the symbolism of former President George Bush, an old warrior in the fight against terrorism, doing the coin toss? Democratic values have prevailed in the face of unspeakable evils perpetrated around the globe.

There was also an unmistakable effort to make the Super Bowl not just a distinctly American phenomenon and to tone down the macho-ness of the event. The Irish rock group U2 performed at half-time, singing of love on a stage illuminated in the shape of a heart. The names of those killed on Sept. 11 scrolled down an invisible screen, rolling down from the heavens, a touching reminder of all the nation has been through in the past six months and all that we have lost. In a pre-game chat with TV sports commentators, Beatle Paul McCartney said wouldn't it be fitting if a team called the Patriots won the Super Bowl this year. Indeed.

For all that we have lost since Sept. 11, the Patriots reminded us on Sunday of all that we have not lost. As the two teams were introduced just before the game started, each starting Rams player was introduced individually and invited to step out onto the field to bask in the glory, much like Roman gladiators. The Patriots stepped out onto the field as a group, putting their individual egos aside for the moment. How often do we see that?

In the exuberant moments just after winning the game, quarterback Tom Brady said he didn't feel like a hero. The real heroes right now, he said, are the men and women defending democratic values in far flung places in the world. The real heroes risked their own lives on Sept. 11 to save others, he said.

The New England Patriots did us proud on Sunday and the way they conducted themselves under pressure should serve as role models for us all.

Way to go, Pats!

LWV to discuss education reform

The Hingham League of Women Voters will hold a consensus meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at 40 Park View Drive, Hingham. League members are encouraged to review the state education reform information mailed in the Voter prior to attending the discussion meeting, the purpose of which is to reach consensus. After consensus is achieved the results will be sent to the state League. Anyone wishing to observe the League consensus process or considering joining the League may call Julie Strehle at 781-749-6956.

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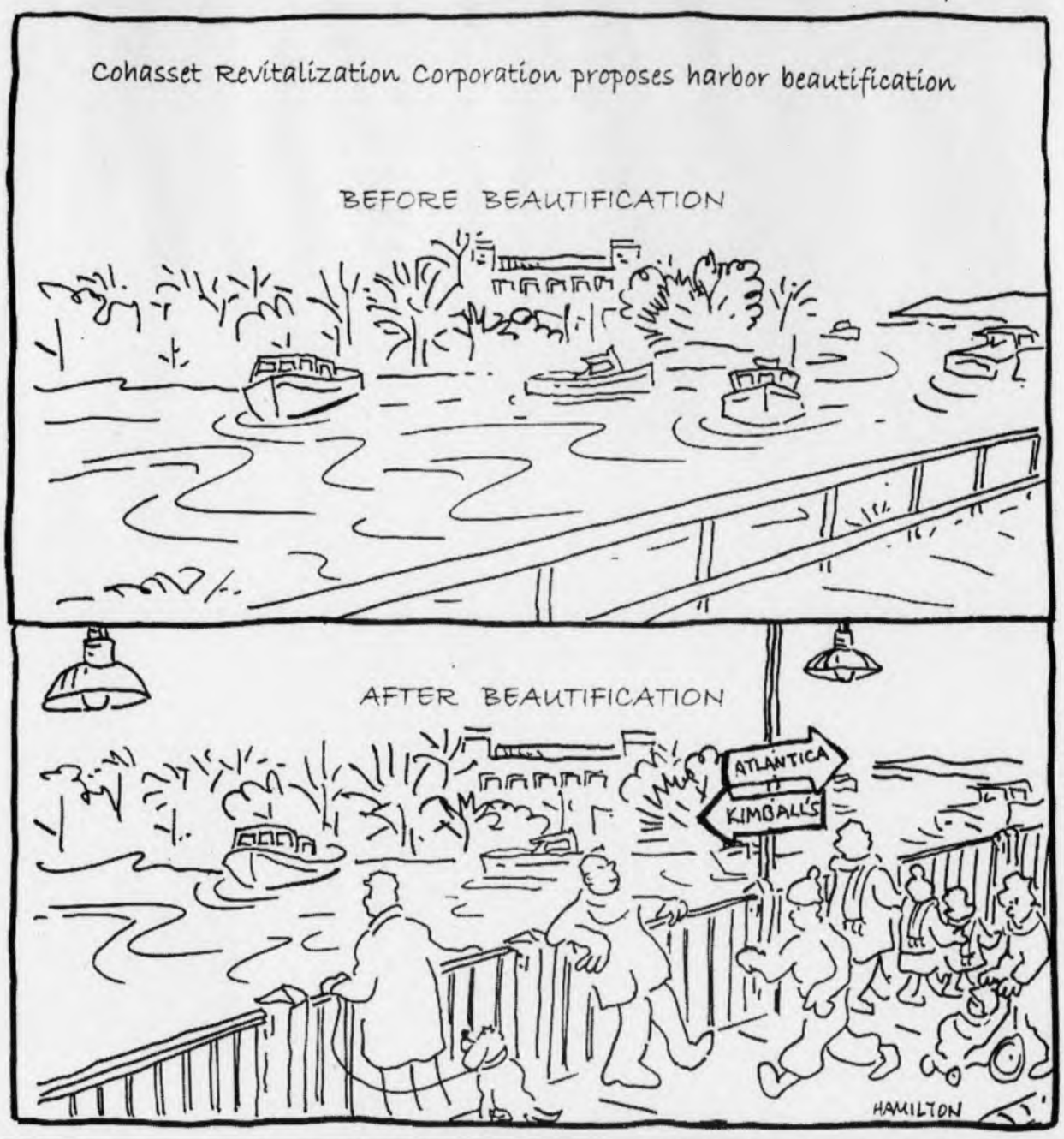

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New superhighway is coming to town!

TO THE EDITOR:

But – Not on the ground – right over our heads!

Nearly half of Logan's traffic passes over us now. Massport plans to put 100,000 more flights over Cohasset with its proposed runway expansion. 100,000 more flights per year means 280 more flights per day! Logan Tower now directs all nighttime jets on low approach to fly over the South Shore whenever possible. In fact, Massport routinely violates a formal 1980 Record of Decision requiring all departing traffic to fly offshore.

No one wants to deal with litigation, but Massport listens to nothing else. A team of South Shore residents spent countless hours designing and presenting new flight paths to reduce noise by sending both arriving and departing planes offshore close to Boston Light. An airline captain who has flown the Logan routes for years crafted every detail. It's a simple matter to make an easy dogleg during the approach to runway 33L and to fly departing aircraft to 12,000 feet before passing back over the coast. Massport refuses to consider any of these suggestions. To preserve the health and property values of our town we must resort to the courts and quickly.

Even if you don't notice the planes, you will be impacted by the emissions. The noise is an audible warning of a much more serious problem. Jet fuel contains highly toxic substances, including benzene and formaldehyde. A health study at Chicago's O'Hare International airport concluded that cancer risks near the airport were five times higher than the regional average. A separate government study in Seattle found 37 percent greater risk of cancer death for residents near that airport. The map of post-runway jet traffic over Cohasset will probably serve as a statistical map for future cancer clusters. This is a serious public health issue. We owe it to ourselves and our children to stop the runway and we should demand over the ocean flights for current traffic.

We can make a difference! Others have — residents near Heathrow in London won a victory when The European Court of Human Rights limited night-time flights because the noise levels were violating residents' rights to a full night of sleep.

We need to get to town meeting in March and vote to support Hull, Hingham and Revere in their suit against Massport for misrepresenting the actual impact of the proposed expansion. We need to call our local, state and federal representatives (numbers are listed in the front of the Rotary phone book) and we need to express our opposition to the expansion and our concern with the current noise and emissions. We need to stand with the 30 other Boston-area communities that oppose the runway. We cannot afford to let Massport continue to abuse the South Shore.

Your contribution of time and money and your vote can make the difference. For more information go to http://www.southshorejetpollution.org or send your donation to the South Shore Jet Pollution Charitable Trust, P.O. Box 452, Hingham MA 02043.

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Racial stereotyping at Osgood School?

DEAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

I am writing to express my dismay over the behavior of a staff member at the Joseph Osgood School on the morning of Feb. 1, 2002. I was sitting with my 5-year-old son in the front lobby waiting for his occupational therapy session to start and had the opportunity to hear that day's morning announcements over the P.A. system. A teacher was making the announcements. After he discussed general business he launched into what I have learned is one of several of his regular character voices that he portrays over the announcements to the students. On this particular occasion he portrayed a character named "Bubba Smith," the fictional brother of New England Patriots player Antoine Smith.

I was shocked and then outraged as he launched into the most offensive "imitation" — and I use the term loosely — of what he thought a man of color or of African-American heritage should sound like. His "imitation" was replete with poor diction and grammatical errors and sounded like the bumbling fool he wanted to portray. I could hardly believe that I was sitting in the lobby of a public elementary school!

Imagine then my further shock and dismay when I entered the main office to discuss the matter with the principal to find the office staff and other school staff (who, from my cursory glance around the room, were all white) laughing at these antics. When I expressed my concern and disgust at the teacher's routine, a staff member expressed her surprise that I did not find it funny. My complaint to the immediate staff was met with blank stares. Ms. Sheehan, the Osgood Principal, was not available so I left a message with her secretary about my concerns and that I would like to speak with her about the incident.

Upon returning home I found a message from the teacher on my machine stating in an unpleasant voice that he was upset with accusations made by me and he wanted to discuss the issue with me. The only accusation that I made was that I found his "routine" to be offensive and unacceptable for release over a public elementary school public address system.

We feel that to have a white man imitate what he thinks an African American man should sound like (in this case, a bumbling, Southern fool with poor grammar and diction) over a public address system to elementary school children was akin to the minstrel shows of the 1920 and 30s. The teacher may as well have been made up in "black face" and singing "Mammy" like a local version of Al Jolson.

Further compounding the situation is the reaction of staff to the situation: their laughter — their inability to see that anything was amiss — their belief that what he did was OK.

According to recent official statistics reported in the press, Cohasset is 99% percent white. We do, however, have families of other ethnic groups who reside in town and send their children to our schools. We are also a host community to METCO and have many African American children who travel a great distance at a very early hour and tender age to come here for an education. What kind of message are we sending to these children?

The children at the Osgood are the youngest in our system. They laugh at this teacher and his antics. They may not be able to understand just yet what racial stereotyping is. But the manner in which he talks and behaves sticks with them. It will stick in their minds as surely as anything that we teach them in our schools. The danger of what this teacher said and the staff's reaction is that its impact will reinforce negative stereotypes already in the minds of some children in town and it will impact the beliefs of children who haven't yet formulated opinions about race, religious beliefs, and regional differences. Unfortunately, the teacher's routine and the sanctioning laughter of staff will play an important role in the formulation of opinions as these children grow and see the expanded world beyond Cohasset's shores.

Ms. Sheehan called us and she offered that we were taking this routine out of context. She said she believed that there was no intent on the teacher's part to demean any racial group. However, she acknowledged that the teacher was speaking in a "Southern dialect." But even taking this best-case scenario — and for the record, we cannot imagine any "context" in which a white man purports to imitate a person of color as being acceptable — the bottom line is that those who speak and act differently than us were being ridiculed over the Osgood PA system. Is it not a far stretch to expect that children who have a speech impediment, for example, might be ridiculed as "Bubba" by their classmates thanks to the ignorant actions of this teacher? Moreover, if the teacher had the aim of bringing Super Bowl fever into the school, why did he not choose a fictional character such as the brother of, let's say, Tom Brady?

We are sending this letter to you, the members of the School Committee, in the sincere hope that, as the elected representatives of our community, you both investigate this issue and take appropriate action to ensure not only that this behavior ceases, but also that sensitivity training to stereotyping of all kinds — racial, ethnic, gender, etc. — be implemented among the staff of the Cohasset school system. This is especially true because this teacher's routine comes on the heels of the Superintendent's recent — and widely condemned — comments concerning the potential impact of low-income special needs students on our school budget, which created an image of Cohasset as unfriendly to those who are from diverse backgrounds.

We suggest that the committee contact the Anti-Defamation League to conduct a training session for all school staff. The inability of our school staff members to recognize that what occurred over the Osgood PA system was insensitive is deplorable, in our view. Cohasset's public school staff is in need of training to help them recognize and understand the complexities of racial, religious, and cultural differences and relations between people if they truly are to stand as role models who shape young minds.

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School Building Assistance faces turbulent times

THE HEDLUND REPORT

SEN. ROBERT HEDLUND

With the release this past week of Governor Swift's $23.5 billion budget proposal, the Legislature stands poised to undertake a new budget season fraught with numerous challenges. Perhaps one of the most significant issues to surface early in the debate is a line item that impacts the bottom line for many cities and towns directly and in some cases immediately; cuts in funding to the School Building Assistance program.

As you may have heard or read, the Department of Education (DOE) has decided to scale back its reimbursement process for first year school construction projects, and in Fiscal Year '03 plans to take only 19 projects off the priority waiting list. They caution that other funding requirements, including increases for Chapter 70 funding and the new special education "Circuit Breaker" program that will provide reimbursements to municipalities implementing Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for special education students will cost several million dollars alone in new spending. So if the rate continues at the FY03 pace of approximately 20 new first year reimbursements annually, Cohasset will have to wait another five and seven years respectively to see reimbursements on the Deer Hill Elementary School project and the Middle/High School project.

I have been at the forefront on this issue, making an effort to bring it to the attention of my colleagues on Beacon Hill and urging them to get involved. Earlier in the month I also invited town officials from Cohasset, Duxbury, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth to meet with the state Board of Education, where they were able to voice their concerns regarding this critical program. And I plan to offer an amendment during the upcoming budget debate to restore adequate funding levels to the program.

While reductions in state revenues are taking their toll on many worthy programs which regularly receive state funding, the DOE has made it a practice over the past several years to fund these projects at a record pace and virtually guarantee cities and towns that made it onto the priority list that their projects would see reimbursements in a condensed time frame. Many projects have already begun, placing numerous cities and towns in financial jeopardy as they relied on the implicit assurances of DOE that funding was in the pipeline, making long-range plans that did not include extended debt payments.

I believe that most of those towns affected *do* understand the current economic climate and the demands being placed on the dollars available for worthy programs across the board. However, many of these towns have already taken on short-term debt obligations of five years or less so that they may begin school construction projects based on an understanding that projects on the wait list were normally seeing state reimbursements within that time frame. Now, accordingly to the DOE officials who spoke at last week's GOP briefing on the subject, cities and towns are looking at a waiting period of somewhere between eight and ten years to see these funds. This is a tough pill for many of us to swallow. The delay in reimbursements for Cohasset's two school construction projects could feasibly raise the average homeowner's property tax bill by $875 per year should the borrowing period need to be extended to 2010 instead of 2005.

While DOE has at times indicated the reimbursements might pick back up with better budget times, they have also publicly stated that they plan to continue the scale back, tightening up the process for future wait list placements and focusing more on renovation and restoration projects than new construction.

I am hopeful that through the combined efforts of my colleagues and me, the SBAB line items will receive thorough debate as the budget season progresses. Passing the state's balance sheet woes off onto individual cities and towns is an unfair ploy and may prove crippling to local municipalities' tax bases.

Rising demand collides with state's fiscal woes

School building grants take a hit

By Rick Collins and Michael P. Norton
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Call it a case of bad timing. Just as demand for state assistance for local school construction projects peaks, state government, faced with a $2 billion budget shortfall, is cutting back.

— news analysis —

The number of Bay State school districts jumping on the waiting list has grown 600 percent in the past six years. Local proponents of less than 50 projects were in the line for funding in 1996. Now the list is more than 300 projects long. And after shelling out record amounts of school building aid during the last three years, the state is cutting back and focusing scarce funds instead on in-classroom activities. Instead of boosting school building aid by $50 million, Acting Gov. Swift wants to invest only $20 million more.

The decision to pull back has generated a strong backlash from taxpayers in communities with major projects underway. They are fearful they will be hit with large property tax bills because of expected delays in state reimbursements. And those communities near the end of the waiting list are worried that another generation of students will have to get by in aging, substandard classrooms and buildings.

"We need to collectively come up with some type of solution here," said Education Committee co-chair Rep. Peter Larkin, D-Pittsfield. "Demand is outstripping the supply of money. But you don't make promises you can't fulfill."

Larkin and his Senate counterpart Robert Antonioni, D-Leominster, both said they understand the bleak state fiscal picture. But they're also leery of breaking commitments to cities and towns and aware of the demand for school construction aid – there's now $300 million worth of unfunded projects, up from $96 million in 1999, according to the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation.

The state has been trying to address the problem. Between 2000 and 2002, it increased school building assistance funding by 33 percent, up to $361 million a year. The hand wringing over Swift's call to boost program funding by only 7 percent, enough to advance 19 projects, is more of a reflection of the overwhelming demand for new schools.

Jeff Wulfson, the state's deputy commissioner for school finance, said the school construction craze is a stark change from 20 years ago when the state "couldn't give construction dollars away."

Back then, Massachusetts was also mired in tough fiscal times and cites and towns were beginning to cope with the tax-limiting provisions of Proposition 2-1/2. And many communities felt their schools were still viable. Demand for schools grew in the 1990s, but communities delayed projects until the economy strengthened.

The economic boom of the 1990s left communities confident that they could handle the fiscal challenge of building schools. Municipalities were also drawn into the expansion and rebuilding fray by a generous state assistance program. But the biggest reason behind the growing waiting list is demand, said Department of Education spokeswoman Heidi Perlman. There was a school construction boom statewide in the early 1950s. And today's problem is a simple one: many of those schools now need to be replaced.

"The majority of schools were built after World War II, and schools have a life span, they're not eternal," she said. "A lot of these schools built at the same time are suddenly too small, or starting to fall apart. Technology has forced a lot of schools to seek expansion, add computer rooms. They need to be up to code, be handicapped accessible, install elevators."

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Forced by budget realities to choose between continuing to build schools at an accelerated pace and paying for teachers and MCAS assistance, the Swift administration chose the latter, and slowed growth in school building assistance. The House and Senate will make their proposals final in the spring, and are being heavily lobbied by communities with projects pending or on waiting lists. There are many of those.

For now, communities are trying to adapt to the sudden funding changes. That means lobbying the Legislature, preparing budget amendments, authorizing more short-term borrowing and hoping that the economy, and as a result state government's fiscal picture, turns around.

Officials from Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Pembroke and Scituate recently attended a Board of Education meeting in Malden to express their frustration and charge the state with breaking funding promises. The board, citing the new fiscal pressures, said its hands are tied, at least for now.

Jerry Wasserman, president of the Suburban Coalition, said town leaders want state officials to know times are tough locally, where most citizens directly receive government services. "When you balance the budget on the back of communities, it's a double hit," he said. "Towns have their own revenue drop and when the state cuts back, you're borrowing from one town's pocket to put money in the other."

Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, vice-chairman of the House Long-Term Debt Committee, said the Department of Education's School Building Assistance Bureau has overextended itself in promising funding. Hynes is recommending a moratorium on new projects until the current waiting list is addressed. Antonioni said the state has a role to play in making borrowing conditions more attractive for cities and towns in need of money for school construction projects. One bill supported by dozens of members in the House, was filed by Rep. William Galvin, D-Canton, and would extend short-term borrowing privileges for school construction projects from five to seven years.

"There are a lot of projects down the pipeline that if they can't get into the five-year plan these projects may not actually go through," Galvin said about the bill. One project in danger, he said, is Canton's planned $38 million renovation of its high school. To make matters worse, he said the state is threatening to take away the school's accreditation because of its poor condition.

But Wulfson said Galvin's bill would cost the state more money in the long run. He said an extended period of borrowing will result in additional interest costs that the state would be required to pick up.

Larkin is hesitant to embrace Galvin's bill, instead calling for an overhaul of eligibility rules that dictate which projects receive state funding. He favors projects that focus on renovating existing buildings rather than constructing new ones. Antonioni said Galvin's bill could be "part of a solution" and also suggested allowing towns to pool their money in order to secure lower interest rates.

The state presently picks up between 50 and 90 percent of total construction costs, depending on the school district's financial situation, said Wulfson. Changes that went into effect this year favor projects in low-income school districts or that meet certain criteria such as reuse of existing buildings and energy efficiency designs. As a result, Wulfson said program managers saw a big increase in the number of new applications as cities and towns tried to slide onto the funding list under the old regulations.

A list of communities seeking building aid is at http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/sbuilding/02_priority.html

OK – I'm eating plenty of crow

MY VIEW

EVAN SCHIFF

Let me tell you, crow has never tasted this good.

In last week's column I wrote about how I was going to root for the Pats but my heart wasn't going to be in it. Boy, was I naïve.

I watched the game on Landsdowne Street, the epicenter of Boston's sports world. I watched it on a movie screen along with hundreds of other raging football fans. It was the best football game I have ever seen in my life and in my five years living in the city it was one of the best nights I've ever experienced. I've never felt an energy quite like the one that immersed the bar as the football floated straight and true through the goalposts. It was incredible.

I also watched the game with a Rams fan which made the evening even more loopy. She, yes she, was screaming for her team through hell and high water and we definitely became the dreaded table-that-everyone-wanted-to-beat-up. I actually had to silently signal to other tables that alas, there was nothing I could do, I was an adopted New Englander and rooting for the Pats, but there was no controlling this fanatic.

When the Rams tied the game with a little less than two minutes to play the only sound in the room was coming from the mouth of the girl to my right. Let me tell you how uncomfortable that situation was. I stared at the sea of Coronas that littered our table and pretended not to be paying attention.

I prayed to the football gods to redeem this city, let them win I thought, and then I finally understood. It wasn't about the statistics, or who had more all stars, but this city needed to feel vindicated for its years of undying support. It was a release, a cathartic moment described by some as the best moment is Boston sports history.

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Let's just say on my things-to-do-before-I-die list I can now cross off getting on top of an MBTA bus with 40 other people wildly chanting 'Go Pats' and 'U.S.A.'

While I didn't hang shirtless from light signals as some other people, I did partake in the mass confusion that enveloped Kenmore Square for hours after the game. I'm still hung over.

The hordes of people that descended on Kenmore were on the verge of a violent riot all night yet they never crossed that precarious line. While cars were jumped on and toilet paper and fireworks showered the crowd, no one was hurt and I never felt in danger.

Strangers hugged one another and there was literally dancing in the streets as the police seemed to be enjoying the scene as much as the people.

I can't believe I ever doubted the excitement I would feel being able to participate in such a spectacle. And while I didn't go to the parade on Tuesday, (I'm saving my first parade for when Philly wins a championship), I did support the team.

I cheered when the Rams made a mistake, which probably hurt me in the long run with my lady friend, and bought rounds for everyone at the table when the Pats scored.

And though the bill for the four of us at the end of the night teetered on the $200 mark it was money well drunk, I mean spent.

So congratulations to the Patriots, a team that truly embodied the spirit of sport and the teamwork that's necessary to reach the next level. It should be a reinforcement of the idea that collective minds and actions are more powerful than those formulated by individuals.

So please excuse me while I take this last bite of crow.

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'Big Dig' sports fans

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Now that we have the Patriots safely tucked away for the summer and the Red Sox in the capable hands of perky Katie Couric's boyfriend, we can turn our attention to another favorite Boston sport.

The Big Dig, of course.

The $14.5 billion project has become such an integral part of our social fabric that the discovery of three new flaws in the most expensive project since Pharaoh built the pyramids was consigned to an inside page in the Boston papers with the comics.

Who cares if the fire alarms in the Ted Williams tunnel don't work properly or several stretches of concrete overlay is substandard or that brand new blue paint is peeling on the lampposts? Repair costs, we are assured, won't exceed a million bucks.

What's a million dollars when all you have to do to get it is raise the tolls on the Mass Turnpike, which you're still paying, if I recall right, some 30 years after they were supposed to be eliminated when the bonds sold to build it were paid?

It's hard to believe that they've been digging away — and spending money — on the Big Dig since 1984. That's 18 years, which means that a kid born when the first shovelful was turned can now vote for the perpetrators.

It was estimated to cost a modest $2.3 billion and the Feds, who apparently had never done business with Massachusetts before and didn't know what they were getting into, promised to pick up 90 per cent of the tab

Now that tab is up to $14.5 billion and the Feds, who seemed to have learned their lesson well, have not only trimmed their contribution by 59 per cent but have slapped an $8.5 billion cap on what they are willing to spend.

And, oh, yes, their Securities Exchange Commission has been turned loose to graze in the Big Dog books to see why a $1.4 billion cost overrun was left out of the December, 1999, prospectus that was sent to potential investors.

Boy, it's a good thing we have those Mass Turnpike tolls to fall back on. Isn't it? They're expected to produce a badly needed $2 billion to help us pay for it. And, best of all, the toll hike is only temporary — isn't it?

But it's all over now. Just the other day, the final contract worth $179.4 million was awarded for a series of connections between the tunnel and the Turnpike and Expressway.

Only someone who learned to entertain negative thoughts when the subjects of Bay State politicians and money are mentioned in the same sentence would recall an earlier $378 million contract for a short tunnel extension underwent 950 change orders worth an extra $260 million.

But, cheer up. The Big Dig is only 18 years old but it already has produced some collateral goodies.

Two books have been written about the project — "The Big Dig," and "The Big Dig at Night." Brigham's, the ice cream folks, have concocted a Big Dig Ice Cream made up of chocolate chips, brownies and caramel.

And I'm told there is a Big Dig bicycle, which some people think is overpriced at $2,000 — which is why they call it the Big Dig, I suppose.

Air transportation strategy discussed

Rep. Garrett J. Bradley along with members of the Massachusetts Legislative Caucus on Air Transportation to discuss the state of air transportation in the Commonwealth and to map out strategy for the coming year. Formed to promote sensible, long-term air transportation policy in the Commonwealth, the Caucus has also taken a firm stance in opposition to proposed expansion of Logan Airport. In place of a plan that would ultimately increase traffic and noise at Logan, Caucus members have sought to find alternative methods of handling air traffic demand including increased use of regional airports and better traffic management strategies at Logan.

Reacting in part to published reports stating that the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) would continue to pursue its expansion proposals by filing a judicial motion to remove an injunction preventing construction at Logan, the members of the Caucus agreed to renew their efforts against expansion.

"We should be focusing available dollars on security rather than delay reduction," Bradley said. "Given recent events, protection of air travelers takes a higher priority than speedy arrivals and departures."

In addition to renewing anti-expansion efforts, Caucus members also offered comments to Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert A. Durand relative to Logan Airport's 2000 Environmental Data Report (EDR). The EDR evaluates and reports on environmental conditions at Logan. Chief among the points raised in the Caucus' comments, members admonished Massport for failing to address comments made in reference to previous years reports particularly in the area of soundproofing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cost to bury utility lines

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to clarify a few items regarding the initiative proposed by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation to bury the overhead utility lines in the Village and Harbor areas of the community.

The Village initiative recommends the conversion of all overhead wires to underground service in the following village locations: Ripley Road & Depot Court —from the Post Office to the corner of South Main Street at the Community Center; South Main Street — from the Community Center to the Red Lion Inn; Elm Street – from Cohasset Hardware to Stephen's Lane; Brook Street; and the rear parking area.

The CRC, in conjunction with Martin Associates, Mass. Electric, Verizon, and AT&T Broadband have finalized designs and cost estimates for the Village project. Though estimates are being constantly refined, if the project is undertaken in conjunction with scheduled village improvements it will cost the community approximately $900,000. Detailed information on design and cost estimates for the Harbor area should be completed by the end of February for community review.

At the request of the CRC, the Planning Board has agreed to sponsor a warrant article at the Spring Annual Town Meeting which will ask voters to approve a 2 percent short-term utility surcharge on their monthly phone and electric bills, and an approximately 90-cents monthly surcharge on to their AT&T Broadband bill for the next six years to pay for the village project. AT&T Broadband will charge a fixed rate per subscriber because they have to average payments based on the specific contract period they have with the town.

According to figures provided by the local utilities the average Cohasset resident monthly Verizon bill is $41.71 and the average monthly Mass. Electric bill is about $125. Two percent of each of these average bills equates to an average surcharge of 84 cents a month/$10.08 a year for Verizon and $2.50 a month/$30.00 a year for Mass. Electric. Adding these figures to 90 cents a month /$10.80 a year increase on an AT&T Broadband bill gives a total average surcharge of $4.24 a month, or $50.88 a year per resident household for all utilities. Since everyone's personal utility usage varies, and the state mandates a fixed 2 percent rate for everyone (similar to how property tax rates are administered), the individual burden on each household will be different over the next six years to complete the village area.

The CRC is very sensitive to the current state of municipal finances, and though this may not be the best time to ask residents and businesses to agree to another expense, it is the only time the conversion work can be combined with other planned municipal projects for a cost effective result. Incorporating the underground utility work in unison with excavation work associated with the restoration of the MBTA Greenbush line project; James Brook Flood Control project; and the reconstruction of existing village streets and sidewalks will save the town approximately $500,000 on the utility conversion work, as opposed to having the work completed independent of these projects.

Digging the necessary trenches and installing the required conduits in unison with the excavation and construction work required to complete the above mentioned projects is the most cost effective and least disruptive way to complete the work. If the overhead utility lines are not buried now in unison with these other projects, it likely will never be done. It would be fiscally irresponsible and negligent planning on the part of the CRC not to raise these options to the community now, for it does not make fiscal or planning sense to recommend that the community undertake this project at a later date.

Not only is the timing of this initiative important, it is a critical component to the infrastructure and streetscape improvement program. Removing the utility poles will provide more flexibility for sidewalk, parking and roadway layouts, creating safer conditions for walkers, bikers and vehicle access; it will reduce power outages by protecting the lines from future storm damage; and it will aesthetically improve and preserve the historic character of the downtown environment.

The community has already endorsed an aesthetic and safety improvement initiative that will earmark over $2 million in grant money to install new sidewalks, parking delineations, road paving, tree and flower planting and new decorative light fixtures throughout the village. Though these improvements will make a positive impact on the village environment, their value will be diminished if the visual clutter of the crooked wooden poles and crisscrossing wires maintain their mark and disruption on the village landscape.

Dean Rizzo
Cohasset Revitalization Corporation

HEALTH NOTES

Buckling up saves kids' lives

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has just issued its clearest and most effective guidance on when to use child restraints, booster seats, etc.

As a part of the town's activities, we are reminding parents and those who care for them in Cohasset that all children should be placed in child safety seats, booster seats or seat belts-every time they ride in a car or truck. Great progress has been made in increasing the use of child safety seats and booster seats, which has decreased deaths among children in car and truck crashes, but much more remains to be done.

Children 12 and younger should be buckled up in the back seat. The front seat is a more dangerous spot. Front air bags deployed in even minor fender-benders have seriously hurt and even killed some children. When placing a child safety seat or booster seat in your car or truck, be sure to read the instructions so you install and use the seat correctly. Also, look at your vehicle's owner's manual to see what it says about installing and using child safety seats and booster seats.

- Children, as they grow, should progress through three types of child safety seats before using the seat belt alone: from rear-facing seats to forward-facing seats to booster seats.
- Infants must always be placed in rear-facing seats until they are at least one year old and 20 pounds.
- Children between 20 and 40 pounds should be placed in forward-facing safety seats.
- When your child outgrows his or her forward-facing safety seat, use a booster seat until your child is at least 8 years old or over 4-feet 9-inches tall. All children who have outgrown child safety seats should be properly restrained in booster seats until they are at least eight years old, unless they are 4 feet 9-inches tall.

Seat belts alone are made for adults. A booster seat raises a child up so the seat belt fits. This will prevent your child from being thrown from the car, or thrown around inside it, during a crash. Children who have outgrown booster seats should use seat belts.

Child safety seats reduce fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers (1-4 years old) in passenger cars.

Research cites that child safety seat use plummets after age 3. In one study, by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, one-half of 3 to 8 year-old children were not being placed in child safety or booster seats where most of them belong. Small children (aged 2 to 5) who are placed in seat belts rather than child safety seats or booster seats are 3.5 times more likely to be significantly injured in a crash. They are four times more likely to receive a significant head injury. More than half (56 percent) of all children under 15 years old killed in car crashes in 2000 were completely unrestrained. Unrestrained children are three times more likely to be injured than those who are restrained.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages four to 14. Child safety seats reduce fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers (1-4 years old) in passenger cars. For infants and toddlers in light trucks, the seats reduce fatal injury by 58 percent and 59 percent, respectively. Traffic crashes have psychological as well as physical repercussions. A study in the journal Pediatrics found that 25 percent of children suffering traffic-related injuries were diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, as were 15 percent of their parents. This is a rate similar to that found among children exposed to violence.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Harbor area renewal

TO THE EDITOR:

One of our selectmen recommends public hearings (and a paid consultant) to find out what people want to do about harbor area revitalization.

Well, what a lot of people would like is less petty insinuations about the motivation of CRC and its backers, and more recognition that preservation and improvement benefits all of us, not just tourists and harbor businesses. Judging by the outrageous statements made by members of the "Friends of Cohasset Harbor," the town doesn't need any enemies!

Why are the selectmen listening to them, instead of to the many good citizens who have attended the workshops, and to the townspeople with no business interest who have contributed generously to the CRC project? Contrary to statements by the "Friends", the CRC has been trying to determine what the people want. Rather than try to distill a mishmash of unfocused ideas, they try to focus discussion productively by presenting sketches prepared by experienced planners. However much these preliminary ideas are reworked, truncated, expanded etc. by discussion at the workshops, the end result is always subject to review and approval by the appropriate town authorities, and by town meeting if taxpayer funds are involved.

I can't see that public hearings conducted by another consultant is going to improve on this process, and it certainly won't eliminate small-minded sniping at the idea of renewal.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Fence dispute

TO THE EDITOR

I was the realtor for the transaction at 356 Atlantic Avenue.

The site of the Gropius House was determined by Gropius to have unobstructed ocean views. There never was doubt about the property line. The house is unusual and it is historic. The fence as proposed is in keeping with the architecture.

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Where local legislators stand on the Clean Elections law

By Mary Ford
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Nearly 65 percent of Cohasset voters in 1998 backed the ballot question that set the stage for the Clean Elections Law to allow taxpayer dollars to pay for political campaigns for state office.

But whether the campaign finance reform law, which was headed for another round in court this week will have an effect on the fall 2002 elections is anybody's guess. The state Supreme Judicial Court, which ruled late last month the legislature is in violation of the state Constitution because it has not funded the measure, was slated to hear arguments about how to remedy that issue today (Thursday).

Cohasset voted 2048-1117 to back the initiative petition at the ballot box more than three years ago. Voters across the state approved Clean Elections by about the same margin.

Cohasset's representatives on Beacon Hill — State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth — have voted to support the law that was supposed to take effect last March, according to David Donnelly, director of Mass. Voters for Clean Elections.

But the majority of their colleagues, specifically in the House of Representatives, has refused to fully fund the law, forcing the court showdown that could result in delaying the November election. Secretary of State William F. Galvin has said nomination papers for all offices would be on hold until the court decision is final.

The thrust behind Clean Elections is to level the playing field by reducing the role of big money in politics resulting in more candidates running for office.

Under the measure, candidates for state office that agree to certain spending and contribution limits can qualify for a set amount of public money.

If the 2000 elections are a gauge here on the South Shore, then the cost of running a campaign can be exorbitant — a factor, which Clean Elections proponents say keeps many potential candidates from running.

The races for the Third Plymouth District seat (Hingham, Hull and Cohasset), now held by Bradley, and Hedlund's Plymouth & Norfolk seat were two of the most expensive in the state in 2000, according to the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance. Hedlund's eight-town district stretches from Weymouth to Duxbury.

The four contenders in Bradley's race, which included a Democratic primary, vied for the seat being vacated by Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset and spent a total of $234,231 — $70,000 more than any other contest for state representative that year. Bradley was the top spender of the four with $126,479.

Hedlund's senate race was the second most expensive senate contest that year with a total of $357,158 spent among three candidates. James Cantwell, a Weymouth Democrat, spent the most at nearly $140,000 but he faced a tough primary challenge from Ted LeClair of Marshfield, who spent $103,000. Hedlund, the incumbent, who was unopposed in the primary, spent a total of $114,000.

At the other end of the spectrum long-time state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, of the Fourth Plymouth District (Marshfield and Scituate) raised $15,600 and spent $13,661 in his 2000 campaign which was still ten times more than what his challenger, Republican Ronald B. Wheatley of Scituate spent. Wheatley raised just over $1500 and spend about $1300. It's impossible to say if Clean Elections funding would have had an impact on that race.

Candidates, who opt into Clean Elections, have to agree to certain fund-raising guidelines and spending limits. Under the law, the spending limit for candidates for state representative is $30,000 and state senator, $90,000. Clean Elections candidates could spend 60 percent of the specified limit in the primary and 40 percent in the general election.

Although the law isn't perfect, Hedlund said he would continue to support it because the voters sent Beacon Hill a message.

"I am less a supporter of the Clean Elections Law and more a supporter of the integrity of the initiative petition process," he said. Hedlund explained the law is flawed and cited reporting requirements as "incredibly onerous."

"I wholeheartedly embrace the goal of Clean Elections," he said. "I agree the system needs a major overhaul but there are other avenues we could take first to prevent special interests such as prohibiting lobbyist money rather than a drastic, complicated ballot question."

Nevertheless, Hedlund said he has not changed his position and would not vote to repeal the law.

The legislature has $23 million set aside for Clean Elections, according to Donnelly of Mass. Voters. He estimates Clean Elections candidates in the upcoming election would cost about $35 million. Donnelly dismisses arguments that taxpayer funding of Clean Elections is too expensive.

"It's less than 1/2 of 1/10 of 1 percent of the state budget a year," he said. "That's not a lot of money in the overall scheme of things."

Hedlund expects the Legislature to release the funds, which have already been appropriated, for statewide candidates this year and to delay implementation of Clean Elections for the legislative candidates. Hedlund considered running as a Clean Elections candidate in 2002 but decided against it six months ago when it looked like the legislature would not fund the measure.

"I made the decision to gear up and raise money under the old system," he said.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Garrett Bradley campaigns for election to the Third Plymouth District seat on Election Day in November 2000.

Rep. Bradley says it's time for the legislature to put individual opinions aside and fund the law.

"What the SJC has said is 'repeal it or fund it' and we should fund it," Bradley said, adding that doing so would avert a constitutional crisis. Bradley supports the law although he agrees with Hedlund that it's not perfect.

"The voters have spoken that they want change in the way elections are run," he said.

At this point Bradley would not run as a Clean Elections candidate but would not rule out doing so in the future.

"I want to see it work through a full election cycle first," he said, noting participation is voluntary. "The law make work well in theory but in practice it may not."

Nevertheless, he thinks Clean Elections would get more people to run for office.

"Most people whom I talk to that want to get into politics detest fundraising," he said. "And some of those people would make very good legislators but they're turned off by having to raise money."

However the jury is still out on what the courts and legislature will ultimately do. Attorney General Thomas Reilly, who is representing the legislature in the matter, has argued the legislature does not have to follow the court ruling.

"It's a separation of powers issue," Hedlund said. "The feeling among the leadership is the (legislature) may not have to respond to the courts."

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State Sen. Robert Hedlund visits with supporters during his run for reelection in November 2000.

How Clean Elections money could be spent

Office	Spending Limit	Private Contribution Limit	Clean Election Funds
State Representative	$30,000	$6,000	$24,000
State Senator	$90,000	$18,000	$72,000
Governor's Council	$40,000	$8,000	$32,000
Secretary of State & Auditor	$250,000	$50,000	$200,000
Attorney General & Treasurer	$750,000	$150,000	$600,000
Lt. Governor	$750,000	$112,000	$638,000
Governor	$3,000,000	$450,000	$2,550,000

A snapshot of the Clean Elections Law

The Clean Elections Law allows candidates who agree to fixed spending limits and $100 contribution limits to receive a set amount of public money for the primary and general elections.

The candidates must demonstrate their viability by collecting a number of individual contributions of between $5 and $100 from voters over several months. (House candidates, for example, must collect 200 individual contributions from voters in their district over 4-1/2 months).

Candidates are eligible to receive 85 percent of their total spending limit in public money if they are running for governor or lieutenant governor, and 80 percent if they are running for any other state office.

Participants who get outspent by their opponents can receive matching funds up to twice their original spending limit to keep pace with a candidate who is spending a lot.

The Clean Elections Law eliminates unlimited transfers of "soft money" from national parties to state parties.

The Clean Elections Law requires electronic disclosure of all campaign contributions to candidates and political committees.

Participation is voluntary. Candidates who choose not to participate receive no public money.

Similar systems are in place in Maine, Arizona and Vermont.

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League introduces new director

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kept quite busy. He has visited with more than 50 agencies and support groups that provide social services in an effort to introduce himself. His aim is to collaborate with the different groups to provide better services.

"Right now, my job involves brainstorming with other agencies to enhance the community mindset," he said.

Ivas, who lives in Scituate, became a licensed clinical social worker in 1995. He became interested with the field when he had a mid-life change and was less interested in money and sought something more meaningful.

"The best part of this job is knowing at the end of the day that something I did perhaps helped someone in a small way," he said.

Ivas lived on Nantucket for more than 15 years but when second child was born, he needed a change of scenery. He moved off the island in 1996 and worked as a therapist for Framingham State College.

When he saw the job opening in Cohasset, he jumped at it.

"There's a lot of potential here," he said. "While we're on a limited budget, we really have no restraints it's a great situation."

Along with initiating youth programs, such as getting a counselor to talk to students before prom night about substance abuse, and having a drinking and driving informational session with the teens, Ivas prides himself in creating support groups.

One group that is close to Ivas' heart is an oncology support group for men whose wives have cancer. Ivas' wife is a breast cancer survivor and he knows the turbulent times he went through when his wife was ill and wanted to help others in his position.

"Anybody I ever talked to who knew a man whose wife had cancer said they thought a support group would be a wonderful idea," he said. "There wasn't an outline for a program so I wrote one up."

While designing programs is one thing, getting people to attend them is another.

Ivas said one of the most difficult parts of his job will be to convince people that joining a support group is not a sign of weakness. He will try to overcome the stigma associated with social services by offering broader programs with more of an educational emphasis so the league can try and help through education.

"We need to get people to realize that asking for help is the first step," he said.

Other groups Ivas would like to see created is one for parents of troubled teens and another for new mothers.

Also on the forefront Ivas' agenda is reviving the "New Friends" program. The program asks volunteers to contribute one hour a week to visiting elderly residents of the area who could be struggling with isolation. The Social Service League is collaborating with Cohasset Elder Affairs in a hope to re-establish this program. He said people don't realize how much they have in common with elders until they visit with them.

"Older people tend to be pushed aside in our society and it's unfortunate," he said. "They have so much to offer."

The Social Service League, which was established in 1912, is a non-profit community service agency managed by a Board of Directors and serves Cohasset along with its neighboring towns. The league supports Meals on Wheels and provides the services of a licensed social worker, among other programs.

N. Cohasset could be put on town water

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private company.

"If we are able to sell the water we may not have to raise the rates," McNabb said Tuesday night. "We are trying to look far ahead in our fiscal future because right now, we're in great shape."

McNabb said the town has water to spare even when it incorporates potential new growth and acquiring North Cohasset into the equation. Cohasset, whose water supply includes the Aaron River Reservoir and Lily Pond, uses an average of 680,000 gallons a day. The system has a "safe yield" of 3.5 million gallons a day. Safe yield is the amount of water that can be withdrawn without depleting the supply. The town's maximum use under the highest demand is 1.7 million gallons a day — so the water department still has a lot of leeway, McNabb said.

One of the water department Town Meeting articles asks authorization to sell water to Mass-American for 20 years and to set the rate structure for that sale. The rate would include the cost of the treated water and some maintenance of the plant and distribution system. The article also asks for the Water Department to be able to make related purchase or acquisition of "physical assets and related construction," which would authorize the town to acquire the North Cohasset water customers.

"No decision on that has been made by anyone," McNabb said, adding North Cohasset is on the table because those residents are looking for rate relief.

"And we're the Cohasset Water Commission that is elected by all the citizens of Cohasset," he said in an earlier interview.

Selectman Tom Callahan thought incorporating North Cohasset into the system would be beneficial to the town.

"I think we should make a concerted effort to get North Cohasset involved," he said.

The other articles would resolve permitting and zoning issues with the state, change the law amended in 1998 that doesn't Cohasset to sell water on a wholesale basis, and appropriate $6 million in capital improvements — which could be paid for through the proceeds of the sale to Mass-American.

"If we get enough out of Hingham we may not have to touch the rates," McNabb said. He declined to comment on what the town might charge Mass-American for the water, saying it was part of negations. The Water Department meets with Mass-American on Feb. 21.

McNabb is optimistic Town Meeting will support the water sale.

"If the revenue is OK and people are comfortable with projections of our water use — then there won't be much of a problem," he said. Mass-American could connect through a 2,000-foot-long pipe line along Rt. 3A from the new Cohasset water tank to Cohasset Knoll, a nursing home on the town line. Another option is connecting at the base of Forest Avenue at Jerusalem Road.

Cohasset schools are part of a high-tech world

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Osgood School computer ready as part of the construction plans. That was followed in 1999-2000 with the installation of hardware and software, computer labs, computer upgrades, Internet access and updating K-12 curriculum so it was in-line with state guidelines.

Over the past two years, TV monitors have been installed in all classrooms at Deer Hill, and system-wide there are computers in every classroom, upgraded software and more staff development.

The schools' technology staff includes Cisneros, tech teachers at Deer Hill and the middle-high school, a tech aide at Osgood and school librarians.

Marjorie Murphy, the librarian/media specialist at Deer Hill, says the computer has changed the library.

"For one thing the card catalogs are gone," she said. Murphy said once the school building projects are complete, the three school libraries will be "on line" with one another and can conduct inter-school loans.

"If a Deer Hill class is studying the Aztecs, we can see what Osgood and the middle-high school libraries have available," she said.

Cisneros is a natural to head the technology department because got hooked on computers and the Internet long before the rest of us. He quickly discovered he could use the skill to his advantage when presenting proposals to the School Committee or completing class projects.

"I created a Web page on air quality," Cisneros recalls about a project in the early 90s. "We did testing in the school over several years and got so many things changed such as carpeting and new windows. Things also got fixed."

The effort won an award from the Norfolk County Chapter of the American Lung Association and was also recognized by the Eisenhower Institute for Math and Science.

Nowadays that same anatomy lesson, in which Cisneros used a skeleton, could be enhanced with a video on the TV screen with a talking skeleton.

Technology has also provided unlimited access to a range of lesson plans and curriculum.

"There's endless opportunities on how to approach subjects that will reach more children," Cisneros says.

Eventually teachers' grade books will be on line and kept constantly up-to-date and attendance will be something parents can check on from home.

But Supt. Malvey said while the school system has made technology a priority, it is still used in context of "quality hard-cover resources and quality instruction."

"Technology by itself, won't do the trick," he said.

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Library gets grant early

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State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, also welcomed the news.

"The timing of this is excellent," he said. "It's likely funding could be scaled back in the future and now we know Cohasset will not be affected by that."

By receiving the grant earlier than anticipated, the library trustees can put the interest money to good use. They will now be able to spread $180,000 — or about $60,000 a year for three years — around to different areas rather than using the money to pay the interest.

"We're looking at enhancing the audio-visual materials, landscaping, lighting fixtures and adding additional computers," Towle said. "This is what we always hoped would happen."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said it is fortunate the money has been awarded because the library construction is already underway.

"The financial plan presented by the library trustees has come to fruition," he said. "We can now say that there will not be any additional cost to the taxpayers for the construction of this building."

The final issue with paying for the new library being constructed at the old Osgood School is the sale of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library building.

"It's likely funding could be scaled back in the future and now we know Cohasset will not be affected by that."

— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

Haddad told selectmen Tuesday he will raise the minimum bid for the building to $900,000 (up from $700,00). He said this is to make sure the cost of library construction won't affect the tax base. He also thinks the building is worth more than $700,000 — the amount of money the town is counting on to help pay for the new library.

New light could prevent crashes

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McCourt added that creating a turning lane may produce more problems than it fixes. He explained with a turning lane, the tendency is to use the left-turning lane as a passing lane if no one is occupying it. This causes moving traffic violations that police would have to monitor.

Instead of a turning lane, McCourt suggested a five-tiered light fixture. This would include the standard red, yellow and green along with a green and yellow turning signal. The light would work on a lead/lag system where the northbound lane receives a green bulb and green turning signal while the southbound lane remains red. After a certain amount of time passes, both directions would have a green light. Then, the northbound lane would see a red light while the southbound lane continued with its green light and the green arrow.

Sullivan was lukewarm on the idea.

"This doesn't necessarily alleviate the problem, but it seems that it may help to control it," he said.

Sgt. Robert Jackson said he thought the five tiered light fixture may work.

"I think it's worth a try," he said. "We need to do something to fix this intersection."

McCourt said the process will take a few months because the MassHighway Department needs to determine if the 'arm' of the light fixture can support the added weight of the heavier five tiered light head.

"If it is determined that the change is feasible, we will seriously entertain the idea," he said.

McCourt visited with the town because a recent study conducted by the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization showed from 1997-1999, there were 29 accidents at the intersection. This is an average of 9.7 a year or 1.28 per million vehicles, well above the state average of .89 per million vehicles for a signalized intersection.

However, McCourt pointed out that at least six of the accidents occurred when vehicles turned out of the gas station, which is not exactly at the Beechwood, Route 3A juncture. He said with these six accidents taken out of the study, the intersection is well with in the state's limits for safety.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, thanked McCourt for visiting with town and urged the two sides to come to a resolution.

"We've got to come up with a solution at that intersection," he said.

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Vacation program

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Artist of the month

Scituate resident, Monice Morenz, is this month's artist on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Morenz graduated from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts (in affiliation with Tufts University with a BFA and was awarded a masters of education from Tufts. She has taught in the Boston area, Connecticut and Bermuda. Her major juried exhibitions, all in Connecticut, include "Works on Paper" at the Washington Art Association gallery, "Passages" at the Art Guild in Farmington and "Monice Morenz" at the Samuel Collins Gallery in Canton. Morenz is also an active member of the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset.

The art on display at the library are collages which are assemblages of papers or scraps of found materials, newspapers, books or fabrics. Morenz states, "Collage is a liberating, spontaneous and direct way to work with color and design without first drawing an image.

World's End by Monice Morenz

The theme or subject of the piece is discovered during the selection of materials. Collage, a French word for "paste-up," was first used in a style called Cubism by artists such as Pablo Picasso. Picasso used contents from a wastebasket, tobacco wrappers and stamps to create new images. Morenz explains, "The pleasure in making this work was rediscovering pieces of art and materials and giving them new life."

A reception for collage artist Monice Morenz will be held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sunday, Feb. 10, from noon to 2 p.m. The exhibition will continue at the library until Feb. 26.

Cohasset artists in fine art silent auction and sale

The Hull Artists Studio Connection will be host its fourth annual Valentine's Day Affordable Fine Art Silent Auction and Sale on Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature the fine art and craft of two Cohasset artists - the watercolors of Barbara Buckley and the pottery of Joan Law Sewall.

The Fine Art Silent Auction and Sale will be held: at Red Parrot Restaurant located at 1 Hull Drive on Nantasket Beach. Plenty of free parking available. For more information, call 1-800-413-1770.

The Hull Artists' Studio Connection, a dynamic South Shore artist organization and cooperative, is a non-profit artists' organization working in cooperation with the Cultural Council.

It's off to the races for selectman seat

By Evan Schiff
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At least one race in the town's upcoming election is heating up. Roger Q. Hill, 19A Highland Ave., has the necessary 50 signatures to be placed on a ballot and plans to run in a three-way race for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. Incumbents Ronnie McMorris and Fred Koed are both seeking reelection.

Hill declined to comment on why he's decided to throw his hat into the ring.

There is at least one open seat on the Recreation Commission. According to Recreation Department director Jack Worley, David Marks has decided not to run and Lillian Curley is still undecided whether she will seek another term. Worley said the candidate should be interested in the community as a whole, not just sports and kids. The Recreation Commission meets once a month and is a policy setting group.

Time is ticking away for candidates the last day to pick up papers is Feb. 14 and all papers need to be returned by Feb. 19. To be put on the ballot, a candidate must have 50 signatures from registered voters. Annual Town Election will be April 6.

Residents who previously pulled papers include, Glenn Pratt, 482 King St., who plans to run for reelection on the Water Commission. Recreation Commissioner Mary K. Muncey, 377 S. Main St., is looking to serve another term and, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, hopes to keep his seat and will be running again. Ray Kasperowicz, 172 S. Main St., intends to seek reelection to the Sewer Commission. On the Board of Health, Robin Lawrence intends to seek reelection and Town Clerk Marion Douglas will also be looking to serve another term. The following residents pulled papers earlier in the month indicating their desire to run for office. Jane Pescatore of Lantern Lane plans to run for the open seat on the school committee being vacated by Stephanie Noble, who is not seeking reelection. Mary Granville, 100 Beach St., will seek a seat on the Board of Assessors. Roger Lowe, also of 100 Beach St., plans to run for reelection to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees and, Roger Q. Hill, 17A Highland Ave., intends to run for an open position on the Board of Selectmen.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees Sheila Evans and Roger Whitley are looking to serve another term.

Water board seeks grants to protect drinking water quality

The Water Commission has applied for two state grants to help protect drinking water quality: $25,000 for a water quality study of Lily Pond, and $10,000 for technical assistance to evaluate two hazardous waste sites in Cohasset.

"These grants, if we are successful, will help the Water Commission to protect the integrity of our public drinking water supply," said John McNabb, Water Commission chairman. "Lily Pond is our primary source of drinking water supply, and we need to protect it.

"Lily Pond is being choked with weeds, and algae, which impacts water quality," he said. "In the water quality study grant, the Water Commission will conduct a limnological study to evaluate the drainage of nutrients into Lily Pond, propose 'Best Management Practices' to protect the pond from storm-water runoff, and will study the adequacy of the buffer zone around the Pond." If the application is successful, the Water Commission will have to match the $25,000 grant with another $25,000, for a total of $50,000 that will be spent on the project.

"Lily Pond is our primary source of drinking water supply, and we need to protect it."
— John K. McNabb Jr., Water Commission

"In the other grant," said McNabb, "we have applied for a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) to evaluate two hazardous waste sites: Hingham Annex in Hingham, which is in the Lily Pond watershed, and the former Browns Auto Body, at Depot Court, which is in the watershed for the Ellms Meadow Wellfield. While the Water Commission has an ongoing program to identify and evaluate all potential threats to water quality, this grant will provide $10,000 help us to evaluate and publicize the potential threats from these two sites."

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Stars of the Week

Dan Littauer

After suffering a separated elbow two days before the wrestling season was set to begin, doctors told this Cohasset High senior and star grappler that his high school wrestling days were more than likely over. But Littauer, who finished second at the Div. 3 South Sectionals a year ago, "worked his butt off" (according to coach Torin Sweeney) to get back well ahead of schedule to debut this weekend with a 17-6 win at 152 pounds in Cohasset's upset win over Rockland for the Pilgrim Conference 2 league championship., 39-32. This four point swing provided by Dan was one of several key performances for Cohasset wrestlers on the day.

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On the South Shore
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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset defenseman Will Moody (#17) sacrifices the bod to block shot off the stick of Rockland's Mike Celestino.

Wrestlers scrap their way back

Cohasset High grapplers shock Rockland to take league title

By Mike Spellman
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Cohasset wrestling coach Torin Sweeney confided prior to Saturday's showdown with Rockland for the Pilgrim Conference 2 crown that he really didn't know if his predominantly younger team had enough experience to compete with the perennial powerful Bulldogs.

The reason it seems OK to report this now is because the Cohasset grapplers not only competed with Rockland, they shocked most close observers of the South Shore wrestling scene by topping them, 39-32.

"Everything just broke right for us," said an elated Sweeney, whose Skippers completed a perfect 6-0 season in league competition (12-10 overall). "The match-ups we got were pretty favorable, and we had some guys really come up big with some dramatic performances. We had a lot

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Sci-Coh swimmers primed for Sectionals

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Scituate-Cohasset swim team does not have time to worry about their recent losses to non-league power swimming schools. They have more important things on their minds.

The Sci-Cohs did receive back-to-back thumpings at the hands of Sharon and Sandwich, but everyone has really been focusing on the upcoming League Championships and Southeast Sectionals.

"This is what we work towards all season," affirmed second year coach Jamie Kearney. "I know we can surprise some people at both of those meets."

The tiny Sci-Coh squad certainly surprised at least a few of its opponents, taking down both Middleboro and North Quincy in league. They also put in very solid bids at beating such powerhouses as Nauset and Cardinal Spellman, and could have nipped Oliver Ames were it not for team absences.

The Sci-Cohs will send three

SWIMMING, PAGE 16

The debate is over

Cohasset skaters dismantle Norwell in much awaited SSL rematch

By Mike Spellman
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The debate, if ever there truly was one, is over: the Cohasset High hockey team is The Power in the South Shore League, period.

With a message-sending 10-1 win on Wednesday over second place Norwell, the team that put the lone blemish on their 13-0-1 record, the Skippers seemingly eliminated what little doubt there may have been about them being true contenders for a Div. 3 state title.

Standout Norwell High goalie Ryan O'Shaughnessy was on his game early, thwarting several early Cohasset flurries to keep it a 1-0 game at the end of one.

The Skippers opened it up even more after the break, firing 18 shots on O'Shaughnessy over the second 15 minute frame, and it was all O'Shaughnessy could do to stop 13 of them.

Norwell's Mike McAteer ruined Cohasset goalie Dan Kinchla's bid for a shutout 33 seconds into the third period, making it a 6-1 game, but the Skippers quickly turned that into an afterthought, potting four more goals before the clock mercifully ran out on the Clippers.

To the surprise of no one who's

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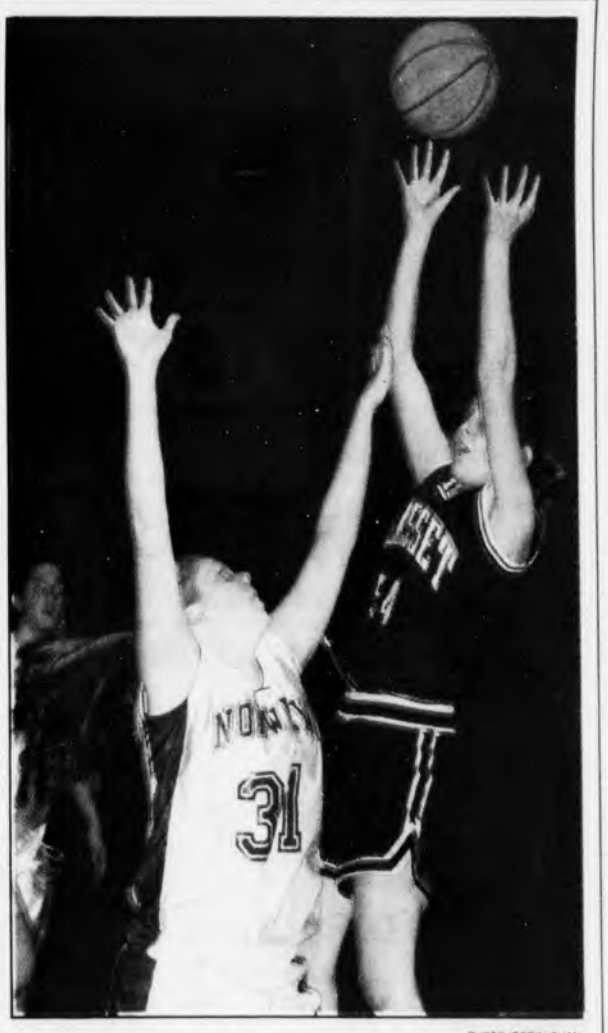

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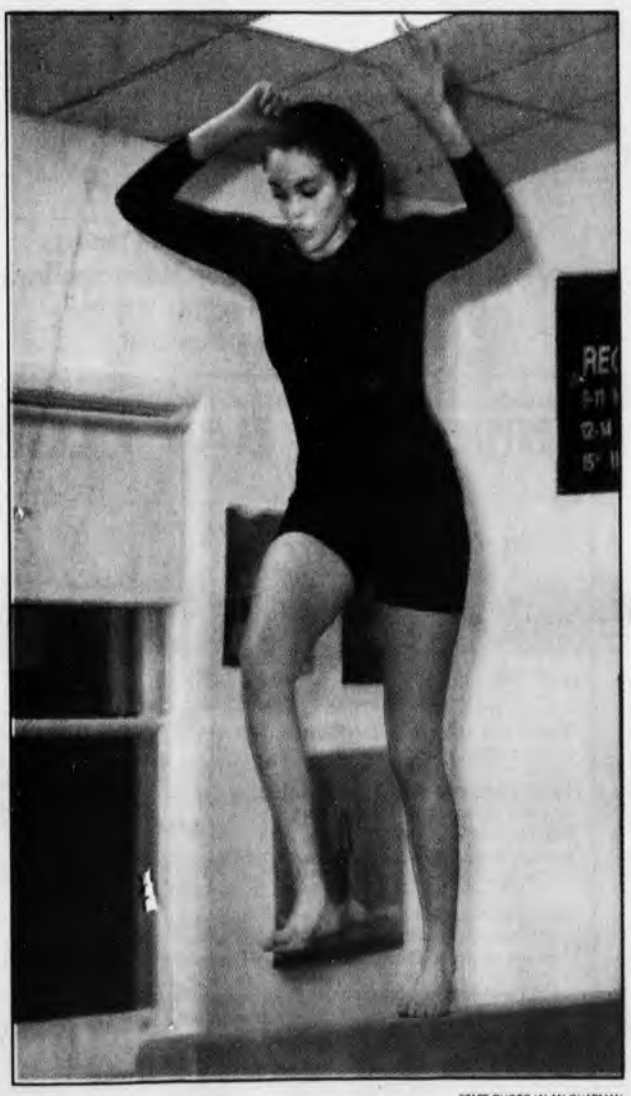
Cohasset's Maura O'Brien (#54) skies over Norwell's Suzanne Chase for board in recent South Shore League girls hoop action.



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Cohasset's Katherine Coyne prepares to dismount from beam at recent meet for Cohasset-Norwell squad.

Gymnasts lock up Sectional bid

Norwell-Cohasset squad wraps up first league championship

By Mike Spellman
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There aren't many people around who remember much about the Cohasset gymnastics team's last trip to the Sectionals back in 1998, a sojourn they will now be repeating thanks to the Pilgrim Conference 2 championship it wrapped up last week. Cohasset High senior Kristin Sheerin is one of those few. She was a member of that team as an eighth grader.

"It's pretty exciting to be going back there as a team," said Sheerin, who has gone on to the state championships as an individual each of the past two years. "We've come together to have a real good season."

Speaking of coming together, this is the first time ever the joint Norwell High-Cohasset High team has gone to Sectionals, the two small schools having joined ranks in 1999.

The Nor-Coh squad clinched the league championship and all of the spoils with a 129.5-101.2 victory over Duxbury last Wednesday, sewing up a perfect 5-0 season in league, and an overall mark of 9-1.

Sheerin likewise completed her perfect season on Wednesday in the all-around competition, making it 10-for-10 as she swept all four events to finish with a total score of 35.3. Her first place scores were 8.7 on the bars, 8.8 on the beam, 8.7 on the vault and a 9.1 in the floor exercise.

Also scoring for the Clippers/Skippers were Cohasset High's Meredith Bixby and Jen Guiney.

Bixby, a junior, was second in both the bars (8.1) and beam (7.7), while Guiney was second on the floor (8.3).

The girls will try to pin down a high seeding for Sectionals with a big showing at the All-League meet at Carver High School on Saturday (12 noon start).

Sheerin also hopes the head-to-head rematch against her best competition this season— Carver's Steven Cudworth, who she beat by just 4/10ths of a point in the all around earlier this season— pushes her to greater heights. She was fighting a nasty head cold at mid-week, but said there was no way she would miss this meet.

"I was sick at last year's league meet too," she said is a raspy voice. "It's just something about this time of year for me."

In past years, the top six teams from both the North and South Sectional

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Lady Skippers lose two tough ones

Differing scripts still spell similar outcomes for hoopsters

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Lady Skippers played two somewhat encouraging games over the past week.

In one, they outplayed their opponents in the beginning of the game. In the other, they played superior to the opposition at the end. Both games, however, ended the same: with the Lady Skippers on the losing end.

Cohasset lost to Norton last Friday, 60-50, a game which everyone on the team deemed

LADY SKIPPERS, PAGE 17

Surging Wave scuttles Skippers

Cohasset boys no match for powerhouse Abington

By T.J. Byrne
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The Abington Green Wave improved their record to 12-2 with an decisive 69–45 win over the visiting Cohasset Skippers (6-11) Tuesday night. With an upcoming showdown versus the league leading Norwell Clippers this Friday night, the Green Wave took it to their opponents this past week much like a prize fighter abuses his sparing partners.

"There is no question about how important this game is for us on Friday," said Abington head coach Don Byron. "They (Norwell) are a very good team, but so are we. The first time we met they were able to wear us down a little bit, but I think we have improved since that game in a lot of areas."

The Green Wave has shown no signs of wearing down since their come from behind road victory over Carver just over a week ago. Following the Carver victory, Abington disposed of Hull 101–37.

Abington now holds second place in the South Shore League alone following Carver's tough 74–73 loss to Norwell Tuesday night. A win at Norwell Friday night will put Abington in great position as the season begins to wind down.

"Our guys understand what a win would mean Friday night," added Byron. "We would still be a game behind Norwell, as well as improving our position and seeding in the tournament when the brackets come out."

Before getting to Norwell, Abington had to play South Shore League foe Cohasse—who, following a successful tournament run a year ago, have fallen on some tough times.

The story of the game was the play of Abington senior forward Tom McSharry. As Abington rolled to a 13 point, 35–22, halftime lead, McSharry was 8-for-9 shooting for 16 points and five rebounds. McSharry, much like the rest of the Green Wave squad, seems to be peaking at just the right time.

"Tom has been playing great," said coach Byron. "He has to be one of the most versatile players in the league right now."

The Skippers had little success against a very tough man-to-man defense applied by the Green Wave. Cohasset's high scorer Chris Bilodeau finished with 13 points.

If there was any question about the outcome of the game, it was quickly answered after the break. Abington opened the second half with a 16–0 run and the Green Wave never looked back. Abington's points came off of their solid defensive play, as they forced five turnovers during that run and held Cohasset scoreless until the 9:37 mark.

McSharry followed his 28 point output against Hull with 27 points and 8 rebounds to finish the game. Mike Carey added 14 points and center Tim Inglis contributed with four points and 10 rebounds.

"We played very well tonight," said Byron. "Everyone on this team is contributing right now. As we get closer to the tournament, we will need everyone."

Matt Bilodeau scored 11 points for the Skippers, while Liam Martin was impressive tossing down nine points in one of his first athletic endeavors since breaking his leg in the season opener for football back in early September.

The debate is over

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset star Greg O'Connell (#8) has been more than a one-way threat this season. Not only does he lead the South Shore League in scoring with 43 points, but he's tops among Cohasset forwards in +/- with a +42.

been keeping an eye on the Cohasset hockey program of late, junior center Greg O'Connell paced the Skipper attack with three goals and three assists, improving his SSL best offensive production to 43 points (20 goals, 23 assists). O'Connell's linemates, wingers John Durkin and Rob Carpenter, also made out in the deal with multi-point totals, while senior defensemen Tim Straughn and Eric Libby continued their all-star caliber campaigns by combining for five points, including a goal apiece.

"The kids were fired up for the rematch with Norwell after what happened the first time around," noted longtime Cohasset coach Dennis Walsh. "That win helps their confidence heading down the stretch and then into the tourney."

For good measure, the Skippers followed this up with a 5-2 win over third place Abington on Friday night at Pilgrim Arena.

Pete Whoriskey, Matt Davis and Durkin each scored in the first to post Cohasset to a 3-zip lead over the visiting Green Wave.

A pretty play by Straughn early in the second frame made it 4-0. The veteran blueliner first did a nice job of keeping the puck in Cohasset's offensive zone on an attempted Abington clear. He then faked a slapper from the point to send a forward flying past him, allowing him to skate in closer where he drew in another defender and slipped a quick pass in to the freed up Tom Anderson in the slot for a quick one-timer.

The Skippers seemed to go on automatic pilot at this point, and that's when that pesky old penalty monster began to once again rare its head. Bad penalties have been an on again-off again problem for the Skippers all season—the worst example of this being the Norwell tie, where they committed the game's last six penalties in the third period, helping the Clippers erase a two goal deficit.

At 5:17 of the second period, the Skippers committed their third penalty of the game. On the ensuing faceoff to the right of Kinchla, the draw went back to defenseman James Tevlin, who quickly fired a wrister through a screen that the Cohasset goalie didn't pick up on until it was too late.

Defenseman Mike Devine gave Cohasset back its four goal cushion with 2:33 left in the second, taking a feed from Whoriskey at the right point and firing off a 40-foot laser beam that beat Abington goalie Bryce Beauregard high.

Apparently unable to stand good fortune, however, another Cohasset player committed a bad penalty just 42 seconds later, and Abington converted on its second power play of the period a mere seven seconds after that, Chris Murphy poking it past Kinchla off of a scramble in front that was created right off the draw.

One might think the Skippers would have learned a lesson from this, but they wound up being whistled for all six penalties called in the third period. Fortunately, Kinchla was able to prevent any further damage, but whatever offensive cohesion there had been for the Skippers early in the game was never recovered—hardly surprising considering the Skippers were down a man for most of the third period.

"Obviously, we need to get away from this pattern of taking bad penalties,," noted Walsh after the game. "We did the same thing against Norwell the first time, and that cost us there. It's a chink in our armor right now.

"I thought some of the calls tonight might have been a little questionable, but not all of them. We did take some bad penalties. That's not the way you want to protect a lead."

Hockey Notes

Skippers a +96

The Skippers have now outscored their opponents by a combined score of 115-19 this season.

Not surprisingly, the physical and talented Straughn tops the list with a remarkable +56. He's followed by fellow blue-liner Libby (+45) and O'Connell (+42).

The road ahead

The Skippers road to an unbeaten regular season contains five more stops, which began with a scheduled meeting last night with SSL rival Hull. This will be followed by Trinity Catholic next Wednesday in Watertown and Randolph next Saturday (Feb. 16, 5:20 at Pilgrim Arena). These are three teams the Skippers beat in first go-rounds by a combined score of 37-0.

The Cohasset skaters can probably look forward to a pretty good test from Scituate on Feb. 18 at Pilgrim (6:30 p.m.). The Sailors (6-7-1) have arguably played one of the toughest schedules of any Div. 3 team in the state, competing in league play against higher division powerhouses Duxbury, Hanover and Hingham, and twice each in non-league play against Div. 2 tourney bound teams Quincy and Marshfield.

The regular season finale against Avon-Holbrook (6-6-2) on Feb. 20 should also prove a nice tune-up for the post-season.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset girls hoop Spirit Night

The Cohasset High athletic boosters have scheduled a Spirit Night for tomorrow night's girls basketball game against South Shore League rival Carver.

Any Cohasset student wearing a Cohasset Recreation T-shirt and accompanied by a paying adult will receive free admission.

The junior varsity game is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m., with the varsity tip-off slated for 6:30.

Two 'Banner' nights

The Cohasset High Athletic Department will be honoring championship teams from this past year at home basketball games this coming week by hanging banners in the gymnasium commemorating their achievements.

Friday, Feb. 8: Girls Basketball vs. Carver, 6:30 p.m.

* 2001 Girls Tennis Team will be honored for the South Shore League Title and South Sectional Semi-Finalists banners.

Monday, Feb. 11: Boys Basketball vs. Harwich, 6:30 p.m.

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Race-by-the-Sea set for April 7

The 26th Cohasset Road Race-by-the-Sea has been scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2002. The Cohasset Rotary Club will again sponsor the race.

The race is listed on the "Cool Running" Web site calendar (www.coolrunning.com). Information can be obtained on the race website www.cohassetroadrace-bythesea.com.

Applications are in the back of the Rotary Telephone Book for Cohasset. Runners can also register on the website. Applications will be at Curtis Liquors, Nobles, Cohasset Good Sport and other locations at the end of February beginning of March.

Organizers this year intend to use computer chips for timing.

Coaching vacancies

For the spring, 2002 seasons, Cohasset High is seeking a girls lacrosse coach and the Cohasset Middle School is seeking a softball coach. Interested individuals should call Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383- 6103.

Gymnasts lock up Sectional bid

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Meets in Massachussets qualified for the states, but this year the MIAA has created a third section—"Central"—and is allowing only two teams from each of these three sections to advance to states.

"We'd probably need just about a flawless showing at the Sectionals to advance to States," conceded Sheerin. "The new way they're doing it really puts the pressure on us. There are a lot of good teams in our section."

Of course, Sheerin already appears a lock to return to her third consecutive state championships, her average all-around score having gone up this year from the previous two seasons when she qualified—her high score this season an outstanding 36.1. Sheerin finished sixth in the State all-around as a sophomore after going in as the 18th seed out of 20. She went in last winter with a ninth seed, but finished 11th after a fall on the beam.

There in the added inducement for seniors to do well at these state event, as college scouts are likely to attend. The top six seniors at the Massachusetts championships this year will also qualify for a chance to showcase their skills further at a national event next month in Las Vegas.

Ski team continues strong season

Despite the lack of snow locally, a dedicated group of Cohasset High School Ski Team members have been making the twice-weekly trip to Blue Hills to compete in the Bay State League Ski races. Under the coaching of Jack Dane, the team is well positioned to send a group to the State Championships at Berkshire East later this month. Individuals race in both Slalom and Giant Slalom formats to obtain individual and team points.

With four of five races completed, the boy's team has ousted Westwood by a mere 5 points to secure a second place standing. If this holds they will represent Cohasset at the state championships. Senior David Kruger and Sophomore Andrew Busk had been jockeying for the top Cohasset slot, with Andrew Busk leading by 7 points going into Monday night's race. Unfortunately, a skiing injury has sidelined Busk for the remainder of the season. David Kruger came up big Monday night and amassed 21 points, totaling 65 for the season. Senior Captain Connor Avery, Senior Alex Schmidt and Sophomores Ryan Oftshun and Dan Roth are well positioned to contribute additional points and help bring the team to the state meet.

For the girls team, Junior Moira McKenney continually places in the top ranks, earning 90 points overall. Sophomores Jessie Guild and Brenna O'Donnell have both made significant contributions to the team, improving their times with each race and helping the girl's team to move up in the standings.

The Cohasset Ski Team is organized as a club sport, fully funded by the participants. Race results are posted on MBSLE.org.

Sci-Coh swimmers primed for Sectionals

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females to compete in individual events at Sectionals, a meet that takes place on Valentine's Day.

Junior Kathryn Noonan, who did not join the team until two weeks into the season, finally clinched her spot at Sectionals against Sandwich last Friday in the 100 backstroke. Needing a 1:14.20 to qualify, Noonan's previous best had been less than a half a second off. On Friday, she broke out, making it easily with a 1:11.56.

"I knew she could do it," said a smiling Kearney after that race. "She is such a competitor."

Freshman Liz Tierney emerged as an outstanding addition to the team, especially in races of more than 100 yards. In her best effort of the season, Tierney qualified for Sectionals in the 200 Individual Medley (two laps of each stroke) with a time of 2:37.31.

Tierney's frosh counterpart Danielle Swain impressed everyone who watched the swim team compete this year, earning a trip to Sectionals in three different events. She qualified in the 200 freestyle early in the season with a time of 2:15.7, then made the 100 freestyle on Monday against Sharon, swimming a1:01.49. The event in which she has the strongest shot of medaling is the 100 breastroke, where her seed time will be 1:20.59.

"I absolutely love the fact that I am gonna have them for three more years after this," noted Kearney of her freshmen phenom trio. That threesome of course also includes Becky Keyes, the Sci-Cohs lone diver this year who also nearly qualified for Sectionals in winning the 500 freestyle on Monday.

Unfortunately, the Sci-Cohs will not be sending any males to Sectionals, possibly a result of the newly lowered necessary seed times to qualify.

Cohasset junior Bryan Bilton put in a very strong bid in the 100 freestyle, knocking five seconds off his best time in the final week of the season. However, his time of 0:56.84 was just over a second off.

This Thursday will be the girls Patriot League/Pilgrim Conference Championships, and Friday will be for the boys.

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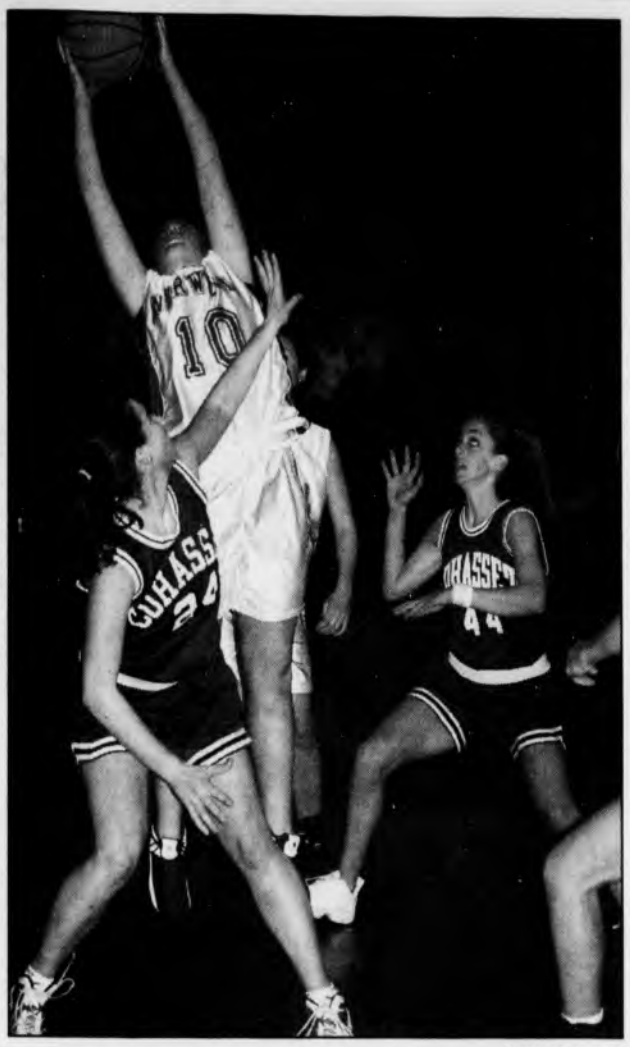

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Cohasset's La'Raine Langford (#24) is unable to keep Norwell's Shauna Eyster from this long rebound as Lindsay Grossman (#44) rushes in to help.

Lady Skippers lose two tough ones

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winnable.

The first time these two teams met, junior Heather Peraino sank a 3-pointer with less than five seconds left to give her team a one point lead. But the Lancers answered right back, with Norton senior Larsen Jeweline connecting on a trey to give her team a two point victory, and leaving emotions running very high for the second head-to-head meeting.

Norton showed themselves to be the aggressors early on, snatching a 36-25 halftime lead over the visitors. In the second half, Cohasset found themselves getting much more physical on both ends of the floor, shooting their way back into it.

The Lady Lancers found themselves clinging to a three point lead with four minutes left, but they hit their necessary free throws down the stretch to preserve the win.

Jeweline was again the hero, scoring a game-high 21 points. Right behind her, though, was Cohasset junior Lindsay Grossman, who kept her team in it with a 20 point effort.

"We played fine defense," noted third year coach Ellen Carr, "but we played ragged offense."

Against Abington on Tuesday night, Cohasset did all it could to hang around, but eventually the superior team took control. The Green Wave continued their outstanding season atop the South Shore League, taking a 70-29 decision.

In their previous meeting, Abington had jumped out to a startling 28-4 lead before calling off their tenacious press. In this one, the opening minutes were quite different.

Junior Maura O'Brien won the opening tip, and junior point guard LaRaine Langford scored off an assist from Grossman. After an Abington layup tied the score, O'Brien put one in, and Grossman sank two field goals for an 8-2 lead.

"They made Abington think about what they were doing," said Carr. "I think our kids made a ball-game of it."

The teams traded baskets for three minutes, but Abington did proceed to take over. Forcing nine turnovers in the next five minutes, the Green Wave put together a 16-0 run to open a double digit lead that would stick for the duration of the game.

The Abington girls showed the shooting form that has gotten them to where they are, sinking five consecutive threes in the second half. Senior All-star Brittany Cheney tallied 22 points, despite spending most of the second half on the bench with the big lead.

Abington junior Stephanie Morrissey scored 15 points, including 7-of-8 from the foul line. Grossman led her team with 10 points, and O'Brien followed with eight.

The Lady Skippers have their final home game of the season on Friday versus Carver. There will be a pre-game recognition of the seniors, and anyone wearing a Recreation t-shirt pays no admission.

Wrestlers scrap their way back

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of guys avoid getting pinned in key match-ups, and then a few others came away with huge pins for us. It sounds good on paper, but the reality was even better."

Freshman Joey Kehoe sewed up the match in the second to final bout of the day in the 112-pound division with a dramatic third period pin of Rockland's Leo Mahoney—this after escaping himself three times from near pins.

This clinching effort followed four consecutive pins for Cohasset in the heaviest weight divisions—slapped on by Mike Casey at 171 pounds, Cosimo Cambi at 189, Matt Baroudi at 215 and John Hussey at heavyweight—that propelled the Skippers from a 22-9 deficit in to a 33-22 lead.

The match also featured the 2001-'02 debut of team captain Dan Littauer, who separated his elbow a few days prior to the season opener back in December. Although some rust was evident, the defending Sectional runner-up had little trouble with his Rockland counterpart at 152, topping him 17-6 for the four-point Major Win.

Cohasset wrestlers actually lost the first three bouts of the match to legitimate state contenders David Laramie (125 pounds), Zach Gorman (130) and Frank Sforza (135), a three-time state champ—but not by nearly as many points as Sweeney feared they might.

Cohasset sophomore Phil Strazzulla, who finished fourth in sectionals last year, surrendered only four points to Laramie, who bumped up from the 119-pound division for this match-up. The 4-0 loss awarded Rockland just three points to open the match.

Freshman Bill Carbone gave the more experienced Gorman something to think about at 130 before getting turned over on his back in the second period for the six point pin.

Rockland's lead grew to 13-0 when Sforza bested Cohasset junior standout Terry Baroudi at 135, 14-4. However, Baroudi did all that Sweeney could have expected against the three-time state champ, holding him to a major win for four points rather than the six points awarded for a pin.

"We told Terry to lock him up whenever he could, and just stay away from dangerous moves, and he did a great job of that," lauded Sweeney. "Not giving up those two extra points was huge for us."

Sophomore Ian Hickey finally got Cohasset on the board with a Tech Fall, 18-2, at 140 pounds, making it a 13-5 match.

Cohasset's 145-pound man, junior Chris McKenna, lost a heartbreaker, 6-5, to 2001 Sectional's finalist Rob Affleck despite battling a case of the flu and a high fever.

"This match should give people an idea of just how far Chris has come," raved Sweeney. "For him to do this well against a wrestler of Affleck's ability, as sick as he was, was extremely impressive. I can see him surprising some people at Sectionals."

Dan Littauer's Major Win got the Skippers back to within seven, but Rockland's 160-pound star Rob Shemkus pinned Cohasset soph Drew Musto to make it 22-9 at the mid-point of the match.

Junior Mike Casey (171 pounds) was also running a fever, but somehow found a way to pull off a third period pin on Rockland's Joe Cole. Casey was leading 10-2 at the time, but those additional three points proved significant.

Firs year junior wrestler Cosimo Cambi got reversed and thrown to his back by Rockland's Nick Chase in the opening moments of the 189-pound bout to go down quickly, 5-0. After escaping the attempted pin, however, Cambi, a South Shore League all-star lineman in football, returned the favor with a reversal, but he finished the pin, making it a 22-21 match.

Freshman Matt Baroudi and senior captain John Hussey both gave away considerable amounts of weight to their counterparts at 215 and the 275-pound limit heavyweight divisions, respectively, but both pulled off first period wins to put the Skippers I ncontrol at 33-22.

Freshman Jonathan Littauer also gave away weight to Bulldogs sophomore star Paul Robinson, and that proved telling in an 11-0 loss that featured Jonathan fending off a pair of pin attempts.

Jonathan (Dan's little brother), who has maintained his weight at around 101 pounds this season, has regularly gone up against grapplers weighing close to 110 pounds—a significant difference at this weight class. After wrestlers cut weight for a weigh-in several hours before a match, they often bulk up. And the situation is less advantageous for the younger Littauer since the weight limit for 103 was extended to 105 two weeks ago.

By relinquishing only four points, Littauer gave Kehoe the chance to clinch the victory with a win, somethign his fellow frosh did with style.

After being thrown to his back three times by Mahoney in the match, Kehoe trailed 9-5 late in the second period when he earned four points for an escape and quick take down to tie things up heading into the final period.

Mahoney chose to get on top to open the final frame, but Kehoe managed to swing the advantage with a nifty escape. With a small advantage in points, Kehoe then stuck Mahoney to the mat with under a minute remaining.

This made the final match of the day at 119 academic, but Cohasset senior captain Vinnie Gratta still gave Rockland's Jackie Erickson all he could handle before getting surprised by a quick takedown and pin.

Wrestling Notes

Cohasset 45, Carver 24

The Cohasset team got to wrestle for the undisputed league crown by taking down Carver last Wednesday, 45-24.

Jonathan Littauer (105) and Terry Baroudi (132) recorded Tech Falls, while Phil Strazzulla (127) and Chris McKenna (147) had major decisions.

On a roll

Needless to say, the Skippers head into Saturday's Div. 3 sectional championships on something of a roll.

After starting the season 3-7, the Skippers rallied for its first plus-.500 season in the three years, finishing 12-10. The only three losses over the second half of the season, to nine wins, were to higher Division powers Duxbury and New Bedford, and perennial Div. 3 state contender Wayland.

"It took us some time to get things rolling, but we really came one, and the kids deserve all of the credit in the world for their hard work and commitment," raved coach Sweeney.

The veteran coach attributed much of the reason behind the slow start to the cutback in practice time this season resulting from the conversion of the upstairs gymnasium at Cohasset High into a library. The team is now given just two hours of gym time on practice days, which Sweeney says translates to more like an hour and a half when you factor in unrolling and rolling up the mats.

"We've got 24 wrestlers, including a lot of first year guys, so we didn't really have a lot of time this year to work on things,' noted Sweeney. "But the kids committed themselves to getting the most out of that practice time."

He continued: "That's one of the real satisfying things about this season. All 24 guys worked hard and found some way to contribute to what we accomplished."

An abundance of opportunities

Sweeney said he honestly believes he has wrestlers in all 14 weight categories who have a legitimate shot to finish top six at the Sectional championships this Friday (1:30 p.m. start) and Saturday (10 a.m start) at Mansfield High. Top six finishers will advance to the Div. 3 state championship next weekend at Taconic High School in Pittsfield, the site of Cohasset's state Div. 3 championship in 1999.

Dan Littauer, Terry Baroudi and Strazzulla all advanced to the State Championships last winter, finishing second, third and fourth, respectively, at Sectionals.

Even though Littauer has wrestled only once this season, Sweeney anticipates he'll be a top four seed based on his previous record, and said he'd be "real surprised" if Littauer did not medal this time as well to move on.

"As long as the injury doesn't flare up, I think Danny will do very well," asserted Sweeney.

With membership in the Div. 3 South Section increasing from 15 to 20 this winter, Sweeney notes that competition is now much tougher in several divisions. The coach believes Baroudi's 135-pound division may, in fact, be the deepest top to bottom.

"There are nine kids at 135 pounds who probably won more than 75 percent of their matches this season, just like Terry," said Sweeney. "Terry's definitely going to have to be on top of his game to medal."

He added that Strazzula had "six to eight real quality wrestlers" to contend with at 125.

The competition for Littauer at 152 appears daunting, but Sweeney believes several top wrestlers may move up to the 160-pound division to take advantage of a thinner field.

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Lena Britto, on the right, with Leslie and Blanche Thompson of Cohasset.

Autobiography includes memories of Cohasset

In "Yankee Mericana: My Cape Verdean Odyssey," Lena Britto looks back upon a lifetime of achievement. She begins with the story of her grandfather, Ben Horta Varella, a former whaler who settled in Rochester, Mass. in the late 19th-century, then returned to Cape Verde to bring his wife and children to America. When the ship he was a passenger on foundered and went adrift in the mid-Atlantic, her grandfather took command and is credited with saving all on board. Varella Corner in Rochester is named after him.

Despite early success in school, Britto quit at age 15 to go to work to help her family during the Great Depression — then went on to graduate from college at age 64. Between those years, she worked as a welder at the Fore River Shipyard during World War II, owned her own beauty salon, obtained her real estate license, worked as a social worker for the Division of Social Services, and raised a family. She did all this while helping others in her community, and in doing so, befriended the rich and famous, including movie stars and governors.

Among Lena Britto's fondest memories are the visits her family made to Cohasset when she was a child. In a chapter titled, "Keeper of the Light," she tells of her mother's cousin, Samuel Perry, a lighthouse keeper at Minot's Light. When not on duty at the lighthouse, Perry lived with his wife on High Hill Road in a house that, at that time — the 1920s and 30s — had a clear view of the ocean and the distant lighthouse. Perry, who fought in World War I, often told the children of his experiences in the trenches and the horrors of gas warfare.

On these visits to Cohasset, her brother's playmate was a neighborhood boy named Lancelot Thompson. "Smiley" Thompson grew up to become a popular clarinet and saxophone player for such notables as Billy Eckstine, Cab Calloway and Duke Ellington.

After an absence of nearly seven decades, Britto returned to Cohasset to seek out her childhood haunts. With the help of her Cohasset friends, the O'Tooles, she was able to locate the house where she used to visit as a child. To her great joy, she learned that "Smiley" Thompson's brother Leslie still lives in the house across the street with his wife, Blanche, who for 20 years was organist at the Boston Naval Shipyard. Among the many pictures in "Yankee Mericana" is a photograph of Britto with the Thompsons enjoying a musical moment with Mrs. Thompson at the piano.

"Yankee Mericana" is published by Rock Village Publishing, a regional publisher. For information, contact the publisher at 41 Walnut St., Middleborough 02346; or telephone them at 508-946-4738.

IT'S HAPPENING

Play auditions

Hull Performing Arts announces open auditions for the musical "Pump Boys and Dinettes" by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel and Jim Wann.

This musical tribute to life by the roadside takes place at a gas station on Highway 57. Across the street is an eatery called the "Double Cupp Diner." The four guys at the station have been known to do some auto repairs, but only when aided by quantities of time and beer. The Cupp sisters celebrate their home cooking with the same zeal they bring to being neighborly with the boys.

The show will be directed by Simpson Moore and the musical director will be Kathy Clancy.

The auditions are on Sunday, March 3, and Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave., Hull. Bring a song to sing. "Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be cast with three men and three women. Call 781-925-2406 for directions and more information about the show.

This project is sponsored, in part, by a grant from the Hull Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Community center classes are offered

The South Shore Community Center has classes in Adult Computers: Introduction to Computers, Windows, Word and Internet. Classes run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, two hours per class for four weeks. The cost is $115 for members and $120 for non-members. For more information, times and dates, call 781-383-0088.

Other equally interesting but "low-tech" classes also offered at the center include:

Aphrodisiac — Valentines Dinner For Two at the Red Lion: Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 6:45-9:15 p.m. Cost is $70 per person.

Vacation Camp: Tuesday through Thursday during school vacation week, Feb. 19, 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. For ages 3-5+. Games, crafts, stories and more! Bring a snack and lunch. Cost is $82, members, and $84, non-members.

February Gymnastics/Sports Camp for Boys and Girls: Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For ages 5-11. Cost is $32. Limited sign-up! Gymnastics, sports, bowling, crafts and more. Bring a snack and lunch.

Pizza, Calzones and Bruchetta: Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 6:45-9 p.m. with Chef Lorraine Bachman. Cost is $50 members, and $55, non-members.

Let's Talk Window Treatments: Instructor, John Bulian, owner of Boston Blinds in Newton. Thursday, March 7 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is $25, members, and $27, non-members.

Babysitting for Boys and Girls: Thursday, March 7 from 4-5:30 p.m. For ages 10+. Four weeks. Cost is $40, members, and $45, non-members.

Introduction to Faux Finish: Wednesday, March 13 and 20 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is $70, members and $80, non-members.

Kids Cooking: Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is $40, members and $42, non-members.

CPR: Wednesday, March 27 from 7-10:30 p.m. Cost is $45, members, and $50 non-members.

Pediatric CPR: Wednesday and Thursday, April 24 and 25 from 7-10 p.m. Cost is $45, members, and $50 non-members.

Gymnastics: Openings in Tumblebugs, Gym Explorers, Sports for Kids, Beginners/Intermediate Girls. Call the center for details at 781-383-0088.

Cooking classes

The South Shore Community Center offers cooking classes. Chef Brendan Nolan has joined the Cooking Corner roster of chefs, offering two menus. First, Monday, Feb. 4, he will demonstrate the art of preparing seafood with his "Gone Fishing" class. Nolan will demonstrate techniques for poaching, sautéing, and broiling. Nolan is also offering "Asta La Pasta" on Monday, March 4. this class will feature the art of making pasta along with an assortment of sauces and fillings. These classes run from 6:45 to 9 p.m. and are $45 for members, $50 for non-members and will be held at the Community Center at 3 North Main Street.

For the romantic gourmet, Chef Robert Fatham of The Red Lion Inn offers an "Aphrodisiac Valentine's Dinner" on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The menu will feature risotto with white truffles, oysters with creme fraiche and caviar, pan roasted lobster with a vanilla bean buerre blanc, roasted baby vegetables, and a warm chocolate cake with orange-pepper compote and cardamom ice cream. Wine will be served. The cost is $70 per person. This class will be held at The Red Lion Inn, 71 South Main Street.

For questions or to register, call the Community Center at 781-383-0088. Class sizes are limited.

Members of the Broad Cove Choral salute the spirit of Encore!. From left, are Kate Dickinson of Hingham, Trish Morse of Cohasset, Sally Davenport of Hingham, Sarah Roche of Cohasset and Lynn Anderson of Hingham.

Don't miss 'Encore!' on Feb. 9

The Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale, two of the South Shore's choral ensembles, will combine to present "Encore!" a pops/cabaret style performance at St. Anthony's Parish Hall on South Main Street, Cohasset on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. and again Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.

This year's "Encore!" will feature costumed medleys from the Broadway shows, "Oklahoma!" and "Most Happy Fella," along with other lighthearted selections of jazz, barbershop, folk, pop and classical music. Both choruses, under the direction of Margo Euler, are noted for their creative presentations and the concert is a lively and colorful mid-winter pick-me-up!

Seating for the concert is at tables and in the pops tradition, audience members are encouraged to bring a festive picnic to enjoy during the performance.

Tickets for "Encore!" are $15 ($10 for students and seniors on Sunday) and are available at Nobles in Hingham Square or at Cards & Shards in Cohasset.

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Drowned Hogs frolic in frigid waters

"I thought it was amazing to see so many people of all ages excited to be jumping into the winter ocean to help raise money for Wellspring!" said Allen Viden of Hingham, president of the Wellspring Board of Directors.

Two hundred and fifty "Drowned Hogs" frolicked in the frigid waters of Nantasket Beach last Saturday to raise money for Wellspring, a multi-service center in Hull. The swimmers, some wearing wild costumes, such as hula-hula skirts and pink tutus, endured an air temperature of 27 degrees, a water temperature of 37 degrees, and northwest winds of 10 miles per hour — all to raise money to support the many programs that Wellspring provides. Last year, more than $18,000 was raised, and this year's total is expected to exceed that sum.

Coach Anderson from Hull High School and his entire football team also took the plunge. It is rumored that next year they will extend a challenge to the Cohasset and Hingham football teams.

Board member, Janna Oddleifson of Cohasset marveled at the crowd's enthusiasm and the swimmers' stamina. "Maybe it's even worse being a spectator," she said. "At least, when you're a Drowned Hog you have all that excitement and energy to keep you warm!"

"Heavenly Hogs," "Gear Hogs," and "Boss Hogs," the sponsors of the Drowned Hog event can choose among many different levels of participation.

Almost as soon as the "designated driers" had finished handing towels to the last of the Drowned Hogs to race in from the beach, plans were already underway to make next year's event surpass even this one.

Dozens of press and media reporters covered this year's swim. Let those groundhogs in Pennsylvania take notice. The Drowned Hogs in Hull are hoping to gain national attention.

If you're interested in being a Drowned Hog, a sponsor, or a designated drier, please call 781-925-3211.

STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Two enthusiastic "Drowned Hogs" are joined by hundreds of others as they head into the chilly Atlantic off Nantasket Beach. The hearty men, women and children take to the waters to try and outwit Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil. If the Drowned Hogs frolic in the icy water and all submerge before returning then spring is just around the corner.

Patriots fan Gina Fullerton emerges from the surf at Nantasket Beach along with hundreds of others who took part in the annual event to raise money for the Wellspring Multi-Service Center.

These kids can't wait to get into the chilly water! Who could blame them? The air temperature was 27 degrees and the water was 37 degrees. The "Drowned Hogs" annual event started in 1996 and has grown every year. On Saturday more than 250 brave souls took a dip to help Wellspring.

Send us your news

The Cohasset Mariner welcomes information on local stories The deadline for submitting community copy is 8 a.m., Monday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St., sent by fax to 741-2931 or emailed to mford@cnc.com. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

HEALTH WATCH

Parents of teens

The Social Service League of Cohasset is offering a support group for parents of teens that are experiencing turbulent times in their lives. The group would provide the opportunity for parents to share their concerns about teen lifestyles and experimentation that may present symptoms of stress and anxiety in the lives of parents.

The confidential support program affords parents the opportunity to share their concerns and explore options to deal with this issue. The discussion is facilitated by a licensed clinical social worker and examines the input from all those with concerns.

This support group is strictly confidential and held every other Monday from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Space is limited to 10. If you are interested, please call 781-383-0771.

Breast cancer prevention

Deborah Forter, executive director of the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition will speak on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Senior Citizen Center at Hingham Town Hall, 224 Central St. at 8 p.m. Her topics will be:

- The environmental causes of breast cancer.
- The precautionary principle
- Direct to consumer advertising by drug companies

The meeting is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the AAUW (American Association of University Women) Refreshments at 7:30 p.m. For further information or possible cancellation due to weather, call 749-2542 or 749-5926.

Diabetes workshop

Cohasset Elder Affairs will hold a workshop on Living the Good Life With Diabetes on Feb. 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Millie Hawke RNC, Diabetes Educator, and Lynn White, Nurse Practitioner, will discuss risk factors and signs and symptoms of diabetes along with staying healthy with nutrition and exercise. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be served. Call 781-383-9112 for information.

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Local organization gives autistic children a place to play

By Dan Gravel
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The building at 1 Snow Road in Marshfield houses a bank and a dentist's office. It is a serious looking place from which one does not expect to hear the thud of balls being kicked about or the muffled laughter of children at play.

The unexpected sounds come from the second floor office of A Place of Our Own, an organization serving the social therapy needs of children who have Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Teachers and parents are always harping to children how learning can be fun and A Place of Our Own seems to be in line with those claims. Inside there are games, toys, balls, mats, a TV, a computer, a popcorn machine and various other sources of amusement. Most importantly for the children who suffer from autism, there are friends.

Leslie Hines, who runs the after school program, said although there is a strain on resources in the region, one can find services for things such as speech and occupational therapy without too much difficulty, "but what they don't get is social therapy."

She said her son Christian, who is autistic, and others who take part in the program, are developing better interaction skills.

"It has really brought a lot of kids out. There is a lot of good learning that occurs here in the social realm," she said.

A Place of Our Own was started two years ago with private donations from the Hines family and employees of the Trammell Crow Company in Boston. It is the mission of the foundation to provide a fun, safe, enriching environment for children to play, learn and have the opportunity to make friends. The organization also employs a speech therapist and part-time special education teachers.

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life. It impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. Children and adults with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities. The disorder makes it hard for them to communicate with others and relate to the outside world. But when children are diagnosed at an early age and given intensive services they can make tremendous gains.

Jeanne Monaco is the mother of a child who attended A Place of Our Own last year and she has nothing but positive things to say about the foundation.

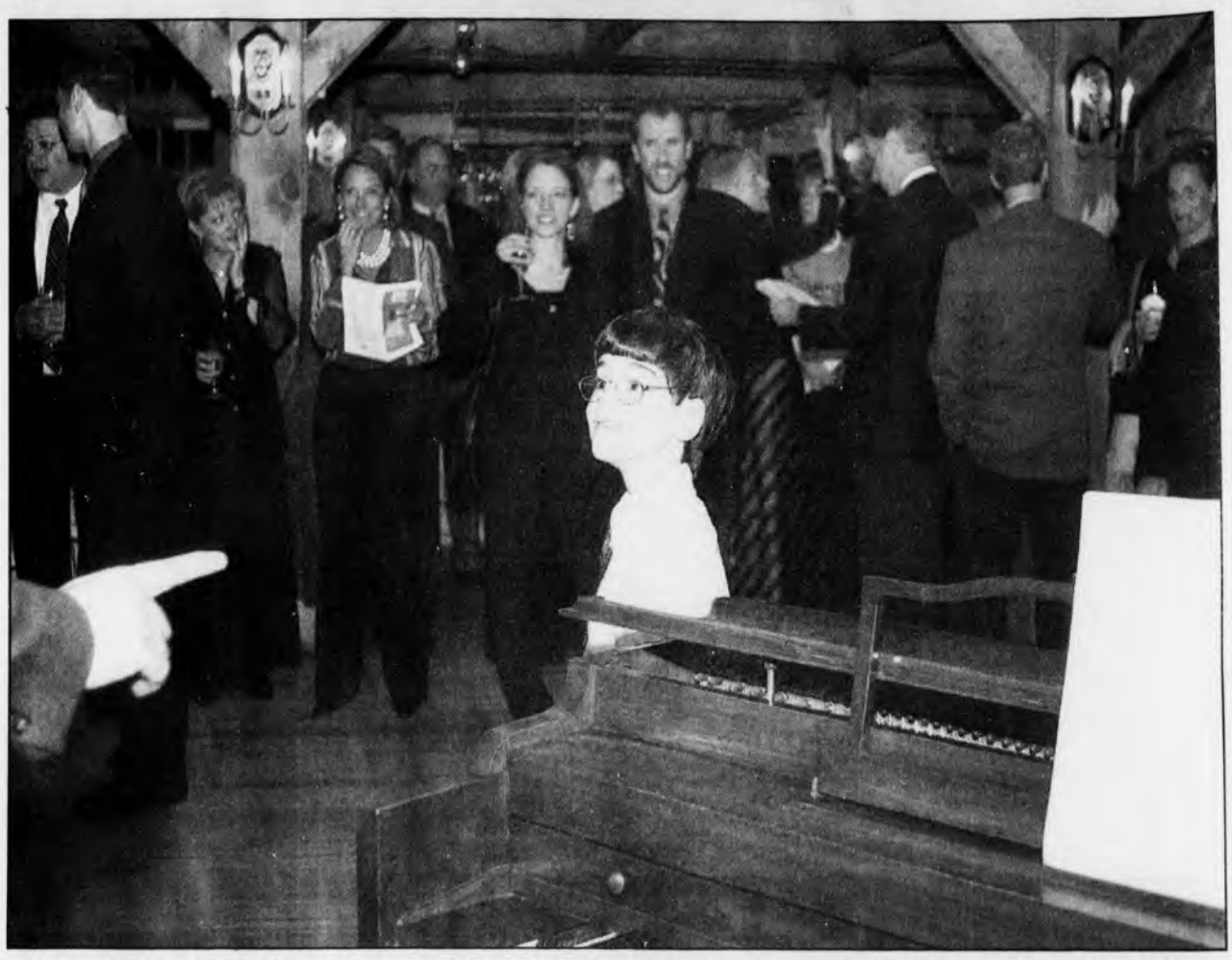
"I think it's absolutely fabulous. My daughter loves it. It makes her feel like she belongs," she said, adding, "There's not much out there for special needs kids."

Monoco said her daughter, who is developmentally delayed, has become more confident socially and interacts better with her peers since taking part in the program.

Another obvious benefit is location. Whereas parents formerly were forced to drive into Boston or to Cape Cod for their children's therapy, A Place of Our Own makes it much more convenient. On top of that the program has been run free of charge since its inception, something Hines may have to reconsider as funds dip lower.

"I'm committed to keeping it going for them," she said. "I love these kids, they're a very misunderstood population. All of them have gifts."

A benefit for A Place of Our Own was held Saturday at the Red Lion Inn.



The center of attention, Matthew Savage, 9, takes a cue to start the second set while an appreciative crowd waits at Saturday night's event at the Red Lion Inn. You can learn more about Matthew and the Trio at www.savagerecords.com. Proceeds from their CD sales benefit autism research.

John and Leslie Hines, who founded A Place of Our Own, with John's brother Stephen, right, take a moment to talk about the non-profit center for children with autism during the fundraiser at the Red Lion Inn on Saturday.

Nine-year-old jazz pianist Matthew Savage, leader of The Matt Savage Trio, performs at the Red Lion Inn to benefit "A Place of Our Own". The Trio's sidemen are world-class, adult musicians John Funkhouser on bass and Steve Silverstein on drums. Funkhouser teaches at The Berklee College of Music, and Silverstein teaches at The Rivers School.

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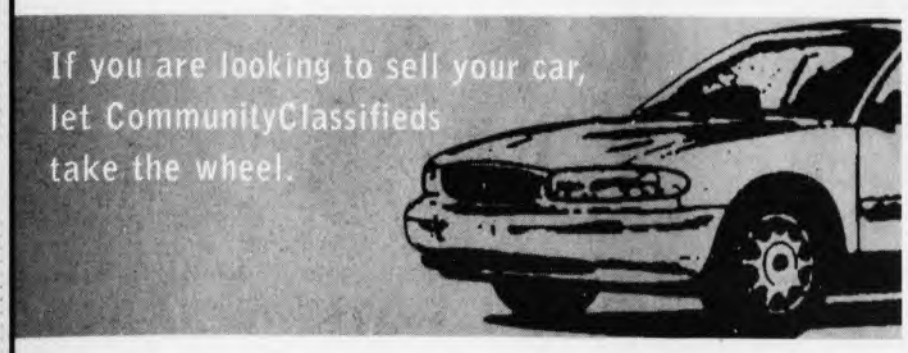

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OBITUARIES

Sheldon Nichols Ripley

Author, theatrical designer on South Shore and Cape

Sheldon Nichols Ripley, of West Harwich and formerly of Cohasset, died Jan. 23, 2002 at Cape Cod Hospital. He was 76 years old.

Born in Cohasset, he was the son of Sheldon H. Ripley and Marguerite (Albertson) Ripley Giles.

Mr. Ripley served as a Seaman First Class in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He graduated from Williams College (cum laude) with a B.A. degree.

Author of two children's biographies, "Ethan Allen, Green Mountain Hero" and "Matthew Henson, Arctic Hero," both published by Houghton Mifflin, he also co-authored and edited "The 1776 Guide for Massachusetts," published by Harper and Rowe.

Mr. Ripley began his career as a set designer and scenic artist in New York as well as summer stock in Vermont and with Cohasset's South Shore Players. He spent 40 years as a creative director in the advertising industry and was vice president of the DR Group in Boston, an affiliate of Needham Harper Worldwide, Inc.

Before retiring and moving from Cohasset to Cape Cod in 1990, Mr. Ripley was active in the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, the Cohasset Dramatic Club, and was on the board of directors of the South Shore Music Circus Associates (owners of the Cape Cod Melody Tent).

On the Cape, he designed or painted stage settings for the Harwich Junior Theatre, the Chatham Drama Guild and for the Playhouse of the Academy of Performing Arts.

He had also been active with the Harwich Historical Society and the Cape Museum of Fine Arts in Dennis.

Mr. Ripley was an active member of the American Lawn Bowls Association, the New England MG "T" Register, and the Vintage Sports Car Club of America.

He leaves his wife, Denise (Brian) Ripley; his daughter, Lesley Greenfield of London, England; his son, Sheldon Ripley of Tampa, Fla.; and his grandson, Daniel Ripley of Tampa. He also leaves a sister, Harriet Gay of Kailua, Hawaii; two brothers, Edward Franklin Ripley of Philadelphia and Noel Albertson Ripley of Cohasset; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Doane, Beal and Ames Funeral Home in West Harwich.

Donations in Mr. Ripley's memory may be made to the Harwich Junior Theatre, Inc., Box. 168, West Harwich 02671.

Russell H. Mitchell

Russell H. Mitchell, age 67, of Bradenton, Fla. and formerly of Cohasset, died Dec. 25, 2001 in Bradenton after a long illness.

Mr. Mitchell lived his early life in Cohasset where he graduated from high school. The then attended the Vesper George School of Art in Boston.

In 1958, he moved to Bradenton where he founded and designed Mitchell Fiberglass Boats.

He leaves his wife, Mary (Ramise) Mitchell of Bradenton. He also leaves his children, Buddy Mitchell of Sarasota, Fla., Angela Mitchell of Parrish, Fla., Gena Rogers of Bradenton, Fla., Denise Bramblett of Palatka, Fla., Jackie Porter of Ocala, Fla., Mary Lundstrom of Orange Park, Fla., Pamela Middleburg of Lebulon, N.C. and Grace Johnson of Metarie, La. He leaves his two brothers, Francis Mitchell of Cohasset, Kenneth Mitchell of Vermont and sister, Eileen Sargent of New Hampshire. He was married to the former Barbara DeMellio of Scituate.

Private funeral services and interment were conducted in Bradenton, Fla.

POLICE / FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

12:37 p.m. Hull St., well-being check.

2:06 p.m. Pond St. and Clay Spring Rd., fire, investigation.

2:44 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, harassing/annoying phone calls.

2:46 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle accident.

6:10 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Linden Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:24 p.m. Beechwood St., general disturbance. Arrest of Sean M. Walsh, 41, of 93 Beechwood St., Cohasset. Charge: Assault and battery.

Protective Custody: 42-year-old female taken into protective custody.

10:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

11:51 p.m. Hull HQ, assist other police department.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

12:34 a.m. Pond St., assist citizen.

6:57 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.

7:20 a.m. King St., animal call or complaint.

8:08 a.m. King St. and Beechwood St., traffic control.

8:54 a.m. Sohier St., general services.

9:16 a.m. Sohier St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:22 a.m. North Main St., general services.

11:08 a.m. Elm St., general services.

3:08 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., traffic complaint.

5:43 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

9:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

7:35 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Rd., traffic citation/warning.

7:36 a.m. Cedar St., animal call or complaint.

10:30 a.m. Beechwood St., fire, inspections.

2:21 p.m. South Main St., identity fraud, departmental action.

4 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

5:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., threats (bodily harm), report taken.

7:22 p.m. King St., medical aid, to hospital.

9:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

4:44 a.m. Cedar St., assist citizen.

7:12 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:28 a.m. Pond St., animal call or complaint.

7:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:47 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:44 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle accident.

11:56 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., credit card fraud, report taken.

1:27 p.m. Border St., fire, investigation.

1:44 p.m. Brewster Rd., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

2:23 p.m. Bancroft St., fight.

2:46 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., investigation.

2:47 p.m. Border St, investigation.

3:22 p.m. Surry Dr., harassing/annoying phone calls.

3:58 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

8:14 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:50 p.m. Holly Lane, medical aid, to hospital.

9:32 p.m. Bayberry Lane, investigation.

11:50 p.m. Otis Ave., suspicious auto. Arrest of Andrew T. Houghton, 23, of 28 Hatchet Rock Rd., Scituate. Charges: OUI, liquor; failure to stay within marked lanes.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

12:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

12:35 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Linda Fasciani, 46, of 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Charges: OUI, liquor; failure to stay within marked lanes.

12:36 a.m. Pond St., property, found.

3:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

3:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:47 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:35 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:38 a.m. Atlantic Ave., traffic complaint.

10:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., breaking and entering to an automobile.

9:04 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, misc.

9:25 p.m. North Main St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:29 p.m. South Main St., investigation. Arrest of William D. Verge, 23, of 289 Country Way, Scituate. Charge: Illegal possession of a Class D substance.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

7:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

8:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property, found.

10:50 a.m. Forest Ave., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

11:38 a.m. Beechwood St., traffic complaint.

2:01 p.m. Elm St., fire, structure.

5:09 p.m. Nichols Rd., well-being check.

5:34 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.

9:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

11:02 p.m. Cedar St., general services.

MONDAY, JAN. 28

5:17 a.m. Beechwood St., disabled motor vehicle.

8:35 a.m. Pond St., investigation.

10:39 a.m. West Corner, fire, referred to other agency.

11:55 a.m. Crocker Lane, general information.

1:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:44 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, general services.

7:09 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, to hospital.

7:15 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, to hospital.

10:07 p.m. Bayberry Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), area search negative.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

5:27 a.m. Tedeschi Plaza, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:34 a.m. Tedeschi Plaza, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:51 a.m. Tedeschi Plaza, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:26 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:59 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:07 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:23 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:40 p.m. Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.

3:29 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:35 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

7:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

10:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglary/breaking and entering, investigated.

11:23 a.m. Pond St., larceny.

12:53 p.m. Elm St., assist other agency.

1:15 p.m. Hull St., assist other agency.

2:55 p.m. Marion Way, harassing/annoying phone calls.

6:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Crocker Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WORSHIP NOTES

Citizens for Life

The South Shore Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life (MCFL) will meet Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House on Fearing Road in Hingham. New members are welcome.

Donations may be sent to MCFL South Shore, P.O. Box 591, Accord 02018.

The group's annual fund-raising yard sale will be May 4 (rain date, May 18) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cardinal Cushing School in Hanover.

For information, call 781-925-5323.

March Evensong at Saint John's

A full choral Evensong will be held at Hingham's Church of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, March 3, at 5 p.m. The Reverend Robert B. Edson, Rector of St. John's, will conduct the service, and Choir Director Helen Ward Mannix will direct the Choir of St. John's in a program of music by Heath, Ley, Bainton, and Byrd. Craig Smith will be organist for the program.

The service is open to the public, and all are welcome at the reception following in St. John's Upper Weld Hall. The church is located at 172 Main St. in Hingham, and is handicap-accessible.

For further information, call the church office at 781-749-1535.

Pizza and prayer

High schoolers are invited for "pizza and prayer" each Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Center.

The weekly meeting is open to students in grades nine to 12, and offers students a chance to meet friends and share their faith informally.

The next youth ministry ski outing will be a day trip to Mt. Sunapee on Saturday, March 2. The cost is $50 and registrations will be taken by calling Bill Coleman at 781-544-0195 through Friday, Feb. 15.

Beginning March 1, the hours for First Friday devotions will change. The new hours will be from noon to 4:45 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration; Benediction lot 4:45 p.m. and Mass at 5 p.m. Although all parishioners are urged to visit the Blessed Sacrament during the afternoon hours, it is necessary that at least two people be present at all times. Volunteers who can commit to being present for 30 minutes to an hour are asked to call the parish office at 383-0219 to register.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS OF QUINCY AND MILTON REGARDING THE QUARRY HILLS PROJECT

In the mid-1990's, a group of politically-connected Quincy developers proposed to use excavate generated by Boston's Big Dig project to build a public golf course, ballfields and other recreational facilities on 450 acres of mostly public land, including the closed Quincy Landfill, the not-yet-closed Milton Landfill and adjacent land owned by the Metropolitan District Commission. The developers did not propose to invest significant funds of their own; instead, they would lease this public land for 50 years at nominal cost, and use "tipping fees" paid by the big Dig to construct the project. As originally conceived, the project would require less than 5 million tons of Big Dig dirt.

Today, five years later, the Big Dig has dumped 13 million tons of contaminated dirt and other materials on the Quarry Hills site and into nearby historic quarries. Much of this material, particularly on the Quincy portion of the site, sits in enormous stockpiles, raw and exposed to the weather. Virtually all of the wetlands on the sites's periphery have been smothered by tons of fine sediments that wash down the project's steep side-slopes whenever it rains. Public parks and residential neighborhoods downstream have been repeatedly flooded with these sediments. Every major storm turns local streams milky gray with suspended pollutants.

The developers of Quarry Hills, who have been paid $100 million to take the Big Dig's contaminated dirt, now claim they are $10 million in debt and do not have enough money to finish the project as planned. Based on this claim of poverty, the developers recently sought and received approval to use a combination of sewage sludge, paper mill waste and sand - instead of clean topsoil – as the final covering for large portions of the site. Thousands of tons of this material have already been spread in Milton. For its part, the Big Dig recently announced that it no longer needs Quarry Hills, and will dump its last few million tons of dirt elsewhere.

Five years and $100 million later, there is no golf course and there are no ballfields. Instead, there are mountains of contaminated dirt, frequent dust storms, scores of flooded homes, acres of ruined wetlands, destroyed wildlife habitats and - incredibly - insufficient funds to finish the project as planned.

This is a critical juncture in the life of the Quarry Hills project. With the Big Dig leaving town and the developers crying poor, there is a real possibility that - as has happened on a much smaller scale in Melrose - we, the citizens of Quincy and Milton, will be left holding the bag. If not us, who will pay to finish the project that was promised, with great fanfare, so many years ago? Who will pay to repair the estimated $15-20 million in damage to wetlands and other natural resources? Who will compensate the homeowners whose lives have been turned upside down by clouds of fine-particle dust, constant flooding and sediment-filled streets, garages and basements? Must the public again bear the costs of political cronyism while the cronies relax in the Florida sun?

It is high time for public officials in Quincy and Milton to recognize the public health and environmental disaster looming in their backyard and do something about it. In our view, the responsible elected officials, namely the Mayor and City Council of Quincy and the Selectmen of Milton, with input from their respective Boards of Health, Conservation Commissions, Planning Boards and others, should undertake a fresh, thorough and objective review of the Quarry Hills project, focusing on public health hazards, environmental damage, public recreational benefits and project finances. Given the enormous size and scope of the project, this review cannot be limited to the piecemeal perspective available to one board in one municipality considering one specific permit or permit amendment. It is just this type of narrow, compartmentalized decision-making that has allowed the Quarry Hills project to lurch ahead, even while it is demonstrably out of control. To be effective, this review must be both comprehensive and coordinated among the responsible officials and agencies, and must answer the following pressing questions, among many others:

- Is the developers' shell corporation, Quarry Hills Associates, Inc., still entitled to a 50-year, sweetheart lease on this public land?
- Does it remain the City of Quincy's position that sludge will not be permitted as the final covering for the Quincy portion of the site?
- Can the developers' $42 million performance bond be tapped to finish the project and produce the same recreational complex that was promised to the public?
- Should escrowed tipping fees and other funds held by the City of Quincy be released for environmental cleanup and compensation to the victims of Quarry Hills?
- What role will the Big Dig and its engineers, Bectel Parsons Brinckerhoff, play in cleaning up this mess?

Thank you for your time and your attention to this urgent matter. If you have any questions about any of the foregoing matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Riding high at River Wind Farm

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River Wind Farm in Pembroke has been around for more than 20 years, and during that time its reputation has grown along with the interest in horse riding as a sport — what some would say is an art.

For those to whom the equestrian pastime brings to mind a lifestyle straight out of the pages of a sumptuous Town and Country magazine photo spread, River Wind Farm, set on 15 acres with its well-tended barns and riding areas, certainly fits the bill. The Harvard University equestrian team trains there.

Horse lovers who take their riding seriously speak highly of River Wind Farm which is well-known and well-regarded on the highly competitive regional and national show circuit.

River Wind Farm teaches riding to young people just starting out and those who have decided to return to the sport after years of being away from it. Riders of all ages from around the South Shore and beyond come to River Wind Farm. The place is bustling on the weekends as riders hone their skills.

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Each year River Wind Farm trains their riders to compete in the jumper, hunter and equitation divisions at the top-rated shows. Their riders consistently qualify for the major indoor winter circuit.

The farm is a thriving business enterprise, involved not only in teaching and perfecting riding techniques and style for competition, but also selling championship horses and bringing home ribbons from prestigious shows all over the country. The farm continually buys and sells horses for clients.

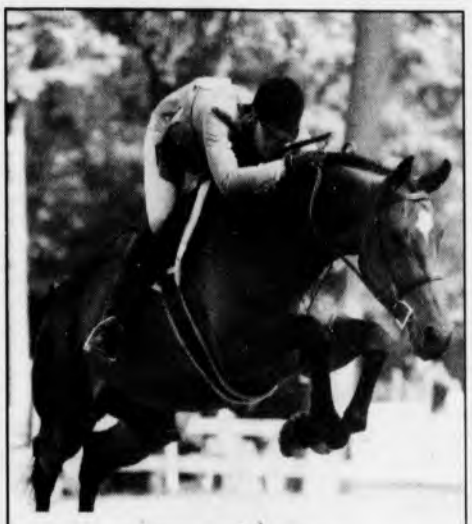
"This is the spot, it really is," Janet Waters says of River Wind Farm. Waters boards her horse Jackson at the farm, describing Jackson, tethered majestically in the barn after a workout, as " a gentle giant."

Waters — one would gather somewhat modestly — calls herself a beginner adult and commutes from her home in Milton to take advantage of River Wind Farm's indoor and outdoor riding facilities. There are two outdoor rings and one indoor.

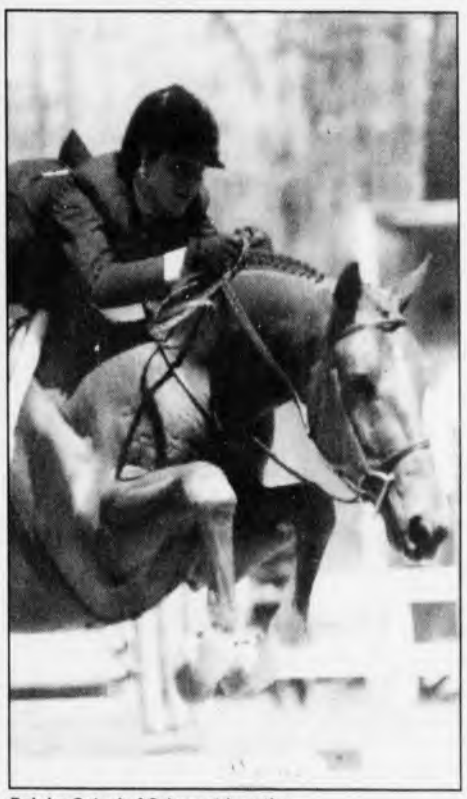
"In terms of cleanliness and the quality of instruction, there's not a better place," she said, emphasizing the "exceptional" care the horses receive at River Wind Farm.

Coming to River Wind Farm is also a social outlet, she says. Waters enjoys the "social contact with people who have a similar interest" in riding. "A lot of adults come back to horses when they have time," said Waters.

The farm operates a large, state of the art indoor riding facility and a scrupulously maintained barn that can hold more than 30 horses. Inside, where distinctly horse-y smells rise up to the rustic rafters, individual stalls bear the horses' names — Tucker, Harry, Wiley and Hemingway, to name a few. Hemingway?



Abby Greer soars over a jump aboard Emily Bickford's horse Amir.



Deirdra Catani of Cohasset in action.

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River Wind Farm owner Carl Catani, second from left, celebrates with daughter Deirdra Catani, Reserve Champion at the New England and Mass Equitation Finals.

It is Susan Pimental's job to maintain the barn and feed the horses. Pimental, of Marshfield, works at the farm as the barn manager.

She does the physical labor required to keep the barn and horses in tip top condition. Pimental came to the farm two years ago, in search of a break from the high stress job of working in adult probation at the Quincy District Court.

Horses, she readily asserts, are easier to work with than people, although each horse has a distinct personality, some easier to get along with than others.

"It's the best job in the world," she said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Pimental feeds the horses twice a day in the morning and afternoon. She notes that the horses do eat a lot, as they are not just for show. "Most of them are working horses," she explained.

River Wind Farm owner Carl Catani clearly has the business of horses in his blood. Catani has nurtured River Wind Farm over the years, having first learned about running a quality barn at the former Fleetwood Farm on Washington Street where he started out in the lowly job of cleaning stalls.

Fleetwood Farm has been at its current location off Route 139 since 1977. It's a business Catani has devoted his life to. "It's a hard business — seven days a week, 12 hours a day."

But it is a lifetime commitment that has had its rewards. River Wind Farm has branched out into a recently initiated program called hippotherapy which provides physically disabled youngsters the opportunity to ride horses, enhancing their physical and mental health. The program is offered by Cindy Spooner.

Competition among horse farms or "barns" has increased over the years. Catani said there are some 10 horse barns in the immediate area, in Pembroke, Marshfield, Halifax and Plympton.

For its part, River Wind Farm has garnered accolades on the A-rated show circuit. Catani's daughter, Deirdra, trains horses at the farm and this fall she was second place reserve champion at the New England and Massachusetts Equitation Finals. Deirdra spends six weeks in late winter training horses in Ocala, Fla.

One of Catani's students, Abby Adams Greer, is now his top trainer and professional rider. She started riding at the farm when she was 8.

"Abby was naturally a good rider at a young age, but her steady drive and dedication made her a great rider," said Catani.

Last fall Greer won Reserve Champion in the Green Conformation Hunter division at Washington International. Riding Amir, owned by Emily Bickford, Greer won Champion in the Green Conformation Hunter division at Ocala, Fla. and champion awards at shows in the Catskills and Saratoga, N. Y. For more than 10 years she has routinely brought home top awards competing as a professional at the nation's most prestigious shows.

Emily Bickford is another of the farm's best riders. Last fall she placed first in Zone 1 and was a member of the winning Prix des States team at the Pennsylvania National.

Greer said that while she still enjoys competing, she gets tremendous satisfaction from seeing her students do well.

"It is rewarding to watch all their hard work come together and to know you have taught someone well and that you, in your small way, have helped them reach a goal."

'Galvinizing' communtiy service

NHS student lends hand at home and abroad

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This continues our ongoing campaign recognizing local teens who give back to their communities.

Watch for a new Spirit of Community feature each month. We welcome your nominations. Please see our ballot on the next page.

Some teenagers like to play video games. Some like listening to music. Others like participating in sports.

Norwell High School senior Jason Galvin enjoys striving to make a difference in people's lives.

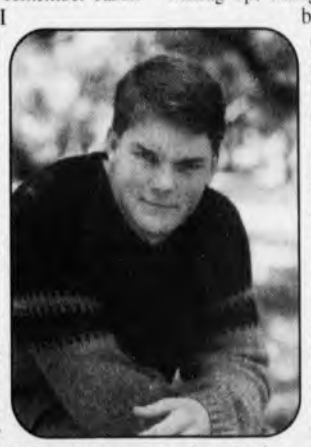
Spirit of Community

"Doing community service is enjoyable to me," Jason said. "I feel it lets me put my time to good use. I'm compelled to do it."

Jason, 18, has been involved with numerous community service projects in and out of school for many years. One of the most notable endeavors is the work he has done in the Dominican Republic. Through his involvement with the NHS chapter of Amnesty International he became of aware of the need for help in the Dominican Republic. For the past three summers he's traveled there and helped to help build septic systems and homes for single mothers. Jason will return again this year.

Closer to home, Jason is involved with the Habitat for Humanity organization. He said his work with the organization involved helping to build a number of homes at a site in Quincy. Jason said his father, John, is very active within the organization, and that's how he initially found out about it. His mother, Laurie, said Jason learned about the group at a very young age when its founder, Millard Puller, was visiting the Galvin household more than 10 years ago.

"After he visited our home, I remember Jason saying 'Mom, when I grow up I want to be just like Millard Puller,'" she said. "It just built gradually after that day."



Closer to home, Jason is an Eagle Scout, active member of his church, a member of the NHS chapter of Amnesty International and Habitat for Humanity.

Jason is an active member of the Boy Scouts and it was just two weeks ago that he received his Eagle Scout badge for helping to build a new room at the United Church of Christ in Norwell. Jason stays very involved with church activities as well.

Jason is a member of the diversity club at school, and recently, he has helped lead a couple of diversity-related school assemblies. NHS principal Steve Mahoney said Jason is currently taking part in a diversity training program where he and other students go talk to elementary school children and tell them about treating individuals with respect.

"He's awesome," Mahoney said of Jason. "He's not just a spotlight leader. He gets stuff done. He's a neat, neat kid. He's quiet and unassuming but he is solid as a rock."

Not surprisingly, Jason is was also behind the implementation the Norwell Youth Group Holiday Ball for developmentally disabled young adults.

"That I really enjoyed," Jason said of the holiday ball. "All of them seem to love dancing a lot, and they just had a great time."

But Jason said the project he learned the most from was building the homes in the Dominican Republic. He said a typical day there consists of waking up, eating breakfast then walking to the building site to mix cement and dig trenches. Generally, when he goes to the Dominican Republic, he stays for about eight or nine days.

"The trips to the Dominican Republic changed my view of the world," Jason said. "It's not often that I actually travel outside of Norwell." Jason said he wants to keep making the trip for the rest of his life.

"I have personally enjoyed watching Jason grow from a little boy into a caring young man," said Norwell resident Wilma Goodhue, a friend of the Galvin family. "Although Jason loves what he does, he works very hard and in his young life has already made a difference in the lives of so many others."

Peter Steedman, a teacher at Norwell High School, said he was recently very proud of Jason when he led a Martin Luther King assembly at the school. He said Jason served as the emcee for the event.

"We needed someone to hold it all together," Steedman said. "That was Jason. He's really a quiet

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NHS senior Jason Galvin at work on a septic system in the Dominican Republic. Jason will return for the fourth time this summer to lend a hand there.

Food & dining

Quick Cornmeal Cake

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Cornmeal cake is no more than a pound cake made with a combination of flour and cornmeal. Some recipes use baking powder for lift; others cream butter to provide aeration and volume. After having made five recipes from various cookbooks, I found two problems. Many of these cakes were heavy and too dense while others were lacking in flavor, especially that of the cornmeal. I also wanted to avoid a lengthy preparation process since this should be a simple, all-purpose recipe.

I started with a working recipe consisting of 2 sticks butter, 1 1/4 cups sugar, 5 eggs, 3/4 cup cake flour, 3/4 cup coarse cornmeal, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla, and the zest from one lemon. I creamed the butter and sugar, added the eggs one at a time, and then added the dry ingredients. The cake was baked at 325 degrees in a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan for an hour. The flavor was fine but the texture was heavy so I backed off the cornmeal to a half cup and increased the flour to a full cup. This produced a much lighter cake. Next, I tried half cake flour and half all-purpose flour to improve the structure of the cake. (Perhaps cake flour wasn't sturdy enough to stand up to the weight of the cornmeal.) The results were disappointing. The cake was simply tougher. Next, I tried adding a teaspoon of baking powder that, to my great surprise, did not alter the texture at all. It was time for an entirely new approach.

A recipe for lemon pound cake recently developed in the Cook's Illustrated test kitchen called for melted butter and a food processor for much of the mixing. It was both easy and turned out a lighter cake than the one I had made. I adjusted my recipe accordingly and baked it up. It was the best of the lot – lighter with the rich flavors of corn, butter, and lemon. The one thing I did not like was having to clean three bowls: the one used to melt the butter, the food processor, and the bowl used for the final incorporation of the dry ingredients. I decided, therefore, to try an electric mixer. I started the sugar, lemon zest and eggs in the bowl of a mixer. Next, I added the melted butter and vanilla, and finally the dry ingredients, which I had sifted onto a piece of waxed paper. The cake was perfect and I had only one bowl to clean instead of two.

The last series of tests revolved around the cornmeal. Polenta is a very coarsely ground cornmeal. Corn grits are similar. Instant polenta is less coarse and often partially cooked. Cornmeal is typically ground much finer than polenta. I tried all of them in the above recipe and preferred the polenta and instant polenta for their rich flavor. Instant polenta is usually easy to find but, in a pinch, use any cornmeal you can find, the coarser the better.

QUICK CORNMEAL CAKE

Melting the butter and using an electric mixer makes preparation easy. Polenta or instant polenta are best for this recipe. Polenta is simply a coarsely ground cornmeal. The almond variation is, in my opinion, better than the classic master recipe below.

2 sticks unsalted butter, plus additional for the pan

1 cup cake flour, plus additional for the pan

1/2 cup cornmeal, coarsely ground preferred

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/4 cups sugar

4 large eggs

Finely grated zest from one lemon, about 2 teaspoons

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

1. Adjust oven rack to center position and heat the oven to 325 degrees. Grease a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan with butter. Dust with flour, tapping out the excess. Melt the butter and allow to cool slightly. Sift the flour, cornmeal, baking powder and salt onto a piece of parchment or waxed paper.

2. Place the sugar, eggs and lemon zest in the bowl of an electric mixer. Beat on medium until well combined, about 30 seconds. Add the melted butter and vanilla and beat on medium-low until combined, about 10 seconds, increase speed to medium and mix an additional 10 seconds. Fold the dry ingredients into the egg/sugar/butter mixture in three batches. Transfer batter to prepared pan.

3. Bake until golden brown and a skewer inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, approximately 60 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through baking. Cool for 10 minutes and invert onto a wire rack. Serve slightly warm or at room temperature. Makes 1 loaf.

ALMOND VARIATION

Omit the lemon zest. Reduce the vanilla extract to 1 teaspoon and add 1/4 teaspoon pure almond extract along with the vanilla.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

The combination of a Sagittarius moon and applying Venus/Uranus alignment makes this a wonderful day for vacationing. People will be cheerful and outgoing. If you are working, it may be difficult to settle down to practical matters and easy to overlook important details. Be careful not to go to extremes between 3:54-6:54 p.m., when the moon and Pluto align. The remainder of the evening rates high for relaxing and enjoying favorite friends, leisure activities.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Gear up for a hectic morning. Allow extra time to get where you are going. At 7:38 a.m. the Sagittarius moon interacts with Uranus and becomes inactive. Venus and Uranus align at 10:22 a.m. Expect the unexpected. This planetary combination may bring new experiences into your life or new romantic attractions. On the other hand, this is not a favorable time for taking risks or going on shopping sprees. A sobering Capricorn moon takes over at 6:08 p.m. In addition, Saturn, the planetary ruler of Capricorn, begins direct travel at 8:34 p.m. You can catch up on work or study projects this evening.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

The planet Mercury takes the spotlight today. At 12:28 p.m. Mercury begins to travel in direct motion. The next Mercury retrograde period will begin in May. It is okay to initiate new projects this afternoon. However, influences are most favorable next week, on the light side of the new moon. Today the moon continues its travel in pragmatic Capricorn, prompting you to stay busy with business and practical matters. A lunar alignment to Mars this evening warns you to keep the rhetoric down. Know when it's time to call it a night.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

This is a day to get things done. Make up a list of things to do and stay busy. You can be extremely productive. Tackle jobs you've been putting off and get them out of the way. Zero in on responsibilities you have take on, promises you have made. Now is the time to fulfill them. Plan a quiet evening.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

The Capricorn moon aligns with Mercury at 1:50 a.m. and becomes inactive. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 4:15 a.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. This is a wonderful day for socializing or developing projects that need help and support from others. Community events, team sports, charitable endeavors also get the green light. Surf the internet; network, collaborate with others.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The dark side of the new moon brings a time for cleaning out and preparing the way for new activities. A harmonious alignment of Mars and Pluto reinforces today's theme. This is a day to do some serious soul-searching; let go of the past, free yourself from negative thinking and self-defeating behavior patterns. You can cut through obstacles and gain major insights. The planet Venus enters Pisces at 8:18 p.m., remaining there until March 7.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

The new moon occurs at 2:41 a.m., 23 1/2-degrees of Aquarius. At 5:21 a.m. the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. Allow extra time to get where you are going. There are likely to be unexpected distractions, setbacks. The green light for new starts goes on at 3:53 p.m., when the moon enters Pisces. This brings a particularly favorable period for developing creative projects. Follow your first impression; your instincts are on target.

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By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Brilliant sunshine and brisk temperatures ushered in the month of February, as Punxsutawney Phil reportedly saw his shadow, suggesting that gardeners must endure another six weeks of winter weather. Groundhog Day marks the midway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox and since the late 1800's, superstitious folks have relied upon the prognostications of this hibernating rodent to predict when spring weather is likely to arrive. Hundreds of spectators gather each year to witness this annual event as a chubby Phil emerges from his climate controlled habitat to render his insight, his determination being subsequently documented in the Congressional Record. Imagine giving credence to this destructive pest that devours our treasured plants and is a curse to all that have experienced its devastation. Not too surprisingly, 85 percent of the time, he indicates that winter will continue but his forecast may be off the mark this year as the ground remains barely frozen and our seesaw weather offers the promise of an early spring.

While Chuck snoozes in his cozy burrow, there is considerable evidence that his friends and relatives have been quite active during this mild winter season. Despite the fact that much of our vegetation lies dormant beneath the frozen ground, little footprints in the snow indicate that bunnies and squirrels are feasting on the tips and buds of slender twigs and branches, having nipped the stems with the precision of a razor-sharp pruning shears. In recent weeks, I have witnessed Bambi yanking holiday greens from my whiskey barrel and noticed telltale hoof prints in the soft earth. As the winter progresses, foraging deer are likely to become increasingly destructive as they prune our yews, rhododendrons, and mountain laurels. Apply a deer repellent during the next stretch of above freezing temperatures to minimize damage. If commercially produced mixes are not available, a bottle of Tabasco sauce, a dash of hot pepper and a dab of liquid dishwashing soap can be combined in a pump sprayer and applied to plants in jeopardy.

Further scrutiny of my gardens this week revealed that a number of evergreen perennials seem to have been particularly appealing as winter food sources. These plants are essential components in my efforts to design gardens that provide color in all seasons, but their fleshy green leaves make them equally tempting to hungry critters. Evergreen members of the Carex family, properly termed sedges, have been especially hard hit. Their grass-like leaves have been nibbled nearly to the ground and while this trimming is unlikely to cause permanent damage, it tends to minimize their effectiveness as focal points in the winter garden. Carex 'Evergold', C. morrowii 'Variegata', and a vigorous new introduction, C. 'Ice Dance', offer variegated, evergreen foliage that provides year-round beauty for the partially shaded border.

The loveliest foliage of all the shady evergreen perennials belongs to the hellebores. Shiny, leathery leaves are deeply lobed and stunning above the dusting of snow.

Thin patches of snow persist in the shadier part of the garden, accenting the foliage of plants that retain their leaves through the winter months. In colder winters, the leaves of many of these perennials often disappear but our mild conditions have enabled the foliage to linger all season. The attractive, glossy green leaves of ginger (Asarum) form handsome mats throughout the year, a pleasant contrast to the textured seed heads of hostas and astilbes. Intertwined among these stalks, the silvery leaves of Lamium 'White Nancy' shimmer in the dappled sunlight, a charming accent to the deep green fronds of the Christmas fern (Polystichum) and the bronze leaves of Epimedium.

The loveliest foliage of all the shady evergreen perennials belongs to the hellebores. Shiny, leathery leaves are deeply lobed and stunning above the dusting of snow. The bear's foot hellebore (H. foetidus) is particularly noticeable this season due to its large clusters of pale green flower buds which top exceptionally dark green, divided leaves. Large clumps of the Christmas rose (H. niger) and the Lenten rose (H. orientalis) promise to provide spectacular, long lasting blooms in early spring.

In sunnier locales, the snow has all but disappeared, revealing the persistent leaves of many notable evergreen perennials. Low mats of creeping phlox (Phlox subulata) provide broad patches in varying shades of green that will be all but obliterated by the profusion of pink, white, red or lavender blooms in spring. Large clumps of candytuft (Iberis) demonstrate rich, deep green leaves on wiry stems that will be topped by snow-white clusters of flowers in May. Members of the Dianthus family furnish a multitude of worthy varieties, their evergreen cushions of foliage often tinted blue-green. Similar, blue-gray mounds are provided by the succulent leaves of myrtle spurge (Euphorbia myrsinites). In contrast, the wood spurge (E. amygdaloides) is a sensational source of reddish-bronze foliage.

Coral-bells cultivars contribute multiple seasons of beauty with their attractive mounds of heart-shaped leaves that persist throughout the winter months. Many new introductions offer stunning leaves tinted bronze, purple, brown and silver and are stunning when surrounded by a pristine blanket of snow.

The month of February is a time of anticipation for most gardeners. Although there will be many more wintry days before the official arrival of springtime, there is the sudden realization that the daylight hours are growing longer and a mailbox full of enticing catalogs to fuel spring fever. As you plan your purchases and design new gardens, be sure to include a few of these perennials that offer year-round beauty.

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leader. He's not a kid who tries to draw attention to himself. He's also got a wonderful sense of humor and pretty high moral standards."

"I'm thrilled for him," added Jason's father, John. "He's done a lot and he's done great with all of it."

Jason wants to continue to stay involved with various community service projects, but right now he's busy filling out applications for college. Jason said he wants to pursue a degree in engineering.

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11th ANNUAL WALK FOR HOSPICE is set for March 8. The care provided by Hospice of South Shore is not always reimbursed by insurance. Since hospice care is so important to patients and families, Hospice of the South Shore provides it regardless of a person's ability to pay. The generosity of participants at the Annual Walk for Hospice helps assure that Hospice of the South Shore's unique services are available to anyone who needs them. To be a part of the 11th Annual Walk for Hospice, or to volunteer, call Katelin Martin at South Shore Health and Education Foundation at 781-340-8573 for information.

DOO-WOPP HALL OF FAME OF AMERICA The Second Annual Doo-Wopp Hall of Fame of America" concert and induction, honoring The Five Keys, The Moonglows, The Harptones, the Shirelles, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, the G-Clefs, Arnie "Woo-Woo" Ginsberg, and Skippy White at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, March 29, 8 p.m. tickets $59, $51.50, $41.50 (special VIP reception $159) Box office 617-266-1200, or Ticketmaster outlets 617-931-2000. VIP reception reservations only call 978-256-6472.

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE in Braintree will present the production of a musical fable **"Once Upon a Mattress"** directed by Martha Sawyer. Production dates are March 14, 15, 16, Sunday, the 17, and 20, 21, 22, and Sunday, the 23. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sundays at 7 p.m. Call and reserve tickets 781-356-5113, leave message. Tickets are $14 the CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

SOUTH SHORE MEN OF HARMONY will offer **"Singing Valentines,"** on Sunday, Feb. 10, from noon to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. or Thursday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A barbershop quartet will be sent in appropriate costume, to anywhere on the South Shore, search out the person, sing "Heart of My Heart I love You" and "I Love You Truly," present a long-stemmed rose, a lovely valentine card naming the sender and a Polaroid picture. Available for $40. To place an order or for more details call Bill Fitzgerald 781-337-0227 or Pete Fitzgerald 781-341-1688.

GUNNAR AND MATTHEW NELSON IN CONCERT TRIBUTE TO THEIR FATHER at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Gunnar and Matthew Nelson and their band will perform a live concert tribute to the music of their father, Ricky Nelson, as well as their own top-10 songs for two shows, Feb. 17, at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $29 in advance and $32 day of the show. A limited number of VIP tickets at $55 for the 7 p.m. show, which includes the best seats and a reception with Gunnar and Matthew Nelson. Purchase tickets at the box office or call 781-871-2787 or www.companytheatre.com .

ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

BROADWAY IN BOSTON presents **THE GRADUATE** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

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Forbidden Hollywood Feb. 6 to 10. Hot on the heels of its long-running predecessor "Forbidden Broadway," the national tour of Forbidden Hollywood comes to the Company Theatre in Norwell for seven shows. Forbidden Hollywood cuts through Hollywood's bombast with surgical precision, musically lampooning films like "Saving Pvt. Ryan" "Braveheart" "Forrest Gump" and stars like Matt Damon, Keanue Reeves and Tom Hanks. Tickets are priced as follows Feb. 6, 7, 10, $25/$27 and Feb. 8 and 9 $27/$29. Tickets and information available at box office at 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787.

Thurs. 7

Weymouth Art Association will display work by its members at several locations around Weymouth for February and March.

Art in the Rotunda at Rockland Memorial Library 20 Belmont Street, Rockland, will feature artist Robert Dunn's black and white photographs now through March 1.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum continues its Winter Lecture Series with "Dories of Massachusetts Bay," a presentation by Gary Kissal, Curator at the Marblehead Dory and Schooner Museum. Mr. Kissal will discuss the boat's many types and uses, as well as its historical significance in the New England fishing industry. The lecture will held at 7 p.m. at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Light refreshments will be served. For information call Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433.

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Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center presents **The Magic of Machu Picchu:** A Healing Evening with Romulo Lizarraga, Feb. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. $22. The center is located at 45 Pond Street, Norwell. Call 781-982-1616 for reservations.

Blue Hills Ski Area to host a Four-Event Pro/Am Snowboard Series to be held four Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 24, and will give some of the area's top pros an opportunity to show off their talents as well as provide anyone who wants to give it a go, a chance to see how they measure up. There are two age divisions for Amateur riders along with a men and women's pro division. Registration will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. each night with the contest always beginning at 7 p.m. Entry fees will be $15 for amateurs and $30 for pros. The fee includes a lift ticket. Half of the entry goes towards prize money. Live music will be provided for the last two events. Other dates are Feb. 7, 21, and March 7.

Fri. 8

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, Feb. 8, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission $5 members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; n jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org.

Art of Music Chamber Players, "Concerts in the Country" held at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street, Duxbury, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets $15/$12 seniors/$8 students. Call 781-837-2705.

The Hometown Heroes Celebration - Dance for Charity at the Sheraton Inn, featuring Trax, with special guests; Situation, The David James Duo, Jerry Richard and Kathy Cashin Celebrity Impersonators. Feb. 8, from 6:30 p.m. until midnight. The donation is $15 per person/$25 couple or $100 per table of 10. Includes a free America's Hometown Heroes "Beefcake" calendar). Also meet some of the celebrity models of the calendar for autographs. There will be raffles, prizes and giveaways, light food fare. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Plymouth Firefighter's Safety Fund and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, In memory of Amy Sarah Satchell Vacchino, daughter of firefighter Tom Vacchino and his wife, Nancy. For ticket information call or visit The Family Kloset, 394 Court St., Plymouth, 508-746-8926, Nightlife Music Company 508-747-7727 or purchase at the door.

Starcreations Theater from South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will present a variety show on Feb. 8, and 9, at 7 p.m. and Feb. 10, at 4:30 p.m.; held at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Tickets Adult $8/child $5.

The Milton Players will perform the American classic **"To Kill a Mockingbird"** evening performances on Feb. 8, 9, 15, and 16 begin at 8 p.m. Friday evenings are reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. The Saturday matinee is at 2 p.m. on Feb. 9, Performances are at the Milton Woman's Club, 90 Reedsdale Rd., (Rt. 28) in Milton. To order tickets call 617-698-SHOW or wwwmiltonplayers.org

Notre Dame Academy Drama Club to host **"An Evening of One-Acts"** Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. Notre Dame Academy, Cardinal Cushing Auditorium, 1073 Main St., Hingham. $5 per person.

The Fuller Museum of Art seeks vendors for its **Fifth Annual African Festival and Marketplace** which will take place Feb. 23. The African Festival is a celebration of the contributions of Africans and African-Americans to the arts, and features a day of music, drama, art activities and lectures. The African Marketplace consists of 10 to 15 vendors selling handcrafted or imported Afrocentric items. No novelty items are accepted. Interested individuals in applying for a vendor booth should send a letter describing their items/artwork as well of photographs. Items should sell for $30 or less. Applications that are late or do not include photographs will not be considered. Send applications to African Festival and Marketplace, Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street, Brockton, MA 02301/

Sat. 9

The Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Choral, will combine to present "Encore", a pops/cabaret style performance, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall on Main Street in Cohasset on Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. and Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. This year's "Encore" will feature costume medleys from the Broadway shows Oklahoma and Most Happy Fella, along with selections of jazz, barbershop, folk, pop, and classical music. Seating for the concert is at tables, and in the pops tradition audience members are encouraged to bring a festive party picnic to enjoy during the performance. Tickets are $15 ($10 students and seniors on Sunday) and are available at Nobles in Hingham Square or at Cards and Shards in Cohasset. For information call 781-749-6561.

The South Shore Conservatory Third Annual Music Festival, coordinated by the piano department will be held Feb. 9 and 10. All performers will play selections from the Classical Period, 1750-1830, and will include work by composers such as Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn

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The Ventress Library Trustees present Chrissi Poland in First Kaplan Concert Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fumace Brook Middle School Auditorium. Special guests will be the Marshfield High School Jazz Band. The concert is free and refreshments will be available. For more information call Ellen Riboldi at 781-834-5535.

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The James Library and Center for the Arts presents a one woman show celebrating the life of Zora Neale Hurston, Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. Pembroke resident, Dorothy Mains Pierce will bring to life the African-American writer, Zora Neale Hurston. The James Library is located at 24 West Street. Tickets are $10. For information call 781-659-7100.

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and Mendelssohn on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury and Sunday, February 10 at Cox Hall in Hingham. Both concerts begin at 3 p.m. and are preceded at 2 p.m. by a lecture/demonstration on the music to be played and an overview of the period and its most illustrious composers. Core faculty members Margaret Li and Paul Hoffman will speak Hingham and Duxbury respectively. Tickets are $10 adult, $7 Sr./student and may be purchased at South Shore Conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury. Each ticket allows admittance to both days. All proceeds benefit the SSC Piano Department. For more information, 781-749-7565, ext. 23.

Dance to benefit American Cancer Society's 2002 Relay for Life in Abington Feb. 9, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock Street, Abington. Tickets are $10 in advance and available while supplies last. Funds raised will benefit the American Cancer Society's third annual Relay for Life in Abington set for June 7 and 8 at Memorial Field. Entertainment provided by D.J's Greg Macdonald and Tom Rizzio, drawings, and light refreshments. Team captain packets will also be available for those interested in starting a team for the Relay for Life. To purchase tickets, call Mary Rangel at 781-681-9875.

Space Clearing: How to Purify and Transform your Home into Sacred Space. Learn how to set up a sacred blessing altar. The four key steps to space clearing will be demonstrated: Preparation, Purification, Invocation, and Preservation. Learn how to use bells, chimes, harmony balls, singing bowls, drums, rattles, candles, incense, salt, crystals, holy water, flower offerings, essential oils flower essences, gem elixirs, color therapy, music and other space clearing tools to transform your home into sacred space. Space clearing increases the power and effectiveness of all feng shui adjustments. Feb. 9 or Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. $88. Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center, call 781-982-1616 to register.

"Mardi Gras" Weekend at Sheraton Plymouth Feb. 9 and 10, featuring Cajun Bob Wilson during cocktail hours at 6:30 p.m. and Voodoo Doctors from cocktail hours to the full dance portion of the eveing. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. then Krewe de Roux until midnight. Packages range from $85 per couple for dinner and entertainment to $179 per couple for dinner, entertainment and overnight accommodations. For more information, call 508-747-4900.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Presents "A Symphonic Valentine" Concert held on Feb. 9, and 10. Both performances are in the Duxbury High School auditorium; the Feb. 9 concert begins at 8 p.m. and Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $28, $25, and $20. Senior and youth discounts are available. Also, $5 student "Rush" tickets are sold at the door one hour before performance time. For information call 508-746-8008.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Square, Bridgewater. Feb. 9, **David Surette**, the Man Who Gave Us Maiden. Open mike signup 7:30 p.m. Free admission pass the hat for feature. For information contact Valerie at SoshorePoet@aol.com or Lotfi at 508-279-9952, or www.mothwing.com/dailygrindpoetry.

Duxbury Art Association's Winter Juried Show Benefit Opening reception Feb.2, at the Art Complex Museum, 64 St. George St., Duxbury, from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibition showcases artwork in all mediums by more than 100 New England artists. Ticket donation $40 includes hors d'oeuvres, music by pianist, Tom Boyer, and a cash bar. Call 781-734-2731 ext. 4 or www-duxburyart.org

North River Arts Society invites the public to view its **15th Annual Members Show**, now through Feb. 10, Saturday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at NRAS headquarters, The G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills. For more information call 781-837-8091 or www.northriverarts@rcn.com

The Solid Gold Oldies Show at the **Quincy Dinner Theater**, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. Musical review featuring songs of the 50s and 60s. Feb. 9, 10, 14, 16. Thurs. Fri., Sat., dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30; Sun. matinee, dinner at 2 show at 3:30 p.m. Charge $37.50 for dinner and show. Wheelchair accessible. For reservations, call 781-843-5862.

Sun. 10

Mayflower Congregational Church invites the public to a formal installation service for **Pastor Daniel J. Hogan** Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Church located at 207 Main Street, Kingston. Following the service a reception will be held in the Briggs Memorial Building to the rear of the church.

One woman show celebrates the life of Zora Neale Hurston. Pembroke resident, **Dorothy Mains Pierce** will bring to life the African-American writer, Zora Neale Hurston, in a one woman show at the James Library and Center for the Arts 24 West Street, Norwell, on Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $10. For information call 781-659-7100.

Artful Things, a unique gallery that showcases work exclusively by South Shore artists, will host a fundraiser for the Amaryllis Foundation, Feb. 10, from 1 to 6 p.m. in the gallery at 263 Washington Street, Norwell. For information call 781-659-6595.

The Duxbury Art Association presents Monotype Guild of New England's Fifth Annual Juried Exhibition opens in the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts, A reception will be held Feb. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.. Scituate artist, Ester Mashio will demonstrate printing making techniques at 2 p.m. The exhibitions opens Feb. 10, and continues through April 19. The exhibition, reception and demonstration are open to the public at no charge. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 781-934-2731.

The Greater Boston Antique & Collectible "Cabin Fever" Toy Show will be held Feb. 10, at the Holiday Inn in Dedham, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is $4.50 in the morning and $3.50 after noon. Children under 12 with adult supervision are admitted free. For information call Mrs. Devlin at 508-379-9733.

The Hull Artists Studio Connection presents its Valentines Day "Affordable" Fine Art Silent Auction and Sale at the Red Parrot Restaurant, 1 Shore Drive, Hull., Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items featured will be paintings, drawings, photography, hand carved decoys, jewelry, pottery, sculpture, wood turnings, woodcrafts, stained glass, greeting cards, children's books, gifts. Final bids at 2:45 p.m. Call 1-800-413-1770 for information.

Brockton Symphony Orchestra presents Van Clibur Medallist, Antonio Pompa-Baldi in concert performing Listz's Totentanz. Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. Program notes and introduction by conductor Jonathan Cohler at 2:45 p.m. Brockton High School Auditorium, Rt. 123 Brockton. Wheelchair accessible, free parking. Advance purchase recommended through 508-587-7187. All information call 508-588-3841 or log on to www.brocktonsymphony.org

Mon. 11

Second Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting: Feb. 11, 9 a.m. at the Plymouth Library, Otto Fehlow meeting Room, 132 South Street, Plymouth. For information call 781-545-8026.

23rd Annual USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild exhibit Feb. 11 through March 9, at the USS Constitution Museum. Admission is free and donations are encouraged. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 617-426-1812.

Tues. 12

The American Cancer Society's sixth annual Relay for Life in Cohasset, volunteer planning committee will host a kickoff on Feb. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at P.J.'s Country House, 227 Chief Justice Way, Rte. 3A in Scituate. Area residents hoping to start a relay team for the first time or just interested in learning more about Relay for Life are encouraged to join this informational session from 6 to 7 p.m. Veteran team members are welcome to join at 7 p.m. The kickoff is an opportunity to hear about last year's results, preview this year's event and receive team captain packets materials. Hors d'oeurves will be served. Cash bar. For information, call 1-888-648-4880.

SSWBN - Hingham Luncheon/Informal Networking held at Siros on Main St., noon to 1:30 p.m. Call 781-749-4500.

South of Boston Knitters Guild will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Rt. 139 in Marshfield. There will be a workshop on Making Dorset Buttons." Refreshments will be served. New members and guests are welcome. For information call Barbara at 781-834-8560.

No Pain Piano Workshop, Feb. 12, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Massasoit Community college. Instructor Frank Dunne will teach his "learn-to-play-piano-in-3 hours" workshop. For information or to register call 508-588-9100 ext. 1951.

Wed. 13

Bob Michelson will present **"The Underwater and Wildlife Photography of Bob Michelson"** Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. Free and open to the public. call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420 for information.

Boston Poetry Slam. The Cantab Lounge, 8 p.m. open mike; 9:30 p.m. feature, 10:30 p.m. slam. $3

Feb. 13, It's erotic poetry night bring you hottest stuff. **Shane Koyczan**, former national slam champ and a semi-final slam: the first four 8 x 8 winners meet in best-two-out of three for $25. All ages welcome but everyone must have a photo ID. Hosted by Michael Brown, Valerie Lawson and Craig Nelson. Call 617-354-2685 for information.

Tierra del Feugo - Fire and Ice, Cold and Rain, David Clapp, Director of the Massachusetts Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries and World traveler, will transport you to one of the most remote ends of the earth - Tierra del Fuego. The southerly nations of Argentina and Chile point together toward Antarctica at Tierra del Fuego. Wildy diverse in climate and terrain, there are albatross, penguins, whales, glaciers, fiords, mountains, forests, plains, rugged coastline, ranches, remnants of primitive people and a wonderful splash of Latin culture. Feb. 13, 7 p.m. Call 781-659-2559 for information.

Raffael's Restaurant and JM Productions, announce its third dinner theater season beginning Feb. 13, 14, 20 and 21 with **"Its G I Jive"** An all American USO tribute with Michael Kreutz, Brian DeLorenzo, Mary Callanan & Dorothy Miller. Join these performers for an evening of music celebrating the USO generation with music to honor America and those who have served in the armed forces both past and present. Tickets are $45 per person or $35 per person for the matinee series. Ticket includes dinner, show, tax & gratuity. The menu includes a garden salad, your choice of a chicken, beef or fish dinner, a vegetable medley, potato and dessert along with coffee or tea and a cash bar. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Lunch starts at noon. To order tickets via credit card, call Raffael's Restaurant at 617-328-1600.

February 13, 2001,Day before Valentine's Day Family Concert featuring the chamber musicians of the **Bristol Chamber Orchestra** joined by the award-winning Oliver Ames High School String Orchestra with four Young Virtuosi Violinists performing at Philip Hallowell Auditorium, Oliver Ames High School, 100 Lothrop Street, Easton. Adults $13 ($15 at the door); students (under 16) $8; seniors (60+) $11 ($12 at the door) Call for tickets and information on Season's Subscriptions and memberships 781-784-6862. Call 781-784-6862.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Coffeehouse featuring **Nathan Thompson, Dennis & Dennis, Jr., Ryan McHugh** and open mike. $4 members/$5nonmembers. All events at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. For information call 781-871-1052.

Thurs. 14

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, will unveil schematic designs for its expansion and renovation developed by world-renowned architectural firm, Foster and Partners (London). The program will include presentations by Malcolm Rogers, Ann and Graham Gund director of MFA, and Pritzker Prize-winning architect Lord Foster. 10:30 a.m. to noon Remis Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Call 617-369-3540 for information.

Heart's Desire Ball sponsored by Mr. Tux will be held to benefit New England charities. The black tie gala balls will be held simultaneously on

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Krewe de Roux will perform at the Sheraton Plymouth's "Mardi Gras Weekend"

"Mardi Gras" Weekend comes to the Sheraton Plymouth Feb. 9 and 10, featuring Cajun Bob Wilson during cocktail hours at 6:30 p.m. and Voodoo Doctors from cocktail

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Pembroke artist Martha Scott is exhibiting her colorful "Collages of Childhood" in the Pembroke Public Library gallery through the end of February.

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The Milton Players will perform the American classic "To Kill a Mockingbird" evening performances on Feb. 8, 9, 15, and 16 begin at 8 p.m. Friday evenings are reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. The Saturday matinee is at 2 p.m. on Feb. 9. Performances are at the Milton Woman's Club, 90 Reedsdale Road., (Rt. 28) in Milton. To order tickets call 617-698-SHOW or wwwmiltonplayers.org

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Art of Music Chamber Players, "Concerts in the Country" held at Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street, Duxbury, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets $15/$12 seniors/$8 students. Call 781-837-2705.

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Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at seven locations. The Heart's Desire Ball will be held at the locations. Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers, Ridder Country Club, Whitman, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chateau Provost, Chicopee; The Granite Rose, Hampstead, NH; West Valley Inn, W. Warwick, R.I, Manccely's S. Windsor, Conn. Tickets are $45 per person, which includes a tuxedo rental for the gentlemen. A portion of the proceeds from each ticket will benefit one of the charities as directed by the ticket purchaser.

Valentine's Day Tea at the Science Center. Join the South Shore Science Center at a special tea on Valentine's Day and learn the history and traditions associated with this midwinter holiday. Bring a favorite or homemade valentine to the tea with you. Tea and delicious valentine treats will be served following the presentation. Feb. 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Admission $7 members/$10 non-members. Pre-registration is required. Call the center at 781-659-2559.

Valentine's Day Gala with the **Plymouth Philharmonic** The Sheraton Plymouth's Valentine's Day Gala will feature a full night of dinner and dancing, with music by The Plymouth Philharmonic Swing Orchestra on Valentine's Day, Thursday, Feb. 14. Cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. with an acoustic guitar playing jazz and classical music. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the main ballroom, as guests are serenaded by a jazz duet of guitar and saxophone. After dinner George J. Sharr and the Plymouth Philharmonic Symphony Swing Orchestra will play the night away. The price for dinner and dancing is $139 per couple. Or a couple can enjoy dinner, dancing and overnight accommodations for $219. For reservations and more information call 508-747-4900.

Fri. 15

Sophisticated Singles Social and Dance, Feb. 15, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland Exit 14 off Rte. 3 781-446-0234. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. complimentary hors d'oeuvres and free door prizes. For singles professionals 35-55 years old. a non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress required. Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and the Single Executives Club.

Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College presents **"You Can't Take It With You"** Feb. 15, 16, and 22, 23 at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. A comedy by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, directed by Michael Pevzner. Tickets $12, $10/students and senior citizens. Group rates available. All seats reserved. Call 508-427-1234. Credits cards welcome at no extra charge.

Maria's Bachelorette Party, the original interactive dinner theatre show, a spoof on an **"Italian Bridal Shower"** has been extended Feb. 8, March 8, and April 19, at **The Tremont Playhouse**, 275 Tremont Street, Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40.95, includes dinner and show. Call 1-800-944-5639 for tickets.

Ongoing Events

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum - Featured among the more than 70 original costumes and accessories worn by **Jacqueline Kennedy** are the two outfits she wore to the Christmas receptions for White House staff. The White House years – Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum now being presented through Feb. 28. Tickets are $15 for adults $13 for seniors and students, and $8 for children ages 13-17, and include admission to the Museum's permanent exhibition on President John F. Kennedy. For information call 617-695-2JFK. Reservations recommended for weekends.

The Gallery Artists of the Scituate Art Association will present our country's colors of red while and blue in a variety of creative contexts now through Feb. 24. Public is welcome. Gallery hours are Tues. through Saturday from 10 a.m. to5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Call 781-545-6150 for more information.

The James Library and Center for Arts presents "Something for Everyone," a show of decorative arts and paintings by local artist **Sally Dean** Feb. 1 to 28. An opening reception for the public will be held on Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 781-659-7100.

Braintree Art Association member **Eddy Brown** will be displaying her paintings for the month of February at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree.

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center will host a show of arts and oil paintings by local artist **Sally Dean** during the month of February. The show "Something for Everyone" will be on view from Feb. 1 through 28. There will be an opening reception open to the public on Friday, Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for further information.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Barbara Swanson** will exhibit her painting for the month of February at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad street, Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402

The Fuller Art Museum will feature photographs by **Max Belcher** from Liberia and the Dominican Republic now until March 31. The museum is open Tuesday - Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admissions $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, and free for children under age 18. For more information call 508-588-6000 or www.fullermuseum.org

Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers"; Those who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women who choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. Come join us! The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

Snow Tubing at Blue Hills Ski Area will have yet another new adventure for winter enthusiasts this coming season. With a new infinite snowboarding park already set, the management of Blue Hills Ski Area announce plans for a new **snow tubing park.** Snow tubing is a no-skills way to get out on the slopes. Specially groomed walls and a stopping area will keep tubers safely inside the slick chute and insure a nice easy end to a wild and fun ride. Tubers will also be able to enjoy the ride back up the hill as they're whisked away by handle tow, while seated comfortably on their tube. Two hours of sliding and careening will cost $14.

Oil Paintings by Hull artist Claire Gamble – including a piece that memorializes the Sept. 11 tragedy – are featured in the windows of **Brewed Awakenings**, 19 Main St., Hingham Square throughout the month of January, courtesy of **Artful Things Gallery** in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-6595 or www.artfulthings.com

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A No Pain Piano Workshop will be held Feb. 12, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Massasoit Community college. Instructor Frank Dunne will teach his "learn-to-play-piano-in-3 hours" workshop. For information or to register call 508-588-9100 ext. 1951.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery in Hingham features **"Havens,"** a photographic exhibition by Scituate artist **Tim Ryan,** now through the end of February. Admission is free. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16

The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery located at the corner of School and Summer Streets in Bridgewater will exhibit the work of members of **the Portuguese-American Artist Association**, Jan. 14 through Feb. 8. A non-profit art association whose mission is to showcase the creative and visual talents of the Portuguese-American community, the work is diverse, ranging from abstract art to printmaking to ceramic sculpture. All of the artists are of Portuguese-American descent. For information call 508-531-1359.

Boston Harbor Hotel announced it will host the **13th Annual Boston Wine Festival.** The series which will kickoff Jan. 11, and continue through April 5, will include a number of events such as educational seminars, charity affairs, the battle of the cabernets, and wine and food pairing dinners that have become the signature of the festival. Chef Daniel Bruce will produce menus to be paired with some very special and rare wines. Come hear the wine makers tell their tales and showcase their talents. More than 50 events are scheduled, including: seminars, vertical tastings, dinner dances and celebrity guests. There will be 50 wines showcased throughout this year's festival. For more information call 617-439-7000.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury, will present recent works, watercolors and collages by Lexington artist, **Gracia Dayton** from Jan. 4 though Feb. 28. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-934-2721.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

Talent Search

HULL PERFORMING ARTS will hold open auditions for musical "Pump Boys and Dinettes" by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel and Jim Wann on March 3, and March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave., Hull. Bring a song to sing. "Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be cast with three men and three women. Call 781-925-2406 for directions and information.

THE MASSASOIT THEATRE CO., announces open auditions for **"The Crucible",** by Arthur Miller directed by Stacey Erikson. A drama of the Puritan purge of witchcraft in Old Salem, Massachusetts, on Feb. 18 and 19, in the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Fine Arts Bldg., Massasoit College off Route 27, Brockton. Roles for 10 men and five women of varying ages, 20's- 80's; five girls, 10-years old to teens; multicultural castings. Productions dates are April 18 to 21. Call 617-471-8876 or slerikson@yahoo.com

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THE QUINCY DINNER THEATER will hold open auditions for "A Funny thing Happened on the way to the Forum, " Stephen Sondheim's musical comedy classic at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 and 12 at the Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St. across from the Quincy Center T Station. Bring sheet music and use stage entrance at right side of building. For information call 781-843-5862 or email at www.quincydinnertheater.com Cast requires 10 men ages 20-70; eight women, seven of which are 18-30, one age 50 plus.

MILTON PLAYERS will hold auditions for the Neil Simon comedy **London Suite** on Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Cunningham Park Hall, Edge Hill Road in Milton. The play is directed by Dee Chapit. Auditions will consist of readings from the script. For more information visit www.miltonplayers.org

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY, is looking for a few good men, and women, to add to their already quality program. Spring Concert rehearsals at the Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be asked of all new members, primarily for voice placement. Come and be a part of a grand musical tradition; its fun and a very rewarding experience.

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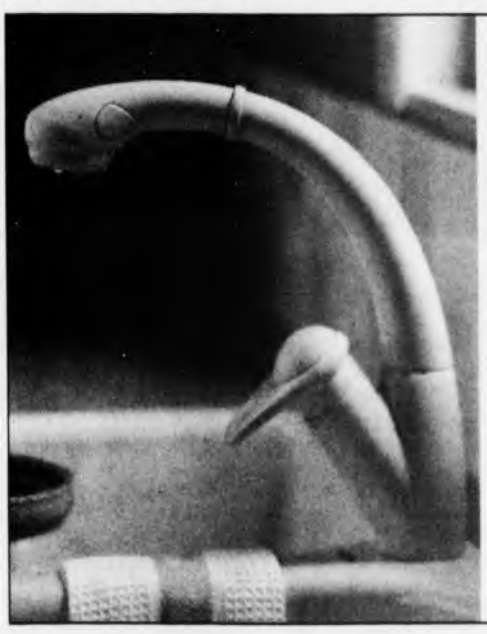
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Bond rating hike will save money

By Mary Ford
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It's no secret when it comes to beauty, most Cohasset residents would give their town an "A" if asked.

And why not? The town's rocky coast, picturesque harbor, quaint village and pristine town common have attracted more than one Hollywood producer to its shores.

But when it comes to grading the town's finances, those same residents might shrug their shoulders or be concerned Cohasset's fiscal picture might not be as rosy as they'd like.

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Power cut to burying village utility wires

By Mary Ford
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Dean Rizzo, the executive director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, hasn't been having a good month.

First a new group, dubbed "Friends of the Harbor" has been decidedly unfriendly to CRC, a private entity backed by businessman Peter Roy that is working with the town on harbor and village improvements. Saying the plans weren't incorporating citizen input, the group convinced selectmen to send a curt letter to Rizzo asking him to halt any future harbor workshops *(see related story)*.

Then Rizzo, with design documents and charts in hand, hoped for a warm reception at last Wednesday's Planning Board meeting where he tried to present plans to bury the utility wires in the village.

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TALL ORDER

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Third-graders (top to bottom) Chris Flibotte, Paige Desisto, Terrence Durkin and Kaci Kucinski peek through the windowpanes in their classroom door at Osgood that celebrated the 100th day of school this week. For more photos, see page 21.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Arthur and Jeanette Somerville of Cohasset, who recently moved to the New England Friends Home at Thayer House in Hingham, met at a Valentine's dance in 1928. The couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last June.

A true love that lasts

Couple met at Valentine's dance

By Evan Schiff
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After more than 70 years, Valentine's Day still never gets old for Arthur and Jeanette Somerville of Cohasset.

"Every Valentine's Day is special to us," Jeanette said. "We always exchange gifts."

The couple actually met at a Valentine's party in Boston in 1928. Jeanette says she was a "country girl" who was staying in the city to work and attended the YMCA-sponsored event. She said she was lucky enough to grab a "city boy".

"Those were the days when young lovers played 'spin the cover' and 'post office' to get acquainted," she recalled.

After the party, Jeanette invited Arthur home to Sunday dinner to receive the required seal of approval, Arthur passed the test and became part of the family.

The couple has been married since 1931 (when Herbert Hoover was president) and celebrated their 70th anniversary last June.

"It's been all sunshine, roses and kisses."
— Jeanette Somerville

When they met, Arthur was working as a machinist at the Boston Naval Shipyard and Jeanette was working as a receptionist in the garment district. Although the couple wintered in Florida for many summers, Jeanette said they always loved coming home to Cohasset. The couple lived on Beechwood Street for nearly 40 years and are longtime members of the Beechwood Congregational Church.

The couple said Valentine's Day has changed through the years, becoming more commercial as time passed.

"Years ago you were lucky to get flowers," Jeanette said. "Now people expect diamond rings."

The couple said their relationship has only gotten stronger through the years.

"It's been all sunshine, roses and kisses," Jeanette said.

Jeanette, 91, and Arthur, 96, feel blessed they have been able to spend so many years together. They said in their wildest dreams they never envisioned living to such a golden age.

Kathy Bryanton, director of Cohasset Elder Affairs and a friend of the Somervilles for 15 years, said the couple provides inspiration for her.

"I see them as role models, as a couple who is completely enjoying one another," she said. "They always make the best of their circumstances and that's a great lesson."

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Keeping World's End just the way it is

Management plan for park unveiled

By Carol Britton Meyer
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World's End, with more than 60,000 visitors a year, offers 251 acres of peaceful tranquillity for walkers, bird-watchers and wildflower and butterfly enthusiasts.

"We want to preserve the property as it is today for future generations."
— Lisa Vernegaard, Trustees of Reservations

And that's how a committee charged with updating the park's management plan wants the property, which is owned by the non-profit Trustees of Reservations, to remain.

"It's amazing how much effort is involved in just keeping World's End like it is," said Nick Noon of Cohasset, chairman of the planning committee.

An updated management plan for the peninsula — the work of a team of a dozen staff members and volunteers over an eight-month period — was unveiled last week. Ecologists, historians and members of the community all had a say in how they feel the popular reservation should be cared for and preserved in the future.

The plan offers a comprehensive overview of the ecological, scenic and cultural features of World's End, which lies between Hingham Bay and the Weir River, and provides guidance for the future management of the reservation.

Lisa Vernegaard, director of planning and ecology for the Trustees, presented highlights of the plan recently.

"The goal is to protect the pastoral quality of World's End while also providing opportunities for visitors

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World's End ranger Gail Parks stands outside the gatehouse on a wintry day. The 251-acre park has 60,000 visitors a year.

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Selectmen want authority to stay with Town Meeting

By Evan Schiff
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While selectmen may agree not enough citizens attend Town Meeting, they aren't about to endorse a plan that in their view, would make it less likely people participate in the venerable old forum.

But Leland and Leonora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, want more participation in town government and believe, especially on financial matters, that too few have the say for everybody else.

"It's possible at Town Meeting only 51 people could decide on how to spend the town's money,' Leland Jenkins said. "This is just a way for more people to be involved in the process."

To that end, the Jenkinses sought selectmen's support last week for two Citizen Petitions on the March 30 Town Meeting warrant that would direct more town business to the ballot box.

One would place an issue that gets the signatures of 15 percent of registered voters — approximately 750 residents — on the election ballot. And the other for financial matters, would require any article seeking an appropriation of $50,000 or more — excluding the operating budget — automatically be put on a ballot.

Selectmen decided not to support the two citizen petitions saying the articles aimed to abolish Town Meeting as a form of government.

"It seems that with these articles, it makes Town Meeting obsolete," Selectman Ronnie McMorris said. "It takes all the authority away from it."

But Leonora Jenkins said the aim of the article was to include those who aren't able to attend Town Meeting in decision making.

"Sometimes people aren't able to make it for a variety of reasons and they shouldn't lose their say in the government because of that," she said.

But selectmen think Town Meeting is still the fairest way to go.

"I like Town Meeting because there is always discussion about the articles," chairman Fred Koed said. "I think there is less information disseminated when it's on a ballot, and while there may be more people voting they'd be less informed."

Selectman Merle Brown said these articles just confuse the process rather than simplify it.

"This is just an added step that's not necessary," he said. "I don't know why we'd want this."

Selectman Michael Sullivan said he felt the process works the way it is now.

"Town Meeting is only one night a year," he said. "If people are that concerned over an article they should attend."

He added if citizens were able to obtain the necessary 750 signatures to have an article put on a ballot — they should just ask those same people to come to Town Meeting to vote on it there..

Voters will have the final say whether to approve the two Citizens Petitions when the issue is brought up at the March 30 Town Meeting.

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Sun. 17	2:14	9.3	8:23	2:32	9.1	8:41
Mon. 18	2:53	9.2	9:07	3:16	8.8	9:24
Tues. 19	3:36	9.2	9:55	4:04	8.4	10:10
Wed. 20	4:23	9.1	10:48	4:58	8.1	11:02
Thurs. 21	5:16	9.2	11:45	5:56	8.0	11:59

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This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Feb. 11.

Advisory Committee, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Library Building Committee, Feb. 20, 9:30 a.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library

Zoning Advisory Committee, Feb. 19, 6 p.m.

Planning Board, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. at the high school library.

Water Commission, Feb. 21, 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Library grant

As expected, the state Board of Library Commissioners awarded Cohasset a $1.5 million grant at its meeting last week. The funding of the grant ensures local taxpayers there will be no hike in their taxes due to the library project.

The project is expected to cost $3.9 million but a majority of the money is coming from private donations and the state grant. Along with the $1.5 million state grant, the Paul Prat Library Trustees raised $1.1 million. That leaves approximately $1.2 million left that the town needs to cover.

The town will use $900,000 from the sale of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and the remaining $300,000 will be paid from within the levy limit.

At special Town Meeting in the fall, residents approved an article that said the town could spend approximately $500,000 on the project. Patience Towle, chairman of the library trustees, said she is pleased the project won't use the entire amount of money appropriated.

"It's fantastic that the grant got funded and with the sale of the old library, we're right on track," she said.

Police chief update

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he would name the new police chief by the end of next week.

Three of the four finalists have been interviewed by various groups, including the school department, all of the town's department heads, and a contingent of police personnel, and the final candidate is expected to visit the town at the end of the week for his round of interviews.

Haddad said while the different groups aren't necessarily recommending their favorite candidate to him, they are helping with the process.

"I basically want them to give me a feel for how the candidate is going to interact with them," he said. "The police chief is constantly involved with these boards and its important they have a good relationship."

The four finalists includes local candidate Sgt. Robert Jackson, Lt. Richard Spirlet from New Bedford, Lt. Hipolito Nunez from Westfield, and Capt. Mark Louney from the Fitchburg Police Department.

Haddad said he is extremely please with how everything has gone.

"The process has been great," he said. "We have four extremely qualified candidates any one of whom would make a great chief."

Sidewalk issues

Dean Rizzo, executive director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation a private corporation working in conjunction with the village task force, wants more input on the design of the sidewalks and light fixtures for the village.

Rizzo said last week's public workshop on the design ideas were productive, but felt CRC needs more contribution from the community than just the about 35 people that attended the meeting.

He said he will ask selectmen for permission to display samples of the five different sidewalk types, ranging from brick to concrete and granite, and the various light fixtures, including colonial and gas light, outside where people can see them.

"While the workshop gave us a good gauge of what people like, we want to continue to hear from the residents," Rizzo said.

Rizzo said there is no timetable yet for when residents can expect to see the samples.

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Cohasset Mariner wins four press awards

The Cohasset has won four awards in the annual New England Press Association Better Newspaper Contest.

For the fourth year in a row, the Cohasset Mariner was recognized by the judges — who praised its local news, photography and sports coverage — as one of the best newspapers in New England in its circulation category. This year the Cohasset Mariner, which has won the division two out of the past four years, received an honorable mention in the General Excellence Weekly A category.

The paper also won first place for its Local Election Coverage of the state representative race for the Third Plymouth District and received honorable mention in Education Writing, and Transportation and Commuter Reporting.

On its election coverage the judges said, "Great in-depth coverage. Well-written stories, good grasp of issues, particularly campaign finance. Graphics and layout highlight coverage and make this entry a clear winner."

A record-number of awards were presented to CNC/South — that includes the Cohasset Mariner — at the annual New England Press Association convention held Saturday in Boston. The regional association honors the best in weekly and daily newspaper reporting, photography and design from member papers throughout New England. Judging for the thousands of entries was conducted by the New York Press Association.

Nine first-place awards — for spot news reporting, spot news photography, sports section, headline writing, sports column, local election coverage, special section, a special award and front page — were garnered by CNC/South journalists. The group received 25 awards in total.

For the fourth year in a row, the Cohasset Mariner was honored with a general excellence award and local election coverage. Braintree Forum editor Cathy Conley was also recognized for the third straight year for editorial writing. CNC/South's annual section exploring the business climate on the South Shore secured a first-place award with judges highlighting the extensive coverage, design and strong writing.

Reporter Seth Jacobson's comprehensive reporting on homelessness on the South Shore as part of CNC/South's Gifts of Hope campaign also won a first-place award.

- Honorable mention, Staff: General Excellence, Cohasset Mariner
- Honorable mention, Mary Ford: Educational reporting, Cohasset Mariner
- First place, Rick Collins: Local election coverage, Cohasset Mariner
- Honorable mention, Rick Collins: Transportation/commuter reporting, Cohasset Mariner
- Second place, Staff: General excellence, Hingham Journal
- Second place, Staff: Special award, Hingham Journal
- First place, Chris Bernstein: Spot news photo, Abington/Rockland Mariner
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- Honorable mention, Staff: Arts and entertainment section (Living), Scituate Mariner
- First place, Staff : Sports page or section, Scituate Mariner
- Third place, Tom Gorman: Personality photo, Weymouth News

Runway lawsuit is back before Town Meeting

But selectmen won't support appropriation

By Evan Schiff
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Selectmen decided not to support a citizens' petition article that would appropriate $30,000 for a lawsuit headed by a coalition of towns including Hull and Hingham in an effort to stop Logan's proposed runway 14/32.

Ralph Dormitzer, 334 S. Main St., gave a presentation to the selectmen last week outlining the citizens' concerns. At the forefront of their agenda, was the proposed runway would add approximately 100,000 flights over Cohasset a year. According to the group, this would also increase noise, pollution and negatively affect property values in town.

However, selectmen felt concerned citizens should concentrate their efforts on addressing the current problem rather than join a lawsuit which aims to stop a proposed problem.

"A large percentage of this problem exits today," said Selectman Michael Sullivan. "I'd rather spend money diverting the current flights than fighting the runway."

Selectman Merle Brown agreed.

"The problem is you're fighting an losing battle," he said. "Let's work on the current situation."

Selectman Tom Callahan said the concerned citizens need to come to the realization that they live in the vicinity of an airport.

"Part of my problem is that you have to accept we live with in 10 miles of Logan," he said. "Air traffic is going to be an issue."

Linda Wakeman of 255 Atlantic Ave., a proponent of the article, said air traffic could increase more significantly than people realize.

"This has the potential to destroy the character of Cohasset," she said.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she agrees with the citizens' premise but is at odds with their approach. She also said getting involved in an open-ended lawsuit like this could open Pandora's box.

"Who knows how much money we'll spend on this," she said. "Thirty-thousand dollars could be just the tip of the iceberg."

Peter Wood, 77 Summer St., felt there was no need to discuss this issue as a similar article had been voted down at special Town Meeting in the fall.

"Three months ago the town defeated this article and decided we don't need to get involved," he said.

Wood said while he sometimes hears the planes overhead, the noise doesn't bother him.

Voters will have the final say when the article is addressed at the March 30 annual Town Meeting.

Jury's out on public bathrooms

By Evan Schiff
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We've all been there. Walking through the village, you have a cup of coffee here, a soda there, and then it hits you, you need to go to the bathroom. But where can one find a public restroom in the village?

While businesses in the village admit they allow customers to use their bathrooms every once in a while, the lack of public restrooms has some people upset.

George Roukounakis, owner of the Citgo station on South Main Street, said he has approximately 30 people a day coming in to ask to use the restroom.

"We've provided the public restrooms in Cohasset for 30 years and the town never thanks us for it," he said.

Roukounakis says he continually hears people tell him they have been referred to the gas station by village shops that assume his bathroom is a public one.

"It is a private bathroom for customers only, but we have been forced to open it up," he said.

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private company working in conjunction with the village task force on improvements to the village, is brainstorming about possible places a restroom could be installed. Dean Rizzo, executive director for the CRC, said if the community feels there's a need to go forward with installing public restrooms, now would be the time to look into it. With work slated to begin in the summer for village improvements, the bathrooms could be fazed in.

"It's an issue that the town should address," Rizzo said. "The key would be finding a place where the restrooms would be inconspicuous."

Recently, the CRC met with the Youth Resources Committee about the possibility of installing a public bathroom, which would be attached to the teen center.

Jack Worley, chairman of the committee, said the board unanimously voted against the idea.

"If you have unattended restrooms near the teen center you never know what can happen," he said. "There could be perverts who just hang out there, especially when the train comes."

Worley said he's not necessarily opposed to the idea of a public bathrooms, but feels it's going to be hard to find a suitable location.

Businesses along South Main Street were split on whether the town should pursue this endeavor.

Anne Gabanelle, owner of French Memories at 64 S. Main St., said it's difficult for her restaurant to provide bathrooms for her customers because the facilities are located through the kitchen. She added that there are people that regularly come in and ask where they can find public restrooms.

> **"It is a private bathroom for customers only, but we have been forced to open it up."**
> — George Roukounakis, owner of the Citgo station

"I think they're a great idea," she said. "If the revitalization of the village is supposed to make it a more attractive and convenient place to shop, this is something I'd definitely recommend."

A clerk in a village shop who asked that her name not be used, said she didn't see the need for public bathrooms.

"Speaking as a taxpayer, I don't want to have to pay to maintain the bathrooms," she said. "We're not a real touristy town that needs extra facilities."

Erica Ford, manager of the Hunneman Coldwell Banker at 11 S. Main St., said she doesn't receive a lot of complaints about the lack of bathrooms.

"It's not overbearing," she said. "The people that come in are usually our customers so we generally let them use our bathroom."

Pierre Prat, director of operations at the Red Lion Inn Resort, said while he thinks public bathrooms would be a welcomed addition to the village, he doesn't see a pressing need for them.

"We let a lot of people use our bathrooms and while it's not a lot of extra work, public restrooms may ebb the flow of people coming in here," he said.

Hingham, a town which has public restrooms at its Bathing Beach off 3A near the harbor, hasn't experienced any problems with its public facilities. The restrooms are maintained by the Trustees of Hingham Bathing Beach and not the Department of Public Works.

"We really don't have too many problems with them," trustee Peter Fee said.

Fee said his group works on a budget of approximately $20,000 which helps to pay the three lifeguards who maintain the facility. The bathrooms are part of a bathhouse at the beach which includes public changing rooms and showers. (The facilities are close to the town center, unlike Cohasset's Sandy Beach.)

Dr. Joseph Godzik, Cohasset's health agent, said he doesn't think public bathrooms would prove too much of a financial burden for the town to bear.

"It's a pretty small space in there to get dirty," he said. "It wouldn't cost too much to maintain."

Roukounakis said the town could make a lot of money if it charged people to use the public facilities. He said that's a practice used by many European countries and it tends to work quite well.

"If they're not going to put in any restrooms maybe they should just pay me for my work," he said. Roukounakis said he hires a professional service that comes every two weeks to thoroughly clean his bathroom, which can go through nine rolls of toilet paper in a day in the summer.

"All those people going to the bathroom here creates quite a mess," he said. "The bathroom doesn't pay to keep itself clean."

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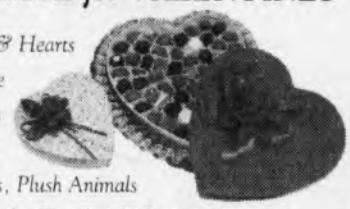

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Happy Valentine's Day Cohasset! I hope that all of you are able to celebrate this day with your special valentine, whether it is a significant other, your children, grandchildren or friends. If you know of someone who is alone or away from family and friends, pick up the phone or stop by to say hello to them.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

I want to send a special happy birthday out to my brother, **Matthew** who celebrated his 30-something birthday last Sunday. Matthew lived here in Cohasset with my mom and myself for several years and now lives in a wonderful home in Abington. **Daniel, Callie** and **Cody** wanted to make sure that their "Uncle Matt's" birthday was noted in the paper so here it is. We all hope you had a great day, Matt!

TURNING FIVE

Also, another special young man celebrating birthday number *five* is **Jake Johnson**. Jake is so excited to have reached this great milestone and I am sure that this next year will be a fun and exciting one for him.

Jake, along with his mom **Debbie**, dad **Jeff** and little sister **Abbey** will enjoy his special day and know that so many people are thinking of him and sending him a very Happy Birthday wish! Happy Birthday, Jake-A-Do!

BC HIGH HONORS

Christopher J. Carr, David F. Crowley-Buck, Christopher P. Barber and **Andrew J. Flynn** achieved High Honors for the second quarter at Boston College High School. For High Honors a student must have at least a 3.8 quality point average. **Edward M. Chase** achieved honors, earning at least a 3.2 QPA.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1200 students from some 80 communities in eastern Massachusetts.

VACATION WEEK

I want to wish all of our school children and staffs of schools everywhere a fantastic vacation week! Although we have a definite lack of snow, which makes some people extremely happy and others of us, really frustrated, whatever it is that everyone is doing, *enjoy it*! Take the time to look, listen and hear all of the little things that happen throughout the week. Whether you are at home, skiing or away on a vacation in the sun, take the time to enjoy it for the little things, that is what memories are made of.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

Megan McCain, a senior at Cohasset High, has been named one of 2,600 candidates in the Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 2.8 million students expected to graduate from high school this year.

Megan was selected on the basis of her superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in school and community activities.

The 2,600 candidates were also selected for their exceptional performance on the SATs, and their essays, school transcripts and recommendations.

A distinguished panel of educators will review the submissions and select 500 semifinalists in early April.

Then just one young man and woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and US students living abroad, 20 students at-large and up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts will be selected by a group of eminent citizens appointed by President Bush. Those students will be invited to Washington, DC, for several days in June to receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion.

Megan is the daughter of **Tom and Joyce McCain.**

Congratulations, Megan!

EXCELLENT!

Family and friends would like to congratulate **Karen Nahill** for being awarded the distinguished "Partners In Excellence" Award from Massachusetts General Hospital. She was presented this honor in recognition of her outstanding performance and commitment to excellence. Karen is now celebrating her 20th year of nursing at Mass. General. This honor is a wonderful one indeed and definitely well-deserved. Congratulations Karen.

QUILT SHOW

Would you like to spend an enjoyable day having a wonderful gourmet luncheon and viewing more than 50 handmade quilts, some that are centuries old? The Second Congregational Church is holding its ninth Annual Quilt Show & Luncheon on Saturday, March 2 from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. with tickets costing only $10 each. The proceeds from this popular event benefit The Boston Medical Center's Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and their Reach Out and Read Program. For tickets to this event, send a check to the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 or stop in the church office between the hours of 9:00-1:00, M-F. For more information, call 781-383-0345

GARDENERS SERVE TEA

The annual tea for residents of the Cohasset Knoll nursing home will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. and is conducted each February, by the Amateur Gardeners of Cohasset. Light refreshments will be served to the Cohasset Knoll residents by club members.

ART AWARD

I would like to end this column with a note about a very talented young lady. Miss **Emma Grinnell**, a ninth-grade student at the Cohasset High/Middle School was recently the recipient of the Silver Key Award in the Boston Globe Scholastic Arts Awards for her giant puppet mask. This is a tremendous honor and effort and I am sure the town will join in the congratulations for this award. Emma's family and friends are so proud of her as well as her classmates and teachers at school. Fantastic news to hear, Emma!

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Third-grader Jeremy Cundall sings "God Bless America" in Mr. McInnis' music class on the 100th day of school this year at Osgood. For more photos, see page 21.

That is all for this week. Please send in all your news, events and information to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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Acting is still fun after 50 years

'Our Town' premiers March 1 at Town Hall

By Evan Schiff
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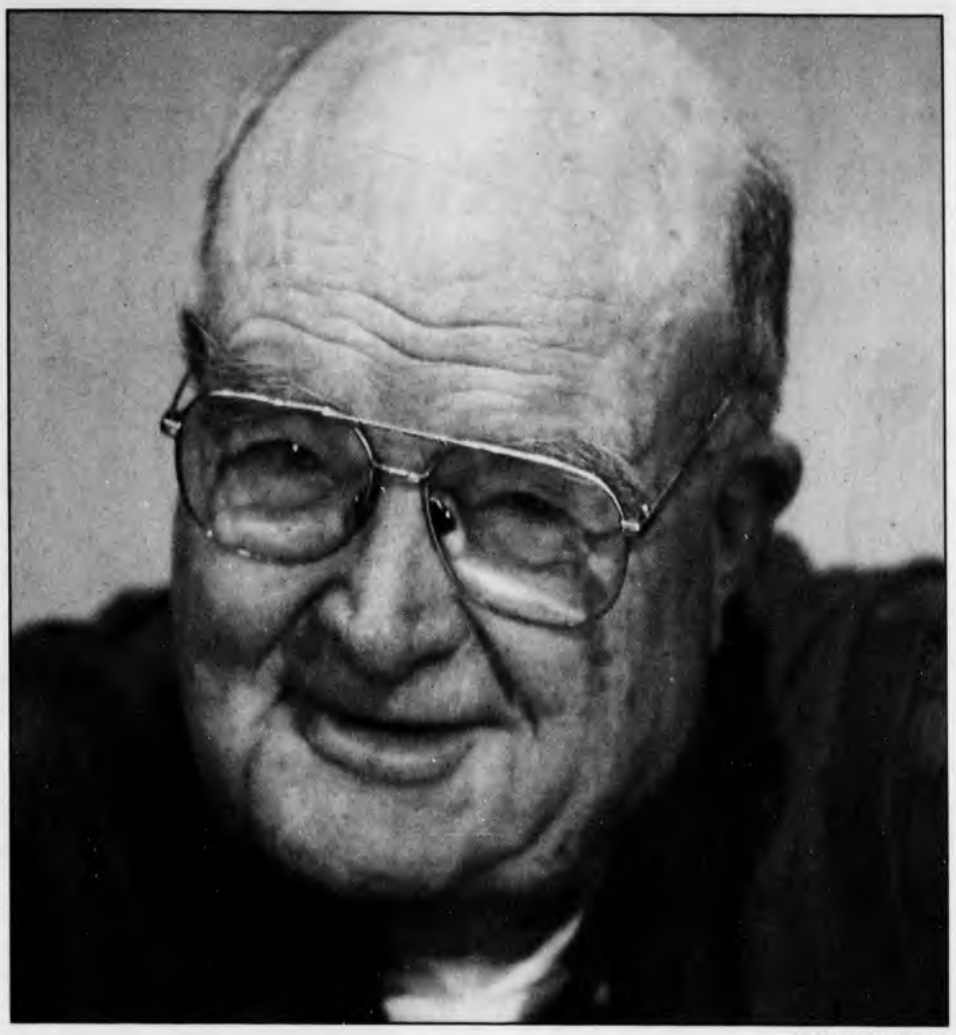
As the Cohasset Dramatic Club prepares for "Our Town" in early March — Lou Eaton readies himself to participate in his 18th play, spanning more than 50 years in the theatrical company.

Eaton first acted with the troupe in 1948 and hasn't stopped since. In "Our Town," Eaton portrays Constable Warren.

"They say every successful trial lawyer is a ham actor."
— Lou Eaton



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Look for Lou Eaton in the Cohasset Dramatic Club upcoming production of "Our Town."

"The reason they want me to play that role is because they needed an old guy," Eaton joked.

Eaton said the presence of a dramatic club in Cohasset is something he really enjoys about the town. He said while most sizable, suburban towns have a dramatic club, there are more than enough people in Cohasset to support one.

"To people who love to act it's their only outlet," he said. "There just aren't enough professional jobs out there."

Eaton credits his acting skill to being a trial lawyer for more than 40 years. He said it enabled him to go on stage without fear and has allowed him to feel secure while speaking.

"They say every successful trial lawyer is a ham actor," Eaton said.

While Eaton enjoys the acting, he said it's the people he meets while performing that makes the drama club so much fun.

"Theatre people are a race apart," he said. "They're so eccentric and they always keep me on my toes."

Eaton believes a play is an important part of society and thinks more children should get involved with acting. He said most plays aim to make a difference in people's lives, or to make them think about what they just saw.

"Most TV is just humor, or sex, or both," he said. "Plays try to convey a message, they try to make people use their minds."

Eaton has spent a lot of time at rehearsals in the past month attending one about every other day. In the week before the play, the schedule calls for rehearsals every day.

"It's a huge time commitment," he said. "That's why you have to love it so much."

Jean DiGiacomandrea, president of the Cohasset Dramatic Club and participant in the play, said the current play is one the club rallied behind. She said originally, the club wanted to perform a comedy but in the wake of Sept. 11, decided to produce, "a classic American production that was appropriate for this time in our country's history."

The story of "Our Town" takes places in Grovers Corners, N.H. in the early 1900s. Described by DiGiacomandrea as a very simple and innocent play, it follows the families of the town through life, marriage and death.

She said the goal with this production is to remind people to cherish the value of the everyday routine that makes up our lives. The cast of 22 ranges in age from nine to 84 and hails from Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham and Hull.

Eaton is no stranger to donating his time and energy to the town. He has served on numerous town boards including as chairman of the Advisory Board and Transportation Committee in the 60s. Eaton served as town counsel in 1955 and is currently on the Town History Committee which is busy publishing the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III".

"The committee I'm on now has to be the most fun I've ever had," Eaton said. "They're all so full of energy I actually look forward to our meetings."

"Our Town" opens Friday, March 1 and will run for three weekends. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate and at the door, or by phone at 781-585-9158.

Flags to fly at memorial to Gold Star Mothers

The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee announced American Flags would fly at the Gold Star Mothers Memorial on the anniversaries of the days when Cohasset lost soldiers in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

"Cohasset lost 22 men in the wars of the 20th century and we feel this is a way for the town to make a living, ongoing tribute to their memory," said Glenn A. Pratt, chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee. The citizens of Cohasset built and dedicated a memorial to the 22 Gold Star Mothers at the new Woodside Cemetery in 2001. The 100-foot crescent shaped memorial features a polished white granite mother stone surrounded by 22 individual polished stones, each stone representing the mother of a Cohasset serviceman who made the supreme sacrifice in service to his country.

The flags will fly 20 days during the year on the dates Cohasset lost men.

The flags will fly 20 days during the year on the dates Cohasset lost men, two made the supreme sacrifice on Feb. 25, according to Pratt. The Cohasset DPW, Tree, Cemetery and Park Department foreman, Andy Swanson, has agreed to have the flags raised on the 21 days each year.

"The monument is at the new cemetery and we are honored to be entrusted with such an important responsibility," Swanson said.

The flags will be flown at least one day each month of the year, except June and September, months in which no Cohasset servicemen lost their lives.

During World War I in 1918 and Vietnam in 1969, Cohasset paid the heaviest price for freedom with the loss of five men in each of those years, followed by three in 1944 and two in 1945.

In their ongoing efforts to honor Cohasset veterans, the committee plans to ask the annual Town Meeting in March for $15,000 to make repairs to the various existing veterans' memorials in town. The people of Cohasset have always responded with enthusiasm to any request to honor their veterans, Pratt said. After each conflict, Cohasset has dedicated squares and parks to the men who lost their lives. Some of the memorials have been in place since 1920 and need repair, he said. Over the years some have become encroached and not maintained, as is the case at Norman Todd Park and Peter Cogill Square. In the case of Howard Gleason and Allen Buffum the memorial markers have disappeared altogether.

"We owe it to the families to put these places back to their original prominence" Pratt said.

The Veterans Memorial Committee has begun to plan for a Korea and Vietnam honor roll at Veterans Park at the harbor. Work on the memorial is not expected to begin until 2004.

Auditions slated for Hull musical

Hull Performing Arts announces open auditions for the musical "Pump Boys and Dinettes" by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel and Jim Wann.

This musical tribute to life by the roadside takes place at a gas station on Highway 57. Across the street is an eatery called the "Double Cupp Diner." The four guys at the station have been known to do some auto repairs, but only when aided by quantities of time and beer. The Cupp sisters celebrate their home cooking with the same zeal they bring to being neighborly with the boys.

The show will be directed by Simpson Moore and the musical director will be Kathy Clancy.

The auditions are on Sunday, March 3, and Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave., Hull. Bring a song to sing. "Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be cast with three men and three women. Call 781-925-2406 for directions and more information about the show.

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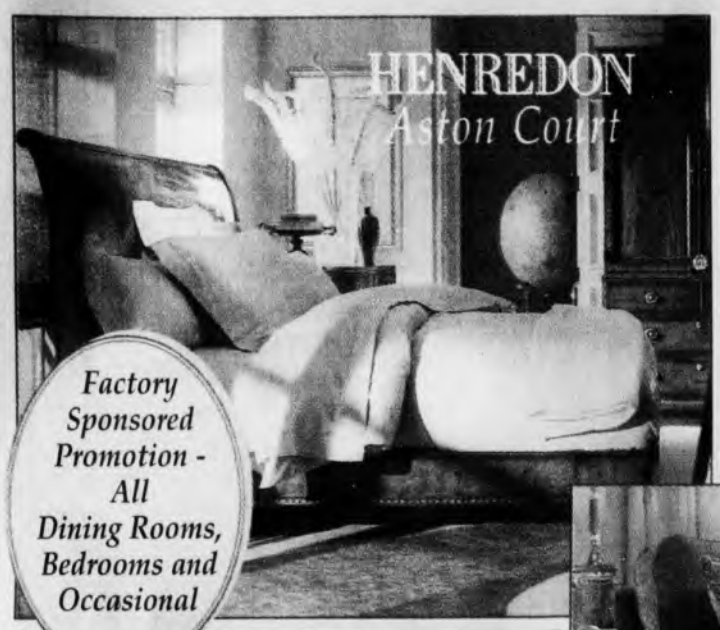

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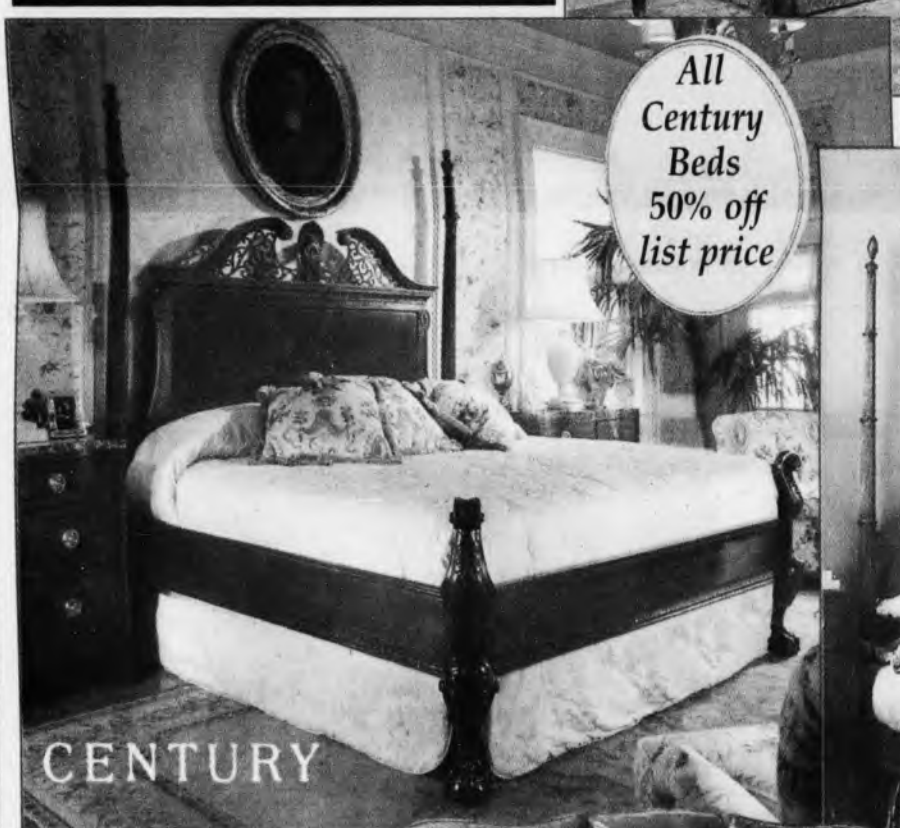

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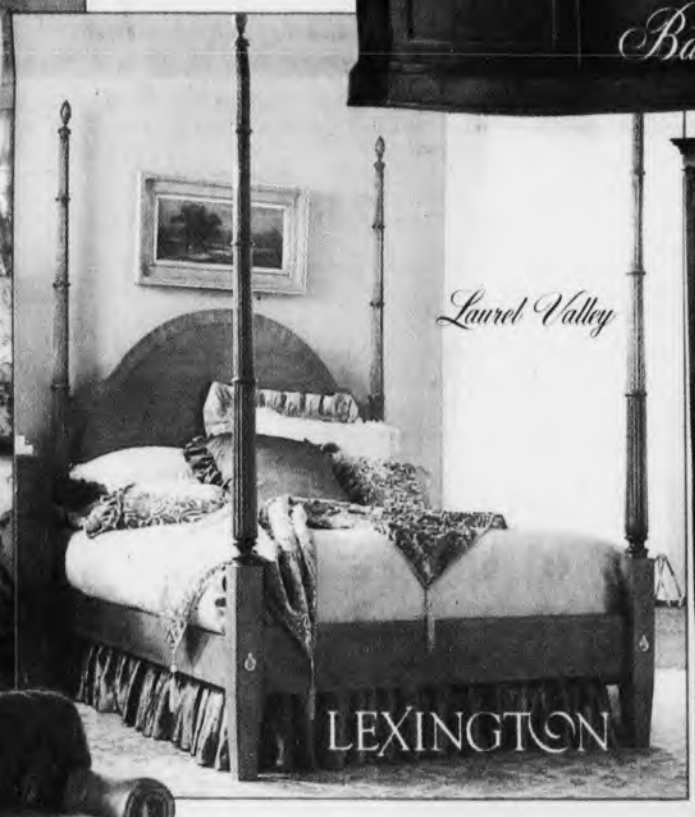

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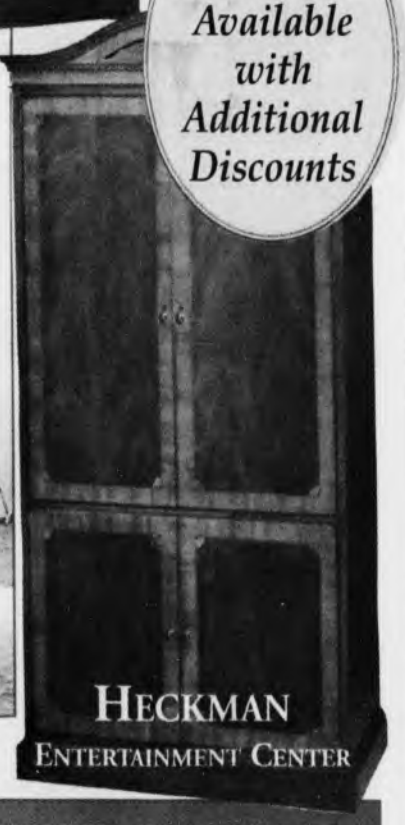

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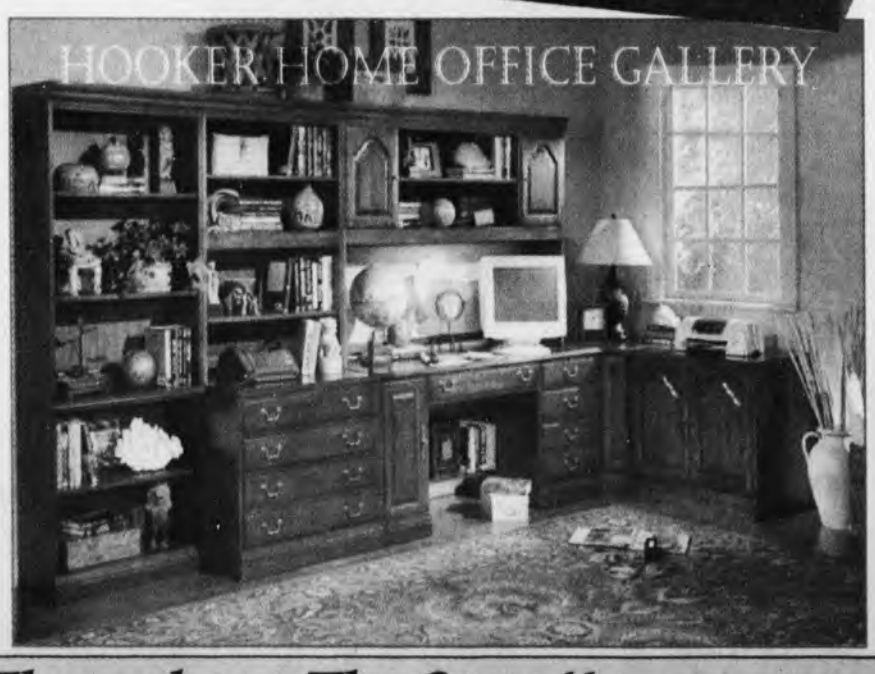

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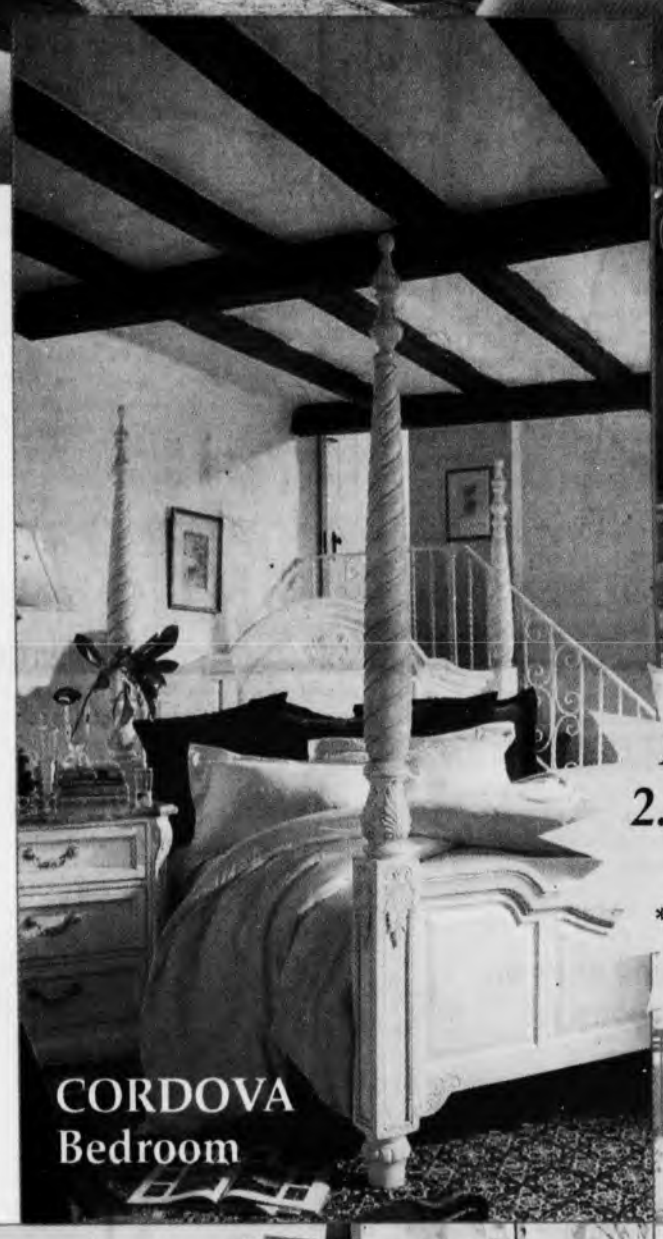

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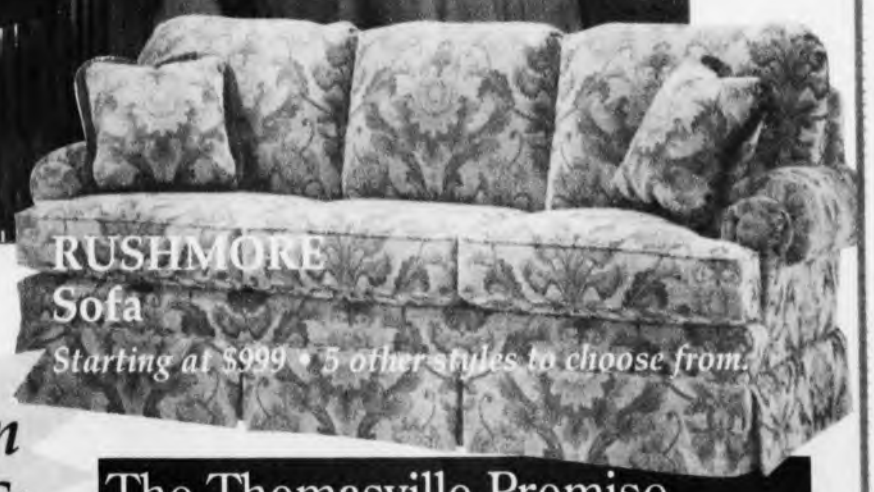

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Words from the heart

Valentine's Day is celebrated on Feb. 14 and who can miss the sea of red, pink and white greeting cards in the stores, not to mention the blitz of advertisements for flowers, candy, perfume, wine and maybe a trip to the Bahamas — oh, sure.

Words of love and passion have been spoken down through the ages, sometimes changing the course of history but always serving to remind us that as humans, "We are all born for love. It is the principle of existence, and its only end." (Benjamin Disraeli, Sibyl)

If you are at a loss for words (or gifts) on Valentine's Day, here are some famous quotations about romance, gleaned from literary websites, sure to impress your loved one.

For aught that I could ever read, Could ever hear by tale or history, The course of true love never did run smooth. (William Shakespeare, A Midsummer's Night Dream)

I feel it when I sorrow most: It is better to have loved and lost, Than never to have loved at all. (Alfred, Lord Tennyson, In Memoriam)

All is fair in love and war. (Francais Edward Smedley, Frank Fairleigh)

Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned, Nor hell a fury like a woman scorned. (William Congreve, The Mourning Bride)

Will you still love me when I'm sixty-four? (Paul McCartney)

Nobody has ever measured, even poets, how much a heart can hold. (Zelda Fitzgerald)

The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved — loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves. (Victor Hugo)

What the world needs now, is love sweet love.

Love reckons hours for months, and days for years; And every little absence is an age. (John Dryden, Amphitryon)

They do not love, that do not show their love. (John Heywood, Proverbs)

Love's a thing that's never out of season. (Barry Cornwall)

Love does not consist of gazing at each other, but in looking together in the same direction. (Antoine de Saint-Exupery.)

In dreams and in love, there are no impossibilities. (Janos Arany)

All mankind loves a lover. (Ralph Waldo Emerson, Love)

Happy Valentine's Day!

Cultural grants are available

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund and Rep. Garrett J. Bradley announced the guidelines for the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Endowment Grant Program for Cultural Organizations are now available on the Massachusetts Cultural Council's (MCC) Web site at:

www.massculturalcouncil.org/endowment.html

Applicants seeking FY 02 funding must submit draft applications by March 27, and final proposals are due April 29.

The Endowment Grant Program combines grants and technical assistance to organizations considering the creation or expansion of endowments. Applicants are required to demonstrate a track record of financial stability, a strong capacity for fundraising, adequate financial resources to deal with cyclical cash flow needs and sufficient resources to carry out their programs and maintain their facilities.

Grants in this program are highly competitive and a list of previously funded applicants is available online at:

www.massculturalcouncil.org/grants/for_organizations/funding/endow_funding.html.

For more information about the program, contact MCC program coordinator Janna Berkman at janna.berkman@art.state.ma.us or 617-727-3668 ext. 269.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Differing opinions on Osgood 'spoof'

TO THE EDITOR:

I was compelled to write a response to your article and the letter from Claudia and Andrew Quigley on racial stereotyping at the Osgood School.

By reading the two overviews of the incident, the only thing an outsider can look at is the aftermath. Both the school officials and the Quigleys had different opinions on how "Bubba Smith" sounded on the public address system.

In the end, the Quigleys talked about sensitivity training for school staff. However, School Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey viewed the issue as an "overreaction to a spoof" and went on to say, "we're not going to close down shop because one person has a reaction."

My concern is that when there is a racial concern to be addressed by the town school system, will the response be as School Committee Chairperson Stephanie Noble stated that, "everyone has a right to their opinion" and move on with the business of educating students. It was said that "Bubba" was made up on the spur of the moment by a teacher. The school syllabus is not put together that way. Racial offense may not have been intended, but stereotyping could have been implied, by the mere fact of putting a black person with a Southern dialect. Let's be consistent with students.

Anthony W. Lanier
427 South Main St.

Osgood teacher unfairly targeted

TO THE EDITOR:

I was extremely disappointed to read in last week's Cohasset Mariner, both an article and letter-to-the-editor about supposed racial stereotyping. Mr. Dykas is a highly regarded and extremely well liked member of the Osgood School faculty. He is also an excellent role model to all the students in that school.

Anybody could write an inflammatory, rambling and could be slanderous letter-to-the-editor. It seems to me that it is up to the editor to make a judgment call as to whether the subject of the letter has any merit. I ask you, who among us would like to be a target of what borders yellow journalism as seen in the headline: Racial stereotyping at Osgood School?

Mr. Dykas has unfairly become the target of one parent's wrath and the actions of a newspaper that chose to print a copy of an outrageous letter and an unnecessary article. I hope that the next time someone makes such a strong accusation, the Mariner thinks twice about the way they handle it. Nobody should have their name dragged through the mud in that manner.

Isabel Blackburn
88 Elm St.

Osgood does an exemplary job

TO THE EDITOR:

It is so upsetting to see such a great institution erroneously maligned. Last week you ran a letter-to-the-editor that hurt a school that has done an exemplary job of educating our children. As a parent and substitute teacher at the Joseph Osgood School, I was stunned at the accusations made by a Cohasset family last week. Both my husband and I have been very involved in the Osgood School and I personally am there a couple days per week. I am compelled to respond and state what I have experienced and seen firsthand.

First, I wish to say that the teachers and administration are some of the most dedicated and committed individuals to our children's education that I have witnessed. As an institution, the school has an outstanding reputation and does an excellent job exceeding the state requirements. Our children receive a first class well-rounded education, which includes diversity education.

We would like to make several points. First, Mrs. Sheehan when not in the classrooms is always available in the office. When announcements are made each morning, she is always in the office having just greeted our children on their bus arrivals at the front door. Whenever I am in the building — teaching, helping or visiting — I constantly see Mrs. Sheehan. She always has a smile on her face and is one of the most approachable people I know. She has provided the school with leadership and has instilled a passion for excellence within the teachers and students. To that note, I must comment on the morning announcements, which I have heard countless times. Every person who has been in charge of leading morning announcements has done so with utmost professionalism and enthusiasm. Mr. Dykas has done many of these announcements and I can assure they have a positive impact on all. They have never been racially insensitive or hurtful. Additionally, I would like to compliment Mr. Dykas as an excellent teacher and a role model for my child.

This past year has been a wonderful experience for us and I am extremely grateful to the staff at the Osgood School. The children are enthusiastic learners and the teachers have a passion to teach them. What a wonderful combination.

The letter suggested that the Osgood teachers take sensitivity training. My experience is just the opposite. As parents we were very surprised at the emphasis the school was placing on inclusion and acceptance. My child is very familiar with Hanukkah and Kwanzaa and has written more than one story on Martin Luther King.

I would strongly suggest that before anyone publicly criticizes an outstanding institution, like the Osgood School, they get involved and educate themselves. Hurtful and insensitive speech based on just a few minutes of experience hurts the institution and the town.

Beth and Jamie Gilman
62 Rust Way

Quigley's letter

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Claudia and Andrew Quigley's letter to the editor, in the Feb. 7 Cohasset Mariner, it should be noted that the Quigleys chose to respond to an incident at the Joseph Osgood School in an overblown and sensationalist manner. This over-the-top reaction could have been ignored except for the shameful fact that a widely respected teacher at the Osgood School had a serious allegation leveled against him by the Quigleys and was given no opportunity to explain or even to possibly apologize for his alleged misstep.

Without going into the details of the incident yet again, it is fair to say that anyone who is upset or offended by a teacher's conduct should report that conduct to the principal. A meeting to discuss the matter should take place with the employee, the principal and the person(s) who have registered the complaint present. It is my understanding that Mr. Quigley informed Janet Sheehan, the Osgood principal, that his wife does not like confrontation, thus eliminating this course of action. The Quigleys' decision to play out their accusations in the court of public opinion left the teacher cast in the unenviable role of the accused with absolutely no recourse to defend himself. The Quigleys' response also precluded any opportunity for Mrs. Sheehan or any member of the Osgood faculty to demonstrate that the pursuit of diversity and tolerance is alive and well at the Joseph Osgood School.

Whether or not the children interpreted the teacher's comments as racist is beside the point. When any faculty member is accused of misconduct, it is necessary that the matter be handled in a fair and appropriate manner. It is an understatement to conclude that playing this matter out in the local press was neither fair nor appropriate. Instead of working toward a resolution, the Quigleys chose to call attention to themselves and lecture the community on the issue of race.

Stephanie Noble
Chairman Cohasset School Committee

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Changing faces at circulation

FROM THE LIBRARY

SHEILA EVANS

For more than 30 years, the Friends of the Cohasset Library has organized a loyal band of women and men to staff the circulation desk at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Although Cohasset's library has been unique in using volunteers in this way, the group has proved wonderfully efficient and reliable and as individuals, have created a friendly and welcoming "face" to the public. Their volunteer hours have also saved taxpayers the equivalent of more than a full-time staff person. Now a complicated new computer system makes once-a-week use impossible.

The Old Colony Library Network, of which Cohasset is a member library, has taken a giant step forward with the installation of a powerful computer circulation system. SIRSI, as it is called, can keep track of every aspect of its 25-member libraries' card holders, holdings, loan, holds, overdues, inter-library loans, and more. On many counts, it will provide superior library service to the South Shore for many years to come.

It has been very difficult, however, for staff, patrons and volunteers to learn to use. Part of the difficulty is because SIRSI is not only new, but it uses a mouse and icons, whereas the old system used typed instructions. Patrons using the "catalog" computers have needed, and will continue to need help getting used to this change. They are encouraged to ask staff to explain anything they don't understand or to sign up for the classes currently being offered.

Now a complicated new computer system makes once-a-week use impossible.

The major difficulty, however, is the variety of options available on the computer at the circulation desk, as each patron presents a slightly different situation: for instance, "I took two books out on Jan. 10, one of which I can't find, and I guess the other is overdue. Then I took three books out on the 25th and I am returning two and want to renew the other." SIRSI can handle this situation exceptionally well, and the library staff, after more than two months of daily use, has overcome the challenge of using SIRSI to record the correct data for each of those books.

The SIRSI program, however, is too complicated to use comfortably only once a week. Most of the library's volunteers make the generous commitment of three hours every week, but with that lapse of time, it means pretty much starting all over again with SIRSI. The trustees and Janet Husband, the library director, have concluded that it is unfair to ask the volunteers to staff the desk under these circumstances. Fortunately, there are many other volunteer jobs at the library that they or others may enjoy doing, although they perhaps lack the appeal of helping the public so directly.

The library, on behalf of Cohasset, would like to thank all the volunteers who have staffed the circulation desk so ably for 30 years, and particularly those who have been most recently working there: Bob Davenport, Carole Anne Dean, Alice Hall, Mary Hartwell, June Hubbard, Ozzie Ingram, Iku Ishihara, Susan Kent, Shirley Marten, Mary Ann Ward and Kitty Whitley. It has been a job well done!

Sheila S. Evans is a member of the Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

It must be puppy love

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

There was a new arrival at our house the other day.

No, not that — but thanks for thinking it anyway.

The new arrival is a puppy, seven weeks old and not quite as housebroken as the previous owner thought or was willing to tell. We've named her "Jedi," for reasons that escape me.

A number of things about dogs escape me, including the frequently asked question: "Why?"

Everybody goes whoopee over Jedi in spite of her bladder infirmities. Our living room is knee deep in chew toys. My son has her future planned in detail, including, I think, a couple of years at Harvard.

He takes her to work with him in the morning, where his fellow workers, I am told, go whoopee over her. He takes her for a walk in the evening, where his fellow strollers, I am told, go whoopee over her.

The only one who seems to have maintained her sanity through this whole mess is our senior cat, Rumer, who curls up in a chair, well out of reach, and views Jedi's actions with wary curiosity and disgust.

As you may have guessed, I am not a dog person. I prefer cats. You've probably heard it said that "it's a dog's life" or "going to the dogs." When have you ever heard of anyone "going to the cats?"

I was firmly in Bill Clinton's corner when Socks was the First Kitty. Then Bill lost me, not because of Monica Lewinsky, but because Buddy replaced Socks and became the First Puppy.

You don't have to take care of cats and they want it that way. All they ask is a dish of Nine Lives and a place where they stalk off to take care of business. To me, that independence is admirable.

Dogs, on the other hand, need constant care that some would call pampering. Thank goodness we haven't reached that stage at our house yet. But something tells me we will. It's the way the chew toy bounces.

Just down the road from our house in Weymouth, a fellow named Bill Schlieff is offering day care for dogs whose owners have to go to work in places where dogs are still thought of as just plain animals.

Schlieff's Doggieritaville Resort and Day Care has even installed a camcorder so concerned dog owners can check on their "children" via the Internet on company computers while they work.

All it costs is $13 a day or as much as $30 if you want Fido — or more likely Phydeaux, as Avi Nelson called his dog — picked up at the house and returned, probably by limousine.

Incidentally, you can't call yourself a dog-owner if you live in Boulder, Colo. The city council there has adopted an animal code that labels humans as pet "guardians," rather than owners.

The Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago serves a gourmet meal called "The Tail Wagger," shredded braised beef and steamed rice, to dogs for a mere $8 plus tip and in San Francisco . . .

Oops! I have to go now. Jedi just came into the room and I don't want her to think I've been ranking on her.

Actions test faith in church leaders

MY VIEW

MARK SKALA

Two fellow journalists were in the newsroom late last week as the tragic story about priests and sexual abuse made more headlines.

"Aren't you glad we're Jewish," one said to the other, half-jokingly.

The comment resonated with me throughout the day as news accounts detailed additional priests — several with South Shore ties — allegedly molesting innocent and vulnerable children. It made me sick.

My Catholic faith is deeply rooted. It has sustained me during difficult times and it has given me great solace to be a member of this community we call Catholic. Faith and Catholic beliefs were ingrained in me from the very beginning.

My parents are devout Catholics (the fact they have 15 children should be the first clue) and practice their beliefs with conviction. We all went to Catholic schools from grade one on up and one of my siblings proudly serves in a religious order. Our home was filled with symbols of our faith — the crucifix, a statue of the Pieta, and pictures of Jesus. My parents are not zealots, they go about their faith in quiet and unassuming ways, although in his old age my dad is lovingly called the preacher man by my mother because he is often found reading his prayer book.

So it is with that backdrop I am reflecting on all that has happened in the past month or so in the Boston Archdiocese. To say I am disappointed and feel betrayed is an understatement. I know I am not alone when I say many of my fellow Catholics believe those priests who have been committing these heinous acts — and the church leaders who covered them up — have done serious damage to our community of believers. In particular, I am devastated by the arrogance of Cardinal Law and how all of this was handled under his leadership. He and his subordinates were more concerned about protecting the church than they were in helping and healing.

Cardinal Law is quoted this week in the newspaper as saying, "A bishop is not a corporate executive. He's not a politician. The relationship to the church he serves is something different."

Something different indeed.

Yet his actions say otherwise. By shuffling priests around, knowing they had a pattern of serious allegations against them, makes him no better than an Enron executive who benefited while the company was headed for bankruptcy.

I believe Cardinal Law has seriously and irreparably damaged his relationship with his faithful. At first, I rejected the notion he should resign, that it would not be best for the Archdiocese. But since so much has come out in recent weeks regarding his leadership, or lack thereof on this issue, I am now convinced he must resign.

This crisis in the church is not going away. And it shouldn't; too many victims have suffered greatly at the hands of a minority of men to whom we entrust so much. But for the sake of all the dedicated, caring and loving priests and religious who toil for the goodness of God, Cardinal Law must move on. Enough with the apologies. As Catholics know, it is one thing to be repentant, but you must show it. I find his words hollow now when he talks of "protecting the children."

I know many, many priests and religious who do what they do because they love their God and care about helping others. How unfortunate they must endure the whispered comments and questions from their flock about how this could rise to the level it has.

Now the Archdiocese is "outing" anyone suspected of alleged incidents. Some of the priests named in recent days have one charge leveled against them. Please don't mistake me, any incident is unacceptable and cause for outrage, but the Archdiocese seems to be jumping the gun now to cover itself. How thorough was the one allegation investigated? The pastor at one of the churches didn't even get contacted about the priest until it appeared in the paper.

To me, this all points to the Archdiocese yet again mismanaging this crisis. It is all reactionary. There will be some allegations unfounded because some twisted individuals want to get at the church. Believe me, I don't make this comment with blinders on about my church. I fully recognize the damage that has been done. I do, however, question some motives as this issue spirals out of control.

Cardinal Law believes he is the spiritual leader to set the Archdiocese back on the right course and help the community heal. He sounds genuine, but it is a little too late. I believe the Catholic church is strong and will weather and even grow from this crisis if we have faith in those who lead us. A resounding number of area Catholics are questioning if Cardinal Law is that leader. I am one of them.

Mark Skala is the newspaper's editor in chief.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Osgood school gets high marks

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week, a letter was published from the Quigley Family in which they portrayed a teacher at the Osgood School, as well as the entire administrative of the Osgood School, as insensitive professionals. I vehemently disagree with the Quigleys' portrayal.

Our experience has been a most positive one. From the new Principal, Janet Sheehan, throughout the entire Osgood staff, we have seen positive portrayals of divergent ethnicities, religious preferences, and physical education. The Osgood staff has demonstrated the ability to show our children the importance of Martin Luther King Day, Hanukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. The Osgood staff has helped our children understand the physical and emotional differences that reside within our community and have never wavered in their presentation of acceptance of differences within the community. The Osgood staff, that we know, has never exhibited anything other than the up most respect and care for each individual child that is placed in their care while remembering that, after all, these children are our greatest pride and joy.

We take great exception to the Quigley letter and see it as an attempt to garner attention for themselves. It's motivation as well as it's content must be questioned. If it is an attempt to persuade residents of Cohasset of some great failing at the Osgood School, it fails miserably.

We remain deeply committed to the Osgood School and its staff and wish to commend them for the fine job that they have been doing.

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Gillis
492 Jerusalem Road

Teacher supported

TO THE EDITOR:

I am not in the habit of writing letters to the editor (this is my first and probably last) but Claudia and Andrew Quigley's very public letter to the School Committee compels me to write for two reasons: first, they have wrongly accused and embarrassed a respected teacher who deserves our thanks, not the Quigleys' condemnation; and second, a clarion call of racism where there was none weakens the message and dilutes a community's effort to combat it.

As someone raised in a school system to which integration came late, I have seen racism in school. What happened over the loudspeaker at the Joseph Osgood School just before the Super Bowl — and more to the point, what was meant by the teacher involved — was not it. Not even close.

I do not know the Quigleys and I'm sure their motives were good. Yet, accusations of racism, especially when leveled loudly and publicly against a teacher, must only be made responsibly, based on accurate facts, a full understanding of the context, and after a sincere attempt to discern that individual's true intent. No matter how noble the cause, if the means to promote it are not fair — then the end is not just.

In these troubled and troubling times, we need to work together constructively, to give each other the benefit of doubt, and to look for what is real and true. By that yardstick, the Quigleys' letter falls well short.

I, with many, fully support the Osgood teacher who was the unfortunate target of the Quigley's letter; applaud Principal Sheehan's handling of this matter; and feel lucky to have our children under their good care.

Randall W. Bodner
94 Black Horse Lane

Absurd notion

DEAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

I felt compelled to write you after reading Ms. Quigley's open letter in the Cohasset Mariner.

While it is unfortunate that Ms. Quigley felt "shocked and outraged" by Mr. Dykas' morning announcement on the Osgood School's PA system, it has been my experience after 22 years in radio and television (dealing almost daily with people who are "shocked and outraged" by what they think they have heard) that during an activity as passive as listening to the radio, or in this case, a P.A. system, people are not fully attentive and prone to read into those broadcasts many things that were never intended or even implied. Quite often in a case where a listener perceives racism, it is actually a reflection of that listener's own hypersensitivity to race they are hearing; which is, itself, a subtle form of racism.

With respect to Mr. Dykas, I did not hear the announcement in question, but my daughter graduated from the Osgood School last year, and I have it on good authority that in the past Mr. Dykas' announcements were never racially insensitive, and in fact often entertaining.

Antoine Smith is from Montgomery, Ala., so it would be a safe bet that his fictional brother "Bubba" would have a southern accent. Perhaps Ms. Quigley has a problem with Mr. Dykas' voice in general, as she characterized it as "unpleasant" on her answering machine, but to say that a southern accent is akin to a "minstrel show" is nothing but bigoted sentiment with absolutely no understanding of cultural differences.

While Ms. Quigley should be applauded for being a well-intentioned white person speaking on behalf of African-Americans everywhere, I would urge you view it with a grain of salt. If she feels the need to seek training from the Anti-Defamation League to help her overcome the absurd notion that a southern accent is demeaning to any one race, she should be commended on her commitment to self-improvement, but as I am a parent of children in the Cohasset school system, I truly feel your energies could be better spent in other areas, rather than chastising a teacher for trying to make the drudgery of morning announcements fun for the students.

Lance Norris
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Cohasset

Editor's note: Mr. Norris provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter.

Logan litigation

MR. PETER WOOD
77 SUMMER ST.
DEAR PETER:

It appears that our Selectmen have now concluded, based on Ralph Dormitzer's presentation last Tuesday, that Cohasset already has a serious jet noise and pollution problem, which is expected to worsen if runway 14/32 is built. The data we use to forecast 80,000-plus additional flights a year over the town is Massport's own data, not ours. They freely admit to a strategy of dumping all additional flights, and noise, on the South Shore, as we "are less densely populated than other areas." Less powerful politically, I might add.

We have no interest in a lawsuit, for its own sake, either. It can indeed be expensive. The only saving grace is that the cost will be shared four ways with other towns if Cohasset decides to join in. Also, we can bow out at any time, since we are not the plaintiff — Hull is.

After retaining the best available experts, we have concluded that the data Massport used in its environmental analysis is both incomplete and misleading. This is all we have to prove in court, as the California action, Berkley Keep Jets Over the Bay Committee, et al. v. Board of Port Commissioners proves. In finding against the Port of Oakland, the Court indicated that the EIR:

- failed to analyze adequately the noise impacts from planned additional nighttime flights
- erred in using outdated information in assessing the emission of toxic air contaminants (TACs) from jet aircraft
- failed to support its decision not to evaluate the health risks associated with the emission of TACs with meaningful analysis.

These Aug. 30, 2001, findings, which have nothing to do with fraud, are 30 pages long. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

We would all like to find a solution which does not require litigation. We have complained on the noise complaint line. We have sent countless letters. We have met many times with our political representatives. Mr. Thomas Kinton, the acting head of Massport, responded with an opinion piece in the Mariner last June, calling us a small band of activists intent on distorting the record for our own purposes.

An analysis of "the record," using Massport's own data, is found in our 350-page EIR response, on which the lawsuit is based. As part of our findings, we discovered that Massport failed to even do an air quality analysis! Astonishing!

Because citizens have no power over airports and air traffic, operators such as Massport have no incentive to dialogue. They know full well that the external costs of an expanded system are not being accounted for, and understandably do not want to talk because it will cost them money. The general attitude is that a small portion of the population has to be disadvantaged for the greater good. It is too bad, in their opinion, but a result of having the benefits of living in an economically advanced society. The small portion of the population happens to be Cohasset — and Hingham — and Hull. They have us right in their sights.

What we truly fear is the lengthening of runway 14/32, once it is built, to accommodate larger jets, which will increase capacity of the airport to 180 jets per hour from the 90-110 that can be accommodated now. The FAA minimum for regional jets is 6,000 feet. 14/32 is 5,000 feet. They know full well they will have to extend it, once built.

As Ralph indicated, we are already being screwed over, subject to 50 percent of all Logan traffic for the entire Boston area. Some people are leaving town. Real estate agents report losing sales when prospects hear the jets roaring overhead. And it is Massport's very clear intent to keep it up. There is no jet noise in 60-70 percent of the Greater Boston area. Cohasset has been targeted to make sure it stays that way.

If you can think of a way to resolve this situation without a lawsuit, we would be pleased to hear about it.

Eric Oddleifson
25 River Rd.

Editor's note: Mr. Oddleifson provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter to Mr. Wood who read a statement to selectmen last week asking they not support the Town Meeting article asking for $30,000 to defray a portion of the legal costs to fight the runway.

Whose nest is it, anyway?

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

He who would study birds' nests
must look
for them in November and in
winter...for
then the trees are bare and he
can see them, and
the swamps and streams are
frozen and he can
approach new kinds. He will
often be surprised
to find how many have haunted
where he
little suspected.
— Henry David Thoreau
Journal

I've fallen into a bad habit of late. While driving around town or riding my bike, I find myself looking not where I'm going, but up into the bare branches of trees and side to side into tangles of briars and shrubs in search of birds' nests. What was so carefully hidden in summer's lush foliage is now conspicuous (along with the leaf nests of squirrels and the paper nests of hornets) in the bare deciduous trees, tucked into the forks, sitting precariously out on heavy limbs, and bending the tips of slender branches.

Oriole
Tear drop-shaped pouch, with bulging bottom and oval entrance. Woven of plant fibers, yarn, string and bark. Measures about five inches long. Found suspended at tips of drooping branches of shade trees from six to 60 feet off the ground.

I can't quite put my finger on why I find nests so appealing. Perhaps it is some mystical power in their form. Perhaps it is their craftsmanship, that they are at once sturdy yet graceful, useful yet artful, or that within them fragile gems of nature, filled with the miracle of life, wait to be hatched. Perhaps it is simply that in the barrenness of trees and the bleakness of winter, to stumble upon this symbol of spring is to have oneself renewed.

Contrary to popular belief, birds do not live in their nests, but build them only to provide a safe nursery for eggs to incubate and hatchlings to grow their wings. Once baby birds have fledged, nests are generally abandoned. Most backyard birds will not reuse an old nest, though they will return to an area that has provided them with nesting materials, food, water and safety. Some birds, for instance the vireo, occasionally use the materials from a previous year's nest to build a new nest.

Though all active nests, eggs and young are now protected by state and federal laws, it was not all that long ago that humans numbered among the songbirds' predators. The collecting of active nests and eggs, a branch of ornithology called oology, was as popular a pastime during the early years of the 20th century as birdwatching is today. For some, it was a serious study; for many a young country lad who spent sultry afternoons scouring woodlands for "rare birds," a favorite hobby.

Ornithologists and young would-be ornithologists carefully assembled display boxes that included nests as well as intricately patterned eggs that were prepared for presentation by piercing their ends with a pencil and blowing out the contents. Defenders of the oology mania argued that many of the bird species whose nests and eggs were collected were overpopulated, that birds could easily rebuild their nests and lay subsequent clutches of eggs, and that the hands-on study of nests and eggs aided ornithological research. Still, the taking of nests and eggs, like the "taking" of birds for plumage and for the epicurean's table, took a toll on bird populations and by the 1920s the practice was prohibited by law.

Cardinal
Loosely and carelessly constructed deep cup of small twigs, bark strips rootlets and leaves lined with grass or animal hair. Usually found close to the ground in thickets, tangles and vines.

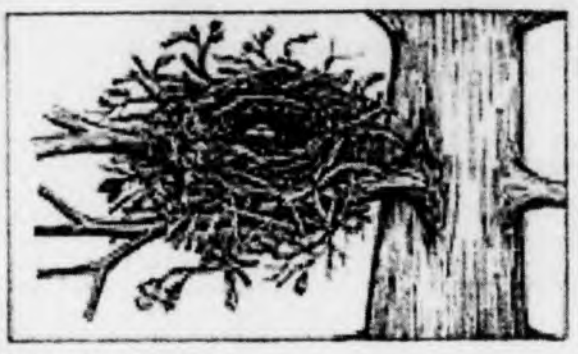
A modern and curious version of oology is still practiced in Southeast Asia where the cup-shaped, translucent nests of white-nest swiftlets are big business. Adhered high on the walls and ceilings of dark caves, the nests are made from the swiftlets' pure glutinous saliva. Spaghetti-like when fresh, the saliva firms to the consistency of meringue when exposed to air. Nest gatherers climb precarious bamboo ladders to reach the nests which are removed with a special — said to be magical — tool. Blended with chicken broth, the nests make "bird nest soup," an extravagant delicacy in China where it is considered a powerful aphrodisiac and rejuvenating medicine. Attempts by Western nations and animal activists to curb the over harvesting of nests and the mass destruction of hatchlings have so far failed. Closer to home, our common chimney swift also uses its saliva to construct its nest, but unlike the white-nest swiftlet, the chimney swift's saliva is merely a "glue" to hold a framework of twigs together.

Catbird
Bulky, loose mass of twigs, stems and leaves lined with softer plant material. Measures about six inches in diameter and is well concealed in a dense bush or tangle of vines.

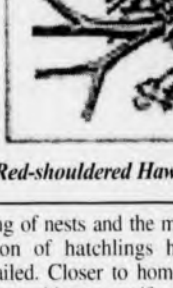
Fortunately for our backyard songbirds, there is little demand for their nests and most stay right where they were built — until the elements take their toll - for curious nest peepers to enjoy. And what peepers will notice once they start looking is the wide range of nest sizes, shapes, materials and locations.

No typical nest

There is no typical nest and unless one is fortunate enough to witness a bird's comings and goings during the summer, nest identification isn't easy, even under the best of conditions. Some nests are found on the ground, others 60 feet up. Matching the muddy mounds, the sloppy stacks of sticks, the bags, baskets and cups to their rightful owners — especially if the nests have been damaged by wind and rain — can present a challenge, even for the seasoned peeper. Many birds make nests that look similar to one another and that are too high in trees to be closely inspected for the tell-tale "ingredients" that might help identify their builders. Still, knowing a few things about how and why birds nest can help even the casual observer "read the nests."



Red-shouldered Hawk nest



Goldfinch
Compact, tidy cup measuring about three inches in diameter and made of fine grasses, bark strips and moss lined with thistle down. Placed in the upright fork of a bush or small tree.

Ornithologists group nests in several categories. Cavity nests, the safest for birds because they are the most difficult for predators to enter, are those that are found in tree holes and in man-made houses and nooks. Woodpeckers, chickadees, wrens, bluebirds and nuthatches are a few of our common cavity nesters. *Platform nests* appear as flat piles of sticks, often high in the branches of trees or topping dead trees or poles. Platform nesters include herons and hawks. *Adherent nests* are built with mud or saliva and grasses and are attached to cliffs and walls and under overhangs. Barn swallows and chimney swifts build this kind of nest. Scrape nests, also known as ground nests, are shallow depressions on the ground, typical of many shorebirds such as gulls and terns.

Open cup nests, thought by ornithologists to have evolved from a shortage of natural cavities, are the largest group of nests and, in many cases, the most intricate and artful. They are also the nests most likely to be seen during a winter stroll around the neighborhood. Typically woven of twigs and leaves and lined with softer, plusher materials, these nests are found in the forks of trees, suspended from the tips of slender branches and in thickets of briars and marsh reeds. Robins, cardinals, blue jays, red-winged blackbirds, orioles, catbirds and goldfinches are just some of the open-cup nesters that regularly visit our backyards.

Red-Eyed Vireo
Cup-shaped and durable made of fine grasses, rootlets, bark strips and plant down and lined with bark strips and pine needles. Often decorated with lichens. Measures about three inches in diameter and is suspended in a forking, horizontal tree branch, usually five to 10 feet above the ground.

Mourning Dove
A loose, hollow platform of sticks and small twigs measuring about six inches in diameter. Found in lower branches of bushes, tangles and trees, particularly evergreens, occasionally on the ground.

To truly appreciate a bird's nest, it is worth considering the effort — the shaping, tying, weaving, molding, tamping and pulling — it takes to build one. With only the beak to carry nesting materials (though larger birds may also use their talons), backyard birds work from dawn to dusk, making thousands of trips back and forth, logging mile upon mile collecting (and recycling) natural and man-made materials, everything from flower petals, cellophane, spider webs, feathers, string, mud and wood chips to snake skins, candy wrappers, bark strips, animal hair, human hair and Easter basket grass. Largely an instinctive behavior, though "experienced" birds learn to make "better" nests, construction usually takes several days. Nest size is proportional to bird size. The bald eagle, for instance, with a wing span of more than seven feet, builds one of the largest nests. On the other hand, the ruby-throated hummingbird, a mere three inches long, constructs a, nest no bigger than half a golf ball.

Nest location

Nest location is species-specific and chosen to minimize predation. The Baltimore oriole suspends its firmly woven, wind-proof pouch from the extreme tips of delicate bowing branches that cannot support the weight of heavier predators. Nests built in the forks of trees where there is less concealing foliage typically belong to robins and jays that can aggressively defend their nests. Purple finches and hummingbirds build nests with materials that camouflage with the nest site. And cardinal and catbird nests, though often built close to the ground and seemingly vulnerable to predators, are tucked deep into impenetrable thickets of briars or vines so as to deter plunderers.

By assisting the birds with their gathering of nesting materials, you may be able to encourage them to set up house in your backyard. Use a mesh bag or suet holder and fill it with short pieces of yarn, thin strips of cloth, fabric softener sheets, tarpaulin or plastic bags, twigs, pine needles, cotton balls, feathers or pet hair. Robins and swallows will also appreciate a small mud puddle.

Woodpecker nest

Kingfisher nest

Barn swallow
Cup-shaped or cone-shaped. Built of mud mixed with grass and straw, lined with feathers. Measures about five inches in diameter and is found adhered to rafters, walls and under eaves and bridges.

For homeowners with backyard birdhouses, the annual cleaning will provide an opportunity to closely study the homes of cavity nesters. It is important to remember that cavity nesters — wrens, woodpeckers, titmice, nuthatches — will not build in shrubs or trees and open-cup nesters — robins, jays, cardinals, catbirds, orioles — will not build in birdhouses. A common mistake made by well intentioned people who find a nest that has fallen from a tree or one they think is sitting precariously on a limb or shelf is to place it "safely" in a birdhouse. Unfortunately, birds that naturally nest in the open will not look for their nests, eggs or young in a cavity. As is so often the case out there in the wild world, birds seem quite capable of surviving without a whole lot of interference from us.

Oriole nest

Robin
Bulky and cup-shaped with thick heavy inner molded wall of mud and coarse grasses, lined with fine grass. Measures about six inches in diameter. Found on horizontal branches, in forks or on open shelves from five to 30 feet above the ground.

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Selectmen do about face on letter

CRC will continue to hold workshops

By Evan Schiff
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It's never too late to say you're sorry.

Selectmen voted to rescind a letter they sent to the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private company working in conjunction with the village task force, which asked it to cease holding public workshops on the harbor.

Selectman Merle Brown was disappointed the board had even written the letter.

"A lot of people are very happy with what's going on," he said. "I'm sorry I ever agreed to write that letter."

The letter was written earlier in the month in response to negative feedback the board received about a public workshop held on harbor improvements by the CRC. Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the board should have asked the CRC to come to a meeting before sending the letter.

"The letter has been characterized as anti-CRC, but that wasn't the intent," she said. "I just think we need to focus on the village before moving on to the harbor."

While the selectmen did agree the CRC could continue holding public hearings on harbor improvements, that didn't stop dozens of people coming to the meeting on Tuesday to weigh in on the issue.

Dick Karoff, 19 Border St., said CRC is unreceptive to changes that residents offer at the public workshops. While he feels there needs to be work done to the harbor area, he doesn't want the character of the harbor changed.

"We've seen no alternatives to wrought iron fences and fancy lighting," he said. "The CRC never listens to us."

Gail Whitehouse, 17 Ash St., was more adamant and accused CRC, and its executive director Dean Rizzo, of trying to compromise the integrity of the town. She added a lot of people in the town are scared and told the selectmen it was their duty to protect the average citizen.

"If you were an alien dropped into the town you would think Dean was the mayor," she said. "He gets whatever he wants, whenever he wants it."

At the meeting on Tuesday, accusations flew that CRC had an agenda. CRC is backed by Peter Roy, a Margin Street resident, and some felt the group was created to better serve him, and not the town.

Anne Giroux, a member on the board of trustees for the CRC, said the CRC has no agenda except to listen to the people. She added if residents wanted to become involved and have their voices heard, they should keep attending the public forums.

"We encourage people to keep coming to these workshops," she said. "Trust me, you can get rid of an idea if you want."

Murray Campbell, 75 Old Pasture Road, objected to the allegations made by some in attendance.

"Just about everything good in this town has been done by concerned citizens and some are backed by people who have money," he said. "A lot of good people with good intentions are having their reputations' maligned tonight."

Selectman Tom Callahan reminded those in attendance that CRC is a private company and is under no obligation to incorporate changes. He added ultimately, the decision to accept the improvements comes down to the selectmen, who could stop the designs if it wanted.

"We're the gatekeepers for the money appropriation towards these improvements," he said. "Obviously, we would only approve the plans if the citizens liked them."

Selectman Michael Sullivan didn't understand why residents were so upset.

"For anyone to complain about a company doing free planning doesn't make sense," he said. "I'd like to thank the CRC for all of its work."

Rizzo asked the selectmen to form a task force to work in conjunction with the CRC on the harbor improvements. The board said it would investigate the matter and get back to him in a few weeks.

Power cut to burying village utility wires

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Although the Planning Board told Rizzo not to take it personally — the members said they would not support the Town Meeting article that would set the stage for utility bill surcharges to pay for the estimated $900,000 project.

The cost — as taxpayers are facing higher taxes and fiscal uncertainty over the 60 percent state reimbursement on the $40 million school projects — is the biggest obstacle, board members said.

"It's a money issue," said chairman Al Moore.

But Rizzo said this was the time to propose the project.

"Where we're going to be digging up the village anyway," he said about planned streetscape improvements. He explained, for example, installing new sidewalks would require digging a foot down and it would not be a lot more work to bury the conduit for the wires.

"It's time sensitive and if it's not done when the (sidewalks) are torn up, it's unlikely the town will tear them up again," Rizzo said.

To cover the cost of the project, residents would pay a 2 percent utility surcharge on their monthly telephone and electric bills and a fixed-rate 90-cent surcharge on their monthly cable bill for six years. Rizzo estimated the total annual cost would average about $50 per household.

He said doing the project in conjunction with the excavation and construction work for the village project would save about $500,000.

But Rizzo couldn't persuade the Planning Board to support the proposal before Town Meeting, whose authorization for the surcharges is required.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said the town didn't need any more taxes.

"We keep saying, 'only a nickel here' but it's all adding up and driving people out of town," he said.

Moore, the chairman, said while it was a viable project, as a local business owner with a lot of phone lines, he was nervous.

"By not supporting it, I don't mean it's not a nice idea," he said.

Board member Bill Good said taxpayers are nervous right now.

"This is a tough year for our board to suggest to townspeople that we are in support of a $1 million project to put the utilities underground," he said.

Board member Peter Pratt was concerned about safeguards for ratepayers if Town Meeting gave the utilities authorization to assess the surcharge. He wondered how the town would be protected from being assessed surcharges, if the village project didn't come to fruition. The lion's share of the village streetscape enhancements are coming through a state grant, which Pratt thought might not be a sure thing due to the state's fiscal crisis.

"It's a money issue."
— Al Moore, Planning Board

Rizzo said later, the surcharges can be stopped or started up again at anytime throughout the project per order of the selectmen or town manager.

Sturdy suggested CRC consider "putting the squeeze" on the utilities, for what would be in his view, mitigation for the town's electrical outages and poor cellular service.

"We are not being well served by the utilities in this town," he said.

There was also some discussion on why burying the utilities in area of the Town Common wasn't on the plans. Rizzo said enhancements to the Town Common were a separate project. He explained later the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission has selected a design firm to work on a landscape preservation plan for the common that is being paid for through a $30,000 grant from the state Department of Environmental Management. A plan to install underground utilities around the common could be added onto the village program later, Rizzo said.

As Rizzo packed up his design boards to leave last Wednesday's meeting, Good tried to put a positive spin on the night's discussion

"We've shot you dead," Good said. "But I also believe the village revitalization will go ahead successfully without the underground utilities and we will all enjoy an improved village."

Nevertheless, voters at the March 30 annual will have the final say on whether surcharges for burying the utilities should be assessed.. If Town Meeting gives the go ahead, the project would start in January, 2003. The CRC has spent about $33,000 through private donations from residents and businesses for engineering plans for the underground utilities.

Rizzo fared a little better before selectmen Tuesday. The board agreed to rescind their letter halting harbor workshops and did not rule out backing the plan to bury the village utility wires.

True love

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Bryanton said she sees the couple as very loving and genteel, and admires how much they have participated in various activities even in their 90s.

"I would think when you're in your 90s, it would be easier just to stay at home," she said. "But they always came out to functions and looked like a handsome couple when they did."

The Somervilles say the secret to their lengthy marriage is they simply enjoy one another's company. Arthur says the couple always makes sure to never go to bed angry.

"We always talk before going to sleep, even now," Arthur said.

Jeanette, who is a descendant of Abraham Lincoln, was born and raised in Cohasset and lived in the same house she was born in. The couple recently moved to the New England Friends Home at Thayer House in Hingham.

Gretchen Condon, director of the Thayer House, said the pair has been a welcomed addition. While there are 19 people in the house, Arthur is one of only two men. Condon, who has been the director for more than six years, said this is the first time in her tenure that a couple has moved in to the house.

"They add a very pleasant atmosphere and are great company," she said. "It's beautiful to see."

There is a special tea scheduled for Valentine's Day at Thayer House and the following day, a van full of Cohasset seniors will be visiting.

"It should be a fun time for people to catch up with their friends," Condon said.

The couple has one son, Wesley, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. The couple said the best Valentine's Day cards will surely come from their family.

"Family means the world to us," Arthur said. "It's part of what keeps us going."

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Keeping World's End just the way it is

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to learn about its historic, scenic and ecological features," she said. "At the same time, we want to ensure our own management doesn't harm the property."

Copies of the plan are available at the World's End gatehouse and at Hingham Public Library. Community input is welcome, as are more volunteers. About 270 volunteer hours are needed to implement phase one of the management plan alone.

"The committee is made up of trustees, neighbors and other interested parties," said Thomas Foster of the Trustees of Reservations. "The backbone of the effort is volunteers. We want to get a sense of what the community wants and manage the land in ways that make sense."

That's why public input plays an important role.

Last June, an open forum was held to allow interested parties to share their visions and concerns for the property.

The rocky shore, drumlins, wide, tree-lined causeways, miles of footpaths, abundant wildlife, large meadows and panoramic views of the ocean and Boston skyline are key attractions, but all that doesn't just happen by itself.

Without proper stewardship, the land — which served as a private farm owned by the late John R. Brewer and his descendants for many years — would return to forest and become overgrown.

"The hallmark of the visitor experience is a sense of tranquility, but not solitude, within a suburban setting. It's a place individuals and families enjoy coming to," said Lisa Vernegaard, director of planning and ecology for the Trustees of Reservations. "We want to preserve the property as it is today for future generations."

The new management plan includes 55 specific recommendations, calling for a detailed grassland management program, preservation of the land and protecting it from potential threats, restoring Damde Meadows to a functioning salt marsh and maintaining the unique natural features that distinguish World's End, including a maritime juniper woodland and an oak hickory forest.

Work on the dam, at an estimated cost of between $150,000 to $200,000, will be funded by the Trustees and is slated to begin this summer.

Other priorities include improving the entrance to World's End, alleviating traffic congestion in the area and enhancing educational opportunities for visitors during off-peak hours.

The possibility of instituting a shuttle service from the Harbor Shuttle or future train station is under consideration to help limit the number of cars at the site.

"We also recognize World's End could be a friendlier place for people with disabilities to provide easier access, while continuing to preserve its character," Vernegaarde said.

Although the last management plan was shaped 30 years ago, she said it's in line with the new one.

Once the work recommended in the management plan — which will take place over a six-year period — begins, providing visitors with project updates is a key priority. A committee will also monitor implementation of the plan on an ongoing basis.

Other concerns include traffic on Martin's Lane leading to World's End and any loosening of the requirement that dogs remain leashed at all times. *(See related story.)*

Harry Wey of Boulder Glen Road called Martin's Lane a "treacherous speedway."

"I'd like to see signs posted indicating there are a lot of children in the area," he said. "It's a basic safety issue going in and out, involving both visitors and residents."

World's End has a long history.

For example, colonists established an agricultural use of the property in the 1600s. Native Americans camped there for a time as well.

The preservation of World's End over the years is especially meaningful since the property was eyed as a potential site for the United Nations in 1945, a nuclear power plant during the 1960s and for a 150-home subdivision. Landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted was hired by John R. Brewer, who owned the property, in the late 1800s to design the roads and landscaping for a residential development. The tree-lined roadways designed by Olmsted, who also designed New York's Central Park and the Boston park system, remain today, but the development never came to fruition.

When the Trustees of Reservations expressed an interest in buying the property, $450,000 was raised through public and private donations to subsidize the purchase in 1967 in order to maintain the area for public enjoyment.

The Trustees of Reservations, funded in 1891, is a member-supported non-profit conservation organization, which preserves exceptional properties such as World's End for public use and enjoyment. The Trustees is not an agency of the government and is supported through membership dues, contributions, grants, reservation receipts, special events and endowments. World's End is open to the public. An entrance fee is charged to those who are not members. For further information, call the Trustees' Southeast Regional Office at 781-821-2977.

Loose pooches can wreak havoc at park

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Some unleashed pets at World's End are disturbing wildlife and visitors.

"We plan to renew our enforcement efforts to ensure dogs are kept on leashes," said Lisa Vernegaard, director of planning and ecology for the Trustees of Reservations, which owns the property. "We will continue to monitor compliance with the regulation, but if that doesn't work, we'll go to the next step and try something else."

Vernegaard said there's a growing concern about dogs jumping on both adults and children and incidents of dogs — as well as cats — harming wildlife, including birds.

"It poses a significant ecological problem," she said.

Vernegaard recently presented an updated management plan for the park, at which time the issue of dogs was brought up *(see main story)*.

The requirement to leash dogs is an issue at Trustees of Reservations properties in other communities as well.

In one of those parks, a moratorium on dogs has been instituted. In another, a system is being tried out that requires dog owners to purchase a permit. Before that can happen, though, the dog owner must undergo an overview of the rules and regulations in place regarding leashing pets. Permits would be available to members only.

Permit holders must keep their dogs on leashes and wear a badge indicating they've purchased a permit.

"The purpose is to educate users about how to control their dogs," Vernegaard said.

Some dog owners agree with the leashing policy at World's End, while others would like to see some changes made.

A suggestion was made that designated areas be set aside for dogs to run unleashed during specific, posted times. However, there was a concern about how to control dogs even under those circumstances.

While acknowledging the issue is a complicated one, Nick Noon of Cohasset, a member of the planning committee which recently unveiled a management plan for World's End, nevertheless said there's an "overwhelming sentiment" of more rather than less control of dogs.

"There are safety concerns involved with dogs and children and senior citizens," Noon said. "Dogs can still enjoy the property on a long leash."

According to committee member Henry Hidell, there has also been a "tremendous reaction" from dog owners against the leash regulation.

"Many people have stopped coming to World's End and gone elsewhere for that reason," he said.

Still, even as a dog owner, he supports the leash law.

"It's a fragile area," said Hidell.

Only one election race so far

By Evan Schiff
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The last day to pick up nomination papers at Town Hall is today (Thursday) and if the past few weeks have been any indication, not many candidates are stampeding to the Town Clerk's office.

In what Town Clerk Marion Douglas described as a "slow year" for town elections, there is currently only one race – and that's a three-way contest for two seats on the Board of Selectmen..

Incumbents Fred Koed and Ronnie McMorris will be running along with political newcomer, Roger Q. Hill of Highland Avenue.

Although this year hasn't provided a lot political excitement — some don't think that's a bad thing.

"I think people are satisfied with how things are run," said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Selectman Tom Callahan, who ran last year unopposed and was re-elected, said there are a combination of factors that contribute to the lack of people on the ballot.

"I don't think people are disinterested," he said. "But generally, it's a thankless job that involves a huge time commitment."

Callahan added that if there was a contingent of people who were truly dissatisfied with the way town government was run, they'd become involved.

Selectman Merle Brown, who was also re-elected last year, agreed and said he feels people are happy with the way things are going right now.

"I think generally, people are pleased with the job of the town government," he said.

There is currently someone running for every position available this year except for the Recreation Commission. Only two sets of nomination papers have been pulled and there are three seats up for grabs on the commission. Recreation Commissioners Mary K. Muncey, 377 S. Main St., and Lillian Curley, 28 Margin St. are both looking to serve another term, but David Marks says he will not seek reelection.

Two residents are running unopposed so far for open seats. Jane Pescatore of Lantern Lane plans to run for the open seat on the School Committee being vacated by Stephanie Noble, who is not seeking reelection. Mary Granville, 100 Beach St., will seek a seat on the Board of Assessors left open by William B. Smith.

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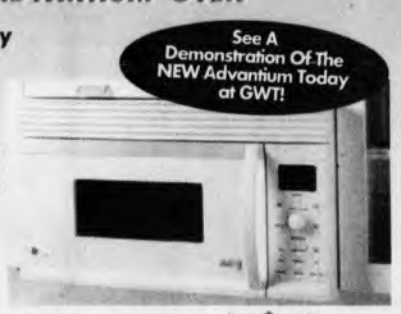

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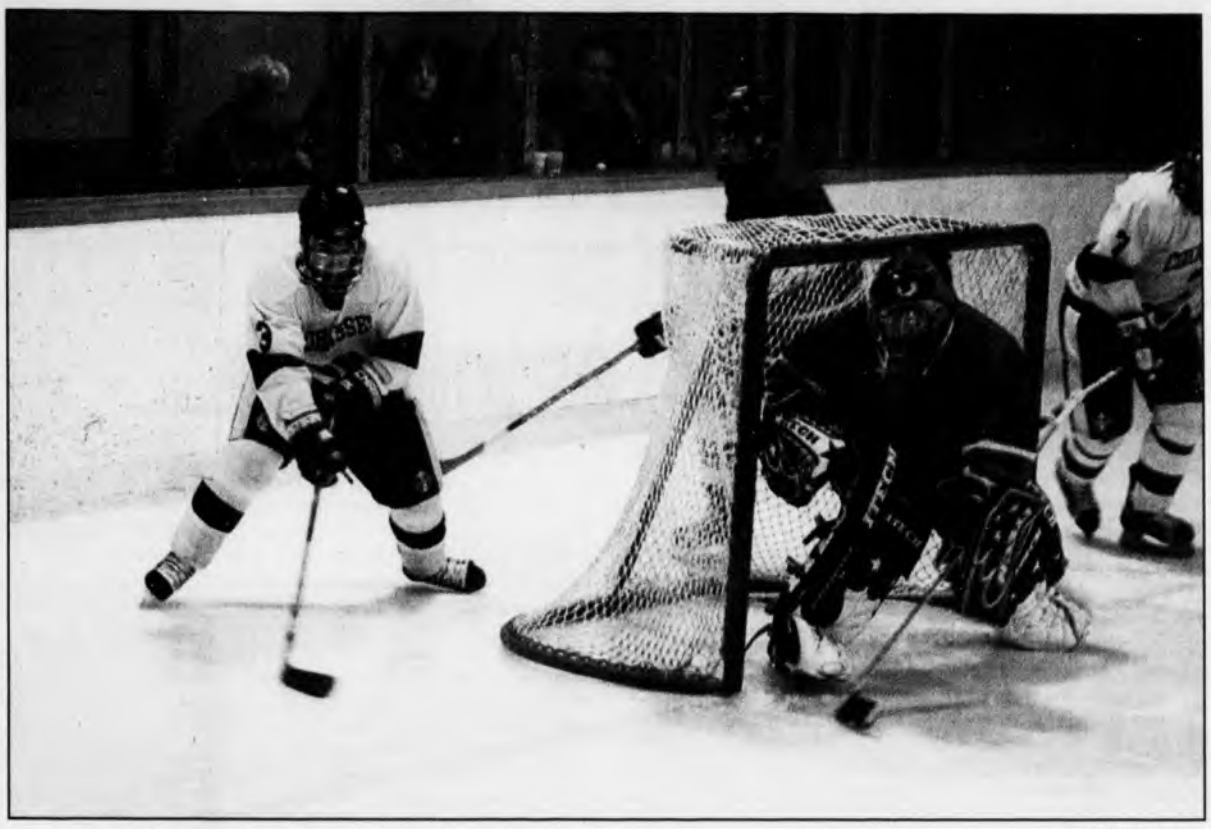

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Cohasset forward Dave Bouchard (#3) goes for the wraparound in recent action.

Cohasset hockey team eyes long tourney run

By Mike Spellman
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The answer comes surprisingly fast.

"Yeah, this is probably the best team I've ever coached here," responds Cohasset hockey coach Dennis Walsh. "We've got depth, we have a lot of kids that skate really well, and we play good two-way hockey."

You'd think with 30 seasons behind him, it would take Walsh a little longer to ponder the question.

Then again, Walsh has never had an unbeaten team, and this current edition (15-0-1) stands four wins away from making that a reality.

Walsh still talks glowingly about his 1988 team, featuring current junior varsity coach Peter Sandblom in net, which lost only three games and advanced to the quarterfinals of the state tourney. However, you get the sense that the longtime coach would be bitterly disappointed if this team doesn't exceed that post-season accomplishment...and not just because this is his final season of walking behind the Cohasset bench.

"I picked the right group to go out with," noted a chuckling Walsh, who retired from teaching last year, "I've got that go for broke attitude anyway, but these kids are making that easy. There's always a little luck involved when you get into the tourney, but these kids really look like they could do something."

The skating Skippers needed nothing in the way of luck to finish off their South Shore League schedule last week, defeating Hull and Harwich by a combined score of 12-0 that didn't even begin to describe the disparity in talent between Cohasset and these two fledgling programs.

Walsh skated half of his junior varsity squad last Wednesday against Hull, a team the Skippers beat 10-0 last month (with the score reaching 9-0 before the midway point). Still, Pirates All-Star caliber keeper Mark Saville had to make 50 saves to keep it a

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High hopes for gymnasts

Sheerin, Bixby and Guiney lead way into Saturday's Sectionals

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

The Kristin Sheerin Era of gymnastics at Cohasset High is in the homestretch. The best gymnast the school has ever produced will be competing with her Cohasset-Norwell teammates in Saturday's South Sectional championships at Foxboro High. Then, the talented senior, who'll continue her gymnastics career at the University of New York at Brockport next fall, will hopefully be competing in the All-State individual championships.

Sheerin just missed winning her third Pilgrim Conference 2 title last Saturday at Carver with a second-place finish in the all around at 34.6. Sheerin captured the championship as a seventh grader and again last winter.

Still feeling the effects of a bout with the flu, she was edged out by the Crusaders' Steve Cudworth's 34.85. Cudworth is able to compete on the girls' team because Carver doesn't offer a boys' program. The difference between first and second for Sheerin was her two falls on the balance beam.

Sheerin, though, wasn't overly disappointed with her runner-up showing.

"I did really well in my other events but I lost focus on the beam," said Sheerin. "My bars and floor scores were good. Overall, if I have a good meet, I can beat him."

Sheerin's fabulous season wasn't overlooked, though. She, along with teammates Meredith Bixby and Jen Guiney were elected con-

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Boys lose another pair

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The game plan was there. The execution wasn't.

In both games the Cohasset basketball Skippers played last week, they attacked their opponents in the right way, and put themselves in position to contend for the win. But the shots did not fall for Cohasset, and their South Shore League record fell to 1-11.

"We ran our offense as well as we have all year," asserted 11th year coach Ron Ford. "The shots just weren't going down for us. We took good shots, but we just turned the ball over more than usual."

On Monday, Cohasset took on the high-flying Rough Riders, where the athletically superior Harwich squad got the better of their hosts, winning 63-48.

Cohasset opened up the game winning the battle in the paint, opening up an 8-4 lead. With his team down 11-6 six minutes in, veteran Harwich coach Glenn Rose called a time-out, and ordered on his amazingly physical full-court press.

The Rough Riders rattled off a 22-8 run, forcing more rushed shots than turnovers from the Skippers. Height also proved to be a major factor, as Harwich's big men Justin Turco and Scott Keeler (combining for 25 rebounds) consistently gave their team second and third chances.

Cohasset recovered though, on consecutive perimeter shots by

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Grapplers keep rolling

Wrestlers take fourth at sectionals, advance seven to states

by Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset wrestling team finished an improbable fourth at the South Sectional Wrestling championships this weekend, but lapped the entire field when it came to compelling stories.

Where to start…? Joey Kehoe? Dan Littauer? Jonathan Littauer? Mike Casey? Terry Baroudi?

How about the unexpected fourth-place finish in a field of 20 Div. 3 schools…a fitting capper to a weekend full of implausible subplots

It was a virtual foregone conclusion heading into the Friday-Saturday affair at Mansfield High that Foxboro, Duxbury and Canton were head and shoulders above the rest of the field. The only drama seemed to be if Duxbury could hold off Canton for third place. It did. Foxboro ran away with the team title, scoring 259 points, followed by Duxbury (200) and Canton (187).

The objective, essentially, for the other 17 teams in attendance was to compete for fourth place. Most close observers felt large, established programs like Holliston, Dedham or Rockland had the edge in this secondary tussle, but Cohasset shocked those schools' supporters and virtually everyone else by taking fourth place with a total of 142.5 points, finishing just ahead of Rockland (133).

"When I think of how far we've come as a team and a program this year in such as short time, I'm just amazed," gushed longtime Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. "Halfway through the season, I would've never guessed we'd finish anywhere near the top four at sectionals. We had to plug so many holes along the way because of injuries and sickness and other things, but we had so many kids who just never gave up. They kept working hard, and when the time came, so many of them stepped up huge."

In pulling off this remarkable feat, seven Cohasset wrestlers finished in the top six to qualify for this weekend's state Div. 3 championships at

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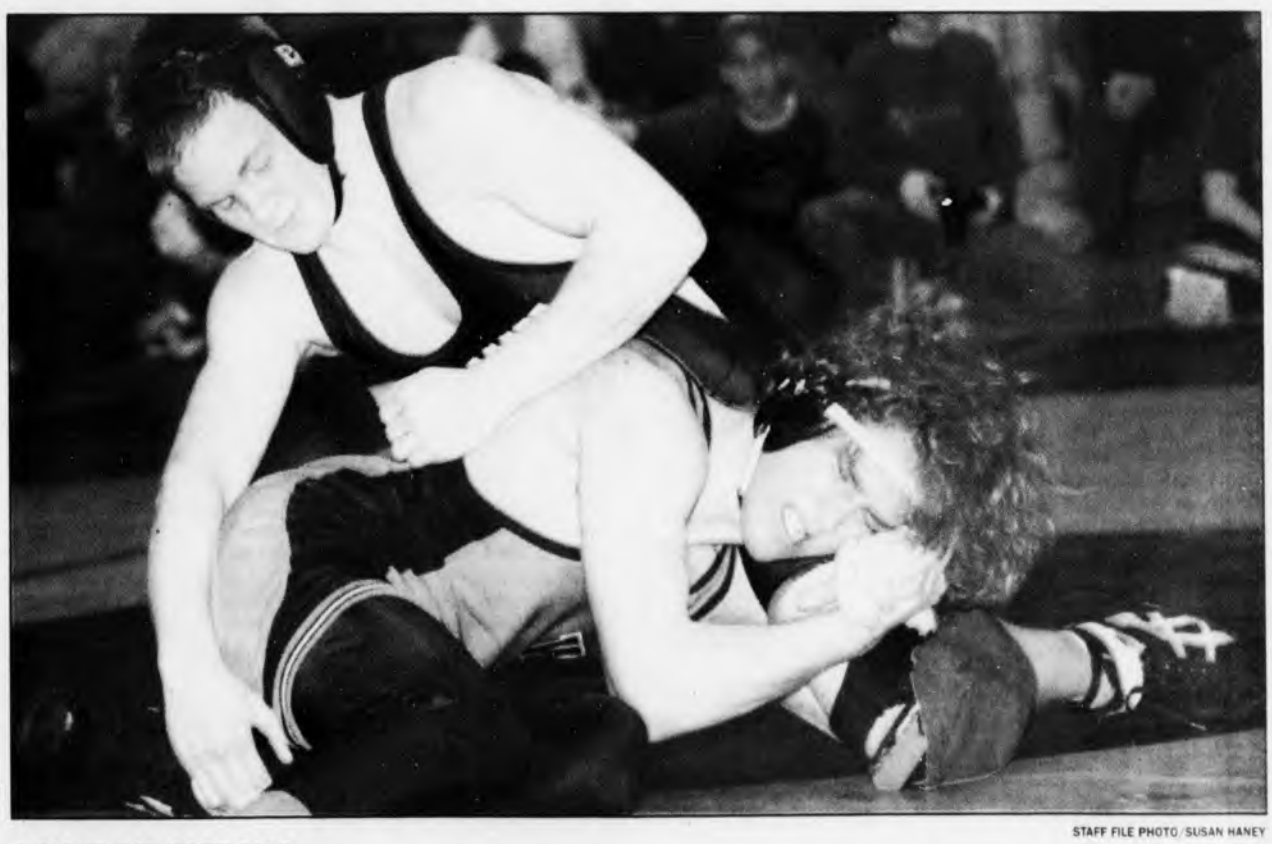

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A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES
Cohasset captain Dan Littauer returned from what was supposed to be a season-ending injury to take second place at this weekend's South Sectional championships.

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Goliath, meet David...

Cohasset-Scituate swimmers shine against monster programs at All-Conference meet

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The male and female Scituate-Cohasset swim team proved once and for all that it is not the size of the team that matters. Last week, both teams participated in the All-Conference meet—the girls finishing fourth on Thursday, and the boys taking seventh Friday.

"We are, by far, the smallest team in the Pilgrim Conference," noted second year coach Jamie Kearney. "But we knew we would surprise some people at how well our tiny team could match-up with the swimming superpowers."

For the girls, nearly every member of the 13 member team took a top 12 finish in at least one event to score points for the team.

"It is what I have been saying all year: we make everyone on our team count," said a smiling Kearney. "There is no other team in the State that had as high a percentage of their kids place as we did."

Freshman Becky Keyes highlighted the day for the Sci-Cohs, taking first place in the diving competition. Scoring a 145 combined from her five dives, she completed an outstanding day when she took sixth in the 500 freestyle.

With 25 points scored for her team, Keyes was named the only league All-Star from the Sci-Coh squad.

Scituate junior Kathryn Noonan had the highest finish of the individual swimmers, taking third in the 100 backstroke, an event that she will be competing in at Sectionals later this week. Noonan also turned in an eighth place in the 200 yard Individual Medley to round out her 17 point day.

Scituate freshman Danielle Swain, who will also be competing this week at Sectionals, took fourth in the 200 Individual Medley, swimming a season best.

She also placed sixth in the 100 backstroke, and event in which she does not primarily compete.

Cohasset sophomore Delia Regan swam personal bests in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle en route to top five finishes. Regan will be swimming the freestyle in two different relays for the Sci-Cohs at Sectionals.

Scituate senior captain Jen Kreutzberg, one of four Sci-Cohs whose swimming careers ended last week, placed 5th in her top event, the 100 breastroke, and took 10th in the 50 freestyle.

Junior Amanda Turner turned in her top time in the 100 butterfly, finishing sixth, and also took tenth in the 200 IM. Right behind her in the IM was freshman Liz Tierney, who finished 11th. Tierney's top event of the day was the 100 freestyle, where she placed sixth.

Cohasset sophomore Elise Jerome took seventh in the fly and tenth in the backstroke, while senior captain Kelly Stone took home a pair of eighth places in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events.

Scituate juniors Shevawn Mayo and Erin Feeney, both much improved distance swimmers, placed eighth and ninth, respectively, in the 200 freestyle.

Feeney took ninth later in the day in the 500 freestyle as well.

Senior swimmer/assistant coach Cara Foley placed in both of her events, taking 12th in both the 100 breastroke and the 50 free.

At the boys championships the next day, the three eligible competitors put in an impressive showing against teams, some that were 60 strong, taking seventh in the Conference.

Both Cohasset juniors, Bryan Bilton and David Ingber, placed in both of their individual events. Their combined score gave Cohasset 20 points for the day, enough to keep Cohasset well within the top 10.

"It seems like nothing can intimidate our guys," noted Kearney. "Some of the best swimming programs in all of Eastern Mass are in our conference, but our boys don't back down."

Bilton, a junior captain for the Sci-Cohs, took eighth in the 50 freestyle, the event that was by far the most popular of the day. Bilton narrowly missed Sectionals again in the 100 freestyle, swimming a 58.62, coming in seventh.

Ingber finished one back of Bilton (ninth) in the 50 free, the two being separated by under two-tenths of a second. His top event of the day was the100 breastroke, where he swam a personal best time, finishing eighth in the conference.

The two-day marathon swim meets marked the end of the regular season for the Sci-Cohs. And they have plenty to look forward to for next year.

"We are losing our four seniors," started the coach, "but the 2002-2003 season could result in a huge step forward for our team. We are switching leagues, so we can start going against schools that are the same size as us.

"There is no telling what these kids will be able to accomplish then."

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Kerry Long looks to make a bounce pass in recent South Shore League girls hoop action against Norwell.

SPORTS NOTES

Little League sign-ups

Registration for the 2002 Little League baseball and softball season will be held on Saturday, March 2, from 8 to 11 a.m., at the **Joseph Osgood Elementary School.**

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Grapplers keep rolling

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Taconic High School in Pittsfield. Joe Kehoe (112 pounds) and Dan Littuaer (152) earned the most points, taking second places in their respective divisions. Terry Baroudi (135 pounds), Chris McKenna (145) and Matt Casey (171) brought home fourth-place trophies for the Skippers, while Jonathan Littauer (103) and Phil Strazzulla (125) took solid fifths.

No one stepped up bigger than captain Dan Littauer, who, according to medical opinion, shouldn't have even been here. When the senior suffered a badly dislocated elbow on Dec. 5, the prognosis was a four-month healing period and the end of his high school wrestling career. He made it back to the mats in less than half that proscribed time — Feb. 5, to be exact. He earned a 14-2 victory in his season debut to help push the Skippers past Rockland, 39-32, to take the league championship.

So, with a 1-0 record, Littauer — who finished second at Sectionals and fifth at States last year — headed into the sectionals. His reputation bought him a number two seed, but he proved worthy for this respect by dominating all comers, including Duxbury's high seeded Steve Celino in the quarterfinals with a pin and Carver three seed Matt Smith in the semis with a 17-2 Tech win. He moved into the finals against number one seed Mike Ragusa, of Foxboro — the defending Sectional champ and fifth place finisher in New England last year.

With his elbow quite sore and swelling noticeably, Littauer recorded the match's first takedown, but Ragusa quickly turned the tables with a reversal and take down to make it 3-2 after one period. Things remained tight in the second, the buzzer going off with Ragusa holding a 7-4 lead. Littauer went for a few gambles in the final period, but Ragusa turned them all against him to win going away, 11-4.

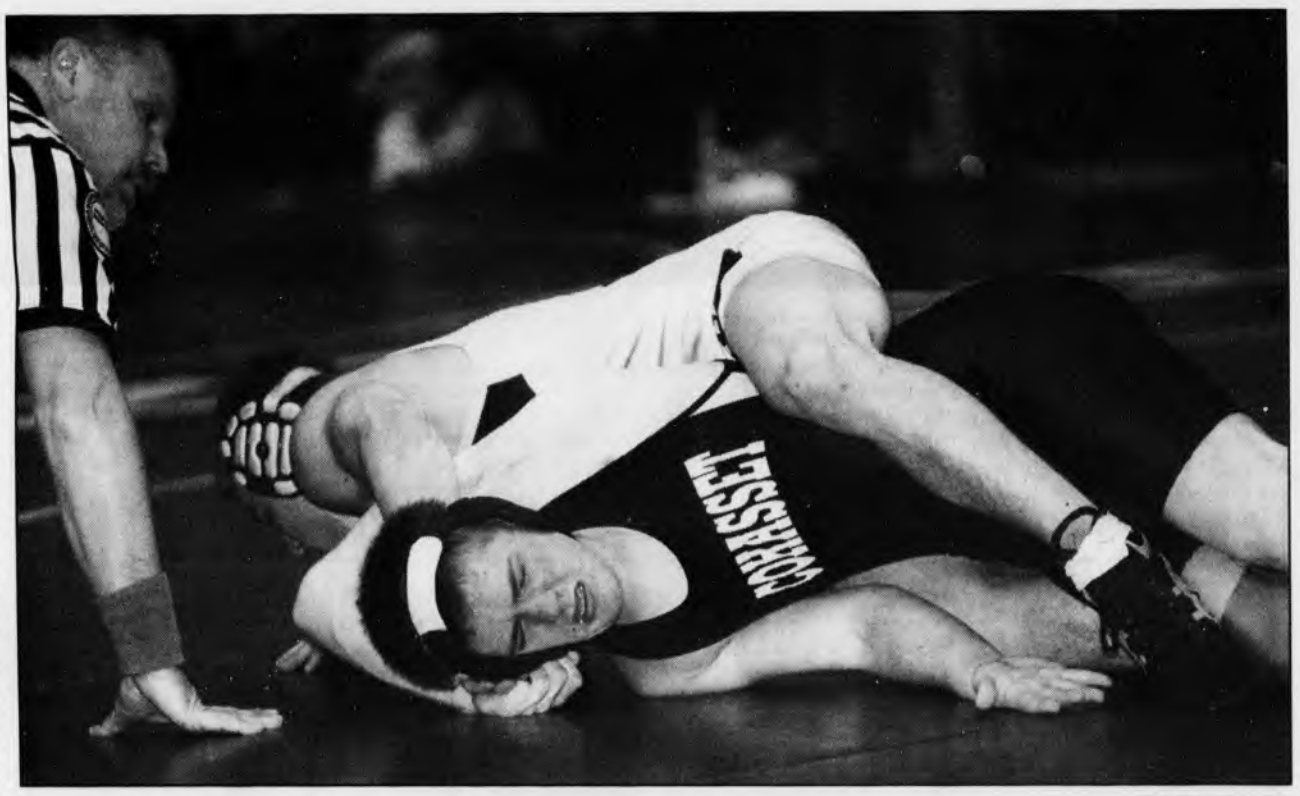
"I guess you could call Dan's story pretty amazing," said Sweeney. "That he could work his way back at all is pretty incredible, but then to dominate the field to get the finals and then give a wrestler like Ragusa all he could handle...like I said, amazing is the only way to describe it."

Dan's kid brother Jonathan opened a few eyes of his own in the smallest weight division, 103 pounds. He won four matches in all before losing to higher seeds and more seasoned wrestlers like Brian Smolinski (Hull) in the quarterfinals and Bill Drake (Holliston) in the consolation round. He was awarded fifth place when Smolinski was unable to go in the fifth-sixth place wrestle-off because of a hand injury.

But he wasn't even the biggest freshman surprise for the Skippers. Kehoe progressed steadily this season at 112 pounds while other teammates grabbed the lion's share of the limelight. He was awarded the fourth seed at 112 pounds, and recorded a few quality wins on Friday, but still wasn't one of the grapplers folks seemed to be talking about heading into Saturday's proceedings. That began to change after Kehoe pinned number five seed Mark DeSisto (Mansfield) in the quarterfinals and Waltham's Mike Rando in the semis to pit himself against Foxboro star Tyler Laracy in the finals. He lost there on points, 19-4, but clearly earned more respect by fending off the pin.

Terry Baroudi was looking to get back to States after he was forced to withdraw there last winter due to a shoulder injury (after a fourth place finish at Sectionals). The junior was seeded fifth in the 135-pound division, which Sweeney called "by far the strongest top to bottom" at the tourney. Baroudi won four matches, but both of his losses came in heartbreaking fashion to his old nemesis, Duxbury's Scott Klebanoff — who he also lost to twice during the regular season. Baroudi fell in the quarters to his Duxbury rival, 6-5, and then in the wrestle-off for third place, 7-6.

"I hope Terry sees Klebanoff again at States," declared Sweeney. "I think we might have a pretty good plan of attack for him next time around."



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EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPED

Ian Hickey (bottom) did not advance to the second day of this weekend's Sectionals, but he did come up with a big pin to contribute to Cohasset's fourth place finish.

Right up there on a scale with Dan Littauer's inspirational efforts were the labors of junior Mike Casey. In the throws of a nasty flu bug, coach Sweeney wasn't even sure if the 171-pound Casey should have competed on Friday, but he somehow won three matches to advance to Day 2. Sweeney wavered on whether or not he should even let Casey go after seeing him the next morning, but the grappler's pleas won him over.

Not surprisingly, Casey was pinned in his opening match by number one seed and eventual champ Matt Lanuto (Duxbury), but he fought his way back in the consolation bracket. He pinned Carver's Ryan Cook to advance to the quarterfinals against Foxboro's Matt Morsehead in the quarterfinals.

With the score tied here early in the third period, a scoring discrepancy resulted in a stoppage of action. During the break, Casey vomited into a bucket. Sweeney urged him to take the disqualification and settle for sixth place. Casey again said no, and he went on to get a two-point takedown of Morsehead in the waning seconds to pull off the dramatic win.

"That was as courageous an effort as I've ever seen from a wrestler," said Cohasset's 19th-year coach. "Believe me, Mike was as sick as sick can be. I honestly thought he had nothing left. Where he found the strength to get Morsehead down for those final two points is something I'll never figure out. He had to be riding on pure adrenaline."

And the beat went on for the Skippers:

Sophomore Phil Strazzulla made good on his fifth seed, winning three matches to maintain that polling. He lost to Scituate's Stephen Barry on day two, and then fell in a consolation round heartbreaker to Canton's Khanh Pham, 9-8, falling just short in a furious third period comeback rally.

Junior Chris McKenna finished two spots higher than his sixth seed, but came extremely close to going higher. He lost twice to third place finisher Ryan Luttrell, of Keefe Tech, by the score of 4-2. His highlight of the day, though, was dominating Duxbury's higher seeded Doug Imbrogana, 14-2, in the quarterfinals.

Vital points towards the fourth place team finish were also contributed by Matt Baroudi (Terry's freshman brother), who finished seventh overall in the 189-pound division, as well as by seniors Vinnie Gratta (119 pounds) and John Hussey (215), sophomore Ian Hickey (140) and freshman Bill Carbone (130)—all of whom earned two points with first day pins.

The top four finishers from this weekend's Div. 3 state championships will qualify to move on to meet the top wrestlers in Div. 1 and 2 at next Saturday's All-State championships at Salem High School. Top two finishers here will advance to the New England championships the following Saturday.

"I honestly think all seven guys we're sending to states has a shot at finishing top four," appraised Sweeney, who will be renting a van and booking a few hotel rooms in Pittsfield this weekend. "All of them have the potential to wrestle even better than they did at Sectionals."

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Boys lose another pair

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Chris Bilodeau and Liam Martin, who led Cohasset with 16 points, to make the score 28-27, Harwich.

In the second half, Harwich worked its way up to a 12 point lead, with Turco and Keeler seemingly unstoppable on the offensive glass. South Shore League All-star Adam Rose (17 points) also kept Cohasset's zone defense honest, hitting four 3-point shots.

Cohasset pulled to within eight when Ben Lynner (nine points) and Liam Martin combined for a 6-0 run. However, a few Keeler putbacks and a bizarre technical foul call sealed the game.

Harwich now stands at 9-8, and while their record may not show it, they are one of the leading contenders for the Division 4 State Crown. The mediocre record is merely a result of the extremely difficult South Shore League schedule they had (just as the Skippers have), facing a few of the top Div. 3 teams like Abington, Carver and Norwell.

"We have got a real chance," noted a smiling coach Rose, who needs to win one of his final three games to clinch a spot in the tourney. "It has been a lot of fun."

Cohasset had another tough loss last Friday, with the outstanding Carver squad getting the better of the Skippers 55-49.

Carver showed early on why they are one of the favorites to defend their Sectional title from a year ago, dominating the opening half, 38-11. Just as it was against Harwich, Ford was pleased with the running of the offense, but the shots just did not go down.

"There was a lid on the basket," he appraised.

Led by senior captain Pete Maitland, the Skippers surged back against the Crusader bench, getting so close that Carver was forced to put their starters back in.

Maitland, who was named to the All-Star team last weekend, scored 17 points during the comeback, a game-high.

"Pete has probably improved more from his junior year to his senior year than anyone I have ever coach," lauded Ford.

Maitland' co-captain, Matt Bilodeau was also named an All_Star, but will be unable to play due to a broken ankle. Apparently, Bilodeau suffered the fracture way back in December playing Scituate, but just played through the pain.

"He is one of the toughest captains I think I have ever had," said Ford. "I was ecstatic we got both of them onto the All-Star team, though."

Carver's All-Star center, Ralph Frazier, led the Crusaders with 16 points.

Cohasset-Harwich Game Notes

-Harwich outscored Cohasset on fast break points, 20-4.

-Maitland and Martin hit the first two treys Cohasset attempted in the game, then the team finished 1-for-11 from behind the arc.

-Sophomore 5-foot-7 point guard Chris Bilodeau led the Skippers in rebounding for the first time this year with seven.

-From the end of the first half to the beginning of the second, the teams combined to miss seven consecutive free throws.

High hopes for gymnasts

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ference All-Stars prior to the meet. Guiney, the freshman from Norwell, finished second on the floor (8.3) ahead of Bixby and Nancy Durkin. Samantha Keough of Norwell was a solid sixth.

Bixby's score of 8.05 was good enough for first place on bars, ahead of third-place Guiney and Durkin, who took fifth. Bixby's top score came on the vault where she registered an 8.6 for first. Samantha Rosen was fourth overall with Durkin pulling up sixth place.

Cohasset-Norwell heads to Saturday's South Sectional meet at Foxboro with a season-average score of 130.55. C-N will be up against the South's iron in both Barnstable and Attleboro. Both teams have averaged better than 135 this season.

"We have a pretty young team," said Sheerin. "They'll be a little intimidated at first, but once we get into it and get going, we'll be fine. We're aiming for 130 or above."

C-N head coach Kara Connerty believes the score is well within the team's reach. The key, as has been the case through C-N's 10-1 season, will be whether or not the squad can avoid falls on the beam event.

"We have to stick the beam," said Connerty. "That hasn't changed."

Sheerin is hoping to compete in the All-State individuals as well. Last year a tough showing on the bars landed her 12th-place overall in the all around, which she is looking forward to vastly improving on this go around.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset defenseman Eric Libby looks like a no-brainer selection for the South Shore League All-Star team.

Going for broke

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3-0 game. Cohasset netminder Dan Kinchla, conversely, had to turn away just three shots on goal to record his league best sixth shutout of the season. Solo tallies were provided by John Durkin, Tom Anderson and captain Chris Caron.

Shutout number seven for the Skippers senior goalie came 24 hours later on the same Pilgrim Arena ice in a 9-0 win over visiting Harwich.

The top lines again spent most of the night glued to the pine, but Greg O'Connell managed to add two goals and an assist to his SSL best scoring stats (22 goals-25 assists—47 points) before getting the quick hook. His right winger, Durkin, also managed to pot a pair in the early going, as did Anderson. These two players are currently second and fourth in the league scoring race with 32 and 31 points, respectively. Matt Davis (24 points) moved into a tie for fifth in this race with a goal and an assist.

For those of you keeping track, this brought the Skippers goals for-goals against differential on the season to a +108 (127-19).

Clearly, the depth up front—three regular forward lines plus two wingers who Walsh rotates in regularly—is what sets the Skippers apart, but this is far from a one-dimensional team. As the low goal yield reflects, Kinchla has done the job in net, and the Skippers have five defensemen—led by seeming no-brainer All-Star selections Eric Libby and Tim Straughn— who do as good a job as any other collective backline in these parts of getting the puck out of their zone.

"We're a well balanced team," asserts Walsh. "No doubt about that. Our work at the defensive end seems to get overshadowed by all of the scoring, but that's been real impressive too. The defensemen do the job, and our forwards are good two-way players."

Something else the lopsided tally reflects, however, is the fact that the Cohasset skaters have not felt a whole lot of pressure this season. This is a legitimate concern to Walsh, who knows the caliber of competition will improve dramatically when the state tourney gets underway two weeks from now.

"I wish now we'd had a little bit tougher schedule, but this is what we were given," said Walsh. "Most of the games were in league, and we can't do anything about that. To the kids credit, they've continued to skate hard, and move the puck well no matter who've they've played against, but you would like to see them tested a little bit more than they have been."

The longtime coach anticipates an all too familiar script in meetings this week with Trinity Catholic (Wednesday) and Randolph (Saturday), teams the Skippers dissected by a combined 23-0 earlier this season, but hopes for sterner challenges in the final two regular season games against Div. 3 tourney bound teams Scituate (Feb. 18) and Avon-Holbrook (Feb.20).

Scituate (7-8-1) has arguably played one of the toughest schedules of any Div. 3 team in the state, competing in league play against higher division powerhouses Duxbury, Hanover and Hingham, and twice each in non-league play against Div. 2 tourney bound teams Quincy and Marshfield. Scituate, like the Skippers, has already qualified for the tournament by virtue of its unbeaten record in Div. 3 play (4-0).

Avon-Holbrook (8-6-2) competes in the same league as Blue Hills (15-2-1), the number one ranked Div. 3 team in Eastern Mass, so this one might also provide a decent test.

Looking to challenge his charges further, Walsh has scheduled a scrimmage the day following this season finale with Div. 2 tourney bound Marshfield (13-4-2).

"We should see some good competition in the last week," said Walsh. "The kids could use some good battle testing right now. We don't want to be shocked once the tourney starts."

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The evening commences at 5:30 p.m. with an Open Market Place (free admission) featuring Appalachian crafts and snack foods. A family-style dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., followed by live Blue Grass entertainment at 7:30 p.m.. A beautiful, homemade Appalachian quilt will be on display during the evening and raffle tickets for the quilt will be sold.

Tickets are available at local churches. Ticket prices are $5 (8-and-under), $10 (10-18 years), $20 (adults), $50 (family admission). Proceeds from the event help support the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project.

Diabetes workshop

Cohasset Elder Affairs will hold a workshop on Living the Good Life With Diabetes on Feb. 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Millie Hawke RNC, Diabetes Educator, and Lynn White, Nurse Practitioner, will discuss risk factors and signs and symptoms of diabetes along with staying healthy with nutrition and exercise. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be served. Call 781-383-9112 for information.

Vacation camp

South Shore Community Center is offering a February Gymnastics/Sports Camp for boys and girls during February school vacation week. The camp will run on Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is $32. All boys and girls ages 5 to 11 are welcome.

Children should bring a lunch and snack. Call the center at 781-383-0088 to register, or stop by the office at 3 North Main Street in Cohasset Monday through Friday. Limited enrollment.

The Garage Valentine's dance

Love is in the air! There will be a Valentines Day Dance at the Garage on Friday, Feb. 15 from 7-10 p.m. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will also be sold.

The Garage is open to all young people, grade-6-and-up.

OBITUARIES

Mary M. Daley

Mary M. Daley, 98, lifelong resident of Cohasset, died Feb. 7, 2002, at the Serenity Hill Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center in Wrentham following an illness.

Miss Daley was born and raised in Cohasset, attending area schools. A Boston area secretary for many years, she was an active communicant of St. Anthony Parish.

Daughter of the late Dennis and Catherine (Donovan) Daley, she was predeceased by her brother, Carroll D. Daley Sr., and sister, Catherine E. Daley.

She leaves two nieces, Virginia D. Willis and Patricia C. Howes, both of Walpole; a nephew, Carroll D. Daley Jr. of Georgia; grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Anthony Church. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 115 West Chestnut St., Brockton, 02401.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Rita A. Lennon

Rita A. (Wallace) Lennon, of Cohasset died Feb. 10, 2002, at her daughter, Joyce McFadden's home in Hull following a brief illness. She was 87.

Born in Boston and raised in Roslindale, Mrs. Lennon attended area schools. She lived in Milton for 20 years and Cohasset for 25 years.

Wife of the late Edward B. Lennon, she leaves her children, Kevin T. Lennon of Canton, John S. Lennon of Cohasset, Joyce L. McFadden of Hull and Paula M. Sullivan of Centerville; two sisters, Ethel L. Tonra O'Neil of Tequesta, Fla. and Eleanor Rush Bishop of Boca Raton, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Anne Murray of Weymouth; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was also mother of the late Edward W. Lennon; sister of the late Norman and Joseph Wallace; and dear friend of the late John E. Sexton.

A funeral will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday from the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset (across from St. Anthony Church), followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony Church. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree, 02184 or St. Francis House, 37 Boylston St., Boston, 02116.

WORSHIP NEWS

'Soup and Stations'

"Soup and Stations" will be offered every Friday evening during Lent at St. Anthony Parish. A sacrificial meal of soup will be available at 6 p.m. in the parish center, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. each Friday through March 22. Altar servers are urged to help with the Stations, call 781-383-0219.

A short Bible study course for adults and young adults will be offered at 7 p.m. each Sunday (except for Easter) from Feb. 24 through April 14. The course, "Little Rock Bible Study," will be led by the Rev. John Mulvehill. A $10 donation for materials is requested, call 781-383-6630.

High-schoolers are invited for "pizza and prayer" each Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the parish center. The weekly meeting is open to students in grades 9 to 12.

And beginning March 1, the hours for First Friday devotions will change from evening to the following: Eucharistic Adoration from noon to 4:45 p.m.; Benediction at 4:45 and Mass at 5 p.m. Volunteers who can commit to being present at some time during the afternoon are asked to call the parish office at 781-383-0219 to register.

Citizens for Life

The South Shore Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life (MCFL) will meet Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House on Fearing Road in Hingham. New members are welcome.

Donations may be sent to MCFL South Shore, P.O. Box 591, Accord 02018.

The group's annual fund-raising yard sale will be May 4 (rain date, May 18) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cardinal Cushing School in Hanover.

For information, call 781-925-5323.

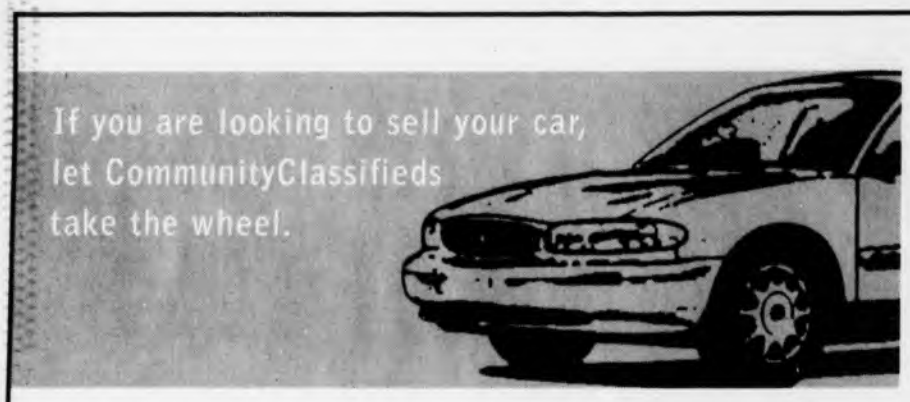
Glastonbury series

Glastonbury Abbey announces the fourth speaker in the Glastonbury 2001-2002 Series, "Listening to Other Voices: Spiritually in Everyday Life."

Victor H. Kazanjian, Jr. of Wellesley College will be the guest speaker on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7:15 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center. Professor Kazanjian will talk on "Spirituality and Learning — Embracing Imperfection and Befriending Time."

Kazanjian is dean of religious and spiritual life at Wellesley College, co-director of the Peace and Justice Studies Program, co-founder and senior advisor to the Education As Transformation Project.

The series is free of charge and donations are always welcome. For more information, call the abbey at 781-749-2155, Ext. 243 or visit the Web site at stantonc@glastonburyabbey.org.



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Pilgrim's main branch remains at 48 S. Main St. in the village where it has been a landmark since 1916. However, the site on 3A will have some added features that the village office doesn't provide.

Besides drive-up ATMs and teller service, customers can look forward to meeting the newest additions to the bank in assistant vice-president and branch manager Paul Cosgrove, and vice-president and lending manager Kevin Burns.

Cosgrove has worked for about three weeks at Pilgrim Co-operative and is looking forward to opening the new branch. He brings more than 12 years of experience in the retail banking business and said he is accustomed to providing customers with quality service.

"I most enjoy sitting down with customers and helping them fix a problem," Cosgrove said. "I like to form a one-on-one relationship with them and this bank encourages that."

Cosgrove, who lives in Quincy but is from Hingham, said servicing customers is his number one priority. He will also oversee the day-to-day operations, manage personnel, and try to cross-sell the bank's services.

Currently, Cosgrove is meeting and greeting the bank's customers and is learning the bank's system. He said a new branch was necessary because the bank has experienced decent growth and there was a need to better serve the customers with a more accessible site. However, not everything will be different at the new bank on 3A.

"We have absolutely no intention of changing the level of service and the commitment to the customers at the new branch," he said.

Cosgrove said while other banks may claim they're involved with the community — it's true with Pilgrim Co-operative Bank.

> **"We know your name and we want to help you."**
> — Paul Cosgrove, branch manager

"We know your name and we want to help you," he said.

Along with Cosgrove, Burns will be opening the new branch office and is anxious to get the process underway.

Burns, who has lived in Braintree for more than 20 years, said he has the experience to help the bank develop additional business. He plans to become active in the community by meeting with brokers, insurance agents and lawyers in an attempt to drum up business. He said the entire mortgage department, which comprises nearly 80 percent of the institution's assets, will move over to the new branch office.

Burns has been with Pilgrim Co-operative for about a month, but has been in the banking business for 30 years. While working for New World Bank, Burns was involved with opening three branch offices and he said it is one of the most rewarding experiences of banking.

"It's always a thrill to open a new branch," he said. "It's the opportunity to start from the ground and build up."

Burns is confident the bank will be able to provide the same comfort level that residents are accustomed to.

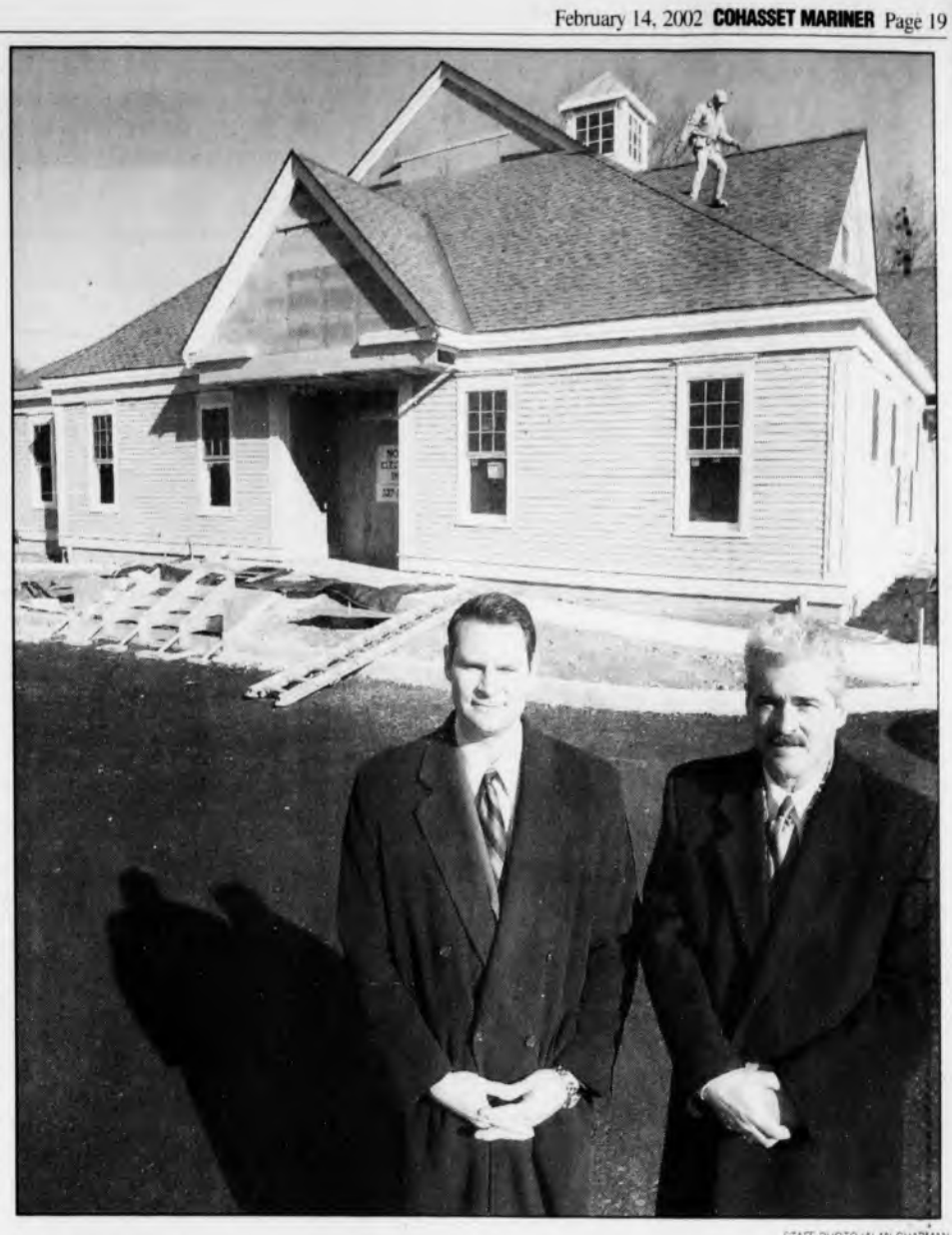
"We will give the same type of service because it's not so much the location of the branch but rather the people who work here," he said. "It's still going to be Cohasset's bank and customers should be excited about it."

The new building, designed by Financial Concepts of Natick, a firm specializing in bank design, won approval from the town Planning Board last spring. It replaces the boarded-up building, now razed, which was at one time a liquor store and then an art studio.

The building will have a main entrance off Brewster Road, as well as another access through the adjacent Tedeschi Plaza. There will be no direct access off 3A.

Campbell said the new building will not have a negative impact on the bank's main branch.

"We will always remain true to our roots in the village," he said. "This is like an extension of the family."



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Vice-president and branch manager Paul Cosgrove, and vice-president and lending manager Kevin Burns look forward to serving Pilgrim Co-operative customers at the new branch on Rt. 3A.

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Bond rating hike will save money

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However, in financial circles the town looks as good as those Atlantic vistas from the Gold Coast along Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue. Both Moody's and Standard & Poor's, which are rating agencies, have upgraded the town's bond rating, saving Cohasset hundreds of thousands of dollars, officials say.

The news comes at a good time as the town is poised to borrow about $40 million in a few years to pay for the middle-high and Deer Hill school building projects.

"It's absolutely significant," says treasurer Joseph DiVito Jr. "It will save the state money too because the borrowing costs will be lower." (The state will reimburse the town for 60 percent of the cost of the school projects. But reimbursement could be delayed for up to five years because of the state's budget crisis, making the bond upgrade even more important.)

Town Manager Mark Haddad estimates the upgrade will save taxpayers over the next 20 years a total of about $758,000.

"The community has made very significant capital investments," Haddad said. "And it's our job to deliver them as inexpensively as we can."

This is the third time in six years the agencies have upgraded Cohasset's bond rating, town Finance Director Michael Buckley said. Moody's and Standard & Poor's recently upgraded the town from Aa3 to Aa2 and from AA to AA+, respectively.

To put the ratings in perspective, out of about 365 towns in the state — Cohasset joins an elite group of 18 towns rated at Aa2 (the third highest), including Duxbury and Canton. There are six towns rated at the next step, Aa1, including Hingham, Lincoln and Westwood, and 11 with the highest rating of Aaa, including Wellesley, Weston and Lexington. There are 20 possible ratings.

So what do the agencies like about Cohasset? According to Standard & Poor's, the town has extremely high wealth levels and increasing assessed valuations; well-maintained financial operations and a manageable debt position.

When it comes to assessed valuations the town has the highest home values in the region, the reports state.

"Cohasset's median home value jumped to $630,000 in fiscal year 2002," Moody's stated. "Of the town's 2,577 homes, 238 have been assessed in excess of $1 million." The town's assessed valuation of $1.6 billion has increased by more than 50 percent in the past two years.

Both agencies described the town's financial position as "well maintained" with tax collections historically strong at 99 percent.

"Although the town is taxing under its prescribed Proposition 2-1/2 limit, frequent debt exclusions, operating overrides and tax-base growth have provided the flexibility to manage within the limits," Standard & Poor's stated. "The willingness-to-pay was exhibited in the last recession as seven Prop. 2-1/2 overrides were passed from 1990-1993."

The agencies said the town's overall debt burden is manageable and expects the town's financial picture to remain stable in light of expected continued growth in its reserve accounts.

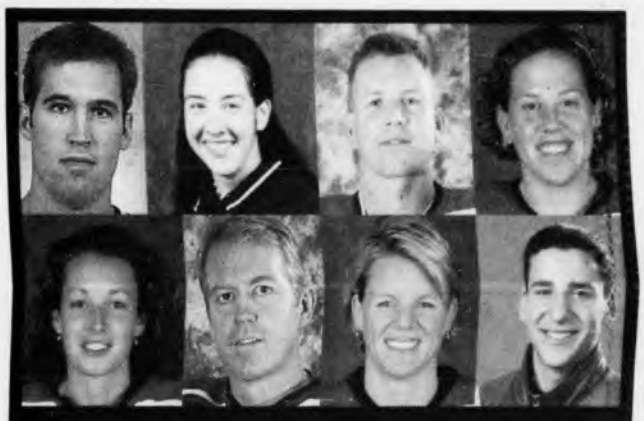
Buckley, the finance director, said as a result of upgrades from the rating agencies, Cohasset sold its recent bonds and notes at "extremely favorable rates" saving residents thousands of dollars.

He said the town sold $2.1 million in bonds in January at a rate of 3.59 percent, funds that will be used for sewers, Hagerty property improvements, equipment, land acquisition, cemetery improvements and sidewalks.

This month the town sold $6.3 million of notes at a net interest cost of 1.64 percent, money that will be used for ongoing school construction and renovation and construction of the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Haddad praised his financial team consisting of DiVito, Buckley and assessor/appraiser Cheryl Pooler.

"The budget decisions the team has made have been in the best interest of the taxpayers," he said.



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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Summer Institute courses offered

Course: **Harbor Research Projects**
Grades 7 - 12 (1.25 credits)
On-going throughout the summer
Cost: $75 materials / lab fee* (tuition fee may be waived if pending grant applications are funded.)
Description:
In the summer of 2001, MIT's Sea Grant College Program awarded Cohasset High School Summer Institute teachers with a $10,000 grant to assist the Cohasset Board of Health in addressing the town's concerns about water quality in Little Harbor and Cohasset Harbor. Research conducted over the last year will be continued this summer. In addition, a new project in the Gulf River will be initiated.

Students electing to join any one of these research projects will conduct and analyze chemical, physical, and biological assessments of these water bodies. Student teams will be headed by paid senior interns and led by Miss McGrail, Dr. Thomae, or Mr. Buckley. (This project runs throughout the summer; specific meeting days and times are decided upon by the teacher and participants. 54 hours class and field work is necessary to be eligible for course credit.)

Course: **Maritime Studies and the Schooner Ernestina**
Grades 7 - 12 (1.25 credits)
Aug 12- Aug 16
Cost: $575 per person
Description:
The class immerses students into life at sea as marine researchers, oceanographers, navigators, historians, deck hands, and galley stewards. The four day, three night sail aboard the historic Schooner Ernestina is an experience that students remember for the rest of their lives. This year's voyage departs from and returns to the port of Boston, allowing students to imagine themselves in the roles of mariners from centuries past, moving in and out of historic Boston. Students are required to participate in five pre-voyage meetings. These meetings prepare students to meet the academic requirements of the course. They also provide an opportunity for students to learn to work together on the water, the most crucial challenge that students must meet in order to make the voyage a rewarding experience for all. (Mr. Buckley)
Visit the Ernestina's website at http://www.ernestina.org

Course: **National Park Field Study**
Grades 9 - 12 (1.25 credits)
Mid July (specific dates, TBA)
Course fee: approx. $1200 per person
Class size limited to 12 students
Description:
National Park Field Study is a 10-day, intensive, on-site study and exploration of a national park. This year's field study class will travel to Canada to explore Nova Scotia and New Brunswick National Parks. Through the experiences of low impact camping and recreation (hiking, kayaking, climbing, and horseback riding are some examples) students will study park ecology, natural history, and human impact on the environment. In addition to the on-site days, students are required to prepare for and attend at least three evening classes (2 pre and 1 post). Students participating in this class must be accustomed to moderately strenuous physical activity. (Ms. McGrail)
Visit http://parkscanada.pch.gc.ca/parks/main_e.htm

Course: **Messing about the North River**
Grades: 7-8 (1.25 credits
Dates: June 24-28 (Tentative)
Cost: $250; enrollment limited to 11 students
Description:
Did you know that the North River is the only scenic protected river in the state of Massachusetts? Or, that the upper sections of the river include one of the largest tidal freshwater marshes in the state? The North River is an incredible natural resource with a wealth of ecosystems and history to explore. Come along and we'll investigate and explore the North River watershed through a week of hands-on field trips. The class will culminate in an overnight trip! (Mr. Jones / Mr. Erlandsen)

Course: **Internships**
Grades 11 or 12 (1.25 credits)
All Summer
Stipend: estimated hourly wage of $8
Description:
Paid internship opportunities are open to students who have demonstrated an interest in the environment and have proven themselves to be highly responsible students capable of conducting independent work and independent research. Internships currently exist with the Board of Health and with the Cohasset Maritime Institute. Board of Health interns will assist with various water quality assessments outlined in the town's Volunteer Monitoring Plan. CMI interns will assist professional boat builders in the restoration of historic craft. Interns are expected, among other academic requirements, to write a technical report documenting their accomplishments. (Dr. Thomae, Ms. McGrail, Mr. Buckley)

Cohasset students John McCarthy and Robin Earle learn the ropes as they tend one of Ernestina's down hauls under the watchful eye of the first mate as the Ernestina plunges into gentle swells rolling through Rhode Island Sound.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $2,000 scholarships are available (starting Thursday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

It is the 29th consecutive year that the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application in person at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Saturday, March 30.

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for 2002/2003 is underway. Kindergartners must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2002 in order to enroll. A copy of the child's birth certificate is required for registration.

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Osgood celebrates 100 days of school!

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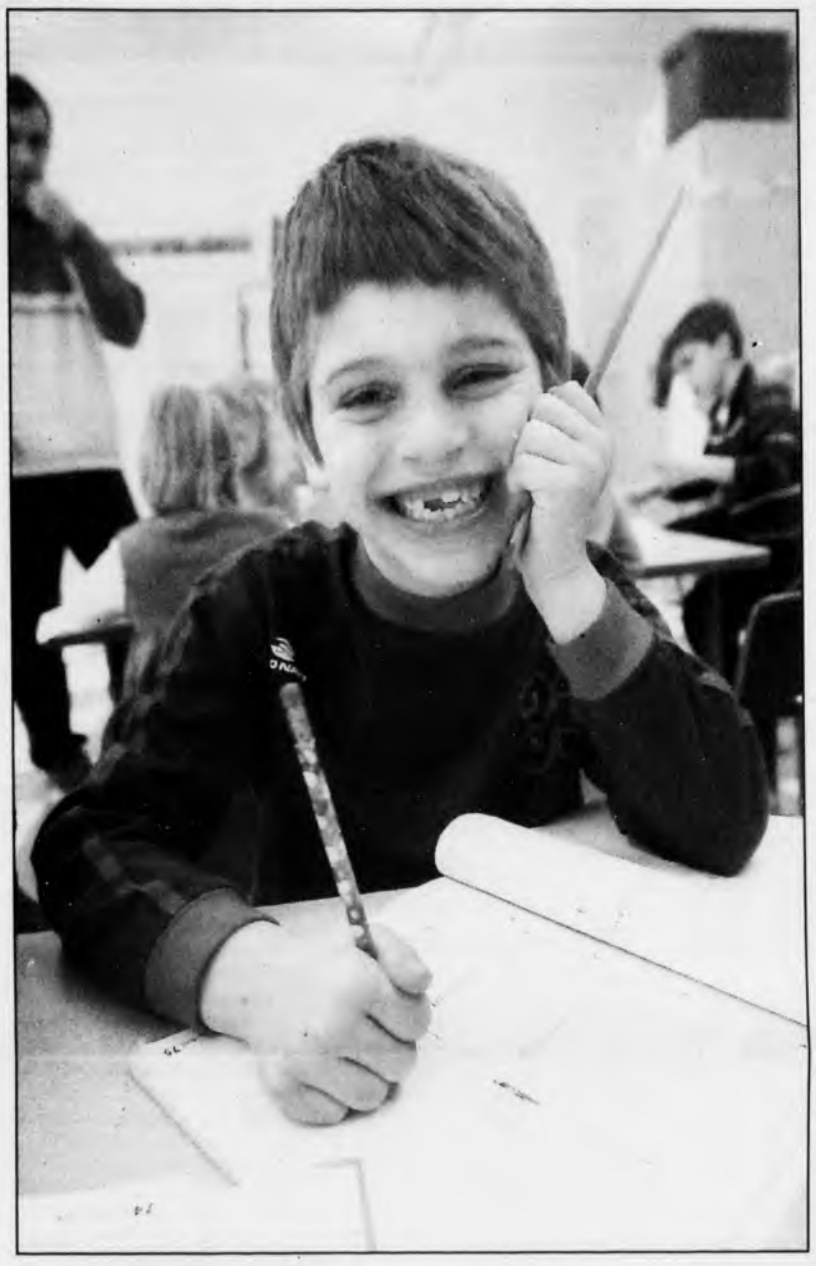
Clockwise from top right: The three Cs – Caroline Meade, Cally Altholtz and Colby Smalzell – are good friends. Anna Rodrigues enjoys "Lunch with Mr. LeCount" along with Rhiana Fitts and Khiana Clemons. Grace Pozniak dons headphones in computer class, while Chase Murphy dreams over a book during indoor recess. First-graders Michael Fegreus, Chris Sylvia and Connor Dooley welcome the Mariner photographer. Second-grader Nicole Hajjar flips a coin 100 times and registers whether it's heads or tails in honor of the 100th day of school. First-grader Nicky Tanghelini works on a math project in Mr. Alves class.



POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

7:42 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Sean P. Laugelle, 40, of 18 Norfolk Road, Cohasset. Charges: Operating motor vehicle after license or right to operate was suspended; operating a motor vehicle with defective equipment.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

2:44 a.m. Elm Court, drug violations.

7:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:44 a.m. Crocker Lane, assist other agency.

1:43 p.m. King St., investigation.

4 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property found, brought to station.

4:42 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle accident.

4:51 p.m. Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle accident.

5:46 p.m. South Main St., fire, investigation, no fire services necessary.

6:52 p.m. Ripley Road, animal call or complaint.

8:03 p.m. Nichols Road, well-being check.

10:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

5:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglary/breaking and entering.

7:44 a.m. Hull St., medical aid.

8:56 a.m. King St., animal call or complaint.

3:39 p.m. King St., wires down.

5 p.m. Beechwood St., power outage, weather or power related.

5:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., lost property returned.

11:34 p.m. North Main St., traffic complaint. Arrest of Linda J. Fagan, 50, of 73 Tilden Road, Scituate. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor; failure to stay within marked lanes.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

12:01 a.m. HQ, general services.

7:07 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:07 a.m. Beechwood St., tree down.

11:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general disturbance. Arrest of Winifred Katherine Kuhn, 61, of 25 Surry Drive, Cohasset. Charges: Disorderly person; trespassing on land, dwelling, etc.

11:52 a.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint, area search negative.

2:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., harassing/annoying phone calls.

4:15 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle accident.

7:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s) involving motor vehicle, services rendered.

7:59 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

9:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:32 p.m. North Main St., general services.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3

6:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:30 a.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

10:48 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, assist citizen.

10:58 a.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

1:30 p.m. Foley Beach Road, property, lost.

1:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s) involving a motor vehicle.

8:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:08 p.m. Cedar St., open door/window, secured building.

10:51 p.m. Elm St., property found.

11 p.m. Pratt Court, medical aid, to hospital.

MONDAY, FEB. 4

8:41a.m. South Main St., assist motorist.

9:09 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:17 a.m. Elm St., property found.

9:55 a.m. Border St. and Parker Ave., motor vehicle stop., verbal warning.

11:23 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop., traffic citation issued.

12:45 p.m. North Main St., investigation.

12:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:37 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:49 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:58 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:52 p.m. Howe Rd., disturbance. Arrest: Maura Ditmar, 61, 112 Howe Rd., Cohasset Chrgs. Assault and battery.

8:40 p.m. Howe Rd., transport.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

6:07 a.m. Arrowwood Rd., medical aid.

7:09 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:18 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:57 a.m. Depot Ct., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:18 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:32 a.m. North Main St,. verbal warning.

10:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

10:26 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

10:55 a.m. Stevens Ln., tree down.

11:21 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

Eleven arrested in January

January was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were 11 arrests, four for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, two for Motor Vehicle Violations, one for an Outstanding Warrant, two for Protective Custody, one for Assault and Battery, and finally one for Illegal Possession of a Class "D" Substance, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

During the month of January, the police department investigated 16 motor vehicle accidents, four of which resulted in personal injury. There were 149 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $3,755 in fines. Additionally, there were 48 Parking Tickets issued for $1,225 in fines. There were 8 Criminal Complaints issued.

Also in December, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 691 calls for police services, of those 106 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls, Noonan said.

In the month of January, there was one Breaking and Entering in a business, he said.

2:10 p.m. Brook St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:16 p.m. North Main St. and Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:25 p.m. North Main St., Joy Place, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:48 p.m. King St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:03 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:34 p.m. Summer St., assist other police department.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

7:01 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop,, traffic citation.

7:24 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

7:35 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

8:09 a.m. Pond St., disturbance.

10:26 a.m. King St., officer wanted.

1:37 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious, area search negative.

2:56 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle crash investigated.

4 p.m. Red Gate Lane, animal control.

6:44 p.m. King St,. medical aid.

8:18 p.m. King St,. fire investigation.

8:52 p.m. Pond St., medical aid.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

5:41 a.m. Sohier St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:58 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

9:35 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

10:22 a.m. Town Line Area, fire outside, area search negative..

11:13 a.m. Ledgewood Farms Dr,. fire, services rendered.

1:31 p.m. Nichols Rd, well being check.

3:13 p.m. Rustic Dr., structure fire.

5:19 p.m. Parking Way, fire investigation.

5:22 p.m. Beechwood St,. assist other police department.

9:33 p.m. Highland Ave,. fire investigation.

10:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

9:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., log entry.

11:04 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

11:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.

12:12 p.m. Beechwood St., outside fire.

12:30 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.

1:51 p.m. Nichols Rd., suspicious.

5:51 p.m. King St., suspicious.

5:59 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:18 p.m. Ledgewood Farms Dr., fire investigation.

7:08 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

7:29 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

8:08 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

8:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., medical aid. Arrest: Christopher J. Antonellis, 30, 76 Turner Road, Scituate. Chrgs. Operating under the influence of liquor, illegal possession of Class D substance.

8:31 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

9:31 p.m. King St., suspicious.

10:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

11:38 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop.

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12:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

5:23 a.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

1:21 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

2:14 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.

2:37 p.m. King St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

3:22 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. animal control.

3:53 p.m. Parkingway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:57 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

6:18 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

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For their father

Nelson brothers pay tribute to 60s pop legend

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Call them Nelson or the Nelsons, but since the late 1980s, the brothers Matthew and Gunnar Nelson have seen their share of the pop music limelight. You can certainly call it the carrying on of a proud family tradition, which includes, among other things, a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records for no less than three generations of #1 pop hits — starting in 1934 with big-band crooner and later TV legend Ozzie's "And Then Some," followed twice in 1960 and '62 by the late rock 'n' roll hall of famer Rick's "Poor Little Fool" and "Travelin' Man, finally in 1990 by the Nelsons' MTV-age pop-rocker "(I Can't Live Without Your) Love and Affection."

Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, twin sons of Ricky Nelson will perform their father's music in two concerts Sunday, Feb. 17 at Norwell's Company Theatre.

Matthew and Gunnar Nelson list some more noteworthy pop-music accomplishments in their own right. The sibling duo's debut album, 1991's After the Rain, went double-platinum, five more strong-selling albums of original material have followed, as have two more Top Ten singles, four #1 MTV videos and five #1 singles overseas in Japan, Singapore, Thailand and elsewhere in the Southeast Asian markets.

But for the Nelson brothers, the now 34-year-old twin sons of Rick Nelson, the idea of playing their father's music publicly was for many years another matter altogether. Not the least of the reasons was that even as their own star arose, the brothers had to slowly come to grips with the lingering shock following Rick's untimely death as his private plane crashed en route to a Dallas show on New Year's Eve, 1985.

Part of this process was the brothers' commitment to not perform Rick's music live, mainly out of respect for his memory. But finally in 1999, Matthew and Gunnar broke the silence and accepted an offer from a promoter to work out a concert set of Rick Nelson music and take it on tour worldwide. The result was so successful, with shows drawing wildly enthusiastic sell-out crowds both in the U.S. and abroad, that over two years later, the event has now grown into a regular touring attraction, featuring both the tribute recreation of Rick's pioneering rock 'n' roll hits as well as the brothers' own top-selling music. It has even delivered a concert disc, 2000's Like Father, Like Sons, the Nelsons' seventh album overall, featuring their live renderings of "Stood Up," "Waitin' in School," "Hello Mary Lou" and other classic Rick hits.

The current show, called Matthew & Gunnar Nelson's Garden Party, makes one of its first-ever New England stops at Norwell's Company Theatre for two concerts Sunday, Feb. 17 at 3 and 7 p.m.

"Even now when we've been doing this for a couple of years, we still feel at some shows like it's the first time we're playing Rick's music," said Matthew Nelson. "We're playing to new audiences all the time, and for them I'm sure it feels like they're getting back something that's been gone for a long time. But the truth is Gunnar and I were best friends with Rick when he was alive, and what these shows are about is doing him and his music justice and waving his flag."

Currently, the Nelsons are also keeping their father's music alive with the benefit of information revealed on VH-1's Behind the Music spot on Rick Nelson, which has begun airing within the last year. Among other things, the program stated hopefully once and for all that the cause of Nelson's fatal plane crash was a fire from a faulty heating system, not, as widely reported and speculated, from the singer and his entourage free-basing cocaine on board.

"I found out about Rick's death on the TV news, and Gunnar found out on the radio," said Matthew Nelson, recalling the day of the tragedy. "I think the toughest thing for me was staying home in the days following the news, with the family and friends trying to comfort each other, and listening to the crap on the radio. We all knew that Rick did not free-base cocaine, and there was no way that was involved with the cause of the crash. So having to go through listening to these sensationalistic stories through the media, we just felt they were pathetic and done totally from an injustice of Rick's being in the public eye."

"I think the 'Behind the Music' was good also for what it said about who Rick was as a person and musician during his life, including the interviews with his friends and musicians who were influenced by him. Like Paul McCartney, for instance, who was shown in a clip singing 'Lonesome Town.' What the show didn't mention, however, was that Paul (McCartney) was getting ready to work with Rick to produce a new album at the time of his death. We can only imagine what kind of work they could have done together. But for me the show overall just echoed stories I've heard from people I've met on tour, people who come up to me and talk about their memories of Rick with tears in their eyes. Rick really appreciated the fans in his day, and he always signed autographs for them and paid attention to them when he met them at his shows, both in the early days of his career and later on. I'm sure his memory carries the same emotional impact for them as it does for Gunnar and I. These days, it's like every time I play one of his songs, it keeps his presence around," Matthew Nelson said.

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Currently living in Nashville, the Nelsons have been working on two forthcoming album projects, one for a major label and the other independent, in which the duo hopes to take a fresh, roots-country direction with their music. They also plan to be working with EMI/MCA Records to oversee a long-term CD-reissue project of all of Rick Nelson's original studio albums.

For more information on the Nelsons concert call 781-871-2787 or visit online at www.companytheatre.com .

Convergence of color and calligraphy

Qingxiong Ma combines best of eastern and western art

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

East is east and west is west and the twain shall never meet, or so goes the old adage.

But Qingxiong Ma, a Chinese-American brushstroke artist living in the Boston area, seems to have other thoughts on the matter.

Twelve of Ma's large-canvas brushstroke paintings are on display at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset through Feb. 24. The exhibit, titled simply "Chinese Brushstroke on Canvas," displays not only what the artists sees as a convergence of traditional eastern and western painting styles but also another merging already inherent in centuries of Eastern Chinese art. The art of calligraphy, usually synonymous with Chinese writing technique to westerners, is so close in relation to the culture's methods of painting that the term applies to those as well.

Calligraphy, or the brushstroke technique involved, is naturally the basis of Ma's tradition-based artistic training. But the latest development in his art, as viewed in the SSAC show, is his attempts to blend the Chinese traditions with what he's observed in the values of American and western painting. Along with the paintings on the walls, the gallery features long scrolls made of handmade rice paper hanging from its ceiling and bearing Chinese characters in bold calligraphy, including the words of an ancient Eastern poem, "On the Stork Tower," which Ma said expresses the philosophy behind his work.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Qingxiong Ma talks to elementary school students from Hingham's Foster School about his exhibit at the South Shore Art Center.

"New Branches" is one of a dozen works Chinese-American artist Qingxiong Ma is showing at Cohasset's South Shore Art Center through Feb. 24.

"My paintings in this show are done in the traditional Chinese medium," said Ma, "which is acrylic on canvas using the Chinese horsehair brush. Chinese painting was originally done on silk or canvas, long before paper. This was because the silk and paper were more absorbent. Acrylic-like materials became very popular in painting with mineral colors, or blue and green non-transparent pigments, around the time of the Song Dynasty (960 AD). Acrylics are similar to these because they are strong and non-transparent."

"Western painting is different from Chinese in that it uses stronger colors, more like what was done in China during the Song Dynasty. But a lot of Westerners believe that if the colors in Chinese painting are not as strong, they're also a lot more simple, when actually the colors and blends of colors are more complex. So what I'm trying to do is blend the strength of Western colors with the complexity of Chinese colors," Ma said.

Ma, 56, was born in Guangdong, China, and before emigrating to the U.S., received a number of artistic honors and awards, including election to the Academy of Chinese Painting. Since 1991, the artist has hosted numerous one-man gallery exhibitions around Massachusetts, including one show last year at the Art Complex in Duxbury, and currently he teaches Chinese painting at the South Shore Art Center, the DeCordova Museum School in Lincoln, the Boston and Cambridge adult education centers and elsewhere.

The relation between writing and painting calligraphy may be evident in Ma's dozen exhibit works to even the casual observer. The title subject of "New Branches," for instance, are, as the artist is quick to point out, quite similar to brushstroke calligraphy in shape and form.

"New Branches" is also one of several natural subject studies in the show with a coming-of-spring theme, along with the budding pine tree image of "Expecting," and the self-descriptive "Impression of Spring" and "Spring Is Not Far Away." The last-two named, along with other richly textured landscape pieces such as "Mt. Huang in Morning Mist," "Grand Canyon," "Summer Dream" and "The Joy of Winter" display vast, expansive qualities that seem to convey the depth of ancient Chinese history as much as of the landscapes themselves.

"Eastern art is more concerned than many Western forms with spirit, energy, concept and soul," Ma said. "In this way, even empty spaces between images can give forth energy to complete the full picture. For this reason, Van Gogh was very influenced by Eastern painting."

For more information on this exhibit and gallery hours call the South Shore Art Center at (781) 383-2787

Food & dining

7-Minute Polenta

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Polenta is both a name for coarsely ground cornmeal as well as the Italian equivalent of cornmeal mush. (Polenta can be loose and creamy, thick, or subsequently baked into dense blocks.) The great mystery of polenta (the cooked variety) is that Italian cookbooks tell you that it takes at least 30 to 90 minutes of cooking to make it. Refusing to stand by the stove for half an hour stirring anything, much less cornmeal mush, I set out to make polenta in 10 minutes or less. Nuts to the traditionalists.

The first thing I noticed about polenta recipes is that they have little in common. Starting with 1 1/2 cups of coarsely ground cornmeal, one recipe uses 4 cups of water, another 7 cups, and a third uses 8 cups. The cooking times range from 30 minutes to 90 minutes (in a double boiler) yet the quicker cooking recipes use twice as much water as the slow-cooked version, a culinary anomaly if there ever was one.

I began testing with 1 1/2 cups of coarsely ground cornmeal and 4 cups of water. Many recipes warn about adding the cornmeal too quickly - some even suggest that this process takes 5 minutes. In fact, the cornmeal can be added in about 30 seconds as long as one keeps stirring. As for cooking time, I just don't know how one could possibly cook the mixture for 45 minutes. It was creamy and thick in 5 to 7 minutes, had a nice corn flavor, and had a bit of texture from the cornmeal

Italian cooking experts warn that quick-cooked polenta is harsh and bitter which is simply not true. In fact, I prefer 7-minute polenta because the texture is more interesting. (I suspect that the coarse cornmeal traditionally used in Italy may, in fact, take longer to cook. Nobody has bothered to adjust the cooking times to reflect the American product.)

Next, I investigated the varieties of cornmeal available at retail. The first is coarsely ground which is often referred to as polenta. In natural grocery stores it is also called corn grits. This is the type of cornmeal I was using in the testing and it worked well. Next, I tried a fine cornmeal that is sold by Quaker and Arrowhead Mills among others. (Quaker lists other ingredients on the package; Arrowhead is made just from corn.) Both brands produced polenta that was tasteless, slimy, mushy, and lumpy no matter how carefully I added the cornmeal. Instant polenta, which is precooked cornmeal, is available in 500g packages and sold under a variety of different labels. It cooked in 2 to 3 minutes and made decent polenta although the coarsely ground variety is better. Use it in a pinch.

As for other ingredients, many recipes suggest that half of the water may be substituted for milk or chicken stock. I tried milk, half-and-half and light cream and preferred the batch made with half-and-half. It was creamy without being overpowering. The stock added an unwelcome flavor that detracted from the pure corn taste I was looking for. Of course, the polenta needs salt - I added 1 1/2 teaspoons to the boiling water. Two other common ingredients are butter and cheese. I added 4 tablespoons butter and 1/2 cup grated cheese off the heat. I also added a few grinds of black pepper. My favorite cheese was Parmesan although I liked fontina as well. Ingredients tested and rejected include garlic, onion, bay leaf, cloves, cinnamon stick, olive oil, and bits of chopped herbs. This is one dish for which simplicity is key - don't muck it up with four-star chef ingredients.

This dish can be served with just about any tomato sauce - Bolognese is especially good. It is also good with oven-roasted sausages, any kind of braised meat or poultry, or a sauté of mushrooms. It can also be used instead of rice or noodles as a side dish to a stew. Like cornmeal mush, it can be served for breakfast with honey, cinnamon sugar, or hot maple syrup.

7-MINUTE POLENTA

It is important to use coarsely ground cornmeal which is also sold as polenta or corn grits. Do NOT use finely ground cornmeal.

4 cups water
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 cups coarse cornmeal
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 cup grated Parmesan or fontina cheese
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

In a medium saucepan bring the water to a boil. Add the salt and then gradually add the polenta while stirring. Reduce the heat to maintain a simmer, stirring constantly. The polenta should be smooth and large bubbles will pop on the surface. Cook until very thick but not stiff, about 5 to 7 minutes. This will vary slightly on the grind of the polenta and the freshness of the grain. Off heat add the butter, cheese and pepper. Serve immediately.

Serves 4 to 6 as a side dish.

RICH AND CREAMY POLENTA

Substitute 2 cups half-and-half for 2 cups of the water.

INSTANT POLENTA

Using the partially cooked version of the grain, called instant polenta, follow the above recipe reducing the cooking time to 2 to 3 minutes.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

A mixed bag of planetary influences can make for a hectic day. Wake up in a good mood. A lunar alignment to Saturn is in effect between 6:05-9:05 a.m. Focus on the positives of a situation rather than getting caught up in the limitations. The sun and Uranus conjoin at 25-degrees of Aquarius, adding an element of surprise. Projects may take unexpected turns. Keep an open mind; go with the flow. You may experience sudden flashes of insight and achieve breakthroughs in understanding. Mercury enters Aquarius at 12:20 p.m., remaining there until March 11. The moon continues to travel in intuitive Pisces.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

At 2:43 a.m. the Pisces moon forms a challenging 90-degree alignment to Pluto and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. No major planetary activity occurs. This is a wonderful day to kick back, relax and enjoy life. Making major commitments, purchases or launching new ventures are not advised.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

At 4:26 a.m. the moon enters Aries, highlighting new beginnings. Pull out all the stops. This is one of the best days of the month for starting new enterprises. Carefully organize your time, so that you can be productive. Don't jump to conclusions or go to extremes between 2:27-5:27 p.m., when the moon aligns with Jupiter. Put on our party hat tonight. This evening rates high for social, romantic activities.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Get an early start to this day. Above-average planetary influences continue in the morning and early afternoon. Channel high energy constructively. New is in; old is out. Launch important projects, promote ideas, initiate relationships. The moon travels in enthusiastic Aries, and a harmonious alignment of Venus and Jupiter occurs at 1:18 p.m. A lunar alignment to Mars in the late evening warns you to slow down, chill out.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

An Aries moon continues to set a fast pace. Get back in the swing of favorite sports or exercise routines. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can get them out of the way in short time. The moon aligns with the sun at 2:55 p.m. and becomes inactive. Influences turn around completely at 4:58 p.m., when the moon enters Taurus. An applying alignment of Venus and Saturn urges you to maintain a positive attitude. Count your blessings. Don't let doubt, fear or frustration creep in.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

This is a morning that can go either way. A positive attitude is your ace in the hole. Venus forms a challenging 90-degree contact to Saturn at 8:13 a.m. In addition, a lunar alignment to Neptune can make for a slow start. On the other hand, influences are prime for kicking back, veging out and enjoying the good things in life. The sun enters Pisces at 3:14 p.m., remaining there until March 20.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

The moon continues its travel in steady Taurus, active until 6:34 p.m. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. You can get a lot accomplished today. Rest, relax and recharge your batteries this evening.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

The moon enters Gemini at 3:50 a.m., setting a quick pace today and tomorrow. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 7:02 a.m., signaling the buildup to a full moon on February 27. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini, prepares to form a flowing 120-degree alignment to Saturn. That means that today's influences are favorable for signing contracts, launching new enterprises. All communications get the green light; write letters, send e-mails, make phone calls.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Take it slow and easy this morning. Storm clouds move in between 10:31 a.m.-1:31 p.m., when the Gemini moon opposes Pluto. Think before you say or do anything you will later regret. Fortunately, this planetary influence moves out quickly, and the remainder of the day and evening rates high across the board. New starts in your business or personal life are recommended. Let fun and games top your agenda this evening.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

At 2:53 a.m. the Gemini moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive until 11:16 a.m. Avoid rigid time schedules; there may be unexpected distractions or delays. Finish old business and don't start anything new until 11:16 a.m., when the moon enters the sign Cancer. Planetary action points to an above-average afternoon and evening. If you have work projects to accomplish, important decisions to make or contracts to sign, don't delay. Influences are prime for new starts across the board. In addition, the evening is great for socializing. Gather with friends and family; let the good times roll.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

The moon travels in the sign Cancer this weekend, placing the focus on family and domestic responsibilities. Influences rate high for purchasing or selling land, property, household appliances. Give extra time and attention to children, pets. A harmonious alignment of the sun and Jupiter generates an upbeat mood, making this another great evening for partying.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Conflicting planetary influences set the stage for a morning that can go either way. The Cancer moon forms a challenging 90-degree contact to combative Mars at 8:39 a.m., when it becomes inactive. Choose your words carefully. Don't rock the boat. On the other hand, an alignment of Mercury and Neptune prompts you to spend time alone. Pursue activities that help you to relax and unwind. Storm clouds move out at 2:36 p.m., when the moon enters playful Leo. The evening is prime for enjoying favorite friends, food, conversation.

Award-winning plants for the landscape

Green thumbs up

Part 1

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

High above the frozen earth in the stark, bare branches of a grand old cherry tree, the resonating call of a brilliant, scarlet red cardinal pierced the still morning air on a damp, gray day in early February. From a distance, a faint reply drifted across the landscape. The cheerful melodies of these handsome, crested dignitaries offered the promise that other signs of springtime might soon appear. As the skies darkened and a chilly drizzle began to fall, I retreated indoors to browse through catalogs, magazines and reference books and to dream of the beauty resting beneath the soil.

The month of February is an ideal time to plan new gardens and research potential acquisitions for the landscape. With so many plants from which to chose, however, the selection process can become quite overwhelming. Through the years, plant specialists have sought to provide guidance to gardeners by designating exceptional plants with various awards and titles.

The Cary Award is particularly noteworthy as it recognizes distinctive woody plants for our New England region. Since 1997, the Worcester County Horticultural Society has bestowed this honor on nearly two dozen plants in an effort to encourage gardeners to grow outstanding plants that may not be particularly well known but thrive in our local area. Named for Edward Cary, an exceptional plantsman from Shrewsbury, MA, local horticulturists nominate and vote for these plants each year. Garden centers offer many of these award-winning plants, often displaying a Cary Award blue ribbon label.

There are three Cary Award winners for this year including two shrubs, Rhododendron yakusimanum 'Ken Janek' and Seven-Son Flower (Heptacodium miconioides), and a tree, Cornus kousa, commonly known as the Korean dogwood. All three of these plants have been growing in my own garden for a number of years, trouble free with minimal care.

I discovered the family of 'yak' rhododendrons years ago and fell instantly in love with these slow-growing, compact shrubs. Their small stature made them ideal specimens for the garden and foundation plantings plus the soft, suede-like covering found on the underside of the leaves and on new foliage and buds was irresistible. This fuzzy coating, known as indumentum, may be cinnamon-brown, beige or nearly white, as it is in 'Ken Janek'. Deep pink flower buds open to form large pale pink trusses which fade to white on a shrub that grows only four to six inches a year, eventually reaching three feet in height. Provide evergreen rhododendrons with a moisture-retentive, well-drained soil and protection from sun and wind during the winter months to prevent desiccation of the foliage.

A more recent addition to my shrub border, the Seven-Son Flower (Heptacodium miconioides) offers numerous desirable attributes. This little known, vigorous shrub from China can potentially reach a height of 15 feet. Shiny, dark green leaves are attractive all season long with clusters of seven, tiny, fragrant, white flowers appearing in early autumn. Showy, reddish-pink sepals persist into November. A mature specimen exhibits gorgeous, exfoliating bark for lovely winter appeal. Tolerant of drought and salt, Heptacodium will thrive in a wide range of conditions but prefers a moderately fertile, well-drained soil in sun to partial shade.

Cornus kousa has been rapidly gaining in popularity in recent years due to its resistance to dogwood anthracnose. It is more densely branched and upright in habit than its American counterpart, Cornus florida, and its blossoms appear three weeks later. White flower bracts are star-like in form and appear on the upper side of the branches once the trees have fully leafed-out. Attractive red fruits that resemble raspberries or cherries appear in autumn and are favored by wildlife during the winter months. Peeling bark reveals lighter patches on mature specimens. Adaptable to sun or partial shade, the Korean dogwood and its cultivars perform best in well-drained soils and may be trained as a single-stemmed tree or a multi-stemmed shrub reaching an ultimate height of 25 feet at maturity.

Previous Cary Award winners in the tree category include two types of Magnolias, Magnolia stellata 'Centennial' and Magnolia 'Leonard Messel'. Each of these trees demonstrates spectacular spring flowers, lovely pewter-gray, speckled bark, and large, fuzzy, silky-gray flower buds that appear in late summer and are attractive throughout the winter months. Grow in moist, well-drained, acid soils, preferably in a sunny locale.

The Japanese Stewartia, a 1997 recipient, produces lovely, plump buds in late spring that open around the 4th of July to reveal waxy white blossoms with a prominent cluster of yellow stamens in the center. The smooth, pewter gray bark exfoliates to reveal creamy white patches. Tolerant of partial shade, the stewartia performs best in moisture-retentive, well-drained soils.

The elegant form of the weeping Alaska cedar, Chamaecyparis nootkatensis 'Pendula', graces my front walk where its evergreen, cascading branches serve as a screen for parked cars and a source of year-round interest. The 'Donald Wyman' crabapple was acknowledged last year for its handsome, glossy foliage, white flowers and prolific, persistent, bright red fruit. Both species prefer well-drained soils in full sun. Rounding out the list of Cary award trees are the Cornelian cherry (Cornus mas), a member of the dogwood family, whose bright yellow flowers appear in late winter and produce red, edible fruits, and the Japanese tree lilac (Syringa reticulata), which displays large clusters of showy, fragrant, white flowers in late spring.

Classes

THE SOUTH SHORE YMCA AT MILL POND announces the introduction of **Family Education and Parenting Programs** at their facility. Programs include Mommy and Me, a discussion program for mothers and their infants birth to one year, and Walk With Me for moms and their children birth to three who would like to get back into shape while connecting with other mothers. Toddler Play, a play group designed for parents and their children 1 to 3 years old. Parenting Your Toddler, and Active parenting for Parents of Teens and Pre-Teens are also included in the new Family Education program offering. Programs begin the week of Jan. 28. For information call Cheryl Botieri at 781-829-8585 ext 260 or ext 227.

INSIGHT EDUCATIONS CENTER is presenting a workshop at various South Shore locations during the months of January and February. **Raising Confident Girls** ages 2 to 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Certificates of attendance for teachers, nurses, and child care providers. $25 per individuals; $40 per co-parenting couple; $20 for groups of 4 plus. Jan. 24, held at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Braintree; Jan. 29, at Canton Community Kindergarten and Feb. 27, at South Shore Community Center. Pre-registration is required by calling InSight at 781-294-8004.

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11th ANNUAL WALK FOR HOSPICE is set for March 8. The care provided by Hospice of South Shore is not always reimbursed by insurance. Since hospice care is so important to patients and families, Hospice of the South Shore provides it regardless of a person's ability to pay. The generosity of participants at the Annual Walk for Hospice helps assure that Hospice of the South Shore's unique services are available to anyone who needs them. To be a part of the 11th Annual Walk for Hospice, or to volunteer, call Katelin Martin at South Shore Health and Education Foundation at 781-340-8573 for information.

DOO-WOPP HALL OF FAME OF AMERICA The Second Annual Doo-Wopp Hall of Fame of America" concert and induction, honoring The Five Keys, The Moonglows, The Harptones, the Shirelles, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, the G-Clefs, Arnie "Woo-Woo" Ginsberg, and Skippy White at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, March 29, 8 p.m. tickets $59, $51.50, $41.50 (special VIP reception $159) Box office 617-266-1200, or Ticketmaster outlets 617-931-2000. VIP reception reservations only call 978-256-6472.

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE in Braintree will present the production of a musical fable **"Once Upon a Mattress"** directed by Martha Sawyer. Production dates are March 14, 15, 16, Sunday, the 17, and 20, 21, 22, and Sunday, the 23. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sundays at 7 p.m. Call and reserve tickets 781-356-5113, leave message. Tickets are $14 the CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

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Broadway Exchange in "The Lullaby of Broadway," comes to Marshfield's Bridgewaye Inn Saturday, Feb. 16 as part of a Valentine's Day celebration. The evening begins with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the show at 8:30. Cost is $25 for dinner and the show which will feature more than two dozen Broadway tunes in a fresh and contemporary style. The Bridgewaye Inn is located at 1265 Ferry Street. Call for reservations. 781-837-6505.

Thurs. 14

South Shore Men of Harmony will offer "**Singing Valentines**," on Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. or Thursday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A barbershop quartet will be sent in appropriate costume, to anywhere on the South Shore, search out the person, sing "Heart of My Heart I love You" and "I Love You Truly," present a long-stemmed rose, a lovely valentine card naming the sender and a Polaroid picture. Available for $40. To place an order or for more details call Bill Fitzgerald 781-337-0227 or Pete Fitzgerald 781-341-1688.

Raffael's Restaurant and JM Productions, announce its third dinner theater season beginning Feb. 14, 20 and 21 with **"Its G I Jive"** An all American USO tribute with Michael Kreutz, Brian DeLorenzo, Mary Callanan and Dorothy Miller. Join these performers for an evening of music celebrating the USO generation with music to honor America and those who have served in the armed forces both past and present. Tickets are $45 per person or $35 per person for the matinee series. Ticket includes dinner, show, tax & gratuity. The menu includes a garden salad, your choice of a chicken, beef or fish dinner, a vegetable medley, potato and dessert along with coffee or tea and a cash bar. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Lunch starts at noon. To order tickets via credit card, call Raffael's Restaurant at 617-328-1600.

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, will unveil schematic designs for its expansion and renovation developed by world-renowned architectural firm, Foster and Partners (London). The program will include presentations by Malcolm Rogers, Ann and Graham Gund director of MFA, and Pritzker Prize-winning architect Lord Foster. 10:30 a.m. to noon Remis Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Call 617-369-3540 for information.

Heart's Desire Ball sponsored by Mr. Tux will be held to benefit New England charities. The black tie gala balls will be held simultaneously on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at seven locations. The Heart's Desire Ball will be held at the locations. Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers, Ridder Country Club, Whitman, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chateau Provost, Chicopee; The Granite Rose, Hampstead, NH: West Valley Inn, W. Warwick, R.I, Manccely's S. Windsor, Conn. Tickets are $45 per person, which includes a tuxedo rental for the gentlemen. A portion of the proceeds from each ticket will benefit one of the charities as directed by the ticket purchaser.

Valentine's Day Tea at the Science Center. Join the South Shore Science Center at a special tea on Valentine's Day and learn the history and traditions associated with this midwinter holiday. Bring a favorite or homemade valentine to the tea with you. Tea and delicious valentine treats will be served following the presentation. Feb. 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Admission $7 members/$10 non-members. Preregistration is required. Call the center at 781-659-2559.

Valentine's Day Gala with the **Plymouth Philharmonic** The Sheraton Plymouth's Valentine's Day Gala will feature a full night of dinner and dancing, with music by The Plymouth Philharmonic Swing Orchestra on Valentine's Day, Thursday, Feb. 14. Cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. with an acoustic guitar playing jazz and classical music. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the main ballroom, as guests are serenaded by a jazz duet of guitar and saxophone. After dinner George J. Sharr and the Plymouth Philharmonic Symphony Swing Orchestra will play the night away. The price for dinner and dancing is $139 per couple. Or a couple can enjoy dinner, dancing and overnight accommodations for $219. For reservations and more information call 508-747-4900.

The Solid Gold Oldies Show at the **Quincy Dinner Theater**, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. Musical review featuring songs of the 50s and 60s. Feb. 14, 16. Thurs. Fri., Sat., dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30; Sun. matinee, dinner at 2 show at 3:30 p.m. Charge $37.50 for dinner and show. Wheelchair accessible. For reservations, call 781-843-5862.

The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery, Bridgewater will feature recent work **Brenda Correia**, now through March 8. For information call 508-531-1359.

Fri. 15

South Shore Folk Music Club, The Beal House, Rt. 106, Main Street, Kingston featuring **Nathan Thompson, Ryan McHugh and "Dennis & Dennis"** followed by open mike. Sign up when doors open at 7:30; the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets purchased at the door only - $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free, refreshments will be available. Hall is handicapped accessible. For more information all 781-871-1052.

Family Performing Arts Center fundraiser "Another...Evening of Song" Feb. 15, 8 p.m. and Feb. 17, at 3 p.m. at Furnace Brook Auditorium on Rte. 139 in Marshfield. Tickets $15 if reserved or purchased in advance, and at all times for students and senior citizens. Tickets purchased at the door $20; all seating is general admission. Call 781-837-8990 for ticket information. Proceeds to benefit the scholarship programs for Kidspot and Teenspot's summer theatre camp.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., presents **"You Can't Take It With You"** A screwball comedy from the 1930's, live on stage at Massasoit Buckley Center Feb. 15 to 24, 8 p.m. Sunday performance Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 general public/$10 senior citizens and students. All seats reserved. Call 508-427-1234; major credit cards.

The South Shore Arts and Recreations Center will hold youth dances for ages 9 to 13 on Feb. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $6 per person. For more information, call 508-747-1234.

The Milton Players will perform the American classic **"To Kill a Mockingbird"** evening performances on Feb. 15, and 16 begin at 8 p.m. Friday evenings are reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. Performances are at the Milton Woman's Club, 90 Reedsdale Rd., (Rt. 28) in Milton. To order tickets call 617-698-SHOW or wwwmiltonplayers.org

Sophisticated Singles Social and Dance, Feb. 15, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland Exit 14 off Rte. 3 781-446-0234. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. complimentary hors d'oeuvres and free door prizes. For singles professionals 35-55 years old. a non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress required. Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and the Single Executives Club.

Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College presents **"You Can't Take It With You"** Feb. 15, 16, and 22, 23 at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. A comedy by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, directed by Michael Pevzner. Tickets $12, $10/students and senior citizens. Group rates available. All seats reserved. Call 508-427-1234. Credits cards welcome at no extra charge.

Sat. 16

Parents Without Partners will sponsor a dance Feb. 16, at 8:30 p.m. at Club 29, DAV Liberty street, Braintree. Wheelchair accessible cost is $5 for members, $8 for non-members. Food available. Call (781) 337-6766 for more information.

Have-A-Heart for Marfan Valentine's Dance presented by the **Boston Beanstalks Tall Club** Feb. 16, from 8 to midnight at the Best Western TLC Hotel, Totten Pond Road at Route 128, Waltham. Tickets $12 before 8:30 p.m./$15 after 8:30 p.m. All profits from the door and 50/50 ticket sales will be donated to the National Marfan Foundaiton. Hors d'ouvres provided. Bob Learnard will be spinning the tunes. For information call or 617-HUB-TALL or www.hubtall.org

Massachusetts Audubon Society presents **Connecting with our Open Space**. The Kingston Open Space Committee is offering a free walk for adults and children on Saturday, from 1 to 3 p.m. Meet naturalist **Ellyn Einhorn** on Feb. 16, Pawtuxet Park.

Out with the Owls outing to look and listen for owls; from 4 to8 a.m. Call 781-837-9400 for information.

Celebrating Patriots and Pilgrims: Plymouth in the Revolution, and in honor of Black History Month, Pilgrim Hall Museum will host Hazel Kreinheder, Ethnic and Minority

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Specialist for the Daughters of the American Revolution, on Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. as part of Pilgrim Hall's Lydia Russell Goodhue Lecture Series. Pilgrim Society members $5/non members $8. For information call, 508-746-1620 ext. 7 or www.pilgrimhall.org.

Comedy night at NoWey Café, 321 Bridge Street, (Route 3A) Weymouth, Feb. 16, 9 p.m. starring **Bob Lazarus, Bob Niles, Vernon Harrison**. Tickets $8/$10 at the door. For information call 781-337-1020 or 781-340-18789.

New England Boat Show, Bayside Expo Center, Feb. 16, to 24. One of the oldest boat shows in the country and will feature more than a quarter of a million square feet of powerboats, sailboats, and accessories. Admission $9 adults/$5 children ages 6 to 12 (children under 6 free). For information call 1-800-225-1577.

Old Ship Coffee House, 107 Main Street, Hingham, 8 to 11 p.m. featuring Michael Brown. Open slam contest for $100 prize, open mike.

The First Baptist Church, 580 Webster Street, Hanover will host a **Victorian Tea,** Feb. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. $5 adults/$3 children. For more information call 781-878-0707.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet Feb. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth. **Paul Lindstrom** will demonstrate painting in oils. The meeting is open to the public and is free. Refreshments will be served. For information call 781-337-1402.

Broadway Exchange in "The Lullaby of Broadway," a trip to Broadway at the **Bridgwaye Inn**, 1265 Ferry Street, Marshfield, Feb. 16. Dinner show, $30. Call for reservations. 781-837-6505.

Sun. 17

Gunnar and Matthew Nelson In Concert Tribute To Their Father at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Gunnar and Matthew Nelson and their band will perform a live concert tribute to the music of their father, Ricky Nelson, as well as their own top-10 songs for two shows, Feb. 17, at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $29 in advance and $32 day of the show. A limited number of VIP tickets at $55 for the 7 p.m. show, which includes the best seats and a reception with Gunnar and Matthew Nelson. Purchase tickets at the box office or call 781-871-2787 or www.companytheatre.com .

Mon. 18

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Library will offer free admission on Feb. 18, in celebration of President's Day. Visitors will also receive 20 percent discount on all Museum Store merchandise. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The waived admission does not apply to the admission fee to the special exhibition Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years - Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. For information call 617-929-4523.

Tues. 19

The South Shore Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will meet Feb. 19, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House, Fearing Road, Hingham. New members are welcome. Donations may be sent to MCFL South Shore, P.O. Box 591, Accord, MA 02018. For information call 925-5323. The group's annual fundraising yard sale will be May 4, (rain date May 18) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cardinal Cushing School in Hanover.

The Easter Seals North River Stroke Support Group will meet at the Norwell Council on Aging, 293 Pine Street, Norwell on Feb. 19, at 1 p.m. for information call 781-826-7348 or 800-244-2756 x 1684.

Wed. 20

Water Watch Lecture Series 2002, Where's the Beach? A tour of the Massachusetts Shoreline and a Discussion of Shore Dynamics. Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Science Center. Coastal Process Specialist **Jim O' Connell** of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Sea Grant Program and the Cape cod Cooperative Extension will take you on a tour of the Massachusetts coastline with a slide show, including aerial photographs of the dramatic changes along the shore. He will explain the dynamics of eroding and accreting beaches, dunes, and other coastal land forms, as well as give a summary of the results of the state's most recent shoreline change data, going back to the mid-1800's. This presentation will include local areas such as Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury, Plymouth, as well as Cape Cod. This lecture will be of particular interest to waterfront property owners, as Jim's lecture will include a discussion of erosion control alternatives.

Boston Poetry Slam at The Cantab Lounge, 738 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square, Cambridge every Wednesday night. Feb. 20, featuring **Ron Goba,** premieres, "The Music Box." Semi-final. 8 p.m. open mike; 9:30 p.m. feature; 10:30 p.m. slam. $3 All ages welcome, but everyone must have a photo ID.

Broadway In Boston presents **"The Graduate"** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

The Speech Company is offering workshops in "10 steps for effective speaking" and "being a more effective communicator" on Feb. 20, at the Stratis Business Center in Hingham from 7 to 9 p.m. These workshops are designed to improve your communications skills in front of groups and one-on-one. For information and directions call 781-749-7895.

Thurs. 21

Hingham Newcomers Club presents a Children' Concert performed by singer and storyteller, **Steve Roslonek**, will be held on Feb. 21, at the Loring Hall Theatre located at 65 Main Street, Hingham. There will be two performances at 9:30 and 11 a.m. The concert is geared for children ages 2 to 8 years old. Tickets are $6 per person at the door children under age 1 are free.

Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center, 45 Pond Street, Norwell. Feng Shui: Love, marriage and Romantic Happiness from 7 to 9 p.m. $28. For information call 781-982-1616. Prepaid registration required for all events.

South Shore Women's Business Network "Brown Bag Seminar" Feb. 21, Allerton House, Weymouth. **Louise Rachin** and **Claudia Rasmussen** of Welch Healthcare & Retirement Group will discuss the clinical criteria and common misconceptions about assisted living and adult day health as well as best practices for researching and evaluating options. Bring lunch and coffee, soda and dessert will be provided. Call 781-749-8883 for more information.

Comedy Show at Jimbo's in Braintree featuring **Bob Niles, Bill Ford, Annette Pollack, Stephen Leach, Eric Cannon, Michelle Peirce and Ross Garmil.** All shows start at 8:30 p.m. Special priced appetizers will be served during the show. Reservations recommended. Call 781-848-0300.

The Braintree Art Association will meet Feb. 21, at 7:15 p.m. at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Avenue, Braintree. **Edwina Caci** will demonstrate framing your art work. The public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

Blue Hills Ski Area to host a Four-Event Pro/Am Snowboard Series to be held four Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 24, and will give some of the area's top pros an opportunity to show off their talents as well as provide anyone who wants to give it a go, a chance to see how they measure up. There are two age divisions for Amateur riders along with a men and women's pro division. Registration will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. each night with the contest always beginning at 7 p.m. Entry fees will be $15 for amateurs and $30 for pros. The fee includes a lift ticket. Half of the entry goes towards prize money. Live music will be provided for the last two events. Other dates are Feb. 21, and March 7.

Fri. 22

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, Feb. 22, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. $5/SSS members, $8/non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Cape Cod Opera presents Puccini's **Madama Butterfly**, starring **Andrea DelGiudice** as Cio-Cio San. Performances are Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. and Feb. 23, at 3 p.m. at Harwich High School, Oak Street, Harwich. Tickets $25 per person under age 18 free (subject to availability). Call 508-398-1068 or Cape Cod Opera, 108 Old Main Street, S. Yarmouth, 02664.

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Impressionist Still Life an exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston is on display from Feb. 17 through June 9. For information on this exhibit and museum hours call the MFA at (617) 267-9300.

The Fuller Museum of Art seeks vendors for its **Fifth Annual African Festival and Marketplace** which will take place Feb. 23. The African Festival is a celebration of the contributions of Africans and African-Americans to the arts, and features a day of music, drama, art activities and lectures. The African Marketplace consists of 10 to 15 vendors selling handcrafted or imported Afrocentric items. No novelty items are accepted. Interested individuals in applying for a vendor booth should send a letter describing their items/artwork as well of photographs. Items should sell for $30 or less. Applications that are late or do not include photographs will not be considered. Send applications to African Festival and Marketplace, Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Ongoing Events

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union Street, Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. the club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

The Duxbury Art Association presents Monotype Guild of New England's Fifth Annual Juried Exhibition opens in the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts, A reception will be held Feb. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.. Scituate artist, Ester Mashio will demonstrate printing making techniques at 2 p.m. The exhibitions opens Feb. 10, and continues through April 19. The exhibition, reception and demonstration are open to the public at no charge. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 781-934-2731.

Maria's Bachelorette Party, the original interactive dinner theatre show, a spoof on an **"Italian Bridal Shower"** has been extended March 8, and April 19, at **The Tremont Playhouse**, 275 Tremont Street, Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40.95, includes dinner and show. Call 1-800-944-5639 for tickets.

Weymouth Art Association will display work by its members at several locations around Weymouth for February and March.

Art in the Rotunda at Rockland Memorial Library 20 Belmont Street, Rockland, will feature artist Robert Dunn's black and white photographs now through March 1.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum - Featured among the more than 70 original costumes and accessories worn by **Jacqueline Kennedy** are the two outfits she wore to the Christmas receptions for White House staff. The White House years – Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum now being presented through Feb. 28. Tickets are $15 for adults $13 for seniors and students, and $8 for children ages 13-17, and include admission to the Museum's permanent exhibition on President John F. Kennedy. For information call 617-695-2JFK. Reservations recommended for weekends.

The Gallery Artists of the Scituate Art Association will present our country's colors of red while and blue in a variety of creative contexts now through Feb. 24. Public is welcome. Gallery hours are Tues. through Saturday from 10 a.m. to5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Call 781-545-6150 for more information.

The James Library and Center for Arts presents "Something for Everyone," a show of decorative arts and paintings by local artist **Sally Dean** Feb. 1 to 28. An opening reception for the public will be held on Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 781-659-7100.

Braintree Art Association member **Eddy Brown** will be displaying her paintings for the month of February at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree.

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center will host a show of arts and oil paintings by local artist **Sally Dean** during the month of February. The show "Something for Everyone" will be on view from Feb. 1 through 28. There will be an opening reception open to the public on Friday, Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for further information.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Barbara Swanson** will exhibit her painting for the month of February at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad street, Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402

The Fuller Art Museum will feature photographs by **Max Belcher** from Liberia and the Dominican Republic now until March 31. The museum is open Tuesday - Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admissions $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, and free for children under age 18. For more information call 508-588-6000 or www.fullermuseum.org

Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers"; Those who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women who choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. Come join us! The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

Snow Tubing at Blue Hills Ski Area will have yet another new adventure for winter enthusiasts this coming season. With a new infinite snowboarding park already set, the management of Blue Hills Ski Area announce plans for a new **snow tubing park.** Snow tubing is a no-skills

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Oil Paintings by Hull artist Claire Gamble – including a piece that memorializes the Sept. 11 tragedy – are featured in the windows of **Brewed Awakenings**, 19 Main St., Hingham Square throughout the month of January, courtesy of **Artful Things Gallery** in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-6595 or www.artfulthings.com

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery in Hingham features **"Havens,"** a photographic exhibition by Scituate artist **Tim Ryan,** now through the end of February. Admission is free. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16

The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery located at the corner of School and Summer Streets in Bridgewater will exhibit the work of members of **the Portuguese-American Artist Association**, Jan. 14 through Feb. 8. A non-profit art association whose mission is to showcase the creative and visual talents of the Portuguese-American community, the work is diverse, ranging from abstract art to printmaking to ceramic sculpture. All of the artists are of Portuguese-American descent. For information call 508-531-1359.

Boston Harbor Hotel announced it will host the **13th Annual Boston Wine Festival.** The series which will kickoff Jan. 11, and continue through April 5, will include a number of events such as educational seminars, charity affairs, the battle of the cabernets, and wine and food pairing dinners that have become the signature of the festival. Chef Daniel Bruce will produce menus to be paired with some very special and rare wines. Come hear the wine makers tell their tales and showcase their talents. More than 50 events are scheduled, including: seminars, vertical tastings, dinner dances and celebrity guests. There will be 50 wines showcased throughout this year's festival. For more information call 617-439-7000.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury, will present recent works, watercolors and collages by Lexington artist, **Gracia Dayton** from Jan. 4 though Feb. 28. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-934-2721.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

Tours to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call 617-479-8500 ext. 135-1.

Special Olympics Offers Free Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Meetings

MOTHERS & MORE: South Shore Chapter. If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about MOTHERS & MORE! Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers", those who have altered their career paths to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women to choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street, Hingham. Please contact Teri Angelis at (617) 328-5605

THE NETWORK VOICE TOASTMASTER CLUB OF WEYMOUTH - Meets from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., on the first and third Wednesdays each month at Tufts Library, Broad Street in Weymouth. We provide mutually supportive and positive learning environment to develop communication and leadership skills. Call 781-335-1676 to register or for more information.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES a journey to inner peace will meet on Thursdays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 112

Reunions

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982 is looking for classmates for its 20th reunion. Plans are underway now, organizers are looking for names and contact information. Contact Eric Braley by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

Just for kids

SOUTH SHORE SCIENCE CENTER, is offering programs during February vacation week. Feb. 19, Meet the Scientists; Feb. 20, There's a Method to their Madness; Feb. 21, tools, Toys and Test Tubes; Feb. 22, Mapping Madness. Choose half-day (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) or full day (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) on a per day basis. Fees. are $20M/$24/NM per half day; $34M/$38NM per full day. A separate Kindergarten program runs 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and is $14 members/$16 non-members per day. Pre registration and prepayment are required. The center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. For information call, 781-659-2559. www.ssnsc.org

SOUTH SHORE SCIENCE CENTER Winter Programs: Feed the Animals, Tales from the Wild, Parents and Tots, After School Nature Programs, Call 781-659-2559 for information.

TREASURE HUNT for ages pre-K through grade 5 at the Captain Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams Street, Milton. Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 617-696-1815 for information.

THE SOUTH SHORE ARTS AND RECREATIONS CENTER will hold youth dances for ages 9 to 13 on Feb. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $6 per person. For more information, call 508-747-1234.

CHILDREN'S WEEKEND AT SHERATON PLYMOUTH Feb. 23, from 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. offering Puppets, Parade and More from 1 to 3 p.m., from 3 to 6 p.m. "Free Time". 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Renowned "Kids Break" Entertainment Troupe performs "Kids Break." The Children's Weekend Day Package includes all activities for %40 per family (2 adults, 3 children) use of pool is not included (must be an overnight guest). The Children's Weekend Overnight Package includes all the acitivities, overnight accommodations with the use of the pool and breakfast buffet on Sunday with the costumed children's characters. Package rates start at $199 per family (2 adults/2 children). Meals on Saturday are not included in either day or overnight package. For information call tollfree 877-500-0050.

MASSACHUSETTS AUDUBON SOCIETY Nature Story Hour, Feb. 19 and 22, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to 5 years. Fee: $4/$6 non-members.

Feb. 23, **Ex-skull-ent Adventure**, Feb. 23, for children 6 years and older. Explore the world of animals skulls and bones with an expert. Fee $8/$11.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: High school students who are planning to train for a technology career are invited to visit the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology during the February vacation week. For information call 617-423-4630, ext 121.

SOUTH SHORE ARTS & RECREATION CENTER is a non-profit organization established to provide youth, ages 9 to 18, a safe environment during after school hours, They are committed to providing local youth with opportunities to explore and enjoy those fine and performing arts, academic, recreational and social activities which will contribute to their personal development, enhance their community awareness and stimulate creative energies. Membership offers use of the game room, computer lab, discounts on ceramics, theater, birthday parties, dances and concerts. Plans are being made to include a video studio where members will be offered training on video taping and editing. The game room includes pool, ping pong, air hockey and foosball. The computer lab has restricted internet access to age appropriateness. Membership fee for 2002 is $75 per year or $25 per quarter. For information call Terri-Lee Zinsius at 508-747-1234.

TUMBLE TYKES located in Merchants Row Mall, Hanover. The program is an educational gymnastics program for children ages 1 to 5 years including playgroups, parent-tot classes, instructional gymnastic classes and birthday parties. The facility has been designed with age appropriate equipment, a zip line, trampolines and a giant replica of a pirate ship filled with foam cubes, slides, tunnels, trapeze

For Your Health

JORDAN HOSPITAL offers free physicals, including breast and cervical screening services for eligible, uninsured and underinsured women over the age of 18. These free services include mammograms, clinical breast exams, Pap test, physical exams, and health education are offered to income-eligible women in Massachusetts through the Women's Health Network Program. Screenings by appointment. For more information or to enroll in the program, contact JordanCall at 800-750-5343.

MEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP AT JORDAN HOSPITAL offers free physicals, including cardiovascular disease and prostate cancer screenings and support groups to men who are 18 years of age or older, and are uninsured or underinsured. These free health screening services include a Prostate Specific Antigen Test and a Digital Rectal Exam for men over age 50, or for African-American men and those with a family history of prostate cancer who are over age 40.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP offered by Jordan Health Systems, Inc., monthly meetings held the second Monday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Jordan Hospital, 275 Sandwich Street, Plymouth. (Route 3 exit 5). Men who have been diagnosed with or treated for prostate cancer as well as their family and friends are invited to attend. Meetings are open to the public, free of charge and are funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. For more information call JordanCall at 800-750-5343. **ADULT DAY HEALTH PROGRAM** is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at the Salvation Army in Quincy). Medicaid, MassHeallth and other funding available.

FREE PROSTATE SCREENING CLINICS Jordan Hospital will offer a free prostate cancer-screening clinic on Fe. 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Cancer Center at Jordan Hospital. This screening exam includes a free physician DRE examination and PSA blood test and is recommended for all men over the age of 50. Screenings are by appointment only. Call 1-800 750-5343.

PATHWAY CENTERS FOR CANCER SUPPORT INC. has moved to 273 Hanover Street, Hanover. A non-profit organization. Pathways offers education, counseling and mind-body approaches to surgery, chemotherapy and radiation free of charge to those facing the life challenges of cancer. Support services are held the first and third Wednesday of each month. Support services are also offered to their loved ones. Complementary therapies such as acupuncture, massage and reflexology are available on a sliding scale basis when deemed appropriate by medical caregivers. Yoga classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.. For information call 781-829-4823.

Courses Offered for Adults with Developmental Disabilities held at New England Village located on Route 27 in Pembroke. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Classes include Basic First Aide II, Clay Sculpture, Bicycle Safety, Restaurant Etiquette and an Acting Workshop. To register or for more information call Lisa Drennan at (781) 293-5461 ext. 119. Power Wheelchairs Available. The Senior Wheels USA Program makes power electric wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 years. old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost if you qualify. Available for those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair. If your need is for use in your home, call for more information at 800-246-6010.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

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Encore for plaza plan

Owner back with proposal

By Evan Schiff
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Donald Staszko, owner of Cohasset Plaza on Route 3A, doesn't give up.

The local businessman, is back again this year with plans to expand the Route 3A shopping center anchored by Super Stop & Shop.

And with the state fiscal crisis looming — the estimated $100,000 in tax dollars that a large, new retail store could bring to town — could look good enough to Town Meeting voters to tip the odds in Staszko's favor this year.

This is the third time in four years, the Beach Street resident will ask Town Meeting for a zoning change to set the stage for the expansion. Zoning by-law amendments require a 2/3 vote on the floor of Town Meeting.

The article is not a carbon copy of the one voted on last year that missed winning the necessary 2/3 majority by only four votes. Town Meeting rules don't allow a failed article to appear two years in a row.

"We're taking the same article and tweaking it a bit," Staszko told selectmen last week. "The words are changed but not the end result."

Under the current bylaw when a district boundary line divides a lot, a use permitted on one portion of the lot may be extended into the other portion by up to 200 feet with a special permit. But this allowance does not apply to property, such as Cohasset Plaza, which is in the watershed protection district. The proposed amendment would lift that restriction and allow the property owner to apply to the Zoning Board for a special permit.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he thinks the expansion of the plaza would be beneficial to the town.

"I've been in favor of this for years now," he said. "It could add approximately $100,000 in additional revenue to the tax base."

Although they have not yet voted to recommend the article, selectmen gave the proposal a warm reception last week. Selectmen, the Capital Budget Committee and the Advisory Committee supported the plaza expansion article before Town Meeting last year that would have extended the highway business district by 200 feet to the rear of

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Local sergeant named chief

By Evan Schiff
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The long, somewhat exhausting, search for a new police chief has finally come to an end.

On Tuesday, Town Manager Mark Haddad announced that he will appoint Sgt. Robert W Jackson as the new chief.

While selectmen still need to ratify the appointment, and a contract needs to be negotiated, it's anticipated that Jackson will assume the role on March 8.

"I'm flattered, honored and humbled," Jackson said. "Both my family and I are extremely happy and are looking forward to new challenges."

"I'm flattered, honored and humbled."

— Sergeant Bob Jackson

Jackson was picked after a grueling search process that eventually narrowed down a field of more than 50 candidates to four. The four finalists were paraded around town and interviewed by various groups including representatives from the School Committee, department heads and the police union. Jackson was the only local finalist, the others hailed from Fitchburg, New Bedford and Westfield.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, a member of the police search committee, feels Jackson is going to be a great fit. "The process was really great," she said. "We were able to see the candidates interacting with people in town and one person just rose above the rest."

Jackson also agreed the process was beneficial noting that it helped him get the feel for concerns around the community.

Appointing a police chief was a career first for Haddad, who said the process worked well.

"I wanted participation from as many groups as

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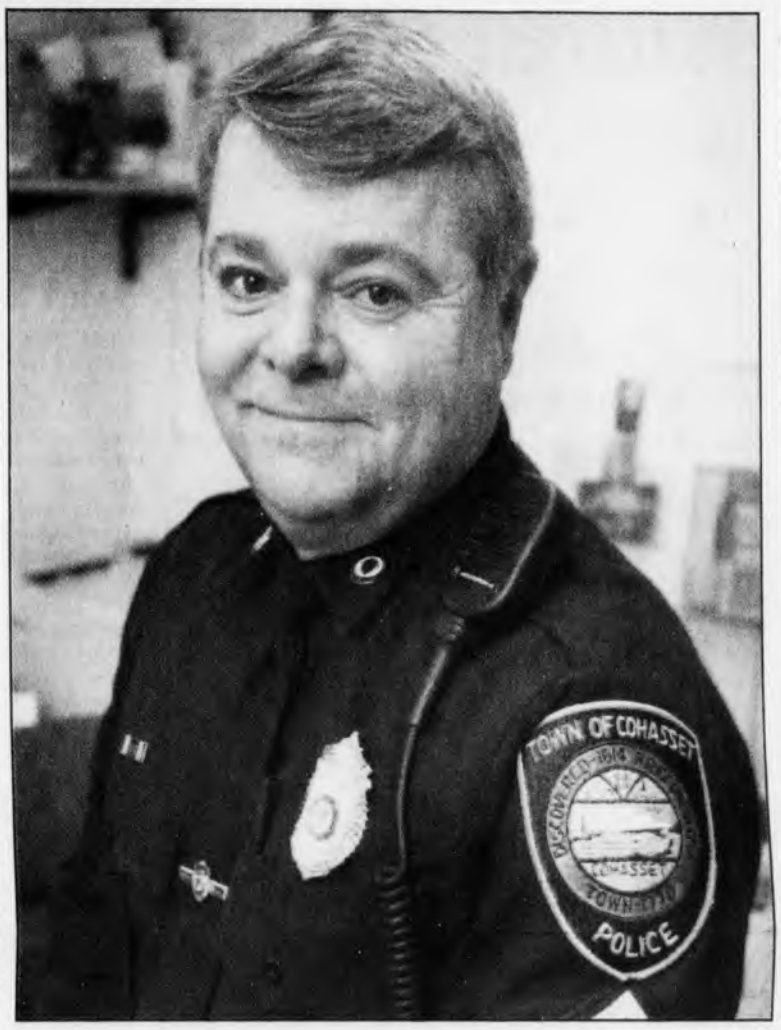

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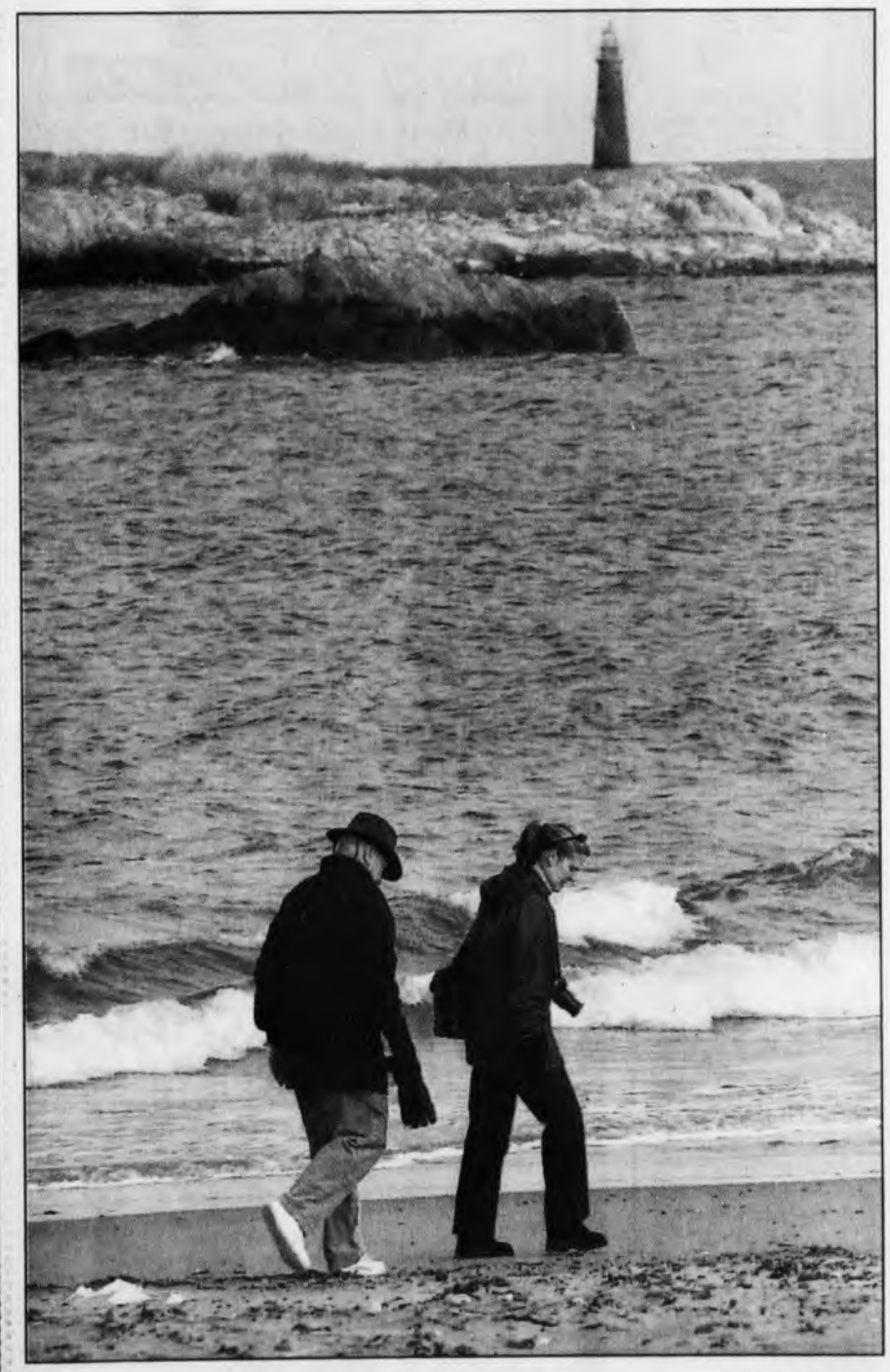
Cohasset Sgt. Robert Jackson will be appointed the town's new police chief.



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A WALK ON THE BEACH

Minot Light makes the perfect backdrop for Bill Gibbons, who walks with his daughter Amy Gibbons-Taylor on Sandy Beach.

CHS grad on Survivor 4

Show premiers Feb. 28 on CBS

By Evan Schiff
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Maybe she got her start climbing on the ledges around town. Perhaps she practiced her survival skills on Sandy Beach.

Regardless, Cohasset High School's own Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien, who graduated in 1972, will be appearing on Survivor 4 to air on CBS, starting Feb. 28. The newest Survivor takes place on Tahiti's island of Nuku Hiva in the Marquesas Archipelago in the South Pacific, a far cry from Cohasset.

The 16 contestants were flown out to the island and had to fend for themselves for more than a month.

In an interview conducted by email, Vavrick-O'Brien said she fondly remembers her days in town.

"I have the best memories of going to the beach, sailing constantly out of the harbor on warm summer days, the yacht club, such good friends, the Music Circus and pool hopping at night," she said. "I'm so proud of being from Cohasset, I miss it."

Several of her former classmates vaguely remember Vavrick-O'Brien, who was only in town two years, being in their graduating class but couldn't recall what she was like in high school.

But that didn't deter their excitement of having a peer on the show.

"I think it's really neat someone from my class is on that show," said David Marks. "I'll definitely be watching it now."

Vavrick-O'Brien transferred to Cohasset High School in 1971 but still became a cheerleader. In her senior yearbook quotes she lists "being content in a little house in San Francisco" as her ambition and her favorite expression as, "aahhhhhh—neat." She was also part of the homecoming court in her senior year.

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Vavrick-O'Brien said she wants to come back to town after the show finishes airing to talk about her experiences.

"I would love to visit with the

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No room for local history

By Evan Schiff
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With the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III" about to make its debut, the Town History Committee and Ruth Fennessey, the curriculum director for Cohasset schools, are trying to find a way to incorporate the book into the school history program.

According to all of the parties involved, the book would serve as a great resource for students to study the history of the town.

However, because of MCAS restrictions it's proving difficult to find a way to involve the book.

"Because of the (curriculum) framework for each grade, we don't really have an opportunity in the curriculum to include the book," Fennessey said.

The "framework" is distributed to Massachusetts' schools every few years. Cohasset received the latest guidelines from the Department of Education in December.

"When we get the frameworks it means we have to completely re-do our curriculum and align it with what the Department of Education expects, and what's going to be on the MCAS," she said.

The current guidebook for the history and social science curriculums for kindergarten through 12th grade does not ask teachers to spend much time on local history.

In grade three, the guide book states students should be able to: "locate places on contemporary and historical maps of the United States, New England, Massachusetts and the local community."

But besides for that brief reference, the history of local communities is hardly mentioned to the dismay of some.

"When I began writing the book, I kind of assumed it would be used in the schools," said author Jacqueline Dormitzer. "It's a shame that the state restricts the curriculum so much."

While she was writing the book, Dormitzer tried to provide the background of some current town issues in an effort to inform students on the process it takes to correct problems. She also included significant information on the role of different boards in Cohasset so students, and the public, could better understand how the government works.

Dormitzer thinks the book could be used by students, but also could be used by teachers as a reference book.

"Ideally, I would have loved to

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This week in COHASSET

Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at town hall as of Feb. 19.

Advisory Committee, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors, Feb 26, 3:30 p.m.

Board of Health, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, March 13, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Preservation Committee, March 4, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Feb. 21, 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Committee on Town History, March 4, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, March 4, 6 p.m.

All meetings are at town hall unless otherwise indicated.

'No left turn' signs

Linda Maria Falconiero wrote to selectmen stating "No Left Turn" signs at the Exxon Station exits onto Route 3A might help make the Beechwood/3A intersection safer.

A representative from MassHighway told selectmen earlier this month that six of the 29 accidents during the period of time studied in a recent analysis of the safety of the intersection occurred because people turned left out of the gas station.

"When doing this, with cars stopped for the light going northbound," Falconiero wrote. "It is very obvious that there isn't a clear view of the southbound traffic. They just turn into oncoming traffic."

She stated "No Left Turn" on the 3A gas station exits, would force everyone to exit onto Beechwood and then go on their way using the traffic light.

"I have no knowledge of how much the new traffic light and road set up would cost, but it seems a couple of signs could cost less and be effective."

The proposal for the intersection included installing a tiered-light system that would include an arrow to allow left turns at the intersection.

Onboard SBA fight

The Town of Norwood has notified Town Manager Mark Haddad that the Norwood Board of Selectmen voted to support Cohasset's efforts to ensure the School Building Assistance program be funded at the levels that would provide the necessary reimbursement to cities and towns within five years. Cohasset, which has $40 million in school building projects underway and stands to receive 60 percent reimbursement from the SBA, has taken the lead in the effort to lobby the state Department of Education not to cut back on SBA funding. Delayed reimbursement could add upwards of $800 annually to the average real estate tax bill in town and will similarly affect other towns across the state that have school building projects waiting for reimbursement.

Sign variance for bank branch

The Zoning Board of Appeals has issued a sign variance for the new branch of the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank on Rte. 3A and Brewster Road.

The bank needed a variance to substitute two eight-foot square signs for a single, 25-square-foot sign, and to have eight, three-square-foot directional signs instead of the unlimited number of one-square-foot directional signs allowed by right.

The eight-foot square signs will provide signage for the new building that includes the bank logo. The directional signs will direct traffic through the parking lot and drive-through service.

The board said the corner lot and no direct entrance off 3A constitute circumstances unique to this site and said the proposed signage could enhance public safety. The board also said the variance would give the applicant signage similar to that found elsewhere in the highway district.

The signs must conform exactly to the drawings submitted by David Hassan of Hassan Sign. The complete text of the Zoning Board decision is available at the Town Clerk's office.

Short St. trees to come down

Town Manager Mark Haddad said several trees on Short Street will come down. The Advisory Committee authorized the necessary transfer of funds, he said.

Tree warden Andy Swanson recommended that five, dead Norway maples be removed at an estimated cost of $2,600.

But Jim Shipsky, 58 Doane St., told selectmen recently that the town should, "think globally and act locally." He said he is concerned there is too much carbon dioxide in the air and trees help eliminate this problem. He said the trees on Short Street should not be removed.

"This is a great opportunity for the town to start looking at the trees as our friends rather than our enemy," he said.

Coleman Nee, 12 Short St., wrote to Haddad urging the trees be taken down because they present a real danger.

"Both of the trees in the front of my property are leaning toward my house," he stated. "If either or both were to fall, they would crash into either my three-year-old son's or one-year-old daughter's bedroom.

"In the past two years, one of the trees has caused close to $3,000 worth of damage to our vehicle with falling branches."

Nee said he had heard of objections to the tree removal and would appear before selectmen if necessary to make the case why the trees should come down.

Haddad said Tuesday that wouldn't be necessary. He said the trees have rotted out at the bottom and Swanson has the authority to have them taken down.

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Sat. 23	7:12	9.8	12:58	7:57	8.5	1:45
Sun. 24	8:11	10.3	1:57	8:54	9.1	2:42
Mon. 25	9:08	10.9	2:54	9:48	9.7	3:35
Tues. 26	10:02	11.4	3:48	10:39	10.3	4:26
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The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee announced American Flags would fly at the Gold Star Mothers Memorial on the anniversaries of the days when Cohasset lost soldiers in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

The flags will fly 20 days during the year on the dates Cohasset lost men, two made the supreme sacrifice on Feb. 25, according to Glenn Pratt of the Veterans Memorial Committee

The flags will be flown at least one day each month of the year, except June and September, months in which no Cohasset servicemen lost their lives.

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During World War I in 1918 and Vietnam in 1969, Cohasset paid the heaviest price for freedom with the loss of five men in each of those years, followed by three in 1944 and two in 1945.

ZBA rules on home additions

The Zoning Board of Appeals denied the application of Peter and Gillian O'Connell for a special permit to expand their house at 31 Stockbridge St. because of the intrusion of the proposed additions into the front-yard area bordering Ennice Avenue. The board felt the intrusion would be "substantially more detrimental" to the neighborhood than the existing non-conformity of the 100-year-old house and create traffic congestion along Ennice Avenue. About eight feet of the existing house reaches within 5-1/2 feet of the lot line; the proposed additions would increase the length of the house within 5-1/2 feet of the lot line to about 43-1/2 feet.

The Zoning Board gave William Shelton and Margaret M. Fitzgerald a special permit to square off the northeasterly corner of their home at 491 Jerusalem Road and to construct two exterior stairways. But the board denied granting a special permit to add a second story over what is now the garage. The couple planned to use the garage and proposed second story as part of the home addition to add living space, specifically a music room on the first floor and bedroom on the second floor. The board said the second story over the garage would be "more detrimental" to the neighborhood. "The issue to this board is not only one of volumetrics (50 percent increase is significant by itself) but also of height: the new structure would greatly increase the visibility of what is today a relatively unassuming encroachment," the decision states. The existing garage is non-conforming because it is only 1.3 feet from the westerly lot line. The full text of the Zoning Board decisions is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

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Employee fights off alleged robber

Suspect arrested later in Weymouth

By Mary Ford
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A local man, who was apparently opening up for the day at Frank Williams Landscaping Supplies on Rte. 3A in Cohasset, fought off an alleged attacker armed with a two-foot piece of steel, intent on robbing him of the day's cash last Thursday morning (Feb. 14).

Police said a 9-1-1 call came in at 8:31 a.m. from a clerk at Mary Lou's News across the street saying she could see a man on the ground who was bleeding profusely from a head wound. The landscape company employee, who lives in Cohasset, was apparently attacked just after he arrived but was able to pull the ski mask off the perpetrator and identify him, police said.

After a struggle, the suspect, who did not escape with any money, took off into Thayer and Whitney Woods, a large wooded area behind the landscaping business. The state police K-9 unit, state troopers, Hingham and Scituate police all assisted in the search that was called off at 11:30 a.m.

Cohasset police issued a warrant for the arrest of Norman W. Reinholter, Jr., 52, of 80 Holmes Ave. in Weymouth on charges of armed robbery while masked and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Weymouth police arrested Reinholter later Thursday afternoon; he was arraigned on the charges Friday (Feb. 15) in Quincy District Court and held at the Dedham House of Correction on $10,000 cash bail. At a bail review hearing Tuesday (Feb 19) in Superior Court, the bail was reduced to $5,000 cash, Cohasset Police Sgt. Robert Jackson said. Reinholter is slated to return to court for a pretrial conference March 8.

Police said the alleged victim identified Reinholter who had worked at the landscape business in the past.

Reinholter is known to police. He has a lengthy criminal history, Sgt. Jackson said.

The landscape employee pulled off the ski mask, left, allegedly worn by the suspect. At right is the money pouch, police say the suspect was after.

The employee, who was allegedly attacked was transported to South Shore Hospital. He sustained severe lacerations to his head and both hands. Police said his hands were injured as he tried to defend himself. He was admitted overnight to the hospital where he was listed in guarded condition later Thursday morning.

Police say Reinholter attacked the victim with a 20 in. by 4 in., flat steel bar that he may have found on the property. Sgt. Jackson said police are investigating whether there was an accomplice. If convicted, Reinholter could face up to 15 years in prison, he said.

Police said both Cohasset elementary schools were "locked down" as a precaution should the suspect have headed in that direction, and officials at the high school were told to be on alert.

Cohasset Supt. of Schools Edward Malvey said police kept in touch with the schools throughout the day.

"Although we felt secure and safe we sent the word out to the schools to lock down and have someone watching the front door at all times," Malvey said.

Reporter Evan Schiff contributed to this report.

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VACATION WEEK

Hello Cohasset. What a beautiful week for school vacation even without the snow! The days are nice and sunny and so many activities are happening all around. Continue to enjoy the rest of it and make sure to let us know some of the fun things that you did. I have heard from skiers, snowboarders and some Disney travelers, it will be so much fun to hear what else was done during the week. Photos are welcome as well, make sure to label them and identify all the people in them.

XAVERIAN HONORS

Mark Lewis, Class of 2005, has been named to the honor roll for the second marking period at Xaverian Brothers High School. Mark's very proud parents are **Mr. & Mrs. Kevin F. Lewis**.

KENYON DEAN'S LIST

Torrey S. Androski, daughter of **Peter Androski** and the late **M. Lee Androski** has been named to the dean's list at Kenyon College for the first semester. Torrey had to maintain a 3.45 on the college's four-point grading scale to earn this honor.

BRYANT HONORS

The dean's list at Bryant College for the fall semester includes: **Todd M. Bestick**, a junior finance major; **Lauren N. Dooley**, senior management major; **Kathryn L. Whitehouse**, a senior management major; and **Travis M. Moore**, a freshman marketing major.

Great work to all the students who are working so hard.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mom and Dad, **Maggie and Jeff Moy**, along with big brother **Benjamin** and big sister **Emily** would like to announce the arrival of **Jessica Christine** into their family. Little Jessica arrived on Dec. 16, 2001 weighing in at 6 lbs., 8 oz and was 20 inches long. Benjamin and Emily are thrilled with their little sister and cannot wait to start showing her off around town. Congratulations to all of you on the birth of sweet Jessica!

HONOR SOCIETY

Kara Gaughen, Class of 2002, daughter of **Robert and Margaret Gaughen** has been elected to the Philips Academy chapter of the *Cum Laude Society*, a national organization corresponding to the *Phi Beta Kappa Society* in Colleges. No more than 20 percent of a graduating class may be elected to the Cum Laude Society, which recognizes academic excellence in secondary schools.

DONATION

Ann Pompeo, president of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset, presents a check to Simone Auster, executive director of the "Emerald Necklace Conservatory." The club voted unanimously to add the conservancy to its annual list of charitable contributions. The Emerald Necklace stretches from Franklin Park to the Back Bay.

NDA HONOR ROLL

Several students who attend Notre Dame Academy in Hingham recently made the Honor Roll for term 2. The Honor Roll is broken down into three groups, Principal's List-GPA of 3.9 with all B's or higher, First Honors-GPA of 3.7 and grades of B- or higher and Second Honors, GPA of 3.4, all grades higher than B-. The girls receiving these honors are: **Brittany Carroll** '02 and **Sarah A. Motley** '02. First Honors are; **Krista Nicynski** '03, **Caroline Henderson** '05. Second Honors includes; **Jacqueline Chase** '05, **Martha Henderson** '03, **Laura Kondrat** '03, **Rachel McElroy** '03, **Katherine Roche** '03, **Megan Stanley** '05, all achieving Principal's List. Congratulations to all of you!

QUILT SHOW

The ninth annual Quilt Show and Luncheon is drawing closer and it is going to be a wonderful event indeed.

More than 50 beautiful quilts will be on display, all handmade and some that are centuries old. This event is taking place on Saturday, March 2 from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. with the proceeds to benefit the Boston Medical Center's Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and their Reach Out and Read Program. Tickets are just $10 and include a yummy gourmet luncheon. For tickets or information, call the church office at 781-383-0345 or stop by between the hours of 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. You may also send a check payable to The Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025.

DEAN'S LIST AT MASSASOIT

Katherine E. Roth was named to the dean's list at Massasoit Community College.

BABSON DEAN'S LIST

Lindy Ann Holway, Class of 2002, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. David Holway** has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Babson College.

APPALACHIA FEST

Another event that is upcoming is the Appalachia Festival on March 9 at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. This wonderful family program is a great way to come and shop at the Appalachia MarketPlace, enjoy a family style meal and then, enjoy some true Appalachia style music and entertainment. The MarketPlace opens at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 and the entertainment to begin at 7:30. Tickets for this event are $20 for adults, children 10-18 are $10 and children 9 and under are $5 with the maximum cost for any family being $50. You can obtain tickets at any of the following churches: St. Anthony's, St. Stephens, Second Congregational or The First Parish.

That is all for this week. Make sure to send all your vacation news, fantastic student news, photos and anything else that you want the town to know about to me no later than Mondays by noon. Also next week is the Schools In Page for any news, happenings or events within our schools. Please make sure that any and all information gets to me no later than this Friday by noon.

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Quilt show has its own story to tell

To benefit two children's charities

By Evan Schiff
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For the ninth year in a row, area residents will have an opportunity to see the best quilts in the South Shore area.

From 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. March 2, the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue will showcase 65 quilts for the community.

Judy Tedeschi, member of the church and publicist for the event, said the art of quilting is alive and well.

"There's a whole tradition of quilting out there," she said. "It's something that really brings people together."

"People that enjoy quilting are going to love this event."
— Judy Tedeschi, Second Congregational Church

The event is for the benefit of two programs, the Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and the Reach Out and Read program. While the quilts are not for sale, the money generated from ticket sales will go to these charities.

PACT is dedicated to raising, receiving and dispensing funds to offset care and services for children with AIDS in our inner city.

The Reach Out and Read is a program to make literacy part of regular pediatrics at Boston Medical Center. The hope is that by the time a child is five years old he or she will have a library of 10 books.

The church chose the two programs because it felt quilts represent a sort of comfort.

"We think of quilts as being warm and fuzzy," church secretary DeeDee Perry said. "The thought of these children curled under them is really special."

In the previous eight years of the benefit, the church has raised approximately $15,000 for the charities. The church is only able to accommodate about 175 people because of space restrictions which limits the amount of money it's able to collect. While none of the quilts are on sale, two of them on display will be auctioned off at a later date.

The idea of the benefit began eight years ago when a member of the church went to New Hampshire and saw a exhibit at a church there.

"We all thought it would be a great idea and we have the perfect space to display them," Perry said.

Tedeschi said it's the stories behind the quilts, as well as the beauty of them, that makes the event so successful.

"There's amazing stories behind the quilts," she said. "People that enjoy quilting are going to love this event."

Perry said quilting has made resurgence in the last few years.

"The nice part about our event is it isn't a competition, it is an exhibit," she said.

Quilts seem to always have a story and these are no exception. There are all kinds of stories behind the quilts, some of which date back to the 1800s.

Some of the quilts on display at last year's Quilt Show at the Second Congregational Church.

Susi Coley, 61 Elm St., will display a quilt her great grandmother owned. In the program she states that, her great grandmother lived in the plains of Nebraska in an earth house created in the hillside.

"She spent many frigid nights securely tucked under this quilt," she wrote.

Another fascinating quilt story comes from Carolyn Shanley, who lives in Marshfield.

When she started dating her husband, a merchant seaman, she began working on her first quilt. When he would leave every few months and asked his wife what she planned to do, she would reply, "work on the quilt."

It took Shanley 12 years to complete the quilt but she finally did and is now working on others.

Along with perusing the various quilts, visitors will be able to enjoy a lunch provided by the church.

Tedeschi encouraged residents to purchase their tickets early because it is expected to sell out soon. Tickets are $10 that includes lunch and can be bought through the church at 781-383-0345 or by stopping by the church office from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. You may also send a check payable to The Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Bury those wires

Take a good look at the village before you head to the March 30 Town Meeting. We were there Saturday for coffee and a croissant at French Memories. South Main Street was buzzing with activity. Some people were shopping, others were running errands and still others, like us, were taking a few minutes to visit with a friend over a cappuccino.

Over the past decade, Cohasset has decixded to make the village a focus – to embrace it. The same way the harbor and the ocean are so much a part of the town, the village and pristine Town Common also add to the very fabric of the place.

Thanks to that commitment — which has included entities such as the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation and village task forces, and residents supporting local shops — our village is working. Some would argue therefore, nothing needs to be improved there.

But because we're so accustomed to the spot, we might not see how much it could be spruced up. The same way you might not notice how worn your living room sofa is, or if your draperies need replacing, until someone points it out to you.

The sidewalks, in which telephone pole after telephone pole are embedded, are long past needing replacement. Sure, they do the job of providing a surface for us to walk on – but an upgrade there would no doubt put a spring in our step and brighten the entire village..

So while the sidewalk project moves ahead it makes perfect sense to get rid of the telephone poles at the same time. Installing underground conduit for the wires can be easily accomplished while the sidewalks are being torn up.

Town Meeting voters will be asked to authorize a utility surcharge to pay for burying wires in the village. The total cost for the average homeowner is expected to be about $50 a year for about six years.

We agree with the Planning Board that this is a "neat" idea. But the Planning Board decided not to vote to support the article because of the cost. However, once those new sidewalks go in, the town would be unlikely to rip them out to bury wires at a later date – so it's probably now or never, for the wires project.

Having a vital "downtown" can be a rarity today. If you travel across our great land, more often than not, the "Main Streets" of America are beleaguered, desolate ghost towns with boarded up windows, seedy-looking shops and litter blowing in the wind.

That's clearly not Cohasset and we don't think it ever will be. But an investment in a new look for our village that includes getting rid of those poles and wires can ensure it continues to thrive.

— Mary Ford
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Election policy for candidates

The Cohasset Mariner will announce the first of four "Questions of the Week" in next week's issue (Feb. 28). The answers will appear the following week (March 7), along with a new question. Questions will be posed to the three candidates for two seats on the Board of Selectmen and for the School Committee candidate who is running unopposed for the open seat on that board.

Candidates for all positions, boards and committees – whether contested or uncontested – are welcome to submit formal statements announcing their candidacies along with a photograph. Candidates are also welcome to submit short items – no more than 150 words – announcing coffees and the like.

The Cohasset Mariner will run an election guide with information on the candidates for selectmen and school committee, along with a sample ballot, in the April 4 issue for the April 6 Town Election.

The Cohasset Mariner will not accept letters from candidates or letters endorsing or opposing any candidate but welcomes letters on the issues.

Anyone with suggestions for a Question of the Week, should e-mail editor Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for Harborwalk

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Fred Koed, Chairman,
Cohasset Board of Selectmen

On behalf of the volunteers and supporters of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation (CRC), we hereby express our serious disappointment in your request that we stop public forums for proposed improvements to the harbor and surrounding areas. It is our understanding that this directive was issued in response to concerns raised by a few residents who have questioned the need for any harbor area improvements, and the public planning process sponsored by the CRC.

More than $450,000 has been donated by residents and business owners in support of the public design process which has provided community forums; developed engineered design images and drawings; helped to secure grants for the town; and has allocated resources to beautification efforts in the village. In light of these contributions, we believe that more respect is owed to the CRC and its supporters who should have, at least, been consulted before a formal position was expressed by your board.

Over the past year and a half, the CRC has worked diligently to promote and foster an open community dialogue to improve infrastructure and streetscape conditions within the village and harbor areas of the town. The village public design and workshop process spearheaded by the CRC, in partnership with the town's Village Revitalization Task Force, was instrumental in helping the community form the consensus we have today for the planned improvements. The CRC is sponsoring the same public process for the Harbor area, and thus we are confident that this open dialogue will bring community consensus on improvement ideas as well.

Though the reasons for your position to stop the harbor planning process are unclear to us at the moment, we would like to make a few comments regarding your actions. There appears to be a notion that ideas and concerns brought forward from a majority of members of the community are not being incorporated into the design process. We disagree. The CRC has incorporated several ideas shared in these very early design stages, and continue to welcome input from every member of the community. Many individuals have expressed support in improving the walkway conditions around the harbor, the ideas presented, and the public design process underway. As evident during the village design process, not all ideas can be incorporated at one time; and an idea not pictured in a current image should not be interpreted as an idea not being considered as a design option. Please keep in mind that there have been only two public workshops thus far, and not every idea or option can be thoroughly discussed or presented during a two-hour workshop.

We understand the current state of the economy and realize that fiscal pressures on municipal finances limit the likelihood that town funds will be available to implement all of the proposed improvements. Just as in the village design process, the CRC is covering the costs of the preliminary planning studies and will help the community apply for grant funding to implement the improvements. If you recall, in a December meeting with Dean Rizzo, your board gave the CRC authorization to research available state and federal grant programs to help fund this initiative. In addition, you are well aware of the fact that all improvement plans and town funding allocations is subject to approval from your board and Town Meeting, guaranteeing town oversight and control in the process.

We believe that the community planning process established by the CRC should continue. In an effort to strengthen this dialogue and partnership with the town, we recommend that you establish a committee immediately (similar to the Village Revitalization Task Force) to work with the CRC in the generation of a community-supported harbor walkway improvement plan by the end of April. In order to achieve this goal, it is imperative that we maintain the momentum generated by continuing the design and public discussion process already underway.

Committee Representation could consist of the following:

Planning Department—1. Harbor Committee—1. Friends of Cohasset Harbor—1. Historical Commission—1. Government Island Com.—1. Residents—3. Board of Selectmen—1.

In addition, we ask the Board of Selectmen to rescind, in writing, the request that the CRC no longer conduct any harbor-area public workshops.

Many individuals have contributed a great deal of time, energy and resources in the spirit of good community planning to address safety and public access concerns in the village and harbor areas of the town. We realized that a public/private partnership, such as this, can sometimes result in differing opinions. However, we believe that the community is better served when differences are dealt with directly and openly so that all points of view can be heard.

The Board of Directors:
Patricia Connors, Andrea Giroux, Robert Johnston, Peter Roy, Frank Smith, and Hubert Vanderlugt

The Mariner was provided a copy of this letter. At their meeting last week, selectmen rescinded their directive asking CRC to stop conducting harbor workshops.

Dog friendly

TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Keeping World's End Just the Way It Is"

The Trustees of Reservations have a jewel in the 251 acres known as "World's End." Unfortunately, it appears that predators such as fox and coyote are eliminating the squirrel, rabbit and neighboring cat population. It's too bad that there is an admission fee, but it does cost money to maintain even wilderness areas. I was disappointed that a recent proposal to afford boat access to the property was unfavorably considered. The State, the Trustees, local area towns and other conservation groups are more liberal in permitting access to most other pristine "gems."

Although I am a "dog lover," I do agree that some unleashed canines can be intimidating to people and stepping in "poop" is unpleasant and should not happen.

As an "FYI (for your information)," there is a park that is well maintained by the MDC that is about a five-minute car ride heading north on Route 3A. Stodders Park is just beyond the old Hingham Shipyard on the right. There is convenient parking and the MDC provides biodegradable poop bags as well as scoopers. If the owners maintain reasonable control over their dog(s), they do not have to be constrained on leashes. It is especially justifiable for the Trustees of Reservations to enforce a leash law at World's End when you realize that dog lovers can exercise their dogs at nearby Stodders Park.

Stodders Park offers about a six-tenths of a mile walk with pleasant rolling terrain and water views on three sides. Dogs swim, run off their nervous energy and actually learn how to "socialize" with their four footed friends. men, women and children banter while enjoying the surroundings.

Joseph R. McElroy
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Grassroots policies

TO THE EDITOR:

On Saturday, Feb. 2, the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee held its caucus along with towns and cities across the state. Delegates were elected to the Massachusetts Democratic Convention, which will be held in Worcester May 31 and June 1.

The large turnout of registered Democrats at the Cohasset Town Hall was impressive in both number and in enthusiasm as was the case in cities and towns state-wide. Many feel this was a tribute to the caliber of the four Democratic candidates for governor who are seeking a place on the primary ballot in November 2002. The caucus in Cohasset was an example of "every vote counts" as the vote tallies were, in several cases, very close.

I was proud and excited to be nominated and to win a delegate seat to the Democratic Convention. I am one of five delegates and four alternate delegates who will attend the convention to help select candidates for the primary this November. The Cohasset caucus was surely grass roots politics at its best! I am grateful to those who have given me and my daughter, Laurel, the opportunity to play a part in the Democratic process of selecting candidates for public office in the next state election.

Gail Kearney Collins
404 South Main St.

CookieFest thanks

TO THE EDITOR

The Scituate Historical Society would like to thank Shaw's and Stop & Shop Supermarkets of Cohasset for their recent donations of cookies in support of the Society's CookieFest on Feb. 10. Overall more than 100 people attended the event, many of them visiting the Scituate Maritime & Irish Mossing Museum for the first time.

John J. Galluzzo
Executive Director
Scituate Historical Society

Selectman's race only one in town

Rec seat has no takers

By Evan Schiff
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Three candidates, two positions, something has got to give. In what is the only race in the Town Election this year, selectmen Fred Koed and Ronnie McMorris will try to hold off newcomer Roger Q. Hill.

Koed and McMorris are looking to build on their solid contributions to the town and both feel the town is in good hands and see no reason to shake things up.

However, Hill has thrown his hat into the ring and is ready to endure the vigors of running for a seat on the Board of Selectmen.

Hill is self-employed and a carpenter by trade. He also owns Hill Realty Trust.

"There are lawyers and doctors and rocket scientists on the board and what Cohasset needs is someone who is the voice of the town," he said.

Koed is seeking his second term as a selectman. He said the challenge the town now faces is advocating its causes in Boston on serious issues, such as the delayed funding of the School Building Assistance program.

Koed has also served on the Advisory Committee, the Housing Authority and the Water Commission.

"I think my service on several different boards serves me well," Koed said. "I think I know the issues and am prepared to deal with them."

McMorris is seeking her third term on the board and believes the town should focus on planning for the future including addressing the need for senior housing.

McMorris said with the turnover the town is experiencing that providing stability is important.

"The town is going to experience some major changes," she said. "It's important for the town to have stability on the board of selectmen."

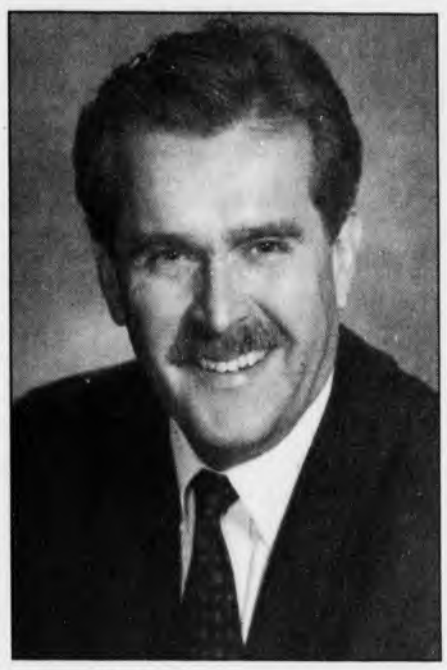
There is no one running for one seat the Recreation Commission. Rec. Commissioners Mary Muncey and Lillian Curley are seeking re-election, but no one pulled papers for the seat being vacated by David Marks. The position could be filled by write-in votes or an appointment by the selectmen, Town Clerk Marion Douglas said.

The following candidates are also on the ballot:

- Glenn Pratt, 482 King St., Water Commission.
- Al Moore, Planning Board
- Ray Kasperowicz, Sewer Commission
- Robin Lawrence, Board of Health
- Marion Douglas, Town Clerk
- Jane Pescatore, School Committee
- Mary Granville, Board of Assessors
- Roger Lowe, Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees
- Sheila Evans, Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees
- Roger Whitley, Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees
- Ralph Perroncello, Cohasset Housing Authority
- George Marlette, Town Moderator

The last day to register to vote for the April 6 Town Election is March 8.

Roger Hill



Frederick Koed

Ronnie McMorris

Cohasset's reservoir full, despite drought advisory

The Aaron River Reservoir is full to the brim [see photo taken Feb. 9], and was full even before recent rain and snow, despite the fact that the entire East Coast is in a drought.

"While the Quabbin Reservoir is only 83.5 percent full, Cohasset's reservoir is 100 percent full," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "We literally could not get any more water into it. So far, Cohasset is weathering this drought very nicely.

"When full, the Aaron River Reservoir contains 323 million gallons of water," he said. "This should give confidence to the people of Cohasset that we have more than enough water for our needs now and into the future."

"Cohasset is weathering this drought very nicely."
— John McNabb, Water Commission

Cohasset's water supply, which includes Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir has a "safe yield" of 3.5 million gallons a day. This is much greater than the average demand of 680,000 gallons a day, the maximum daily demand of 1.7 million gallons a day, and the projected water demand 20 years or more into the future, even if the 500,000 gallons of water a day that Mass.-American Water wants to buy is added in, McNabb said.

"Cohasset has not had an outside watering ban since 1995," he said, "because of the massive size of our water supply. The outside watering bans we had in 1994 and 1995 were because of problems in our distribution system, which have been fixed."

"We urge people to avoid unnecessary use of water, nevertheless," McNabb said. "Water is a precious resource which should not be squandered."

This photo of the Aaron River Reservoir was taken Feb. 9.

Door opens for Beach Street house

By Mary Ford
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In what could be a controversial decision, the Conservation Commission voted 4-2 to approve a variance with conditions that could pave the way for a driveway off Beach Street providing access to a proposed luxury home in an area called Great Neck.

At the heart of the ongoing dispute is whether plans to remove ledge from the property to construct the 700-foot driveway require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Building Inspector Robert Egan doesn't think so because the ledge to be removed is for construction of the driveway, which would be exempt from the bylaw.

But Beach Street neighbors think the zoning board should weigh in, and so does Conservation Commissioner Deborah Cook.

"They (zoning board) should have the opportunity to look at this, that (ledge) bylaw was done so people couldn't do massive alterations to property," she said during the commission's Feb. 7 deliberations.

The Conservation Commission decision could be appealed. Richard Henderson, an attorney representing one of the Beach Street families was at the meeting. Although he declined to comment to the Mariner on whether an appeal is imminent, he did request that the tapes of the meeting be preserved.

Although Egan said owner David Walsh does not need a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to remove ledge from the site, if it is determined that a special permit is required, Walsh will have to file for a new Notice of Intent to the Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Commission also asked for a performance bond of $20,000 that must be paid to the town before construction begins.

Walsh must also provide a maintenance agreement for the proposed drainage system, drainage structures, and detention pond, on the drainage system

Walsh needed a variance from the Conservation Commission to do work within the 50-foot buffer zone at the start of the proposed driveway.

The prior owner's efforts to obtain a building permit to develop what is now Walsh's property — known as lot #2 — were rejected by the building inspector because the slope of the driveway did not provide safe access.

But Walsh has designed a driveway that winds its way up the hill at the grade of a wheelchair ramp.

He plans to use about 50 percent of the blasted ledge on site that would be crushed for use in a variety of ways including the drainage system that would be installed along both sides of the driveway.

The Conservation Commission's jurisdiction was limited to activity within the 50- and 100-foot wetlands buffer zone — areas that make up a small part of the project.

While the project would disturb some 275 square feet within the 50-foot wetland buffer zone near Beach Street, rather than replicate the wetland, Walsh plans to install plantings in a 875-square-foot area that would enhance what is there now by providing wildlife habitat.

The decision will likely not sit well with Beach Street neighbors, who along with other interested citizens, have joined forces as the Great Neck Preservation Group to try and stop development of Walsh's lot and two others, owned by Ellen Morrissey. The group, which packed the public hearing on the issue last month, would like to see the land remain as open space and be incorporated into the adjacent Great Brewster Woods.

Walsh thanked the commission for its vote at the end of the Feb. 7 meeting.

Full text of the Conservation Commission decision is available at the commission's office on the second floor of Town Hall.

Why are we so surprised?

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TOM HENSHAW

I must confess I missed the defining moment of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. I was watching the traditional "half-pipe snowboarding" (whatever that is) or, everybody's favorite, "skeleton racing" at the time.

The event for which the current games will be known forever was the figure skating pairs, in which everyone — including those who can't tell a salchow from a death spiral — were certain that the gold medalists were the Canadians, Jamie Sale and David Pelletier.

The fact that four of the nine judges, those from Russia, the Ukraine, Poland and China, voted for the Russian pair of Yelena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze was a given. The Cold War lingers on in the shadowy corners of the Olympics.

The surprise was the judge from France, Marie-Reine Le Gougne, who broke with her Western allies and cast her vote for the pair from the former Evil Empire, too. Later she admitted that she was pressured into giving her vote to the Russians.

"Some people close to the judge have acted badly and have out someone who is honest and upright, but emotionally fragile, under pressure," said Didier Gailhaguet, head of the French Olympic team. "She is a fragile person and I think she has been somewhat manipulated."

Marie-Reine did not say how she was pressured. Was her family in France held hostage to insure her compliance? Was she threatened by a sniper with an Uzi in the upper reaches of the arena? Was her vote being traded for a Russian vote for a French athlete later in the games?

The International Skating Union surprised everyone by acting swiftly to grant gold medals to both the Russian and Canadian pairs, which is probably the first time in Olympic history that identical medals were awarded, one by the judges, the other by popular demand.

The thing that surprises me is that anyone is surprised at all.

What do they expect from a sport in which the friends of one skater (Tonya Harding) have been known to smite another (Nancy Kerrigan) mightily on the knee with a pipe in hopes that she would be incapacitated for an important competition?

The first time skating figured in the Olympic games in London in 1908 the judges gave a Swede, Ulrich Salchow, then the reigning champion, three votes for his compulsory figures and the Russian Nikolai Panin only two, whereupon Panin walked out.

Panin, incidentally, was an alias for Nikolai Kolomenkin, the member of a wealthy Russian family, who had to skate under a pseudonym since sport was wisely regarded as undignified in Czarist Russia.

Members of the audience bombarded the judges and the referee with oranges in Cortina d' Ampezzo, Italy, in 1956 when the popular German pair of Franz Ningel and 12-year-old Marika Kilius were consigned to a fourth-place finish.

There is a move afoot, I am told, to eliminate from the Olympics all those sports in which the winners are decided by vote of a panel of judges rather than by speed afoot or aski or askate, which would do away with about half the events of the current games.

In their place I would recommended "purring."

That's an old Welsh sport in which the contestants, wearing heavy shoes with reinforced toes, grasp each other by the shoulder and, when the ref gives the signal, start kicking each other in the shins. The first man to release his hold on the other's shoulders is the loser.

And no judgments needed.

Local democrats elect delegates

One hundred twenty Cohasset Democrats met in caucus on Saturday, Feb. 2 to elect five delegates and five alternate delegates to the 2002 Massachusetts Democratic Convention, to be convened on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 at the Worcester Centrum in Worcester. After very close ballots, Donna McGee, Ron Goodwin, Laurel Collins, Gail Collins and Coleman Nee were elected as delegates. Congratulations also go to the elected alternates: Margey Charles, Pat Laugelle, Ed Mulvey, Ken Ingber and Frank Pozniak.

Agnes McCann, chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, was elated by the amount of enthusiasm and commitment shown by all in attendance. She is also very encouraged at the number of first time participants contributing to the largest turnout of any Cohasset Democratic caucus in memory.

"We have a very active Town Committee," McCann said, "and I hope that this experience will motivate interested Democrats to join us." She also thanked the many volunteers who assisted in making the day a success.

More legal action over Greenbush

By Carol Britton Meyer
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While plans for Greenbush restoration appear to be moving on a fast track, efforts to stop the train are also picking up speed, despite a recent judge's ruling that some see as a major setback.

In fact, yet another lawsuit is imminent involving property transferred to the MBTA in Scituate and Cohasset, according to a spokesperson for Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA).

At the same time, a contract for the project was recently awarded to the lowest qualified bidder — Jay Cashman construction team and partner British construction firm Balfour Beatty — for the $434 million, 17-1/2-mile project.

Although AfTA – an opposition group which recently filed a lawsuit to stop the construction contract – was dealt a blow by Plymouth County Superior Court Judge Raymond Brassard, it isn't about to give up the fight.

The ruling, released Feb. 13, states that the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad slated to run from Scituate to Braintree, including through the heart of downtown Hingham, doesn't pose enough of a threat for a preliminary injunction to be issued to stop the project.

John Bewick, a former state secretary of environmental affairs and leader of AfTA, although disappointed by the ruling, vows to continue opposing the project.

The "threats," he says are very real, including noise, property value, pollution, environmental, endangered species, cost and safety issues as well as negative impacts on the 22 historic districts on the South Shore that would be affected by rail restoration.

Jon Carlisle, spokesperson for the Secretary of Transportation, noted this isn't the first time the courts have ruled in the project's favor.

"Time and time again, they've sided with us, because I think we've laid out our justification for the Greenbush line very thoroughly and in a detailed fashion," he said. "I think any further legal efforts to thwart the project will be greeted with the same results."

With relation to the lawsuit to stop the construction contract, Carlisle further noted, "an independent judge saw our side of the argument and said we did all the necessary environmental permitting required and gave the awarding of the construction contract the green light."

At the "end of the day," though, "We'd prefer these discussions to take place across bargaining tables, and not in the courts," Carlisle said. "This line will be built, but we've taken extraordinary steps to minimize its effects and have held extensive mitigation talks with communities above and beyond what we're required to do to make the line – which is opposed by some – easier to build."

Still, Bewick points out a number of other areas of potential litigation, including issues related to the process by which Cohasset and Scituate transferred land to the MBTA for rail use without a required two-thirds majority vote in the legislature because the rail bed is considered parkland.

"We're engaged in a strange battle of wills with Cohasset over release of information regarding that transfer. The town claims it's privileged information, but what does Cohasset have to hide?" Bewick said. "It's a critical issue, because it involves 8.1 miles of the right of way in both towns that's used as walking paths."

Bewick said AfTA plans to file another suit shortly regarding that issue.

In a letter hand-delivered to members of the MBTA board and general manager, AfTA vows it "will not back away from pressing the important issues that still remain for decision by state, local and federal agencies" relative to Greenbush.

The letter further states that AfTA stands ready to challenge in court "any attempt to short-circuit the federal environmental review process . . . particularly when the MBTA's own state Environmental Impact Report concedes the project will cause severe impacts to the human environment and historic resources."

Other lawsuits could revolve around issues related to endangered species, wetlands and a permit issued by the Army Corps of Engineers for the project.

Hingham resident David Clinton wishes the lawsuits would stop.

"I'm thrilled the judge threw out that frivolous lawsuit. We've been working on restoring Greenbush since 1984, and the cost has risen from $120 million to more than $400 million because of the delaying tactics of the anti-train people," he said. "I think the judge did the right thing. It's time to get on with building the railroad. Hingham got its way with the tunnel, and there's no reason someone from Hingham should delay this project any longer."

If the lawsuits continue, he said, the project's cost could soar even further.

"Let's hope the same thing happens with the other lawsuits," Clinton said. "I can't wait for the first spade of dirt to be turned."

Bewick and other members of AfTA, though, strongly believe what they're doing is the right thing.

In fact, in addition to other concerns, AfTA also questions the environmental process revolving around Greenbush restoration and says the project is fiscally irresponsible.

Bewick and other members of the group – unlike some residents who remain staunchly opposed to Greenbush but are beginning to feel like it's a "done deal" whether they like it or not – firmly believe their opposition efforts could eventually prove fruitful.

While AfTA is sometimes accused of trying to stall the process, there's more to their actions than that, members say.

"Quite to the contrary, we intend to win," Bewick said. "Our motto is to never surrender."

Bewick's wife, Martha, said the MBTA study of alternatives to rail restoration is "fundamentally flawed."

"Our efforts are not frivolous," she said. "The project is too expensive and will wreak terrible damage on residences and businesses on the South Shore. Greenbush will create construction jobs in the area, but at what price to businesses that will go under or be hugely affected during the construction period?"

John Bewick predicts that despite the MBTA's denials, Greenbush restoration will cause a return to "blight" along the tracks.

Many residents poured large sums of money into restoring previously run-down properties following the demise of rail service in the 1950s.

"It's inevitable with all the noise and vibrations that will be heard and felt in houses that are literally 7 to 10 feet from the tracks," he said. "They'll be no market for selling those properties."

His wife recalls a comment made by an expert that one house located particularly close to the track will be "driftwood" when the train whizzes past the structure going 30 m.p.h.

"Eldridge Court will be completely cut off from the rest of the town," she further notes. "Even as the MBTA claims construction won't begin until all the necessary permits are issued, I'm wondering, When does the destruction start?"

The price tag of $434 million is too high to attract 1,700 peak riders, said John Bewick. "That's $257,000 per new peak-hour commuter. That's three times as much per rider as the MBTA has ever spent on any project."

The tragedy, he says, is that the state could save $300 million and attract more passengers by nixing Greenbush and providing express buses, expanding parking facilities at existing Red Line train stations and enhancing the MBTA transportation system already in place.

Besides, the Bewicks and others expect the cost of the project to continue to escalate as time goes on.

"There will be a lot of cost overruns, because the MBTA doesn't yet have the permits to identify important specifications and will have to redesign the plans contingent on conditions set forth in the permits," he said.

From knowledge gained from his past experience as a former secretary of environmental affairs, Bewick says the MBTA "grossly distorted the alternatives to rail restoration it was required to study and designed them to fail."

Greenbush design work could begin as early as March and tree clearing and survey work this spring.

If all goes as planned, commuter trains could start rolling by 2005, more than four decades after the former Old Colony line – which also cut through Hingham – stopped running.

World-class sailor at benefit lecture

Mark your calendar for 7 p.m., Saturday March the 16. The Cohasset Yacht Club will continue its support of maritime studies at the high school once again by organizing a winter lecture. And this year's speaker will be Cam Lewis, fresh back from his latest escapades on TeamAdventure the 110-foot catamaran built to compete in The Race, the no-holds-barred round-the-world race sailed in early 2001.

The lecture is open to the public. Cost is $15 per person (students free but please make a reservation). Payment required in advance Refreshments will be served Space is limited, so please make your reservation early by calling Meg Bertolami at (781) 383-2968. The lecture will take place at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

One of the world's best-known and respected personalities in competitive sailing, Lewis raced aboard the maxi-catamaran Commodore Explorer in 1993 when it won the first Trophée Jules Verne for the world's fastest circumnavigation. It earned him the Rolex Yachtsman of the Year award. Lewis holds the westbound Transatlantic record with Laurent Bourgnon on Primagaz and has won numerous world championships and other titles including the America's Cup in 1988 aboard Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes. To learn more about Lewis and the TeamAdventure campaign, fire up your computer, and surf over to www.teamadventure.org.

The proceeds of the winter lecture will be used to enable students in the maritime studies program to attend a summer cruise on the schooner Ernestina. Launched as the Grand Banks schooner *Effie M. Morrissey* in Essex in 1894, and renamed Ernestina in 1946, she measures 112 feet overall and has a sail area of 8,323 feet. Ernestina provides offers multi-disciplinary, hands-on educational programs tailored to meet the specific needs of schools, colleges and other educational and cultural organizations. Students in Cohasset's maritime studies program spent three days on Ernestina last summer, and your support would be utilized to provide scholarships to continue this program.

To learn more about Ernestina, visit www.ernestina.org. If you follow the links through "Calendar" to "August 2001", on the 18th to 20th, you will find descriptions and photographs of the voyage experienced by the CHS group that sailed her last summer.

Diabetes workshop

Cohasset Elder Affairs will hold a workshop on Living the Good Life With Diabetes on Feb. 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Millie Hawke RNC, Diabetes Educator, and Lynn White, Nurse Practitioner, will discuss risk factors and signs and symptoms of diabetes along with staying healthy with nutrition and exercise. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be served. Call 781-383-9112 for information.

'Oliver' auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for its spring musical "Oliver" on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 24 from 6-9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall Be prepared to sing 16 bars of an upbeat show tune, preferably "Consider Yourself " from "Oliver." You will be required to do an English accent. Wear comfortable clothes for dancing. Children 6 and up, young adults and adults needed. Show dates are the end of April and the beginning of May. Any questions call the producer, Jean Di Giacomandrea, 617-750-8987.

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schools and let them know how real Survivor was," she said.

According to CBS's Web site, Vavrick-O'Brien, who is divorced and has one son, currently works as a real estate agent in her hometown of Burlington. Before that, she was self-employed for 10 years running a small art products store and an event planning business. In 1998, she biked across the United States for the American Lung Association in memory of her father.

She was one of 16 people selected out of 50,000 to compete for the $1 million prize money on the show. CBS has continued its practice of allowing each contestant to bring a luxury item. According to the CBS Web site, Kathy chose to bring a canvas and some paints.

Jennifer Piepenbrink also contributed to this report.

Kathleen Anne Vavrick's 1972 CHS yearbook photo.

Kathy Vavrick, second from left, was a member of the 1971 homecoming court.

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Brudnoy will be available for discussions during the cocktail hour, dinner, and after his presentation. He is best known for his radio talk show on WBZ and will certainly present a timely topic for all in attendance.

Raffle prizes have been donated by Nantasket Beach Hotel and Siros of Hull, Atlantica, and Kimball's by the Sea of Cohasset, Adamo Day Spa of Cohasset and Grapevine Caterers Café of Cohasset. Other sponsors include Christopher Gallery and Cohasset Greenery, both of Cohasset and Executive Sedan of Hingham.

The evening's schedule is as follows: 6-6:45 p.m., cocktails and hors d'oeuvres (cash bar); 7-8 p.m. dinner (full course meal); and 8 p.m. the annual meeting will begin.

For information, call 781-383-1010.

Spring at CMI gala

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. when the Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI) will host a "Swing Into Spring" Gala Event at the Cohasset Lighthouse Keeper's Residence. The festivities will include food and drink, live music and a silent auction to help kick-off the 2002 season.

CMI Director, Jack Buckley said this event "not only marks the start of a new season, it also marks the start of a fund-raising campaign for new and improved ways to get people on the water!"

"CMI is planning to host a fun evening for returning and new members and their guests," Buckley said. Join in the festivities and renew old friendships, make new acquaintances, and to learn what's new at CMI this season.

For more information, call Jack Buckley at 781-383-8261 or Mary Sease at 781-383-8318.

Garden Club meeting

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the Second Congregational Church. "Four Seasons of Gardening" will be the topic. Club member Meg Moore needs no introduction as a speaker here! She is a teacher, naturalist and landscape designer. The slide presentation will show how to combine color, design and plants for year round interest in the garden. Come meet old friends with the anticipation of gardening just few months away.

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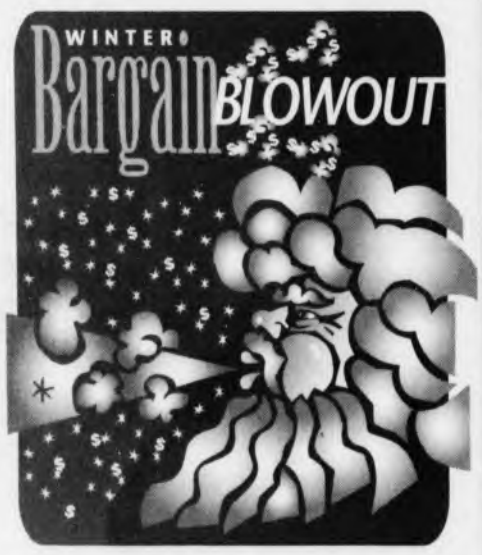

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Kristin Sheerin

Although the Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics squad failed to advance out of Saturday's South Sectional meet, senior team star Kristin Sheerin finished a strong second in the all-around competition with a 35.55 score. Kristin will compete at the state individual championships in the all-around on March 10.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

This one says it all. Cohasset's Matt Davis is lifted off the ice by Tim Straughn (#13) after he scored the Skippers fourth goal Monday night.

Sailors put on ice

By Mike Spellman
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Whatever doubts there may have been about the Cohasset High hockey team (18-0-1) being ready for prime time contenders for the Div. 3 state crown were seemingly vanquished with a decisive 4-0 win on Monday over Scituate, a team also thought by many close observers to be legitimate players in the Div. 3 post-season picture.

"We knew Cohasset was good, but I don't think our guys were prepared for them to be this good," said clearly impressed Scituate coach Mike Breen. "They just come at you with those three lines, and they can all really skate. And those defensemen might be the best I've seen this year."

High praise indeed, considering Breen's Sailors have gone up twice each this season against defending Div. 1 state champ Hingham, defending Div. 3 state champ Hanover and legit Div. 2 contenders Duxbury, Quincy and Marshfield.

The five Cohasset defensemen to whom the second year Scituate coach referred were Tim Straughn, Eric Libby, Mike Colorio, Mike Devine and Will Moody. This quintet of blueliners had as much to do with the 57-14 shot advantage for the game as any other players on the ice, as they not only nearly completely neutralized high flying Scituate forwards such as Steve McDevitt, Matt Hall and Kyle Simpson, but also did a phenomenal job of moving the puck up ice quickly to send away their forwards for one odd-man break after another.

A two-on-one break led to the only goal the Skippers would need on the night 5:30 in to the game. South Shore League leading scorer Greg O'Connell picked up a loose puck in Cohasset's end after one of his defensemen had poked it free, and

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Hoop Dreams

Boys look to put tough luck season behind them

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Tough seasons are difficult to forget, but that is exactly what the boys basketball Skippers must do if they are to rise back into the playoff picture in 2003.

"We have a lot of work to do," reported eleventh year coach and brand new father, Ron Ford. "It is one thing to have all the pieces, but it is another to go out and do it."

Cohasset thought they had all the pieces to scrape together 10 wins and put in a showing at this year's Div. 4 tournament, but injuries became this team's primary undoing.

Obviously, a school of Cohasset's size never has the manpower to field a deep bench. Thus, even one key injury can cost them a season. In this case, they had five.

Senior Nick Bolster performed extremely well in a sixth man role last year. A terrific athlete, he may well have led the Skippers in rebounding and possibly in points in the paint this season. However, the surgery he had on his detached retina kept him out of the entire football season, and all 20 basketball games.

Senior Liam Martin exploded onto the varsity scene last year, averaging just under 10 points a game off the bench. He seemed to provide a much needed spark to the offense whenever the Skippers faltered last season.

But, like Bolster, Martin was sidelined from the football Skippers SSL Championship campaign, and missed the first 15 games of the season. Martin showed his toughness, recovering as much as he could (Ford called it "close to 80 percent") to receive a standing ovation in his return game against Harwich. Martin finally got a chance to show the Skippers fans what they had been missing out on this year when he torched Hull on Senior Night for 27 points, the highest total for any Skipper this year.

"He was the scoring that we needed," noted Ford, who saw his team average below 50 points in SSL play this year, after predicting pre-season they would need to score 60-plus per game to stay competitive.

All-star senior captain Matt Bilodeau added to this list of injured quality seniors when it was revealed he had played the bulk of the season

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Lindsay Grossman (#44) will have her eye on leading the Lady Skippers in scoring for a third consecutive season next winter.

So close and yet...

Baroudi near miss, Littauer injury casts pall on state championships

by Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset wrestling team headed in to this past weekend's Div. 3 state championships with two legitimate strong contenders for advancement to the All-State meet: senior Dan Littauer and junior Terry Baroudi.

Littauer, wrestling in the 152-pound division, broke his hand in a third round match he wound up losing, 7-4, ending his high school wrestling career.

Baroudi lasted to the semifinals, where he lost a heartbreaker to the eventual champion in the 135 pound class, Carver's Duncan Banks, 3-1. He wound up losing another gut wrencher in the consolation match afterwards, 4-3, knocking him down to fifth place. Unfortunately, only four wrestlers from each weight division qualify for All-States.

Thus, unless one of the four wrestlers who finished ahead of Baroudi drop out of All-States, Saturday marked the end of a watershed season for Cohasset wrestling.

Back in late December, with this Cohasset team turning in a sub-par showing at the annual Marshfield tournament and holding a 3-8 record at the time, one of the very last things on longtime coach Torin Sweeney's mind was a Pilgrim Conference championship.

Indeed, he seemed as surprised as anyone when his young and largely inexperienced squad actually pulled it off, finishing the 6-0 season in league competition with a 39-32 upset win over perennial powerhouse Rockland on Feb. 2.

This prepared Sweeney to be one of the few close observers who wasn't completely stunned a week later when his charges pulled off an even more improbable feat by taking fourth place in a strong 20 team field at the Div. 3 South Sectionals, advancing eight wrestlers to this past weekend's state Div. 3 meet in the process.

Dan and Terry were joined on the state championship mats this past weekend at Taconic High School (Pittsfield) by freshman brothers Jonathan Littauer (103 pounds) and Matt Baroudi (189), along with fellow teammates Joe Kehoe (112) Chris McKenna (145), Matt Casey (171) and Phil Strazzulla (125).

Of these eight Div. 3 finalists, Sweeney will lose only one to graduation: Dan Littauer. Terry Baroudi,

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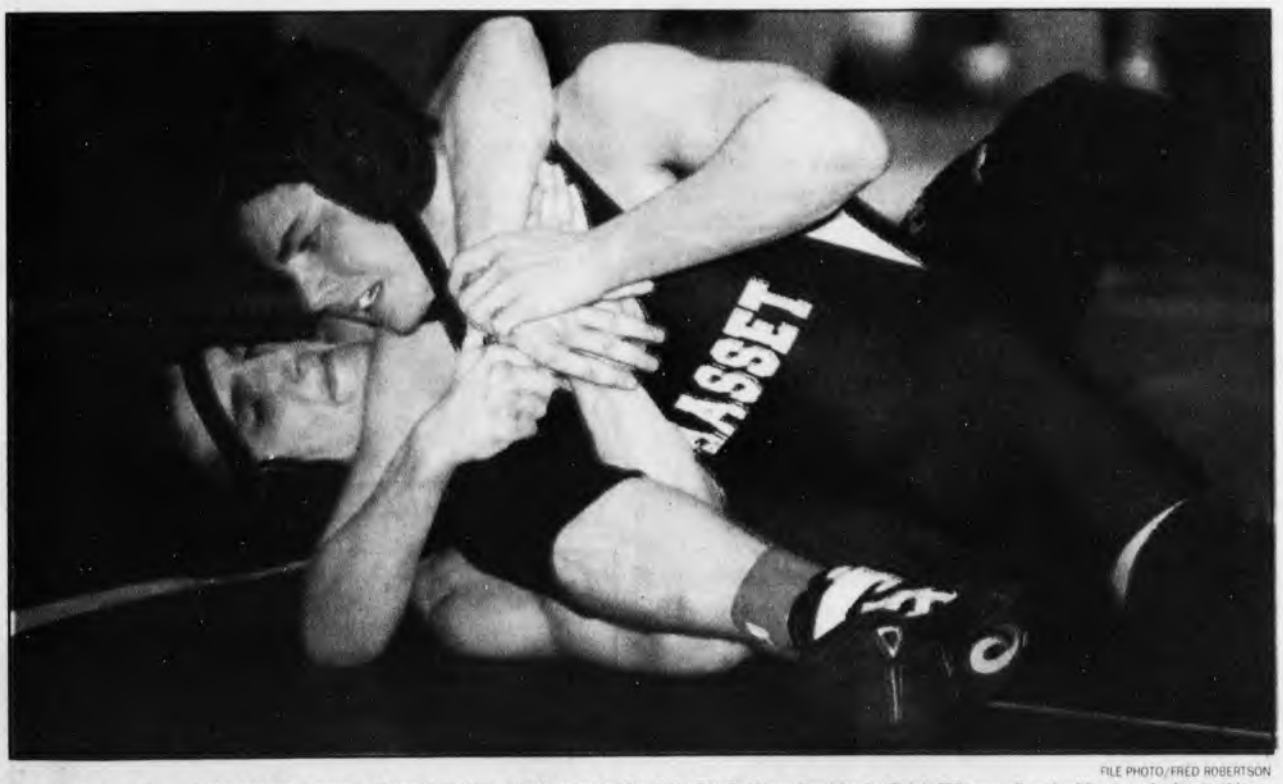

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Cohasset's Terry Baroudi (top) fell in a couple of heartbreakers at this weekend's state Div. 3 championships to finish fifth overall and without an invite to this weekend's All-State championships.

Quartet of three year standouts will lead girls squad in '02-'03

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

A 6-14 season would not be considered remarkable by many. However, for the Lady Skippers program, it's definitely a step in the right direction.

Flash to two years ago: A quartet of freshmen teamed up with a junior to try and resurrect a girls hoop team at Cohasset. They finished the year with a 10-8 record as a junior varsity team.

The next year, the frosh became sophomores, and the underclassmen had some real competitive experience. Coach Ellen Carr felt her team was ready to take the plunge and become a varsity team.

Just like any other new club, the team took its lumps, collecting only one win (a come-from-behind thriller over Mashpee) the entire season.

This year, four juniors led their team out of the South Shore League basement en route to six wins and a bright outlook not only for next year, but for the future of the Cohasset girls basketball program.

"I refuse to think that this team is not heading in the right direction," offered the smiling Carr, who predicted pre-season that six wins was a good and attainable target. "Next year, we are going for 10 wins, to try to make it into the tournament."

As seniors next year, Lindsay Grossman, Heather Peraino, Maura O'Brien, and LaRaine Langford will have a very good shot of hauling the Lady Skippers into the Div. 4 playoffs.

Grossman has led Cohasset in scoring in each of the past two seasons with exceptional sharpshooting from both long range and inside. O'Brien continued to show great signs under the boards this year, collecting over 10 points a game, many on putbacks.

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Quartet of three year standouts will lead girls squad in '02-'03

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Maura O'Brien (#54) averaged 10 points per game this season, and should emerge as even more of an inside force next season.

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Peraino and Langford should prove a formidable tandem in the backcourt next season. Injuries and sickness kept these two from really getting on track this past season, but next year should be very different.

That's not to say these four will have to make a stretch run all by themselves. They will receive the support they need for a post-season march from several talented sophomores, freshman, and possibly even a few current Middle Schoolers.

Sophomore guards Jen Buckley and Gill Weber add speed and ball control to the backcourt, something the Lady Skippers will need as their press break was one of the team's weaknesses this year.

The sophomores in the front-court are Danielle Pinkus and Ashley Faber, both of whom made great strides improving their strength this season under the boards. Freshman center Casey Anderson led the Junior Varsity squad to an 11-7 record, recording more than a few double-doubles.

The team will unfortunately be without their three senior veterans, Kerry Long, Liza Parker and Jessica Stevermer. The three contributed on and off the court as the leaders of this team, coming up with many clutch defensive stands off the bench.

The seniors said goodbye to Cohasset basketball on a high note when the Lady Skippers took down bitter rivals Hull in the season finale last Wednesday, 52-48. This marked the second time this year that Cohasset had taken down Hull by fewer than five points, as they topped the Lady Pirates at home in go-round number one on a buzzer-beating Maura O'Brien field goal.

Those two wins may have been the season highlight in many of the players' eyes. For others, it was the 12-point win the Lady Skippers had over Patriot League foes Scituate.

With nothing but the Basketball Banquet between this team and Spring sports, the Lady Skippers will be looking forward to 2003. It may very well be the year that a Cohasset girls basketball program goes past the regular season.

"Everyone is going to be stronger next year," reported Peraino, who spent much of this season nursing a broken finger. "We feel that next year is going to be our year."

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Danielle Pinkus (#24) will be counted on again for hard-nosed defense in the paint in 2002-'03.

Scituate skaters prove no match for powerhouse Cohasset

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quickly sent linemate Rob Carpenter up the right boards with a perfect lead pass. Carpenter flew over the blue line and unleashed a slapper from the right circle that Scituate goalie Joe Duggan was able to get a pad on, but not quite enough of it, as the puck trickled across the goal line.

Cohasset captains Chris Caron and Pete Whoriskey teamed to double their team's pleasure (and lead) less than three minutes later. A Whoriskey slapper through a screen deflected right to Caron, camped in the right slot, who tucked it home behind Duggan while the goaltender was still searching for the puck. Mike Rasmussen was credited with the other assist.

The rout was officially on 5:12 to go before the first break when John Durkin's 25-foot slapper from straight out deflected off at least one body in front and beat Duggan low glove side. Straughn was the real hero on this tally, as his scintillating end-to-end rush ended when three Sailors were forced to descend on him 15-feet from the goal mouth, giving Durkin all kinds of time to wind up after taking the drop pass. O'Connell fed to Straughn in Cohasset's end to pick up perhaps the easiest of his SSL best 56 points on the season (24 goals, 32 assists).

The Skippers dropped into more of a defensive posture after this goal. Still, they created by far the better opportunities over the remaining two periods-plus, and it was only sterling play of Duggan in net that stopped this one from becoming a true laugher.

Conversely, of the 14 shots on Cohasset goalie Dan Kinchla, only a handful were quality attempts, making the senior's eighth shutout of the season a relatively carefree affair.

The scoring drought finally ended after 32:33 of playing time when Matt Davis skated out from the right corner after some nice work along the boards by Whoriskey and Tom Anderson to beat Duggan short side with 2:39 showing on the game clock.

"Our kids were really up for this game and that showed in the opening minutes," said Dennis Walsh, who is in his 30th and final season as Cohasset's head coach. "I think the edge we have over most teams is our skating. I was really impressed with how we moved the puck tonight against another good skating team like Scituate. This was a good stepping stone for us heading in to the tourney."

Hockey notes

On tap

Yesterday's scheduled game with Avon-Holbrook (9-6-2) is all that stood in the way of the first ever unbeaten season for Cohasset hockey. Walsh seemed more concerned with getting in another good tune-up before the state tourney gets underway.

He has also scheduled a scrimmage for Friday with Div. 2 tourney bound Marshfield (14-5-2).

Tourney seedings and brackets are expected to be released by the MIAA on Sunday.

Balancing act

Perhaps the most exciting element to Walsh of his team's play of late has been the increased offensive balance.

Through much of the early part of the season, the line of Carpenter-O'Connell-Durkin provided the lion's share of the scoring. In recent games, however, the second line of Davis-Whoriskey-Anderson and even the "checking line" of Rasmussen-Caron-Dave Bouchard has been picking it up at the offensive end.

"Teams with offensive balance usually do well in the tourney," said Walsh, "and we're starting to get some good things at the offensive end from different people. That's been real encouraging lately."

Mutual admiration society

"If we don't win it all, I really hope Cohasset does," said Scituate coach Mike Breen. "Dennis Walsh and (assistant coaches) Benji Walsh and Peter Sandblom have done a great job with those kids. They run a class organization. Those kids play with a lot of class. It's a real easy team to root for."

Cohasset 6, Trinity Catholic 0

O'Connell had two goals and three assists in this non-league win last Wednesday. Durkin also scored twice, while Straughn and Carpenter added solo tallies.

No, this is not a misprint.

Cohasset has now outscored its opponents 137-19 this season.

Six Skippers named All-Stars

To no surprise, Cohasset players dominated the 15-man South Shore League All-Star roster, with forwards O'Connell, Davis and Durkin, defensemen Libby and Straughn and

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Rob Carpenter (#6) gets a step on Scituate's Matt Hall in Monday night's showdown as teammates look on anxiously.

Boys put tough season behind them

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with a broken ankle. According to Ford, he suffered the fracture during the Holiday Classic back in December, but had played through the pain.

Although he led the Skippers in assists as a veteran point guard, he had to miss the final few games of the season, including the All-Star game last Friday in Norwell.

Bilodeau's sophomore brother Chris missed the first four games of the year with a broken pinky, yet another football injury. Since it almost always takes a few weeks to get back into a rhythm with the team, he only recently started scoring the points the Skippers knew he was capable of.

"Chris is starting to come of age," smiled Ford. "He took a huge step this year."

Sophomore center Sean Connolly rounded out the list of the five injured potential starters when he missed six games with an ankle fracture. Desperately needing more height in the paint, the absence of the 6-foot-3 pivot man was clearly felt during the Skippers early season losing streak.

"Every time he got something going, he was hurt or sick," said the coach, who will look forward to having a healthy Connolly and Chris Bilodeau in the line-up next year.

One of the bright spots on the team this year was the emergence of senior captain Pete Maitland as not only a legitimate varsity player, but as a scorer, rebounder and passer. Maitland made the unprecedented jump from JV swing player his junior year to South Shore League All-Star as a senior.

Voted "Senior Class Athlete" this past Homecoming, Maitland has also been named a soccer SSL All-Star, and became the first Cohasset trackster in decades to go to the New England championships.

Maitland, Bilodeau, and Martin will be sorely missed by the Skippers for their leadership of a young, inexperienced squad this year.

They leave behind a team that Ford truly believes will make it to .500 next year and make a run at some South Sectional hardware. Bilodeau and Connolly will likely be starters, as will versatile junior Ian Kidder, who played very well as a center, forward and guard this season.

Junior Ben Lynner has been Cohasset's number one presence in the paint, and may very well break out of his 10-points-a-game frame as a senior. Juniors Jared Krupczak, Scott Faber and Ross Lieb-Lappen all gained varsity experience this year, and will be looked to for support next season.

If the Skippers do have a shot at making the tourney any time soon, next year would be the year to do it. Norton will be leaving to go to the Tri-Valley League.

Norwell will likely again be the team to beat in the SSL, but Carver will be graduating their SSL All-Star and team leading scorer Raph Frazier, and Abington will lose all three of their big guns, all All-Stars as well.

As Ford put it after Norwell beat Cohasset for the second time: "When you're facing adversity, you can get better, or you can get bitter."

COASTAL STARS REPORT

This weeks Coastal Stars game of the week article will have a different tone to it than many of the previous game of the week columns. Because many of the Coastal Stars teams have losing records the theme of most articles have dwelt on overcoming obstacles, applauding good sportsmanship, and celebrating occasional victories. Good teamwork and individual play have also been honored. But this week's article will be a pure unabashed glorification of victory as the winningest team in all of the Coastal stars - the Coastal Stars Mite C-1 team will be featured.

Unyielding defense, total commitment, good coaching, and selfless teamwork have been the hallmarks of this winning team. This was the winning recipe that catapulted another local team from last place to a world championship and one that may ultimately give C-1 their own championship.

This past weekend, with one game left in their twenty one game season, the Stars notched their nineteenth victory in an 8-0 blowout over a rival Duxbury C-1 team. It was a game that featured explosive offense from the top line of Jamie Faber, Patrick Cull, and Kevin Thomas as well as consistent defensive play from the entire team. The Stars head coach, Dave Denton, said that while some teams are built on speed and others finesse his team is built on defense and teamwork. In their twenty games to date the Stars have shut out their opponent ten times and only once have they allowed more than one goal. As outstanding as that statistic might appear the statistic that most impresses Coach Denton and his coaching staff of Vern Langley, Joe Redfern, and Mark Talanian is the number of players that have made all forty two sessions consisting of both games and practices. The coaches feel the strong sense of team commitment starts with the team's parents who have been both cooperative and supportive all year.

In the Duxbury win the team's commitment to defense and team play was again evident. Although this is a team that discourages individual glory there is a top line that has accounted for much of the team's scoring this year. This game would be no different as the Faber,Cull, Thomas line accounted for five of the eight goals. The big and skillful Cohasset forward Jamie Faber accounted for two goals and four assists while his standout line mate from Marshfield, Patrick Cull, popped in another two goals and three assists. Cull's neighbor and line mate, Kevin Thomas, added a goal and a couple of assists to add to his line's offensive barrage.

The other goals were scored by second line power house Austin Hale on a powerful wrist shot. Ryan Talanian moved up from his position on the blue line for his score.And Vinnie Calorio stole the puck from a defender in his own zone to break in alone and blast one by the beleaguered Duxbury goalie.

The offensive damage could have been even worse if one of the Stars' top point getters, Carter Denton, had not been side lined with the flu and one the teams most formidable playmakers, Cohasset's own "Downtown" Willie Brown, had not been on one of his many family vacations to spots unknown. Also, missing from the mix was the always dangerous Robbie Mahoney whose constant hustle and tenacity has been a force all season.

Complementing the offensive outburst was a remarkable effort of team defense- a notion that comes easily to this team whose players rotate positional play from game to game including goalie. This week's goalie, Jake Redfern, an always aggressive player at whatever position he plays, was only called upon once as the Stars held Duxbury to just one shot all game. Much of the credit defensively goes to the defensive pairings of Trevor Langley/ Ryan Talanian and Tim Martin/Conor Maher. These defensive stalwarts not only allowed no goals but also refused to surrender one shot on net once the team went up 5-0. Once the team had a commanding lead Coach Denton told his players to put away the artillery and challenged his players not to allow a shot on net. Amazingly they met the challenge and held Duxbury without a shot for most of the final two periods.

No defensive gem is complete without the contribution from those unsung heroes who don't dominate the score sheet. The heroes of this game who did not make it on the score sheet were the always dependable line of Alex Hurd, Zach Monaco, and Matt Sullivan. Coach Denton said Hurd's tenacity has impressed him all year and Monacho seems to be a force in every game. Matt Sullivan, according to Coach Denton, is the team's most improved player who just gets better with every game. D.J. Evans, a star on another Star's Mite C team, was called in for reinforcement to substitute for the team's three missing players. D.J's skill and relentless hustle were a welcomed addition to Denton's second line.

Twenty and one. Ten shut outs. Three consecutive shut outs. Focus on teamwork. Emphasis on defense. Solid coaching. Supportive fan base. And a head coach who is a long time Patriot season ticket holder who just so happened to be in New Orleans for one of the greatest displays of overall team play in some time. It looks like this might be one of the few shining stars in an otherwise bleak constellation of Star teams as the regular season closes down and the playoffs are about to begin.

— By Peter J. Buckley

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Casey and McKenna are juniors, Strazzula a sophomore. The younger Littauer and Baroudi, along with Kehoe and injured 135-pound standout Mike Casey (Matt's kid brother) headline one of the best freshmen classes Sweeney says he has ever had in his 19 year coaching career.

Of the 24 wrestlers on the roster, only three are being lost to graduation. Vinnie Gratta and John Hussey are the two who will join Littauer in the caps and gowns this spring.

"The most exciting thing to me about all of this is that I know Cohasset wrestling is headed back to where it should be," said Sweeney, who directed the Skippers to a Sectional championship and state Div. 3 runner-up in 1999. "We've got a lot of talented young kids who are extremely committed, and there's just an excitement about the program we hadn't seen in the last few years."

As for this weekend's happenings, if nothing else, it seems Terry Baroudi has caught the wrestling fever bad.

Unlike most top wrestlers, Terry has not been a full-time devotee. He has played baseball in the spring and football in the fall for C.H.S.. After this weekend's near misses, he sounds ready to eschew those other activities and commit year round to grappling.

"I want to be a state champion, and I'm going to do everything I can to get ready for next season," said the 16-year old matter-of-factly. "I wasn't that far away this time around. I came so close and I know I can do better."

Terry literally came within inches of moving on to the finals Saturday, a five-point reversal and takedown in the 3-1 semifinal loss being waved off because he rolled out of bounds with eventual champion Duncan Banks.

The ensuing consolation match to Foxboro's Brian Dietzel was tied 2-2 entering the third period. Inside the final minute, Dietzel scored two points with a high crotch move. Baroudi reversed this with a nice move in the waning seconds to tie things up again...or so he thought. The ref first held up two fingers, indicating a two-point move, but then changed it to "1", making it a 4-3 final.

Terry dominated his fifth place showdown for top alternate status, beating the top seed from the West sectional, 6-1.

To add insult to injury, Terry had twice beaten the wrestler who wound up finishing fourth to advance to All-States, Holliston's Alex Strum.

There is still a chance Terry could wind up going to All-States. He'll find out at Friday's weight in at Brockton High School if any of the four wrestlers who finished ahead of him dropped out of contention—not as rare an occurrence as some might believe.

"I'm just keeping my fingers crossed," said Terry. "Going to All-States would be a great experience, and I feel like I could do pretty well."

Perhaps the most improbable of all the improbabilities surrounding this Cohasset wrestling team was that Dan Littauer was even here. When the senior suffered a badly dislocated elbow on Dec. 5, the prognosis was a four-month healing period and the end of his high school wrestling career. He made it back to the mats in less than half that proscribed time — Feb. 2, to be exact. He made his debut in the regular season finale with a 14-2 win over his Rockland counterpart to play a pivotal role in the Skippers league title clincher. So, with a 1-0 record, Littauer — who finished second at Sectionals and fifth at States last year — headed into the Sectionals. His reputation bought him a number two seed, but he proved worthy for this respect by dominating all comers before falling to Foxboro's Mike Ragusa in the finals.

Unfortunately, Dan's elbow swelled noticeably and became quite painful over the course of the second day, and the situation only worsened in practice sessions in preparations for this past weekend. He won his first match on Friday, but the elbow shot up again, turning him essentially in to a one-armed wrestler in round two. Not surprisingly, he lost 14-4, as he was unable to pull off what for him are pretty basic moves.

"My arm was pretty useless by that point," noted Littauer. "I couldn't escape out of anything."

With the one win under his belt, Littauer was able to survive to Saturday. Overcompensatign for the left elbow injury, however, he placed a little bit too much pressure on his right hand on one move and..."snap" went the bone. Littauer continued to fight on despite the pain, but fell 7-4 in a gallant effort to enmd his day and high schol wrestling career.

"I was happy just to get the chance to wrestle again after all of the doctors told me I was through," said Littauer, who would like to try to wrestle in college providing his elbow heals completely. "To help the team win a league title and finish second at Sectionals after everything I went through feels great."

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The Cohasset wrestling team.

And he looks forward to following the progress of next year's team extremely closely.

"They're going to be awesome next year," said Dan, who has been accepted at B.C. and Wheaton, and applied to eight other colleges, including Harvard. "I was a freshman with the 1999 Sectional Championship team, and I can see a lot of similarities between that team we had in 1999 and the one that's going to be coming back next year."

Wrestling Notes

10-year Cohasset assistant coach Peter Buckley was named Div. 3 Assistant Coach of the Year by a vote of the Div. 3 coaches.

"I was really happy for Coach Buckley; he really deserved this," said Dan Littauer, who first met Buckley when he was giving instructional wrestling lessons to grade schoolers at the Cohasset Community Center eight years ago. "He's been out there working with kids, and loving it for so long. He does a great job."

Cohasset High will reportedly be getting a true wrestling room before next year, with permanent mats on the walls as well as floor.

Up until this season, the wrestlers shared the upstairs gym with the gymnastics squad. However, that gym was converted in to a library for this school year, which left the wrestling squad competing for gym time with both basketball teams—a situation Sweeney said proved costly to his team's development, particularly in the early part of the season.

"It's amazing these guys did as well as they did with the limited practice time they had this year," said Littauer. "There's no telling how far they might go with their own room next year."

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS BASKETBALL

13 beat Hull, 52-48
end of season

BOYS BASKETBALL

13 beat Hull, 61-52
End of season

ICE HOCKEY

13 beat Trinity, 6-0
16 beat Randolph
18 beat Scituate, 4-0
20 Avon-Holbrook
end of regular season

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Race-by-the-Sea set for April 7

The 26th Cohasset Road Race-by-the-Sea has been scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2002. The Cohasset Rotary Club will again sponsor the race.

The race is listed on the "Cool Running" Web site calendar (www.coolrunning.com). Information can be obtained on the race website www.cohassetroadracebythesea.com.

Applications are in the back of the Rotary Telephone Book for Cohasset. Runners can also register on the website. Applications will be at Curtis Liquors, Nobles, Cohasset Good Sport and other locations at the end of February beginning of March.

Organizers this year intend to use computer chips for timing.

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Local sergeant named chief

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possible," Haddad said about the makeup of the search committee. "Some were town managers, some were police chiefs and some were citizens, they all worked together to make a great recommendation."

He added that the appointment of Jackson was the "obvious choice".

Police union president Bill Quigley said he thinks Jackson is an excellent choice. He said the department was looking for a good chief, and they got one.

"I think the choice sent a clear message to the department that if you're clear headed and hard working you can rise to the top," Quigley said. "I think Jackson is a good fit for the town and the police department."

Jackson will be replacing Chief Brian Noonan who has served the town for 28 years. Noonan has known Jackson since the 1960s and has become closer with him since Jackson joined the force in 1979.

"I'm extremely happy for him," Noonan said. "He's worked extremely hard and I think it's a natural progression for him."

Noonan thought Jackson's strong military background (he has 30 years of service in the US Navy reserves) will serve him well in his new post and said he advised Jackson to keep a level head and realize the broad scope of the job.

"You have to be concerned with all the departments, not just the police department," he said.

Noonan added leaving the job after more than two decades (nearly 10 years as chief) is going to be difficult. He said he has no immediate plans and will take a few month to relax. He did offer some sage advice to his successor.

"I told him to keep your friends close and your enemies closer," Noonan said.

Jackson said his first order of business will be acclimating himself to the office. He wants to establish new middle management to take the position that he vacated as well as updating departmental rules, policies and procedures.

One of the programs he wants to install is related to youth alcohol offenses. Jackson said he would like to model the program after the one used by the Wellesley police that uses a summons process in which a first-time offender isn't necessarily arrested.

"I'd like to develop some consistency in dealing with the youth," Jackson said. He added that he hopes to secure funding for a full-time school resource officer which would enable the police department to be more visible in the schools.

Other issues Jackson would like to address includes installing remote communication terminals in the cruisers as well as establishing a back-up communications system for the police headquarters. And of course, later down the line, Jackson would love a new police station.

"The station we have now is just not adequate for our needs," he said.

Jackson, who lives on Ash Street, holds a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Virginia, a bachelor of science in law enforcement from Northeastern University, graduated from the Brockton Police Academy in 1980 and completed a command training program at Babson College last year.

Haddad looks to bigger town

By Evan Schiff and Peter Hartzel
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Town Manager Mark Haddad has been busy in recent weeks thinking about whom to appoint in various departmental vacancies. In the span of a few months, Haddad has had to deal with the prospect of appointing a new police chief, fire chief and superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

Soon, the town may have to select someone to take his place.

Last week, Haddad was notified that he is on the short list to become Dedham's new town administrator. Joining him on the list is Norwell Town Administrator Jim Boudreau, a friend of Haddad's, and Seekonk Town Administrator William Keegan.

Haddad, who is under contract with Cohasset until June of 2005, applied for the position in January and expects to hear if he got the job in the next couple weeks.

"Every once in a while an opportunity presents itself that bears looking into," Haddad said. "This just seems like a natural progression for me."

Dedham's population of 23,000 is roughly triple the size of Cohasset and its operating budget of $54 million is more than double Cohasset's. Haddad said the lure of a bigger town is a compelling reason to take the job.

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said everyone understands that this is a business and while he doesn't want to see Haddad leave, he'd understand.

"He's done an excellent job in his five years here," Koed said. "If he does leave I wish him the best of luck and if he doesn't, I'm glad to have him back."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said Haddad, who was a finalist two years ago for the town manager position in Sudbury, has done a great job serving as Cohasset's first town manager.

"He's had to deal with a tremendous amount of issues," McMorris said. "We'll definitely miss him if he leaves."

Dedham's Board of Selectmen, which will choose the new administrator, will interview all three of the candidates in consecutive hour-long sessions on Feb. 28 from 6-9 p.m. A vote to select a new candidate is expected in early March.

"They were all very impressive candidates," Dedham's search committee chairman Frank Sally said. "I think there will probably be some difficulty in choosing one of the three."

The search committee interviewed 10 of the 34 applicants. At selectmen's request, Dedham police are now conducting background checks on the finalists. Following next Monday's interviews, Dedham's Selectmen ChairmanTom Polito said selectmen will visit the towns where the finalists work to see what people there think about them. Polito said selectmen have not yet decided whether to also hold a second round of interviews before voting to select the new administrator.

In the meantime, Dedham selectmen have asked each of the finalists to provide them with copies of the fiscal 2003 budget proposal for the town they now work for, the town charter, current annual report and annual report from the year before they arrived, and a writing sample.

Plaza plan makes a comeback

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the plaza. The Planning Board did not support the article.

So if past history is a gauge, then the atmosphere might not have been as friendly at last night's Planning Board public hearing that took place after the Mariner went to press. Staszko was scheduled to meet before the board at 9 p.m. (Wednesday, Feb. 20).

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy told selectmen last week, the board does not support expanding highway business zoning on 3A.

"We don't want to expand the commercial district on 3A because it takes away the viability of the downtown area," Sturdy said.

But Selectman Ronnie McMorris said an expanded shopping center on 3A would have little or no impact on the village.

"I think it's a shame Donald (Staszko) has to come back every year for this," she said. "I think it's a good idea."

Sturdy also said the Planning Board has asked Town Counsel whether Staszko can bring this article forward. If an article is voted down at Town Meeting, it has to wait two years before it is back on the warrant, he said.

Staszko built Stop & Shop in 1986, and the other building, which houses Dunkin' Donuts, Blockbuster Video, the Shoe Market and several other stores in 1988.

He plans to extend the highway business zone 200 feet to the rear of the plaza to construct a 32,500 square foot building that would house a large, dry goods retailer, and expand Super Stop & Shop by some 17,500 square feet.

In a telephone interview, Staszko said he has been encouraged by "residents and a lot of public officials" to bring the issue forward again this year.

"They are saying, 'we need the revenue,'" he said. "A lot of people cannot afford to live here any longer – and the only way they can stay is to take some of the tax burden off the homeowner."

Currently, the existing plaza brings in about $119,000 in annual tax revenue. By the time the expansion is built, that number would be closer to $130,000, plus the additional $100,000 from the new section, for a total of about $230,000, Staszko said.

"That's a $6.8 million revenue stream over 20 years," he said.

Staszko also said a new retailer would actually help the village.

"It would help bring people into town, who might want to go to the village to see what a quaint community is like," he said.

Selectmen took the issue under advisement because the Water Commission also has an article concerning the water resource district on the Town Meeting warrant. Selectmen want to consult with town counsel to make sure the two articles don't conflict.

Editor Mary Ford contributed to this report.

No room for local town history

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see the book used in the upper grades as part of a mini-course on town history," she said. "The book kind of lends itself to that type of use."

But the history and social science curriculum framework for the high school concentrates on broader issues, such as the intellectual history of the United States from its founding to the present or, the growth and decline of centers of political power in world history from the 1400s to the present.

While Fennessey recognizes the importance learning American and world history, she wishes the state would allow more time for teachers to concentrate on local issues.

"The teachers don't have an opportunity to include what they want in the curriculum," she said. "The MCAS has everyone directed in one path."

Last year was the first year 10th-graders were required to pass the MCAS test in order to graduate. The test grades students in several sections, ranging from English/Language Arts to math and social studies.

Both Fennessey and Dormitzer said they were going to continue to work together to explore possibilities for incorporating the book into the school curriculum. Dormitzer hopes the book will be featured on the future town Web site for easy access to its contents.

POLICE / FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

6:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Ridge Top Rd., vehicle stored/impounded.

7:06 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

7:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

8:47 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

9:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

9:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:42 p.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

11:10 p.m. North Main St., suspicious, area search negative.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10

12:33 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

12:50 a.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

1:22 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

2:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. ,traffic complaint.

12:49 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

1:20 p.m. Pratt Ct., animal control.

2:32 p.m. Highland Ave., structure fire.

5:24 p.m. South Main St., suspicious person.

MONDAY, FEB. 11

6:07 a.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:17 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:31 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:53 a.m. King St. and Schofield Rd. officer wanted.

9:53 a.m. Sohier St., suspicious, area search negative.

11:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St., motor vehicle crash.

3:47 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious, area search negative.

4:23 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious.

6:05 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop.

6:36 p.m. King St., medical aid.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

1:05 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:53 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:30 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:52 a.m. Elm St., parking complaint.

10:12 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:17 a.m. Hingham Court House, motor vehicle theft.

10:40 a.m. Hull St., traffic safety inspection.

10:43 a.m. Elm St., suspicious.

5:23 p.m. Ledgewood Dr,. medical aid.

9:04 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

1:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:02 a.m. Nichols Rd., assist citizen.

6:47 a.m. Cedar St., medical aid.

7:22 a.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:43 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:07 a.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., animal control.

10:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

11:25 a.m. Forest Ave,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:39 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:43 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

12:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, breaking and entering into automobile.

3:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident, traffic citation issued.

4:35 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Linden Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:44 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Bow St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:47 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:03 p.m. King St., medical aid.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

6:57 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway armed robbery.

12:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

2:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway larceny.

3:53 p.m. Pasadena, Calif., larceny investigated.

4:36 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, transport.

5:14 p.m. Elm St., investigation.

5:15 p.m. Summer St., suspicious person.

6:07 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

6:34 p.m. Hammond Ave., assist citizen.

7:41 p.m. Border St,. parking complaint.

9:24 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

9:26 p.m. Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

7:55 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:13 a.m. N. Main St, fire.

8:26 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire.

8:27 a.m. Jerusalem animal control.

9:04 a.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Dr., animal control.

9:16 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:30 a.m. Summer St,. motor vehicle theft.

9:56 a.m. S. Main St., animal control.

9:56 a.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

10:32 a.m. S. Main St, animal control.

12:50 p.m. King St., medical aid.

2:38 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop,

3:47 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop,

6:36 p.m. S. Main St., suspicious.

9:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:44 p.m. Nantasket Ave., assist other police department.

10:02 p.m. Hull St,. motor vehicle stop,

10:06 p.m. Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm, motor vehicle stop,

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

12:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway open door/window.

12:56 a.m. Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Dr,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:10 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:12 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:56 p.m. Norfolk Rd., assist citizen.

4:18 p.m. N. Main St., general services

5:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

OBITUARIES

Elinor C. Halberg

Elinor Christine (Sessler) Halberg, 90, a Natick resident for more than 50 years and more recently of Agawam, died Feb. 17, 2002, at the Heritage House Assisted Living Center.

Mrs. Halberg was the widow of the late Richard Carl Halberg, who died in November, 2001.

Born in Boston, she was daughter of the late Frederick William and Rosalie Emma (Brauer) Sessler.

Mrs. Halberg was a graduate of Girl's High School in Boston and Boston Clerical School, and she was a longtime member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Natick.

She leaves a son, Richard Carl Halberg Jr. of Louisa, Va.; two daughters, Lois Anne Cameron of Cohasset and Elaine Christine Hall of Somers, Conn.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will take place Thursday, at 10 a.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 39 East Central St. (Route 135), Natick, officiated by the Rev. Jon Strand.

Arrangements were by the Mitchell Funeral Home in Natick.

Those wishing may make memorial contributions to the National Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Development Department, 1501 N.W. 9th Ave., Miami, Fla. 33136-1494, or to the American Heart Association, Massachusetts Affiliate, 20 Speen St., Framingham, 01701-4688.

WORSHIP NEWS

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Janelle Malafronte

Debut CD brings singing lawyer 'Center Stage'

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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After releasing a successful dance single while in still in law school, the demanding roles of becoming a real estate attorney, a wife and the mother of two put the singing career of Braintree attorney Janelle Malafronte on hold.

But only temporarily.

Janelle has just completed her debut CD single entitled "Center Stage," a pop/contemporary dance tune.

The CD has garnered some "very positive feedback" from local music business professionals, as well as local Boston radio personalities.

"After all these years of putting my dream on hold, it really feels like things have happened so quickly. It's all coming together. It's serendipity," Malafronte said.

On New year's Eve, Janelle had the good fortune to talk to DJ Michael Knight, who plays top 40 pop on STAR 93.7 FM. Knight agreed to listen to "Center Stage." Janelle was thrilled to receive an enthusiastic e-mail from Knight, saying he was forwarding the demo CD to the station's music director for evaluation.

After all these years of putting my dream on hold, it really feels like things have happened so quickly. It's all coming together. It's serendipity,"
Janelle Malafronte

"You've got a great voice. Sounds like you had a lot of fun recording it," Knight said in the message.

Janelle, who grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth-Carver High School in 1983, is no newcomer to the stage. She began singing professionally at the age of 19, when she was recruited by the Plymouth band "After Dark." This was a very busy time for Janelle, who was then attending Suffolk University, where she was a Fulham Merit Scholar for four years. She sang with this band even after she entered Suffolk Law School, then joined the 60s band "Easy Living."

Janelle celebrated graduating from law school by releasing the dance single "Don't Be Shy," which had air time on KISS 108 and won Battle of the Bands. This was also the start of the hiatus in her singing career.

"I was getting married and passing the bar exam. I never had the chance to go to the next level," Janelle said.

The next level followed Janelle, however.

During a trip to DisneyWorld with her husband, Tom Snarsky, Janelle, who conducts her law and singing careers under her maiden name of Malafronte, received a call from "Star Search" for a return performance that cut the Snarskys' vacation two days short. Tom, an accountant, took it in stride.

"Tom is a wonderful guy, very supportive," Janelle said.

In the years that followed, Janelle concentrated on her family and her real estate law practice

She still went on singing, however, just on a different stage. The couple have two children, Tommy, age 8, who goes to Ross Elementary School in Braintree, and daughter Kaylene, 5, who attends a private kindergarten. Janelle is very active with the Ross School PTO and involved with Kaylene's class. She won kudos for singing "Proud to be An American" with the kindergartners.

Professionally, Janelle sings with Trax, a South Shore top 40s band based at Bert's on Plymouth beach. The group also appears at Joe's American Bar and Grill in Hanover. Trax can be contacted by e-mail at nightlifemusicco@netzero.net. There are about 5,000 fans signed up to receive Trax's e-mail newsletter. Janelle can be contacted directly at janellemarie47@hotmail.com.

Janelle is also working on a 10-song CD with her producer, Tony Bailey.

Many may wonder where Janelle finds the time to pursue her singing career.

"I'm an Aries. I've always been very involved," she said simply.

"Center Stage" was written for Janelle by Bailey. Once Janelle began recording, however, the song became a joint project.

"He wrote it for me. Then it became a collaboration. We co-wrote and co-produced it," Janelle said.

Now comes the quest for air time.

"Once you create a product, you have to get people to support it, you have to get people to play it, and, hopefully, a record company picks up on it and then you can go on making music," Janelle said.

Last December, serendipity was again in motion. Janelle, on vacation in

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Better late than never

Duxbury artist making watercolor work his full-time job

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The world of the visual arts has always seen its share of late-bloomers — those who chose its various craft as a second career or sideline interest.

Duxbury artist Jack Haran is one individual who seems to fit this description. Except that Haran, a part-time watercolor and oil painter and full-time computer programs manager at Commonwealth Auto-Reinsurance in Quincy, actually began painting some three decades ago, shortly after taking his first art course, and has pursued what he calls serious study of his craft for the past nine years.

"I had just a passing interest in 'art' until the mid-70s," said Haran in his personal artist's statement. "While touring the Museum of Fine Arts, Winslow Homer's 'Blue Boat' beckoned to me from across two rooms. I was instantly taken by watercolors and vowed to become a proficient painter of watercolors. I'm still working at it."

Haran, whose art experience also includes graphics and black-and-white photography, plans to retire soon from his "day job" to devote more time to his painting and other creative ventures. A preview of what is to come can be seen at Marshfield's Ventress Library, where Haran is showing his recent watercolor work through March 9.

Duxbury watercolor artist Jack Haran will show his works at the Ventress Library Gallery in Marshfield through March 9.

What's remarkable about Haran's 20 pieces in the untitled show is their penchant to go right to and draw from the classic sources, both in influences and subject matter. Many of the artist's works represent his travels over the past seven years to Ireland, Italy and France, while others are studies done closer to home in Scituate and Maine. Most of them attempt to convey the styles and techniques of Haran's most admired previous era masters, John Singer Sargeant, Winslow Homer and lesser known mid-20th century English watercolorist Edward Sego.

Among Haran's village and landscape studies done in Italy, several of them chose their setting in Tuscania, a quaint, rural village some hundred miles north of Rome. Self-descriptive scenes in this location, such as "Green Gate," "Church II" and "Town Street" seem to display the qualities of artistic muse, and the artist responds with loose, natural color renderings of his given subjects. Haran produced the latter two works while on a group tour in the town, and mentions that during the group's stay, they were treated to a party thrown for them by the town's mayor, and attended by local aristocracy, including people described as counts, countesses and such. A painting demonstration show by the group, the artist said, was among the festivities.

Other scenes around Europe include "City Wall and Statue, Rome," "Windmill at Dusk, France" and "Hillside Vineyard, Italy," a well-textured interpretation which Haran said was sketched from a Eurorail train travelling the countryside at 120 mph. Much of the same qualities of the artist's European work extend as well to his state-side subjects, such as "Gurnet Light, Scituate," "Cypress Point, California" and others.

"Art for me is an educational process," Haran said. "The discovery of the interaction of colors, the beauty of a line, feeling of deep space on a two dimensional surface none of which existed a few minutes ago is thrilling. It may not always be a great image but it provides a great deal of satisfaction."

Boston-area cabaret performers Dorothy Miller, Mary Callanan, Brian DeLorenzo and Michael Kreutz light up the dinner theater stage at Raffael's in "It's GI Jive." Kruetz directed, provided musical arrangements and accompaniment for the show which runs through Feb. 21.

Cabaret stars shine in USO tribute show

'It's GI Jive' at Raffael's

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Theatre review

With patriotism back in style, J.M. Productions is opening its third season of dinner theater at Raffael's in North Quincy with, "It's GI Jive," a classy tribute to USO Shows.

A quartet of respected Boston cabaret performers — Mary Callanan, Brian DeLorenzo, Michael Kreutz, and Dorothy Miller — join forces to present a lively program of some of the best-known music of World Wars I and II, with particular focus on the 1940s.

An energetic opener by the ensemble on the show's title song is followed by a solo set by Brian DeLorenzo. A smooth-voiced male vocalist, DeLorenzo dips into the Gershwin songbook for a strong "Strike Up the Band," a sweet "Our Love is Here to Stay," and a silky "Fools Rush In," a standard recorded not once, but three times by Frank Sinatra.

Dorothy Miller joins DeLorenzo on "Baby It's Cold Outside," a romantic novelty number made famous by Dinah Shore and Buddy Clark.

Alone in the spotlight, Miller proves herself to be a sophisticated chanteuse as she segues seamlessly from the uptempo dance numbers "It Don't Mean A Thing" and "Puttin' on the Ritz" to the stirring "Seems Like Old Times."

Long before Destiny's Child, the Dixie Chicks or even the Supremes, there were the Andrews Sisters. Real-life siblings Patti, Maxine, and Laverne Andrews were one of the earliest "girl groups" to achieve chart-topping success.

One sister short, Callanan and Miller enlist the help of a game Delorenzo for an homage to the Andrews that features "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," and their first big hit, "Bei Mir Bist Du Schon."

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The cast gets the audience into the act, too, with a sing-a-long that includes George M. Cohan's "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and Irving Berlin's "Over There."

Callanan continues with Irving Berlin, for her solos on "Count Your Blessings" and "There's No Business Like Show Business." The latter will forever be associated with Ethel Merman, of course, but Callanan gives it her own special belt right out of the Skyline Room.

A rousing, all-cast rendition of "God Bless America" is coupled with a reprise of the show's title song to close out the show.

("It's GI Jive" will be presented at Raffael's Restaurant, 1 Enterprise Drive, North Quincy, through Feb. 21. For tickets, call 617/328-1600.)

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

War on trial

Hart's War (B-)

If there exists an underused cliche in the war movie genre, it has eluded our attention, but not much has been left unrifled through for "Hart's War," a compendium of set-pieces of varying degrees of authenticity and acting turns that range from static to, in rare moments, gratifying believability. That the movie irritates the usual suspects among film critics (a gaggle wedded to the notion that the most noble reason to make a movie is to bemoan racial inequities) will surprise no one; that its merits are accordingly pooh-poohed is no less unexpected.

Bruce Willis gets in confrontation mode with Colin Farrell.

The sub-set here of the war movie species is the one about imprisoned GIs contending with those vile Germans but actually suffering more angst among themselves: the how-sad-is-my-stalag flick. Its hero is an innocent naif, though the critic cadre finds that inconvenient — he is white — and so the victim of nastiness, who isn't (white, that is), centers their attention.

Lt. Tommy Hart (Colin Farrell, the fine Irish actor who has strutted his stuff to great if not yet much appreciated effect in "Tigerland," also playing a Yank soldier), is captured on a routine delivery run, interrogated and likely tortured into coughing up some information, then sent to a war camp where the highest rank officer, Col. William McNamara (Bruce Willis), congealed in one pained, disgusted expression, believing that Hart did hand the Germans some key information, consigns him to an enlisted men's barracks. Some there, especially Sgt. Bedford (Cole Hauser), are racists, resenting the billeting of two black airmen among them. A murder leads one of the blacks (Terrence Howard, posited here as the Christ figure and given one nobility-peppered speech to intone), to be court martialed. Hart's assigned to defend him, the camp commandant (Marcel Iures), like Hart a Yale graduate, and transcending the standard chilling stereotype of the haughty Kraut by a nuanced performance, is amused, and we're off.

We're actually off, we learn, to a ruse, a diversion from something more important than the fate of the accused or the legal agility of the pre-war law student Hart, who is all heart. Implausible coincidences and actions tumble out so ridiculously that you feel not the gratifying "ah ha!" but a frustrated "oh get real!" You'll wonder not just how could earlier ingredients have been so effectively positioned to lead to where the film in its muddle high-mindedness has arrived, but also how the good guys fell heir to such nifty equipment. They're POWs in a hellhole yet seem to have been accoutered by the Sharper Image and the Horchow Collection.

"Hart's War" looks authentic and Farrell, Iures, Hauser and Howard carry it; Willis phones it in. "Saving Private Ryan' opened the contemporary floodgates on war films, the Oscar-neglected "Black Hawk Down" gave this genre a boost, and other war films hover. "Hart's War" is a litmus test for critics, and it'll nudge Farrell closer to his deserved recognition as one of the brighter new lights on screen. For any who are unaware of the nexus between race and the military (most Americans), it might inspire curiosity and, who knows, learning.

Written by Billy Ray and Terry George; directed by Gregory Hoblit. Rated R.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

The moon enters Gemini at 3:50 a.m., setting a quick pace today and tomorrow. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 7:02 a.m., signaling the buildup to a full moon on February 27. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini, prepares to form a flowing 120-degree alignment to Saturn. That means that today's influences are favorable for signing contracts, launching new enterprises. All communications get the green light; write letters, send e-mails, make phone calls.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Take it slow and easy this morning. Storm clouds move in between 10:31 a.m.-1:31 p.m., when the Gemini moon opposes Pluto. Think before you say or do anything you will later regret. Fortunately, this planetary influence moves out quickly, and the remainder of the day and evening rates high across the board. New starts in your business or personal life are recommended. Let fun and games top your agenda this evening.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

At 2:53 a.m. the Gemini moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive until 11:16 a.m. Avoid rigid time schedules; there may be unexpected distractions or delays. Finish old business and don't start anything new until 11:16 a.m., when the moon enters the sign Cancer. Planetary action points to an above-average afternoon and evening. If you have work projects to accomplish, important decisions to make or contracts to sign, don't delay. Influences are prime for new starts across the board. In addition, the evening is great for socializing. Gather with friends and family; let the good times roll.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

The moon travels in the sign Cancer this weekend, placing the focus on family and domestic responsibilities. Influences rate high for purchasing or selling land, property, household appliances. Give extra time and attention to children, pets. A harmonious alignment of the sun and Jupiter generates an upbeat mood, making this another great evening for partying.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Conflicting planetary influences set the stage for a morning that can go either way. The Cancer moon forms a challenging 90-degree contact to combative Mars at 8:39 a.m., when it becomes inactive. Choose your words carefully. Don't rock the boat. On the other hand, an alignment of Mercury and Neptune prompts you to spend time alone. Pursue activities that help you to relax and unwind. Storm clouds move out at 2:36 p.m., when the moon enters playful Leo. The evening is prime for enjoying favorite friends, food, conversation.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

The next couple of days have their challenges. Stay alert and use common sense. Postpone making major decisions, purchases or acting on new ideas. A positive Leo moon is a plus today. However, it forms potentially stressful oppositions to Mercury and Neptune in the morning. In addition, a challenging Venus/Pluto alignment occurs at 7:43 p.m. Instead of taking on new responsibilities, this is a time for cleaning out. Get rid of items that are no longer useful and have become dust-collectors. Let of situations and relationships that have become too one-sided for comfort.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

A 90-degree alignment of the sun and Saturn combined with a full moon buildup makes for stormy astrological weather. Remain calm no matter what is happening around you. You may be forced to face the facts about issues that have been troubling you and make hard decisions. The Leo moon becomes inactive at 11:30 a.m. until 2:47 p.m., when it enters Virgo. This a great evening to work or study late. You can be most productive.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

The full moon culminates at 4:17 a.m., 8 1/2-degrees of Virgo/Pisces. However, the moon continues to form potentially difficult aspects to planets until 10:17 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Stress management is important. Sidestep doubts, worries, fears. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants. Spend extra time working out with exercise routines. Stay busy with work projects that need a finishing touch or reorganization.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

After the barrage of planetary activity this week, today's influences offer an opportunity to catch up, relax. The Virgo moon is inactive until 1:47 p.m., when it enters Libra. Plan to finish jobs already begun, handle routine chores and errands this morning. The green light goes on for new starts at 1:47 p.m., particularly in your personal life. This is a wonderful time for meeting people, making contacts, establishing new relationships. Plan a romantic evening with the love in your life.

Debut CD brings singing lawyer 'Center Stage'

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Las Vegas, by chance was given the opportunity to sing with solo pianist David Osborne at Caesar's Palace. Osborne, known as "the pianist of the presidents," has performed for former presidents Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Jimmy Carter.

"I sang three songs with him and had the time of my life," Janelle said.

Osborne, offered to bring "Center Stage" to the attention of North Star Records, East Greenwich, RI, his recording company.

"The idea is to get it all over the map and see if you can generate some interest," Janelle said.

The momentum is picking up.

"The wheels are in motion. We're not sure where they're taking us, but it's very exciting," Janelle said.

Her husband Tom takes the impending changes in the family's lifestyle with typical good humor.

"Oh boy, it's Star Search all over again," Tom said

Award-winning plants for the landscape

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Sleet, snow and freezing rain pelt against my windowpane driven by gusty breezes on a wintry February evening. Only yesterday, springtime was in the air as robins hopped across the lawn, songbirds filled the treetops with their spirited melodies and industrious homeowners initiated their outdoor spring-cleaning projects.

Despite our current wintry conditions, hints of spring are gradually appearing to offer assurances that the beauty nestled beneath the powdery dusting of snow will soon burst forth. For an early glimpse of the springtime glory that will soon be ours to enjoy, plan a trip to the Rhode Island Spring Flower Show from February 21-24 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence. Visit the show's web site at www.flowershow.com for ticket information and a schedule of lectures, demonstrations, and workshops. Roger Swain of Victory Garden fame will be just one of the notable featured speakers.

Even before gardening became a passion, I could not resist the lure of the New England Spring Flower Show in Boston. Grand gardens and displays offered the sights, smells and sounds of early spring. Every year I was drawn first to the woodland exhibits, for they reminded me of my childhood growing up in the Catskill Mountains. Wonderful wildflowers including lady slippers, trillium and Jack-in-the-pulpit brought back fond memories of a carefree time wandering through the forest. The fragrant, silky, white bottlebrush blooms of the Fothergilla particularly intrigued me. A Cary Award winner in 1997, Fothergilla major is a native to the Allegheny Mountains. Reaching a height of 8 to 10 feet these unique shrubs are ideal for the woodland garden or as a specimen plant in the perennial or shrub border. Fothergillas prefer moisture-retentive, well-drained soils, rich in organic matter, in sun or shade but will produce more abundant flowers and demonstrate their spectacular fall color to greatest advantage given more sunlight. These dense, compact shrubs produce their unique flowers in springtime prior to the appearance of their attractive oval, toothed leaves that turn vivid shades of yellow, orange and scarlet in autumn.

Many of the distinctive trees, shrubs, vines and ground covers that have been recipients of the Cary Award are sure to be on display in this year's lovely garden exhibits at our local flower shows. A mid- to late-winter bloomer, the Chinese witch hazel, Hamamelis mollis 'Pallida' is often found in show gardens, its unique clusters of fragrant, yellow-fringed blossoms appearing prior to its handsome leaves which turn bright yellow in autumn. Best grown in organic soils in open but protected sites, this vase-shaped shrub provides color when we most need it.

An unusual and underused deciduous shrub known as the Redvein Enkianthus is a superb choice for sites having filtered sunlight and moist, humus-rich soils where a mature specimen may reach a height of 12 feet. Clusters of attractive, creamy-colored bells appear in late spring, each flower striped with deep pink to red veins. The leaves are arranged in clusters atop tiered branches and become vividly tinted in autumn with red and orange.

Other Cary Award winners that would serve as suitable companion shrubs to the enkianthus include the evergreen Japanese andromeda, Pieris japonica 'Brouwer's Beauty', and Rhododendron vaseyi, also known as the pinkshell azalea. Andromedas display lovely whorls of dark green leaves year-round and dense clusters of fragrant, cascading bells in very early spring. The purplish red flower buds appear in autumn and add color and texture to the winter garden. The deciduous pinkshell azalea is native to eastern North America, its lovely rose pink flowers appearing prior to the foliage. Grow this attractive native in full sun or an open woodland environment.

Members of the holly family offer a fabulous diversity of excellent landscape shrubs and Cary Award winners include both evergreen and deciduous types. Few evergreens can rival the striking, deep blue-green foliage of Ilex meserveae 'Blue Prince' and 'Blue Princess'. As the male and female flowers are borne on separate plants, both are needed to ensure the production of the spectacular red berries that usually persist through the winter months. Hollies thrive in moist, well-drained soils in sun or partial shade and can be used as individual specimens or to form an elegant hedge. Prune in spring to maintain dense, compact shrubs.

The winterberry holly, Ilex verticillata, is a deciduous shrub, native to moist environments in eastern North America. The Cary Award winner Ilex 'Red Sprite' is a compact grower with bountiful red fruits that are ideal for holiday decorations and are favored by bluebirds and other feathered visitors in springtime. Reaching a maximum height of 4 feet, this carefree shrub is ideal for smaller landscapes.

For the late summer shady garden, few shrubs rival the sweet pepperbush (Clethra alnifolia) for its provides handsome foliage and lovely spires of pink or white. Clethra 'Ruby Spice' was selected as a 2000 recipient of the Cary Award, its shiny, deep green foliage and deep reddish-pink buds producing fragrant spikes of pink flowers when few other shrubs are in bloom. This low-maintenance, deciduous, suckering shrub prefers moist, shady sites and is a magnet for bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

Should you have an opportunity to visit the upcoming flower shows be on the lookout for the Cary Award winners and when spring arrives, be sure to add one or more to your landscape.

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FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 1, 2002

Mark your calendar

11th ANNUAL WALK FOR HOSPICE is set for March 8. The care provided by Hospice of South Shore is not always reimbursed by insurance. Since hospice care is so important to patients and families, Hospice of the South Shore provides it regardless of a person's ability to pay. The generosity of participants at the Annual Walk for Hospice helps assure that Hospice of the South Shore's unique services are available to anyone who needs them. To be a part of the 11th Annual Walk for Hospice, or to volunteer, call Katelin Martin at South Shore Health and Education Foundation at 781-340-8573 for information.

DOO-WOPP HALL OF FAME OF AMERICA The Second Annual Doo-Wopp Hall of Fame of America" concert and induction, honoring The Five Keys, The Moonglows, The Harptones, the Shirelles, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, the G-Clefs, Arnie "Woo-Woo" Ginsberg, and Skippy White at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, March 29, 8 p.m. tickets $59, $51.50, $41.50 (special VIP reception $159) Box office 617-266-1200, or Ticketmaster outlets 617-931-2000. VIP reception reservations only call 978-256-6472.

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE in Braintree will present the production of a musical fable **"Once Upon a Mattress"** directed by Martha Sawyer. Production dates are March 14, 15, 16, Sunday, the 17, and 20, 21, 22, and Sunday, the 23. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sundays at 7 p.m. Call and reserve tickets 781-356-5113, leave message. Tickets are $14 the CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

Thurs. 21

The South Shore Senior Provider Network is a non-profit organization that brings together professionals and businesses that work with seniors and/or their families. Join them for a complimentary breakfast and to hear Tom Fleming on How To Become A Successful Networker on Feb. 21, at 8:30 a.m. at the Atrium at Faxon Woods, 2003 Falls Blvd. Quincy. For registration call 617-472-4457.

Hingham Newcomers Club presents a Children' Concert performed by singer and storyteller, **Steve Roslonek**, will be held on Feb. 21, at the Loring Hall Theatre located at 65 Main Street, Hingham. There will be two performances at 9:30 and 11 a.m. The concert is geared for children ages 2 to 8 years old. Tickets are $6 per person at the door children under age 1 are free.

Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center, 45 Pond Street, Norwell. Feng Shui: Love, Marriage and Romantic Happiness from 7 to 9 p.m. $28. For information call 781-982-1616. Prepaid registration required for all events.

South Shore Women's Business Network "Brown Bag Seminar" Feb. 21, Allerton House, Weymouth. **Louise Rachin** and **Claudia Rasmussen** of Welch Healthcare & Retirement Group will discuss the clinical criteria and common misconceptions about assisted living and adult day health as well as best practices for researching and evaluating options. Bring lunch and coffee, soda and dessert will be provided. Call 781-749-8883 for more information.

Comedy Show at Jimbo's in Braintree featuring **Bob Niles, Bill Ford, Annette Pollack, Stephen Leach, Eric Cannon, Michelle Pierce and Ross Garmil.** All shows start at 8:30 p.m. Special priced appetizers will be served during the show. Reservations recommended. Call 781-848-0300.

The Braintree Art Association will meet Feb. 21, at 7:15 p.m. at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71, Cleveland Avenue, Braintree. **Edwina Caci** will demonstrate framing your art work. The public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

Blue Hills Ski Area to host a Four-Event Pro/Am Snowboard Series to be held four Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 24, and will give some of the area's top pros an opportunity to show off their talents as well as provide anyone who wants to give it a go, a chance to see how they measure up. There are two age divisions for Amateur riders along with a men and women's pro division. Registration will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. each night with the contest always beginning at 7 p.m. Entry fees will be $15 for amateurs and $30 for pros. The fee includes a lift ticket. Half of the entry goes towards prize money. Live music will be provided for the last two events. Other dates are Feb. 21, and March 7.

New England Boat Show, Bayside Expo Center, Feb. 16, to 24. One of the oldest boat shows in the country and will feature more than a quarter of a million square feet of powerboats, sailboats, and accessories. Admission $9 adults/$5 children ages 6 to 12 (children under 6 free). For information call 1-800-225-1577.

Broadway In Boston presents **"The Graduate"** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

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A collage by SSA Gallery Director John Cornacchio
The Gallery Artists of the Scituate Art Association present our country's colors of red while and blue in a variety of creative contexts now through Feb. 24. Public is welcome. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Call 781-545-6150 for more information.

BEST BET

Robin Lane will portray Eleanor Roosevelt in a one-woman show, "In Her Own Voice: A Visit with Eleanor Roosevelt," Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Curry College. The performance is free to the public. Curry College is located at 1071 Blue Hill Avenue, Milton. For more information call (617) 333-0500.

Classes

THE SOUTH SHORE YMCA AT MILL POND announces the introduction of **Family Education and Parenting Programs** at their facility. Programs include Mommy and Me, a discussion program for mothers and their infants birth to one year, and Walk With Me for moms and their children birth to three who would like to get back into shape while connecting with other mothers. Toddler Play, a play group designed for parents and their children 1 to 3 years old. Parenting Your Toddler, and Active parenting for Parents of Teens and Pre-Teens are also included in the new Family Education program offering. Programs begin the week of Jan. 28. For information call Cheryl Botieri at 781-829-8585 ext 260 or ext 227.

INSIGHT EDUCATIONS CENTER is presenting a workshop at various South Shore locations during the months of January and February. **Raising Confident Girls** ages 2 to 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Certificates of attendance for teachers, nurses, and child care providers. $25 per individuals; $40 per co-parenting couple; $20 for groups of 4 plus. Jan. 24, held at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Braintree; Jan. 29, at Canton Community Kindergarten and Feb. 27, at South Shore Community Center. Pre-registration is required by calling InSight at 781-294-8004.

LEARN TO SKATE AT LOCAL MDC RINKS for children ages 5 and up and adults wearing either figure or hockey skates. Helmets are required for children ages 5, 6, and 7. Classes for all levels. Classes are held at 15 MDC rinks in the Greater Boston area including:

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The Weymouth MDC Rink on Broad Street, Sundays at 5 p.m. The 10 week series is $130 child, $145 adult. Call Baystate Skating School for registration information at 781-890-8480 or visit at www.iceskating-classes.com

LEARN TO SKATE CLASSES OPEN Winter Registration at Brockton Ice Rink, classes are available for all ages and abilities. Programs include the Tiny Blades toddler skating lessons. Tiger Tots intro to ice hockey, Toe-Pic Tots intro to figure skating, and the Golden Edges adult skating program. Brochures and applications are available at the ice rink or by calling 781-871-7681 or by visiting www.fmcarenas.com/bsb.

Fri. 22

Massachusetts Audubon Society presents **Natural Story Hour** from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to5 years-old. Fee: $4 members/$6 nonmembers. For information call 781-837-9400.

Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College presents **"You Can't Take It With You"** Feb. 22, 23, at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. A comedy by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, directed by Michael Pevzner. Tickets $12, $10/students and senior citizens. Group rates available. All seats reserved. Call 508-427-1234. Credits cards welcome at no extra charge.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, Feb. 22, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. $5/SSS members, $8/non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call

CALENDAR, see next page

Raffael's Restaurant and JM Productions, announce its third dinner theater season Feb. 21, with **"It's GI Jive"** An all American USO tribute with Michael Kreutz, Brian DeLorenzo, Mary Callanan and Dorothy Miller. Join these performers for an evening of music celebrating the USO generation with music to honor America and those who have served in the armed forces both past and present. Tickets are $45 per person or $35 per person for the matinee series. Ticket includes dinner, show, tax & gratuity. The menu includes a garden salad, your choice of a chicken, beef or fish dinner, a vegetable medley, potato and dessert along with coffee or tea and a cash bar. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Lunch starts at noon. To order tickets via credit card, call Raffael's Restaurant at 617-328-1600.

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, will unveil schematic designs for its expansion and renovation developed by world-renowned architectural firm, Foster and Partners (London). The program will include presentations by Malcolm Rogers, Ann and Graham Gund director of MFA, and Pritzker Prize-winning architect Lord Foster. 10:30 a.m. to noon Remis Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Call 617-369-3540 for information.

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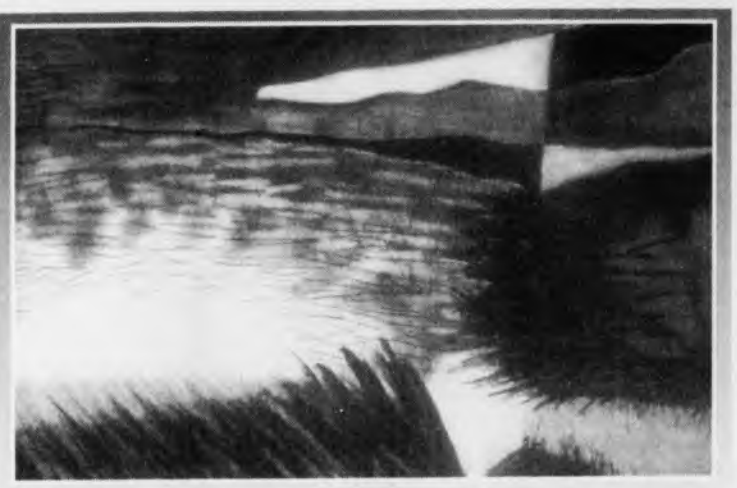

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781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Cape Cod Opera presents Puccini's **Madama Butterfly**, starring **Andrea DelGiudice** as Cio-Cio San. Performances are Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. and Feb. 23, at 3 p.m. at Harwich High School, Oak Street, Harwich. Tickets $25 per person under age 18 free (subject to availability). Call 508-398-1068 or Cape Cod Opera, 108 Old Main Street, S. Yarmouth, 02664.

Sat. 23

The South Shore Baseball Club Indoor Spring Training Camp sessions start Feb. 23, at SSBC facilities in Holbrook and Hingham. Open to players in two age groups 8 to 12 from 10 a.m. to noon and 13 to 18, from noon to 2 p.m. STC sessions are scheduled for four consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 23 through March 16. The Battery Club will also be held four consecutive Saturday mornings. The Battery Club is for pitchers and catchers who want to learn and work on the finer points of baseball's most important positions. For information call 1-800-GO4-HITS or 781-767-1529 in Holbrook, 781-749-6466 in Hingham.

Lo Spuntino Fine Wines will host an **Open House Wine Tasting** featuring small, boutique styled wines from around the world. Warm up with California cabernet's. Sample some wines in the warehouse atmosphere. Food will be served. No charge. Call 1-800-814-0108 for more information or directions. LoSpuntino Fine Wines is located at Corporate Park Unit 530, Pembroke.

Abington Knights of Columbus will host a night of live country music at its hall in Abington on Feb. 23, from 7 p.m. to midnight. the night is to raise funds for their scholarship fund. The band Caboose Junction will provide music for the evening. Snacks will be provided or you may bring your own. Tickets are $5. For information call 781-792-0816.

Massachusetts Audubon Society South Shore Sanctuaries presents **Ex-skull-ent Adventure** from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to5 years-old. Fee: $4 members/$6 nonmembers. Fee $8 members/$11 nonmembers. For information call 781-837-9400.

The Fuller Museum of Art will offer two lectures in honor of black history month on Feb. 23. The lectures are presented as part of the Annual African Festival and Marketplace, and are free with festival admission. At 2 p.m. Christine Terry of the Black Gold Doll Club will present the lecture "Black Dolls." At 3 p.m. Rick Van Dyke, Professor of African American literature at Massasoit Community College will present the lecture "From Miles to Jo'burg: Bebop, Jazz and Cultual Resistance." For information call 508-588-6100 ext. 113.

The Fuller Museum of Art presents its **Fifth Annual African Festival and Marketplace** Feb. 23. The African Festival is a celebration of the contributions of Africans and African-Americans to the arts, and features a day of music, drama, art activities and lectures. Admission is $5 adults/ $3 seniors and students/$2 children and FMA members. For more information call 508-588-6000 x 100 or www.fullermuseum.org

Poetry at The Daily Grind Coffeehouse 23 Central Square, Bridgewater featuring Dawn Gabriel, Slam Goddess and new Mommy, open mike sign up at 7:30 p.m. Free admission pass the hat for feature. For information call 508-279-9952 or contact Valerie at SoShorepoet@aol.com or www.mothwing.com/dailygrindpoetry

Sun. 24

Temple Beth Sholom's Purim Carnival featuring moonwalk, games, face painting, prizes, popcorn and lemonade, will be held Feb. 24, from noon to 3 p.m. at 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Admission is free.

The Duxbury Art Association will present a free framing design seminar with Tom Doxsee of Larson Juhl Custom Framers Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury and is sponsored in part by Battelle. Arrive early or stay late to enjoy the 28th annual Winter Juried Show presented by the Duxbury Art Association in the museum's Bengtz Galler. The show features works in all mediums by 115 New England Artists. Both events are open to the public. Free admission. Call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or www.duxburyart.org

Mon. 25

Yoga with Kezia Bacon Bernstein on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at The Workout Club, Webster Square in Marshfield Center. Call 781-834-1150 for more information. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at The Sanctuary at Alexandra's European Day Spa in Duxbury. Call 781-837-7093 for additional information.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum in collaboration with the **Cohasset Historical Society** will present **The Photograph Preservation Workshop** which is the first in a two-part set of Caring for Collections workshops on Feb. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. $25 members/$30 nonmembers. A Costume Preservation workshop will follow in the spring at the Cohasset Historical Society Lothrop House. For information call 781-925-5433.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore presents **James Wessler**, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, who will present "Living with Alzheimer's Disease; Resources for patient and Family." The meeting will be held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham at 7:30 p.m. For information call 781-749-1823. Respite care for the patient is available at no cost during the meeting at Harbor House in Hingham so that the family may attend this lecture. To reserve respite care, call Gervaise Haley at 781-749-4774 x 843 by 3 p.m. on Feb. 27.

Stars on Hingham Harbor, 2 Otis St., Route 3A, Hingham, will host a beer dinner with special guest **Chris LaPierre**, brewer from Harpoon Brewery located in Boston on Feb. 25 beginning at 7 p.m. The event will feature four brews , Hibernian Ale, UFO Heffeweizen, I.P.A., and Catamount Porter paired with Stars American cuisine. The price is $40 per person. Seating is limited. For information call 617-749-3200.

Tues. 26

The ARC of Greater Plymouth in conjunction with the **Plymouth Special Ed. PAC** presents a **Music Therapy Workshop** on Feb. 26, from 6 to 8:45 p.m. at the Otto Fehlow meeting room at Plymouth Public library, South St., Plymouth. to register call 781-585-1310.

FAPE is the new standard for special education in Massachusetts. The state must now rovide free and appropriate public education. The standard is no longer maximum feasible benefit. The new standard took effect on Jan. 1. **The ARC of Greater Plymouth** will present **Vicki Dougherty,** a special education consultant and advocate to explain what this change will mean for your child on Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library. Call 781-585-1310 to make reservations.

BLAST! Winner of the 2001 Tony Award for "Best Special Theatrical Event," and a 2001 Emmy Award for "Best Choreography," returns to The Wang Theatre Feb. 26, through March 3. Tickets may be purchased at the Wang Theatre box office 270 Tremont Street, Boston or and through Tele-charge at 1-800-447-7400.

South Shore Women's Business Network presents entrepreneur-author **Jane Pollak** speaking on **"If I Can Make a Business Out of This, You Can Make a Business Out of Anything!"** The breakfast meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland. To register call 781-749-8883 or visit www.sswbn.org

Wed. 27

Lesley University hosts an information session at the Plymouth North High School from 6 to 7 p.m. Learn about the weekend-format teacher certification, B.A. and M. Ed programs offered in Plymouth. All those interested in earning a bachelors or masters degree without having to travel to Cambridge are welcome to attend. Courses are scheduled to begin in late spring or early fall. For more information attend the session or contact Kathy Tan at 781-837-2933 or email Ktan@mail.lesley.edu

Thurs. 28

The Kingston Public Library and Gary Langenbach of Langenbach Antiques will be sponsoring an Antiques Appraisal Night on Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. in the library's meeting room. Everyone is encouraged to bring along those items that they have always wondered about. For more information call 781-585-0517.

Glastonbury Abbey announces the fourth speaker in The Glasonbury Series 2001-2002 Listening to Other Voices: Spirituality in Everyday Life. Victor H. Kazanjian Jr. , Spirituality and Learning: Embracing Imperfection and Befriending time on Feb. 28, at 7:15 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey, Conference Center. Free of charge, donations welcome. For information call 781-749-2155 ext. 243 or www.glastonburyabbey.org

The Communications Arts Department of Eastern Nazarene College presents **"The Importance of Being Earnest,"** running Feb. 28 through March 2, 7 p.m. at the Cove Fines Arts Center in Quincy. Tickets are $8 and can be ordered by calling the box office at 617-745-3715 or by sending a check to Eastern Nazarene College, Department of Communication Arts, 23 East Elm Ave., Quincy, MA 02170. For more information, call the box office or visit the theatre web site at www.enc.edu/theatre

Fri. 1

South Shore Science Center will present the painting of Scituate native **Suzanne Archibald** in her exhibit, Recent Work, March 1 to 30 in Vine Hall Gallery. The public is invited to the opening reception March 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. The South Shore Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, less than one mile from the Route 3 interchange. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. free of charge. For more information call 781-659-2559.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents the American Classic **"Our Town"** on the Cohasset Town Hall Stage, March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16, at 8 p.m. March 3, and 9, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door and by phone at 781-585-9158.

Bridgewater Sate College Children's Theatre presents **"In the Shadow of Menlo Park."** Performances on March 1, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., March 2, at 2:30 p.m., March 3, at 2:30 p.m. March 4, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., March 5, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and March 6, at 9:30 a.m. Ticket prices are $5 for all seats and $3 per person for groups of 10 or more. For information call the Bridgewater State College Box Office at 508-531-1321. All performances are open to the public and are performed in the Rondileau Auditorium at Bridgewater State College.

James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell will host a show of soft pastel paintings by local artist **Liz Haywood-Sullivan** during the month of March. The show entitled "North River Marsh: A Yearlong Homage" will be on view from March 1 through April 4. There will be an opening reception to the public on March 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

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Just for kids

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN BOSTON The theme for the month of March will be **Dare to be an Engineer**. Build a free-standing dowel structure; make a paper bridge that holds weight; design your own spinning top; engineer a puffmobile, a vehicle you power just by blowing on it; launch your egg bungee jump. All activities happen Friday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 617-426-8855 or www.Bostonkids.org

JAMES LIBRARY AND CENTER FOR THE ARTS Preschool age children are invited to attend story time at the James Library and Center for the Arts where Teddy Bears are the focus on Feb. 28, at 10 a.m. For information call 781-659-7100.

SOUTH SHORE ARTS & RECREATION CENTER is a non-profit organization established to provide youth, ages 9 to 18, a safe environment during after school hours, They are committed to providing local youth with opportunities to explore and enjoy those fine and performing arts, academic, recreational and social activities which will contribute to their personal development, enhance their community awareness and stimulate creative energies. Membership offers use of the game room, computer lab, discounts on ceramics, theater, birthday parties, dances and concerts. Plans are being made to include a video studio where members will be offered training on video taping and editing. The game room includes pool, ping pong, air hockey and foosball. The computer lab has restricted internet access to age appropriateness. Membership fee for 2002 is $75 per year or $25 per quarter. For information call Terri-Lee Zinsius at 508-747-1234.

SOUTH SHORE SCIENCE CENTER, is offering programs during February vacation week. Feb. 19, Meet the Scientists; Feb. 20, There's a Method to their Madness; Feb. 21, tools, Toys and Test Tubes; Feb. 22, Mapping Madness. Choose half-day (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) or full day (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) on a per day basis. Fees. are $20M/$24/NM per half day; $34M/$38NM per full day. A separate Kindergarten program runs 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and is $14 members/$16 non-members per day. Pre registration and prepayment are required. The center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. For information call, 781-659-2559. www.ssnsc.org

SOUTH SHORE SCIENCE CENTER Winter Programs: Feed the Animals, Tales from the Wild, Parents and Tots, After School Nature Programs, Call 781-659-2559 for information.

Ongoing Events

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union Street, Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. the club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

The Fuller Art Museum will feature photographs by **Max Belcher** from Liberia and the Dominican Republic now until March 31. The museum is open Tuesday - Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admissions $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, and free for children under age 18. For more information call 508-588-6000 or www.fullermuseum.org

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The Duxbury Art Association presents Monotype Guild of New England's Fifth Annual Juried Exhibition opens in the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries at The Ellison

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Reunions

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982 is looking for classmates for its 20th reunion. Plans are underway now, organizers are looking for names and contact information. Contact Eric Braley by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

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BROCKTON HOSPITAL offers community education programs:. **Weigh-To-Go:** An eight-week weight loss program, beginning Jan. 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. Pre-registration required $50 fee. **Smoking Cessation Program** Self-help Incorporated will administer the program every Monday night from 6 to 7 p.m. **Health Care Proxy Assistance**: Free information and assistance to individuals who want to learn how the Health Care Proxy can benefit them and their loved ones. **BMC HealthNet Plan**: If you are uninsured or underinsured, Brockton Hospital can help. Brockton Hospital currently has an exclusive relationship with HealthNet Plan which currently serves individuals who are covered by MassHealth or are on the Free Care System. Those enrolled will have access to adult, adolescent and pediatric primary care, obstetrics, appropriate doctor visits, necessary hospital services, 24-hour emergency care, pharmacy benefits and much more. For information and registration on all programs call OneCall at 508-941-7979.

JORDAN HOSPITAL offers free physicals, including breast and cervical screening services for eligible, uninsured and underinsured women over the age of 18. These free services include mammograms, clinical breast exams, Pap test, physical exams, and health education are offered to income-eligible women in Massachusetts through the Women's Health Network Program. Screenings by appointment. For more information or to enroll in the program, contact JordanCall at 800-750-5343.

MEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP AT JORDAN HOSPITAL offers free physicals, including cardiovascular disease and prostate cancer screenings and support groups to men who are 18 years of age or older, and are uninsured or underinsured. These free health screening services include a Prostate Specific Antigen Test and a Digital Rectal Exam for men over age 50, or for African-American men and those with a family history of prostate cancer who are over age 40.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP offered by Jordan Health Systems, Inc., monthly meetings held the second Monday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Jordan Hospital, 275 Sandwich Street, Plymouth. (Route 3 exit 5). Men who have been diagnosed with or treated for prostate cancer as well as their family and friends are invited to attend. Meetings are open to the public, free of charge and are funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. For more information call JordanCall at 800-750-5343.

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Center for the Arts, A reception will be held Feb. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.. Scituate artist, Ester Mashio will demonstrate printing making techniques at 2 p.m. The exhibitions opens Feb. 10, and continues through April 19. The exhibition, reception and demonstration are open to the public at no charge. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 781-934-2731.

Maria's Bachelorette Party, the original interactive dinner theatre show, a spoof on an **"Italian Bridal Shower"** has been extended March 8, and April 19, at **The Tremont Playhouse**, 275 Tremont Street, Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40.95, includes dinner and show. Call 1-800-944-5639 for tickets.

Weymouth Art Association will display work by its members at several locations around Weymouth for February and March.

Art in the Rotunda at Rockland Memorial Library 20 Belmont Street, Rockland, will feature artist Robert Dunn's black and white photographs now through March 1.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum - Featured among the more than 70 original costumes and accessories worn by **Jacqueline Kennedy** are the two outfits she wore to the Christmas receptions for White House staff. The White House years – Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum now being presented through Feb. 28. Tickets are $15 for adults $13 for seniors and students, and $8 for children ages 13-17, and include admission to the Museum's permanent exhibition on President John F. Kennedy. For information call 617-695-2JFK. Reservations recommended for weekends.

The Gallery Artists of the Scituate Art Association will present our country's colors of red while and blue in a variety of creative contexts now through Feb. 24. Public is welcome. Gallery hours are Tues. through Saturday from 10 a.m. to5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Call 781-545-6150 for more information.

The James Library and Center for Arts presents "Something for Everyone," a show of decorative arts and paintings by local artist **Sally Dean** Feb. 1 to 28. An opening reception for the public will be held on Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 781-659-7100.

Braintree Art Association member **Eddy Brown** will be displaying her paintings for the month of February at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Barbara Swanson** will exhibit her painting for the month of February at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad street, Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402

Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers"; Those who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women who choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. Come join us! The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

Snow Tubing at Blue Hills Ski Area will have yet another new adventure for winter enthusiasts this coming season. With a new infinite snowboarding park already set, the management of Blue Hills Ski Area announce plans for a new **snow tubing park.** Snow tubing is a no-skills way to get out on the slopes. Specially groomed walls and a stopping area will keep tubers safely inside the slick chute and insure a nice easy end to a wild and fun ride. Tubers will also be able to enjoy the ride back up the hill as they're whisked away by handle tow, while seated comfortably on their tube. Two hours of sliding and careening will cost $14.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery in Hingham features **"Havens,"** a photographic exhibition by Scituate artist **Tim Ryan,** now through the end of February. Admission is free. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16

Boston Harbor Hotel announced it will host the **13th Annual Boston Wine Festival.** The series which will kickoff Jan. 11, and continue through April 5, will include a number of events such as educational seminars, charity affairs, the battle of the cabernets, and wine and food pairing dinners that have become the signature of the festival. Chef Daniel Bruce will produce menus to be paired with some very special and rare wines. Come hear the wine makers tell their tales and showcase their talents. More than 50 events are scheduled, including: seminars, vertical tastings, dinner dances and celebrity guests. There will be 50 wines showcased throughout this year's festival. For more information call 617-439-7000.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury, will present recent works, watercolors and collages by Lexington artist, **Gracia Dayton** from Jan. 4 though Feb. 28. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-934-2721.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

Tours to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call 617-479-8500 ext. 135-1.

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Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Meetings

MOTHERS & MORE: South Shore Chapter. If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about MOTHERS & MORE! Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers", those who have altered their career paths to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women to choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street, Hingham. Please contact Teri Angelis at (617) 328-5605

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Spending proposals sought for new fund

By Mary Ford
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The newly formed Community Preservation Committee has an interesting job: how to spend money.

The nine-member board, formed under the Community Preservation Act adopted by the town at the ballot box a year ago, is grappling with what spending recommendations to make to the March 30 annual Town Meeting.

The money — estimated to about $500,000 by October — comes from a 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge and state matching funds.

The committee wants public input and plans to vote on its recommendations at its meeting 7 p.m., Monday (March 4) at Town Hall.

Under the statute, the town must spend 10 percent of the money on historic preservation, 10 percent on community housing and 10 percent on open space. The remaining 70 percent can go for any of the above including recreation.

There are currently three proposals before the committee.

• $200,000 to pay part of the cost to construct ball fields at the former gravel pits site

"We want to push things out in the public eye and avoid the situation where people don't know if the committee exists."

— Stuart Ivimey, CPC chairman

• $11,650 to pay for construction designs for handicap access for the Cohasset Historical Society's two Elm Street museums, the Maritime Museum and Capt. John Wilson House, and reconstruction specifications for water diversion and restoration of the Wilson House.

• $1.2 million to purchase three lots off Beach Street to preserve as open space.

The committee can also decide to recommend funding a proposal at less than the amount requested.

Approval is a two-step process: first the committee votes to recommend a proposal and then Town Meeting must vote on it.

According to chairman Stuart Ivimey, the town can also borrow money under the statute to be paid off over time through the fund. The committee can also recommend not spending all or part of the money that would then be banked for subsequent years. If a proposal involves borrowing, it would require a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting.

"We can either spend it or set it aside," Ivimey said. Five percent can be set aside for administrative costs that could pay for legal advice from Town Counsel, surveying land, conducting title searches or even paying for stamps.

Ivimey says the committee wants groups to come forward with ideas.

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EARLY SPRING

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

A spray of daffodils and tulips join in the celebration of a spring-like day in February at the Village Greenery in Cohasset earlier this week.

Taxes, character concern Cohasset survey respondents

By Evan Schiff
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The results are in. The Growth and Development Committee has compiled a Master Plan Interim Report that includes the details of a town-wide survey disseminated last November.

Town Planner Liz Harrington said the group received more than 600 responses — well over the 10 percent response rate to make a survey statistically significant.

In the survey, residents were asked to identify and rank issues in several areas including the chief concerns facing Cohasset today, the most and least important issues for Cohasset's future, and what areas Cohasset should act on.

Overwhelmingly, residents identified the town's tax burden as their primary concern. Forty-two percent of respondents ranked the fiscal management of the town as one of their top four issues. The other top concerns were protecting natural resources, the impact of Greenbush, preserving open space, preserving community character, affordable housing, and the quality of services that the town provides.

"Our next phase is identifying key trade offs that need to be made," Harrington said. "Obviously there has to be some give and take when people are concerned about fiscal management but still want to see high quality services."

While many residents are currently concerned about the town's fiscal state, when asked about their concerns in the future, they left little doubt that it's the town's water and natural resources that are paramount.

Six of the top ten issues residents listed for Cohasset's future concerned water resources and wastewater management.

"It is clear that preserving the town's character is very impor-

SURVEY, PAGE 10

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Betsey Detwiler stands in the children's section of Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset. The store has been nominated for a national award recognizing excellence in bookstores that encourage children to read.

Getting children and reading on the same page

Book store up for award

By Evan Schiff
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Children should be thankful to have Buttonwood Books nearby. The bookstore, located in Shaw's Plaza, was recently nominated for the Pannell Award that recognizes retail booksellers, who excel at creatively bringing books and children together and inspire children's interest in books and reading.

The award, given out by the Women's National Book Association, scours bookstores across the nation and Canada, and groups them into two categories. The first award is for general excellence in a children's bookstore and the second, which Buttonwood is nominated for, honors all bookstores. This year, 15 stores were nominated in the children's bookstore category and 10 were nominated in the general category.

"We have a long term commitment to bringing books and children together," said Betsey Detwiler, president of Buttonwood Books. "We never stop planning events and bringing speakers in to try and get kids interested."

The award is expected to be announced in the beginning of April and all nominees were required to send a portfolio to the judges outlining the reasons they should be selected.

"We just tried to show that our

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Rail bed fight goes to court

Legislative vote could be required

By Mary Ford
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While the Town of Hingham had hoped its lawsuit would stop the train — it may be legal action involving its neighbors to the south that could eventually stall or even halt the project.

At issue is the Greenbush right of way, which Scituate and Cohasset own, and whether that "parkland" can be used for another purpose without first obtaining an affirmative two-thirds vote of the state Legislature.

— news analysis —

If a judge agrees with a lawsuit filed by the anti-Greenbush AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives) that the eight-mile-long rail bed in Scituate and Cohasset is protected by the state constitution — the question then arises, would there be enough legislators willing to vote against the land transfer to throw a wrench into MBTA plans to build the 17-mile railroad?

To better understand what is transpiring, one has to step back to the early 1990s when the MBTA obtained a general authorization to transfer land for the three legs of the then proposed Old Colony Railroad restoration project as part of a transportation bond bill approved by the legislature. Greenbush has two sister lines, Plymouth and Middleboro, which resumed service in 1997.

But Hingham's John Bewick, president of AfTA and a former state secretary of environmental affairs, says in order to transfer land out of conservation use — the use must be clearly spelled out. In other words, the vote approving the bond bill would have also had to explicitly transfer the conservation land in question to train use. It did not, he said.

So far only Cohasset, which has agreed to a friendly "land taking" of the rail bed by the MBTA for $1.6 million, and the MBTA are named in the AfTA lawsuit. Scituate has not reached an agreement with the MBTA, but will be named in a separate lawsuit if the town goes down the same path that Cohasset has, Bewick said.

"The purpose (of the lawsuit) is to block the sale of land so the MBTA will be forced to use AfTA's more cost-effective alternatives to Greenbush," he said. Those include expanded commuter boats and bus service.

Bewick says Scituate's deed to the rail bed refers to conservation as one of the purposes of the property. The land in Cohasset was taken from train use in the context of a master plan that called for the railroad right of way to be used as a linear connector between the various parklands in Cohasset, he said. Cohasset voters appropriated $140,000 to purchase the right-of-way back in 1981.

Limited freight service continued on the Greenbush Line through Weymouth to Hingham until the late '70s, so those towns

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Village sidewalks on display

By Evan Schiff
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Take a look, walk around and see you what you like.

That's what the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private company working in conjunction with the village task force, wants residents to do.

At Tuesday's meeting, selectmen approved a plan that will allow the CRC to construct various sidewalk and light fixtures along the James Brook Walkway which runs from the town parking lot to S. Main Street. They also appropriated $1,000 towards the project, which is expected to cost the CRC around $4,000.

"The CRC feels that additional public awareness and input is needed in the selection of sidewalk materials and light fixtures for the scheduled village reconstruction project," Dean Rizzo, executive director of the CRC, stated in a letter to selectmen.

Selectman Michael Sullivan agreed and felt that displaying the various options could raise awareness.

"This way everyone in town will be able to see what choices they have and make informed decisions," he said.

The sample sidewalks will be constructed on top of the existing James Brook Walkway asphalt surface and will have short ramps installed on either end to ensure that they are handicap accessible. In addition, the CRC wants to temporarily replace the three existing light fixtures that run the length of the walkway with three new styles.

"This way everyone in town will be able to see what choices they have and make informed decisions."
— Selectman Michael Sullivan

There will be a system established where people can pick up information and vote on their preferences.

"These displays will allow members of the community to actually see, touch, feel and walk on the materials under consideration," Rizzo said. "This will be an invaluable opportunity to ensure that the towns' people have as much input as possible in this important decision process."

At previous neighborhood forums, the CRC had constructed samples of different sidewalk options and light fixtures.

"Many in attendance felt that the displays were very helpful and that they should be made accessible for other members of the community to review," Rizzo said.

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The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Feb. 25:

Cohasset Conservation Commission, March 14, 7:30p.m.

Library Trustees, March 17, 7:30 p.m.

Library Building Committee, Feb. 28, 2 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library

Cohasset Preservation Committee, March 4, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Committee on Town History, March 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Lothrop House

Sewer Commission, March 4, 6 p.m.

Meetings are held at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Discussion tabled

Because of time restraints and a need for town counsel to further review the articles, the Planning Board tabled discussion on two articles last week.

One concerns accessory dwellings and the other, use variances. The Planning Board plans to take the issues up again at its March 6 meeting.

"I would really like town counsel to mull over these articles before we make a recommendation," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore.

Plaza expansion

The Planning Board discussed Donald Staszko's citizen petition which allow him to seek a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to expand the Route 3A shopping center anchored by Super Stop & Shop at its meeting last week.

The current article is not the same one Staszko has put in front of Town Meeting in previous years but would have the same result – the potential to expand Stop & Shop and construction of a new retail building.

Under the current bylaw when a district boundary line divides a lot, a use permitted on one portion of the lot may be extended into the other portion by up to 200 feet with a special permit. But this allowance does not apply to property, such as Cohasset Plaza, which is in the watershed protection district. The proposed amendment would lift that restriction and allow the property owner to apply to the Zoning Board for a special permit.

Chairman Al Moore, who has not been in favor of the expansion in the past, said he'd rather see Staszko take another avenue to procure his expansion.

"This could open Pandora's box," he said.

Report available

The 2001 Cohasset Town Report in now available at the Town Clerk's office.

Manager change

Selectmen approved the appointment of Barry Goughan as manager of the Cohasset Golf Club at their meeting Tuesday night. Goughan, who previously managed the club for nine years but left in 2000 when the club underwent renovations, will stay on board until the club completes a search for a new manager. Goughan replaces Denise Carroll.

"Barry (Goughan) is very well qualified to run the club," Selectman Merle Brown said. "He knows the ins and outs of the club."

Sewer project money discussed

The Sewer Commission presented three warrant articles to selectmen Tuesday to mixed reviews. The article that drew the most attention concerned the Little Harbor sewer expansion plan. The Sewer Commission is asking Town Meeting to appropriate approximately $750,000 towards retaining contractors and for design costs.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he wondered where the money was going to come from. His concern centered around the fact that if Town Meeting approves the article but in the future doesn't approve the expansion plan the town will have to pay back the loan in five years. If the town does approve a future article which expands sewering to Little Harbor and Atlanitc Avenue, it will have 20 years to pay back the loan.

Haddad said he needs to meet with the Sewer Commission to discuss these issues.

Selectman Merle Brown said before the Sewer Commission attempts to implement the approximate $9.9 million dollar project the town should take a look at some less expensive approaches.

"I agree something needs to be done but how about looking at improving drainage or taking fertilizer off lawns," he said.

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Voters could catch pitch for ball fields

By Evan Schiff
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The town's former "gravel pits" could be transformed into two, new state-of-the-art ball fields for Cohasset kids at a cost of about $400,000.

Voters at the March 30 Town Meeting will be asked to appropriate a total $300,000 that would pay for 3/4 of the cost of constructing the facility off North Main Street behind Barnes Field. If voters approve, part of that money would come from the Community Preservation Fund.

The balance of $100,000 would be raised privately through Cohasset Little League.

Plans are to construct a baseball field and a softball field with additional parking and a refreshment stand.

"The hope is that the fields will be used to the max."
— Mark DeGiacomo, study committee

Mark DeGiacomo, member of the Gravel Pits Reuse Committee, which was formed two years ago, said the group weighed many options when considering what to do with the site.

"The gravel pits are a dangerous place and have been an eyesore for some time," he said. "We considered a sewer treatment area, elderly housing and other options for the area but eventually thought ball fields would be the best fit."

DeGiacomo said there is shortage of field space around town, a situation that has been exacerbated with construction at the middle-high school. Plans are to use the fields for some middle school and junior varsity softball games as well as for Little League games.

"The hope is that the fields will be used to the max," DeGiacomo said. The design also incorporates 80 spaces into the complex that would help eliminate parking during games on North Main Street, which has been a chronic problem.

"We'd like to see no cars parked on North Main Street," DeGiacomo said. "The overflow parking will be able to park at the swim center."

The Community Preservation Committee, formed under the Community Preservation Act that Cohasset adopted last year is considering recommending Town Meeting appropriate money from the Community Preservation Fund for the project. The preservation committee meets March 4 to vote on its recommendations to Town Meeting. The account consists of money from a 1-1/2 percent real estate tax surcharge and matching funds from the state.

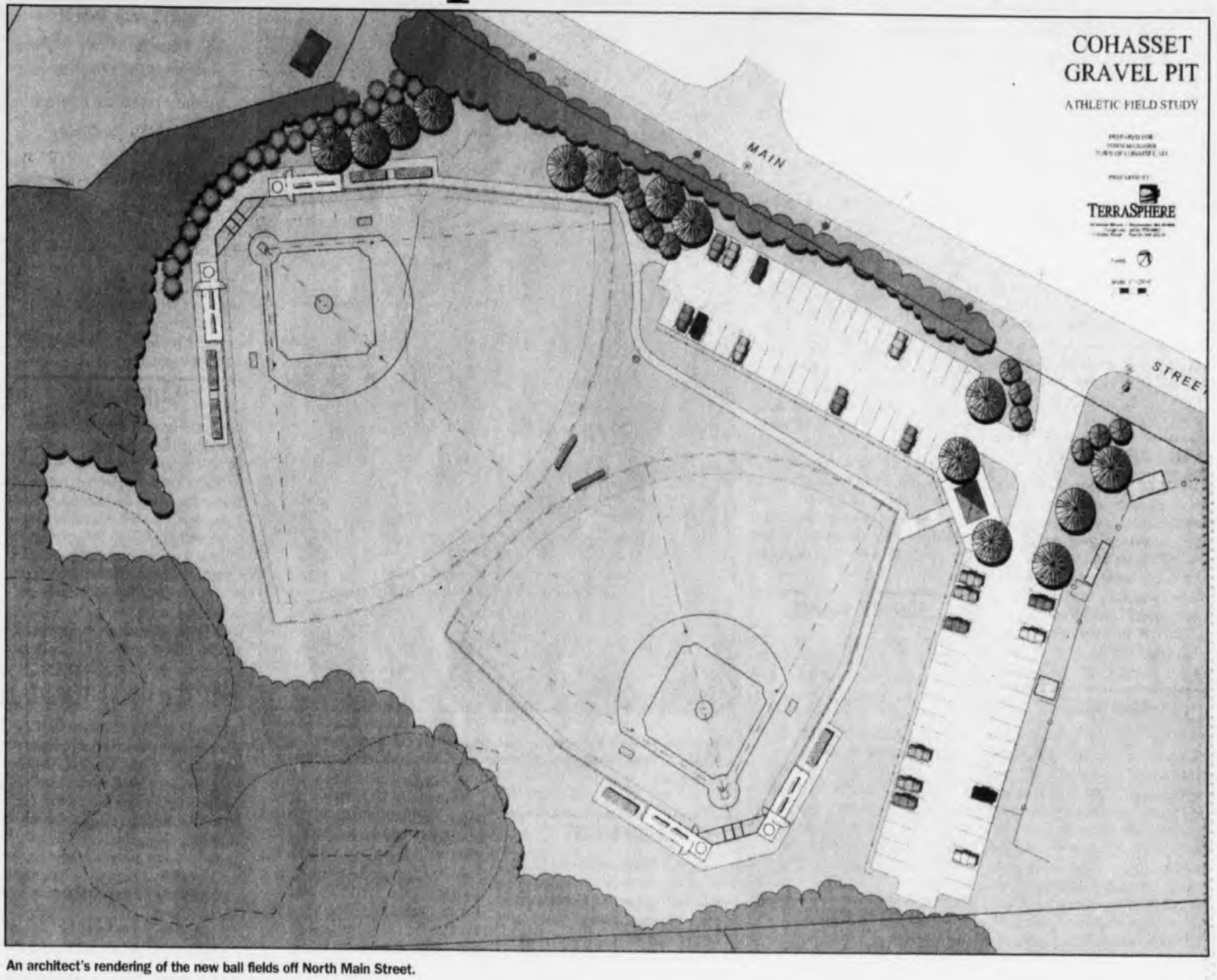
The fields proposal before the preservation committee is for $200,000. If the committee recommends $100,000 on March 4, then the town will be asked to pick up the other $200,000 in a separate article.

"The town can definitely afford this project," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. He explained even if the Community Preservation Committee decides not to recommend the $100,000, the town would still be able to pay for the project.

"We'd love the money from the CPC but we'll be able to work something out if they don't," Haddad said.

DeGiacomo expects the project will provide the town with the nicest fields in the South Shore.

"Right now, no one has a better field than Barnes field and we're trying to up the ante," he said.



An architect's rendering of the new ball fields off North Main Street.

Plug could be pulled on Little League payphone

By Evan Schiff
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As cell phones become increasingly popular, family members are able to stay in touch 24 hours a day, motorists who are in trouble can call for help, and businesses prosper by having employees available at all times.

However, payphones have suffered from the cell phone explosion and may become an endangered species.

Verizon, the telephone company that owns several payphones around town, is concerned with the trend and said it may have to remove at least one payphone from the town because of declining revenues.

"The growth of wireless services has caused substantial reductions of payphone usage," Verizon stated in a letter to the town. "The changes have had an impact of the ability of our payphones to generate revenues to cover their costs."

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— Verizon

Payphones are currently paid for in a variety of ways. The two most common practices involve a town, or a company or other entity, paying a monthly fee for the service and collecting the profit from the phone, or a telephone company paying for the phone and collecting the revenues itself.

The payphone that may be taken out is at the Little League field at 168 N. Main St. Verizon stated in the letter that if Cohasset wishes to keep the phone as it must start paying a monthly service rate plus taxes and other surcharges. If the town doesn't reply within 30 days, the payphone will be removed.

Selectmen addressed the issue at their meeting Tuesday night and decided to send a letter to Verizon indicated that the placement of that phone is not necessarily to generate revenue, it's for safety reasons.

PHOTO/EVAN SCHIFF
Verizon says the Little League payphone is a revenue loser.

"We're expanding the little league fields so there's going to be more people in the area," Selectman Merle Brown said. He added that the additional people could spend more money on the phone and as well, safety may become more of an issue.

Mark DeGiacomo, member of the Gravel Pits Reuse Committee, which is in the process of designing two new ball fields for the area, said his main concern if the phone was to be removed is safety. He said during games, the snack bar has a phone and there are always cell phones handy however, during pick up games that may not be the case.

"When kids are just playing there with no supervision it's important they be able to call 911 should there be an emergency," he said. "It has happened in the past."

Verizon has been evaluating the performance of its payphones to identify those phones that do not meet the minimum monthly revenue requirements and under its contract, reserves the right to remove the phones.

Paul Bowman, spokesman for Verizon, said the company is exploring other avenues to generate revenue.

"We're looking into providing internet access and other services at our phones," he said. "We need to make using a payphone more attractive."

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Pat and Maria Plante have a brand-new granddaughter!

ENJOY WARMTH

Hello Cohasset! I am writing this today on the most beautiful day, the weather is warm and sunny and I cannot wait to get outside! Is it really the end of February? Anyway, enjoy the next few days as it is going to get cold according to the weather people. We shall see.

GET WELL SOON

I have a special request to start off the column this week for a resident of Cohasset who is known and loved by many. **Virginia "Ginny" Barnes** is in the hospital and a special friend has asked that prayers and best wishes be sent and said for her. Ginny, all of us here in Cohasset will certainly have you in our thoughts and prayers.

BIG APPLE CIRCUS

Calling all Cohasset Girl Scouts! Now that winter vacation is over and you are back in your routines, don't forget to send in your permission slips and checks for the "Big Apple Circus" Mother/Daughter event. If you need a permission slip, call your troop leader or **Laure Kimla** at 781-383-8161. Remember that March 8 is the deadline with no exceptions. Hope to see you there.

ALLERGIES

I had an interesting e-mail from a Cohasset resident and parent. It opened up my eyes a bit and I just wanted to spread the news to all of you reading this column. Allergies are a big issue for so many of us, whether they are seasonal, animal related or food related. Because of the large numbers of people who are affected by these allergies, sometimes we need to make a conscious effort to help those who are suffering from them. In schools and children's programs, nuts and milk sometimes need to be eliminated along with other specific foods. I know that I have had conversations with many people who feel this is "unfair" to their own child as they cannot have these items while in a class or program.

Stop and think however, if it were your child who had the allergy and if a parent decided to ignore the requests and sent in a peanut butter

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

sandwich. The outcome could be a very serious one! I know that my children can certainly not have a certain food for the school day if it helps to keep another child safe and I honestly feel that every other child can do the same. Please honor every request in a positive manner and help for your child to learn how to work with someone's situation instead of making it worse.

This goes for animal fur as well. When taking your adorable and fun-loving pet for a walk or to an event, it is not OK to bring your animal into a public building with you. While we all (or most of us) enjoy seeing your dog or cat, many are extremely allergic to the fur and dander and bringing them into schools or other enclosed places can really wreak havoc on those people affected. It is something that will not be too hard to do and will definitely make a difference!

LIBRARY SOCIAL

A wine and cheese social at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library is being held March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. This fun and informational evening is being offered to meet with the new children's librarian, **Sharon Moody** and get comfortable with what the public library has to offer for kids of all ages. The Deer Hill PSO will be supplying refreshments as well as introducing the new Web site on the library's computers. This should be a fun night for all and best of all, it is at no charge.

NEW ARRIVAL

Jackie (Plante), CHS '84, and **Bob Collari** recently welcomed a new daughter into their lives. **Maria Elizabeth Collari** was born Jan. 29, 2002, weighed in at 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. Little Maria joins big sister **Gina,** 31/2, and **Dennis**, 2, at home in Scituate. **Maria and Pat Plante** of Cohasset and **Carolyn and Dick Collari** of North Andover are the very proud grandparents. Congratulations to all of you on this wonderful news.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Paige Carrabes goes full gallop on the bronco behind the South Shore Community Center during school vacation camp last week. For more photos, see page 12.

DEAN'S LIST

UMass Amherst dean's list for the fall, 2001, semester was recently announced and several Cohasset students were listed. **Naomi Ansbergs, Carolyn Cameron, Susan Dane, William Kearney, Alexander Schwerin** and **Eric Wenmark** all made the list which means they all had a GPA of 3.5 or better on a four-point scale. Great work to you all.

RUNNING FOR A CAUSE

On April 15, **Christopher Valentine** of Cohasset will pound the 26.2 miles of pavement as a participant in the 13th annual Dana Farber Marathon Challenge. The DFMC team will join the runners taking part in the 106th running of the Boston Marathon. Christopher, along with his DFMC teammates from 20 states, will run the historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to raise $3 million for cancer research. By raising at least $2,000 each, DFMC runners are funding the Claudia Adams Barr Program in innovative basic breast cancer research at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. To contribute to Christopher's run, send a check payable to Dana Farber Marathon Challenge to the DFMC offices at 152A Trapelo Road, Lincoln, 01773. Indicate that the contribution is for Christopher Valentine. For more information, call 781-259-8881.

2002 MS WALK

John Flanagan of Edward Jones Investments is inviting local businesses and organizations to a Leadership Recruitment Breakfast to kick off the 2002 MS Walk in Cohasset. By attending, you will learn how you can help to end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis. The breakfast will be held Thursday, March 7, at the Atlantica Restaurant, 8 to 9 a.m. in Cohasset. Plan on joining us if you would like to learn how you and your company can get involved with this fun and important community event. For further information, call John Flanagan or Karen Hurd at 781-383-1996. We hop to see you there.

FUN(D)RAISER

A note from the Deer Hill School:

A Deer Hill grade-five student may be visiting your house from March 1 to March 10 to ask you to purchase a pizza kit from Lil Caesar Pizza Company. Part of the funds from your purchase will go to the student's tuition for the Camp Bournedale Outdoor Education Center trip that he or she will take as a sixth-grade student next year.

Camp Bournedale is in Bourne, a section of Plymouth. The grade-six students go to the overnight camp for five days in September as part of their schooling and they do their fund-raising while in the fifth grade. The tuition is $350 for the week and many of our students raise the majority of the funds needed. This is a unique and fun-filled learning experience for the sixth-grade students and staff. Please assist your local fifth-grader by buying some delicious pizza kits when they come to you. If you are interested and have not seen a fifth-grader, you may call the Deer Hill office at 781-383-6115 on how to place an order. Thank you for your support.

I would like to end this week's column with a quote that was sent to me and really inspired me to think a little.

"You can't understand the world and how you respond to it until you first know yourself. You can't change the things you don't like about yourself until you search out the things that influence you and motivate you and hurt you." Stedman Graham

Have a great week. Remember that the deadline for getting items to me is no later than Mondays at noon.

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Memorial fund to be established

Friends and colleagues of Mary Babaian, who succumbed to cancer last July — a year after she retired from the Cohasset school system, are establishing a memorial fund in her honor. Babaian served as a guidance counselor, teacher and coach over the years.

For more information on the memorial call Barbara Mahar at 508-362-4492.

A decision regarding the actual memorial in Babaian's memory will depend on the contributions.

Checks payable to the Mary A. Babaian Memorial Fund should be sent in care of Helen Sullivan, CSJ, 667 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135.

Members of the committee include, Steve and Miriam Hart, Mary Abbruzzese, Mary DiPerna, Barbara Mahar, Marcia Salmon, Helen Sullivan, Kathy Therberge and Sharon Tufts.

Support for parents of teens

The Social Service League of Cohasset is offering a support group for parents of teens that are experiencing turbulent times in their lives. The group would provide the opportunity for parents to share their concerns about teen lifestyles and experimentation that may present symptoms of stress and anxiety in the lives of parents.

The confidential support program affords parents the opportunity to share their concerns and explore options to deal with this issue. The discussion is facilitated by a licensed clinical social worker and examines the input from all those with concerns.

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Appalachian Festival

On Saturday, March 9 the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is hosting its second annual "Appalachia Festival" at St. Anthony's parish center. This fun, family oriented evening includes a delicious Appalachian style dinner followed by live Blue Grass entertainment.

The evening commences at 5:30 p.m. with an Open Market Place (free admission) featuring Appalachian crafts and snack foods. A family-style dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., followed by live Blue Grass entertainment at 7:30 p.m.. A beautiful, homemade Appalachian quilt will be on display during the evening and raffle tickets for the quilt will be sold.

Tickets are available at local churches. Ticket prices are $5 (8-and-under), $10 (10-18 years), $20 (adults), $50 (family admission). Proceeds from the event help support the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project.

Easter egg hunt

The Cohasset Recreation Commission will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at 12 noon sharp, at the Deer Hill School back field. Children ages 3-11, with their parents or an adult, are invited to hunt for eggs and to greet the Easter Bunny as he arrives via a Cohasset fire truck.

Rain date is March 30 — same time, same place.

Protect drinking water supplies

The First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative and Clean Water Action are offering a training program for South Shore residents on how to protect drinking water. The program will be held on Saturday, March 2, 10 am – 12:30 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Improvement Society Building at the corner of Clapp Road and Cedar Street in Scituate.

"Drinking water is a precious research," said John McNabb, who is director of research and policy for Clean Water Action and is also chairman of the Cohasset Water Commission. "At this training, citizens will learn how to protect their drinking water supply."

At the training, after a short presentation about Scituate's First Herring Brook watershed, attendees will learn how to use the annual Consumer Confidence Reports and the state Source Water Assessment Program to learn about the sources of drinking water supplies, threats to water quality, and how to protect watersheds.

Speakers at the program include McNabb, Chris Bathurst. Water Policy Program Director for Clean Water Action, and Lance van Lenten from the First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative.

For more information, please contact Lance Van Lenten at 781-545-5987 or John McNabb at 781-383-6202.

Snow Row

Bring on the weather! It's time for the Hull Lifesaving Museum's signature rowing race, the Snow Row, that covers a 33/4 mile triangular course starting off the beach at Windmill Point, Hull, and continuing around Sheep Island, past the Peddocks Island day marker, and back to shore.

The 2002 Snow Row Open-Water Rowing Race will be held March 2. The race will start at 12 noon (coxswain's meeting 11:30 a.m.) at the Hull Lifesaving Museum's Windmill Point Boathouse, 85 Main St., Hull. The fee is $15 per rower; spectators are free.

Entirely within view of the boathouse, the event is as much of a thrill for spectators as for participants. It is also a rare opportunity to see, up close, rowers of all ages and their array of wooden pulling boats on the beach and in action — peapods, dories, wherries, whitehalls, ocean shells, kayaks, pilot gigs, captain's gigs and Irish curraghs.

This year, two crews from Cornwall, UK, will join the several hundred youth and adult rowers from all over New England who traditionally participate. Athletes from northern Maine, New York City, and Lake Champlain, Vermont will line up on the beach with competitors from the North Shore, Cape Cod, Duxbury and Boston Harbor.

The race has five boat categories, workboats, livery boats, coxed boats, ocean kayaks and ocean shells.

After watching the excitement of the Snow Row's start, spectators come inside the boathouse to warm up with a cup of hot coffee or cocoa. A mile away, the Lifesaving Museum will be open throughout the day with free admission, and on display, the Small Craft display, as well as other exhibits about lifesaving, lighthouses, storms and shipwrecks. For more information about the event, call Edward P. McCabe, maritime program director, at 781-925-5433 or e-mail: hullmuse@channell.com.

Quilt show benefit

More than 50 beautiful handmade quilts — some centuries old — will be on display at the Second Congregational Church's ninth Annual Quilt Show & Luncheon on Saturday, March 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The proceeds from this event benefit The Boston Medical Center's Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and its Reach Out and Read Program. Tickets are $10 each and include the quilt show and a gourmet luncheon served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For tickets, please send a check payable to the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025, or stop by the church office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 1p.m. For more information call (781) 383-0345.

Swing into Spring at CMI gala

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. when the Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI) will host a "Swing Into Spring" Gala Event at the Cohasset Lighthouse Keeper's Residence. The festivities will include food and drink, live music and a silent auction to help kick-off the 2002 season.

CMI Director, Jack Buckley said this event "not only marks the start of a new season, it also marks the start of a fund-raising campaign for new and improved ways to get people on the water!"

"CMI is planning to host a fun evening for returning and new members and their guests," Buckley said. Join in the festivities and renew old friendships, make new acquaintances, and to learn what's new at CMI this season.

For more information, call Jack Buckley at 781-383-8261 or Mary Sease at 781-383-8318.

Auditions slated for Hull musical

Hull Performing Arts announces open auditions for the musical "Pump Boys and Dinettes" by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel and Jim Wann.

This musical tribute to life by the roadside takes place at a gas station on Highway 57. Across the street is an eatery called the "Double Cupp Diner." The four guys at the station have been known to do some auto repairs, but only when aided by quantities of time and beer. The Cupp sisters celebrate their home cooking with the same zeal they bring to being neighborly with the boys.

The show will be directed by Simpson Moore and the musical director will be Kathy Clancy.

The auditions are on Sunday, March 3, and Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave., Hull. Bring a song to sing. "Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be cast with three men and three women. Call 781-925-2406 for directions and more information about the show.

This project is sponsored, in part, by a grant from the Hull Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Daffodil Days seeks volunteers

Celebrate the arrival of spring by volunteering for the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. Volunteers are needed now to serve as sales coordinators in their towns or businesses, or to work in our office in March to map out driving routes, or to help make deliveries the week of April 1st. With your help during Daffodil Days, the American Cancer Society can raise the vital funds for research, education, advocacy and patient services programs, while bringing hope and help to cancer patients in your community. To volunteer or to order your bouquet of daffodils for $6, call the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880 and press 3 for ext. 243. Orders must be placed by March 15, 2002. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

Community center classes are offered

The South Shore Community Center has classes in Adult Computers: Introduction to Computers, Windows, Word and Internet. Classes run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, two hours per class for four weeks. The cost is $115 for members and $120 for non-members. For more information, times and dates, call 781-383-0088.

Other equally interesting but "low-tech" classes also offered at the center include:

Let's Talk Window Treatments: Instructor, John Bulian, owner of Boston Blinds in Newton. Thursday, March 7 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is $25, members, and $27, non-members.

Babysitting for Boys and Girls: Thursday, March 7 from 4-5:30 p.m. For ages 10+. Four weeks. Cost is $40, members, and $45, non-members.

Introduction to Faux Finish: Wednesday, March 13 and 20 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is $70, members and $80, non-members.

Kids Cooking: Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is $40, members and $42, non-members.

CPR: Wednesday, March 27 from 7-10:30 p.m. Cost is $45, members, and $50 non-members.

Pediatric CPR: Wednesday and Thursday, April 24 and 25 from 7-10 p.m. Cost is $45, members, and $50 non-members.

Gymnastics: Openings in Tumblebugs, Gym Explorers, Sports for Kids, Beginners/Intermediate Girls. Call the center for details at 781-383-0088.

TIC auction anchored by Cohasset woman

The Talking Information Center for the visually impaired is holding its fifth annual radio auction at the end of March with the help of WATD (95.9). Run like the Channel 2 auction, items are bid on by telephone after being offered over the air by WATD personalities. Proceeds go directly to TIC.

There is something for everyone, and all for a good cause.

Tammy Elliott of Cohasset is chairman of the TIC radio auction this year.

Movie and museum passes, tickets to concerts and attractions such as Edaville Railroad, dinners at restaurants or from caterers and all sorts of memberships are on the block for charity. There are also overnight packages ranging from the Colonnade Hotel in Boston to the Carriage House on Nantucket (complete with ferry passe) or at local hotels and Bed and Breakfasts.

There is something for everyone, and all for a good cause. Phil Collier, Channel 2 auction Coordinator, and volunteer Auction Coordinator Tammy Elliott of Cohasset, run the three-day event.

TIC needs volunteers to answer the phones and take bids; local businesses to donate items - and get on-air credit as the items are auctioned; or sponsors for each hour, or call and bid on an item. The auction will run from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, Wednesday, March 20, and Thursday, March 21. It is held at TIC's broadcast studios in Marshfield but you simply need to tune into WATD 95.9 FM to be a part of it.

The Talking Information Center is a non-profit reading service that broadcasts newspapers, magazines, books and special consumer information 24 hours days, seven days a week to more than 20,000 visually impaired listeners throughout Massachusetts. To learn how you can help with the auction or to learn more about TIC call 781-834-4400 or 800-696-9595.

World-class sailor at benefit lecture

Mark your calendar for 7 p.m., Saturday March the 16. The Cohasset Yacht Club will continue its support of maritime studies at the high school once again by organizing a winter lecture. And this year's speaker will be Cam Lewis, fresh back from his latest escapades on TeamAdventure the 110-foot catamaran built to compete in The Race, the no-holds-barred round-the-world race sailed in early 2001.

The lecture is open to the public. Cost is $15 per person (students free but please make a reservation). Payment required in advance Refreshments will be served Space is limited, so please make your reservation early by calling Meg Bertolami at (781) 383-2968. The lecture will take place at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

One of the world's best-known and respected personalities in competitive sailing, Lewis raced aboard the maxi-catamaran Commodore Explorer in 1993 when it won the first Trophée Jules Verne for the world's fastest circumnavigation. It earned him the Rolex Yachtsman of the Year award. Lewis holds the westbound Transatlantic record with Laurent Bourgnon on Primagaz and has won numerous world championships and other titles including the America's Cup in 1988 aboard Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes. To learn more about Lewis and the TeamAdventure campaign, fire up your computer, and surf over to www.teamadventure.org.

Skipper Cam Lewis leads TeamAdventure in The Race.

The proceeds of the winter lecture will be used to enable students in the maritime studies program to attend a summer cruise on the schooner Ernestina. Launched as the Grand Banks schooner *Effie M. Morrissey* in Essex in 1894, and renamed Ernestina in 1946, she measures 112 feet overall and has a sail area of 8,323 feet. Ernestina provides offers multi-disciplinary, hands-on educational programs tailored to meet the specific needs of schools, colleges and other educational and cultural organizations. Students in Cohasset's maritime studies program spent three days on Ernestina last summer, and your support would be utilized to provide scholarships to continue this program.

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To learn more about Ernestina, visit www.ernestina.org. If you follow the links through "Calendar" to "August 2001", on the 18th to 20th, you will find descriptions and photographs of the voyage experienced by the CHS group that sailed her last summer.

'Our Town' tickets

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents the American classic "Our Town" at Cohasset Town Hall, March 1, 2 8, 9, 15 & 16 at 8p.m. and March 3 & 9 at 2p.m.

Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door and by phone at 781-585-9158..

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Question of the Week

The selectman's race promises to perk up what would otherwise be a sleepy April 6 Town Election. Political newcomer Roger Q. Hill is challenging incumbents Fred Koed and Ronnie McMorris in a three-way race for two seats on the Board of Selectmen.

So in keeping with our tradition, we will pose a Question of the Week to local candidates. In the past, we have limited Question of the Week to those running for contested seats, but this year we'll make an exception for the candidate for School Committee, Jane Pescatore, who is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by Stephanie Noble. With so much news about MCAS, potential cuts in state aid, the rising cost of special education and the upcoming reaccreditation of the high school – we think our readers would be well served by knowing where Mrs. Pescatore stands on the issues.

All candidates opposed or unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

Starting next week, we will feature candidates' answers to the Question of the Week. Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

The following are the first Questions of the Week:

For selectman candidates:

Some say Cohasset is in danger of becoming a haven only for the rich. What can you do to see that doesn't occur?

For the School Committee candidate:

The School Committee negotiates teacher salary increases of 3 percent or more, not including steps, when the town can only raise taxes 2-1/2 percent a year without an override. Something may have to give in the school budget. What are your priorities?

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Friends of Harbor to meet

The Friends of Cohasset Harbor will hold an open meeting at the Minot Lightkeepers' Residence on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Your thoughts and participation are needed to develop a consensus which reflects the vision of the harbor residents and interested citizens.

For more information , email Dick Karoff at karoff.manzella@att.net.

Send us e-mail

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Life in Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

It was a quiet month in Woebegone East, where new houses are humongous, taxes above average and some adults childish.

Dean Rizzo (Executive Director of Cohasset Revitalization Corporation) has been labeled "Mayor of Cohasset" by a critic, on the grounds that he is getting everything he wants. Most of what he gets is brickbats, maybe the nice title makes up for his frustrations.

The "Friends of Cohasset Harbor" got petulant because the revitalization consultant didn't immediately change his presentation sketch (prepared as a basis for discussion at a series of workshops) to suit their notions of aesthetics, went whining to the Selectmen, who overreacted and wrote the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation to do no more public forums. Selectmen recanted at next meeting, having heard plenty from good people who believe in freedom of speech and assembly and are trying to work constructively with CRC .

Although the USA once prided itself on personal freedoms, we continue to evolve into a people imbued with a passion to regulate each other. A small example: the Selectmen have agreed to consider a warrant article which would limit the number of building permits issued each year, at least those that permit tear-down and rebuilding into a larger house. The argument is that such improvement changes the character of the town. Bigger houses pay more taxes, and the number of children that would burden our school system seems to decrease with increasing house size, but it seems worth limiting the individual's freedom to sell to someone with the bucks to rebuild.

The Planning Board nixed support for the CRC's proposal to put utility wires in the village center underground , but wondered why the CRC did not include burying wires around the Town Common!

The venerable Social Service League has soaring (and potentially costly) ambitions to expand into a plethora of counseling services for all ages.

Snowplows continued to sit and rust, but we still have a lot of March.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Sensitivity training

TO THE EDITOR:

In reply to the letters concerning a parents' criticism of a faculty member's loudspeaker a.m. announcement impromptu imitation of a black person in connection with the Patriots' game:

As a parent of children who attended Cohasset schools, I am concerned about the way in which this situation was handled.

To recap, a parent felt the white teacher's takeoff on a black person was inappropriate to be aired for students in morning announcements. This led to a universal put-down of the parent by school officials and some parents for her "overreaction" to an innocent event.

One might inquire how to solve this problem. My goals would include allowing for an open forum at a School Committee meeting on the issue, with a panel of experts trained in this kind of matter.

Should a white person imitate a black person over a loud speaker? My students at the college where I teach were of mixed opinions. An Irish student thought it was harmless and even "funny."

One Chinese student was really sensitive to white people imitating her accent.

I do imitations of Eddie Murphy in "Trading Places" because I've seen the movie more than 50 times and know the dialogue by heart. Does that offend a person of color? What is my (hidden) intention? Can I escape being a racist due to my Southern heritage and the fact that I am now living in an almost all white town?

Maybe what is needed here is some sensitivity training for all of us in Cohasset, living as we do, so removed from the world around us. How our sheltered children will fare in the broader world depends a great deal on what example we set now as to what is discrete acceptable behavior in a multicultural society.

Should there be a forum for discussion on this subject? I believe it would be useful to move this issue to a wider venue and get out of the narrow confines of a personal dispute. We cannot know how it feels to be of another cultural background unless we investigate the problem.

Marylan Clark
190 S. Main St.

Preserving charm in the harbor

TO THE EDITOR:

I said at a recent meeting of Cohasset Selectmen, that in my opinion, the imposing black iron lampposts proposed to line the harbor at Border Street are impossibly ugly. If the proposed plans for the harbor go through, I will have to look at that ugliness across from my front lawn. I also believe the proposed black iron fence is impossibly ugly.

However, taste is an individual matter. I do not expect everyone to agree with me — nor should they. Indeed, one of the selectmen thought that the historic white, two-board fence that now borders the harbor looks dilapidated. To my eye, it seems exactly right. It is also true that appearance depends, to an extent, on context. The black iron fence that would be so offensive along Border Street, for example, seems suitable to my eye when installed around the grand non-colonial mansion on the other side of the harbor.

The important issue, however, is not a contest about personal taste, but the preservation of the character and charm of one of the loveliest places on earth. We should not be judging taste, light pole by light pole, or fence by fence. Cohasset is an enchanting village of colonial heritage. We have accepted the notion that preservation of its character, within reason, has great value. We guard the Common with vigor, for example, demanding that homes overlooking it comply with reasonable standards of appearance.

With that in mind, I can see no reason for the desecration of the harbor now proposed. There is nothing in the design or appearance of the proposed lights and fence that is consistent with Cohasset or its colonial heritage. The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation (CRC) which proposes the changes, has offered nothing to suggest that anything needs to be changed at the harbor — no traffic study, no pedestrian count, no summary of accidents at the harbor, no reports of people falling into the water. And there is no showing that any other designs were considered, that the proposed designs are superior to others, that they are in keeping with the character of the village, or that they will enhance the attractiveness of the village or its property values.

The present sidewalk on Border Street is more than adequate — it is demarcated from the roadway by a bright, white-painted line and separated from the roadway by a line of utility poles. Where it borders the harbor, it is raised perhaps, half a foot, above the roadway. While it is true that cars sometimes mount the sidewalk between the utility poles to park illegally, that would stop promptly if the cars were ticketed, or if "No Parking" or "No Parking on the Sidewalk" signs were up and enforced.

And why is parking allowed along Border Street anyway? There are only a handful of residences there, all of which have adequate parking off the road. Two commercial establishments, a motel and a restaurant complex, are supposed to provide adequate parking for its customers off the road. Thousands of similar establishments on the South Shore manage to do so — why not these?

Most of the roads in Cohasset do not have sidewalks at all, including some that are walked, without incident, by children going to school. Most of the length of Cohasset's seaside roadway has no sidewalk and no fence. Many more people walk safely along the shore on Jerusalem Road, which for most of its length, has no fence and no sidewalk, than on Border Street, which has both. Virtually no one walks on Border Street at night even though there is plenty of ambient light to make one's way safely. There is absolutely no need for additional street lighting. Certainly none has or can be demonstrated by those who plan to install it.

Why then is the harbor being singled out for pretentious decoration? In addition to providing limited anchorage for pleasure boats, it is a working harbor for families that derive their livelihood from the sea. It's heritage and function are clear and uncluttered and part of the irreplaceable charm of the village. What is the source of the urge to change all that? Is it simply that consultants are paid for change and not paid when there is no change?

As I stepped to my front door the other evening, I was struck, as I have been so many times before, by the staggering beauty of the dark night over Cohasset Harbor. The Big Dipper was standing upright on its handle. Minot's Light glimmered in the distance. The white-board fence dimly defined the harbor edge. I wondered if they would all be gone next year.

Richard F. deLima
55 Summer St.

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Cohasset speaks about its future

MASTER PLAN

GROWTH & DEVELOPEMENT COMMITTEE

Master plan survey results now available

In 2000, Cohasset Selectmen created the Growth & Development Committee to help draft a town master plan to provide a thoughtful and long term strategy to manage town growth. This plan is perhaps a bit overdue, since Cohasset last completed one in 1961. This will eventually guide future plans and decisions for appropriate growth, effective transportation as well as infrastructure, education, and environmental protection. Long-term planning efforts are underway in many towns such as Hingham, Norwell, Scituate and Duxbury.

The ultimate goal of the Cohasset Growth and Development Committee is to work with all town citizens and stakeholders to build consensus and help create an overall shared vision and strategy for the future for Cohasset. A community planning consultant is currently being selected to facilitate the process and provide the economic and strategic planning assistance necessary to complete the plan. After a rigorous selection process, the choice of consultant is expected to be announced next week.

A master plan should reflect the key values and issues of its citizens in the areas of the environment, economic base and community character. So to share and gather this information, numerous neighborhood forums and meetings with many town committees and boards have been conducted. To maintain town-wide communication, numerous articles were written for the Mariner, a newsletter was sent to all residents last Summer. Then, in November 2001 every registered voter received a survey to gather input and ideas. We now have the first installment in reporting the results of that survey.

Results from Opinion Survey

We will report the results as space allows over the coming weeks leading up to the March Town Meeting. A full report (and summary of progress) is available at the Planning Board office at Town Hall. The following are results from a survey mailed to 5,425 Cohasset voters and 120 Chamber of Commerce members. 618 surveys were received over the past three months. This represents over a 10 percent response rate. Data was compiled through a combination of volunteer and professional help and was audited for accuracy.

In addition to the following summary, numerous comments were collected and tallied and are also available. The results again clearly underscored the residents commitment to Cohasset, with a significant majority indicating they plan to stay forever or until they retire. Most (nearly 50 percent) stated they came for the beauty of the environment and many felt that it was a great place to raise kids.

Residents were asked to identify and rank issues in several areas, (A) top concerns facing Cohasset *today*, (B) most and least important issues for Cohasset in the *future*, and (C) areas Cohasset should *act on*.

Cohasset today

The results were fairly consistent and in some cases surprising. Town fiscal management is clearly an issue, as the top concern by far was the tax burden. Forty two percent felt it was extremely or very important. The other top concerns were protecting natural resources (32 percent), the train impact (29 percent), preserving open space (28 percent), preserving community character (28 percent), quality of services (25 percent) and affordable housing (21 percent).

Cohasset's Future is in Its Character and Resources

When asked about the future of Cohasset, there was little doubt about the priorities. Well over 70 percent felt that our water and resources, including open space are the most important priorities. Fully six of the top ten rated issues were water resource and waste water related. The next most important priority was again fiscal management, as two of the top ten issues were tax rates and fiscal management. Rounding out the top ten most important issues were open space and public education.

Cohasset's Character

Clearly maintaining Cohasset's beauty and character as well as natural resources are the top priority when you look down the list of issues. Water, open space and preservation make up no less than 12 of the top 20 issues.

Cohasset Services

The third most important area for residents seems to be the quality of services, as four of the top 20 issues have to do with education, town government, fire and police services.

What should Cohasset do

Where things get interesting is when residents were asked what they feel Cohasset should do to plan for the future. There was little doubt that maintaining town character was at the top of the list (over 90 percent agree or strongly agree) and fully seven of the top ten issues were focused on protecting the water, views, access, open space and wildlife.

Limits to growth

Three of the top ten also included strong interest in limiting growth. 75 percent believe we should limit the size of houses relative to lot size, over 70 percent agree or strongly agree we should limit residential development and 64 percent agree or strongly agree we should limit population growth. Open space is also a major priority, 63 percent of residents feel the town should purchase more.

Housing and access

Other priorities that emerge include more senior citizen and affordable housing and access to the harbor and waterfront.

Getting to a vision for Cohasset

As indicated, these results have been combined with the neighborhood forums, town committee and board input and are now being crafted into preliminary Vision and Values statements for the town to review and comment on in the coming weeks. We hope you will all take the time to review the research and comment on the results and all the activity by the committee. It is important to all of us who are concerned about the future of Cohasset. The full report and a draft progress report are available by email or in hard copy by contacting Liz Harrington, Town Planner at Town Hall.

Members of the Growth & Development Committee are: Clark Brewer, Patti Keville, Tom Callahan, Ronnie McMorris, Debbie Cook, Peter Pratt, Bill Good, Rick Swanborg, Elizabeth Harrington and Michael Westcott.

Cover up at Justice Dept.

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Back in the days before Playboy and Penthouse, a small art gallery in New York City was stuck with 2,000 copies of a lithographed poster known as "September Morn," which depicted a nude young woman standing, tastefully covered by strategically placed hands, in a pool.

Then the gallery hired a press agent named Harry Reichenbach. Reichenbach knew what to do. He arranged one of the posters prominently in the window of the gallery and placed a call to Anthony Comstock, head of the Anti-Vice Society, who was then in the midst of a campaign to drive sin and kindred pleasures from the Big Apple.

"This picture is an outrage!" cried the publicist. "It's undermining the morals of our city's youth!"

Reichenbach took Comstock down to the gallery to see for himself — after first hiring (at 50 cents a day) a group of young boys to stand in front of the window, poking each other knowingly in the ribs and "making grimaces too sophisticated for their years."

Too many Americans will side with the nudists.

Comstock went into action immediately, demanding the removal of the poster, and when that gambit failed, taking the matter to court, to the delight of New York's penny press, which went after the story with the enthusiasm of the Boston Herald going after Judges Murphy and Lopez.

As a result, the 2,000 copies of "September Morn" that couldn't be sold for 10 cents apiece as an obscure print B.C. (before Comstock) became seven million copies that were sold for a dollar each as a work of art.

Reichenbach and "September Morn" came to mind the other day when I read that the Justice Department in Washington spent some $8,000 for curtains to cover up two semi-nude Art Deco statues in the department's Great Hall that offended Attorney General John Ashcroft.

"It was done for TV aesthetics," said a spokeswoman for the attorney general whose name is, believe it or not, Barbara Comstock (no relation, I think).

Shades of Harry Reichenbach!

I hope this isn't the opening shot in the Bush administration's War on Nudity because the chances of winning are considerably less than the chances of finding Osama bin Laden and winding up the War on Terrorism. Too many Americans will side with the nudists.

Else why do I get the feeling that someone, somewhere is busily turning out copies of Ashcroft's offending statues with one naked breast exposed, and plans to sell them to the unwashed millions, although not necessarily as works of art?

At the same time that the Justice Department was engaged in its big cover up, police in Austin, Texas, the home state of the President, announced that they were rescinding their plan to issue $500 tickets to any woman who flashed a bare breast during the city's Mardi Gras celebration.

Some did last year, and it led to a riot sparked by over enthusiastic males.

"Naked breasts do not cause riots," said Caroline Estes, an Austin resident. "Too much testosterone causes riots."

Not in the Justice Department's Great Hall, that's for sure.

Curing a bad case of writer's block

MY VIEW

EVAN SCHIFF

Know what the hardest thing in the world to do is? Write a column when you have nothing to write about. All right, it may not be the most difficult task the human race has ever faced, but it's up there. Right up there with squeezing the last bit of toothpaste from the tube or trying to touch your toes.

Maybe I should write about Greenbush, or the CRC, or the upcoming political race. Hmmm, how about no, no and no.

I could write about the Red Sox, or the Pats or the Celtics successful season. I could talk at length about the dismal state of the Catholic Church or the equally dismal state of current budgets.

There's always a top ten list to be made, or an issue to be looked at from a different angle.

I could write about how the media gets a bum rap. How not all of us are entertainers like Dan Rather or Stone Phillips. Some of us actually enjoy reporting and writing and have no desire to unearth the most confidential secrets of Buddy, the former first dog.

I could talk about the fact that I've written more in the last month than the in last 22 years combined.

I figured out the longest word you can make out of any one row on a keyboard is "typewriter." Look it up, try and prove me wrong.

I could talk about the new guitar I'm about to buy. A sweet Taylor 710ce that can make even my fumbled attempts sound like an accomplished player. I can talk about my dreams to be a rock star, or professional surfer, or anchor for ESPN.

Did you know Chicago is nicknamed the "windy city" because its politics shift like the wind, not its air flow?

I could bore everyone with another column about how much I've learned in town or I could set everyone in an even more catatonic state and talk about my love life.

Want to know what my favorite movies are? How about favorite bands or food? Nah, I didn't think so.

I could write an in depth essay on every state I drove through when I drove cross-country or every country I visited traveling around Europe. But you've probably read those stories written by better authors than me. Robert Pirsig, John Steinbeck and Jack Kerouac are just a few of my favorites who have beaten me to the punch.

I could write about how hard it is to come up with 600 words when the words aren't coming. Looking at a white screen and just wanting to fill it up with 600 prepositions.

Maybe I should stick to writing something I know about, like sports or uh, sports. That's not true, I also know other stuff, like the importance of having a good vocabulary.

I could write about my biggest annoyances, intellectual snobs, those who pontificate on issues that only they wish to hear about. Or people who say they'll call you back and don't. Boy, I really hate that.

It's probably easiest to write about something close to your heart, but I'm sure you all have your own family tales to tell.

Hey, what do you know, 600 words and I haven't written a thing. Until next time, Cohasset.

Evan Schiff is the staff reporter for the Cohasset Mariner.

Harlequin ducks are the clowns of the sea

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

PHOTO/CYNDI SMITH, PARKS CANADA

Harlequin ducks are small, colorful sea ducks. They have rounded heads, stubby bills, and short stocky bodies.

Harlequin Ducks are attention-getting ducks. Even the Latin name *histrionicus histrionicus* grabs one's attention. "Histrionics", of course, means theatrical arts or performances. This duck takes its name from one of the main characters in *Commedia dell'Arte*, the Italian comic theater of the 16th and 17th centuries. Improvisation of a basic story was the trademark of this traveling theatre troupe. The characters and the costumes were standard, but the story would adapt to current events or a particular locale. The acrobatic clown character who wore a cat mask and tights with multi-colored diamond-shaped patterns was called "Arlecchino" in Italian, or "Harlequin" in French..

Male Harlequin Ducks have blue-gray plumage with rust-colored flanks. Accents of bright white spots and bold white lines splashed at varying angles across the head and body create a patterned look suggestive of Harlequin's costume. This small duck is not only striking in appearance, but it also looks exactly like the picture in field guides, leaving no confusion about its identity. At least that is true for the male. The female is brownish gray all over, except for some white smudgy spots on its face. If not observed at close range, it can easily be confused with female scoters or even female Buffleheads.

Harlequin Ducks love turbulent water. In the winter they enjoy heavy surf along rocky ocean coasts where they dive right into the fast-moving water looking for crustaceans and small mollusks to eat. A nail on the end of their beak helps them gather chitons and barnacles that attach themselves strongly to rocks. Come spring they move inland to find nesting places near rapidly flowing rivers. They can walk along the bottom of a swift river just as dippers do. Moving against the current, they examine stones and rocks for insect larvae or mayfly nymphs. This acrobatic behavior in rough water is not without hazard. Many birds have been found with old bone fractures.

Harlequins are secretive during the breeding season, making it difficult to study their nesting habits. They usually build their nests near rivers on the ground under bushes or in rock cavities or sometimes in hollow tree stumps. During courtship, male harlequins, along with the usual bobbing and neck displays, make a squeaking noise, somewhat like a mouse. Along the coast of Maine, this earns them the nickname of "sea mouse". After the five or six eggs hatch, the males return to the coast to molt. This leaves more food for the young. The female leads her small downy ducklings to the water very soon after hatching. They quickly learn to swim in rough water and to find food. As soon as possible the females then leave to join the males at the coast to go through their own molt. The babies are left behind to find their way to the coast on their own, either by swimming down rivers to the ocean or when necessary by flying.

Although there appear to be two or even three separate populations of Harlequin Ducks, there is not enough evidence at this point to declare that any of these populations represents a sub-species Until recently, it was thought that there was one western population and one eastern population. Now after some satellite tracking studies by biologists with the Canadian Wildlife Service, it has been shown that the eastern group includes two distinct wintering populations, one in Greenland and one in eastern North America. Someday DNA studies may determine whether all these birds are from the same genetic pool or not.

Harlequin Ducks were declared an Endangered Species in eastern Canada in 1990. In 2001 they were downlisted to Species of Special Concern. In the United States, there is concern because of their vulnerability to oil spills, but they have not officially been declared endangered or threatened. The Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska was very hard on harlequins. Not only were birds killed outright, but their reproductive rates were way down for several years and even now are only slowly recovering. The fact that harlequins do not reach maturity until 2 or 3 years of age, and that they lay fewer eggs than other ducks, adds to the slowness of their recovery.

Fortunately for us, part of the eastern population of Harlequin Ducks winters along the New England Atlantic coast. Cape Ann always has them, but the nearest place for us to view them is in North Scituate. Take route 3A south to Gannett Road where you go left. Go all the way to the end, crossing Hatherly Road at the light. Turn left at the water, drive to the small parking area just before buildings appear on the right. Park here and look out to sea. Sometimes harlequins can be seen near the rocks from this vantage point. Next, continue along until this road towards the Glades. Park at the end of the high seawall just before the beach. Frequently there are Harlequin Ducks fairly close in. They should stay around until mid-April at least. There have been as many as eight or more at North Scituate this winter. While there, look around for loons, grebes, scoters, goldeneyes, Purple Sandpipers and Great Cormorants.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Skinflint to spendthrift

TO THE EDITOR:

RE.: Bury Those Wires

The Mariner's article, "Bury Those Wires" that supports the Town Meeting spending article is the most recent in a long list of endorsements that are well intended but superficial. If you like a spending proposal, you advocate for it without analyzing the cost impact and financing alternatives. How many times have you used the admonition, "It will only cost the average homeowner $50 or $75 or $200..."?

Have you simply embraced the proposal(s) as "nice to have" without doing "due diligence" on prioritization, cost containment, revenue alternatives and value analysis? I agree that it would be nice to "Bury Those Wires" concurrent with sidewalk renovation, but I was brought up in the old school that emphasizes good maintenance, budget planning and ties income to expenses.

You cannot do everything at once. Cohasset has gone from one extreme to the other: skinflint to spendthrift. You are correct, we have draperies, carpets, a sofa, kitchen cabinets, etc. that need replacing, but we cannot afford any of those expenses right now. We have to prioritize and right now the college education of our youngest child is paramount.

It is ironic that you editorial is next to Hamilton's cartoon that is equally ill conceived. If I were Peter Roy, I would tell Cohasset to "go fly a kite." He impeccably manages harbor front properties that have historically struggled to be financial viable. Will burying the wires enhance business tax revenues as much as Don Staszko's Stop & Shop Plaza expansion proposal, or Peter's personal investment in the harbor infrastructure?

If the accurate answer is "yes," then let's "Bury Those Wires" as a top priority contingent upon affordability and a cost-benefit analysis of all prioritized capital budge spending proposals. "Due diligence" comes first. The Mariner endorsed a school renovation project that exceeds actual need by $20,000,000 and will saddle taxpayers with supporting a "mega" physical plant for utilities costs, maintenance, etc. that will "croak" Cohasset taxpayers for the next 50 years. At the same time, we keep our police and firefighters working in an atrocious, antiquated station house. Which is more important: adequate facilities for our public-safety workers or buried wires?

While you're at it, please figure out why the sewer commissioners raised "flow" rates by 33 percent, effective July 1. The last time I looked, the Year 2002 Social Security increase was 2.6 percent.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Runway opposed

TO THE EDITOR:

Runway 14/32 — Myths and Realities.

MYTH #1: Because air traffic does not fly over you now, you are not affected by jets.

REALITY: There are 147,000 jets that fly over the South Shore each year, dispersing more than 5,700 tons of burned jet fuel containing 12.5 percent carcinogens. You and your children breathe in some percentage of what's dispersed every single day. The recent cancer study at Chicago's O'Hare Airport has found that communities as close to Logan, as Cohasset, Hingham and Hull are, have two-to-three times the EPA acceptable risk of exposure to cancer.

MYTH #2: Even if flights over the South Shore quadruple, it won't affect me.

REALITY: The amount of burned jet fuel containing 12.5 percent carcinogens will increase approximately 34 percent. The subsequent dispersion will be cast over a wider area. We are talking about *emissions from more than 10,000 tons of burned jet fuel* over Cohasset if the runway is built! Chances are, you and your family will be affected.

MYTH #3: The noise is not bothersome to me now and it won't bother me then.

REALITY: Massport is planning to fan out the huge increase of flights over many new flight paths. Noise-wise, if you don't have flights coming low over you now, you are likely to have them once the runway is built. Sixty-five dB noise contours, the point at which individuals experience unlivable conditions due to aircraft noise, will likely extend into South Hingham, perhaps as far as the Hanover line, according to our aviation acoustics expert, who is the U.S. Delegate to the International Noise Standards Commission. Furthermore, the noise will likely be continuous; and where there is noise, there are fuel emissions.

MYTH #4: It will not be as bad as a few complainers have been saying.

REALITY: It may be worse than what people have been saying, according to national aviation and pollution experts hired by the towns of Cohasset, Hingham and Hull.

MYTH #5: The people in charge will figure something out if it gets too bad.

REALITY: Governor Swift, Massport, and the FAA have determined that the way to increase capacity at Logan, and maintain their monopoly over the other airports while building the potential careers of a few individuals, is to direct two-thirds of all flights over the South Shore — that's what Massport has figured out.

MYTH #6: If you fly, you will have fewer delays at Logan and flying will be safer.

REALITY: According to Professor Odoni of M.I.T., the world's expert on delays and airport capacity, *delays will be significantly worse* if the runway is built, increasing by as much as 150 percent. Furthermore, regional jet pilots, the ones likely to use the runway, are questioning its safety, given the already crowded conditions at Logan. Apparently, safety to Massport is not as important as political and monetary gains.

MYTH #7: There is nothing that I can do.

REALITY: You can work in your communities as an educator, attend Town Meetings and vote on articles to support this fight. You can contribute to the South Shore Jet Pollution Charitable Trust by going to its Web site, www.southshorejetpollution.org; or contact Linda Wakeman, Ralph Dormitzer, Ansley Pearce, Justin Vanderlugt or Eric Oddleifson.

Linda Wakeman
255 Atlantic Ave.

What are the motives?

TO THE EDITOR:

Murray Campbell weighs in on the harbor's proposed motifs by saying that the reason the public does not want a wrought iron fence surrounding the harbor is because they do not like Peter Roy. I, for one, think it is a bad idea and have met Peter on a couple of occasions and perceive him to be a good guy.

Murray is from Western Canada and may not realize that wrought iron and salt water do not mix. I see workers at Peter's house constantly trying to stay ahead of the rust invasion on his wrought iron fence. Who will do that eternal maintenance job, the D P.W? If Murray objects to the existing board fence, picture his chagrin at the look of a contrived rusty barrier spanning the harbor. Our waterway is already pathetically regarded as unfriendly to visiting yachtsmen, think what a rusty fortress surrounding it will do to that perception.

The other main ingredient of this proposal is to cantilever a sidewalk out over the harbor. Why would anyone with a lick of common sense want to reduce the footprint size of an already tiny space by some 20,000 square feet; and at the same time create a perimeter of rock wall void of sunlight, prone to the proliferation of slime?

This all begs the question, what are the motives? Are we trying to enhance Cohasset as a tourist destination? And where to stash all the cars? Do we want to become a kayaker's mecca? When I walk by and see them unwittingly do those rollover exercises over rocks they don't know are there, and surface with either a horrified or ignorantly bold look on their faces, I am astonished none of them have drowned.

The selectmen are a curious bunch wanting to know what the problem is with such extensive free planning. May I remind them that nothing is free, and that planning with such obvious bias has the potential to be disturbing. It does seem that proposals that were not right in principle for the town at one time now are O.K. as long as they bring tax revenues to the equation. Keep hammering away at that ridiculous Town Meeting format, and get what you want. I see a referendum procedure as much more of a consensus; and view a hundred or so "Yeas" from a cultivated group at a special town meeting as the ultimate in special interest. People should not be surprised that a system implemented 200 years ago may no longer serve it's purpose. Look at what has become of the fifth amendment.

So what are the solutions? Who, knows, but if a new sidewalk is needed along the harbor and the people want to keep the old fence and the original look, and it ends up being only wide enough for a double baby carriage and not a triple, the C.R.C. should take heed of that. If for the common good the sidewalk over the bridge should remain where it is, not requiring people to cross at its only dangerous spot (the south side of the bridge where the road dips) then so be it. And if they think they are going to deck over the beautiful ledge area at the entrance to Government Island, I will personally urge the (two old families) to take time out from their 200-year-old war and band together to chain saw it away.

Great civilizations have been destroyed by many things in the past, generally war. Perhaps our civilization will be brought down by our obsession with money. Maybe Cohasset will go down in the history books as someplace that became someplace else because of money. I only know one thing; if Peter got fed up with us all which would have happened to me a long time ago, then C.R.C. would go back to being a can of good spray oil, and very quickly.

Go Skippers hockey, a fine band of young men!

James Watson
101 Border Street

CANDIDATES CORNER

Hill announces run for selectman

Roger Q. Hill, 42, of 19 Highland Ave. this week announced his candidacy for the three-year term on the Cohasset Board of Selectmen.

"I seek election of the office of Selectman to restore a sense of public purpose, accountability, and priority-setting to the Board. As we go into a period of economic downturn, we need to set budgetary priorities and plan for what could be a severe time of fiscal constraint. We also need to do a far better job of defending the larger interest of the town when we look at the major development projects facing us," Hill said.

"The state let us down," he said. "I, however, don't see the selectmen preparing for the strong possibility of intense fiscal pressure hitting us next fiscal year because of what the state has done. Why did the selectmen keep pushing for a new police station as recently as last fall's special town meeting — at a time when it was clear to other communities that there was a severe problem with the school's funds?"

On other issues, Hill expressed his desire to serve as a selectman in order to urge a stronger defense of the town's interest on a variety of fronts, including the Avalon Bay proposal, and development in and around Cohasset Harbor.

"I join many Cohasset residents in asking why the Board of Selectmen and its staff have not been more aggressive in defending the town against the obvious threat presented by Avalon Bay," said Hill. "With its plan for 254 apartments — an increase of almost a full 10 percent in Cohasset's housing units at one time — I can't understand why several selectmen and their town manager make statements urging caution in our defense of the town, and at times actually welcome the proposed development."

"Avalon Bay's negative impact on the Cohasset schools alone argue that the selectmen need to join the Planning Board and School Committee in fighting this highly-detrimental proposal," he said.

Roger Q. Hill

In commenting on recent issues involving the harbor area, Hill asked "Why have the selectmen not supported our Harbor Committee in restricting the size of boats moored at private docks? It baffles me why our elected selectmen can't see that unrestricted vessel sizes on private docks threatens both our lobster fleet and those of us who are recreational boaters," Hill said. "Add that to the strong perception that the public has not had an adequate voice in the revitalization of the harbor area, and we understand why so many Cohasset residents are very concerned with Town Hall's approach to these issues."

Hill, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, manages both his own carpentry business and a commercial realty investment trust, which owns a block of stores in the Route 3A highway business district. He and his wife, Joanne Cannon Hill have a three-year-old son, Quentin, who starts nursery school in the fall of this year. He serves on the House Committee of the Cohasset Yacht Club and is a member of the South Shore Art Center where he was voted 2000's Volunteer of the Year.

Hill welcomes Cohasset residents to call him at his home at 781-383-0333.

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Report: MBTA expansion, impossible without state

Says T can't afford to build Greenbush

By Rick Collins
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The MBTA can't afford a series of planned expansions, station modernizations, and needed maintenance without state help, according to a new report released Tuesday by a pair of Bay State think tanks.

The report, authored by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation (MTF) and the Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research, says the MBTA "cannot afford to build proposed expansion projects (including Greenbush rail restoration) without sacrificing critical maintenance and modernization of the existing system or incurring an even higher mountain of debt and undermining its still-fragile finances."

A new state law requiring the agency to operate in a "tight fiscal box" means extending commuter service to New Bedford/Fall River and Scituate, and other projects, would deplete available capital funds, the report says. Under the "forward-funding" law, the MBTA no longer hands the state a bill for transit operating expenses at the end of the year. It is now funded through fares, assessments from local cities and towns, and 20 percent of state sales tax revenue.

The report recommends that state government assume financial responsibility for the planned $4.5 billion in expansion projects, including the $440 million Greenbush restoration, and states a concerted effort is needed to ensure coordination of highway and rail projects.

"If the Commonwealth wants to continue to expand the T – certainly a worthy goal – the state needs to fund those projects," the report said. "The T should focus its limited capital resources on the upkeep of the existing system while the Commonwealth assumes responsibility for expansion as part of a comprehensive, statewide transportation strategy."

"The T should focus its limited capital resources on the upkeep of the existing system."
— Mass. Taxpayers' Report

That recommendation drew heavy fire from Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, a member of the Transportation Committee, who has long contended that the MBTA can't afford to build the $440 million Greenbush commuter rail line. The construction contract for Greenbush was awarded earlier this month by the MBTA to a Cashman/Balfour Beatty joint venture.

"This report flies in the face of the whole forward funding concept. To basically discard forward funding two years in is wholly irresponsible," he said. "And if we [the Legislature] were party to this, we would be just as fiscally irresponsible."

MTF President Michael Widmer disagreed. He said forward funding was designed to place the MBTA on "sound fiscal footing while providing improved services," and that it would not be a violation of the spirit of the law for the state to pick up the tab for expansion as part of a comprehensive transportation plan.

About $3 billion in T expansion, including Greenbush, is required as environmental mitigation for the Big Dig project. John Carlisle, spokesman for the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. Transportation, called the inclusion of Greenbush with the $4.5 billion in upcoming expansion projects a "red herring" because the project's $242 million construction price tag is already included in its capital spending plan.

State Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, who is co-chairman of the Transportation Committee, also said he was confident the MBTA has the money to pay for Greenbush construction, and that it will be viewed as a "model" of how to further expand under forward funding. The MBTA is also partly hamstrung, according to the report, by a budget where more than two-thirds of is taken up by personnel and debt service, leaving little, comparatively for capital spending.

The MBTA expects to collect $1.1 billion in revenue in fiscal year 2002. The report says if the MBTA spends $350 million a year in maintenance, as called for in its recently-approved five-year capital spending plan, and $200 million annually for the four years following, it would have only $600 million available for expansion projects between now and 2011. And at that spending level, the amount of deferred projects would grow from $3 billion to $4 billion.

Despite acknowledging the large amount of projects waiting for funding, the MBTA says its five-year capital spending plan contains enough money to adequately maintain state rail service.

Town rail bed transfer may need Legislature's OK

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did not have the opportunity to buy the right-of-way. Passenger service on the line ended in 1959.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, a Greenbush opponent, said the issue could "turn on a dime."

"AfTA is taking the existing statute and saying the MBTA interpreted this wrong," he said. Bradley said he thinks AfTA's case has merit and explained the reason behind Article 97 (of the state constitution) is to prevent over development of public land.

Both Bewick and Bradley agree that getting enough legislators to vote against the land transfer should it be put to a vote would be problematic in the House where Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, a Greenbush advocate, heads the Transportation Committee.

"It would be difficult to get the votes in the House," Bradley said. "But I would certainly call every legislator and ask them to vote against it."

However, the Senate where state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, a Greenbush opponent, has served for five terms, could be a different story.

Hedlund said while a court will decide whether the "blanket authorization" in the bond bill can substitute for a two-thirds roll call vote — the North Scituate tennis courts, which the MBTA plans to take as part of the project, are clearly outside any description in that bill.

Hedlund said a budget amendment he filed last year that would have forced the MBTA to adhere to the same cost benefit analysis for the $440 million Greenbush project that it uses for other projects got 14 votes. The votes weren't enough to pass the amendment but demonstrate Greenbush vulnerability in the senate. Those 14 votes could also keep a land transfer getting the 2/3 majority, he pointed out.

When it comes to keeping the abandoned rail bed for conservation use, Hedlund is all for it.

"I road my bike from Cohasset center along the right-of-way to the Driftway in Scituate," he said. "It would make the most amazing bike path."

The Town of Hingham, which alleged the MBTA was paying for Greenbush with state dollars to avoid tougher federal environmental standards, settled its lawsuit in May of 2000 as part of an agreement that includes a $40 million tunnel under Hingham Square.

Proposed new by-law would protect ledge

Issue back before Town Meeting

By Evan Schiff
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If ledge preservationists have their way, then property owners must make an appearance before the Zoning Board of Appeals before hacking away at any large outcroppings on their land.

This time with the blessing of the Planning Board, a ledge article will be before voters at the March 30 annual Town Meeting.

Unlike its predecessor at the fall Special Town Meeting, the proposed by-law amendment would require a special permit, as opposed to a variance, from the Zoning Board before ledge a minimum of eight feet in height could be altered.

The article also defines "ledge" in clearer terms and provides a list of exemptions including municipal projects such as, sidewalks and sewer pipes.

The Planning Board had promised to revisit the issue if presented in a timely fashion.

"Last fall I promised the ledge preservation group that given enough time, we'd put a solid article on the town warrant," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore. "I think we've done that."

Lynn DeGiacomo, 59 Beach St., one of the proponents, said the idea for a by-law protecting ledge came out of concern that the unfettered destruction of ledge would ruin the town's character. She noted that the article does not restrict the removal of all ledge.

The article also defines "ledge" in clearer terms and provides a list of exemptions including sidewalks.

"The definition of ledge was given a lot of thought," she said. "We even consulted two geologists."

How to determine the height of ledge was also given much consideration.

Although Bob Egan, the town's building inspector, says the new article is an improvement, he still has some reservations.

"In some cases, projects will be proposed and someone is going to have make a tough decision," he said.

However Egan, and others, were pleased that the proposed by-law requires a special permit rather than a variance, which is harder to obtain.

The Zoning Board would have to find that altering ledge would be "substantially detrimental" to the character of the area to deny a special permit. The intent there being to protect the town's more prominent ledge.

The unanimous Planning Board decision came after a lengthy discussion in which the wording of the article was tossed around.

Planning Board member Bill Good praised the newly formed Zoning Advisory Committee that reviewed the article.

"The ZAC has had a while to look at this article and I think they've done a good job with it," he said. "I think they should be commended."

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said he was pleased the board was able to offer a unanimous decision.

"I'm thrilled with all the hard work that's gone into this," he said. "I think it's great that were all on the same page."

The article will require a 2/3 majority to pass at Town Meeting because it involves a zoning by-law change.

Free GED and college prep training for vets

Senator Robert L. Hedlund announced the Veterans' Bound Program at the University of Massachusetts Boston is now accepting applicants. The Veterans' Bound Program provides free evening college preparatory services to men and women of all ages who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Applications are now being accepted with rolling admission. The program offers three cycles per year from which to choose: September, January or May. Each cycle is fourteen weeks in duration.

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Taxes, character concern survey respondents

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tant to many residents," said Rick Swanborg, chairman of the Growth and Development Committee and author of the survey. "People really view Cohasset as a town they want to stay and retire in and not just raise kids and leave."

More than 90 percent of respondents to the eight-page survey agreed, or strongly agreed, that maintaining the town's character should be the focus of the future. Seven of the top ten issues regarding what Cohasset should do in the future were focused on protecting the water, views, access, open space and wildlife.

Swanborg said he designed the survey in a way to get residents to answer questions that the Master Plan will address. The survey was tested at several neighborhood forums before hitting the streets last year.

"This is one source of input we will use in writing the plan," Swanborg said. "It will not be seen as an all-knowing instrument that will guide the entire process."

The Growth and Development Committee was formed approximately two and a half years ago to help draft a town vision that comprehensively examines a broad range of issues. A master plan has a number of specific components to address including a goals and policy statement, land-use analysis, housing market analysis, economic development, natural and cultural resources, open space and recreation, service and facilities, and traffic/circulation/transportation.

"We're hoping that this plan will guide the decision making in town for 10 years," Harrington said.

She added the committee recently distributed the results of the survey to about 150 people who responded to the survey or participated in the public forums. The goal is to have as many people as possible read the results of the survey and comment on it.

"We'd really like to get a dialogue going," Harrington said.

Along with garnering input from the community, the Growth and Development Committee has hired a consulting group to help with analysis and the synthesis of the data.

Larissa Brown, from Community Design Partnership, said she would be working with the group in an effort to decide what is best for Cohasset.

"We want to look at all the options and all the consequences," Brown said. "We're going to develop working groups and visit with various boards and commissions around town to make sure all concerns are addressed."

Bill Good, a member of both the Planning Board and the Growth and Development Committee, said this is a very exciting point in the process. He said in the next four weeks before Town Meeting the group would share the results of the survey around town and hopes to have a presentation ready for Town Meeting on March 30.

"I guess the biggest message right now is that we want to hear from you," Good said.

For the Growth & Development Committee report on the survey, see page 7.

Book store wins award

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store is a friendly place and we have a lot of fun here," Detwiler said. She added the store has kept a scrapbook of every year of its existence documenting its various events.

Eileen Hanning, the WNBA Pannell chairman, said getting children excited about reading can be difficult.

"It's hard to get children involved so you really have to make a commitment," she said. "It takes a special person and store to understand what motivates kids to read and develop that interest."

The Pannell Award in named for Lucile Micheels Pannell whom Hanning describes as a model "bookwoman" and children's bookseller who owned a store in Chicago. In 1983, her family created an award to honor her achievements in bringing books to children.

Detwiler said one of the ways the store tries unite reading and children is to provide a constant opportunity for children to meet authors and illustrators. She added there is so much competition now with video games, television and movies that making children see that reading is enjoyable and satisfying, can be difficult. But that doesn't stop the store from trying.

Buttonwood, which has been open for 13 years, has worked in some capacity with at least 12 elementary schools, several middle schools and a number of private schools providing book fairs, reading books for Read Across America and other similar programs, and holding Teacher Appreciation Days.

Detwiler said she is especially proud of the Young Adult Nights, which is an effort to keep upper elementary and middle school students connected to reading. The store has formed an alliance with the Hingham Public Library in order to broaden the program. While Buttonwood finds the author and does the planning, the library provides a space and helps ensure large audiences.

"I think reading is so wonderful that I want kids to share in my joy and passion," Detwiler said. "There's a perfect book for every child and the challenge is to find it."

Detwiler, who taught for nine years in the learning disabilities program at the South Elementary School in Hingham before teaching English at Thayer Academy in Braintree, said she opened the store because she wanted more freedom and control over her life.

"When we first started I didn't have a strong idea of community service," she said. "But now that's all changed, it's our mission."

Buttonwood has often entertained children's authors who have national reputations, but Detwiler said she is equally proud of all the store has done to support local authors.

"There are wonderfully talented authors and illustrators in our midst who are not as well known but who have provide us with delightful appearances," Detwiler wrote in the portfolio she comprised for the judges.

Buttonwood Books and Toys, has been open in Cohasset since 1989 and in 1993, Detwiler opened a store in Hingham. The store is named for a Buttonwood tree in the backyard of Detwiler's house in Norwell.

Spending proposals sought

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"Part of our job is studying the needs of the town." he said. "We plan to consult with town boards and conduct public hearings."

Ivimey explained the committee doesn't want all the money to go to groups with the most savvy that can pack a room.

"We want to push things out in the public eye and avoid the situation where people don't know if the committee exists," he said.

To that end, subcommittees within the committee are charged with ferreting out ideas from groups and boards. Ivimey explained the fund cannot pay for maintenance, but can pay for capital improvements and the money cannot be used to pay off an existing obligation. In other words, if a project is already bonded the fund cannot take over the bond.

At its March 4 meeting, the committee plans to:

- Invite public input on the proposals before it
- Solicit public input on other projects that might be out there
- Vote on the three pending funding requests

Cohasset adopted the CPA at last year's Town Election with a vote of 998-756. The surcharge must remain in effect for five years. State matching funds come from filing fees at the Registry of Deeds and land filings at Land Court.

Cohasset is one of 36 communities that have adopted the CPA so far. Other South Shore towns include Hingham, Marshfield and Duxbury. Scituate has the CPA on the ballot this spring. Towns that opt into the program early expect to receive 100 percent matching funds from the state because there is more money in the pot.

Cultural grants are available

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund and Rep. Garrett J. Bradley announced the guidelines for the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Endowment Grant Program for Cultural Organizations are now available on the Massachusetts Cultural Council's (MCC) Web site at:

www.massculturalcouncil.org /endowment.html

Applicants seeking FY 02 funding must submit draft applications by March 27, and final proposals are due April 29.

The Endowment Grant Program combines grants and technical assistance to organizations considering the creation or expansion of endowments. Applicants are required to demonstrate a track record of financial stability, a strong capacity for fundraising, adequate financial resources to deal with cyclical cash flow needs and sufficient resources to carry out their programs and maintain their faciiities.

Grants in this program are highly competitive and a list of previously funded applicants is available online at:

www.massculturalcouncil.org/grants/for_organizations/funding/endow_funding.html

For more information about the program, contact MCC program coordinator Janna Berkman at janna.berkman@art.state.ma.us or 617-727-3668 ext. 269.

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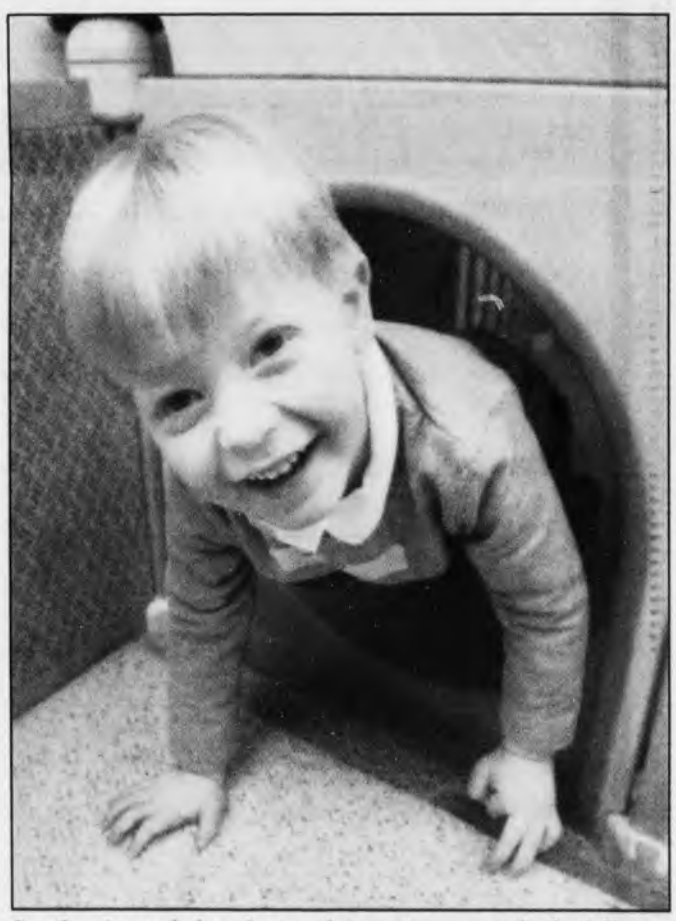

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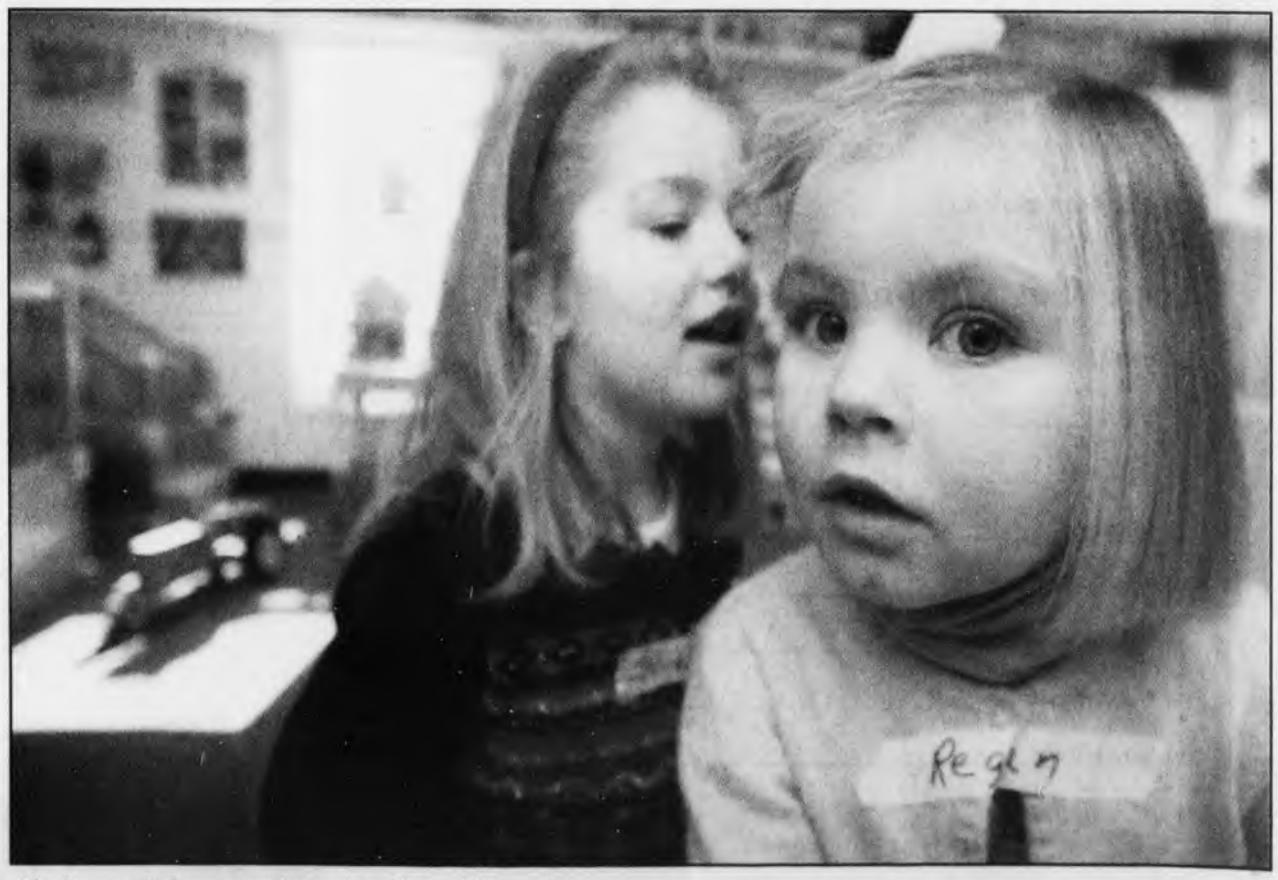

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These 10 Cohasset middle schoolers captured the Junior Division championship at the annual Top Gun Box Lacrosse games last week.

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On the South Shore
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Cohasset's Tom Anderson in last Wednesday's regular season finale, a 9-0 win over Avon-Holbrook, the team the Skippers may wind up facing again in the first round of the state tourney on Tuesday.

Perfection on ice

Unbeaten C.H.S. hockey team begins state tourney run Tuesday

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

The next game Dennis Walsh loses as coach will be his last.

But the longtime Cohasset High hockey coach insists that's not even registering on his radar.

"As far as I'm concerned, my last game was last week (regular-season finale versus Avon-Holbrook)," said Walsh, who first started as an assistant with the Cohasset team in 1969, and has been the team's head coach for nearly 30 years. "We finished with an unbeaten season. That's quite a way to go out. The rest of this is dessert."

Of course, this is not to say that Walsh does not want to stuff himself to the busting point with after-dinner goodies.

"Oh, I'd be disappointed if we didn't make this last at least a little while longer," said Walsh with a smile. "I think I've got a team capable of doing some real nice things in the tourney, and I'd be disappointed for them if they didn't capitalize on that."

The Skippers enter the Div. 3 South Sectionals as the number one seed in a 14-team bracket, a reward for the first-ever unbeaten season for the program (19-0-1). The boys in blue and white get a first-round bye, so they won't hit the ice again for real until Tuesday versus the winner of Saturday's showdown between eighth-seed Bishop Feehan (12-8-1) and ninth-seed Avon-Holbrook (9-7-2).

Guess where the Cohasset hockey coaching staff is going to be Saturday? If you have to guess, you don't know Walsh very well. He and his assistants will naturally be at Brockton's Asiaf Rink to scout their first-round opponent.

It seems fair to say Walsh already has a pretty good book on Avon-Holbrook, the team his Skippers took down in the regular season finale, 9-0.

The Skippers poured it on early, allowing Walsh to begin

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Gymnastics squad takes 6th at Sectionals

Team done, but Sheerin and Bixby prep for All-States

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Momentum can be a huge factor when it comes to the success of a team, and the extremely talented Cohasset-Norwell squad should have plenty of it when the All-State competition rolls around on March 10.

Coh-Nor finished the season with an outstanding 11-1 record, losing only to South Sectional power Marshfield. The Skipper-Clippers maintained a perfect 6-0 in league to capture the SSL for the first time as a combined team.

"By far, this has been the best team both Cohasset and, Norwell has had," lauded second year captain Kristin Sheerin, who is no stranger to success, making the SSL All-Star team an unprecedented six times. "We have some amazing young talent."

"By far, this has been the best team both Cohasset and Norwell has had. We have some amazing young talent."
Graduating Cohasset gymnastics team star Kristin Sheerin

This marked the first time since 1995 that Cohasset has been titled South Shore League Champs, and it has been a 10 year wait for the Clippers. Every athlete seems to agree that much of the success has stemmed from the closeness of all the teammates, regardless of the fact that it combines two towns.

"You would never know who was from Cohasset and who was from Norwell," mentioned C-N coach Cara Connerty, a Norwell High alum.

Leading the team all year were the senior captains Sheerin and Carlie Carter, both of whom captained a strong C-N team last year. Although Carter missed the entire season recovering from knee surgery, the tandem worked well to unite a very inexperienced team.

"Their leadership and maturity level, it made a huge difference," said Connerty.

Because the squad won the South Shore League, they received an automatic birth into the South Sectionals as a team. In what is considered to be by far the most challenging Sectional bracket, C-N performed quite well en route to a very solid sixth place finish.

Defending state champion Barnstable surprised no one by finishing first in the South Sectional, with King Philips taking the second spot, both earning a trip to States as a team. Also from the South, Attleboro made it to States as a wildcard because of their high average score.

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Meredith Bixby will be competing on the vault at the All-State gymnastics championships on March 10.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Gillian Weber will be a mainstay for the Lady Skippers basketball team.

New league should mean new start for swimmers

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

This year, the Cohasset High administration has made an effort to drop nearly all of its sports teams from Div. 3 to Div. 4 for post-season play. The teams would maintain their league affiliations and still play basically the same regular season schedule, but then they'd get the opportunity to play teams from schools closer in size to C.H.S. once the state tourneys begins.

Considering how few swim teams there are around, re-alignments are a little tricky when it comes to the joint Scituate-Cohasset High program, but the powers that be at the two schools still appear on the way to managing a deal that will pit the team against more reasonable competition next winter.

The Sci-Coh swim team held its own this year in the fiercely competitive Pilgrim Conference against the Aqua-Juggernauts of Eastern Mass. However, the general consensus for next year seems to be that once the joint school program goes head-to-head with comparable sized foes, the team's record should be quite different from this year's 3-7.

"I am so excited for next year, I wish it could start next week," said second year coach Jamie Kearney, the driving force behind the Sci-Cohs upcoming switch to the Bay Colony League. "These kids really deserve to show what they can do."

Rather than facing the superpowers like Duxbury, Nauset, and Taunton, Sci-Cohs will be swimming alongside smaller schools such as Oliver-Ames and Dover-Sherborn. The Sci-Cohs lost a remarkably close meet to Oliver-Ames this year, a meet the Sailors-Skippers would likely have won had they been at full-strength.

"Having two relatively equal teams just makes it more fun for everyone, if nothing else," asserted Kearney, who, like her team, admits to not enjoying one-sided meets against teams that have upwards of 60 males.

Athough the league move is not official yet, the campaign process has become easier than one might think. Pilgrim Conference organizers already believe teams in the Conference should be boys only, which the Sci-Cohs are not.

In addition, the athletic director and swim coach of Oliver-Ames has told Kearney he would like the Sci-Cohs to enter the Bay Colony, giving the Sci-Cohs a leg-up in the

SWIMMERS, PAGE 15

Cohasset laxers are 'Top Guns'

After winning their second "Junior Divisional Championship" since September of 2001 for the Plymouth Top Gun Indoor Box Lacrosse League, the very talented and hard playing Junior Cohasset Lax players were asked to participate in the "Tournament of Champions", sponsored by Top Gun Lacrosse for it's four leagues North and South of Boston.

The tournament took place on Monday, Feb. 18 (President's Day) and was an all day event, with teams in three different divisions competing in round-robin, playoff, and championship competition.

Cohasset easily won it's first two games in the morning by showing it's usual display of offensive depth and overall hustle. As the playing time began to accumulate, however, so did the injuries and fatigue. By the time the playoffs came around, Cohasset had four of it's 10 players ailing with typical Lacrosse-type injuries. Not a single player wanted out, though, and everyone did their part.

The first playoff contest, which was the third game of the day against Arlington, was Cohasset's best game of the day,

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Skater Hughes an inspiration

FROM THE SIDELINES

JULIE ANN NEVERO

For decades, aspiring young skaters have trained at their local ice arenas with dreams of becoming the next big name in figure skating.

In the 1960's, it was Peggy Fleming. In the 1970's, it was Dorothy Hamill. In the 1980's, it was Katerina Witt. And in the 1990's, it was Kristi Yamaguchi, Nancy Kerrigan, Tara Lipinski, and Michelle Kwan. Every four years at the Winter Olympic Games, a new ice queen inspires millions of young skaters to dream the impossible dream.

There's no question that in recent years Kwan has indeed been the main object of affection in the ladies figure skating world, not just for those young girls on the ice, but for the entire nation as well. Her dominance over the years has produced four World Championships and six National titles, but never the one thing she's always wanted: An Olympic gold medal.

Kwan won the silver at 1998 Games in Nagano finishing behind 15-year-old phenom and fellow United States teammate Tara Lapinski. But this year was to be her year. Or so we all thought.

With her sixth national title under her belt, Kwan entered the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah as the clear favorite to win the gold. And after skating a near-perfect short program that gave her an early lead over the highly talented field, many believed the gold medal was just a four and a half minute long program away.

But somebody forgot to tell that to Sarah Hughes. The 16-year-old skater shocked the world—and herself—in what will certainly go down as the biggest upset in ladies Olympic figure skating history by winning the long program and the gold medal.

Hughes—who finished third at the Nationals behind Kwan and fellow US Olympian Sasha Cohen—was in fourth place after the short program, but a technically and artistically superior long program catapulted her to the top spot when five of the nine judges awarded her the first placement. She was the only one of the four medal contenders to skate a flawless program. Kwan, who made two fatal errors, finished third behind silver medalist Irina Slutskaya of Russia. Cohen had to settle for fourth.

While an Olympic medal was certainly not out of her reach, nobody believed Hughes was capable of winning the gold. Standing on the ice at the Salt Lake Ice Arena with her arms raised and her eyes teary, it appeared even Hughes herself did not believe she was capable of what she had just done.

Perhaps what's more impressive than Hughes' spectacular performance—in which she landed two triple-triple combinations, the only lady to do so—is how gracious the teenager accepted the title of Olympic champion.

"I didn't want to skate for a gold medal," she told reporters after her win. "I went out and had a great time. I said, "This is the Olympics. I want to do the best I can."

She certainly did, both on and off the ice.

Hughes' bubbly, overjoyed response to winning the gold is exactly what those who watch these Games love, and quite frankly, expect to see. Collapsing into the arms of her ecstatic coach Robin Wagner in the locker room of the arena after the decision was announced, Hughes demonstrated the type of emotion US fans were starving for.

It was indeed the best thing to have come out of the Olympics, in light of the controversy and complaining that had previously dominated newsprint and airwaves at this year's Games.

Not since the "Tonya and Nancy" fiasco in 1994 has there been so much hoopla involved in a Winter Olympics.

Pairs skating judges making backroom deals, FBI investigations into threatening e-mails sent to US speedskating medalist Apolo Anton Ohno, and Russia's and South Korea's threats to pull out of not just the remainder of these games but also the 2004 Olympic Summer Games, to be held in Athens, Greece, because of alleged unfair treatment.

Come on.

There are far more important—and positive—things that occurred in Salt Lake, as demonstrated by Hughes, and one can only hope that it is these memories that people will look back on.

Things like the United States having its best-ever finish in a Winter Games, racking up a total 34 medals (10 gold), just one behind leader Germany and an impressive 21 more than its previous high mark of 13 in 1998 and 1994.

How about American Jim Shea winning a gold medal in the men's skeleton 70 years after his late grandfather, Jack, became the first double gold medalist in the Winter Olympics. Clutching Jack's funeral card in hand, Shea looked skyward after his win, dedicating it to the grandfather he lost in a car accident last month. Jack Shea won two speedskating events at the 1932 Lake Placid Games. He was the oldest living Olympian.

Let's also not forget the diversity of this year's US medal winners. Gold medal-winning bobsleder Vonetta Flowers was the first African-American athlete to medal in a Winter Games. Two-time bronze medal-winning speedskater Jennifer Rodriguez became the first Cuban-American athlete to medal. Ohno—who won gold and silver medals—was the first Japanese-American to receive a Winter Olympic prize.

These things are what make the Olympics the Olympics. Countries putting aside their political differences to compete against each other in good faith, the stories of each athlete and what it took him/her to get there, and the history they make along the way.

Finger-pointing, poor sports don't deserve to be remembered. Remember the good things. Winning medals is nice, but fairness, good sportsmanship, and the simple joy of competing among the best the world has to offer is what's really important about the Olympics.

Hughes clearly understood this, and she's only 16. There's your inspiration.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's John Durkin (#5) celebrates his goal in last Thursday's 9-0 win over Avon-Holbrook.

Perfection on ice

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emptying his bench before the midway point.

Cohasset's only multiple scorer in the game was Greg O'Connell. The junior tallied twice to wrap up his season with a South Shore League best 59 points, five ahead of surging Norwell forward Rob Himberg (54 points), who compiled 10 points in his final two games.

O'Connell's right wing, John Durkin, also scored and added a few assists to bring his SSL third best totals to 36 points, while frosh defenseman Joe Durkin (John's cousin) joined the scoring parade with his first-ever varsity tally.

Cohasset goalie Dan Kinchla recorded his 10th shutout of the season. The senior surrendered just 18 goals on the season, giving him an uncanny 0.90 goals against average for the season, an SSL best by nearly 1.5 goals per game.

With the 9-0 whitewashing, the Skippers finished the season with 151 goals, shattering the old school record. In point of fact, the Skippers topped that mark near the mid-season point.

As the numbers indicate, the Skippers have been pretty much a two-way hockey machine this season. Walsh throws out three hard skating lines — led by the scintillating trio of O'Connell, Durkin and Rob Carpenter (28 points — and five talented defensemen, including All-Star team no-brainers Tim Straughn (23 points) and Eric Libby.

"The key to our success is our skating," said Walsh. "I don't think there's any secret to that. We've shown that there aren't too many teams that can stay with us when we're skating well. We'll go as far as the legs will carry us."

With 12 days between real game action, Walsh arranged a couple of scrimmages against higher division tourney bound team. The Skippers took on Div. 2 Marshfield (14-5-3) Friday, and hosted Div. 1 Silver Lake (9-8-5) yesterday. Walsh is also trying to arrange a game for this weekend, but notes that might be tough with most teams playing their first games Saturday.

"The kids are skating well in practice, but there's no substitute for game action," said Walsh. "Of course, the tourney will be at another level, but this is the best we can do right now."

Hockey notes

The Cohasset team was honored this week as co-winners of the South Shore League "Sportsmanship Award," sharing the recognition with last-place Mashpee. This tribute from league coaches was no doubt largely in deference to all the games in which Cohasset "eased up" once the matter was decided.

Quite honestly, the Skippers could have easily topped the 200-goal mark this season if they'd kept shooting against the likes of Mashpee, Hull and a few others.

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Cohasset laxers are 'Top Guns'

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as it's defense was superb and the team mounted a 12-3 advantage before going to a conservative game strategy to save their legs . The final score was Cohasset 15, Arlington 9.

The second playoff game was against a well coached and explosive Plymouth team that Cohasset had met on more than one occasion. Each contest had been a battle and the teams seemed well matched. Once again, Cohasset emerged on top and as a result won a spot in the final Championship game against Arlington, who earned their right to the final game by getting by Plymouth 4-3 in overtime for an exciting qualification.

The Championship game was hard fought from beginning to end, but Cohasset went up early and never looked back. Whenever a "hot stick" was covered, another appeared. So, despite their injuries and exhaustion from the long day, the Cohasset Junior Division champs won it all and are this years Champions of Champions for Top Gun.

The team is coached by P.J. Trendowicz ,a Boston College High School senior. The team is as follows: Jeff Brown, Aidan Buick, Mike Bunstein, Corey Chase, Logan Chase, Ryan Donovan, Patrick Flynn, Jarad Dick, Jarad Kinch, Ryan Kucinski, Robert Silvia, Adam Smith, and Dan Trendowicz.

Lifeguards wanted!

It's not too soon to be thinking about a summer time job! If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Winter courses are being offered starting Jan. 20, running on Sundays, 9a.m. to 5 p.m., and also during the school break, Feb. 18-22, 9a.m. to 5p.m.. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 17 years old. Any questions should be directed to Sue Mavilia at 781-383-1988.

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SPORTS NOTES

April vacation baseball

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters age 8 through 12 at the Recreation office, First Floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Camp has been contracted again this year to provide an April Vacation Baseball Clinic, which will be held for one week, beginning Tuesday, April 16, through Friday, April 19, at Milliken field.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100.

Coastal Stars registration

. Registration for the 2002-'03 Coastal Stars hockey season will be held season the next two weekends for players from Cohasset and Marshfield.

Signups this Saturday, March 2, will be held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center in Cohasset, 129 South Main Street.

Next Saturday, March 16, the signups will be held at the Ventress Library, 15 Liberty Plaza, Marshfield. (Rte 139 and Webster Street), from 11 a.m to 4 p.m..

Any Questions can be directed to Ed Burke (781-837-7812).

Little League signup

Registration for the 2002 Little League Baseball and Softball season will be held Saturday, March 2, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Joseph Osgood Elementary School. All players (including players who are already on a major league team) must sign up. In addition to completing a registration form, a medical release form and paying the registration fee, parents are also required to provide a Xeroxed copy of the player's birth certificate if one has not previously been supplied. Registration is open to all children who will be at least 5 years old by Aug. 1, 2002.

Registration forms and medical releases are also available on the Little League Web site at www.myteam.com/go/cohasset. Click the "Documents" prompt to print out both forms and mail them with the registration fee and a Xeroxed copy of your child's birth certificate (if not previously provided) to Lynne DeGiacomo, 59 Beach St., Cohasset, 02025.

Call Mark or Lynne DeGiacomo at 781-383-6413 with any questions.

Coaching vacancies

For the spring, 2002 seasons, Cohasset High is seeking a girls lacrosse coach and the Cohasset Middle School is seeking a softball coach. Interested individuals should call Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383- 6103.

New league should mean new start for swimmers

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petition process.

In the Bay Colony League, the swimmers of Scituate and Cohasset will indeed finally be able to "show what they can do." All too often this year, team members were dropping times, but it went for nothing as they would lend up losing to the top swimmers from the top programs.

"Bryan Bilton took six seconds off his 100 free, David Ingber took five seconds off his 100 breastroke, and Kathryn Noonan took seven seconds off her 100 backstroke," lauded the coach, naming only a few of the great improvements in the past three months. "These are phenomenal successes. Next year, these successes will translate into firsts, instead of seconds and thirds."

Playing a more balanced schedule is only part of the reason for the strong sense of optimism headign into the 2002-'03 campaign. Also lending mightily to the rosy outlook is the fact the team loses just four seniors to graduation, and gains back all four females that the team sent to Sectionals this year.

At Sectionals, Noonan, a junior at Scituate, had the best finish of the day for her team, taking ninth in the backstroke. Scituate freshman Danielle Swain took 12th and 15th in her two freestyle events. The Sci-Coh relay teams also outperformed their expectations, finishing seven places higher than they were seeded.

"Success is not going to come easily, especially not for a team our size," reminded Kearney. "We still have a lot of hard work ahead."

The team proved it can handle the work though. Last year, the team's most exerting practices never topped 2,700 yards. This season, conversely, more than a few maxed out at 4,000 yards.

"That one meet we had against Oliver Ames said a lot," noted Kearney of the 87-80 loss, when the Sci-Cohs only had nine athletes present. "With an entire season against teams like that, there is no telling what this teamwill be able to accomplish."

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Kristin Sheerin will be dearly missed by the Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team next winter.

Gymnastics squad takes 6th at Sectionals

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Although the Skipper-Clippers did not qualify to make states as a team, Cohasset's own Sheerin and junior Meredith Bixby will compete as individuals.

Bixby, selected a league All-Star for the third year in a row, has a very good shot at placing in the vault, her best event this year. The junior has improved in all four events this year, breaking all her personal records.

Sheerin has a very good shot at doing what no other gymnast from Cohasset or Norwell has done since 1992: finish top ten at States and get named to the Senior Nationals team. Should that happen, Sheerin earns a free trip to Las Vegas, where all the Massachusetts selectees would compete against all other states. Massachusetts won this competition last year.

Interestingly enough, the last Cohasset or Norwell athlete to go to Nationals as a senior was Sheerin's coach, Cara Connerty.

"Hopefully, with my performance at Sectionals last week and a strong meet at States, I will be in the running," offered Sheerin, who took second individually at South Sectionals with a 35.55 All-Around score. "But I couldn't have asked for a better team, or career."

Please forward any Cohasset Sports information to Sports Editor Mike Spellman

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Some important dates to remember

SCHOOL'S IN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

Well, with February vacation over and March 1 arriving, this school year seems to be flying by. I am going to start this column with some important dates at each school.

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All School PSO Meeting- March 5, in the "interim" library at the Middle/High School at 7 p.m. This is a great way for all parents and staff to come find out what is happening within the PSO and see if you are interested in jumping on board. Many volunteer opportunities are available for the upcoming school year and it is a fantastic way to stay involved with the schools.

- Osgood March PSO meeting- March 8, 9:30 a.m. in the Osgood Music Room
- March 7, Family Math and Science Night for grades 2 & 3
- March 13, Wine and Cheese at Paul Pratt Library from 7-9 p.m.
- March 18, Deer Hill report cards go home
- March 2, Little League Baseball and Softball Sign Ups will be held from 8-11 a.m. at the Joseph Osgood School. This registration is open to all children who will be at least five years old by Aug. 1. If a photocopy of the player's birth certificate has not already been supplied, please bring it with you. Registration forms and Medical Release forms are also available on the web at www.myteam.com/go/cohasset.ll.

For more information or questions, call Lynne or Mark DeGiacomo at 781-383-6413.

- PAC Meeting- March 6 at 7:30 in the Osgood Music Room

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All nominations are being called for in the Second Annual PAC Teacher Award. Cohasset is blessed with many gifted and compassionate teachers, administrators and aids who work with students receiving special education services. We want to give them the credit and recognition they deserve. Please submit the name or names of a teacher, service provider or administrator who you feel has done an outstanding job of supporting these students. You may submit your name or nominate an individual anonymously. The 2001 PAC Teacher Award recipient was Denise Yess, Osgood Speech & Language. The chosen individuals will be presented with the award at a special ceremony during the monthly PAC meeting on Wednesday, May 1 in the Osgood Music Room. All nominations need to be submitted no later than April 12. To receive a form or ask any questions, call Alison Moskow at 781-383-9242.

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Did you know that the Deer Hill Web site is up and running and is a wonderful way for all families to keep up-to-date with everything that is going on within the school? You can find PSO meeting minutes, library happenings, school information and more. Also, a Cohasset Classifieds has been added and this is where you can list your used sports equipment, childrens clothing, furniture and whatever else you have that is looking for it's next home. Make sure to check it out at www.cohassetpso.org!

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Project Safeguard is coming back to Cohasset! This project is a community initiative that seeks to bring Cohasset youth and adults together stressing communication about issues that are critical to the healthy growth and development of Cohasset students. The SAFEGUARD Committee, comprised of Community leaders, PSO representatives and school officials, is planning to kick off the program next year. There will be more information on this beneficial program forthcoming.

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When any of you are going through your old books for spring cleaning, consider making them a donation to the schools libraries. As you know, reading is so important in a child's life and to have a wide range of books is fantastic. Contact the librarian at your school to find out what the policies are for donations.

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The Sixth-Grade Yearbook is in its final page productions and we are looking for any candid photos you may have of the children! If you have any, please send them into school with your child.

That is it for this month's school page. Please start now in getting all your information together for March's page. The deadline for all information, stories, poems, photos etc. is Friday, March 15 by noon.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Second-graders learn about Wampanoag life

By Michael Scott Astley
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It is the mark of a good teaching plan to create within students a real desire to learn. It is, however, the mark of a great teaching plan to imbue students with an empathetic and faithful understanding of that which they learn. To dissect and investigate any given subject is a proven strategy for gaining knowledge. Many adults tend to analyze subjects with a cautious and judgmental eye. Fortunately, however, children are more often likely to view subjects with creative and ingenious sensitivity. When the second-grade students at the Osgood School recently studied about the Wampanoag People, their individual explorations became virtual journeys into the fertile historical past.

These Native Americans shared a healthy symbiotic relationship with this environment rich in natural resources.

The children read books, not just with superficial interest, but also with depth of insight and abstract curiosity about a civilization far different than their own. They participated in animated discussions, posing thoughtful questions and contributing wise observations. Their inquisitive research turned to intense hands-on exploration. They designed creative projects focusing on artistic methods of collecting information. The children gathered material for their study just as the Wampanoags gathered edible nuts and berries — with fervent determination and inventive purpose.

The Wampanoag People lived in the woodlands of the northeastern United States. The Native American word, "Wampanoag" meaning "people of the dawn" or "people of the first light," was a name well chosen for its descriptive illustration of their soulful and literal connection with nature. These Native Americans shared a healthy symbiotic relationship with this environment rich in natural resources.

A diorama of a Wampanoag village made by second-graders at Osgood.

They lived on lands abundant in forests, open fields, and waters. Those lands afforded them numerous animals, birds, fish, and reptiles. The Wampanoags also planted and harvested food. They ate these creatures and the bounty from their gathering. The Wampanoags used the creatures, wood and bark from the trees, stones, shells, nuts, berries, grasses, and other resources to make necessities such as clothing, dishes, tools, and shelter. They also made expressive jewelry, artworks, and other decorations indicative of a well- developed way of life.

The Wampanoags moved with the variable seasons. In the summer, they constructed their villages near the coast. They made great use of the ocean's nourishing abundance. During winter, they moved inland to take advantage of somewhat milder weather and protective landscape. This semi-nomadic design of the Wampanoag villages reflected the varied physical environments necessary for the survival and well being of these People of the First Light.

Family was a central element of the Wampanoag culture. The family members would share the various planting and gathering responsibilities. The men and boys were the primary hunters of game. The women and girls were the household workers, tending the fields and servicing the needs of the wetu. The wetu was both the physical and symbolic family home. It was an ingenious structure built of a bent wood framework covered with cattail mats or bark sections. The wetu housed numerous objects including pots and baskets, eating utensils, stone tools and weapons, toys and games, smoking pipes and tobacco, sewing materials, and fire making items. The Wampanoags shared precious shelter, but also daily work and recreation with one another in the family wetu.

The students came to understand and treasure the Wampanoag People with their skillful and proud history. They actually placed themselves in the various roles held by these Native American People, unearthing evidence that the Wampanoags were accomplished friends of nature, using their cunning and ingenuity to carve a successful living from raw materials born of the elements. The children empathized with a Nation of People who ate, drank, sought shelter, and designed a culture in harmonious concert with the great world enveloping them. They were a People with a highly developed and diverse civilization. This, the students discovered and absorbed with relish.

Unfortunately, it is all too easy to become dismissive of the scope of a child's unadulterated wonderment and the singular importance of his or her intellectual experiences. With this great teaching plan and the accompanying resourcefulness of each child, the product of this study of the Wampanoag People encompassed a series of writings, Wampanoag character development projects, and the construction of a detailed Wampanoag village diorama using clay, papier mâché, and natural found objects. To the surprise of those adults who merely study facts in order to learn, these second graders proved that they could imagine themselves back into the historical past. In that far away place, they actually lived vicariously through the eventful lives of the Wampanoag Native American People.

Proud Wampanoag People continue to live in New England. Many of them continue practicing the rich tradition of their ancestors.

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Michael Astley is a teacher's aide at the Osgood School.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $2,000 scholarships are available (starting Thursday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

It is the 29th consecutive year that the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application in person at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Saturday, March 30.

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

School lunch menus

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or fish filet on a bun, carrot sticks, mixed fruit, milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Chicken patty on a bun; or ham and cheese sub with lettuce/tomato, pudding, milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Meatball sub, French fries; or chicken salad pocket, veggie sticks, pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Pasta with dinner roll; or Greek salad with pita bread, fresh fruit, milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Cheeseburger on a bun; or bologna sandwich, potato wedges, Jello, milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or tuna salad pocket, mixed veggies, peaches, milk.

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SSL scholarships

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be Cohasset High School seniors or Cohasset residents who intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields.

Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2002-'03 academic year. Applications are available at the league's office, 16 Highland Ave., Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or in the Cohasset High School Guidance office. Applications must be received by the league by April 12. For further information call the league office at 781-383-0771.

This year marks the Social Service League's 90th anniversary. In recognition of a long history of community service, it will host a special celebration at Atlantica May 3. The Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship recipients will be announced at this time.

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Selectmen make Jackson's appointment as chief official

By Evan Schiff
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The Cohasset selectmen never felt so protected.

Half a dozen officers, a few detectives, and Norwell Police Chief Robert Galvin, attended the meeting Tuesday to see selectmen ratify Sgt. Robert Jackson's appointment as the new police chief. The law enforcement officers wanted to show their support for the new chief.

"I want to thank the town, my brother officers and the board for their support," Jackson said. "I'm going to do a good job and make them proud."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said it was the first time he has appointed a police chief in his career and he couldn't imagine a better process. Under the Town Manager Act, Haddad has the authority to appoint the police chief, and selectmen either ratify or veto that decision.

"I want to thank all the people that donated countless hours to make sure we found the right guy," he said. "We have found an outstanding chief of police." Haddad singled out a few people but repeatedly thanked Chief Galvin, who has no real vested interest in the town, for his help in the process.

"I'm going to do a good job and make them proud."
— Sgt. Bob Jackson

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, a member of the police search committee along with Galvin and several others, said the committee looked at a plethora of qualified candidates but Jackson rose to the top.

"It was a great process that allowed us to see the candidates interact with various people around town," she said. "The board should be happy to endorse Jackson."

After the board ratified the appointment, the room filled with applause as Jackson went up to each selectman and shook their hand, thanking them for their support.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead," Jackson said. "I will do my best."

Haddad said he is in the process of negotiating a contract with Jackson and will have it complete by the time he is sworn in. Jackson's appointment is expected to take effect March 8, the day that current Police Chief Brian Noonan retires.

Jackson was selected after a lengthy search that narrowed down a list of more than 50 candidates to four. The four finalists were paraded around town and interviewed by various groups including representatives from the School Committee, department heads and the police union. Jackson was the only local finalist, the others hailed from Fitchburg, New Bedford and Westfield.

Teachers get new contract

By Evan Schiff
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If only the politicians on Beacon Hill could work so cooperatively.

Last week, the School Committee announced it has reached a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the teachers' union.

Supt. Edward Malvey said negotiations went very well and he was pleased with the new contract. Malvey highlighted a few issues while presenting the contract at the School Committee meeting.

The contract includes increases of 3, 3-1/2 and 3 percent over the next three years, not including step increases teachers receive for years on the job and for taking additional courses.

Under the current contract, a first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree, has a salary $30,479 in the 2001/2002 school year. Under the new contract, the salary of a first-year teacher in the 2004/2005 school year would be about $33,374.

The contract also includes an extra in-service day for teachers and a condition that the school year could start before labor day. The union will also have more say about when the school year begins and when professional days are scheduled.

"Our primary goal was to attract and retain young talented teachers."
— Ed Leonard, president of teachers' union

Ed Leonard, president of Cohasset's Teachers' Association and a guidance counselor, said there was a lot of give and take in the negotiations. The teachers' union and the School Committee partook in "interest-based" bargaining in which both sides looked at the issues and tried to come to a consensus rather than setting a bottom line. The two sides spent more than 50 hours in negotiations together which began in August.

"Our primary goal was to attract and retain young talented teachers," Leonard said.

Leonard added one thing the union wanted and wasn't able to get was a child-care program for teachers' children. He said many school systems have these centers in place and felt many teachers would benefit from it. However, overall he thought the contract was suitable.

"We're pleased with the contract," Leonard said. "We have a good relationship with the School Committee and Dr. Malvey and were able to accomplish a lot."

Town Manager Mark Haddad, who sat in on the negotiations, said the contract fits in with his proposed budget. He is very happy with the contract and felt both sides got a fair shake.

"There was give and take on both sides," he said. "I want to compliment both sides on their professionalism."

Mark DeGiacomo, who along with Pat Martin represented the school committee in negotiations, said he was pleased with the contract. He added there are now incentives in place for teachers to pursue their master's degree "sooner rather than later" which were not in the contract before.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

7:07 p.m. Elm St., general services.

9:01 p.m. Brewster Rd., disturbance, peace restored.

11:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police department.

11:54 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:45 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:41 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:53 p.m. Stockbridge St., suspicious activity, area search negative.

10:04 p.m. Parking Way, assist citizen.

10:38 p.m. Beechwood St., and Wheelwright Farm, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, FEB. 17

12:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beech St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:04 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:11 a.m. Highland Ave., parking complaint.

10:22 a.m. S. Main St., medical aid.

4:15 p.m. Elm St., investigation.

4:31 p.m. Norfolk Rd., investigation.

7:44 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

MONDAY, FEB. 18

1:42 a.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:51 a.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:35 a.m. Gammons Rd., wires down.

10 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

11:10 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. missing person.

12:11 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

1:29 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

9:07 p.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:23 p.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway animal control.

11:04 a.m. Elm Ct., assist citizen.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

12:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.

12:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:28 a.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:32 a.m. Beach St., assist other police department.

10:07 a.m. Rt. 3A, motor vehicle crash.

10:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious.

12:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle violations.

1:01 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Beach St., animal control.

2:43 p.m. Beechwood St., traffic complaint.

3:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid.

6:22 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., disturbance family.

6:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:53 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:57 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

2 a.m. Powers Ln., fire investigation.

6:57 a.m. Elm St,. disturbance. Arrest: juvenile, 15, larceny of a motor vehicle or trailer.

2:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:43 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle violations.

6:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., assist motorist.

8:29 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

Beechwood sidewalk before Town Meeting

By Evan Schiff
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A group of citizens from Beechwood Street, Norman Todd Road and Talarico Lane consider installing a sidewalk along the busy thoroughfare through their neighborhood to be a priority.

To that end, the residents submitted a Citizens Petition for the March 30 annual Town Meeting for $15,000 for a cost analysis for a sidewalk that would start at Beechwood and South Main streets, run down Beechwood, and continue up Norman Todd Road, meeting the existing sidewalk at 131 Beechwood St.

Bill Fusco, 8 Norman Todd Road, said the lack of a sidewalk on such a busy street should be a concern of everyone it town.

"This is a heavily traveled portion of town," Fusco said. "A sidewalk would benefit a lot of people."

Fusco said the issue is nothing new. Back in 1995, the sidewalk study committee reported to selectmen constructing a sidewalk on that stretch of Beechwood Street and Norman Todd Lane should top the list.

"Many people walk along Beechwood Street to the village and without a sidewalk it can be quite dangerous," he said.

While selectmen agree there is a need for a sidewalk, they say it may not be necessary to ask Town Meeting for the design money.

"This is a heavily traveled portion of town."
— Bill Fusco, 8 Norman Todd Road

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the Norfolk County Engineers would do the design drawings for free. However, he warned those plans could take anywhere from one to three years to complete.

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said even if the sidewalk article wins Town Meeting approval, it could be years before the town has enough money to fund the construction project. With state reimbursement for the school building projects delayed, prioritizing projects has become even more important.

"If we're going to be waiting a few years to do the construction, what does it hurt to just have the Norfolk County Engineers do it (design) for free?" he asked.

But Fusco said while he understood the town's financial situation, having the drawings completed earlier would expedite construction.

"That way we can begin construction as soon as the money becomes available rather than wait for the design drawings to be completed," he said.

Although Fusco and selectmen could not provide an estimate on the cost of the Beechwood sidewalk, they thought it would be less than the $190,000 Town Meeting appropriated to construct the Forest Avenue sidewalk that requires removing some ledge.

Selectmen recommended the article and the town will have a chance to vote on it at annual Town Meeting on March 30.

POLICE BRIEFS

Car break-ins

Police said there have been a rash of car break-ins lately and are encouraging motorists not to leave a pocketbook or purse in plain view, even inside a locked vehicle.

The thieves have used a device to open a locked door and then steal a couple of credits cards. They don't take the purse or the money so the owner often doesn't immediately notice anything is missing.

Then the perpetrators are going to Quincy and using the stolen credit cards at various stores, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

There have been about 1/2 dozen similar incidents over the past three months, the most recent one at Fitness First off 3A.

Paint ball guns cause disturbance

Police confiscated six paint ball guns Saturday afternoon from youths using the guns behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The parents were called down and given a copy of the law, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

"Minors have to be accompanied by an adult and the guns cannot be used in a public place," he said.

Paint-ball guns have been determined to be the equivalent of air guns by the State Police Ballistics Lab. Therefore, it is illegal to sell a paint-ball gun to minor under the age of 18 and it is illegal for these guns to be discharged in public places unless the minor is accompanied by an adult.

Police can confiscate the guns being used in violation of state law, identify the violators and forward incident reports to the prosecutor for review.

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BALLFIELD BIDS

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BIDDERS/INVITATION TO BID
CONSTRUCTION OF BALLFIELDS AT THE COHASSET GRAVEL PIT

Sealed bids for constructions of the ballfields at the Cohasset Gravel Pit will be received by the Town of Cohasset, Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA until Monday, **March 25, 2002 at 10:00 AM,** and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work to be performed without limiting the generality thereof, includes construction of two new ballfields, gravel parking areas, erosion control, tree clearing, earthwork, drainage structures, installation of water supply piping and field irrigation, landscaping, plantings, loaming/seeding, and fencing.

All labor, workmanship and materials shall be in conformance with technical specifications contained within the Contract Documents and within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department, "Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges", 1988 edition, as amended through 1998.

Contract Documents may be examined or obtained **after February 27, 2002** at Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bid Documents may be obtained with a $50.00 document deposit made out as a certified check to the Town of Cohasset for each set of documents. Document deposits will be returned to the Owners if bid documents are returned in unmarked condition within 30 days of the bid opening.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the bid price and in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Town of Cohasset in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30 Section 39M.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid for a period of thirty (30) days, excluding weekends and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids.

The successful Bidder must furnish a 100% Construction Performance Bond and a 100% Construction Payment for Labor and Materials Bond with a surety company acceptable to the Owner.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions for Bidders.

Each bid shall include a statement of noncollusion and a statement of payment of State taxes in accordance with MGL Chapter 62C Section 49A.

Wage rates for this project are subject to the minimum wage rates as per M.G.L., Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27G inclusive as included in the project manual.

The Town Manager, the awarding authority, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, wholly or in part, or to accept any bid or portion thereof deemed to be in the best interests of the Town, and reserves the right to waive any informality on or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in their interests. Award of this Construction Contract is subject to funding at Town meeting.

AD#790241
Cohasset Mariner 2/28/02

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Cohasset Community Preservation Committee, pursuant to Mass. General Laws Ch. 44B Section 5(b)(1) will hold public informational hearing on Monday, March 4, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall in order to take public comment on the needs possibilities and resources of Cohasset regarding community preservation. Committee will also take public comment on applications for funding for FY2002 and 2003 that are presently before it.

AD#789537
Cohasset Mariner 2/21, 2/28/02

ZBA/140 BEACH ST.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, **March 18, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.6 & 9.6.1 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Michael & Nina Hughes,** seek to construct addition at **140 Beach St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-02-19.

AD#792387
Cohasset Mariner 2/28, 3/7/02

ZBA/34 CROCKER LANE

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, **March 18, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 14.5 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Crocker II Realty Trust** seeks to construct warehouse within the Water Resource District at **34 Crocker Lane** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-02-25

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3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Staff*
3rd Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
3rd Place	Front Page	*Staff*
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3rd Place	Illustration	*Gustavo Leon*
3rd Place	Living Page or Section	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	General Excellence	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	General News Story	*Staff*

Boston Homes

2nd Place	Niche Publication	*Staff*

Braintree Forum

1st Place	Spot News Story	*Robert Aicardi*
2nd Place	Editorial Writer	*Cathy Conley*
3rd Place	Editorial	*Cathy Conley*
3rd Place	Social Issues Feature Writer	*Cathy Conley*

Brookline TAB

1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Infographics	*Donna Handel*
Honorable Mention	Color Photo	*Glen Cooper*

Burlington Union

Honorable Mention	Spot News Photo	*Susan Sickler*

Cambridge Chronicle

1st Place	Photo Series	*Staff*

Cambridge TAB

Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*David Ortiz*
Honorable Mention	Personality Photo	*Jennifer Lindberg*

The Cape Codder

1st Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Doreen Leggett*
2nd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Joe Burns*
2nd Place	Photo Series	*Scott Button*
3rd Place	Feature Photo	*Merrily Lunsford*
3rd Place	History Reporting	*Pat Sherlock*
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Chelmsford Independent

1st Place	Photo Series	*Ellen Bullock*
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Cohasset Mariner

1st Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Mary Ford*
Honorable Mention	General Excellence	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Rick Collins & Alice Coyle*

The Concord Journal

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Betsy Levinson*

Country Gazette

1st Place	History Reporting	*Heather McCarron*
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3rd Place	Front Page	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Shannon Haley Daggett and Heather McCarron*

The Daily News Tribune

1st Place	Health Reporting	*DeAnna Putnam*
2nd Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Nikki Misra*
2nd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*DeAnna Putnam*
2nd Place	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	General News Story	*Nikki Misra*

Danvers Herald

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Myrna Fearer*
Honorable Mention	General News Photo	*Mike Mergen*

Easton Journal

1st Place	Investigative Reporting	*Staff*
2nd Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Brock Parker*

Hanover Mariner

1st Place	Sports Column	*Julie Ann Nevero*
3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Edward Baker*

Harwich Oracle

3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Stephanie Foster*

The Hingham Journal

2nd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*
2nd Place	Special Award	*Staff*

Holliston TAB

3rd Place	Sports Photo	*Ed Hopfmann*

Hopkinton Crier

1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
2nd Place	General News Photo	*Allan Jung*
3rd Place	Photo Series	*Allan Jung*
Honorable Mention	Business/Economic Reporting	*Brian Boyd*

Ipswich Chronicle

1st Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Lauresha Xhihani*
2nd Place	Spot News Photo	*John Harvey*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Faith Tomei*

Lexington Minuteman

Honorable Mention	General Excellence	*Staff*

Littleton Independent

2nd Place	Feature Photo	*Ellen Bullock*
Honorable Mention	Color Photo	*Marc Vasconcellos*

Marblehead Reporter

1st Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Serious Columnist	*George Derringer*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Christopher Bolick*
Honorable Mention	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Christopher Bolick*
Honorable Mention	Editorial	*George Derringer*
Honorable Mention	Headline Writing	*Staff*

Marshfield Mariner

1st Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*

Medford Transcript

2nd Place	History Reporting	*Nell Escobar Coakley*
3rd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Cheryl Harrison*

Melrose Free Press

1st Place	Photo Illustration	*Dan MacAlpine and Brigid Alverson*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Brigid Alverson*
3rd Place	Health Reporting	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Brigid Alverson*

Merrimack River Current

1st Place	Photo Series	*Robert Branch*
2nd Place	Photo Series	*Mike Mergen*

The MetroWest Daily News

1st Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
1st Place	Humor Columnist	*Kurt Blumenau*
1st Place	Spot News Photo	*Bill Thompson*
2nd Place	Community Involvement in the Paper	*Staff*
2nd Place	Feature Photo	*Allan Jung*
2nd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*
2nd Place	Photo Series	*Art Illman*
2nd Place	Serious Columnist	*John Gregg*
2nd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Heather Anderson*
3rd Place	Design	*Staff*
3rd Place	Editorial Writer	*Rick Holmes*
3rd Place	Environmental Reporting	*Heather Anderson*
3rd Place	General News Story	*Peter Schworm*
3rd Place	Pictorial Photo	*Milton Amador*
3rd Place	Sports Column	*Lenny Megliola*
3rd Place	Spot News Photo	*Allan Jung*
3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Michael Kunzelman*
Honorable Mention	General News Photo	*Art Illman*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Peter Schworm*
Honorable Mention	Investigative Reporting	*David Caruso and John Gregg*
Honorable Mention	Living Page or Section	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Personality Photo	*Allan Jung*
Honorable Mention	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Bob Tremblay*
Honorable Mention	Serious Columnist	*Tom Moroney*
Honorable Mention	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*

The Milford Daily News

1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
1st Place	History Reporting	*Shannon Haley Daggett*
1st Place	Serious Columnist	*Tracey Lewia*
1st Place	Spot News Story	*Denise Mize and Michelle Hillman*
2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
2nd Place	General News Story	*Jennie Coughlin*
2nd Place	Personality Photo	*Suzanne Ouellette*
2nd Place	Photo Series	*Ken McGagh*
2nd Place	Sports Column	*James Whitters*
3rd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Nathan Eddy*
3rd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Donna Daley*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Investigative Reporting	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Social Issues Feature Story	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Spot News Photo	*Ken McGagh*

Needham Times

3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Dave Gradijan*

The Neponset Valley Daily News

1st Place	Best Newspaper Web Site	*Staff*
2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
3rd Place	General News Story	*Liz Taurasi*
3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Shaun Michael Smith*
Honorable Mention	Human Interest Feature Story	*Jennifer Kovalich*
Honorable Mention	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*

Newton TAB

1st Place	Design	*Staff*
2nd Place	General News Photo	*Ken McGagh*
3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

North Shore Sunday

2nd Place	Educational Reporting	*Adam Reilly*
2nd Place	Environmental Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
2nd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
2nd Place	Health Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
2nd Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Elizabeth Dinan*
2nd Place	Sports Story	*Elizabeth Dinan*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
3rd Place	Educational Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Peter Chianca*
3rd Place	Personality Photo	*John Harvey*
3rd Place	Sports Story	*Chad Konecky*
3rd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Adam Reilly*
Honorable Mention	Human Interest Feature Story	*Elizabeth Dinan*
Honorable Mention	Illustration	*Marty Riskin*
Honorable Mention	Photo Illustration	*John Harvey*
Honorable Mention	Social Issues Feature Story	*Adam Reilly*

Norton Mirror

1st Place	Environmental Reporting	*Meredith Holford and John Johnson*
3rd Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*

Norwell Mariner

1st Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
1st Place	Special Award	*Staff*
2nd Place	Personality Photo	*Chris Bernstein*
Honorable Mention	Sports Column	*Mike Spellman*

Parents and Kids

2nd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

The Register

3rd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Joe Burns*

Scituate Mariner

1st Place	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*
3rd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Seth Jacobson*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Section	*Staff*

Sharon Advocate

Honorable Mention	Environmental Reporting	*Peter Hartzel*

Stoneham Sun

1st Place	General News Photo	*Marc Vasconcellos*

Stoughton Journal

3rd Place	Sports Story	*John Hanlon*

Swampscott Reporter

2nd Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Bryan Cote*

The Upper Cape Codder

2nd Place	Investigative Reporting	*Peggy Aulisio & Doreen Leggett*

Wakefield Observer

1st Place	Health Reporting	*Jill Anderson*
2nd Place	Environmental Reporting	*Jill Anderson*
3rd Place	History Reporting	*Jill Anderson*

Watertown TAB & Press

2nd Place	Photo Series	*Winslow Martin*

The Wayland Town Crier

2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
2nd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
2nd Place	Living Page or Section	*Staff*

The Wellesley Townsman

1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Christine Junge and Michelle Xiarhos*
Honorable Mention	Headline Writing	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Cathy Brauner*

West Roxbury Transcript

3rd Place	Coverage of Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Jordana Haspel*

The Westborough News

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Westford Eagle

1st Place	Color Photo	*Lisa Cassidy*

The Weston Town Crier

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Weymouth News

3rd Place	Personality Photo	*Tom Gorman*

Wilmington Advocate

1st Place	Sports Photo	*Lisa Cassidy*

Woburn Advocate

Honorable Mention	Feature Photo	*Lisa Cassidy*

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Blowing their own horns

Norwell brass trio featured in Springsteen tribute band

By Gregory Mathis
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They sound like Bruce and the lead singer even resembles him. But if you look closely enough, you might see a few familiar local faces that'll make you wonder if this really is "The Boss" and his famous E Street Band.

It's close, but Bruce Springsteen does not front the "B Street Band" and there is no Clarence Clemons, Steve Van Zandt, Danny Federici, Max Weinberg, Roy Bittan or Garry Tallant. In their place is New Jersey-area rockers Willie Forte, Glen Stuart, Bob Chipak, Steve Baranian, Dave Brown, John Colyer and Bob Clarke. While those names might not be familiar to you, you might recognize Norwell residents Pete Senatore, John Ewing and Paul Webber when their brass is added to the mix.

The Norwell trio, affectionately dubbed the "Viagra Horns" by Forte and his bandmates, will be polishing up their brass for a big show Friday night at the Hard Rock Café in Boston. The Springsteen tribute band will be making the trek from the Jersey Shore to Boston for a rare local appearance and the Norwell horns will get a chance to play in front of family and friends.

The Norwell connection to this Jersey-based group formed — appropriately enough — before a Springsteen concert in Philadelphia two years ago. Senatore went to the call window to pick up his tickets for a show at the First Union Center and said he heard Springsteen music in the distance. When he explored it further, he discovered it was not a CD or a tape, but a live band playing in the parking lot.

"They sounded great and they were having a lot of fun," Senatore said.

Senatore got the group's name and Web site address, where he learned the band could be hired for weddings and other special events, like birthday parties. Senatore thought he'd surprise Webber for his 40th birthday two years ago May and hired the B Street Band to come up to play at his surprise party.

"I told them he plays sax and asked if he could play with the band," Senatore recalled. "They said we were paying for it we could do whatever we wanted."

Senatore was told the band was looking for brass to play on "Tenth Avenue Freeze Out", especially trumpet. So he ditched his trombone, which Ewing plays, to take up trumpet.

"I had one month to learn trumpet and get my chops into shape," Senatore said, who had played trombone since junior high school.

Norwell residents Pete Senatore, Paul Webber and John Ewing known as the "Viagra horns" join the "B Street Band" — a Springsteen tribute act — for shows when their schedules permit.

When the big day came, the trio blew away the band members with their sound.

"They said 'you guys are great, why don't you come down and play with us," Senatore said.

Forte said the "Viagra Horns" made a great first impression on "Tenth Avenue Freeze Out" and the trio was invited to play during the band's 20th anniversary party two years ago at The Stone Pony in Asbury Park, New Jersey and has a standing invitation to join them whenever their schedule permits.

"They're a bunch of good guys," Forte said. "They're very colorful and bring a lot of personality to the stage."

While Senatore and Webber are diehard Springsteen fans, Ewing's musical background is more classical. He has played semi-professionally in brass quintets and has toiled with the Cape Cod Symphony, the Plymouth Philharmonic and the 21-piece brass band featured the last two years at the Norwell Men's Club Town Fair, the Bridgewater Antiphonal Brass Society.

Ewing, a National Account Representative for Wear Guard, said playing rock and roll is "a nice change."

"I was familiar with Springsteen's music, so it was an easy thing to slip into," Ewing said.

Ewing was also impressed with the quality of the B Street Band.

"The first time I heard this group I was impressed with the level of musicianship," Ewing said. "They are a cut above... an extraordinarily versatile group."

Senatore, a surgeon at South Shore Hospital out of South Shore Medical Center in Norwell, spends some of his free time at the computer, putting together arrangements for songs the trio can perform with the B Street Band. The list of tunes is growing and now includes classics such as "Having a Party," "The Fever," "Jungleland," "Born to Run," "Rosalita," "Ramrod," "Raise Your Hand," and he just finished putting together an arrangement for "My Hometown."

Forte said the horns will be featured on at least five or six songs Friday night during the Hard Rock Café performance.

Forte is excited about returning to the area.

"New England is really a favorite of mine," Forte said. "I like it up there, so I'm really excited about this show."

Forte, who said the group performed regularly at Brandeis College and Boston College in the late 1980s, early 90s, is hoping to build a following in the Boston area so the band can return to play on a more regular basis.

Friday night's concert at the Hard Rock Café begins at 10:15 p.m.

For the love of the game

Hingham man produces documentary on Red Sox history

By Amy Lamblaso
CORRESPONDENT

Most Boston Red Sox fans remember Oct. 1, 1967 like it was yesterday. It was the game that defined the "impossible dream" season. Ken London was 13-years-old.

London, a Hingham resident, remembers watching television as star pitcher Jim Lonborg was carried off the field by thousands of fans. At the time, London could only dream about meeting this hometown hero.

"I don't remember scores. I remember the characters and the sub-plots that go along with the game."
— Ken London, documentary producer

But 34 years later, London sat next to Lonborg, now a dentist and Scituate resident, interviewing him as part of his nine-month research project for "The Boston Red Sox: 100 Years of Baseball History," the latest of London's documentaries on New England sports. The fifth film London has produced, "The Boston Red Sox" was released for sale in November, and has earned the title of top-selling sports' documentary in New England sports' history, selling about 65,000 copies since its debut.

"Ever since I was 13-years-old, I have always viewed sports as a drama, or a story," London recalled. "I don't remember scores. I remember the characters and the sub-plots that go along with the game."

It was this vision that landed London a job at Channel 38 in Boston when he was fresh out of graduate school at Boston University.

As producer/director for Boston Bruins Hockey with Channel 38, London thought he had reached the pinnacle of his career. While he grew up a fan of New England sports — living and experiencing the Bruins and the Red Sox through his 10 years at Channel 38, taught him the personal side of their story.

"I got to see people who I thought I knew in a whole different context," London said. "It made me see that these guys, these athletes, despite all the money they make have their own personal concerns, too."'

Getting to know these athletes in a different context was more than he could have imagined. As a kid, London went to sleep wearing a Derek Sanderson Bruins' jersey. Years later, Sanderson would serve as one of the announcers for the Bruins games London produced for Channel 38.

"It was truly great to work with one of my idols from when I was a kid, and to actually have him working for me as an announcer," London said. "It was a real unexpected twist."

London's first documentary surrounded the story of Roger Clemens returning to Houston to pitch in the 1986 Major League Baseball All-Star game. The film, "Roger Clemens: Home to the Dome," depicted not only Clemens the athlete, but how he was also a son, a brother, and a friend.

"I enjoy doing reports where you can get up close and personal with athletes," London said. "My experience with Roger Clemens taught me a lot about who these athletes really are. It's about more than just a game for them."

London has also produced films on Carl Yastrezemski, Ray Bourque, and a documentary on the most famous Red Sox home-run hitters. The opportunity to meet and form relationships with these Boston legends proves to be just as special each time, but producing the

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Hingham resident Ken London has hit a homerun with his Red Sox documentary capturing a century of the team's history.

Healthy Living

Feeling good about yourself and your body

By Jennifer Bernhard Raby

You may not have known that the week of Feb. 24 to March 3 is Eating Disorders Awareness Week — a time to celebrate and accept the miraculous gift of your body no matter what size or shape you are. Unfortunately, most women of all ages do not have a positive self-image of their bodies or self worth.

Eating disorders affect five to 10 million Americans, and 70 million individuals worldwide. According to a recent study in Psychology Today, 62 percent of females ages 13 to 19 said they were dissatisfied with their weight; and 67 percent of women over 30 said they were unhappy with their weight. In fact, in a similar study, two out of five women (and 1 out of five men) would trade three to five years of their lives to achieve their "perceived ideal" bodyweight. These statistics are devastating.

It makes sense that in today's celebrity-focused, media sensationalized world, we are increasingly becoming a society obsessed with exterior features, body image and thinness. Just look at how our role models have changed over the last 50 years. Marylyn Monroe, the icon of fifties sexuality was 5'5 and 135 pounds. In fact, she compared relatively well with today's average American woman, who is 5'4 and 135 pounds. Unfortunately, Madison Avenue markets its clothing to the average woman using supermodels who are decidedly not average, weighing in at 117 pounds, with an average height of 5'11, or thinner and taller than 98 percent of American women. Likewise, today's icon of beauty, Britney Spears weighs in at 5'4 and 104 pounds and did I mention her abs! It's ironic that in a culture where obesity is higher than ever, our ultimate internalized idea of the "right" body type is taller and thinner than ever. We have become victims of the media's message that shakes our confidence and constantly instills in us a sense that we don't measure up.

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Men aren't immune to poor body image either, however studies have shown that in general they are more secure with their bodies, and do not have the constant social pressure to be thin that women do. In fact, most body image issues with men tend to be focused on gaining muscle mass, rather than an ingrained obsession with losing weight, although it is estimated that 1 percent of men do suffer from eating disorders including anorexia and bulimia.

We idolize women with very low levels of body fat. But the fact is we need a certain amount of body fat to stay fit and healthy. Body fat plays a crucial role in performing our daily physiology. It cushions our bones, and plays an important role in converting estrogen produced by the ovaries and adrenal glands into a usable form by our body. It helps to keep our skin, hair and nails healthy. If you don't have enough body fat due to excessive exercising, or by not eating, you can develop amenorrhea (loss of menstrual cycle) which ultimately can affect your ability to have children, as well as potentially accelerating the onset of osteoporosis. In fact, if today's mannequins used in marketing fashion to women were actually human, based on their theoretical body fat percentage, they would probably not be able to menstruate.

Many women unfortunately have so internalized the desire to have extremely low body fat and the idealized image of a beautiful body that they have developed serious eating disorders. What are the most common eating disorders? There are a few different types. The unifying factor between them all is that these are real mental and physiological diseases that run deeper than just feeling bad about your body. There are usually underlying psychological issues that need to be addressed such as low self-esteem and poor body image. These include:

Anorexia Nervosa: a disorder in which a preoccupation with dieting and thinness leads to excessive weight loss. The individual may not acknowledge that weight loss or restricted eating is a problem;

Bulimia Nervosa: involves frequent episodes of binge eating, almost always followed by purging and intense feeling of guilt;

Compulsive Eaters and Overweight Binge Eaters: experience uncontrolled eating, and secretive eating;

Exercise Bulimia: a disorder when someone uses exercise as a form of punishment rather than pleasure.

Many women may not fall into the category of being afflicted with an eating disorder, but do have "bad body fever" or "BBF". Some examples of BBF are a constant negative self assessment, cringing every time you look in

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Food & dining

Bolognese Sauce revisited

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Bolognese is the classic Italian meat sauce that is made with beef, usually pork, milk, wine, vegetables, and two or three hours of stovetop simmering. It's hearty, deeply flavored, and silky but it is also enormously time consuming. Even worse, I discovered that some of these 3-hour recipes yielded sauces that were watery, beefy, or overpowered by bay leaves and oregano. I wanted something fast (no more than an hour), well-balanced, and rich without being heavy.

After testing five different recipes, I assembled my own working sauce, deciding to forego lengthy simmering for a quick 30-minute cooking time in a large saucepan. This worked well, producing a very good sauce in a fraction of the time.

Next, I went through the ingredient list, dumping celery but keeping onion, carrot, and two cloves of garlic. As for the meat, I found ground beef (this is usually round, not chuck) disappointing in both texture and flavor preferring, instead, coarsely ground chuck. This can be done by the butcher or in your food processor at home. The texture of the sauce is far superior when using coarsely ground meat and unlike finely ground beef, it doesn't clump together. A combination of 1 1/4 pounds of ground chuck and 1/2 pound ground pork produced a meaty sauce that was both sweet and rich.

As for the liquids, milk and wine are essential for a true Bolognese but I reduced the amount of wine to compensate for the short cooking time. Broth and/or water were disappointing since the sauce did not cook long enough to evaporate the extra liquid. Instead, I simply used a 28-ounce can of tomatoes. I also experimented with tomato paste and found adding 3 tablespoons to the sauce added body and intensity.

As for other ingredients, I settled on fresh thyme rather than oregano and bay leaves, the latter being overpowering. I did find that by adding 3 ounces of finely chopped pancetta with the aromatics and 1/3 cup hydrated porcini, the sauce becomes much more flavorful. (These are listed as optional ingredients, however, since they are not common pantry items.) The dish is best when garnished with chopped flat leaf Italian parsley, freshly ground black pepper, and freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

As for the cooking itself, I started by sautéing the onion, carrot, and garlic and then cooked the meat. I discovered the sauce made with lightly browned meat had slightly more flavor than one made with meat that hadn't been browned. (Beware of overcooking the meat – it takes on an unpleasant "browned beef" taste.) Next, I hoped that I could add all of the liquids at one time but the sauce turned out watery and dull-flavored. I prepared the sauce in a saucepan or pot large enough to hold the sauce and the pasta so they can be tossed together for the final stage of cooking. (If you don't have a skillet/pot large enough, simply toss them together in the pasta cooking pot.) Still, the circumference of the pot should be fairly large since this speeds cooking. This sauce is best when served with large tubular pasta where chunks of meat can lodge in the crevices.

QUICK BOLOGNESE SAUCE

I found grinding the beef, pork, and pancetta in a food processor to be a snap. They should all be ground separately and the large quantity of beef is most evenly ground in a few batches. The meat should be cut into about 1-inch cubes and very cold, you can even freeze it for about 30 minutes if you have time. This do-it-yourself method allows you to achieve a coarse grind that gives the sauce a very meaty quality. Otherwise, ask for coarsely ground chuck instead of the ground beef blends offered in packages in the meat case.

1/3 dried porcini mushrooms, optional
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 tablespoons olive oil
3 ounces pancetta coarsely ground in a food processor or finely chopped, optional
1 small onion, diced fine
1 small carrot, diced fine
2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
1 1/4 pounds beef chuck, coarsely ground
1/2 pound pork, coarsely ground
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup whole milk
3/4 cup dry white wine
1 28 ounce can diced or crushed tomatoes packed in juice or whole tomatoes packed in juice and pulsed in a food processor
3 tablespoons tomato paste
2 sprigs fresh thyme
1 bay leaf
Freshly ground black pepper
1 pound pasta, tubular shape preferred
1/4 cup flat leaf Italian parsley, chopped fine
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. Soak the optional porcini in 2/3-cup very hot water for 20 minutes. Remove from liquid and chop fine, reserving liquid. Heat 1 tablespoon butter and one tablespoon oil in a large heavy duty Dutch oven or saucepan over medium heat. Once the butter has stopped foaming add the optional pancetta. Cook until it has released some fat and become fragrant, about two minutes. Add the onion and carrot and cook until softened, about five minutes. Add the garlic and cook 2 minutes more. Remove vegetables from pan and set aside. If not using the optional pancetta simply add the onion and carrot once the butter has stopped foaming and proceed.

2. Place the remaining tablespoon each of butter and olive oil in the pan. Add the beef, pork, and salt to the pan and sauté until the meat begins to brown, about 10 minutes. Add the vegetables and optional porcini mushrooms to the pot. If using the porcini add the reserved mushroom liquid being careful not to add any grit that has settled at the bottom. Cook, stirring occasionally, until evaporated, about 2 minutes. Next, add the milk and cook, stirring occasionally, until most of the liquid is evaporated, about 8 to 10 minutes. Add the wine and again, stirring occasionally, cook until almost completely evaporated, about 8 minutes longer. Add the tomatoes and their juices, tomato paste, thyme and bay leaf. Adjust heat to maintain a brisk simmer. The sauce should have bubbles rising to the surface but not boiling. Cook for 30 to 40 minutes or until the sauce is dark red, thickened and the flavors have come together. Adjust for seasoning with salt and pepper.

3. Meanwhile bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add salt and pasta and cook to within two minutes of the package al dente directions. Drain the pasta and add it to the sauce. Toss the pasta and sauce together over low heat for two minutes or until the pasta is evenly mixed into the sauce and the sauce has started to coat the pasta. If your Dutch oven or saucepan is not large enough to hold the sauce and the pasta the two can be tossed together in the pasta cooking pot. Serve at once with a sprinkling of parsley, a few grinds of freshly ground black pepper and lots of freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

Serves four to six.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

The full moon culminates at 4:17 a.m., 8 1/2-degrees of Virgo/Pisces. However, the moon continues to form potentially difficult aspects to planets until 10:17 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Stress management is important. Sidestep doubts, worries, fears. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants. Spend extra time working out with exercise routines. Stay busy with work projects that need a finishing touch or reorganization.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

After the barrage of planetary activity this week, today's influences offer an opportunity to catch up, relax. The Virgo moon is inactive until 1:47 p.m., when it enters Libra. Plan to finish jobs already begun, handle routine chores and errands this morning. The green light goes on for new starts at 1:47 p.m., particularly in your personal life. This is a wonderful time for meeting people, making contacts, establishing new relationships. Plan a romantic evening with the love in your life.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2002

Fair and sunny astrological weather prevails on this first day of March. The giant planet Jupiter, representing luck and opportunity, turns direct at 10:13 a.m., 6-degrees of the sign Cancer. In addition, the Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to Mercury and Pluto. You can start new activities at 10:05 a.m., when Mars enters Taurus. Go for the gold today. It is one of the best for new beginnings in your personal or professional life.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

At 6:57 a.m. the Libra moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive until 1:51 p.m. Plan to catch up on projects that have been left hanging, handle routine chores and errands in this period. The moon enters passionate Scorpio at 1:51 p.m. and opposes combative Mars at 3:16 p.m. Don't force issues. Compliments will work better than criticism. Storm clouds move out by mid-afternoon. If you have work or study projects to accomplish, you can be most productive.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

A Scorpio moon sets the stage for a day that holds high potential for productivity. Tackle jobs you have been putting off and get them out of the way. Zero in on projects that have been problematic and glitchy; you can cut through obstacles and find solutions. Give loved ones extra space. People may be moody, pensive. Look within for answers, and you will find what you need to get back on track.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

A lunar alignment to unpredictable Uranus can make for a rough start to this day. Allow extra time for unexpected delays or distractions. Keep a cool head. The Scorpio moon becomes inactive at 9:42 a.m. until 4:55 p.m., when it enters Sagittarius. Instead of launching new enterprises, plan to finish business already begun; review, redo, follow through.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Wake up in a good mood. A lunar opposition to Saturn at 8:19 a.m. warns you to avoid rigid time schedules; go with the flow. Fortunately, this influence passes over by midmorning; blue skies and sunshine return during the late morning and afternoon. The last quarter phase of the moon begins at 8:24 p.m. A new moon will culminate March 13. Kick back, relax and unwind this evening.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Take advantage of favorable planetary influences this morning and get an early start. Plan to sign contracts, promote your ideas or start important ventures before 9:00 a.m., when the Sagittarius moon forms a harmonious contact to Mercury. The remainder of the day continues to rate high for new beginnings. This is also a wonderful day for socializing, enjoying favorite sports or leisure activities. The Sagittarius moon becomes inactive at 9:31 p.m. until 11:48 p.m., when it enters Capricorn.

Welcome the early signs of springtime

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Tiny patches of snow linger in the shadier corners of the garden, but with rain in the forecast, these last remnants of winter are likely to be washed away as hints of spring begin to appear here and there.

Each February, the first signs of spring in my own landscape are to be found in my meadow where the pearly, silken catkins of the Japanese fantail willow emerge on curled, twisted and often flattened stems. The contorted branches of this large shrub are a floral designer's delight. Clusters of soft, fuzzy pussy willows form unique patterns on the fasciated stems and typically appear several weeks before their wild cousins that grow alongside my brook. Dozens of cuttings will be taken in the coming weeks to add a touch of springtime to indoor spaces and to propagate this unusual, vigorous, multi-stemmed tree which readily roots in water. A drastic pruning of larger branches will follow to thin out and reduce the height and breadth of this fast-growing shrub.

I paused a moment beside my partially frozen water garden to observe the hundreds of plump buds on the upright branches of my witch hazel 'Arnold Promise' growing nearby. Grown from a tiny, mail order sapling, this fabulous late winter bloomer promises to be smothered in clusters of fragrant, yellow-fringed blossoms later this month. Inspired by the sights and sounds of an impending spring,

A brief stroll through the landscape revealed a few subtle hints that spring might be just around the corner. In my meadow, the pearly, silken catkins of the Japanese fantail willow have already emerged on curled, twisted and flattened stems. The contorted branches of this large shrub are a floral designer's delight. Clusters of soft, fuzzy pussy willows form unique patterns on the fasciated stems and typically appear several weeks before their wild cousins that grow alongside my brook. Dozens of cuttings will be taken in the coming weeks to add a touch of springtime to indoor spaces and to propagate this unusual, vigorous, multi-stemmed tree which readily roots in water. A drastic pruning of larger branches will follow to thin out and reduce the height and breadth of this fast-growing shrub.

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For months, our seesaw weather pattern has subjected our plants to one extreme after another, a roller coaster ride that is eventually destined to take its toll. Close observation and monitoring of all trees, shrubs and perennials should be exercised during the upcoming spring and summer seasons. Plants weakened by stress tend to be more susceptible to insect infestations and diseases or may suddenly succumb inexplicably as the result of factors suffered months or even years before. Every effort should be made to water, mulch and nourish our treasured plants in future months to minimize losses.

Feeling good about yourself and your body

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the mirror, comparing yourself unfavorably to other women, pursuing exercise as punishment for eating too much and as a reason to go out and binge eat, not fitting into a size 6, or just feeling "fat". BBF is an incredible energy drain and if not addressed can lead to a full-blown eating disorder.

There is help and hope. If you or someone you know has an eating disorder, please consider Eating Disorder Awareness Week as an opportunity for helping either yourself or someone you care about to start feeling good about their body and if serious eating disorder problems exists, get connected with professionals who can help. One such organization, the Massachusetts Eating Disorder Association (MEDA), is a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of eating disorders "http://www.medainc.org"

In the meantime, the following 10 tips may help you to banish bad body fever this week and hopefully the weeks to come:

•Celebrate your spirit and marvel in your body, it has amazing capabilities.

•Turn the station on the negative noise in your head, say something nice about yourself instead. You'll be amazed how your negative thoughts won't be so welcomed anymore.

•Learn to accept your size-Legalize your thighs.

•Fuel yourself with food; nourish yourself for the health of it.

•Exercise for pleasure and health, not punishment.

•Connect with friends or loved ones when feeling isolated or blue.

•Give yourself permission to feel free from body hatred-it's fun.

•Take a break from fitness and fashion magazines

•Treat yourself to something you love to do-don't be afraid.

•Get along with your body, it's the only one you've got.

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For the love of the game

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films is even more satisfying, he says.

"When the film on Ray Bourque was shown at Symphony Hall, I was there to see everyone's reactions when the film ended," London recalled. "I experienced the ovation it received and the amazing response everyone had. It was more than I could have ever expected."

Now employed by Cramer, a large marketing company in Norwood, London continues to produce documentaries. Currently working on a 50-year history of the annual Beanpot college hockey tournament with Cramer, London returns to his real passion — hockey.

"I fell in love with hockey when I worked at Channel 38," he said. "I experienced the sport every day in every way possible."

Today London still lives the sport, but in a new way. He is in his forth year as coach for his son's youth hockey team in Hingham, and his second year as a member of the Board of Directors for Hingham Youth Hockey. His job at Cramer allows London to produce the films that he loves, while spending more time with his wife Kim, and his two children, Alex and Emily.

Now when he goes to professional sports games, he brings his family along. London says the excitement of sports isn't all about winning.

"We need to spend more time celebrating these jewels that we have here in New England," he said. "And less time agonizing over scores," he said. "There is a story within every game to be told, and that is what makes this area so great. People love to hear these stories."

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THE COMPANY THEATRE IN NORWELL invites you to experience the divinely decadent Kit Kat Club in 1930's Berlin with its spring musical extravaganza, **CABERET.** The show opens March 15 and continues through April 7. Tickets are priced $20-$25 and are on sale now at The Company Theatre Box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787 or www.companytheatre.com

MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA STRIDES THROUGH PLYMOUTH ON APRIL 28 More than 200 Plymouth area residents will walk through the town on April 28 as part of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The walk begins and ends Plymouth North High School and kicks off at 10 a.m. Following the walk, participants will enjoy entertainment and refreshments. For more information call 1-800-BIG-WALK or www.marchofdimes.com

DOO-WOPP HALL OF FAME OF AMERICA The Second Annual Doo-Wopp Hall of Fame of America" concert and induction, honoring The Five Keys, The Moonglows, The Harptones, the Shirelles, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, the G-Clefs, Arnie "Woo-Woo" Ginsberg, and Skippy White at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, March 29, 8 p.m. tickets $59, $51.50, $41.50 (special VIP reception $159) Box office 617-266-1200, or Ticketmaster outlets 617-931-2000. VIP reception reservations only call 978-256-6472.

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE in Braintree will present the production of a musical fable **"Once Upon a Mattress"** directed by Martha Sawyer. Production dates are March 14, 15, 16, Sunday, the 17, and 20, 21, 22, and Sunday, the 23. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sundays at 7 p.m. Call and reserve tickets 781-356-5113, leave message. Tickets are $14 the CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

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The gallery at the Conservatory's Watercolor Gallery features the work of Rockland artist Patricia Isaac on display March 1 through the end of April. The gallery is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Admission to the gallery is free. For more information call (781) 749-7565, ext. 16

Thurs. 28

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum - Featured among the more than 70 original costumes and accessories worn by **Jacqueline Kennedy** are the two outfits she wore to the Christmas receptions for White House staff. The White House years – Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum now being presented through Feb. 28. Tickets are $15 for adults $13 for seniors and students, and $8 for children ages 13-17, and include admission to the Museum's permanent exhibition on President John F. Kennedy. For information call 617-695-2JFK. Reservations recommended for weekends.

James Library and Center For The Arts Preschool age children are invited to attend story time at the James Library and Center for the Arts where Teddy Bears are the focus on Feb. 28, at 10 a.m. For information call 781-659-7100.

Art in the Rotunda at Rockland Memorial Library 20 Belmont Street, Rockland, will feature artist Robert Dunn's black and white photographs now through March 1.

BLAST! Winner of the 2001 Tony Award for "Best Special Theatrical Event," and a 2001 Emmy Award for "Best Choreography," returns to The Wang Theatre Feb. 26, through March 3. Tickets may be purchased at the Wang Theatre box office 270 Tremont Street, Boston or and through Tele-charge at 1-800-447-7400.

The Kingston Public Library and Gary Langenbach of Langenbach Antiques will be sponsoring an Antiques Appraisal Night on Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. in the library's meeting room. Everyone is encouraged to bring along those items that they have always wondered about. For more information call 781-585-0517.

Glastonbury Abbey announces the fourth speaker in The Glasonbury Series 2001-2002 Listening to Other Voices: Spirituality in Everyday Life. Victor H. Kazanjian Jr. , Spirituality and Learning: Embracing Imperfection and Befriending time on Feb. 28, at 7:15 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey, Conference Center. Free of charge, donations welcome. For information call 781-749-2155 ext. 243 or www.glastonburyabbey.org

The Communications Arts Department of Eastern Nazarene College presents **"The Importance of Being Earnest,"** running Feb. 28 through March 2, 7 p.m. at the Cove Fines Arts Center in Quincy. Tickets are $8 and can be ordered by calling the box office at 617-745-3715 or by sending a check to Eastern Nazarene College, Department of Communication Arts, 23 East Elm Ave., Quincy, MA 02170. For more information, call the box office or visit the theatre web site at www.enc.edu/theatre

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Broadway In Boston presents **"The Graduate"** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

Fri. 1

The South Shore Folk Music Club will feature **Pendragon** March 1, at 8 p.m. in the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston across from First Parish Unitarian Church. $10 members/$12 non-members. For information call 781-871-1052.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Lillian Koe** will exhibit her paintings for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Board Street, Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

"Understanding Your Dreams" learn from your dreams during a special YWCA workshop. Hosted by local talk show host and lecturer Ilana Marks, "Understanding Your Dreams" teaches you to use your dreams to connect to a higher self; to access your soul's wisdom; to understand the symbols in your dreams; to know the different types of dreams and what they mean; to learn to journal your dreams; and to used your dreams of personal transformation and vision. $35 members/$45 non-members. The workshop runs for three weeks on Friday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

South Shore Science Center will present the painting of Scituate native **Suzanne Archibald** in her exhibit, Recent Work, March 1 to 30 in Vine Hall Gallery. The public is invited to the opening reception March 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. The South Shore Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, less than one mile from the Route 3 interchange. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. free of charge. For more information call 781-659-2559.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents the American Classic **"Our Town"** on the Cohasset Town Hall Stage, March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16, at 8 p.m. March 3, and 9, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door and by phone at 781-585-9158.

Bridgewater Sate Colle Children's Theatre presents "**the Shadow of Menlo Park** Performances on March 1, at 9: a.m. and 7:30 p.m., March 2, at 2: p.m., March 3, at 2:30 p.m. March at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Mar 5, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. a March 6, at 9:30 a.m. Ticket pric are $5 for all seats and $3 per pers for groups of 10 or more. For inf mation call the Bridgewater Sta College Box Office at 508-53 1321. All performances are open the public and are performed in t Rondileau Auditorium Bridgewater State College.

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The Broadway Exchange in "The Lullaby of Broadway," a sassy, sizzling, sentimental trip to Broadway comes to the John Carver Inn, 25 Summer Street, Plymouth, Saturday, March 2. Tickets for dinner and the show are $39. Call for reservations 508-746-7100.

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Benefit Dance to benefit the **Make A Wish Foundation of Greater Boston** March 2, at 7 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, Route 123, Rockland. Sponsored by **the Silver Lake Auto Club and WATD 95.9 "Yesterdays Memories.** Door prizes, raffles, live broadcast and live performances. $12 per person.

Essential Peacemaking/Women & Men, A gender communication workshop, co-led by Ian Murray and Betty Greene, on March 2, from, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee $75 at Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center, 5 Pond St., Norwell.

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Hingham Symphony Orchestra and Opera by the Bay present Recital on March 2, at 8 p.m. HSO is pleased to collaborate with South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay, for an evening of arias and ensembles. Tickets are available at Nobel, Hingham Square, the Hingham Public Library, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, or by calling 781-740-5694. Adults $15.$10 youths.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents the **2002 Snow Row Open-Water Rowing Race** on March 2. The race will start at noon (coxswain's meeting 11:30 a.m.) at the Hull Lifesaving Museum's Windmill Point Boathouse, 85 Main St,. Hull. $15 per rower, spectators free. For more information call 781-925-5433 or hullmuse@channell.com

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra and Opera by the Bay present Mozart and More. The HSO sponsors an evening of chamber music, as an alternative to its regular full-orchestra programming. On March 2, at 8 p.m. HSO will collaborate with South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay, for an evening of arias and ensembles. Tickets are available at the door, in advance at Noble's Hingham Square, the Hingham Public Library, Cards & Shards, Cohasset. For more information call 781-740-5694 or www.hingham-symphony.org

Sun. 3

American born guitarist **Scott Sanchez** performs in the Atrium of the **Thomas Crane Public Library**, Quincy Square on March 3, at 2 p.m.

The Art Complex in Duxbury will present a combination of chamber music, piano and song will be offered by **Ensemble Rossignol** featuring **Sahar Hassan** and **Margo McGowan** in concert, March 3, at 4 p.m. Admission is free and open to all.

The Cantabile Quartet will be presenting a concert of chamber music on March 3, at 3 p.m. at Whitfield House in Plymouth. Admission is $10 at the door. Doors open on half hour before concert time. Seating is limited. The Cantabile Quartet have been performing together for 12 years in the greater Boston area. The quartet members are pianist Christopher Brown, violinist Pattison Story, violist Brian Whitfield and cellist Toni Rapier. For information call 508-746-5289.

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Mon. 4

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum presents a Special Forum Series Responding to Terrorism. On March 4, 5:30 to 7 p.m. **Overcoming Hatred: Brokering Peace in War Torn Lands.** Former Senator George Mitchell will discuss his experience as a negotiator in Northern Ireland and the Middle East, mediating among centuries-old antagonist. John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Free to the public. For reservations or more information call 617-929-4571.

Tues. 5

Free Legal Clinic sponsored by the **Bar Association of Norfolk County.** March 5, at Quincy District Court, 1 Dennis Ryan Parkway, Quincy. First come first served/walk-in basis. All consultations are confidential and free of charge. For more information call 617-471-9693.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum presents Kennedy Library Forums. March 5, **"Theodore Roosevelt - The White House Years".** Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Edmund Morris** discusses his new book, "Theodore Rex," covering President Theodore Roosevelt's years in the White House. It begins by following the new President as he comes down from Mount Marcy, in Buffalo, N.Y., 100 years ago to take his emergency oath of office following the assignation of President McKinley. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Free to the public. For reservations or more information call 617-929-4571.

Irish musician and folklorist **Tom O'Carroll** will trace the history of the Irish people from the Stone Age to the present in "From Tribe to Nation: A Musical Journey through the history of Ireland" at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, on March 5 at 7:30 p.m. throughout his presentation Tom performs various songs and tunes that bring to life the story of the Irish. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-848-0405.

Wed. 6

Water Watch Lecture Series 2002 presents Suburban Wildlife: Rare Aquatic Plants in the North and South Rivers. March 6, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Science Center. Join Don Padgett, an aquatic plant specialist at Bridgewater State University, as he introduces us to some of the rate plants found in our rivers. During this fascinating slide presentation such questions will be addressed as: Why are the plants rare? Which ones are exotic species? What does it mean to be an exotic species? After this lecture, you will never look at the plants in our rivers the same way.

The Art Complex Museum will feature artist **A.E. Ryan,** the second artist in the **On Their Own** series at the Art Complex Museum. March 6, through March 30. An opening reception is scheduled for March 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Also on exhibition at the museum is **Rotations: Time for Tea** and the **Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show.**

The Summer Program for Gifted Students will offer a three-week academic, social and recreational summer experience for gifted students, hosts "Parents Connections" at The College Club from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on March 6. "Parent Connections" offer parents of gifted students in grades four through 11 the opportunity to learn more about SIG's unique programs. Representatives will discuss the academic challenges, social growth and traditional recreational activities that SIG presents its participants, while past students and parents share their own experiences. for more information call 973-334-6991.

Thurs. 7

Cambridge Society for Early Music, "Chamber Music by Candlelight" series. Presents the Boston-based ensemble **Tapestry**. Five performances March 7, 8, 9, at 8 p.m. Sunday March 10, at 4 p.m. March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fogg Art museum, 32 Quincy Street in Cambridge. Tickets $20/$15 students and seniors at the door.

The Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of a musical fable **"Once Upon a Mattress"** directed by Martha Sawyer. Productions dates are March 7, 8, 9, and Sunday March 10, and 13, 14, 15, and 16. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sunday at 7 p.m. Call and reserve tickets at 781-356-5113.

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The Beth Jacob Community will be celebrating its annual **Passover Seder** on the second night of Passover, March 28. All are welcome to join in the festivities. This family oriented celebration includes a traditional meal and extensive community participation. Reservation deadline is March 7. Attendance is limited to the first 175 reservations received. For information call Gary t 508-295-0644 or Vicki at 781-585-3424.

Art/Advisory/Boston announces upcoming exhibitions of two local artists, **Carlyn Marcus Ekstrom** and **Ella Delyanis.** The exhibitions will be held March 7 through April 25 on Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and by appointment. The opening reception will be held on March 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For information call 617-698-9700 or www.artadvisoryboston.com

Fri. 8

The Sensuous Senator at Quincy Dinner Theater The Sensuous Senator, a comedy by Michael Parker at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. March 8, 9, 10, 167, 22, 23, 24. Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show. Sunday March 10, 5 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. show, Sunday March 24, 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 show, dinner and show, $37.50; show only $17.50. Wheelchair accessible. For reservations, call 781-843-5862.

11th Annual Walk for Hospice is set for March 8. The care provided by Hospice of South Shore is not always reimbursed by insurance. Since hospice care is so important to patients and families, Hospice of the South Shore provides it regardless of a person's ability to pay. The generosity of participants at the Annual Walk for Hospice helps assure that Hospice of the South Shore's unique services are available to anyone who needs them. To be a part of the 11th Annual Walk for Hospice, or to volunteer, call Katelin Martin at South Shore Health and Education Foundation at 781-340-8573 for information.

The Attention Deficit Information Network will feature **Roseanne Crowley, M.Ed.,** Special Needs Director for the Plymouth Schools. Ms Crowley will present Classroom Strategies That Can Work at Home Too: Help for our ADD/ADHD Children with Learning Disabilities. The meeting will be held at the Plymouth community Intermediate School (PCIS) on Long Pond Road in Plymouth beginning at 7:15 p.m. To defray expenses a $3 donation at the door is suggested; an annual family membership is available for $15. Refreshments will be sold to benefit the scholarship fund. For information call 508-747-0039.

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The South Shore Art Center presents "A Green & Pleasant Land: British Artists John and Fiona Owen" from March 1 through April 14. An opening reception will be held Friday, March 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. On Sunday, March 3 a Gallery Talk followed by a tea tasting will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. The tea will be hosted by Two Lady's & Company and the Windsor Tea Shop with Celtic Harp music played by Andrea McCarthy. Suggested donation for the tea event is $10. For more information call (781) 383-2787. The art center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset.

The Golden Rooster presents Showstoppers Dinner Theatre a celebration of that mythical creature, the one unifying force for all humanity, the one with the apron strings that tie us all together…MOM. "Been There…Done that…Can I Get Directions?" combines the talents of three Boston's area musical theater comediennes who come together in a lighthearted and poignant look at motherhood. Leigh Barrett, Sarah deLima and Cheryl McMahon. Five shows March 8, at noon and 7 p.m. March 9, 7 p.m. March 10, Sunday brunch at 12:30 and a traditional Sunday dinner at 5 p.m. The show will be presented at The Golden Rooster, 76 Border Street, Scituate. For information or questions call Douglas Trudeau after 5 p.m. at 781-545-3543 or leave a message during the day.

The Fuller Art Museum presents an exhibition Project of a Boundary: Recent art from Chile will present a sneak-peak at the exhibition. The five female artists (Monical Bengoa, Paz Carvajal, Claudia Missana, Alejandra Munizaga, and Ximena Zomosa) from Chile explore issues of transition and generational reinvention in modern day Chile through a series of site specific projects. For more information call 508-588-6000 x100 or www.fullermuseum.org

The Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College presents folk artists **Cheryl Wheeler and Lucy Kaplansky** in concert March 8, at 8 p.m. on the Brockton campus. Tickets are $18 general public; $16, with a Massasoit ID, students and senior citizens. All seats reserved. To order tickets, call 508-427-1234

The Knights of Columbus on Hancock Street in Abington will be hosting a **Las Vegas Night** on March 8, from 7 p.m. to midnight. All games will be available.

Maria's Bachelorette Party, the original interactive dinner theatre show, a spoof on an **"Italian Bridal Shower"** has been extended March 8, and April 19, at **The Tremont Playhouse**, 275 Tremont Street, Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40.95, includes dinner and show. Call 1-800-944-5639 for tickets.

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DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION will be conducting a series of classes and workshops beginning in March. A full spectrum of art classes for all ages and levels of ability is offered in drawing painting, clay, crafts, and mixed media. **Parents and Children - Art Projects** for children ages 2 to 5 make adjustment to the arrival of a new baby in the family. This is a three-session workshop held on Saturday mornings beginning March 2. **Painting on Silk for Kids** students ages 8 and older. The class is Thursday, March 28, at 2 p.m. **Drawing and Painting for beginners**. The four-week class will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3:30 p.m. beginning March 5. **Multi-Media Portrait Workshop**. This three-day portrait and figure drawing workshop begins April 2, 3, and 4. Learn techniques for capturing likeness, forms, shapes, values, composition and color from beginning to finish. Models and critiques at each session. **Digital Photo Workshop,** Learn to operate your digital camera as well as to process, print and save your pictures. The three-session workshop meets Monday evenings beginning March 4. Bring your camera and owner's manual if you have one. **Flower Painting Workshop** Students will learn how to approach the floral as a color mass, working from abstraction to realism. Discussion will include designing on paper, light sources, paint application and elements of design. Beginning and intermediate students with some drawing and painting knowledge are invited to attend the workshop. For more information call the Duxbury Art Association at 781-934-2731 x 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY will hold Adult, Child and Infant CPR and First Aid (two sessions) March 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. $75. For more information call 617-770-2600.

DOG TRAINING AT THE HINGHAM RECREATION CENTER, 210 Central St. in Hingham. Sponsored by the New England Humane Association. A new session will start on March 12. Rally Obedience begins at 6 p.m. Class cost is $100 for a five-week session. Level 2/3 Agility Combo Class begins at 7 p.m. Class cost is $100 for a five-week session. Saturday morning classes are also available starting March 2. Call 781-878-4343 for more information or to register.

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profit, organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers": those who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women to choose if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. Come join us.

The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Rte 228, Hingham. Future topics will be: March 11, a cooking demonstration with guest cook/owner of Two Lady's Catering, Norwell. March 25, Gardening tips from horticulturist, Paula Murphy.

Yoga with Kezia Bacon Bernstein on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at The Workout Club, Webster Square in Marshfield Center. Call 781-834-1150 for more information. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at The Sanctuary at Alexandra's European Day Spa in Duxbury. Call 781-837-7093 for additional information.

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union Street, Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. the club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

The Fuller Art Museum will feature photographs by **Max Belcher** from Liberia and the Dominican Republic now until March 31. The museum is open Tuesday - Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admissions $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, and free for children under age 18. For more information call 508-588-6000 or www.fullermuseum.org

The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery, Bridgewater will feature recent work **Brenda Correia,** now through March 8. For information call 508-531-1359.

The Duxbury Art Association presents Monotype Guild of New England's Fifth Annual Juried Exhibition opens in the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. Scituate artist, Ester Mashio will demonstrate printing making techniques at 2 p.m. The exhibitions opens Feb. 10, and continues through April 19. The exhibition, reception and demonstration are open to the public at no charge. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 781-934-2731.

Weymouth Art Association will display work by its members at several locations around Weymouth for the month of March.

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center will host a show of arts and oil paintings by local artist **Sally Dean** during the month of February. The show "Something for Everyone" will be on view from Feb. 1 through 28. There will be an opening reception open to the public on Friday, Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for further information.

Snow Tubing at Blue Hills Ski Area will have yet another new adventure for winter enthusiasts this coming season. With a new infinite snowboarding park already set, the management of Blue Hills Ski Area announce plans for a new **snow tubing park.** Snow tubing is a no-skills way to get out on the slopes. Specially groomed walls and a stopping area will keep tubers safely inside the slick chute and insure a nice easy end to a wild and fun ride. Tubers will also be able to enjoy the ride back up the hill as they're whisked away by handle tow, while seated comfortably on their tube. Two hours of sliding and careening will cost $14.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery in Hingham features **"Havens,"** a photographic exhibition by Scituate artist **Tim Ryan,** now through the end of February. Admission is free. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16

Boston Harbor Hotel announced it will host the **13th Annual Boston Wine Festival.** The series which will kickoff Jan. 11, and continue through April 5, will include a number of events such as educational seminars, charity affairs, the battle of the cabernets, and wine and food pairing dinners that have become the signature of the festival. Chef Daniel Bruce will produce menus to be paired with some very special and rare wines. Come hear the wine makers tell their tales and showcase their talents. More than 50 events are scheduled, including: seminars, vertical tastings, dinner dances and celebrity guests. There will be 50 wines showcased throughout this year's festival. For more information call 617-439-7000.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury, will present recent works, watercolors and collages by Lexington artist, **Gracia Dayton** from Jan. 4 though Feb. 28. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-934-2721.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

Tours to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call 617-479-8500 ext. 135-1.

Special Olympics Offers Free Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

Lend a hand

BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION is seeking volunteers Offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office and weekly ones at the Boston office. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH PROGRAM Adult volunteers are currently needed for a couple of hours each month to serve as club leaders for local 4-H clubs. The role of a 4-H volunteer leader is to provide skills from your own area of expertise while developing a meaningful relationship with youth. For more information call 781-293-3541.

FULLER MUSEUM SEEKS VOLUNTEER DOCENTS The Fuller Museum of Art Education Department is searching for volunteers to serve as docents (gallery educators). Docents are responsible for educating adult and student tour groups on exhibitions as well as presenting outreach programs at community sites. volunteers should be willing to commit to the docent program for at least three years, including one year of training. Volunteers should also be available for tours during the week between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. New Docent Training will take place March - May 2002 at the Fuller Museum of Art. For more information call 508-588-6000 x 113 or visit www.fullermuseum.org

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Talent Search

BAY PLAYERS will hold open auditions for the production of Neil Simon's **"Jake's Women"** directed by Bob Gillet on March 5 and 6, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Kingston Intermediate School in Kingston. Callbacks, if necessary will be March 7. Production to be performed at the Ellison Center in Duxbury June 14, 15, 21, and 22. Available parts one man, six women, and one teenage girl. For information call 1-800-290-6825 or wwwbayplayers.org

THE COHASSET DRAMA CLUB will hold auditions for their spring musical **"Oliver"** on March 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and March 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. Be prepared to sing 16 bars of an upbeat show tune, preferably "Consider Yourself" from Oliver. You will be required to do an English accent. Wear comfortable clothes for dancing. Children ages 6 and up. Young adults and adults. Show dates are the end of April and the beginning of May. Any questions call Jean DiGiacomandrea at 617-750-8987.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S SUMMER VOCAL INSTITUTE for singers ages 13 to 18 will hold auditions March 23, April 12, May 11, and May 25, for its program which runs from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9 at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. All auditions will take place at the Ellison Center. Call 781-934-2731 ext. 10 for audition times.

HULL PERFORMING ARTS will hold open auditions for musical **"Pump Boys and Dinettes"** by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel and Jim Wann on March 3, and March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave., Hull. Bring a song to sing. "Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be cast with three men and three women. Call 781-925-2406 for directions and information.

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Little Harbor sewer floated

Informational forums planned

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Another expensive project could be in the pipeline and the Sewer Commission wants to hear what residents have to say.

The Sewer Commission will conduct two public forums at 7 p.m., March 7 and another at 10a.m, March 9 at Town Hall to solicit the public's opinion about the Little Harbor Sewer Expansion project.

Residents will be informed about the current state of the project and also have a chance to discuss whether it should be funded entirely by users, completely by the town or a 50/50 split between the two.

While the Sewer Commission's Town Meeting article is only asking for $750,000 for engineering design and development costs, the total cost for the project is expected to be close to $10 million.

The project involves increas-

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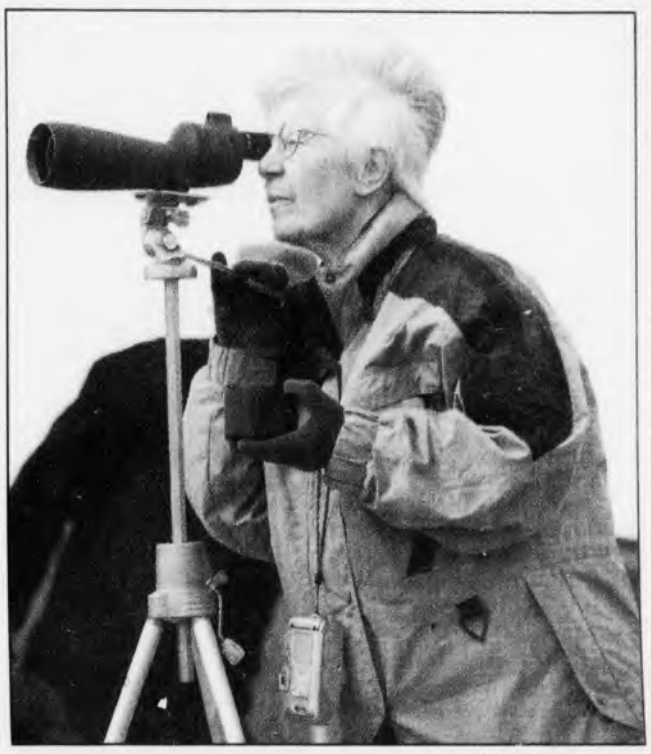
Rowers flock to annual race



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Top left, a frantic moment as boats pile up at the start of the Snow Row in Hull on Saturday. Above, Carolyn Sones checks the progress of the "Snow Rowers" through her telescope. At left, Cohasset's Jack Buckley with his sons, Mitchell and Ben, are huddled together for warmth during the annual open-water rowing race. This year two crews from Cornwall in the U.K. joined the several hundred youth and adult rowers from all over New England. The event is sponsored by the Hull Lifesaving Museum.

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Sally Meehan chats with John Licchi during a visit by sixth-graders at the Montessori Community School to Sunrise Assisted Living in Cohasset.

Montessori kids bridge the generation gap at Sunrise

Monthly visits enjoyed by all

By Evan Schiff
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Sometimes they help out with an arts and crafts project, other times they paint fingernails but often, they just listen.

The Montessori Community School in Scituate has been sending sixth-grade students to Sunrise Assisted Living in Cohasset for the past few years as part of the school's community service program. The students come armed with baked goods, energy and plenty of stories.

Last week about 10 students had a chance to reconnect with residents they met last month. Some residents, who have developed relationships with the students, took them into their rooms to showcase their various quilting and artistic talents.

"I enjoy getting their perspective on how they look at life," said sixth-grader Robbie Caming of Marshfield. "It's a real eye-opening experience, I can't wait to come back."

Theresa Olivera, program coordinator at Sunrise, said some of the residents don't have families or friends near by so they cherish the time spent with the kids.

"I've always loved children," said Ann Kabisaitis, a resident of Sunrise. "I look forward to them coming every month and really enjoy their company."

But it's not only the residents who enjoy the company. Many of the students look forward to learning about what life was like when the seniors were their age.

"The kids are learning to give a

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Museums, ball fields, Beach Street all get piece of the pie

Town Meeting to vote on CPC recommendations

By Evan Schiff
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The newly formed Community Preservation Committee wasted no time in exerting its influence.

At its meeting earlier this week the CPC voted to recommend three proposals to Town Meeting on March 30.

With the money earned from a 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge and state matching funds, the CPC will recommend spending $165,000 for improvements to the historical society's museums; $100,000 for the construction of two new ball fields at the gravel pits; and $60,000 for 15 years toward the purchase of three lots off Beach Street.

Residents will have a chance to vote on the proposals at Town Meeting and the CPC hopes the townspeople will be able to vote on them separately. At the selectmen's meeting Tuesday, Town Manager Mark Haddad said he will be able to separate the articles.

"We want people to have as much input on each of these proposals as possible," said CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey.

He said the articles need to be divided at Town Meeting because two of them, the ball fields and historical society's proposals need a majority vote since they concern an appropriation of cash, and one of them, the Beach Street proposal, needs a two-thirds vote because it involves borrowing.

"A substantial amount of funds need to be raised. Anything the CPC can give us would be greatly appreciated."

— Mark DeGiacomo, proponent of Beach Street proposal

While the committee also entertained several new proposals including an indoor swimming pool, a playground and an improved parking lot on Elm Street behind the police-fire station — it decided it would need more time to mull over those ideas.

Consuming much of the discussion at the five-hour meeting Monday was the proposal for money to contribute toward the purchase of three lots off Beach Street. The lots, which are adjacent to the 25-acre Great Brewster Woods in an area known as Great Neck, would add to the town's open space rolls.

Mark DeGiacomo, proponent of the issue, laid out his concerns before the board. Beach Street neighbors, and those concerned with the preservation of open space, are worried about imminent development of the three lots (the developer of one of the lots recently received a variance with conditions from the Conservation Commission). Although proponents once considered asking the town take the land by eminent domain, they decided that was impractical and instead, wish to negotiate the private sale of the lots.

Proponents estimate they will need anywhere from $1.2 million (their appraisal) to $3.5 million (the owners' estimated price) to buy the lots.

"A substantial amount of funds need to be raised," DeGiacomo said. "Anything the CPC can give us would be greatly appreciated."

The board ultimately decided to

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Haddad decides to stay in town

Gets $12,000 raise

By Evan Schiff
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Despite the lure of a bigger town, larger budget and higher pay —Town Manager Mark Haddad dropped out of the running for the Dedham town administrator job last week.

Haddad, whom some considered to be the leading contender for the position, called Dedham selectmen last Thursday to take his name off the list of three finalists that also includes Norwell Town Administrator James Boudreau and Seekonk Town Administrator William Keegan Jr.

"With all the projects in the town right now I just felt I couldn't get up and leave in the middle of them," Haddad said.

Over the past two weeks, Cohasset selectmen approached Haddad individually asking him to stay. Selectmen said they would offer Haddad more money if he stayed on board.

"It was understood that if he stayed we'd renegotiate his contract," said Selectman Michael Sullivan.

Haddad, who is currently paid an annual salary of $90,000, said even with a raise there is no way the town could pay him as much as Dedham was offering. The town administrator position in Dedham would pay up to $110,000.

"Money wasn't the issue,"

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State mortgage program underway

By Alice Coyle and Mary Ford
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Teachers, firefighters, police officers or public works employees often cannot afford to live in the towns where they work.

But a new mortgage program through the MassHousing Finance corporation could change that for municipal workers. The Municipal Mortgage Program works with local banks to offer full-time, salaried municipal employees an opportunity to buy a home in the town where they work with no down payment and lower interest rates and closing costs.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said the program was set up following Sept. 11 when the value of having police officers and firefighters nearby became apparent That thinking evolved into the Municipal Mortgage Program at MassHousing that includes all municipal employees.

"I think it's a terrific program," said state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham. "It's important that municipal workers have the opportunity to live in the towns where they work because that can make for a better work environment.

"But in some cases, such as in Hingham and Cohasset, that hasn't been practicable (due to the cost)," he said.

In Hingham, 639 of the town's 1,314 employees live in town and in Cohasset, 240 of the town's 544 employees live in town.

Although, most municipal employees may have trouble qualifying for a mortgage for the median-priced home in Hingham ($425,500) and in Cohasset ($630,000), the no-down payment feature of the program might bring some houses within reach.

For Hingham and Cohasset that maximum household income is $100,170.

"The down payment is the hardest part," Bradley said. "Especially for people who might be saving for college for the kids." He explained that some of those families might be able to swing a $220,000 mortgage but could not come up with the 5 percent down.

There are eligibility requirements for the program including income criteria that states the municipal employee's household income cannot exceed 135 percent of the HUD median household income for the community in which they are trying to buy a home. For Hingham and Cohasset that maximum household income is $100,170.

Participating banks — there are more than 50 across the state committed to lending $230 million in mortgages under the program — can set their own rates and fees. The initial interest rate and payment on the mortgage must be fixed for five years and must be offered with the no-point price option. Through the program, homebuyers can purchase single-family homes and condominiums with no down payment and with 97 percent financing available for 2-3 or 4-family homes.

Because no down payment is required, good credit is necessary. Those with past credit problems should contact a participating bank and go through a pre-qualification process.

Local banks committing funds to the program will have the loans insured through the MassHousing mortgage insurance fund, established by the legislature, reducing risk to the financial institutions. Participating banks for Hingham and Cohasset include, Scituate Federal Savings, South Shore Savings Bank, Salem Five Cents Saving Bank, Eastern Bank and the First Trade Union Savings Bank. For Cohasset, Middlesex Savings Bank is also participating.

The program is good for first-time homebuyers and municipal workers who want to relocate to the town in which they work in. For example, a Hingham firefighter living in Randolph could use the program to buy a house in Hingham.

For more information about the Municipal Mortgage Program call 1-877-309-HOME (4663) or go to www.masshousing.com

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This week in COHASSET

Meeting schedule

The following upcoming meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, March 3.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, March 14, 7:30 p.m.

Historical Commission, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, March 13, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Housing, March 13, 9 a.m.

Planning Board, March 20, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, March 7, 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset High School

Sewer Commission, March 7, 7 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Paramedics added

Town Manager Mark Haddad introduced two new paramedics at selectmen's meeting Tuesday. Leigh Landry and Peter Starvaggi will be starting the fire academy on April 8 and hope to graduate by September.

"I think the town is very lucky to bring two more paramedics on board," Haddad said.

There are now seven paramedics in the Cohasset fire department.

Hagerty house

Selectmen invited the Hagerty Property Committee to come in on its March 19 meeting to discuss plans for the dilapidated building. Jack Buckley, head for the Cohasset Maritime Institute, an organization interested in occupying the building, is expected to make a formal presentation at the meeting.

Phone stays

Town Manager Mark Haddad informed selectmen that Verizon has agreed to leave the public payphone at the ball fields on N. Main Street. Previously, Verizon threatened to remove the phone because it wasn't generating enough revenue.

Haddad said the phone is there as a safety precaution and that's why Verizon agreed not to remove it.

Costume collection stored at school

The Cohasset Historical Society is requesting space in two basement rooms of the old Osgood School building to store its costume collection and other artifacts. The building is being renovated into a new town library and it appears work in the basement would be done in conjunction with that project.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said that he is currently reviewing the request.

Runway meeting

Come hear the facts on the impact of Logan Airport's expansion and its effects on the quality of life in Cohasset on March 19, 7 p.m. at Cohasset Travel, Shaw's Plaza, South Shore jet pollution council.

Swearing in

Sgt. Robert Jackson will be sworn in as Police Chief on Friday, March 8 at noon in the selectmen's meeting room. Residents are encouraged to attend.

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Town to shoulder state local aid cut

By Mary Ford
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Throughout the 1990s the state budget grew and so did local aid to cities and towns. It seemed like the bubble would never bust.

"It took 200 years for the state budget to reach $10 billion," says state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who represents Cohasset. "And just 10 years for it to reach $20 billion."

In 1992, the state budget was about $14 billion and this year's budget is upwards of $23 billion.

But now that state revenues have dropped drastically thanks to the recession, the good times are over for the time being.

Cuts are coming, along with potential tax increases, so the state can balance its $23 billion budget. The cuts will also affect local aid, which is state revenue sharing that comes in a variety of forms to cities and towns from school money to highway funds. The Legislature is constitutionally bound to balance the budget.

Legislators are warning officials in the towns they represent to expect a 10 percent cut in local aid for fiscal year 2003, which starts June 30.

The good news is both the state and Cohasset have socked away money in their particular "rainy day" or stabilization funds, money that should help take the sting out of the loss in revenue over the short term.

That wasn't the case with Beacon Hill in the last recession a decade ago — the one during which Hedlund, now in his fifth term, earned his stripes.

"At that time the state unemployment insurance fund was broke, it now has $1.8 billion and there was no rainy day fund, which no now has $1.2 billion," he said.

Legislators are warning officials in the towns they represent to expect a 10 percent cut in local aid for fiscal year 2003, which starts June 30.

For Cohasset, that means about $170,000 less money than was anticipated. While at times, it seems as though Cohasset pays for its affluence because it doesn't get the level of aid that other towns do, it is also less dependant on state aid. Weymouth, for example, although much larger in size, is bracing for a local aid cut of more than $1 million.

"I'm not happy about it," says Town Manager Mark Haddad about the cut. "It means we'll have to use money from the stabilization fund to make up the difference." That money was set aside to offset the "bubble years" of the school building projects when interest rates are higher before state reimbursement kicks in. Haddad explained that level-funding state aid is more palatable because the amount of aid becomes part of the budget base each year, making a cut painful, he said.

But unlike the dire headlines touting problems in other towns, Cohasset recently received an upgrade in its bond rating and appears to be able to weather the recession without cutbacks, if the recession is short lived as expected.

Town officials won't have to ask for an operating budget override of Proposition 2-1/2 to balance the books for fiscal year 2003 to make up for the local aid cutback. (Prop. 2-1/2 is a state law that limits the amount a community can raise the tax levy over the prior year without voters' approval at the ballot box).

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, says at the end of this fiscal year, it's expected the state will have to make up close to $1 billion.

"We're going to have a $2 billion problem next year," Bradley said, adding that an expected increase of upwards of $900,000 in Medicaid spending is "locked into the budget." Medicaid accounts for more than 23 percent of the state budget, local aid accounts for about 22 percent.

One in six are on Medicaid assistance in the state, which has some of the most generous standards in the nation, according to Hedlund.

Bradley says the fiscal year 2003 deficit will be made up through a combination of cuts, use of the state "rainy day fund," and tax increases.

Although he is open to a potential increase in the cigarette tax, Bradley does not support freezing or reversing the tax rollback because it would not solve the problem and would break faith with voters, who backed the referendum rolling state taxes back to 5 percent. He also supports trimming patronage jobs rather than cutting lower level jobs.

State revenues in January were down by some 18 percent from last year. Revenues come from a variety of sources including the sales tax. Capital gains taxes are down about $1 billion this year because of what's going on in the stock market, Bradley explained.

He said if the state revenues increase in the fall over last year, then the Legislature should be able to level fund local aid next year.

No one opts for open Rec seat

Chairman says the board has lost its clout

By Evan Schiff
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The Recreation Commission is searching for a fifth member for its board. Currently, the commission has three members whose terms have expired but only two are seeking re-election, leaving one open seat. But so far, no one has come forward to fill it.

Chairman Richard Barrow says he's not surprised. The Recreation Commission, an elected board, has lost its authority under the Town Manager Act, passed about five years ago, he said.

Recreation Department Director Jack Worley says the five-year commitment is too long.

Barrow, who has been on the board for 20 years, said he doesn't know why anyone would run for the position. He feels the commission has lost a lot of its power because the Town Manager now controls the commission's budget.

"I don't know what the hell our function is," he said. "We've been diluted so much I don't know what we do." Barrow added at the end of his term he will most likely walk away from the board.

Worley said many residents have told him that they don't want to commit to a board for five years.

"I think the term commitment scares a lot of people off," he said. "We're going to look into getting that reduced."

"We've been diluted so much I don't know what we do."
— Richard Barrow, Chairman

While the Recreation Commission developa some programs throughout the year and is involved in creating summer programs for kids, its budget is now handled through the Town Manager and the selectmen.

"The commission is essentially a policy setting board." Worley said. He added he thinks the position would be filled and looks forward to working with whomever volunteers.

Commissioner Lillian Curley said the board's role is to ensure there are programs available to Cohasset youths.

"However, we basically just support Jack (Worley)," she said. "We're there if the town needs us."

Curley added she would like to see someone who has a real love of children to volunteer for the group.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said write-in votes could determine who will fill the seat. If a resident receives the most write-in votes but chooses not to accept the position, the Recreation Commission and the selectmen would then convene jointly to appoint a new member.

The town election is April 6.

New Cohasset zoning map is unveiled

By Evan Schiff
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Most residents may think they know exactly where their house is located in relation to zoning districts, but the Planning Board wants to make sure. With a new zoning map to be voted on at Town Meeting in a month, the board is set to hold a public hearing on the map March 6.

"The last map left a lot to the imagination," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore. "There were a lot of judgement calls that needed to be made, hopefully that will not be the case anymore."

The Planning Board revealed the nearly completed zoning map at its meeting last week. In what promises to be a more "user-friendly" map than the one drawn up in 1995, the map clearly delineates zoning districts, shows street names and house numbers for points of reference, and is color-coded.

"The greatest benefit is that most citizens will be able to read it." Bill Good, a member of the Planning Board said. "This is the best zoning map the town has ever had."

"The greatest benefit is that most citizens will be able to read it."
— Bill Good, Planning Board

According to Town Planner Liz Harrington, the Planning Board hired a geographical information systems contractor to design the map.

"There was another level of detail added which will help when deciding were to build," she said.

Harrington said while nothing on the map has changed in relation to zoning boundaries, the map is more accurate in pinning parcels of lands to their respective zones.

"People should definitely come out and take a look at this," she said. "Once it's voted in by Town Meeting it becomes difficult to change."

The board was required to create a new map because of several zoning changes brought on by Town Meeting over the last year. The map needed to be updated to include the new technology business district, new open space district (formerly the Hagerty property) and the water resource district.

"We were obligated to have a new map," Moore said. "I'm glad we were, it enabled us to really research what we wanted to do."

Moore said the board, and the engineering firm, has spent an extraordinary amount of time developing the map.

"This has not been an easy task," he said.

The new map will on display at Town Hall until the March 30 Town Meeting were residents will have the chance to vote on to approve it.

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America's greatest lifesaver celebrated

March 19, 2002 marks 100 years since the death of the greatest lifesaver in the history of America. Joshua James was born in Hull and lived his entire life there and the Hull Lifesaving Museum will mark the event on Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m. at the museum on 1117 Nantasket Ave. in Hull. Admission is free.

Joshua James lived to be 75 and devoted 60 of those years saving more than 1,000 lives from shipwreck at the mouth of Boston Harbor. Amazingly, no one ever died in a rescue in which he participated. Joshua James and the surfmen from Hull's Massachusetts Humane Society and the U.S. Life Saving Service crews were the best in the world. Their achievements are honored through exhibits and programs at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, as well as James's former Point Allerton U.S. Life-Saving Station.

The lifesaving museum is now launching a year-long series of exhibits, lectures and special programs illuminating James's deeds and their significance in the 21st century. The exhibit kicks off Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m. by laying a wreath , to the sound of bagpipes, on the waters at Stony Beach where James worked. Everyone is welcome.

Prior to the formation of the U.S. Life-Saving Service, which began off the New Jersey coast in the 1870s, lifesaving operations in this country were entirely voluntary. The Massachusetts Humane Society, founded in 1785, was a highly professional, community-based organization. The humane society's first lifeboat was launched in 1807 from Cohasset. As the commonwealth and its commerce grew, so did the Humane Society's scope. By the time of the Civil War, society-funded boats, boathouses and Houses of Refuge dotted the coastline. Countless thousands of lives were saved by volunteer lifesavers, all compelled — as were Joshua James and his crewmates — by a powerful reverence for life, coupled with a dauntless respect for the sea.

For detailed information on the museum and The Joshua James Centennial: 100th Anniversary of the Death of America's Greatest Lifesaver, call Lory Newmyer at 781-925-5433; or visit their Web site at www.hullmuse@channell.com.

CPC makes three recommendations

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recommend spending $60,000 a year for 15 years which is approximately $610,000 if it were to be bonded now. There are a few conditions placed on the recommendation including one which states an executed purchase and sale agreement must be signed by all parties by April 1, 2003, a year from Town Meeting. Another contingency is if the real estate market drops and the lots sell for less money, the board is only committed to half of the price of the lots, or however much of the $60,000 for 15 years it has already spent, whichever is less.

The money will not be funded unless the sale is completed, which means the CPC could theoretically not spend any money at all.

In a telephone interview Ellen Morrissey, owner of two of the lots, said the effort is fruitless.

"The lots are not for sale, and will never be for sale to anyone that has opposed the development of housing," she said. "I've never been contacted by any group concerning a sale, the properties will be developed."

Undeterred, the group intends to raise the remainder of the money by soliciting neighbors and private donors to contribute to the cause. DeGiacomo said the property is well worth the effort.

"This property is very unique to the town," he said. "You're not going to find another property of open space that's in the middle of town."

George McGoldrick, 93 Black Rock Road, said while he doesn't live on Beach Street, he'd like to see the property preserved.

"Any open space is great for the town," he said.

The CPC struggled with its decision and batted the issue back and forth for some time. Proponents were asking for $75,000 a year for 20 years which ends up being close to $1 million.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, and member of the CPC, had mixed feelings.

"I think it's a noble proposal," Moore said. "But the money you're asking for represents 20 percent of our allowance over the next 20 years."

The CPC, which is anticipating having $500,000 by October, is required under the Community Preservation Act to spend 10 percent of its money on historic preservation, 10 percent on community housing, and 10 percent on open space. The remaining 70 percent can go for any of the above.

Ivimey, the chairman, suggested lowering the amount of money and reducing the number of years.

"It's a great piece of land that I think we all want to see preserved," he said. "But the money you're asking for is just too steep."

Other proposals

While the CPC spent less money than expected on the Beach Street proposal, it considerably upped its ante on the proposal by the historical society. Originally seeking only around $11,000 the group amended its proposal asking for more than 10 times the amount.

Richard Silvia, a member of the CPC, said the $11,000 just wasn't enough.

"That would be used for patchwork repairs," he said. "The renovations are a lot more complex than that."

The CPC decided to recommend $165,000 which will be overseen by the board. For every project that needs to be done, the historical society will have to come before the CPC to deduct funds from the account.

Tom Gruber, member of the historical society, made a presentation to the group outlining its needs. He said while the society has been able to raise a significant amount of money to help paint, re-roof, sewer and put new signage on the buildings, it still needs more money.

There are three main projects that the historical society needs funding for which includes creating handicapped access for the Wilson house and Maritime Museum, deconstructing and reconstructing the Wilson house in accordance with the guidelines established by the Department of the Interior for restoring a historic building, and a water diversion project to direct as much runoff as possible away from the Wilson house.

"We need to make some of these changes immediately," Gruber said. "Not only will it make the museums a nice place to visit, it will help us get up to code so we can procure grants."

Currently, because two of the museums are not handicapped accessible, the historical society is unable to secure grants. The society wishes to build the ramps in harmony with the village revitalization project.

"It wouldn't make sense to dig up the sidewalks twice," Gruber said.

The most serious project concerns rotting underpinnings to the Wilson house. The society needs to excavate around the building and slowly deconstruct the damaged areas to find exactly how deep the problem runs.

"It's a very slow process, almost like forensic science," Gruber said. "If you want to do this right it takes time, and money."

Ivimey said the project falls squarely with the CPC's spending mandate and he's excited about the project.

"It's such a jewel of our town it warrants significant spending," he said.

The final proposal the CPC is recommending is $100,000 to be used toward the construction of two ball fields at the gravel pits.

DeGiacomo, proponent of both the ball fields and the Beach Street proposal, said the Gravel Yard Reuse Committee is looking to secure funding from a variety of sources for the ball fields.

Ivimey said he's looking forward to working with the town on this project.

"Many in people in town like this idea and I think is a good idea to partner with the town on this project," he said.

While the CPC will contribute $100,000, Little League is expected to kick in $100,000 and residents will have a chance to vote on an article at Town Meeting that would appropriate $200,000 toward the project.

Residents will have a chance to vote on these articles at annual Town Meeting on March 30.

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Montessori kids bridge the generation gap at Sunrise

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little bit of themselves," said their teacher Joanne Kinsman. "While they're not receiving material gifts, they get a lot more."

This year, the school started its monthly visits in February when students went to Sunrise and interviewed the residents.

"I love these people," said sixth-grader Sally Meehan of Cohasset. "They are so interesting to talk to and learn from."

In an article written for the Montessori school newspaper after the students' first visit to Sunrise this year, Meehan and two other students shared their feelings.

"Many of our classmates bonded with certain people while others enjoyed mingling," the article stated. "Through this experience we learned many life lessons such as, don't judge a book by its cover and beauty lies within."

A former Scituate resident at the home, who wished to remain nameless, said she is one of 10 children and when the students visit, it brings her back to her youth.

"They're just a joy to be with," she said. "I'm thrilled every time they come and visit us."

The resident said she tries to tell the students how fortunate they are.

"We were raised during the Great Depression and didn't have a thing," she said. "They have many more opportunities than we ever did."

Liz Knox, communications director at the Montessori School, said the school places an emphasis on community service and includes it in part of its curriculum for all grades.

"We believe that community service promotes respect and awareness beyond our classroom," she said.

Olivera, the Sunrise program director, tries to offer a variety of programs to the residents including bringing entertainers in, making ceramics, taking the residents shopping and leading trips to the South Shore Vocational Technical School in Hanover for lunch. She said she continually tries to reach out to the community in an effort to bring more kids into Sunrise.

"The residents always enjoy a change of pace," she said. "I try to run as many programs as I'm able to."

Right: Peter Sanchez and Dorothy Gentry work on a craft project together at Sunrise Assisted Living.

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Dorothy Maley, left, and Anna Cooper pose with their creation. Sixth-graders from the Montessori Community School in Scituate visit Sunrise on the first Friday of the month.

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SPRING FEVER

Hello Cohasset. March roars in like a lion and out like a lamb! Do you think this is a true story? With that quick blast of wind this past Sunday, it could be true, we will see. It is very nice to see some of the flowers starting to peek out and the animals starting to come out of hiding. I find that we as people tend to retreat and hide in the winter as well. I hope that spring fever brings us out and about from our winter hibernation.

LOCAL SURVIVOR

Did anyone catch the first show of Survivor last Thursday? I was able to watch some of it and I was a little nervous about Cohasset's Kathy at first but she seemed to gain the respect of the Tribe and make it onto the next show. Make sure to tune in tonight and cheer her on! For those of you who did not hear or read the story on Kathy, she graduated from CHS in 1972 after living here for a few years. Her name is **Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien** and she is currently living in Vermont. It is kind of neat to be able to watch someone on TV and know that she was here in Cohasset. She even includes graduating from here on her bio on the show's Web site. Keep watching each week and we will all see where it takes her.

CAROLINE DELIMA STARS IN 'CABARET'

The Company Theatre in Norwell invites you to experience the divinely decadent Kit Kat Club in 1930's Berlin with its Spring musical extravaganza, "Cabaret." The show opens March 15 and continues through April 7.

Cohasset's **Caroline deLima** portrays the irresistible Sally Bowles. **Zoe Bradford** and **Jordie Saucerman** are directing the production, with Michael Joseph serving as musical director for the 13-piece orchestra.

Tickets, priced $20-$25, are now on sale at The Company theater box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Wednesday and Thursday night performances are at 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. You can also visit the Web site at www.companytheatre.com.

LAW BOARD AT SYRACUSE

Gregory L. Thornton of Cohasset, who works for the Boston Globe, serves on the Syracuse University College of Law Board of Visitors. Founded in 1932, the Law Board of Visitors provides educational opportunities to law students at the university. Members, like Gregory, are called upon throughout the year for advice or to participate in college programs or planning activities. Members also serve as advocates for the college and provide counsel and expertise in order to bring alumni, judges and business leaders closer to students and faculty in the College of Law.

AWARDED LEGION OF MERIT

U.S. Navy Capt. Daniel J. Brennock of Cohasset has been awarded the Legion of Merit from the President of the United States for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service" as commanding officer and professor of Naval Science at the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Unit, College of Holy Cross from June 1998-August 2001.

"Through superb leadership, personal initiative and focused effort, Capt. Brennock was instrumental in reducing administrative barriers, improving training and academic achievement, increasing opportunities for productivity and experience, and was significantly influential in retaining all qualified staff and student personnel," wrote **Admiral V.E. Clark**, Chief of Naval Operations.

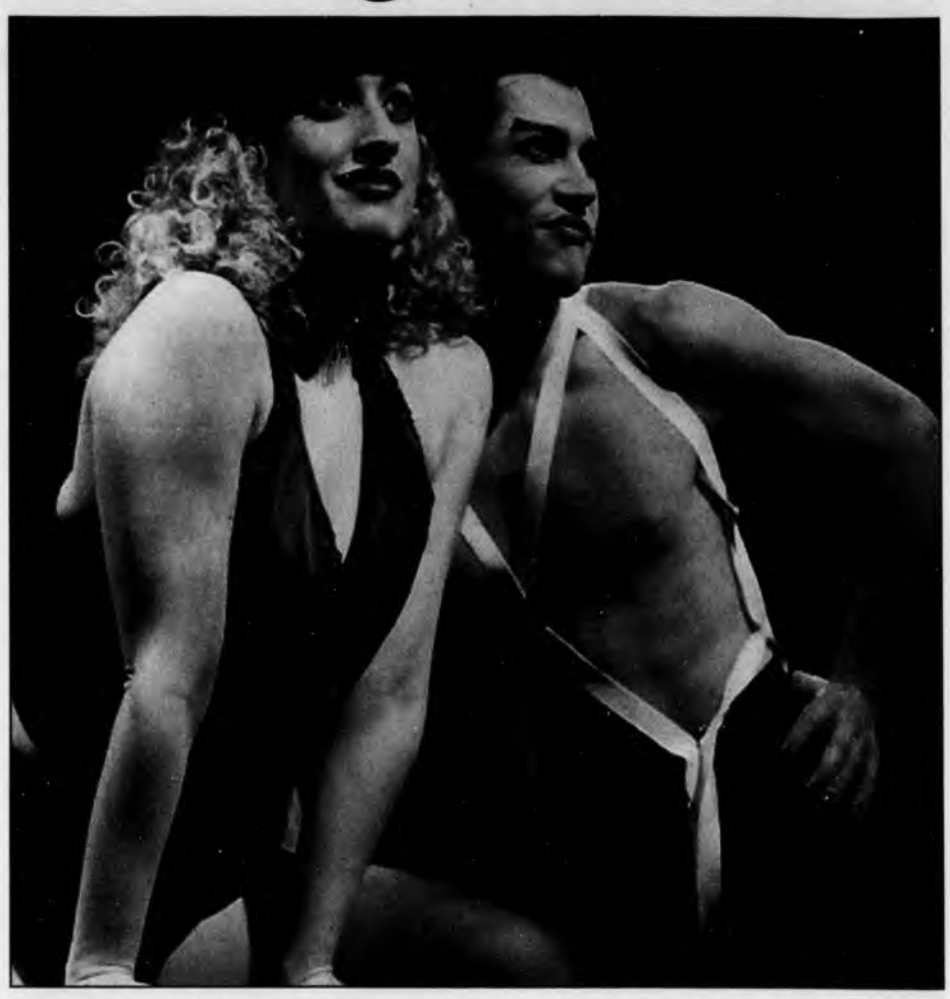
Dan is a 1969 graduate of CHS and graduated in 1973 from Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago in the NROTC program. The son of **Mary Brennock**, Dan has had many assignments all over the world, including Ireland, Alaska, Hawaii, France, Italy and Spain. He is currently serving as Commander of Naval Education Training at the War College in Newport, R.I.

JOINED SORORITY

I had a wonderful message from a very proud Mom and wanted to share it with everyone. **Karen McMorris**, a freshman at Emory University in Atlanta was invited to join the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority! Kappa held its first annual mother/daughter weekend Feb. 22-24 and Karen's mom, **Ronnie,** and her fifth-grade sister, **Rachel,** were able to attend this fun-filled weekend with other Kappa sisters and their moms. Everyone enjoyed the weekend immensely, meeting friends of Karen's and spending time on the campus. Ronnie, Rachel and Karen also did some sightseeing in Atlanta and were able to visit Ronnie's favorite, "The Jimmy Carter Library and Museum." What a super time you must have had and the feeling of pride in your daughter must be huge!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Cohasset is lucky to be blessed with many gifted and compassionate teachers, administrators and aides who work with students receiving special education services. The Cohasset Parents Advisory Council(PAC) want to give them the credit and recognition they deserve. If you have a name or names of a teacher, service provider or administrator who you feel has done and outstanding job of supporting the students, please pick up a form at any of the school offices and mail to PAC, P.O Box 30, Cohasset, MA 02025. The chosen individual(s) will be presented with an award at a special ceremony during the monthly PAC meeting on Wednesday, May 1 in the Osgood Music Room. The deadline for nominations is April 12! Please contact **Allison Moskow** at 781-383-9242.



Caroline deLima of Cohasset as Sally Bowles and John King of Weymouth as the emcee in The Company Theatre's spring musical, "Cabaret."

DRAMA CLUB ADVANCES

The regional competition of the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival was held on March 2 at Hingham High School. Cohasset High School's entry of "Act III, Scene 5" was one of the three selected to advance to the semifinals, which will be held Saturday, March 9 at Duxbury High School. The cast includes **Kelly Stone** and **David Ingber** (each of whom won individual acting awards), **Ali Earon**, **Holly Dinsmore** and **Nicole Durant.** First-year drama coach, **Jenna Emmons** is the director, assisted by CHS student, **Krissy Watts**. CHS senior, **Tim Baird** is stage manager. Fantastic job to all of you and the best of luck in the semi-finals.

IN THE MARINES

Marine Corps Reserve Cpl. Andrew J. Hamilton, son of **Jane M. and Frank Hamilton** recently was promoted to his current rank while serving at the Armed Forces Reserve Center, Londonderry, N.H. Andrew was promoted based on sustained superior job performance proficiency in his designated specialty. Andrew is a 1998 graduate of Cohasset High. Congratulations Andrew, on a job very well done!

'MARCH IN BLOOM'

The Gallery Artists of the Scituate Arts Association will present spring blooms in a variety of media from Feb. 26-March 31 in "March In Bloom." The Gallery hours are Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

That is all for this week. Please make sure to get all photos, stories and news to me by noon on Mondays.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Lothrop family history is topic

The Col. Thomas Lothrop-Old Colony Chapter DAR will meet at the Lightkeepers Residence on Sunday, March 10, from 2-4 p.m.. The Lothrop family history will be the topic of the speaker, Cohasset Historian, David Wadsworth. He will be showing slides of a number of homes occupied by Lothrop family members.

According to the "Genealogies Of the Families of Cohasset, Massachusetts by George and Elizabeth Davenport, Col. Thomas Lothrop was Constable 1763-64 and a 2nd Lieut. in the French and Indian War,1757-1760. He was a Member of Com. of Inspection,1774, Com. of Correspondence,1775, Lieut. Col. in the Revolution, moderator,1771,1775, town clerk, 1774-1813, selectman,1771-1786 and representative for many years. His home, built in 1760, still remains on Spring Street.

The public is invited to hear about this interesting family who contributed so much to Cohasset's history. Refreshments will be served.

Newcomers' Club Spring Activities

Mom and Tot Egg Hunt: Hop on over to the home of Liz Moskowitz on Wednesday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to noon. All playgroup participants are invited to join in an egg hunt. Simply drop off six filled plastic eggs with candy or treats before the 27th. (Please no peanut butter.) Refreshments will be provided. RSVP.781-544-3581.

Bon Appetit Dinner Club: Saturday, March 16, at the home of Laurie and John Schneider, 87 Old Forge Road, Scituate. Members take turns hosting and guests will be asked to bring a dish to the dinner. RSVP: 781-544-7311.

Ladies Night Out: March 27, 7 p.m. at the home of Heidi Blanchard. theme: "Cooking with Emily Malone" RSVP: 781-545-8066.

Book Group: Monday, March 11, 8 p.m. at the home of Lisa Mullen, 26 Old Forge Road, Scituate. This month's selection: "Ahab's Wife" by Sena Jeter Naslund. RSVP: 781-544-0336.

Lightkeeper's Ball: This is an annual formal Spring event to be held on June 1, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant, Cohasset. Watch for more information.

Parenting course

The Social Service League of Cohasset is offering a five-week course on Parenting for Prevention. This informative seminar is directed to parents but driven by the needs, aspirations and promise of our adolescents. The overriding goal of Parenting for Prevention is to ensure that our children have the very best of opportunities to grow into mature, independent, caring and drug-free adults. These sessions will be Monday 6:30-7:45 p.m. and will begin when enrollment reaches ten participants. Free.

If interested, call 781-383-0771.

Easter egg hunt

The Cohasset Recreation Commission will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at 12 noon sharp, at the Deer Hill School back field. Children ages 3-11, with their parents or an adult, are invited to hunt for eggs and to greet the Easter Bunny as he arrives via a Cohasset fire truck.

Rain date is March 30 — same time, same place.

Bird walk

A bird walk led by Sally Avery from the Audubon Society will take place on Saturday, April 6, from 8 to 10 a.m. on Atlantic Avenue in Hull, (at the foot of Summit Avenue). Everyone is welcome. This event is free.

Straits Pond Watershed Association's mission is to provide community input to governmental committees and agencies about Straits Pond and to facilitate efforts to maintain and improve the environmental quality and beauty of Straits Pond.

Festival supports annual Appalachia Service Project

By Evan Schiff
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The Rev. Gary Ritts hopes to bring a touch of Appalachia to Cohasset.

On Saturday, March 9, the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project, sponsored by the Second Congregational Church, will hold an Appalachia festival at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

The event is a fundraiser for the group, which plans to raise a total of about $95,000 for its annual service project in Tennessee. The event that is expected to raise $1,500 will include Appalachia crafts and quilts as well as dinner and two local blue grass bands. Saturday's festival is only one in a series of fundraisers to help send the more than 150 people, who will travel down south this summer.

"It should be a really great time," Ritts said. "It will be nice for some New Englanders to experience a completely different culture."

The group which is largely made up of Cohasset residents, will venture down to Tennessee in June to help build homes for those less fortunate.

The citizens are involved in the Appalachia Service Project, started 33 years ago by a reverend in Kentucky.

"By putting aside selfish needs and desires, ASP volunteers free themselves to share talent, love and concern with the people of Appalachia," the ASP brochure states. "More important than construction know-how is a willingness to enter the communities and homes of central Appalachia with sensitivity and accepting people just the way they are."

The Cohasset program is in its 15th year and Ritts said it has grown exponentially every year. It started in 1998 when Ritts and his wife took seven kids in one van down to Tennessee. Now the group will be charting five buses and the people will eventually be divided into 25 vans, which will go to a variety of different areas to help construct homes.

"When we started this, we saw that when kids are helping others they're learning so much about themselves," he said. "There is genuine compassion there."

When asked by those who wonder why the group needs to travel below the Mason-Dixon line to find poverty when they could drive 30 minutes up I-93, Ritts explains a group of Cohasset residents in the poorer parts of Boston might be seen as "well off do-gooders" while going down south lessens the stereotype.

"There are still some eyebrows raised when we tell them we're from New England," Ritts said. "But by the time we leave, they're saying 'people from Boston aren't that bad.'"

Ritts said the trip is a real eye-opener for the group as well. He said participants are placed outside their comfort zone by sleeping on the floor at area schools.

"You really don't know the experience till you've done it," he said. "It's a real shocker and something none of us are used to."

Scott Faber, 10 Bayberry Lane and junior at Cohasset High, said the experience made him realize how fortunate he is. Faber participated in the program last year and will join the group again in June.

"It was so hard to leave after five days," he said. "You feel like you haven't finished the job and you need to go back."

Anna Roach, senior at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, is going on the trip for the third year in a row.

"It's truly amazing to go down there for a week," she said. "In makes you realize how much we have in Cohasset and we can't take anything for granted."

Tickets are available for the Appalachia Festival at St. Anthony's Church, St. Stephen's Church and the First Parish and Second Congregational Church. Tickets for dinner and the performance are $20 for adults, $10 for children age 10-18 and $5 for those kids nine and under.

Tommy Myers (on the ladder), Brian Bilton (on the roof) and Nicole Needle construct a new roof for a mobile home.

Anna Roche, Elaine Coyne and Joel Carpenter work on a project during last year's Appalachia Service Project in Tennessee.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'Bubba' fever

Did Claudia Quigley overreact after hearing a white teacher's portrayal of a fictional brother of one of the New England Patriot's black players over the PA system at the Osgood School two days before the Super Bowl?

In our opinion, yes.

It wasn't necessary for her and her husband to write a long, preachy letter to the editor taking the schools to task and suggesting sensitivity training in matters of diversity. Mrs. Quigley could have registered her concern privately to the school principal, School Committee and Superintendent — and that could have been the end of it.

But the facts are the Quigleys chose to write the letter and we chose to print it. We stand behind our decision that the letter was newsworthy and think we did our homework by also running a story explaining what had occurred.

Subsequently, we've provided a forum for our readers, a handful of whom responded with letters themselves.

But lost in all the debate over the Quigleys' reaction or overreaction is whether there is a need for more awareness, or sensitivity training in our schools and town. The school officials we interviewed for the story correctly said there is always room for growth in that area.

When all this began weeks ago, we would have sided with those who just wanted to get past the incident and move on. Although Cohasset is not diverse, we have understood the community to be a tolerant place that includes one of the oldest METCO programs in the state, a Diversity Committee, the Appalachia Service Project, and the "No Place for Hate" pledge that incorporates educational programs.

But the "overreaction" of some parents and other citizens in their responses to Claudia and Andrew Quigleys' letter detailing the Super Bowl incident has begun to change our thinking.

While we have received many thoughtful letters and several phone calls on the matter — we have also received hateful letters (which we refused to publish) and angry phone calls that were either personal attacks on the Quigleys themselves, the newspaper or someone with an ax to grind with the schools.

Last week, we published another letter that we thought advanced the debate. Marylou Clark, a Southerner and a college teacher, shared with us her views and what a couple of her students of different ethnic backgrounds thought about a white person imitating a black person over a loud speaker. She also wondered if a person of color would find her imitation of Eddie Murphy offensive. The printing of her letter unleashed a new round of angry calls.

We find it ironic that some of those so upset with the Cohasset Mariner and the Quigleys — are not receptive to any criticism or suggestions themselves.

It's time we all took a step back and reexamine the aftermath of what was no doubt an entirely innocent spoof during Super Bowl fever. If we can move forward from this point with an open mind then perhaps "Bubba" Smith did us a favor after all.

As Ms. Clarke stated, "Maybe what is needed here is some sensitivity training for all of us in Cohasset, living as we do, so removed from the world around us."

— Mary Ford
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Register to vote by March 8

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or election day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the annual town meeting on Saturday, March 30, and the annual town election on Saturday, April 6, is Friday, March 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office.

Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library and must be postmarked on or before March 8.

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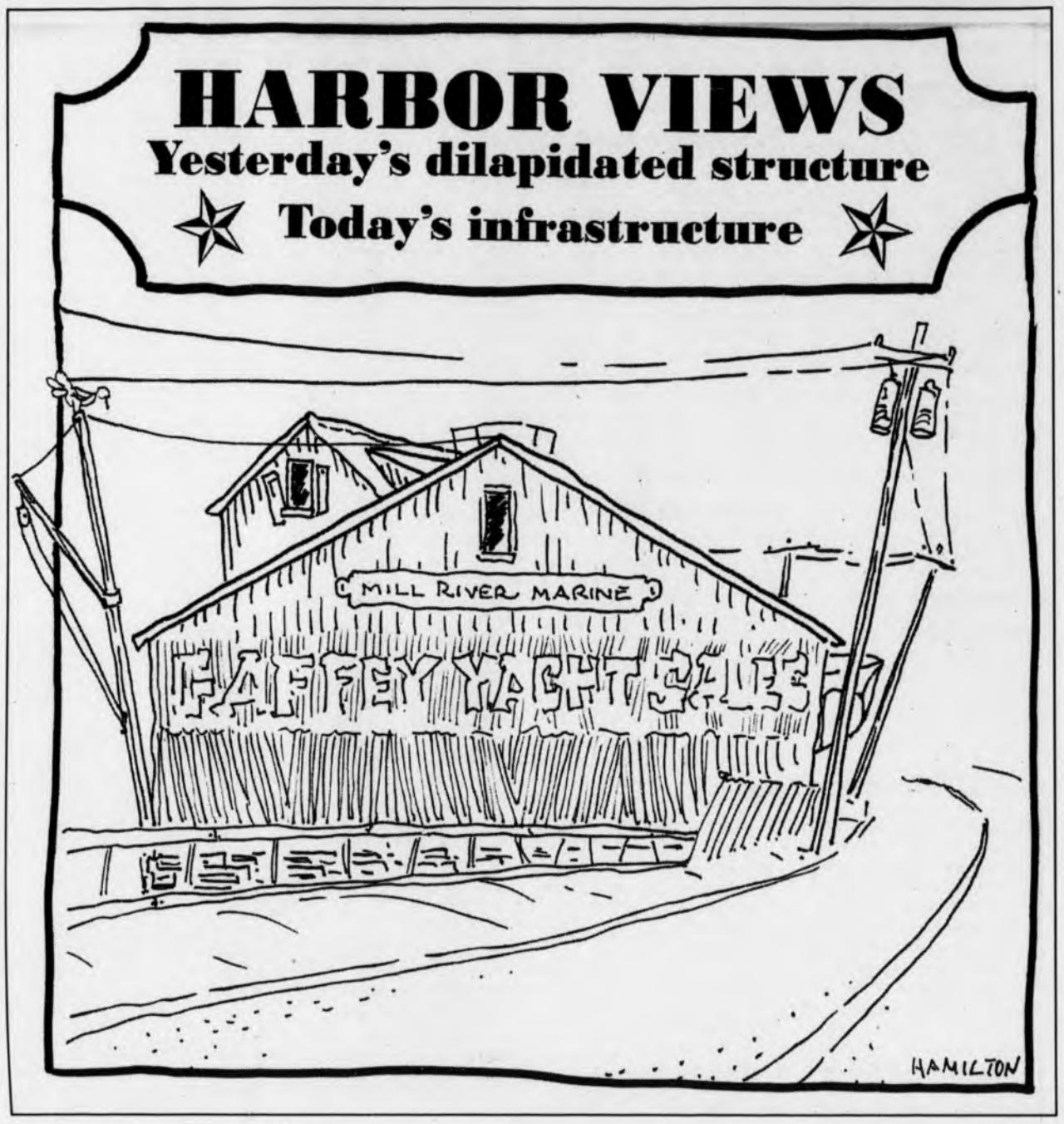

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No more insults

I have been reading for many years Mr. R. Murray Campbell's letters to the editor. And for many of those years, I have bit my tongue. I guess now is the time to write this letter.

I, for one, am getting a bit weary of Mr. Campbell's personal attacks on people who he doesn't agree with. I realize he doesn't name names, but you don't have to be a rocket scientist to know who is he attacking. He certainly has the right to disagree with other people's thoughts and beliefs. However, I do not believe that he has to personalize them.

The latest case, in the Feb. 28, 2002 edition of the Mariner, Mr. Murray states in his letter, and I quote, "The Friends of Cohasset Harbor got petulant." Why doesn't Mr. Murray state that the Friends didn't agree, or didn't approve or requested a change. He then goes on to accuse them of "whining to our selectmen." Why does he have to make his opinions sarcastic and negative?

Let me reiterate. Mr. Murray has every right to disagree with people's ideas and thoughts. But I leave him with this thought. Reasonable people can agree to disagree reasonable. Let's leave out the insults and innuendoes.

I am not writing this letter on behalf of the Friends of Cohasset Harbor. This is my personal opinion. And I am sure that I will be the subject of one of his letters.

Peter J. Wood
77 Summer Street

Cohasset can't afford ball fields

TO THE EDITOR:

I was concerned when I read last week's Mariner article about the proposed new ball fields. What I cannot reconcile is why when taxpayers have sent a strong message that they are very concerned about rapidly escalating taxes are we considering putting $200,000 into state of the art ball fields? Please do not misunderstand me, I think athletics are very important. However, to designate such a large amount of money to a project that benefits such a very small percentage of the population for such a short period of time each year seems inappropriate.

How many other causes are there in town that could benefit substantially by receiving those funds, or even a portion of them? For example, how we can we say that we support our police force when we vote down upgrading the police station but talk about more Little League fields? How about the elderly that are in such need of additional housing and the fact that the town is well behind where we should be as far as providing affordable housing? And then there is the Osgood School that does not have maps or globes for its classrooms; and of course there is the significant looming issue about the timing of the state's payment of the school construction funds. These are only a small few of what I am sure are countless other very important and truly needed causes. And do not forget that we are not only talking about the $200,000 for the construction costs but there is significant value in the land that would be used as well.

Finally, I encourage people to carefully read the reports recently completed by The Growth and Development Committee. The work is extremely well presented in a very professional manner. The results of the town-wide survey they took shows that residents overwhelmingly listed fiscal management and taxes as primary concerns. Also of note is that one of the other top four concerns was more senior citizen and affordable housing. Youth activities were listed as a concern but well below these other issues. These results are important and should be acknowledged when proposals such as the ball parks are made. Do state of the art ball parks really reflect the desires of the taxpayers of Cohasset?

Isabel Blackburn
88 Elm St.

Brudnoy's world view off the mark

DEAR COHASSET CHAMBER BOARD MEMBER:

I applaud your intention to bring a controversial and well know speaker to the Chamber annual meeting last Thursday night at Atlantica. However I am writing you to express my disappointment with Mr. Brudnoy's diatribe.

His simplistic world view is shaped by extreme politics and hatred. He claims to be more familiar with The Holy Qur'an (Koran) than most noted scholars of the Muslim faith. Brudnoy's simple answer to complex world challenges is to wipe out all Muslims. He ridiculed President Bush as being naive to think it's only the terrorists that are our enemy and not the entire Islamic world. He had nothing positive to say about any American institution including the education system that he is marginally involved in. His reaction and hatred is exactly what Osama bin Laden hoped to tap into and ignite with the September 11th attack. Jihad or Holy War will not become a reality if it is US Troops and allies against the Taliaban and Al Quade. It would only become a reality if the White House and State Department took Brudnoy's approach. They understand that the 15 Saudi hijackers were 15 out of 16 million Saudis or 15 out of one billion Muslims worldwide.

Adel Al Jubeir, a senior adviser on foreign affairs for the Saudi Palace says ," They do not represent a trend in Saudi Arabia, any more than David Koresh represented a trend in Christianity, or Tim McVeigh represented a movement in America."

Salam Al Marayati, Executive Director of Muslim Public Affairs Council stated in a speech at the US State Department in January, "These self-proclaimed and unqualified experts on Islam only increase divisiveness and the gulf of misunderstandings. They define groups and peoples according to their agenda."

My suggestion for future speakers would be have someone with relevant subject matter and not allow the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting be an forum to spread political hatred. The Chamber is a good organization of good people.

Ron Goodwin
166 Sohier St.

Mr. Goodwin provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter to the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

Wrought up about fences

TO THE EDITOR:

Once all of us were babies, a few cute and huggable, but all unhappy with change. Change our baby mush and we revolted, change our nap time and we fretted. (Only change we appreciated was diaper change). The resistance to change remains into adulthood with many of us; we tend to like what we are used to. Maybe that's why the continuing resistance to sprucing up our village and harbor (It's hard to halt the decay without introducing changes intended to improve aesthetics, safety, convenience or durability).

Only after we buy a new (or newer) car do we realize how unsatisfactory the old clunker had become.

Much ado has been made about a consultant's sketch which appears to show a wrought iron fence. One could argue that such a fence is the most attractive choice as well as being historically apt, but argument may be pointless because such a fence probably would be far too costly to consider. As for durability, there are wrought iron ornamental grills in Italy more than 600 years old, and wrought iron anchors survive many decades of service, some eventually to become ornaments in parks.

In any case, the town would benefit from reasoned and moderate input to the revitalization discussions, and not from angry denunciations of the process, of imagined motivations, and of preliminary sketches intended to provoke thoughtful discussion.

Anyway, the moon will continue to shine brightly on our beautiful harbor no matter what we do about the walk, fence and lighting.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Selectman:
Some say Cohasset is in danger of becoming a haven only for the rich. What can you do to see that doesn't occur?

SELECTMAN/Roger Hill

Cohasset has become one of the most desirable places to live on the South Shore. Breath taking ocean views, and outstanding school system, access to the water at both beaches and the harbor. Why wouldn't we all want to continue to live here?

Unfortunately, as Cohasset has become more and more desirable, many people, especially senior citizens, are being priced right out of town. One of the primary reasons I decided to run for selectman this year is to work to make Cohasset more affordable. I think we need to do two things to accomplish this.

We need to set better priorities in order to control local taxes. We simply can't build everything at once. The impact on our property taxes is simply too severe in too short a time.

Secondly, we need to seriously work to build affordable housing. The Avalon Bay proposal is not really a solution to our affordable housing need, but a disaster waiting to hit us.

On neither issue have the current selectmen shown the leadership we need? I don't think so. I don't see the setting of spending priorities that we deserve. I don't see a real effort to push ahead with town controlled affordable housing and I don't see the selectmen joining the planning board or school committee to fight Avalon.

Over the next year, the master plan is the process that we all need to work with to accomplish these goals to preserve the character of our town. Just as importantly, all of this takes new leadership on our Board of Selectmen.

SELECTMAN/Fred Koed

Cohasset has been blessed with a beautiful rocky coastline, sandy beaches and a great harbor. Cohasset's waterfront property will most likely always demand a premium on the real estate market. Cohasset has also been fortunate to be in close proximity of open space for walking and recreation. These are just a few of the factors that cause increased demand for housing in Cohasset.

Another factor is the Cohasset School System. Families with children approaching school age seek to move to Towns like Cohasset with good school systems, to ensure a good education for their children. Those are some of the reasons my family moved to Cohasset in 1961. When I grew up here there was diversity in incomes throughout town. I think that diversity is valuable to us all.

I have served on the Cohasset Housing Authority (CHA), where we worked to modernize the 64 units of affordable elderly housing on Elm Street. While on the CHA, we designed and built eight units of affordable Chapter 689 Housing for the Department of Mental Retardation. This housing has allowed many individuals to live with a sense of independence and dignity. Later, I served on the Cohasset Habitat Tenant Selection Committee and helped to select two young families with Cohasset roots to get started with home-ownership. I am proud of those accomplishments along with other Cohasset volunteers.

As we face the challenges of the 21st century, I look forward to continuing to represent those people in Cohasset who are willing to reach out and give a helping hand to those with greater needs. I look forward to when Cohasset can form new partnerships with the state, affordable housing advocates, and private non profits to create new opportunities for the middle class and working families to live and raise families in Cohasset.

SELECTMAN/ Ronnie McMorris

Cohasset is a highly desirable community to live in. Property values remain high because of its natural beauty, beaches, parks and historic common, combined with a first rate school system and a safe, small town environment. Historically, there have always been many areas in town where houses were affordable. When Dave and I fell in love with and bought our house on Doane Street 16 years ago, it was affordable for our young family.

Today such homes are more difficult to find and we are at risk of losing the economic diversity that makes Cohasset such a wonderful place to live.

We on the South Shore are not alone in experiencing escalating home values and grappling with affordability issues. Even with an economic downturn, a strong real estate market prevails in the Boston area. The question remains, can (and should) the Board of Selectmen address these issues?

First, I continue to support a policy of exerting more control on local spending. In these financial times we must watch every dollar. The town is in the midst of some badly needed capital projects; however all new projects should pass a rigid "needs" test.

Second, through sound master planning and land use controls we can try to protect the affordability of some areas of town. I initiated the Growth & Development Task Force that is now in the process of developing plans and proposals for the town's future.

Third, I support housing options like the accessory dwelling by-law and senior housing clusters. I have worked on the senior housing committee to develop "affordable" housing choices for our older residents.

We have a mix of residents that lend so much to this great community, young as well as more senior members; wealthy as well as average families. We should maintain that winning combination.

School Committee:
The School Committee negotiates teacher salary increases of 3 percent or more, not including steps, when the town can only raise taxes 2-1/2 percent a year without an override. Something may have to give in the school budget. What are your priorities?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Jane Pescatore

Excellence in education for all students in Cohasset, whether they are honors, special needs, or "just average", is my priority. Clearly, attracting high-quality teachers is the cornerstone to achieving that priority. What we offer teachers to entice them to work in Cohasset must be competitive with what comparable school systems are offering. Even with the increases negotiated in the current contract, Cohasset is only on a par with other schools that are competing for the same caliber of teachers.

Another element necessary to achieve this excellence is class size. Again, Cohasset has made a commitment to keep class size down because studies have shown that smaller classes are conducive to better learning.

The commitment to the Town to be diligent in the maintenance of school buildings is one I also wholeheartedly support.

Further, I believe that it is incumbent on the School Committee to share openly with all residents the true cost of education in Cohasset. The question then is whether we can afford it. If we can't, the schools must place constraints on additional spending. If you look at the budget process that has just been completed for 2002-03, it is clear that compromise was made on all levels to stay within the amount suggested for the schools by the Town. Very few increases, outside of teacher salaries and the addition of teachers needed to maintain class size, were included, but I believe it is a budget that will insure a continued emphasis on excellence in education.

Next week's questions:

Selectman candidates:
Why do you think some are so opposed to the proposed expansion of Cohasset Plaza? Where do you stand?

School Committee candidate:
Since Education Reform, has the School Committee become a rubber stamp for the Superintendent of Schools?

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like. All candidates opposed or unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Another 'Fight of the Century'

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I can tell you right now where I'm gonna be next Wednesday night at 9 o'clock.

I'll be curled up in front of my 25 inch Sharp with a jug of Merlot and a basket of freshly popped Orville Redenbacher within reach and the set tuned to the Fox Network (Channel 6 on my cable menu).

I'll be watching Paula Jones, beloved by Republicans and disdained by Democrats, who nearly brought down the presidency of Bill Clinton, duke it out with Tonya Harding, the truck-driving former figure skater from Oregon and the baddest of the bad girls of the '90s, in the latest "Fight of the Century."

I kid you not. I'll be watching if only to see how well Paula's plastic surgery stands up to Tonya's left jabs and right crosses.

There'll be a championship belt for the winner, of course — the coveted Golden Garter Belt, I suppose.

Critics hold that the bout between Paula and Tonya will ruin whatever was left of the onetime "sweet science" of boxing after Mike Tyson got through chewing Evander Holyfield's ear off.

But Mike Darnell, Fox-TV's alternative programming boss, will tell you it's strictly on the up and up.

"This is legitimate," he said without cracking a smile. "We'll have a real referee, a real doctor, and real announcers. To all the world, this will be a real boxing match."

Legitimate, too, is the preliminary fight between former child stars Danny Bonaduce of the 1970s sitcom "The Partridge Family"and Barry Williams of the sitcom "The Brady Bunch" from the same TV era.

At last report, Darnell was seeking a third celebrity fight to fill out the card. May I suggest Lorena Bobbift (minus her famed butcher knife, of course) and Monica Lewinsky, fetchingly clad in a blue dress?

The fighting celebs will wear extra large gloves and helmets and, even as we speak, are receiving boxing lessons — mostly, I understand, by watching videos of the latest Mike Tyson press conference.

Seriously, though, has network television, once the wholesome home of Edward R. Murrow, Walter Cronkite, and "Father Knows Best," sunk to this level in the face of the challenge from cable and satellite dish?

I thought the bottom had been plumbed when CBS dumped a boatload of volunteers on an island in the East Indies and let them run around half dressed and eating worms while the cameras rolled.

Now they have survivors running around half dressed and eating worms everywhere from Australia to Africa while the cameras roll on and on and on.

Increasingly, I find myself catching the news on MSNBC, the documentaries on the History or Discovery Channels or A & E, and movies on HBO and IFC, the Independant Film Channel.

In fact, except for Bruins and Patriots games, I rarely turn to the networks anymore, although I'll admit I tune in the Regis Philbin show on CBS now and then, mostly to assure myself that Kathie Lee is really gone.

Next Wednesday, however, I'll be right in there watching Channel 6 (or 25 on the broadcast channel) to see if Tonya (sans pipe) can handle Paula (sans lawyers) in the latest Fight of the Century.

Master Plan consultants selected

MASTER PLAN

GROWTH & DEVELOPEMENT COMMITTEE

The Growth and Development Committee announces the selection of a team of consultants to help complete a town Master Plan. Community Design Partnership of Boston, leading a team that includes Bennett Associates of Norwell and Technology Planning & Management Corporation of Scituate, will help facilitate the planning process and provide the economic and strategic planning assistance and mapping necessary to complete the plan. The Growth and Development Committee was appointed in 2000 by the selectmen to draft a town Master Plan to provide a thoughtful and long term strategy to manage town growth.

Supported by consultant assistance, the Growth and Development Committee will continue to lead a process that has included neighborhood workshops, a resident survey, scores of meetings with boards and commissions, preliminary data collection, newspaper articles, a newsletter and development of a draft vision statement. Hundreds of hours have been donated to help bring the process to a point where consultant expertise can be most effectively utilized. Consultant tasks include, among others, highly accurate mapping and a long-range decision support model for providing "what if" analysis on economic, environmental, and growth choices.

Community Design Partnership

Lead consultant Community Design Partnership (CDP) is a planning and design firm that brings a comprehensive understanding of the interrelationship between economic, environmental and community development goals. CDP, a firm with extensive municipal planning experience, was hired by Cohasset in 1996 to help draft the Open Space and Recreation Plan and is currently completing a master plan for the town of Norwell. CDP principal, Larissa Brown, Ph.D., AICP, chairs the Cambridge Planning Board and co-chairs the Civic Initiative for a Livable New England, a forum series sponsored by the Boston Society of Architects.

Bennett Associates

Bennett Associates, led by project manager RichardKobayashi, AICP, provides municipal management expertise that will help link conceptual planning to capital and operating budget processes for the town. Bennett Associates also provides expertise in the areas of economic forecasting, development impacts, zoning revision and transportation engineering.

Technology Management and Planning Corporation

Technology Management and Planning Corporation (TPMC) will provide coordination of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) development and master plan mapping. Led by Cohasset resident Jeff Donze, TPMC will oversee an effort that includes updating an electronic version of the town assessor maps to include building footprints, rights-of-way, easements and other relevant items. TPMC recently completed land use mapping for the Cohasset Water Commission and Mr. Donze assisted the Open Space Committee complete its mapping requirements for the latest update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan. TPMC is currently completing municipal mapping projects in Scituate, Hanson and Amherst.

Please call Liz Harrington at Town Hall to further discuss the Master Plan consulting team or to volunteer and look for a Committee newsletter that will be available at Town Meeting.

Members of the Growth & Development Committee are: Clark Brewer, Patti Keville, Tom Callahan, Ronnie McMorris, Debbie Cook, Peter Pratt, Bill Good, Rick Swanborg, Elizabeth Harrington and Michael Westcott.

LIBRARY CORNER

Jan Karon Fans

Jan Karon's novels about the characters and events in the small town of Mitford have gained a large readership. Her light, humorous stories feature the autocratic Miss Sadie, genial father Tim and his irrepressible young charge, Dooley Barlow, local realtor "Mule" Skinner and many other colorful personalities. To date there are six Mitford novels plus the short Christmas story, "The Mitford Showman," published in December, 2001.

Readers who enjoy Karon's books may be delighted to discover, or rediscover, a similar series of novels written in the 1950's under the pseudonym of Miss Read. "The Village School" and "Storm in the Village" are just two of her many books about the English village of Fairacre. Read's books have been described as "wise, kindly, full of rural charm, atmosphere and character."

Come in and enjoy the works of Jan Karon at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Town history

Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library member Wigmore Pierson is pleased to announce that the "Narrative History of Cohasset - Vol., III, 1950 - 2000," written by Cohasset resident Jacqueline Dormitzer can now be ordered at a pre-publication price of $27.50.

Designed by Cohasset native Harold Coughlin with a cover photo by Margot Cheel, this wonderful conclusion to a century in Cohasset is available by sending a check for $27.50 payable to the "Town of Cohasset" to Wigmore Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave, Cohasset, MA 02025. After publication the price of the book will be $32.50, so order now.

Poster contest

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners is sponsoring a statewide poster contest called, "Read Into It." The contest is open to students in grades 7 to 12. The theme is, "What your library means to you." Come and get your contest rules at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. All posters need to be submitted to Mrs. Moody by March 22. The grand prize statewide winner will have their poster turned into a 12 inch x 25 inch billboard and will receive additional prizes at the awards ceremony.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Water tastes bad

TO THE WATER COMMISSION:

I am writing to you because I have seen several articles in the newspapers lately concerning both the sale of Town water to the Mass-American Water Company and the potential inclusion of the North Cohasset area into the Cohasset water system. I, for one, am strongly opposed to both of these actions.

For the past 17 years, I have lived at the above address in the North Cohasset area and gotten water from what has come to be the Mass-American Water Company instead of the Town of Cohasset. I have always regarded this as a real asset to my home and to this part of town. The reason is simple: Cohasset water just tastes bad. While you may disagree with this exact characterization, you know exactly what I'm talking about. Town water has a musty flavor that to me tastes as if someone had it stored in his basement for several years before offering it for sale to the public.

Let me tell you a true story. Not long after we moved into our home in 1985 we had some friends from town over. Friends who were on Town water. One of their children was thirsty and asked for a glass of water. Without a thought, I ran a glass from the kitchen faucet. He took one swallow and turned to his mother and said, "Mama, this water tastes GOOD!" Even a child can tell the difference.

I want to make this next point absolutely clear: my complaint is only an aesthetic one. I have no reason to think that Town water is not chemically and medically acceptable. However, this is, after all, the 21st century, and aesthetically poor water in a town of our size and affluence is unacceptable. I don't want it in my home direct from Town mains, and - since I don't know how much dilution it would take to make the taste unnoticeable - I don't want it mixed with the water I buy from Mass-American. I have contacted them to say so.

John Anson Whealler

619 Jerusalem Road

This letter was in selectman's correspondence.

Special-tea!

Seniors sparkle at CEA event

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Clockwise from right: The kitchen crew consists of Maria Perroncello, Angie Kelley, Sara Marmo, Edna Cavanagh, Claire O'Brien and Anna Abbruzzese. Dolores Roy serves tea at the popular event sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs. The Rev. Gary Ritts greets Tillie Nardo at the Valentines tea held at the Second Congregational Church. Synn McGlynn models her festive earrings at the Council on Elder Affairs Valentine's Day tea last month.

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Haddad decides to stay in town

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Haddad said. "I enjoy working in the town and look forward to being here in the future."

Selectman Merle Brown said the two sides met in executive session last week to discuss a possible raise. He said after jostling over the salary the selectmen and Haddad agreed on a three-year extension, paying Haddad $102,500 a year. While there is no raise built into the contract, Haddad said his salary will be up for review every year. While a contact hasn't been signed yet, Brown said an agreement has been reached.

"We talked with him and knew we wanted him to stay," Brown said. "It would have been foolhardy to let him go."

Cohasset is in the middle of major personnel changes including police chief, fire chief and DPW superintendent.

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said all selectmen felt Haddad was doing a good job and wanted him around in the future.

"We all individually expressed our desire for him to stick around," Koed said. "There's a general consensus that he's doing a good job with our budgets, bond ratings and in managing the town."

"It would have been foolhardy to let him go."

— Selectman Merle Brown

Haddad, who applied for the Dedham position in January, said the process moved very quickly in Dedham which contributed to the late date he pulled out. He said while there is presently a residency requirement for the position, Dedham selectmen assured him that could be waived.

"I just feel like the town (Cohasset) needed some stability," he said.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said Haddad has served the town well in the past five years and she looks forward to working with him in the future.

"I'm very happy he decided to stay," she said.

The Advisory Board met with the selectmen Tuesday night in executive session to discuss the contract. In an interview conducted before the session, Advisory Board Chairman Maureen Jerz said she didn't think the board would have a problem with the raise.

"We just wanted to be updated on what's going on," Jerz said.

The three finalists were chosen last month by a nine-member search committee. Thirty-four people applied for the Dedham job. Dedham is approximately triple the size of Cohasset and has a budget that is roughly double the size. Haddad's 15 years of professional experience as a town manager or town administrator was the most of the three finalists.

Neponset Valley Daily News reporter Peter Hartzel also contributed to this report.

Little Harbor sewer floated

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ing the capacity of the Cohasset Wastewater Treatment Plant from 300,000 gallons-per-day to 450,000, and expanding the existing wastewater collection system to service Little Harbor and Atlantic Avenue sewer districts.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said no matter which way you slice the project, the town will need a Proposition 2-1/2 debt exclusion to finance the project.

"There is no way this project could be funded without an override," he said. In a five-year borrowing plan, this would add 11 cents to the tax rate in the first year which is approximately $62 to the average tax payer.

While the Sewer Commission understands the expense of the project, it feels that the cost will only balloon in the future. The board is also concerned that a project needs to be developed in order to satisfy a state court order which mandates the town solve its wastewater woes or faces fines.

"The main issue here is the timing of the project," said Gary Vanderweil, chairman of the Sewer Commission. "We have some momentum going and I'd like to sustain it."

Vanderweil added in a later interview that with the possible delayed funding of the School Building Assistance program he doesn't want to leave the town in dire straits.

"We would like to do our part to help the town," he said. "Practically speaking, the project could be delayed 12 months to a year."

Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz said it's his recommendation that the project be put off for some time.

"I think we need to proceed at a slower pace," he said. "We should be prudent and patient while examining this."

Another member of the Sewer Commission, Sean Cunning, said the state has been lenient so far, but wonders if it will continue that practice.

"We have this judgment from the state to solve our problem and one has to question if it will let us wait any longer," he said.

Selectman Michael Sullivan was concerned that the public has not had enough time to learn about the issue and even the two public hearings may not be enough.

Selectman Tom Callahan said there is no compelling need to do the project right away.

"I think before we do this we need to come up with a comprehensive plan for the whole town," he said.

Haddad said if the residents want to pay more taxes, then the sewer expansion could begin now.

The expansion will involve the sewering of about 450 "Equivalent Dwelling Units" utilizing a low-pressure sewer system, similar to that of North Cohasset sewer district. Homeowners will be responsible for their own "private property" installations, including installation of a grinder pump and pressure sewer. The estimated cost to each home is approximately $13,500 however, if you include the betterment, the price jumps to almost $36,000 if the user pays 100 percent for this project.

The sewering is expected to help to eliminate pollutants and contaminants from area on-site wastewater disposal systems which influence the water quality of Inner Little Harbor, Little Harbor and Massachusetts Bay.

Register for summer playground

The Recreation Commission has established fee charges for the 2002 Playground Program which will remain the same as for the 2001 program: 5-12-year-olds, $175 for first child ($300 for non-residents); for 3-5-year-olds, $150 for first child; discounts for the second child and subsequent children are $20.

A $50 activity fee is charged for the first child; $45, second child; and $40, third child and subsequent children; this fee is mandatory. It is a non-refundable activity fee separate from the program fee to be paid at registration. It covers special in-house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers' T-shirts, etc. A separate check will be necessary.

The full-day program for the 5-12-year-old age group is a follows: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 5-7-year-old and 8-12-year-old programs will be held at the Osgood School.

The half-day program for the 3-1/2-to-5-year-old age group is Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To gauge if your child qualifies, he/she must have been born between January 1, 1997 and March 1, 1999.

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Skippers survive

C.H.S. hockey team fends off surprising Feehan challenge to advance to semi-finals

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It was not one of Cohasset's neat and tidy wins, where the outcome is determined well before the third period, and the JV skates out the remaining time. It was not one of Cohasset's prettiest wins either, as uncustomary last minute heroics were actually required from the Skippers.

Last Tuesday's 3-1 win over Bishop Feehan may not have looked like many thought it should have. But the bottom line is the Ice Skippers put themselves one step closer to a State Championship, with the South Sectional Semi-finals coming up tonight (6 p.m., Bridgewater Ice Arena).

"I think they can get a little more hockey in," said grinning long time coach Dennis Walsh, who would very much like to end his illustrious coaching career this winter with a state title. "We'll have to take it one game at a time."

Junior Greg O'Connell, the leading scorer in the South Shore League this year, opened the game, scoring off an assist from sophomore linemate Rob Carpenter a mere 33 seconds in.

Cohasset looked poised to extend the lead and turn their first playoff game of 2002 into a laugher. However, Feehan's outstanding goalie, AJ Goldman, denied 15 first period shots.

"I think they can get a little more hockey in. We'll have to take it one game at a time."
Cohasset High hockey coach Dennis Walsh

With six minutes left in the period, speedy Feehan winger Matt Olson broke free off a lead pass, and beat Cohasset senior goalie Dan Kinchla to even the score.

Cohasset clearly outplayed the Shamrocks for the first 15 minutes, collecting more than twice as many shots on net, but Goldman single-handedly kept his team in it.

After the break, Feehan came out of the locker room a different team. Suddenly, they became more aggressive going for the puck, and kept Cohasset from taking any shots for the first five minutes of the period.

Feehan's best scoring chance

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Greg O'Connell (#8) was the offensive hero for Cohasset in Tuesday night's quarterfinal round win over Bishop Feehan, 3-1, scoring the first and third Skippers goals.

Spring cleaning time

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

Time to honor the annual Spring cleaning custom by removing all of these yellow stickies off my monitor and recycling them into something productive: a long overdue column.

Do you believe in millionaires?....Yes!

OK, so the 2002 Olympic hockey experience wasn't near as compelling as the 1980 "Do you believe in miracles" ...well, miracle (of course, I will say the same thing for every sporting event I've witnessed before and since). However, if you're a true fan of this sport, how could you not be enthralled by what we witnessed over the last two weeks on Salt Lake City ice.

That, my friends, was hockey as it was intended to be played in all of it's wide open, pinball action passing, up and down glory. In place of the noxious neutral zone trap and ugly clutch and grab waltz the NHL has force fed us for lo these many winters were unfettered rushes and crisp puck movement.

Sure, the staggering skill level of the players involved and larger ice surface were considerable factors in the more aesthetically pleasing brand of play that was so prevalent in these Olympic games, but the more stringent calling of infractions and the elimination of the red line had just as big an impact, if not greater.

If this wasn't a slam dunk testimo-

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Mite-C squad wins thriller

COASTAL STARS REPORT

For boxing fans the phenomenon of the main bout being overshadowed by the undercard is an all too common occurrence. Two weeks ago with the gold medal Olympic hockey game serving as the main event, a group of Mite level hockey fans were treated to a local undercard showdown between the Coastal Stars Mite C-3 team and Weymouth Mite 6 team.

The drama associated with this game started several weeks ago when the Stars finally eclipsed the first place Weymouth Mites after trailing them all season. As far as their division goes this has been a two man race all season and the Stars knew that if they were to capture the divisional crown and position themselves well for the playoffs they would have to go through Weymouth 6.

This was the last game of the season and the Stars entered it with a fragile one point lead over their bedeviling rivals . The first several minutes of the game was a microcosm of the entire season between these two foes as the momentum swung back and forth several times. Midway through the first the Stars broke the deadlock on a goal by the team's leading scorer Zach Robertshaw assisted by the team' s top point-getter, John Collins. Collins worked his way free from behind the net and found his cen-

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Maitland a triple threat

Cohasset High senior a three-sport star

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Pete Maitland's athletic skills make him a valuable member of the Cohasset High soccer, basketball and track teams. But the intangibles he brings to those teams make him invaluable.

That's not to say Maitland is at all lacking in the athleticism department. He is consistently a top finisher in the 800 meter race. His toughness under the basket made him a leading rebounder for the Skippers despite his height (5-feet-10). His goal kicks, even in 30 degree weather, always make it past the 50 yard line on the fly. And in last Spring's track championships, he threw the javelin further than all but 16 high schoolers in all of New England.

For obvious reasons, Maitland's fellow seniors named him "Class Athlete" this past Homecoming.

Still, his coaches agree that what he brings to the team goes beyond his physical strengths. Within the past year, Maitland has captained all three of his varsity sports, including track as a junior.

"He had great leadership," praised Maitland's soccer coach, Dave Nigro. "It is a good thing as coach to have someone like that."

Maitland was one of Cohasset's top defenders in each of the last three seasons, all three teams qualifying for he state tourney. Nigro noted that he could always rely on Maitland to be a consistent force at the sweeper position, something the player clearly proved in earning a spot not only on the South Shore League All-Star team but also in the Eastern Mass All-Star game.

This past winter, Maitland made

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Pete Maitland lays into one.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Maitland is a two time captain and jack of all trades for the Spring track team.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Maitland (with ball) looks to make his move on the hardcourt.

Cohasset Race-by-the-Sea set for April 7

The 26th Cohasset Road Race-by-the-Sea has been scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2002. The Cohasset Rotary Club will again sponsor the race.

The race is listed on the "Cool Running" Web site calendar (www.coolrunning.com). Information can be obtained on the race website www.cohassetroadrace-bythesea.com.

Applications are in the back of the Rotary Telephone Book for Cohasset. Runners can also register on the website. Applications will be at Curtis Liquors, Nobles, Cohasset Good Sport and other locations at the end of February beginning of March.

Organizers this year intend to use computer chips for timing.

SPORTS NOTES

April vacation baseball

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters age 8 through 12 at the Recreation office, First Floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Camp has been contracted again this year to provide an April Vacation Baseball Clinic, which will be held for one week, beginning Tuesday, April 16, through Friday, April 19, at Milliken field.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109, as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

Certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

U.S.C.G.A. boating safety course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a four-session safe boating course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the four-session course, scheduled to begin Thursday evening, May 9, at Cohasset High School. Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7:30 to about 9 p.m., May 9 through May 23. Certification test will be held at the fifth and final class at 7:30 p.m., May 23.

Coastal Stars registration

Registration for the 2002-'03 Coastal Stars hockey season will be held next Saturday, March 16, at the Ventress Library, 15 Liberty Plaza, Marshfield. (Rte 139 and Webster Street), from 11 a.m to 4 p.m..

Any Questions can be directed to Ed Burke (781-837-7812).

Girls basketball clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that telephone registration will be accepted for a girls basketball clinic to be held at Osgood School gym starting April 22 through May 20.

The clinic will meet each Monday, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. for grades three and four and 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. for grades five and six.

The fee for the five-week program is $40 per player. This program will be run by Ellen Carr, head coach of girls basketball at Cohasset High School.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 to register. Space is limited, early registration is advised.

Cohasset Recreation Spring wrestling clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that telephone registration will be accepted for a spring wrestling clinic to be held at Deer Hill School gym starting Monday, March 11.

The clinic will meet each Monday and Wednesday afternoon, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. from March 11 through May 1. (less the week of April 15, during school vacation)

The fee for the seven-week program meeting for 14 sessions is $45 per wrestler. Daniel and Jon Littauer will co-instruct this unique wrestling opportunity for grades 4 to 6.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Special Hitters' Workshop at SSBC in Hingham

HINGHAM - The South Shore Baseball Club will be offering a special Hitters' Workshop, featuring veteran SSBC instructor Rick DelVecchio, during the April School Vacation for players aged 8-13 at its indoor facility in Hingham. Sessions will be conducted from 9-10:45 a.m., Tuesday through Friday, Apr. 16-19.

Hitters' Workshops have been designed to directly focus on hitting and improve all aspects of a player's hitting. Lectures and drills are intended to create habits that will give hitters what they need to succeed in games.

"Due to the popularity of our Hitters' Workshops with Rick over the December and February school vacations," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. explained, "we felt that we had to add one for the April school vacation. This one is really geared for youth league players. You never know how often fields around here will be playable in April because of rain and cold. Players can get their at bats and receive instructions from SSBC's professional staff at this Hitters' Workshop."

The Hitters' Workshop features daily hitting lectures, five different hitting stations, various skills work and drills, live hitting cage with pitchers, soft toss and bunting stations, two live hitting stations, and a safety station for inside pitches.

SSBC is a year-round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players, boys and girls, ages five and older, with locations in Holbrook and Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its programs for members and non-members, call 1-800-GO4-HITS/781-767-1529 in Holbrook, 1-888-749-6466/781-749-6466 in Hingham, or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Mites win thriller

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ter man, Robertshaw, in the slot. Robertshaw had no trouble converting the Collins pass by the helpless Weymouth goalie for the game's first goal.

The rest of the first period was a defensive showcase as goalie Chris Carpenter made several outstanding saves to keep Weymouth off the board. Supporting Carpenter in front of the net was the superlative work of defensemen Joe Parnell and Brendan Quackenbush. Head coach, Brian Geddes lauded Parnell and Quackenbush for their great ability to keep the puck in the offensive zone and the ease with which they were able to get the puck out of their defensive zone. Coach Geddes said their strong skating and tenacity were a factor all game and helped preserve the 1-0 lead going into the second period.

As the puck dropped to start the second the Stars immediately captured the momentum. It was the work of Robertshaw and Quackenbush aided by line mate Kevin Thomas that accounted for the second score. Collins once again got the puck to Robertshaw who dished it off to Thomas who blasted the puck by the usually steady Weymouth goalie.

There were several close calls in this period that might have changed the direction of the game quite abruptly. Near the end of the second period, holding on to a 2-0 lead, a Weymouth forward broke free and was heading for a breakaway. The Weymouth player was chased down by the incredible hustling and back checking of second line center Allie Ryan who caught the winger forcing him wide thus enabling the defensive pairing of Chris Bjorkman and Sarah Evans to take care of the play from there by clearing the puck out of their zone. Assistant coach Bill Quackenbush was not surprised by the sensational play as Evans, Bjorkman and Ryan have hustled all year and know the meaning of team defense.

Another close call in the second was a near miss by Allie Ryan as she almost broke in alone on the Weymouth net minder. The gritty Marshfield forward Kevin Meehan's aggressive fore-checking pushed the puck out of the zone and nudged it free to line mate Brian DeBesse who got it over to Ryan for the near miss.

As the third period began the Stars knew that with this Weymouth team they couldn't get complacent with a two goal lead. And sure enough on the first shift of the final period Weymouth reminded the Stars why they were such a formidable foe all season as they scored their first goal a minute into the third period. Three and a half minutes later it was a tie ball game as Weymouth knocked in an uncovered rebound for their second goal.

Coach Geddes along with assistant coaches Quackenbush and the highly heralded instructional coach, Charlie Parnell, implored their team not to tighten up and play their disciplined defensive game and the offensive opportunities would come. Sure enough at the thirteen minute mark of the third the Stars went ahead as Kevin Thomas fired a shot top shelf glove side for the go ahead goal.

Protecting a slim one goal lead, the prowess of the Stars' third line revealed itself on a brilliant goal by center Joe Admirand. Admirand's deftness with his hands and a clever deeking move put the Stars up by two. The third line's defense anchored by the Cohasset pairing of Coleman Hernon and E.J. Culhane was solid all game. Hernon was a stalwart on defense and made a critical move to keep the puck in the offensive zone on Admirand's goal. Culhane was a force on both sides of the ice with his consistent smart play and aggressiveness. The play of forwards John Ryan and Andrew Geddes created several threats as Geddes drilled two shots dead on forcing the Weymouth goalie to make a couple of show stopping saves.

With ten seconds left in the game Robertshaw put the game away completing his hat trick and putting the Stars firmly in first place and giving them the number one seed in the playoffs.

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Bookend defensemen Tim Straughn (above) and Eric Libby (right) are key reasons the Skippers have now had just 20 goals scored on them in 21 games this season.

C.H.S. hockey team fends off challenge to advance to semi-finals

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came at the nine-minute mark when Olson's linemate, Brian Sherry, beat Eric Libby at the blue line for a clean shot.

Kinchla managed to deflect the wrister, then cover up the rebound attempt of Olson. He finished the game with 20 saves on 21 shots.

With three minutes remaining in the period, Cohasset began shooting through their four offensive lines, massing a vicious attack. But all eight of the shots the Skippers put on net during those final three minutes were thwarted by Goldman (44 saves on the day).

Feehan clearly had momentum going its way heading into the second break, but the number one seeded Skippers showed their top form in the final period.

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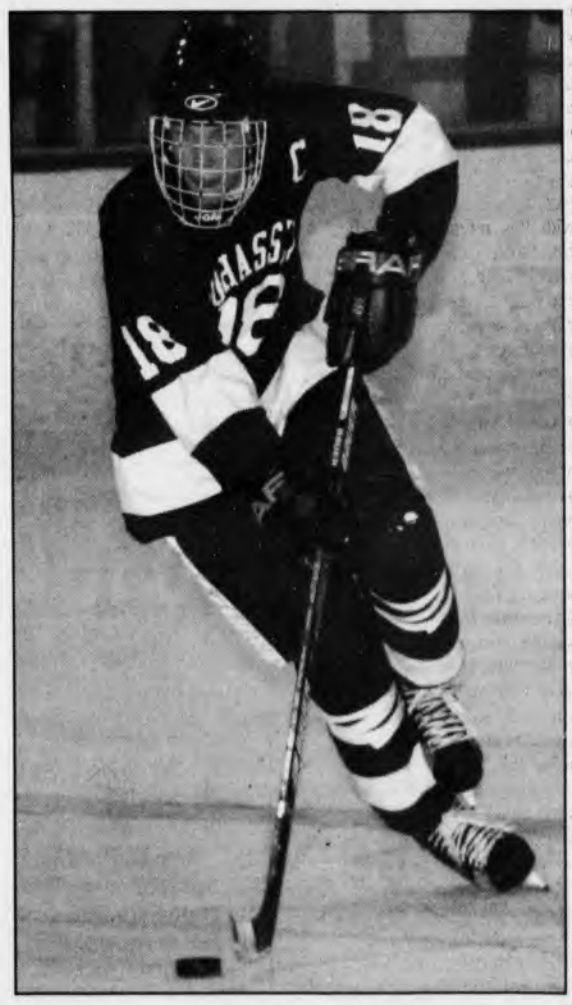
Feehan came back, hitting the crossbar once and the post twice on blueline slapshots. With a final desperation move, Bishop Feehan pulled Goldman with a minute left, only to watch O'Connell loft the puck into the open net from the opposite blueline.

Many believed that this game would not even be close, that it would serve as nothing more than a tune-up for Bourne this Thursday. But the Skippers have made the Frozen Four of the South Sectional, and that's the bottom line.



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nial to convince the NHL powers-that-be to finally drop the two-line pass rule and instruct their zebras to call a tighter game, I dare say nothing ever will be.

I've said it in this space before: there's no sporting event more enjoyable to watch in person than a well played, competitive hockey game. It's a pity the NHL hasn't cashed in on the all too simple premise of just letting the players play.

The most wonderful time of the year

Forget Christmas time. For my money, this is the best month of the year, hands down. First, pitchers and catchers report, then you've got the high school tourneys for hockey and basketball commencing, and that's followed by the NCAA hoops tourney.

Speaking of the meat in the middle of that tantalizing sports sandwich:

The Norwell boys hoop team, which was knocked off by neighboring Scituate in the Div. 3 semifinals Tuesday night at Braintree High in a thrilling overtime affair, was the most physically talented team, 1 through 7, I've seen in a couple of years, and that includes the Div. 1 teams I've covered. Scary to think the Clippers return six of their top eight players next season, including legit Div. 1 college prospect Gerry Corcoran, a junior.

The 6-foot-5 Corcoran had a few running mates who'd have been stars on other teams in Bobby Savoy, who won't be back, and John Mohan, who will. Additionally, there were a few absolutely ideal role players. Senior captain Savoy was one of the fastest and best defending guards in the history of the South Shore League and he did a pretty fair job running the offense too. Mohan is as well rounded and intelligent a high school player as there is around. It's truly frightening to think what he might be doing two years from now when he's a senior. Fellow soph Marc Bowman is a 6-foot-6 shot-blocking machine and senior Ted Hughes was this team's version of Caldwell Jones (yes, I realize I'm showing my age with this reference). Hughes' hard hat, lunch pail and who-cares-if-I-see-the-ball at the offensive end approach to his power forward role was just what this perimeter oriented team needed.

And then coach John Willis could bring in off the bench multi-talented juniors Craig Sutherland and long range specialist Joe Doyle, who surprised absolutely no one by winning the three-point shooting contest at the South Shore League-Patriot League All-Star game two weeks ago (he hit eight in a row in one first round stretch). These two players should step relatively seamlessly into the starting lineup next year, and solid swingman Frank Granara (who missed the stretch run and post-season after suffering a broken leg) should be among the better sixth men in the SSL.

- This potential level of dominance might also be witnessed in the South Sectionals from the Cohasset High hockey team (19-0-1 and having outscored opponents 153-19 this season) or Abington girls hoops team (20-1), especially now that standout Steph Morrissey appears to have recovered from an injury suffered in the regular season finale.

If the Hingham hockey squad stayed in the Div. 1 south sectionals, I might well have included them on this select list, but no way with the jump to the Super 8 tourney. Of course, if they pull off a win here, that would be The Sports Story of the year in Marinerland. Kudos to Garrett Reagan and his charges for not shying off of this supreme challenge.

- Then there's everyone's favorite darkhorse, the Rockland boys hoop team (13-5), the 10th seed in the Div. 3 south tourney (which would have been much higher if not for season ending losses to powerhouse Cardinal Spellman and Norwell). With three stars from last year's sectional finalist squad lost to graduation and starting senior captain Eric Savicke going down mid-season with a serious leg injury, venerable coach Bob Fisher did some of the best coaching in his storied high school career by first directing this group to defend its share of the Patriot League title with just one loss in 12 league games, and now leading them into the Div. 3 semifinal match against Wareham last night after a huge upset of second seeded Abington.

And while I'm on the subject…

…of Cohasset High sports, how do they keep doing this!?!

With a student body of just over 300, by far the smallest of any of the Pilgrim Conference's 29 memberships schools, how is it the Cohasset boys have, in the last nine months alone, won the South Shore League track title, advanced the lacrosse team to the Div. 2 state championship game, won the SSL football crown and finished second in SSL soccer with a 13-4-1 record.

And then there's this winter's exploits, which might be the most impressive of all. First, Torin Sweeney gets mostly freshman and sophomores on his 24-man wrestling team, loses his team captain and undisputed top grappler from 2001in Dan Littauer, and goes on to finish unbeaten in Pilgrim Conference 2 competition, then takes fourth at sectionals. It simply defies the odds that hockey coach Dennis Walsh could even find enough athletic bodies to form four virtually interchangeable forward lines, five top of the line defensemen and an all-star goalie, never mind put it all together to outscore opponents by a total of 153-19 this season.

Shorts shots

- Speaking of the Olympics, I was stunned…STUNNED, I tell you, to hear the suggestion that figure skating judges were trading votes. Though not quite as **STUNNED** as I was a few weeks ago to discover there may be a pretty fair amount of nepotism involved in state government hiring.

- More than a month later, I still can't get enough Patriots talk. So I'm thinking I've past the expiration date for this statement being deemed hyperbole: aside from the Miracle on Ice, this Patriots Super Bowl win was easily the most compelling sporting event I've ever viewed on television.

- Scituate goalie Joe Duggan got absolutely robbed of a spot on the Patriot League all-star team. Granted, selectees John Lynch (1.06 goals against per game) and Mike Zarella (1.71)— who tended goal for the much more talented Hingham and Duxbury teams, respectively—had far gaudier totals than Duggan (3.2), but I'd be willing to bet the save percentage numbers are pretty comparable (unfortunately, with volunteer stat people, this is pretty tough to confirm at the high school level). Regardless of what conclusions one might draw from numbers, however, I'd laugh in the face of anyone who told me any goalie in this league meant more to their team than Duggan, a junior, meant to the Sailors. In fact, I might also suggest they talk to the Russian Olympic Committee about a future in figure skating judging.

Finally, a few insuppressible Sox thoughts:

The door can't hit the Duke on the hind quarters hard enough for my liking, but Joe Kerrigan deserves at least the better part of this season to sink or swim. Forget the way last season ended and the gripe that players quit on Kerrigan. If they stopped trying, they gave up on themselves, their teammates and the fans. They're professional athletes. It's madness to suggest we hold Manager's accountable for the players' level of commitment.

Putting all other arguments aside, I say Kerrigan gets a shot simply on the basis of his track record of handling pitchers. Clearly, Pedro is going to need a little TLC and a lot of adept "handling" in the early going.

Of course, all support will be withdrawn if Pedro goes over 90 pitches anytime before mid-May. I don't care how much he bulked up the area around the shoulder, a rotator cuff fray does not heal on its own. The Sox have enough talent to contend for a wild card even without Pedro. Let's preserve him as best we can for the stretch run and (please, please, please) the post-season

- Methinks some folks might be getting a trifle carried away over what the signing of Tony Clark means to the Red Sox. The 6-foot-7 slugger has always hit well at Fenway, but he's been plagued by back problems in recent years and he's hit only 29 homers over the last two seasons in 636 at bats, while striking out 159 times over that stretch. Is it obvious I've been burned by him in rotisserie baseball a few times?

- My darkhorse to wind up hitting in that five-hole (with Clark possibly dropping down the order) by season's end, protecting Manny and Nomar, is Shea Hillenbrand…that is, if, as reports indicate, he is ready to be considerably more selective at the plate this season. The kid has got a great stroke

- I'm a big fan of the Rey Sanchez (a great roto sleeper for me a few years back, incidentally) signing, mostly because he edges Monsieur Awfulman a step closer to the door, but also because he's someone who can step in for an extended stretch at short if Nomar should suffer a setback.

- In the grand scheme of things, Manny's missing the first day of camp doesn't amount to a hill of beans to the team or himself as a ballplayer. To the New England fans, however, who just witnessed first hand what can happen when a team truly pulls together (y'know, the Patriots), it might well mean a lot. If he had shown up on time, the Fenway faithful might have given Manny, a notorious slow starter (last season being the aberration), a month or so of so so swings before getting on his back. The potential for tolerance now, however, appears as scarce as he was on Day 1 of camp.

Maitland a triple threat

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a tremendous jump for the basketball team, evolving from a JV swinger as a junior to a South Shore League All-Star as a senior. Maitland attributes his success simply to getting an opportunity to show his skills.

"I felt much more comfortable (this season)," said Maitland. "Last year, I would go in for a minute, then get taken out if I made a mistake. I just had a lot more fun this year."

In addition to the force he provided under the hoop, he emerged as a potent long-range threat, one of the team leaders in three-pointers this season.

Basketball coach Ron Ford was extremely proud of the leadership role Maitland assumed in a year where the numbers were way down due to injuries.

"He saw and opportunity and he seized it," said the 11 year head coach. "He grew so much this year."

Despite the extremely impressive resumes in both soccer and basketball, spring clearly remains Maitland's best season. A second year captain, Maitland has a good shot at leading the team to a second straight South Shore League title this upcoming sports season. However, the league should have much stiffer competition in 2002, with Abington and Carver always putting together tough teams, and Mashpee, last year's State Champions, entering into SSL competition.

Maitland hopes to repeat as a New England Championships athlete in javelin, where he could finish much higher than last year. His longest throw in 2001, 179-plus feet, would have put Maitland in the top five at the New Englands.

Maitland has been talking to several college coaches who are interested in him possibly for soccer or track. UMass-Amherst (which already has accepted him), Boston University, University of Rhode Island, and Trinity all stand as perspective choices.

However, Maitland knows he still has some time to impress the Cohasset fans before moving on to bigger and better things.

"I just want to have as much fun and success in track as I can before it is all over," he noted.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

8:37 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., suspicious auto.

9:46 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:41 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

9:22 a.m. Sohier St., log entry, fire.

10 a.m. King St., medical aid.

12:17 p.m. Sohier St., violation of restraining order.

1:23 p.m. White Head Rd., outside fire.

2:48 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:04 p.m. Rocky Ln., fire investigation.

5:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

5:59 p.m. King St., auto fire.

7:20 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

1 a.m. James Ln., medical aid.

1:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

6:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:41 a.m. King St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

7:01 a.m. Elm Ct., animal control.

7:03 a.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop.

7:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., animal control.

8:24 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:29 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, log entry.

8:49 a.m. Pond St., animal control.

9:12 a.m. South Main St., animal control.

9:44 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:40 a.m. Norfolk Ln., threats.

11:19 a.m. Norfolk Ln., threats.

11:37 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., traffic citation/warning.

2:24 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:05 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:25 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., serve restraining order.

10:23 p.m. Ripley Rd., suspicious.

11:29 p.m. South Main St., suspicious auto.

11:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

12:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway assist citizen.

12:49 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.

1:12 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:14 a.m. Headquarters, animal control.

7 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Rose Hill Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:24 a.m. Pond St., animal control.

7:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:36 a.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:42 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:49 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

9:37 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. serve restraining order.

1:06 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

1:58 p.m. Ripley Rd., open door/window.

3:09 p.m. Aaron River Rd., suspicious activity.

4:19 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. serve restraining order.

4:30 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

4:53 p.m. King St., medical aid.

5:11 p.m. Nichols Rd., well being check.

6:14 p.m. Doane St. and Beechwood St., suspicious auto.

7:44 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., serve restraining order.

8:54 p.m. King St., medical aid.

9:55 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

10:11 p.m. South Main St, suspicious auto.

10:25 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

11 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

1:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:18 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

2:34 a.m. Pleasant St., disturbance.

12:44 p.m. King St, larceny.

5:57 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., Dr., family disturbance.

9:43 p.m. Pond St. and Spring St., suspicious activity.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

3:25 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

4:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:36 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:46 a.m. Pleasant St., animal call or complaint.

12:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning..

WORSHIP NOTES

Palm Sunday organ recital

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 11th year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting organist Steven Young in a recital on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. Dr. Young, a graduate of Boston University, is chairman of the Music Department at Bridgewater State College, where he directs the college's choral ensembles. He is also dean of the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. One of Young's claims to fame is his extensive research on the organ works of Louis Vierne, which included living in Paris for a number of months in order to pour over musical scores and perform upon historic instruments.

Works on the Palm Sunday program include those by Sowerby, Commette, Petr Eben, and Rheinberger.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., is handicap accessible, and has ample parking in the village car park. There is no admission charge, although donations will be accepted. For more information, call 781-383-1083.

OBITUARIES

Brenda O. Litchfield

Brenda 0. Litchfield 76, of Scituate and formerly of Cohasset, a retired bookkeeper, died March 1, 2002, at home after a long illness.

Mrs. Litchfield was a bookkeeper 30 years for M.A. Street Insurance Co. in Cohasset. She retired in 1994.

She was the past president and past county officer of the American Legion Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Scituate Chapter of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Litchfield was born in Lyng, England, and resided in Cohasset before moving to Scituate 27 years ago.

Wife of the late James A. Litchfield, she leaves a daughter, Jill Cronin of Cohasset; two sisters, Georgina Collings and Jean Hennessey of England; and four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

Donations may be made to the American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, c/o Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, 48 South Main Street, Cohasset, 02025 or St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Avenue, Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Marian E. Ballou Perry

Marian E. Ballou Perry, 82, of Orono, Maine, a Cohasset secretary, died Feb. 28, 2002, in Orono.

Born in Whitinsville, she graduated from West Boylston High School and Becker College in Worcester.

For many years, she and her late husband, Henry B. Perry, lived in Cohasset, where she worked at Cohasset High School as the principal's secretary. She had also worked as an administrative assistant in the psychology departments at Tufts University and the University of Maine. She retired in 1989.

Mrs. Perry leaves two sons, Thomas Perry of Orono, Maine, and Charles Perry of Brookline; and five grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by the Brookings Smith LaBeau Chapel, Orono, Maine.

Donations may be made to Home Health and Hospice of St. Joseph, 900 Broadway, Building 2, Bangor, ME 04401.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, **March 18, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.6 & 9.6.1 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Michael & Nina Hughes,** seek to construct addition at **140 Beach St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-02-19.

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Memorial fund for Mary Babaian

Friends and colleagues of Mary Babaian, who succumbed to cancer last July — a year after she retired from the Cohasset school system, are establishing a memorial fund in her honor. Babaian served as a guidance counselor, teacher and coach over the years.

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For more information on the memorial call Barbara Mahar at 508-362-4492.

A decision regarding the actual memorial in Babaian's memory will depend on the contributions.

Checks payable to the Mary A. Babaian Memorial Fund should be sent in care of Helen Sullivan, CSJ, 667 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135.

Members of the committee include, Steve and Miriam Hart, Mary Abbruzzese, Mary DiPerna, Barbara Mahar, Marcia Salmon, Helen Sullivan, Kathy Therberge and Sharon Tufts.

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Shipyard video has far-reaching effect

Film airs on Channel 2

By Carol Britton Meyer
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A documentary featuring Hingham Shipyard at the height of its glory during World War II is making waves across the country.

The film, entitled "Remembering the Hingham Shipyard," is getting wider publicity as it airs March 8 at 7 p.m. and March 9 at 10:30 a.m. on WGBH-Channel 2, during pledge week.

"That's very exciting, because they're not only showing the video but also offering copies of the film as part of their pledge incentives," said Martin Cohn, spokesperson for shipyard developer Paul Trendowicz. "That will give more exposure to the wonderful history and accomplishments of the shipyard as we're coming upon the 60th anniversary of the war."

Copies of the documentary, narrated by former Hingham resident and well-known radio personality Jess Cain, are available for a symbolic $19.42.

Cohn isn't sure from whom WGBH heard about "Remembering the Hingham Shipyard."

"They receive tapes from all over and chose this one on its artistic merits," he said. "WGBH must also believe the video will provide an incentive for people to make contributions to generate revenue for Channel 2."

Those making a $60 pledge will receive a copy of the video.

Some individuals and families across the nation have already viewed the tape.

"We got a letter from a former Hingham resident now living in another state who was thrilled when he saw it, because the tape brought back so many memories," Cohn said. "The film has really stimulated a lot of discussion and goodwill."

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Bill Copeland, who was a pipe-fitter at the Hingham Shipyard during WWII; Peg Charlton, local author and historian who is a member of the Hingham Shipyard Historical Foundation Advisory Committee; and narrator Jess Cain get together during last July's screening of the documentary "Remembering Hingham Shipyard." At left, Ian Menzies of Hingham – one of the stars of the film – is on the screen.

A number of other individuals currently residing in various parts of the United States have also had a positive reaction to the 30-minute documentary, "Remembering the Hingham Shipyard," according to Cohn.

The film, a living history sponsored by the shipyard developers and Hingham Shipyard Historical Foundation, brings the war years to life while at the same time offering an inspirational message of industry, pride, sacrifice and patriotism.

The foundation was started by Capt. Mark Hirsch to commemorate the events that took place at the shipyard during World War II and the men and women who were instrumental in building and launching ships during the conflict.

Orders for the film, which vividly recaptures the bustle of military activity at the shipyard during World War II, now total more than 500. Most of the sales have come about by word of mouth.

Information about the videotape was also mailed to graduates of the Class of 1945 and a number of former Hingham residents living either locally or in other parts of the country.

During wartime, the close-knit Hingham community was transformed into a busy military naval center — one of the largest shipbuilding operations in the nation.

It was at Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard that masses of workers produced 227 top-notch ships used in the war effort.

A gala premiere showing of the film took place in the giant General Services Administration Building, where the shipbuilding operation was headquartered, in July. The documentary met with rave reviews.

"Remembering Hingham Shipyard" details the rich history of the facility with a very personal touch. A number of current Hingham residents who took part in the effort or lived in Hingham during the war share their vivid recollections of the effects the wartime period had on the once sleepy seaside community.

For further information about the documentary, call (781) 449-5600.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

MONDAY, MARCH 18
Breakfast for Lunch: French toast sticks with maple syrup, sausage patty, potato rounds, raisins, milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19
Chicken and rice soup, bagel combo lunch; or tuna salad plate, lettuce/tomato, Jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
Pasta with meatballs, garlic bread; or chef salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21
Taco meat served over chips with lettuce/tomato, rice and cheese; or ham and cheese sub, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22
Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or fish filet on a bun, tossed salad, pudding, milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 25
Cheeseburger on a bun; or turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26
Chicken nuggets; or egg salad pocket, mashed potato, corn, Jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
Pasta with meat sauce; or grilled chicken salad, dinner roll, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or tuna salad roll, carrots, dessert, milk.

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Post-prom party plans underway

The post prom party committee would like to thank the Cohasset Jack Conway office and Paul Trendowicz for graciously stepping forward and providing storage for numerous post prom party equipment and props while Cohasset High School is being renovated. Thanks to Tim Baird for coordinating and moving all the "stuff" and also thank you to the school administration for once again providing the high school gym for the night's festivities.

Plans are already underway for the post prom party 2002! This is the fifth year of a continuing parent and community effort to give our seniors and their guests a fun, safe, alcohol and drug-free event.

The high school gym will once again be transformed into our "top-secret" theme on prom night May 31. Past years have had the seniors "under the stars", at "Mardi Gras", on a "cruise ship", and "under the Boardwalk." There's dancing, prizes, plenty of food, and all sorts of non-stop activities to help celebrate a memorable night. The party begins right after prom and continues until 5 a.m. Post prom party has been so successful that we've had a 95 to 100 percent attendance rate. The Cohasset Police support the parents and community in their effort to keep the kids safe.

Why not help the tradition grow? The post prom party is truly a gift that the whole community gives our seniors. Become involved...it's fun, creative, you'll meet new people and it's rewarding. For more information contact Jeanne Quigley at 781-383-1573.

SSL scholarships

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be Cohasset High School seniors or Cohasset residents who intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields.

Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2002-'03 academic year. Applications are available at the league's office, 16 Highland Ave., Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or in the Cohasset High School Guidance office. Applications must be received by the league by April 12. For further information call the league office at 781-383-0771.

This year marks the Social Service League's 90th anniversary. In recognition of a long history of community service, it will host a special celebration at Atlantica May 3. The Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship recipients will be announced at this time.

IT'S HAPPENING

'Our Town' tickets

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents the American classic "Our Town" at Cohasset Town Hall, March 8, 9, 15 & 16 at 8p.m. and March 9 at 2p.m.

Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door and by phone at 781-585-9158..

Chili cook-off

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers' Club will host its Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, March 9 at 7 p.m. This year's friendly competition will be held at the home of Michelle Cayer and David Frederick, 32 Deep Run, in Cohasset. Members are invited to enter their prize-winning chili recipes. Chilis should be brought ready to serve in a crock pot, along with any other special fixings. Otherwise, simply bring an appetizer or dessert. Beverages will be provided. Cost is $5 per person.

To RSVP, please call 781-383-0212.

Parenting course

The Social Service League of Cohasset is offering a five-week course on Parenting for Prevention. This informative seminar is directed to parents but driven by the needs, aspirations and promise of our adolescents. The overriding goal of Parenting for Prevention is to ensure that our children have the very best of opportunities to grow into mature, independent, caring and drug-free adults. These sessions will be Monday 6:30-7:45 p.m. and will begin when enrollment reaches ten participants. Free.

If interested, call 781-383-0771.

World-class sailor at benefit lecture

Mark your calendar for 7 p.m., Saturday March the 16. The Cohasset Yacht Club will continue its support of maritime studies at the high school once again by organizing a winter lecture. And this year's speaker will be Cam Lewis, fresh back from his latest escapades on TeamAdventure the 110-foot catamaran built to compete in The Race, the no-holds-barred round-the-world race sailed in early 2001.

The lecture is open to the public. Cost is $15 per person (students free but please make a reservation). Payment required in advance Refreshments will be served Space is limited, so please make your reservation early by calling Meg Bertolami at (781) 383-2968. The lecture will take place at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

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BUSINESS

New cosmetic boutique will fill Laura Ashley vacancy

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The impending arrival of train service in Hingham Square, while daunting to some, isn't stopping new businesses from taking up shop.

Entrepreneurs Hillary Woodyatt of Hingham and Jane Forrer of Cohasset took their cue from business owners like Patti Kane, owner of the new Square Café, in deciding to establish their innovative new cosmetics boutique, Across the Pond, on nearby South Street.

"We've taken the traditional way women buy cosmetics and turned it absolutely up-side-down," said Woodyatt.

Both women have done a great deal of research into what they consider to be the best skin care and cosmetics products "out there."

"We've chosen the top ones and will be bringing them into a boutique atmosphere where customers can play with a number of different lines, allowing them to mix and match," Woodyatt said. "It's really about making people feel beautiful, because if they look at themselves that way, they'll feel more comfortable and better about themselves."

The companies they've selected are family-based New York or Paris companies which produce their products in small batches, staying with the original formulas.

The focus will be on proper cleansing while at the same time adding color.

"The color lines we'll offer will provide a quick fix, but healthy skin is a process and involves a commitment," Woodyatt said. "We've already done the research for our customers and simplified their choices."

Across the Pond, which is expected to open in early April, will provide an atmosphere conducive to browsing, while at the same time offering quality, hands-on assistance.

"We're taking away the individual product kiosks found in department stores and making it very open so customers can 'play' with different products," said Forrer, who has lived in Cohasset for 11 years.

Across the Pond will also offer a limited selection of loungewear.

The shop's name came from an old-fashioned term for crossing the Atlantic — "across the pond."

"We kept going across the pond, so to speak, when making our choices of which products to carry," Forrer said, "whether ones from New York or Paris."

Trained make-up artists will be on-hand to perform makeovers and answer questions.

Although a small number of similar businesses have been popping up in other areas, particularly near New York City, cosmetic boutiques are still considered to be a cutting-edge industry.

A mix of skin care products that are either botanically derived or sea-based (derived from plants that come from the ocean) will be offered in the Hingham boutique.

With regard to the likelihood that Greenbush rail service will be restored, Woodyatt notes that a number of shops are being renovated in the area, despite those predictions.

"Hingham Square will be here for a long time and will continue to thrive, although it may be uncomfortable for everyone for a little while."

Forrer seconds that opinion.

"We'll all ride the wave together and be floating in the end," she said with a laugh. "The time is right to do it, so we're coming in, train or no train."

When their search for a location for their new shop brought them to Hingham Square, Woodyatt and Forrer immediately felt support from other shop owners.

"We wanted to be bring something to Hingham and the South Shore that would complement other businesses and bring more people to the Square without competing with existing ones," Forrer said. "Besides, the Square is charming."

When the two women learned Laura Ashley was moving from its current location, they knew their search for the perfect spot had come to an end.

"We want people to come to our store, visit the other shops and then go and have dinner — all in the Square," said Forrer.

The women are working with Cohasset decorator Jill Tedeschi to create a warm, comfortable decor in their shop that's friendly and simple.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's Jane Forrer, left, and Hillary Woodyatt and are owners of "Across the Pond," a new cosmetics boutique in Hingham Square.

"We don't want anyone to feel intimidated," Woodyatt said. "It will be like buying lipstick from a girlfriend."

There will be something for everyone in Across the Pond, according to Forrer.

"Our products are ageless and genderless," she said, ranging from perfume, gift baskets and cellulite and wrinkle creams to anti-acne lotions, lip gloss and a men's skin care line.

"Many of our products are used by a number of movie stars," she notes, "although we didn't make that correlation in the beginning."

Product lines that will be carried by Across the Pond include Laura Mercier, Trish, McEvoy, Darphin, Bliss, Phytomer, Creed and Paula Dorf.

According to the shop owners, Dorf started her career doing Barbra Streisand's makeup, while one of Creed's top-selling fragrances was created especially for Grace Kelly.

Both shop owners and staff will undergo intensive training from the individual product line companies.

"It's all about the way you feel and what customers want to prevent, enhance, hide, take care of or correct," Forrer said. "Beauty is not a quick fix. It has a lot to do with health and lifestyle, and we want to simplify the process and educate our clients."

Forrer and Woodyatt have worked together previously on various projects and look forward to doing so again.

"It seemed like a natural fit, because we have similar lifestyles," Woodyatt said. "We both work, have children and live in the same area. And we work well together."

Popular salon celebrates first anniversary

Also named to 'inner circle'

By Evan Schiff
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Hair getting a little long? Color not quite right? You're living in the right town.

Adrian Morris Salon, 103 Ripley Road, which is celebrating its first anniversary, has been recognized by John Paul Mitchell as one of its top salons.

John Paul Mitchell recently named the salon to its "inner-circle" which is based on product sales.

"The inner circle means the salon is very dedicated to John Paul Mitchell and supports the company and its philosophies," said Ellen Bobrow, regional vice-president of New England operations.

Being in the inner circle means that the salon will always have the latest Paul Mitchell products stocked on its shelves.

"Customers can be assured that an inner circle salon will provide them with the best that John Paul Mitchell has to offer," Bobrow said.

Adrian Morris, owner of the salon, says he believes customer service is what has kept his salon operating at such a high level over the past year.

"We go above and beyond other salons to make sure every visit is an experience," he said. "We have an exceptional staff that provides first-class service."

Floor manager Lynda Hague said some women might be intimidated entering a salon but at Adrian Morris, the atmosphere is very inviting.

"The reason people enjoy the salon so much is it is so friendly and comforting," she said. "The staff here treats everyone like they are family."

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The staff at Cohasset's Adrian Morris Salon includes, front row from left, Amanda Wright, owner Karen Oronte, and Anne Bunstein. Back row, Lynda Hague, Marcy Pickering, owner Adrian Morris, and Michelle Murdoch.

The salon draws customers from all over the South Shore and Morris said some even make the trek from as far away as New Hampshire and Connecticut for his services.

The salon provides a variety of services but Morris said 98 percent of his business involves coloring.

Morris has been in the business for 14 years and said he became involved because his mother was a hairdresser.

"It's a passion for me," he said. "I love everything about the business."

Morris said his goals for the salon include opening another store along with starting a school for hair stylists.

NETWORKING

Cavanaro Consulting opens Cohasset office

John Cavanaro Consulting (JCC) announces it has opened an office in Cohasset, less than a mile from the Hingham town line on Route 3A.

Founded in 2001, JCC specializes in Land Use Planning, Civil Engineering and Construction Management. Its founder and principal, John C. Cavanaro has more than 10 years experience in the field of consulting engineering and is licensed as a Professional Civil Engineer in Massachusetts, Maine and Vermont. In addition, Cavanaro is licensed as a soil evaluator in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Some of Mr. Cavanaro's experience includes serving as a Project Engineer for various Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Contracts; Project Manager for Amtrak's NEC High Speed Train Project; and Construction Manager for local Commercial and Municipal Development Projects.

Currently, JCC is working with local landowners to assist with the relocation of commercial businesses due to displacement by the MBTA's Greenbush Restoration Project. In addition, JCC is providing Civil Engineering design and construction phase services on various residential and industrial development projects, both independently and as a sub-consultant to local architectural and engineering firms.

Cavanaro is a member of the American Society of Consulting Engineers/Boston Society of Civil Engineers and a graduate of The University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth. He resides in Cohasset with his wife, Sandra, and their three children, Timothy, Joseph and Jane).

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No snow, no worries

Winter warmth didn't melt Blue Hills' ski season

By Amy Lambiaso
CORRESPONDENT

Ski resorts in New England should have been in trouble this season following record-low levels of precipitation and record high temperatures.

Tell that to Blue Hills Ski Area in Canton.

While many mountains in the area have only been able to open half of the trails for use as compared to past years, Blue Hills has been riding high on the success of new ski and snowboard programs and its new rental shop which opened Feb. 16.

Part of the ski area's secret to success is knowing its customers — many of whom are new to the sport — and meeting their needs.

"We're not a big enough mountain to be competitive with the ski areas in New Hampshire and Vermont," Director of Communications for Blue Hills, Bryan Eckert said. "But we offer great facilities and programs for people who are learning to ski."

Despite unseasonably warm weather and very little natural snowfall, the new owners and operators of Blue Hills — who also operate Ragged Mountain resort in Danbury, N.H. — went forward with planned improvements this season, including a 30 percent increase in the ski area's snowmaking ability. That has allowed the area to remain open, albeit with only two trails going into February and March.

"Temperatures have been dropping down enough at night, so we have been able to make plenty of snow," Eckert said. "And now we're finally getting Mother Nature's help."

The learn-to-ski program and beginner hills at Blue Hills is a local draw to high schools and area kids who are learning to ski and snowboard. But this year they are taking a new turn.

The real draw to the mountain was the Big Air snowboarding series new this season. The first Pro/Am snowboarding series in the Boston area will give top pros a chance to showboat their talents, along with others willing to give it a shot. Blue Hills Big Air contest is mainly for snowboarders, but Eckert said that there are always a few skiers who come out and get into the freestyle competition.

"It's a lot of fun to see what they can do," Eckert said. "It's pretty unbelievable to see how much air some of them can get, even the skiers."

The Big Air competitions are held on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. and wrap up March 7 . And so far the contests have been a popular draw for both competitors and spectators. People are really getting into it, Eckert said.

"That's one of the best things about snowboarding," Tyler Moak, a local snowboarding bum said. "Even if you're not going down yourself, it's fun to watch."

Moak started snowboarding four years ago, but wishes he had started when he was much younger like more kids are now.

"If you're under 20, you're not getting skis for Christmas anymore, you're getting a snowboard," Eckert said. "It just seems to be the wilder thing to do."

But the huge manmade jumps in the mountain for the snowboarding junkies aren't the wildest thing at Blue Hills. That has yet to come. A new event will hold that title for this season, an event where people will actually head down the mountain in kayaks. Yes, the same kayaks used in water. Blue Hills will sponsor a Kamakaze Kayak Race on March 9 for anyone with the daredevil attitude needed to participate.

"I've never been in one of these races, and I've never even seen them," Eckert said. "But I've heard enough about them to know it's a great time for everyone."

The season will conclude on March 23 with the mountain's Spring Fling. An all day event, the largest trail will be marked with an obstacle course for all those taking part. Prizes will be given out all day, most of which will be found at the bottom of a Jell-o jump, in which no skis are needed. Truly a day for all, filled with surprises, Eckert said.

"These final two events are a great way to end a season that has already been a season of new and great things."

Drawing inspiration from the North River

By Gregory Mathis
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By her own admission, Liz Haywood-Sullivan was a "Jack of all trades, master of none."

Until 1996, Haywood-Sullivan's career had taken her from an industrial designer at Xerox to an independent exhibit design consultant to president and owner of her own graphic design company with her husband. While she enjoyed success in those endeavors, she said she felt something was missing.

"As a designer I was jumping all over the place," Haywood-Sullivan said as she hammered another nail into the downstairs wall at the James Library in Norwell. "I was a mediocre designer… I was OK."

Essentially she was working for other people, creating images that would please clients. Her work, she said, was lacking personal satisfaction.

All that changed in 1996 when her husband took a new job and Haywood-Sullivan decided to journey down a new career path.

"It's taken five years and every year my work continues to improve," Haywood-Sullivan said last week as she hung her paintings in the gallery at The James Library and Center for the Arts. Her exhibit, titled "North River Marsh: A Yearlong Homage," has been a year-long labor of love for the Marshfield Hills resident.

"This is the most satisfying work I've ever done in my life," Haywood-Sullivan said. "This is what I'm supposed to be doing. This is what my life's work is supposed to be."

The inspiration of the 27-piece show is the North River, its tributaries and the landscape that surrounds the river. It is a subject Haywood-Sullivan continues to draw inspiration from.

"I'm still not finished painting it," she said. "It's just a beautiful natural resource with so many different faces and personalities."

The 27 paintings are done exclusively in soft pastel, which has been Haywood-Sullivan's medium of choice since she began working as a fine artist in 1996.

PHOTOS/GREGORY MATHIS

Liz Haywood-Sullivan hangs work featured in her new exhibit "North River Marsh: A Yearlong Homage," on display at the James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell. The show will be on display through April 4.

"I welcomed the challenge of working strictly in one medium and seeing how far I could take it," said Haywood-Sullivan, who used an extensive range of artistic and design principles in her previous career as a designer.

She also welcomed the challenge of limiting her subject matter to the North River marshes.

"As opposed to being limiting, this self-imposed assignment has allowed me to explore deeper into my technique," Haywood-Sullivan discovered. "By being freed from the burden of choosing subject matter, there has been more opportunity to experiment with papers, underpainting — which I rarely did before and use almost exclusively now — stroke technique, and composition."

Marshfield pastel artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan captures views of the North River Marsh in 27 different works in her James Library show.

The experimentation led to paintings that surprised even herself.

"I'm clueless when I sit down to paint… I don't have a lot of control over what happens. It's a very intuitive process for me," Haywood-Sullivan said. "I just paint it and put it out there."

Haywood-Sullivan said she's just beginning to tap into her talent as a fine artist.

"I'm really just getting started," she said, "but I'm taking the tiger by the tail."

The last year has been spent preparing for the show at The James Library and Haywood-Sullivan said she's excited about the initial feedback she's received.

"I'm just thrilled everyone is enjoying looking at my work," she said. "This is my anecdote to terrorism… to remind people there is beauty in the world and peace in the world. These paintings are like little meditations."

Haywood-Sullivan said she wanted to offer more to the viewer in this exhibit than just a gallery full of paintings. She wanted to enlighten them as well.

"I'm an educator at heart," Haywood-Sullivan said. "I'm addicted to learning things."

In addition to the 27 pastel paintings there will be historical information about the river and background information about the paintings, including thumbnail sketches and photos and notes.

"I have attended a handful of exhibits — in particular a Van Gogh exhibit in Amsterdam and a Rodin exhibit in Washington, D.C. — that stood out because they offered the artists' letters and sketchbooks for examination… a doorway to the artists' minds and methodology," Haywood-Sullivan said. "By including historical and background in my show I hope to demystify and illuminate the process and how my art is created."

Haywood-Sullivan said she is happy to have the opportunity to share her artwork locally.

"I love the venue. The James Library and Center for the Arts," Haywood-Sullivan said. "The people here are terrific. The location, the subject matter, the gallery, they're all part of the same whole I'm trying to mold and manipulate."

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Food & dining

Beet Soup

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

I say "beet soup" and you say, "no thanks." Well, maybe that is because you have had a particularly dreadful version of borscht, a recipe that ranges from a cold, lifeless purée to a hearty, working man's meat soup. When I think of beet soup, however, I think of the jewel of root vegetables – bright in color and flavor and uniquely suited to exciting ingredient combinations.

The first question was how to cook the beets so I roasted the first batch and then simmered the second round in chicken stock. The roasted beet variation had a deeper and more intense flavor. Now I wanted to perfect the method. I found that peeling the beets first and then cutting them into 1-inch chunks allowed the juices to caramelize in the high heat oven thus producing more flavor. I also tested salting them before cooking which also improved the taste. Covering the beets for most of the cooking time prevented them from drying out although a brief period uncovered towards the end of baking concentrated the flavor. As for oven temperature, 425 degrees was best – at higher temperatures the beets took on a dark, roasted flavor that was overpowering.

Thinking that the soup could use some thickening, I tried adding half of a cooked, starchy potato as well as cooked rice. Neither was necessary; the soup was fine on its own. As for aromatics, I tested onion, celery, carrot, garlic, leek, and shallot and settled on just the onion for a simple, non-intrusive flavor. As for other flavors, cumin seeds paired with ginger were a perfect marriage with the beets – vibrant, earthy, and sharp. Toasting the cumin seeds in a small skillet really boosted the flavor. I also added lime juice and honey to further enhance the competition between sweet and sour.

Since borscht is usually served with sour cream, I wanted to test the addition of dairy. Yogurt was too tart. A half cup of heavy cream was nice – it adds a velvety smoothness – but I also liked the soup without it. For a garnish, sour cream does work well as suggested by thousands of classic recipes.

BEET SOUP WITH TOASTED CUMIN AND GINGER

Smaller beets tend to have more flavor than larger ones although they take a bit more time to peel.

1 1/2 teaspoons cumin seeds
2 pounds beets, about 10 medium (two inches in diameter)
2 1/2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 medium onions, roughly chopped
2 tablespoons minced ginger
6 cups chicken stock, low sodium or homemade preferred
1 1/2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons lime juice
1/2 cup heavy cream, optional
Freshly ground pepper to taste
Minced chives for garnish, optional
Sour cream for garnish, optional

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Rinse beets, trim tops and bottoms, peel and cut into one-inch chunks. Toss in a roasting pan with one tablespoon of the oil and sprinkle them with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cover with aluminum foil and roast for 30 minutes. Remove foil and continue to cook for about 10 minutes or until the beets are cooked through. Place the cumin seeds in a non-stick skilled and toast over medium heat until they darken and are very aromatic, about 3 minutes.

2. Heat the remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons oil in a soup pot or large saucepan. Add the onions and cook, stirring frequently, for about 5 minutes, until they have softened but not browned. Add the ginger and toasted cumin seeds and cook for an additional 2 minutes.

3. Add the stock and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt to the pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer, cover, and cook for 15 minutes. Add beets and simmer for 5 minutes longer.

4. Puree the soup in a blender or food processor in batches. Return to the pot and add the honey, lime, and optional heavy cream and bring back to a simmer. Adjust seasonings with salt and pepper. Ladle into bowls and garnish with optional chives and sour cream if desired.

Serves 6

Closer to Rod

Weymouth club welcomes Stewart look-alike

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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"Simply Rod" is how tribute artist A.R. Himsey is known.

On stage, belting out "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy" or "Crazy About Her," he simply transforms himself into Rod Stewart.

"My shows are perfected to the style of the legendary performer, from his voice to his hair to his savoir fare," Himsey said.

Himsey, a native of the Bay State, spent years perfecting the style of the rock 'n roll icon.

"I choreograph every day. I watch how he walks, how he struts, how he projects his charisma. And I kick out a soccer ball like him," Himsey said.

Most importantly, he masters the voice.

"You have to get the rasp just right," Himsey said.

Himsey brings his unmistakable look and voice to Weymouth's Odyssey Club, 1073 Main St. (Route 18), on Friday, March 15, in two 50-minute performances, beginning at 9:30 p.m.

If you stop by, don't expect to see Himsey for a short time before the show begins.

Transformation takes time and soul.

"I need 20 minutes by myself to physically, emotionally and spiritually change," Himsey said.

Himsey believes stepping so completely into the persona of Rod Stewart is the ultimate tribute a fan can give.

"They say that imitation is the highest compliment you can pay to someone. I think being able to transform into that person is the highest complement," Himsey said.

From the time he was in grade school, friends noticed Himsey resembled the famous singer.

In 1971, as a boy of 10, Himsey was awed by Stewart's "Maggie May."

Rod Stewart impersonator A. R. Himsey

"I thought to myself, 'I look like that, but I could never sound like that.' How could anybody sound like Rod? Then, at about 17, I decided to get the voice down," Himsey said.

Gradually the vision came into view.

When Karaoke first came out, Himsey found himself on stage, simply being Rod. Out of this came his first job offer as a celebrity impersonator. Then came work with agencies.

"I auditioned for a few impersonator companies, sent my promo kit and they hired me," Himsey said.

Then he decided to go out on his own. Himsey both performs with a five-piece band and does solo performances. He now gets a lot of calls to perform at birthdays and weddings.

He often seeks out spots he'd like to play.

"I do a lot of cold walk-ins. I am very persistent in what I want to do," Himsey said.

Himsey is as dedicated to the Rod Stewart "look" as to the voice.

He patronizes a Rhode Island hairdresser who is now well-versed in the Stewart cut and spends a lot of time on wardrobe.

"I go well out of my way for my outfits. I have just about every outfit Rod Stewart owns. I have suits made for me, and I order from International Male. I have clothes mailed from England," Himsey said.

The effort has paid off. Last year, a national television personality acknowledged Himsey's resemblance to Stewart. Himsey's photograph had a cameo appearance when Jay Leno held it up to the camera, commenting Himsey looked just like Stewart.

Himsey hopes another special appearance is in his future.

"I love Rod. My goal and my dream is to someday sing with Rod Stewart on stage," Himsey said.

Visit www.simplyrod.homestead.com for more information about Himsey.

Pruning basics for trees and shrubs

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Dainty blossoms of glistening white snowdrops dangle from tufts of delicate stems alongside my woodland path. Birds sing in the treetops and the buds of shrubs and trees are beginning swell. Nearby, clusters of deep yellow crocuses create a stunning contrast to the exquisite violet-blue blooms of dwarf iris reticulata, their fragrant flowers a sure sign of spring's arrival. Emerging clumps of daffodil foliage push their way through the soft earth producing curious mounds as the pointed leaves lift leaf litter and matted mulch in their quest for sunlight. A record-breaking warm winter season promises to deliver an especially early spring.

My spring cleanup is underway. Mild temperatures and the surge of new growth have produced a sense of urgency to tidy the borders while the majority of plants remain dormant. Weeds and wildflowers are beginning to flower and last year's weed seeds have started germinating in their perpetual mission to colonize every bit of bare earth. Tarp after tarp of garden refuse has been hauled to the compost heap as atrophied muscles ache from an inactive winter spent indoors.

Weary from hours of clipping and raking, I wandered through the yard with my notebook, recording observations and listing projects to be tackled in the weeks to come. Small branches and twigs litter the lawn and several partially broken tree limbs could be seen suspended overhead as a result of our recent windy conditions. Pruning these damaged branches and thinning out overgrown trees and shrubs will be a top priority once the spring bulbs have been relieved of their soggy covering.

Mid-February to mid-April is a preferred time of year to prune dormant plants since it is considerably easier to view their architecture and observe damaged, diseased, or crossed branches. Winter storms often cause injury to woody plants leaving jagged cuts that may collect water can potentially lead to disease. Partially broken limbs may eventually lead to the bark being stripped beneath the tear. Damaged or diseased stems and limbs should be pruned as soon as they are noticed to prevent the spread of infections. Dead limbs can be removed at any time throughout the year. Should you observe crossed branches, lop off at least one of the branches, as the constant rubbing of one branch against another is an open invitation for disease to penetrate damaged bark.

Plants produce food reserves at season's end to help them survive the winter months and to initiate growth in spring. Reducing the number of branches and buds in late winter leaves more energy for the remaining shoots and promotes especially vigorous growth in spring.

Once the trimming of damaged and diseased branches has been completed, routine pruning of nearly all established trees and shrubs should be undertaken to train and revitalize or retrain overgrown plants to keep them in scale with their surroundings. Regular pruning improves the health of most plants by promoting air circulation and allowing light to reach the interior of an otherwise densely branched tree or shrub.

The timing of pruning will determine a plant's response to the process. Plants produce food reserves at season's end to help them survive the winter months and to initiate growth in spring. Reducing the number of branches and buds in late winter leaves more energy for the remaining shoots and promotes especially vigorous growth in spring. One drawback to pruning early bloomers at this time of year, is the removal of some of this season's flowers but the ultimate rewards are worth a few less blossoms. Bring the pruned branches of forsythia, crabapples, dogwoods and other early-flowering shrubs indoors to force into early bloom or, if you do not wish to sacrifice those lovely blossoms, prune spring bloomers after they finish flowering.

The two basic approaches to pruning are heading back and thinning out. Heading back is the technique used when trimming a hedge where the entire shape is clipped, producing a more formal appearance with denser, sturdier growth. The thinning out of a tree or shrub produces a more open plant with a more natural, graceful appearance.

Thinning out tends to be the preferred technique for pruning ornamental trees and shrubs. The heading back of rhododendrons, azaleas, or other foundation plantings into little round forms often spoils the individual beauty and character which distinguishes each unique species, although this approach is often prompted by overgrown shrubs or space limitations. When thinning out a tree or shrub, be sure to step back and observe the shape and structure of the plant before you begin the pruning process, making a mental image of the plant's form. Remove only those branches that are crossed, distorted or crowded without changing the basic form of the plant unless you wish to modify its overall shape. To shorten a woody stem, always cut back to a bud. On branches where the buds alternate, cut the stem at an angle and cut away from an outward facing bud to encourage growth away from the interior spaces of your shrub or tree unless you are striving to fill a gap which may have been produced by storm damage. If the plant has opposite buds, cut immediately above a strong pair. Do not leave stubs that may develop disease but be careful not to prune too closely to a bud, which may cause the bud to dry out.

When pruning entire branches from the trunk of a tree, cuts should be made just beyond the ridge (above the branch) and the collar (a swollen area below the point of the branch's attachment to the trunk). Sawing a branch too closely to the trunk may disrupt the healing process or may stimulate growth around the site of the wound producing new, unwanted sprouts. It is not necessary to apply paint to the wound as this application may actually interfere with the plant's natural healing ability. Up to one-third of a plant can be safely pruned away.

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Drawing inspiration from the North River

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Haywood-Sullivan will be donating one of her paintings to the North and South River Watershed Association (NSRWA), to help raise money and awareness for the local organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rivers.

"This is a beautiful show," said Paula Boyce, assistant director for the NSRWA. "We're really excited about it… raising public awareness for the rivers."

Boyce said people will be familiar with many of the areas captured in Haywood-Sullivan's paintings, but they might be taken by the artist's perspective.

"They're breathtaking," Boyce said of the paintings. "She's done such a beautiful job capturing the essence of the river."

The piece being raffled off to benefit the NSRWA, valued at $1,000, is from the Driftway area in Scituate at the Herring River, one of the tributaries of the North River.

"I'm clueless when I sit down to paint… I don't have a lot of control over what happens. It's a very intuitive process for me,I just paint it and put it out there."
Marshfield artist
Liz Haywood-Sullivan

Haywood-Sullivan is also enjoying national acclaim as an artist. Her painting, "Sweeney's Field" received the second highest prize in the latest annual competition sponsored by "The Pastel Journal," the leading trade magazine in the field. Along with the prize money and the Dianne B. Bernhard Gold Medal for Excellence, Haywood-Sullivan's work , including pictures on nine paintings, is featured in a five-page article in its March/April issue.

But for now, Haywood-Sullivan will sit back and enjoy the success of her latest work, which will be on display downstairs at The James Library through April 4.

"I'm very pleased," Haywood-Sullivan said as she made final preparations for Friday's opening at The James last week. "This is by far my best show to date."

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MARCH 7 - MARCH 15, 2002

Mark your calendar

BLUE HILL WEATHER OBSERVATORY OPEN HOUSE AND KITE FESTIVAL Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the view, fascinating history and fun activities at the oldest continuously operating weather observatory on the continent. Activities will include kite making and kite flying, self-guided tours of the Weather Observatory, rooftop viewing, easy and breezy activities for kids, weather demonstrations, exhibits and displays, summit nature walk and guest lectures. All activities at Blue Hills Weather Observatory at the summit of Great Blue Hill. The event is free with a nominal supply charge for some activities. For information call 617-696-0562 or 617-698-1802.

METROPOLITAN OPERA STAR COMES TO THE SOUTH SHORE The James Library and Center for the Arts presents Metropolitan Opera tenor, Matthew Polenzani in concert with his wife, mezzo-soprano Rosa Maria Pascarella, on Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. This rare New England appearance by this rising young performer will be held at First parish of Norwell, 24 River Street, in historic Norwell Center. Tickets are $25 and include a gala reception and an opportunity to meet the singers. Special senior and student ticket discounts are available thanks to the generosity of the Norwell Men's Club. Call the library for ticket information, 781-659-7100.

MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA STRIDES THROUGH PLYMOUTH ON APRIL 28 More than 200 Plymouth area residents will walk through the town on April 28 as part of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The walk begins and ends Plymouth North High School and kicks off at 10 a.m. Following the walk, participants will enjoy entertainment and refreshments. For more information call 1-800-BIG-WALK or www.marchofdimes.com

DOO-WOPP HALL OF FAME OF AMERICA The Second Annual Doo-Wopp Hall of Fame of America" concert and induction, honoring The Five Keys, The Moonglows, The Harptones, the Shirelles, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, the G-Clefs, Arnie "Woo-Woo" Ginsberg, and Skippy White at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, March 29, 8 p.m. tickets $59, $51.50, $41.50 (special VIP reception $159) Box office 617-266-1200, or Ticketmaster outlets 617-931-2000. VIP reception reservations only call 978-256-6472.

ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

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Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center will present Play Fest 2002 on March 8, 9, 15, 16 at 7 p.m. and March 10, and 17, at 4:30 p.m. held at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1 Lower Level. Adults $8/children $5. For reservations and information call 508-747-1234.

Thurs. 7

Discover the great outdoors with your preschooler at The Marshfield YWCA located on Ferry Hill Road in Marshfield, on March 7 and 14, from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. Led by Barbara Anne Prince, a naturalist with the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in Canton, you and your preschooler will enjoy a nature walk, special craft, story-time and a snack. Prince, will use the out of doors and your child's curiosity to provide an experience you will want to repeat often on your own. Open to anyone and especially appropriate for ages 3 and up, although younger siblings are welcome. Feel free to borrow a child or grandchild for this exciting outdoors program. Cost is $20 for members, and $25 for non-members. To sign up call the YWCA at 781-834-8371 or www.ymarshfield.org

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery located on the main floor of **The Duxbury Free Library,** will be exhibiting artwork by the **Duxbury High School students.** The show will run from March 1 through March 31 with a reception on March 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The works will be representational of all levels of the high school students two dimensional art classes, from creative imaging and photographing to drawing and painting. The library is located at 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. Admission is free. For information call 781-934-2721.

The North River Arts Society in conjunction with the **Hingham Public Library**, presents The Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Library, Route 228, Hingham. An exhibit featuring the artwork of Marcia Ballou, Dorit Flowers, Patricia Gray, Laura Harvey, John Kilroy, Jody Regan, Jean Simms, Patricia Smith from March 2, through April 2.

Cambridge Society for Early Music, "Chamber Music by Candlelight" series. Presents the Boston-based ensemble **Tapestry**. Five performances March 7, 8, 9, at 8 p.m. Sunday March 10, at 4 p.m. March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fogg Art museum, 32 Quincy Street in Cambridge. Tickets $20/$15 students and seniors at the door.

The Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of a musical fable **"Once Upon a Mattress"** directed by Martha Sawyer. Productions dates are March 7, 8, 9, and Sunday March 10, and 13, 14, 15, and 16. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sunday at 7 p.m. Call and reserve tickets at 781-356-5113.

The Beth Jacob Community will be celebrating its annual **Passover Seder** on the second night of Passover, March 28. All are welcome to join in the festivities. This family oriented celebration includes a traditional meal and extensive community participation. Reservation deadline is March 7. Attendance is limited to the first 175 reservations received. For information call Gary t 508-295-0644 or Vicki at 781-585-3424.

Art/Advisory/Boston announces upcoming exhibitions of two local artists, **Carlyn Marcus Ekstrom** and **Ella Delyanis.** The exhibitions will be held March 7 through April 25 on Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and by appointment. The opening reception will be held on March 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For information call 617-698-9700 or www.artadvisoryboston.com

Blue Hills Ski Area to host a Four-Event Pro/Am Snowboard Series to be held four Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 24, ending March 7,. This event gives some of the area's top pros an opportunity to show off their talents as well as provide anyone who wants to give it a go, a chance to see how they measure up. There are two age divisions for Amateur riders along with a men and women's pro division. Registration will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. each night with the contest always beginning at 7 p.m. Entry fees will be $15 for amateurs and $30 for pros. The fee includes a lift ticket. Half of the entry goes towards prize money. Live music will be provided for the last events. March 7.

Fri.8

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance March 8, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

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Shabbat Across American – Congregation Beth Jacob invites practicing and non-practicing Jews to experience and rejoice in a traditional Shabbat service and festive meal. The event will take place at 6:15 p.m. at the Beth Jacob Community Center at the corner of Court St., (Rt. 3A) and Brewster St. in down town Plymouth. For information and reservations call 508-888-7901.

"Understanding Your Dreams" learn from your dreams during a special YWCA workshop. Hosted by local talk show host and lecturer Ilana Marks, "Understanding Your Dreams" teaches you to use your dreams to connect to a higher self; to access your soul's wisdom; to understand the symbols in your dreams; to know the different types of dreams and what they mean; to learn to journal your dreams; and to used your dreams of personal transformation and vision. $35 members/$45 non-members. The workshop runs for three weeks on Friday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents the American Classic **"Our Town"** on the Cohasset Town Hall Stage, March 8, 9, 15 and 16, at 8 p.m. March 9, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door and by phone at 781-585-9158.

The Sensuous Senator at Quincy Dinner Theater The Sensuous Senator, a comedy by Michael Parker at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. March 8, 9, 10, 167, 22, 23, 24. Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show. Sunday March 10, 5 p.m.

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Just for kids

MUSICAL STORY TIME FOR KIDS Preschool age children are invited to attend a special musical story time at the James Library and Center for the Arts located in Norwell Center at 24 West Street, on March 13, at 10 a.m. Story times are free and open to the public. for more information call 781-659-7100.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN BOSTON The theme for the month of March will be **Dare to be an Engineer**. Build a free-standing dowel structure; make a paper bridge that holds weight; design your own spinning top; engineer a puffmobile, a vehicle you power just by blowing on it; launch your egg bungee jump. All activities happen Friday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 617-426-8855 or www.Bostonkids.org

SOUTH SHORE ARTS & RECREATION CENTER is a non-profit organization established to provide youth, ages 9 to 18, a safe environment during after school hours, They are committed to providing local youth with opportunities to explore and enjoy those fine and performing arts, academic, recreational and social activities which will contribute to their personal development, enhance their community awareness and stimulate creative energies. Membership offers use of the game room, computer lab, discounts on ceramics, theater, birthday parties, dances and concerts. Plans are being made to include a video studio where members will be offered training on video taping and editing. The game room includes pool, ping pong, air hockey and foosball. The computer lab has restricted internet access to age appropriateness. Membership fee for 2002 is $75 per year or $25 per quarter. For information call Terri-Lee Zinsius at 508-747-1234.

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The South Shore Natural Science Center presents the paintings of Scituate native Suzanne Archibald in her exhibit "Recent Work" through March 30 in the Vine Hall Gallery. An opening reception will be held Sunday, March 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. The science center is located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell and is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 659-2559.

Reunions

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982 is looking for classmates for its 20th reunion. Plans are underway now, organizers are looking for names and contact information. Contact Eric Braley by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

Talent Search

THE LIBERTY BELLE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, is seeking adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. However, you are required to be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and 4-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway show tunes, Rhythm and blues songs, and exciting choreography. Weekly rehearsals every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, (Rte 2 Exit 57). For additional information call: 617-735-9254 or 1-800-369-7400 (toll free in MA only) look us up on the web at: http://libertybellechorus.org, e-mail us at: info@libertybellechorus.org

BAY PLAYERS will hold open auditions for the production of Neil Simon's **"Jake's Women"** directed by Bob Gillet on March 6, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Kingston Intermediate School in Kingston. Callbacks, if necessary will be March 7. Production to be performed at the Ellison Center in Duxbury June 14, 15, 21, and 22. Available parts one man, six women, and one teenage girl. For information call 1-800-290-6825 or wwwbayplayers.org

THE COHASSET DRAMA CLUB will hold auditions for their spring musical **"Oliver"** on March 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and March 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. Be prepared to sing 16 bars of an upbeat show tune, preferably "Consider Yourself" from Oliver. You will be required to do an English accent. Wear comfortable clothes for dancing. Children ages 6 and up. Young adults and adults. Show dates are the end of April and the beginning of May. Any questions call Jean DiGiacomandrea at 617-750-8987.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S SUMMER VOCAL INSTITUTE for singers ages 13 to 18 will hold auditions March 23, April 12, May 11, and May 25, for its program which runs from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9 at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. All auditions will take place at the Ellison Center. Call 781-934-2731 ext. 10 for audition times.

HULL PERFORMING ARTS will hold open auditions for musical **"Pump Boys and Dinettes"** by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel and Jim Wann on March 3, and March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave., Hull. Bring a song to sing. "Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be cast with three men and three women. Call 781-925-2406 for directions and information.

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dinner, 6:30 p.m. show, Sunday March 24, 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 show, dinner and show, $37.50; show only $17.50. Wheelchair accessible. For reservations, call 781-843-5862.

11th Annual Walk for Hospice is set for March 8. The care provided by Hospice of South Shore is not always reimbursed by insurance. Since hospice care is so important to patients and families, Hospice of the South Shore provides it regardless of a person's ability to pay. The generosity of participants at the Annual Walk for Hospice helps assure that Hospice of the South Shore's unique services are available to anyone who needs them. To be a part of the 11th Annual Walk for Hospice, or to volunteer, call Katelin Martin at South Shore Health and Education Foundation at 781-340-8573 for information.

The Attention Deficit Information Network will feature **Roseanne Crowley, M.Ed.,** Special Needs Director for the Plymouth Schools. Ms Crowley will present Classroom Strategies That Can Work at Home Too: Help for our ADD/ADHD Children with Learning Disabilities. The meeting will be held at the Plymouth community Intermediate School (PCIS) on Long Pond Road in Plymouth beginning at 7:15 p.m. To defray expenses a $3 donation at the door is suggested; an annual family membership is available for $15. Refreshments will be sold to benefit the scholarship fund. For information call 508-747-0039.

The Golden Rooster presents Showstoppers Dinner Theatre a celebration of that mythical creature, the one unifying force for all humanity, the one with the apron strings that tie us all together...MOM. "Been There...Done that...Can I Get Directions?" combines the talents of three Boston's area musical theater comediennes who come together in a lighthearted and poignant look at motherhood. Leigh Barrett, Sarah deLima and Cheryl McMahon. Five shows March 8, at noon and 7 p.m. March 9, 7 p.m. March 10, Sunday brunch at 12:30 and a traditional Sunday dinner at 5 p.m. The show will be presented at The Golden Rooster, 76 Border Street, Scituate. For information or questions call Douglas Trudeau after 5 p.m. at 781-545-3543 or leave a message during the day.

The Fuller Art Museum presents an exhibition Project of a Boundary: Recent art from Chile will present a sneak-peak at the exhibition. The five female artists (Monical Bengoa, Paz Carvajal, Claudia Missana, Alejandra Munizaga, and Ximena Zomosa) from Chile explore issues of transition and generational reinvention in modern day Chile through a series of site specific projects. For more information call 508-588-6000 x100 or www.fullermuseum.org

The Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College presents folk artists **Cheryl Wheeler and Lucy Kaplansky** in concert March 8, at 8 p.m. on the Brockton campus. Tickets are $18 general public; $16, with a Massasoit ID, students and senior citizens. All seats reserved. To order tickets, call 508-427-1234

The Knights of Columbus on Hancock Street in Abington will be hosting a **Las Vegas Night** on March 8, from 7 p.m. to midnight. All games will be available.

Maria's Bachelorette Party, the original interactive dinner theatre show, a spoof on an **"Italian Bridal Shower"** has been extended March 8, and April 19, at **The Tremont Playhouse**, 275 Tremont Street, Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40.95, includes dinner and show. Call 1-800-944-5639 for tickets.

The Norfolk County Conservation District is sponsoring a Spring Planting Workshop. The guest speaker will be horticulturist Mike Nelson. The workshop will be held at the Norfolk County Agricultural High School cafeteria from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is $10. To register send you name, address and phone number and check to the Norfolk Country Conservation District, 400 Main Street, Walpole 02081. Attention workshop. For more information call 508-668-0995. **Deadline to register is March 8.**

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held March 8, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, Forbes Road in Braintree, exit 6, Route 37 off Route 128. Dance music by **Brian Milligan**, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. For single professionals age 30-55 years old. Tie and jackets required. Admittance is $20 or $15 by prepaying by calling 781-466-0234; tuxedos admitted free. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

Sat. 9

Maple Festival at the South Shore Natural Science Center on March 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A daylong celebration of maple sugaring, and discover more about the maple tree and its gifts. Stroll along woodland trails to see how maple trees are tapped and how sap is collected. Learn how Native Americans boiled sap to make sugar. There will be nature crafts for children and maple treats for everyone. Admission is at the door $8 members/$10 non-members per family (two adults and two children); additional family members are $2. The Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. for more information call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Sociable Singles will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day dance March 9, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Buzzard Bay Eagles. Dancing to the music for DJ Pebbles $7 members with card/$10 non-members. Door prize. All single adults welcome. Proper dress required.

Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center will host a weekend workshop March 9-10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ($168) **Living with Intention: Transform your home with Feng Shui.** For information call 781-98201616.

The 11th Annual Walk for Hospice is set for March 9, from 7 to 10 a.m. starting at South Shore Plaza in Braintree. Call Katelin Martin at South Shore Health and Educational Foundation at 781-340-8573 for more information.

Las Vegas Night fundraiser at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $2.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse will feature Shane Koyczan, National Poetry Slam Indie Champ, along with Youth Slam with the Connecticut Youth National team. Open mic signup at 7:30 p.m. Free admission, pass the hat for feature. For information call 508-279-9952 or www.mothwing.com/dailygrindpoetry.

Sun. 10

Grove Manor Estates presents Cabaret performers, **Bobbi Carey** and **Tomi Hayashi** in a musical salute to "From Rag to Rock and Roll: The Evolution of American Pop Music 1900-1960" Sunday, March 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. The performance will be held at The Glen, 160 Grove Street, Braintree. Enter the driveway and follow the sign to the right. Parking is available. Refreshments will be served. Call 781-843-3700 for reservations.

The South Shore Irish American Society's annual St. Patrick's Scholarship Dance will be held March 10, at the K of C Hall Rt. 18, Whitman from 2 to 6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Norman Payne & Company. Step dancers from the Maureen Haley school of Irish Dance will also perform. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds from the dance go towards two scholarships. Admission to the dance is $7 per person.

The North River Arts Society will present **People Places and Things,** an exhibit by Michael Murphy at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run from March 10-May 3. For information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum presents its spring Special Forum Series **Challenges at Home and Abroad.** March 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. CNN's chief international correspondent Christiane Amanpour – who has covered the U.S. response to terrorism in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Somalia – will share first-hand accounts from her most recent reporting. Reservations are required.. John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, C.'umbia Point, Boston. Free to the public. For reservations or more information call 617-929-4571.

Easter Seals Volleyball for Independence will be held in Braintree at Thayer Academy on March 10. Call 1-800-922-8290 x7 for information or www.eastersealsma.org

Storyteller, Jay O'Callahan will join Maestro Steven Karidoyanes and the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra to recount in words and music the adventures of Peer Gynt, a mythological Norwegian farm boy. This family concert begins at 3 p.m. in The Kingston Intermediate School on Second Brook St., Kingston. Members of the orchestra will give a musical demonstration at 2 p.m. Admission $15/aduits/$6 youth (through age 18). All seats are unreserved and seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased at the Philharmonic office at 16 court Street in Plymouth, The Snow Goose Shop in Plymouth, The Studio in Duxbury, Noble's Camera Shop in Kingston, or by fax at 508-746-0115 or by calling 508-746-8008.

Storyteller, Jay O'Callahan will join **Maestro Steven Karidoyanes** and the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** to recount in words and music the adventures of Peer Gynt, a mythological Norwegian farm boy. This family concert begins at 3 p.m. in The Kingston Intermediate School on Second Brook St., Kingston. Members of the orchestra will give a musical demonstration at 2 p.m. Admission $15/adults/$6 youth (through age 18). All seats are unreserved and seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased at the Philharmonic office at 16 court Street in Plymouth, The Snow Goose Shop in Plymouth, The Studio in Duxbury, Noble's Camera Shop in Kingston, or by fax at 508-746-0115 or by calling 508-746-8008.

The Art Complex Museum will feature artist **A.E. Ryan,** the second artist in the **On Their Own** series at the Art Complex Museum. March 6, through March 30. An opening reception is scheduled for March 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Also on exhibition at the museum is **Rotations: Time for Tea** and the **Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show.**

Mon. 11

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey, Rte. 228, Hingham.. The meeting held on March 11, will feature a cooking demonstration with guest cook/owner of Two Lady's Catering, Norwell.

Tues 12

South of Boston Knitters Guild will hold their Annual Business meeting on March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Rt. 139 in Marshfield followed by "Make You Own Sundae." New members and guests are welcome. For more information call 781-834-8560.

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MARCH 7 - MARCH 15, 2002

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"Sue Mary of The Ivory Soap" by A.E Ryan

A.E. Ryan, the second artist in the "On their Own" series at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will show the work in her exhibit "Of Mythic Proportions" from March 6 through March 30. An opening reception will be held March 10, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

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Fiddler On The Roof return engagement March 12-17, at The Colonial Theatre. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 at all Ticketmaster outlets, or ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre ticket office. Prices are $70 - $25. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

Wed. 13

Dennis Ryan will present **"The Boston Irish"** on March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Mr. Ryan has lectured extensively throughout the United States and Canada on the Irish experience in America and recently served as a consultant to a major television documentary on the Boston Irish. Free and open to the public. Supported in part by grant from the Braintree Arts Lottery Council

Water Watch Lecture Series 2002 presents Peru: The Inca, the Amazon, the Andes and Beyond March 13, at 7 p.m. at the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Join Don Salvatore of the Boston Museum of Science will share the details of his most recent ravel adventure. Vicariously experience the sights and sounds and become immersed in the natural world and the culture of Peru. Travel by river boat along the Amazon and get up close and personal with piranha. Explore the Andes, the Inca Ruins and meet the Ribenero people, descendents of the Incas in the "Sacred Valley."

Thurs. 14

The Classics Company will present **"Shakespeare in Pairs"** at the Thayer Public Library in Braintree, on March 14, at 7:30 p.m. The two actor production explores and contrasts the relationships between the people in Shakespeare's plays and the relationships between people today in our modern times. Free and open to the public.

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held March 15, at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland, Exit 14 off Route 3 781-446-0234. from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m., and free door prizes. For single professionals age 35-55 years old. Proper business dress required. Admittance is $10 before 9 p.m. and $15 thereafter. A non-smoking event co-sponsored by the **Young Professionals Club.**

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree will present the production of a musical fable **"Once Upon a Mattress"** directed by Martha Sawyer. Production dates are March 14, 15, 16, Sunday, the 17, and 20, 21, 22, and Sunday, the 23. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sundays at 7 p.m. Call and reserve tickets 781-356-5113, leave message. Tickets are $14 the CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree Five Corners will host a comedy show March 14, 8:30 p.m. featuring Ace Aceto, Chris Johnston, Louie Winz, Vernon Harrison, Chris Fucile and Brett Kondratt. Reservations suggestion. Cal 781-848-0300.

Fri. 15

The South Shore Folk Music Club will feature KenBatts, Solquest, and open mike at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. $5 members/$5 non-members. Call 7810871-1052 for information.

BeanZee's at the Hanover Mall hosts a poetry night every third Friday hosted by Valerie Lawson featuring Michael Mack on March 15.

The Company Theatre in Norwell invites you to experience the divinely decadent Kit Kat Club in 1930's Berlin with its spring musical extravaganza, **CABERET.** The show opens March 15 and continues through April 7. Tickets are priced $20-$25 and are on sale now at The Company Theatre Box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787 or www.companytheatre.com

Ongoing Events

The South Shore Science Center will present the painting of Scituate native **Suzanne Archibald** in her exhibit, Recent Work, March 1 to 30 in Vine Hall Gallery. The public is invited to the opening reception March 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. The South Shore Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, less than one mile from the Route 3 interchange. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. free of charge. For more information call 781-659-2559.

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Folk artists Cheryl Wheeler and Lucy Kaplansky will perform in concert solo and together Friday, March 8 at 8 p.m. at the Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College. Tickets are $18 for the general public, $16 with a Massasoit ID, students and senior citizens. For tickets and information call the box office at (508) 427-1234.

Classes

BOATING SKILLS & SEAMANSHIP COURSE - This course will start on March 18, at the Marshfield Yacht Club in Humarock, at 7 p.m. sharp and continue for seven weekly two-hour lessons. The text used will be the 11th Edition of the Boating Skills and Seamanship student guide. Cost: $35 for materials per student including books. Registration is March 18, starting at 6:45 p.m. Call 781-878-9576 or Kgreene525@aol.com

DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION will be conducting a series of classes and workshops beginning in March. A full spectrum of art classes for all ages and levels of ability is offered in drawing painting, clay, crafts, and mixed media. **Parents and Children - Art Projects** for children ages 2 to 5 make adjustment to the arrival of a new baby in the family. This is a three-session workshop held on Saturday mornings beginning March 2. **Painting on Silk for Kids** students ages 8 and older. The class is Thursday, March 28, at 2 p.m. **Drawing and Painting for beginners**. The four-week class will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3:30 p.m. beginning March 5. **Multi-Media Portrait Workshop**. This three-day portrait and figure drawing workshop begins April 2, 3, and 4. Learn techniques for capturing likeness, forms, shapes, values, composition and color from beginning to finish. Models and critiques at each session. **Digital Photo Workshop** Learn to operate your digital camera as well as to process, print and save your pictures. The three-session workshop meets Monday evenings beginning March 4. Bring your camera and owner's manual if you have one. **Flower Painting Workshop** Students will learn how to approach the floral as a color mass, working from abstraction to realism. Discussion will include designing on paper, light sources, paint application and elements of design. Beginning and intermediate students with some drawing and painting knowledge are invited to attend the workshop. For more information call the Duxbury Art Association at 781-934-2731 x 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY will hold Adult, Child and Infant CPR and First Aid (two sessions) March 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. $75. For more information call 617-770-2600. March 12 and 19 (two sessions) CPR for the Professional Rescuer - In addition to the skills learned in Adult, CPR, advanced airway procedures and the use of a pocket mask. 6 to 10:30 p.m. $80

The American Red Cross is accepting registrations for **Home Health Aid/Certified Nursing Assistant classes**. Class date, March 25, Daytime classes 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., March 25 to April 19. Evening classes, 5 to 9:30 p.m., March 25 to May 23.

DOG TRAINING AT THE HINGHAM RECREATION CENTER, 210 Central St. in Hingham. Sponsored by the New England Humane Association. A new session will start on March 12. Rally Obedience begins at 6 p.m. Class cost is $100 for a five-week session. Level 2/3 Agility Combo Class begins at 7 p.m. Class cost is $100 for a five-week session. Saturday morning classes are also available starting March 2. Call 781-878-4343 for more information or to register.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Take advantage of favorable planetary influences this morning and get an early start. Plan to sign contracts, promote your ideas or start important ventures before 9:00 a.m., when the Sagittarius moon forms a harmonious contact to Mercury. The remainder of the day continues to rate high for new beginnings. This is also a wonderful day for socializing, enjoying favorite sports or leisure activities. The Sagittarius moon becomes inactive at 9:31 p.m. until 11:48 p.m., when it enters Capricorn.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda. This is a day to get things done. The moon travels in ambitious Capricorn today and tomorrow. An applying alignment of the sun and Pluto, however, prompts you to finish old business rather than starting new projects. Get your ducks in line today; prepare for new starts tomorrow morning. Venus enters Aries at 8:42 p.m., remaining there until April 1.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Plan to get important projects off the ground before 10:06 a.m., when the Capricorn moon aligns with the sun and becomes inactive. The remainder of the day continues to rate high for productivity. An applying alignment of Mercury/Uranus prompts you to follow your first impression. Your instincts are on target. Tackle jobs that need troubleshooting, problem-solving. You can cut through obstacles and get to the heart of a matter. Open your mind to new possibilities.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

The moon enters free-spirited Aquarius at 9:56 a.m., remaining there throughout the weekend. In addition, a harmonious alignment of Mars and Jupiter generates energy, enthusiasm. This is a wonderful weekend for a new adventure, travel, visiting or entertaining friends. Change your routine and do something different. There is one rough spot this evening, when the moon forms a challenging 90-degree alignment to Mars. Drive with care.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

An Aquarius moon may lead you in new directions. Keep an open mind. Be willing to experiment with new ideas and be open to new experiences. Put career or domestic worries on the back burner. Kick back, relax, follow your bliss.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

The temptation is great to 'play hooky' today. The moon continues its travel in freedom-loving Aquarius. In addition, this moon aligns with its ruler, Uranus, at 2:28 p.m., when it becomes inactive. If you are working, focus on projects that require support or input from others. Group efforts, charitable campaigns get the green light. Mercury moves into Pisces at 6:34 p.m., remaining there until March 29. The moon enters Pisces at 9:56 p.m., and aligns with Mercury at 10:26 p.m. Follow your intuition; pay attention to your dreams.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

The dark side of a new moon generally brings a difficult, potentially depressing period. However, a 90-degree alignment of Venus and Jupiter saves the day. Treat yourself to a vacation day or a lunch date with friends or a shopping spree. Keep it light, however. Don't sign contracts or make long-term commitments. A lunar alignment to Saturn in effect between 2:09-5:09 p.m., may bring a lull period, when energy is deflated. Take time out for yourself. Reflect on and learn from past experiences. Meditate for peace of mind.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

This day has its challenges. The dark side of the new moon is in force and effect until 9:02 p.m. In addition, a lunar alignment to Pluto affects the morning. Its influence may spark emotional thunderstorms and bring up old wounds, resentments. Be more sensitive, nurturing toward others. Make up a list of things to do and stay busy. Follow through on projects that need a finishing touch; handle routine errands and chores. The new moon culminates at 23-degrees of Pisces, and the moon becomes inactive at 9:02 p.m. Get extra rest tonight.

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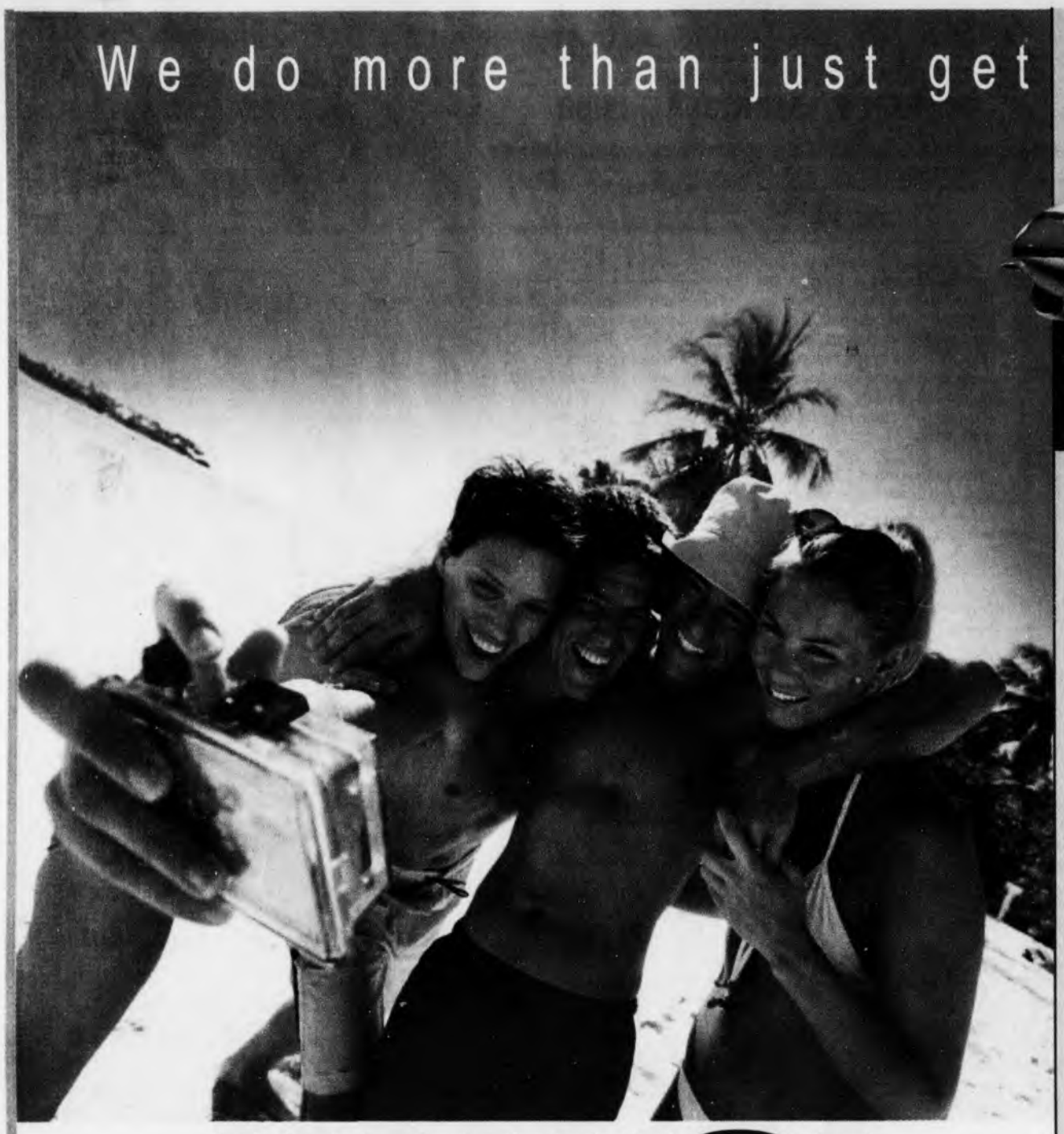

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Plaza plan has an uphill battle

By Mary Ford
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The Planning Board voted last week not to support a bylaw change that would allow expansion plans at Cohasset Plaza to go forward with a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

It's the third time in four years that plaza owner, Donald Staszko, has tried to set the stage to expand the Route 3A shopping center through a Town Meeting article and failed to win Planning Board support.

Board members said it was nothing personal. They praised how Staszko maintains the plaza that is anchored by Super Stop & Shop.

This year's article asks for a different bylaw amendment, although the end result would be the same – the potential addition of a large dry-goods retail store at the back of the plaza coupled with the expansion of Stop & Shop.

Shaw's Plaza, which lies outside the watershed protection district, was expanded into a residential zone by special permit.

Although the additional commercial business would contribute an estimated $100,000 in annual tax revenue to Cohasset, the Planning Board wasn't buying and said it would not support the article at the March 30 Town Meeting.

What Staszko is asking for is the

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Tax hike sought for sewer study

Debt exclusion vote is slated

By Evan Schiff
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is the town ready to set the stage for a third major sewer project?

Voters at the annual Town Meeting and April 6 election will have the final say.

What's on the docket is a debt exclusion of some $750,000 to pay for the design and engineering costs to install sewers for the Little Harbor and Atlantic Avenue areas, about 450 homes.

If approved, this would be the third sewer project in recent years, following on the heels of the Central Cohasset sewer expansion and plant upgrade and the North Cohasset project that was part of an inter-municipal agreement with Hull.

The debt exclusion needs a two-thirds majority vote at Town Meeting because it involves borrowing, and then a majority vote on the ballot April 6.

"We need a debt exclusion if we are going to do this project," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "We simply don't have enough money to do this without one."

Under Prop. 2-1/2 — the state law capping the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy over the prior year — debt exclusion overrides represent a temporary tax increase that goes away once the debt is paid off.

Selectmen held an emergency meeting last Friday to put the

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Getting schools excited about recycling

$50 savings bond for best new idea

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The waste of recyclable materials in Cohasset schools has captured the attention of the recycling committee.

The committee has been trying for several years to get the school department more involved in its efforts but feels it has yet to make an impact, says Allan MacDonald, committee member.

The committee's latest efforts include offering a $50 saving bond to the student who can come up with a project which best exemplifies the needs for recycling.

"We feel recycling and other forms of energy conservation should be an integral component of the school's agenda."
— Allan MacDonald, Recycling Committee

"It's important to get the kids involved in these issues," MacDonald said. "The only way to get the schools committed to this is by having a nucleus students kids who are motivated."

Jack DeLorenzo, assistant principal at the high school, said the schools have been paying attention to recycling.

"We've been recycling for a number of years," he said. "It's something we try to emphasize."

MacDonald said the high school is the town's biggest waster of paper and should

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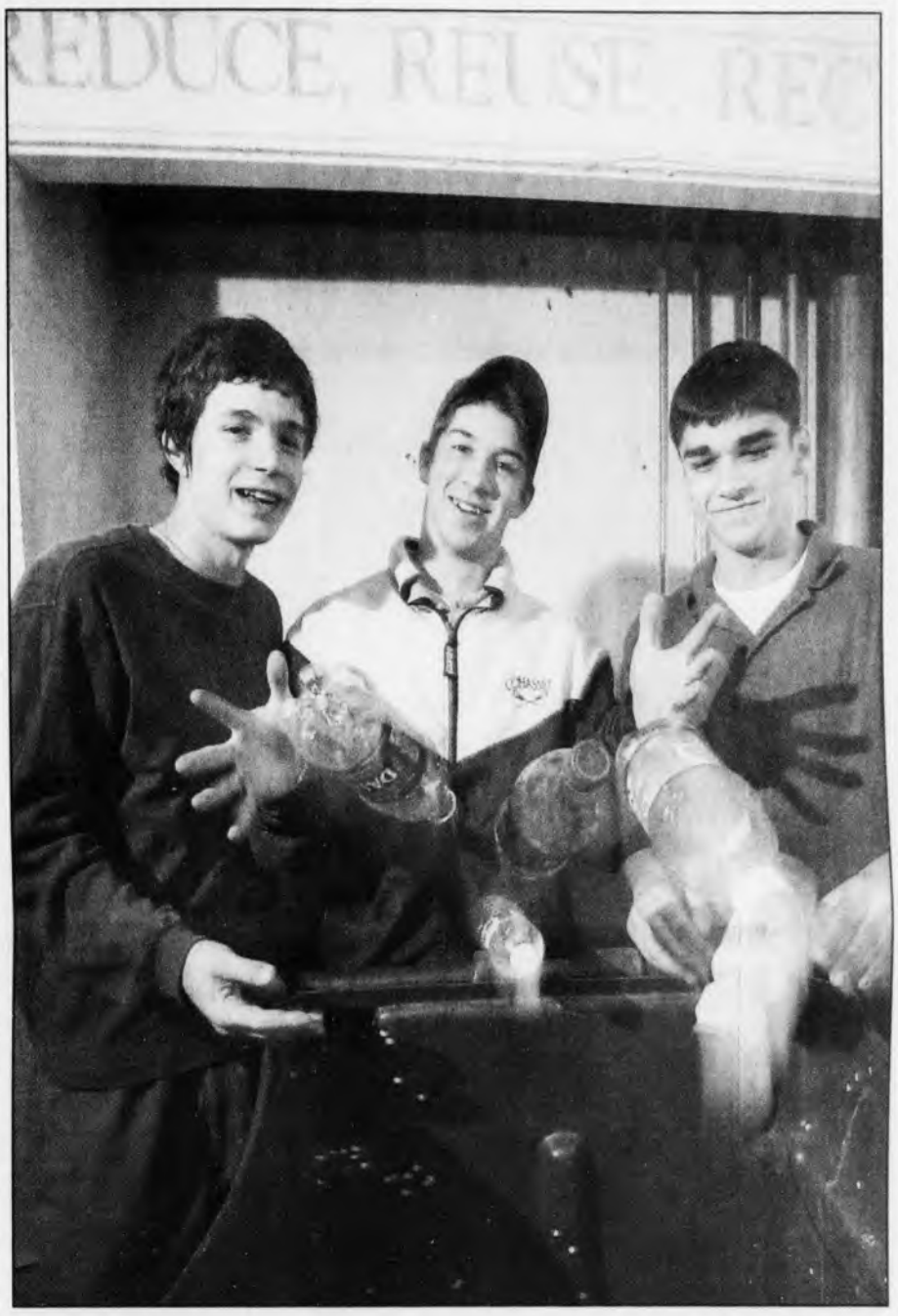

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Evan Pestone, Nick Spirito and Kirk Kahn recycle plastic bottles at the middle-high school. The students are leading the effort to create more awareness about recycling through their community service class.

ON STAGE

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Jessica McDonald as Mrs. Gibbs, Pam Curran as Mrs. Soames and Melissa Paradise as Emily Webb gossip about the scandalous choir director in the Cohasset Dramatic Club production of "Our Town" continuing this weekend at Town Hall. For more photos, see page 19.

Racing for a cancer cure

Cohasset man to run for charity

By Evan Schiff
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Some people will run for glory or self gratification but others will run for a cure.

On April 15, Christopher Valentine, 5 Diab Lane, will run the Boston Marathon for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Along with other DFCI representatives from 20 states, Valentine will run the 26.2 mile route from Hopkinton to Boston in an effort to raise more than $3 million for cancer research. This is Valentine's third marathon and second running for the DFCI.

"It's really inspirational to run for Dana-Farber," Valentine said. "Once you get involved you realize that everyone is affected by this terrible disease."

Valentine, CFO of Champion Exposition, hopes to raise nearly $10,000 for the race. He said his co-workers have been very generous.

"I think everyone realizes how important this cause is," he said.

Janet Haley Dubow, who works with in the media relations department at Dana-Farber, said to have more than 300 runners is a very exciting. The DFCI runners are from all walks of life, she said.

"Some are bar owners, some CEOs and some are survivors," she said. "Everyone is running to eradicate this disease."

The money raised by the runners will fund the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research ad the DFCI in Boston. Valentine describes it as a progressive

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Christopher Valentine will run the Boston Marathon as part of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute team.

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Getting schools excited about recycling

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demonstrate more responsibility to the students it is trying to teach.

"Cutting down on waste is a values issue, a matter of ethics and morality," he said. "We feel recycling and other forms of energy conservation should be an integral component of the school's agenda."

But some students are championing the cause.

As part of their community service class, Evan Pestone, Nick Spirito and Kirk Kahn are leading an effort to make people more aware about the benefits of recycling. The trio has put recycling bins in every classroom and are assisting the janitorial staff in taking the bins to the dump.

"There was no system set up for recycling in the high school," Kahn said. "We felt like the school needed to stop wasting so much paper."

He added that the teachers are starting to respond and the program is catching on.

Arthur Lehr, chairman of the recycling committee, said it's very positive to see students taking the initiative.

"Eventually, we're going to be in a whole lot of trouble if no one does anything," he said. "If we can get the kids in a habit of recycling now, it'll continue in the future."

MacDonald feels that the community service class, taught by Jack Buckley, is a step in the right direction.

"The class is very important and very realistic," MacDonald said. "The key is we need one inspired individual to get the ball rolling."

MacDonald, a self-described environmentalist and ecologist, taught at the high school for more than 25 years. He said recycling was an issue was he was just beginning his career.

"Cohasset students are always going to do well in school, they're very bright," he said. "However, the school department needs to teach more than just academics, it needs to teach values and conservation is one of them."

MacDonald added that if a teacher is talking about conservation and recycling, yet handing out information sheets on one-sided pieces of paper, they're being hypocrites.

"If the kids see teachers throwing away paper or tests they're likely to follow suit," he said.

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of March 11:

Cohasset Common Historic District Commission, March 20, 7:30 p.m.

Advisory Committee, March 14, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, March 14, 7:30 p.m.

Haggerty Committee with the Board of Selectmen, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, March 20, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, March 25, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Youth Resources Committee, March 19, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, March 18, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Baby-sitting offered

Girl Scout Cadet Troop 4778 will be providing baby-sitting services for children whose parents wish to attend Town Meeting on March 30. There will be two rooms available at the high school and no more than 25 kids will be allowed in the rooms per hour. No more than five children who are under three-years-old will be allowed per hour. Parents are encouraged to supply snacks and toys and there will be a television and VCR available if parents wish to bring their child's favorite movie.

The baby-sitting will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis and residents are encouraged to contact Colleen Richardson at 781-383-0998 for reservations. The services will be provided from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Norfolk engineers to provide survey

At their regular meeting, the Norfolk County Commissioners approved the request of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen for the county's engineering department to provide a topographic survey that will assist the town in its plan to install curbing at Billings Pratt Park between Church and Doane streets.

The county's engineering department has long provided such traffic counting services to county towns as part of the county's regular community service. Norfolk County Commissioners include William P. O'Donnell of Norwood, John M. Gillis of Quincy, and Peter H. Collins of Milton. The commissioners may be reached by calling 781-461-6105.

Runway meeting

Come hear the facts on the impact of Logan Airport's expansion and its effects on the quality of life in Cohasset on March 19, 7 p.m. at Cohasset Travel, Shaw's Plaza, South Shore jet pollution council.

Burning season is underway

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis through May 1 for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch Center at 781-383-0260 from 9 am.-2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

Burning may be conducted during periods of good atmospheric ventilation and must not cause a nuisance, the fire department says. Adverse weather conditions (wind and drought) will impact the issuing of permits. Burning hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on days permits are issued. Decisions to issue permits are made daily at 9 a.m. Persons calling for permits before that hour will be advised to call back.

Open burning permits are issued for the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood and forest debris. Burning shall be conducted on land nearest to the place were the debris came from. Burning must be conducted at least 75 feet away from any dwelling. Select a safe area with no ground cover.

While burning, the fire must be attended at all times until completely extinguished. Have a water hose, rake and shovel nearby for fire control.

Housing issues

Liz Harrington, town planner and Joseph Nedrow, chairman of Cohasset housing committee will be discussing the issues of accessory dwellings and senior housing. If people have housing questions, this will be the opportunity to have them answered. The meeting will be held on March 21, at 12:30 p.m. at South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset.

Alzheimer's support group

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will present "Surviving the 36-Hour Day: Effective Caregiving Strategies" on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham.

Shamilla Biswas, M.P., a past Alzheimer program director for an area nursing home as well as an area agency on aging, along with Paulette Masse, MS, MSW, program director at Grand Islander's Alzheimer's unit in Newport, R.I. will present creative and practical approaches to caring for a dementia patient in the home. A question and answer format will follow the presentation.

For more information, call Toni Abbott at 781-749-1823 or Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426.

Respite care for the patient is available at no cost during the meeting at Harbor House in Hingham so that the family may attend this lecture. To reserve respite care, call Gervaise Haley at 781-749-4774, Ext. 843, by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20.

NOTE: In case of inclement weather, the meeting date cancellation will be aired on WJDA.

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Sun. 17	1:02	9.8	7:13	1:24	9.5	7:29
Mon. 18	1:38	9.7	7:53	2:03	9.2	8:08
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'Where will I live?'

Senior housing forum is slated

By Mary Ford
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An elderly couple living in a $560,000 home — the average value of a home in Cohasset — is not on easy street.

In fact, they may have paid $30,000 for the house some 30 years ago and now may be faced with a tax bill of nearly $6,500 without the cash to cover it between their Social Security and pension payments.

Joseph Nedrow of the Cohasset Senior Housing Committee hears the same story over and over again: local seniors are being priced out of a town they love.

"So many people in this town have made great contributions over the years and are recent widows or widowers, who can no longer afford to take care of their homes and have no place to go," he said. Nedrow said he hasn't found anyone who isn't supportive of more options for senior housing.

But in the future, if plans for a senior housing complex fall into place, older folk could have options in town.

If the proposed Accessory Dwelling Bylaw passes muster with voters at the March 30 Town Meeting, the potential to create "in-law" apartments within existing homes might also help fill the need, albeit on a smaller basis.

Nedrow and Town Planner Liz Harrington will discuss the issues of senior housing and accessory dwellings at a special forum "Where Will I be Living in the Future?" at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21, at the South Shore Community Center. The talk is open to the public.

The housing committee is eyeing a 10-acre parcel of town-owned land near Stop & Shop as a potential development for 50 units of housing for seniors.

A special forum "Where Will I be Living in the Future?" is at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21 at the South Shore Community Center. The talk is open to the public.

Access to the site could be through Cohasset Plaza rather than Red Fox Lane, which has no traffic light on 3A.

Nedrow said plaza owner Donald Staszko was open to the proposal of an access through the shopping center that would provide seniors the benefit of the traffic light to make left turns onto the busy state highway,

"It's a beautiful site, better than the village," Nedrow said. "Seniors could walk to the store, rent a movie or buy a cup of coffee." The site is also close to the new Osgood School that might provide volunteer opportunities for the seniors.

The committee, which is exploring creative ways to finance the project, is awaiting results of an engineering study to see how many units might be feasible at the site and has looked at other projects in places like Duxbury and Milton as potential models.

The March 30 Town Meeting will decide whether to adopt an accessory dwelling bylaw that would allow 10 home conversions a year by special permit from the Zoning Board. The bylaw, although not restricted to seniors, is seen as a potential benefit for elderly citizens who want to stay in their homes. They could rent out the apartment that is created in their home or live in it themselves. In addition to a number of conditions, the principal or accessory dwelling must be owner-occupied, have enough off-street parking and the principal dwelling must be at least 1,200 square feet.

Both Selectmen and the Planning Board support the accessory dwelling article, although Planning Board member Robert Sturdy has his doubts about whether it will be used by many.

He said the accessory dwelling would add more assessed value to a property — driving the tax bills up even higher.

But Housing Committee member Margy Charles said the bylaw was a step forward for senior housing.

"It's a start and may provide some dwelling options for those that want to stay in town," she said.

Runway group makes appeal

By Evan Schiff
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A group of concerned citizens is still fighting to have a proposed runway at Logan airport grounded.

Members for the South Shore Jet Pollution Coalition presented their case to the Advisory Board Tuesday. Although problems with the projector prevented a multi-media presentation, members of the Advisory Board were still given an in-depth explanation of the problems with the runway.

The group is looking for the Advisory Board's blessing at Town Meeting for a $30,000 request to support a lawsuit headed up by Hull. The lawsuit, supported by Hingham and Revere as well, states the Environmental Impact Report that Massport and the FAA released has false and misleading statements and should be thrown out.

The group feels if it can prove the report was intentionally misleading it will have a sufficient chance to stop the runway altogether.

Ralph Dormitzer, member of the coalition, outlined some of the concerns the group has with proposed runway 14/32. He asserted that if the runway is realized, Cohasset will experience 280 more flights a day. Not only will that add to added noise level over town but will have an adverse effect on air quality.

"They (Massport) want total freedom to run as many flights as possible," Dormitzer said. "They figure they'll annoy the fewest amount of people if they run them over Cohasset."

"They figure they'll annoy the fewest amount of people if they run them over Cohasset."
— Ralph Dormitzer, runway opponent

Linda Wakeman, another member of the coalition, said the group is trying to have the FAA and Massport realize an alternative that would re-route the flights over the ocean rather than over Cohasset.

"It would just make more sense if they did it that way," she said. "Unfortunately, they're not listening to us."

Dick Avery, a member of the Advisory Board, asked the group if $30,000 was the limit, or whether Cohasset could end up spending more. He added one of the concerns he's heard is that by entering this lawsuit there is the possibility of opening up the floodgates.

Dormitzer said that could happen.

"It is definitely possible that we could spend more money," he said. "However, we are not the plaintiffs and could get out any time."

The town has already spent the $30,000 that was appropriated at last year's annual Town Meeting, for a review of the environmental impact report on the proposed runway which has become the basis for the lawsuit. At special Town Meeting in November residents voted down a similar proposal for $30,000 to fight the runway. Selectmen voted to not support this year's article.

Residents will have an opportunity to vote on the issue at Town Meeting on March 30.

State antes up for roads and bridges

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund announced the Swift Administration is planning an early release of $53,393.76 in local aid for Cohasset to fund transportation projects in the town, part of a total $50 million release of additional Chapter 90 funds for FY02. The early release of the funding will allow communities wide latitude in planning upcoming road and bridge construction.

This allotment is in addition to the $52,763 from the FY02 budget, for a total of $106,156.76 for this fiscal year.

With the early release of additional monies, cities and towns will be allowed more time to budget local aid into their road and bridge spending plans and permit them more latitude to prioritize projects. The state typically releases local aid – or Chapter 90 funding – in the late spring, the time when communities are gearing up for the road and bridge construction season.

Chapter 90 funding is allocated to cities and towns based on a formula which factors in the number of miles of local roadway, population, and the employment rate in a given community. The funding is reimbursed to cities and towns on pre-approved transportation projects as construction unfolds.

Hagerty house is topic Tuesday

By Evan Schiff
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The Hagerty house is going to take center stage at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting at Town Hall.

The house has been in the center of debate for some time, which intensified when selectmen terminated the Cohasset Lobster Lab's lease of the building last year. It's anticipated that Jack Buckley, a teacher at Cohasset Middle High-School, will outline the Coastal Maritime Institute's interest in the building at Tuesday's meeting. Buckley did not return phone calls or email messages by press time.

CMI is an organization that provides summer classes to students curious about marine life. The organization also offers a rowing program to students at the high school. Last November, Buckley said CMI envisioned making the Hagerty House into a coastal research center, creating a public research center, and having a water monitoring program for kids.

The house has been in the center of debate for some time.

The Hagerty House sits on 2.1 acres of land is assessed at more than $270,000 and what's on the land (including the Hagerty House and boathouse) is assessed at more than $365,000 bringing the total assessed value of the property to approximately $635,000. While the property does have value, so far no one has been able to realize the potential of the Victorian house, which once served as the offices and showroom for Cohasset Colonial that manufactured furniture kits.

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Middlebury names college scholars, dean's list

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

STILL NO SNOW

Hello Cohasset. Well, another week has passed and still no snow. I guess I should finally accept that it is not going to happen. No blizzard, no medium storm and not even enough to have one, itty, bitty snow day!(I am sorry, I do love them!)

SURVIVOR

Have any of you been watching Survivor at all? Seeing them on that show does make me wish it was already summer although I certainly don't envy the living conditions they had. **Kathy** (CHS 1972) is definitely making a statement for herself and it will remain to be seen how she does in upcoming shows.

RIGHT PRIORITIES

I wanted to take a little time to reflect back on our last six months and remember all of the people who were affected by September 11, 2001. I know that everyone was touched in some way by the events that took place. I also know that this week has been such a strong reminder for us all of what happened and that we still need to focus on healing and moving forward on all angles. It sometimes seems so easy to fall back into old patterns and habits and making such a big deal about small issues and problems. Make sure to take the time in your daily lives to stop and remember what is truly important in our lives and let the people you care about the most know how much they mean. Life can change in an instant!

BEST WISHES

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you.... A very special Happy Birthday wish is going out to **Barbara L. Conte** who is celebrating her 70th birthday on March 15. This wonderful and heartfelt wish is being sent to Barbara from her family who all wanted to say, "Happy Birthday Mom and Grandma! We love you a great, big bunch!" Love, **Carmello, Linda, Al, Jack, Joni, Jenna** and **Jack II**! Barbara, I know so many of us in town all send you the best of birthday wishes to a very special person.

SPECIAL DAY

Also celebrating a special birthday is **Linda Menard** from Scituate who is celebrating the big 40! Linda, I know that your wonderful family let you know how special you are in every way. Happy Birthday from all of your friends here in Cohasset.

MARATHON RUNNERS

Look out Heartbreak Hill, here comes the dynamic trio from the Deer Hill School. Principal **Paul Callahan** will be running his 14th Boston Marathon, along with Special Ed. teacher **Karin Taylor** and long-term substitute in fourth-grade, **Nichole Santoro.** The marathon is being held this year on Monday, April 15 and is sure to be another wonderful event. Please let us know in the next few weeks of more Cohasset residents and friends who may be running in the race. To all of you who train so hard for this accomplishment, we all wish you the best of luck and will be cheering you on each step of the way.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK

A lecture will be held on Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lightkeeper's House. This lecture is a Cracker Barrel Discussion on the Present and the Future of the Cohasset Historical Society with co-Presidents **Paula Kozol** and **Kathy O'Malley**. Light refreshments will be served and this event is free to all, not just members.

SWIM CENTER POSITIONS

Here is a message that will get you thinking warm, summer-like thoughts. The Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for lifeguards and water safety Instructors for the 2002 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold a current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent Attn: **Darleen Koetsch**, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 by April 2. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply.

It is not too soon to be thinking about a summer time job! If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified water safety instructor. Water safety instructor applicants must be 17 years old. Programs in the region are also being offered to become a certified lifeguard and applicants must be 15 years old to apply. To sign up now or for more information, call **Sue Mavilia** at 781-383-1988

COLLEGE SCHOLARS

Middlebury College has named the following local residents as College Scholars for academic excellence during the fall 2001 term. To be selected for this honor, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.6 or higher. **Margaret A. Goedecke**, daughter of **Jane and Peter Goedecke**; **Sydney H. Johston**, daughter of **Robert and Diane Johnston** and **Elizabeth C. Myers**, daughter of **Michael and Rhonda Corey Myers** were named to the College Scholars. Dean's list for the Middlebury was also released and the following students all achieved a GPA of 3.3 or higher. **John J. Flanagan**, son of **John and Deborah Flanagan**; **Cragin P. Parker III**, son of **Cragin Jr. and Mary Parker** and **Aaron D. Sawchuk**, son of **Wayne and Annette Davis Sawchuk** all received this honor.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The South Shore Art Center announces the 2002 Art Scholarship Competition. South Shore seniors attending public, private, or parochial schools who will graduate in 2002 and have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning which includes a fine arts curriculum are encouraged to apply. The purpose of the awards is to encourage local students to further their art education. Four scholarships will be presented, ranging in value from $1,000 to $500. Portfolios and applications must be submitted on April 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; April 21, 12-4 p.m., April 22, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.. Under no circumstances will portfolios be accepted after 9 p.m. on April 23. For more information please call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or email hcollins@ssac.org with any questions.

ABBEY WORKSHOP

Last year, many Cohasset residents enjoyed meeting **Jan Philips**, an award-winning author, photographer, musician and inspirational speaker. Jan will be returning to lead an all day workshop entitled "From Creation to Transformation-How Our Creative Works Heal the World." The workshop will be held on the beautiful grounds of Glastonbury Abbey on April 6 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and will include lunch. The fee is $85. and registration may be made by calling the Second Congregational Church at 383-0345 or stop by the office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

QUILT SHOW

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cheryl Sullivan and her mother, Joanne Sullivan, look over the quilts at the annual Quilt Show at the Second Congregational Church. Proceeds from the annual event benefit the Boston MedicalCenter's Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and its Reach Out and Read Program.

UVM DEAN'S LIST

The University of Vermont had two Cohasset students who made dean's list and they are **Brooke K. Baker** and **Corinna E. Noering**, both freshman. Great Job to all of you on these fine accomplishments.

ELECTION SUPPER

The Beechwood Congregational Church carries on it spring-time tradition with its annual Election Supper. Candidates and voters are invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, March 21 at 6:30 for stuffed chicken, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, mashed potatoes, cake and ice cream as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

PSO NOMINATIONS

The Cohasset PSO is getting ready for its spring nominations and is looking for people just like you! The Cohasset PSO is an organization open to all families in the Cohasset School System and is your way to become involved with the schools and work with a lot of wonderful people. If you want or only have enough time for a very small job or task or if you are interested in a bigger role in the Cohasset PSO, now is the time to start asking questions and talking with people on the PSO. If you think you would like to learn more or if you would like to find out what positions are available, you can go to the PSO website at www.cohassetpso.org or contact one of the members listed in your PSO calendar. It is a very rewarding and worthwhile organization that is truly available to help and benefit our children and schools.

CHS '91 REUNION

The CHS Class of 1991 will be having their 10+1 year reunion. This reunion is taking place on Saturday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at Atlantica, 44 Border St. The cost is $25 per person and there will be a cash bar. Contact **Bart Weisenfluh** at bart@wpstewart.com with any questions. We hope to see you there!

That is all for this week. Although it is that time of the year for organizations and groups to get their messages and information out to everyone, it is so important for us to hear from all of you about any personal news, birthdays, anniversaries, new babies etc. Please make sure to get in all of your news to me no later than Mondays by noon in one of the following ways.

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IT'S HAPPENING

World-class sailor at benefit lecture

Mark your calendar for 7 p.m., Saturday March16. The Cohasset Yacht Club will continue its support of maritime studies at the high school once again by organizing a winter lecture. And this year's speaker will be Cam Lewis, fresh back from his latest escapades on TeamAdventure the 110-foot catamaran built to compete in The Race, the no-holds-barred round-the-world race sailed in early 2001.

The lecture is open to the public. Cost is $15 per person (students free but please make a reservation). Payment required in advance Refreshments will be served Space is limited, so please make your reservation early by calling Meg Bertolami at (781) 383-2968. The lecture will take place at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

The proceeds of the winter lecture will be used to enable students in the maritime studies program to attend a summer cruise on the schooner Ernestina.

Noonan party

A retirement party for Chief Brian W. Noonan is April 11, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant.

Join Chief Noonan, his family, and friends, to celebrate his 28 years of public service.

Tickets available at Cohasset Police Headquarters, Town Hall, or by contacting the Cohasset Police Association at 781-383-1055. Tickets are $25 per person to include hors d'oeuvres, buffet, and DJ. Make checks payable to the Cohasset Police Association.

Bird walk

A bird walk led by Sally Avery from the Audubon Society will take place on Saturday, April 6, from 8 to 10 a.m. on Atlantic Avenue in Hull, (at the foot of Summit Avenue). Everyone is welcome. This event is free.

Straits Pond Watershed Association's mission is to provide community input to governmental committees and agencies about Straits Pond and to facilitate efforts to maintain and improve the environmental quality and beauty of Straits Pond.

Easter egg hunt

The Cohasset Recreation Commission will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at 12 noon sharp, at the Deer Hill School back field. Children ages 3-11, with their parents or an adult, are invited to hunt for eggs and to greet the Easter Bunny as he arrives via a Cohasset fire truck.

Rain date is March 30 — same time, same place.

Swing into spring at CMI gala event

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. when the Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI) will host a "Swing Into Spring" gala rvent at the Cohasset Lighthouse Keeper's Residence. The festivities will include food and drink, live music and a silent auction to help kick-off the 2002 season.

CMI Director, Jack Buckley said this event "not only marks the start of a new season, it also marks the start of a fund-raising campaign for new and improved ways to get people on the water!"

"CMI is planning to host a fun evening for returning and new members and their guests," Buckley said. Join in the festivities and renew old friendships, make new acquaintances, and to learn what's new at CMI this season.

For more information, call Jack Buckley at 781-383-8261 or Mary Sease at 781-383-8318.

Arts, crafts

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting telephone registrations for grades K-3 arts and crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and crafts for grades K-3 runs on Mondays from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Osgood School.

Programs are five-weeks' duration, costing $42 per child. For information, details and registration, call the recreation office at 781-383-4109.

Parenting course

The Social Service League of Cohasset is offering a five-week course on Parenting for Prevention. This informative seminar is directed to parents but driven by the needs, aspirations and promise of our adolescents. The overriding goal of Parenting for Prevention is to ensure that our children have the very best of opportunities to grow into mature, independent, caring and drug-free adults. These sessions will be Monday 6:30-7:45 p.m. and will begin when enrollment reaches ten participants. Free.

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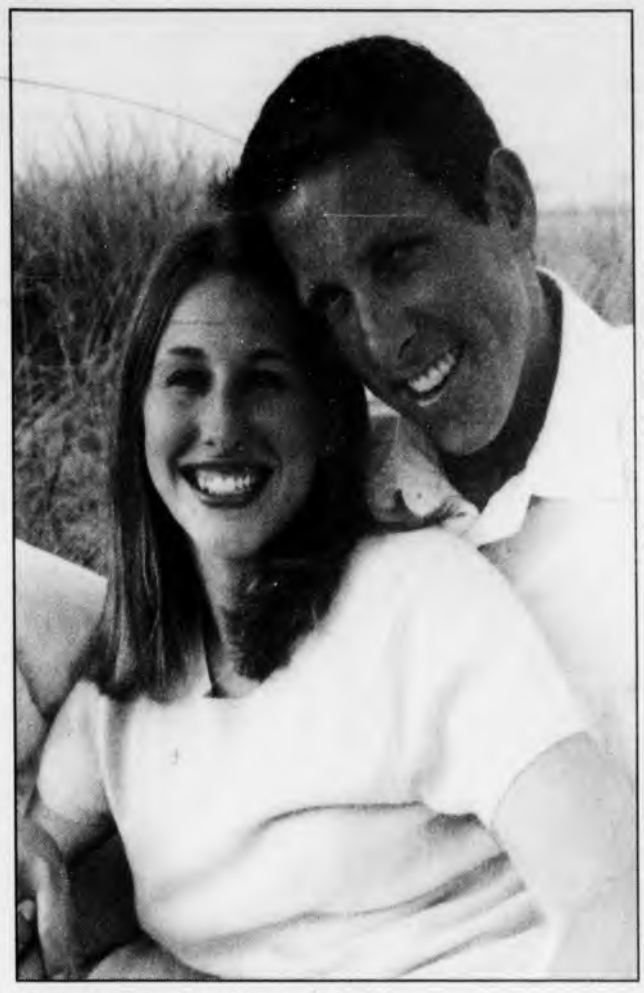
WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Elisabeth Sutherland and Christopher Palladino

Sutherland - Palladino

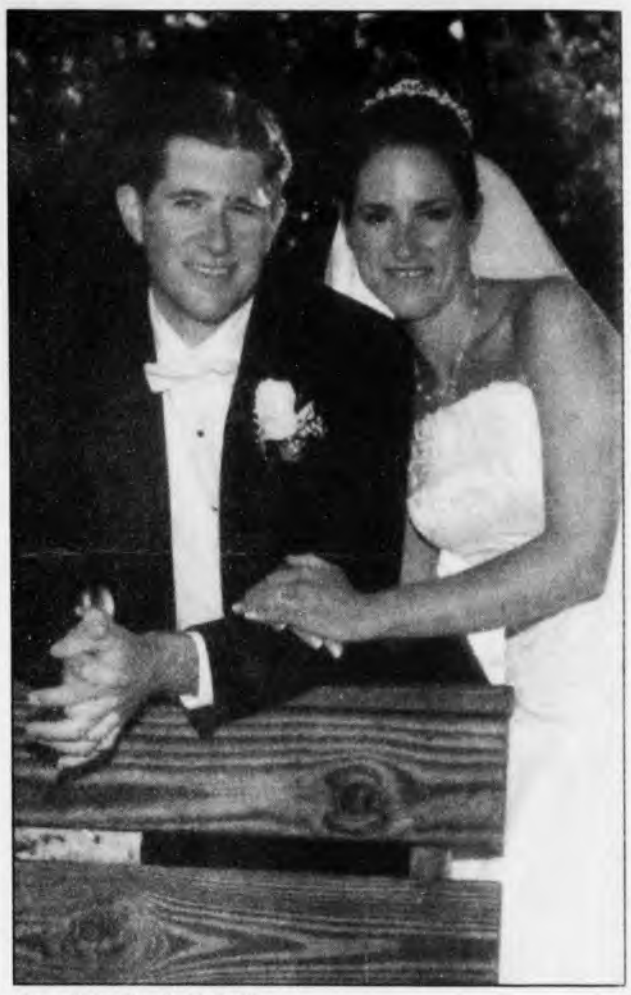
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick. E. Cox III of Cohasset, and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Sutherland Jr. of Harwich announce the engagement of their daughter Erin Elisabeth Sutherland to Brian Christopher Palladino of Plymouth. Mr. Palladino is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Palladino of Plymouth.

Miss Sutherland is a graduate of Cohasset High School, received a bachelor of arts degree in history from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and is currently completing her master of education from the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Mr. Palladino graduated from Plymouth High School, received a bachelor of arts degree in socio1gy from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a master of special education from Easter Nazarene College, Quincy.

Miss Sutherland is currently employed as a history teacher at Marshfield High School. Mr. Palladino is currently employed as a special education teacher at the Randolph Middle School.

A July 2002 wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Brendan McCarthy

McCarthy - Hampson

Melanie Anne Hampson, 26, and Brendan Lyons McCarthy, 27, were united in marriage on Aug. 25, 2001, at Saint Anthony's Parish in Cohasset. The parents of the groom are Patrick and Alice McCarthy of Cohasset. The bride is the daughter of Denise and Scott Hampson of Holyoke.

The bride was attended by her sisters, Jodie M. Hampson and Carrie L. Wattu as maid and matron of honor, respectively. Sean McCarthy served his brother as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Holyoke Catholic High School and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She is employed in the accounting department of Independent Packaging in Quincy.

The groom is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Western New England College, Springfield. He is employed in the US Marketing Services department with Reebok International in Canton.

After a honeymoon in Oahu and Maui, Hawaii, the couple is at home in Cohasset.

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Plaza plan has an uphill battle

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right to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals to extend the highway business use by some 200 feet into the abutting residentially zoned area, which he also owns. Under the existing bylaw, a use permitted on one portion may be extended by up to 200 feet into the other portion by special permit if both portions of the property were under common ownership before zoning district lines were adopted. The property must also have frontage on a street in the "less restrictive" district.

Under the existing by-law, Shaw's Plaza, which lies outside the watershed protection district, expanded the highway business use into a residential district by special permit when it was constructed.

Staszko would like the same rights that Shaw's had.

But here's the hitch: Unlike Shaw's, Cohasset Plaza lies in the watershed protection district – an exemption to the current bylaw. Staszko's article, which is a Citizens Petition submitted with the signatures of 10 registered voters, would strike that exception and allow him to apply for a special permit to extend the highway business use back 200 feet.

Staszko told the Planning Board the amendment didn't lift all checks and balances.

"If I got a special permit, then the Planning Board would have site plan approval," he said.

But the Planning Board said it was worried about precedent and was bolstered in its view by the Water Commission that said some 16 parcels in the watershed protection district could be affected by the by-law change.

Staszko disputed the impact of the zoning amendment because it would "not make economic sense" for most properties highlighted by the Water Commission. He also stressed the town still gets two looks at a project: through the ZBA and Planning Board.

"Where this is different than last year, is last year there would be no ZBA – we'd go right to the Planning Board for site plan approval," he said. Last year's article and the initial one, four years ago asked the land that abuts the plaza be rezoned to highway business.

Stephen J. Kuzma, 31 Red Fox Lane, which abuts the plaza said the proposal "amounts to spot zoning in favor of Mr. Staszko and at the expense of the town."

But Town Planner Liz Harrington explained the amendment would allow an option now open to landowners outside the watershed protection district be available "across the board."

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said the board has always been "steadfast" in its position not to support zoning amendments aimed at specific purpose.

"We've always been opposed to articles narrowly targeted at some property owner positively or negatively," said Sturdy. He added the Planning Board would not have authority to stop the project if the amendment passed and the ZBA granted a special permit for the plaza.

"The Planning Board would have no basis for denying a site plan properly put together," he said.

Last year, the plaza article failed to win the necessary two-thirds majority by only four votes at Town Meeting.

Margy Charles, 85 Linden Drive, who attended the Planning Board meeting last week to lobby for a different Town Meeting article, expressed some frustration over the plaza issue.

"It seems to me you're all saying Don has done the best job with his commercial property on 3A – he's looking for what Shaw's could do.

"Why not let him go before the ZBA?" she asked.

Tax hike sought for sewer study

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question on the ballot. The debt exclusion would add about 11 cents to the tax rate, amounting to about $62 a year on the average real estate bill for five years.

It could be possible to roll the cost of engineering into the estimated $10 million Little Harbor - Atlantic Avenue sewer project if construction was to begin within two years, Haddad said. Incorporating the engineering costs into the entire project would lessen the tax impact because the town would have longer to pay off the debt service, he said.

Cohasset is currently under a state court order to solve its wastewater woes or face hefty fines. But while some feel the so-called "Second Amended Agreement for Judgment," means the town should take action immediately; others say there's no rush.

Haddad talked with state officials and feels the town is on the right path.

"Are they breathing down our backs? No," Haddad said. "Do we need to get something done? Yes."

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said the state understands the tight fiscal times that all towns are facing. He said it's unreasonable for the state to expect the town to appropriate large sums of money for a sewer project when it's delaying reimbursement of school building projects.

"We don't want to get in a position in which the state feels we're acting in bad faith," Koed said. "But we feel there is some leeway on the timetable."

Even Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions, the grass-roots group that has fought for installation of sewers in their neighborhood, has not decided if the timing of the debt exclusion is practical. Stacey Weaver, a member on the CEES board, said CEES board members are being polled about the situation.

"We realize the town is between a rock and a hard place," Weaver said. "But I personally feel that the longer the town waits, the more it's going to cost."

CEES, which had not anticipated a debt exclusion would be required for the design-engineering phase of the proposed project, intends to send an update on its position to all residents, who stand to be affected by the sewer project by the end of the week.

Selectman Tom Callahan says the town work on a wastewater solution for the entire town.

"I don't see this as something that is in dire need of attention," Callahan said. "This has to be thought out and planned for the next 10 to 15 years depending on when we get our funding for the school building projects."

An alternative to installing sewers around Little Harbor would be to have the area homeowners upgrade their on-site septic systems. Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning said this could be an expensive proposition possibly costing upwards of $60,000 apiece.

"For everyone to have an (upgraded) on-site septic system in would require the Board of Health to inspect everyone's house to make sure it met Title 5 requirements which are can be difficult to achieve," he said. Title 5 is the state's environmental code governing septic systems.

Cunning added that installing sewers would be less expensive for affected residents. Sewers are estimated to each homeowner an estimated $35,000, if the project is completely paid by users.

Last year, voters approved a study to see if the Central Cohasset wastewater treatment plant could expand. The Sewer Commission also completed a study to see if it was feasible to sewer the Little Harbor area.

According the a CEES information sheet, 40 percent of the systems in the area are marginal or have failed, and another 40 percent, if upgraded or expanded, would not comply with the Board of Health's nitrogen removal criteria.

CEES said it has worked with town officials over the past three years to find a permanent, more cost-effective way to protect the environment than on-site systems. Residents of Atlantic Avenue have experienced similar septic system problems and expressed an interest in joining CEES.

Local jewelry maker is a real gem

Donates pieces to charity

By Evan Schiff
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You may start seeing her designs more and more around town. Some may appear on people's wrists, necks and ears.

Elizabeth Kissick, 170 N. Main St., moved from Kansas City to Cohasset in September and has continued her jewelry business, EK Designs.

Kissick is working extensively with the Cohasset community on numerous charity events. Currently she is donating 25 pieces to the Avon Breast Cancer Walk, and will be contributing 10 percent of sales from a jewelry party in April to the South Shore Community Center Playground Fund.

"It's very important for me to give back to the community," Kissick said. "I've been blessed with so much that I feel the need to help others."

Kissick's grandmother died of cancer and has an aunt who is currently being treated for the disease.

"It means so much to me to try and help find a cure," she said.

When she's not making jewelry Kissick has had a chance to embrace Cohasset and describes it as "being in heaven without having to die." Some of Kissick's work will appear in the Festival on the Common in June and will be displayed in some of the homes of families in the upcoming Community Center Kitchen Tour.

Kissick is married and has three children in the Cohasset school system and is highly dedicated to her family.

"As soon as they get off the bus, my work stops and my enjoyment begins," she said.

Kissick has a studio set up in her house on N. Main Street and does hundreds of pieces a year. Her jewelry is currently available in approximately 60 stores nationwide.

Kissick has worked with her partner April Gottschalk since 1998 and has been making jewelry for eight years. At first, Gottschalk just helped design the jewelry but after attending a class in glass blowing, started to create the beads that Kissick uses in many of her pieces.

"I don't know what I'd do without her," Kissick said. "She has a great eye for color and for glass blowing."

Kissick said when she began she made name bracelets but quickly noticed that many were copying her trend so she switched to hand-blown glass accessories.

Angela Brown, a sales manager for EK Designs and resident of Cohasset, thinks the Kissick has a lot to offer the town.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Elizabeth Kissick works with her jewelry, as April Gottschalk looks on. Gottschalk blows the glass that creates the beads.

"Elizabeth (Kissick) is a remarkable woman who oozes with talent and energy," she said. "Her jewelry is so unique."

Kissick said the pleasure she derives from the business is seeing the smiles on her customers' faces when they wear her pieces. She added that the jewelry she designs is best described as "happy and colorful."

"Everyday I try to do something different," she said. "I strive for my pieces to be unique."

Kissick, who has also penned two children's books, got her start as an art teacher in Maine. After moving back to Kansas City and having her second child, Kissick felt like she needed to do something with her spare time.

"It was a really snowy winter and I was home quite a bit," she said. "I started doing arts projects and went to a bead store and never left."

Along with bracelets, chokers and earrings, Kissick makes communion, rosary and baptism pieces. She also welcome custom orders.

"One of my goal is to make pieces that someone can wear and have people come up to them asking where they bought it," she said.

Racing for cancer cure

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research center which greatly benefits from the money.

"I talked with one of the scientists there and he said he spends 50 percent of his time filling out funding applications," Valentine said. "Hopefully with this money they'll be able to spend more time finding a cure."

Valentine ran his first marathon at the age of 34, the same age his father was when he died of cancer.

"Hopefully, in 15 years nobody will have to run for the DFCI because there won't be a need for it," he said.

"Once you get involved you realize that everyone is affected by this terrible disease."

— Christopher Valentine, 5 Diab Lane

Valentine has been training for months and runs approximately 30 to 40 miles a week. He said the hardest part of the race is can be the mental aspects, not the physical ones.

"The fact that you're doing something with not a lot of distraction for four hours is a big hurdle," he said. "I just try and relax and break the race up into pieces."

Valentine said the best part of the race is the last mile coming into Kenmore Square when the Dana-Farber runners are greeted by more than 20 children who are all patients in its pediatric ward.

"It gives you an extra boost," he said. "It reminds you why you are running."

Since the DFCI instituted its Marathon Challenge in 1989, runners have raised more than $13 million for the Barr Program. In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organization to be given official marathon numbers by the Boston Athletic Association. The DFCI features training guidance from Jack Fultz, the 1976 Boston Marathon men's champion, plus team training runs, extensive fundraising support, and volunteer opportunities for non-runners.

"You really feel like you're part of a family when you run with DFCI," Valentine said. "It's exceptional how many people are involved with this organization."

To contribute to Valentine's marathon run, send a check payable to "Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge" to its offices at 152A Trapelo Road, Lincoln, MA 01773. Donors should indicate that the contribution is for Valentine. For more information, call 781-259-8881.

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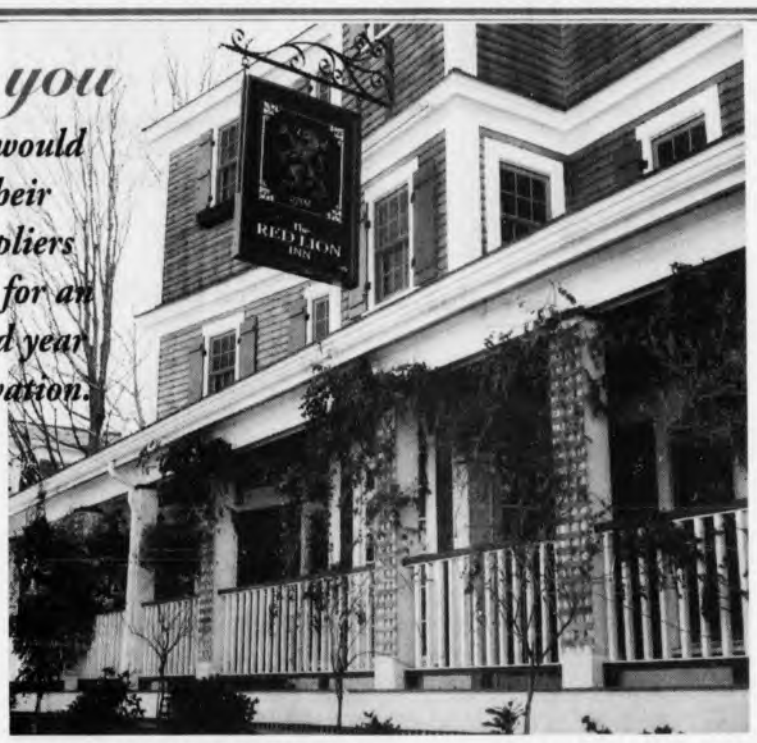

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanks, Brian

There aren't too many places where police chiefs are better known by their first names. But then, there aren't too many small towns like Cohasset — where most people are on a first-name basis and even selectmen prefer using nicknames, such as Ronnie, Fred, Tom and Mike. (Merle doesn't have the option).

Many called Chief Brian Noonan, "Brian," not out of a lack of respect but with a sense of affection.

We always found Brian to be the consummate professional — one who modernized the department and often had to deal with a public that didn't want to accept that real crime does occur even in this beautiful, tucked-away seaside community.

But after 28 years, nine as chief, we can't blame Brian for wanting to call it a day.

"I loved the job," he said Friday. "You don't leave after doing something half your life and being on alert 24 hours a day, seven days a week without mixed emotions."

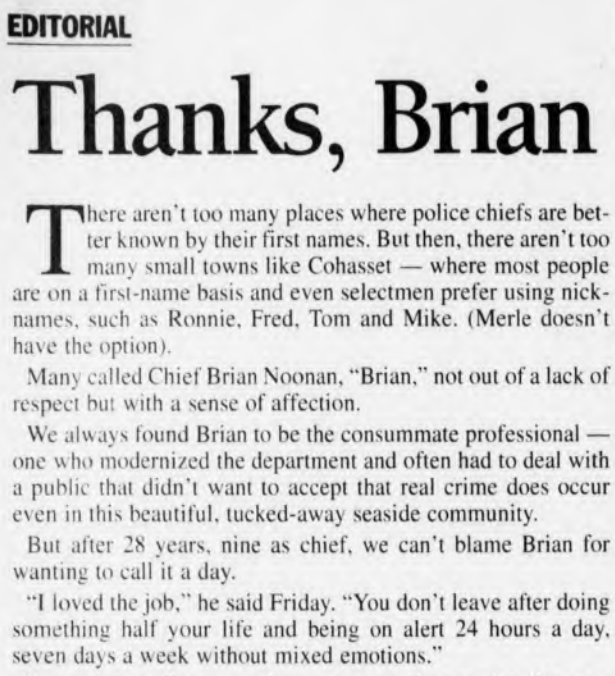
Nevertheless, Brian was happy to pass the mantle of leadership to Robert Jackson, whose family packed the selectmen's office for the swearing-in ceremony.

As expected, the transition from one local chief to another went smoothly.

Now as the town embarks on the Jackson era, it should give Cohasset residents great comfort to know that the extended police chief search, which attracted some 54 applicants, determined the finest candidate was right here at home.

Like Brian, Bob grew up here in town and raised his children here. He understands the community and is looking forward to the challenge of leading the police department into the 21st century.

We wish both men well as they open new chapters in their lives.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Retiring Police Chief Brian Noonan, right, congratulates new Chief Robert Jackson at the swearing-in ceremony last week.

Senior housing

Seniors and other interested citizens won't want to miss the forum "Where Will I be Living in the Future?" at 12:30 p.m. next Thursday at the South Shore Community Center. With sky-high assessments and soaring property tax bills, affordable housing opportunities for our senior population are more critical than ever.

Older people, who have spent their lives here and raised their children here, want to remain in town if at all possible. We should all work hard to see that they can.

— Mary Ford
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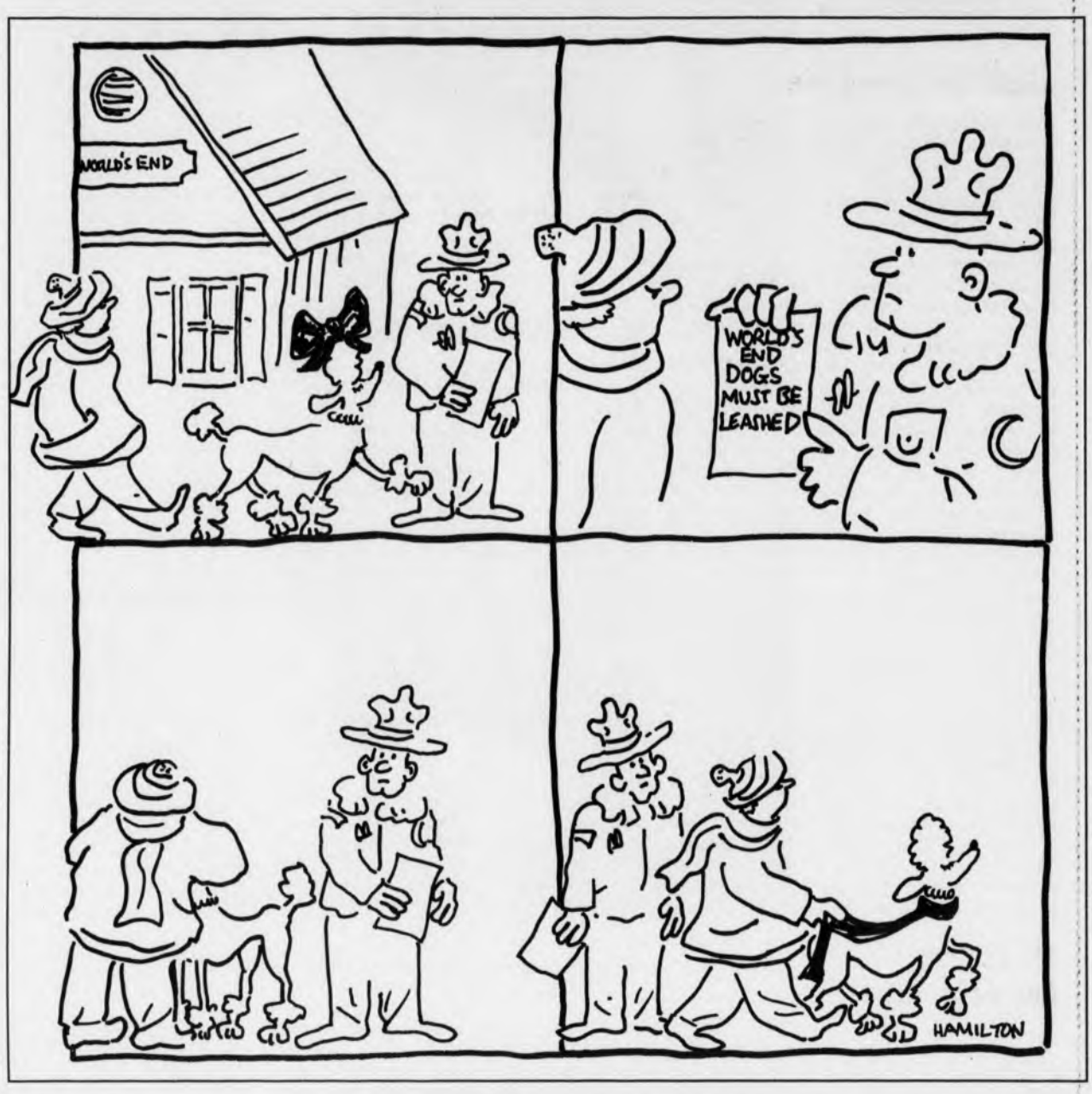

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Contradiction in your editorial

TO THE EDITOR:

In your editorial 'Bubba' fever, I read what appeared to be a contradiction.

If Andrew and Claudia Quigley had not overreacted and sent a copy of their letter to the Cohasset Mariner, none of the written dialogue or phone calls would have taken place. You stated that the letter was "newsworthy;" therefore, we should thank the Quigleys for their courage to make this story a news item. What would have been yielded from your suggestion of talking privately to school officials?

The final point involves a quote from your editorial: "Although Cohasset is not diverse, we have understood the community to be a tolerant place that includes one of the oldest METCO programs in the state, a Diversity Committee, the Appalachia Service Project, and the 'No Place for Hate' pledge that incorporates educational programs."

With all this said, let's pretend "Bubba" Smith lives in Cohasset and is your neighbor. Would you or someone still imitate him over a school loudspeaker with the thought, he is from the South and that is the way he talks. (The inside joke would be that if you knew him you would understand. How do the students figure it out?) We forget that Antoine Smith, not "Bubba," is the public figure.

Cohasset knows how to reach out to others but it also can be arrogant in its sensitivity.

Anthony W Lanier
427 South Main St.

Diversity committee offers its assistance

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Diversity Committee wants to respond to the "fictional portrayal" incident, which occurred at the Joseph Osgood School on Feb. 1, 2002. More importantly, we are troubled by the reaction and the aftermath to the incident.

We can only hope to learn from the aforementioned incident and to grow as individuals, educators, administrators, and as a community. Towards this end the Diversity Committee has offered its assistance to help the School Committee organize a session with school officials aimed at developing a thoughtful and effective way to respond to future similar situations.

Connie Afshar and Susan Etkind
Cohasset Diversity Committee

Nothing historic in metal fences

TO THE EDITOR:

R. Murray Campbell is mistaken when he says in a letter in last week's Cohasset Mariner that the barred black metal fence proposed by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation to separate Border Street pedestrians from the harbor in our colonial village is "historically apt". During a recent two-hour drive around Cohasset I was not able to find any colonial home with a fence of that style. (I traveled most but not all of the streets in town.) The only prominent barred black metal fence I found anywhere in town adorns one very substantial non-colonial mansion. Not only is black metal fencing the antithesis of colonial design, it is, in Cohasset, next to nonexistent. How can it be "historically apt"?

Incidentally, I could not find anywhere in town an example of the droopy sunflower style black metal lampposts that are also proposed for Border Street.

I will not respond to the rest of Mr. Campbell's letter or his personal attack, but commend for his consideration Peter Wood's thoughtful letter in last week's Cohasset Mariner under the heading, "No More Insults".

Richard F. deLima
55 Summer St.

Why ball fields are a good thing

ISABEL BLACKBURN
88 ELM STREET
DEAR ISABEL:

I am writing in response to your letter which was published in last week's Cohasset Mariner concerning the two new ball fields which are proposed to be built at the Gravel Pit on North Main Street.

While I agree that given these uncertain financial times we all need to consider any new projects very carefully, I think that once you look at all of the facts surrounding this proposal, you will agree that the Town's limited participation in the funding of this project should be supported.

Almost two years ago the Selectmen decided that it was time to do something about the Gravel Pit which I think everyone will agree is one of the uglier and more dangerous spots in Cohasset. Toward that end, the Selectmen created the Gravel Yard Re-Use Committee whose members included several North Main Street neighbors (the "Committee"). The Committee considered several proposals for the use of the Gravel Pit including a waste water treatment plant, a new fire station, a skateboard park, housing for seniors and soccer fields. After considering all proposals, the Committee unanimously supported the building of additional ball fields. The Committee, especially the neighbors, felt that the building of two ball fields would be the least disruptive alternative for this residential neighborhood and a logical choice given the proximity of Barnes Field and the Swim Center.

Funding for the project is proposed to be done as part of a partnership among the Town, the Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") and the Little League. At this point, Town Meeting has appropriated and the Town Manager has spent $42,000 toward this project. The Little League has spent, or committed to spend before the end of the month, an additional $40,000. The engineer hired by the Town estimates that the total cost of the project will be an additional $450,000. The Little League has committed to contribute $150,000 of this estimated cost over and above the $40,000 already spent. In addition to contributing a substantial portion of the project costs, the Little League will maintain these fields with the exception of grass cutting which will be done by the Department of Public Works. In fact, our fund raising efforts are in full swing, including a golf tournament and dinner on May 24..

The first Article to be considered by Town Meeting concerning this project will be Article 4 which will request Town Meeting's approval of the CPC's unanimous recommendation that it contribute $100,000 toward this project. This amount would be paid from funds held by the CPC which are made up of money already collected from the 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate taxes plus matching funds obtained from the state. The second Article to be considered by Town Meeting will be Article 16 which proposes that the Town borrow $200,000 to be contributed toward this project. This borrowing is within the levy limit, which means that the debt service to cover this borrowing is replacing former debt service that has been paid off. As you can see, since the CPC funds have already been collected, less than half of the cost of this project will be paid from "new" tax dollars with the remaining balance to be paid by the Little League and from funds already collected by the CPC.

Cohasset has a serous shortage of playing fields. In the Spring, school baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey teams and town baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse teams all have to compete for time on our few fields. If Town Meeting approves the funding of these two new ball fields, the Town will gain more than just two fields. With these new fields I expect that instead of rebuilding baseball fields at the Middle High School when the construction project is done, the fields in front and, in back of the school can be committed to the other school and town sports.

The new baseball and softball fields will be used from late March through mid August by children ages five through 17 who participate in the Cohasset Little League, the softball teams at the Middle High School and those who put together pick up games or practice with their parents. The Little League alone has about 500 baseball and softball players.

Finally, the proposed fields will include a new 80 car parking lot which will enable the town to prohibit any parking on North Main Street and thereby eliminate a dangerous situation.

The Committee and many other people have worked very hard over the last two years to put this unique private/public funded project together. We believe this project will benefit the Town as a whole as well as hundreds of children at a very low cost to taxpayers. I hope you can support us.

Mark G. DeGiacomo
President of Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association, Inc.

Mr. DeGiacomo provided the Mariner with a copy of this letter.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Selectman candidates:
Why do you think some are so opposed to the proposed expansion of Cohasset Plaza? Where do you stand?

SELECTMAN/Fred Koed

Currently, the Zoning Bylaw excludes any property (with split zoning) in a floodplain, watershed protection district or water resource district from expanding into another zone. Article 21 removes that EXCLUSION, thereby permitting uses to extend from 5- to-200 feet (with a special permit) into the more restrictively-zoned areas.

Unfortunately, while attempting to serve the interests of one owner, this approach to modifying the zoning bylaw has far-reaching effects for other properties in Cohasset. Article 21 will allow any businesses to expand inside these protected districts.

The concerns of many citizens center around the fact that no one seems to be able to describe exactly "which properties" in Cohasset will be affected, or what possible new issues could arise. Cohasset needs to be very careful when considering wholesale changes to our existing zoning bylaws. The zoning bylaws are designed to protect the interests of the citizens of Cohasset and to balance the interests of citizens and businesses.

I agree that Cohasset could create a more stabilized tax base with some expansion of the commercial tax base and I support that concept. Since 93 percent of our taxable real estate is residential, most people would welcome an increase in the commercial tax base. But, until the new Master Plan is finished, I would prefer to take a more conservative approach to the expansion of commercially-zoned areas, especially those within "protected" zones.

Even with an additional $100,000 per year in tax revenue from an expanded plaza, there are too many unanswered questions concerning watershed protection. As a former Water Commissioner (1995-1998), I understand the challenges of protecting our water supplies. Unless someone can answer those questions to the satisfaction of the citizens, selectmen, water commissioners, planning board and others, I have serious reservations about this particular approach.

SELECTMAN/ Ronnie McMorris

Opposition to the expansion of the Stop & Shop Plaza has centered around the debate between the value of commercial versus residential development; fears about the impact on downtown business; and to a lesser extent, the land changes that affect wetlands and wooded areas. Every cost/benefit analysis of commercial versus residential development indicates that the tax dollars brought in by commercial properties exceed their demand for town services. Clearly, residences (other than senior housing complexes) bring school-age children and the need for additional tax dollars for their education. For these reasons, I support commercial development, where appropriate, to help lessen the tax burden on homeowners.

I have supported the revitalization of the village throughout my six years on the Board, and in recent years the downtown has thrived. We have seen that business development along 3A can coexist with downtown business, as evidenced by hardware and liquor stores. I initiated the Growth and Development Committee, which will examine these issues more in depth in the master plan process.

The physical changes which most recently occurred at the Plaza were overseen by the Conservation Commission during my years on that board. A small wetland was replaced by a larger one replicated on the property. Wildlife and plants were moved. The Plaza continues to be one of the most attractive and well-maintained properties on 3A.

Unfortunately, the proposed Town Meeting article not only allows for possible expansion of the plaza, but also affects other properties in the water resource district. Because of this, the water commissioners oppose it and so do I. The expansion of commercial zones can and should be accomplished as part of a well thought out master plan for the town.

SELECTMAN/Roger Hill

Many Cohasset residents are rightly concerned about the latest proposal to allow Cohasset Plaza to expand.

The owner of the plaza has placed a zoning-bylaw amendment article on the warrant for this year's annual town meeting. I have two major concerns about the proposal: Protection of our public drinking water supply and protection of our residential neighborhoods.

The article seeks to change an important legal protection for Cohasset's drinking water supply. If passed, the article will allow Mr. Staszko, owner of the plaza, to apply for a special permit to expand by waiving up to 200 feet, the restrictions placed on his development by our water resources protection district. The protection district boundaries were established using strict engineering guidelines. In much of the town's litigation against Cohasset Heights, those boundaries were defended at great cost. We cannot ignore the importance of protecting our public drinking water supply by changing the district lines.

I am also concerned that if this article passes, the precedent could be used by developers owning commercially-zoned land to intrude into other residential areas. These areas include the residential districts near the harbor and village, and those neighborhoods adjacent to Route 3A highway business zone, especially Brewster Road, Fair Oaks Lane, Ledgewood Drive and Rose Hill.

Not coincidentally, last week, both the Planning Board and the Water Commission each voted unanimously to oppose the Cohasset Plaza article. I feel strongly we should follow the direction of these two elected bodies — the boards with the direct responsibility for protection of our residential areas and our water supply, respectively.

We need to continue to protect our public water supply and our residential neighborhoods. That is why I am against the Cohasset Plaza expansion article.

School Committee candidate:
Since Education Reform, has the School Committee become a rubber stamp for the Superintendent of Schools?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Jane Pescatore

With the advent of Education Reform in Massachusetts, administrators in school systems across the Commonwealth became "site" managers with both responsibility and accountability for the buildings and people under their supervision. At the same time, the Superintendent of Schools assumed overall responsibility and accountability for the entire school system. The final tier in this organizational structure is the School Committee. This group has the responsibility to determine the contract and compensation package of the Superintendent of Schools. Unlike those of us who have worked in the business sector, where we typically have only one "boss," the Superintendent has the daunting task of reporting to a group of five individuals who all have widely different backgrounds, experience and expectations.

If a casual observer were to tune in or drop by a School Committee meeting, they might get the impression that the Superintendent is running the meeting.

They would be right. He is, after all, the "expert" the School Committee has hired to run the school system. The Town has an analogous situation with the Town Manager. Anyone who watches a Selectman's meeting would have the definite impression that the Town Manager is running that meeting. He is the "expert" they have hired to manage the Town.

Both the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen are comprised of volunteer citizens. As such they do not have the in-depth expertise required to manage the complex structure that is an outstanding school system or a well-run town government. These groups do, however, have the responsibility and accountability to hire and oversee these managers to insure their continued excellent performance.

Next week's questions:

Selectman candidates:
How can the Town Manager's 12 percent raise be justified in these tough fiscal times?

School Committee candidate:
There's a move afoot to include MCAS results on student transcripts for college applications. Is the MCAS an accurate measurement of a student's ability, knowledge-level or both?

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like. All candidates opposed or unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

The perils of being a lefty

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I read in the Los Angeles Times the other day that the folks who have time on their hands and nothing better to do have been studying left-handers again.

"People who grow up left-handed have a different, more flexible brain structure than those born to take life by the right hand, say researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles.

(That's UCLA to football and basketball fans, who will be surprised to learn that they have researchers as well as 300-pound tackles and 7-foot centers at the school.)

"The reason is that right-handers have genes that force their brains into a slightly more one-sided structure, according to research published yesterday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences."

I'm not sure what all that means but I guarantee you nothing good will come of it for lefties, who have been ranked on by the majority right-ies ever since Og, son of Fire, was hooted as he dragged his woman home by the hair with his left hand.

I'm particularly sensitive to this because I think I'm left-handed.

I say I think I am because, while I eat right-handed, if someone gets in the way of my right elbow when I'm chowing down at a lunch counter, I can switch to my left-hand without missing a forkful of mashed potatoes.

Left is "gauche" in French, which has been adopted by the English-speaking world as the word for lacking in social grace...

I throw a baseball with my right hand but the first time I broke my right arm I found that I could throw just as easily with my left, although the switch took a little something off my fastball and I couldn't snap off a curve.

Yet I use a scissors with my left hand and, as I write this on my PC, I am pushing the mouse around with my left hand, which causes all sorts of logistical problems at an office where I share a computer with a right-handed co-worker.

I have a hunch I was born left-handed but, as was the custom in my childhood (when ice covered most of the earth), my folks took one horrified look as I reached for my rattle with my left hand and converted me on the spot. that left me lefty in all the little things they didn't notice, like when I went to work for Larry Stone's Skeeball concession at Paragon Park, I found I was most adept at skeeballing left-handed, hitting the 50-point hole with regularity.

Lefties have been getting the short end of the stick from the time that Latin was spoken from both ends of the Roman Empire. In fact, the word "sinister," meaning threatening or ominous or portending evil, is derived from the Latin "sinister," meaning "on the left side."

Left is "gauche" in French, which has been adopted by the English-speaking world as the word for lacking in social grace; "out in left field" has come to describe someone who doesn't know what he or she is talking about.

And so it goes.

Maybe the next researchers will discover something good about left-handedness. You think?

HEALTH NOTES

Opening dam helps control pollution

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Each year Denis McNulty and his wife Doris make up a schedule to have the Public Works Department open Cat Dam at the south end of Nichols Road. The purpose of opening the dam periodically is to flush the upper part of Little Harbor to control pollution. The dam is usually opened at the time of the full moon to take advantage of the high spring tides which contribute to greater tidal flushing.

The following is the schedule for Cat Dam opening and closing;

April 24, 25, 26	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
May 27, 28, 29	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
June 26, 27, 28	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
July 22, 23, 24	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Aug. 13, 14, 15	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Sept. 9, 10, 11	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Oct. 7, 8, 9	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Nov. 4, 5, 6	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Dec. 2, 3, 4	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

In addition to the above schedule, Cat Dam is left open January through April and sometimes in late June to reduce the nutrient buildup in this estuary, thereby controlling the algae blooms to which it is subject.

Recently completed Little Harbor Studies have shown high levels of nutrients in the water of Upper Little Harbor. The application of fertilizer and chemicals from lawns, as well as other practices such as dumping grass clippings and other debris near this sensitive body of water have contributed to this problem. Estimates indicate that as much as 50 percent of the nitrates causing the eutrophication of water bodies such as Little Harbor come from agricultural treatment. Other causes are failed septic systems and surface water runoff from impermeable surfaces such as roofs and driveways. The facts are that Upper Little Harbor can tolerate almost no additional nitrogen from fertilizer since the soils which surround it cannot absorb the nutrients from such lawn maintenance practices.

There is a direct correlation between the over fertilization of lawns adjacent to water bodies and the algae blooms in those water bodies. According to the EPA, between 50 and 90 percent of the fertilizer put on lawns leaches through lawn to the ground water or becomes surface runoff. So called maintenance fertilization recommendations by most lawn care agencies (Scot's, etc.) would result in the application of slightly less than a quarter ton of fertilizer per acre. Lawn care specialists adopt this practice as routine, and are a major part of the problem. No nearby water body can withstand such a nutrient load.

In view of the increased pressure to further develop land abutting Little Harbor, (creating increased areas of non-permeable surface by enlarging buildings; new driveways, etc.,) it's imperative for each of us to rethink the application of lawn chemicals to our property. This trend can be stopped if everyone realized that a perfect lawn is not a necessary concomitant to living the good life.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Where was I when life went by?

MY VIEW

EVAN SCHIFF

Complete and utter shock don't completely capture what I felt. Amazement, maybe. Sent into a deep stupor, definitely. What happened? Well, let me start from the beginning.

Last week, I went home to Philadelphia for a family function that happened to be close to the overnight camp I worked at as a counselor for two years. Suffice to say, when I went back "up the mountain," I was flooded by a wave of nostalgia.

I fondly remembered counselors I worked with and campers I tormented, and had a wonderful time reminiscing with a few friends who remain on the mountain throughout the year. I left feeling peaceful, whole, warm and fulfilled. It was a great night.

When I came back to Boston I was not only greeted by a biting chill but also a nagging feeling that I wanted to reconnect with those who have slowly evaporated from my life. Not everyone mind you, just the ones I still catch myself thinking about. While they may have had a diminishing role in my consciousness over the years, their importance could never be completely extinguished.

So, I wrote to a few, heard from less, which is about what I expected. But then, I was thrown off my semi-reclinable work chair. I wrote to a girl I had dated (as much as one can while stationed at camp) more than four years ago. We were close, had good times and eventually faded into the recesses of each others photo albums. I wrote her that I was a writer (I heard girls like that) and thinking of moving to California to be a surfer (another plus I thought) and if she was around I'd love to grab a drink.

This is what I got back. "Dear Evan, wonderful to hear from you. I'm currently living in Washington State and engaged to be married in Oct."

What?! How could that be?!

I've struggled with how to express how strange this seemed to me. My boss, parents and friends all seemed to be in agreement that I am one can short of a six-pack for getting bent out of shape. So I sat back and examined what I was feeling. Regret, no. Wistfulness, not really. Misplaced macho pride, nah.

I guess what struck me is how two paths can stray so drastically from one another in such a short time. Four years ago I was a teenager, excited about my next year of college at Boston University and she shared my feelings for her term at the University of New Hampshire.

And now she's evidently ready for the responsibilities of life, while I'm not even sure I'm dependable enough to make plans for tomorrow. I mean, I consider getting to work every morning a small triumph — but marriage, that's as far from my mind as the Pats winning the Super Bowl again.

I'm not doubting her intentions, convictions or commitment, just wondering if mine aren't where they should be. I am dumbfounded that someone who was at one time on the same page as me is now on the next chapter.

I guess I'm slowly coming to the realization that time relentlessly marches on even if you're no where near the parade.

Evan Schiff is the staff reporter for the Cohasset Mariner.

POLITICAL NOTES

County GOP Club

The highlight of the first fall meeting of the GOP Plymouth County Club will be the election of officers and meeting candidates at Lou's Restaurant on Route 139 in Marshfield on Wednesday, March 20. Social hour is at 6 p.m. followed by a buffet at 7 p.m. Special guests will be state-wide and county candidates.

Reservations are required by contacting David Wilson at 508-378-2173 and nominated officers who will be elected March 20: President Kathy Stacey of Marshfield (781-834-3849); Vice President Fred McDermott, Esq. Of Brockton; Secretary, Rosamond Jones of Marshfield, and Treasurer, Desi Collins of Whitman.

Election supper set for March 21

The Beechwood Congregational Church carries on it spring-time tradition with its annual Election Supper. Candidates and voters are invited to get together for dinner on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. for stuffed chicken, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, mashed potatoes, cake and ice cream as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-338-1298.

Jackson takes over the reins as new police chief

Sworn in last Friday

By Mary Ford
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It looked and sounded more like a family reunion than a solemn, swearing-in ceremony for the town's new Police Chief, Robert W. Jackson.

Four generations of the Jackson family along with their close friends jammed the selectmen's office last Friday for what was a proud moment for them, and one town officials also felt good about.

"He's a good man," said Selectman Merle Brown. "He knows the townspeople and that's important in a small town, especially in the job of police chief.."

Outgoing chief Brian Noonan, who competed with Jackson for the post nine years ago when then Chief Joseph Kealey retired, said Jackson was a perfect fit.

"With his military background and all his experience here, he'll do a great job," said Noonan. "I wish him well."

Outgoing chief Brian Noonan, who competed with Jackson for the post nine years ago when then Chief Joseph Kealey retired, said Jackson was a perfect fit.

Jackson, who served as the department's sergeant and was selected from a field of some 54 candidates, thanked Town Manager Mark Haddad for giving him the opportunity to take on new challenges. He also thanked his family and friends for their support, the selectmen, the selection committee including Norwell Police Chief Robert Galvin, and Noonan "for a job well done and for his 28 years of service to the Cohasset Police Department."

Charlene Jackson said she was proud of her son.

"I'm very proud and happy," she said. "He loves Cohasset. We came here when he was in the seventh-grade and it's a really special town to him."

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said he has known Jackson for a number of years.

"I'm looking forward to working with him," he said.

Jackson, who lives on Ash Street with is wife Diane, holds a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Virginia, a bachelor of science in law enforcement from Northeastern University, graduated from the Police Academy in Brockton in 1980 and completed a command training program at Babson College last year.

Jackson, who retired recently with 30 years in the U.S. Navy reserves, gave Haddad a start just before the ceremony.

"The Navy called," Jackson joked, as Haddad blanched.

"Just kidding," he said.

Haddad has two other major appointments ahead: Fire Chief Roger Lincoln and DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield are also retiring this year.

Jackson's total annual compensation will be $85,000, Haddad said.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas, right, administers the oath of office to Chief Robert Jackson.

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Chief Robert Jackson is surrounded by his family. From left are, Fred Higgins (brother-in-law), Vivian Higgins (mother-in-law), Kristin Curran and Officer Brian Curran (daughter and son-in-law), Charlene Jackson (mother), Chief Jackson, granddaughter Emily Curran, grandson Jack Curran, wife Diane Jackson, Joanne Higgins (sister-in-law), son Keith Jackson and brother Brad Jackson. Not shown is daughter Kaitlin Jackson, who's away at college in Maine.

Emily Curran, 5, holds her grandfather's police chief badge following the ceremony Friday at Town Hall.

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By any name, this 'lady' is the world's favorite bug

Ladybug, ladybug, flyaway home ...
your house is on fire, and your children will burn!
— Old children's rhyme

For those of us with old, drafty houses (and we wouldn't have it any other way, would we?) the cold days of winter invite any number of critters to spend time in our walls, windows and basements. I always know when the mice have taken up residence. My cat sits, frozen with anticipation, staring at the living room wall, listening to them scratching and scurrying. I remember one winter when I opened a closet door only to find all the shoes filled with the cat's dry food. I had never stopped to question why the cat's bowl was always empty, never imagined that the mice had been shuttling food, bit by bit, across the still of the night. This winter, the mice have been at it again, making midnight raids in my cellar, removing all the seeds from a large bunch of Chinese lanterns I had drying.

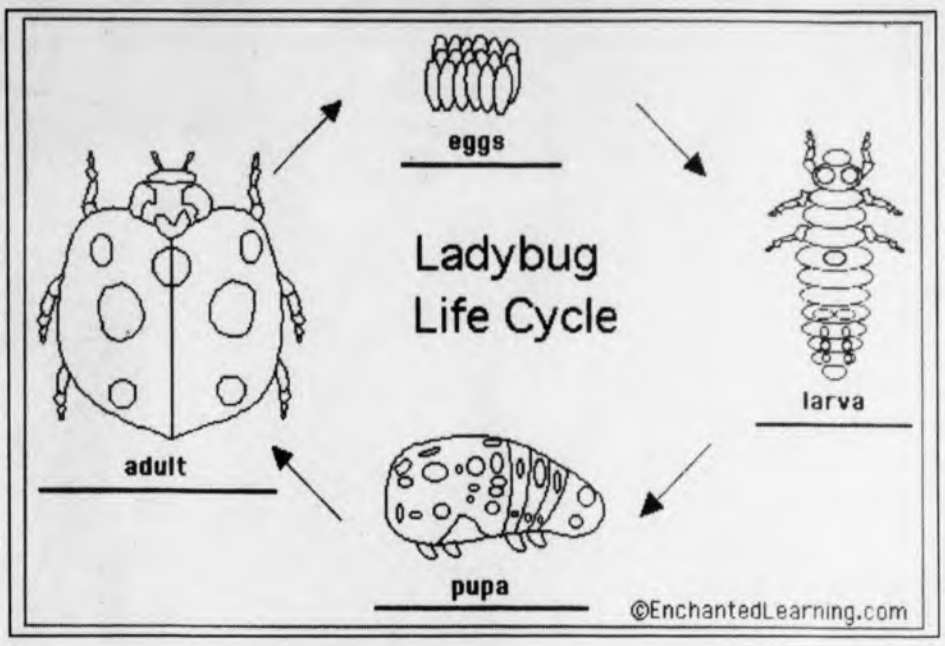
Mice aren't the only guests. Also squeezing in through cracks and crevices to hunker down and escape the cold, is the diminutive insect that is universally admired not only for the help it gives farmers and gardeners in the battle against pests, but also as an enduring symbol of good fortune.

The ladybug - not a true bug, but rather a beetle - is a member of the order Coleoptera, meaning "sheath-winged," the largest group of animals on earth, and the family Coccinellidae, meaning "little red sphere." Also known as the lady beetle and ladybird, the ladybug is distributed world-wide and is said to have been given its name by European farmers during the Middle Ages who had watched, helplessly, as their crops were destroyed by aphids (also known as plant lice) and scale insects that sucked juices and transmitted viruses. Prayers to the Virgin Mary to save the crops were answered with the arrival of the ladybug, a natural enemy of the pests. The farmers called their flying savior the "Beetle of Our Lady."

Since then, much folklore has attached to the ladybug. The children's rhyme, "Ladybug, ladybug, fly away home ... your house is on fire, and your children will burn!" refers to the practice by English farmers of setting fire to hops vines at the end of the harvest season to clear the fields of old vines and colonies of aphids. The rhyme was a warning to lingering ladybugs, scavenging for a few last aphids, to fly before being consumed by the fire.

In colonial America, a ladybug found in the house during the winter was considered good fortune. In European cultures it was believed that ladybugs, not storks, brought babies. Other traditions believed that ladybugs understood human language. Norse legend claimed that the ladybug came to earth on a bolt of lightning. No doubt because of its effectiveness in ridding crops of pests, the ladybug became a universal symbol of good luck, bringing not only bountiful crops but fair weather, romance and marriage and good health. Killing or brushing away a ladybug was said to bring only sadness and misfortune.

Of the more than 5,000 species of ladybug, 400 hundred live in North America. Measuring about the size of a pencil eraser and oval-domed or round-domed in shape, ladybugs are easily recognized by their shiny red, orange or yellow coloration and their black spots, the number of which differentiate the species. Locally, our two most common ladies (and gentlemen) are the Two-spotted ladybug (*Adalia bipunctata*), which happens to be the state insect of Massachusetts, and the Convergent ladybug (*Hippodamia convergens*) with its 13 spots.



The ladybug life cycle, counterclockwise from top: egg cluster, larva (grub), pupa (resting stage), adult

Like all beetles, the ladybug has a four-stage, complete metamorphosis life cycle. In early spring, adults lay as many as 300, oval-shaped yellow eggs in clusters of 25 to 50. Attached upright to foliage - particularly to foliage infested with aphids - the eggs hatch between five and 10 days later and the ferocious-looking grubs - some folks say they look like little alligators - begin feeding voraciously on aphids and scale insects, each grub consuming as many as 25 pests per day. About two weeks after hatching, and after several molts of exoskeleton, the larvae attach themselves to branches or leaves and begin the non-feeding, resting pupa stage, emerging as adults some two weeks later. Soft and dull-colored, the adults are vulnerable until their protective pair of wing sheaths, called elytra, harden and take on their characteristic sheen. As adults, each will consume 50 to 75 pests per day, several times their own weight.

For protection, ladybugs have been endowed with the bright colors that warn predators to stay away. Known as "warning coloration," red, orange, yellow and black pigmentations are signals that the prey will be foul tasting, poisonous or able to defend itself. The monarch butterfly and the skunk are two well-known examples of warning coloration. Birds avoid the monarch butterfly whose toxicity is derived from its favorite food, the milkweed. Skunks, as we all know, have their own special way of defending themselves. Ladybugs, when threatened (and that includes handling by humans), ooze a foul-smelling liquid (it's actually their blood) from their leg joints. They may also play dead when they sense danger.

As summer's supply of aphids dwindles and winter sets in, large swarms of ladybugs seek out logs, rocks, leaves, eaves, cracks and crevices - including window spaces - in which to huddle and hibernate. With spring's renewal and a replenished supply of aphids, scale insects and mites, the ladybugs emerge from dormancy to live out the last days of their lives in a frenzy of eating, mating and egg laying.

Any day now, those of us with drafty houses should start seeing ladybugs congregating on window frames in preparation for their return to the great outdoors. We can help them along by opening the windows and carefully brushing them out (a feather duster works well), taking care not to aggravate them. They can also be vacuumed, with a non-wheel-type vacuum, and released immediately outdoors, if you'll be sorry to see these jewels of color depart, be patient. The invisible pheromone trail that led them into your home last fall may well attract a new generation this fall. And if the aphids enjoy your roses as much as they do mine, you're certain to have ladybugs hanging around all summer long.

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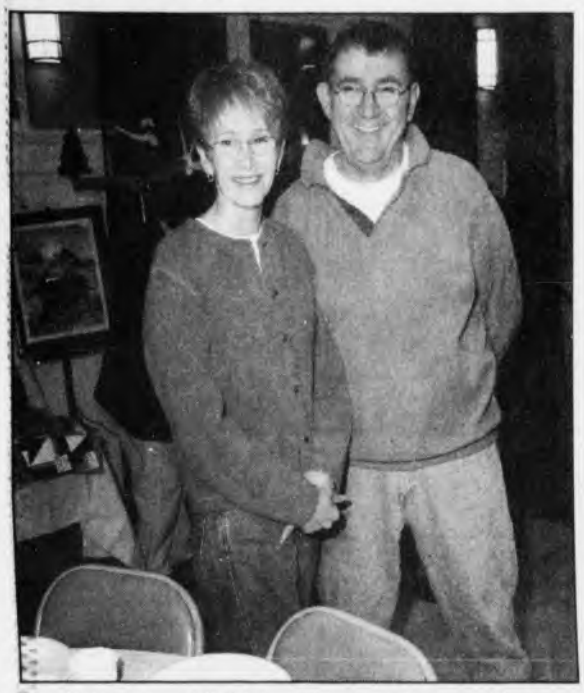
John Barrial warms up on the guitar next to a handmade quilt.

Brianna Pasko makes apple fritters in the kitchen for the event that supports the Appalachia Service Project.



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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

DRAMA CLUB

Cohasset High is one of only 15 schools statewide that has been invited to the finals of the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival. The Cohasset High Drama Club will perform at 8 p.m., Friday, March 22 at John Hancock Hall in Boston. The cast of the play "Act III, Scene 5" written by Terry Ortwein includes, back row, David Ingber as Chris, Kelly Stone as Maggie, Holly Dinsmore as Jennifer, and Tim Baird (stage manager). In the bottom row are, Krissy Watts (assistant director), Ali Earon as Patty, and Nicole Durant as Lisa.

Grade eight awards

The grade eight awards assembly was held on Friday, March 1. The following awards were given to grade eight students.

English:
Outstanding Achievement
Emily Savage, Molly Trisler, Kelsey Bell, Kate Carpenter, Jessica Bilbo, and Matt Fithian.
Contributes Most to Class
Mia Lieb-Lappen, Nils Sceery, Melissa Crawford, Jon Lowe, Molly Trahon and Dan McCarthy.

Mathematics:
Outstanding Achievement
Brooke Allen, Christopher Ofsthun, Patrick Horigan, Amanda Faulkner, Adam Chang and Alex Schwaner.
Contributes Most to Class
Jackie Flint, Caitlin O'Connell, Matt Fitts, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Katie James and Vanessa Plante.

American History:
Outstanding Achievement
Caitlin O'Connell, Kelsey Bell, Emily Nash, Jackie Flint, Remy Lee and Matt Fithian.
Contribute Most to Class
Lisa Musto, Zack Etkind, Chris Reynolds, John Keniley, Farron Duncan and Nick Arment.

Science:
Outstanding Achievement
Susan Curry, Emma Weston, Michael Martone, Katryn Evans, Nikki Dugan, Charlotte Sida and Aileen Fortunato.
Contributes Most to Class
Melissa Crawford, Lisa Spirito, Prescott Busk, Tori Gavaza, John Burgoon, and David McKenna.

French:
Highest Academic Achievement
Caitlin O'Connell, Brooke Allen
Contributes Most to Class
Emilie Shea and Molly Trisler.

Spanish:
Highest Academic Achievement
Nils Sceery and Emily Savage.
Contributes Most to Class
Katie James and Mia Lieb-Lappen

Health:
Most Improved
Alison Krupczak
Contributes Most to Class
Jen Dinger, Melissa Crowley-Buck, and Cassie Rosano.

Physical Education:
Katherine Whoriskey

Technology:
Most Improved
Jonathan Lowe, Faron Duncan, Emma Weston, Daniel Sullivan and Daniel McCarthy.
Most Helpful
Ariel Siegel, Joanna Hamilton, Katharine Murphy, Stefan Parnell and Jessica Bilbo.

Art:
Nathan Needle

The students voted Humanitarian Awards for both Teams. The recipients were chosen according to their respect for fellow classmates, responsible behavior, and care and consideration toward all, including classmates and teachers. Those chosen by their classmates were Christopher Ofsthun and Emilie Shea, and Aileen Fortunato and Matthew Fitts.

Math league

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, the grade eight class at Cohasset Middle School participated in the New England Mathematics League Annual Contest. This test consists of 40 questions. A score of 30 or better is considered commendable and the following students were in that category.

Benjamin Libby - 39 points; John Keniley - 35 points; Christopher Ofstun - 34 points; Ma Lieb-Lappen - 33 points; Christopher Reynolds, Amanda Faulkner and Brendan Barrett - 32 points; Michael Martone, Lisa Musto, Brandon Smith - 31 points; and Kate McBride, Amanda Daley, Jon Lowe, Zack Etkind and Nils Sceery - 30 points.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 8
Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or tuna salad pocket, mixed veggies, peaches, milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 11
Grilled cheese; or tuna salad plate, lettuce/tomato, baby carrots, fruit.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
Chicken nuggets, dinner roll; or seafood pocket, oven fries, pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
Macaroni & cheese, bread stick; or turkey sandwich, tossed salad, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
Hot dog on a bun, baked beans; or egg salad sub, veggie sticks, Popsicle, milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or fish stick with rice, green beans, fruit, milk.

Tricia Reel is top speller

Cohasset Middle School's annual spelling bee held on Feb. 28 was a great success with 25 participants this year. The expanded field of competitors added some wonderful competition during the final rounds. Another special edition this year was the awarding of spelling bee trophies to the winner and runner-up.

Every entrant received a star trophy with Cohasset Middle School Spelling Bee – 2002 inscribed on it. The winner was seventh-grader, Tricia Reel, who will represent the school at the regional competition in April. The runner-up and alternate is Jon Lowe of grade eight.

The champions also received blue and white spelling bee shirts. Second place in grade seven went to Colleen Richardson and Jessica Wheelwright won second place in grade eight. The Middle School staff thanks the Cohasset Parent School Organization for its financial support with a special thanks to Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Davis for the special awards.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Kristin Sheerin and Meredith Bixby

The two Cohasset High gymnasts both came up with big efforts at Sunday's All-State championships. Sheerin, a senior, took sixth in the all-around after overcoming a shaky showing in her uneven bars routine to advance to the Senior Nationals, which takes place May 16-17 in Las Vegas. Bixby, a junior, took a rock solid sixth in her top event, the vault.

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Skaters shocked in semis

Bourne ends Cinderella run for Skippers, 3-1

By Mike Spellman
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It was like waiting for a punch line that never came.

Even after Bourne took a lead a mere 108 seconds in and then retook it at 2-1with 3:28 remaining in the second period of Thursday's Div. 3 semifinal showdown at the Bridgewater Ice arena, the Cohasset High faithful remained largely nonplussed. Indeed, who could blame this passionate contingent who'd watched their hockey team outscore opponents 156-20 on the way to an unbeaten 20-0-1 season for believing the boys in blue would eventually get it going.

But the wait never ended. In fact, it seems fair to say the first true sense of panic didn't begin to set in for most of the C.H.S. fans until Bourne's Ryan Buckley walked out from behind the Cohasset net on the power play 3:21 into the third period and slipped the puck between the pads of goalie Dan Kinchla to make it a 3-1 game.

Did Bourne's coaching staff figure out some weakness none of Cohasset's previous 21 victims had or was it simply a case of their players doing a better job of executing the plan of attack? Either way, what resulted was the Skippers' heretofore high-powered offense never really getting on track. Cohasset managed a season-low 26 shots on net for the game, and only a handful of those truly tested Bourne netminder Marc Jackson.

The Canalmen's defensive end clampdown began with the sterling play of disciplined stay-at-home defensemen, most notably senior all-stars Josh Connors and Sean Barrett. Augmenting this area of strength, Bourne coaches short shifted three lines, and designed a game plan which relied on relentless body play and back checking — all of which served to neutralize Cohasset's superior skating ability.

"We thought we had the edge in terms of skating, but we just couldn't get the goals," said Cohasset coach Dennis Walsh, a simple and direct answer from the man whose 30-year coaching career at C.H.S. came to an end with the loss.

Walsh, 62, who retired from teaching at Cohasset High last year but hung around for one final go round on the ice, felt the lack of playoff experience for his charges against

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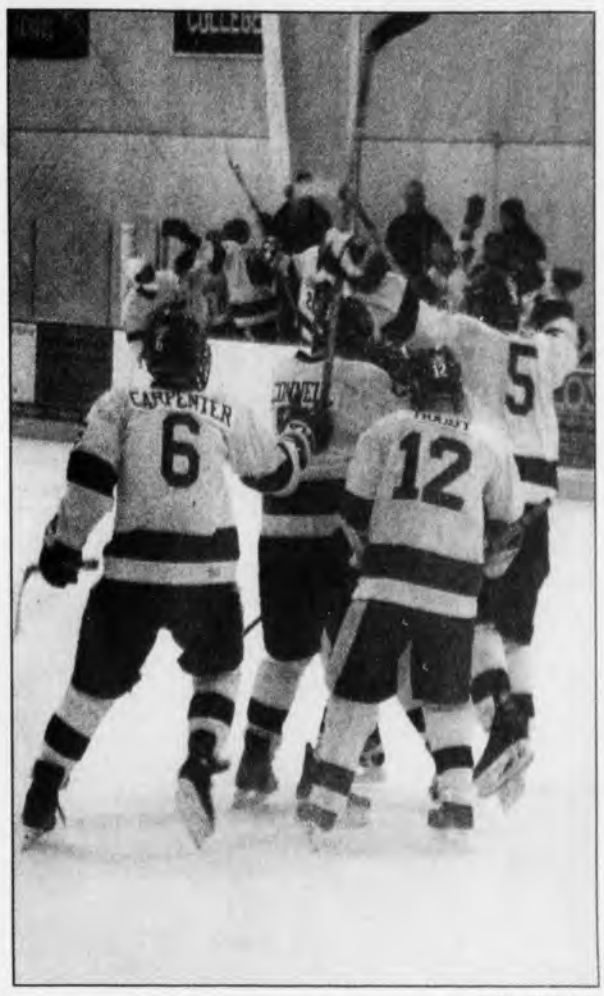

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Rob Carpenter (6), Greg O'Connell (8), Will Moody (12) and John Durkin (5) swarm defenseman Mike Devine after he tied the game at 1-1 late in the first period.

THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY

PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Somber Cohasset players look to console goalie Dan Kinchla following the final buzzer in Thursday's season ending 3-1 loss to Bourne on Thursday.

The defense doesn't rest

Backline heroics for explosive hockey squad should not be overshadowed

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

This year's outstanding Cohasset High hockey team was known across Eastern Mass as a fearsome scoring machine. The Skippers boasted three of the top four scorers in the South Shore League in 2001-'02, and surpassed the previous school record for goals in a season by their 12th of 22 games.

They started things with a bang, outscoring their first three opponents of the year by a combined score of 23-0, and never really seemed to let up offensively. Many hockey fans in Cohasset will be blown away by the 23. But the more avid Ice Skipper fans will tell you that the Zero, is just as, if not more, impressive.

"I don't think the defense has gotten nearly enough recognition," praised senior All-Star goalie Dan Kinchla of the fantastic defense in front of him. "Without them, nothing would have happened this year."

Kinchla was the chief beneficiary of this stellar defense this year, racking up 10 shutouts, including one against Scituate, a team Cohasset had not beaten in many years. Still, the shutouts were as much a credit to the defense as they were to the fine goalkeeping of Kinchla.

The work of seniors Eric Libby and Tim Straughn, both starters, and no-brainer selections to this year's SSL All-Star team, kept opponent shot counts to a minimum. One glowing example of this mastery in their own end was put forth when the Skippers took on 2001 Div. 3 State Champs, Hanover. The Boys in Blue out-shot the Indians 15-2 in the first period en route to a stunning 5-4 victory.

"Our five defenders worked very well with [Kinchla] with great communication," said longtime hockey coach Dennis Walsh, who coached the final game of his 38 year career last Thursday.

Senior Will Moody, junior Mike Calorio, and sophomore standout Mike Devine all played key roles in the remarkably low goals against total for the Skippers. Kinchla held opponents to 0.8 goals per game, first in the South Shore League, ahead of second place Ryan O'Shaughnessy

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Going out on top

Whether he won or lost, coach Walsh did it the right way

By Mike Spellman
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There aren't a whole lot of things Dennis Walsh didn't see in his 28 years of coaching high school hockey. One of those was a sectional or state championship.

The longtime Cohasset High bench walker felt he had a legitimate shot at adding that distinction to his resume when he opened this year's state tourney with a team that whipped through the regular season for an unbeaten 19-0-1 campaign, outscoring the opposition by a mind-numbing 156-20 edge.

Unfortunately, the dream died for good when Walsh officially entered retirement last Thursday, his Skippers 3-1 losers to Bourne in the Div. 3 sectional semifinals.

Surely, at least a hint of heartbreak came with the career-ending loss, but Walsh gave as convincing an act of hiding it as any parent could have hoped for…his instincts to protect the kids running strong through the end.

"This was a great, great year for me, and nothing can take away from that," said Walsh, 62, who actually retired from teaching at Cohasset High last spring after a 30 years in education, but returned for one last hurrah on the ice.

Following Thursday's loss, Walsh thanked his players for a great season and implored them to eschew any regrets.

"What's to regret," he said later. "The kids worked extremely hard. We went unbeaten a year after not even making the tourney, and we did some great things. One tough-luck loss should take away from that? I don't think so."

Even the generally stoic Walsh couldn't help admitting, however, to a little emotional jolt as he walked off the ice for the final time as a coach Thursday night trailing his players, and looking up in to the packed stands at Bridgewater's Ice Arena to a loud ovation from the Cohasset hockey faithful.

"That was just a great feeling," he said. "It was a nice way to end it. An unbeaten season, great kids, great parental involvement,

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Sheerin qualifies for Nationals

Cohasset gymnasts Bixby and Sheerin stand tall at All-States

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset gymnastics stars Kristin Sheerin and Meredith Bixby put an exclamation point on an outstanding season with their performances at the All-State Individuals Competition on March 10.

Sheerin, a senior, took sixth in the all-around competition, and junior Bixby turned in another sixth place effort in the vault. Both had excellent seasons, being named to the South Shore League All-Star team and leading the combined Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics squad to its first SSL Title since the towns merged.

At the event on Sunday, Sheerin overcame a shaky bars routine (8.15 score) to launch herself back into contention with what Bixby called "her best beam routine of the season."

Sheerin admitted that for the last five meets, she had been unable to land the first move in her routine, a back layout. When she landed it right in the start of her competition at All-States, Sheerin knew that things were looking up.

"I was very nervous," said the six time All-Star of having to attempt the back layout. "But once I stuck it, it really got the ball rolling. Three out of my four events were pretty good."

Sheerin scored a 9.35 on the beam, followed by an 8.65 average score for her two vaults. She then ended the day with her strongest event, scoring a 9.15 on the floor routine.

The excellent finish was a very sweet one for Sheerin, who also took sixth at All-States as a sophomore. However, a costly fall during her bars routine knocked her out of the top six last year.

Coupled with her very solid effort two weeks ago at the team South Sectionals, Sheerin's All-State performance got her named to the Senior Nationals, which takes place May 16-17 in Las Vegas. She is one of eight seniors in Massachusetts to be tabbed for this honor, but really was an easy selection to the team after finishing third among seniors in the All-Around competition, with a 35.3.

At Nationals, Sheerin hopes to compete in the beam and floor, and possibly vault as well. Among the eight ladies on the squad, two will compete for the All-Around title, and the rest will be known as "event specialists." Two of the event specialists will be friends of

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STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset gymnasics star Kristin Sheerin will be showing off her winning form at the National high school seniors competition in Las Vegas in May.

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the perennial post-season power Bourne squad made the biggest difference in the match-up.

"If we'd played the way we did in just about any of our regular season game I think we would have won this game," noted Walsh, who hadn't directed a team to the post-season in several years. "I think the pressure of losing was in the back of the minds of too many of our players who'd never been in that kind of do-or-die situation before. We were a little cautious in some ways, and then we had a few other players trying to do a little too much. That was the nerves showing."

Last year's Skippers team finished one win shy of post-season qualification. Walsh says he honestly believes if they'd earned that one additional victory, and played even one post-season game, this year's story would've been a lot different.

"You could see it in the way they played: they were too up," Walsh continued with his analysis of Thursday's loss. "They didn't know how to handle the extra emotion. It's too bad, because I really feel this team had the talent to play a lot longer."

The Skippers opened the game tentative, so it really didn't come as all that big a surprise when Bourne leading scorer Jared Kent (21 goals, 24 assists in the regular season) punched one past Cohasset goalie Dan Kinchla just 1:48 in.

Not long after this, the stronger and faster skating Skippers began to take control of the game in terms of both possession and territory. However, they could not get much going to the net against Bourne's hard hitting, packed-in defense.

Cohasset finally caught a break with 3:21 to go in the opening frame when the puck popped back to sophomore defenseman Mike Devine at the right point following a concentrated assault on Jackson. Devine let fly with the puck on edge causing it to flutter, which seemed to throw off Jackson's timing as the reach from his knees toward the top corner came a hair late.

The Skippers continued to pound it in to their offensive end to open the second, this being particularly true when the top line of Greg O'Connell, John Durkin and Rob Carpenter was on the ice. It was after a prolonged flurry in front of the Bourne net and a kick-out save by Jackson off of an O'Connell putback attempt that Buckley was able to scoop up the long carom and start a two-on-one break that would end with a centering pass to Mike Folino, and a quick wrister past Kinchla to make it 2-1with 3:28 to go in the second.

Devine was whistled for a questionable roughing penalty 1:38 into the third period, and Buckley made the Skippers pay just 15 seconds later, as he took a pass behind the net from Folino and surprised Kinchla by quickly circling out on his forehand to tuck it home for the backbreaker.

"That was the goal that really hurt," noted Walsh. "Up until then, we'd been skating pretty well, and figured we had a pretty good chance of getting at least one more goal, but I think that took the wind out of our sails a little."

Still, the Skippers would not go quietly, their aggressive, hard-rushing play drawing a pair of Bourne penalties in the waning minutes. Both O'Connell and Carpenter were able to get off clean, point-blank shots on the power play, and Devine and Ted Straughn each teed it up from the point with a couple of well placed slappers, but Jackson proved equal to it all.

"It goes back to what I always say about the post-season: anything can happen," said Walsh, a day removed from the loss. "There's so much emotion. One bounce that goes this way or that, one kid who really rises to the occasion like Bourne's goalie did, can make all the difference."

The newly ex-coach continued on without the prompting of another question.

"It was a great season, though, and this loss shouldn't take away from that for the kids," he said. "I know it won't for me. No one should have any regrets."

PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

The Skippers charged the net repeatedly down the stretch, but Bourne goalie Marc Jackson (center) proved equal to everything thrown at him.

PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

The Cohasset faithful who jammed the stands of the Bridgewater Ice Arena on Thursday night never gave up hope.

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of Norwell, with a GA rate of 3.3.

Walsh credits his defensive lines with great speed and aggressiveness.

Against Bishop Feehan last Tuesday in the South Sectional Quarterfinals, the Shamrocks did all they could just to get the puck down inside the Skipper blue line.

Kinchla also showed an aggressive spirit, when he edged out 15 feet from the goal to make a spectacular save in the semi-final loss to Bourne.

"We were putting everything on the line," noted Kinchla of the 3-1defeat at the hands of the third-seeded Canalmen. "It just seemed like the right thing to do."

Cohasset's defense made Kinchla's job even easier by pitching in a great deal on offense as well. Tim Straughn, who many feel possessed the best slap shot in the SSL, racked up 27 points this year, good for fifth on the team in scoring.

Even with the tremendous support of the defense, Kinchla has worked for everything he has gotten this year. Although he did not start playing high school hockey until his junior year, Kinchla began attending Joe Bertagna's goalie school in Hingham and playing in the South Shore Coaches Summer League prior to this.

Now, with the hockey post season in the books, Kinchla can turn his attention to track, where he hopes to compete at States in the one and two mile races. He currently has Loyola-Baltimore as his first choice of schools, and has talked to the track coach from a number of others, including Providence and Merrimack.

Speaking of the goaltender's position in hockey, Walsh asserted: "It is the most stressful position of any sport. But we were very pleased with (Kinchla) this year. He worked very hard."

SPORTS NOTES

April vacation baseball

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters age 8 through 12 at the Recreation office, First Floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Camp has been contracted again this year to provide an April Vacation Baseball Clinic, which will be held for one week, beginning Tuesday, April 16, through Friday, April 19, at Milliken field.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100.

Boating safety course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a four-session safe boating course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the four-session course, scheduled to begin Thursday evening, May 9, at Cohasset High School. Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7:30 to about 9 p.m., May 9 through May 23. Certification test will be held at the fifth and final class at 7:30 p.m., May 23.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109, as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

Certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

Coastal Stars signups

Registration for the 2002-'03 Coastal Stars hockey season will be held this Saturday, March 16, at the Ventress Library, 15 Liberty Plaza, Marshfield. (Rte 139 and Webster Street), from 11 a.m to 4 p.m..

Any Questions can be directed to Ed Burke (781-837-7812).

Girls basketball clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that telephone registration will be accepted for a girls basketball clinic to be held at Osgood School gym starting April 22 through May 20.

The clinic will meet each Monday, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. for grades three and four and 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. for grades five and six.

The fee for the five-week program is $40 per player. This program will be run by Ellen Carr, head coach of girls basketball at Cohasset High School.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 to register. Space is limited, early registration is advised.

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Kneeling (l-r): Joe Durkin, Crandon Leahy, Mike Hajjar, Mark Davis, Dan Kinchla, Brendan Michaud, Sean Chase, David Bouchard, Tim Pilczak and Will Moody.

Going out on top

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great fan support. That's a pretty good way to go out, eh?"

"Eh?" That's right, a remnant of his Canadian heritage. Walsh spent the first 29 years of his life north of the border. He attended St. Francis Xavier College in Nova Scotia, where he played football and hockey. He took his first teaching and coaching jobs, both football and hockey, in Quebec in 1963. Two years later, he moved to take on a similar position at St. Michael's College in Toronto, the premier school for junior hockey at the time.

The wanderlust struck again a few years later and Walsh sent out resumes to a number of New England high schools. A few job offers came his way, but he chose Cohasset — as much as anything else, he said, because of his love for the ocean. So in 1969, he moved his wife, Katherine, and two toddler sons, Chris and Tim, to a new home in Scituate.

"I figured when I came to Cohasset, it would be for a year or two," Walsh noted with a chuckle. "You know how it is when you're young. You want to see different things."

Obviously, the Walshs fell in love with the area. Dennis and Katherine had two more children, a third son, Bob, now 31, and finally a daughter, Angela, now 29. All four of their children remain local, and there are now five grandchildren in the mix as well.

In his first 11 years at C.H.S., Walsh served as an assistant coach in both football and hockey, but then left coaching for five years so that he could follow the athletic careers of his own children. He returned as Cohasset's head hockey coach in 1985.

So, now that there are no professional considerations keeping them here, any chance of the Walsh's returning to the old country?

"Nope, we love it here," said Walsh, 62, in a phone interview from his Scituate home. "This is home now. We love the area and the we've got a lot of friends. It's also great to keep in contact with so many of the kids I coached and taught."

Not that these are the only things convincing him to stick around.

"You've got some great high school hockey around here," he added. "I'm looking forward to following Cohasset hockey for a lot more years. You'll still see me at a lot of games, and I'd love to come out to a few practices."

Clearly, he'd still be welcome.

"Dennis Walsh is one of most respected people this school system has ever seen," said Cohasset High Athletic Direcotor Ron Ford. "I can't tell you how many people were thrilled to see Dennis go out with a team like this. The kids really wanted it too. You could tell they worked extra hard, knowing this was his last season. They wanted to do something special for him."

Echoed Scituate's Mike Breen, a head coach at the opposite end of the spectrum, in just his second year at the helm: "Dennis Walsh is a guy who did it right. He's an excellent coach, but he was an even better guy. Whether his teams were winning or not, he was always a class act, and the same went for his kids. I was so happy for him getting to go out with a team like that. He deserved it."

Despite the age difference and the fact that most of the charges he had on the ice he also had at one time or another in his math class, there genuinely seemed to be a real sense of relation between coach and kids.

"Hockey was fun to him, and that's what I think helped him connect with us," offered senior captain Eric Libby, a South Shore League All-Star defenseman who will be attending St. Michael's College in Vermont next fall. "Teaching was one thing, but when he was at the rink, he was like a kid too. He really seemed to want to get to know us and be a part of everything. He's just a great guy. They'll miss him around here next season."

Sheerin qualifies for Nationals

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Sheerin's who work out with her at the Ellis School of Gymnastics in Braintree: Nikki Pedretti and Jen Klier, both of Weymouth.

More than 20 states will send the top senior female gymnasts to Las Vegas to compete for the National Crown, the title the Massachusetts team won last year.

Bixby performed extremely well in her best event, the vault, taking sixth place with an averaged score of 8.55. Bixby surprised opponents by sticking her vault, the tuck tsuk, after never having completed it the entire year.

Bixby has been named to the South Shore League All-Star team all three years she has been eligible. Her consistent performances earned her a captaincy for next year's team, as she will no doubt be Coh-Nor's top All-Around competitor.

The one downside is that she will be attempting to patch up the gaping hole left by the graduation of Sheerin.

"Kristin was one of the best gymnasts Cohasset has ever had," asserted Bixby, who also trains at Ellis with Sheerin. "No one will be able to fulfill what she did."

Still, next year's team should be quite solid, with Bixby leading a core of talented juniors, including Katherine Coyne and Sarah Dennis, who missed this year with a broken wrist. There should be some excellent freshmen and sophomores emerging on the varsity scene, like Nancy Durkin and Jen Guiney of Norwell.

STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset High's Meredith Bixby finished her fantastic junior campaign with a sixth place finish on the vault at the All-State gymnastics championship and her third consecutive selection to the Pilgrim Conference All-Star team.

Spring wrestling clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that telephone registration will be accepted for a spring wrestling clinic to be held at Deer Hill School gym starting Monday, March 11.

The clinic will meet each Monday and Wednesday afternoon, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. from March 11 through May 1. (less the week of April 15, during school vacation)

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OBITUARIES

Maureen O'Connell

Maureen (Thompson) O'Connell, 79, of Cohasset, a homemaker, died March 9, 2002, in Weymouth.

Mrs. O'Connell was born and raised in Bangor, County Down in Northern Ireland, daughter of the late Robert and Mary Thompson. She met her husband during World War II and they were married in Ireland.

She and her husband raised their family in Newton, Mass., summered in Sandwich and retired to Cohasset.

Her family and home were very important to Mrs. O'Connell.

She was an avid gardener who enjoyed knitting and her summers on the Cape.

She leaves her husband, David F. O'Connell of Cohasset; three daughters, Caroline Brew of Amherst, N.H., Moira Ingham of Newton and Sheila E. O'Connell of Cohasset; two sons, Daniel J. O'Connell of Forestdale and David F. O'Connell of Needham; a sister-in-law, Ellen Smith of Sandwich; 12 grandchildren, Kimberly Lancaster, Robert and Andrew Ingham, Christine Harrington, David and Danielle O'Connell, Shawn and Russell Crerie, Lauren and Allison O'Connell and Jacqueline and Thomas Brew; six great-grandchildren, Christopher Ingham, Katie and Matthew Lancaster and Ben, Grace and Sara Harrington; and several nieces and nephews. She was mother of the late Patricia Crerie.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Theresa Church, Sagamore. Interment was in St. Peter's Cemetery, Sandwich.

Arrangements were by the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Homes of Sandwich.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, 895 Mary Dunn Road, Hyannis, 02601.

Memorial fund to be established

Friends and colleagues of Mary Babaian, who succumbed to cancer last July — a year after she retired from the Cohasset school system, are establishing a memorial fund in her honor. Babaian served as a guidance counselor, teacher and coach over the years.

For more information on the memorial call Barbara Mahar at 508-362-4492.

A decision regarding the actual memorial in Babaian's memory will depend on the contributions.

Checks payable to the Mary A. Babaian Memorial Fund should be sent in care of Helen Sullivan, CSJ, 667 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135.

Members of the committee include, Steve and Miriam Hart, Mary Abbruzzese, Mary DiPerna, Barbara Mahar, Marcia Salmon, Helen Sullivan, Kathy Therberge and Sharon Tufts.

WORSHIP NEWS

St. Anthony parish news

The weekly Lenten soup and Stations of the Cross will not be held this Friday, March 15 because the parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for its 10th-grade students. The Friday Lenten practice will resume March 22.

On Wednesday, March 20, the parish Respect Life Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jim and Doreen Trahon, 137 Fair Oaks Lane. The group sponsors a weekly rosary in respect for life every Friday following the 7 a.m. Mass.

Citizens for Life

The South Shore Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life will meet on Tuesday, March 19 from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House on Fearing Road in Hingham. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month and new members are welcome.

Its annual fundraising yard sale will be held May 4 (rain date May 18) at the Cardinal Cushing School in Hanover.

Donations may be sent to MCFL South Shore, P.O. Box 591, Accord 02018. For more information, call 781-925-5323.

Palm Sunday organ recital

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 11th year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting organist Steven Young in a recital on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. Dr. Young, a graduate of Boston University, is chairman of the Music Department at Bridgewater State College, where he directs the college's choral ensembles. He is also dean of the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. One of Young's claims to fame is his extensive research on the organ works of Louis Vierne, which included living in Paris for a number of months in order to pour over musical scores and perform upon historic instruments.

Works on the Palm Sunday program include those by Sowerby, Commette, Petr Eben, and Rheinberger.

Organist Steven Young

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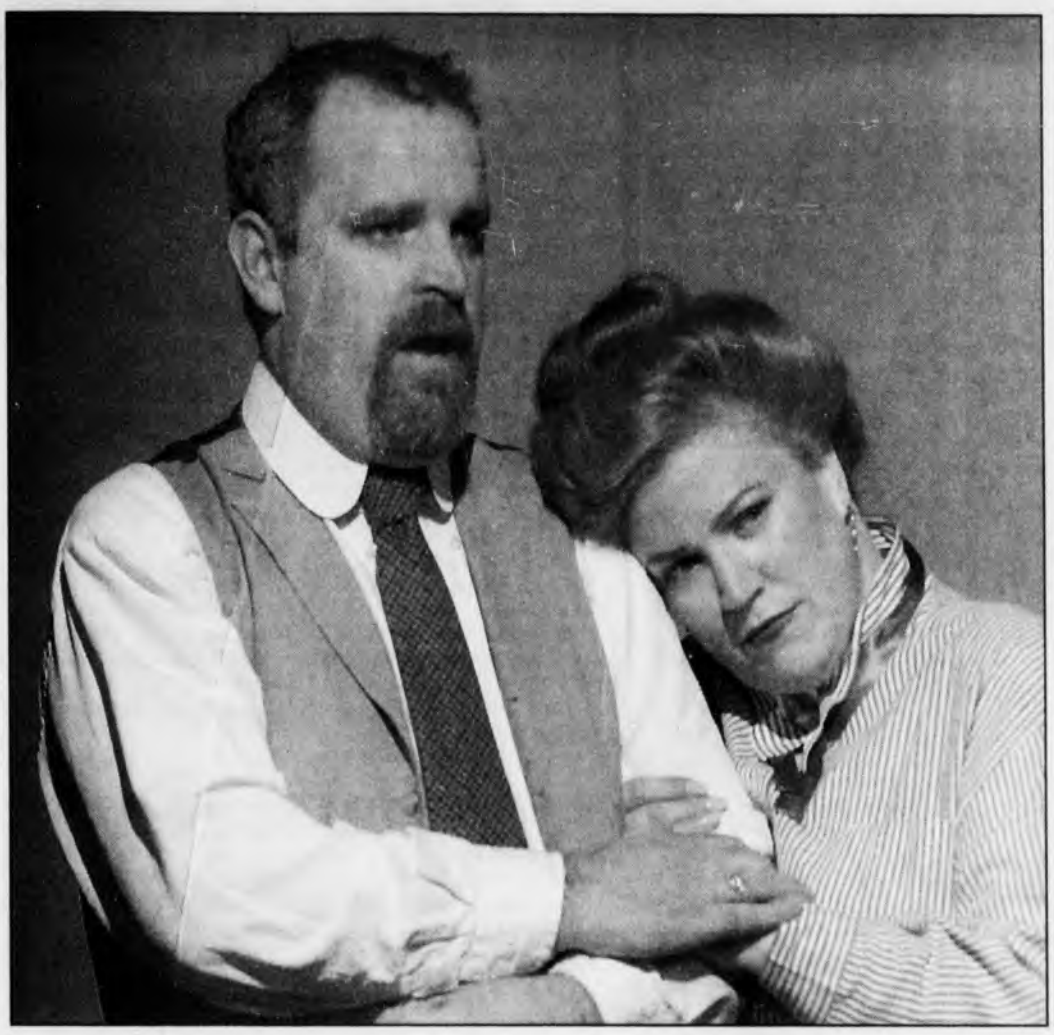

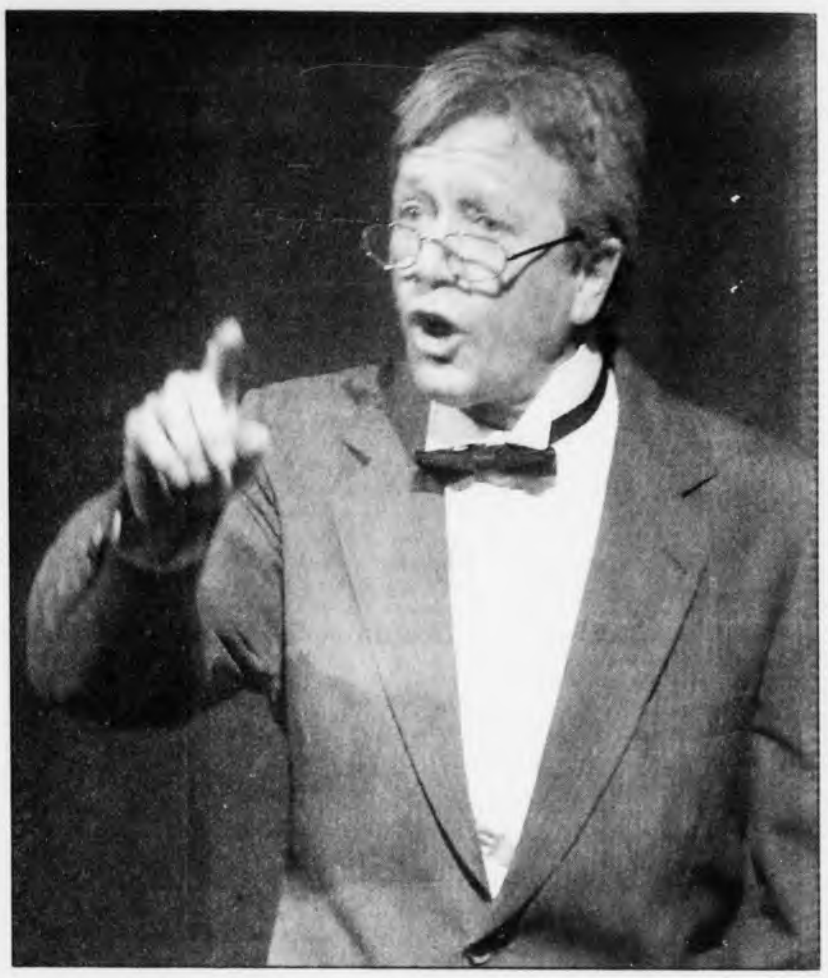

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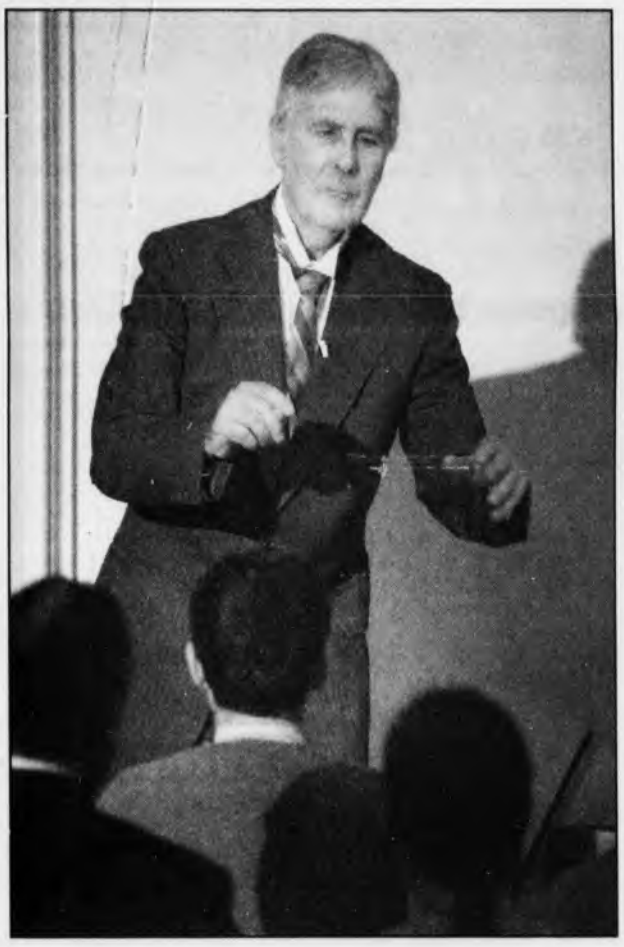

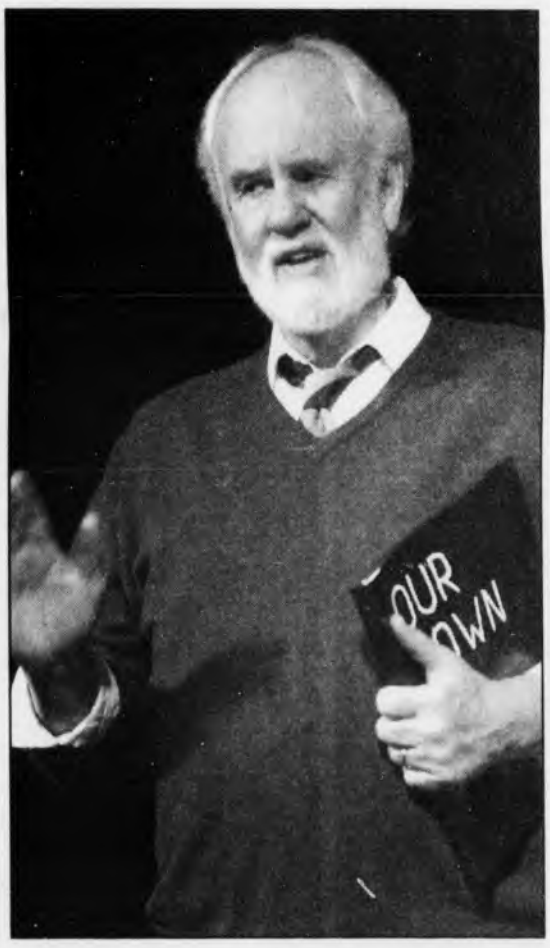

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, FEB. 25

1:25 p.m. Sohier St., investigation.

1:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:19 p.m. Highland Ave., fire, structure, investigated.

2:24 p.m. South Shore Hospital, fire, log entry.

3:22 p.m. Lamberts Lane, animal call or complaint.

4:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., well-being check.

5:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:02 p.m. Church St., medical aid, transferred to hospital.

7:49 p.m. Norfolk Road, officer wanted, referred to other agency.

9:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

9:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), investigated.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

6:16 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred to hospital.

9:37 a.m. Jerusalem Road Drive., 209A restraining order served in hand.

9:49 a.m. Indian Trail, fire, log entry.

10 a.m. Ripley Road, larceny.

10:10 a.m. Jerusalem Road, registration inquiry.

10:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:45 a.m. North Main St., registration inquiry.

10:46 a.m. North Main St., registration inquiry.

10:54 a.m. Whitney Woods Lane, registration inquiry, vehicle stored/impounded.

11:04 a.m. Whitney Woods Lane, registration inquiry.

12:04 p.m. Jerusalem Road Drive., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:39 p.m. Mordecai Lincoln Road, outside fire, extinguished.

1:18 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

2:35 p.m. Indian Trail, fire, investigation.

2:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, patient sign-off.

15:32 p.m. Forest Ave., traffic safety inspection, referred to other agency.

4 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

5:08 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:51 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:56 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:31 p.m. Nichols Road, officer wanted.

10:13 p.m. Kendall Village, general services.

10:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., registration inquiry.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

6:14 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:23 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8 a.m. Church St., animal call or complaint.

8:22 a.m. Short St., fire, log entry.

8:59 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:37 a.m. Hammond Ave., general services.

11:08 a.m. Starbuck's Coffee, threats (bodily harm), investigated.

11:48 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Little Harbor Road, motor vehicle stop, inspection, referred to other agency.

11:58 a.m. Ledgewood Farms Drive, traffic complaint.

12:05 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

12:47 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

1:01 p.m. Kendall Village, assault.

1:49 p.m. Jerusalem Road Drive., officer wanted.

2:27 p.m. Short St., fire, log entry.

6:56 p.m. Surry Drive, medical aid, removed to hospital.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

1:13 a.m. HQ, registration inquiry.

3:09 a.m. Country Way, assist other police dept.

3:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

5:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:55 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

7:40 a.m. Gammons Road, animal call or complaint.

8:48 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:56 a.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

10:02 a.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

10:38 a.m. Summer St., larceny.

11:49 a.m. Sohier St., general services.

12:19 p.m. Border St., animal call or complaint.

12:31 p.m. Elm St. and Elm Court, animal call or complaint.

1:51 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

3:44 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

12:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:13 a.m. King St. and Lily Pond Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:47 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:09 a.m. Beechwood St., missing person, departmental action.

9:28 a.m. Ash St., general services.

9:59 a.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

2:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, well-being check.

5:27 p.m. South Main St., general services.

8:08 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:20 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:13 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:27 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

11:01 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

1:24 a.m. HQ, registration inquiry.

1:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

1:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:47 a.m. HQ, registration inquiry.

3:24 a.m. HW, registration inquiry.

7:20 a.m. Old Pasture Road, fire, investigated.

7:32 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:47 a.m. Forest Ave., general services.

10:59 a.m. Highland Ave., general services.

12:20 p.m. Jerusalem Road, identity fraud.

2:56 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

5:17 p.m. Parking Way, recovered motor vehicle, stored/impounded.

5:40 p.m. King St., medical aid, patient sign-off.

7:07 p.m. West Corner, assist other police dept., services rendered.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

12:21 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

12:44 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

1:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:18 a.m. HQ, registration inquiry.

1:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:31 a.m. Summer St., general disturbance.

1:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:40 a.m. Wood Way, tree down.

10:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., abandoned motor vehicle..

1:08 p.m. Joy Place, medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:34 p.m. King St., general services.

1:43 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Michael Leach, 38, of 120 Commercial St., Apt. 2, Weymouth. Charges: Operating motor vehicle after license was suspended sub.; operating an unregistered motor vehicle/trailer; operating uninsured motor vehicle; attaching plates to a motor vehicle.

2:08 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:03 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:10 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

12:19 a.m. King St., medical aid., removed to hospital.

12:55 a.m. North Main St., medical aid.

6:58 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:38 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:22 a.m. Jerusalem Road Dr., general services.

8:55 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., hazmat incident, 209A served in hand.

9:38 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:58 a.m. North Main St., and Long Rd., motor vehicle crash.

1:18 p.m. Stagecoach Way, medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen.

5:35 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

6:49 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. officer wanted.

7:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:35 p.m. Clay Spring Rd., annoying phone calls.

10:58 p.m. Pond St, suspicious auto.

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Five arrests last month

February was a very quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were five arrests, two for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, one for Assault and Battery, one for Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, and finally two for Disorderly Person, police Chief Brian Noonan said.

During the month of February the police department investigated six motor vehicle accidents, none of which resulted in personal injury. There were 152 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $4,645 in fines. Additionally there were 43 Parking Tickets issued for $1,275 in fines. There were six Criminal Complaints issued.

Also in February the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 618 calls for police services, of those 94 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of February there was one Breaking and Entering in a Business.

Finally in the month of February Detective Frederick Grassie and Athletic Director Ronald Ford attended a one-day workshop on sportsmanship, respect and integrity in athletic competition. The training was presented by the World of Difference Institute and the Anti-Defamation League and sponsored by the Norfolk County District Attorney's office and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), Noonan said.

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11:34 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

6:40 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:04 a.m. King St., medical aid.

7:15 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:21 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Forest Ave., wires down.

8:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:57 a.m. Adams Rd., fire investigation.

9:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway property damage.

1:08 p.m. Hull St. credit card fraud

1:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway parking complaint.

5:06 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

6:17 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7:38 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:30 a.m. Summer St., escort.

1:08 p.m. Pond St., general services.

1:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway assist citizen.

2:18 p.m. Elm St, general services.

6:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway breaking and entering into a automobile.

9:17 p.m. Parker Ave, motor vehicle violations, area search negative.

10:35 p.m. Cedar St., general services.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

7:23 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:42 a.m. Margin Ct., suspicious.

8:49 a.m. Sohier St., animal control.

9:30 a.m. Aaron River Rd., suspicious auto.

9:41 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.

10:05 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

10:20 a.m. Sohier St. and Green St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:54 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

9:11 p.m. Margin St., officer wanted.

9:21 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Frederick M. McDermott, 46, 976 Ash St., Brockton. Chrgs. speeding in violation of special regulations, operating under the influence of liquor, seatbelt violation.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

1:12 a.m. N. Main St., and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:30 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:37 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:44 a.m. Forest Ave. and Forrest Notch, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:12 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:12 a.m. Sohier St., fire investigation.

11:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:02 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:34 p.m. Beechwood St., notification.

3:59 p.m. North Main St., vandalism.

4:26 p.m. Parking Way, disorderly conduct.

5:24 p.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.

8:02 p.m. Hull St., medical aid.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

12:48 a.m. Highland Ave, medical aid. Arrest: Joanne C. Hill, 37, 19A Highland Ave. Cohasset. Chrg. assault and battery by dangerous weapon assault.

2:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:50 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:15 a.m. North Main St., suspicious auto.

10:46 a.m. Beechwood St., annoying phone calls.

12:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, , verbal warning.

12:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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Designer Steve Tibbetts has big things in store for visitors to the New England Flower Show.

A taste of the tropics

Local designer goes with the flow in flower show exhibit

By Gregory Mathis
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Steve Tibbetts is hoping to make a splash this week at the 131st New England Flower Show — a big splash.

The Marshfield artist behind many of the South Shore's impressive water gardens, fountains and manmade waterfalls, will pump thousands upon thousands of gallons of water from high atop the Bayside Exposition Center ceiling and through his exotic exhibit beginning this weekend.

"Anybody else would be scared to do this," said Tibbetts, owner of Steve Tibbetts Custom Design in Norwell. But Tibbetts appears undaunted by the task of creating a tropical rainforest scene complete with a towering waterfall that uses 30,000 gallons of re-circulated water.

"Instead of being the star of the show, I could shut it down," he said jokingly. "I've put a lot of pressure on myself."

Adding to the pressure is the spot Tibbetts has landed for the flower show — front and center.

"I've got a reputation for being a little out of control," Tibbetts said. "I told them I would do it if they gave me a good spot and they gave me a good spot."

Tibbetts' exhibit, totaling just under 1,000 square feet, will be one of the first displays to greet visitors at the entrance of the Boston venue.

Katie Campbell, president of the Spring Flower Show for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, said the waterfall has a sound that will draw people into the show, which was one of the reasons for placing Tibbetts' exhibit near the front.

"We knew he'd be up to the challenge of being at the entrance," Campbell said. "Typically water features are very popular."

If anyone can pull it off it's Tibbetts, who is participating in the Spring Flower Show on his own for the first time. Two years ago, Tibbetts took part in the flower show with the New England Wildflower Society.

"Steve is very well known for his water displays," Campbell said. "He is known for his ability to do floor to ceiling displays."

The scaffolding Tibbetts will use to create his waterfall is 18 feet high and the exhibit will resemble something you would find on a tropical island.

"It'll be like you're walking into Costa Rica," Tibbetts said of the display. "There will be a lot of force and a lot of water."

Tibbetts said he will use more than 100 amps of electricity to power the pumps that will push the 30,000 gallons of re-circulated water through the display.

"It will be pretty intense," he said.

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Papyrus grown in Steve Tibbetts' greenhouse in Norwell rises out of a pond fed by a waterfall he designed. Tibbetts has a much larger waterfall planned for this year's New England Flower Show at the Bayside Expo Center.

Tibbetts will need most of this week to set up his exhibit at the Bayside Expo Center for the start of the show, which begins Saturday and runs through March 24.

"The exhibit is as high as it is wide," Tibbetts said. "It'll take the whole week to set it up and about 100-man hours."

Veronica "Roni" Lahage, who works with Tibbetts said the floral display for the exhibit will be done entirely with tropical and aquatic plants to create the image of a rainforest. Lahage said tropical fish, which are common in the water gardens Tibbetts creates for South Shore homeowners, will not be part of the display.

"There will be no fish, they're too hard to get acclimated to the temperature change," Lahage said.

Some of the aquatic plants that will be used in the display include papyrus, umbrella palm, water hyacinth, and various iris plants. Tropical plants include elephant ear, African blue lily, begonias, kangaroo vie, Hawaiian Ti, hibiscus, Brazilian egg plant and Croton, just to name a few.

Tibbetts said he will be getting help with the plants from his friends at the Boston Parks Department.

Campbell said visitors will enjoy the tropical nature of Tibbetts' work.

"His display this year is quite tropical," Campbell said. "Living in New England, tropical plants get the mind racing and the heart pumping."

Tibbetts is not new to floral shows. Three years ago, he won the People's Choice Award and the professional Exhibitor's Award at the Rhode Island Flower Show and looks forward to participating in this year's Boston show, not only for the work he will undoubtedly generate from the exhibit, but also for personal and creative satisfaction.

"I'm an artist," Tibbetts said. "You want to show what you're capable of doing. It's kind of a good ego thing.

"I'm almost worried about the amount of work I might get out of this," he said. "Business has been great just through word of mouth."

This year's show, with the theme "Shades of Spring" will run from March 16-24 at the Bayside Expo Center. Times are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $16 weekday; $18 weekend; $7 for children 4-12; children under 4 free. Advance tickets are available online at www.masshort.com and www.ticketweb.com. The New England Spring Flower Show, the oldest in the country, attracts more than 150,000 visitors a year. With almost six acres of exhibits, featuring more than 40 fully landscaped gardens, has become the largest indoor event in New England and the third largest of its kind in the world.

Songs from her past

Milton mom makes musical debut with three-song CD

By Alice Coyle
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Patricia Finigan Bulman could picture her family sitting in front of her as she directed her lilting Irish song toward the recording studio's microphone.

"I closed my eyes and I could see my whole family all those years ago," said Bulman recalling the experience of recording her first CD at Rik Tinory Productions last year.

"By shutting my eyes I was able to recreate the sweetness and simplicity of those days past," she said.

And envisioning her large Irish American family in front of her made it easier for Bulman, now 50, to perform the songs, near and dear to her heart.

"It's in my heart, so it came out easily," Bulman said of the three-track album featuring her rendition of Irish favorites "Danny Boy," "Galway Bay" and "An Irish Lullaby."

While the Irish music flowed easily, it was not what Bulman had gone into the studio intending to record.

"The Irish music was a fluke," said Bulman, who planned on singing some of her favorite jazz and easy listening tunes. But when Tinory heard Bulman's "Danny Boy," he encouraged her to record it at once along with some other Irish ditties. "Danny Boy" is not a song women sing usually, noted Bulman, but Tinory was so insistent she couldn't refuse.

She's especially proud of her performance of Irish Lullaby which is accompanied by only a music box playing softly in the background.

"I always had an idea of how I wanted to perform it," said Bulman. "Over the years I've sung thousands of lullabies to my children. This (version) is soft, drifting and fading the way you would sing a lullaby."

The CD jacket on her three-track album features singer Patricia Finigan Bulman on familiar ground near Milton Lower Falls. Re-released in time for St. Patrick's Day, Bulman's CD is available at the South Shore Hospital Cottage Shop and all area Irish Cottage Shops.

First released on a limited basis, with no jacket cover, Bulman's CD has been repackaged and released again, just in time for St. Patick's Day. The CD retails for $5.98 and is available at a number of local gift stores and all area Irish Cottage Shops.

While the record is a first for Bulman, singing is not new to the longtime Milton resident. Performing in front of her family was a regular thing for Bulman when she was a young girl. As a grown woman, her voice has filled St. Agatha's church on Sundays where she has sung solo and with the choir, and at countless weddings and funerals over the years.

Music has been her passion for years, but it was not a passion that she had the time or inclination to pursue professionally. Bulman's husband Mark's career as an orthopedic surgeon at South Shore Hospital came first. Bulman works running her husband's Weymouth office and has been a particularly active mother raising their three children — Andrew, 21, Timothy, 19 and Julie, 15.

But after so many years of helping with his career, Bulman said her husband decided it was time to give her a crack at singing professionally. A physician friend of Mark's got them in touch with Tinory, who has recorded big name performers like James Taylor and Aerosmith at his Cohasset studio.

The first recording was done in February 2001 and the Bulman's brought the early release along with them on a trip to Ireland where the inn keeper at the hotel they were staying in played the music for diners in the restaurant. "It was such a thrill to hear it being played," Bulman recalled.

Now, thanks to the new release, Irish music fans on this side of the "pond" can tune into Bulman's music. And if the three-song CD leaves fans wanting to hear more, Bulman said more is on the way. She's planning to do a full-length CD with more Irish songs and a complete backup band, in the near future.

"We'll see how this CD does and work over the spring for a fall release," Bulman said.

Then, she says she'll get back to her original plan of recording favorite songs she grew up listening to, including old standards like "Smile" "What'll I do," "Always," and "Someone to Watch Over Me."

"I'm not just an Irish-American singer," said Bulman.

"I was brought up to be that, but I hope to sing the other songs that I enjoy.

The resurgence in the popular music made famous by singers like Nat King Cole, Johnny Mercer, Frank Sinatra, Patsy Cline, and perhaps one day Bulman herself, is what she refers to as "my generation finally calming down."

Patricia Finigan Bulman's self-titled, three-track CD can be purchased at the Milton Gift Garden, O'Shae's Irish Shop, the Cottage Shop at South Shore Hospital and all area Irish Cottage Shops.

Food & dining

Potato Frittata simplified

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

A frittata is nothing more than a big, filled omelet. The omelet is not folded – it is cooked flat, the eggs and ingredients melded together, and then it is usually served in wedges. So what's the problem? Well, the eggs are usually tough and dry, the potatoes are soggy and take a long time to cook, and many recipes suggest slipping the frittata in and out of the pan, a process that is prone to disaster. I wanted a quick and easy potato frittata with crisp potatoes, just-cooked eggs, and plenty of flavor.

I started testing with five different recipes from the likes of Carol Field, Penelope Casas, and Marcella Hazan and decided that the cooking method for the potatoes was key. Instead of using slices, I started with one and a half cups of small dice and then fried them in a 9-inch non-stick skillet. This took just 10 minutes and only 1 cup of peanut oil. (Other oils either added no flavor or produced less than crispy potatoes.) As for the potatoes, I preferred Yukon Gold or Russets, both of which have good flavor and a nice light texture.

For the eggs, six was the right amount but I did not like the addition of milk of cream. (Separating one or two of the eggs and beating the whites made a fluffier, but not better, frittata.) Once the potatoes were cooked, removed from the pan along with the oil, I found that a tablespoon of butter to cook the eggs added flavor and also tenderness. The lightly whisked eggs are combined with the cooked potatoes and returned to the pan. Now the question was, what was the best method for cooking the eggs?

The problem with a frittata is that the bottom cooks before the top is ready, leading to overcooked eggs. Part of the solution is to pull in the edges of the frittata, tilting the pan so some of the uncooked egg on top runs down onto the hot pan. (This is the same method used to cook a French omelet.) However, this still leaves one with eggs that are undercooked on the top. Many cooks use a broiler to finish this dish (a good solution if you have a good broiler), flip the dish onto a dinner plate and then slide it back into the pan (tricky, at best), or simply place the skillet in a hot oven to finish. This last method is easiest and least prone to error. (Four minutes in a 450-degree oven did the trick.)

Other additions include chopped chives or parsley, sautéed onion, and roasted asparagus. One can also add grated Parmesan cheese, a great addition with the asparagus frittata. Note that salt and pepper are key ingredients and ought not to be reduced or overlooked.

QUICK AND CRISPY POTATO FRITTATA

If one uses a smaller dice, say 1/4-inch, the potatoes will cook in a just a few minutes.

1 cup peanut oil
1 1/2 cups Yukon Gold or Russet potatoes washed and cut into 1/4-inch dice about 2 medium
6 large eggs
3/4 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped chives or flat leaf Italian Parsley
1 tablespoon unsalted butter

1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Heat the peanut oil in a heavy-duty 9-inch non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. When hot (375 degrees) add the potatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, until they are dark golden brown, a few minutes. Drain the potatoes in a mesh colander and then dump onto paper towels. Sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Wipe out the skillet. Lower the heat to medium.

2. Meanwhile whisk the eggs in a medium bowl until foamy, about 2 minutes. Add 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, pepper, and chives or parsley and stir to combine. Place the butter in the skillet. Once it has stopped foaming add the potatoes and then the egg mixture. Stir gently. As the eggs begin to set, push and lift the edges of the frittata to allow the loose egg to run underneath, tilting the skillet if necessary. Continue until the frittata is no longer runny but the surface is still wet, about 2 minutes.

3. Place the skillet in the hot oven and cook until the surface is dry and set, but not browned, about 3 to 4 minutes. Slide onto a plate and serve. Serves six as a side dish.

Onion Variation

Before browning the potatoes, sauté one cup of diced onion in one tablespoon peanut oil for 3 to 4 minutes over medium heat until soft and just starting to brown. Remove from skillet, set aside and add to the egg mixture when adding the chives.

Asparagus Variation

Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Omit the potatoes, and chives or parsley in the above recipe. Snap or trim the stalks of one pound asparagus. Place on a baking sheet and coat very lightly with olive oil. Place in oven and roast until barely limp and bright green, 5 to 8 minutes depending on the thickness of the asparagus. Remove from the oven and lower the temperature to 450 degrees. Proceed with the recipe at step two. Reduce the amount of salt to 1/2 teaspoon and add 1/4-cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese to the egg mixture. Add the asparagus to the skillet in place of the potatoes.

The many types of monotype

Duxbury Art Association exhibit showing through April 19

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Some of the varied work on display at the Duxbury's Ellison Center for the

The Monotype Guild of New England was founded in 1985 by a group of artists in workshops specializing in the medium at the Fuller Museum in Brockton and the Cape Cod Conservatory in Barnstable. The formation was a result of a quiet trend in the art world of the time, for artists to venture or expand into more experimental, multi-faceted media. This is a partial definition of the monotype and related monoprint forms.

After 17 years, the guild has expanded to some 175 members in all six New England states and ranging from students to professionals. The guild has also sponsored more than fifty open, juried and curated exhibitions for its members, more recently beginning its series of annual juried exhibits strictly for its own membership. The fifth such show exhibiting MGNE works is currently on display at the Duxbury Art Association, at the Ellison Center for the Arts, through April 19.

"We believe this exhibit really show cases the range of the monotype form," said Monotype Guild vice president and 5th Annual Juried Show participant Beverly Carriero. "Each print is unique and each artist brings their own individual approach to the work, including watercolors and oils and from representational images to abstract. Some artists used oil — or water-based inks, some pieces have more painterly images while others used collage added to the plates and others took a more spontaneous abstract approach. It's a very diverse group of works all together."

Carriero's exhibit work, an interpretive portrait titled "Mother's Day," emerged as one of three award winners chosen by the Art Association's guest juror among a total of 37 pieces in the exhibit. The other two include a lush, intricate and nature-themed snow-covered trees study (Anita Hunt's "Glimmer") and a luminous abstracted still life (Linda Bachelor's "Floribunda").

But the overall quality of individual style and vision is consistent throughout the show, featuring artists from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Connecticut. The exhibit is also typically not limited to the monotype form, extending as well to the medium's monoprint cousin. While both are forms of printmaking where an original image is transferred from a plate onto receiving material (paper, cloth, etc.) by means of pressure, the distinction is monotypes are made strictly from perfectly smooth plates, while monoprints are made from plates containing a matrix (etching, silkscreen, collagraph, etc.).

As Carriero pointed out, the two forms lend themselves to an extensive variety of techniques, materials and registrations (ink, paint, applications of print pressure), not to mention subject matter.

Most impressive among the representational works are such ocean side scenes as Mary Jane Gorton's "Sea Song" and Richard Harrington's "Before the Storm" and landscape pieces like two in a series of ice-capped tundra scenes from "Iceland" by Joan W. Hausrath and the odd-imaged study of "Hanging Rock: Middletown, RI Spring Green" by Elizabeth Goddard. A wide selection of abstract pieces displaying an ambiguous, subjective array of images are consistent in the artists' overall aim of spontaneity.

"There are any number of variables in the monotype and monoprint process, so many that it can almost be magical," Carreiro said. "The artist is never fully in control because there is always that element of surprise when the pressing material is lifted and the plate is pulled up. It's almost like Christmas."

Carriero will instruct a workshop, Non-Toxic Printmaking: Pronto Plates, at the Duxbury Art Association wing at the Ellison Center on May 18 and 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., following the closing of the Juried Exhibition. For registration or other workshop information, call the Art Association at 781 934-2731 ext. 4.

When to prune specific varieties of woody plants

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Early March is the ideal time to begin the process of selective pruning to produce balance, symmetry, direct growth or rejuvenate old, sparse or overgrown shrubs. Regular pruning will improve the overall appearance of nearly all woody plants since few grow with perfect shapes and even when selected appropriately for their allotted space, most benefit from an occasional trim to look their best.

There is an old adage that suggests that one should prune whenever the pruning shears is sharp. Although light pruning in any season is unlikely to cause permanent harm to an established tree or shrub, the timing and magnitude of the pruning process will greatly influence the growth and flowering of most plants. The best advice is to prune spring and early summer bloomers immediately after they flower while those plants that bloom in summer and fall should be pruned in spring before growth begins.

The flower buds of early season blooming delights are set the previous year on what is termed "old wood". Severe pruning at this time of year, just before growth begins for the season, will dramatically reduce their flowering, but sometimes I am willing to sacrifice those fleeting blossoms to rejuvenate an overgrown tree or shrub. It is considerably easier to view their architecture and observe damaged, diseased, or crossed branches while the plants are still dormant and despite the massive spring cleaning effort that awaits, I have more time in late winter than in the spring and early summer. Many of my flowering trees and shrubs reside in my perennial borders. Pruning in March enables easy access to these woody plants, reduces the potential damage of falling branches, and allows for a quick cleanup.

I adore the reliable glorious blooms of crabapple trees but their vigorous growth provides a constant challenge. Annual pruning of established trees is essential to eliminate crossed branches and sucker growth and to thin out interior branches. Suckers that arise from the tops of branches or from the ground around the base of the tree should be removed at the base. As new sprouts appear during the growing season, a quick jerk of the emerging twigs will often remove these unwanted growths and reduce their reappearing from the same point. Shadbush (Amelanchier spp.), cherries (Prunus spp.), and autumn olive (Eleagnus) benefit from similar annual prunings and will still provide plentiful blooms and fruits each season.

Plants that are prone to heavy sap production, including birches, maples or grapes, bleed profusely if pruned in spring as the leaf buds are swelling. Although the running sap will not actually harm the tree or vine, this bleeding can be most disconcerting. Late winter pruning, while the plant is still fully dormant, or spring pruning after new growth begins, will minimize this condition.

Minimal pruning should be performed on new trees unless they exhibit damaged, crossed or dead branches or require shaping or thinning to produce an attractive specimen. Branches should be well spaced to avoid future crowding and those that grow from the trunk at wide angles should be selected over branches growing upright at narrow angles. Prune and train members of the Magnolia family while they are small, during dormancy or immediately after flowering, for these handsome multi-stemmed trees and shrubs heal poorly when large branches are removed.

Perhaps the one shrub that generates the greatest number of inquiries about pruning and flower production is the blue hydrangea, Hydrangea macrophylla. Although this deciduous shrub produces its spectacular blossoms later in the season, its flower buds are formed on old wood at or near the end of the branches. Substantial fall or spring pruning of the stems will eliminate the flowers. These shrubs require protected locations to avoid desiccation of these buds during the winter months which is often the primary cause for sporadic bloom. Moisture retentive soils are also critical for bud formation. Our mild winter may signal a banner season for hydrangea blooms but drought conditions may counteract the warm temperatures. Thin out stems of older shrubs to allow light and air to reach the interior of the plant and remove dead tips or branches as the plant begins to develop its leaves.

Trees and shrubs that flower in late June or after tend to bloom on "new wood". Late winter pruning will not reduce flowering and should stimulate vigorous new growth and greater flower production. Popular summer bloomers that will benefit from pruning this month include butterfly bushes (Buddleia spp.), sweet pepperbush (Clethra), Rose of Sharon (Hibiscus syriacus), beautyberry (Callicarpa), blue-mist shrub (Caryopteris) and Peegee Hydrangea.

Butterfly bushes, in particular, can grow to be sizeable shrubs that may become overly dense, leggy and unattractive if allowed to grow unrestrained. Given our mild winter conditions this year, there has been little or no dieback this season. Cut back these vigorous shrubs to 12 to 18 inches tall or even to the ground this month. This ruthless pruning will promote glorious quantities of fragrant blooms later in the summer.

Some of these ornamental shrubs, especially those grown for their foliage or their colorful twigs, will produce better color and larger leaves on new growth. Red- and yellow-twigged dogwoods and purple smokebush should be drastically pruned as their leaf buds swell and may even be cut down to the ground to promote vigorous new brightly colored stems or leaves. Another candidate for this type of severe spring pruning is Hydrangea 'Annabelle', commonly called the snowball hydrangea, which, when pruned to the ground, produces spectacular, massive, white spherical trusses beginning in July.

My best recommendation is to acquire a good reference book on pruning or attend a pruning demonstration by our local county extension service to learn proper pruning techniques. I often refer to "The Pruning Book" by Lee Reich, to refresh my memory on when and how to prune but practice and experience tend to be the best means of becoming a skilled pruner.

Educational Opportunity: With a drought advisory in effect for the entire state of Massachusetts, water conservation and water-saving gardening are crucial issues this season. Sally Muspratt will present a lecture on garden designs and planting alternatives to water-guzzling lawns at the Hingham Library on March 20, 2002 at 7 p.m.

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BLUE HILL WEATHER OBSERVATORY OPEN HOUSE AND KITE FESTIVAL Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the view, fascinating history and fun activities at the oldest continuously operating weather observatory on the continent. Activities will include kite making and kite flying, self-guided tours of the Weather Observatory, rooftop viewing, easy and breezy activities for kids, weather demonstrations, exhibits and displays, summit nature walk and guest lectures. All activities at Blue Hills Weather Observatory at the summit of Great Blue Hill. The event is free with a nominal supply charge for some activities. For information call 617-696-0562 or 617-698-1802.

METROPOLITAN OPERA STAR COMES TO THE SOUTH SHORE The James Library and Center for the Arts presents Metropolitan Opera tenor, Matthew Polenzani in concert with his wife, mezzo-soprano Rosa Maria Pascarella, on Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. This rare New England appearance by this rising young performer will be held at First parish of Norwell, 24 River Street, in historic Norwell Center. Tickets are $25 and include a gala reception and an opportunity to meet the singers. Special senior and student ticket discounts are available thanks to the generosity of the Norwell Men's Club. Call the library for ticket information, 781-659-7100.

MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA STRIDES THROUGH PLYMOUTH ON APRIL 28 More than 200 Plymouth area residents will walk through the town on April 28 as part of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The walk begins and ends Plymouth North High School and kicks off at 10 a.m. Following the walk, participants will enjoy entertainment and refreshments. For more information call 1-800-BIG-WALK or www.marchofdimes.com

DOO-WOPP HALL OF FAME OF AMERICA The Second Annual Doo-Wopp Hall of Fame of America" concert and induction, honoring The Five Keys, The Moonglows, The Harptones, the Shirelles, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, the G-Clefs, Arnie "Woo-Woo" Ginsberg, and Skippy White at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, March 29, 8 p.m. tickets $59, $51.50, $41.50 (special VIP reception $159) Box office 617-266-1200, or Ticketmaster outlets 617-931-2000. VIP reception reservations only call 978-256-6472.

ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-

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Dreamchasers presents four performances of "Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner." Performances are March 15, at 7 p.m.; March 16, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and March 17, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission/$8 for seniors and students/$5 for Dreamchaser students. Tickets are sold 30 minutes prior to the performance. All performances are held at the Norwell Grange, 142 Main Street, Norwell. For information on the performance or spring registration for Dreamchasers, call 508-224-4548.

Thurs. 14

Boys of the Lough Perform at Ipswich Performing Arts Center, 136 High Street, Ipswich, March 14, at 8 p.m. Tickets $22 ($18 students/seniors) Also appearing, **The Copley Keili Band**, featuring Randolph resident **Joe Derrane** on button accordion. For information call 978-356-1949.

The Classics Company will present **"Shakespeare in Pairs"** at the Thayer Public Library in Braintree, on March 14, at 7:30 p.m. The two actor production explores and contrasts the relationships between the people in Shakespeare's plays and the relationships between people today in our modern times. Free and open to the public.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree will present the production of a musical fable **"Once Upon a Mattress"** directed by Martha Sawyer. Production dates are March 14, 15, 16, Sunday, the 17, and 20, 21, 22, and Sunday, the 23. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sundays at 7 p.m. Call and reserve tickets 781-356-5113, leave message. Tickets are $14 the CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree Five Corners will host a comedy show March 14, 8:30 p.m. featuring Ace Aceto, Chris Johnston, Louie Winz, Vernon Harrison, Chris Fucile and Brett Kondratt. Reservations suggestion. Cal 781-848-0300.

Discover the great outdoors with your preschooler at **The Marshfield YWCA** located on Ferry Hill Road in Marshfield, on March 14, from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. Led by Barbara Anne Prince, a naturalist with the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in Canton, you and your preschooler will enjoy a nature walk, special craft, story-time and a snack. Prince, will use the out of doors and your child's curiosity to provide an experience you will want to repeat often on your own. Open to anyone and especially appropriate for ages 3 and up, although younger siblings are welcome. Feel free to borrow a child or grandchild for this exciting outdoors program. Cost is $20 for members, and $25 for non-members. To sign up call the YWCA at 781-834-8371 or www.ymarshfield.org

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Fri.15

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The South Shore Folk Music Club will feature Ken Batts, Solquest, and open mike at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. $5 members/$5 non-members. Call 7810871-1052 for information.

BeanZee's at the Hanover Mall hosts a poetry night every third Friday hosted by Valerie Lawson featuring Michael Mack on March 15.

The Company Theatre in Norwell invites you to experience the divinely decadent Kit Kat Club in 1930's Berlin with its spring musical extravaganza, **CABERET.** The show opens March 15 and continues through April 7. Tickets are priced $20-$25 and are on sale now at The Company Theatre Box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787 or www.companytheatre.com

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held March 15, at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland, Exit 14 off Route 3 781-446-0234, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m., and free door prizes. For single professionals age 35-55 years old. Proper business dress required. Admittance is $10 before 9 p.m. and $15 thereafter. A non-smoking event co-sponsored by the **Young Professionals Club.**

Starcreations Theater from the **South Shore Arts & Recreation Center** will present **Play Fest 2002** on March 15, 16 at 7 p.m. and March 17, at 4:30 p.m. held at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1 Lower Level. Adults $8/children $5. For reservations and information call 508-747-1234.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents the American Classic **"Our Town"** on the Cohasset Town Hall Stage, March 15 and 16, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door and by phone at 781-585-9158.

Sat. 16

Brookwood Farm Maple Sugar Days, March 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn how to identify a sugar maple and see the sap drip into buckets from the trees. Travel along the trail of time and meet costumed characters demonstrating the changes in maple sugaring methods from Native Americans to Yankee farmers to modern day technology. Smell the wood smoke as you watch clouds of steam rise from the bubbling sap. Savor the taste of real maple syrup. Enjoy a ride in a hay wagon for an additional fee. Activities for all ages. Brookwood Farm is located in the Blue Hills Reservation in Milton. Take exit 3 (Houghtons Pond) off Route 93 and follow signs to Maple Sugar Days parking. Wheelchair accessible. Admission $3 adults/ $1 children ages 3 to 12/ages 2 and under free. For information call 617-698-1802 or 617-333-0690.

The Hingham Coffee House off the Square presents spiritually-based singer-songwriter Bob Franke. The evening starts with an open mike for any singers, poets, mimes, jugglers, story tellers, etc., to be seen and heard by an attentive audience. The Coffee House is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main Street, Hingham Square. Admission is $12 (half price with a 2002 Boston Folk Festival Bracelet). Coffee, teas, cider, and desserts are available at 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. For information call 781-749-1767.

The Seventh Annual Abington Savings Bank sponsored St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction will be held on March 16, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, 75 Market Street, Rockland. Proceeds will fund a "Trip of a Lifetime" to Disney World for the graduating classes of Cardinal Cushing Centers at Braintree and Hanover. Tickets are $30 each and include a choice of corned beef and cabbage dinner or roast chicken, plus a chance to win the door prize – a luxury weekend for two in Boston.

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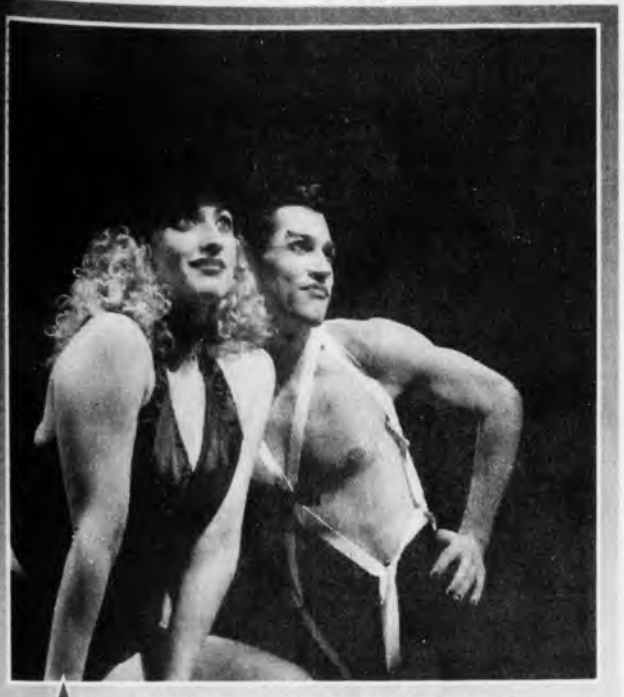

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Entertainment by The O'Reilly's Live and Silent Auctions of sports memorabilia, trips and other leisure activities plus office equipment and home goods as well as a variety of raffles will be featured. Call 781-982-3644 for tickets.

Parents Without Partners South Chapter 33, will sponsor a singles dance with DJ Lee Rosoff, on March 16, at 8:30 p.m. at Club 29, DAV, Liberty Street Braintree. Wheelchair accessible. Admission is $5 members/$8 for non-members. Refreshments are available. Call 781-337-6766 for more information.

Duxbury Village Spring Antique Show and Sale will be held March 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Duxbury High School. Fifty antique dealers from all over New England will feature fine and affordable American and European antiques, painting country furniture, paintings and prints, folk art, textiles, ceramics, glassware, architectural and garden items and more. Judy and Norman McCullough of Broadcove Auctions of Hingham will donate their time on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the DHS cafeteria. Appraisals will cost $5 per item. Refreshments will be available. Admission is $6

Classes

COHASSET SWIM CENTER is accepting applications for lifeguards and water safety instructors for the 2002 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Programs to become a certified lifeguard will also be offered throughout the region. Lifeguard applicants must be 15 years of age. Call 781-383-1988 for information.

MASSACHUSETTS BOATING BASICS: A boating safety course for youths ages 12 through 15 years of age. March 14, 18, 21, 25, 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Plymouth Yacht Club, 34 Union St., Plymouth. sponsored by the Massachusetts Environmental Police and Plymouth Harbormaster. This course will also satisfy the state requirements for personal watercraft users who are 16 or 17 years of age. Pre-registration required. Call 508-790-9360 or 617-727-8760

HINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTER, 70 South St., Hingham announces its spring programs:, Pilates, Fast Track to the Internet, Spreadsheets: Microsoft Excel, Long Term Care Planning, Creative Scrap Booking, Oil Painting, Tai Chai, Call 781-749-9786 to register.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset Spring Adult Art Courses New Offerings...Registration now open. The Basics of Drawing, Beginner/Intermediate Pastels, Intermediate Pastels, Botanical Drawing and Painting, Intermediate Botanical Drawing and Painting, Café Sketching, Intermediate Drawing, Pastel Painting Thursdays, Beginner/Intermediate Watercolor, Intermediate Watercolor, Watercolor for the Absolute Beginner, Chinese Brush Painting, Flowers and Birds, Chinese Brush Painting: The Landscape, Just Paint It! Oil Painting, Landscape Painting, Figure Painting, Portrait Drawing, Beginning/Intermediate Monoprinting, Advanced Monoprinting,Clay for Adults, Clay Work, Mosaic Studio, Introduction to Photography. Introduction to Black and White Darkroom, Intermediate/Continuing Darkroom, Making the Transition to Digital Photography, Color Theory, Life Drawing and Painting Studio. to register call 781-383-2787 or www.ssac.org

THE BRAINTREE ART ASSOCIATION will be offering eight-week spring art classes for adults starting March 19, at the studio at Braintree High School, 128 Town Street, Braintree. There will be instructors in oil and watercolor painting and other media. Sign-up for classes by March 15. For information on registration, call 781-871-0968.

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SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Register now for spring classes.

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Middle School/High School Art Courses

Cartooning (ages 14 to adult), Portfolio 101 for High School Students-Young adults age 16 and older, are welcome to enroll in most adult courses with permission of the instructor.

Spring Weekend Art Workshops

Pastels for Beginners, Pastel Granular Board Preparation, Gouache and Watercolor Workshop, Improvisational Woodcut Workshop, Alternative Photography Workshop, Sculptural Boxes, Nantucket Basket Workshop, Encaustic Painting Workshop, Book Arts, To register or for more information visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN BOSTON The theme for the month of March will be **Dare to be an Engineer**. Build a free-standing dowel structure; make a paper bridge that holds weight; design your own spinning top; engineer a puffmobile, a vehicle you power just by blowing on it; launch your egg bungee jump. All activities happen Friday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 617-426-8855 or www.Bostonkids.org

SOUTH SHORE ARTS & RECREATION CENTER is a non-profit organization established to provide youth, ages 9 to 18, a safe environment during after school hours, They are committed to providing local youth with opportunities to explore and enjoy those fine and performing arts, academic, recreational and social activities which will contribute to their personal development, enhance their community awareness and stimulate creative energies. Membership offers use of the game room, computer lab, discounts on ceramics, theater, birthday parties, dances and concerts. Plans are being made to include a video studio where members will be offered training on video taping and editing. The game room includes pool, ping pong, air hockey and foosball. The computer lab has restricted internet access to age appropriateness. Membership fee for 2002 is $75 per year or $25 per quarter. For information call Terri-Lee Zinsius at 508-747-1234.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet on Saturday, March 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth. **Tom Gill** will demonstrate painting in acrylic. The meeting is open to the public and free. Refreshments will be served.

Rhythm of Our Days: Women, Writing and Renewal will be held March 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Humarock, Scituate. Cost $99 includes donation to Alice's House, a non-profit sanctuary for spiritual renewal. Life-writing brings clarity and comfort especially during times of challenge and change. Experience the flow of life in a homey waterfront setting south of Boston. Advance registration is required call 617-479-6831.

The Sensuous Senator at Quincy Dinner Theater The Sensuous Senator, a comedy by Michael Parker at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. March 16, 22, 23, 24. Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show. Sunday March 24, 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 show, dinner and show, $37.50; show only $17.50. Wheelchair accessible. For reservations, call 781-843-5862.

Sun. 17

Artful things Gallery, 263 Washington Street, Norwell presents the works of **16 Norwell High School seniors to celebrate Massachusetts' Youth Art Month**. For more information call Artful things 781-659-6595 is open Sunday noon to 5 p.m. and Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is open Monday by appointment.

Scituate's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade steps off at 1 p.m. along First Parish Road winding through Scituate Harbor and featuring dozens of colorful floats, bands, Irish dancers, and the Mayor and Rose of Scituate. The event is organized by the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and sponsored by the Scituate Chamber of Commerce. For more information call the chamber at (781) 545-4000.

Mon. 18

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum presents its spring Special Forum Series **Challenges at Home and Abroad.** March 18, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. **Senator Edward M. Kennedy** will set out both the domestic and foreign policy challenges facing our country as he sees them from his unique historical and political vantage point of four decades of leadership in the United States Senate. John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Free to the public. For reservations or more information call 617-929-4571.

Tues 19

The South Shore Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life will meet March 19, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House, fearing Road, Hingham. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month and new members are welcome. The annual fundraising yard sale will be May 4, (rain date May 18) at the Cardinal Cushing School in Hanover. For information call 781-925-5323. Donations may be sent to MCFL South Shore, P.O> Box 591, Accord, MA 02018.

Thomas F. Williams, Esq., to host a seminar on **estate planning** March 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at South Shore Hospital's Emerson Room, 55 Fogg Road, South Weymouth. Call 781-340-4170 by March 15, to preregister.

Parenting with Dignity presented by **Mac Bledsoe** will be held on March 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Stoughton High School, 232 Pearl Street, Stoughton. This two-hour program offers parents and children various techniques for good decision-making skills. The event is free to the public. For information call 781-344-4000 or www.parenting-with dignity.com or www.drewbledsoe.com

BEST BET

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Ken Batts, Solquest, and open mike Friday, March 15 at 8 p.m. at The Beal House. The Beal House is located on Route 106 in Kingston. Admission is $5 members/$5 non-members. Call 7810871-1052 for information.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents **The Joshua James Centennial: 100th Anniversary of the Death of American's Greatest Lifesaver** March 19, at 6 p.m. at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Free Admission. Call 781-925-5433 for information.

The Talking Information Center for the Visually Impaired is holding its fifth annual radio auction at the end of March with the help of WATD. The auction will run from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, Wednesday, March 20, and Thursday, March 21. It is held at TIC's broadcast studios in Marshfield. Tune in to WATD 95.9 FM to be a part of it. Call 781-834-4400 or 800-696-9505 for more information.

Wed. 20

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will present **"Surviving the 36-hour Day: Effective Caregiving Strategies"**on March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central Street, Hingham. Shamilla Biswas, MP, a past

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For Your Health

PATHWAY CENTERS FOR CANCER SUPPORT INC. has moved to 273 Hanover Street, Hanover. A non-profit organization. Pathways offers education, counseling and mind-body approaches to surgery, chemotherapy and radiation free of charge to those facing the life challenges of cancer. Support services are held the first and third Wednesday of each month. Support services are also offered to their loved ones. Complementary therapies such as acupuncture, massage and reflexology are available on a sliding scale basis when deemed appropriate by medical caregivers. Yoga classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.. For information call 781-829-4823.

THE BOSTON HEART PARTY 2002. Hosted by Pfizer Inc., Care Group Healthcare System, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Partners HealthCare System and Primary Care, LLC will hold free cardiovascular screenings in local communities throughout Eastern Massachusetts from the first day of spring through Mother's Day. On March 22, George J. Cuchural Jr. M.D. will conduct free cardiovascular screenings to all women age 35 and over from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1221 Main St., South Weymouth. Call 781-331-9300, walk-in or by appointment.

JORDAN HOSPTIAL is offering free prostate cancer-screening services for men who are 50 years of age or older, or African-American and those with a family history of prostate cancer who are over age 40. The prostate screening includes a prostate specific antigen test and a digital rectal exam. Screenings are scheduled for March 20, at beginning at 5:30 p.m. and are by appointment only. For information or an appointment, call JordanCall at 1-800-750-5343.

JORDAN HOSPITAL offers free physicals, including breast and cervical screening services for eligible, uninsured and underinsured women over the age of 18. These free services include mammograms, clinical breast exams, Pap test, physical exams, and health education are offered to income-eligible women in Massachusetts through the Women's Health Network Program. Screenings by appointment. For more information or to enroll in the program, contact JordanCall at 800-750-5343.

BROCKTON HOSPITAL offers community education programs:. **Weigh-To-Go:. Smoking Cessation Program Health Care Proxy Assistance**: Free information and assistance to individuals who want to learn how the Health Care Proxy can benefit them and their loved ones.

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MEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP AT JORDAN HOSPITAL offers free physicals, including cardiovascular disease and prostate cancer screenings and support groups to men who are 18 years of age or older, and are uninsured or underinsured. These free health screening services include a Prostate Specific Antigen Test and a Digital Rectal Exam for men over age 50, or for African-American men and those with a family history of prostate cancer who are over age 40.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP offered by Jordan Health Systems, Inc., monthly meetings held the second Monday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Jordan Hospital, 275 Sandwich Street, Plymouth. (Route 3 exit 5). Men who have been diagnosed with or treated for prostate cancer as well as their family and friends are invited to attend. Meetings are open to the public, free of charge and are funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. For more information call JordanCall at 800-750-5343.

ADULT DAY HEALTH PROGRAM is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at the Salvation Army in Quincy). Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

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Alzheimer program director for an area nursing home as well as an area agency on aging, and Paulette Masse, MS, MSW, and program director at Grand Islander's Alzheimer's unit in Newport, RI will present creative and practical approaches to caring for a dementia patient in the home. A question and answer will follow the presentation. For more information call 781-740-2426. Respite care is available at Harbor House at no cost. Call Gervaise Haley at 781-749-4774 ext. 843 by 3 p.m. March 20, to reserve respite care.

The Massachusetts-American Water Co., is the sponsor and arrangements have been made by The Garden Club of Hingham and The Perennial Gardeners of the South Shore, for a free, public slide lecture on conserving water by replacing lawn areas with low water-use gardens .The speaker will be Sally McGuire Muspratt, landscape designer and horticulturist. This event will be held at 7 p.m. March 20, in the Whiton Room of the Hingham Public Library on East Street (Rte. 228).

"A Taste of Metro South sponsored by the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Massachusetts Electric company, The Enterprise, and WBET Radio AM 1460 will be held on March 20, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Massasoit Conference Center in Brockton. There will be more than 20 restaurants participating in this event. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Show's supermarket's three locations in Brockton or at the Metro South Chamber office by calling 508-586-0500 ext. 221. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Main Spring Coalition for the Homeless.

The 10th Annual FMA Docent Lecture/Lunch Series Lecture will feature Margaret Connors, will be held March 20, at 10:30 a.m. at The Fuller Art Museum 455 Oak Street, Brockton. Margaret Connors is a landscape designer. She is the co-founder of the International Landscape Designers Association. Admission is $10 which included a catered lunch. Reservations required. Call 508-588-6000 ext. 1000.

Water Watch Lecture Series 2002 presents Archeology and the "Big Dig" March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Massachusetts Audubon Society , 2000 Main Street, Marshfield. When they began digging the "Big dig" they came up with more than dirt. Ann-Eliza H. Lewis, Archaeology Collections Manager of the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Editor of Highway to the Past, the Archaeology of Boston's Big Dig (2001) will talk about the "Big dig" and what artifacts and information have been unearthed about Boston's cultural, economic and physical history. For information call 781-837-9400.

Thurs. 21

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents **Recent Works by the Students of Duxbury High School**, March 2002, reception and student musical performance, March 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Merry Meeting Room, Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. For information call 781-934-2721.

The Hanover Garden Club will hold its first meeting March 21, at 12:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Lodge, Hanover Four Corners. The title of the event is the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. This is a private-public partnership formed to preserve the Boston and Brookline parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. It is a 6-mile linear park from Franklin Park to Back Bay. The speaker will be Simone Auster. A light and healthy lunch will be served. Anyone interested in joining the Hanover Garden Club may attend the first meeting.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on March 21, at 7:15 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Avenue, Braintree. **Sharon Carson** will demonstrate painting in oils. The public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

Thomas F. Williams & Associates will hold a seminar on contract law as it pertains to real estate transactions on March 21, at the Plymouth and South Shore Board of Realtors, 48 Schoosett St., Pembroke from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call 781-826-5139 for reservations. $20 for members/$30 non-members. General public invited.

Fri. 22

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance March 22, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

The H.L. Blanchard Trust will sponsor a **Candlelight Singing Tour of the Captain Samuel Robbins House Museum** on March 22, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tour this 1820's sea captain's home by candlelight as a guide serenades you in every room. Cider and cookies will be served. 188 Main Street, (Rt. 28) Avon. Admission by voluntary donation. For information call 508-5836-7676/

South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will hold a youth dance for ages 9 to 13 on March 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill, No. 1, lower level. Tickets are $6 per person. Call 508-747-1234 for information.

Comedian Paula Poundstone to perform at Berklee Performance Center, March 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office and through Ticketmaster by phone 617-931-2000 or www.ticketmaster.com

Ongoing Events

The Gallery Artists of The Scituate Art Association will present **"March in Bloom"** spring blooms in a variety of media now through March 31. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 781-545-6150.

The Art Complex Museum will feature artist **A.E. Ryan,** the second artist in the **On Their Own** series at the Art Complex Museum. March 6, through March 30. An opening reception is scheduled for March 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Also on exhibition at the museum is **Rotations: Time for Tea** and the **Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show.**

The North River Arts Society will present **People Places and Things,** an exhibit by Michael Murphy at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run from March 10-May 3. For information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Art/Advisory/Boston announces upcoming exhibitions of two local artists, **Carlyn Marcus Ekstrom** and **Ella Delyanis.** The exhibitions will be held March 7 through April 25 on Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and by appointment. The opening reception will be held on March 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For information call 617-698-9700 or www.artadvisoryboston.com

The Helen Bumpus Gallery located on the main floor of **The Duxbury Free Library,** will be exhibiting artwork by the **Duxbury High School students.** The show will run from March 1 through March 31 with a reception on March 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The works will be representational of all levels of the high school students two dimensional art classes, from creative imaging and photographing to drawing and painting. The library is located at 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. Admission is free. For information call 781-934-2721.

BEST BET

The O'Reillys will perform at Saturday's St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction at the Sons of Italy Hall in Rockland. **The Seventh Annual Abington Savings Bank sponsored St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction will be held on March 16, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, 75 Market Street, Rockland. Proceeds will fund a "Trip of a Lifetime" to Disney World for the graduating classes of Cardinal Cushing Centers at Braintree and Hanover. Tickets are $30 each and include a choice of corned beef and cabbage dinner or roast chicken, plus a chance to win the door prize – a luxury weekend for two in Boston. Entertainment by The O'Reilly's Live and Silent Auctions of sports memorabilia, trips and other leisure activities plus office equipment and home goods as well as a variety of raffles will be featured. Call 781-982-3644 for tickets.**

Talent Search

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE in Braintree announces open auditions for **"Art"** Monday, March 18, and 19, at 7:30 p.m. Performance dates are May 8, 9, 10, and 16, 17, 18. Auditions will be held at the CCT clubhouse located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree. Call CCT 781-356-5113 and leave a message, your call will be returned.

BAY PLAYERS will hold open auditions for the production of Neil Simon's **"Jake's Women"** directed by Bob Gillet on March 6, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Kingston Intermediate School in Kingston. Callbacks, if necessary will be March 7. Production to be performed at the Ellison Center in Duxbury June 14, 15, 21, and 22. Available parts one man, six women, and one teenage girl. For information call 1-800-290-6825 or wwwbayplayers.org

THE COHASSET DRAMA CLUB will hold auditions for their spring musical **"Oliver"** on March 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and March 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. Be prepared to sing 16 bars of an upbeat show tune, preferably "Consider Yourself" from Oliver. You will be required to do an English accent. Wear comfortable clothes for dancing. Children ages 6 and up. Young adults and adults. Show dates are the end of April and the beginning of May. Any questions call Jean DiGiacomandrea at 617-750-8987.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S SUMMER VOCAL INSTITUTE for singers ages 13 to 18 will hold auditions March 23, April 12, May 11, and May 25, for its program which runs from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9 at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. All auditions will take place at the Ellison Center. Call 781-934-2731 ext. 10 for audition times.

THE LIBERTY BELLE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, is seeking adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. However, you are required to be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and 4-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway show tunes, Rhythm and blues songs, and exciting choreography. Weekly rehearsals every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, (Rte 2 Exit 57). For additional information call: 617-735-9254 or 1-800-369-7400 (toll free in MA only) look us up on the web at: http://libertybellechorus.org, e-mail us at: info@libertybellechorus.org

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

This day has its challenges. The dark side of the new moon is in force and effect until 9:02 p.m. In addition, a lunar alignment to Pluto affects the morning. Its influence may spark emotional thunderstorms and bring up old wounds, resentments. Be more sensitive, nurturing toward others. Make up a list of things to do and stay busy. Follow through on projects that need a finishing touch; handle routine errands and chores. The new moon culminates at 23-degrees of Pisces, and the moon becomes inactive at 9:02 p.m. Get extra rest tonight.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

It may take a while for the morning fog to burn off. The inactive Pisces moon travels at the tail end of the zodiac until 10:34 a.m. At this time influences turn around completely, because the moon enters energetic Aries. You can be most productive today, if you are well organized. This is one of the best days of the month for launching important enterprises, signing contracts, making purchases. On the other hand, a lunar contact to Jupiter and an applying Mars/Neptune alignment warn you to know your limits. Don't act on impulse or go to extremes.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Yesterday's planetary influences continue to affect today. Be sure to have a clear plan of action and stick to it. You can get a lot accomplished. The green light for new starts remains on. Venus forms a harmonious contact to Saturn in the morning, Mercury to Jupiter in the afternoon. The pitfall in the day is a 90-degree alignment of Mars and Neptune. Use common sense and don't take risks. It may be difficult to separate the facts from the wishful thinking. Venus and Neptune interact this evening making it prime for social activities, romantic rendezvous.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

An Aries moon continues to set a fast pace today. Tackle jobs that require physical exertion and stamina. Get back on track with exercise programs or enjoy favorite sports. You can initiate new projects until 4:07 p.m., when the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. At 11:01 p.m. a mellow Taurus moon takes over.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Saturn takes the spotlight today. Your mental attitude will make the difference. Focus on the positives instead of getting caught up in the limitations of a situation. On the other hand, this is a favorable time for developing work projects that need mental focus and precision, attention to details. Lunar alignments to Neptune and Mars this evening caution you to maintain a balance. Don't get carried away and overdo or overindulge.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

This day holds high potential for productivity. A stable, practical Taurus moon offers an opportunity to get things done in this stormy astrological period. Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda. This is a great evening to kick back, relax and unwind.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

At 7:53 a.m. the Taurus moon aligns with the sun and becomes inactive. A lively Gemini moon takes over at 10:20 a.m. In addition, an alignment of Mercury to Mars generates high energy. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. Instead of focusing on one project, tackle a variety of jobs and errands; tie up loose ends. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Enjoy favorite sports, physical or social activities this evening.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Pluto and the sun share the spotlight today. The planet Pluto, standing at 18-degrees of Sagittarius, begins retrograde travel at 9:53 a.m. The Vernal Equinox arrives at 2:16 p.m., when the sun enters the sign Aries. This is a time for new beginnings, new resolutions. Eliminate the negativity in your life. Free yourself from past traumas, hurts. Forgive others and leave the past behind. The Gemini moon forms major alignments to five planets; the most difficult occurs this evening, when the moon opposes Pluto.

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Graham Waste plans move

ZBA seeks legal opinion on bylaw

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The MBTA is taking the old Winter Garden Skating rink — now Graham Waste Services at 110 CJC Highway (Rte. 3A) — by eminent domain to make room for the Cohasset MBTA Greenbush train station.

So Paul Barry is looking to move the business across the street to land off Crocker Lane that he also owns.

Sounds simple enough.

To that end Barry's engineer, architect, and his son-in-law Robert Schwandt, an attorney, presented plans to the Zoning Board on Monday to make the case for a special permit to build part of the proposed warehouse in the water resource district.

But hold on a minute.

Enter John McNabb, who is now chairman of the Water Commission, but when wearing another hat is also was the ultimate thorn in the side of Barry and the former Cohasset Heights Landfill also off Rte. 3A. McNabb's dogged determination and thousands of hours of volunteer time examining environmental issues under the auspices of the anti-landfill expansion group dubbed SAFE, tried to stymie landfill plans at every turn.

He's back.

McNabb contends Graham Waste's plan constitutes a solid-waste related use; something — thanks largely to his efforts at Town Meeting — is prohibited in the water resource district.

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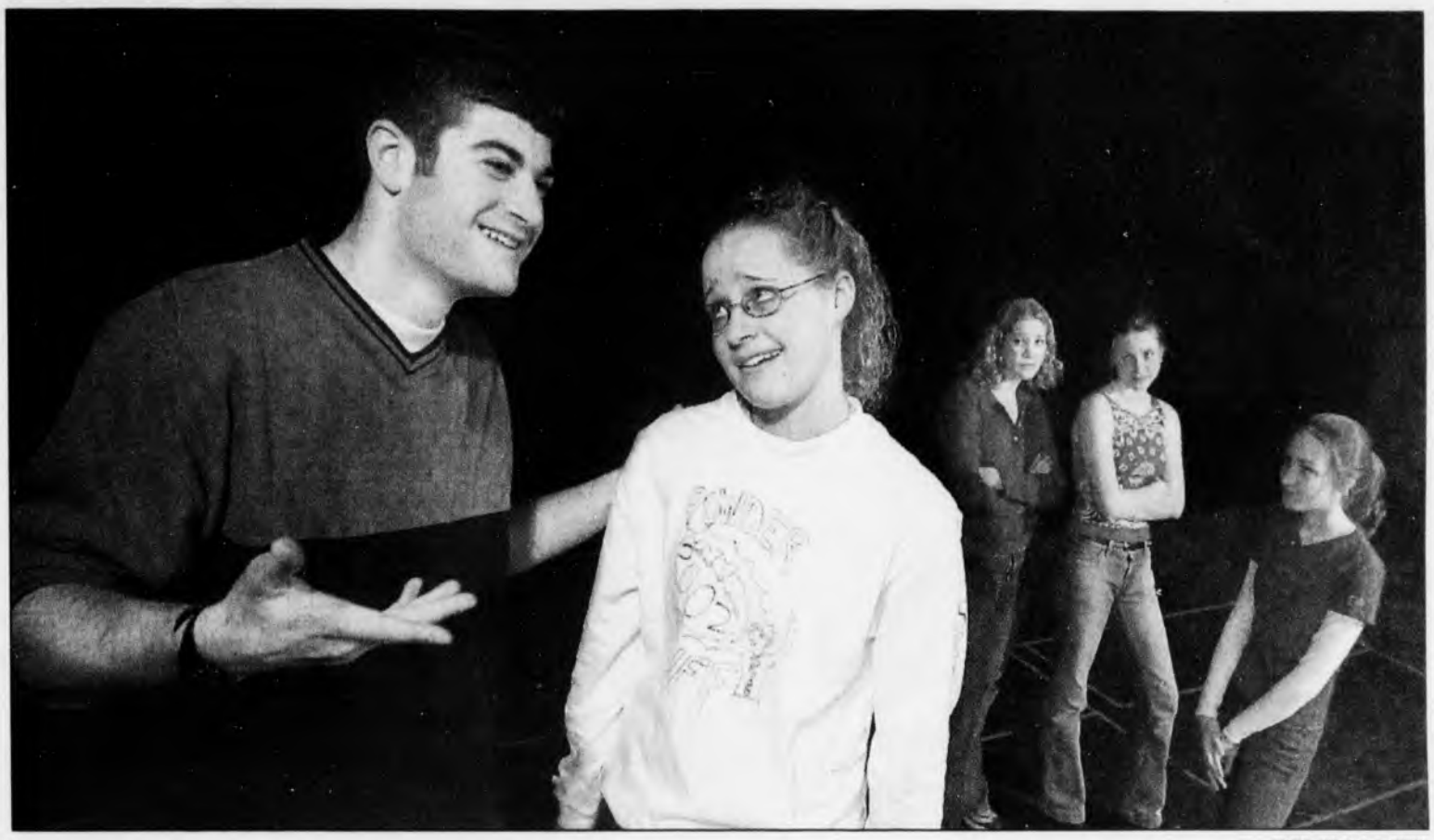

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David Ingber as Chris is too cool for Maggie played by Kelly Stone in the CHS Drama Club production of "Act III, Scene 5." Cast members Holly Dinsmore, Ali Earon and Nicole Durant wait for their cue in the play within a play.

CHS Drama club goes for the gold

Qualified for state finals

By Evan Schiff
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The field has been narrowed down. The tournament began in early March with the preliminary rounds followed by the quarter finals a week later. This Friday, the sweet 15 will take the stage. This is a different kind of March Madness.

Cohasset High School's Drama Workshop, recognized as an extra-curricular activity by the school, is preparing for the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival this Friday. The club has already advanced from the preliminary rounds, when more than 100 schools were competing for the honor, to make the final group of just 15.

"I'm so thrilled we've made it this far," said Jenna Emmons, director of the play. "Nobody really gave us a chance."

The club making it to the finals has taken on David versus Goliath proportions. Comprised of only eight members (including Emmons), the drama workshop is competing against schools that send more than 50 members to represent them.

"I'm so thrilled we've made it this far. Nobody really gave us a chance."
— Jenna Emmons, director

"I think working with a small group of kids can work to our advantage," Emmons said. "We feel like we're the little guys and it has really galvanized us."

David Ingber, who plays the male lead in the play, said the club is going against shows that have more money to spend on costumes and set design. He said that can serve as a source of motivation for the group.

"It's acting at its best," Ingber said. "We're not all glitz and glamour."

The play the workshop is producing is a comedy titled, "Act Three, Scene Five" written by Terry Ortwein. The play is about high school students trying to put together a production of "Romeo and Juliet".

"I've always had a problem with most high school theatre because it's not very accessible to high school students," Emmons said. "This play allows the students to play themselves in a sense."

While the students would obviously love be one of the

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Competition keeps prices in check

By Evan Schiff
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In an affluent town such as Cohasset, many expect the cost of living to be much higher than in other areas. And who can blame them? After all, houses are more expensive, taxes are continually rising, and a sandwich at a local restaurant could set one back almost $10.

But what about the supermarkets? It makes sense that in wealthier communities' prices would soar at grocery stores. But is that really the case?

The Mariner surveyed six supermarkets, three Shaw's and three Stop & Shops, last week, including those in Cohasset. The other four stores were Stop & Shop supermarkets in Hingham and Weymouth, and Shaw's in Allston and Weymouth.

Nine items were picked at random to try and determine if Cohasset residents are paying more for their groceries. From pasta sauce and tuna to Kleenex and coffee, the Mariner tried to vary the type of items it surveyed to get a true feel for the prices at a particular store. However, as one can see from the chart, demographics play little role in determining the prices at a grocery store.

"We price by zones based on the competitive nature of the market," said Megan Pratt, spokeswoman for Stop & Shop. "It has nothing to do with how affluent a community is."

Bernie Rogan, spokesman for Shaw's, concurred and said that competition is what drives the industry. He said the pricing for food items is determined four weeks in advance. When a customer receives a flier advertising the various rates of food, the flier is reflecting the previous four weeks of pricing. Rogan said the supermarkets do this so as not to tip its hand to its competitors.

"When we see a competitors' flier we try to beat their prices," Rogan said. "After we lower ours, they presumably do the same and the race is on."

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HIGH STEPPING

Nevin Academy Irish step dancers entertain Cohasset senior citizens at a St. Patrick's Day party last week. The girls are Caitlin Condon, Erin Elsmore, Caitlin Sanchez, Sheelah Scott and Whitney Condon. For more photos, see page 22.

Bacterial disease claims life of a fun-loving teen

Fact sheets delivered to school community

By Mary Ford
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School, health and town officials had the difficult task this week of alerting classmates and friends that a 16-year-old Cohasset High student had succumbed to a communicable bacterial disease that can lead to meningitis all the while trying to stave off panic.

But not lost in the warnings and precautions delivered by hand to all high school families in town – was the memory of the spirited young man who lost his life to the infection and a heartfelt concern for his family.

Jesse Sargent who had valiantly fought two battles with Hodgkin's Disease, a form of cancer, passed away Friday from bacterial meningococcal disease, an infectious illness that can cause meningitis, which is infection of the tissue that covers the brain and spinal cord, or sepsis, a blood infection.

"Jesse liked to laugh," his mother Cheryl Sargent said. "He was a great kid. Humor was his number one goal in life."

Sargent said Jesse wasn't feeling well at school Thursday so he called her at work.

"He said, 'come and get me Mom,'" she said. Jesse went to his family doctor and was sent to the emergency room at South Shore Hospital for evaluation and South Shore sent him to the New England Medical Center where his condition deteriorated overnight. The fun-loving teenager, who loved watching sports, passed away Friday morning.

"He was a great kid. Humor was his number one goal in life."
— Cheryl Sargent

After learning of the cause of Jesse's death, selectmen called an emergency meeting Saturday with the Board of Health, school department, and fire and police officials. A notice along with a public health fact sheet on symptoms, preventative measures and general instructions for parents to follow was hand delivered to all high school families that afternoon and mailed to all families with students in the elementary schools. Churches were also asked to make announcements on Sunday.

Cohasset Middle High School Principal Michael Jones was designated as the contact person for questions.

Jones said Jesse may have been more susceptible to the infection because his immune system may have been compromised due his battle with cancer. Jones cautioned that the disease is not highly contagious and is spread essentially through saliva either through sharing food, utensils and drinks, or by kissing.

Jones said school counselors were available to the students, who were informed in small groups on Friday. He said students were making blue ribbons in memory of Jesse whose sister Samantha, 14, also attends the middle-high school.

"We very distressed and very saddened and very supportive of the family," he said. "Jesse was a good, likable kid – people were very fond of him."

Jones said providing information to families apparently worked as attendance Monday was normal.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said the health department is following up with about 40 family members and others who had close contact with Jesse in the weeks before his death. Those who did, were advised to see their physician and get a prescription for prophylaxis (preventative) antibiotic, such as Cipro that became a household word during the Antrax scare. The family had a birthday party Sunday with dips and other food and cans of soda., he said. A town nurse spent a few hours

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Selectmen may sink Hagerty proposal

By Evan Schiff
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An anticipated upbeat meeting between Jack Buckley and the board of selectmen turned decidedly negative Tuesday night.

Buckley, leader for a group advocating the establishment of an environmental education and research facility center at the Hagerty House, presented his case to the board. After his presentation, selectmen were left scratching their heads.

"I'm very disappointed with the lack of focus in your project," said selectman Tom Callahan. "I don't have a clear sense of what your intentions are at all with this building."

Although the consensus on the board was that Buckley was unprepared for the meeting, they asked him to return in September to update them once more. They also asked that he update them via letter or email every few weeks so they can track his progress.

"All I'm saying is that there is a group of people interested in taking over the building for educational experiences," Buckley said. "It was not made clear that I needed to have a sound financial plan ready."

> **"I'm very disappointed with the lack of focus in your project."**
> — Selectman Tom Callahan

Buckley, a teacher at the high school, came in late last year to discuss his proposal for the Coastal Maritime Institute's interest in the building. At the time, selectmen warmed to the idea and asked him to come back in a few months to discuss his progress. But Tuesday, the relationship had cooled.

Selectmen collectively voiced their concerns over how this project was going to be funded. Buckley said he has submitted a variety of grants, ranging from $5,000 to $20,000, but hasn't heard a decision on any of them.

"This project sounds very piecemeal to me," said selectman Michael Sullivan. "I don't get a sense that you have a cohesive plan but are looking for the town to fund this. That's not going to happen."

Buckley defended himself saying that the group he represents has been dealing with the issue for only five months, which is not a lot of time.

"We've accomplished a lot in five months," he said. "We will soon know if we have been successful in our grant applications and if so, we will be in a fairly good position to carry our initiative forward."

Buckley added he has been in contact with the South Shore Art Center which could be interested in using the second and third floors of the building for studio space. He also said APTO Solutions, a company run out of Atlanta, has agreed to donate furniture and 12 computers to the organization.

Selectman Merle Brown said he would like to see the project succeed but it obviously needed more work. He said Buckley can't look at the town for any funds.

Buckley said his next step is to assess the official level of commitment from school administrators and other town boards. He said that he wants to determine if his group is working in a direction supported by educational and municipal leaders.

"If we are, then we'll continue to work on soliciting funding and further community support," he said.

While selectmen thought this was a good idea, they felt Buckley should have already met with various boards to determine their interest.

"There is a whole lot of work left to be done," Callahan said.

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Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of March 18.

Capital Budget Committee, March 21, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, March 21, 7 p.m.

Library Building Committee, March 27, 9:30 a.m.

Senior Housing, March 27, 9 a.m.

School Committee, March 21, 7:30 p.m. at the high school library

Water Commission, March 25, 7:30 p.m. at 339 King St.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

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Sat. 16	12:28	9.7	6:35	12:46	9.7	6:53
Sun. 17	1:02	9.8	7:13	1:24	9.5	7:29
Mon. 18	1:38	9.7	7:53	2:03	9.2	8:08
Tues. 19	2:16	9.6	8:36	2:46	8.8	8:49
Wed. 20	2:58	9.5	9:23	3:33	8.5	9:36
Thurs. 21	3:46	9.5	10:15	4:27	8.3	10:29

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Liquor license

Selectmen granted St. Anthony's Church a one-day liquor license on March 23 in order to have a belated celebration for St. Patrick's Day.

Historical Commission

Jackie Clark, member of the Historical Commission, informed selectmen that she will be resigning from the commission. The vacancy needs to be filled with a licensed real estate agent and anyone interested in the position should contact Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Personnel requests

Police Chief Bob Jackson met with selectmen Tuesday to discuss personnel changes he is requesting for the department.

Jackson said he wanted an extra patrolman to fill because he would like to promote one of the current patrolmen to sergeant.

Eventually, the goal of adding the personnel would be to have four sergeants on the force and one lieutenant.

"The long term goal is to establish a chain of command," Jackson said. "It's important that if I'm not around to have someone to take over."

Currently, the town has four sergeants and a chief, leaving a gap in the chain of command.

If the changes were to take place the budgetary impact would be approximately $9,000 during Fiscal Year 2003 but Jackson said some funds from the new 32-hour dispatch position could be diverted to pay for these changes.

Burning season is underway

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis through May 1 for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch Center at 781-383-0260 from 9 am.-2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

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While burning, the fire must be attended at all times until completely extinguished. Have a water hose, rake and shovel nearby for fire control.

Bird walk

A bird walk led by Sally Avery from the Audubon Society will take place on Saturday, April 6, from 8 to 10 a.m. on Atlantic Avenue in Hull, (at the foot of Summit Avenue). Everyone is welcome. This event is free.

Straits Pond Watershed Association's mission is to provide community input to governmental committees and agencies about Straits Pond and to facilitate efforts to maintain and improve the environmental quality and beauty of Straits Pond.

Housing issues

Liz Harrington, town planner and Joseph Nedrow, chairman of Cohasset housing committee will be discussing the issues of accessory dwellings and senior housing. If people have housing questions, this will be the opportunity to have them answered. The meeting will be held on March 21, at 12:30 p.m. at South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset.

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Aviation Impacts & Cohasset's Future

Cohasset selectmen have asked town aviation activists, "Why don't you simply negotiate to move the jets over the ocean, rather than pressing a suit against Massport?" It is a fair question. They have also asked, "Why have you again requested an appropriation of money to continue the existing lawsuit, given the fact that town meeting has rejected a previous request for continued funding." That, too, is a fair question.

We do seek a settlement with Massport. If achieved, such a settlement has the potential not only to avert future harm, but also to enormously improve present practice in Cohasset. Our aims are to move all low-altitude jet arrivals out over the ocean, eliminating the noise of jet arrivals, and to double the altitude at which jet departures cross Cohasset, reducing departure noise to approximately one fourth of what it now is. These aims would be worth pursuing even if the threat of future environmental catastrophe were not also hanging in the balance.

We persist because we hope to create broad public understanding about a situation so unusual that we have found that we must use repetition and add detail to explain it adequately. We believe the future of Cohasset depends on building awareness that we confront a future so drastically changed that present experience provides no context for its consideration. We want Cohasset residents to make their decisions with a complete understanding that Massport's plan for Cohasset will not be experienced as a matter of incremental growth and barely perceptible differences, but rather as a comprehensive and shocking transformation.

PRINCIPAL AVIATION GATEWAY

The Federal Aviation Administration and Massport plan to make Cohasset New England's principal aviation gateway. This means much more than simply accommodating growth at Logan Airport, or routing a few smaller airplanes to a new runway.

Previously, the main route into Logan has been over Milton, Dorchester, and South Boston. With new traffic patterns catalyzed by a proposed new runway, arrival traffic over Cohasset would greatly surpass what the Milton routing now experiences, and fully equal the numbers Massport has planned for that route after airport expansion. In addition, Cohasset would see an upsurge in jet departure operations, which Milton mostly escapes. Taken together, Cohasset's total low-altitude jet operations would exceed those experienced by any town in the Boston area which does not actually border the airport. With the new traffic patterns, Massport and the FAA would abandon the present strategy of dispersing impacts, and replace it with a strategy of concentrating impacts over Cohasset and other South Shore towns, for the explicit purpose of reducing impacts elsewhere.

DISPROPORTIONATE TRAFFIC

Thus, while Massport figures show jet traffic at Logan might be expected to grow during the next 15 years by approximately 74%, a disproportionate amount of that growth is slated to take place over Cohasset and other South Shore towns. Cohasset, which already has a disproportionate share of jet traffic, will see its total rise about 102% overall, distributed as an approximately 30% increase in departure traffic, and a remarkable 277% increase in low altitude arrivals. Most of the arrival impacts would be felt very quickly after construction of the new runway, as Massport and the FAA shifted already-existing arrival operations from runways elsewhere to fly over Cohasset instead.

LOWER ALTITUDES

Arrival traffic over Cohasset during bad weather and in poor visibility conditions will increase. During bad weather, it is common practice for air traffic controllers to reduce the altitudes of arriving aircraft earlier in the approach pattern than they do under better conditions. This practice has been followed historically over Milton and Dorchester, and would presumably be initiated over Cohasset. The result could be heavy jets flying over Cohasset at altitudes similar to those now routinely seen on the South Shore only at Hull High School, at the northern end of the Hull peninsula—altitudes of 1,800 feet or below. This could put some Cohasset residents closer to these airplanes than Logan's control tower is to any runway at the airport. In western and northern Cohasset the combination of increased traffic and lower altitudes could result in noise levels so high that they would reach the threshold defined by the FAA as incompatible with residential land use.

POLLUTING AIR EMISSIONS

Air emissions are yet another part of the picture. Aircraft air emissions and their effects on health have not been well studied. Here is what we do know. If Massport's plans are implemented, airplanes flying at altitudes below 10,000 feet will burn more than 8,000 tons of aviation fuel per year within Cohasset's borders. Unlike automobile engines, aircraft engines have no emission controls whatever, and they work less efficiently and emit more pollutants when operating at low altitudes, as they will be over Cohasset.

Current calculations allow us to simplify the task of visualization which terms like "8,000 tons" leave incomplete. For instance, the quantity of aviation fuel burned annually in Cohasset would be 30–50 times greater than the quantity of fuel burned in Cohasset by the Old Colony commuter rail line; or, alternatively, the aviation fuel burn could be matched by filling a semi-trailer tank truck with kerosene, bringing it into town, and setting it alight...every day, year round. On New Year's Eve, roll in an extra 39 trailers and torch them off together, accounting for the fractional part of the computation which predicts a Cohasset jet fuel burn of about 7.76 tank trucks per week.

But isn't a burning tank truck dirtier than a jet engine? Air emissions generally correlate with the quantity of fuel burned, but the combustion method can make a difference. Jet engines operating at low altitudes produce and disperse a lot of soot, but maybe not as much as a burning tank truck. On the other hand, jet engines may create a much greater quantity of nitrogen oxides.

Cohasset residents should ask themselves if they know of any community anywhere which has long withstood an environmental assault like the one which Massport's plans would bring. Could any such community maintain itself as the kind of community which Cohasset now is?

WHY NOT NEGOTIATE?

Against that context comes the Selectmen's first question: why a lawsuit instead of a negotiation? The question pre-supposes a choice which does not exist in fact. Massport will not negotiate. The question of negotiation has been explored repeatedly and at length, to no avail. Not only have our own efforts proved unavailing, but also we know of no instance in the Boston area in which either Massport or the FAA has negotiated with any opponent of its policies in the absence of a lawsuit. Thus, the answer to the Selectmen's question is that we must sue Massport if we want to negotiate. Otherwise, Massport's managers will simply use the power they have to implement policies the airlines prefer, and ignore the harm to our town.

However, the question of negotiation vs. a lawsuit deserves a longer answer. The subject is a complicated one. We hope the following discussion will help the Selectmen and others understand why we urge Cohasset residents to continue support for the town's participation with other towns in a lawsuit against Massport.

Determination of where airplanes are routed is nominally in the hands of the Federal Aviation Administration. Although officially Massport has no final authority over routing decisions, in fact the FAA does listen to Massport, because Massport is the operator of an airport. Ordinarily, the FAA will not defer to ordinary citizens, or even listen to them. FAA officials fear entering onto a slippery slope of accommodation. They are keenly aware that if they showed the slightest inclination to listen, millions of people nationwide would swamp them with entreaties. So FAA officials make it a point to be ostentatious about not listening. Instead, FAA officials emphasize that the FAA considers environmental concerns only if they do not result in the slightest reduction of airport capacity, or the slightest impairment of "efficiency," which means airline costs. FAA personnel are invariably explicit about one central point: there will be no balancing of environmental concerns against aviation interests, ever.

For Massport's part, its executives have made it a policy never to appear in any forum where critics of Massport's policies and plans might question them before the public. Instead, they deal with the public almost exclusively through press releases, which are frequently at variance with the facts revealed in their legally required environmental documents.

Neither Massport nor the FAA behaves as if direct service to the public were part of its mandate. Both predicate all their actions and policies on the premise that they serve the public exclusively by serving the interests of the aviation industry.

OUR PROPOSAL TO THE FAA

An example of how this works occurred recently when Ralph Dormitzer, in collaboration with others from Cohasset, Hingham and Hull, submitted a thoroughly researched proposal to the FAA. The aim was to change the arrival pattern for aircraft approaching Logan's Runway 33L during clear weather, moving the airplanes over the ocean instead of over Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull. Using the input of aviation experts, including veteran pilots, we proposed an alternative approach that would be safe, efficient, and easy to fly. Our proposed change is shown in the bottom diagram.

At first, the FAA insisted it would not even study the proposal unless we could win support from Massport's Community Advisory Committee, a group with representatives from 27 cities and towns throughout the Boston area. With that accomplished, the FAA agreed briefly to take the proposal under advisement. Massport objected. Massport was granted a meeting by the FAA to discuss our proposal, a meeting to which we were not invited. As a result of the meeting the FAA decided to delay consideration of our proposal until it had acted on Massport's new runway application. We learned all this after the fact. In a letter, the Hull Selectmen urged that the proposed route change should be considered together with the new runway request, because only joint consideration could make it clear whether this proposal's enormous environmental benefits were being sacrificed to the new runway. The FAA never answered the Hull Selectmen's letter.

IS RESISTANCE FUTILE?

Although the aviation industry is incredibly well defended in its daily operations by purpose-built laws and regulations, there are two small openings through which democratic input may yet slip into the process, via the courts.

The first opening concerns airports. These are still under local control, and airport operators may still be sued for damages caused by the way they build and operate their facilities. Aviation industry lobbyists in Washington are furiously trying to close this small chink in aviation's armor, but so far they have not succeeded.

The second opening concerns the National Environmental Policy Act. Although it is substantively toothless, this act does require the aviation industry to provide forthright descriptions of the harm its projects will cause, including harm to the human environment. Massport has proved reluctant to be forthright. Apparently, nobody at Massport is willing to stand up and say, "We expect our expansion of Logan Airport to destroy the livability of large parts of Cohasset, and we expect residents there to accept that damage without compensation." As a result, Massport's legally required environmental documents are full of omissions, evasions, and deceptions, for which they can be sued. We can use a lawsuit to force this choice upon Massport's leaders: face the pain of forthrightness, or come to the negotiating table. They may choose to negotiate.

BALANCE UNCERTAINTY AGAINST RISK, BUT BUY INSURANCE

To skeptics we address a simple request, please weigh the costs to Cohasset, and to all of its residents individually, if events prove us right, against the relatively small amount of money which will be wasted in supporting a losing lawsuit if we are wrong. Even if the lawsuit's costs were to double or triple, as lawsuits have a way of doing, the money expended would be reinforced by matching expenditures from Hull and Hingham. And even if all that money were lost together, it would not amount to the hundredth part of the economic devastation which Massport's plans will inflict upon our town if we are right. We ask even the skeptics to join us in our belief that this lawsuit we advocate is the cheapest insurance we will ever have the opportunity to buy, and the only route by which we can pursue a negotiated settlement with Massport and the FAA.

Surely the chance of achieving these aims is worth the dollars it will cost to try.

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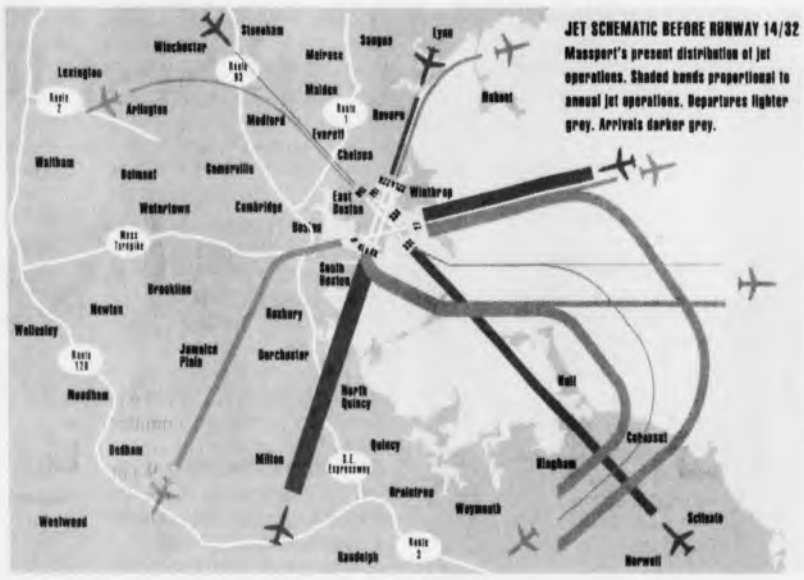
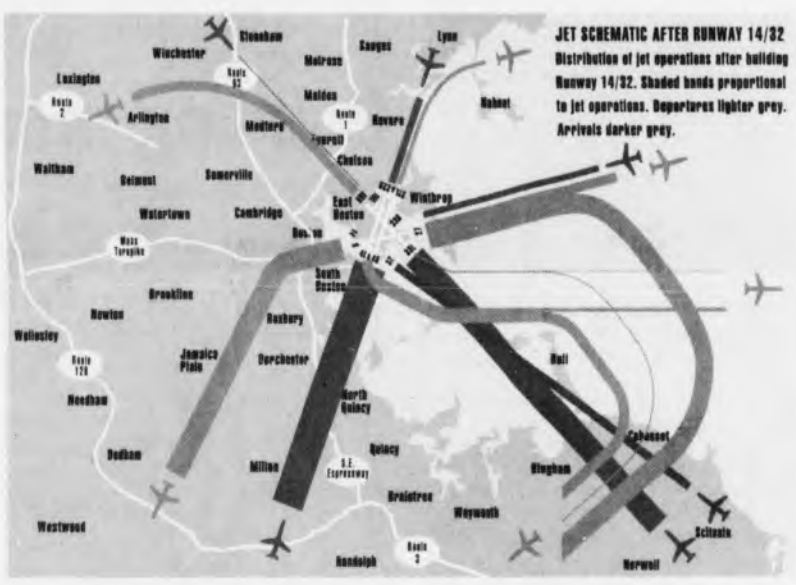


JET SCHEMATIC BEFORE RUNWAY 14/32
Massport's present distribution of jet operations. Shaded bands proportional to annual jet operations. Departures lighter grey. Arrivals darker grey.



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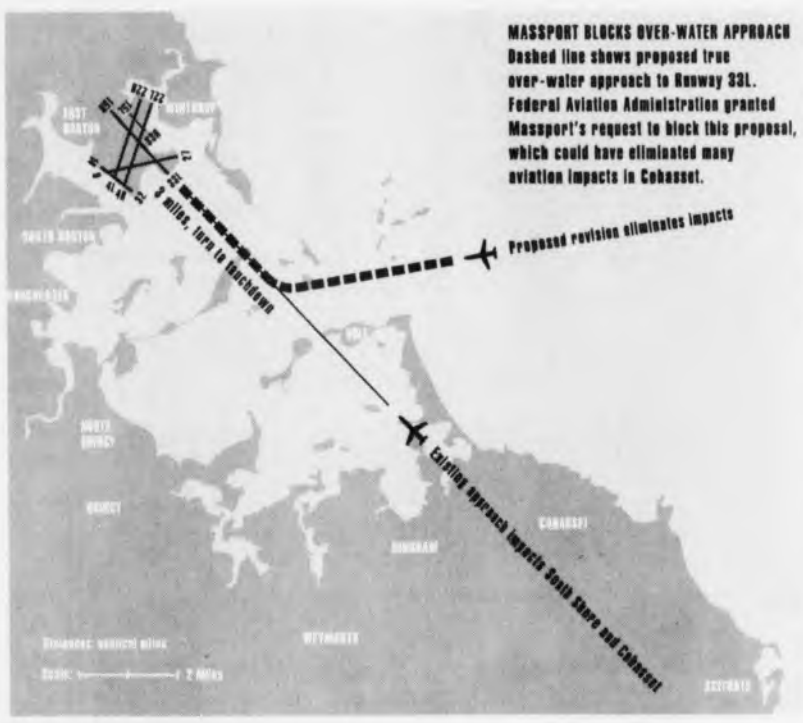

MASSPORT BLOCKS OVER-WATER APPROACH
Dashed line shows proposed true over-water approach to Runway 33L. Federal Aviation Administration granted Massport's request to block this proposal, which could have eliminated many aviation impacts in Cohasset.

Competition keeps prices in check

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Rogan added a community can benefit from having two large supermarkets in the area. Without the competition a store could charge whatever it pleased.

"The ultimate benefactor is the customer, who sees reasonable prices," he said. "With one supermarket, the customer is really at the mercy of the store."

Cohasset shoppers interviewee did not feel that the cost of living in Cohasset had an effect on the prices of groceries.

Awilda Trapp, resident of Hull, said she comes to Cohasset to shop because of the convenience and the service provided at the stores.

"I don't find it's that much more expensive here," she said. "If anything, I think it may be cheaper."

Julie Messenger of Scituate felt that there are enough supermarkets on the South Shore to keep prices competitive. She said she shops at the Cohasset location because it's easy to get to.

"I guess I always thought there may be a small difference in price," she said. "I'm glad to learn that there isn't."

	Stop & Shop (Hingham)	Stop & Shop (Weymouth)	Stop & Shop (Cohasset)	Shaws (Cohasset)	Shaws (Weymouth)	Shaws (Allston)
2 Liter Nestea	$1.49	$1.49	$1.49	$1.39	$1.39	$1.39
Bumble Bee Tuna (One Can)	$1.29	$1.29	$1.29	$1.19	$1.19	$1.19
1/2 Gallon milk (Hood skim)	$.199	$1.99	$1.99	$2.09	$2.09	$2.19
Maxwell House Coffee (Colombian Supreme)	$4.59	$4.39	$3.99	$3.99	$3.99	$4.09
8 oz of bacon (Oscar Meyer)	$2.79	$2.79	$2.79	$2.69	$2.69	$2.69
Cheerios (14 oz small box)	$3.39	$3.49	$3.49	$3.39	$3.39	$3.39
Ragu - 1 lb. 10 oz. (Old World Style)	$1.89	$1.89	$1.89	$1.89	$1.89	$1.99
1/2 Gallon Breyers (Vanilla)	$4.99	$4.99	$4.99	$4.69	$4.89	$4.89
Kleenex (160 2-ply white tissue)	$1.39	$1.39	$1.39	$1.59	$1.59	$1.59

Graham Waste plans move

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Graham Waste argues what is proposed is a warehouse, a use that would be allowed with a special permit.

The Zoning Board plans to make site visits to Graham Waste's existing facility and the proposed location before the continuation of the public hearing slated for next month.

What Graham Waste, a construction waste company that supplies roll-off containers for disposal of debris at work sites, is proposing is a 25,000 square foot warehouse and 7,000 square foot office. About 60 percent of the warehouse would lie inside the water resource district.

With few exceptions, the company's trucks and containers would be stored inside the warehouse. Most of the time, containers at the site would be empty because they are usually hauled directly from the construction site to a landfill or transfer station before returning to the company's facility.

Although some construction debris could be hazardous, Graham Waste would not handle hazardous waste per se. At the start of a project, a different contractor usually deals with hazardous material such as asbestos that is tightly sealed before it's taken away.

Also proposed is elaborate drainage infrastructure, including roof collection and a series of catch basins to collect water runoff and separate any oil and grit before the water is recharged into the soil.

Minor repairs to the vehicles that Graham owns would be conducted in the part of the warehouse that lies outside the water resource district. There would be a tight tank system to collect any oil or grease that might spill on the floor of the warehouse.

McNabb said any solid waste handling facility is not allowed in the water resource district.

Woody Chittick, ZBA chairman, said the board would consult with Town Counsel for an opinion on whether Graham Waste is akin to a disposal situation or a warehouse site where dumpsters, which are empty for the most part, are brought in.

McNabb pointed out construction and demolition debris can contain some hazardous material and empty dumpsters can contain residue.

Chittick said it is a matter of degree.

"I'm not worrying about a droplet of something violating the purpose of the district," he said. Chittick said he wasn't sure empty trucks outside in the rain, given the proposed drainage system, pass the threshold of endangering the water system.

John Cavanaro, Barry's engineer, said due to the grading of the site, it would be impossible to move the entire building outside the water resource district.

The hearing was continued until April 22.

Carl Sestito to lead DPW

By Evan Schiff
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Town Manager Mark Haddad announced the appointment of Carl Sestito as Superintendent of the Department of Public Works at the selectmen's meeting Tuesday.

Sestito will succeed Harold Litchfield who has served the town since 1960.

Sestito, 42, has been working with the DPW for 20 years and knows the town well.

"I'm excited about the appointment," Sestito said. "I've been around for some town and I have a good idea how the town works."

Sestito, who is the father of two, graduated from Cohasset High School in 1978 and lives in town. He has been Litchfield's right hand man for the past several years.

Haddad said he is thrilled about the appointment.

"I'm glad I didn't have to go a big search to find Harold's (Litchfield) replacement," he said. "We had the best candidate in house."

"I've been around for some town and I have a good idea how the town works."
— Carl Sestito

Haddad said that Sestito has been a hard worker for his entire career in town and has earned his respect and admiration. He said with appointing an in-house candidate, it should be a smooth transition for the DPW. Haddad added that Litchfield will be missed.

"He is the consummate professional and has made my job as Town Manager easier," he said.

Litchfield will officially retire as the DPW Superintendent on March 29 and Sestito will assume his responsibilities on April 1.

The DPW oversees the highways, the cemeteries and parks, the RTF and the maintenance of all town buildings. The DPW, with its three big and five small sanders and four plows, is responsible for plowing the 37 of accepted roads in Cohasset and 11 miles of private ways during inclement weather.

Haddad said he will be negotiating Sestito's contract in the coming days.

Bacterial disease claims life of a fun-loving teen

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with the family finding out who was there.

"There is no indication of anyone else that's ill," Godzik said.

Godzik said although highly communicable under the right circumstances, meningococcal illness is not common and it is rare to see more than a single episode. In most cases, the disease can be treated and is not fatal, he said. Some people carry the bacteria in their noses and throats and do not become ill.

At Jesse's wake Monday and funeral Tuesday where his sister and friends spoke, friends and family were remembering a kid who always had a kind word for others.

His friends said he always seemed happy. One girl said, "I'll always remember his smile." Another said, Jesse "never said anything negative about anybody."

Evan Schiff also contributed to this report.

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Jesse Sargent, far right, is surrounded by classmates at the Bridgewater Ice Arena for a CHS hockey game two weeks ago.

Building moratorium to wait

No longer on warrant

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Residents will have a chance to vote on a variety of articles at Town Meeting. From ball fields to sewer plans, the votes collected on March 30 will determine a number of issues. However, there is at least one exception. A proposed article on a building moratorium was taken off the proposed warrant late last month to the frustration of its chief proponent, the Open Space Committee.

"We're very disappointed," said Deborah Cook, chairman of the Open Space Committee. "We thought this was an article that the town could benefit from."

The proposed article – or item of business before Town Meeting — asked for a restriction on the number of building permits, including renovations that are more than 50 percent of the home's fair market value, to nine for an 18-month period beginning on April 1, 2002.

A building moratorium is sometimes considered when a town is developing a Master Plan, as Cohasset is. The proposed zoning change would not have affected the AvalonBay proposal for 250 units of affordable housing.

The article, originally put on the warrant by selectmen, was withdrawn by the board after it learned the Planning Board would not hold a public hearing on the issue, effectively tabling it.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said similar issues were raised before the last Town Meeting in November when zoning articles were presented to the board too late.

"We told the town that zoning articles need to be thoroughly examined before it hits Town Meeting floor," Moore said. "This came at us at the 11th hour and we just don't have enough time to dissect it."

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said he understood the intent of the article but felt there wasn't enough analysis put into it.

"With these kind of zoning bylaws the proponents really need to start early in order to examine the effects it could have," he said. "I think the moratorium is a little unreasonable."

Town Planner Liz Harrington said she was in favor of a building limitation bylaw that was pegged to an average growth rate. The average number of building permits issued in the last five years is in the high teens and Harrington said that limiting the number to nine over an 18-month period is too restrictive.

"If the intention is to guard against major fluctuations then I think it's responsible," she said. "But an average rate would work better and be less limiting."

Harrington added that a building moratorium is usually issued in cases where there is a declining amount of school space, or water resources, or other such resources.

"There needs to be a compelling reason to pass the bylaw," she said.

Cook said the Open Space Committee wanted this article passed because the committee wanted to take more time to look at the open space in town while the Master Plan was being developed.

"A lot of people are concerned about the masionization of the town and we wanted some time to look into preserving the land around town," she said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he was not in favor of the moratorium.

"If you start limiting the amount of growth a town can experience you limit the amount of money it can make from the tax levy," Haddad said.

Cook said she wasn't sure whether the Open Space Committee would bring the article back to special Town Meeting next November.

State antes up for roads and bridges

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund announced the Swift Administration is planning an early release of $53,393.76 in local aid for Cohasset to fund transportation projects in the town, part of a total $50 million release of additional Chapter 90 funds for FY02. The early release of the funding will allow communities wide latitude in planning upcoming road and bridge construction.

This allotment is in addition to the $52,763 from the FY02 budget, for a total of $106,156.76 for this fiscal year.

With the early release of additional monies, cities and towns will be allowed more time to budget local aid into their road and bridge spending plans and permit them more latitude to prioritize projects. The state typically releases local aid – or Chapter 90 funding – in the late spring, the time when communities are gearing up for the road and bridge construction season.

Chapter 90 funding is allocated to cities and towns based on a formula which factors in the number of miles of local roadway, population, and the employment rate in a given community. The funding is reimbursed to cities and towns on pre-approved transportation projects as construction unfolds.

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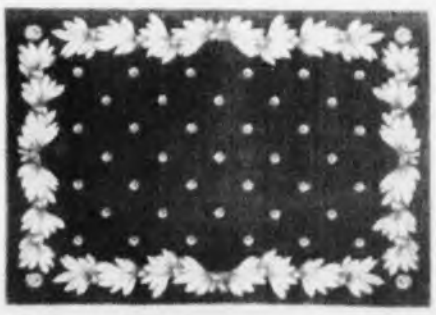
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Schools need to do more homework on state audit

By Evan Schiff
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The Cohasset School Department is taking a response it received from the Department of Education regarding its corrective action plan in stride.

When the school department was audited last year, it was required to submit an corrective action plan detailing what changes it was going to make in order to be in compliance with all of the DOE's regulations. Last week, the school department revealed the DOE's review of its plans.

"Some of them we were surprised about and others we weren't," said Curriculum Director Steve Kaplan.

The audit was conducted last year and concentrated on four areas: special education, civil right requirements, Title I and nutrition. The report evaluated different aspects of each program and categorized them into commendable, partially implemented, not implemented, and issues requiring a response. Of the more than 30 issues the schools needed to formulate a correction plan for, approximately 13 were deemed partially implemented, 16 were implemented and three were not implemented at all.

Supt. Edward Malvey and Kaplan have scheduled a meeting with the DOE next week to have the department clarify some of its decisions.

"This is all just procedural," Malvey said. "We don't have any disagreements with the department we just want to feel comfortable that we're on the right tract."

Malvey added he requested the meeting to ensure that the schools have more communication before resubmitting the corrective action plan. He said if the DOE asks the department to make further adjustments it would obviously comply.

In a letter to Malvey, the DOE outlined what the school department needed to do in order to be in compliance.

"Please provide the DOE with your written assurance that these requirements for correction will be implemented by your school district within the time frames specified," the letter states. The report asks the department to submit its response by July 15, 2002 and on other issues asks to be informed of the department's progress by Jan. 15, 2003.

Some of the issues that DOE deemed the department had taken care of include: providing copies of the student handbook to employees and the public, providing dates, agendas, attendance sheets and training materials regarding civil rights training, and providing a copy of the evaluation process, developed by the district diversity committee, for examining and rectifying policies and programs.

A few issues that are partially approved and need further examination include the department not addressing the development of a schedule of specific programs to be evaluated, the district did not address how it provides program accessibility to students with limited physical mobility at each school during construction, and the district's response did not include how counseling is provided to prospective students with disabilities.

After receiving the results of the audit it was up to the school department to create a Corrective Action Plan. The plan needed to include the department's strategy for correcting the programs the DOE said were either partially implemented or required a response.

Plaza, utility articles removed

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Two of the more controversial articles to be voted on at Town Meeting warrant were withdrawn from the warrant Tuesday.

Donald Staszko's citizens' petition, which would essentially allow him to expand the Super Stop & Shop plaza, was removed along with an article proposed by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, which asked residents to approve a surcharge of electric and cable bills to bury underground utilities.

Staszko has been seeking to expand Cohasset Plaza for a number of years, but according to Town Manager Haddad, felt he didn't have enough support this year to have the article pass.

Because the plaza lies in the watershed protection district – an exemption to the current bylaw – Staszko can't go before the Zoning Board for a special permit to extend the highway business use some 200 feet into the abutting residential zone. Under the existing bylaw, a use permitted on one portion may be extended by up to 200 feet into the other portion by special permit if both portions of the property were under common ownership before zoning district lines were adopted and are not in the watershed protection district.

Rizzo's, article asked residents to support a surcharge that would be placed on all cable and telephone bills. The money generated from this tax would be used to bury the utilities at a time when the village will already be undergoing construction due to the revitalization project.

"It's time sensitive and if it's not done when the (sidewalks) are torn up, it's unlikely the town will tear them up again," he said in a previous interview.

Rizzo, head of the CRC a private company working in conjunction with the village task force, ran into objections from both the selectmen and the Planning Board.

One of the biggest concerns was the cost, the project was estimated to cost an estimated $900,000. However, Rizzo said doing the project in conjunction with the excavation and construction work for the village project would save about $500,000.

Neither Staszko nor Rizzo could be reached for comment before the Mariner went to press.

Unique fence gets go-ahead

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An Atlantic Avenue homeowner can get a special permit to install a fence in the flood plain to delineate her property line.

The unique, 56-foot-long fabric fence will be anchored by varying strengths of twine to horizontal steel pipes and vertical steel posts in eight-foot sections. The fence is designed to partly breakaway under certain wind or water conditions. Thicker twine would be used at one end of each section that would keep the fabric attached to the steel pole preventing the material from flying completely off the posts.

The Zoning Board didn't agree with the neighbor's argument that the flagging effect of broken-away fabric onto his property was a problem. The board pointed out that fences are allowed along the perimeter of property throughout town and any type of fence could fall onto a neighbor's property in stormy conditions, to be removed as soon as possible.

The board also did not think the proposed fence would divert water and therefore did not pose a problem.

The homeowner, Janice Reiter, lives in the Gropius House at 357 Atlantic Ave. The late world-renowned architect Walter Gropius, who pioneered the "modern look," designed the house, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

But the lawn of the Gropius house looks like it belongs to the McNeary home next door, hence Reiter's interest in delineating her property line over objections from the McNearys at 355 Atlantic Ave. Both homeowners are relatively new to the neighborhood and bought their homes from previous long-time neighbors, who got along fine.

ZBA chairman Woody Chittick said he hoped the fence would "do what the engineers advertised it would." The board, which pointed out the decision can be appealed, approved granting a special permit with conditions that will include the most current design specifications showing the effect of wind and water velocity on the fence.

Chittick hoped the decision would be put any fence dispute to rest — but board member Barbara Power warned she thought the issue would end up in court.

"I'm not sure in this case, a fence made good neighbors," Chittick said, referring to the oft-quoted line in a poem by Robert Frost.

Use variance bylaw due for an encore

By Mary Ford
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Don't expect "use variances" to slip through this year's annual Town Meeting without a debate.

Last year, a citizens' petition prohibiting use variances for solid waste facilities was amended on the floor of Town Meeting. The amendment, banning all use variances, won the necessary two-thirds vote.

But later, some said the voters, who had already sat through eight hours of Town Meeting, didn't fully understand its implications and gave the OK because the Planning Board proposed the amendment.

An article on this year's warrant would reinstate the Zoning Board's ability to grant use variances under certain stringent conditions. A use variance would allow a use in a particular district that is otherwise prohibited. The exception would be a sanitary landfill use within the Water Resource District.

Although use variances are extremely rare, ZBA chairman Woody Chittick said it is something the zoning bylaw should have in its repertoire.

"The standards are so high that they are given out infrequently," Chittick said. "But there is always an exception to a rule and if someone is able to meet the very high standards then there are probably extraordinary circumstances."

Selectmen are also recommending the article.

But voters at the March30 Town Meeting can expect plenty of objections from the Planning Board, especially Bob Sturdy who proposed the amendment last year.

Sturdy at a recent Planning Board meeting said the zoning bylaw should provide a degree of protection from what happens next door.

"Having a use variance allows use zoning to be controlled by five people (on the ZBA)," he said.

Peter Pratt agreed saying use variances can be used improperly.

Relay For Life is May 17, 18

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for May 17 and 18 at Cohasset High School.

If you are interested in finding out more about Relay For Life, call 1-888-648-4880 and press 3, to be connected to the local office.

Baby-sitting offered at Town Meeting

Girl Scout Cadet Troop 4778 will be providing baby-sitting services for children whose parents wish to attend Town Meeting on March 30. There will be two rooms available at the high school and no more than 25 kids will be allowed in the rooms per hour. No more than five children who are under three-years-old will be allowed per hour. Parents are encouraged to supply snacks and toys and there will be a television and VCR available if parents wish to bring their child's favorite movie.

The baby-sitting will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis and residents are encouraged to contact Colleen Richardson at 781-383-0998 for reservations. The services will be provided from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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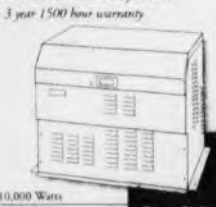

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Rocco Joseph Froio makes an entrance

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MOTHER NATURE

Hello Cohasset. All right Mother Nature, what is going on? Today is the second day of Spring and it is cold and raw and we saw some snow this week! This weather continues to amaze us all and obviously has a true mind of its own. Take it one day at a time as the saying goes and keep those hats and mittens around for a while longer.

OUR PRAYERS

We would like to send out our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of young **Jesse Sargent** who passed away last week. Jesse was known and loved by so many and his courage and strength that he displayed in his years here on earth were amazing.

AUDITIONS FINISHED

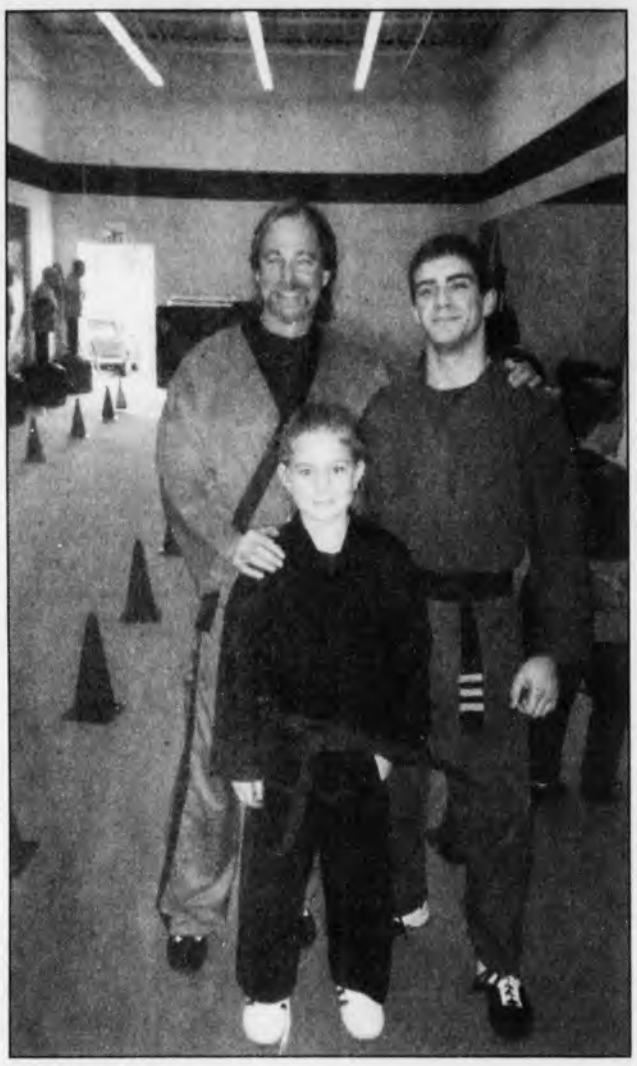
The Cohasset Dramatic Club would like to send out an apology and clarification. Auditions for Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "Oliver" have already taken place. Due to a wrong printing in several papers with the wrong dates, this has caused some confusion. The Cohasset Drama Club would like to thank everyone for the interest shown for this production.

NEW ARRIVAL

A new baby has come to town to join his mom and dad, **Jennifer Young** and **Mark Froio** and big sister, **Chloe Duff**, age 10 and big brother, **Samuel Duff**, age 7. **Rocco Joseph Froio** was born on Feb. 24, 2002 and weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz and was 20-1/2 ins. long. This baby is going to be surrounded by love and attention from his family and friends. Congratulations to everyone!

DEAN'S LIST

The University of Maine has named **Natalie Walker Cheel**, a psychology major to the Fall 2001 semester's dean's list. Great job, Natalie!



KARATE KID

Seven-year-old Kristin Alexander received her Brown Belt on March 9 at the Yuan Yen Do Karate Center in Cohasset. The Grand Master, at left, Michael H. Brown and Adam McKenna presented Kristin with her

10+1 REUNION!

The CHS Class of 1991 is holding a 10+1 year reunion on Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. It is being held at the Atlantica with a cost of $25 per person and a cash bar. Anyone who is interested should contact **Bart Weisenfluh** at bart@wpstewart.com. Hope to see you there!

POST PROM PARTY

Plans are already underway for the wonderful Post Prom Party 2002 and anyone is invited to help! This is the fifth year of continuing parent and community effort to provide our seniors and their guest with a fun, safe, alcohol and drug-free event. The theme of the evening is kept top-secret on prom night (May 31) and past years have had seniors "under the stars," at "Mardi Gras", on a "cruise ship," and "under the board walk."

There's dancing, prizes, plenty of food and all sorts of non-stop activities to help celebrate a memorable night. This event has been so successful that a 95-100 percent attendance rate is had each year! The Cohasset Police support the parents and community in their effort to keep our kids safe and happy. Why not help the tradition grow? The post prom party is truly a gift that the whole community gives our seniors. For more information on this rewarding and amazing evening, call **Jeanne Quigley** at 781-383-1573.

MEMORIAL FUND

Friends and colleagues of **Mary Babaian**, who succumbed to cancer last July — a year after she retired from the Cohasset school system, are establishing a memorial fund in her honor. Mary served as a guidance counselor, teacher and coach over the years.

For more information on the memorial call **Barbara Mahar** at 508-362-4492.

A decision regarding the actual memorial in Mary's memory will depend on the contributions.

Checks payable to the Mary A. Babaian Memorial Fund should be sent in care of Helen Sullivan, CSJ, 667 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135.

Members of the committee include, **Steve and Miriam Hart**, **Mary Abbruzzese**, **Mary DiPerna**, **Barbara Mahar**, **Marcia Salmon**, **Helen Sullivan**, **Kathy Therberge** and **Sharon Tufts.**

PARENTING COURSE

The Social Service League of Cohasset is offering a five-week course on Parenting for Prevention. This informative seminar is directed to parents but driven by the needs, aspirations and promise of our adolescents. The overriding goal of Parenting for Prevention is to ensure that our children have the very best of opportunities to grow into mature, independent, caring and drug-free adults. These sessions will be Monday 6:30-7:45 p.m. and will begin when enrollment reaches ten participants. Free.

If interested, call 781-383-0771.

That is all for this week. Please make sure to send me all your news, information and photos by noon on Mondays. Also, the Schools In page will be running in next weeks issue. Please make sure to have everything to me no later than Friday of this week. Make sure to check out the Cohasset PSO, Deer Hill Web site at www.cohassetpso.org and see what is going on. Don't forget to check the PSO classified section while you are there! EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com schoolsincohasset@yahoo.com PHONE: 781-383-0143 MAIL: 622 CJC Highway FAX: 781-923-1035

Caitlin DeAngelis and Christina Seccatore at a recent maple sugaring trip at Moose Hill in Sharon

Second graders go maple sugaring

By Alec Hurd

On March 5, my class and I went to Moose Hill. We got to see how they made maple syrup. First we talked about what we were going to see. Then we went on the trail and saw the spigot letting out sap into the bucket. We also saw what they use to get the sap out. My group went to the sugar house. There we saw how they boil the sap. It takes a lot of sap to make maple syrup. We got to try some real maple syrup. Boy was it good! We also got to pet the sheep that were at Moose Hill. My group saw the vessel that the Native Americans used to cook maple syrup. At the end of our tour, we got to have lunch on the bus.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $2,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application in person at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Saturday, March 30.

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

SSL scholarships

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be Cohasset High School seniors or Cohasset residents who intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields.

Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2002-'03 academic year. Applications are available at the league's office, 16 Highland Ave., Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or in the Cohasset High School Guidance office. Applications must be received by the league by April 12. For further information call the league office at 781-383-0771.

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Martial arts teacher opens new chapter

Writes book on Tai Chi

By Evan Schiff
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In a large studio basement, with spears and swords adorning the walls, John Loupos makes himself at home. His studio, Jade Forest, has been providing area residents with a chance to learn about Kung Fu, Tai Chi and internal arts since 1984.

The Hull resident and father of one just finished his first book, "Inside Tai Chi — Hints, Tips, Process and Training for Students and Teachers."

Tai Chi is a martial art/health care practice which involves slow, fluid movements of the body in conjunction with the development of the mind.

"Some practice Tai Chi for spiritual reasons, some for martial arts and others for stress relief," Loupos said.

He said the discipline of Tai Chi helped him in writing the book.

"The writing process itself was indeed reflective of my own Tai Chi," he said. "The difference is in writing I didn't have my audience standing right there before me so I needed to adjust my communication style."

Loupos was raised in Plymouth where he began his study of martial arts. He started Karate at the age of 13 and studied for seven years prior to his first exposure with Tai Chi.

"Tai Chi seemed like a natural path for me," he said. "Even as a young man I thought it was a great resource toward my own personal growth and self-actualization."

Now, he's trying to get as many people as possible involved in the discipline.

"Between the Kung Fu and Tai Chi programs I offer quite a range of different classes," he said. "I don't teach Tai Chi to children because it's too cerebral for most kids and usually by mid-adolescence most kids can handle the introspection of Tai Chi."

Nancy Hurrell, a student of Loupos' and resident of Braintree, said he is an excellent teacher. Hurrell moved to the South Shore from Texas were she participated in Tai Chi classes, but said studying under Loupos is different.

"When you go to a Tai Chi class it's going to be influenced by the personality of the instructor," she said. "John (Loupos) shows us how important each move in and is much more in depth and intricate than my previous experiences."

Hurrell, who attends one to two classes a week, said it's obvious that Loupos knows how to teach Tai Chi.

"We don't just learn moves," she said. "We learn concepts."

Loupos came to town when he was looking to expand his studio in Scituate. He came across the Cohasset location at 130 King St and felt it was a perfect fit. Loupos is now the owner of three Jade Forest studios, the others being in Rockland and South Dakota.

"I had a student who decided she needed to do something of more value in her life," Loupos said. "She had be taking lessons for a while and when she moved to South Dakota I encourage her to open a studio."

Loupos, who stands over six feet tall, said people don't realize how beneficial Tai Chi can be until they begin practicing. He said that for anyone who is interested in discovering human potential, Tai Chi can provide them with an outlet of exploring this interest.

"There's a magical quality about it," he said. "People are always really surprised at the vast range it offers."

Loupos contends that Tai Chi's benefits also extend into the physical realm. He added that the elderly can particularly benefit from practicing Tai Chi.

"The first thing Tai Chi does is to slow people down, enabling them to feel more in control of what really counts in life," he said. "Tai Chi not only improves balance to prevent falls, but it builds strong bones thus offsetting many of the effects of degenerative bone disease."

Loupos said the biggest challenges that people face who are beginning Tai Chi involves letting go of chronic stress. He added that it takes a great deal more work and change than most people envision.

"The superficial aspects of Tai Chi, the slow movements and the form, are fairly easy to accomplish," he said. "But to really get it right you have delve deeper and you will encounter increasingly demanding intricacies which require a body and mind less burdened by stress and tension."

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

John Loupos of Jade Forest on King Street has just published a book on Tai Chi, which is a martial art/health care practice that involves slow, fluid movements.

Tai Chi Day is April 6

By Evan Schiff
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Jade Forrest, 103 King St., will celebrate World Tai Chi Day with an open house on April 6.. The event will feature a demonstration of Tai Chi as well as a book signing by its owner and teacher, John Loupos.

Loupos is hosting the event in conjunction with the release of his first book, "Tai Chi — Hints, Tips, Process and Training for Students and Teachers."

"My book is one of the very few works to examine Tai Chi's application as a discipline in mindfulness and as a means to self-actualization," he said. "Even in the more technically oriented 'how to' sections of the book I go into some detail in explaining not only 'how,' but 'why.'"

In his book, he attempts to bridge some of the gap that has existed between a traditional Eastern discipline and conventional Western medicine and psychology. The book is aimed at three groups, the first is the existing Tai Chi community; the second is those who have not experienced Tai Chi; and the third is health-care service providers, who may be interested in less invasive healing practices.

"My hope is that this book will serve as some small catalyst in the Tai Chi growth experience for all those who read it, teachers and students alike," he said.

Residents are encouraged to celebrate World Tai Chi Day at the studio on April 6. The celebration will be from noon-1:30 p.m.

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Hingham militiaman musters for local history

Hope others will 'enlist'

By Mary Ford
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Most children love a parade. So when little Amy, 6-1/2, and Kyle, 3-1/2, see their father dressing up in colonial garb, the first question they ask is, "Are we going to a parade today, Daddy?"

The militia, which has annual dues of $25, will provide most of the garb and equipment.

For Rick Desmarais, who is a member of the Hingham Militia, stepping back some 275 years or so never gets routine. He remembers how he felt as a boy of 11, when his brother took him to Lexington Battle Green to see a reenactment of April 19, 1775 where 70 colonists faced British soldiers in the skirmish that started the War for Independence.

"It fascinated me," Desmarais recalled about the event that was part of the nation's bicentennial celebrations in 1976. He also went to the Bunker Hill Pavilion to see "Whites of Their Eyes," a documentary-style film recreating the Battle of Bunker Hill in which an officer told the colonial militiamen, "Do not fire until you see the whites of their eyes!"

"That bicentennial year got me interested in the Revolutionary War ear," he says.

Desmarais and other members of the Hingham Militia — a Hingham tradition since the town's tercentennial in 1975 — hope others with an interest in history will come forward to "join up." The group, which takes part in a range of parades and events throughout the year including Scituate's St. Patrick's Day Parade this past Sunday, Hingham's Fourth of July Parade and Lincoln Day observances, is actively recruiting new members.

Rick Desmarais explains some of the authentic-looking gear members of the Hingham Militia carry.

STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Rick Desmarais, a member of the Hingham Militia, is parade ready as he stands in his living room.

It wasn't until Desmarais, now 37, and his wife, Sue, moved to town in 1994 that he accidentally discovered the Hingham Militia. The Hingham resident was on a bike ride that April when he heard something, which warranted investigating and ended up rekindling his passion for colonial history.

"I heard a fife and drum," he recalled, so he biked over the check it out and found the Hingham Militia practicing for the upcoming Bunker Hill Day Parade at (militia captain) Brian McSweeney's house on Union Street.

Before Desmarais knew it, the militia helped outfit him in colonial gear. He marched in his first parade later that month. But it wasn't until the summer and the Fourth of July in which the militia leads the parade that finishes in Hingham Square to the cheers of thousands of local spectators that he was completely "hooked."

"That is the most fun event we do all year," he says.

Nowadays Desmarais — who in real life is a manufacturing manager with Mitek, a division of Johnson & Johnson — holds the position of sergeant of history for the militia, whose official name is 2nd Suffolk Regiment 1st Company of Foot.

Although it was the open space that drew he and his wife to town, Hingham's history has added tremendous appeal. Desmarais, who, in colonial dress, led tours of Hingham Square historic sites a few years ago during the summer, enjoys sharing stories about one of the town's early militiamen and best-known historic figure, Maj. Gen. Benjamin Lincoln. As Washington's second in Command, Lincoln accepted the sword of surrender from Corwallis' second in command at Yorktown in 1781.

Early colonial militiamen wore whatever they had, Desmarais explains. All males 18-60 were required to drill once a month on the town green. Later when the Continental Army was formed that the outfits became more uniform; the Hingham Militia of today resembles more of the 1776 era, he says.

The uniform includes a tri-corner hat, coat, vest, shirt, britches and leggings. Militia members carry a haversack and leather cartridge box to store 24 gunpowder cartridges. They fire their muskets during events and parades to the delight of most youngsters. But firing muskets can set off car alarms and make the pigeons that roost under a bridge near Boston's City Hall Plaza go crazy, Desmarais says with a smile.

The militia, which has annual dues of $25, will provide most of the garb and equipment but as time goes by most members pick up a lot of their own gear through catalogs and other sales. They also get together for "cartridge rolling parties" to fill and roll the pages of old English text from the Farmers' Almanac with gunpowder.

Members carpool to the away events (about 10-12 a year) in two-to-three vehicles, and meet at Station Street if they're going south and the Plymouth River School if they're headed north. The militia, which makes a donation to the Lincoln Day celebration and Fourth of July Parade, gets a fee for most parades that is added to the treasury and is used for musket parts and other expenses.

Prospective members have to be able to walk the parade distance, and have to be 16 or older to carry a musket. The militia, which is open to women, is looking for a drummer. Kids can carry the banner, Desmarais says. In fact, members' families often made a day of it by coming along to the parades and other events.

There are currently about 20 in the Hingham Militia — about 10 consistently show for any event. Members come from Hingham and other South Shore towns such as Marshfield, Quincy and Hanson.

Desmarais says, when he gets up early to dress in his militia uniform for a parade, the adrenaline starts to flow.

"It's fun," he says. "There's a lot of camaraderie in the group, and you really appreciate the historical perspective when you go to some of these events."

For information about joining the Hingham Militia, call Desmarais at 781-749-2463.or Charlie Poor at 781-749-5214, or email him at bostonprayer@yahoo.com.

The list of upcoming events are; the Boston Patriot's Day Parade on April 19; the Memorial Day Parade in Hingham on May 27; Flag Day in Quincy on June 14; the July 4th Parade in Hingham; and Veterans Day in Hingham on Nov. 11.

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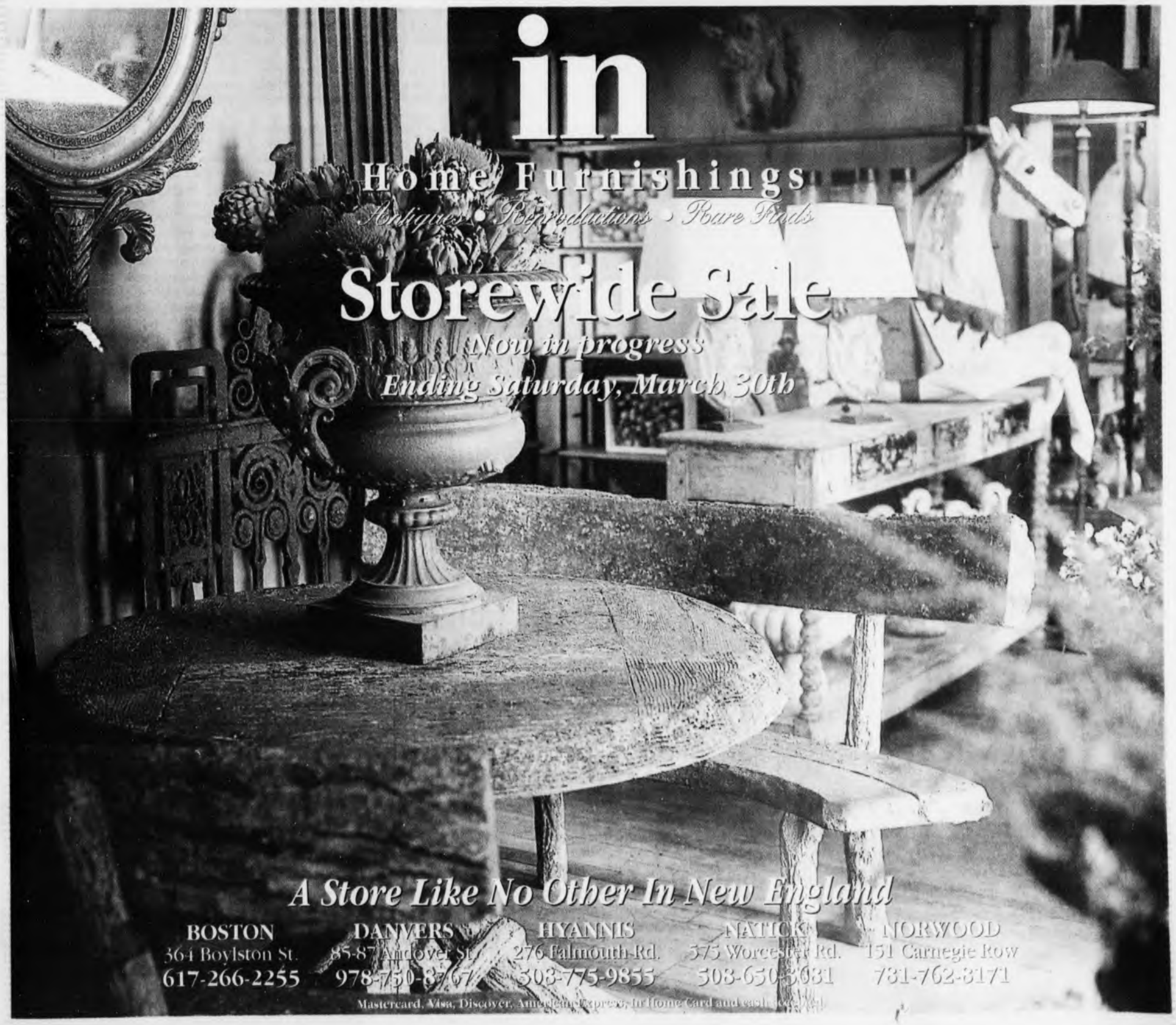

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Eternal spring

Yesterday was the first day of spring, a day to celebrate the end of the long winter that has kept us indoors and all bundled up in long coats and hats since November. For weeks now, almost imperceptibly, winter has been giving way to lengthening days and the bright sunshine that brings welcome warmth. Soon all those spring flowers and bulbs that we wait so long for will be bursting into bloom, bringing a smile to our faces. Easter is approaching.

As winter seasons go, we've gotten off easy here in New England. Towns have not had to battle the usual dreaded, budget busting Nor'easters and blizzards that bring several feet of snow from December to March. Cohasset has had only a couple of snow and ice storms this winter, and they were so minor they were hardly noticed.

How many times did you have to drag out the shovel this winter, if at all? Boots? Who needed them? In the blink of an eye, local ponds froze and unfroze. Temperatures dipped into the teens only a few times at night, and we don't think they ever plunged to near zero or even the single digits. What a boon for everyone's checkbook, not having to pay huge amounts of money for fuel bills. New England was spared the brutal winter storms that paralyzed parts of the Midwest. The Farmer's Almanac missed the mark, telling us to brace for a bad winter. They were wrong. People who love to ski are not happy about the winter of 2001-02 but we are not among them.

Of course we shouldn't forget that Mother Nature can still have one or two tricks up her sleeve, as she did a few years ago when much of the state was buried underneath a freak April Fool's blizzard. We are not out of the woods just yet.

Earlier this week, the morning after St. Patrick's Day in fact, a raw wind brought a nasty day of cold and slushy, wet snow. It came as a shock — a slap in the face — after last week's balmy, May-like temperatures. But even if we should get an unexpected reminder of winter's punch, the snow cannot last long and won't dampen our enthusiasm for getting the lawn and garden ready or breaking out the baseball glove that has been gathering dust in the closet. These are the days for flying a kite, playing hopscotch, marbles and jumping rope. We are sure that youngsters everywhere still enjoy these springtime pleasures.

Things could have been a lot worse this winter. Terrorism was on everyone's mind. The economy has had many people worried. The country is at war with shadowy forces — "evildoers." But as if to lift us out of the doldrums, we had the Patriots and the Super Bowl.

Things are looking up. The economy is on the mend and the Taliban is on the run, or so we are told. We have made it through some dark days, a darkness mostly of man's making. We have so much to be thankful for, which of course is what spring is all about.

Absentee ballots for town election

Absentee ballots for the annual town election April 6, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon Friday, April 5, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed and the signature of the applicant. A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by April 6 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check-in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your Town Clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the Town Clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Harbor Revitalization

TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND PLANNING BOARD:

My name is Bob Ernst and I live at 17 Border St. - a beautiful location overlooking a beautiful, simple and close to natural New England harbor.

There has been much talk and much speculation about a plan to "revitalize" the harbor. It is the intent of this letter to voice my concerns and vision for "our" harbor.

At our recent meeting of Friends of Cohasset Harbor, we determined there has been no established "town governmental process" to determine, first, "Are there any real needs for the harbor at all?" We discussed the questions, "What is wrong with the Harbor? Is it accessible? Is it kid safe? Is it viewable? Is it aesthetic? (Lighting, telephone poles, etc.)" And we came to the conclusion that nothing was wrong with the harbor. In fact, every resident I speak with likes it just the way it is. Yes, we could spruce up the sidewalks and maybe change the fighting to be less intrusive to abutters, but the harbor is beautiful. You can see it as you drive by. It is New England. It is our New England.

So my point is, "What is 'revitalization'?" If revitalization means making our harbor look like Rowes Wharf in Boston so more tourists can park there, go to Kimball's and Atlantica, we are not for it.

Most of the harbor revitalization presentations revitalize only the economic interests of the businesses on the harbor, while actually reducing the benefits to the local resident and tax payers, because local residents then have to compete for use with tourists - especially on summer weekends.

Revitalization, to my way of thinking, is to increase usage and accessibility to local residents who live and pay taxes here. Real harbor revitalization would provide greater accessibility and safety around the harbor for our kids to ride bikes, skateboards or roller blades there; safer for moms and dads pushing baby carriages or walking their dogs.

Revitalization is having a place that will allow any resident of this town to drive by and actually see the harbor vs. the cars parked there and to see the stars vs. halogen overhead lights..

So the rub as I see it is this - For whom really is the harbor being revitalized? Because as far as I can tell, if the town really wants to revitalize the harbor for the benefit of the residents, that can be best accomplished by restricting street parking to resident permit stickers and by reducing traffic. The businesses there have every right to exist and be profitable - I use them. But it should also be their responsibility to find them satisfactory parking options (e.g., behind CRC office).

My suggestion is that before we start reviewing "revitalization solutions" that are partisan, we should determine what the residents of Cohasset want - if anything.

Bob Ernst
17 Border St.

Mr. Ernst provided The Mariner with a copy of this letter.

Grateful for doers

TO THE EDITOR:

About all that Cohasset lacks to be perfect is a train connection to Boston! A train that would make it easy to get to work, or to the cultural and entertainment riches of the Hub, and spare us the auto commute and Boston parking.

Not only do we have an attractive Common, a beautiful harbor, pleasant residential areas, a unique shore drive, a fine library, a comfortably shabby village, well-maintained churches and elaborate school facilities, we have also a wealth of organizations to address our interests and needs.

Most important of all, we have the people who created and will continue to create these organizations. I thought of this at a recent meeting convened by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, attended by about a dozen representatives of various local non-profit organizations. I was impressed and grateful to be in the company of well-informed, fair and open-minded people, people with a history of service, people who hold positive views.

As I observed the well-mannered airing of different opinions, the obvious desire to result in a worthwhile and workable design and plan for implementation, the sharing of information and experience, and the wealth of the combined knowledge and common sense, I realized that these good people were just a sampling of the host of good citizens who have created the civilized ambiance the town enjoys. We should count our blessings and appreciate it more.

Too bad if I've embarrassed the attendees with extravagant praise (don't worry, guys, I won't hug anybody or send you gushy valentines)!

On the subject of fences: During the decades in which iron railings or fences were installed around King's Chapel, Old Granary Burying Ground, Louisburg Square and other historic places, Cohasset was rusticating with only a few farmers and fisherman. So perhaps iron is historically less apt than split log fences. Not being a museum devoted to memorializing any particular period, our choice should be a balance between economy and aesthetics, with due regard for modern regulatory requirements.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

What Little Harbor sewer means to us

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

According to those who follow the thinking of the DEP and its relations with Cohasset, the State and the Town have a much better relationship than a decade ago. This is probably because of installation of sewers, which has already been accomplished in town, adoption of a town-wide Wastewater Management plan, additional Board of Health regulations relating to nutrients in our water bodies, lawn-care initiatives, and a burgeoning public awareness of the importance of better managing our environment.

Accordingly, the State may be willing to relax its position relating to our alleged violation of the EPA's Clean Water Act. As a part of the town-wide Wastewater Management Plan, the Sewer Commission has adopted a Facility Plan Supplement which recommends installing sewers in the Little Harbor area. In my opinion, if a vote at the upcoming Town meeting passes the Sewer Commission's article, the Town's commitment would be confirmed to the State. This could, therefore, protect the Town from any recourse by the State to try to impose a mandatory on-site priority district program during any interim period.

If the Town does not pass the planned sewer expansion, it would be subject to a requirement by the state to demonstrate what we will do to release us from the attorney general's judgment. In all likelihood the Board of Health would have to establish some kind of priority wastewater treatment district within the Little Harbor watershed.

The most important thing is to try to demonstrate a commitment to sewer the Little Harbor watershed as a part of the town's overall plan.

The board has had preliminary discussions about such an action, and what it might involve, such as subsidies for septic system upgrades and immediate enforcement of existing actions against delinquents within the watershed as well as possible mandatory Title V inspections for selected sites. The most important thing is to try to demonstrate a commitment to sewer the Little Harbor watershed as a part of the town's overall plan.

There are other elements of the plan which deal with the rest of the town, either by separate neighborhood sewer treatment plants or as a part of the Town's on-site treatment options. It is important for the town to identify all of the sewer treatment plant's capacity, both current and future, so that it can become available to current residents.

There does not seem to be a consensus in town to make it easy for developers by providing them with available sewer capacity; particularly when on-site treatment is environmentally equivalent or even preferable to installing sewers since it acts to recharge groundwater.

A vote for the Sewer Commission's plan will ensure that the town has established an environmentally desirable course for the future when funding becomes available. We never know how the State will act, but such a vote should enable them to release the Town from the threat being held over our heads.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

School Committee candidate:
There's a move afoot to include MCAS results on student transcripts for college applications. Is the MCAS an accurate measurement of a student's ability, knowledge-level or both?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Jane Pescatore

The MCAS is as much an assessment of the school as it is of the individual taking the test. As such it has no place whatsoever on the transcripts of individual students.

The MCAS tests insure that schools are in compliance with the curriculum frameworks mandated by the state Department of Education. This test and the curriculum frameworks it's based on are unique to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. While the results might reflect some success in learning the specifics dictated by this state, it is irrelevant outside of Massachusetts.

From my perspective this test is in its infancy in terms of what it's purported to accomplish insofar as either the student or the schools are concerned. In many cases, particularly with regard to special needs students, it is tantamount to discrimination because it penalizes students who may learn differently or have difficulty taking tests as lengthy as the MCAS.

The state has much more work to do on this test before it becomes a viable reflection of a student's ability to learn or a school's ability to teach.

Selectman candidates:
How can the Town Manager's 12 percent raise be justified in these tough fiscal times?

SELECTMAN/Fred Koed

The proponents of the Cohasset Town Manager Act created one of the most powerful Town Manager positions in the state. With this power comes a great responsibility. While the Selectmen set the policy direction for the town, many administrative duties have shifted to the Town Manager. Serving as Town Manager is not an easy task, especially serving five Selectmen with various concerns.

Back in the early 1980s when I served as chairman of the Advisory Committee, Advisory was in charge of formulating the Operating Budget for annual Town Meeting. That responsibility has been shifted to the Town Manager.

Cohasset has seen many needed construction projects recently which all required the oversight of the Town Manager. While the School Committee has the purchasing responsibility in its realm, almost all other purchasing in the town of Cohasset has been centralized under the Town Manager's position.

The Selectmen have reviewed Mark's performance over the period of his last contract. With few exceptions, the Selectmen felt that Mark has done an outstanding job. For instance, while many communities in Massachusetts are struggling to maintain their bond ratings, Cohasset has just been upgraded again. This upgrade is due to the financial team that Mark Haddad has organized.

These are difficult times. The competitive realities are that good Town Managers are in even more demand in bad economic times. Haddad could in all probability do better than his $102,500 salary in another town. In fact, the town of Dedham was willing to pay up to a $115,000 salary for its next Town Manager.

Mark Haddad felt that he still wished to continue working for Cohasset. With Mark's knowledge of Cohasset's challenges, his educational credentials and experience, the Selectmen felt that it was in the best interest of all of the taxpayers in Cohasset to retain him.

SELECTMAN/Roger Q. Hill

There is no justification for the outrageous salary that the Selectmen have given the Town Manager.

Unless the Selectmen come to their senses, the Town Manager will have a salary of $102,000 on July 1 of this year. At $102,000, the Town Manager will not only enjoy a $12,000 pay increase over last fiscal year, he will have had his salary increased a whopping $40,000 in just five years, from $62,000 when he started with the town in 1997.

Do our Selectmen read the papers? Are they aware that Massachusetts is in a recession that forces the cutback of funds from the state to our town? What will the Selectmen tell us next year if the state still does not fund its share of our school buildings on time?

The Selectmen have really gotten themselves into a tight spot on this one. I have heard more negative feedback on this issue than on any other in the past...Is he really that good at his job? My taxes have never been higher, and are about to go up again. The School Department could have better used the $12,000 this year, and the $40,000 over the past five years. I would rather see new supplies for the schools, maybe a dozen or so new computers in our classrooms for each of the next three years.

Like many people in Cohasset, every time I think of what the Selectmen have done on this issue, I get more and more angry. There are so many better ways to spend $12,000 a year than on one employee, an employee who in my opinion is overpaid already. With all of the talk from Town Hall and from the State House about belt tightening, and with no effective increase for our schools, what are the Selectmen thinking?

SELECTMAN/ Ronnie McMorris

In these tough and uncertain fiscal times town spending should be strictly watched. Until the School Building Assistance problem is addressed and the town understands if a 10 percent cut in local aid will occur, all capital spending should be put on hold unless a severe need is demonstrated. Other budgetary items should also be kept in line. For this reason, the Town Manager's proposed salary increase next fiscal year was in the 5-1/2 percent range, and a contract was negotiated to that effect.

A few weeks ago, however, it was announced that Mark Haddad was a finalist for a position in another community. The Board of Selectmen were faced with a new decision — is it in the best interest of the Town of Cohasset to work to retain Mr. Haddad as our town manager. It is clear that the town is in the midst of three major projects and several smaller ones, that we will experience new leadership in the police, fire and public works departments, all coupled with much financial uncertainty at the state level. It is not the time to lose the person responsible for managing all of the above, especially a person with Mark Haddad's proven energy and financial strengths. The Board decided it was in the town's interest to maintain that stability of leadership, and to renegotiate the town manager's contract. From a strictly monetary perspective this was the least costly solution, and from an overall management perspective a wise decision.

During my years on the Board I have learned that the most important skill a Selectman can posses is the ability to put aside personal issues, to listen to all perspectives, and to always act in the best overall interest of the town. It is the only reasonable way to make those tough decisions.

Next week's questions:

Selectman candidates:
Do you think Cohasset Harbor is fine just the way it is?

School Committee candidate:
In the budgetary tug of war are "average" kids lost in the shuffle — losing out to special needs and programs for high achievers?

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

A vote for Raggedy Ann

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Two months of balloting are over. The last vote has been cast and counted. The results are scheduled to be announced next Wednesday. The question that is on everyone's lips is to be answered at last.

Will Raggedy Ann, the doll beloved of little girls for the past 87 years, finally be elected to her rightful place in the National Toy Hall of Fame in Salem, Ore.?

Yes, Virginia, there is a National Toy Hall of Fame, and it's populated by such latecomers as Barbie, Mr. Potato Head, and Slinky, none of whom have had the staying power of Ann and her brother, Andy.

The floppy little red-haired doll with the candy-striped legs and the heart engraved with the words "I love you" has been around since 1915, when she was created by John Gruelle to entertain his ailing daughter.

"You can hug her. You can drop her on the floor. You don't have to put her on the shelf and protect her clothes," says Joni Gruelle, John's granddaughter, in what can be interpreted as a dig at the fastidious Barbie.

"You can hug her. You can drop her on the floor."

Joni runs the Raggedy Ann Museum in Arcola, Ill., possibly the only museum in existence dedicated to the memory of a single doll. Let's see Barbie and her zillion changes of clothes top that one.

Many of the toys that have earned a place in the National Toy Hall of Fame — 80 or 90 nominees are considered by a panel every year — were created or developed by accident.

Like the time President Teddy Roosevelt went hunting in Mississippi and the organizers of the hunt decided to make it easy for him by tying a bear cub to a stake in the woods for him to shoot.

Teddy, being a true sportsman, refused to shoot the helpless bear, which inspired a newspaper cartoonist to record the incident for posterity, which in turn inspired Morris Mitchom, who ran a toy shop in Brooklyn.

Mitchom created a toy version of the bear and placed it in the window of his shop, labeled "Teddy's Bear." The rest, as they are wont to say, is history.

Engineer Richard James was sitting in his office in a Philadelphia shipyard one day in 1945 wondering what he was going to do now that the war was over when a spring fell off his shelf and "walked" over a pile of books.

James borrowed $500, produced 400 springs, and set up shop in Gimbel's department store. He sold all 400 in 90 minutes, and the ever-popular "Slinky" was born.

During World War II, General Electric chemists, seeking a synthetic substitute for rubber, combined boric acid with silicone oil, then discarded the result as having no practical use.

But advertising man Peter Hodgson saw possibilities in the substance's properties. He borrowed $147, bought out GE's supply, packaged it as plastic eggs, and sold 30 million in five years as "Silly Putty."

And then there was the Wham-o toy firm that adapted a three-foot bamboo ring used in Australian gym classes and sold them as "Hula Hoops;" and the businessman who took a Filipino weapon and sold it as a toy called a "Yo Yo."

All those toys are now in the National Toy Hall of Fame. Don't you think it's about time for Raggedy Ann to join them?

Greenbush project threatens turtles and other species

GREENBUSH VIEW

MARTHA A. R. BEWICK

Saturday (March 10) was a beautiful sunny warm spring day, and a perfect day to come out of winter hibernation. That was the day wetlands ecologist Dr. Brian Windmiller came down from Concord to talk to a team of Greenbush corridor residents about the importance of vernal pool habitats, and the endangered turtles and species that inhabit them. As the days warm, the spotted turtle emerges from the small vernal pools seeking the sun. A little later in the spring, box turtles make their way through the woods, stopping at vernal pools. These are among Massachusetts "species of special concern," which are officially recorded by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

With patience, and luck, and perhaps a pair of binoculars, you can see the spotted turtles, with their shiny black shell and yellow polka dots, basking in the sun on raised hummocks in the vernal pools. They get their food from vernal pools too — including salamander and frog eggs, and invertebrate species.

The group included students from Hingham Middle School, and residents of Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Quincy.

The turtle team came to learn how to identify these turtles, and the rarer box turtles, and how and when to find them. The team learned how to fill in reporting forms, and how to file them with the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Program. The group included students from Hingham Middle School, and residents of Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Quincy.

After discussion, Dr. Windmiller took the turtle team out to three vernal pool sites in Hingham, adjacent to the rail right of way, off of Kilby and Weir Streets. One of the students quickly spotted a wood frog in the leaves on the rail right of way, which was examined. The wood frog is an "obligate species" of vernal pools. That means that they are indicators of the existence of vernal pools, and need vernal pools for laying their eggs.

Windmiller scooped some leaves from the bottom of the pool with his net, and found a Mystic Valley Amphipod, a tiny invertebrate which is an endangered species, and provides turtle food. The team passed it around in a battered plastic cup before it was returned to the pool. Windmiller recommended that turtle spotters wear waterproof boots, and carry binoculars, and a camera, for turtle recording. He urged honesty in reporting, so that records will be true. After the field work, turtle team participants were sent off with observation and recording forms, illustrations of turtle species, and a good day's worth of information.

Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA) hired Windmiller last year to identify endangered wetlands species and vernal pools adjacent to the Greenbush tracks. This was done to ensure that a proper identification of environmental impacts has been made by the MBTA, and that proper protections are in place for endangered species, should the Greenbush project move forward.

AfTA's concerns about proper identification and protection of rare species, and their habitats, arose in the absence of appropriate MBTA studies of wetlands, vernal pools and endangered species.

The MBTA's Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) says that "the wildlife species inhabiting the Greenbush line corridor aren't expected to be negatively affected." No negative wildlife impacts are listed on the comparative transportation matrix. Yet the T acknowledges in the same document and on the same page that the track right of way is a "viable habitat", that the right of way is a "travel corridor between ecosystems", and that there will be the "loss of terrestrial habitat in the right of way" and "displacement of fauna." (FEIR V-153).

The MBTA, even after 15 years of studies and $13 million in Greenbush planning, never undertook an independent study of the rare species habitats which are vernal pools. This documentation was missing in the FEIR. The Environmental Impact Report recorded only those certified pools on record with the state. (The T has recently hired a wetlands ecologist from UMass/Amherst to begin to undertake vernal pool studies.)

Dr. Windmiller, in several days last summer and fall, identified some additional 17 vernal pools over and above the state documented records, many of which have since been certified by the Commonwealth. He now estimates that there are some 30 vernal pools immediately adjacent to the track bed in Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate which provide, with the surrounding shade trees, and travel corridors between ecosystems, the habitat for these rare species. AfTA believes that there will be an " appreciable loss of habitat of endangered or threatened species." The organization also believes that the T can avoid adverse impacts by constructing and expanding upon existing transit alternatives instead of building the destructive, invasive and expensive rail project.

Wetlands ecologist Dr. Brian Windmiller of Concord, standing in a vernal pool adjacent to the train track in Hingham, describes the Mystic Valley Amphipod to the Greenbush "Turtle Team" that includes residents from Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Quincy.

Dr. Windmiller exchanged greetings and information with John Richardson, Hingham's wetlands specialist and historian, who has observed and recorded these rare species over many years, before he headed back to Concord.

At the end of the day, John Bewick, President of AfTA, announced that students identifying and recording spotted or box turtles would receive a certificate for Scoops ice cream. If you or your class would like to join the turtle team, call AfTA for more information at 781-740-1613.

*Martha A. R. Bewick is a member of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives, and likes turtles. Martha A. R. Bewick * IMTA/TCHI * ferryboats@compuserve.com * T/F 781-749-0078 **

Just what were they thinking?

MUSIC BEAT

LANCE NORRIS

The Talking Heads got into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame last night, but not Kiss. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers were also honored last night, but not Rush. The Ramones got in, but not The Clash. What is going on here?

Why are Chuck Berry, James Brown and Alan Freed in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but not Lee Dorsey?

Should Hank Williams, Louis Jordan and Ricky Nelson be in, but not Trini Lopez?

Little Richard is in, but not Little Eva.

Local boys Aerosmith got in last year. Why not Boston, or J. Geils, or The Cars? Do I dare mention The Modern Lovers?

John and Paul get in as solo artist, but not George and Ringo? 2/3. Well, George any way.

An international voting body of about 1,000 ŒRock experts select each years inductees. Artist are eligible for induction 25 years after the release of their first record, and criteria such as influence and significance of contribution are taken into consideration.

So why aren't Jim Croce, Harry Chapin or Jackson Browne in the hall? Maybe they figure putting James Taylor in as part of the Class of 2000 covered them on the sensitive folkies for a while.

The most criminal oversight? Bob Seger. He started putting out albums in 1966. He0s had 17 songs in the Top 40 and eight Platinum Albums. He produced Glenn Frey0s first single but most important of all, when he finally relented and let Chevy us his song "Like A Rock" in their commercials he opened the flood gates for the marriage of rock and Madison Ave.

16 years later it's hard to imagine watching TV without the songs of our youth not being used to shill the cars we0d drive if we didn't have to have a mini van for the kids.. Aerosmith's "Just Push Play" never would have been a hit without those Dodge ads being run every five minutes. Even Led Zeppelin finally cracked and let Cadillac use one of their songs this year.

The rolls of any Hall of Fame, like most any other list, are just shorthand for thinking, but what were they thinking when they put The Jackson Five in, but not The MC5. Oh, that's right: the MC5 are music for the people who make the cars, not the people who sell them.

The bottom line is this: Bonnie Raitt is in the hall of fame but Ratt never will be 2/3. But maybe that's a good thing

Lance Norris of Cohasset can be heard daily on WZLX 100.7.

CANDIDATES CORNER

McMorris to run for reelection

Roseanne "Ronnie" McMorris

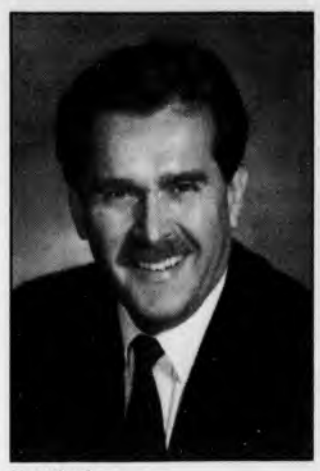
Selectman Roseanne "Ronnie" McMorris announces her candidacy for reelection to the Cohasset Board of Selectmen.

As a Selectman, McMorris has been instrumental in moving forward a number of initiatives including the Community Preservation Act, school renovation projects, the addition of a paramedic program to ambulance service and the master plan task force. She cites her dedication to issues affecting the environment and seniors and her service on the Conservation Commission, Council on Elder Affairs, Senior Housing Committee, Open Space Committee and the Growth and Development Committee.

"Over the past six years, I've appreciated the opportunity to serve our community as a Selectman," noted McMorris. "We've tackled many tough issues including much needed capital improvements to Cohasset's schools and infrastructure yet maintained the sound fiscal policies that resulted in the upgrading of the town's bond rating. I believe the next three years will bring an equal number of challenges to be addressed including development of senior housing, the finalization of a comprehensive master plan, revitalization of the village area and the planned restoration of Greenbush. We must approach each of these issues with a continued commitment to sound financial planning, efficient town management and conscientious stewardship of our natural environment. Equally important is that Cohasset maintain its diversity and outstanding quality of life, including the excellence of our schools."

"In seeking reelection I hope to follow through on my commitment to these important issues," McMorris said. A certified mediator and attorney, Ronnie is married to David McMorris, is the mother of Karen 19, a freshman at Emory University, Leah and Sarah, 16, sophomores at Cohasset High, and Rachel, 11, a fifth-grader at Deer Hill School. The McMorris family are 16-year residents of Doane Street.

Koed seeks second term


Fred Koed

Frederick R. Koed of 92 Pleasant St., Cohasset has announced his candidacy for reelection to a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Koed is 50 years old, married to Lisa R. (Herstad) Koed and is the father of two daughters, Ashley, age 19, and Mariel, age 15. Koed has lived in Cohasset for 41 years, is a graduate of Cohasset High School (1969) and holds a Master of Science degree in public affairs from the McCormack Institute at the University of Massachusetts in Boston (1999).

Over the past 20 years he has served as chairman of the Cohasset Advisory Committee, a commissioner on the Cohasset Housing Authority and on the tenant selection committee for the Habitat for Humanity. In 1995 he was elected to the Cohasset Water Commission, where he served as chairman for almost three years through the difficult water emergency and construction phase. "By the end of my three-year term on the Water Commission, we had stabilized water rates, implemented many emergency improvements, developed a plan for future improvements and replaced old and malfunctioning water meters throughout the system. The Forest Avenue water main improved water pressure system-wide and fire protection along the length of Forest Avenue," he said.

In 1999 he was elected Selectman and currently serves as chairman. "As one of the Selectmen who served on the MBTA Greenbush Mitigation Committee, I feel an obligation to continue to represent the town of Cohasset and the interests of its citizens through the next phase of this project," he said.

Koed works for the Executive Office for Health and Human Services, ORI as a computer network administrator.

"I would like the opportunity to continue to serve the town of Cohasset in this important position. I can offer my experience working on and with many town boards in Cohasset. I believe I have the experience the town needs at this difficult time. I believe that after you have reviewed the credentials of all of the candidates for Selectmen, your choice will be clear. I ask for one of your two votes on Saturday, April 6, 2002."

PICTURE THIS WITH THE CANDIDATES

Fred Koed

Favorite book: "The Power Broker," by Robert Caro
Favorite movie: "The Postman"
Favorite TV show: "Columbo"
Favorite music group: The Beatles
Fondest memory as a child: When I first moved to Cohasset my family and I drove cross country for five weeks.
Proudest accomplishment: Serving on the Water Commission for three years.
Jeans and a T-shirt or shirt and tie: Jeans and a T-shirt.
Favorite place in town: The library.
Best vacation: When my family and I went to Mt. Desert Island in Maine.
Person you'd most like to meet: John Nash
One word to describe Cohasset: Beautiful.
One goal: To continue to educate myself.
Dumbest thing you've ever done: My entire teenage years.

Roger Q. Hill

Favorite book: "Moby Dick" by Herman Melville
Favorite movie: "Caddyshack"
Favorite TV show: Anything on A & E
Favorite music group: Chicago
Fondest memory as a child: Moving into 40 Atlantic Ave.
Proudest accomplishment: Graduating from Wentworth Institute of Technology
Jeans and a T-shirt or shirt and tie: Jeans and a T-shirt.
Favorite place in town: The harbor
Best vacation: Driving cross country by myself in the summer of 1991
Person you'd most like to meet: Bill Gates
One word to describe Cohasset: Breathtaking
One goal: To make sure my son has a good life.
Dumbest thing you've ever done: I don't know

Ronnie McMorris

Favorite book: "Wait Until Next Year" by Doris Kearns Goodwin
Favorite movie: "My Cousin Vinny"
Favorite TV show: Anything on the Home and Garden network
Favorite music group: Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers
Fondest memory as a child: Living in my grandmother's house in Brooklyn and having the entire family get together.
Proudest accomplishment: While at the State University of New York at Brockport, I ran with a group of students for office and was the first women elected as student body president.
Jeans and a T-shirt or shirt and tie: Jeans and a T-shirt
Favorite place in town: Anywhere in Beechwood especially Wompatuck and the Reservoir
Best vacation: Going to Italy with my four kids last April
Person you'd most like to meet: Jimmy Carter
One word to describe Cohasset: Caring
One goal: I'd like to use my skills to make a difference and make people's lives better
Dumbest thing you've ever done: Driving with my friends when they were under the influence. (I regret this decision and want to make sure that Cohasset children don't get in the car with a person who has been drinking).

Election supper set for March 21

The Beechwood Congregational Church carries on it spring-time tradition with its annual Election Supper. Candidates and voters are invited to get together for dinner on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. for stuffed chicken, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, mashed potatoes, cake and ice cream as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-338-1298.

Cantwell announces run for Dem. post

Former Marshfield Selectman Jim Cantwell is a candidate for re-election to the Democratic State Committee. The Democratic State Committee is a ruling body for the State Party that performs a variety of tasks, including the following: assisting Democratic candidates for State and Federal Office, drafting the Democratic Party Charter, voting for State Party nominees for constitutional offices, and choosing electors who vote in the Presidential Electoral College.

If elected Cantwell will join, among others, State Chairman Phil Johnston, a Marshfield resident and former State Representative, on the State Committee. Elections are held by regional caucus in the months of March and April, with new members taking office on April 10, 2002.

Cantwell, the 2000 Democratic Nominee for State Senator is preparing for another run for State Senate, with an official announcement of his candidacy planned for May of 2002.

The Jim Cantwell Committee is sponsoring a cocktail reception in support of Cantwell's campaign on Wednesday, March 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lobster Tale Restaurant in Brant Rock. For more information please call Maureen Meech at 781-837-5115 or Linda Broadford at (781) 331-1381.

Hedlund to kickoff re-election campaign

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, who represents the Plymouth-Norfolk district will kickoff his 2002 campaign for re-election with a party on Friday, March 22, at the Sons of Italy Hall in East Weymouth. The hall is located at 54 Whitman St. off Broad Street.

Hedlund invites all his supporters and friends to join him for an enthusiastic night of entertainment and special guests.

Entertaining the crowd at the March 22 kickoff, will be the Boston-based band, The RePsychlers.

Scheduled to join Hedlund at the kickoff are Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz and Lt. Gov. Candidate, Patrick Guerriero, as well as other local and statewide candidates.

Any questions, call Ted Langill at 781-340-9866 or 781-949-0921.

Connolly to run for county treasurer

Joseph A. Connolly of Weymouth has announced his candidacy for Norfolk County Treasurer. Tim Cahill, the current county treasurer, is vacating the office to run for State Treasurer.

"The residents of Norfolk County deserve to have a treasurer that will proactively manage and safeguard the county's finances and its pension fund, particularly in light of the tight economic times we are facing," Connolly said.

Having worked for large and small businesses, state government and as a small business owner, Connolly believes that his diverse work experience and educational background provide him with a unique perspective on how to get things done, Connolly previously served as a legislative aide in the late Congressman Joseph Moakley's office, owned his own small business for several years and currently serves on the Weymouth Town Council as a Councilor-At-Large.

A resident of Weymouth for 11 years, Connolly is active in community service. He is currently a member of the Weymouth Lions Club, the Weymouth Elks, the Pond Plain Improvement Association and the High School Building Committee. As a Councilor-At-Large, Connolly serves as chairman of the Weymouth Town Council's Education Committee and the Committee on Public Works.

Connolly received a masters degree in public affairs from the McCormack Institute at the University of Massachusetts/Boston and a bachelors degree from Boston State College.

Connolly and his wife Elaine have two daughters, Taylor and Brigid.

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Arts, crafts

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting telephone registrations for grades K-3 arts and crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and crafts for grades K-3 runs on Mondays from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Osgood School.

Programs are five-weeks' duration, costing $42 per child. For information, details and registration, call the recreation office at 781-383-4109.

Easter egg hunt

The Cohasset Recreation Commission will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at 12 noon sharp, at the Deer Hill School back field. Children ages 3-11, with their parents or an adult, are invited to hunt for eggs and to greet the Easter Bunny as he arrives via a Cohasset fire truck.

Rain date is March 30 — same time, same place.

Garden club meets

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 26 at the Second Congregational Church for its monthly meeting. Warren Leach, part owner of tranquil Lake Nursery in Rehoboth, Mass. will present "Classic Design For Contemporary Gardens." This slide lecture will explore classic design principles for creating exiting and dynamic spaces for large and small gardens.

Warren designs and installs gardens of all sizes-ranging from site planning for new house construction to renovating older landscapes and planting colorful mixed borders of perennials, grasses and shrubs.

Concert to benefit church addition

On Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m., a program of vocal and piano music will be given by mezzo-soprano, Evelyn Czaja and concert pianist, Dr. Rita Simo. The location is the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Road.

The concert is part of the continuing fundraising events for the building of the new community center of the church, where Ms. Czaja is the choir director/organist. Dr. Simo is the founder and director of the People's Music School in Chicago, Ill. where free music lessons are offered to anyone who wishes to study.

The vocal part of the program includes early Italian songs, arias from the Italian operatic repertoire, songs by Schubert, Dvorak and Charles. The piano program consists of works by Mozart, Beethoven, Ginastera and American composers.

A reception will follow. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors, and $15 for children between the ages of eight and 12. Tickets can be purchased at the church after any Sunday liturgy, or by calling 781-383-6380, or at the door. All proceeds go directly to the building fund.

For more information, call 781-383-6380 or 781-340-5729.

Newcomers' Club Spring Activities

Mom and Tot Egg Hunt: Hop on over to the home of Liz Moskowitz on Wednesday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to noon. All playgroup participants are invited to join in an egg hunt. Simply drop off six filled plastic eggs with candy or treats before the 27th. (Please no peanut butter.) Refreshments will be provided. RSVP.781-544-3581.

Ladies Night Out: March 27, 7 p.m. at the home of Heidi Blanchard. theme: "Cooking with Emily Malone" RSVP: 781-545-8066.

Lightkeeper's Ball: This is an annual formal Spring event to be held on June 1, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant, Cohasset. Watch for more information.

Noonan party

A retirement party for Chief Brian W. Noonan is April 11, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant.

Join Chief Noonan, his family, and friends, to celebrate his 28 years of public service.

Tickets available at Cohasset Police Headquarters, Town Hall, or by contacting the Cohasset Police Association at 781-383-1055. Tickets are $25 per person to include hors d'oeuvres, buffet, and DJ. Make checks payable to the Cohasset Police Association.

Summer playground program signups

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces that Martha Equi will again by the director of the Summer Playground Program for children 3-1/2-to-12-years of age. Registration will be held the week of June 10. Details coming soon.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2002 Playground Program which will remain the same as for the 2001 program: 5-12-year-olds, $175 for first child ($300 for non-residents); for 3-5-year-olds, $150 for first child; discounts for the second child and subsequent children are $20.

A $50 activity fee is charged for the first child; $45, second child; and $40, third child and subsequent children; this fee is mandatory. It is a non-refundable activity fee separate from the program fee to be paid at registration. It covers special in-house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers' T-shirts, etc. A separate check will be necessary.

- Limited enrollment has been set for each program.
- Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis and there are no discounts for multiple children.
- All children must be toilet trained.

The full-day program for the 5-12-year-old age group is a follows: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 5-7-year-old and 8-12-year-old programs will be held at the Osgood School.

The half-day program for the 3-1/2-to-5-year-old age group is Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To gauge if your child qualifies, he/she must have been born between January 1, 1997 and March 1, 1999.

Gallery artists asked to submit portfolios

Artists interested in becoming gallery artists at the South Shore Art Center are invited to submit for jury selection a portfolio of original work. Portfolios may be dropped off at the Art Center on Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, April 7, from 12- 4 p.m. or Monday, April 8 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Gallery Artists enjoy a special category of membership that benefits exhibiting artists by offering them exposure, referrals and sales. A Gallery Artist member must be a professional, consistently working in his or her field, with a body of work large enough to meet a frequent showing schedule. Gallery Artist exhibitions are open to all genres and media. Membership as a Gallery Artist affords an artist the opportunity to exhibit in group shows in the Center's Dillon Gallery, or in solo shows at satellite locations. Satellite locations include the Landmark Building in Boston, the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham, and the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset.

The South Shore Art Center is a regional center for the arts with two galleries offering changing exhibitions of contemporary work by regional and national artists and a year-round schedule of courses and workshops in the visual arts For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Paragon Carousel opens March 30

The Paragon Carousel will open for the season beginning Easter weekend..

It will be open on Saturday, March 30, from 11am to dusk and on Easter Sunday, March 31, from 11 am to 3 p.m. On opening day, the Easter Bunny will greet guests.

Thereafter, the Carousel will open weekends only, weather permitting until Memorial Day weekend; on Fridays 3p.m. to dusk and on Saturdays and Sundays 11am to dusk.

Don't forget to make your plans early for up-coming birthday parties. If you have any questions, please call 781-925-0472.

Conservatory benefit is a real kid-pleaser

South Shore Conservatory features popular songwriter/guitarist Rick Goldin at Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall on Sunday, April 7. Goldin, whose program promises to thrill and captivate children ages one through eight, presents two shows; the first at 1 p.m. and another at 3 p.m.

Children respond to his live performances by, at Goldin's encouragement, singing, dancing and jumping along with him and his many singing animal puppets with names such as Henry the Horse and Quackleberry Duck.

Percussionist Ed Sorrentino, a favorite of South Shore Conservatory preschoolers, opens the show with a special percussion presentation.

This enjoyable fund-raising event is being organized by volunteers from South Shore Conservatory's Preschool program. All proceeds benefit the preschool.

Sanborn Auditorium is located at 210 Central St., Hingham.

Tickets cost $5 and may be purchased ahead of time at South Shore Conservatory, Buttonwood Books and Toys and Noble's Camera Shop, all in Hingham. For more information, call 781-749-7565, ext. 23.

Poster contest

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners is sponsoring a statewide poster contest called, "Read Into It." The contest is open to students in grades 7 to 12. The theme is, "What your library means to you." Come and get your contest rules at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. All posters need to be submitted to Mrs. Moody by March 22. The grand prize statewide winner will have their poster turned into a 12 inch x 25 inch billboard and will receive additional prizes at the awards ceremony.

Women's health breakfast Sunday

South Coastal Hadassah and Congregation Sha'aray Shalom invite you to the Second Women's Health Breakfast on Sunday, March 24 from 9-11 a.m. at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham. The speaker will be Dr Martin Crane who will discuss alternatives to hormone replacement therapy. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. The cost of the breakfast will be $5.

To reserve a seat, call Amy at (781) 740-1345 by March 20.

South Coastal Hadassah is raising funds toward the purchase of a neonatal incubator for Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. Donations will be accepted to support this cause.

Kite day at country club

The South Shore Country Club is hosting Kite Day on Saturday, March 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date, Sunday, March 24). The kite judging contest will be held between 12-1 p.m. Bring the whole family for a day of fun, including clowns and face painting by Goldie the Clown, complimentary hot dogs, soda and chips, and kite-flying demonstrations by Kites of Boston. Free admission.

This event is sponsored by the Town of Hingham, Country Club Management Committee.

Firehouse night is April 5

Bare Cove Fire Museum announces Firehouse Night 2002 on Friday evening, April 5. Doors open at 6 p.m. and showtime is at 7 p.m. The museum is located at 19 Fort Hill St., Building 112, Hingham.

This Bob Stella Production will feature Jim Flaherty, Retired, of the Norwood Fire Department and Jim Daly, Fire Alarm Operator, from the Saugus Fire Department. They will present a fire video of FDNY (Fire Department New York) and a slide presentation of the North Shore and Boston Fires and Conflagrations. There will be a sandwich buffet, desserts, soft drinks and coffee and spectacular prize raffles. A donation of $15 is requested.

Tickets will not be sold at the door and reservations are required. Please call 781-749-0028.

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LifeFitness CT5500 was $3499 now $2999

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Parabody 220 was $1199 now $1049
Parabody 777 was $1799 now $1499
Parabody 425 was $2399 now $1999
Vectra C1 was $2599 now $2299

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Cohasset Maritime Institute hosts fun(d)raiser

Trish Hart and Mark Wilcox take a moment away from bidding on the silent auction to share a smile for the camera.

Jamie Conway, center, shares a laugh with Susan Wilcox, left, and Lynn Conway, right. Proceeds from the event benefit the Cohasset Maritime Institute anchored at the boathouse on the Hagerty property.

Lisa and Michael Dick, who helped organize the event, greet guests at the doorway. The event was held at the Lightkeepers Residence last Friday.

Andrea Santoro and Steve Daly are two of the many who thoroughly enjoyed the special evening that included the musical talent of Matt Brown.

The culinary talents of chefs Brendan Nolan and Ann Marie Lagrotteria delighted the guests. Community merchants generously donated items for the silent auction that evening.

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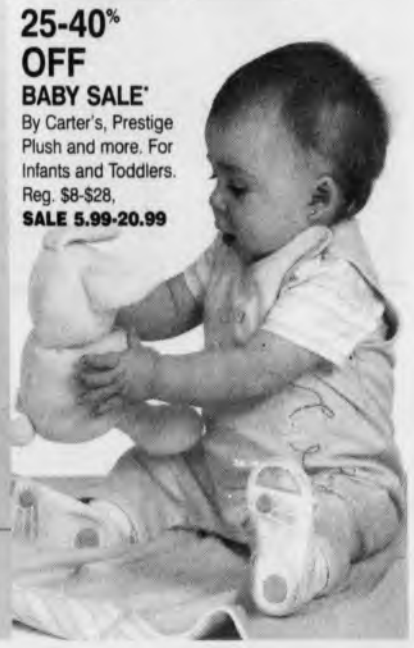

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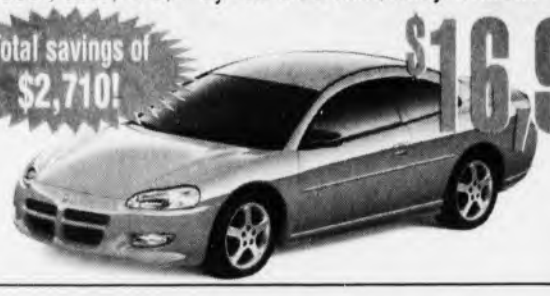

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Stars of the Week

Terry Baroudi, Dan Littauer and Chris McKenna

These three Cohasset High wrestlers were named deservedly this week to our Mariner All-Scholastic Wrestling team.

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Straughn keeps going strong

Two-sport star weighs baseball, hockey collegiate options

By Mike Spellman
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Poor Tim Straughn.

It wasn't enough that the Cohasset High senior has had to talk to college baseball coaches. Now, on the heels of a phenomenal senior hockey campaign, it seems there is a high likelihood that hockey coaches may now be knocking on Straughn's door. And, as if that's not enough for the young man to have on his plate, there are a few more doors that will likely be opened by his recent admission to the National Honor Society.

"I've been talking to a few baseball coaches, hoping I might get some (financial) help there," said Straughn. "But people have been saying to me now that maybe I should look to talk to a few hockey coaches too. I'm thinking about it."

Oh, when will the persecution of this young man end?

OK, we jest...obviously. What high school senior doesn't dream of having the quality array of options that now face young Mr. Straughn?

Baseball has long been Tim's favorite sport. He has played it year round the last few years, something that showed last spring — when he led the Cohasset High team in hitting (.426 batting average), runs batted in and pitching (2.56 ERA, 27 strikeouts in 28 innings) — as well as in the summer when he earned a starting job with the Cohasset-Scituate Legion team. What makes him most attractive to college recruiters, though, is his desire to don the "tools of ignorance" and play catcher, the toughest position to fill at every level of baseball.

"I love playing catcher," he said, indicating that the dust, extra equipment, risk of injuries and having to squat a couple of hundred times on any given afternoon were far from a detriment. "You're really in to the game with every pitcher when you're a catcher. I like staying involved."

Tim has already been accepted at UMass-Amherst, where his older sister, Kelly, is currently a sophomore. He's also spoken with this school's baseball coach a few times.

Tim is still waiting to hear back on applications he sent to Holy Cross, St. Anselm, Merrimack and Northeastern. He figures he's still got a few months before he has to decide, and hopes to take advantage of

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PHOTO: ROBIN CHAN

Constant hard charging the net, as exhibited here by Cohasset captain Chris Caron, was just one of enticing and exciting qualities of this year's Skippers squad.

A look back on dream season

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset hockey team's dream season may have been cut short in the playoffs, but it still could not have been a better send-off for longtime (and now retired) coach Dennis Walsh.

The Skippers wasted no time in letting the rest of the EMass know this team was for real. The trounced their first three opponents, racking up goals at will against obviously inferior squads.

By the time they started South Shore League match play, they were already far and away the most prolific scoring team in the division. Not only that, but the defensive numbers were just as mind-boggling, as the Skippers held their opponents to well under a goal per game.

The team then began mowing down SSL foes like Mashpee, Harwich and Hull, for all intents and purposes sealing the game by the end of the first period, then keeping the score totals down to avoid humiliating the opponent. SSL coaches voted the Skippers co-winners with Mashpee for the league Sportsmanship Award in deference to showing such grace.

Their first real test of the season came against Norwell, the game which every year draws the biggest crowds on Cohasset's League schedule. This year, the Clippers managed to hang around with the faster, more disciplined Skippers en route to a 3-3 tie. CHS's only regular season blemish.

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Mariner All-Scholastic Wrestling team

Cohasset's Baroudi, Littauer and McKenna named among areas elite

It was a banner year for wrestling in Marinerland, with 35 of our grapplers advancing through the sectional tourneys to the state championship meet. From this group, we limited ourselves to choosing only 14 for All-Scholastic honors.

It was a grueling process. Know that several of the wrestlers you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received strong consideration for the higher honor. However, after consulting with area coaches, these are the choices we made for our 2002 Mariner All-Scholastic Wrestling Team:

Terry Baroudi - Junior
135 - Cohasset

Terry Baroudi

A tough luck wrestler, who lost heartbreakers at both states and all-states...finished fourth in one of the state's purported most competitive sectional brackets, losing both of his matches by one point...took fifth at the Div. 3 state championships, this time losing twice by a total of three points, including a 3-1 heartbreaker to eventual champ Duncan Banks (Carver) in the semis...qualified for the All-State tourney as an alternate, where he had the bad fortune of being paired first round with top seed Tony McDonald (Weymouth)...qualified for states last year as well, but couldn't compete due to a shoulder injury...has also played Cohasset High baseball and football the last few years, but now intends to concentrate solely on wrestling...Pilgrim Conference 2 All-Star...took second at the Whitman- Hanson and Cohasset tourneys...Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Terry is a battler. He doesn't overpower people, but he's a very good technical wrestler and he has a way of keeping it close and competitive against the top wrestlers."

Chris McKenna - Junior
145 - Cohasset

Chris McKenna

His 20-10 record was deceiving, as most of his losses came when he was asked to "bump up" to wrestle in the 152 pound division... won several big matches in close meets for the surprising Pilgrim Conference champion Skippers...finished fourth at Div. 3 south sectionals, losing a pair of 4-2 heartbreakers to eventual third place finisher, Ryan Luttrell, of Keefe Tech...highlight of day was dominating Duxbury's higher seeded Doug Imbrogana, 14-2, in the quarterfinals...won two matches at the State championships to advance to the second day, where he lost a 3-1 heartbreaker to Ryan Luttrell in the pre-medal round...Pilgrim Conference 2 All-Star...only a second year wrestler...also a standout defensive back for the South Shore League champion football team... Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Chris is a natural athlete, which helped him pick up wrestling pretty quick. When you consider he hadn't even wrestled before last year, what he's accomplished seems pretty amazing."

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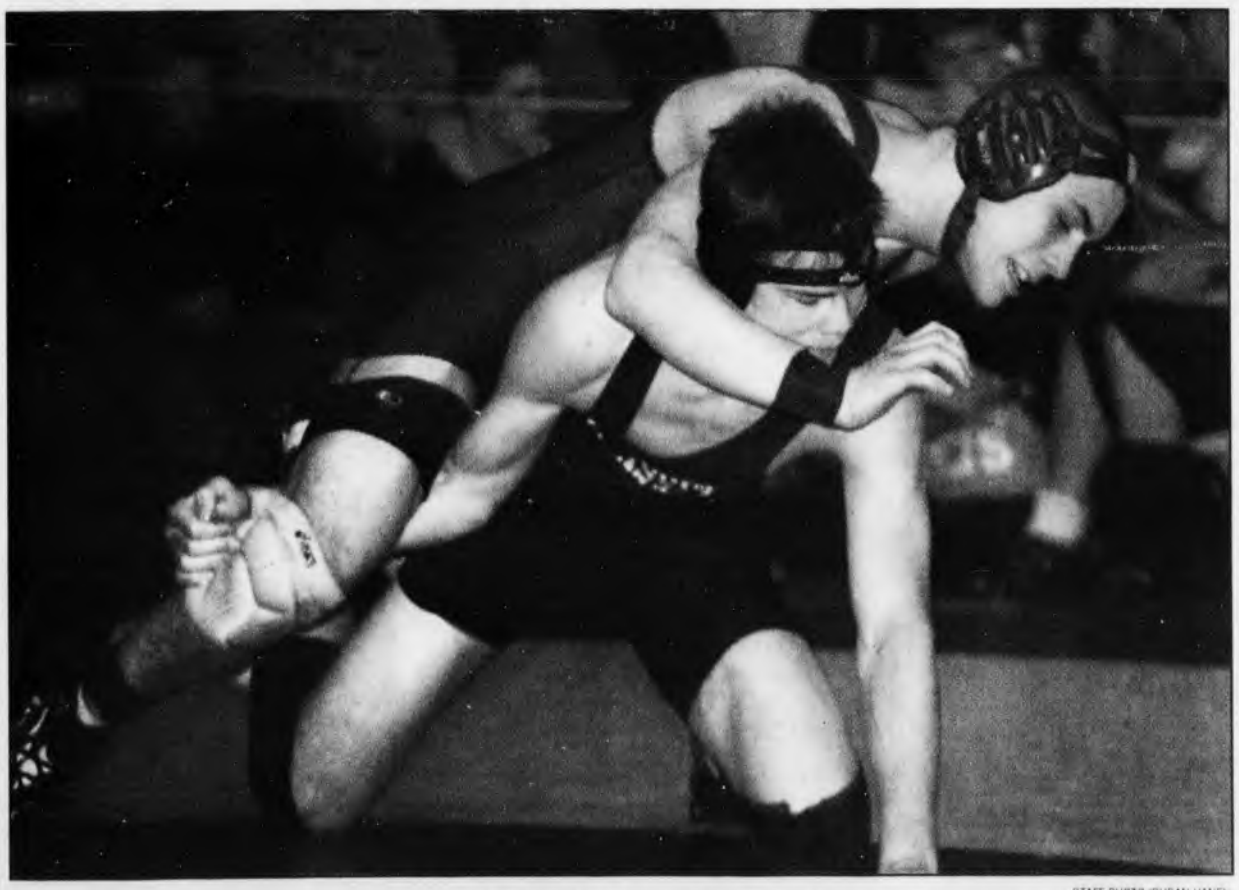

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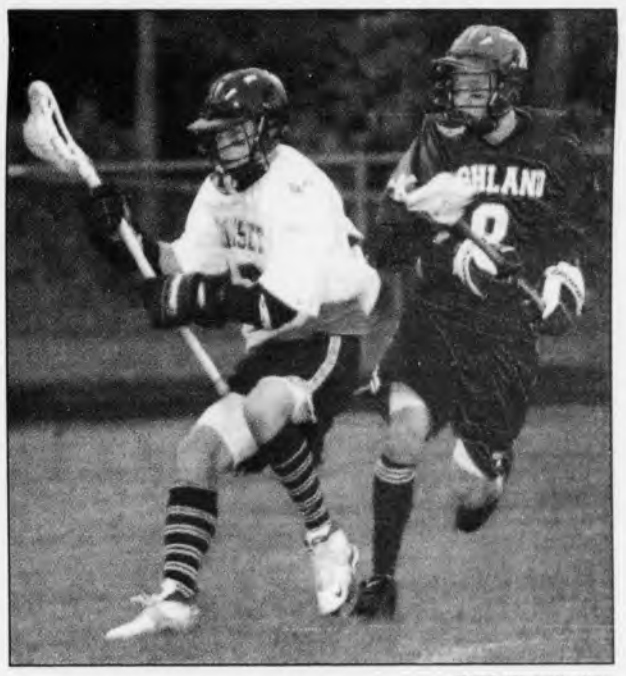
Cohasset's Chris McKenna (bottom) earned his spot on this team with a 20-10 regular season, which included some huge wins from a team perspective for the league championship Skippers, followed by a strong showing at sectionals and states.



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Junior face-off specialist Robert Hickey (left), who tallied nine goals and seven assists last season, is one of several Skippers expected to pick it up offensively this season.

Shooting for the stars

C.H.S boys lax squad returns 18 lettermen, 187 goals and plenty of motivation

What can the Cohasset High boys' lacrosse team do for an encore in 2002, after making the state championship game a year ago?

As far as coach Kevin Orcutt's concerned, this year's goal is nothing less than a championship.

"We have a much tougher schedule, but with the quality and the depth we have going into this season, we should expect to be among the elite again," says the second-year mentor.

To describe the 20-game schedule as "tougher" may be understating the Skippers' situation. Based on last year's results, the league gave Cohasset a home-and-home series with number-one-ranked Duxbury, defending D2 state champ Hingham, and D1 powers Falmouth and Marshfield. Add to that non-league contests with Nantucket, Franklin and Hopkinton, all D2 tourney teams a year ago, and an exhibition game against Independent School League member Milton Academy, and it doesn't take a genius to realize that the Skippers could struggle to match last year's regular season record of 11-5.

"We will be well-prepared for whoever we face in the tournament," argues Orcutt. "We won't face any adversity that we didn't have to confront in the regular season."

Offensive Firepower

For their part, the Skippers will pose plenty of problems for anyone they face this season. On offense, they return five players who each scored at least 20 goals: co-captains Paul Previte (53 goals, 23 assists) and Eric Libby (27 goals, 31 assists), senior attackman Jason Moore (26 goals, 14 assists), junior attacker Curt Kahn (25 goals, 20 assists), and junior all-conference midfielder Matt Davis (20 goals, nine assists).

Previte and Kahn, both Bay State Games gold medalists last summer, will likely team up with Moore as the starting attack. Libby, coming off championship seasons with both the football and hockey squads, will move to midfield to help fill the void left by current Providence College play-

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Straughn keeps going strong

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that window of opportunity by getting off to a good start for the Skippers this spring.

"I'm hoping a few (scouts) might come out to see me play," said Tim.

Tim was hoping to make some serious inroads in this department this past fall by taking part in a number of local showcase events, but a severe ankle sprain put him on the shelf pretty much right up until the beginning of hockey season.

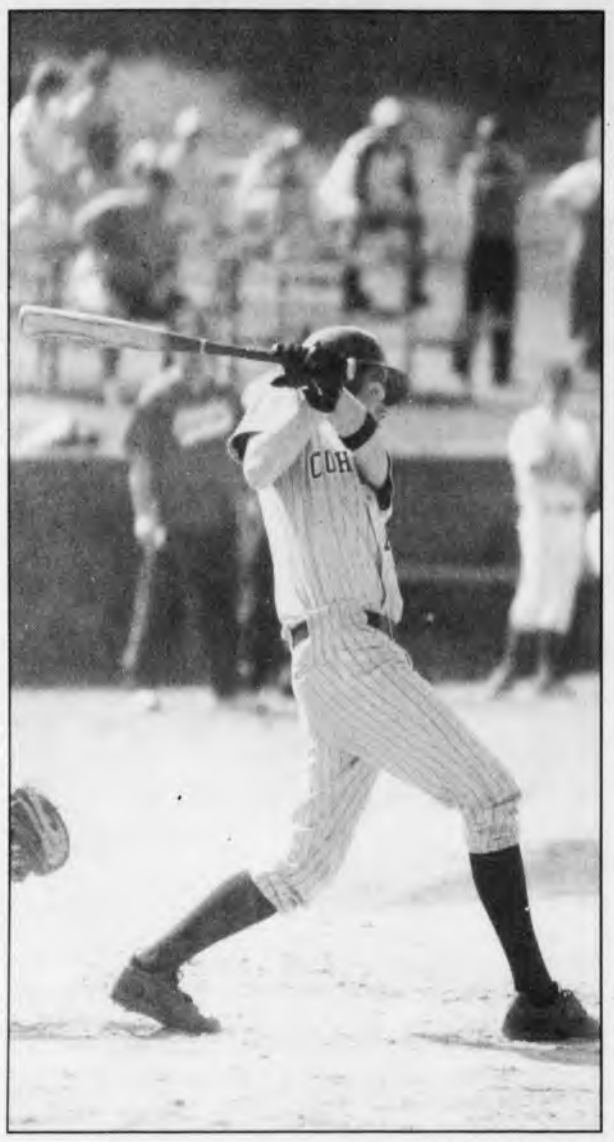
If he'd had a chance to attend the baseball showcases, hockey might now be a fleeting memory for Tim. As so often turns out to be the case in life, though, one door closing often leads to another one opening up, and Tim certainly helped nudge the door leading to a possible continuation of his hockey career with his sensational senior season.

Tim was the number one defenseman for the unbeaten Cohasset High hockey team this season. He scored 23 points (10 goals, 13 assists), the fifth best total on a team leaded with forward talent, and posted what may well have been the best plus/minus rating in Massachusetts with his +69 total. Suddenly, hockey at the college level is on his radar screen.

The most surprising aspect of this is that it is a surprise at all. On the surface, Tim would appear to have the whole package sought by collegiate hockey scouts. At 6-foot-2, and a solid 180 pounds, Tim has not only the requisite size to play at the next level, but (perhaps more importantly) the willingness to use it to his advantage. Let's just say Tim's no shrinking violet on the ice. Additionally, he is an excellent skater, is a far above average stick handler, and possesses a hard and accurate shot. Granted, there's a big leap from Div. 3 high school hockey to the collegiate game, but the raw talent is definitely there.

"Tim really seemed to come into his own this year," explained longtime Cohasset hockey coach Dennis Walsh. "He was always a good, solid player, but he really seemed to come in with a lot of confidence this season, and that let him show what he's capable of, which is quite a bit."

Walsh says Tim lacks the seasoning of most players preparing to move up to the collegiate ranks, but feels this is something he could overcome in relatively short order if given the chance.



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Tim Straughn exchanged his skates and stick for a bat and cleats this week—phase two of the come-on-down-college-scouts push.

"I think if Tim hung in there, he'd eventually get used to the faster game in college," appraised the longtime coach. "Let's face it, there aren't too many kids his size who can skate that well."

Walsh got Tim into an elite coaches league this summer on the ice, where he had the opportunity to play for highly respected Hingham head coach Garrett Reagan. He held his own, which helped launch him into his senior year brimming with self-assurance.

It's clear that Tim's love for hockey does not pale much at all to his passion for baseball. He has been skating since the age of two, and played youth hockey in the fall and winter throughout his elementary and middle school years.

For several years, he has lifted weights year-round, concentrating more on hockey specific toning in the fall and winter, and baseball in the spring and summer. This past September, he and brother Ted, a C.H.S. freshman hockey and baseball player, hooked up with personal trainer Joe Hayes, a former Scituate star trackster and football player, to hone-in even more on sport-specific goals.

Tim's parents were recently approached by the coach of the Breakers, a local minor league hockey franchise, about a possible tryout for Tim. They politely declined, telling him college was their son's agenda. But it did serve to convince Tim that maybe there is a future in hockey.

"I love playing hockey, and I'd like to continue playing in college, whether it's intramural or whatever," he said. "Right now, things are still pretty wide open."

As offered initially: nice to have options.

C.H.S. hockey team feted

Coach Walsh enjoys fond and fitting farewell

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset hockey team held its breakup dinner Monday night at Atlantica.

After the meal in one of Cohasset's top restaurants, retiring head coach Dennis Walsh thanked his final team for a great season — Cohasset High's first-ever unbeaten campaign on the ice (19-0-1) and a trip to the sectional semifinals.

"It was a great, great year," said Walsh. "And I wanted the kids to know how much I appreciated all of the hard work they put in to it. It was a great way to go out for me."

A record turnout of 140 attended the annual event, including a large number of Cohasset High hockey alumni and their families, to help send off Walsh, a Cohasset High coach for nearly 30 years.

"It was a great night," said the outgoing coach. "It was great to see all of those old faces."

Walsh praised the Cohasset High Hockey Boosters for putting together arrangements for the night, as well as for all the organization did over the course of the season, and expressed particular gratitude to Boosters President Jo-ann Pilczak.

"I don't know where we would have been without her this year," said Walsh. "Jo-ann is absolutely tireless. I don't know how she keep track of everything."

The Boosters, along with the team, presented Walsh with a beautiful Chelsea Shipstrike Mantle Clock. As an avid sailor, Walsh certainly appreciated this gift coming from one of the oldest and most respected clock manufacturing companies. The Chelsea Co. has been in business for more than 150 years. Team captain Eric Libby performed the honors.

The Cohasset High Class of '87 got together to raise enough money to send Coach Walsh and his wife, Catherine, on a cruise out of Maine. Former players Phil Mahoney and Bob Durkin presented their old coach with these tickets.

Assistant Coaches Benji Watson, Archie Rasmussen and Peter Sandblom were also presented with team gift certificates to area restaurants. And Chris Walsh, Dennis' son, was awarded a memento watch for serving as team manager these last several years.

Walsh and his coaches presented all of the varsity players with either letters or pins (if they'd received letters previously). The JV players received certificates.

The eight graduating seniors also received memento watches.

The boosters presented all varsity players, coaches and Athletic Director Ron Ford with a laminated plaque carrying a team picture and the scores of all games this season.

Boston Bruins General Manager Mike O'Connell, the father of star junior forward Greg O'Connell and a frequent contributor at practices, was the keynote speaker. He offered his own glowing observations on the way this group of young men has matured together on and off the ice, and he pointed to this season's accomplishments as proof positive of what can be accomplished through hard work and a strong spirit of cooperation.

The boosters wanted to present "volunteer coach" O'Connell with a gift certificate, but he requested that the money be turned back to the equipment account.

Senior defenseman Tim Straughn, a sensational league all-star defenseman, was presented with the Norm Delaney Award, which honors the team's top senior scholar-athlete. Tim is a member of the National Honors Society. The award is named posthumously in honor of the creator of the Cohasset High Hockey Boosters. Delaney's sons, Matt and Mark, were on hand to present the award.

The only other individual honor, The Barney Robinson Unsung Player Award, went for the second straight year to sophomore defenseman Mike Devine, whose steady two-way play was often overshadowed by the scintillating play of fellow blueliners Straughn and Eric Libby (both league all-stars), forwards O'Connell (a league best 59 points), John Durkin (36 points) and Tom Anderson (34 points) and goalie Dan Kinchla (a league best 0.8 goals against average).

"I thought Mike deserved to be an all-star this year," explained Walsh, "but he's only a sophomore and we already had six guys on the team so other coaches didn't go along with it. I think he'll be the best defenseman in the South Shore League next year."

A look back on dream season

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being able to bring down a rival like Norwell carried over into the team's next test: Hanover-the 2001 Div. 3 state champions, and the team formerly viewed as the benchmark of excellence in the SSL (before moving this season to the Patriot League). Cohasset outshot the perennial powerhouse Indians 15-2 in the first period and shocked the defending champs with a 5-4 victory.

"We knew that we could play at a certain level, and that proved it," said Walsh.

By the time the second go round with Norwell arrived, the Skippers had won six in a row, and were primed for a revenge match-up. This time, the Skippers played like they knew they should, annihilating the Clippers, 10-0.

Walsh felt heading in to his final season that he had a team capable of making some noise in the state tourney, and appropriately scheduled non-league games he believed would best prepare his team for the post-season challenge, such as Hanover.

Another such team was Scituate, who the Skippers played in the final week of the regular season for what all felt would be a good primer before the South Sectionals got underway.

Instead, the Skippers dominated the tourney bound Sailors, 4-0, out skating a squad that played very competitively (against teams such as Hingham, Duxbury and Hanover) in a loaded Patriot League this year.

The amazing thing about this Skippers squad was that it was beating some of the best competition around, and making it look quite easy. The final statistics say the Skippers scored 7.8 goals per game, but anyone who came out and saw some of their games know that it could have been well over 10 if Walsh wasn't such a class act and nice guy.

After commanding the South Shore for three months, the Skippers rightfully dominated the All-Star team selections as well. Forwards Greg O'Connell, John Durkin and Tom Anderson (all of whom were in the top four in scoring in the SSL) and Matt Davis were among the honorees. Defensemen Tim Straughn and Eric Libby and goalie Dan Kinchla rounded out the list of All-Stars for the Skippers.

Cruising into the playoffs at 19-0-1 and with the number one seed, Cohasset handily defeated a surprisingly tenacious Bishop Feehan team, 3-1, in the opener.

For obvious reasons, the team felt disappointed after their 3-1 loss to third seeded Bourne in the semifinals of the South Sectionals.

But after 30 long years, Walsh can head into retirement after finishing the best season of hockey he has ever coached.

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Mariner All-Scholastic Wrestling team

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Dan Littauer - Senior
152 - Cohasset

Dan Littauer

Was considered a strong contender to reach the New England championships, but injuries pretty much dashed that dream...came back from what virtually everyone considered a season ending separated elbow injury a week before sectionals, and wound up finishing second here, losing in the championship match, with his elbow swollen and extremely sore, to number one seed Mike Ragusa of Foxboro...vulture's luck struck again the following week at the state championships, as Dan broke his hand in his third match, which he wound up losing 7-4, ending his high school wrestling career and his quest at reach All-States, which he missed pulling off by just one spot last season... despite wrestling only one regular season match (a huge win in the league championship clincher over Rockland), Pilgrim Conference 2 coaches still unanimously selected him to his fourth straight all-star team...would like to wrestle in college... has been accepted to B.C., Washington & Lee and Wheaton, and applied to eight other colleges, including Harvard...a two time Mariner All-Scholastic...Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "The way Dan came back from this injury and just ripped through everyone until the championship match (at sectionals) shows what kind of wrestler Dan is and how committed he is to the sport. He's obviously one of the top wrestlers in this area."

Frank Sforza - Senior (Capt.)
130 - Rockland

Frank Sforza

Quite possibly one of the most dominating wrestlers in state history, Sforza won every title he could this season... Capping his five-year high school career with his first-ever New England title, Sforza also won the Div. 3 sectional, Div. 3 state, and All-state titles...The divisional title was Sforza's fourth-consecutive (winning at 103, 112, 119, and 130), while the All-state crown was his first...A highly-superior technical wrestler, no opponent he faced this season could beat him, getting through the year unscathed with a 50-0 record...In his five-year wrestling career, Sforza has amassed 202 wins, while recording only 20 losses...The senior was taken down only once this year, and that was at All-states...For the past two years, Sforza has competed at the National Level with Team New England...This April, the he hopes to attend the Senior National Championships in Cleveland for a shot at a top eight finish in the country and All-American status...The Pilgrim Conference 2 and Patriot League All-star and two-time Mariner All-Scholastic is considering attending Iowa Central Jr. College on a scholarship next fall. Rockland coach Tim Brown: "I've never seen anything like him at the high school level. I'll be lucky if I coach another 15 years and get a guy like him. I've really been blessed to work with him. He's a special kid."

Dave Laramee - Junior
119 - Rockland

This talented junior had some big shoes to fill in the 119 slot, formerly owned by teammate Frank Sforza, and he more than delivered...Up from 112 this season, Laramee—a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic wrestler—won the Div. 3 South Sectional title and placed third at the Div. 3 state championships, earning a trip to the All-states, where he won a match...While not the strongest grappler, the Pilgrim Conference 2 and Patriot League All-star was able to overpower his opponents with his impressive technical skills and superior conditioning...Also a highly-talented cross country runner for RHS, Laramee made the Mariner All-Scholastic team in the sport last fall...Laramee will be one of the top returnees to the talented Bulldog squad next season. Rockland coach Tim Brown: "He's got great technical skills. He's very tough on top. He can turn a kid on his legs, do cradles and arm bars. He does a lot of off-season work and showed up this year in excellent shape. He's such a nice kid."

Dave Laramee

Paul Robinson - Freshman
103 - Rockland

Although just a freshman, Robinson made a huge impact on the South Shore wrestling scene this year...The Patriot League and Pilgrim Conference 2 All-star went into this season's Sectionals with an unbeaten record...At the Div. 3 sectionals, Robinson finished second...He followed that up with a fourth-place finish at the Div. 3 state championships and a trip to All-states...There, Robinson won two matches...Although not yet technically developed, Robinson overpowered his opponents with his strength and aggressiveness...Robinson will be among the top returnees to the Bulldog squad next season. Rockland coach Tim Brown: "He's able to beat guys with more technical skills and more experience because of his aggressiveness and strength. He's extremely strong for a 103. He's only a freshman and still has a lot of great things ahead of him."

Zach Gorman - Junior
125 - Rockland

Zach Gorman

Had a solid season wrestling in almost every tourney final he could but constant meetings with Duxbury rival and All-state champ Kyle McCarthy spoiled his title hopes...Despite this, Gorman racked up 25 wins...Gorman finished second to McCarthy at the Div. 3 South Sectionals and went on to take seventh at the Div. 3 State Championships...A highly-skilled grappler, Gorman uses quickness and strength to dominate his opponents...A Pilgrim Conference 2 All-star, Gorman is making his second appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team, having made our cross country squad last fall...The junior will be among the top returnees to the Rockland squad next season. Rockland coach Tim Brown: "Zach ran into Kyle at many meet this season and wrestled very well. He's a solid athlete and stays in great shape throughout the year. I expect good things from him next season."

Dan Cotrone - Junior
Heavyweight - Hanover

While Cotrone's successes last season were a nice surprise for the Hanover squad, this year they were expected...In just his second varsity year in the heavyweight slot, Cotrone has established himself as one of the better "big men" on the South Shore...A Div. 3 Sectional champion last year, Cotrone finished second at the meet this season by a hard-fought one-point decision...The placing qualified the junior for the Div. 3 State Championships, but a torn meniscus in his knee sustained during the practice week kept him out of the competition...A Patriot League and Pilgrim Conference 2 All-star, Cotrone was thrust into the starting spot last year after just winning eight matches as a freshman when injury prevented the starter from competing...A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Cotrone went 18-5 last year and improved to 25-2 this season, including going 3-0 in tournaments this year...The top returnee to the Hanover squad, Cotrone will captain the team next season. Hanover coach Bill Dunn: "He's an atypical heavyweight. Whereas most heavyweights just flop around, he's quick. He has the technique. He's exciting to watch."

Dan Cotrone

Mike Finneran - Sophomore
103 - Hingham

Mike Finneran

Just 4-22 during his freshman year, Finneran's hard off-season work paid of in a more than 30-win season this year...Extreme quickness and stellar technique led the lightweight to a second place finish at the Div. 2 South Sectionals...Went on to place fifth at the Div. 2 State Championships and was named an alternate for the All-state competition...Attended off-season camps to improve his skills and did weight training to increase strength...Competes year-round on a club team in Cohasset called Orange Crush...Finneran plays soccer for HHS in the fall and is a member of the AFS club...Is most proud of his performance in the quarterfinals of the Sectionals in which he defeated the Randolph wrestler who eliminated him from the competition last year. Hingham coach Keith Durham: "We felt he would be solid but we never imagined how consistent and dominant he'd be this year. He catapulted far above what we expected. He's a very good offensive wrestler. He's great on his feet and outstanding on top. We expect big things from him next year."

Greg Kahn - Junior
140 - Hingham

Greg Kahn

Had an explosive season for the Harbormen competing in virtually every tournament final...Was second at the Div. 2 South Sectionals and went on to place sixth at the Div. 2 State Championships, just missing a trip to the All-state competition...Won the title at the Belmont tourney and wrestled in the finals of both the Scituate and Cohasset tourneys...A highly aggressive grappler, Kahn set an HHS record for most career pins with ...Racked up 35 wins this season...A Patriot League and Pilgrim Conference 2 All-star, Kahn also competes year-round with the Orange Crush club team out of Cohasset...The junior will be among the team's top returnees next season. Hingham coach Keith Durham: "He had a terrific season. He quickly became one of the most dominant wrestlers at the class. He's tough on his feet and is able to work a pin out of the cradle. He looks to be just as solid next year."

Steve Barry - Sophomore
125 - Scituate

Steve Barry

Emerged as one of the area's top wrestlers this season with a 29-10 season...this after an 8-16 freshman campaign... took sixth at sectionals, but might have finished higher if he didn't injure his neck (he didn't even wrestle in the consolation match) wasn't hurt...had two wins at the Div. 3 state championships a week later, but did not place...Scituate Coach Tom Giacomozzi attributes Steve's improvement to a tremendous commitment to the sport in terms of both athleticism and technique...intends to attend a month long camp in Minnesota this Summer that Giacomozzi compares to boot camp...a wiry grappler who has become particular adept at using his legs to get takedowns ...Pilgrim Conference 2 All-Star...beat Rockland standout Zach Gorman twice this season, including a big win at the Div. 3 sectionals...Coach Giacomozzi: "Stephen has really committed himself to this sport. To go to that camp this Summer really shows you how much. He knows he's not that far from making a run at a sectional and maybe even a state championship, and he's doing everything in his power to get there."

Steve Donovan - Senior
145 - Silver Lake

Steve Donovan

Finished second at Sectionals, losing only to top seeded Ned Beatrice (Newton North) on points in the finals...won one match at the Div. 1 State championships, and was ousted in an overtime loss...posted a final record of 33-7 (25-4 in the regular season)...Old Colony League All-Star...a four year wrestler...played football his first tow years at Silver Lake, but a torn anterior cruciate ligament put an end to that...has narrowed his college choices to UNH or the University of Southern Maine...plan to major in nursing...is not leaning towards wrestlign in college, at least in his freshman year...Silver Lake wrestling coach Andy Kalp: "Steve is a very methodical and deliberate wrestler. He had a couple of pet moves he performed very well and he made real effective use of them."

Chris King - Senior
171 - Silver Lake

Chris King

Completed abbreviated regular season with a perfect 11-0 record for the 20-4-1 Lakers, and did not lose his first match of season until the championship showdown of the Div. 1 south sectionals...went on to finish fourth at the state Div. 1 championships the next week to become the lone Silver Lake wrestler to qualify for All-States...unfortunately, he was unable to attend the event... Old Colony League All-Star...did not get much of a chance to wrestle with the varsity squad until his senior year, as he was stuck behind stars Rich Omar (160 pounds) and Peter Krzyzewski (171 pounds), both 2001 SL grads and Mariner All-Scholastic selections... played football his first two years at Silver Lake... has wrestled at Bay State Games...an Eagle Scout...an avid snowboarder...is leaning towards attending Cape Cod Community College for the next year or two and then transferring to a four year university...probably won't wrestle in college...plans to major in Business Management, as he some day hopes to own his own business ... Silver Lake wrestling coach Andy Kalp: "Chris is hardcore. He has some technical stuff down, but he mostly just wears people down. He's a tough, tough kid."

Matt Lipshutz - Senior
189 - Norwell

Matt Lipshutz

A two-time Mariner all-scholastic selection...his 19-3 regular season earned him the number one seed for the Div. 3 south sectionals...he cleaned up here until he severely sprained his ankle in the championship match against Canton's Josh McKelligan, and wound up withdrawing...the injury also prevented him from wrestling the next week at the State Div. 3 championships...Pilgrim Conference 2 All-Star...had a couple of trademark moves which served him well...utilized the crucifix heavily as a junior and this season perfected a roll... wrestles quite a bit in the off-season, and has attended several camps, including the renowned Orange Crush Summer program... plans to attend the Rochester Institute of Technology, in Rochester, New York, next spring....would like to continue wrestling for that school's Div. 3 program, and has already been in contact with the team's coach to discuss that possibility... Norwell coach Dan Norton: "Dan was probably even or maybe just a little bit above a lot of wrestlers with his technique and strength, but I think it was his endurance and unwillingness to quit that set him apart. He's definitely a warrior."

Honorable Mentions:

Rob Shemkus - Junior - 160 - Rockland
Rob Affleck - Junior - 140 - Rockland
Nick Giacomozzi - Senior - 170 - Marshfield
Jim Davenport - Junior - 112 - Marshfield
John Ferrante - Junior - 152 - Hingham
Christian Vercollone - Freshman - 103 - Silver Lake
Jonathan Littauer- Freshman - 103 - Cohasset
Joe Kehoe- Freshman- 112 - Cohasset
Phil Strazzulla - Sophomore- 125 - Cohasset
Mark Praetsch - Senior - 130 - Silver Lake
Corey Scanlon - Senior - 140 - Silver Lake
Jared Barillaro- Junior- 145 - Scituate
Scott Hagerty- Junior - 152 - Silver Lake
Brian Hess- Junior - 160 - Silver Lake
Matt Casey - Junior - 171 - Cohasset
Bob Clark - Senior- heavyweight- Silver Lake
John Chappell- Junior- heavyweight- Norwell

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Shooting for the stars

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er Ronan Buick's graduation. Giving the Skippers depth at attack will be soph Mike Devine (three goals) and junior Evan Pestone, who'll also see midfield time, after missing all of last season due to injury.

"There aren't too many teams that have the offensive weapons we put on the field," said Orcutt. "It will be very, very tough to shut us down, because we have so many options. And with the pressure our depth should allow us to put on the other team, it's going to be hard to possess the ball against us."

Midfield Depth

With Cohasset taking the field for the first time on Monday, Orcutt and assistant coach Terry Kahn planned to spend the opening week selecting midfield line combinations. Libby and Matt Davis were both expected to be in the regular line rotation along with senior Sean Chase (six goals, five assists), and junior faceoff specialist Robert Hickey (nine goals, seven assists). Senior Dave Devito (one goal, two assists), who missed most of last season with a hand injury but came on strong in the state tournament as a defensive midfielder, will see action as both a long- and short-stick midfielder. Soph lettermen Mark Davis (one assist) and Mike Hajjar are also in the mix.

New to the team this year – but not to the sport – will be senior Pete Whoriskey, a varsity letter winner in 1999; junior John Durkin, a 2000 letterman; and sophs Rob Carpenter and Mike Rasmussen. Skipper hockey standouts who starred in youth lacrosse. Any of them could step into the regular midfield rotation, as could Pestone. Sophs Dwayne Morris, Mark Donovan and J.T. Oronte, and freshmen Jake Previte and John Grimm could also see midfield action.

"We should be able to run three solid midfield lines for the first time," said Orcutt, who noted that the leadership of 2001 co-captains Buick and Lane Forrer will be tough to replace. "And we'll probably have a fourth, and possibly a fifth line of freshmen and sophomores that we'll use on occasion and for the JV games we expect to schedule."

New-look Defense

On defense, Cohasset lost three senior starters, but the new faces may more than make up for that loss. Junior co-captain Nick Spirito (four goals, one assist), a Bay State Games gold medalist, moves from longstick midfielder to close defense and will be the anchor of the unit. He'll be joined by junior Tom Anderson (16 goals, six assists as a midfielder), sophomore lettermen Stephen Davis and Conor Buick, and junior football/basketball star Ben Lynner. Senior newcomer Chris Caron, soph Dan Roth and freshmen Casey Coleman and Matt Baroudi create depth at the position.

"We'll miss our three graduated seniors, especially Justin Langham's and Greg Figureido's intensity and the physical presence of Geoff McWilliams, a league all-star," said Orcutt. "But Spirito, Anderson and Lynner are exceptional leaders. Add the sophomores into the mix and our skill level should be higher on defense. That will help our clearing and our coverage."

All-Star Goaltending

In goal, the Skippers feature one of the state's best net keepers in co-captain Kyle Weber (six goals, five assists on offense as well). In his first full year as a starter, Weber last year earned first-team all-conference and Bay State Games gold medal honors, and was named to several newspaper all-star teams. He had a solid .649 save percentage during the season, and an amazing .710 percentage during the summer Bay State Games. He'll be backed by soph Nick Murphy, who was 2-0 as a varsity starter a year ago, with freshman Chris Simms expected to gain experience while manning the net for JV contests.

"We're one of a handful of teams whose goalie can win games," says Orcutt. "We don't want to put Kyle into too many situations like that, but it's quite a comfort to know you've got a college-level stopper backing your guys up."

The Skippers have a pre-season scrimmage set for next Tuesday, March 26 at home against 2000 D2 state champ Milton, who Cohasset knocked out of the tourney last spring in a hard-fought 10-8 quarterfinal match-up. The boys open their regular season on Tuesday, April 2 at Tri-Valley League power Hopkinton. The first home game of the season will be on April 9 against Pilgrim League rival Scituate.

"We've got experience and we've got depth," concludes Orcutt, "and that will allow us to develop a work ethic around our commitment to defense. We're going to be known as a team that gives no quarter at either end of the field. But, that said, the final 16 days of the season — when we play eight times, including games against Hingham, Marshfield and two versus Duxbury – will be a real test. If we can pass it, I like our chances in the post-season."

Cohasset boys' lacrosse schedule

Tuesday, April 2 – at Hopkinton
Thursday, April 4 – at Norwell
Saturday, April 6 – at Milton Academy 11am
Tuesday, April 9 – Scituate
Friday, April 12 – Falmouth 7pm
Tuesday, April 16 – at Canton 3pm
Saturday, April 20 – Franklin 1pm
Tuesday, April 23 – at Hanover
Friday, April 26 – at Hingham
Tuesday, April 30 – Marshfield 7pm
Wednesday, May 1 — Barnstable
Friday, May 3 – at Falmouth
Tuesday, May 7 – Sandwich
Friday, May 10 – at Duxbury
Sat. May 11 – at Nantucket
Tuesday, May 14 – Hingham 7pm
Thursday, May 16 – Bourne 7pm
Friday, May 17 – at Marshfield
Monday, May 20 – Duxbury 4pm
Wednesday, May 22 – at Barnstable

How to reach us

Youth league representatives are encouraged to call in their results by Monday at noon to Andrew Mahoney at 837-4577. Recaps can be left on the voice mail system if the sports department is unavailable.

Information can also be FAX to 1-781-837-4540 or emailed to amahoney@cnc.com.

Results, photos and stories can also be mailed to the Mariner sports department, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, 02050.

Plunging ahead

Cohasset's Bell wins NE junior olympic dive crown

Kelsey Bell won gold at the New England Junior Olympic Diving Championships held at Brown University in Rhode Island last weekend.

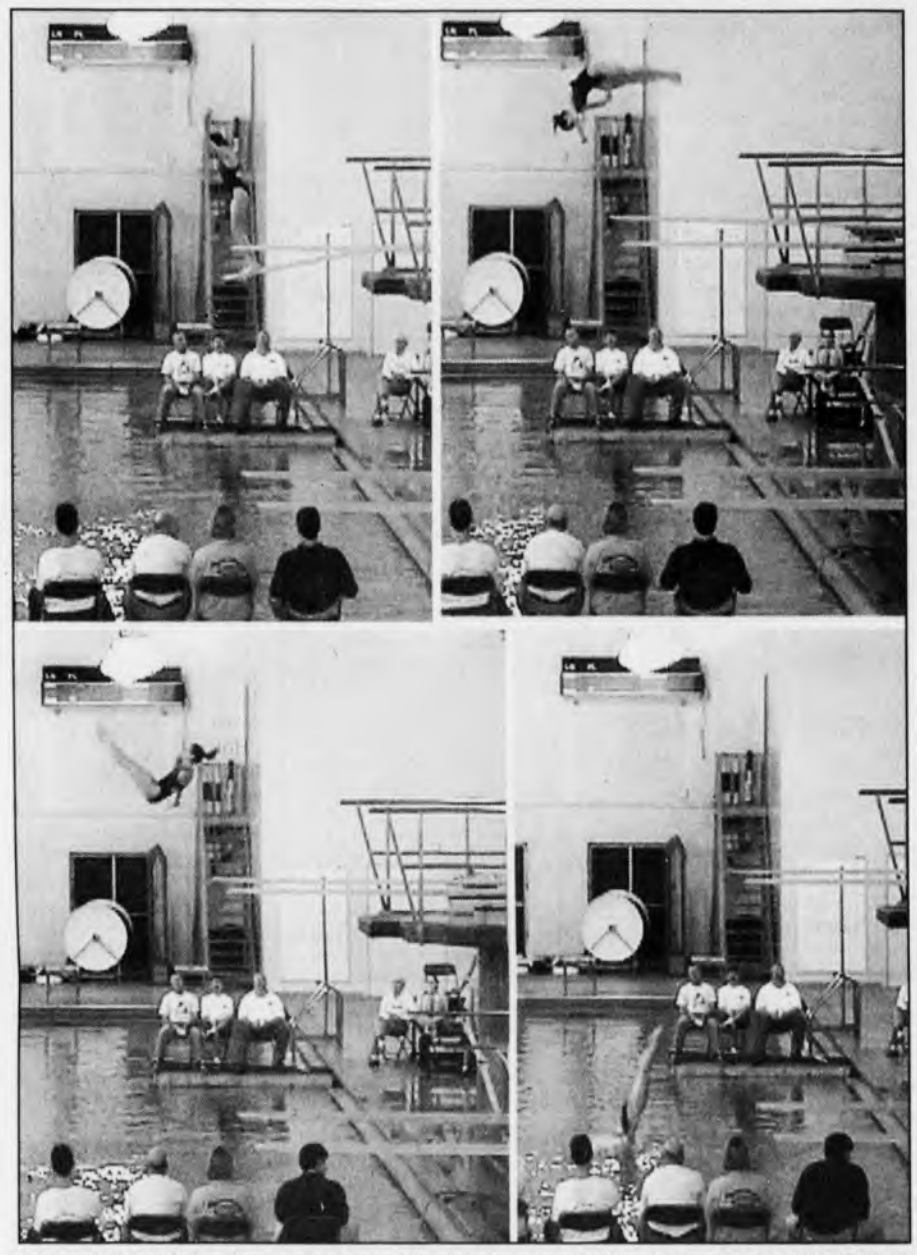
Bell, an eighth-grade student at Cohasset Middle School, placed first in the 1-meter springboard event and first in the 3-meter springboard event in her age division of 13-year-olds-and-under, thus earning her the title of New England Junior Olympic Springboard Diving Champion for her age group.

The competitors performed five dives chosen from the required diving categories, forward, back, reverse, inward and twisting dives and three optional dives, for a total of eight dives on each springboard. Dives were scored by a panel of five judges on technique and degree of difficulty of each dive. Placement order was determined by the total score of all dives completed on the board.

Junior Olympic springboard divers from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine were invited to the New England Championships.

Bell has been competing for two years in the U.S. Diving Junior Olympics. She dives four to five days a week with her Junior Olympic Diving Team, Charles River Diving, at Harvard University. She puts in 21/2 hours of practice each night and is focused on working hard, diving her best and winning.

Bell is ranked 20th in the country, a rank she earned at the Junior Olympic Diving Nationals last summer. She is striving to finish in the top six at Junior Olympic Regionals to be held next month, a placement that would qualify her for competing in the Junior Olympic East Nationals this spring.



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Did you miss Little League registration? It is not too late. Call Lynne DeGiacomo @ 383-6413 to obtain registration material. A $10 late fee will be assessed for all registrations received after March 31.

Race-by-the-Sea set for April 7

The 26th Cohasset Road Race-by-the-Sea has been scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2002. The Cohasset Rotary Club will again sponsor the race.

The race is listed on the "Cool Running" Web site calendar (www.coolrunning.com). Information can be obtained on the race website www.cohassetroadrace-bythesea.com.

Applications are in the back of the Rotary Telephone Book for Cohasset. Runners can also register on the website. Applications will be at Curtis Liquors, Nobles, Cohasset Good Sport and other locations at the end of February beginning of March.

Organizers this year intend to use computer chips for timing.

April vacation baseball

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters age 8 through 12 at the Recreation office, First Floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

An April Vacation Baseball Clinic, which will be held for one week, beginning Tuesday, April 16, through Friday, April 19, at Milliken field.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100.

Boating safety course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a four-session safe boating course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the four-session course, scheduled to begin Thursday evening, May 9, at Cohasset High School. Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7:30 to about 9 p.m., May 9 through May 23. Certification test will be held at the fifth and final class at 7:30 p.m., May 23.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109, as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

Certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

Girls basketball clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that telephone registration will be accepted for a girls basketball clinic to be held at Osgood School gym starting April 22 through May 20.

The clinic will meet each Monday, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. for grades three and four and 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. for grades five and six.

The fee for the five-week program is $40 per player. This program will be run by Ellen Carr, head coach of girls basketball at Cohasset High School.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 to register. Space is limited, early registration is advised.

Spring wrestling clinic to begin

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that telephone registration will be accepted for a spring wrestling clinic to be held at Deer Hill School gym starting Monday, March 11.

The clinic will meet each Monday and Wednesday afternoon, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. from March 11 through May 1. (less the week of April 15, during school vacation)

The fee for the seven-week program meeting for 14 sessions is $45 per wrestler. Daniel and Jon Littauer will co-instruct this unique wrestling opportunity for grades 4 to 6.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

School lunch menu

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or fish filet on a bun, tossed salad, pudding, milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Cheeseburger on a bun; or turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Chicken nuggets; or egg salad pocket, mashed potato, corn, Jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Pasta with meat sauce; or grilled chicken salad, dinner roll, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; or tuna salad roll, carrots, dessert, milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
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College expo

The Social Service League of Cohasset and the Guidance Department are presenting a College Info Expo Tuesday, April 9, at 9 a.m. in the Cohasset High School auditorium for all sophomore and junior students and their parents. Guidance counselors or parents of children from other schools are welcome to attend.

Representatives from Boston University, Boston College and University of Massachusetts will comprise a panel of speakers to discuss how the college application and admission process works. There will be a question and answer period following the presentations.

For more information, call 781-383-0771.

Educators attend March 12 seminar

Middle-high school Principal Michael Jones and Health Education Coordinator and co-chairman of the Michael Gill attended an accreditation seminar on March 12 at Mansfield High School.

Sponsored by the Commission on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the program was offered for principals and self-study steering committee members of schools scheduled to be evaluated next fall. The seminar provided information to help schools finalize their plans for the evaluation visit and to learn more about the evaluation report and its review by the Commission on Public Secondary Schools. Participants shared their reactions to the self-study process with members of the Commission staff.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, founded in 1885, is the oldest accrediting agency in the country and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable agency to award accreditation in the New England area. The Association is a voluntary accrediting agency of approximately 1,800 public and independent schools, colleges and universities, and vocational, technical and career institutions. Of these, approximately 650 public middle level, K-12 and high schools have been accredited through the Association's Commission on Public Secondary Schools.

In related news, as part of the self-study process, on Wednesday, March 13 the Cohasset Middle-High School faculty reviewed and approved the self-study reports on school resources for learning, and assessment. Additional areas to be reviewed in the coming weeks are leadership and organization, community resources for learning, instruction, and curriculum.

Post-prom party plans underway

Plans are already underway for the post prom party 2002! This is the fifth year of a continuing parent and community effort to give our seniors and their guests a fun, safe, alcohol and drug-free event.

The high school gym will once again be transformed into our "top-secret" theme on prom night May 31. Past years have had the seniors "under the stars", at "Mardi Gras", on a "cruise ship", and "under the Boardwalk." There's dancing, prizes, plenty of food, and all sorts of non-stop activities to help celebrate a memorable night. The party begins right after prom and continues until 5 a.m. Post prom party has been so successful that we've had a 95 to 100 percent attendance rate. The Cohasset Police support the parents and community in their effort to keep the kids safe.

Why not help the tradition grow? The post prom party is truly a gift that the whole community gives our seniors. Become involved...it's fun, creative, you'll meet new people and it's rewarding. For more information contact Jeanne Quigley at 781-383-1573.

CHS Drama club goes for the gold

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two shows selected to move on to the New England competition, they're very satisfied with how far they have come.

"We have such a good time together," said Tim Baird, stage manager for the show. "We feel the pressure but it's not cut-throat it anyway."

Holly Dinsmore, who plays Jennifer in the play, thinks that putting on a comedy may help them in the finals.

"I think the judges are ready to laugh after going watching so many dark plays," she said.

Principal Michael Jones said he is thrilled that the club has made it this far.

"We are definitely interested in expanding the program," Jones said. "We're hoping to give it more visibility and attract more students."

This would be welcomed by everyone in the club as many feel the school has not given them the respect they deserve.

"This school prides itself as an arts institution but I don't really see that," Ingber said. "We'd welcome more support from the administration."

Baird said the club is mostly unknown by the students although it's gaining renown.

"I now have kids coming up to me everyday saying they're excited about the show," Baird said. "I think if we keep winning the school will definitely start to pay attention."

The Massachusetts High School Drama Festival began in 1931 and now annually draws about 90 school to its competitions. To enter the Festival, a school must be a member of the guild and the selected play must be approved by the that school's principal. There is also a time restraint on the plays — no productions can exceed a 40 minute time limit which is strictly enforced.

Judges at the Festival will concentrate on two aspects of the play, the production and the acting. Some of the questions the judges are asked to answer concerning the production involve whether there is clear dramatic structure, whether the moods and rhythms of the piece are well established and whether the set contributes to a unified play.

The judges are also instructed to examine such acting aspects like whether the actors are working together to create the world of the play, whether the actors demonstrate commitment, believability and concentration and whether the actors demonstrate controlled physical and vocal work.

Cohasset will perform Friday night, March 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $7 and include three plays. Newton Country Day School will perform at 7 and Marblehead High School at 9 p.m.

Performances by other high school finalists take place Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon. The performances are at John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley St., Boston.

For more information, see http://www.mhsdg.com/finals02.html.

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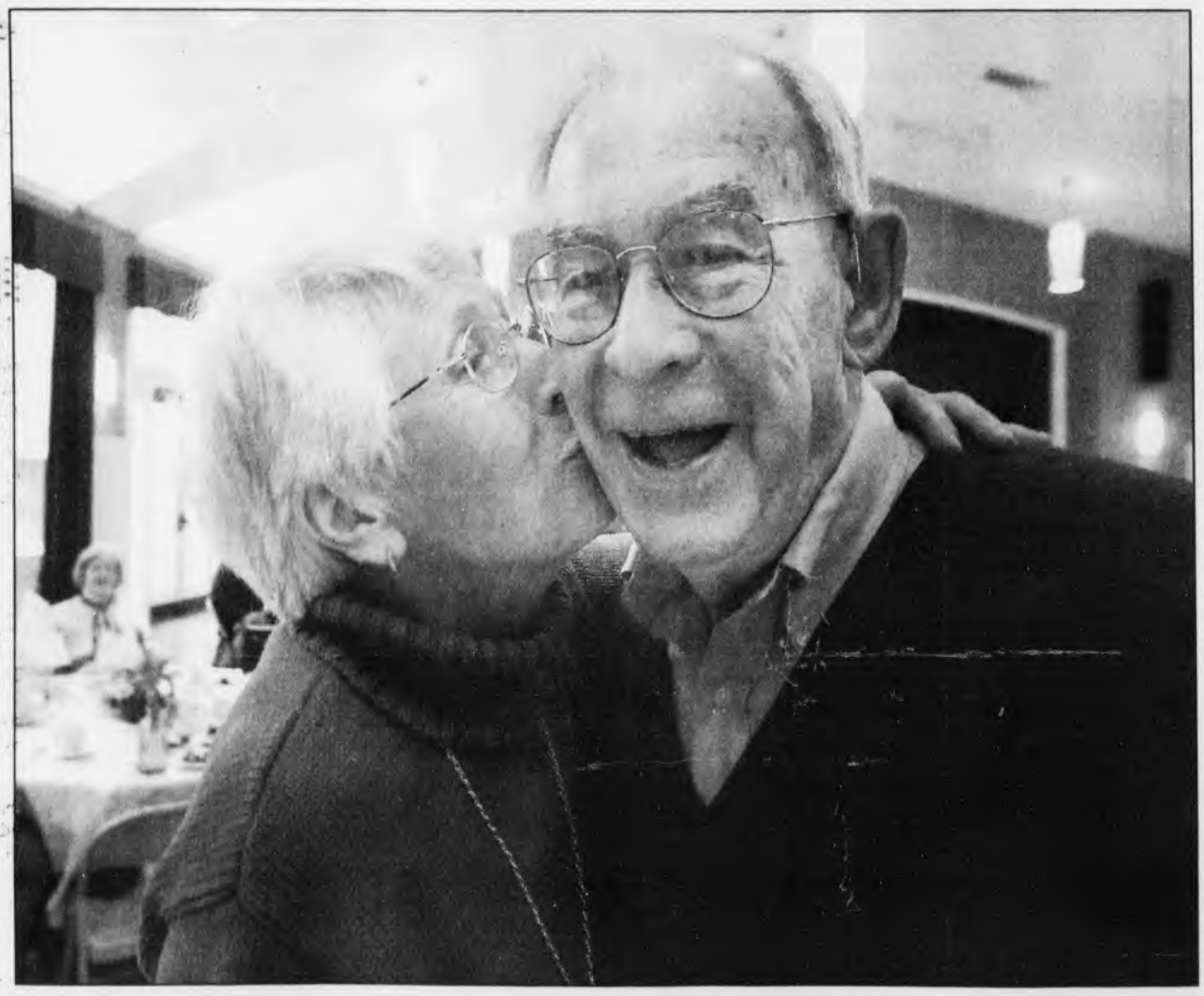
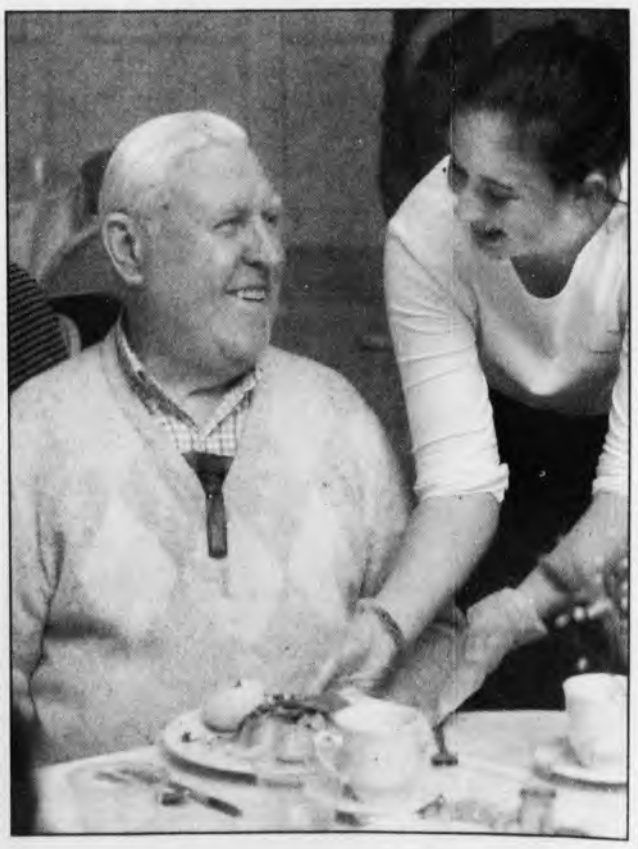
Seniors get their Irish up!

At left, Jackie Lapsley, Catherine Lapsley and Liz Tierney perform an Irish folk dance for the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs. Above, Jean O'Hara toasts the holiday with lemon-lime punch. The St. Pat's Day Party for local seniors was held at St. Anthony's

From far left, Judy Cobble plays the piano. Mary Keating and Katherine Stanton enjoy the annual event. Olga Sawchuk sips a cup of coffee. Below left, John Coe gets a birthday kiss from his wife, Marcia. Below, Ed Sons is served his corned beef and cabbage by Aisling Guinee.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman





OBITUARIES

Jesse Edgar Sargent

Jesse Edgar Sargent, age 16, of Cohasset, died Friday, March 15, 2002 at New England Medical Center in Boston.

Born in Weymouth, he was raised in Cohasset.

He leaves his parents, Richard and Cheryl R. (Bongarzone) Sargent; his two sisters, Stephanie L. and Samantha M. Sargent of Cohasset; his grandmothers, Patricia Sargent of Cohasset and Thelma Bongarzone Kelly of Eustis, Fla.; a grandfather, Donald Bongarzone of Naples, Fla.; and his great-grandmother, Gertrude Bongarzone of Scituate.

A funeral service was held at the Beechwood Congregational Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Those who wish to, may send a memorial donation in Jesse's name to the New England Medical Center Floating Hospital for Children, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, 755 Washington St., Boston 02111.

Josephine Irwin

Josephine (Love) Irwin, 80, of Cohasset, formerly of Hingham, a retired office worker, died March 14, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Irwin worked in the administrative office at Central Junior High School in Hingham for 10 years and in the Hingham town accountant's office for 10 years before retiring in the mid-1980's.

She was born, raised and educated in Roxbury. She lived in Hingham for 30 years before moving to Cohasset 20 years ago.

Mrs. Irwin leaves her husband, Albert E. Irwin; three daughters, Jeanne P. Irwin of Londonderry, N.H., Janice M. Magner of Cohasset and Judith E. Brooks of Mansfield; a son, John A. Irwin of Cohasset; five grandchildren; and a nephew.

Her funeral service and burial were private.

Arrangements were made by Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel in Hingham.

Donations may be made to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 311, Framingham 01704, or to Hospice of the South Shore, P.O. Box 859060, Braintree 02185-9060.

WORSHIP NEWS

Holy Week service

A Holy Week penance service will be held at St. Anthony Church Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. During the service, priests will be available for individual confessions.

The weekly Lenten soup and Stations of the Cross will resume Friday, March 23. The sacrificial meal will be served in the parish center at 6 p.m. and the prayer service will be at 7 in the church.

"Beef and Blarney," the parish's fifth annual Irish social, will be Saturday, March 23, at the parish center. The Rev. John Mulvehill will host the event, which begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner at 7. Entertainment will be provided by the Nevin School Dancers and The O'Reillys. Tickets are $20 (seniors $15) and may be purchased in the parish office from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tables of eight may be reserved.

The Lenten Bible Study series will continue at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 24, in the parish center.

Candlelight service

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter, a candlelight service on Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. The worship is dramatic, beginning with the church in darkness. Candles are lit and at the moment when resurrection is proclaimed the lights are turned on signifying that the resurrected Jesus is the light that no amount of darkness can overcome.

Worship Easter morning, Sunday, March 31, will be at 8 a.m. with quartet and brass and 10 a.m. with full choir and brass. Both services, Eucharist with sermon, will be in the church.

Prior to Easter, there will be worship in the church on Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. This Eucharist commemorates the last supper and the importance of community for the church's life together in Christ. Following the Eucharist will be a simple meal of foods typical of Jesus' place and time breads, cheese, olives, nuts, fruits, and milk and honey.

A 24-hour, Prayer Watch will begin on Maundy Thursday at 3 p.m. Parishioners sign up for an hour throughout the day to be in church to read, pray, just to be quiet, or meditate. It recalls Jesus' words at Gethsemane, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" and the words of Psalm 130: "my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning." It is a powerful experience of prayer each minute throughout the day bringing the church into Good Friday.

Good Friday worship begins at noon on March 29, with an hour of quiet. The Prayer Book liturgy begins at 1 p.m. A service for children takes place at 2:30 p.m. and ends the traditional three hours of worship while Jesus was on the cross. A number of parishioners will participate A the 20 mile Good Friday walk raising money to assist economically poor areas of the south, particularly in rural Mississippi.

Palm Sunday organ recital

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 11th year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting organist Steven Young in a recital on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. Dr. Young, a graduate of Boston University, is chairman of the Music Department at Bridgewater State College, where he directs the college's choral ensembles. He is also dean of the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. One of Young's claims to fame is his extensive research on the organ works of Louis Vierne, which included living in Paris for a number of months in order to pour over musical scores and perform upon historic instruments.

Works on the Palm Sunday program include those by Sowerby, Commette, Petr Eben, and Rheinberger.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., is handicap accessible, and has ample parking in the village car park. There is no admission charge, although donations will be accepted. For more information, call 781-383-1083.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

12:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, , verbal warning.

12:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:42 p.m. Sohier St., brush fire.

12:45 p.m. South Main St, general services.

1:28 p.m. Hull St., assist citizen.

3:08 p.m. King St., general services.

4:32 p.m. King St., breaking and entering into a automobile.

4:40 p.m. Border St., parking violation.

6:02 p.m. King St., medical aid.

6:49 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, services rendered.

8:27 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

10:31 p.m. Ledgewood Dr., medical aid.

11:35 p.m. Bancroft Rd., disturbance.

11:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

6:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

7:21 a.m. King St., medical aid.

8 a.m. Headquarters, log entry fire.

11:25 a.m. Forest Ave., and Forest Notch, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:38 p.m. Cedar St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:32 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:55 p.m. Highland Ave, general services.

6:42 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:46 p.m. Beach St., suspicious person.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

6:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:57 a.m. Arrowwood Road, general services.

7:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:37 a.m. Sohier St., trespassing.

7:40 a.m. Sohier St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:22 a.m. Cedar St., fire.

9:01 a.m. Rose Hill Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

1:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, auto, extinguished.

1:47 p.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:58 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:30 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

3:44 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., traffic control.

5:21 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

8:16 p.m. Rocky Lane, general services.

9:06 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:28 p.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

11:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

1:01 a.m. Border St., parking complaint, ticked issued.

1:07 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

6:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop,.

7:16 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:23 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:36 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

7:44 a.m. Highland Ave., medical aid, to hospital.

9:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:50 a.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

9:51 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:16 a.m. Linden Drive., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

11:22 a.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

11:33 a.m. Atlantic Ave and Beach St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

12:08 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:17 p.m. North Main St., vandalism.

2:18 p.m. Forest Ave., fire, investigation.

5:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), services rendered.

9:22 p.m. South Main St., general services.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

12:28 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

5:02 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

7:5 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:20 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:41 a.m. HQ, registration inquiry.

9:22 a.m., Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

10:55 a.m. King St., medical aid, to hospital.

12:38 p.m. Powers Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

12:50 p.m. Elm St., identity fraud.

1:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

2:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny by check.

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AD#809001
Cohasset Mariner 3/21, 3/28/02

ODERMATT ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P0592EP

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In the County of NORFOLK

Date of Death December 29, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARION T. LUNDFELT ODERMATT of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and BARBARA M. SULLIVAN of ROSLINDALE in the County of SUFFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

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Register of Probate

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Cohasset Mariner 3/221/02

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Introduction
General Scope of Work

The Town of Cohasset (hereinafter referred to as the "Town") invites proposals from qualified design and engineering firms (hereinafter referred to as the "Consultant") to develop 100% design drawings, specifications and construction bid documents typical of Massachusetts Highway Department 100% design submittals to undertake identified infrastructure and streetscape improvements within the Village business district.

The Town will be undertaking several simultaneous municipal infrastructure improvements within the project limits identified in this RFP. As a result, the Consultant is to develop an implementation strategy that will efficiently combine all fiscal, design and construction resources earmarked for the village environment. This will be done in an overall effort to implement the various projects in concert with one another in order to maximize the resources already in place, and minimize the level of disruption on the community.

In addition, the Consultant is to provide on separate cover a recommended project management approach and fee schedule to administer all oversight responsibilities in relation to project scheduling, construction, and procurement requirements necessary to complete the identified work.

Submission of Proposals

15 copies of the proposal are to be submitted to the Town Manager's Office in the Cohasset Town Hall no later than **Thursday, April 25, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.** A pre-bid site visit will be held on **Thursday, April 4 @ 10:00 a.m.** at Cohasset Town Hall.

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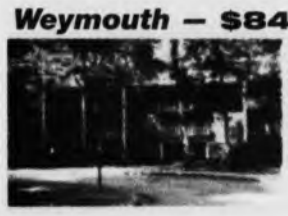
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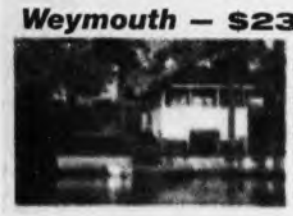
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Colonial
4 bed
2.5 baths
(Ad #3093)

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Colonial
3 bed
1.5 baths
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5 bed
3.5 baths
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EXAMPLE: 4x2 #F64926.. 25 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 EXPLORER XLS & XLT 4x4
SAVE $5200 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

V8s Available at this Discount Also

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $28,085
REBATE -1500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3700

- POWER WINDOWS
- POWER LOCKS
- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- PRIVACY GLASS
- AIR CONDITIONING

$22,785

EXAMPLE: XLS #F65275..
100 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 EXPEDITION Eddie Bauer 4x4
SAVE $10,000 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $41,675
FORD DISCOUNT -1360
REBATES -2500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -6140

- LEATHER INTERIOR
- 3RD SEAT
- REAR A/C-HEAT
- POWER WIN/LOCKS
- MACH AUDIO
- RUNNING BOARDS

$31,675

EXAMPLE: #F63863...
50 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 TAURUS SEDANS & WAGONS
SAVE $4400 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $19,260
REBATE -2000
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2400

- AUTOMATIC
- AIR CONDITIONING
- V6 ENGINE
- POWER WINDOWS
- POWER LOCKS

$14,860

EXAMPLE: #F64667..
25 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 FOCUS SE WAGONS
SAVE $3200 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $16,340
REBATE -1500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -1700

- AIR CONDITIONING
- POWER WIN/LOCKS
- ALLOY WHEELS
- CD/STEREO
- POWER MIRRORS
- 5Y/100K WARRANTY

$13,140

EXAMPLE: #F65279..
50 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 WINDSTAR 4-DOOR VANS
SAVE $4700 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $22,995
REBATE -2500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2200

- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- AIR CONDITIONING
- POWER WIN/LOCKS
- 7-PASSENGER

$18,295

EXAMPLE: #F64876..
25 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 EXPLORER Eddie Bauer & Limited
SAVE $6000 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $34,450
REBATE -1500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -4500

- 4-WHEEL DRIVE
- LEATHER INT.
- POWER WINDOWS
- POWER LOCKS
- ALLOY WHEELS

$28,450

EXAMPLE: EB #F63521..
30 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 MUSTANG COUPES
SAVE $2700 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $17,990
REBATES -1500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -1700

- AIR CONDITIONING
- CD STEREO
- ALLOY WHEELS

$14,790

EXAMPLE: #F65105...
6 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 RANGER SUPERCAB XLT
SAVE $5000 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $17,960
FORD DISCOUNT -650
REBATES -2300
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2050

- AIR CONDITIONING
- ABS BRAKES
- CD STEREO
- REAR JUMP SEATS
- TACHOMETER

$12,960

EXAMPLE: #F65110...
10 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL REBATES

2002 F150 SUPER CABS
SAVE $6700 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $22,325
FORD DISCOUNT -995
REBATES -2800
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3305

- AIR CONDITIONING
- OWL TIRES
- POLISHED WHEELS
- SLIDING REAR WIN
- FULL REAR BENCH

$15,225

EXAMPLE: #F65065...
25 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL REBATES

2002 RANGER SUPERCAB XLT 4x4
SAVE $5850 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $21,830
FORD DISCOUNT -650
REBATES -2000
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3200

- AIR CONDITIONING
- V6 ENGINE
- FOG LIGHTS
- XLT PACKAGE
- CD STEREO

$15,980

EXAMPLE: #F65228...
20 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL INCENTIVES

2002 F-150 SUPER CAB 4x4s
SAVE $6000 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $27,330
REBATES -2800
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3200

- AUTOMATIC • A/C
- V8 ENGINE
- CRUISE • TILT
- CD STEREO
- SLIDING REAR WIN

$21,330

EXAMPLE: #F65326...
50 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL REBATES

2002 F-150 SUPER-CREW XLT & Lariat
SAVE $5800 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $27,799
REBATES -1300
QUIRK DISCOUNT -4500

- 4 DOORS
- XLT PACKAGE
- CD STEREO
- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- SLIDING R.WIN

$21,999

EXAMPLE: #F64714...
40 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT...INCLUDES ALL REBATES

2002 F-250 SUPERCAB 4x4s
SAVE $7000 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $32,355
REBATES -2000
QUIRK DISCOUNT -5000

- 5.4L V8 ENGINE
- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- SLIDING REAR WIN
- AIR CONDITIONING
- LIMITED SLIP
- 86M PLOW PACKAGE

$25,355

EXAMPLE: #F64850...
15 AVAILABLE AT THIS PRICE... INCLUDES ALL INCENTIVES

2002 E250 CARGO VANS
SAVE $5650 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $22,999
REBATES -2300
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3400

- AIR CONDITIONING
- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- SIDE & REAR GLASS
- AM/FM/RADIO

$17,299

EXAMPLE: #F64704...
6 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL REBATES

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POWER WIN/LOCKS • SOME WITH
LEATHER • CD • SUNROOFS
EX: '99 XLT #F64981-1

'97 thru 2001 EXPEDITION 4x4s

XLT & EDDIE BAUER

STARTING AT:
$15,999

THIRD SEAT • RUNNING BOARDS
POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS
4x4 • LEATHER INTERIOR
ALLOY WHEELS • PREMIUM STEREO
EX: '97 XLT #F62958-1

'99 thru 2001 F-150 EXTENDED CAB "XLT"s

STARTING AT:
$15,999

4x4 • V8 • ALLOYS WHEELS
AUTOMATIC • CASSETTE STEREO
EX: '99 #F64319-1...10 AVAILABLE

2000 MAZDA B4000 EXT-CAB
AUTOMATIC TRANS
EXTENDED CAB
TWO WHEEL DRIVE
READY TO WORK
FRESH TRADE
#F64533-1
SALE PRICE: **$7,999**

'98 & '99 F-150 REGULAR CABS
AUTOMATIC TRANS
8 FOOT BED
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
READY TO WORK
EX: '98 F63807-1
STARTING AT: **$7,999**

'99 RANGER EXT-CAB "XLT"
ALLOY WHEELS
AIR CONDITIONING
SLIDING REAR WINDOW
CASSETTE STEREO
READY TO WORK
#5587-1
SALE PRICE: **$7,999**

'96 FORD BRONCO "XLT"
POWER WIN/LOCKS
AIR CONDINTIONING
ALLOY WHEELS
FULL SIZE
"A BLACK BEAUTY"
F65233-1
SALE PRICE: **$7,999**

'96 HONDA PASSPORT
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WIN/LOCKS
ALLOY WHEELS
AM/FM CASSETTE
#F64687-1
SALE PRICE: **$8,999**

'99 & '00 RANGER SUPERCAB "XLT" 4x4
A/C • ALLOY WHEELS
CASSETTE STEREO
SLIDING REAR WINDOW
EX: '99 F64013-1
STARTING AT: **$9,999**

'97 NISSAN PATHFINDER "SE"
AUTOMATIC TRANS
POWER WIN/LOCKS
ALLOY WHEELS
POWER SUNROOF
AIR CONDITIONING
#F63517-1
SALE PRICE: **$10,999**

'00 CHEVY SILVERADO PICKUP
8' BED
2-TONE PAINT
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
RALLYE WHEELS
#F64140-2
SALE PRICE **$11,999**

'98 thru 2000 FORD CLUB WAGONS
15 PASSENGER SEATING
AUTOMATIC TRANS
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
LOW MILES
#F60056-1
STARTING AT: **$12,999**

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AUTOMATIC TRANS
6 CYLINDER ENGINE
HARDTOP
AM/FM CD STEREO
4 WHEEL DRIVE
#F64958-2
SALE PRICE: **$13,999**

2000 E-150 CARGO VAN
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
V6 ENGINE
SIDE & REAR GLASS
READY TO WORK
#F62977-1
SALE PRICE: **$13,999**

'00 E-250 CARGO VAN
SIDE & REAR GLASS
AIR CONDITIONING
RACKS & BINS
AM/FM STEREO
READY TO WORK
#F64652-1
SALE PRICE: **$13,999**

2000 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT
2 WHEEL DRIVE
4.0L 6 CYLINDER
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WIN/LOCKS
#5579-1
SALE PRICE: **$13,999**

'99 F-350 "XLT" 4x4 1-TON
POWERFUL V10 ENGINE
8' BED • A/C
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
5 SPEED TRANS
#F64438-1
SALE PRICE: **$16,999**

'99 DODGE DURANGO "SLT"
AUTOMATIC TRANS
THIRD SEAT • A/C
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
ALLOY WHEELS
#F64578-1
SALE PRICE: **$16,999**

2001 SILVERADO 2500HD 4x4
8" FOOT BED
AUTOMAITC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
CASSETTE STEREO
V8 • 3/4 TON
#F64290-1
SALE PRICE: **$20,999**

'99 F-250 DIESEL UTILITY BODY
4 WHEEL DRIVE • XLT
7.3L DIESEL ENGINE
AUTOMATIC • A/C
EXTENDED CAB
POWER WIN/LOCKS
EX: #F64599-1
SALE PRICE: **$20,999**

'02 FORD ESCAPE 4x4
LEATHER INTERIOR
POWER SUNROOF
ONLY 4K MILES!
AUTOMATIC • A/C
POWER WIN/LOCKS
#F64312-3
SALE PRICE: **$21,999**

'99 F-350 LARIAT 4x4
REGULAR CAB
DIESEL ENGINE
ROOF MARKER LIGHTS
LEATHER INTERIOR
POWER WIN/LOCKS
CD • #5538
SALE PRICE: **$23,999**

'99 LEXUS 470 4x4
LEATHER INTERIOR
V8 • POWER SUNROOF
THIRD SEAT • 7 PASS.
ALL POWER
WOODGRAIN PKG
#LEX470
SALE PRICE: **$34,999**

'99 thru 2001 TAURUS & SABLE SEDANS & WAGONS

"SE" & "SES"

STARTING AT:
$7,999

AUTOMATIC • A/C • V6
POWER WINDOWS & DOOR LOCKS
ALLOY WHEELS • CASSETTE STEREO
EX: '99 SE #5595-1...20 AVAILABLE

2001 FORD ESCORTS & FOCUS

OVER 20 TO CHOOSE

STARTING AT:
$8,999

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
AIR CONDITIONING • ABS
POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS
AM/FM CASSETTE • KEYLESS ENTRY
EX: ESCORT#5548

'98 thru '01 VW JETTAS & PASSATS

"GL", "GT", "GLS"

STARTING AT:
$9,999

AUTOMATIC TRANS • POWER SUNROOF
ALLOY WHEELS • POWER WIN/LOCKS
AIR CONDITIONING • '98 GT #F64303-1

2000 HYUNDAI ACCENT
AIR CONDITIONING
AM/FM CASSETTE
REAR DEFROSTER
POWER STEERING
GOOD COMMUTER
#F63422-2
SALE PRICE: **$4,999**

'95 NISSAN ALTIMA "GXE"
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
CASSETTE • 150HP
#F64060-1
SALE PRICE: **$5,999**

'98 thru '01 WINDSTARS
LX, SE, SEL, SPORTS
AUTOMATIC • A/C
4 DOORS • PWR WIN/LOCKS
SOME W/POWER
SLIDING DOOR
EX: '98 LX #F61739-2
20 TO CHOOSE STARTING AT: **$7,999**

'97 GRAND CARAVAN 4 DOOR
AUTOMATIC TRANS
POWER WIN/LOCKS
AIR CONDITIONING
7 PASSENGER
MOVE THE FAMILY
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2002 AVALANCHE 4x4

SAVE OVER $7200

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

MSRP $48,201
REBATE -3002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -5200

$30,999

VORTEC 5300 V8 ENGINE • AUTOMATIC • CLIMATE • ASSIST STEPS
POWER SUNROOF • LEATHER INTERIOR • 6-WAY POWER SEATS
ONSTAR • CD • Z71 OFF ROAD PKG. • CONVENIENCE PKG.

EX: #C16099...35 AVALANCHES AVAILBLE

2002 TAHOE 4x4s

SAVE OVER $5800

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

MSRP $36,825
REBATE -1500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -4326

$30,999 OR LEASE FOR $369 PER MO. 48 MO.s

VORTEC V8 • THIRD ROW SEATING • ALLOY WHEELS
LIFTGATE/LIFTGLASS • LS PREFERRED EQUIPMENT
TRAILERING PKG. • AUTOMATIC • A/C • POWER WIN/LOCKS

EX: #C16025...37 TAHOES AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 SUBURBAN 4x4s

SAVE OVER $6700

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

MSRP $41,704
REBATE -1500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -5205

$34,999

AUTOMATIC • VORTEC 5300 V8 • TRAILERING PACKAGE
ONSTAR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM • AM/FM CASSETTE/CD
REAR AUDIO • LEATHER SEATING • FRONT HI RACK BUCKET SEATS
LIFTGATE/LIFTGLASS • 9 SPEAKER AUDIO SYSTEM

EX: C15584...18 SUBURBANS AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 SILVERADO 4x4 EXTENDED CAB

SAVE OVER $5900

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

ORIGINAL LIST $29,439
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -1938

$23,499

AUTOMATICTRANSMISSION • AIR CONDITIONIG • VORTEC 5300 V8
DEEP TINTED GLASS • LOCKING DIFFERENTIAL • AM/FM CD STEREO
TRAILERING PACKAGE • HEAVY DUTY SUSPENSION • CHROME WHEELS

EX: #C16093... 8 EXTEND CAB 4x4 AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 SILVERADO 2500HD EXTEND CAB

SAVE OVER $6680

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

MSRP $30,681
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -4680

$23,999

VORTEC 6000 V8 ENGINE • HD AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
TRAILERING PACKAGE • A/C • CRUISE CONTROL
POWER BUCKET SEATS • LOCKING DIFFERENTIAL
AM/FM CD/CASETTE STEREO

EX: #C15212... 12 HD EXTEND CABS IN STOCK

2002 S10 EXTEND CAB V6 4x4

SAVE $4870

ORIGINAL LIST $21,869
BONUS CASH -500
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2306

$16,499 OR GMAC LEASE FOR $189 PER MO. 36 MO.s 0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

AUTOMATIC • AIR CONDITIONING • AM/FM CD STEREO
CRUISE CONTROL • SPLIT BENCH SEAT • THIRD DOOR
TINTED GLASS • POWER STEERING

EX: #C15715-...15 EXTEND CAB V6 AVAILABLE

2002 S-10 FLEETSIDE

SAVE OVER $3890

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

MSRP $14,391
BONUS CASH -500
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -1589

$10,499

VORTEC 2200 ENGINE • AM/FM STEREO
FRONT BENCH SEAT
INCREASED CAPACITY CHASSIS PACKAGE

EX: #C16014...18 REGULAR CAB FLEETSIDES IN STOCK

2002 S-10 LS EXTENDED CAB

SAVE OVER $5070

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

MSRP $19,575
PACKAGE SAVINGS -530
BONUS CASH -500
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2544

$13,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR $159 PER MO. 36 MO.s

AUTOMATIC TRANS • AIR CONDITIONING • AM/FM CD STEREO
LEATHER WRAP STEERING WHEEL • ALUMINUM WHEELS • CRUISE
TILT STEERING • DEEP TINTED GLASS • FLOOR MATS

EX: #C14997...OVER 30 EXT-CABS S-10's AVAILABLE

2002 S-10 CREW CAB 4x4

SAVE OVER $5930

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

MSRP $24,937
BONUS CASH -500
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3436

$18,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR $209 PER MO. 36 MO.s

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WIN/LOCKS
CD/CASSETTE STEREO
FULL SIZE SPARE
BEDLINER • 4x4

EX: C16198...15 CREW CABS AVAILABLE

2002 MONTE CARLO "SS"

SAVE OVER $4400

ORIGINAL LIST $24,400
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2399

$19,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR $279 PER MO. 36 MO.s

AUTOMATIC • AIR CONDITIONING • POWER SUNROOF
POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS • 3.8L V6 ENGINE • ONSTAR SYSTEM
AM/FM CASSETTE STEREO • REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY • ALLOY WHEELS

EX: #C16476-...8 "SS" MONTE CARLOS AVAILABLE

2002 VENTURE EXTENDED "PLUS"

SAVE OVER $6230

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

MSRP $26,730
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3229

$20,499 OR GMAC LEASE FOR $259 PER MO. 36 MO.s

AUTOMATIC • 3.4L V6
FRONT & REAR A/C
DEEP TINTED GLASS
POWER WINDOWS/LOCKS
OVERHEAD CONSOLE
CRUISE CONTROL
REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY

EX: #C15907...28 VENTURES AVAILABLE

2002 TrailBlazer "LT" 4x4

SAVE OVER $5240

AUTO • CLIMATE CONTROL
VORTEC 4200 270HP I6 ENGINE
8-WAY POWER LEATHER
DRIVER & PASSENGER SEAT
AM/FM CD/CASSETTE
ELECTRIC SUNROOF
REAR HVAC & AUDIO
POWER WIN/LOCKS
MESSAGE CENTER

MSRP $34,240
REBATE -1500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3741

$28,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR $349 PER MO. 36 MO.s 0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

EX: LT #C15136...C14918, C14916 AT THIS DISCOUNT...20 OTHERS AVAILAABLE

2002 CHEVY CAVALIER COUPES & SEDANS

SAVE OVER $3900

On All Cavaliers

COUPE MSRP $14,400
REBATE -2002
*COLLEGE GRAD REBATE -400
QUIRK DISCOUNT -1499

$10,499

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

TRACTION ASSIST • AIR CONDITIONING • ABS • CD

EX: C15784...OVER 60 CAVALIER IN STOCK AT THIS DISCOUNT...*MUST MEET COLLEGE GRAD REQUIREMENTS

2002 CHEVY MALIBU SEDAN

SAVE OVER $4230

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

MSRP $19,250
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2229

$14,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR $179 PER MO. 36 MO.s

3.1L 170HP SFI ENGINE
AUTOMATIC • A/C
CD • KEYLESS ENTRY
POWER WINDOWS
POWER MIRRORS
CRUISE CONTROL

EX: C15509... 25 MALIBUS AVAILABLE

2002 "V8" EXPRESS CARGO VANS

SAVE OVER $5790

0% APR In Lieu of Rebate

ORIGINAL LIST $23,795
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3794

$17,999

VORTEC 5000 V8 SFI ENGINE • AUTOMATIC W/OVERDRIVE
CUSTOM CLOTH BUCKET SEATS • FIXED SIDE & REAR GLASS
AIR CONDITIONING • AM/FM STEREO • LOCKING DIFFERENTIAL

EX: #C15680...20 EXPRESS CARGO VANS IN STOCK AT THIS DISCOUNT

All above leases are based on 12,000 miles per year with $1,999 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit). Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

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2001 CHEVY MALIBU V6

AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
AM/FM CD STEREO
POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS
SOME WITH:
ALLOY WHEELS
LEATHER INTERIOR
EX: #9634...20 AVAILABLE

STARTING AT: $9,999

SOME WITH AS LITTLE AS 1000 MILES!

2000 thru 2002 VENTURE "LS", "EXTENDED" & "WARNER BROTHERS"

POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS
TINTED WINDOWS • REAR A/C
ALLOY WHEELS 7 PASSENGER SEATING
EX: LS EXTENDED #9519...
36 AVAILABLE

STARTING AT: $12,999

2001 & 2002 SILVERADO EXTENDED CAB "LS" 4-DOOR PICKUPS

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION • A/C
V8 ENGINE • TOWING PACKAGE
REAR BEDLINER • CD PLAYER
POWER WINDOWS & DOOR LOCKS
EX: '02 #6451...
30 AVAILABLE

STARTING AT: $21,999

2001 & 2002 CHEVY & GMC CREW CAB PICKUPS

SLT PACKAGE • LEATHER INT
POWER BUCKET SEATS
HEATED SEATS
FULL BEDLINER
AM/FM CD/CASSETTE
ONLY 6,000 MILES
EX: '01 SLT #9282...
10 AVAILABLE

STARTING AT: $24,999

SOME WITH 6.6L DURAMAX DIESEL

2001 & 2002 CHEVY SUBURBANS

"LS" & "LT" TRIM

8 WAY POWER BUCKET SEATS
LEATHER INTERIOR • 5300 V8 ENGINE
POWER WINDOWS & DOOR LOCKS
AM/FM CD STEREO • TINTED WINDOWS
RUNNING BOARDS • ALLOY WHEELS
EX: '01 "LT" #9394

STARTING AT: $26,999

25 AVAILABLE...SOME WITH AS LITTLE AS 1500 MILES!

2002 CHEVY TAHOE LS & LT

FACTORY WARRANTY

POWER WINDOWS/DOOR LOCKS/SEATS
AM/FM/CD/CASSETTE STEREO
RUNNING BOARDS
ALLOY WHEELS • VORTEC V8
EX: USED LS #9593...10 AVAILABLE

STARTING AT: $25,999

SOME WITH AS LITTLE AS 1000 MILES!

'98 thru 2001 CHEVY CAMAROS

WS • 6/RAM AIR

CONVERTIBLE

COUPE

AUTOMATIC • AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS
EX: '99 COUPE #C15583A...
5 TO CHOOSE

STARTING AT: $11,999

2000 CHEVY LUMINAS

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
AIR CONDITIONING
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South Shore stars shine in 'Cabaret'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Caroline deLima gives a whole new meaning to the show business adage, "There are no small parts, only small actors." The Cohasset-based performer was only a toddler when she made her debut on a South Shore stage.

"My first musical was 'My Fair Lady' at the Hingham Civic Music Theater," deLima recalled by telephone last week. "I was only two years old, and I didn't really have a role. I just kind of strolled through the street scenes." Connections in the cast helped the very youthful thespian land that first role. Her mother, well-known local actress and singer Sarah deLima, played Eliza Doolittle.

The younger deLima is currently tackling a larger, considerably more adult role in the Company Theatre production of the Fred Ebb and John Kander musical, "Cabaret," currently on stage in Norwell. The recent Indiana University graduate plays Sally Bowles, a freewheeling British party girl working as a singer in 1930s Berlin just as the Nazis are coming to power.

Her mother's encouragement and inspiration has led Caroline to pursue acting roles all her life. "I definitely discovered performing through my mother," she says. "My mother really understands that being on stage offers a challenge and a thrill that are simply unparalleled. At the same time, she has always been very up front with me about the difficulties of a life in the theater, which include working mostly nights and for very low pay. Sarah is not only my mother, but also one of my best friends. She has been very generous in sharing with me the lessons she has learned in her career."

Her mother will be in the audience this time around as Caroline portrays a character first made famous by Julie Harris in the 1951 John Van Druten play, 'I Am A Camera," based on Christopher Isherwood's collection of "Berlin Stories."

The best-known Sally Bowles was, of course, the bubbly, appealing one brought to life three decades ago in the Bob Fosse-directed feature film of the musical. The movie swept the 1972 Academy Awards, with Minnelli picking up the Oscar for Best Actress.

More than 35 years after its Broadway premiere, 'Cabaret" continues to prove that it has what it takes to survive, too.

A 1998 Broadway revival, directed by Sam Mendes, presented a darker take on the 1966 original musical. That update won its own hefty share of awards, including a Tony for Natasha Richardson's decidedly unsympathetic Sally.

Thanks to Company Theater directors Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman, South Shore audiences can expect a kind of composite Sally Bowles.

"The recent Broadway Sallys (Richardson, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Kate Shindle, Brooke Shields, Gina Gershon and currently Molly Ringwald) have been riveting, but hard-edged. Zoe and Jordie wanted this Sally to be more likable. Working with Choreographer Sally Ashton Forrest and Music Director Michael Joseph they have incorporated the best elements of the film and Broadway versions into this production," says deLima.

In addition to Broadway standards like

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(Above) The Kit Kat girls and Boys join Emcee John King and Sally Bowles played by Caroline deLima in a production number.

(Left) Weymouth's John King as the Emcee and Cohasset's Caroline deLima as Sally Bowles strike a pose on stage in the Company Theatre Production of "Cabaret." The show will be performed through April 7.

Now showing at the Dolphin

Hingham Library gallery hosts NRAS exhibit

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The Dolphin Gallery is the first sight to greet visitors in the front-door lobby at the newly renovated Hingham Public Library. The Gallery, named for Hingham benefactors Dr. James A. & Mary Lynd Dolphin, will also display a regular schedule of monthly or semi-monthly art exhibits to go with various donated mementos from the Dolphins, including a vintage model grandfather clock and other permanent fixtures.

The second and current Gallery show since the library's reopening is a collection of recent works covering a range of media by longtime members of the North River Arts Society (NRAS). The show is one of a regular series of members exhibits sponsored by the Marshfield-based artists organization in the local area, and is on view at the library's Dophin Gallery through April 2.

The exhibit, "Recollections," consists of works by NRAS members who have shown their work before at the Hingham Library, in its former exhibit hall Clemons Gallery. Together, the pieces showcase the diversity of styles and perspectives among NRAS artists, with fresh styles and perspectives fitting into the range of conventional media (oil, watercolor) and mostly conventional subjects for landscapes (meadows, marshes, beaches, woodlands) and still lifes (fruits, desk and table objects).

But there are a few exceptions, including Marshfield artist Patricia S. Smith's quilt image of an egret or complementing, multi-colored, mixed media abstracts, "Tapestry I" and "II," by Marcia Ballou also of Marshfield.

Most notable among the unconventional entries are Scituate's Laura Harvey's collection of mixed media pieces, particularly one formed of an old cigar box, chicken wire screen, milk wood sacks, doll heads and other knick knacks that almost dares the viewer to figure out its subject or motif with the title "Why Do You Ask?"

Smith also contributes two other items of the conventional mode, respective oils in still life ("Breakfast") and landscape ("Conservation Land"). Among other landscape pieces, Marshfield's Dorit Flowers displays an impressive feel for Impressionistic style with her series of watercolor images painted in Umbria, Italy — a grape arbor, an old farmhouse and hills.

For fans of bold, striking colors and images, Hull's John

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PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

NRAS member John Kilroy's bold, colorful work "Days of Wine and Roses" is on display as part of the exhibit "Recollections," now showing at the Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery.

A visitor to the newly renovated Hingham Public Library takes in the North River Arts Society exhibit "Recollections" on Display through April 2.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

Lord of the zings

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

David Brudnoy trains his Gandalf-like mental powers on the Oscars

After all the lesser principalities — Golden Globes, Directors' Guild, People's Choice, and such — have been heard from, the monarch, Oscar, graciously and, we can even if futilely hope, without dawdling too much, bestows its awards. We sing triumphantly if we've read the tea leaves well or hide our heads in shame if we haven't, get into our jammies and crawl into bed, then promptly forget, within at most 48 hours, to whom the Oscars for this or that "went."

The most interesting category this year, for reasons extrinsic to merit but having to do with PC on the one hand and personal pay-back on the other, is the "best performance by an actor" award. Arguably the most impressive performance is by an actor 99 people out of 100 could not identify if he had a sign saying "Oscar nominee" hanging around his neck — Tom Wilkinson as the grieving dad in "In the Bedroom." In the performance he no doubt felt he *had* to do to be taken seriously and maybe win an Oscar, the ordinarily irritatingly insubstantial Will Smith knocked himself out well as "Ali," while Sean Penn, whose acting is often better than the movies he's in and whose directorial work is superb but seen by nobody, handed in the I'm-handicapped-therefore-I-deserve-to-win award, playing the retarded Sam, as in "I Am...."

But the gladiatorial contest is between two superb actors whom Hollywood doesn't like as persons; they're not likable. Russell Crowe ("A Beautiful Mind") gives vent to his surly gruffness, which in Australia is considered mateyness but outside Down Under is seen as crudeness, and Denzel Washington ("Training Day") is regarded as aloof, disdainful, in his mind better than mere mortals. Hollywood likes its actors cuddly (Tom Cruise) and humble (Jimmy Stewart) and clever (Kevin Spacey), and I could go on but needn't. Crowe and Washington do stupendously in fine films, each deserving of a second Oscar (Washington got his in a supporting role, in "Glory," and Crowe got his for the mediocre "Gladiator" last year), but they're regarded as unclubable, not "our kind," in Hollywood's self-admiring sense of itself.

Moreover, like Halle Berry, stunningly good in "Monster's Ball," Washington's nomination is wrapped up in the old race game. Each year, either "enough" non-white actors are nominated, or the usual self-pitying injustice-collec-

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Food & dining

Pan-Fried Fish Fillets

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Fried fish fillets run the gamut from pedestrian to horrible, the coating gummy and tasteless and the fish bland and overcooked. Yet this simple dish cooks in just minutes, takes little preparation, and, when made properly, produces juicy, tender fish encased in a crisp, flavorful coating. What's not to like?

First, the fish. I tested a variety of fillets and found that only the thinnest will do for this recipe. (Thicker fillets such as cod turn out overcooked on the outside and undercooked on the inside.) The best choice turned out to be sole with flounder a distant runner-up. Flounder fillets are a bit too small (about 2 ounces) for this recipe. Sole fillets run 4 to 6 ounces.

The coating consists of three parts: a liquid such as milk or egg, breadcrumbs, and flavorings. I tested egg whites, whole egg, milk, and buttermilk. (The fillets are dipped in the liquid, coated with breadcrumbs, and then pan-fried.) The egg white version was crisp and clean, the milk was good but not quite as clean tasting, the whole egg was too rich, and the buttermilk added a tang that was unwelcome. I also determined that seasoning the fillets directly was preferable to letting the coating do all of the work.

For the breadcrumbs, I tried a flour/cornmeal coating, fresh breadcrumbs, and dry breadcrumbs all of which were fried in an olive oil/ butter combination. The flour/cornmeal was gummy and the least flavorful, the fresh breadcrumbs tasted like a bad church supper stuffing, and the dry breadcrumbs were the crunchiest, adhered well, browned nicely and contributed just the right amount of buttery breadcrumb flavor. Next, I tasted flavor additions to the breadcrumbs. I liked the addition of chopped parsley and/or chives since their flavor complements the breaded fillets. For 1 1/2 cups breadcrumbs (enough for eight fillets) I used 4 tablespoons of chopped fresh herbs. I tried dried thyme but it was overpowering so stick with fresh parsley or chives. Next, I experimented with Parmesan cheese but it simply interfered with the flavor of the fish. Lemon zest was an interesting addition but I quickly found that I needed a lot of zest to get any lemon flavor. When I added enough zest, it then turned bitter so I simply squeezed fresh lemon juice over the fillets after cooking.

Finally, I wanted to confirm the cooking technique. A combination of butter and oil was my first choice but I also tested peanut oil (too much flavor) and canola oil (flavorless and not crispy). Using the butter/olive oil combination and a 12-inch skillet, I found that 8 fillets could be cooked in three batches, 60 to 90 seconds per side. I found that I needed to add an additional tablespoon each of butter and olive oil by the third batch. For best results the heat should be medium-high. If the fish cooks at low heat the fillets become oily and soggy. At high heat the butter burns. These quick-fried fillets are great served with a salad, bread, and glass of wine.

PAN FRIED FISH FILLETS

Note that you should use store-bought dried breadcrumbs, not fresh breadcrumbs. Also, be sure to purchase unflavored crumbs since many brands also include herbs and seasonings.

1 1/2 cups dry, unflavored, store-bought breadcrumbs

1 teaspoon salt plus additional salt for seasoning the fish fillets

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper plus additional for seasoning the fish fillets

4 tablespoons flat parsley or chives or a combination of both, chopped fine

2 egg whites

8 very thin fish fillets such as sole, about 4 to 6 ounces each

3 tablespoons olive oil

3 tablespoons unsalted butter

Lemon wedges for serving

1. In a shallow bowl or pie plate add the breadcrumbs, salt, pepper, and chopped parsley/chives. Stir with a fork to combine well. Whisk the egg whites in another shallow bowl or pie plate until slightly foamy. Season the fish fillets lightly with salt and pepper. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper.

2. Heat a heavy-duty 12-inch skillet over medium high heat. One at a time dip the fish fillets first into the egg whites and then the breadcrumb mixture. For best results flip the fish a couple of times in the crumbs pressing down to adhere the coating. Set aside in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet.

3. Place two tablespoons each of olive oil and butter in the skillet. Swirl to coat the bottom of the pan. The butter will melt and foam very quickly at this point. Once the butter has stopped foaming place 3 fillets (or as many as you can fit in a single layer), in the skillet. Cook for 60 to 90 seconds or until dark golden brown. With a large spatula turn the fillets and cook on the other side until dark golden brown. Remove and place on a warm platter. Repeat with the rest of the fillets adding the additional tablespoon olive oil and butter before cooking the third batch of fillets. Serve immediately.

Serves four to six.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

NRAS member Jody Regan discusses some of the paintings on display at the Dolphin Gallery with fellow member Laura Harvey.

Now showing at the Dolphin

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Kilroy offers oil works including the self-descriptive still life "Days of Wine and Roses" and the inner-cove landscape scene "Winter Harbor." Meanwhile, oil and pastel works by Marshfield's Patricia M. Gray are there for those who prefer a lighter touch. Gray, incidentally, is this year's poster artist for NRAS's annual Festival for the Arts coming this Memorial Day weekend at the society's GAR Hall and surrounding neighborhood in Marshfield.

For more information about North River Arts Society events and exhibits, call 781 837-8091.

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tors (NAACP, Spike Lee, the liberal white breast-beaters left and their enraged black soul-mates) bellow; and if "enough" don't win, then we endure a latter-day variation on the pouring of ashes on Hollywood's well-coifed heads and the rending of their ludicrously pricey garments, weeping bitter tears of anguish about you-know-which "ism" and making dire threats. Berry, officially (by the melanin-crazed standard of our era) "black," though you have to look closely to notice, deserves an Oscar, but so do Judi Dench for "Iris," Nicole Kidman (for "The Others," for which she wasn't nominated, if not perhaps for "Moulin Rouge," for which she was), Sissy Spacek, as the mourning mother in "In the Bedroom," and even, maybe, Renee Zellweger, in the pleasantly frothy "Bridget Jones's Diary."

More ink has been wasted on trying to psych out the race angle in the voting by the Academy's members than on the merits of films or performances. Below the top two acting categories the work is less contentiously argued, with the supporting actor nominees exhibiting long-suffering affection (Jim Broadbent, "Iris"), exasperated terror (Ethan Hawke, "Training Day"), vileness (Ben Kingsley, "Sexy Beast"), noble virtue (Ian McKellen, "Lord of the Rings") and goofy impersonation (Jon Voight, "Ali"). Among the supporting actresses, take your pick among more long-suffering (Jennifer Connelly, "A Beautiful Mind," and Helen Mirren, "Gosford Park"), acid tonguedness (Maggie Smith, "Gosford Park"), bereftness (Marisa Tomei, "In the Bedroom") and young promise (Kate Winslet, "Iris"). No winner among these would be wrong.

Those of us still awake will press our sniffly noses closer to our TV sets, prop up our eyelids with toothpicks, and await the merciful end of an evening full of Whoopi Goldberg jokes, lugubrious displays of fawningly tawdry, phonily self-effacing acceptance speeches, dopey retrospectives and unwatchable production numbers, as, at last, the big kahuna, the best picture Oscar, is announced. Predictions accompany this story, but ponder the domestic and total box office draw of the five nominees: "Lord of the Rings" ($282 million domestic, $699 total); "A Beautiful Mind" ($129; $131); "Gosford Park" ($27.8; $31.3); "In the Bedroom" ($25; $26); and "Moulin Rouge" ($59.3; $174.6). If you're a bettor, lay odds on a film that makes lots of money, thus encouraging the making of others that'll make lots of money, which will employ many more of the 5,700+ Academy voters or at least those still working, if not those who haven't seen (or been in) a film since "Pride of the Yankees" or known a star since they knew Lillian Gish.

For my people (movie nuts), Oscarfest is Super Bowl-Election Night-New Year's Eve-Mardi Gras all in one. It's ghastly, true, but it's ours. Mock it not. Gandalf is watching you.

David Brudnoy's picks

	Will win	Should win
Picture:	The Lord of the Rings"	"A Beautiful Mind"
Actor:	Russel Crowe, "A Beautiful Mind"	Denzel Washington, "Training Day"
Actress:	Sissy Spacek, "In the Bedroom"	Sissy Spacek, "In the Bedroom"
Supp. Actor	Ian McKellen, "Lord of the Rings"	Ethan Hawke, "Training Day"
Supp. Actress	Jennifer Connelly, "A Beautiful Mind"	Kate Winslet, "In the Bedroom"
Director	Peter Jackson, "Lord of the Rings"	Peter Jackson, "Lord of the Rings"

Ed Symkus' picks

	Will Win	Should Win
Picture	"A Beautiful Mind"	"The Fellowship of the Ring"
Actor	Denzel Washington	Denzel Washington
Actress	Sissy Spacek	Nicole Kidman
Supp. Actor	Ben Kingsley	Ian McKellen
Supp. Actress	Jennifer Connelly	Jennifer Connelly

Tips for pruning roses, tools of the trade

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Leaving the chilly breezes and the stark silhouettes of the winter landscape behind, I passed through the doorway of the Bayside Exposition Center and stepped into all the glory and splendor of a New England springtime. I eagerly anticipate my annual pilgrimage to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's New England Spring Flower Show every March knowing that the rebirth of our gardens cannot be far behind.

Hidden treasures were to be found around every corner. Scintillating azaleas in luscious shades of melon, pink and white were artistically blended with exquisite specimens of unusual Japanese maples and handsome hostas. Pretty primroses, dazzling dogwoods, stately delphiniums, frilly ferns, and wonderful woodland wildflowers were just a few of the horticultural delights on display. The sweet perfume of heavenly hyacinths mingled with the fresh scent of pine bark mulch as the captivating sounds of water cascading over rocky waterfalls beckoned visitors to stroll through the magnificent gardens. These wondrous sights and sounds of springtime rekindle the spirit and remind us of the beauty that will be revealed in the weeks to come.

A particularly alluring display of roses in full bloom caused me to pause and ponder the seductive power of their beautiful blossoms. I am tempted each growing season to add a few of these popular shrubs to my landscape but I usually manage to resist their thorny charm when I consider their reputation as high maintenance plants. Bountiful sun, water, fertilizer, winter protection, periodic spraying for pests and diseases and routine pruning make these bushes a time-consuming investment.

The very word, pruning, alone is capable of striking fear in the heart of many a seasoned gardener particularly when it is mentioned in association with rose bushes. For some, there is concern that pruning hurts the plant or that if done improperly it might lead to the plant's demise. Others worry that their prized plant will look unsightly because the cuts were made in the wrong place. Remember that a rose bush is merely another flowering, deciduous shrub that performs best given an annual trim to maintain its shape and promote flowering.

Spring pruning of roses is best initiated while the bushes are still dormant or the buds are beginning to swell. As for most woody plants, begin by removing dead, diseased or crossed branches. Twiggy, spindly growth should be thinned out. To promote a broader, spreading shrub, cut stems back to an outward facing bud. If the rose bush is sparse, encourage some growth inward by trimming a couple of stems to inward facing buds. Many stems are prone to a certain amount of winter dieback, especially in exposed locales, and should be pruned back to healthy tissue.

When and how to prune your roses will vary depending on the type of roses you grow. Hybrid teas, the queen of the roses and usually considered the most demanding, produce their magnificent blooms on new wood. Severe pruning to a foot or less will not harm the plant and will produce a compact bush with large, usually single blossoms throughout the growing season. Select 4 to 5 of the strongest stems and prune off thin, weak growth.

Climbing roses produce long canes ideal for arbors, fences, and trellises. Their blossoms are produced only once or perhaps twice a season on old wood and their stems need little if any pruning except to remove dead or diseased tissue or very old canes. Rambling roses demonstrate similar growth and flowering habits and rarely need to be trimmed unless they require shaping.

The term "shrub rose" has come to encompass a wide array of vigorous growers including those termed old-fashioned, English and species roses. Most of these will form dense shrubs if left unattended but achieve their ultimate flowering and appearance if the branches are thinned out and shortened and if the oldest canes are periodically removed to stimulate new growth. If spent flowers are regularly removed, flowering continues throughout the growing season.

Clean cuts heal faster. To ensure precise pruning, purchase and use proper tools. Quality tools last longer, produce cleaner cuts and make the job easier. Anvil pruners have one sharp blade with an opposing blade that has a flat edge that may crush stems and produce uneven cuts. Bypass pruners work with a scissors-like action with their two blades sliding past one another enabling cleaner, closer cuts. High quality pruners, like the Swiss-made Felco, are worth the additional cost for their durability, precision and the fact that they have replaceable blades. Inexpensive pruners tend to be easily bent out of shape, which may give rise to ragged cuts. Hand pruners are preferred for twigs and smaller branches up to half an inch across. Long-handled lopping shears are useful for cutting larger branches up to 2 inches thick.

Curve-blade pruning saws are usually designed to cut only on the pull-stroke and are ideal for larger branches and great for tight places. Bow saws cut on both the push and pull strokes but require more room to maneuver. Both of these types of saws are available in models with replaceable blades.

For performing the technique of heading back, hedge shears are a necessity. Manual hedge shears may be adequate for small jobs, but electric hedge shears are faster and easier and permit greater accuracy of line while shaping.

Educational Opportunity: Join the experts from the Plymouth County Extension Service for their 25th annual fruit pruning demonstration on Saturday, March 23 at 1 p.m. at 52 Vernon St. in Middleboro to learn how to prune fruit trees, raspberries, grape vines and blueberry bushes. Call the Plymouth County office at (781) 293-3541 for directions.

South Shore stars shine in 'Cabaret'

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"Wilkommen," "Money" and the title song, the Company Theatre's veteran creative team has taken its cue from the current Broadway revival and included two songs written for the movie, "Maybe This Time" and "Mein Herr." Also included is "I Don't Care Much," written for a 1987 Broadway revival.

Company Theatre regular John King portrays the enigmatic Emcee, a role that earned both a Tony and Academy Award for Joel Grey. As the show's host, King's character guides audiences through the netherworld of the glitzy, yet decadent Kit Kat Club.

"The Emcee is very cunning and sinister," King pointed out during a telephone interview from his Weymouth home last week. "He has a real dark side that people seem to really enjoy. He is not afraid to do anything."

In the original Broadway production and movie, the Emcee was used as metaphor for Nazi Germany, an asexual, Hitler-like figure. The current Broadway incarnation shows him to be more animalistic, a kind of sexual predator. One constant remains, the Emcee personifies the decadence of the time and place.

King has no plans to wear his character's perhaps nonexistent heart on his nonexistent sleeve. "His evilness isn't blatantly out there, because of the way he is interwoven into the whole show. He is doing what he has to do to survive."

More than 35 years after its Broadway premiere, 'Cabaret" continues to prove that it has what it takes to survive, too.

A great score and the love stories of its two main couples — Sally and Cliff the bisexual American writer and the older landlady Fraulein Schneider and her suitor, the Jewish grocer Herr Schultz — are also reason for its staying power, according to deLima.

"It appeals generationally to a lot of people. There aren't many musicals that even feature an older couple. The show also offers a meaningful kind of social commentary, without hammering it home. The overall message still very much resonates today, especially in these uncertain times."

("Cabaret" will be presented by the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, through April 7. For tickets and information, call 781/871-2787.)

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MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA STRIDES THROUGH PLYMOUTH ON APRIL 28 More than 200 Plymouth area residents will walk through the town on April 28 as part of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The walk begins and ends Plymouth North High School and kicks off at 10 a.m. Following the walk, participants will enjoy entertainment and refreshments. For more information call 1-800-BIG-WALK or www.marchofdimes.com

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Thurs. 21

Tim White veteran Plymouth County attorney will officially kick off his campaign for Plymouth County District Attorney with a St. Patrick's Day reception complete with local Irish entertainment on March 21, at The Radisson Hotel, West Ballroom, 929 Highland Street, Rockland. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, live Irish Music, suggested donation Friend $25, Supporter $50, Sponsor $200. For more information Paul "Red" Sullivan at 508-586-7944.

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The Boston Psychoanalytical Society and Institute will feature the works of master printmaker Eldzier Cortor from March 22 to May 17. An opening reception will be held Friday, March 22 at 6 p.m. with guest speakers at 7 p.m. The institute is located at 15 Commonwealth Ave. Boston. For more information call (617) 266-0953.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents **Recent Works by the Students of Duxbury High School**. March 2002, reception and student musical performance, March 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Merry Meeting Room, Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. For information call 781-934-2721.

The Hanover Garden Club will hold its first meeting March 21, at 12:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Lodge, Hanover Four Corners. The title of the event is the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. This is a private-public partnership formed to preserve the Boston and Brookline parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. It is a 6-mile linear park from Franklin Park to Back Bay. The speaker will be Simone Auster. A light and healthy lunch will be served. Anyone interested in joining the Hanover Garden Club may attend the first meeting.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on March 21, at 7:15 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Avenue, Braintree. **Sharon Carson** will demonstrate painting in oils. The public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

Thomas F. Williams & Associates will hold a seminar on contract law as it pertains to real estate transactions on March 21, at the Plymouth and South Shore Board of Realtors, 48 Schoosett St., Pembroke from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call 781-826-5139 for reservations. $20 for members/$30 non-members. General public invited.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree will present the production of a musical fable **"Once Upon a Mattress"** directed by Martha Sawyer. Production dates are March 21, 22, and Sunday, the 23. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sundays at 7 p.m. Call and reserve tickets 781-356-5113, leave message. Tickets are $14 the CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

Fri.22

Grove Manor Estates presents **Queen Mary with Derek Mann** in a two-part lecture presentation. Part one is March 22, at 2 p.m. and part two is April 12, at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP 781-843-3700. This production will be held at The Glen, 160 Grove Street, Braintree. Upon entering the driveway, follow the sign to the right. Parking is available.

The Sensuous Senator at Quincy Dinner Theater The Sensuous Senator, a comedy by Michael Parker at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. March 22, 23, 24. Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show. Sunday March 24, 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 show, dinner and show, $37.50; show only $17.50. Wheelchair accessible. For reservations, call 781-843-5862.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance March 22, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

The H.L. Blanchard Trust will sponsor a **Candlelight Singing Tour of the Captain Samuel Robbins House Museum** on March 22, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tour this 1820's sea captain's home by candlelight as a guide serenades you in every room. Cider and cookies will be served. 188 Main Street, (Rt. 28) Avon. Admission by voluntary donation. For information call 508-5836-7676/

South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will hold a youth dance for ages 9 to 13 on March 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill, No. 1, lower level. Tickets are $6 per person. Call 508-747-1234 for information.

Comedian Paula Poundstone to perform at Berklee Performance Center, March 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office and through Ticketmaster by phone 617-931-2000 or www.ticketmaster.com

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The North River Arts Society presents "People, Places and Things" by artist Michael Murphy through May 3 a the Ventress Library Gallery. The library is located on Webster Street in Marshfield Center. For hours and information call (781) 837-8091.

Sat. 23

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse will feature Matt Olzman, recommended by Regie Gibson.

Open mic signup at 7:30 p.m. Free admission, pass the hat for feature. For information call 508-279-9952 or www.mothwing.com/dailygrind-poetry.

The 25th Annual Fruit Pruning Clinic sponsored by Plymouth County Extension is scheduled for March 23, at 1 p.m. at Villa Serra, home of Lorenzo Grosso, 52 Vernon Street, Middleboro. The two-hour clinic teaches the basics of pruning fruit trees(apples, peaches, etc.) raspberries, grapes and blueberries. For information call 781-293-3541.

The Thayer Public Library will feature Michael P. Dyer, Curator of the Kendall Institute New Bedford Whaling Museum, presenting "A Trip Around the World in the Words and Pictures of the Sailors Themselves" on Thursday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Thayer Public Library is located at 798 Washington Street, Brintree. Free and open to the public. Call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

The Hingham South Elementary School PTO will host an antiques event, March 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. where more than 40 booths of antiques will fill the Hingham Middle School gym and cafeteria. For the 15th year, dealers from throughout New England will be selling almost any type of antiques at affordable prices. See fabulous displays of antique furniture, folk art, oriental porcelains, antique glass and china, antique &

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The James Library and Center for the Arts presents Metropolitan Opera Tenor Matthew Polenzani and Sarasota Opera Mezzo Soprano Rosa Maria Pascarella in concert Sunday, March 24 at 3 p.m. The concert will be held at the First Parish Church of Norwell, 24 River Street (next to the James Library). Tickets are $25 with senior and student discounts available. For more information call (781) 659-7100.

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estate jewelry, silver, orientalia, paintings, prints, antique toys, quilts, victoriana, country antiques and more will decorate the halls, and could decorate your home. This spring's antiques exposition will again include everything you need to transform your home into the model of formal or country living - all priced with today's antique buyer in mind. All antiques will be for sale.

There will be a bake sale and a collectibles table, all of which go to benefit the local programs at Hingham South Elementary. Take exit 14 off Route 3 and follow our signs. The middle school is on Route 228, about a mile from Queen Anne's corner.

Marshfield Public Schools Project Hand-In-Hand Early Childhood Fair on March 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Daniel Webster School, 1456 Ocean Street, Marshfield. There will be many activities for children, information about programs and services for young children, raffles, door prizes, and refreshments. Families with young children ages preschool through age 8 are encouraged to attend. Admission is $2 per family. For more information, call 781-834-5048.

The South Shore Mothers of Multiples is holding a spring clothing and equipment sale on March 23, at the Braintree Lodge of Elks, 205 elm Street from 10 a.m. to noon. Gently used clothing from infants to early school age and equipment for babies and toddlers, as well as toys, books, etc. Admission is $1.

Talent Search

THE COHASSET DRAMA CLUB apologizes for any inconvenience but auditions for Cohasset Dramatic Clubs **OLIVER** have already taken place. The show has already been cast. The dates for the auditions were incorrectly submitted. Thank you for your interest in Cohasset Dramatic Club. Any questions call Jean DiGiacomandrea at 617-750-8987.

THE LIBERTY BELLE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, is seeking adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. However, you are required to be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and 4-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway show tunes, Rhythm and blues songs, and exciting choreography. Weekly rehearsals every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, (Rte 2 Exit 57). For additional information call: 617-735-9254 or 1-800-369-7400 (toll free in MA only) look us up on the web at: http://libertybellechorus.org, e-mail us at: info@libertybellechorus.org

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S SUMMER VOCAL INSTITUTE for singers ages 13 to 18 will hold auditions March 23, April 12, May 11, and May 25, for its program which runs from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9 at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. All auditions will take place at the Ellison Center. Call 781-934-2731 ext. 10 for audition times.

HULL PERFORMING ARTS will hold open auditions for musical **"Pump Boys and Dinettes"** by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel and Jim Wann on March 3, and March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave., Hull. Bring a song to sing. "Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be cast with three men and three women. Call 781-925-2406 for directions and information.

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY, is looking for a few good men, and women, to add to their already quality program. Spring Concert rehearsals at the Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be asked of all new members, primarily for voice placement. Come and be a part of a grand musical tradition; its fun and a very rewarding experience.

ISLAND GROVE WOMEN'S CHORUS – looking for women, 18 years old and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Rt. 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audio tape. For more information, call Cory at 781-294-1880.

Sun. 24

Temple Beth Sholom's Passover Model Seder will be held March 24. The Temple is located at 600 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Call 781-925-0091 or 781-925-2377 for reservations.

Oscar Celebration and Pembroke Arts Fundraiser on March 24, at 5 p.m. at Salon Serode, Route 53, Pembroke. In honor of Oscar, film and Pembroke Arts Community, Michael Serode will be hosting a Oscar pre-party "Photo Shoot" fundraiser at Salon Serode. Michael Serode will be outfitted in the style of Oscar, emulating "Moulin Rouge" complete with red sequins, top hat and tux. He invites photographers and arts supporters into Serode for an hour photo shoot, refreshments, and fun to celebrate the Oscars. The cost of admission? not much...bring your camera, shoot away...perhaps enter your "Moulin Rouge" photo into the Pembroke Arts Festival and Salon Serode will make a donation.

The Blanchard 1820 House Museum, Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 Main Street, Avon presents an **Old Fashioned Easter Egg Roll** on the museum house lawn (weather permitting) from 2 to 4 p.m. March 24. Free admission. Registration required. Call 508-583-7616 to register and leave your name, phone number, how many children attending and their ages.

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents **Metropolitan Opera tenor, Matthew Polenzani** in concert with his wife, mezzo-soprano Rosa Maria Pascarella, on Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. This rare New England appearance by this rising young performer will be held at First Parish of Norwell, 24 River Street, in historic Norwell Center. Tickets are $25 and include a gala reception and an opportunity to meet the singers. Special senior and student ticket discounts are available thanks to the generosity of the Norwell Men's Club. Call the library for ticket information. 781-659-7100.

Artful things Gallery, 263 Washington Street, Norwell presents the works of **16 Norwell High School seniors to celebrate Massachusetts' Youth Art Month during the month of March**. For more information call Artful things 781-659-6595 is open Sunday noon to 5 p.m. and Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is open Monday by appointment.

Mon. 25

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum presents its spring Special Forum Series **Challenges at Home and Abroad.** March 25, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Jeffrey Sachs, renowned expert on the economic and social devastation of AIDS in developing countries, has been recently named by Kofi Annan as special UN Advisor on poverty, health, and education. Professor Sachs will discuss the challenge of ending poverty that afflicts so much of the world today.

Mothers & More : South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Rte 228, Hingham. The topic for the March 25 meeting, will be gardening tips from horticulturist, Paula Murphy. For additional information call Sue Chaisson at 781-545-1043.

If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home then you should know about mothers & more.

Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of the nonprofit, organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers": those who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women to choose if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. Come join us.

The South Shore Women's Business Network will host **Dressing for Business Success** on March 25, at Raffael's in North Quincy. Beginning at 4 p.m., you can meet with the experts in areas of personal coaching; hair; makeup and skin care; massage therapy; image consulting; and financial, legal and tax advice one-on-one. Then at 5:30 p.m., a fashion show of spring business attire for men and women. The evening will conclude with a meal overlooking the Boston skyline. The event is open to anyone. Visit the website www.sswbn.org for details. The cost is $50. for members and $65. for non-members. You can register on-line or by calling 1-781-749-8883, but seating is limited so don't delay.

Tues. 26

South Shore Senior Softball sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging is open to all South Shore residents 55 and over. Season opens April 14, at the Gates Intermediate School; league plays Sundays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. For information call 781-545-8722 or 781-545-4681.

Wed. 27

Water Watch Lecture Series 2002 presents Changes in the New England Landscape, 12,000 years in 60 minutes March 27, at 7 p.m. at the Massachusetts Audubon Society, 2000 Main Street, Marshfield. Join Kathleen Anderson, founder of the Manomet Bird Observatory, as she discusses the tremendous changes that have taken place beneath our feet between the time when the mountains of northern New England rivaled the Alps and were attached to Europe. Get ready to travel in time, beginning with the most recent glaciations, on to the arrival of the early nomads, followed by permanent Native American settlements and then the European colonization.

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Salon Serode owner Michael Serode will host an Oscar pre-party "photo shoot" fundraiser for the Pembroke Arts Community Sunday, March 24 at 5 p.m. Salon Serode is located on Route 53 in Pembroke. For more information call Roberta Stannard at 781- 826-9190.

Classes

OPEN DOORS HEALTH CENTER at 361 Washington Street in Braintree, specializing in power yoga done in humid/hotrooms at 90 degrees. Power Yoga classes will be offered day and evening, seven days a week. Other classes will include: Tai chi, Belly Dancing, Drumming, Hatha and Kundalini Yoga, Pilates, and personal weight training with Steve Antonelli. for a schedule call Open Doors at 781-843-8224 or opendoors7.com

THE MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL WOODSHOP CLUB is offering a night class on Monday evenings starting on March 24, for 12 consecutive Mondays. This class is open to all levels of ability. The class will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with planning time provided before and after class. The cost is $150 per person or $250 per couple. All proceeds benefit the M.H.S. Woodshop Club limited to 12 students. Call Tom Holland at 781-834-5050 or 781-934-6194.

WILLOW DESIGNS is hosting a design seminar for anyone interested in gaining insight into critical aspects of design on March 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center. Tickets are $35 available in advance. This program is designed as an introduction to the basics of color and lighting for homeowners and small business owners. It will provide detailed information concerning the selection and application of color and as an introduction to the concept of effectively lighting a room. For information and tickets call 781-659-0778.

Discover how each of these events, some natural and others the results of human activity, changed the flora and fauna and ultimately the land itself. For more information call 781-837-9400.

Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

Surviving and Thriving in a Changing Economy, an afternoon of business seminars, will be presented by the Plymouth County Development Council on March 27, from noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Plymouth, located at 180 Water Street in Plymouth. a kick-off luncheon will feature Robert Reich, former U.S. Secretary of Labor and Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate, as keynote speaker. Panel presentations include: Selling Made Simple, Marketing That Motivates, Finance by the Numbers, Help from The Commonwealth. Cost of luncheon and afternoon programs is $50 per person. For information and reservations call 508-591-5007.

USS Constitution Museum located in Boston's historic Charlestown Navy Yard presents women's History Month Presentation at Museum's Figgie Theatre on March 27 at 6 p.m. Join living history performers in this fun and educational discussion with famous Federal period women, including Ann Hull, Rachel Revere, and Abigail Adams, Reception follows at the elegant Commandant's House in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Admission to all events and programs are free. Call 617-426-1812 with any questions on this series.

Fri. 29

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Just for kids

SOUTH SHORE SCIENCE CENTER SPRING PROGRAMS: Feed the Animals/Tales from the Wild/Parents and Tots/Adventures in the Spring Woods/Animal Tails/Walking in the Jungle/A Rainbow of My Own/Pitter Patter, Rainy Day/After School Nature Programs/Vacation Week Programs Call 781-659-2559 for information.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN BOSTON Spring Family Overnight, March 22 to 23. Design your own games and toys. The evening includes craft activities, live performance and bedtime snack. Spend the night as a family in your favorite exhibit. Children must be ages 6 and over. $24/person for museum members, $26/person for non-members. The theme for the month of March will be **Dare to be an Engineer**. Build a free-standing dowel structure; make a paper bridge that holds weight; design your own spinning top; engineer a puffmobile, a vehicle you power just by blowing on it; launch your egg bungee jump. All activities happen Friday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 617-426-8855 or www.Bostonkids.org

SOUTH SHORE ARTS & RECREATION CENTER is a non-profit organization established to provide youth, ages 9 to 18, a safe environment during after school hours, They are committed to providing local youth with opportunities to explore and enjoy those fine and performing arts, academic, recreational and social activities which will contribute to their personal development, enhance their community awareness and stimulate creative energies. Membership offers use of the game room, computer lab, discounts on ceramics, theater, birthday parties, dances and concerts. Plans are being made to include a video studio where members will be offered training on video taping and editing. The game room includes pool, ping pong, air hockey and foosball. The computer lab has restricted internet access to age appropriateness. Membership fee for 2002 is $75 per year or $25 per quarter. For information call Terri-Lee Zinsius at 508-747-1234.

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South Shore Arts & Recreation Center will hold a youth dance at The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center for ages 9 to 13 on March 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $6 per person. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

Ongoing Events

The Company Theatre in Norwell invites you to experience the divinely decadent Kit Kat Club in 1930's Berlin with its spring musical extravaganza, **CABERET.** The show opens March 15, and continues through April 7. Tickets are priced $20-$25 and are on sale now at The Company Theatre Box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787 or www.companytheatre.com

The Gallery Artists of The Scituate Art Association will present **"March in Bloom"** spring blooms in a variety of media now through March 31. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 781-545-6150.

The Art Complex Museum will feature artist **A.E. Ryan,** the second artist in the **On Their Own** series at the Art Complex Museum. March 6, through March 30. An opening reception is scheduled for March 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Also on exhibition at the museum is **Rotations: Time for Tea** and the **Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show.**

The North River Arts Society will present **People Places and Things,** an exhibit by Michael Murphy at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run from March 10-May 3. For information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Art/Advisory/Boston announces upcoming exhibitions of two local artists, **Carlyn Marcus Ekstrom** and **Ella Delyanis.** The exhibitions will be held March 7 through April 25 on Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and by appointment. The opening reception will be held on March 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For information call 617-698-9700 or www.artadvisory-boston.com

The Helen Bumpus Gallery located on the main floor of **The Duxbury Free Library,** will be exhibiting artwork by the **Duxbury High School students.** The show will run from March 1 through March 31 with a reception on March 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The works will be representational of all levels of the high school students two dimensional art classes, from creative imaging and photographing to drawing and painting. The library is located at 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. Admission is free. For information call 781-934-2721.

The North River Arts Society in conjunction with the **Hingham Public Library**, presents The Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Library, Route 228, Hingham. An exhibit featuring the artwork of Marcia Ballou, Dorit Flowers, Patricia Gray, Laura Harvey, John Kilroy, Jody Regan, Jean Simms, Patricia Smith from March 2, through April 2.

Artwork by Janice Gallinger will be on display in the meeting room of the Pembroke Public Library during the month of March. Her work has been shown in many juried and member shows on the South Shore and won first place for drawing and pastel at the Plymouth Guild 32n[d] Annual Juried Festival. This show consists of mainly pastels with compositions of multicultural portraits and vibrant landscapes. Pembroke Public Library is located on 140 Center Street, Route 14 in Pembroke.

The South Shore Science Center will present the painting of Scituate native **Suzanne Archibald** in her exhibit, Recent Work, March 1 to 30 in Vine Hall Gallery. The public is invited to the opening reception March 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. The South Shore Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, less than one mile from the Route 3 interchange. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. free of charge. For more information call 781-659-2559.

James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell will host a show of soft pastel paintings by local artist **Liz Haywood-Sullivan** during the month of March. The show entitled "North River Marsh: A Yearlong Homage" will be on view from March 1 through April 4. There will be an opening reception to the public on March 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month **Lillian Koe** will exhibit her paintings for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Board Street, Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Yoga with Kezia Bacon Bernstein on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at The Workout Club, Webster Square in Marshfield Center. Call 781-834-1150 for more information. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at The Sanctuary at Alexandra's European Day Spa in Duxbury. Call 781-837-7093 for additional information.

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union Street, Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. The club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

The Fuller Art Museum will feature photographs by **Max Belcher** from Liberia and the Dominican Republic now until March 31. The museum is open Tuesday - Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admissions $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, and free for children under age 18. For more information call 508-588-6000 or www.fullermuseum.org

The Duxbury Art Association presents Monotype Guild of New England's Fifth Annual Juried Exhibition opens in the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. Scituate artist, Ester Mashio will demonstrate printing making techniques at 2 p.m. The exhibitions opened Feb. 10, and continues through April 19. The exhibition, reception and demonstration are open to the public at no charge. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 781-934-2731.

Weymouth Art Association will display work by its members at several locations around Weymouth for the month of March.

Boston Harbor Hotel announced it will host the **13th Annual Boston Wine Festival.** The series which will kickoff Jan. 11, and continue through April 5, will include a number of events such as educational seminars, charity affairs, the battle of the cabernets, and wine and food pairing dinners that have become the signature of the festival. Chef Daniel Bruce will produce menus to be paired with some very special and rare wines. Come hear the wine makers tell their tales and showcase their talents. More than 50 events are scheduled, including: seminars, vertical tastings, dinner dances and celebrity guests. There will be 50 wines showcased throughout this year's festival. For more information call 617-439-7000.

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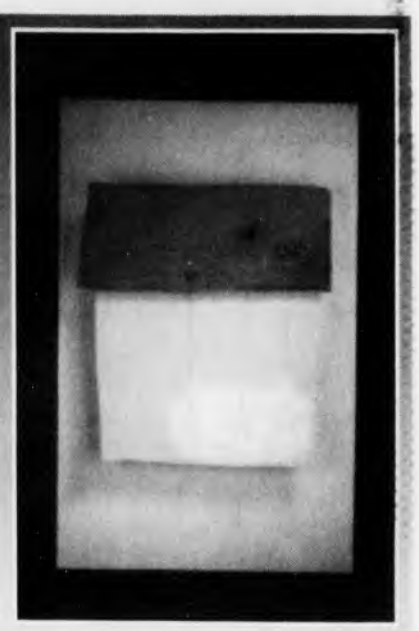
The Wallace Anderson Gallery at Bridgewater State College presents Declin Halpin's Paintings on Steel through April 5. An opening reception will be held Wednesday, March 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call (508) 531-1359.



Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Pluto and the sun share the spotlight today. The planet Pluto, standing at 18-degrees of Sagittarius, begins retrograde travel at 9:53 a.m. The Vernal Equinox arrives at 2:16 p.m., when the sun enters the sign Aries. This is a time for new beginnings, new resolutions. Eliminate the negativity in your life. Free yourself from past traumas, hurts. Forgive others and leave the past behind. The Gemini moon forms major alignments to five planets; the most difficult occurs this evening, when the moon opposes Pluto.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

This day has its challenges. Take it slow and easy. Postpone acting on decisions, making long-term commitments or signing important documents. The Gemini moon continues active travel until 1:14 p.m. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini, prepares to form a 90-degree contact to Pluto. Choose your words carefully. Casual or insensitive remarks may come back to haunt you. The moon enters the sign Cancer at 7:06 p.m., and the first quarter phase occurs at 9:28 p.m. An applying alignment of Venus and Pluto sets the stage for a romantic evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Planetary action can make for a stressful day. Keep your mind and hands busy. Develop projects that require mental focus and attention to detail. You may encounter people who are selling an idea or product. Read the fine print. Don't jump into anything. The plus side of today's influences brings an ideal time to do some serious soul-searching, inner spiritual work. You can get to the core of issues and start new programs or disciplines to help you break bad habits. The moon travels in the emotional sign Cancer all day, and the Mercury/Pluto alignment culminates at 2:09 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

At 5:19 a.m. the Cancer moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. No major planetary activity occurs. This is a great day to tackle jobs around the home, especially if it is something you have put off for a while. Clean out the clutter, make repairs or start remodeling jobs. Plan a quiet evening with close friends and family.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

The moon enters Leo at 12:13 a.m., generating an upbeat mood today and tomorrow. Take a vacation from stress and worry; kick back and enjoy life to the fullest. It is okay to initiate new projects and ideas, particularly before 4:48 p.m., when the moon aligns with Saturn.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Enthusiasm and optimism continue to run high today. Get an early start because you can be most productive this morning. It is best to begin new projects before 12:41 p.m., when the moon aligns with Venus. The morning is also favorable for working with others, launching sales and promotion campaigns. At 8:57 p.m. the moon opposes Uranus and becomes inactive.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

A full moon is building and will culminate Thursday, generating high energy this week. The moon enters Virgo at 1:44 a.m., remaining there today and tomorrow. Don't get caught up in worries, self-doubts. Instead, take on a busy work schedule. Clean out, reorganize; get your life in order.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today as well. A 90-degree alignment of the sun and Jupiter culminates at 8:24 am. Don't be too hasty in your judgments or too keen to commit yourself. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Zero in on jobs you have been putting off and get them out of the way. The Virgo moon opposes Mercury at 8:31 p.m. and becomes inactive.

Reunions

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982's 20th reunion is all set. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 5, at the Sheraton Braintree. Organizers are still looking for classmates. Contact Eric Braley by phone at 302-793-2068 or by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

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Ledge, runway lawsuit, community preservation

Town Meeting has a full plate

By Evan Schiff
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With Town Meeting looming ahead, residents are preparing to vote on a range of issues from stopping a proposed runway that would send hundreds of jets over Cohasset to protecting the town's prominent outcroppings of ledge.

Voters will also tackle whether Cohasset should reinstating the "use variance" in the zoning bylaw.

Several other potentially hot issues include accessory dwellings and how the town should spend money under the Community Preservation Act, voters adopted last year.

The annual Town Meeting will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Sullivan gymnasium at the middle-high school on Saturday. Town Moderator George Marlette, who is celebrating his 10th year as town moderator, said he expects the meeting to conclude on time.

"I certainly think everything can be resolved in one session," he said. Marlette added that there will be a one hour lunch break from 1-2 p.m. A quorum of at least 100 people is required before the meeting can get underway.

"For our first Town Meeting I think we have some pretty solid proposals."

— Selectman Tom Callahan on community preservation proposals

One significant change in this year's Town Meeting is that for the first time in its history, a citizen, rather than a representative from a church, will be giving the invocation. Herbert Towle, 91 S. Main St., will be the first resident of the town to deliver the prayer.

"I have tremendous respect for him," Marlette said. "He's one of the oldest and most faithful attendees of Town Meeting, he is Mr. Town Meeting."

Marlette said that after ten years all clergy leaders have had a chance to deliver the invocation and he wanted to start sharing the honor among distinguished citizens in the community.

While there isn't one particular issue that is expected to bring people into the Sullivan gymnasium, there are a plethora of special interest articles that could have reverberating effects on town.

From the spending of $30,000 for a runway lawsuit against Massport, the protection of ledge in town, to how the Community Preservation Committee should spend its money — Town Meeting should generate plenty of debate.

"Originally, there were a lot of major articles on the warrant that have now been removed," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "But there are still a lot of important issues out there."

There were three articles generating a lot of discussion before Town Meeting that are no longer on the warrant. One was an underground utility article, another would have allowed the town to sell water to Mass American and the third could have set the stage for the expansion of Cohasset Plaza.

However, there are still plenty of articles on the warrant that are sure to generate debate.

One complex issue at Town Meeting involves a use variance bylaw. This year's article would reinstate the Zoning Board's ability to grant use variances under

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Marlette closes in on first decade

By Mary Ford
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George Marlette feels as passionately about Town Meeting as he did a decade ago when he first took over the gavel of the venerable Cohasset institution.

Neither controversy about, nor criticism of the legislative body over which he presides, has managed to dim the enthusiasm of Marlette — who at the ripe old age of 41 — is still likely one of the youngest town moderators around.

Saturday he'll stand at the podium for his 10th annual Town Meeting as the elected moderator and unopposed for reelection, it's expected Marlette will easily win a fourth term a week later at the April 6 Town Election.

For the attorney whose private practice concentrates on probate issues, it's been an interesting journey — one in which his vision of running an efficient,

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EGG-CITING!

Lindsay Martinez, center, jumps with excitement during the countdown for the annual Easter egg hunt at the Deer Hill School. The popular event is sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department. For more photos see page 19.

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Kathy Ford of Hingham stands by the window near a Blue Star Flag provided by the Hingham VFW.. Her son, Army Pvt. Lawrence M. Gillette, is stationed at Ft. Drum, N.Y. with the elite 10th Mountain Division. The American Legion in Cohasset is also providing flags to local soldier's families.

Blue Star flags fly for local soldiers

By Mary Ford
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For the parents of American soldiers, an immense pride coupled with a nagging concern for their child's welfare is never far from their hearts and minds.

Most of the time, these parents and loved ones go about their day-to-day activities quietly without fanfare. Even their neighbors may not know they have a son or daughter in the service. And few people, apart from veterans and their families, may understand the nervousness these parents harbor that surfaces with each new headline or news report about the U.S. war on terrorism.

But the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 in Cohasset and Hingham VFW Post 6053 don't want soldiers' families to feel alone. To that end the veterans organizations have joined the national movement to bring back the Blue Star Flag that has a long history.

The 8-inch by 15-inch banners

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Shooting for 'Tunes of Glory'

Novice bagpiper to march in NYC

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

When he first took up the bagpipes, Michael McWilliams knew he faced a steep learning curve. What made it especially daunting was the knowledge that most people start the process a lot younger.

"A determined kid could probably blow right through the rank beginner stuff in several months," says the 50-year-old Cohasset resident.

"It's taken me longer, and for a while there, I think the neighbors were really suffering," he says. "But I'm now at the point where I can actually make some music instead of the awful squeals, groans and squawks I was producing a while ago."

He may not be headed for a bagpiping championship anytime soon, but McWilliams is preparing to put his nascent piping skills to a very public test. On April 6 he will be in New York City to join bagpipers and drummers from all over the globe as they attempt to set a world record in the Tunes of Glory March (wwww.pipefest.com). With a goal of attracting 10,000 kilted marchers, the event will raise funds for Cancer research in the UK and the US while honoring the victims and heroes of the September 11 World Trade Center attacks. The existing record of

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Runway fight, sewer split board

By Evan Schiff
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Selectmen are divided on whether the town should appropriate money for the Little Harbor sewer project and the lawsuit to fight the runway at Logan Airport.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said installing sewers should take priority over the Little Leagues fields, for example.

"While the fields may be nice they're not essential," McMorris said. "We need to take a hard look at what we're asking the taxpayers to pay for."

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed who said he wanted to stop procrastinating on the issue.

"This is the next phase of the project," he said. "Let's get this underway."

But Selectman Michael Sullivan said wasn't necessary to spend money on a project that wouldn't see construction until 2007.

"We need to take a hard look at what we're asking the taxpayers to pay for."
— Selectman Ronnie McMorris

"Why would we spend money on this now?" he asked. "I think it's a waste of money."

Selectman Merle Brown felt the town needed to slow down on spending so much money and felt a comprehensive plan to sewer the entire town would better serve residents.

"I want to try and solve everyone's problems," Brown said. "I don't think every time someone runs in here for money we should give it to them." The board voted 3-2 not to recommend the sewer appropriation.

In another split vote, selectmen decided to not recommend the article asking for $30,000 to fight the runway.

Sullivan didn't want to jump into a lawsuit in which he didn't see and end in sight.

"I can't see this suit as a definite win for Cohasset," he said. "I'm just not sure what it's really accomplishing."

Selectman Tom Callahan worried the lawsuit could be a "black hole" in which the town throws money into for years.

"This is not just $30,000, it's an unlimited amount in the future," Callahan said. "I don't think this is the right lawsuit to be involved with."

However, Koed said if the board didn't take action now, it could be paying for it in the future.

"In five to 10 years, when there are twice as many planes flying over the townspeople will be asking why the selectmen didn't take action on this when they had the chance."

This week in COHASSET

Brush accepted

Residential brush will be accepted in the DPW parking area until March 28. No trees over 12-ins. in diameter. No contractors.

RTF holiday hours

The Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on Sunday, March 31 for Easter. It will reopen April 3.

Bradley office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D–Hingham, will hold district office hours this Friday, March 29, at the Cohasset Town Hall, first floor meeting room, from 4-5 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, please call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of March 25.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Open Space Committee, April 2, 7:30 p.m.

School Building Committee, April 8, 6 p.m.

School Committee, April 3, 7:30 p.m. at the middle high school library.

Zoning Board of Appeals, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

New vests

The Cohasset Police Department received 21 new bullet-proof vests this week, according to Chief Bob Jackson. The vests were funded by state and federal grants and cost the town nothing.

"These vests offer a lot more protection," Jackson said. "They also have half of the weight of our old ones."

Jackson added the department has had the same vests for almost seven years and it was time for an upgrade. He said the old jackets will be declared surplus and donated to the U.S. Army.

Memorial planned

John Kimball, resident of Doane Street, is planning to buy a bench and dedicate it to Jesse Sargent, the Cohasset youth who passed away last week. According to Town Manager Mark Haddad, the bench will be placed at the Beechwood ball fields, a place Jesse frequently visited. The money for the bench will be raised privately.

Clock ticking

Residents will finally be able to tell the time when driving past the First Parish Church on N. Main Street. Town Manager Mark Haddad extended a public "thank you" to Francis Collin, of S. Main Street, and Noel Ripley, also of S. Main Street, for fixing the clock.

Correction

A previous Mariner story stated the Community Preservation Committee was recommending $165,000 for the preservation of two of the Cohasset Historical Society's buildings. The actual amount is $150,000.

School projects

Supt. Ted Malvey said he finally felt comfortable enough in the progress of the two school projects to predict completion dates. He estimated that the Deer Hill School should be completed by December 2002 and the middle high school should be finished by December 2003. He said although the efforts are going extremely well, the next couple months are crucial.

"The summer months are very critical to the project," he said. "That's when a lot of work will get done inside the buildings."

Malvey said it's possible that the third grade could make the leap from the Osgood School to the Deer Hill School and the sixth grade could jump for the Deer Hill School to the high school in February of 2004.

Baby-sitting

Girl Scout Cadet Troop 4778 will be providing baby-sitting services for children whose parents wish to attend Town Meeting on March 30. There will be two rooms available at the high school and no more than 25 kids will be allowed in the rooms per hour. No more than five children who are under three-years-old will be allowed per hour. Parents are encouraged to supply snacks and toys and there be a television and VCR available if parents wish to bring their child's favorite movie.

The baby-sitting will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis and residents are encouraged to contact Colleen Richardson at 781-383-0998 for reservations. The service will be provided from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Ledge, runway lawsuit, community preservation

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certain stringent conditions. A use variance would allow a use in a particular district that is otherwise prohibited. The exception would be a sanitary landfill use within the water resource district.

"This would essentially give the power to five people (on the ZBA) to control the use variances," said Al Moore, chairman of the Planning Board.

Resolution of this issue is critical to the Mill River Marine Project. The project, which involves the restoration of the old boatyard off Border Street, would need to construct two residential units on the site to make it financially viable. Housing in the waterfront business district would require a use variance.

"This project needs a tremendous amount of work and the only way to finance it would be with those two units," said Charles Humphreys, attorney for the proponents of the project. "The ability to restore the boatyard is completely dependant on being able to obtain a use variance."

Voters at Town Meeting will also have a say on the inaugural Community Preservation Committee article which asks to appropriate money for three projects.

With the money earned from a 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge and state matching funds, the CPC will recommend spending $150,000 for improvements to the historical society museums; $100,000 for the construction of two new ball fields at the gravel pits; and $60,000 for 15 years toward the purchase three lots off Beach Street.

Each appropriation will be voted on separately because two of them, the ball fields and historical society's proposals need a majority vote since they concern an appropriation of cash, and one of them, the Beach Street proposal, needs a two-thirds vote because it involves borrowing.

Selectman Tom Callahan, the board's liaison to the CPC, said it was a trying process to figure out how to spend the money.

"We got organized late in the game," Callahan said. "But for our first Town Meeting I think we have some pretty solid proposals."

Of the three articles the CPC has made recommendations on, Callahan thinks the one concerning the three lots on Beach Street will garner the most discussion.

The money, which would be approximately $610,000 if it were to be bonded now, would be spent to help a group of concerned residents buy three lots off of Beach Street. The lots are estimated to be worth upwards of $1.2 million, the group's estimate — to three times that much by the lots' owners.

"People need to look objectively at this article," Callahan said. "This is not only to benefit a few people on Beach Street, but everyone in town who would enjoy a large area of open space."

Another article that deals with the preservation of Cohasset's natural beauty is a ledge preservation article. This is the second year in a row proponents of the issue have brought this article to the attention of Town Meeting but this year, there are two main differences.

This proposed bylaw amendment would require a special permit, as opposed to a variance, from the Zoning Board before ledge a minimum of eight feet in height could be altered. The Zoning Board would have to find that altering ledge would be "substantially detrimental" to the character of the area to deny a special permit.

The second major change is that this year, the article has the support of the Planning Board.

"The problem with the article last year was that it was hastily thrown together and was significantly flawed," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore. "This time around we had plenty of time to work with it and think the people will be able to vote on a solid article."

If residents are concerned with the constant noise from jets circling overhead, or residue collecting on patio furniture, Town Meeting will provide an outlet to express their discontent.

An article on the warrant asks residents to approve the appropriation of $30,000 to join a lawsuit headed up by Hull and joined by Revere and Hingham. The lawsuit states the Environmental Impact Report that Massport and the FAA released has false and misleading statements and should be thrown out.

Proponents of the issue contend that if Massport and Logan are able to go through with runway 14/32, residents could experience more than 250 flights a day over the town. However, selectmen did not support the article because the board was worried the town may be entering a black hole by engaging in the suit.

"Cohasset has become the crossroads for airplanes arriving at and departing Logan," said Ralph Dormitzer, proponent of the issue. "To protect our quality of life, I encourage everyone to vote 'yes' on the article."

The town has already spent the $30,000 that was appropriated at last year's annual Town Meeting for a review of the environmental impact report on the proposed runway which as become the basis for the lawsuit. At special Town Meeting in November residents voted down a similar proposal for $30,000 to fight the runway.

Town Meeting will be Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m. and is expected to last till 5 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break.

Sewer board back pedals on override

By Evan Schiff
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The Sewer Commission decided banking on an override in the current economic climate was anything but a sure thing.

So the commission has come up with a different plan to set the stage for installing sewers around Little Harbor and along Atlantic Avenue – a plan the town can fit into its budget without seeking a debt exclusion vote at the polls April 6.

The commission is no longer asking for $750,000 but $180,000 toward preliminary engineering study for installing sewers in the Little Harbor area. The entire project is expected to cost approximately $10 million

"Considering the current economic state the town is in we thought asking residents for an override was pretty undesirable," chairman Gary Vanderweil said. "We didn't feel it was responsible of us to seek all that money."

The debt exclusion question will still appear on the ballot, but the issue is moot. Voters don't need to approve the ballot question for the $180,000 to be appropriated, Town Meeting is expected to take care of that.

Lowering the monetary request it will delay the project.

"We'll be back asking for more money," Vanderweil said. "This will probably delay the project about a year."

The original $750,000 would have been used for a complete engineering study which would have included construction documents that were fully detailed and ready to go out for bid. The reduced amount of money will be used to detail a full layout of the all the piping infrastructure in town as well as all the connecting points for residents.

"This will be very useful to all homeowners," Vanderweil said. The sewering project hopes to connect almost 300 homes to the system.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the $180,000 could be spent without raising taxes. He said the town felt it still needed to ask Town Meeting for a portion of money to prove to the state it's working resolving its wastewater problems. The town is currently under a state court order to come up with a comprehensive solution for the entire town.

"We are looking at ways to comply with the state," Haddad said. "We're going to see if we can renegotiate the deal to get some more time to work on sewering."

About two weeks ago, selectmen informed the Sewer Commission that $750,000 would be impossible to include in the budget without an override.

Selectman Tom Callahan said while he's still not thrilled with the new proposal, he's glad there is not an override.

"If it's something we can do now and still benefit from that, it's fine by me," Callahan said.

Hingham water sale on hold for time being

By Evan Schiff
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The proposed sale of Cohasset water to Hingham won't be on the Town Meeting agenda after all.

Commissioners Glenn Pratt and John McNabb informed selectmen Tuesday problems in negotiations with Mass-American Water Company have put the sale on hold.

"All of our articles were tied into this one situation," Pratt said. "We felt if we couldn't feasibly do it, there was no sense asking the town to support it."

Pratt added that the articles relating to the sale could be back at a future Town Meeting.

Mass-American, which serves Hingham, Hull and about 320 homes in North Cohasset is exploring buying 500,000 gallons of water a day from Cohasset. The sale would need the approval of Town Meeting.

The one article that the Water Commission still has on the warrant involves borrowing $2 million for needed water system capital improvements to be repaid from water department revenue.

The money will be used for a variety of improvements to both the plant and pipe lines throughout town.

"The purpose of this article is to allow certain plant improvements and continue our watershed protection activities," the commission states in an information sheet. "While our on-going distribution system improvement program has improved our fire fighting capacity in many areas, we are still relatively deficient in others.'

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George Marlette closes in on first decade

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modern Town Meeting has evolved.

"Many don't realize the town has branches of government," says Marlette referring to Town Meeting as the legislative arm and the selectmen's office as the executive branch.

"Town Meeting adopts laws, spends money and tackles some very significant issues," he says.

Marlette, who is also a student of history of the position he holds, describes Town Meetings of the past as "wild west" events — when there were few rules and a ton of old-fashioned practices including letting speakers talk as long as they wanted.

In the days before microphones, motions were repeated in order that everyone in the hall could hear them. That antiquated practice continued into modern times until Marlette checked with Town Counsel and learned he could dispense with time-consuming repetition.

"Brevity and clarity" are two words that Marlette hopes are the hallmarks of his tenure at the helm of Town Meeting.

He is constantly thinking of ways to retool Town Meeting to make the oft-complex issues that appear in the form of articles on the warrant more accessible. He's the first to admit the middle-high school Sullivan gymnasium has lousy acoustics and is not user-friendly when it comes to presentations. There's nothing worse than a crowd of 300 trying to view a slide presentation on a small screen or projected onto a wall where the image is blurred. The sound system can be problematic and lighting isn't always ideal — and that's not to mention uncomfortable seating especially for those in the bleachers who endure hours on a hard, wooden bench with no back support.

But once the middle-high school is virtually rebuilt — thanks to the generosity of a prior Town Meeting and subsequent debt exclusion override at the polls — Town Meeting "digs" will no doubt be more state-of-the-art. Marlette also foresees the computer playing a crucial role in Town Meetings in the future.

"We can complete bank transactions over the Web," he says. "It's not too far fetched to consider voting that way."

In addition to eliminating the second reading of a motion, Marlette has also succeeded in getting more information in the hands of the voters. Key committees are encouraged to have copies of reports available to the voters as they enter the hall, so they have them in their hands to refer to during the discussion.

Town Meeting voters also receive the latest proposed motions that may differ from those in the warrant, which is printed weeks earlier. The handouts indicate which articles will be postponed, if there are changes in monetary figures, and if there were any Scribner's errors in the original version in the warrant.

Rules and procedures of Town Meeting are included in the warrant, which also spells out how long people are allowed to speak on an issue.

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Town Moderator George Marlette has been at helm of Town Meeting for 10 years.

Under Marlette's watch, Town Meeting has appropriated money for a new DPW garage, Alumni Field at the high school, a new elementary school, renovations and additions to the middle-high and Deer Hill schools, a new library, two sewer projects and upgrading the town's water distribution system.

"These projects were solidly rooted in Town Meeting," he says.

Despite the fact the town has some 5,000 registered voters with only a handful, comparatively speaking, attending Town Meeting, Marlette is still convinced the open Town Meeting works.

"People in towns with a representative form of government [mayor and city council, or representative Town Meeting] get more detached," he says. "People get far more disconnected."

For Marlette — it's the quality not the quantity in terms of attendance — that really matters. He has no problem with those who come only to vote on particular issues and then head home, leaving the balance of the business up to the stalwart few.

"I look at the quality of the decisions that come out of Town Meeting," he says. "I look at the results.

"Town Meeting has made a lot of good decisions."

He points out that sometimes, as was with the proposal for Forest Avenue sidewalks years back, a good project gets shot down but surfaces again in a subsequent Town Meeting that approves it.

"The sidewalks were referred to a committee for study," he recalls. "The first time out, it just wasn't the right time." [The project was approved last fall].

Marlette doesn't agree with critics who say Town Meetings are stacked with special interest groups who force their own agenda. He points out Town Meeting is a "two-way street" and opponents also have the ability to muster forces to oppose an article.

While Marlette allows resolutions from the floor of Town Meeting honoring recent retirees or long-time volunteers, he did away with the practice of allowing resolutions from the floor of Town Meeting on issues.

In years past, it was often the practice to "get the sense of Town Meeting" by asking for a vote on an issue that was not on the warrant — such as whether the train should come to town of whether voters favor the "buck a bag" program. Marlette feels the place for true referendum on issues is at the ballot box.

While Marlette says a trip to Town Meeting should be a required part of any civics or government class at the middle-high school, the only true way to get young people hooked is by attracting their parents to the forum, he said.

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HAPPY EASTER

Hello Cohasset! I am not even going to mention the weather except to say, I know it is going to warm up soon.(wishful thinking, maybe) I want to wish everyone a very, happy Easter this weekend. The Easter Bunny has been very busy getting eggs together and the baskets are ready and waiting.

SURVIVING SURVIVOR

Have any of you been following Survivor? **Kathy** started out with a bang and I actually thought she might be voted out last week but she managed to pull through to this week's showing. I really wonder how far she will go, she is strong and very vocal, one can only wonder...

RETIREMENT PARTY

As many of you know, Cohasset is losing many fine employees this spring and the Department of Public Works is getting ready to say goodbye to **Harold W. Litchfield**. Harold has been in his position for many years and has been the backbone of this department for so long that it is hard to imagine him gone. We know he will remain busy with his family and paving business and his many enjoyable trips to New Hampshire. A retirement party has been planned for Harold and this is the time for all of us to come and wish him all the best. The party is being held on Friday, May 10 at The Golden Rooster Restaurant in North Scituate. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with dinner to follow. The evening will end off with music and dancing and is going to be a night to remember for Harold. Tickets are available by calling **Peggy Litchfield** at 781-923-1080 and are at a very reasonable $30 per person. Make sure to make your ticket orders early as they will go quite fast and when they are gone, well, you know they are gone! Tickets will be on sale through Monday, May 6.

The town welcomes **Mr. Carl Sestito** as the new superintendent of the department. Carl has been an employee for many years and has worked hand in hand with Harold for quite some time. I know that Carl has the support and knowledge to keep the department running in the same manner as it was by Harold. Congratulations Carl!

AN INSPIRATION

Jan Phillips, an award-winning author, photographer, musician and inspirational speaker, returns to Cohasset to lead an all day workshop entitled "From Creation to Transformation-How Our Creative Works Heal The World". The workshop will be held on the beautiful grounds of Glastonbury Abbey on April 6th from 9am-4pm and will include lunch. The fee is $85 and registration may be made by calling the Second Congregational Church at 781-383-0345 or stop by the office between the hours of 9a.m.-1p.m., Mon.-Fri.

CLASS OF '82 REUNION

The Cohasset Class of 1982 Reunion is set for July 6.. Anyone from the class who did not receive an invitation, please contact **Marcy (Brown) Fleming** at 781-585-9913 or email her at marcydon@msn.com. Also, if anyone knows of the following missing classmates, please contact Marcy also. **Kathy Ainslie Dean, Ron Bergenheim, James Collis, Peter Donovan, Brenda Douglas, Paul Douglas, Dennis Ford, Mark Hannon, Darla Hollis Anderson, Liz Howard Pike, Karen Howley, Sarah Kent, Jan Lewis, Fred Quelle, Maeve Rever Readle, Thomas Ryan, Mahmoud Tehranian, Susan Thornton Grosse** and **Kristen Wurzel**.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S HONORS

Paul B. Cotter, John O. Cotter and **Thomas J. Dignan** have received honors at St. Sebastian's School in Needham. Paul, a freshman, received second quarter honors and first semester honors. John, a senior, received second quarter honors with distinction and first semester honors with distinction. Tom, a junior, received second quarter honors. Paul and John are the sons of **Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter**, Tom is the son of **Thomas and Mary Ann Dignan**. Keep up the good work, guys!

NEW ARRIVAL

Andrew and Susan Franklin, of 142 Lamberts Lane, and their daughters **Isabelle** (age 9) and **Olivia** (age 7) gratefully welcome the arrival of a healthy baby boy. **Samuel** was born on March 15 at 3:06 p.m. and weighed in at 8lbs, 4.6 ounces and was 20 inches long. His sisters have been unable to leave him alone, even for a minute since his arrival. I am sure that we will see this very happy family walking around town with little Samuel very soon. Congratulations to you all!

TABOR HONORS

Earning honors at Tabor Academy in Marion, Mass. is **Zoe Murray**, daughter of **Richard Murray** and **Deborah Meehan.** Zoe is a member of the Class of 2004.

Also at Tabor, **Alexander Johnston**, a senior, was recognized with an academic certificate for his work in computer applications at the schools recent prize day ceremonies. Alex is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Johnston.**

Congratulations!

ANDOVER HONOR ROLL

Hats off to **Kara Gaughen**, daughter of **Robert and Margaret Gaughen**, was named to the honor roll for the winter term at Phillips Academy in Andover. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point average on a 6-point scale.

HIGH HONORS

Earning high academic honors with a grade point average of 3.0-3.5 at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn. is **Seth Cutler**, the son of the **Rev. and Mrs. E. Clifford Cutler**. Well done, Seth!

ART CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS

The South Shore Art Center announces the 2002 Art Scholarship Competition. South Shore seniors attending private, public or parochial schools who will graduate in 2002 and have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning which includes a fine arts curriculum are eligible to apply. Portfolios and applications must be submitted on April 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; April 21, 12-4 p.m.; April 22, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and April 23, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.. For more information, please call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or email hcollins@ssac.org with any questions.

Garrett Canney, Lance Mortland Jr. (in the kart) and Nicole Robbins successfully completed F1 Boston's Junior Race School.

YOUNG RACERS

Garret Canney, age 9; **Lance Mortland** Jr., age 15; and **Nicole Robbins**, age 8, all of Cohasset graduated from the Braintree-based Junior Race School at F1 Boston, the region's only indoor race track. The kids are now eligible to take part in F1 Boston's junior leagues and practice sessions. Congratulations to all of you on a job well done.

BATTER UP BENEFIT

Batter Up for the first annual Field Of Greens Golf Tournament and Dinner being held on Friday, May 24 to benefit Cohasset's new baseball and softball fields. Start time is 12:30 p.m. at the Pembroke Country Club and is open to golfer of all abilities. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin, lowest score and many honorable mentions.

From 7-11 p.m., The Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel and Conference Center will be the place to be for 7 p.m. entertainment and auction event with cocktails, followed by dinner and dancing at 8. Dinner will be provided by Siro's Beachside Restaurant. The cost for the whole day event is $125 per person and for dinner/dance/auction is $35 per person. To volunteer, sponsor a hole or otherwise help out, call **Paul Emanuello** at 781-383-0746 or email him at Eman49@aol.com Make all checks payable to CYBSA and mail to: CYBSA c/o 49 Hull St. Cohasset, MA 02025

SWIM/DIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship Program is intended to support families and students as they move to the next level after high school. Please read the information included in this message so that you will be fully eligible for scholarship consideration. 1) Must be a High School Senior, 2) Must have been a member of the Cohasset Swim/Dive Team for five years, 3) Any five year member can qualify regardless of swimming or diving ability. Please attach or have sent one of the following: 1. Application form including a personal essay of 50 words. 2. Two recommendations, including one personal reference and one from school/coach/employer. 3. High School Transcripts. Please send all materials, postmarked no later than April 22, to: The Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship Program, Attention: **Irene Volpe** Barry, P.O. 651 Cohasset, MA 02025

That is it from here for this week. Send me in all your news and photos no later than Monday at noon.

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Blue Star flags fly for local soldiers

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date back to World War I and feature a blue star on white background with a red border. They are placed in a window or other location where they can be seen as a reminder that the house is "home" to a soldier in the reserves or on active duty who either is, or could be called in harm's way at any time.

At first, Kathy Ford of Hingham wasn't sure what the banner meant when Pete Shaw of the VFW gave her one. Her son, Army Pvt. Lawrence M. Gillette, 21, is stationed at Ft. Drum, N.Y. with the elite 10th Mountain Division.

But she soon put up the banner near the American flag and yellow ribbon on her house.

"Of course I'm nervous," Ford says. "Larry is my son." But she quickly adds, Larry, who signed up last May, is doing what he wants to do.

"He's very gung-ho and patriotic," she says. "He's proud to be an American."

JoAnna Hamilton of Beechwood Street in Cohasset says her brother, Corp. Andrew Hamilton, who is in the U.S. Marine Corps reserves, was always patriotic.

"It's part of the family," she says. "My father was in the army for 27 years and my brother Edward was on active duty for four years." Her parents, Frank and Jane Hamilton, have the Blue Star Flag in the window.

Joseph Mortland III, son of Joseph Jr. and Gerry Mortland of Fort Hill Street in Hingham, who serves in the Army National Guard was called up in December and is now at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Sgt. 1st Class Mortland, 53, a Hingham fire captain who is now serving as a master mechanic on Chinook helicopters, had to leave his wife and 15-year-old daughter at home in Weymouth.

"The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother is their children."

— Congressional Record, 1917

Gerry Mortland, who put the flag in a bay window, says she recalls when Blue Star banners were a common sight during World War II.

"They were pretty prevalent," she recalled. "Almost anyone who had a boy or husband in the service had one." She feels the banners are a nice gesture and help keep the fact that men and women are serving their country in these difficult times at the forefront of people's minds.

"We can get a tiny bit blasé about these things," she says.

In Cohasset, Robert and Diane Jackson of Ash Street, whose son Keith Jackson is a hospital corpsman 3rd Class in the U.S. Navy, also have a Blue Star Flag on display.

Also known as the Service Flag, the blue stands for hope and pride..

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is offering Blue Star banners to Cohasset parents with sons and/or daughters currently serving in the reserves or on active duty with the armed forces. To receive yours, call the legion, at 781-383-9657.

Post Commander Steve Wigmore hopes when people see the banners they will stop and reflect, and appreciate those who are serving their country.

"September 11 brought us together," he says. "We should have been doing this all along.

"We can't sit back and relax like we did when the Trade Center was bombed the first time — Sept. 11 was a wake-up call."

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Erica Ford and Shane Rice.

Ford - Rice engagement

Chris and Karen Ford, of Cohasset, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Ford to Shane Rice, the son of John and Fiona Rice, of Paris, France.

Erica lives in Cohasset and works as a manager for Coldwell Banker Hunneman. She graduated from Cohasset High in 1988, and received her BA from University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1992.

Shane Rice lives in Boston and works as a software development manager at RSA Security. He graduated from St. Johns International High school in Belgium in 1988 and received his BSEE from WPI in Worcester, in 1992.

A June 22, 2002 wedding in Cohasset is planned.

Signup for summer playground program

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces that Martha Equi will again by the director of the Summer Playground Program for children 3-1/2-to-12-years of age. Registration will be held the week of June 10. Details coming soon.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2002 Playground Program which will remain the same as for the 2001 program: 5-12-year-olds, $175 for first child ($300 for non-residents); for 3-5-year-olds, $150 for first child; discounts for the second child and subsequent children are $20.

A $50 activity fee is charged for the first child; $45, second child; and $40, third child and subsequent children; this fee is mandatory. It is a non-refundable activity fee separate from the program fee to be paid at registration. It covers special in-house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers' T-shirts, etc. A separate check will be necessary.

- Limited enrollment has been set for each program.
- Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis and there are no discounts for multiple children.
- All children must be toilet trained.

The full-day program for the 5-12-year-old age group is a follows: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 5-7-year-old and 8-12-year-old programs will be held at the Osgood School.

The half-day program for the 3-1/2-to-5-year-old age group is Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To gauge if your child qualifies, he/she must have been born between January 1, 1997 and March 1, 1999.

Musical medley at St. Stephen's

On Sunday, April 7 the St. Stephen's Community singers will be performing "Kids Star on Broadway." This show features numbers from the "Sound of Music", "The King and I", "Annie", "Peter Pan" and others. The highlight of the show will be a special medley about everyone's favorite comic strip character – Charlie Brown. The program begins at 3 p.m. upstairs in Walton Rodgers Hall, at St. Stephen's church.

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The church is located at 16 Highland Ave. Walton Rodgers hall is not handicap accessible. Ample parking is available in the village and at the town hall. There is no admission charge, although a free will offering will be accepted. For more information, please call 781-383-1083.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Town Meeting

When a Cohasset friend stopped by the office this week, we asked her if she planned to attend Town Meeting and what she thought about "use variances."

She replied she thought Cohasset Plaza needed one to expand.

But Plaza owner Don Staszko has withdrawn the citizens' petition article that would have set the stage for expansion of the plaza — an article that had nothing to do with use variances.

We point this out because if there ever was a Town Meeting you should attend — it's the one on Saturday.

The articles — or items of business — are highly complex and confusing, but could have a profound effect on Cohasset.

We've covered use variances, accessory dwellings, ledge preservation, the proposed Logan runway, community preservation, selling water to Hingham, Little League fields at the gravel pits and so on, over the past few months.

And still, we find we have to refer back to what we wrote to keep from getting confused.

There's no place like the floor of Town Meeting to elucidate matters. It's the perfect forum to hear a presentation and then listen to arguments, both pro and con from the floor.

Often some, who come with their minds made up, vote the opposite way they expected to after listening to both sides of an issue.

Is preserving ledge a neighborhood matter for those who don't want to see more Beach Street development or a bylaw that would preserve a natural feature that makes Cohasset unique?

Would reinstating the ability for the Zoning Board to grant use variances give too much power to an appointed board? Or could a use variance save projects that may have merit such as the restoration of the Mill River Marine Railway off Border Street?

Is the proposed Accessory Dwelling bylaw a valid mechanism to create more affordable housing in town — or just so much red tape?

Should the town commit more money to fight the proposed new Logan runway or would the legal fund become a bottomless pit? And is the expenditure worth it, considering the potential impacts overhead?

The Community Preservation Committee is recommending expenditures for three projects, including borrowing money to buy lots off Beach Street that would add to open space in town. Is this the way you want to see part of the town's new nest egg spent?

Do you want to spend $180,000 to get the ball rolling on what would be the town's third major sewer project?

If you care about any of these issues, and there are others too, then you must attend Saturday's Town Meeting. If nothing else, it will be an education. But more importantly, you'll leave with a clear picture of what the important — albeit highly complex — issues are before the town, and would have had a voice in how they are addressed.

As Town Moderator George Marlette said this week, it's not the quantity of attendees but the quality that counts. In the end, Town Meeting usually makes a thoughtful decision.

Don't you want to be part of the process? Don't you want to make a difference and be part of that "quality group"?

Then put your other matters aside Saturday and attend Town Meeting.

We'll see you there.

— Mary Ford
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Selectman race debate Tuesday

Cohasset resident Noel Collins will moderate a selectman candidates' debate getting underway at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday in the selectmen's office at Town Hall. Ronnie McMorris, Fred Koed and Roger Q. Hill are in a three-way race for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. McMorris and Koed are both up for reelection. The public is invited to attend and submit questions. Candidates will also be able to ask one another questions and take questions from a panel. The event will be broadcast live on Cohasset's local cable-TV access channel.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Full picture on Hagerty proposal

TO THE EDITOR:

Although it is true that the Board of Selectmen expressed disappointment in the presentation of progress made to date concerning the effort to establish a coastal research and classroom facility at the Hagerty building, the article in last week's Mariner failed to fully report the extent of work completed to date. The following list of accomplishments was presented to the selectmen and to the Mariner on the evening of March 19:

• We have worked with students in preparing final drafts of harbor study reports to be presented to the Board of Health in May. We have convened students, teachers, town officials, and scientific consultants for three meetings at TPMC to work on these reports. This represents our model in action — collecting, analyzing, reporting, and presenting quality data to the town. This is the primary purpose of utilizing the Hagerty building as an educational facility.

• We have submitted a $5,000 grant proposal to the EPA for water quality analysis in the Gulf River, to be conducted by students this summer. EPA informs us that we have passed internal and external proposal reviews, and that a recommendation for funding has been forwarded to the regional administrator. I have been informed, however, that the regional administrator has final approval.

• We have submitted a $20,000.00 grant proposal to CZM to:

1. provide for the design and construction of the first public toilet facilities at Mariner's Park.
2. provide for the design and construction of handicap access to the public toilet facility and to the Hagerty building
3. provide design plans for utilizing the Hagerty building as a public center for arts and environmental science education
4. provide for the production of publicity materials to both advertise to the general public that such a center exists and to utilize such materials to leverage foundation support for our continued growth.

• We have secured a donation of 12 high speed computers and workstations and office furniture from Apto Solutions.)

• We have submitted a $20,000 grant proposal to the Massachusetts Service Learning Corporation requesting funds to create an after school GIS training program. This program will teach students skills necessary to help the town update its digital data base. This grant was the product of several email correspondences with Growth and Development Committee members, Planning Board members, town planner Liz Harrington, and GIS specialist Jeff Donze, all of whom enthusiastically endorsed our proposal. It was clear to all that this proposal called for the program to operate out of the Hagerty building.

• We submitted a $2,500 grant to the New England Grassroots Fund for support to wire the building for high speed computer connections. Our proposal was rejected as Grassroots funders were not focusing on technology initiatives in this round. We were invited to revise and submit a proposal next round in April.

• We have requested support from the Cohasset Educational Foundation for purchase of lab equipment to run summer research projects out of the Hagerty building.

• We have written, produced, and distributed Summer Institute course catalogues and are in the process of making middle and high school students aware of the opportunities to conduct meaningful research for the town of Cohasset.

• We have pursued talks with the South Shore Art Center to discuss possibilities of collaboration at the site. • We have met with various other groups and individuals in pursuit of leads, partnerships, financing models and funding sources, but have no concrete results to report (at this time); we mention(ed) this only as evidence of our good faith initiatives.

We've accomplished much in five months. We will soon know if we have been successful in our grant applications and if so, we will be in a fairly good position to carry our initiative forward.

As a closing note, I would like to remind the board that the town's master plan initiative has yielded important information about what the townspeople value about Cohasset and want to preserve. The issue of protecting water resources seems to be high on everyone's list and wording to that effect is presently found in the draft vision statement of the master plan. While it's recognized that our proposal to establish an environmental research center at the Hagerty building is no guarantee that Cohasset's water resources will be affected one way or another, it is posited that protecting and promoting the value of the community's water resources requires a sustained community effort to provide the facilities and programs to make it happen.

Jack Buckley
272 N. Main St.

Questions about spending CPA funds

TO THE EDITOR:

Last year the residents of Cohasset voted to accept the Community Preservation Act. So far this year I am not quite sure as to the purpose of this act. Am I the only one to believe that the purpose of adopting this act was to be like a savings account that we could utilize when something out of the ordinary required funding? This year a Community Preservation Committee was appointed and have submitted its suggestion for the utilization of this fund. It greatly disturbs me that this committee suggested how we can use these funds for not only next year but for the next 15 years.

The following is some information pertaining to Chapter 267 of the Acts of 2000, (Community Preservation) which can be found on the internet. I can not recall this information being conveyed during the adoption of this CPA but I could have been "asleep at the wheel". If it was conveyed before, allow this to be a refresher in understanding what reimbursement the town will actually be receiving?

As far as the state commissioner's distribution goes the first round is only 80 percent of the total revenues, collected by the state for this fund, to be distributed to each city or town that has applied and has been accepted for this CPTF (Community Preservation Trust Fund). The state revenues being collected for this fund are estimated to be approximately $25 million annually. A percentage of these revenues will be determined by the state commissioner in an amount not less than 5 percent but not greater than 100 percent of the total amount raised by the city or town's tax surcharge on real property. How many cities and towns will be sharing this fund?

In the second round, the remaining 20 percent of the fund, known as the equity distribution, shall be determined by the state commissioner using a ranking system. The rank is determined by the state commissioner based on valuation per capita and population and dividing the sum by two. This gives the CP raw score. There is some understanding that this 20 percent will be distributed among only the cities and towns that have adopted the maximum 3 percent surcharge.

If there are any revenues remaining after the second round distributions and any necessary administrative expenses have been paid, the state commissioner may conduct a third-round surplus distribution. Just where does this leave Cohasset based on the fact that we have 1.5 percent surcharge, high valuation and low population? Also keep in mind that CPA remains in effect for a minimum of five years, after that it can be revoked in the same manner that it was accepted. Therefore, do Cohasset residents want to commit to a 15-year debt relying on funds from this CPA?

Based on the information above, I hope that the residents of Cohasset will give careful consideration when voting on the allocations of the CPA funds. With cuts in all of the state and local funds, it is my understanding that Cohasset faces a state budget cut of 10 percent, is it a wise decision to commit to this spending for such a long period of time.

Susan Kecskemety
7 Cushing Road

Kimball's worker Andrews thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset community is very fortunate in having Ellie Andrews who works at Kimball's by the Sea. On the 16th of March I left my handbag containing my wallet, all my cards, keys and IDs at the breakfast nook in the hotel.

Ellie retrieved the handbag, kept it safe, mailed it right away, next day delivery. I am very grateful to Ellie for her prompt action. I received everything intact. It was extremely difficult managing for two days without all my keys or any identification.

Toeruna Widge
Fredericksville Road
Mertztown, Penn.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Selectman candidates:

Do you think Cohasset Harbor is fine just the way it is?

SELECTMAN/Ronnie McMorris

The Harbor is among the many resources with which Cohasset is blessed. It serves fisherman, pleasure boaters, and those wanting to walk and enjoy the view as well as those who like to relax, sip a drink, or taste some chowder. What more could one ask for?

There is no question that parking is an ongoing issue to be addressed and walkers and bicyclists have some safety concerns, especially around the Government Island entrance. But otherwise I'm in the camp that loves the Harbor just the way it is! It is beautiful, unassuming, and an important part of the ambience of Cohasset.

This is not a debate over the importance of local business. Businesses are an essential part of the community; their needs must be balanced along with others, and I will support them as I have in the past. The harbor businesses rely on the natural attractions of the area and should be involved in their conservation. Businesses and residents are fortunate that Cohasset enjoys an abundance of natural treasures including the harbor, other wetland areas, wooded areas, parks and marshland. Mother Nature never needs a beautification plan, just respect, care and preservation.

As with many of Cohasset's resources, it would be wonderful if there were more public space and public access at the Harbor. Public acquisition of any additional land is a goal that I support, and I encourage reasonable planning to alleviate parking and safety concerns. Having grown up in the city, there isn't a day I don't appreciate the beauty of Cohasset's many natural surroundings. They don't need to be improved.

SELECTMAN/Fred Koed

Since colonial times, Cohasset Harbor has changed very little except for the dredging which has cleared additional areas for mooring boats. What has changed over time are the wharves and uses at the harbor. The lobster fishing industry is vital along with fishing, boating and sailing. Cohasset Harbor is beautiful as it exists today.

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation (CRC) has been seeking public input regarding the harbor area to build a consensus on the design of proposed improvements. I agree that parking along Border Street encroaches on the sidewalk. Safety is the main concern especially along the portion between Atlantica and the Mill Bridge. I think most people would like to see some type of curbing to prevent cars parking on the sidewalk.

CRC has proposed replacing the existing wooden fencing along the harbor. The design firm has selected iron fencing as an alternative. Some citizens question the need to replace the fencing along the harbor. The harbor fencing should be low maintenance. In my opinion, that rules out iron fencing because of the salt-water environment. But what is wrong with the existing fence?

Cohasset has to be very careful in starting new initiatives. Cohasset needs to prioritize between downtown or the harbor. With the construction of the Greenbush Line apparently around the corner, Cohasset should be focusing on the downtown, especially the improvements along the Greenbush Corridor.

The mitigation agreement between the Town and the MBTA include James Brook Flood Control work under the town parking lot and other parking lot improvements. Cohasset also received a PWED (Public Works-Economic Development) grant that can be used for other improvements downtown. I believe that after the downtown is completed, Cohasset will be in a better position to determine *if* they wish to continue with improvements elsewhere.

SELECTMAN/Roger Q. Hill

For Cohasset Harbor, I think we should keep it much the way it has been for the past many years. There is no need for out of character wrought iron fences and light posts, brick side walks, wooden boardwalks built over the water, or most of the other "revitalization improvements" that have been proposed.

Some improvements could be made, like in the sidewalk surface from Memorial Park to Atlantica. Neighbors mention that the best thing that can happen along that stretch of sidewalk is simple - the police should be assigned the task of enforcing the No Parking rules on the sidewalk itself, something that is not done.

I am interested to see how my opponents respond to this week's question. Until recently, the Selectmen have backed the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation. Several weeks ago they wrote the CRC a letter attempting to ban its meetings, then wrote another letter rescinding the first letter. Are you confused about how the Selectmen feel? I certainly am.

The Selectmen have not provided leadership on harbor issues. They have supported the CRC as providing the town with "free planning". They voted against the Harbor Committee's proposed restriction on larger vessels moored on private docks as being "discriminatory." I say there is nothing "free" about the "planning" the CRC has provided. There is nothing "discriminatory" about rules that protect the ability of fishermen and recreational boaters to use the harbor.

I hold the harbor dear to the history of the town. Is it perfect? No. There have been no injuries, no major traffic accidents that I am aware of because of the way traffic flows through the harbor area today. I think the general population of the town feels the same way I do: "Don't fix it if it ain't broke!"

School Committee candidate:

In the budgetary tug of war are "average" kids lost in the shuffle — losing out to special needs and programs for high achievers?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Jane Pescatore

The question of whether "average" students are overlooked in the public schools today is not necessarily one of money. For instance, two concepts that have arisen as a result of mandates regarding special needs children, inclusion and differentiated learning, have proven successful in helping all students learn at the top of their potential.

The two elementary schools in Cohasset have a "heterogeneous" grouping model that includes children who learn at very different rates and levels in each class. This stimulates students to try different ways of learning and to meet challenges they might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. The recognition by teachers that each child learns in a very different way enables them to approach teaching with new strategies and techniques that enhance the learning experience for everyone in the classroom.

At the secondary level, however, the classroom model is altogether different.

Students are placed in "homogeneous" ability groupings. Average students are therefore not exposed to the stimulation of having a wide range of learning talent gathered in one classroom. The challenge to the teacher then becomes one of "engaging" these children in the learning process as actively as the high achievers or special needs students. Because the students are separated at the secondary level, it requires focused attention on those in the middle to insure that the standards set for them are the same as those set for more gifted students.

Creating a learning environment where all students are encouraged to achieve their maximum potential is the real issue to insure that "average" doesn't translate into "ignored".

Candidate profiles next week

This is the last week for Question of the Week. Profiles of the candidates will appear in next week's Mariner.

Real scoop on twilight baseball

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I was wading through the pages of ancestor worship that passes for news in the Boston papers on St. Patrick's Day the other day when an item in the Herald canonizing a man named Bill "Twilight" Kelley caught my eye. It informed me that:

"Twilight is known as the father of Twilight Baseball in America. He started after-dinner baseball, the precursor to night baseball. The first twilight game was played at M Street Park in 1919. Kelley's All Stars beat Walworth 6-0, with Twilight pitching the shutout."

Baloney!

Everyone south of Boston can tell you what Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, the high commissioner of baseball himself, once proclaimed, that Al Hollis of Braintree was the Father of Twilight Baseball, an idea that sprang from his sports-loving brain in 1906.

As for Twilight's game precursing night baseball, didn't we just get through celebrating the anniversary of the first baseball game played under the lights between teams representing Jordan Marsh and R.H. White department stores in Hull in 1880 before Twilight Kelley was born?

Al Hollis was the local correspondent for the Boston Globe, the Brockton Times and assorted Braintree papers when the idea came to him that the ideal way to spend the remaining daylight hours between supper and bedtime was throwing, hitting and catching a baseball.

After-supper baseball, first played on French's Common beside the Braintree Town Hall, proved so popular that the following year, 1907, Hollis was able to organize the Sunset League of town teams with who else but himself as the first president and arbitrator of disputes.

Twenty years later, organized baseball itself put its imprimatur on his idea when Commissioner Landis acknowledged Al Hollis to be the Father of Twilight Baseball in America.

As part of its bicentennial celebration, the town of Braintree also took notice of its favorite baseball son by placing a granite marker on the Town Hall Mall saluting Hollis as the "Father of Twilight League . . . for your dedicated service in behalf of all who love good sportsmanship."

Al Hollis was a dedicated newspaperman, too. He walked nearly a mile through the woods in Weymouth to cover a two-alarm fire for the Globe on Christmas Eve, 1933. When he got home he complained he didn't feel well. He died the next day, Christmas, at the age of 69.

He left a daughter and three sons, one of whom, Herbert B. Hollis, became a longtime state representative from Braintree. A fourth son, Alfred N. Hollis, a Quincy police officer, was shot and killed by a burglar while investigating a break in a Quincy hardware store.

The first night game preceded Hollis' Sunset League by more than 25 years and was promoted mostly as sort of a publicity stunt to demonstrate a new lighting system that its founder claimed could light up one square mile of a city at little cost from four light towers.

It was a miserable failure, from baseball's point of view, at least.

The Boston Globe reported that, despite the lights from three 100-foot tall towers, "flies could not be seen by the fielders and a lively grounder would set the players hunting about at a lively rate. The game was called when the score stood 16 to 16."

Night baseball wasn't tried at a professional level until 47 years later when two minor league teams gave it a shot in an exhibition game across the harbor in Lynn.

Bradley co-sponsors CPA amendment

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, has co-sponsored an amendment to the Community Preservation Act that would benefit all communities that have decided to participate in the program. The CPA is a landmark law that encourages towns and cities in the Commonwealth to preserve and protect the historic resources and open spaces in their communities. Presently, historic assets owned by a municipality prior to the local adoption of the CPA are not eligible for funding for "rehabilitation", only for "maintenance." (Section 5(b)(2), Chapter 44 M.G.L). The amendment expands the use of CPA funds for the rehabilitation of historic resources to include a municipality's previously acquired properties.

Sections 1 and 2 of this amendment would rectify an oversight of the original act. The term "historic structures and landscapes" is defined in the definitional section but is never used in the text of the act. Instead, the term "historic resources" is used in its place. The amendment will make the term "historic resources" consistent throughout the act.

Section 3 creates a definition for the term "rehabilitation." The CPA Act does not define the term. This has led to some confusion about exactly what a community can use CPA funds to do. The amendment includes in its definition of rehabilitation the use of funds to comply with building and access codes and federal guidelines for historical structures. This includes leaving intact the design of the exterior of the building and the use of appropriate materials in renovation so the structure retains its original historic nature.

Section 4 specifically changes the language in the act to permit communities to use CPA funds to rehabilitate previously acquired historic resources. The present language states that rehabilitation can only be done to those assets purchased or acquired after communities have adopted the Act. The amendment does not alter this provision for community housing, open spaces and land for recreational use. It simply permits the use of funds for both previously acquired historic resources as well as those purchased pursuant to the act.

Section 5 allows this amendment to apply retroactively to communities which have already held town meetings and approved projects. Without this section, towns would have to hold another town meeting and re-approve their CPA projects. This would cause an unnecessary delay in the commencement of projects.

"These technical changes will allow communities some flexibility. A prime example is the situation Hingham is dealing with in regards to GAR Hall," said Bradley. "Currently, the town is unable to use any CPA funds to repair this structure. The passage of this amendment corrects this situation."

Ivory-billed Woodpecker —lost or found?

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

The Ivory-billed Woodpecker is — or was — the largest woodpecker found in North America. It has an ivory-colored beak 3 inches long and 1 inch wide at its base. The bird is impressive enough to have been nicknamed the "King of the Woodpeckers" and the "Lord God Bird". This last, because it sometimes inspired the response, "Lord God!" The bills were widely used by North American Indians for decoration and in trade. Like most woodpeckers, it is mostly black and white with red on the head of the male. The similarity to the Pileated Woodpecker makes most of the recent "sightings" difficult to assess. Only the Imperial Woodpecker in Mexico is larger.

The Latin name, *Campephilus principalis*, means principal grub eater. Ivory-billed Woodpeckers strip long pieces of bark away from tree trunks to find beetle larvae. They forage in dead or dying trees of old-growth bottomland hardwood forests, mostly in the southeast. They need at least a three-square-mile territory per pair. Extensive logging has drastically reduced the availability of this preferred habitat. The Pileated Woodpecker has similar tastes, but has been able to adapt to smaller newer growth forests. Adaptability can mean the difference between survival and extinction.

In 1924 Arthur Allen found, with the help of a guide, a pair of ivorybills with an active nest in Florida. Not long afterwards, these birds were shot by two taxidermists with the permission of the authorities in Florida. In 1932 a Louisiana State legislator named Spencer shot an ivorybill. This prompted the Louisiana Division of Fur and Wildlife to stop issuing permits for shooting ivorybills. In 1938 Cleveland Bent, in his "Life Histories of North American Birds", says that the Ivory-billed Woodpecker "is almost extinct". James T. Tanner searched for, studied and wrote extensively about the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. In 1942 he documented birds in the Singer Tract of Louisiana swampland, so named for the land owned by Singer Sewing Machine Co. Two years later in 1944, Richard Pough documented the last known Ivory-billed Woodpecker in the U.S. According to Christopher Cokinos in "Hope is the Thing With Feathers", wildlife artist Don Eckelberry found this same female three months later. He spent two weeks in the Singer Tract painting and following it, even as the forest was being logged around them. Concerted efforts by Tanner and others to save the area from logging had failed. In 1950 Ludlow Griscom says in his introduction to a popular edition of "Audubon's Birds of America", "The Ivory-billed Woodpecker is almost certainly about to become extinct in the near future".

Male Ivory-billed Woodpecker — Singer Tract, Louisiana. Photo by James T. Tanner — 1935.

In the 60 years and more since the definitive sightings of Tanner and Pough, there have been many unreliable reports of ivorybills. Most are from a single person with no one to corroborate the claim. Descriptions are often inconclusive. Much video footage turns out to be of Pileated Woodpeckers. Photographs tend to be unclear. Searches following up on these reports have not succeeded in re-finding the birds. It is extremely difficult to prove a negative. There is no single moment when extinction can be declared to have happened.

Field guides written by Pough, Robbins and Peterson, in 1945, 1987, and 1991 respectively, refer to the Ivory-billed Woodpecker as "apparently doomed", "on verge of extinction", and "very close to extinction, if indeed it still exists". Three field guides written by Stokes, Kaufmann and Sibley and published between 1997 and 2001 do not even mention the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. Officially it is listed as an endangered species in the U.S., not extinct.

Hope was renewed briefly in 1986 and 1987 when individuals of an ivorybill subspecies were found in Cuba. Uncertainty lingers over the status of ivorybills in Cuba as it does in America. Searching for the ivorybill anywhere requires maneuvering through swampy areas, frequently requiring a boat. It also demands encountering swarms of mosquitoes, having a certain comfort level with confronting snakes, and being able to find one's way through tangled underbrush without marked paths. Birds easily fly away over watery landscapes that slow or stop pursuing birders. January and February offer fewer bugs, more sluggish snakes, more vocal birds, and better visibility due to fewer leaves on the trees.

Then comes April 1999. A young forestry student named David Kulivan went Wild Turkey hunting in the 35,000 acre Pearl River Wildlife Management Area in Louisiana. It happened to be April Fool's Day, which adds to the mystique. He returned without a turkey, but with a story that set the birding community to buzzing. He told his wildlife professor at Louisiana State University that he had watched a pair of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers for several minutes at close range. He had no photographs. He had not made a tape. Professor Wright in turn told Dr. Remsen, the state ornithologist of Louisiana. Remsen cross-examined Kulivan at length about every detail until he was satisfied that this was not a joke, and that Kulivan just might have seen what he claimed. Remsen was able to get the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to suspend logging in the Pearl River area, although hunting continued. Efforts intensified to find these birds again, but failed.

The Kulivan sighting prompted Zeiss Sports Optics in 2000 to ask Remsen to help organize a systematic search, which they would sponsor, for January 2002. Six experts were chosen to explore the same Pearl River area. They worked in two-person teams, each with a digital video camera, GPS unit, a parabolic microphone with digital audiotape recorder, and waterproof notebooks. One news reporter was allowed to tag along with each team for a day at a time. The trip began on January 17 and lasted 30 days. In addition, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology attached 12 battery-powered acoustic recording units (ARUs) to trees at key locations. These devices, which have been used with whales and other animals, stayed up for two months. The recordings will be analyzed and compared with recordings of Ivory-billed Woodpecker calls made in 1935.

The Zeiss search produced no sightings or photographs, only tantalizing signs that could indicate the presence of ivorybills. Lots of scaled bark, some "double rap" sounds, and huge entry holes all are suggestive of an ivorybill, although a pileated cannot be ruled out. Despite disappointingly inconclusive evidence, hope persists that the Ivory-billed Woodpecker lives. Stay tuned.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

A vision of Cohasset in 2020

MASTER PLAN

GROWTH AND DEVELOPEMENT

The Cohasset Growth and Development Committee offer for discussion a preliminary vision statement that contemplates Cohasset in the year 2020. This vision has been drafted from the many meetings, neighborhood forums and the survey conducted last fall reflecting the hopes of Cohasset residents for the future, yet it is grounded firmly in Cohasset character and values as articulated today. The draft vision will go through a process of review and refinement with all Cohasset constituents in the coming months as we work toward crafting a new long-term plan for Cohasset.

Cohasset character

Cohasset is unique for its panoramic seaside beauty, its village feel, its open space and natural resources, as well as the strength and commitment of its community and the quality of life and services its affords, all in reasonable proximity to Boston. These characteristics are revealed through:

- Village vitality
- Open space
- Parks and natural resources
- Mixed use waterfront
- Architecture and heritage
- Natural beauty Community commitment
- Town services and amenities Location

Cohasset residents value:

- Maintaining village and waterfront character and economic vitality
- The natural beauty and seaside accessibility
- Protecting and improving its water, natural resources and open space
- Preserving its architectural and cultural heritage
- Fiscally responsible town management
- Quality education and town services
- Enabling a diversity of families to flourish for generations
- Community participation and commitment

This vision has been drafted from the many meetings, neighborhood forums and the survey conducted last fall reflecting.

Preliminary Vision Statement

- Cohasset in 2020 is a historic residential community renowned for its quality of life, the exceptional beauty of its coastal setting, a lively village center and harbor front, all supported by effective and sustainable town management:
- The town's natural beauty and wildlife habitats are assured by a network of protected open spaces and parks.
- Prudent planning and careful management of the town's natural resources protect the quality and quantity of the town's waters – drinking water supply, streams and wetlands, and coastal waters.
- The harbor and village center serve the community with the variety and number of successful businesses appropriate to these areas' scale and character.
- Historic buildings and sites have been preserved for future generations.
- New or expanded homes are appropriate to the context of their neighborhood and surrounding natural setting and resources.
- The town continues to provide an excellent education for its young people.
- Housing is available for households with a range of incomes, as well as for senior citizens and town employees.
- Route 3A businesses contribute both to the attractiveness and the tax base of Cohasset, through sensitive landscape, appropriate building and parking design and effective traffic management.
- Prudent and cost-effective town management provides quality town services while maintaining reasonably stable taxes.
- Numerous organizations, activities and events celebrate the historic and cultural heritage of Cohasset.

We ask that you please review this and send any and all comments to Liz Harrington, Town Planner at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Ma 02025. And by all means join us at future Growth and Development Committee meetings and the Public Workshop scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. at Town Hall.

Cohasset Growth & Development Committee: Clark Brewer, Tom Callahan, Debbie Cook, Bill Good, Elizabeth Harrington, Patti Keville, Ronnie McMorris, Peter Pratt, Rick Swanborg, and Michael Westcott.

LIBRARY CORNER

Internet tutorial

The Internet Tutorial Program at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library will be resuming in April.

The program offers program neophytes (adults) an opportunity to learn what computers and the World Wide Web (WWW) are all about. In one one-hour session Jim Benedict, the instructor, will show you how to use a mouse to make tracks on the Internet.

Starting on Tuesday, April 2, Mr. Benedict will be available for three one-hour sessions at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Come to the library today to reserve your space or call 781-383-1348.

What's new

The Children's Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library has recently acquired many new reference books to assist students with their work. They are located in the juvenile reference section.

The following is a partial list of the new reference materials: "The World Almanac 2002," "The World Almanac for Kids 2002," "The Guinness Book of World Records 2002," "National Geographic World Atlas for Young Explorers" (for primary grade students), "National Geographic Atlas of the World" (for middle/high school students), "The 21st Century Science Series," "CQ's State Fact Finder 2002," "The Dorling Kindersley Handbooks on Cats, Dogs, Birds, Reptiles & Amphibians, and Aquarium Fish," "Animal Encyclopedia," "How to Write a Story, a Term Paper, a Letter, a Poem," and "The Children's Atlas of World History."

A homework station has been established in the juvenile nonfiction area, complete with computer and appropriate software.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Easter egg hunt help appreciated

TO THE EDITOR

The Cohasset Recreation Commission's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, March 23, with approximately 300 people attending.

The Commission wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the following organizations, Town Departments, and individuals for their support of this event: Financial Sponsors Cohasset Police Association, George H. Mealy American Legion Post #118, Rotary Club of Cohasset, and VFW Post #9146 Cohasset. Thanks also go to the following Town Departments of Cohasset: Fire, Police, School, Dept. of Public Works and Wire Departments. Special thanks to Shaws Supermarket for donated use of their helium tank.

For their donated time, interest, and effort we acknowledge our gratitude to: Jody Butman, Ellen Nesbitt, Shawna Sullivan, Tony Carbone, Wallace St. John, Paul Callahan, Principal, Deer Hill School, Emily and Rob St. John, Polly and Wiz Murray, Joe Cochran and Derek Lincoln.

Very special thanks for their vital roles go to Jean Salvador, Karen McDermott, and Cheryl Casey.

It is because of individuals and organizations such as these that Cohasset remains the fine community in which we live and work - we are truly grateful to all.

Jack Worley

Recreation Director

CEA says thanks

TO THE EDITOR

Cohasset Seniors have recently enjoyed several wonderful social events, thanks to the generous contributions of many individuals and groups in the community. In particular, Cohasset Elder Affairs would like to thank all those who helped plan, prepare, serve, entertain and clean up for the Valentine Tea in February, and the St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 13. Both were joyous occasions that brought friends both old and new together in an atmosphere of fun and celebration.

There is a long list of people to be thanked: members of the CEA Board, Anna Abbruzzese and the Gourmet Club, The Rev. Ritts and the Second Congregational Church, Father Mulvehill and St. Anthony's Church, chef Paul Guinee and his family, Osgood School parents and children for baking and cards, Charles Coleman and Judy Cobble for sharing their musical talents, the Nevin Academy of Irish Step Dancing, Thelma Harrold for her special chocolate lollipops for both occasions, and many individuals who drove the van, shopped, prepared food, set tables, served, cleaned up and restored things to their proper places.

We appreciate everyone's contribution. It is wonderful to be in a community that offers this kind of opportunities to its seniors. Special thanks to the Gourmet Club: Claire O'Brien, Terry Sullivan, Marie Sullivan, Kathy Becker, Nancy Anderson, Joan Carlo, Lydia Dinsmore, Marie Perroncello, Barbara E11iott, Ellie Wilson, Edna Cavanaugh, June Someone, Helen Carter, Angie Kelley, Dolores Roy and Pat Sargent. Thank you all!

We are looking forward to a special day on April 12, when adult volunteers will read to the kindergarten, first, second and third grade classes at the Osgood School, and then join the children for a brief social time together. Anyone interested in reading may call CEA by April 3, for details and to sign up.

Patricia L. Clark

Volunteer Coordinator

Cohasset Elder Affairs

COHASSET CARES

Recycling effort at CMHS takes root

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

To a teacher or a parent or to anyone else concerned about values, one of the most inspiring experiences in life is witnessing idealism in young people. Idealism is what makes the difference between just living and really living.

In my more than 30 years of pretty intense involvement with Cohasset, my real pay was the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of high school students. I was never let down with an utter absence of kids who would really listen here in this town. I never failed to be inspired by Cohasset's students.

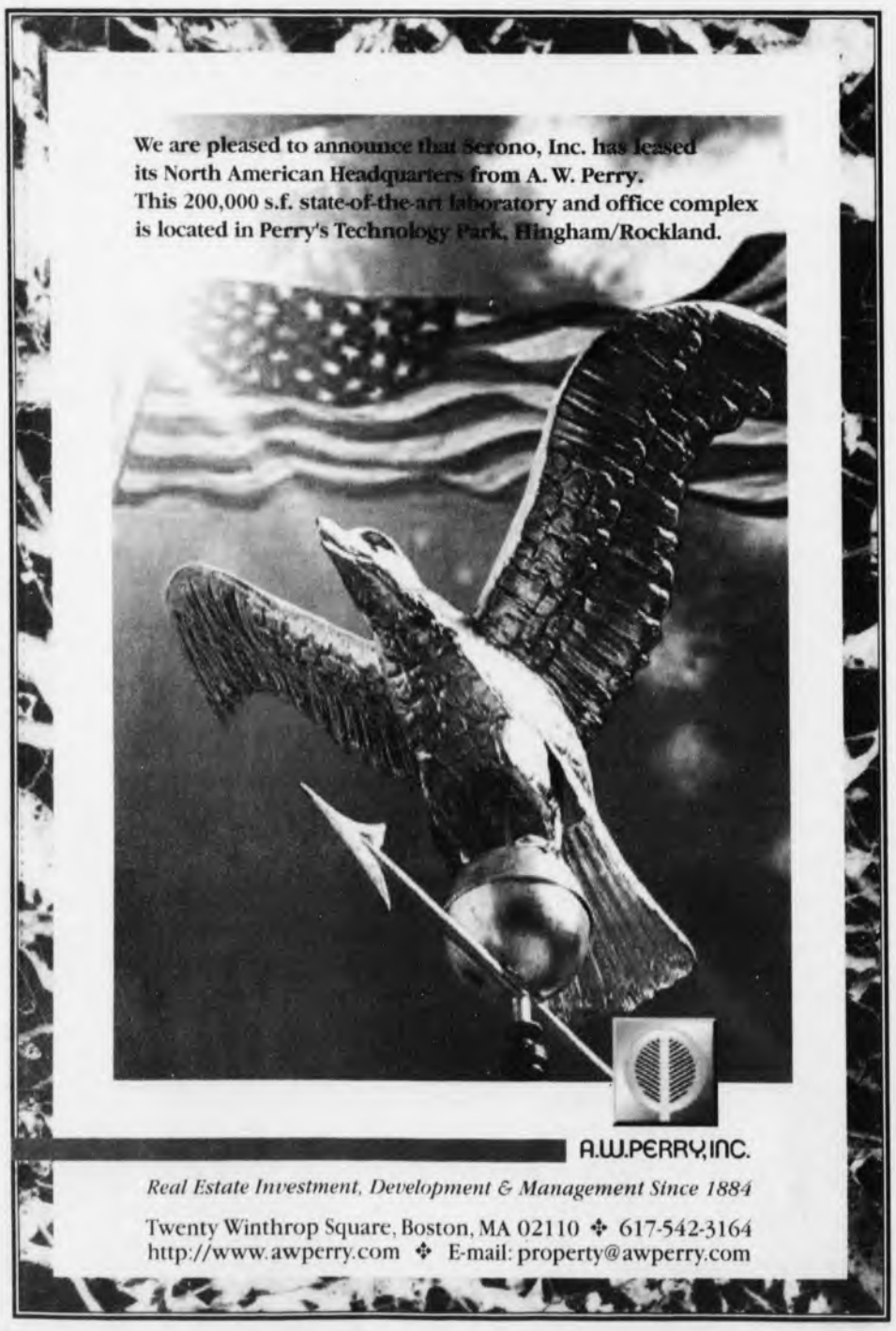
From 1960 to the present, Cohasset has presented young people of conviction, students wanting to make the most out of life — in ways other than financial. Cohasset, like most American towns, has always had the mix of economic backgrounds, sliding scales of comfort that somehow leveled out when it came to principles and to character. The kids all understood honesty and possible ! ways of cheating. They recognized leadership and the peer pressure from championing a cause. Beneath the veneer of clothing styles and cliques were real people who were and are trying to decide how to live. What we said, and even more what we did, were and are heeded quite carefully. Despite the town's idiosyncrasies, we've always had reachable kids.

I was similarly inspired by a recent visit to Jack Buckley's Community Service class, accompanied by Merle Brown, and by the follow-up conference with the students who are behind the present recycling efforts at the middle/high school — Curt Kahn, Brian Litchfield, Ben Lynner, Evan Pestone, and Nick Spirito. Despite the first-period hour, students' faces were receptive. Feedback began slowly because the whole recycling effort at the school is slow. Idealism takes effort. Sorting out your values is hard work, and acting on them takes strength. But these students have begun the effort, and, especially in the follow-up conference where RTF patriarch Arthur Lehr joined us, conversation flowed with increasing concern.

One of our topics was the fact that it's easier to contemplate — and act upon — values when you're comfortably fed and housed, but at the same time perhaps those who are comfortably fed and housed need to get out of town — like to Appalachia — to learn how to really live. Insulation can protect, but it can also smother. Holes in the insulation are made here and there for electrical flow.

We'll have to have Part II to discuss the nuts and bolts of the new recycling effort at the Cohasset Middle/High School. See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity Chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.



HEALTH NOTES

Jesse's legacy: A town that pulled together

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On March 15, Jesse Sargent's tragic death left the town an unexpected legacy. Early Saturday afternoon, I was called by Joe Godzik, the town health officer, who had been working all morning to deal with the untimely death of this popular tenth-grader at the Middle-High School. He told me of an emergency meeting called by the Selectmen in response to Jesse's death of a meningococcal bacteria infection. When I arrived at Town Hall at 3 p.m. Saturday it could have been any busy day in mid morning. Everyone was there. All the selectmen, the Town Manager, the police chief, fire chief, emergency management chief, recreation officer, Jack DeLorenzo, the School Committee, and a heavy representation of the school staff. The meeting in the selectmen's office lasted about 45 minutes, and when it was over, everyone had a task, which they began with a sense of sad but dedicated commitment.

There was an enormous amount of work to be done. Early on, it was decided that everyone who had a child in the system should be notified and given the proper information about the crisis and what they could do. Documents were prepared so that everyone had the right information about Jesse's sad story, and how it would affect their kids. Those who had been with Jesse last would receive information about defending against infection, and others should be given background information about the disease. It was agreed that one explanation be drafted and used to avoid disseminating conflicting information.

A letter had to be drafted, lists and addresses of the 400 or so families in the middle and high school who were to be notified, had to be prepared. Everyone who might possibly have been exposed would have to be contacted and warned. Instructions given as to the precautions to be taken and how to seek help. Shortly after the meeting at the town hall, another at the high school gathered together more than 30 volunteers who proceeded to make door-to-door visits to all affected families. Tenth-graders, Jesse's class, were very special; many appeared at the meeting wanting to help and did a large part of getting the word out to parents of the students, carrying the letters prepared by the volunteers at the high school to the door of each house that needed notification. Finally, packets of information were given or left between the doors of every affected home. Meanwhile, the town nursing staff members were calling everyone in other towns who might have been exposed. Jesse was enormously popular and active, and had friends everywhere, Weymouth, Scituate, Hull, all of whom he had seen within the previous 10 days. All were notified.

All the churches were contacted, clergy given information about the situation, and by Sunday morning congregations knew the sad story.

At the time of this printing, the waiting period is finally over, and anyone who was infected would have shown symptoms. So we can now conclude that no one was infected with this strange and deadly bacterium. The town should give grateful thanks to all those dedicated and caring officials who helped during this crisis and particularly those who gave so freely and caringly of their time.

About Meningococcemia

Meningococcal Disease is a bacterial infection which takes two forms: Menningitis which affects tissue surrounding the brain, and Meningococcemia which is an infection of the blood and can affect other organs. There is no evidence that Jesse had meningitis, but rather the bacterium probably invaded his blood stream and affected other organs. Susceptibility to the disease is higher among the immune compromised, youths and young adults, and the threat decreases with age.1 The bacteria are spread from person to person through close contact with a sick person's saliva (spit). Close contact includes activities such as kissing, sneezing, coughing, sharing water bottles, sharing eating/drinking utensils, or sharing cigarettes with someone who is sick.

Persons showing signs and symptoms of illness are diagnosed by culturing their spinal fluid (meningitis) or blood (meningococcemia). It may take up to 72 hours to have test results. Sometimes a doctor can make an earlier diagnosis by looking at a person's spinal fluid under a microscope.

Signs and symptoms of meningococcemia include a sudden onset of fever, chills, and feeling unusually weak and tired. A rash may be present, often involving the palms of the hands and soles of the feet. Anyone who has these symptoms should contact their doctor right away.

Antibiotics are used to treat people with both (meningococcal) meningitis and meningococcemia. People who have had close contact with the sick person any time during the two weeks before she/he became ill may also need to take antibiotics. Preventive treatments of all close contacts should be implemented up to two weeks after onset of the first case but preferably as soon as possible within the first 24 hours.

Close contacts of a person who has meningococcal disease are treated with antibiotics because the bacteria may be spread from the sick person to other people through contact with the saliva (spit) of the sick person. The antibiotics will kill the bacteria and prevent illness.

There is a vaccine (shot) against meningococcal disease, but the shot is usually given for travel or under certain conditions. Routine childhood shots with meningococcal vaccine are not recommended, and the shot is not known to be effective in children under 2 years of age. Shots are given to travelers who visit countries where meningococcal disease is very common and shots are given if there is an outbreak of meningococcal disease in a community. In addition, college freshman who want to reduce their risk of meningococcal disease may choose to be vaccinated with meningococcal vaccine. All college students and their parents should talk to their healthcare providers about meningococcal disease, the vaccine and the specific circumstances of the students.

If you have had close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with a meningococcal illness you should call your health care provider and get an antibiotic. If you have had contact with an ill person, but have not had close contact, you should be aware of the symptoms of illness and contact your doctor immediately if you have any of these symptoms.

Meningitis can be caused by different organisms, including other bacteria and viruses. Only certain types of meningitis require treatment of the sick person's close contacts. If you have questions about meningitis or your exposure to a sick person, contact your family doctor, the Board of Health or the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Epidemiology Program (617) 983-6800.

The legacy Jesse Sargent has left us is the active and caring response of literally hundreds of people in town who, by their actions and thoughts gave him a special place in the consciousness of Cohasset.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Parenting course

The Social Service League of Cohasset is offering a five-week course on Parenting for Prevention. This informative seminar is directed to parents but driven by the needs, aspirations and promise of our adolescents. The overriding goal of Parenting for Prevention is to ensure that our children have the very best of opportunities to grow into mature, independent, caring and drug-free adults. These sessions will be Monday 6:30-7:45 p.m. and will begin when enrollment reaches ten participants. Free.

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Popular speaker to conduct retreat

Jan Phillips

Jan Phillips, author, photographer, musician and inspirational speaker, will return to the South Shore to lead an all-day workshop titled "From Creation to Transformation - How Our Creative Works Heal the World."

Phillips is the author of such popular works as "God Is At Eye Level" and "A Waist Is A Terrible Thing to Mind." Her popular all-day workshop drew a very enthusiastic crowd of participants last year. The workshop will be held on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey on April 6 from 9a.m.- 4p.m. and will include lunch.

In addition, Phillips will be the featured speaker at the alternative worship service being held from 5-6p.m. on the same day at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset.

The fee for the workshop is $85 and registration may be made by calling the Second Congregational Church office at 383-0345 or stop by the office between the hours of 9a.m.- 1p.m., Mon. - Fri.

Relay For Life is May 17, 18

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for May 17 and 18 at Cohasset High School.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's nationwide, signature activity. Last year, 11 Relay For Life events took place around southeast Massachusetts raising more than. $2.3 million for the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services.

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Shooting for 'Tunes of Glory'

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8500 was set at the Millennium March in Edinburgh, Scotland in August 2000.

McWilliams had been intrigued by bagpipes for years, but did not attempt to learn them until his wife Alice called his bluff by giving him a "practice chanter" for Christmas. Like all beginning pipers, he used this simple recorder-like reeded instrument to learn the ornate movements and elaborate embellishments that make bagpipe music unique. With practice and the help of teacher Fred Fletcher, Pipe Major for the Crann Tara Pipes & Drums of Boston, he eventually moved on to the full bagpipes.

"I then learned that the stories are true," he says. "Bagpipes really are among the most difficult instruments to master. I not only had to contend with the chanter, but also three drones, each with its own reed, and a bag that I had to inflate correctly and lightly squeeze just right to keep everything going.

"In the early days, my sons would flee the house when I tried to fire up the monster. I'm only now wrangling it into submission to play some tunes. It's still not easy."

Those new skills will be mission-critical on April 6 when McWilliams attempts to hold his own with some of the world's best pipers as they march together up Manhattan's Sixth Avenue to Central Park. The day's play list will include tunes ranging from the rousing Scotland The Brave to the classic Irish favorite, Minstrel Boy. Once in Central Park, the 10,000 -strong throng will stand at attention to play a massed band rendition of Amazing Grace in homage to the resilience of New York City and those affected by the events of September 11.

Is McWilliams nervous? "In my minds-eye, " he says, "I have an image of a lone piper screwing up random notes and embellishments, causing all 10,000 marchers to stop and glare at him. You can guess who he is."

Even so, McWilliams is glad to put it all on the line for a good cause.

"Cancer has hit my clan a number of times, including both of my parents," he says. "I think this is a great way to hit back by raising much-needed funds for special care and research. Also, it's a genuine honor to play alongside pipe bands of the legendary New York Police and Fire Departments as well as talented pipers coming in from the far corners of the earth.

"I think we're going to make a statement for the world to remember. No one will really care whether I'm a piping hot-shot or not…I hope."

About the Tunes of Glory Charities Michael McWilliams is participating in the Tunes of Glory march, at his own expense, to raise funds for cancer research. All organizational costs and administrative expenses for the event are covered by Scottish Power PLC, Visit Scotland (the Scottish Tourist Board) and Dewars Whisky. Proceeds will go to Gilda's Club Worldwide, a US-based network of social support centers for cancer patients, and to Marie Curie Cancer Care, an organization that combines home and hospice care with research across the United Kingdom.

New England and US donors wishing to support this effort should write out a check to "Gilda's Club Worldwide" and send it to: Michael McWilliams PO Box 507 Cohasset, MA 02025.

For information on the Web about the New York Tunes of Glory March, visit www.pipefest.com.

Ten hardy 'soles' walk 60 miles for breast cancer

Since the Avon Breast Cancer three-day walk began in October 1998, it has netted a total of $63 million for breast cancer medical research, education and early detection. This year's Boston 3-day walk is scheduled for May 17–19. An expected 3,500 people of various ages and fitness levels are anticipated to walk. Each participant will average 20 miles per day for the three-day event.

Amongst the many participants are 10 women who live between Cohasset and Wellesley. As a newly formed team whom they call "The Sole Sisters" these 10 remarkable women have committed to walking the Avon three-day together. As with all participants, each member has committed to raising a minimum of $1900 before April.

From left, Jo Feldman, Ceil Garber, Kathy Vieira, Pam Algera and Sharon Housley are part of the group of the 'Sole Sisters' to walk for breast cancer research. The women in the group come from Cohasset, Hingham, Canton, Hull, Marshfield and Wellesley.

All of the Sole Sisters are training for the three-day walk, and slowly but surely, are going further each time.

Two of the members, both from Hull, did the Avon three-day walk last year. Ceil Garber and Pam Algera both admit that they don't know if they are even more committed to the cause after last year's experience or just down-right crazy, but they are well into their fund-raising efforts and training for the up coming walk in May.

"Last year we didn't train at all, except for one walk from Hull to Hingham and back and we really paid the price for it!" says Algera. "After the first 20 miles, we were feeling OK and were anxious to tell our families. We laid down in our tent (one of the amenities that is provided for all walkers) and called home on our cell phones. We were very pumped up and they were really proud of us. It was after we hung up that we realized neither of us could move! Our muscles had completely tightened up on us, and we literally had to roll out of our tents to get to dinner".

This year is different. All of the Sole Sisters are training for the three-day walk, and slowly but surely, are going further each time. The entire team has not walked together for any training walks to date, but hope to get a few in as a group before May 17.

"Since it's not a race and we can walk at our own pace, it's not a requirement that we all train together all of the time. The idea behind the 'team' is to be able to provide each other with moral support, both prior to and during the three-day event." says Sharon Housley, who lives in Plympton. "We also plan to have some fun with it. I have created a web site **www.solesisters.com**, and other members of the group are busy creating T-shirts with our team logo. And why not have fun! After all, sixty miles is the equivalent to 2-1/2 marathons," she adds.

Unfortunately, breast cancer touched everyone's lives in one way or another", says 44-year-old Jo Feldman, one of the older Sole Sisters member who lives in both Canton and Hull. Either you know someone directly or you know of someone who knows someone with the disease. Anything we can do to help eliminate this disease will be worth it – even if it takes sore muscles and blistered feet".

Anyone interested in getting more information about "The Sole Sisters" can look for up-coming information on their newly created web site. If you would like to get more information about the Avon three-day from Fitchburg to Boston, visit the organizers web site @ (www.bethepeople.com).

5,000 golden lights will help fight cancer

Through the efforts of a group of volunteers staffing the Daffodil Store in Hingham's Community Center, 70 South St. in Hingham Square,Tuesday through Friday, April 2 to 5, the area will be brightened by at least 5,000 golden blooms this spring and be helping in the fight against cancer.

Organizers of the Daffodil Store have ordered no less than 10 boxes of the flowers each containing 50 bouquets of 10 budded daffodils, and are confident that they will be sold out by the end of the week. These are flowers that are grown in the Pacific northwest and flown here for prompt delivery. Immersed in water overnight, the buds break forth into beautiful yellow blossoms by morning.

A bouquet of 10 daffodils can be purchased for $6 at the Daffodil Store.

A bouquet of 10 daffodils can be purchased for $6 at the Daffodil Store with the proceeds going to help the American Cancer Society reach its goal of $3.5 million in New England this year. Prominent among the services these funds help support is the Road to Recovery program headquartered in Hingham, through which volunteer drivers take patients to hospitals and doctors' offices for treatment.

Working with the founder of the Daffodil Store, Helen Ireton, this year are the following members of the Community Service Committee of the Hingham Mothers' Club who will staff the store: Karen Hale, Aylene Calnan, Gretchen Zinc Stromberg and Mary Maynard .

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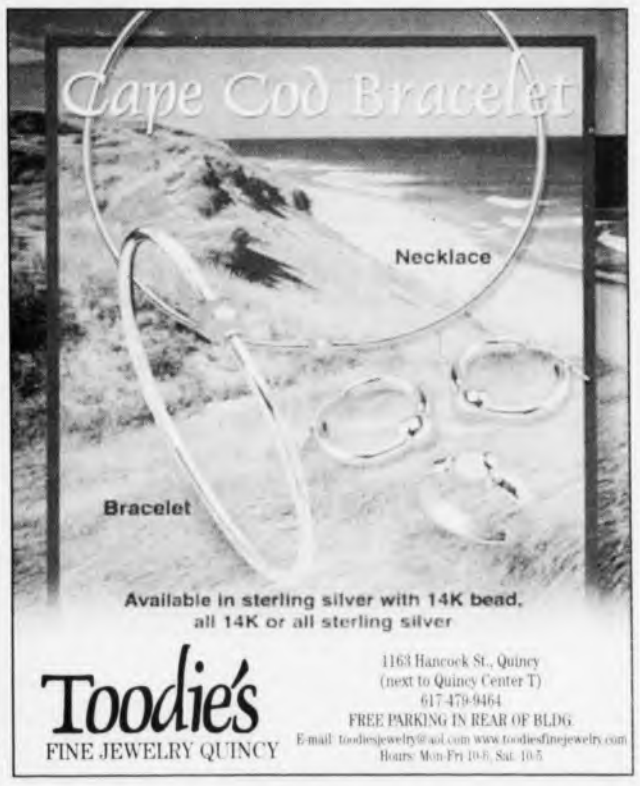

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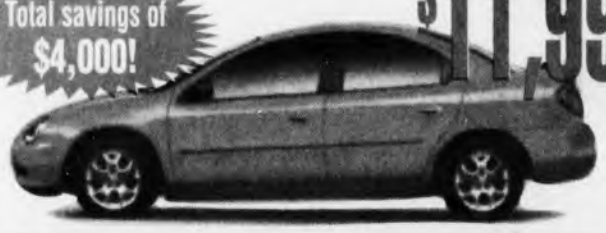

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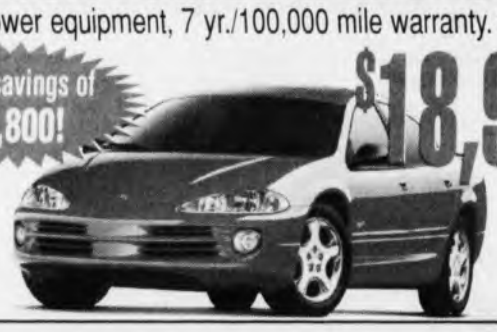

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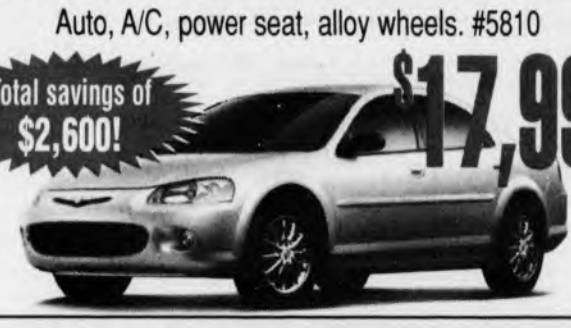

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Kristin Sheerin and Meredith Bixby
These two Cohasset High gymnasts were deservedly named this week to their second consecutive Mariner All-Scholastic Gymnastics team.

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On the South Shore
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Baseball team moves on

Coach Knurek feels team can rebound from season-long loss of Bolster

By Mike Spellman
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Cohasset High athletic teams can rarely absorb a major loss. With a student body of roughly 300, that's a fact of life.

Few, if any, high school baseball programs would not be deeply impacted by the loss of a player the caliber of Nick Bolster. Needless to say, Cohasset High is not among this prestigious minority.

Doctors last week denied clearance for the Cohasset star shortstop/pitcher to participate in baseball this Spring, wiping out the last hope this gifted athlete had of competing athletically in his senior year.

Bolster's nightmare began approximately 11 months ago—halfway through his junior baseball campaign— when he woke up one morning with blurred visions in his right eye. Turns out he'd somehow suffered a detached retina. He's had hopes of being cleared before each of this school year's sports seasons— football in the fall, basketball this past winter and now baseball—but each time his doctors told him the same thing: "it wasn't worth the risk."

"I feel bad for Nick," was the first thing Cohasset head baseball coach Bob Knurek said when asked about last week's diagnosis. "He would've been a captain for us and an extremely important player. I know how badly he wanted to play."

Without Bolster, who threw a no-hitter in his sophomore year and was slated to be the number one hurler this season, the three-man rotation Knurek envisioned as potentially being the strongest in his five year tenure is now down to two. Senior captain Tim Straughn moves from the projected number two to number one and junior Mike Snowdale becomes the number two.

With the team playing three games per week in most cases, a number three starter is essential. Sophomore Mike Dooley, who pitched well in a few relief stints last season, seems the likeliest candidate at this time to get that call.

"I feel real good about Tim and Mike as the number one and two guys," said Knurek. "Tim really throws hard and made a lot of progress last year, and Mike looks like he's going to be real reliable. Dooley has the potential to be a good pitcher, but he's young and untested as a starter. He did a nice job as a freshman, though."

One of the problems with making Straughn the number one pitcher is he is also the team's best catcher. There are a few candidates to catch him, but this is just one of a myriad of issues Knurek has been trying to address since practice sessions began last Monday— a situation

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IT'S OFFICIAL: SPRING IS HERE!

STAFF PHOTO/ ALAN CHAPMAN

The boys lacrosse team managed to make it outdoors between rain showers last week. Here, we see Nick Spirito and Matt Davis tangling during a defensive drill on Friday at Alumni Field. Some of the Cohasset High Spring teams haven't even been able to take to the fields since practice sessions kicked off last Monday due to inclement weather.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset gymnast Kristin Sheerin headlines our 10-member Mariner All-Scholastic gymnastics team that also features two of her teammates from the Pilgrim Conference 2 championship Cohasset-Norwell team: C.H.S. junior Meredith Bixby and N.H.S. freshman Jen Guiney.

Mariner All-Scholastic Gymnastics Team

Cohasset-Norwell squad's Sheerin, Bixby and Guiney named among area's elite

The 10 gymnasts you see honored here are the ones we determined through research and personal observation to be tops in *Marinerland* (i.e. Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland and Scituate).

A few of the girls you see here listed below as Honorable Mentions also received some strong consideration for the "A-Team", but we resigned ourselves to 10, and they are:

Kristin Sheerin - Senior All-Around - Cohasset

Kristin Sheerin

The Cohasset High six year gymnastics star will get a chance to put an exclamation point on her outstanding high school career at the senior Nationals in Las Vegas in mid-May…she qualified for this opportunity by finishing sixth in the all-around at the All-State individuals competition on March 10, and third among seniors with her score of 35.3…interestingly, the last Cohasset or Norwell athlete to go to Nationals as a senior was Sheerin's coach, Cara Connerty… was the key figure in helping the Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics squad to its first league championship since the schools' programs merged…Sheerin just missed winning her third Pilgrim Conference 2 title this year, finishing second to Carver's Steven Cudworth (34.85) in the all-around with her score of 34.6…started competing for the Cohasset gymnastics team as a seventh grader…Sheerin also captured the league championship as an eighth grader and again last winter…Sheerin holds every Cohasset High gymnastics record: a 36.1 in the all-around, 8.95 on the vault, 9.3 on the floor, 9.35 on the beam and 8.95 on the bars…trains year-round at the Ellis School of Gymnastics in Braintree…also a sensational lacrosse player for Cohasset High…Kristin will be attending the State University of New York-Brockport this Fall, and compete intercollegiately for this school's team, which finished fourth in the Div. 3 national championships this past season…is leaning toward majoring in communications or psychology…Cohasset-Norwell Coach Kara Connerty: "What else can you say about Kristin. She's obviously a very gifted and dedicated gymnast who works hard year round. For six years, she's been incredibly devoted to the program and the sport. The thing about her this year is she was such a great leader and captain. She really helped keep things together for us with a young team."

Meredith Bixby - Junior All-Around - Cohasset

Bixby capped a great junior season

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Renewed interest, renewed sport

Softball returns to Cohasset High after a four year absence

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It's Lady Skippers deja vous.

Junior athletic veteran Heather Peraino teamed up with 11 freshmen and sophomores to fight for a cause..and they won. Cohasset High has reinstated softball as an interscholastic activity after a four year absence.

The team will compete at the junior varsity level for this season, but next year there seems a very good chance it will make it back up to top-level South Shore League varsity competition.

Sound oddly familiar? It is.

Three years ago, a group of eager freshman and sophomores teamed up with a junior to resurrect the girls basketball program, dormant for three years at Cohasset High School. With no seniors to guide them, these girls impressed the administration enough with their Junior Varsity 10-8 record that the next year they were given the right to a full Varsity SSL schedule.

With the talent down in the younger grades, the Lady Skippers have set up a respectable hoops program, that should remain a potential playoff team down the road. Lady hoops coach Ellen Carr, who has been with the team for the three year re-birth of the program, has already predicted her team will get 10 wins next year, with the opportunity to surprise some people when the Div. 4 tournament rolls around. This is exactly what the softball team wants to have happen to them.

"It is going to take some time," said coach Deb Bostwick, who is coaching her first softball team in eight years. "But next year, we hope to move right up to varsity."

The interest and talent are present in large numbers in the cur-

SOFTBALL, PAGE 18

Same team, new coach, loftier goals

Girls lacrosse squad seeks to improve on last year's 10-6 season

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The girls lacrosse team made great strides toward establishing themselves as a legitimate contender last year, finishing 10-6, and qualifying for the State tournament. This year's team, having lost nobody to graduation, and with a very strong senior class, hopes to improve upon that considerably.

"I just want the team to succeed."

admitted first year lacrosse coach, but no stranger to Skipper coaching, Torin Sweeney. "I am very pleased with the effort so far."

Sweeney, a longtime head coach of the wrestling team, has also coached golf and football at Cohasset High, but never lacrosse. The team did not have a coach with less than two weeks remaining before practices started, and athletic director Ron Ford just wanted somebody to fill in who had experience coaching at the varsity level.

Veteran lacrosse coach Kathy Gadiano, a teacher in Weymouth, is presently out on a maternity leave, but is expected to return to the Cohasset sidelines next Spring.

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Cohasset-Norwell squad's Sheerin, Bixby and Guiney named among area's elite

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Meredith Bixby

in style, taking sixth place overall in her best event, the vault, at the All-State championships on March 10 with an average score of 8.55...Bixby surprised at All-States by sticking her vault, the tuck tsuk, after never having completed it the entire year...Bixby also took a pair of first places at the Pilgrim Conference 2 meet with winning performances on the uneven bars (8.05) and vault (8.65)...Bixby has been named to the Pilgrim Conference League All-Star team all three years...two time Mariner All-Scholastic selection...this was her second year competing in the all-around for her the Cohasset-Norwell squad, taking the place of senior captain Carly Carter (a 2001 Mariner All-Scholastic who's been injured the past season and a half)... has already been named a team captain for next year...trains year-round at the Ellis School of Gymnastics in Braintree ...top scores this season: vault- 8.6, floor- 8.7, bars- 8.4, beam-8.35, all around- 33.8...would like to continue her gymnastics career in college... Cohasset-Norwell Coach Kara Cunnerty: "Meredith works extremely hard, and she really matured this season as both a leader and a gymnast. With Kristin (Sheerin) gone, we'll obviously be looking to her for even bigger things next season."

Julia Wilson - Junior (Capt.) All-Around - Marshfield

Julia Wilson

An early season injury couldn't stop this talented gymnast from capturing an Old Colony League All-star season...Missed only two meets due to a sprained right ankle, but slowly nursed herself back to 100 percent by the end of the year, helping the Lady Rams capture second in the OCL behind only state champs Barnstable...Took two medals at the State Individual Championships, taking first on the bars (9.1) and second on the vault (8.825)...Was an OCL All-star on the bars...Won the All-Around at the OCL Championships and tied for first on the vault...Competes year round with the Spectrum Gymnastics Club...A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Wilson will captain the Marshfield team again next season...The junior has hopes of continuing her gymnastics career in college. Marshfield coach Marion Cherubini: "She started the year with an injury but kept in shape, and still worked on strength and flexibility and was at full strength by the end of the season. That says a lot about her dedication. She's extremely competitive, determined and focused. Gymnastics is what she wants."

Nicole Souris - Junior All-Around - Marshfield

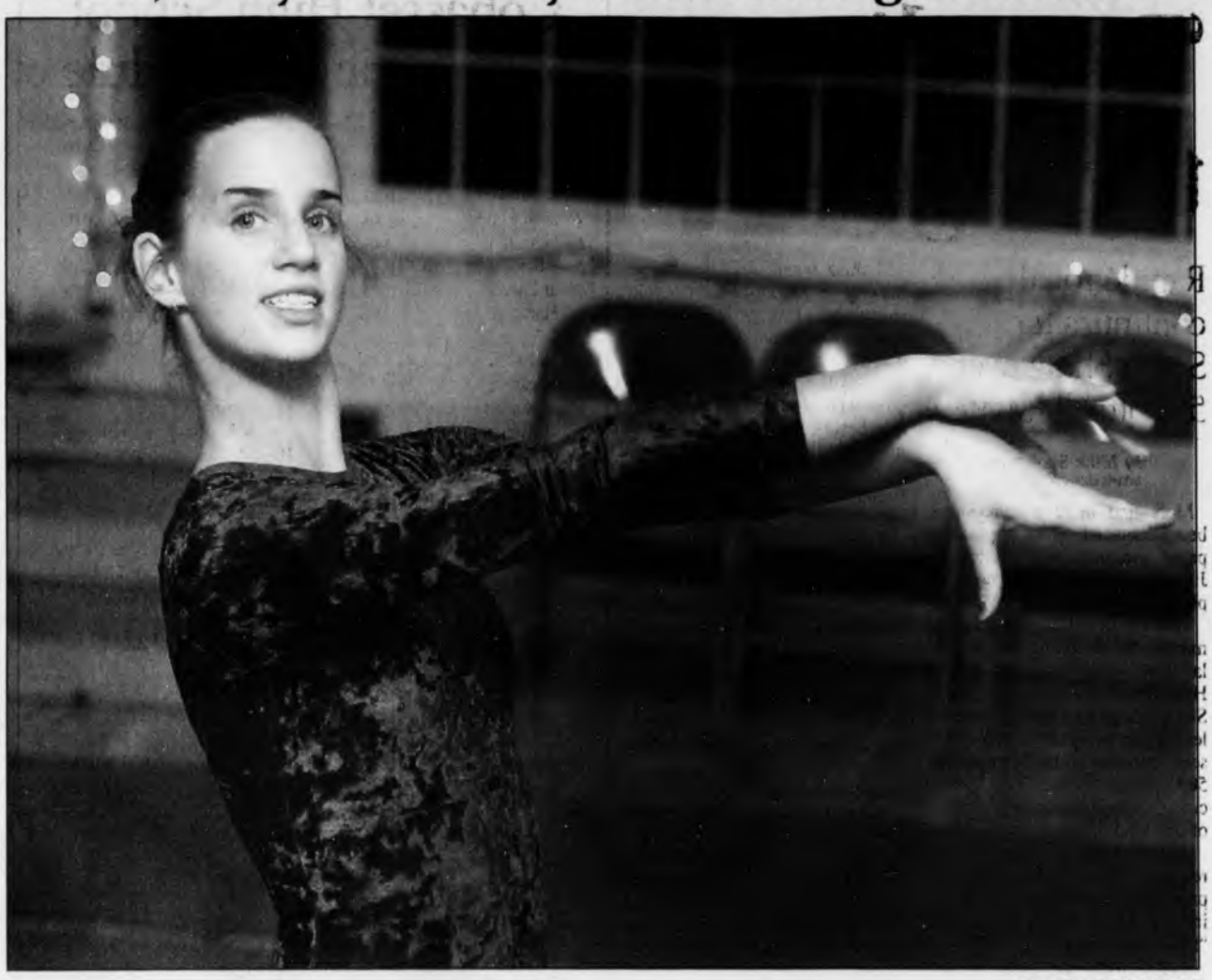
Nicole Souris

After sustaining a right ankle injury that kept her out of the latter half of the 2001 season, Souris returned in top shape this year... Dominated the All-Around competition during the beginning half of the season before reinjuring the ankle midway through the year...Returned and competed on all events but floor, helping the Lady Rams capture second in the Old Colony League behind powerhouse Barnstable...Was an OCL All-star on the vault...Qualified for the State Individual Championships on the bars...Competes year round with the Spectrum Gymnastics Club in Brockton...Says her most favorite event is the beam because she "likes the challenge of it"...A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Souris will return as one of Marshfield's the top gymnasts next season...Though still a junior, Souris is considering attending UNH and URI, where she would like to continue her gymnastics career. Marshfield coach Marion Cherubini: "She's very good in bars and vault. She's a consistent performer. She really led the team when Julia was out in the beginning of the year. She's a very dedicated athlete."

Christine Walker - Junior Bars - Marshfield

Christine Walker

When tragedy struck the team's top two gymnasts, Walker was right there to step in...Always a steady performer, Walker came on extremely strong this season, filling All-Around spots in the beginning of the season when Julia Wilson was injured and at the end when Nicole Souris went down...A stellar performer on the bars and in the All-Around, Walker's increased role this season helped lead the team to a second place finish in the Old Colony League behind state champs Barnstable...Qualified for the State Individual Championships on the bars...Finished third in the All-Around at the Pilgrim Conference 1 Championships and was a first-place All-star on the bars...Competes year round with the Ellis Gymnastics Club in Braintree...A first-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Walker will return next season as a top contender...The junior is considering continuing her gymnastics career in college at William and Mary, Bridgeport, Ithaca or Cornell. Marshfield coach Marion Cherubini: "Christine's performance this season was a pleasant surprise. She'd always been a consistent performer, but she really came on strong this season, especially when we needed her most. She's a very powerful and dedicated performer. She loves the sport and it shows."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Norwell High's Jen Guiney followed up her second place finish in the YMCA National championships with a sensational freshman campaign for the Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics team.

Bronwyn Riggs - Senior (Capt.) Floor exercise - Hingham

Bronwyn Riggs

Already one of two of the Harborwomen's top gymnasts, Riggs was thrust into the spotlight this season when senior captain Meg Peterson's year ended before it began due to injury...Had the difficult task of taking the reigns of the extremely young Hingham squad and ably filled the role...A Pilgrim Conference 2 All-star on the floor, Riggs also took seventh place in the same event at the State Individual Championships (8.85)...The senior was fourth in the All-Around at the PC2 Championships...Riggs competes year round with the Spectrum Gymnastics Club in Brockton and has qualified for the Regional meet to be held in Woburn next month...A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Riggs hopes to attend Bowdin next fall where she will major in Biology with the hopes of becoming a veterinarian. Hingham coach Patricia Anderson: "Her floor routine was awesome. She was definitely a leader on the team this year. We're expecting even bigger things next year."

Molly Fanning - Freshman All-Around - Hanover

Molly Fanning

In just her first season with the Hanover High squad, Fanning quickly established herself as one of the best All-Around gymnasts in the Pilgrim Conference 2...Just a freshman, Fanning was the top point-getter for the Lady Indians squad, which finished second in the PC2 behind only rival Cohasset/Norwell...A PC2 All-star on the beam, Fanning finished third in the All-Around at the Pilgrim Conference 2 Championships...Her explosive routines and strong dismounts are what set her apart from her competitors, according to the team's first-year coach...Fanning competes year round with the Ellis Gymnastics Club in Braintree...A first-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Fanning will be among the top returnees to the Hanover squad next season. Hanover coach Alesha Delgiacco: "She had an incredible year for a freshman. She's dedicated to the sport and always gives 100 percent. Her vaults are very strong and she's incredible on the bars. I think we're going to be hearing her name a lot in the coming years."

Keri Gerrish - Sophomore Bars - Hanover

Keri Gerrish

Dedication and hard work is what made this youngster have a breakout year for the Lady Indians team..., Competed in the beginning of the year on three events because she needed a floor routine and later dominated the second all-around spot midway through the season, after working with a choreographer...Though just a sophomore, the team's first-year coach said Gerrish has already established herself as a leader on the squad...The coach also said Gerrish's floor routine was "the best in the league"...Gerrish competes year round...She is making her second appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic squad as she made our field hockey team last fall...The sophomore will be among the top returnees to the Hanover squad next season. Hanover coach Alesha Delgiacco: "All four of her routines on each apparatus were just so strong. She really came full circle this year. She's already assumed a leadership role on the team. She's extremely focused and the other girls have picked up on that. She's very well respected amongst her peers."

Cristy Pforr - Senior Beam – Silver Lake

Cristy Pforr

A four year Old Colony League all-star and two time Mariner All-Scholastic... made the league all-star team her first three years for her work on the beam, and this final season for her floor routine...did not qualify for the state championships this year after doing so the previous two seasons, missing out on a spot in the balance beam competition by less than two-tenths of a point in her season average...qualified as a sophomore and junior for the beam...took 11th at states on the beam as a junior, missing out on a medal by one-tenth of a point with a strong score of 8.55...took seventh at the same event as a sophomore with a score of 8.5...takes private lessons year round at Head over Heels in Norwell...the only four year competitor ever for Silver Lake in the all-around competition, with only two being allowed per team...finished her final season with averages of 8.565 on the beam (best of 8.7), 8.575 on the floor exercise, 8.125 on the vault and 7.875 on the uneven bars. Her best all-around score on the season was a 33.3... hopes to attend Rhode Island College and would like to continue her gymnastics career there... plans to major in Early Elementary Education...Silver Lake coach Lindsay Leigh-Consolati: "It's a shame Cristy couldn't make it back to states again this year, but she had a great career here. She worked hard and made progress every year. This year, her leadership and attitude in the gym and with team was just great."

Jen Guiney - Freshman Floor/vault/ bars - Norwell

Guiney opened some eyes at the Pilgrim Conference 2 meet, taking first on the beam (7.8), second on the floor exercise (8.3) and third on the bars (7.4)...Pilgrim Conference All-Star for the floor exercise...her best event is the floor exercise, where she averaged an 8.45 score with a best of 8.55...is expected to assume Kristin Sheerin's role in the all-around with the Norwell-Cohasset team next winter (two per team)...trains year-round at the YMCA in Hanover...finished second in the YMCA Level 7 National YMCA championships in Ohio in July...averaged 8.0 in the vault, 7.95 on the beam and 7.4 on the uneven bars...also a very good soccer player at N.H.S. and a sprinter of the Spring track team...Cohasset-Norwell Coach Kara Connerty: "Jen is a natural athlete. You can see that. By training year round, she's really developing into a very good all-around gymnast, and I'm looking forward to watching her progress."

Honorable Mention:

Kristen Zeoli- Soph.- Silver Lake
Kasey Minott- Fresh.- Silver Lake
Nancy Durkin- Fresh. - Cohasset
Liz Gottbrecht - Soph. - Hanover
Julianne Sullivan - Jr. - Hanover

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Cohasset High junior Meredith Bixby is now 2-for-2 as one of our All-Scholastic selections.

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Norwell's Samantha Rosen is one of the Cohasset- Norwell gymnasts who will be looked upon to step up next season to help fill the void left by the graduation of Kristin Sheerin.

'Recycling teenagers'

Rapid growth continues for South Shore over-55 softball league

By Mike Spellman
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More and more resources are being recycled: glasses, plastics, paper products, etc.. Scituate's Jim Hyde is asking "Why not people?"

"We've found a pretty good market for recycling people the last few years," said a chuckling Hyde, who founded the South Shore over-55 men's softball league just two years ago, and has seen enrollment rise more than 500 percent in that time. Most conservationists can only dream of this kind of boon.

Hyde, 68, has even carried this recycling theme a step further, printing bumper stickers promoting the league that read "Recycling Teenagers."

Hyde, with the help of the Scituate Council on Aging, started to get the word out about a softball league in February of 2000, and opened the inaugural season that April with approximately 20 people, playing what amounted to pickup games behind the Gates Intermediate School in Scituate.

Hyde thanks COA Director Joan Wright and senior center activities director Mary Dean for continuing to get the word out about the league.

"Those two girls have been great," declared Hyde, reflecting his refreshingly "PC"-lean orientation.

"I mean those two women," he corrects, laughing.

Last year, in addition to rapidly expanding numbers, the league added uniforms, a travel team that goes all over Eastern Mass. seeking high-caliber competition, and a mailing list for paying league members.

The mailing list now exceeds 100, and Hyde is planning to put together four regular team rosters for play at two fields (Gates and the adjoining "Central Field") on Sunday and Wednesday mornings (10 a.m. starts). Plans are also in the works for regular showdowns with teams from a fledgling over-55 league in Quincy.

"I think when we first started, the guys were coming out to get in shape, but I think what really keeps them coming back is the camaraderie and competition," said Hyde. "We've got a lot of guys who are feeling good about themselves, and that's the most important thing.

"And they're telling their friends," he adds. "We're growing so fast, it's tough to keep up with it."

Not only has the league outgrown the Gates School field and town, it's also outgrown the season. Once a week all Winter, Hyde and a number of his more devoted teammates traveled to play indoor softball at the Bridgewater Sports Dome. In addition, the softball league spawned a winter bowling league.

In the inaugural season, there were a fair number of injuries, but Hyde reported that incidents such as these were "way down" this past year. He figures this effort was aided by the decision to bring out a few physical therapists from Magill and Gardner Physical Therapy, of Scituate.

"We've got a lot of guys whose bodies are in better shape than they were two years ago," he offered. "It's nice to think that we've helped a few people."

Magill and Gardner is also one of the many corporate sponsors the league has picked up, along with Janell Ford (Hanover), Jack Conway Real Estate, the Hingham Institute for Savings, Rockland Trust, South Coastal Bank and the Village Marketplace (Scituate).

This helps keep enrollment costs down. The fee per individual player is $20 for this season, which will run from April 1 to Sept. 30, or, according to Hyde, "until the first snow falls."

Hyde is hoping to attract at least another 20 players, which he says should assure having enough players to field two games on both Sundays and Wednesdays.

"Some of the young whippersnappers are still working, so they can't make the Wednesday games," Hyde cracks. "We'd like to make sure we have enough to get two games going."

Those interested in joining the South Shore over-55 softball league can call the Scituate Council on Aging (781-545-8722) or Jim Hyde (781-545-4681).

Cohasset Soccer Club

Cohasset Youth Soccer Spring Season Begins Saturday, April 6, and runs through Saturday, June 1.

Send us your sports news

Sports teams and leagues are encouraged to send their results and news to the Mariner. Information can be faxed to 781-837-4540 or emailed to sports editor Mike Spellman at mspellman@cnc.com or mailed to Community Newspapers/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, 02050. Spellman can be reached at 781-837-4577.

Through our community connections program we are also offering web sites for teams and groups. This is a great way to get your information out to the individuals in the league.

Cohasset High School Spring sports schedule

GIRLS TENNIS

April		
5	Hingham	3:30 p.m.
8	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
9	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
11	Norton	4 p.m.
23	Abington	3:30 p.m.
24	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
29	Harwich	4 p.m.
May		
2	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
6	Mashpee	4 p.m.
7	at Norton	4 p.m.
9	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
14	at Harwich	4 p.m.
15	Carver	3:30 p.m.
21	at Scituate	3:30 p.m.
22	at Hingham	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Sarah Meehan

BOYS TENNIS

April		
5	at Hingham	3:30 p.m.
8	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
9	Mashpee	4 p.m.
11	at Norton	4 p.m.
23	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
25	Carver	3:30 p.m.
29	at Harwich	4 p.m.
May		
2	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
6	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
7	Norton	4 p.m.
9	Abington	3:30 p.m.
13	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
14	Harwich	4 p.m.
22	Hingham	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Kent Parrot

GIRLS LACROSSE

April		
4	at Marshfield	4 p.m.
9	at New Bedford	4 p.m.
11	Barnstable	4 p.m.
23	at Norwell	4 p.m.
25	Duxbury	4 p.m.
26	Mansfield	7 p.m.
30	Sandwich	4 p.m.
May		
2	at Mansfield	4 p.m.
3	Scituate	7 p.m.
7	at Scituate	7 p.m.
9	Falmouth	4 p.m.
11	at Nantucket	1 p.m.
14	Marshfield	5 p.m.
16	at Hingham	4 p.m.
21	at Bourne	4 p.m.
23	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
28	Martha's Vinyd.	4 p.m.
30	Bourne	4 p.m.

Coach: Torin Sweeney

BOYS LACROSSE

April		
2	at Hopkinton	4 p.m.
4	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
9	Scituate	3:30 p.m.
12	Falmouth	7 p.m.
20	Franklin	1 p.m.
23	at Hanover	3:30 p.m.
26	at Hingham	4 p.m.
30	Marshfield	7 p.m.
May		
1	Barnstable (NL)	4 p.m.
3	at Falmouth	4 p.m.
7	Sandwich	4 p.m.
10	at Duxbury	7 p.m.
11	Nantucket	2:30 p.m.
14	Hingham	7 p.m.
16	Bourne	4 p.m.
17	at Marshfield	4 p.m.
20	Duxbury	4 p.m.
22	at Barnstable	4 p.m.

Head Coach: Kevin Orcutt
Asst. Coach: Terry Kahn

BOYS/GIRLS TRACK/FIELD

April		
1	Norton	3:30 p.m.
4	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
8	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
23	Hull	3:30 p.m.
25	at Harwich	4 p.m.
27	Mass Relay (E. Bridgewater)	
29	Abington	3:30 p.m.
May		
2	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
4	at Whit/Hans	3:30 p.m.
4	Weston Night Relay	
6	SSL Girls at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
7	SSL Boys at Carver	3:30 p.m.
9	at Rockland	3:30 p.m.
18	SS Principal Meet	
25	State Class Meet	
June		
1	All State	
8	New England Meet	

Head Coach: Al LaFountain
Asst. Coach: Susan Giglio

JV SOFTBALL

April		
8	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
9	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
11	Norton	4 p.m.
23	Abington	3:30 p.m.
24	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
29	Harwich	4 p.m.
30	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
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9	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
14	at Harwich	4 p.m.
15	Carver	3:30 p.m.
16	Hull	3:30 p.m.
20	at Rockland	3:30 p.m.
23	at Sacred Heart	3:30 p.m.

Head Coach: Deb Bostwick

VARSITY BASEBALL

April		
6	at Millis	10 a.m.
8	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
9	Mashpee	4 p.m.
11	Norton	4 p.m.
17	S.S.V.T.	10 a.m.
23	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
24	Nantucket	4 p.m.
25	Carver	3:30 p.m.
29	at Harwich	4 p.m.
30	Hull	3:30 p.m.
May		
2	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
6	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
7	Norton	4 p.m.
9	Abington	3:30 p.m.
11	at Nantucket	11 a.m.
13	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
14	Harwich	4 p.m.
16	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
20	Provincetown	4 p.m.
23	Millis	4 p.m.

Head Coach: Bob Knurek
Asst. Coach: Peter Lucido

JV BASEBALL

April		
6	at Millis	10 a.m.
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SPORTS NOTES

Little League signups

Did you miss Little League registration? It is not too late. Call Lynne DeGiacomo @ 383-6413 to obtain registration material. A $10 late fee will be assessed for all registrations received after March 31.

Race-by-the-Sea set for April 7

The 26th Cohasset Road Race-by-the-Sea has been scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2002. The Cohasset Rotary Club will again sponsor the race.

The race is listed on the "Cool Running" Web site calendar (www.coolrunning.com). Information can be obtained on the race website www.cohassetroadracebythesea.com.

Applications are in the back of the Rotary Telephone Book for Cohasset. Runners can also register on the website. Applications will be at Curtis Liquors, Nobles, Cohasset Good Sport and other locations at the end of February beginning of March.

Organizers this year intend to use computer chips for timing.

April vacation baseball

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters age 8 through 12 at the Recreation office, First Floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Camp has been contracted again this year to provide an April Vacation Baseball Clinic, which will be held for one week, beginning Tuesday, April 16, through Friday, April 19, at Milliken field.

The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100.

Boating safety course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a four-session safe boating course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the four-session course, scheduled to begin Thursday evening, May 9, at Cohasset High School. Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7:30 to about 9 p.m., May 9 through May 23. Certification test will be held at the fifth and final class at 7:30 p.m., May 23.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109, as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

Certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

Girls basketball clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that telephone registration will be accepted for a girls basketball clinic to be held at Osgood School gym starting April 22 through May 20.

The clinic will meet each Monday, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. for grades three and four and 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. for grades five and six.

The fee for the five-week program is $40 per player. This program will be run by Ellen Carr, head coach of girls basketball at Cohasset High School.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 to register. Space is limited, early registration is advised.

Registration for youthfootball/ cheerleading

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2002 fall season on Sunday, April 7, 2002, from 9 am to 12 pm at the Store-It storage facility next to the Driftway tennis center on Old Driftway in Scituate.

Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1. Any players not signed up on April 7 will not be guaranteed a position on a team. Anyone not able to attend this signup should call Joe Obert at (781) 545-0854.

Any other football questions can also be directed to Joe Obert. Those with cheerleading questions should call Lorie Neil at (781) 545-4526

Registration fees: football $145.00, cheerleading $95.00.

*maximum charge per family is $290.00

minimum age: must be 8 by 12/31/02

maximum age: cannot turn 15 in 2002

First year players and players who did not play last year must bring a copy of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file.

Widow's Walk golf course opens today

Widow0s Walk Golf Course in Scituate will open for the 2002 golf season on Thursday, March 28th, according to an announcement by Bob Sanderson, PGA host professional and director of golf.

Additional information is available at Widow0s Walk website @ www.widowswalkgolf.com or by calling the Widow's Walk Pro Shop at 781.544.0032.

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Baseball team moves on

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whose difficulty has been compounded immeasurably by the fact that all practice sessions through this Wednesday have had to be held indoors due to inclement weather and perpetually poor drainage at Milliken Field. Knurek's charges have thus been forced to share time in Cohasset High's one gym with the other frustrated spring squads.

"We've probably had one-third the amount of practice time I'd liked to have had by this point," said Knurek Tuesday night. "Hopefully, we'll get some good weather the rest of the week. We really need to get outside. We're running out of time."

Indeed. The Skippers, who finished 6-14 last season, are scheduled to open the season next Saturday at Millis (10 a.m. start).

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

This sight will surely be missed this season: Nick Bolster on the mound for the Skippers.

South Shore League play starts a week from Monday, with the Skippers slated to host Norwell at Beechwood Field (3:30 start).

Many feel the SSL will be even more competitive this season, with Carver, Norton and Abington always being tough, Norwell and Hull appearing to be deeper than last season and perennially solid Mashpee and Harwich taking the place of Hanover.

"We've got our work cut out for us," concedes Knurek. "I think we could see six teams from our league making the state tourney, but I see us as being competitive."

When they're not pitching, Dooley will likely play third base and Snowdale second. Senior Robin Murphy will probably return to a starting role in the outfield, and be joined by junior Chris McKenna, a standout athlete who returns to the diamond after a one year absence.

Murphy hit .380 as a sophomore, but got off to a slow start at the plate last season and never seemed to recover, finishing with a disappointing .220 success rate. Knurek is hoping for a big rebound year from his senior.

"We moved Robin to the outfield last year, and he was great out there, but he never seemed to find his swing," reported the coach. "I'm looking for a big bounce back year from him, though. We know he's capable."

One of the problems with making Straughn the number one pitcher is he is also the team's best catcher.

A spot will also be found in the order for sweet swinging junior Matt O'Brien, who hit over. 300 last season and appears a prime candidate to bat in the all important number three spot in the order in front of cleanup man Straughn, who led the Skippers in hitting (.426) last season as well as RBI production.

Obviously, Straughn is the Skippers main man. It seems a foregone conclusion that more than a few college and pro scouts will stop by to check him out in person this season.

"I think Tim is someone who can definitely play at the next level," appraised Knurek. "He has a lot of the tools those folks are looking for."

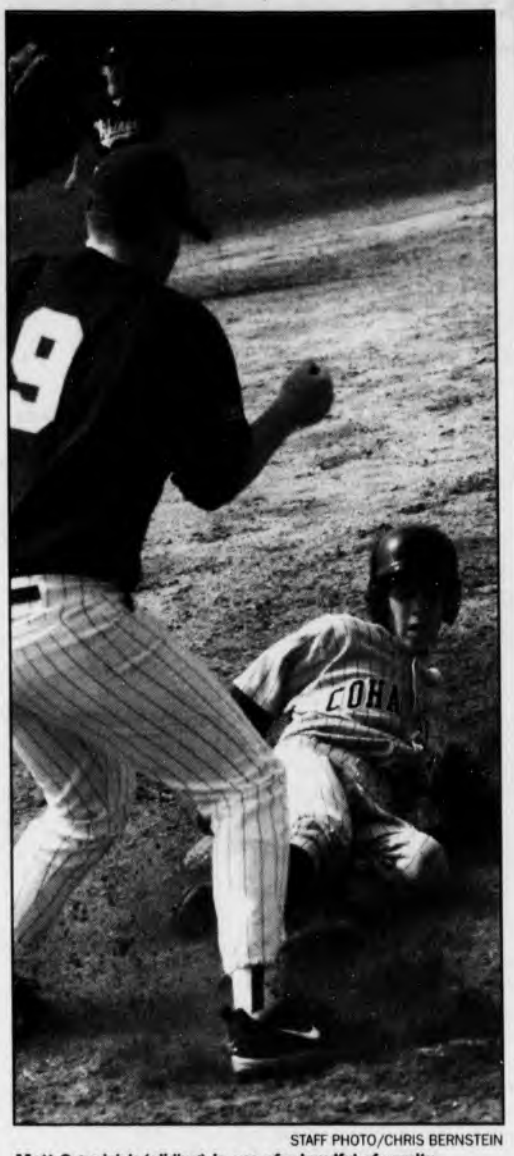
The coach also makes it clear that Straughn is just as large an asset to his plans off the field as he is on it.

"It's great to see the way Tim has really emerged as a leader," he lauded. "He's always been extremely competitive, but he's really channeling that the right way now. You see it in the way he talks to the kids. He's helping them come along. He's really grown up a lot over the last few years."

Also likely to set the table in front of Straughn is the fleet-footed Dooley, probably in the leadoff spot.

Beyond this, however, Knurek admits he's given the batting order little thought.

The coach notes he is excited about the long term potential of freshmen Ted Straughn (Tim's brother) and Louis Blanco, but notes in the next breath how it usually takes freshman "most of their first year to adjust to the faster pitching at the varsity level ."



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Matt Ogrodnick (sliding) is one of a handful of varsity returnees this season eyeing bigger and better things.

"I look at the players we have out and I feel like we'll be competitive," concluded the coach. "That's the big thing. In the last couple of years, we've seen a real winning tradition start to build here at Cohasset High with our sports teams with football, lacrosse, hockey, track, and a few others. Our athletes are taking a lot of pride these days, and that's something I think these (baseball) players are looking to be a part of."

Special Hitters' Workshop at SSBC in Hingham

The South Shore Baseball Club will be offering a special Hitters' Workshop, featuring veteran SSBC instructor Rick DelVecchio, during the April School Vacation for players aged 8-13 at its indoor facility in Hingham. Sessions will be conducted from 9-10:45 a.m., Tuesday through Friday, Apr. 16-19.

Hitters' Workshops have been designed to directly focus on hitting and improve all aspects of a player's hitting. Lectures and drills are intended to create habits that will give hitters what they need to succeed in games.

"Due to the popularity of our Hitters' Workshops with Rick over the December and February school vacations," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. explained, "we felt that we had to add one for the April school vacation. This one is really geared for youth league players. You never know how often fields around here will be playable in April because of rain and cold. Players can get their at bats and receive instructions from SSBC's professional staff at this Hitters' Workshop."

The Hitters' Workshop features daily hitting lectures, five different hitting stations, various skills work and drills, live hitting cage with pitchers, soft toss and bunting stations, two live hitting stations, and a safety station for inside pitches.

SSBC is a year-round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players, boys and girls, ages five and older, with locations in Holbrook and Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its programs for members and non-members, call 1-800-GO4-HITS/781-767-1529 in Holbrook, 1-888-749-6466/781-749-6466 in Hingham, or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Girls lacrosse squad seeks to improve on last year's 10-6 season

Sweeney volunteered to take the job for this season, and, as it turns out, his lack of experience with the sport has not really impeded his ability to effectively manage the squad. Also a veteran physical education teacher at CHS, Sweeney said he has been amazed at the overlap he has seen between girls lacrosse drills, and those he teaches in other sports.

"There is a tremendous amount of crossover," explained the coach. "We are just doing a lot of two-on-ones, four-on-threes, trying to create some open space in front of the net."

Open space in front of the net will be extremely hard to come by this season, especially for senior sniper Kristin Sheerin, a second year captain of the squad. Scoring her 100th goal in her junior year (100 goals is considered the gold standard in lacrosse, just as 1,000 points is in basketball), Sheerin expects to be under constant double teams, but will still most likely lead the team in scoring and assists again.

Senior captain Carlie Carter has received medical clearance from her doctor, allowing her to compete for the first time interscholastically since February of 2001.

Although she has been sidelined for a season of lacrosse, soccer and gymnastics, her athleticism and excellent stick skills should make her Cohasset's most dominant force on defense.

The third senior captain of the Lady Skippers is Kate Grimm, an extremely fast lefthander with a very accurate shot. She should provide a much needed consistent second scoring threat when Sheerin is held under wraps.

"They are just phenomenal," lauded Sweeney of his trifecta. "They are giving me a lot of input because I am new at this. Their leadership is just excellent."

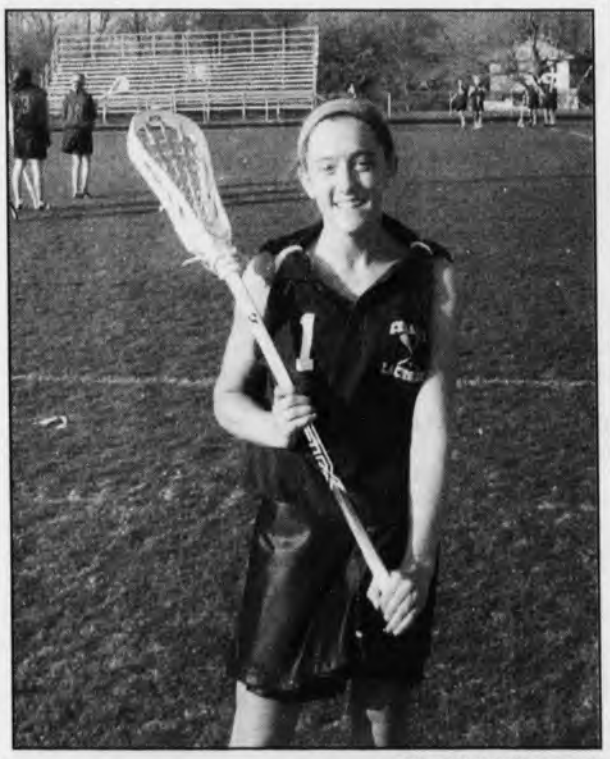
Helping Carter on defense will be the same speedy athletes as last year, juniors Katherine Coyne and Julie Lordan.

Behind the defense will be third year starter Gia Petrakis, a junior. Like Sheerin's offensive efforts, Petrakis is about to surpass a defensive milestone: she will tally her 500th career save within the first two games of the season.

Junior attacker Maura McKenney, a 20 goal scorer from a year ago, will provide an offensive spark for a team that appears to have a great balance of talent on offense.

"There have been so many that have surprised me that I can't name one," said a smiling Sweeney.

The Lady Skippers have a scrimmage slated for this Thursday against Scituate, a nice tune-up before they begin competitive play next week.



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Kristin Sheerin, who is looking to add to her eye-popping 100-plus goal career, will no doubt draw a fair amount of double teaming this season.

Things have changed a bit for the Lady Skippers, but their sights are still set on the state playoffs.

Renewed interest, renewed sport

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rent 10th, ninth and eighth grades. Bostwick, who many know as the fall field hockey coach, has taken her 12 player JV roster, along with close to 20 Middle Schoolers and created her own "feeder program"— a vital element for the long term outlook.

The main drawback of creating or re-creating a sport at a school is that the team ends up with large numbers of players with limited or no experience at the sport. However, since nearly every member of the team is only one or two years removed from traveling and town leagues, that is not the case.

"We have a lot of work to do," stated Bostwick, "but we are better off than I imagined we would be."

Because of last week's rain, the team could not begin outdoor practice until this past Monday, mostly running through review drills of fundamentals.

Bostwick has said, though, that this year will be focused more on building up the program than winning.

"My main objective is to get the numbers up, and the talent up and build on that," said Bostwick, who went through the exact same process when she built Cohasset's field hockey team into the respected program it is today. "It will take us about three or four years."

Peraino, the only upperclassmen on the squad, has also been in this scenario: she was one of the four freshmen at the forefront of the movement to reinstate girls basketball. Peraino feels this can be the same type of rewarding experience.

"We don't look bad as a team considering the circumstances," offered the junior shortstop/pitcher. "It is fun. It's a challenge, but it is definitely a good opportunity too."

The team begins junior varsity play in two weeks, against the generally solid Norwell squad. The Lady Clippers and Abington are considered by many to be the two heavy hitters in the strong SSL this year, but that hasn't discouraged Bostwick.

"We have incredible support from [CHS Athletic Director] Ron Ford," she said. "People are now starting to pay attention to us, and we are hoping it is going to pay off."

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Clockwise from right: The race is on for eggs at the annual event that is sponsored by the recreation department. Charlotte Allard waits with her mother, Libby, for the hunt to begin. Madeline Curley and Caroline Prescott discuss strategy before the egg hunt rush. The Easter Bunny waves to the hundreds of children who flocked to Saturday's egg hunt at the Deer Hill School back field.

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Seniors consider housing options

By Evan Schiff
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The lack of affordable housing for senior citizens in town has many worried. But the Senior Housing Committee is working to solve the problem.

To that end, the committee held a forum last week to talk about the issues. About two dozen seniors attended.

The primary issues discussed centered around the Accessory Dwelling Bylaw article on this year's Town Meeting warrant as well as a proposed future senior housing project near the Super Stop & Shop plaza.

The message of the meeting was to encourage seniors to get out and vote for the article on March 30 because it could be the first step in a long process.

"Everyone in this room needs to go out there and support this article," said Joseph Nedrow of the Cohasset Senior Housing Committee.

The bylaw would allow 10 home conversions a year by special permit from the Zoning Board. The bylaw, although not restricted to seniors, is seen as a potential benefit for elderly citizens who want to stay in their homes. They could rent out the apartment that is created in their home or live in it themselves. In addition to a number of conditions, the principal or accessory dwelling must be owner-occupied, have enough off-street parking and the principal dwelling must be at least 1,200 square feet.

"Not only would the article allow seniors to stay in Cohasset, but it could provide another vehicle for seniors to generate income," said Town Planner Liz Harrington.

Council on Elder Affairs director Kathy Bryanton, who is also a member of the senior housing committee, said people need to think about were they wish to retire. If Cohasset is their desired choice, then accessory dwellings could be the answer.

"I've never heard a negative comment about accessory dwellings. This is something that I think the town really needs to do."
— CEA director Kathy Bryanton

"I've never heard a negative comment about accessory dwellings," Bryanton said. "This is something that I think the town really needs to do."

Libby Zotos, a member of the senior housing committee, said one of the problems she previously had with the article is that the language was too vague. She said countless hours have been spent on writing the article to clear up any imprecise issues.

"What's happening is seniors have big and expensive homes with fixed incomes and taxes are going up," Zotos said. "It's driving the seniors out of town."

The other issues discussed at the meeting revolved around a senior housing project that the committee has been working on for some time. The housing committee is eyeing a 10-acre parcel of town-owned land near Stop & Shop as a potential development for 50 units of housing for seniors.

The seniors in attendance raised questions about the feasibility of the project to the timetable. One concerned Cohasset senior said she was very interested in seeing the project be developed.

"I want to stay in Cohasset as long as I'm able to," she said. "Both the article at Town Meeting and this housing project have all my support."

Access to the site could be through Cohasset Plaza rather than Red Fox Lane, which has no traffic light on 3A.

Nedrow said he has talked with plaza owner Donald Staszko who was open to the idea. He added there is currently an engineering study underway and right now the primary concern is dealing the financial aspects of the project.

"Our goal is to create a non-profit entity that would control the project," Nedrow said. "We want to keep the price as low as possible."

Nedrow said he didn't want to count on state and federal money because he felt that would restrict the committee's options.

"We would like to make sure Cohasset has preference with these units," he said. "I think if we got state money we may not have that luxury."

Nedrow said he has talked with the churches in town about the idea of having them control the property.

Church building celebrates centennial

New addition planned

By Evan Schiff
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The building at 811 Jerusalem Road is celebrating its 100th anniversary and has a storied history. Now its current tenants hope to add to it, literally.

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, occupants of the building since 1980, hopes to break ground on a new community center addition to the building in September.

The congregation has been undertaking the process for almost five years because of the need arising for more space. The church, which started with about 20 families, now has more than 10 times that amount and has been averaging one additional family a month for a few years.

"As we grow, we've seen the need for more resources," said Father John Maheras, minister for the church. "We're working to serve our congregates in a better fashion."

One of the main functions of the center will be to provide more class space for the Sunday school. The school now has more than 100 kids in the program and is in dire need of an expansion.

"There are parents who want their kids to have the religious and moral values we teach them at the school," Maheras said. "With the addition, will be able provide services to more children."

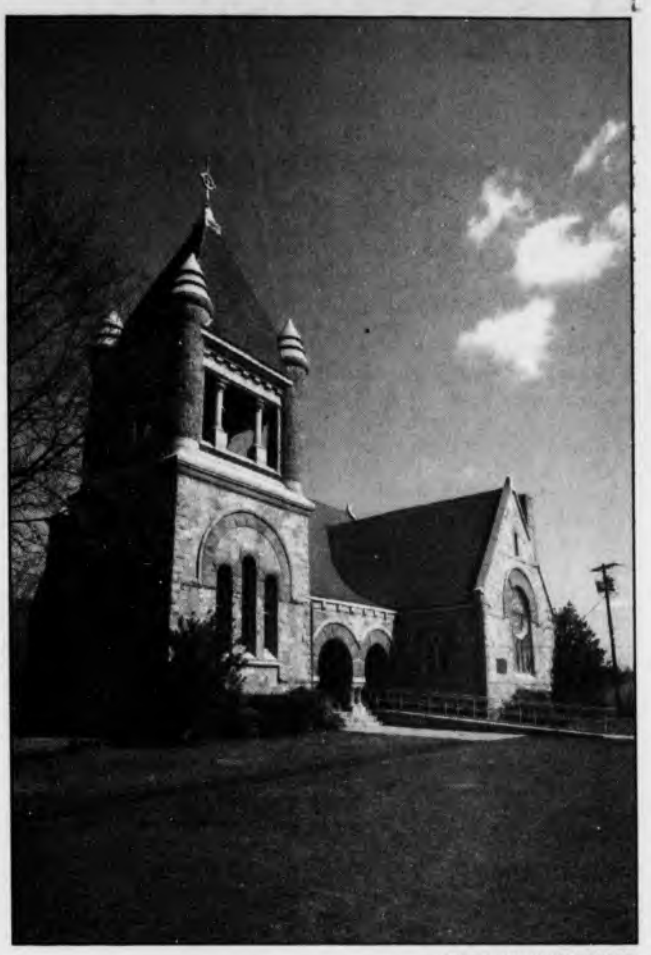
Maheras added many programs will be expanded as the church will try to accommodate new service for seniors, adults and teens.

"We try to serve people from the cradle to the grave," he said.

The Greek Orthodox Church understands the building's rich history and plans to have the addition fit in with the original architecture.

"The community center will be beautifully in concert with the original architecture," said Estelle MacDonald, vice president of the church. "It's going to fit in perfectly."

The building was originally named the Pope Memorial Church and was erected in 1900 by Colonel and Mrs. Albert A. Pope as a memorial to their son who died at the age of 18. According to the, "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume II," Colonel Pope spent almost $300,000 on the building.



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The former Pope Memorial Church (now The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church) is 100 years old.

It is built with seam-faced Quincy granite with red roof tile which was imported from Italy. On the day the church was dedicated, July 8, 1900, the couple placed a portrait of their son in the cornerstone. A memorial to the family now stands at the entrance to the building.

Pope himself had an interesting life, he established the first bicycle factory in the country at Hartford, Conn. His company made the original Columbia bicycle which featured a huge front wheel and small rear one.

Maheras said the church is anxious to start the new project, which will be adjacent to the original building, but it is still in the fundraising stage. He added the church is looking to raise approximately $1.4 million and has already received about 1one-third of that amount.

"It's really going to be something for the entire community to enjoy," Maheras said. "It will be for religious education, cultural events and promoting community interaction."

Donna Rumble, who has been collecting donations at the church as its steward for five years, said people at the church have worked extremely hard on this project.

"We've had so many people donate countless hours to raising money and getting everything organized," Rumble said. "It's really a wonderful thing."

The church will be holding a fundraiser on April 14 at 3 p.m. It will be a voice and piano concert with the vocals sung by Evelyn Czaja and the piano played by Dr. Rita Simo. Czaja is the choir director an organist for the church.

Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors and $15 for children between the ages of eight and 12. Tickets can be purchased at the church, at the door, or by calling 781-282-6380.

College expo

The Social Service League of Cohasset and the Guidance Department are presenting a College Info Expo Tuesday, April 9, at 9 a.m. in the Cohasset High School auditorium for all sophomore and junior students and their parents. Guidance counselors or parents of children from other schools are welcome to attend.

Representatives from Boston University, Boston College and University of Massachusetts will comprise a panel of speakers to discuss how the college application and admission process works. There will be a question and answer period following the presentations.

For more information, call 781-383-0771.

System upgrades help fire flow, water quality

Fire protection and water quality have been improved throughout Cohasset because of water system improvements conducted last year, according to Water Commission Chairman John McNabb.

"Fire flows have been improved at fire hydrants, improving fire protection, on Beechwood Street, Elm Street, Summer Street, Rustic Drive, and Border Street," he said. "Because of our aggressive improvements program last year, where we improved almost two miles of water mains, including replacing undersized water mains and the cleaning and lining of other water pipes."

Water quality has also been improved.

"The cleaning and lining of water mains on Beechwood Street, Elm Street, and Summer Street removed accumulated sediment from the pipes."
— John McNabb, Water Commission

"The cleaning and lining of water mains on Beechwood Street, Elm Street, and Summer Street removed accumulated sediment from the pipes," McNabb said. "This has improved water quality not only in those areas but also throughout the entire distribution system."

McNabb noted that there are still other areas in the distribution system with inadequate fire flows, and that there are many other water system improvements that are needed.

These improvements, he said, were the latest in the Water Commission's aggressive water system improvements program. Since 1994, the Water Commission has improved more than 12 miles of the 36 miles of water mains in the distribution system, which has resulted in continued improvements in fire flows and water quality throughout Cohasset.

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Tae-Bo is a real motivator

By Kevin Dykas
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently, a new Physical Education activity was taking place at the Osgood School and it happens to be called Tae-Bo! To many of the children, it was quite a "buzz word" around the school. Tae-Bo was created by seven-time World Martial Arts Champion Billy Blanks. Tae-Bo combines the martial arts, dance and boxing to create a total body workout. By putting it to music, Tae-Bo motivates children to a workout many have never felt before. Tae-Bo can help children to feel better about themselves, increase flexibility and endurance, be more athletic, and improve their overall health and cardiovascular fitness. Through all my years of teaching, I don't think there's a class that I have taught where the students move continuously for 30-35 minutes. By the smiles on their faces, they definitely enjoyed it as well.

My physical Education classes practiced Tae-Bo for approximately three weeks and during the last week, parents and families were invited into the school to either watch or participate in one of the Tae-Bo workouts. The turnout was overwhelming. It was so nice to have the support from many of the families here at Osgood. Many teachers have also participated or attended one their classes Tae-Bo sessions which shows the true dedication that they have to their students. I feel that Ta-Bo is an activity that will now be a part of the physical education curriculum here at Osgood for years to come.

To get a copy of the video tape entitled, "Tae-Bo Junior, it may be found on line at www.taebo.com or call toll free, 1-877-228-2326.

PE teacher Kevin Dykas teaches Tae-Bo to parents and children alike from Mrs. Cook's second-grade class.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

What's up at Deer Hill

The next Deer Hill PSO meeting will be held on Mon., April 8 at 9:15 am.

The Fourth-Grade Talent Show and Family Night will be held on Friday, May 31 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call your room parent or Susan Galligan, 781-383-0765 or Adrianne MacCarthy at 781-383-1028 to help out. Anyone out there who would like to be the Master of Ceremonies?

Wednesday, May 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. will be the Annual Deer Hill Favorites Art Show Night which is always a fantastic evening. The sixth-grade will unveil its masterpiece mosaic for the courtyard, a night you don't want to miss.

The Deer Hill Yearbook Committee would like to thank all sixth-grade families for the wonderful treats that were made for the Bake Sale held a few Fridays ago. The yearbook is currently on sale for $12, if you would like to purchase this memory-filled yearbook, call Jen Piepenbrink at 781-383-0143 or Susan Galligan at 781-383-0765. The committee would also like to thank all children who purchased treats and goodies at the bake sale!

Drama club actors are recognized

Cohasset Drama Workshop performed on Friday, March 22 as finalists in the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild festival. The Cohasset High School students presented "Act III, Scene 5," a one-act play by author Terry Ortwein. The comedy was well received by an audience of more than 1,000 people. Fourteen other schools performed in the three-day festival held at John Hancock Hall in Boston. These schools were chosen out of nearly 100 contestants around the state.

The Cohasset group consisting of David Ingber, Kelly Stone, Ali Earon, Nicole Durant, Holly Dinsmore, Krissy Watts, Tim Baird and director Jenna Emmons. Ingber, a CHS junior and Stone, a senior, were honored with awards for excellence in acting. For this achieved they received a certificate of merit and a commemorative pin issued exclusively to members of the All State Cast.

First Read Aloud Day with elders is April 12

SCHOOL'S IN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

Schools In is here and we have a lot of things to share and talk about. It is wonderful to see how this column is growing and developing in so many ways. Please remember to send in all your news around the schools, events and photos by the third Friday of each month so that we may put it in this column. I cannot believe we are already at the beginning of April and only have three months left before summer. Let's hope for a warm and fun-filled Spring with lots of opportunities for learning in all areas!

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The Osgood School is a fun and happening place to be these days. There is so much learning going on and the staff is so resourceful in the ways that they go about teaching the subjects. One of the areas that is especially fun and energizing for the students to be participating in is the physical education classes with **Mr. Kevin Dykas** and **Mrs. JoAnne Lehr**. Make sure to read the story on the Tae-Bo classes that were run recently.

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Also adding to the curriculums being taught within the classrooms are the wonderful displays of artwork that the children do both in class and in their art classes. The school is just filled with bright and colorful walls of artwork and any parent who can should get to the school to see this. While you are there, you may hear the sounds of young voices preparing for the Arbor Day concert coming later this spring. To me, hearing the music through the mouths of children is a fantastic way to see all children come together to join as one. The way my children have been singing at home, I almost feel like I have been going to music class! It is awesome.

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The Cohasset PSO Community Relations Committee and Cohasset Elder Affairs are happy to announce the very first Read Aloud Day to be held on April 12 at the Osgood School. Several senior citizens will be reading a wide range of top quality literature to the first, second and third grade students. These youngsters will enjoy hearing stories read to them by expert readers who will certainly have some words of wisdom to share as well.

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Parents of students entering Kindergarten are invited to attend an orientation in the Osgood library during the evening of Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. This informative program will include an overview of the kindergarten curriculum, an explanation of kindergarten screening and introductions of kindergarten teachers and support staff. Parents will also have an opportunity to hear about PSO and PAC and tours of the building and a visit to the kindergarten classrooms will be available.

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The PSO Family Math and Science Night for grades K & 1 will be held on Thursday, April 4. This is such a fun and exciting evening for children and parents alike. Make sure to check your notes from school this week for more information.

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Just a note to share with all parents of children in the Osgood School from the school nurses. Please do not send cough drops to school with your child unless they are delivered to the health office with a completed medication permission slip for the administration. Cough drops are not allowed anywhere in the school including in a child's backpack. There is a concern about safety and the choking risk associated with cough drops or lozenges outside of the health office environment. If you have any questions, please call **Joan Kerrigan** or **Mary Mastromarino** at 781-383-9054 or 9064.

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Another note from the school in respect to the drop off and pick up procedures in place at the school. These procedures are put into place for the safety and well-being of all children who come in and out of the Osgood on a daily basis. Please remember this when you are dropping off or picking up your child and *do not* drop off or pick up where you are not supposed to be. The teacher parking lot is not for children at any time and should not be used by anyone trying to avoid the line or to save a few extra minutes. If you decide to drive your child or pick him/her up, you have to follow the rules with *no exceptions*! Also, there is to be no passing of the buses at all in the bus lanes and I can tell you from personal experience that those of you who choose to do this are risking the safety of children. Do not drop your child off in the front of the school either as this puts them at risk with the bus line and cars etc. If we could all just follow these rules at *all times*, it would not need to keep being talked about in this column or notices sent home from school.

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The Cohasset PSO will hold its next Osgood meeting immediately following Math & Science Night on April 4. During the Math & Science Night, a PSO Job Fair will be held at the same time. This is a wonderful way to see what the PSO has to offer and what you can do to help. There are big jobs and little ones, jobs for mothers and fathers alike and it is a fun, rewarding and truly important way for you to stay in touch and informed with all that goes on in the school. Openings are available on the Executive Board of the PSO for President, Vice-President and Secretary. At the committee level, there are openings on Fund Raising, Special Events, Room Parent Grade Coordinators, Metco and PAC.

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There are openings for School Council positions at each of the Cohasset schools for the upcoming(2002-2004)term. This is a two year commitment and you must have a child in the same school for the next two years to be eligible. Meetings are held monthly to discuss issues at each school and to develop the School Improvement Plan to be presented to the School Committee. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please write a paragraph about yourself and why you would like to serve on the School Council and submit it to the following people no later than April 5: Osgood: **Sarah Porter**, 184 South Main St. Deer Hill: **Susan Galligan**, 31 Border Street and for the Middle/High School: **Joan Allen**, 41 Hillside Drive.

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As you all know, in the next year and one half to two years, the third grade students will be moving to the Deer Hill and the Sixth Grade students will move to the Middle School when construction is complete. A School Reconfiguration Task Force has been formed and the representatives at the Osgood are **Sarah Porter**, **Adrianne MacCarthy**, **Vicky Neaves** and **MaryBeth Carrier**.

If you have any thoughts or ideas about the third grade move-up to Deer Hill, please contact one of those people.

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The Deer Hill and Middle/High School are doing very well and are handling the construction at both schools beautifully. It is so exciting to see the changes happening and to know that our children will have such great places to learn and grow. As all of you know, the Middle/High School suffered the loss of **Jesse Sargent** recently. Thoughts and prayers are sent to Jesse's family and friends in this sad time and the fond memories that remain will stay forever strong of Jesse. The school staff, town officials and others who helped in dealing with this sad and emotional loss are to be commended.

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Plans are already underway for the post prom party, 2002! This is the fifth year of a continuing parent and community effort to provide our seniors and their guests with a fun, safe, alcohol and drug-free event. The school administration has once again graciously provided post prom with the high school gym. It will miraculously be transformed into our "top-secret" theme on prom night. Past years have had the seniors "under the boardwalk", at the Mardi Gras, on a cruise ship and under the stars. There's dancing, prizes, plenty of food and all sorts of non-stop activities to help celebrate a memorable night. The party begins right after prom and continues till 5 am. Post prom party has been so successful that we have had a 95-100 percent attendance rate. The Cohasset Police support the parents and community in their effort to keep our kids safe and happy. Why not help the tradition grow?

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The post prom party is truly a gift that the whole community gives our seniors. Become involved.....it's fun, creative, you'll meet new people and it is rewarding! For more information, call **Jeanne Quigley** at 781-383-1573

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Attention all artists, chefs and creative people... You are cordially invited to participate in Cohasset High School's Edible Art Exhibit on Friday, May 10 from 7-9 p.m. This is an advance notice to give you time to brainstorm, prepare, plan, practice and experiment. The rules: The artwork must be edible and safe for human consumption. The competition is open to all ages and the artwork can be created by an individual or it may be a collaborative piece. You are responsible for setting up your piece for viewing.

All artists must register by April 27th via email or telephone. There will be two categories for judging: original artwork or copies of artwork. Many prizes are available from local restaurants and merchants. After all the prizes are awarded, all work becomes the property of the party where everyone can eat the artwork! The registration fee is free, admission is $2 and a special admission of $1 with a canned good is available. Contact **Nina Berkowitz** at Cohasset High School to register or to ask any questions: 781-383-6100 or email at:

eat_your_art_out@hotmail.com

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The Cohasset PSO is gearing up for next year and is hoping to have a lot of new faces along with the old. The PSO is an organization that is open to everyone within the school community and is such a beneficial and rewarding experience on all levels. Fathers and mothers are encouraged to take an active part in the schools through the PSO. Web sites are becoming a vital part of the PSO communication and you can log on at www.cohassetpso.org for more information. Also available on the site is "Cohasset Classifieds" where you can place ads for items that need a new home whether it be clothing, household furniture or goods, sporting equipment and more. You can also request items that you may be looking for in your home. Make sure to check it all out and come join in the fun with the PSO.

That is all the news for this month. *Have a great month in April and look forward to the column at the end of the month.*

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Bush may run for second spot

By Mary Ford
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Hingham is no stranger to having hometown representation in the executive branch of state government.

The South Shore town with its rich history boasts two former state governors, John Davis Long, who later became Secretary of War under President McKinley and John Albion Andrew, the Civil War governor, whose black 54th Massachusetts Regiment was the focus of the feature film "Glory."

Now could Jamie Bush — the cousin of President George. W. Bush and nephew of former President George H. W. Bush — also make the Hingham history books?

It's likely the South Shore along with the rest of the state will find out today, when Jamie Bush of Cottage Street, is expected to make an announcement about whether he's in the race for the Republican Party nomination for lieutenant governor.

In an interview Tuesday, Bush said he may throw his hat into the ring for the number two spot. Other candidates include millionaire businessman James Rappaport and Gov. Jane Swift's pick, former Melrose mayor Patrick Guerriero. Bush said Mitt Romney's decision to run has infused excitement into the race for Republicans to retain control of the executive branch.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Jamie Bush with his daughter Sarah at a Republican gathering in Cohasset in August 2002.

"It's a tremendous opportunity because of Romney's candidacy to break out of the doldrums as a political party," Bush said. "It's an opportunity to grow and reach out in areas that we haven't been in 30 years."

Bush, 46, who's married with two children, says his great interest in urban issues coupled with Romney's "tremendous skills in governance and running things and turning things around" would be a good combination.

"I think we'd be a good team," he said.

Bush, who is a former social worker, started the non-profit "I Have a Dream Foundation" that shepherded fourth-graders from an elementary school in Dorchester through college or their post-secondary education.

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— Jamie Bush

Also a financial services consultant with his own company, Bush says now that the Dorchester kids are nearly all through school – he has the time to devote to a political campaign.

Bush doesn't think it's too late to garner 15 percent of the delegates at the April 6 Republican convention in Lowell.

"There's time if the 3,500 delegates want a third option," he said, adding he'd be looking for considerably more than the required 15 percent to get on the primary ballot.

Bush said he has talked with Romney about his running for lieutenant governor.

"He's decidedly non-committal (about a running mate) with the possibility of changing his mind for someone special," Bush said.

Don Hussey, chairman of the Hingham Republican Town Committee, said it would be exciting to have Bush in the race, but he thinks with only days left before the convention, it may be too late to muster the necessary support. Bush would also have to get thousands of signatures by the end of May to get his name on the ballot.

"The process of getting signatures takes significant time and is labor intensive," Hussey says. "If he can get the state committee to put together a field effort on his behalf he might be able to do it.

"But it's still an almost impossible task."

But Republican State Committee Vice Chairman Polly Logan of Cohasset thinks otherwise.

She said she's heard of two other potential candidates for lieutenant governor that may jump in.

"I've always been a fan of Jamie Bush," she says. "I'm so impressed with what he's done in the inner city helping kids."

Logan said she also thinks Bush's Washington connections would be a plus.

Cantwell bows out of state senate race

By Gregory Mathis
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Former Marshfield selectman and Assistant District Attorney Jim Cantwell announced Tuesday he will not be a candidate for State Senator in the upcoming state election.

Cantwell, a partner in the firm of Graeber, Davis, with offices in Quincy, Marshfield, and Falmouth, was the Democratic challenger to State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, in the fall 2000 state elections. Hedlund defeated Cantwell by just more than 3,000 votes in the eight-town district that includes Marshfield, Weymouth, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Scituate, Braintree and Hull. Cantwell defeated Marshfield resident Ted LeClair, a former Naval officer, in the Democratic primary in September 2000.

Cantwell, a Weymouth resident, cited personal and professional reasons for not running in the upcoming election. He said his baby deserves the attention of his father and he's excited about the responsibilities of his partnership in the law firm.

"At this time in my life, I must say my priorities have changed — at least for the short term," Cantwell said. "My wife, Jen, and I are caught up in the excitement of raising our young son, and I have a new set of responsibilities, both to my partners and to our clients, in our expanding law firm here on the South Shore."

Cantwell, however, did not rule out a run for public office at some other point.

"Politics is something I've been interested in my whole life," Cantwell said. "I love politics, I love public service."

For now, Cantwell said he will focus on his job, family and some other community projects he would like to work on, including the next phase of the restoration of the Daniel Webster estate in Marshfield. Cantwell, a member of the Democratic State Committee, having been elected to represent eight communities of the South Shore, said he would stay active in the Democratic party and help others get elected.

Hedlund said Cantwell's announcement will not alter his plans for the upcoming campaign.

"I'm always going to get an opponent," Hedlund said, a resident of Weymouth. "I've learned there's no sense in worrying about who I may or may not have as an opponent. The best tack I can take is continue working hard for the people I represent."

Hedlund said, "Jim added a lot to the debate. He was a formidable candidate, but that doesn't change where my focus has always been on working hard for the people I represent."

One likely opponent will be LeClair, who said it must have been a difficult decision for Cantwell.

"I think it's a very hard decision for him to make," LeClair said. "We've been friendly competitors for three years politically and I for one am one of the few people who can appreciate what a painful decision this is for him and his supporters. I feel for him."

LeClair said he hasn't yet thought of how Cantwell's withdrawal will affect his campaign.

"I'm more thinking about Jim. I know this is a big decision for him. Maybe a week from now I can give some thought as to how this changes things for me."

Jim Cantwell

Cantwell said it was an "an incredible professional honor to be the Democratic nominee" in the 2000 election.

"Being involved in such an exciting election was a great honor," he said. "I sincerely appreciate the exceptional support of family and friends during the election process, and will always remember how proud I was to represent this region as a Democrat," Cantwell said.

April 30 is the deadline for candidates to announce for the September primary and November general election.

Cantwell is inviting family and friends to two "Thank You" receptions over the next week: tonight (Wednesday) from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lobster Tale Restaurant in Marshfield, and Thursday, April 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Weymouth Elks Hall.

Reporter Dan Gravel contributed to this report.

Bradley recognized as Legislator of the Year

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, has been awarded by The Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association Legislator of the Year. Past recipients of the award include Congressman Stephen Lynch, and Former State Representative of the Third Plymouth District Mary Jeanette Murray.

Bradley was chosen for the award because he best exemplifies the objectives of the association. Those objectives are to encourage safe yachting, seamanship and navigation, and to mainly monitor and report on proposed legislation affecting the boating public.

"I am very happy to receive this award," said Bradley. "My entire district is on the coast therefore I look forward to addressing issues affecting boaters during my tenure in office."

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Holy week at St. Anthony's

St. Anthony Parish Holy Week schedule:

Holy Thursday: 7 a.m. - Morning Prayer Service; 3 to 4 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8:30 p.m. to midnight - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament;

Good Friday: 7 a.m. - Morning Prayer Service, noon - Stations of the Cross for children, 3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross for all parishioners;

Holy Saturday: 8 a.m. - Morning Prayer Service, 4 to 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7:30, p.m. - Easter Vigil;

Easter Sunday: 8, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Masses; Easter Egg Hunt on rectory lawn following the 9:30 Mass.

Abbey speaker

Glastonbury Abbey announces the fifth speaker in The Glastonbury Series 2001-'02 "Listening to Other Voices: Spirituality in Everyday Life."

Allan Sosei Palmer, head of the Boston City Branch of the Urasenke School of Chanoyu, assistant professor of Chanoyu and teacher at Showa Institute, Boston, will present "Spirituality and Tradition: Chanoyu, the Japanese Art of Tea," Thursday, April 4, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham.

This program is free of charge, however, donations are welcome.

Call for reservations, 781-749-2155.

Candlelight service

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter, a candlelight service on Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. The worship is dramatic, beginning with the church in darkness. Candles are lit and at the moment when resurrection is proclaimed the lights are turned on signifying that the resurrected Jesus is the light that no amount of darkness can overcome.

Worship Easter morning, Sunday, March 3l, will be at 8 a.m. with quartet and brass and 10 a.m. with full choir and brass. Both services, Eucharist with sermon, will be in the church.

Prior to Easter, there will be worship in the church on Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. This Eucharist commemorates the last supper and the importance of community for the church's life together in Christ. Following the Eucharist will be a simple meal of foods typical of Jesus' place and time breads, cheese, olives, nuts, fruits, and milk and honey.

A 24-hour, Prayer Watch will begin on Maundy Thursday at 3 p.m. Parishioners sign up for an hour throughout the day to be in church to read, pray, just to be quiet, or meditate. It recalls Jesus' words at Gethsemane, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" and the words of Psalm 130: "my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning." It is a powerful experience of prayer each minute throughout the day bringing the church into Good Friday.

Good Friday worship begins at noon on March 29, with an hour of quiet. The Prayer Book liturgy begins at 1 p.m. A service for children takes place at 2:30 p.m. and ends the traditional three hours of worship while Jesus was on the cross. A number of parishioners will participate A the 20 mile Good Friday walk raising money to assist economically poor areas of the south, particularly in rural Mississippi.

ADL to host seder

The Anti-Defamation League announced it will host the 7th Annual South Shore Family Interfaith Seder at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham on April 7 at 3 p.m. Rabbi Steven Karol will lead the Seder, assisted by colleagues from the Hingham-Hull Religious Leaders Association.

This year's Seder will focus on the South Shore's participation in the ADL's No Place for Hate program. Guest speaker and ADL executive director, Robert Leikand will discuss the relevance of Passover to all faiths and the significance and impact of the No Place for Hate campaign. Seder participants will have the opportunity to learn more about what local communities are doing to encourage and support tolerance and what it takes to become a certified No Place for Hate community.

"The fact that the Seder is so well attended every year by people of all faiths is one very strong example of how sharing religious practices and discussions establishes and reinforces tolerance," said Barbara Marcus, co-chairman of the ADL's South Shore Advisory Committee. "The participation of the various clergy in our area and the involvement of people of different faiths in preparing the Seder is the type of awareness and synergy we hope to achieve on a regular basis in our communities and throughout the world."

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry through programs and services that fight hate, building bridges of understanding and safeguard liberty.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, to hospital.
6:57 p.m. King St., medical aid, to hospital.
11:30 p.m. Cushing Road, fire, investigation.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

8:58 a.m. Depot Court, fire, investigation.
10:36 a.m. Elm St., general services.
11:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
3:30 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).
4:46 p.m. King St., officer wanted.
6:18 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:57 p.m. Brewster Road, general services.
8:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

1:50 a.m. Border St., parking complaint, ticket issued.
6:30 a.m. Rocky Lane, noise complaint.
7:20 a.m. Reservoir Road, medical aid, to hospital.
8:23 a.m. Bancroft Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).
11:54 a.m. King St., animal call or complaint.
3 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, to hospital.
6 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.
7:38 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist municipal agency, area search negative.
10:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:54 p.m. HQ, fire, long entry.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

1 a.m. Pond St. and Clay Spring Road, motor vehicle stop.
6:44 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
6:59 a.m. King St., larceny.
9:34 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
10:47 a.m. Linden Drive., assist citizen.
11:23 a.m. Highland Ave., assist municipal agency.
1:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.
2:42 p.m. Sohier St., open door/window.
3:12 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.
4:44 p.m. Lamberts Lane, general services.
5:33 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).
6:42 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.
7:16 p.m. Lamberts Lane, breaking and entering, burglary.
8:15 p.m. King St., animal call or complaint.
8:55 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:15 p.m. Church St., assist citizen.
10:50 p.m. Beechwood St. and King St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.
11:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:34 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
11:48 a.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.
6:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic complaint.
9:38 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident, removed to hospital.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

1:11 a.m. South Main St., suspicious auto.
2:40 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.
3:19 a.m. Margin St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
5:56 a.m. Margin St., general services.
5:59 a.m. Margin St., general services.
6:04 a.m. Margin St., general services.
6:18 a.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:20 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.
7:09 a.m. Forest Ave., general services.
7:32 a.m. Elm St., animal control.
8:21 a.m. Parking Way, parking complaint.
12:18 p.m. Pond St., lost property.
12:56 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, fire, investigation.
1:17 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, motor vehicle crash.
2:29 p.m. Beach St., general services.
3:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violations.
3:17 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
6:22 p.m. Depot Court, motor vehicle crash.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

5:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
6:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
6:37 a.m. Castle Road, suspicious person.
8:04 a.m. South Main St., animal control.
8:34 a.m. Parking Way, parking violation, parking ticket issued.
9:09 a.m. South Main and Spring sts., animal control.
9:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:01 a.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.
10:41 a.m. Beechwood St., escort.
11:56 a.m. Forest Ave., fire, investigation.
12:14 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint.
1:11 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:06 p.m. Reservoir Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.
2:57 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
3:12 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:15 p.m. Tower Lane, officer wanted.
8:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6:33 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:15 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.
1:03 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
1:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
1:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
1:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:59 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

12:23 a.m. North Main St., suspicious activity.
7:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, general services.
9:05 a.m. Depot Court, fire, investigation.
9:33 a.m. Elm St., general services.
9:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.
9:51 a.m. Forest Ave., suspicious auto.
10:50 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient sign off.
11:26 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, animal control.
2:38 p.m. South Main and Beechwood sts., motor vehicle crash, patient sign off.
5:37 p.m. North Main St., animal control.
6:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

4:01 a.m. Lamberts Lane, suspicious auto.
5:45 a.m. Lamberts Lane, disturbance.
6:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.
10:03 a.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, fire.
10:04 a.m. Elm St., fire.
1:23 p.m. Elm St., fire.
3 p.m. Norman Todd Road and Talarico Lane, wires down.
3:14 p.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.
3:31 p.m. Pleasant St. and James Lane, officer wanted.
8:48 p.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.
10:24 p.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

8:50 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.
9 a.m. King St., animal control.
10:51 a.m. Nantasket Ave., assist other police department.
11:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.
12:20 p.m. South Main St., fire.
1:09 p.m. [illegible] Lane, medical aid, patient [illegible] off.
2:08 p.m. Headquarters, general services.
3:42 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
5:32 p.m. Old Coach Road, officer wanted.
8:09 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.
10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., lost property.
11:20 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

12:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
12:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.
1:30 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
2:46 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:07 a.m. Border St., animal control.
9:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., public service.
11:20 a.m. Summer St., larceny.
2:06 p.m. Elm St., disturbance.
2:15 p.m. Cedar Acres Lane, soliciting.
3:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., missing person, returned to home or family.
5:23 p.m. Smith Place, annoying phone calls.
5:30 p.m. Elm St., fire.
5:31 p.m. Elm St., animal control.
5:35 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, suspicious activity.
6:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.
6:31 p.m. Elm St., animal control.
7:31 p.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls, advised legal help.
9:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:40 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious auto.

Route 3A repaving

Police Chief Robert Jackson said motorists travelling on Route 3A can expect delays due to the current repaving project along the state highway from the Hingham line to Beechwood Street. The project, which started at 7 a.m. Monday, is expected to last two weeks.

"People may want to see alternative routes," Jackson said.

The contract calls for excavation, minor drainage work and resurfacing excavated areas.

Bernard McCourt, MassHighway district director, said once the work is completed, any project that requires excavation within the road limits, such as utility work, will not be allowed for five years.

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APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF CONTROL OF THE CABLE TELEVISION LICENSE

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 166A, Section 7 and 207 CMR 4.01, et seq., a public hearing will be held on the application for change of control of the existing cable television for the Town of Cohasset from AT&T Corp. to AT&T Comcast Corp. AT&T Comcast Corp's application for change of control is available for public inspection during regular business hours at Town Hall and at the Massachusetts Cable Television Division at One South Station, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02110. The issuing authority has been asked to consider the desirability of approving the proposed change of control based on the managerial, technical, financial and legal ability of AT&T Comcast Corp. to operate the cable system pursuant to AT&T Corp.'s existing license. The hearing will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA. Residents and municipal officials are invited to attend.

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MALCOLM ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division

Docket No. 01P2278EP

In the Estate of ALAN A. MALCOLM

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 1, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that STEPHEN K. MALCOLM of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 10, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, February 28, 2002.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Fiona and John Owen celebrate the opening of their South Shore Art Center exhibit "A Green and Pleasant Land." The husband-wife artists will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary next month.

British invasion

English artists show their 'Green and Pleasant Land' at SSAC

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

It is a portrait of the traditional, mythological England. The England of stately, bucolic imagery that many Americans and much of the rest of the world have envisioned from distant perspectives.

It's also the green and pleasant land where poet/prophet William Blake once vowed to build Jerusalem, until when he would "not cease from mental fight/Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand."

The "Jerusalem" that Blake envisioned in the early 19th century is even more mythological than the gentile and pastoral English lands that he was surveying at the time.

"The Owens' work just seems to carry a special appeal and invite more scrutiny."
Monica McKenney of the South Shore Art Center

But this England is alive and well for British husband-wife artist team John and Fiona Owen, who convey eloquently their self-described celebration of the country's gardens and rural life in "A Green and Pleasant Land," an exhibition of lush and luminous painting works on display at Cohasset's South Shore Art Center through April 14.

John and Fiona Owen, who will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in April, spend their summers travelling in England, Italy and Greece to sketch and photograph the varieties of gardens and rural scenes. The painting is done during the winter months back home, in a studio villa built from a converted chapel in the town of Cotswolds in Gloucestershire, some 100 miles west of London in England.

John Owen's works are mainly landscape scenes reminiscent of the British Victorian painters. The 46-year-old artist seeks in his images to, in his words, reflect the different moods of a singular scene with varying colors and light, an approach which the artist also mentions owes as

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John Owen's "Late Afternoon — Powis Castle" and Fiona Owen's "And Tasted all the Summer's Pride." and "Those Woods Deep Rooted in the Swirl of Time..." The Owens' work will be displayed at the South Shore Art Center through April 14.

Music beat

Live at the Yard Rock!

Racky Thomas Band hosts release party for CD recorded at Quincy club

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

One of the long-running traditions among blues artists is the self-defining, bona fide classic live album.

B.B. King has "Live at the Regal" (1964), Muddy Waters had "Live at Newport," 1960 and for singer/guitarist Jimmy Reed it was "Live at Carnegie Hall" (1962). On a more recent and local level, Boston's now-disbanded The Radio Kings traveled to Memphis to come out with "Live at B.B. King's" in 1995.

Now one of Boston's most popular and critically praised current blues groups, The Racky Thomas Band, has joined this unique fray, and done so by capturing their in-concert experience at one of the unlikeliest of venues — right on their own turf at Quincy's funky, roadhouse-style club The Yard Rock.

For the official release party of their new "Live at the Yard Rock" CD, the Thomas Band will appropriately enough return to the scene of the crime when it plays at the friendly, Shipyard-based blues joint this Friday evening (March 29) at 8 p.m.

The band is led by singer/harpist/songwriter Racky Thomas, a charismatic thirty-something frontman whose "rootsy" vocal and harp-wailing style, many have said, seems to come from another blues era. The rest of the regular RTB quartet lineup is filled by guitarist Nick "The Professional" Adams, bassist and Quincy native Todd Carson and drummer Jon Ross, while the band for its new live disc and Friday's release party is augmented by pianist Jeremy Berlin and saxophonist Gordon Beadle, who are among a rotation of guest players that Thomas and crew use for their live gigs.

"I remember the vibe in the club being electric; there was a special magic in the air, and the enthusiasm of the audience was infectious. It really brought out the best in the band," says Thomas in his jacket notes on the in-concert disc.

"Some of it had to do with the ambience of the Yard Rock, with its rustic wooden floors and support beams and intimate, dimly-lit atmosphere. But a lot of how the CD sounds has to do with our sound engineer, Ron Schultz, who managed to catch the whole thing on his own mobile unit and really did an excellent job," Thomas said.

In further describing the two February, 2001 evenings that occasioned the recording of the live disc, Thomas noted, "We'd just finished recording our previous CD (2000's Troubled All the Time) and were playing one of our regular dates at the Yard Rock when (Yard Rock owner) Joe Hajjar approached us with the idea of recording a live disc there, adding that he was surprised that in all the years he'd been featuring blues at the club, no one had ever recorded a live show for disc release there. My first reaction was that I thought it was a good idea. But I have to say that the band and I weren't sure at first what the results were going to be and we went into the project with some trepidation. But as it turned out, the disc is much better than we expected."

Live at the Yard Rock lives up to Thomas's descriptions. Before an enthusiastic and blues-committed Yard Rock audience, the Thomas Band demonstrates the musical chops and versatility that has won its rep as one of Boston's best live blues bands, with influences ranging from classic Chicago and Texas-style guitar-blues to New Orleans second-line piano stomps to jazzy, Kansas City jump-swing.

A few of the disc's twelve tracks are well-chosen, old-school covers, such as the suddenly-relevant-again hard-times shuffle "The Hustle Is On" and B.B. King's "Please Love Me." But the best songs are the band's own cooked-up efforts, such as Thomas's high-powered "Sweet Dough Baker," Carson's steady-rollin' "Don't Treat Me Like That" and, perhaps most impressive, the ten-minute, slow-burn blowout "Can't Win For Losin'," where guitarist Adams, jazzing it up on a hollow-body '53 Silvertone for most of the set, rips the roof off with some nitro-charged, hard blues soloing on Fender Telecaster.

The Racky Thomas Band is one of the nominees in the Best New Blues Act category at this year's Boston Music Awards, taking place on April 11 at the Orpheum Theatre. The band is also playing a return date at Plymouth's Ricky T's on April 20 and will make its debut at Hull's Sea Note on June 7.

For more information about RTB, check the band's Web site at www.therackythomasband.com

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

Second time's the charm

The Rookie (B)

Beware the cinema "based on" come-on, as in "A Beautiful Mind" is "based on" the life of John Forbes Nash or "Jefferson in Paris" is really based on Jefferson in Paris, and others numerous enough to mention all day. The actors are always prettier, the polarities more fixed, the crises more defined and dramatically resolved, the tears flow more picturesquely and the conclusions are pat. Those of us who revere America's greatest 20th century president fear that if Hollywood makes "The Calvin Coolidge Story," "based on" his life, he *will* choose to run in 1928.

That said, "The Rookie," "based on" a chapter in the life of a guy named Jim Morris, is heartwarming — and flee not to the loo for relief; this won't evoke the cynic in you — and close enough to the facts to pass muster. Here's a story about America's second favorite pastime. The first, of course, is the world's favorite pastime and anybody can play, but as with the first, the second is played more successfully by the young. Jimmy was not young, at least not young for baseball, yet he got a second chance at something passed up earlier in life, for reasons perhaps but probably not entirely straightforwardly told in the movie. And we get a chance, owing to Dennis Quaid's ingratiating performance, to enjoy that second chance with him.

The son of a military man, moved all around and landing in dinkwater Texas, Jimmy wound up married (Rachel Griffiths plays his wife) with three kids, coaching high school baseball and teaching science. Everybody liked Jimmy, except maybe his dad (Brian Cox, whose performance in "L.I.E." deserved an Oscar nomination but didn't get it; I put in a plug hoping that you'll rent "L.I.E" and see what you missed). Jimmy doesn't like dad much either: too many years being dealt with as if he were a soldier serving under dad instead of dad's son.

Whether any of that dad and son stuff has real tangents to Jimmy's true story, I know not. And what may or may not be true is that Jimmy's high school team, here seen as hopeless, struck a bargain with him: We'll do so well we'll win the state championship if, should we do so, you'll try out for minor league baseball pitching again. So, guess which high school team does brilliantly and which high school coach tries out for pro ball. Golly, you're smart.

That's it: Jim pitches like a bat out of hell (pardon the mixed metaphor), he's amazing, soon enough he winds up with what in the cold hard calculus of reality is almost never known to happen: a late vocation in pro ball, late in his life or in anyone's trying to begin in baseball. It's a rip-roaring story, it has a lovely climax and sweet coda, it sends you out smiling.

The games are snazzily done, both the school and pro games, and the supporting players augment Quaid nicely, especially (aside from Griffiths and Cox), Angus T. Jones as Jimmy's sturdy

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Food & dining

Bavarian Cream from a blender

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Bavarian cream is an almost-set stirred custard of gelatin, sugar, milk, whole eggs and vanilla into which is folded whipped cream. It is chilled, unmolded, and the usually served with fruit. Flavor variations are numerous including lemon and orange. The problem? This recipe requires the making of a stovetop custard which is time consuming and not without its problems. I wondered if there was a quick and easy technique to get a similar result.

I started with a recipe from James Beard which called for separated eggs, with the yolks forming the custard and the whites (optionally) folded in at the end, after the cream. The texture of the pudding without egg whites was excellent—firm, creamy, with an appealing "matte" finish—but it lacked flavor. The pudding with egg whites had the texture of mousse—it was too light and fluffy. A second test was a recipe from the Internet and was similar to Beard's recipe except that it also used cornstarch and vanilla ice cream was added at the end. The result was unappealing to say the least, producing a dense, pasty texture. Moving on, I tried an unusual recipe from Bon Appetit from 1984. Gelatin is softened in a blender and then boiling water, flavorings, sugars, eggs, salt, and whipping cream are added and everything is blended on high speed for 2 or 3 minutes. Crushed ice is added at the end and then the mixture is poured into a mold. This pudding had the smooth, glossy finish of the Bavarian Creams pictured in old cookbooks but it was relatively dense and thick, not as light as those with either whipped cream or cream with beaten egg whites folded in. This was clearly a wiggly, somewhat spongy, "gelatin" dessert and was, without a doubt, the easiest recipe to make so far. Since it was so easy and also delicious, I decided to refine the recipe.

The recipe called for lemon juice and zest but I wanted a simpler master recipe and therefore simply used water and increased the vanilla to 2 teaspoons. I fiddled with the amount of blending that was required and found that if under-processed, the cream would not set up properly and was difficult to unmold. I made a third recipe and processed the mixture for a full 3 minutes once the cream was added. The results were quite good, producing a firm but not tough Bavarian cream that was easy to unmold and which held its shape nicely.

MASTER BLENDER RECIPE FOR BAVARIAN CREAM

This Bavarian cream takes only 10 minutes to prepare and the results are very good if not as rich and light as a more traditional recipe for this dessert. Note that if you use a metal mold, it is best not to let it sit overnight since the metal can discolor the dessert as it sits. Also beware that this recipe uses uncooked eggs which always entails some health risk. If you have problems unmolding, dampen a kitchen towel with hot water and place over the bottom of the bowl for a few seconds to loosen.

1/4 cup cold water
2 envelopes unflavored gelatin (4 teaspoons)
1/2 cup boiling water
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup heavy cream
3 eggs
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 cup crushed ice
Fresh berries for serving

Add cold water to a blender and then sprinkle with gelatin. Let stand until softened, about 5 minutes. Add boiling water; blend just until gelatin is dissolved. Add sugar, cream, eggs, and salt; blend at high speed 3 minutes. Add vanilla and ice, and blend until ice has melted. Pour into 4-cup ring mold and chill until set, about 4 hours. Unmold onto serving platter and surround with fresh berries.

Serves 6 to 8

LEMON OR ORANGE VARIATION

Substitute 1 teaspoon lemon or orange oil (or extract) for the vanilla.

Dennis Quaid gets a wish of good luck from the kids he coaches.

Second time's the charm

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little boy, his constant companion, and as one of the high school jocks, Jay Hernandez, who shone in "crazy/beautiful" and with a starring role or two may be the new *new* Hispanic "thing" on screen. Quaid, an actor who gets better with age, lights up the screen with every role. He looked as if this was applesauce for him, though (see Ed Symkus' adjoining interview) suffering his usual quota of injuries. Play ball, but carefully, fellow coots.

Written by Mike Rich; directed by John Lee Hancock. Rated G

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today as well. A 90-degree alignment of the sun and Jupiter culminates at 8:24 am. Don't be too hasty in your judgments or too keen to commit yourself. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Zero in on jobs you have been putting off and get them out of the way. The Virgo moon opposes Mercury at 8:31 p.m. and becomes inactive.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

As full moons go, today's features more positive aspects than negative. It will certainly generate high energy and can bring about exciting events or situations. Avoid rigid time schedules and plans. Expect the unexpected. The moon enters Libra at 1:04 a.m., and the full moon culminates at 1:25 p.m., 8-degrees of Libra/Aries. As the day goes on, the Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to Saturn, Neptune and Pluto. An applying alignment of Venus and Uranus may spark romantic passions this evening. This is a perfect night to socialize, meet people, begin new relationships.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

The backside of yesterday's full moon continues to generate high spirits. The planet Mercury enters Aries at 9:45 a.m. At this time the green light goes on for launching new enterprises, in your business or personal life. Venus and Uranus align at 7:23 p.m. In addition, the Libra moon forms major contacts to Venus and Uranus until 7:57 p.m., when it becomes inactive. This combination highlights all social gatherings and romantic rendezvous. Don't be a hermit tonight. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

The moon enters Scorpio at 12:21 a.m., generating a more serious, subdued mood today and tomorrow. It is okay to launch new activities before 11:34 a.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to expansive Jupiter. The moon interacts with Neptune at 5:16 p.m., bringing a lull period. Take extra quiet time out for yourself. Applying alignments of the sun to Saturn and Neptune also affect the evening. Prayer and meditation can help you to gain key insights and find new meanings in life.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Start this day with a peaceful, positive attitude. The Scorpio moon forms potentially difficult alignments to Mars in the morning and Uranus this evening. Keep a low profile. Don't force issues. Others may be moody, combative, temperamental. Pursue activities that help you to relax and maintain perspective. At 9:13 p.m. the Scorpio moon becomes inactive for the remainder of the evening.

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002

Planetary influences in April promise a fast-paced, exciting month. You can make great strides toward personal or professional goals. Today the moon enters exuberant Sagittarius at 1:48 a.m. Venus enters Taurus at 1:40 a.m., remaining there until April 25. Saturn forms a flowing 120-degree contact to Neptune. In addition, a 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Jupiter affects the day. Enjoy the show. However, don't go to extremes, make foolish promises, impulsive purchases.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

A lunar alignment to Pluto at 8:27 a.m. can make for a rough start. Take your time. Sidestep emotional thunderstorms. Fortunately, this influence passes over by midmorning, and the remainder of the day rates high across the board. The green light goes on for new starts in business or romance. Pull out all the stops. The Sagittarius moon continues to generate optimism, enthusiasm. Be sure to take time out for fun and games.

The rites of springtime

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Clusters of satiny purple and white crocus blossoms glisten in the warm afternoon sunshine along my garden path as dainty nodding blooms of snowdrops dance in the gentle breeze against a backdrop of finely textured, deep green foliage provided by a winter heath, Erica carnea 'December Red'. The heath's showy spikes bearing pretty purplish-pink bells have been in bloom since mid-February. Nearby, the equally persistent, yellow-fringed blossoms of the witch hazel 'Arnold Promise' continue to create a lemon chiffon cloud alongside my water garden more than a month after they first appeared. Throughout the garden, bulbs and perennials are coming to life now that the spring season has officially arrived.

Spring cleaning the yard and gardens is always a first priority. Despite my best intentions, many of my borders were not clipped, raked and weeded last fall and winter storms scattered leaves and debris throughout. As bulbs and perennials emerge, it becomes more and more difficult and time-consuming to remove this litter. Although it is best to avoid treading on soggy soils as this may lead to compaction which eliminates the air in the soil essential for healthy root systems, this season's dry conditions should allow for the cleanup process to begin at once.

As I begin clipping and raking, a plump bunny dashes away, leaving behind the remnants of a broad expanse of crocuses that look as if they had been trimmed by a lawn mower. Hoof prints embedded deep in the soft earth suggest deer have shared in the decimation and barely a bloom remains, but here and there, the first deep blue flowers of scillas have emerged to provide spring cheer. Hundreds of these charming Siberian squill have naturalized beneath my Heritage birch creating a heavenly blue carpet that serves as a colorful contrast to the early yellow daffodils. As their foliage declines, the broad leaves of hosta will help to conceal their yellowing leaves.

Handsome hellebores are on the verge of joining the floral display in the shady border. All winter, the bear's foot hellebore, Helleborus foetidus, displayed clusters of large, pale green buds above dark, divided evergreen foliage which have gradually unfurled to reveal their intriguing green, bell-shaped flowers. The elegant white blossoms of the Christmas rose, H. niger, are beginning to unfold atop rigid, fleshy stems. As their silky, white petals age, they gradually acquire tints of dusty rose. Nearby, a large clump of its cousin, the Lenten rose (H. orientalis) is on the verge of bursting into bloom with dozens of mauve, saucer-shaped flowers which persist for weeks amid its glossy, leathery, evergreen foliage. Several new hybrid hellebores expand the color range of these long-lived perennials offering blossoms in shades of pink, purple and white.

It is never too early to begin the never-ending chore of pulling weeds. Experienced gardeners may be able to identify numerous varieties but even a novice should be able to recognize dandelions and grasses which are easier to extricate at this time of year while surrounding plants are just beginning to appear and the soil is loose and workable. As the season progresses, weed removal becomes more challenging as perennials grow and expand often hiding dandelions and their allies which soon flower and start spreading seeds and offspring all over the garden. The secret to a reasonably weed-free garden is to weed early and often before seeds are produced and then to spread a layer of mulch to reduce further germination. When in doubt, it may be worth leaving unidentified seedlings in place and closely monitoring their development as these may be forgotten perennials or chance seedlings from desirable annuals and perennials that can be transplanted later this spring.

Deciduous trees and shrubs should be transplanted as soon as possible before their leaves appear, especially soft-barked trees, such as magnolias, cherries, birches and dogwoods which should only be moved in spring. Broad-leafed evergreens, including rhododendrons, mountain laurels and andromedas, are also best transplanted at this time of year.

Lawns will benefit from a firm raking to remove dead grass that accumulated over the winter, but wait until the soil surface is reasonably dry to prevent tearing grass plants out of the earth. For sparse lawns, overseed after raking to promote a thicker, denser turf. A thick, healthy lawn is the best way to minimize weeds. Spread lime to maximize the lawn's ability to absorb nutrients from the soil. Aerate heavy, compacted soils.

As dusk approached and I hauled one last tarp overflowing with garden refuse to the compost pile, sure indicators of spring's arrival were everywhere. The resonating tones of spring peepers drifted on the breeze from nearby wetlands accompanied by the noisy chatter of red-winged blackbirds that had gathered in flocks among the branches of the steel gray-colored catkins of the pussy willows along the brook. I dreamed of the gardens in bloom and realized how much I enjoy living in the Northeast where the landscape changes so dramatically each season. Despite Mother Nature's unpredictability, I cannot imagine living anywhere else as I eagerly await the magical rebirth of our woodlands and meadows and I look forward to the beauty that will unfold in my gardens during the weeks to come.

British invasion

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much to the French Impressionists as to his main English influences. Owen's idyllic scenes of gardens, meadows, riverbanks and winding cobblestone paths are rendered mainly on smaller-framed canvases, with which the artist said working comes more naturally.

"I find that as an artist, I don't always have control. Things evolve with the changing colors and light," he said. "But my main interest is light, and its effect at any given time and place. I like to capture the atmosphere and spirituality of a place, and give the viewer a sense of being there, rather than outside."

Fiona Owen also creates smaller-canvas works but with titles of quotes drawn from classic British poetry by writers such as Blake, John Dunne and Milton, in contrast to the blunt, plain-stated subject titles of her husband's pieces. Her work itself is also more conceptual, with an abstract approach of inserted framed-images within framed-images conveying zoom-in, zoom-out perspectives of the overall scene.

"Inspiration through poetry is an important part of my creative process," said Owen, 44, in her artist's statement. "I am particularly drawn to poets who, through the ages, seek and celebrate the 'genius loci' — the spirit of place." The artist describes her approach as within the traditions of illumination, combining watercolor images and panels gilded with 22 carat English gold leaf. Sometimes, the more detailed viewpoints within the frames and borders reveal plants and animals to create dreamlike, Celtic-inspired tapestries.

Together, the Owens' work has garnered its share of recognition back home. Along with London's Royal Academy of Art, Medici Galleries and other venues, the couple's paintings have graced the private collections of Prince Charles and the late British stage and screen actor David Niven.

SSAC co-director Monica McKenney notes that "A Green and Pleasant Land" has so far been an even greater attraction than usual at the gallery.

"More people have been coming into the gallery just on word-of-mouth about the show, and they've been staying longer viewing and observing all the different pieces. The Owens' work just seems to carry a special appeal and invite more scrutiny," McKenney said.

Reunions

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982's 20th reunion is all set. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 5, at the Sheraton Braintree. Organizers are still looking for classmates. Contact Eric Braley by phone at 302-793-2068 or by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

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THE MASSASOIT THEATRE CO. PRESENTS "THE CRUCIBLE" at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, off Rt. 27, Brockton. Thursday, Friday Saturday, April 18, 19, 20, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. Tickets $12 general public/$10 student and senior citizen. Call 508-4271234 for information and tickets.

LARRY WOLFE JOINS HINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOR MASTERWORKS II - Larry Wolfe, assistant principal bassist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra joins HSO as soloist on Vanhal's spirited Concerto for Double Bass. The next full-orchestra concert performed by HSO will be held on April 6, at 8 p.m. in Hingham Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium, 210 Central Street. Masterworks II, it features three superb works that show the orchestra at its finest. Tickets are available at Hingham Public Library, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Scituate's Front Street Book Shop, or call 781-740-5694 to reserve. $20 adults, $18 seniors, $10 youth through age 18.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MDA BLUES SHOWCASE - April 14, 4 p.m. to closing, sponsored by Music Unlimited and The Free Bird Times, The Rock, Wide World Blues, WATD 95.9 presented by Nightlife Music Co., at Ricky – T's Rte. 3A-N. Plymouth (Cordage Park) Twelve acts, nine hours, featuring The Chery Arena Band, The J Place Band, Trax with Janelle Malefronte, Voodoo Doctors, Lonesome Jukebox, Eddie & The Edsels (Reunion) Atlantic Blue, Susan E. and & Bluesliner Tall Richard's vineyard Voodoo Kings, Groove Authority, Blue Dog, Chuck Ochs with Cajun Bob Wilson, prizes, raffles, giveaways. Admission $15. Proceeds to benefit The Southeastern Massachusetts Muscular Dystrophy Association. For information call 508-747-7727.

BLUE HILL WEATHER OBSERVATORY OPEN HOUSE AND KITE FESTIVAL Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the view, fascinating history and fun activities at the oldest continuously operating weather observatory on the continent. Activities will include kite making and kite flying, self-guided tours of the Weather Observatory, rooftop viewing, easy and breezy activities for kids, weather demonstrations, exhibits and displays, summit nature walk and guest lectures. All activities at Blue Hills Weather Observatory at the summit of Great Blue Hill. The event is free with a nominal supply charge for some activities. For information call 617-696-0562 or 617-698-1802.

MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA STRIDES THROUGH PLYMOUTH ON APRIL 28 More than 200 Plymouth area residents will walk through the town on April 28 as part of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The walk begins and ends Plymouth North High School and kicks off at 10 a.m. Following the walk, participants will enjoy entertainment and refreshments. For more information call 1-800-BIG-WALK or www.marchofdimes.com

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

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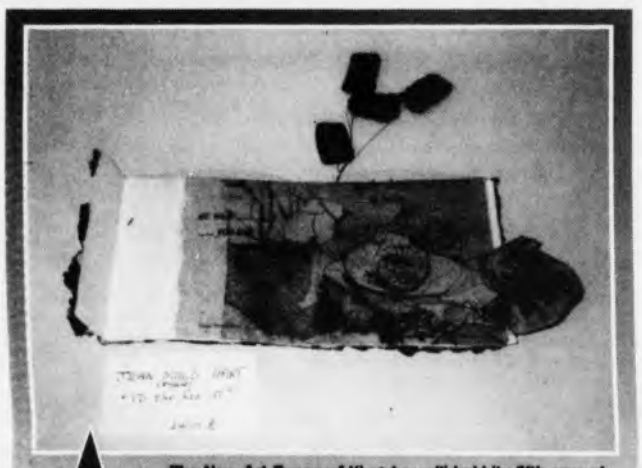
Tom Smith Glass Art Center in Cohasset presents the works of artist Lisa Marder in the Dillon Gallery through April 14. The art center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. For more information call (781) 383-2787.



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The New Art Forum of Kingston will hold its fifth annual juried Book Explorations exhibit, "The Quest for Meaning." The exhibit is made up of unique handmade books sent in from all over the United States as well as from several foreign countries and will open at the Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston on March 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 781-585-5622 for more information.

Fri. 29

Nightlife Music Company presents TRAX with **Janelle Malefronte** on March 29, from 7 p.m. to midnight at The Plymouth Elks Lodge BPO, 15 Long Pond Road, Plymouth. Donation for this event is $15 per single $25 per couple or $100 per table of ten. There will be raffles, prizes and giveaways and a buffet style light food faire. Proceeds from the event will benefit the St. Pierre Racing Team (an auto racing team from Plymouth, prominent at Seekonk Speedway). For ticket information call The Family Kloset508-746-8926 or 505-747-7727 or purchase tickets at door.

Mayflower Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Kingston will hold its Good Friday service combined with a Communion service at 7 p.m. on March 29. Easter Sunday a 5:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Gray's Beach in Kingston will be held. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Briggs Memorial Building directly behind Mayflower Congregational Church. Coffee and donuts will served in the Briggs Building following the service. There will be no Sunday School. At 10:30 a.m. there will be a Resurrection Worship Celebration, childcare provided. For more information call 781-585-3167.

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member Exhibit will take place from now until April 18 at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. For information call 781-335-4675.

Doo-Wopp Hall of Fame of America The Second Annual Doo-Wopp Hall of Fame of America" concert and induction, honoring The Five Keys, The Moonglows, The Harptones, the Shirelles, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, the G-Clefs, Arnie "Woo-Woo" Ginsberg, and Skippy White at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, March 29, 8 p.m. tickets $59, $51.50, $41.50 (special VIP reception $159) Box office 617-266-1200, or Ticketmaster outlets 617-931-2000. VIP reception reservations only call 978-256-6472.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center will hold a youth dance at The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center for ages 9 to 13 on March 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $6 per person. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

Grove Manor Estates presents **Queen Mary with Derek Mann** in a two-part lecture presentation. Part one was held in March, part two is April 12, at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP 781-843-3700. This production will be held at The Glen, 160 Grove Street, Braintree. Upon entering the driveway, follow the sign to the right. Parking is available.

Sat. 30

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"Who's Who of Boston" Cocktail social and dance will be held March 30 at the Dedham Hilton, 25 Allied Dr., Dedham., from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Free door prizes and dance music by DJ Dan Barbosa. For single and couples age 35-55 years old. Proper business attire required. Admittance is $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Call 781-283-5900. Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and the Single CEO's Club..

The Plimoth Plantation opens for the 2002 season on March 30, with a parade of returning heritage breed animals at 10 a.m. Other highlights of this year are the Mayflower II Providence sail in June and a major new exhibit about Thanksgiving opening in Aug. 3.

Mon. 1

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum presents a **Democratic Gubernatorial Debate** April 1, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All of the major Democratic candidates for Governor have been invited to discuss the pressing issues facing Massachusetts and to debate who should be the party's challenger to the Republican party. For more information call 617-929-4571.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month Pauline Componeschi will exhibit her paintings for the month of April at the Tufts Library, 46 Board Street, Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will present Garden Visitors, a collection of photographs by well-known South Shore photographer Vin Horrigan, in their Vine Garden, April 1 to 27. For more information call 781-659-2559.

The Grove Manor Estates, 160 Grove Street, Braintree will feature local artists **Helena Zubrin, Jack Morris** and **Elva Proctor** on April 1, at 2 p.m.

Tues. 2

The Duxbury Art Association at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street, Duxbury will host a Multi-Media Portrait and Figure Workshop with Katherine Smit Tuesday-Thursday, April 2 to 4. The workshop includes clothed figure models each day, demonstration and critique. All mediums encouraged. Cost $105/DAA members; $135/non-members. Membership open to all. Call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 for more information or www.duxburyart.org.

South Shore Senior Softball sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging is open to all South Shore residents 55 and over. Season opens April 14, at the Gates Intermediate School; league plays Sundays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. For information call 781-545-8722 or 781-545-4681.

Wed. 3

Water Watch Lecture Series 2002 presents **Edible Wild Plants and Mushrooms of New England** April 3, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Join Russ Cohen, professional environmentalist and wild foods enthusiast, for a slide show featuring more than 70 of the best wild edibles New England has to offer. Russ will provide information on identification tips, edible portions of the plant/mushroom, seasons of availability, nutritional value and preparation methods as well as guidelines for safe and environmentally responsible foraging. Open to the public; admission is free. For information call 781-659-2559.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street, Duxbury will feature artist **Leah De Prizio**, April 3, through April 28. The opening reception for her exhibition will be held April 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Actress **Robin Lane** will portray artists Georgia O'Keefe and Frida Kahlo in Artful, a one-woman show on April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hafer Academic Building, parents lounge at Curry College, Milton. For more information call 617-333-2240.

Thurs. 4

Dance Kaleidoscope 2002 will be presented Thursday, April 4, at 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday April 6 and 7, at 8 p.m. in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium at Bridgewater State College. A highlight of Dance Kaleidoscope 2002 will be an authentic African dance that will be accompanied by Professor Salil Sachdev's Khakatay Drumming ensemble. Tickets are $8 for BSC community and senior citizens and $10 for general public. for information and reservations, call 508-531-1321.

Jimbo's Comedy Show, Braintree will feature **Paul D'Angelo** April 4. Also performing will be **John Joyce, Mike O'Neill, Franco Drew, T.J. Griffen, Lance Buchanan and Annette Pollack.** For reservations call 781-848-0300.

Fri. 5

South Shore Conservatory presents pianist **Stephen Deitz** in concert April 5, at 7:30 at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. The general public is invited and admission is free. A handicapped accessible building, the Ellison Center for the Arts is located at 64 St. George St. in Duxbury. For more information call, 781-934-2731 ext. 10.

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra under the direction of **Conductor Yoichi Udagawa** will present the fourth concert of its 48th season April 5, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of the North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock St., Quincy. Tickets $12 for adults and $8 for students and seniors, children under 12 $5. For more information call 781-961-3790.

South Shore Folk Music Club located at The Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Kingston, will feature **Stephen Fearing** on April 5. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. $10 members/#$12 non-members. For further information call 781-871-1052.

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents **"Come Walk With Me"** a show of recent oil paintings by Hingham artist **Judith Mehring** to be shown during the April 5, to May 2. Opening reception open to the public on April 12, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Bay Players of Kingston presents "Steel Magnolias" at the Kingston Intermediate School. On April 5, 6, 12, and 13, at 8 p.m. Tickets can be reserved at 1-800-290-6825. Tickets prices are $11 for students/seniors and $13 general admission.

Ongoing Events

The Company Theatre in Norwell invites you to experience the divinely decadent Kit Kat Club in 1930's Berlin with its spring musical extravaganza, **CABERET.** The show opens March 15, and continues through April 7. Tickets are priced $20-$25 and are on sale now at The Company Theatre Box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787 or www.companytheatre.com

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Lend a hand

BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS Offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office and weekly ones at the Boston office. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH PROGRAM Adult volunteers are currently needed for a couple of hours each month to serve as club leaders for local 4-H clubs. The role of a 4-H volunteer leader is to provide skills from your own area of expertise while developing a meaningful relationship with youth. For more information call 781-293-3541.

FULLER MUSEUM SEEKS VOLUNTEER DOCENTS The Fuller Museum of Art Education Department is searching for volunteers to serve as docents (gallery educators). Docents are responsible for educating adult and student tour groups on exhibitions as well as presenting outreach programs at community sites. volunteers should be willing to commit to the docent program for at least three years, including one year of training. Volunteers should also be available for tours during the week between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. New Docent Training will take place March - May 2002 at the Fuller Museum of Art. For more information call 508-588-6000 x 113 or visit www.fullermuseum.org

VISION COMMUNITY SERVICES (A Division of the Massachusetts Association for the Blind). Did you know that your eyesight can be as valuable to others as it is for you? Vision Community Services needs volunteers to read or shop with a blind neighbor, to help that person maintain independence. Two hours per week and a desire to help is all you need; hours are flexible. We'll provide the training and support. Opportunities are available in Southeastern Mass. Call Holly Heggie at 508-584-1273, or visit our volunteer page at www.mablind.org

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The Gallery Artists of The Scituate Art Association will present **"March in Bloom"** spring blooms in a variety of media now through March 31. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 781-545-6150.

The Art Complex Museum will feature artist **A.E. Ryan,** the second artist in the **On Their Own** series at the Art Complex Museum. March 6, through March 30. An opening reception is scheduled for March 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Also on exhibition at the museum is **Rotations: Time for Tea** and the **Duxbury Art Association Annual Winter Juried Show.**

The North River Arts Society will present **People Places and Things,** an exhibit by Michael Murphy at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run from March 10-May 3. For information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Art/Advisory/Boston announces upcoming exhibitions of two local artists, **Carlyn Marcus Ekstrom** and **Ella Delyanis.** The exhibitions will be held March 7 through April 25 on Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and by appointment. The opening reception will be held on March 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For information call 617-698-9700 or www.artadvisoryboston.com

The Helen Bumpus Gallery located on the main floor of **The Duxbury Free Library,** will be exhibiting artwork by the **Duxbury High School students.** The show will run from March 1 through March 31. The works will be representational of all levels of the high school students two dimensional art classes, from creative imaging and photographing to drawing and painting. The library is located at 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. Admission is free. For information call 781-934-2721.

The North River Arts Society in conjunction with the **Hingham Public Library**, presents The Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Library, Route 228, Hingham. An exhibit featuring the artwork of Marcia Ballou, Dorit Flowers, Patricia Gray, Laura Harvey, John Kilroy, Jody Regan, Jean Simms, Patricia Smith from March 2, through April 2.

Artwork by Janice Gallinger will be on display in the meeting room of the Pembroke Public Library during the month of March. Her work has been shown in many juried and member shows on the South Shore and won first place for drawing and pastel at the Plymouth Guild 32n[d] Annual Juried Festival. This show consists of mainly pastels with compositions of multicultural portraits and vibrant landscapes. Pembroke Public Library is located on 140 Center Street, Route 14 in Pembroke.

The South Shore Science Center will present the painting of Scituate native **Suzanne Archibald** in her exhibit, Recent Work, March 1 to 30 in Vine Hall Gallery. The public is invited to the opening reception March 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. The South Shore Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, less than one mile from the Route 3 interchange. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. free of charge. For more information call 781-659-2559.

James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell will host a show of soft pastel paintings by local artist **Liz Haywood-Sullivan** during the month of March. The show entitled "North River Marsh: A Yearlong Homage" will be on view from March 1 through April 4. There will be an opening reception to the public on March 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

Yoga with Kezia Bacon Bernstein on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at The Workout Club, Webster Square in Marshfield Center. Call 781-834-1150 for more information. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at The Sanctuary at Alexandra's European Day Spa in Duxbury. Call 781-837-7093 for additional information.

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union Street, Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. The club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

The Fuller Art Museum will feature photographs by **Max Belcher** from Liberia and the Dominican Republic now until March 31. The museum is open Tuesday - Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admissions $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, and free for children under age 18. For more information call 508-588-6000 or www.fuller-museum.org

The Duxbury Art Association presents Monotype Guild of New England's Fifth Annual Juried Exhibition opens in the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. Scituate artist, Ester Mashio will demonstrate printing making techniques at 2 p.m. The exhibitions opened Feb. 10, and continues through April 19. The exhibition, reception and demonstration are open to the public at no charge. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 781-934-2731.

Weymouth Art Association will display work by its members at several locations around Weymouth for the month of March.

Boston Harbor Hotel announced it will host the **13th Annual Boston Wine Festival.** The series which will kickoff Jan. 11, and continue through April 5, will include a number of events such as educational seminars, charity affairs, the battle of the cabernets, and wine and food pairing dinners that have become the signature of the festival. Chef Daniel Bruce will produce menus to be paired with some very special and rare wines. Come hear the wine makers tell their tales and showcase their talents. More than 50 events are scheduled, including: seminars, vertical tastings, dinner dances and celebrity guests. There will be 50 wines showcased throughout this year's festival. For more information call 617-439-7000.

Georgia O'Keeffe — Frida Kahlo

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Just for kids

SOUTH SHORE SCIENCE CENTER SPRING PROGRAMS: Feed the Animals/Tales from the Wild/Parents and Tots/Adventures in the Spring Woods/Animal Tails/Walking in the Jungle/A Rainbow of My Own/Pitter Patter, Rainy Day/After School Nature Programs/Vacation Week Programs Call 781-659-2559 for information.

SOUTH SHORE ARTS & RECREATION CENTER is a non-profit organization established to provide youth, ages 9 to 18, a safe environment during after school hours, They are committed to providing local youth with opportunities to explore and enjoy those fine and performing arts, academic, recreational and social activities which will contribute to their personal development, enhance their community awareness and stimulate creative energies. Membership offers use of the game room, computer lab, discounts on ceramics, theater, birthday parties, dances and concerts. Plans are being made to include a video studio where members will be offered training on video taping and editing. The game room includes pool, ping pong, air hockey and foosball. The computer lab has restricted internet access to age appropriateness. Membership fee for 2002 is $75 per year or $25 per quarter. For information call Terri-Lee Zinsius at 508-747-1234.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Register now for spring classes.

PreK-K:Look What I Made!, All About Me from A to Z Grades 1-3: Art Expressions, Art in Action, Great Impressions, Me Myself & I, Saturday Drawing, Hand in Clay, Grades 3-8: Draw, Paint Explore!, Hello Dolly, Drawing's Fun, Acrylic Painting, Clay for Kids, April Art Week for gr. 1-4

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Pastels for Beginners, Pastel Granular Board Preparation, Gouache and Watercolor Workshop, Improvisational Woodcut Workshop, Alternative Photography Workshop, Sculptural Boxes, Nantucket Basket Workshop, Encaustic Painting Workshop, Book Arts, To register or for more information visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

Talent Search

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S SUMMER STRING FESTIVAL 2002 will hold auditions on May 4, and June 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury, and May 4, and June 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. Summer String Festival 2002, which runs from July 8 to July 19, at the Ellison Center for the Arts, is a program for violin, viola, cello, and bass students, ages 8 to 18 to perfect their skills as individual musicians and learn how to blend their instrument with other instruments in a unique chamber music setting. Interested string students call 781-934-2731 ext.10 for an audition time.

THE LIBERTY BELLE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, is seeking adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. However, you are required to be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and 4-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway show tunes, Rhythm and blues songs, and exciting choreography. Weekly rehearsals every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, (Rte 2 Exit 57). For additional information call: 617-735-9254 or 1-800-369-7400 (toll free in MA only) look us up on the web at: http://libertybellechorus.org, e-mail us at: info@libertybellechorus.org

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S SUMMER VOCAL INSTITUTE for singers ages 13 to 18 will hold auditions March 23, April 12, May 11, and May 25, for its program which runs from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9 at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. All auditions will take place at the Ellison Center. Call 781-934-2731 ext. 10 for audition times.

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY, is looking for a few good men, and women, to add to their already quality program. Spring Concert rehearsals at the Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be asked of all new members, primarily for voice placement. Come and be a part of a grand musical tradition; its fun and a very rewarding experience.

ISLAND GROVE WOMEN'S CHORUS – looking for women, 18 years old and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Rt. 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audio tape. For more information, call Cory at 781-294-1880.

SOUTH SHORE BAY BAND a non-profit organization dedicated to giving musicians the opportunity to play and perform concert band music. Current members are from Marshfield, Plymouth, Duxbury and surrounding towns. All sections are open to new members. For more information or directions call 508-747-6460 or write to South Shore Bay Band, P.O. Box 139, Marshfield MA 02050.

COMMUNITY BAND SEEKS EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS to begin its thirteenth season. Percussion, double reed, low brass and saxophone players are especially needed. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 9 p.m. in the Sharon High School music room. For more information call Lorna Hurwitz at 781-784-6649.

ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR VINE HALL GALLERY. The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking artists and/or photographers interested in exhibiting their work in Vine Hall Gallery during the upcoming year. Exhibits run on a monthly basis, with a percentage of the sales benefiting the Science Center. Proposals for exhibits must reflect a natural theme, and should be directed to Joan Reid, c/o SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061.

PERIOD DESIGN - Seeks artists of all mediums to display their creations in shops renovated, 19th century barn at 295 Washington St., Norwell. For more information, call 781-659-3321.

TOGETHER AGAIN IN HARMONY - The all male a cappella chorus is seeking singers through 7:30 to 10 p.m. open rehearsals. Thursday evenings in South Weymouth, Route 18, next to the Weymouth Air Base. Call 508-378-3553 for more information.

LIVE OUTLET every Wednesday night at Laredo's Saloon, Rte. 53, Pembroke at 8 p.m. Musicians reserve stage time in advance by calling 826-0405 or 826-9427. There is an open stage for live performance.

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Weymouth resident John King hams it up as the Emcee in the Company Theatre production of "Cabaret." The show has performance dates through April 7. The Company Theatre is located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell. Call the box office for ticket information at (781) 871-2787.

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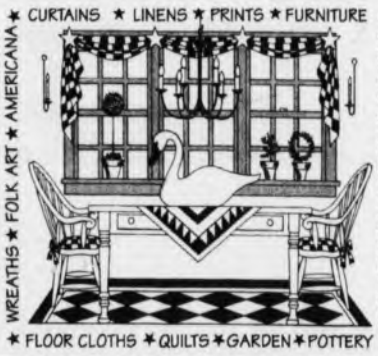

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Community preservation proposals win voters' OK

By Mary Ford
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The aging Sullivan gymnasium at the middle-high school provided the setting for the town's first experiment with the Community Preservation Act, adopted at the ballot box a year ago.

The old sports hall, which hosted its last Town Meeting this week, will fall to the wrecking ball later in the year as part of the school renovation, expansion project.

But with sports banners heralding countless Skipper victories over the years hanging from its walls, the old gym housed historic debate over Cohasset's initial expedition into the new state law that matches town funds collected through a 1.5 percent property tax surcharge with state monies. The discussion that went on for some two hours ended with a mandate from the voters.

As a result, ball fields, two historical society museums and the town's open space rolls could all stand to benefit from money accumulated under the new law.

"The money must be spent on furthering the CPA, not on the Big Dig."
— Stuart Ivimey, Community Preservation Committee

To date, the town has $158,000 in its community preservation account and expects to raise about $217,000 by the end of the fiscal year. Coupled with additional revenue in fiscal year 2003, which starts July 1, and the state match due Oct. 15, the account is expected to have $541,000 in the fall.

Nearly 450 residents packed the gym Saturday to hear presentations and debate on some 19 articles, which are items of business before Town Meeting. But the venerable old democratic forum only tackled eight in the first session. And most of those — to use basketball vernacular — were no slam-dunk. In other words, the issues took considerable time, something that promoted one frustrated resident to implore an issue be moved along because she had an Easter dinner to cook.

Town Meeting was continued to Monday where voters addressed suing Massport over the runway and amendments to the town zoning bylaw including allowing special permits for accessory dwellings and

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Caroline and Sarah deLima of Summer Street both love to perform on stage.

Like mother, like daughter

Local acting duo loves the stage

By Evan Schiff
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The acting world has seen some memorable mother/daughter duos in its history. Goldie Hawn and Kate Hudson, Blythe Danner and Gwyneth Paltrow, Debbie Reynolds and Carrie Fisher are a few of the pairs. Now hoping to join the illustrious list are two of Cohasset's own, Sarah and Caroline deLima.

The effervescent combo lives on Summer Street and has always had the spirit of the theater in their house.

"You need to take an imaginary situation and make it real, it's a very honest process."
— Caroline deLima, Summer Street

"My parents always had theater people around, singing and dancing and just carrying on," Caroline said. "It was a very natural progression for me to go into theater."

With Kool-Aid grins on their faces and insuppressible laughter filling the room, the deLimas described the high and lows of their acting careers.

Caroline, with blazing blue eyes and a radiant smile, was involved in her first play, "My Fair Lady," at the age of two. She is currently performing in the Company Theatre's production of "Cabaret" in Norwell. She graduated from Indiana University in August where she studied the performing arts.

"There's a whole self-discovery process involved in acting which makes it so intriguing," she said. "You need to take an imaginary situation and make it real, it's a very honest process."

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Ledge article gets blasted

Fails to garner two-thirds majority

By Evan Schiff
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More than half the voters at Town Meeting on Saturday wanted to protect Cohasset's most prominent natural feature, its ledge. But that was not enough.

With a vote of 191-146, the bylaw change failed to garner the necessary two-thirds support it needed to pass..

The so-called "ledge" bylaw was aimed at protecting ledge that was eight feet in height or more. Municipal projects, work to existing septic systems and maintenance of public utilities were all exempt.

The contentious debate about the bylaw centered around people's concerns over property rights versus their wish to preserve the ledge in town.

"This is a fruitless, vindictive and mean effort to stop me from building on my property."
— Ellen Morrissey, 488 Jerusalem Road

Ellen Morrissey, 488 Jerusalem Road, said the article was aimed at stopping the development on two lots she owns off Beach Street.

"This is a snob zoning issue," she proclaimed demonstratively at one of the six microphones on Town Meeting floor. "This is a fruitless, vindictive and mean effort to stop me from building on my property."

However, during the presentation of the article Planning Board member Peter Pratt said it was not intended to restrict building in certain areas. He said the Planning Board spent a considerable amount of time crafting the article making sure it was aimed at stopping only those developments which would have a negative impact on the town.

"There's new technology in blasting and chipping that did not exist before," Pratt said. "There are currently no bylaws in place to control explosives."

Although both the selectmen and the Advisory Committee recom-

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

DPW Superintendent Harold Litchfield, center, is surrounded by co-workers who helped surprise him with a retirement party last week.

Long-time highway chief calls it a day

By Mary Ford
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It's difficult to surprise Harold Litchfield.

Even when it comes to Mother Nature – who's decidedly fickle with local weather, which can cause a host of nightmarish road conditions – Litchfield, 67, didn't get ruffled. He'd often quip when people inquired about what winter would be like, "Ask me on April 15."

Consequently it took a little bit of work behind the scenes by Litchfield's two daughters, Peggy Litchfield and Julie Borland, to take their Dad unawares on his "last" day of work So they picked his second-to-last day at work (Thursday) and easily rounded up a bevy of town officials, co-workers and friends to hold an impromptu party for someone who is a Cohasset institution.

"He's a wonderful person and has been a wonderful guy to have had on the highway department all these years," said Selectman Merle Brown, 69, a lifelong friend of Litchfield. "He was very conscientious and very concerned about the town he loved so much.

"We're definitely going to miss him."

Litchfield is stepping down after some 42 years working for the town. He started as a laborer in 1960 and worked his way up the ladder, serving as the elected highway surveyor for 24 years. He was appointed to head the newly created Department of Public Works in 1995; the DPW put the highway, tree and park and cemetery departments all under one umbrella.

The Beechwood Street resident, who shows up at work at about 6:30 a.m. like clockwork, said he plans to stay busy with his own business that installs driveways,

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Road race goes high-tech

Ankle watch records time

By Mary Ford
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A sports watch, T-shirt and running shorts are standard equipment for most runners. But thanks to new technology, an ankle bracelet can be added to that list.

The state-of-the-art anklets include computer chips that will record the exact time the individual runner crosses the finish line.

The Cohasset Road Race by the Sea, in its 26th year and known as one of the most scenic road races around, will supply its runners with the new technology for the first time Sunday.

"This is much more than a race. It's a community event."
— Tom Gruber, race director

Race director Tom Gruber said the annual event — which is sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary and helps pay for college scholarships for local high school graduates — attracts anywhere from 700-1,200 participants depending on the weather.

"This technology will help us get our results much faster and with greater accuracy," Gruber said.

Each runner is provided with an envelope at the start of the race with his or her assigned bib number, and corresponding computer chip on a Velcro band to be attached to the ankle. The runners cross special mats at the finish line that read the computer chip. The chip and mat, which is equipped with antennas, work together sending a message to special boxes that record the times that are read by a computer. The Rotary is obtaining the Winning Time chips and related technology from Haverill-based Bay State Race Services.

Runners will wear Winning Time ankle bracelets in Sunday's race.

"Runners are starting to expect this type of technology or its equivalent at first-class races," Gruber said. Cohasset's 10-kilometer race is sanctioned by USA Track & Field, the national governing body for track and field, long-distance running, and race walking.

Gruber said race organizers liked the Winning Time chip because of the ankle bracelet. Some races use chips that have to be tied into the shoelaces. Because the chips have to be returned once the racers cross the finish line, Gruber liked the ease of the Velcro anklet.

"Runners are exhausted when they cross the finish line and this way, they don't have to reach down and untie their shoelaces, they can just snap off the chip – it makes it easier," he said.

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Runway lawsuit is not grounded

$30K goes to cause

By Evan Schiff
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Efforts to have Cohasset sign on to a lawsuit to stop a proposed runway at Logan took off Monday night as voters supported an article appropriating $30,000 toward the cause.

The town will now join neighboring towns Hull, Hingham and Revere in a joint lawsuit that aims to prove Massport's Environmental Impact Report was fraudulent and misleading.

Ralph Dormitzer, a proponent of the issue, outlined his concerns in a 15-minute slide presentation to Town Meeting. He showed how the number of flights would increase over Cohasset, from 630 to 970 a day, if runway 14/32 became a reality. Dormitzer also identified the impacts the runway would have on residents, which includes sleep deprivation, anxiety and a possible loss of property value.

"This lawsuit would prevent Massport from proceeding with improvements to Logan before another Environmental Impact Report was conducted," he said. "We need to join it in order to preserve the quality of our town."

"We need to join it in order to preserve the quality of our town."
— Ralph Dormitzer, 334 S. Main St.

Selectman Tom Callahan, said he recognized the need to take action against Massport but felt this was the wrong path to take. He said the lawsuit is still in its infancy and the town will end up spending much more on it in the future. With the passage of the article, the town has now appropriated a total of $78,500 toward the fighting the runway. (The initial $48,500 was for a review of the environmental impact report on the proposed runway that has become the basis for the lawsuit).

"This is not just $30,000," he said. "This is the wrong approach to stopping that runway."

Dr. John Connolly, 85 Atlantic Ave., presented a medical perspective on the dangers of the runway. He said he has serious concerns for the long-term health effects that the runway could have. He mentioned higher cancer rates have been identified in towns that were at an aviation crossroad. Extrapolating from a study done in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Connolly said the townspeople could have a 400 percent higher risk for cancer if the runway was to come to fruition.

"Twenty years from now when its been identified that the town has higher cancer rates it will be too late," he said. "The time to take action on this is now."

Conrad Langenhagen, 24 Sanctuary Pond Road, said the situation with the airplanes overhead has gotten so intrusive that he's thinking of moving out of town. He said it's a shame Cohasset's quality of life has been taken advantage of by Massport, he said.

"We've all had to pause our conversations because of the roar overhead," he said. "Our children deserve the right to live in a peaceful town as they grow up."

Bruce Pratt, 83 Sohier St. an employee of Logan for the last 35 years, said the town should concentrate its efforts on trying to get Massport to change its flight patterns so Cohasset is not so adversely affected. He said because of Sept. 11, the aviation business has been set back at least 15 years.

"It's a waste of money at this point because that runway won't be built for some time," he said. "The town should set its sites on getting those flights over the ocean."

But voters sided with the runway opponents and approved the Citizens Petition article on a voice vote.

This week in COHASSET

Flexible date for Town Meeting

Because of the passing of a bylaw at Town Meeting last weekend, selectmen will now have the ability to change the date of Town Meeting on or before Dec. 1 of the preceding year. Concerns were raised that limiting Town Meeting to the last weekend of March can create logistical nightmares. This year, the meeting was held on Easter weekend which inhibited some people from attending.

Selectmen said they will take into account religious holidays as well as school vacations when scheduling Town Meeting.

Sidewalk relief

Voters at Town Meeting Monday night readily appropriated $15,000 to be used for cost estimates and construction drawings to construct the sidewalk along Beechwood Street from S. Main Street up Norman Todd Road and continuing until it meets the existing sidewalk.

Abutters to the area have long complained that the lack of a sidewalk creates a danger.

Correction to water story

An article in last week's Mariner on the proposed sale of water to Hingham incorrectly stated "problems" with the sale have put it on hold. The Water Commission did not say that. The reason the sale is on hold, it said, was because Hingham Mass-American is being sold to another company and that sale won't be complete until after Town Meeting. There are no "problems" with the negotiations; they actually are going well, Water Commission Chairman John McNabb said.

Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of April 1.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, April 11, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors, April 4, 3:45 p.m.

Board of Health, April 10, 7 p.m.

Library Building Committee, April 10, 9:30 a.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library

School Building Committee, April 8, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, April 4, 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Board of Selectmen, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

Committee on Town History, April 22, 7:30 p.m. at the Lothrop House

Zoning Board of Appeals, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

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Preparing for potential trouble

School safety plan updated

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School safety is an issue that concerns most everyone. From parents, to administrators, teachers and students no-one wants Cohasset youths to be involved in a dangerous situation.

To that end, the School Safety Task Force presented a revised safety plan to the School Committee last week.

"It's really important for both the staff and the students to know what to do in case of an incident," said Chartis Tebbetts, member of both the School Committee and the safety task force.

The task force started to meet in the fall when it reviewed the initial plan as well as the one school health coordinator Michael Gill, the task force coordinator, had drafted. The meetings focused on reviewing the "Crisis Plan" that had been in place, and expanding the plan to address more comprehensive school safety concerns.

Specifically, Tebbetts said the last plan was written before the wave of school shootings so those issues needed to be addressed.

"We never took into account of something like that happening in Cohasset," she said.

The task force was made up of Cohasset School District personnel, Cohasset Police and Fire Department representatives, parents and students.

Along with supporting the notion that safe schools are an essential ingredient for learning and developing personal and social skills, the plan asks the School Committee to continue looking at a variety of issues. A few of them are:

- Investigate ways to improve the current communication system within the School District.
- Investigate the use of seatbelts on school buses.
- Provide blue prints and floor plans of all school buildings to both the police and fire departments.
- Upgrade the phone system to include phone conversation recording capability
- Strongly consider the use of and purchase of security cameras on school buses, in school buildings and on school grounds.
- Support the creation of an Emergency Kit or "Crisis Box" for each school.
- Arrange for all school doors locked at all times and arrange for the creation of a "buzz-in" system that allows the office at each school to control entrance into the building.
- Support the purchase of photo identification of all students and staff in grades K-12 to be kept in the main office of each school (this is already being done K-6).
- Expand school curricula so it addresses violence prevention and lays the foundation for mutual respect and helps youth acquire the personal and social skills to communicate effectively and resolve differences peacefully.
- Require all school visitors to sign-in and wear "name tag passes" issued by the office at each school.

Police Chief Bob Jackson, a member of the task force, said it's always good to be able to plan a response in advance. He said the plan will also help with training exercises.

"Whether its a bomb threat, hostage situation or just a situation that puts the faculty, staff and students at risk, we'll be better prepared," he said.

Voters OK money for engineering, aesthetics

By Mary Ford
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Town Meeting set the stage for Cohasset's third major sewer project in recent memory with an $180,000 appropriation to initiate engineering and provide cost estimates to install sewers to about 450 homes in the Little Harbor-Atlantic Avenue area.

At the same time, voters approved spending an additional $100,000 to beautify the exterior of sewer treatment plant, which sits in the salt marsh off Elm Street and is visible to many homes that abut the marsh.

The money for engineering for the sewer extension to Little Harbor is far less than the $750,000 debt exclusion initially asked for, but withdrawn, due to the current fiscal constraints in town, in particular the expected delay of state reimbursement on the school projects.

The Sewer Commission opted for the lower figure because it didn't think the debt exclusion would fly with voters at Saturday's Town Election.

Installing sewers to the area would help eliminate pollutants and contaminants in Little Harbor from area septic systems, officials said.

The sewer treatment plant's capacity can be increased from 300,000 gallons per day to 450,000 gallons per day to accommodate the expansion, Sewer Commission chairman Gary Vanderweil said.

He explained it was important for Town Meeting to pass this article because it would indicate to the state the town is committed to dealing with the Little Harbor area, which was of great concern in the Second Amended Final Agreement for Judgment, a legal agreement the town inked with the state that directs the town to solve its wastewater problems.

Vanderweil also said by moving forward, the affected homeowners would have a degree of certainty the sewer would be coming for them to tie into, and therefore could plan accordingly.

Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz presented the minority view of the commission saying more time was needed before committing money to the project. He explained it takes two years to determine the flow from a home that's been connected to the sewer and therefore, it is impossible at this stage to determine how much of the plant's capacity would be taken up by the new users in the Central Cohasset Sewer District.

He also said not everyone in the central district is hooked up yet.

"Let's do this carefully and establish a baseline," he said. "Let's see in 12-24 months what the pattern of usage is."

"The state is not going away as far as Little Harbor is concerned."

— Galt Grant of the Advisory Committee

The Capital Budget Committee and a majority of the Advisory Committee and selectmen supported the article, saying it would help the town comply with the state court order.

"The state is not going away as far as Little Harbor is concerned," said Galt Grant of the Advisory Committee.

But Selectman Michael Sullivan said it was hard to justify spending the money now when the $10 million project would not come to fruition until 2007. Selectman Merle Brown said he was also against the article because there is no comprehensive plan to address wastewater problems in other parts of town.

John Beck, 44 Nichols Road, who is a member of Citizens for Environmental Solutions that is backing installing sewers to Little Harbor, urged voters to approve the article.

"It's clear we need to put a stake in the ground and say any potential capacity at the treatment plant should be used to sewer existing homes and not be available to someone who walks in with a check," he said.

He also said the sewer's aggregate cost is less than the other options available and would demonstrate to the state the town's is serious about resolving the pollution problem in Little Harbor.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY
Nancy Snowdale of Mill Lane addresses the Little Harbor sewer issue at Town Meeting on Saturday.

Plant aesthetics

Voters also approved $100,000 more to help make the sewer treatment plant look more like a New England country barn than an industrial building. The money is on top of $150,000 appropriated for the same purpose in November 2000.

"After they got into it, the $150,000 was not enough," said Grant of the Advisory Committee. "It looks like $100,000 will do the job." The money will come from sewer rates not taxation.

The project includes dressing up the main building and covering the outbuildings at the site.

Joseph Goggins of 57 Elm St. said the entire town would benefit from making the sewer plant, which sits in the salt marsh, more pleasing to the eye. He explained the neighbors were propelled into action after a corrugated metal building went up 18 months ago. They lobbied to retrofit the building with a new exterior and scaled back a couple of plans that were too expensive.

Citizens Petitions voted down

Two citizens petitions concerning Town Meeting procedures were easily defeated on Monday. The first article asked voters to approve a bylaw which would place every financial article which involved more than $25,000 on a special ballot to be voted on during an election.

The second article asked Cohasset to adopt a binding initiative petition which would allow citizens to obtain 750 signatures and put an issue on the ballot rather than have it go before Town Meeting.

The proponents of the issues felt the two changes would allow more people to become involved with the decision making process. However, most in attendance disagreed.

"These proposals make all the work done at Town Meeting just a prologue to the election," said Susan Kent, a member of the Advisory Board. "Not only is this costly and inefficient but it takes all authority away from Town Meeting."

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Clyde and Louise Baker have a brand-new grandson!

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

APOLOGY

Hello Cohasset. I hope that this column finds everyone enjoying the somewhat springtime weather that we have had in the past week. It is so nice to have it and I am hoping that it continues. I would also like to send out an apology to many residents of our town and elsewhere for my omission last week of wishing a Happy Passover to everyone who celebrates this special holiday. I had a message from a citizen here in town who was quite upset that I had not mentioned it. Thank you so much to this woman for bringing this to my attention. I do try to always remember all holidays and celebrations and am so sorry for this mistake. If you would like to call me back so that we can discuss any upcoming holidays, I would truly appreciate it. In this day and age with diversity being so key and important and for me to pride myself in being so open and interested in hearing and learning about all religions and cultures, I definitely missed the boat on this one.

HOOP CHAMPS

Let's hear it for our town's eighth-grade traveling basketball team consisting of **Aly Belz, Jen Dinger, Cally Ernst, Chelsea Grossman, Katie James, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Lisa Musto** and **Katrina Reardon**. These girls entered the Old Colony League new to the league three years ago and have made it to the final championship all three years. The first two years they walked away with the championship. This year, they fell a little short to the undefeated Duxbury team but not without a fight. The girls battled back from a 12-point deficit to tie the game, only to lose it in overtime. Hopefully, these players will be the future to girls varsity basketball and they even had **Ellen Carr**, the high school varsity coach there on Saturday to cheer them on. This was for the final game and she totally supported their efforts. The girls have been coached by **Ed Lappen** and **Jeff Grossman** all three years! Fantastic team work girls, you are awesome! In Cohasset's eyes, you are champions, win or lose!

INSPIRATIONAL TALK

Don't forget Saturday, April 6, **Jan Phillips**, author and inspirational speaker will be leading a retreat at Glastonbury Abbey from 9 a.m.-4p.m. titled, "From Creation to Transformation-How Our Creative Works Can Help Heal The World." The fee is $85 and includes lunch. Reservations can be made by calling the Second Congregational Church at 781-383-0345.

BREAST CANCER WALK

Colleen Geary is dedicated Cohasset woman who will participate in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day event. The dates of the Boston 3 Day is May 17-19. The course runs from Fitchburg to Boston, and is a total of 60 miles. Colleen will walk 20 miles a day for three days. This is a first for her and she is participating to remember and honor friends and family who died from breast cancer, as well as to celebrate those that have survived.

One of Colleen's biggest motivators is her cousin who had Hodgkins Disease twice, once in her late teens and again in her early 20s. Because of all of the radiation and chemotherapy her cousin was exposed to, she is at an increased risk for breast cancer. The mission of the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade is to fund access to care and find a cure for breast cancer. Gifts are awarded by the Avon Products Foundation, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) accredited public charity. The goal of the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade is to benefit all women, with a special emphasis on reaching the medically under served, including low-income, elderly and minority women, and those with inadequate health insurance. Colleen recently moved back to town. She grew up in Cohasset and graduated from Cohasset High in 1988. Colleen knows how many wonderful and generous people live here in town and is looking for donations to this cause. Donations can be made on line at the Avon 3 Day Web site at www.bethepeople.com or by check sent to Colleen Geary at 55 Hillside Drive, Cohasset, MA 02025.

CIRCUS ART WEEK

The South Shore Art Center is holding Circus Art Week, April Vacation Art Camps. This program is for grades 1-4 and is being held Tuesday, April 16-Friday, April 19 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.. This program will focus on circus themes in printmaking, clay, sculpture, watercolor painting and multi-media projects. Each day will be divided into two art sessions with a mid-morning snack time. Siblings will receive a tuition discount. To register, call 781-383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday this week to **Chuck Hurd**, who celebrated the big 40 on April Fool's Day.

BRIEFCASE RACE

Lisa Musto of Cohasset recently participated in Faulkner Hospital's 10th annual Mercury Briefcase Race to support breast cancer research. Loon Mountain hosted the race which benefited the Faulkner Hospital Breast Centre Research Fund. Channel 5's Mike Lynch presided over the exciting event that featured five-member teams skiing down the mountain in full business attire or in costumes with soft-sided briefcases in hand. Over the past 10 years, the race has helped raise more than $450,000 for the breast center.

DEAN'S LIST

Liam T. O'Donnell has been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

KUNG FU MEDALIST

John Schiepers won two silver medals — one in young teens advanced forms and one in sparring — at the Boston Kung Fu Tournament. John is a student at Jade Forest/Kung Fu of Cohasset.

NEW ARRIVAL

Colby Andrew Baker arrived at 9:02 a.m., March 7 weighing in at 8 lbs.7 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. Colby is the brand new grandson of **Clyde and Louise Baker** of Cohasset! His proud parents are **Bob and Ariane Baker** and his big sister **Julia Elizabeth Baker** welcomed him home in Norwell. Lucky Colby also has grandparents **Andrew and Carol Littig** of Foxboro and **Jean Baker** of Vero Beach, Fla. Oh, so many people to hug this wonderful little boy! Congratulations.

Lisa Musto, far right, of Cohasset participated in Faulkner Hospital's 10th annual Briefcase Race to support breast cancer research.

NE ALUMNI RECOGNIZED

Carl Hurtig of Cohasset was one of six Northeastern alumni honored with this year's Outstanding Engineering Alumni Awards for contributions to their firms, the engineering field and Northeastern. Carl, a member of the Class of 1948, is an inventor-entrepreneur, who founded three successful companies, one of which produced a controlled crystal oscillator and in Doppler radar and military and space equipment.

FAMILY FUN SKATE

The Deer Hill Fifth Grade Family Fun Night is being held on Friday, May 5 from 6:10-8:20 p.m. at the Pilgrim Arena in Hingham. This fun-filled evening for family and friends with prizes given away every 15 minutes is sure to be a fantastic time. The cost of this event is $15 in advance and $20 at the door. Checks should be made payable to Deer Hill School and can be sent to school to be given to your child's room mother. Siblings are welcome however, *all children* must be accompanied by a mature adult. Skates are not available to rent and if you need any, please contact **Mary Goodwin** at 781-383-0381 or **Barb Mullin** at 781-383-0593. Happy Skating!

ASP YARD SALE

While you are headed out to vote this Saturday, make sure to stop in at the Second Congregational Church and do a little shopping. The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is holding its annual Yard Sale and the buys are phenomenal. If you have any questions or might have some items you would like to donate, call 781-383-0345.

LITCHFIELD PARTY

Make sure to get your tickets for **Harold Litchfield's** retirement celebration to be held on Friday, May 10 at the Golden Rooster in North Scituate, starting at 6:30 p.m. This is sure to be a memorable evening filled with good friends and I am sure, a little bit of ribbing and roasting! To get your tickets to this event, contact **Peggy Litchfield** at 781-923-1080. The cost is $30 per person and includes dinner, dancing and music with a cash bar. A limit has been set so don't wait too long to reserve your spot and come let Harold see and hear your words of praise!

THAYER HONORS

Thayer Middle School honors include **Catherine M. Ernst** for effort. Catherine's proud parents are **Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Ernst** . **Hannah S. Levin**, daughter of **Adam Levin**, earned honors in both achievement and effort. **Gregory Oswald**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Oswald** earned honors for effort. Last, but certainly not least, **Joseph M. Rosano**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Mario R. Rosano** earned honors for both achievement and effort.

20-YEAR REUNION

The Cohasset Class of 1982 is holding a reunion on July 6. Anyone who has not received an invitation, please contact Marcy (Brown) Fleming at 781-585-9913 OR by email at marcydon@msn.com.

That is all for this week Cohasset. Please make sure to send in all information, news and photos to me no later than Mondays at noon in one of the following ways.

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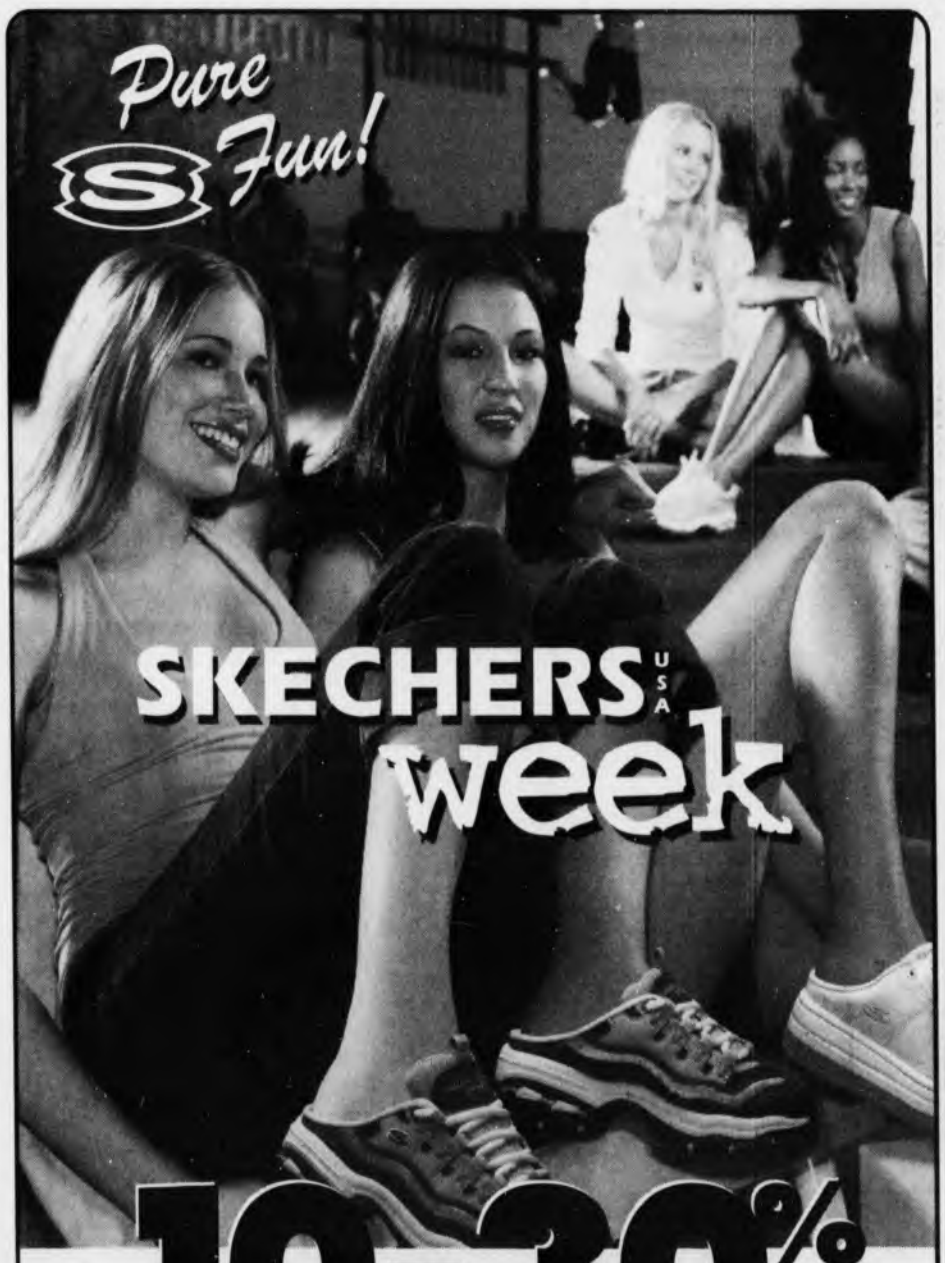

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Pilgrim bank kids' art contest

Pilgrim Cooperative Bank is pleased to announce the kick off of the first annual "Experience the Pilgrim Difference" art contest. Open to all children ages 4 to 12 that reside in Cohasset, this year's theme is "My Favorite Place in Cohasset.'

The Art Contest was inspired by a desire to showcase the talents of children in the community at the new branch of Pilgrim Cooperative Banks children's area. This innovative new children's area will allow children "to be kids" while their parents do the family's banking. What better way to personalize the new area then with the children's own beautiful and creative artwork of images depicting Cohasset through their eyes.

One winner per age group (a total of nine awards) will receive $25 in a Pilgrim Cooperative Bank Savings Account and their winning entry will be framed and displayed in the children's area.

All artwork must be the child's original, hand-done creation. All artwork must be on a flat medium no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inch. All art techniques are acceptable including but not limited to all pain, chalk, markers, charcoal, watercolor, crayon, photography, and collage. Deadline for entry is April 12. Also, the back of the picture must include:

The child's first and last name, parent/guardian approval signature, home address, home phone number, e-mail address, age, grade and school, title of the artwork, a brief description of the artwork (25 words or less)

For more information about the contest, call Karyn Swaun - J.K.N. Strategies at 617-319-6000.

Meghan Faherty, 4, of Bayberry Lane in Cohasset is helped by her little sister Betsy, 3, as she works on her entry for the 1st Annual "Experience The Pilgrim Difference" Art Contest, sponsored by Pilgrim Cooperative Bank.

Don't miss ASP yard sale

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is holding its annual Yard Sale fund raiser on voting day, Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church. Special treasures - especially those fitting for our silent-auction are needed. Items may be dropped off any time the week prior to the sale. Pick-ups may be arranged for the week of April by calling 383-0345.

A record 175 volunteers (120 teenagers, 55 adults) will be traveling to Kentucky and Tennessee to work on 25 homes in the Appalachian region of our country. ASP is in the midst of fund raising at this time (buy stock in ASP! $25/share) and will start its training and orientation in May. On June 22, ASP leaves for a week of home repair work in Appalachia.

Visit the web at www.cohasse-tasp.org for updates and information.

Middle-schooler can spell success

Is runner up in regional bee

By Evan Schiff
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Can you spell c-h-a-m-p-i-o-n?

Charlotte Reel, seventh-grade student at Cohasset Middle-High School, finished second in a regional spelling bee last month.

The energetic 13-year-old won two spelling bees before being sent to the regional competition in Weymouth. The first was in her classroom and then she took home top honors at the middle school competition.

"I was surprised I did so well," Charlotte said. "I was expecting that I was going to go out pretty early."

Charlotte was stumped on "bicaudate," which means having two tails, in the 13th round of the three-hour competition. She said she was uncertain of the pronunciation of the word and when she asked for the definition, it was no help.

"I was just hoping I wouldn't get a hard word."
— Charlotte Reel , 13

"It is such an obscure word," Charlotte said.

Spellers were allowed to ask for the pronunciation, origin, definition and for the word to be used in a sentence.

The winner spelled "mortification" to take home the top prize.

For finishing in second place, Charlotte received a "spelling ace" watch, Webster's dictionary, a plaque, a certificate, and a $300 savings bond.

Anne Reel said the experience of being in the contest was wonderful for her daughter. She said each contestant was treated as the spelling champion of the school they were representing.

"There was a really nice feeling to the day," she said. "We were thrilled to go and so happy for Charlotte.

Charlotte was not disappointed in her finish and was extremely proud to have made it that far. She was participating in her first regional spelling bee.

"I was just hoping I wouldn't get a hard word," she said. "Even if you don't win, it's a lot of fun being up there."

In the previous rounds, Charlotte remembers getting increasingly nervous as she kept giving the correct answers. She said some of her more challenging words were "cabaret," "bilious," "trey" and "basilicas."

The contestants were given a pamphlet that outlined the approximately 3,700 words that they could be asked. Words were grouped into beginner, intermediate and advanced categories.

Charlotte said many of the students had been studying the book since September but she began later because she didn't anticipate making the finals.

"Everybody was really nervous on stage," she said. "During breaks most people would study."

Charlotte said she met a lot of great people at the contest; there were 49 kids competing, and she hopes to stay in touch with them.

The spelling bee was sponsored by the Patriot Ledger. The winner moved on to Washington, D.C. to compete in a national competition.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Charlotte Reel, 13, holds the runner's up trophy she was awarded after placing second in a regional spelling bee.

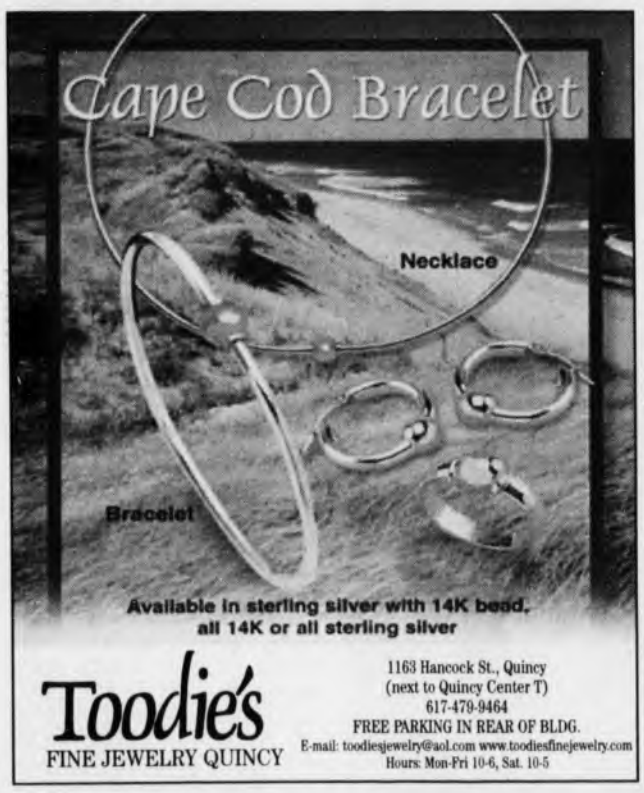
Popular speaker to conduct retreat

Jan Phillips, author, photographer, musician and inspirational speaker, will return to the South Shore to lead an all-day workshop titled "From Creation to Transformation - How Our Creative Works Heal the World."

Phillips is the author of such popular works as "God Is At Eye Level" and "A Waist Is A Terrible Thing to Mind." Her popular all-day workshop drew a very enthusiastic crowd of participants last year. The workshop will be held on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey on April 6 from 9a.m.- 4p.m. and will include lunch.

In addition, Phillips will be the featured speaker at the alternative worship service being held from 5-6p.m. on the same day at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset.

The fee for the workshop is $85 and registration may be made by calling the Second Congregational Church office at 383-0345 or stop by the office between the hours of 9a.m.- 1p.m., Mon. - Fri.



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Like mother, like daughter

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Sarah, whose genuine sense of humor is hid behind an English accent, was trained years ago at a drama school in London. When she and her husband Richard moved to Cohasset from England in the late 60s, she stopped performing for some time, before getting back into the art in the 80s.

One of the reasons she started acting again was to become involved in the community.

"It started out as a way of meeting people and making friends," Sarah said. "After that, it just kind of evolved."

Sarah is a card carrying actor, meaning she is a member of the Actor's Equity union, and is now performing in one of Boston's most treasured theaters, the Huntington Theater. Being in the union guarantees a certain pay scale and can allow actors to get their foot in the door.

While her mother concentrates on acting in professional productions, Caroline has been involved with mostly amateur plays. She is currently building her résumé and gaining acting experience before moving to New York.

"The lifestyle of being an actor is so difficult that you have to be passionate about it to pursue a career," she said. "I figure now is the time to go for it."

Sarah said she doesn't recommend everyone trying to make it big through acting. However, she feels Caroline has a special spark that enables her to connect with the audience.

"Most of the kids who have stars in their eyes have no idea how difficult it is to succeed," Sarah said. She added what an actor needs most is the ability to make people want to watch them.

"A person either has that quality or they don't, it can't be learned," she said. "Caroline has it."

Although modest when describing their own acting skills, the pair was not hesitant in praising one another. When Sarah got up, Caroline expounded on her mother's acting skills.

"She can sing, act and do almost any accent flawlessly," she said. "She's hot stuff."

After Sarah finally relented and spoke of her abilities, it was clear she was sought after.

"When you're this age, you kind of have a lock on some of the parts," she explained. "There are not too many people that keep acting after they become mothers."

Sarah doesn't believe there is only one type of person that strives to become an actor. She said while many people see the Nathan Lane, larger-than-life personality as a prerequisite to being on stage, she feels otherwise.

"Many of the people who work regularly as actors are incredibly down to earth," she said. "They're always looking to the next job and living hand to mouth."

You can see Caroline performing in "Cabaret" all this weekend. Tickets are $23 in advance and $25 the day of show. For more information on tickets, call 781-871-2787.

Long-time highway chief calls it a day

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sewer connections and the like.

Although many hold him in high regard, Litchfield isn't used to a ton of praise and attention. But he had no choice last Thursday as upwards of 30 people jammed the DPW offices to wish him well.

"He's the finest DPW chief I've ever had the pleasure to work with," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "There's not one item that I ever called him up about that he hasn't taken care of without any problems."

Arthur Lehr, 82, who has served as civil defense director and on the recycling committee for many years, remembers Litchfield as a boy growing up in Beechwood.

"He was like he is now, heavy set and full of it," Lehr, 82, recalled. "But he's a devoted man who's worked his tail off for this town. He's very conscientious and could have done other things. But the town has come first."

Peggy Litchfield and her sister know well how devoted their Dad was to the job.

"It'll be an adjustment because he's never done anything but work," Peggy said about her father's retirement from the town. "Work has been his whole life, we seldom saw him before 9 at night."

But the women hold their father in as much affection as the entire DPW, which was like their second family.

"He's wonderful although he can come across as very gruff if you don't know him," Peggy Litchfield says.

And Borland, who now lives in Plymouth, said she was shocked when she turned onto a side street in that town her first winter and there wasn't enough sand.

"I was so used to having sanded roads," she said.

Mary Snow, Litchfield's administrative assistant since 1988, said Litchfield carries so much knowledge in his head.

"He can go back 40 years and say, 'I remember when I did that,'" she said. "It's been a pleasure to work with him and I wish him well."

DPW worker Kenny Thayer, who has also known Litchfield his entire life, says he usually beats Litchfield to work by a few minutes.

"I'm going to miss seeing his wave every morning as he walks through the door," Thayer said. "He's a great person and a great boss."

Litchfield's successor, Carl Sestito, who is a Cohasset native, was in no hurry to take over the reins.

"I hate to see him go," he said. "I wish he'd stay on a couple more years."

But for Litchfield, there was no question, the time had come to move on.

"I've served my purpose," he said. "I told Mark (Haddad) many times the town needs some young blood."

He said the crew was great to work with, but the residents have started to change.

"There are too many demanding people," he said.

Litchfield, said though, he's leaving the DPW in competent hands.

"Carl (Sestito) is a good man," he said, adding, "don't worry about me, I'll have plenty to do."

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Road race goes high-tech

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Despite going high-tech, Gruber stressed the annual event that includes the 1 p.m. race and 10 a.m. 5-kilometer walk is run by old-fashioned volunteerism and donations. After expenses, all the proceeds go toward scholarships and other worthy Rotary programs. Last year's race raised $8,000.

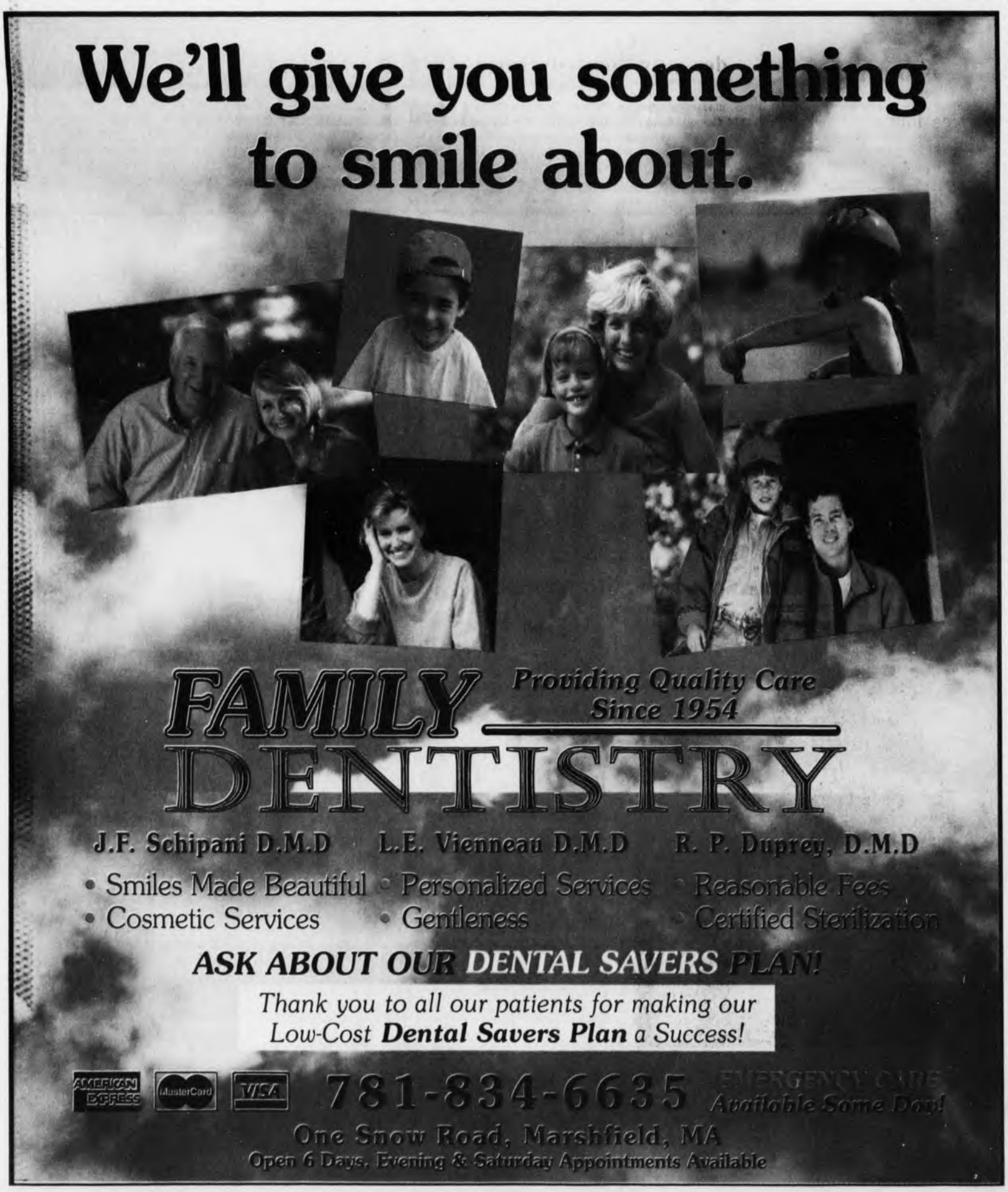
Gruber said the rotary, which has about 20 members, depends on about 150 volunteers on race day to work together to make the annual race that starts on North Main Street by the community center and ends on Highland Avenue near town hall memorable for the participants and their families.

The Appalachia Service Project, a home-building ministry for the poor, provides 12 teams of volunteers, which work two-hour shifts running the water stops and helping with food, registration and cleanup. Part of the proceeds of the race goes toward ASP's annual trip to Appalachia. The Rotary also helps support the food pantry, senior van and eradicating polio world wide.

"This is much more than a race," Gruber said. "It's a community event."

Gruber said the race is considered competitive and a tune-up for the Boston Marathon later this month. He said runners like the course that winds along the ocean. But the finishing times are usually a little slower than other 10K races because Cohasset has its own "Heartbreak Hill" on Forest Avenue, he said.

The entry fee for the race is $18 and participants can register by visiting www.roadracebythesea.com or at the check-in table at the community center, 3 N. Main St. on race day Sunday, April 7. For more about the race, see the sports section in this week's Mariner.



South Shore ARC holds dinner dance

Nearly 300 people, many from Cohasset recently attended the South Shore ARC's 5lst Annual Dinner Dance held at the Quincy Sons of Italy. At the ARCC Annual Meeting, held prior to the event, officers and Board of Director members were elected.

Cohasset members who were elected to the Board include Jean Bailey, Norma Grassey and Maria Plante who will serve as board second vice president.

Ernie Grassey of Cohasset was named South Shore ARC Volunteer of the year

Ernie Grassey of Cohasset was named South Shore ARC Volunteer of the year. Fallon Ambulance Service and the New Nursery of Norwell were awarded South Shore ARC Appreciation Awards for their exemplary service. Dinner Dance sponsors were South Shore Savings Bank, Quincy Sons of Italy, and the Mass State Knights of Columbus.

"This year the Annual Dinner Dance was very well attended by families and supporters of the ARC. The crowd really mingled well this year, it looks like we're off to a great start." said, South Shore ARC President Dorothy Lang of Weymouth

South Shore ARC's next fundraising event will be its 15th Annual Lou Bailey Golf Tournament, which will be held at Lakeville Country Club on Tuesday, June 25. For ticket information contact South Shore ARC Director of Development George Mathieson at 781-335-3023, ext. 120.

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Town election is Saturday

Debate held for selectman's race

By Evan Schiff
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Days away from annual town election, the three selectmen candidates made their cases in front of a cable-TV audience earlier in the week.

In what is the only race in town this year, the candidates fielded questions ranging from sewer issues to senior housing and the MBTA mitigation for Greenbush. The debate was broadcast on a local cable channel.

Town election will be held this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Town Hall auditorium. Town Clerk Marion Douglas said she expects about 20 percent of the town's registered voters to turn out. The results will be read by Town Moderator George Marlette after the votes have been tallied, anywhere between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The details of the election will also be posted in the front of Town Hall and at the police department.

There is still an override question on the ballot that concerns the sewer commission asking for $750,000. However, since the ballot was released, the commission amended its request and now longer seeks the additional spending. The question on the ballot is null and void and it is not necessary to vote on, said Finance Director Michael Buckley.

The race this year features selectmen incumbents Ronnie McMorris and Fred Koed seeking re-election, against newcomer Roger Hill, who is hoping to unseat one of them.

The trio agreed on most issues during the debate but Hill, whose campaign slogan is, "It's Time for a Change," felt the board needed fresh life while McMorris and Koed felt stability was important.

Both of the current selectmen cited their lengthy experience on various boards in town as to why they were qualified. Koed has served on the Advisory Committee, Water Commission, housing authority and has served as chairman on two of those boards. McMorris has been involved with the Conservation Commission, the Council on Elder Affairs, the Open Space Committee and the Growth and Development Committee.

The debt exclusion question on the ballot is null and void.

"It isn't easy being in public office, there's a lot to learn as you go," Koed said. "But it's a challenge and I hope to serve again."

McMorris seconded Koed's enthusiasm for the position.

"With all of the projects the town is undertaking and transitions underway, it's important to have strong leadership," she said.

While Hill recognized his lack of experience in the political field, he voiced his concern that people in town are not pleased with the way the government is run.

"I talk to people everyday who are upset," Hill said. "I think I would be an excellent addition to the board."

During the hour debate, candidates were peppered with questions from both the local media and residents who called in with their queries. While coming to a consensus on such issues such as senior housing, sewer improvements and stopping a proposed runway at Logan, the candidates differed in their opinion of Town Manager Mark Haddad's raise.

Haddad received a increase in pay this year when selectmen renegotiated his contract after learning he was a finalist for a similar position in Dedham.

Hill felt the raise was unnecessary and said the money could have been better spent on computers for the schools or equipment for the police and fire departments. He said it's not a question of performance but of setting priorities.

"The town was held over the barrel when it came to Mark (Haddad)," he said. "There were wiser ways to spend the money."

However, Koed felt it was important to keep Haddad in town especially with three departments (fire, police and department of public works) having new leadership.

"The town manager position is one of the most powerful positions in the Commonwealth," Koed said. "I think he has proved his worth here."

Koed noted Haddad has improved Cohasset's bond rating which is going to save the town $750,000 over the next 20 years.

"Getting a $12,000 raise is not that much considering how much he's helped us," Koed said.

McMorris also supported keeping Haddad on board.

Town Meeting faces

Staff photos/Susan Haney

Annual event draws a crowd

Above, Alison Callahan works on her needlepoint as she listens to the debate during the first session of Town Meeting. Callahan was one of more than 400 voters who turned out on Saturday. Right, Health Board member Robin Lawrence of Beach Street talks about installing sewers in the Little Harbor area and along Atlantic Avenue.

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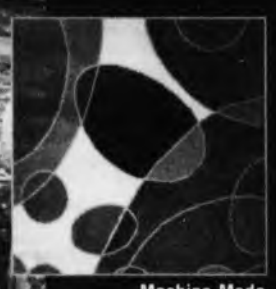

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanks, Harold

Harold Litchfield was at Town Meeting on Saturday where he usually is, standing at the back of the hall against the far wall.

So it wasn't hard to find the imposing figure when all 400-plus attendees jumped to their feet to give him a standing ovation following a resolution honoring his many years of service to the town.

Yes, working for the highway department and later the Department of Public Works, first as a laborer and then moving up the ladder to elected highway surveyor and finally to DPW chief was Litchfield's job.

But those who know Litchfield realize for him, serving the town he loves over the years was no clock-punching, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. occupation.

There is something about Litchfield that inspired confidence. It didn't seem like much rattled him especially when it came to what Mother Nature could dish out. He knows every street in this town intimately and can tell you off the top of his head what was done, and when to any stretch of road.

Although with his dry humor and short, curt way of expressing himself, he wasn't always the easiest interview — his kind-hearted warmth and gentle spirit were evident to his family and all those who worked with him over the years.

His two daughters planned a surprise retirement party for him at the DPW garage last Thursday. Cleverly, they outsmarted their dad by organizing it on his second-to-last day of work. Litchfield arrived and though not one to seek attention, seemed to enjoy spending a few minutes with a crowd of well-wishers that included co-workers, friends and past and present town officials.

Litchfield, 67, isn't retiring to Florida nor does he plan to sit around his home. He says he'll be hard at work with his own excavation company, Harold W. Litchfield, in the months and years ahead.

We wish him all the best and look forward to his friendly wave when we see him around town.

Also honored with resolutions Saturday are other town "treasures," including recently retired Police Chief Brian Noonan, former long-time Sewer Commissioner Henry Rattenbury, long-time Advisory Committee member Richard Avery and School Committee chairman Stephanie Noble, who is not seeking reelection.

We join Town Meeting in thanking them all for making a difference in this town we call home.

— Mary Ford
Editor
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LIBRARY CORNER

Story hour at library

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is now accepting registrations for the Spring Story Hour. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 are welcome to participate. The program will consist of six sessions and will begin April 22 and end May 27. Monday and Thursday morning sessions from 10 to 11 a.m., and a Tuesday afternoon session from 1 to 2 p.m. You may register by phone 781-383-1348) or in person. Space is limited.

Paying for roads and bridges

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund announced the Swift Administration is planning an early release of $53,393.76 in local aid for Cohasset to fund transportation projects in the town, part of a total $50 million release of additional Chapter 90 funds for FY02. The early release of the funding will allow communities wide latitude in planning upcoming road and bridge construction.

This allotment is in addition to the $52,763 from the FY02 budget, for a total of $106,156.76 for this fiscal year.

With the early release of additional monies, cities and towns will be allowed more time to budget local aid into their road and bridge spending plans and permit them more latitude to prioritize projects. The state typically releases local aid – or Chapter 90 funding – in the late spring, the time when communities are gearing up for the road and bridge construction season.

Chapter 90 funding is allocated to cities and towns based on a formula which factors in the number of miles of local roadway, population, and the employment rate in a given community. The funding is reimbursed to cities and towns on pre-approved transportation projects as construction unfolds.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CRC clarifies harbor plans

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to clarify one aspect of the proposed harbor improvement plan that is the subject of a great deal of public criticism. The CRC has never stated, nor conveyed in a drawing that a wrought iron railing system should replace the wood and iron railing that borders the harbor today. Though wrought iron can be an option if the community feels it is appropriate, it has never been a suggested material option by the CRC.

The materials depicted in the CRC drawings reflect a steel and wood combination railing system. Painted steel is commonly used throughout waterfront locations because of its relatively low maintenance requirements and its high degree of strength. The strength of steel enables the use of thinner rails and supports to maximize the view beyond the rail itself. The CRC has also consistently stated that steel is just one of a variety of options. Wood, granite or any combination can also be used if that is what the community prefers.

It appears that some individuals have concluded that a drawing created by The Cecil Group depicting a steel rail and wooden post railing design was a wrought iron system. Not so. To further distort the facts, some individuals have also concluded that the reason the CRC is recommending wrought iron is because Peter Roy wants to have the iron fence that borders his home continue around the harbor. A ridiculous conclusion that satisfies the conspiracy theories of many, yet only succeeds in damaging the reputation of a few.

The CRC has also consistently stated that the existing railing can remain if the construction of a new sidewalk is undertaken in a manner that does not require the removal of the railing system to complete the work. The extent of the sidewalk reconstruction will depend on the degree of pedestrian safety and access improvements the community wishes to implement. The greater the emphasis on pedestrian safety and access the more likely the reconstruction will necessitate the removal of the existing railing system. If the railing is removed for construction purposes then a new railing must be installed that addresses Massachusetts safety standards and guidelines. Such safety standards mean that the railing must not be less than 42 ins. high (existing railing is 28–32 ins. high) and cannot have open spaces more than 4 ins. wide to prevent children from getting through. This is not a design choice by the CRC, but a mandated safety regulation by the state.

The CRC has received a variety of comments on proposed improvement ideas, and believes that an effective planning approach is one that listens to all concerns, and exhausts all design opportunities to address these concerns before a final decision can be made by the community. Maybe in the end the community will decide to leave everything as is, but at least the decision will be based on knowing all of the options and opportunities available. The existing painted 2x6 railing system has been in place for over one hundred years. What is wrong with looking at the safest and best design choices available today for the next hundred years?

Constructive dialogue is a critical component to any public planning endeavor. The planning process is meant to stimulate public discussion to ensure that all ideas and concerns are heard, and that all design opportunities are considered. The goal of the public planning process around the harbor is to help the community address pedestrian and bicycle safety and access concerns. Yes, through the public discussions some residents have told us that existing sidewalk conditions around the harbor are fine. However, some residents have also told us that conditions make it difficult to walk, run, bike, or push a baby carriage, and expressed the fear they have of their children being able to jump through the existing railing. Though these points of view appear to be quite incompatible, the CRC is confident that continued dialogue can result in a consensus that improves pedestrian safety and access, maintains public parking opportunities, and does not negatively impact the areas character or historical value within the community.

As we experienced in the village planning process, it takes a great deal of constructive dialogue, patience and time to establish a community consensus. The CRC is confident that the same can be achieved in the harbor. If anyone has a question or concern please visit the CRC office at 87 Elm St. ,or call directly at (781) 383-2449.

We are all free to make our own judgements on what is in the best interest of the community, however, the public planning process is better served if these judgements are based on facts rather than ill-informed conclusions.

Dean Rizzo
Executive Director
87 Elm St.

Peer pressure at Town Meeting

TO THE EDITOR:

After attending Town Meeting on Saturday, I left with a feeling of dismay. I attend town meetings regularly because I believe in my right to vote on issues facing this town. However, after voting "no" on Article 16 which was for the town to spend $200,000 on the construction of two new baseball fields, I was approached by a proponent of the new fields and asked how I, a parent of Little League players could do such a thing? I went on to explain that I felt that fiscal restraint should be the "order of the day" and that spending should be limited to those things prioritized by our Capital Budget Plan. Secondly, I also explained that building fields for one specific sport, which will service a majority of children only ages 6-12, was not what I considered to be a prudent expenditure of town money.

What really had me dismayed, however, was not the question of "why?" but that there was an assumption that I should have an allegiance to Little League because my children are involved in it. Peer pressure even at this age!

My vote was not against baseball. My vote was against, what I consider, an inappropriate expenditure of town money given these uncertain fiscal times and given the many capital budget items on the docket over the next few years.

I believe in an individual's right to vote. It is a shame that "peer pressure" can't stop at the door. As adults, we should be able to agree to disagree. Perhaps more people would come to Town Meeting if they didn't feel the "pressure" of the hand count process. Let's remember how lucky we are to be invited into this process of spending and decision making.

Adrienne MacCarthy
Doane Street

Thoughts on Town Meeting

TO THE EDITOR

The town meeting form of government is as old as our country's beginning. It is democracy in it's purest form.

Cohasset has a rich history of colorful town meetings. In the middle 1960s a zoning article brought 920 of the 3,500 registered voters to Osgood School to take action on the warrant. The moderator was Robert James, a stickler for form and legal correctness at a meeting. Articles were explained fully, debate was to the point and the town's legislative business clearly dispatched.

Mr. James would wonder what has happened the last few years at Town Meeting.

Now, we have an explanation of the warrant presented at town meeting That is unlike the warrant delivered to our home. It is vague as to the funding source for articles. If an article is withdrawn, there is nothing written or orally presented at the meeting to be clarified. Should we ask? Why isn't it discussed?

The moderator wants as many articles as possibly passed silently with no discussion. In the Congress, if this procedure is done, at least their staff brief the congressmen so the officials concur or not. If town meeting procedures are too difficult others can become the moderator.

Several years ago, the reading of the deceased town officials was dispensed with. I spoke to the moderator and he will read the list in the future. There many who have given their time and talents to our town and they should verbally be honored as they are in the town report.

Courtesy has returned, which in several previous meeting, notably the Music Circus School debate, was lacking. It is well to passionate about an issue, as I have at times, but decorum is the watchword. It was gratifying to hear a passionate and polite debate on the ledge issue. The owner defended her right on her land and she prevailed. It reminded me of Gilbert Tower of past town meetings who livened up the assembled and gave sound thoughts. I wonder how he and our founding fathers would have judged Town Meeting today.

Our citizens that do not attend town meeting, give up their right to question the finances and issues in their town. It does "no good" to complain unless you voice your opinions and concerns - democracy can wither on the vine. We are the envy of the world., especially for those who would like to come to the United States to live. We will pass away, as other enlightened civilizations such as Greece and Rome, if we are not vigilant.

Martha Gjesteby
81 Old Pasture Rd.

CANDIDATE PROFILES

SELECTMAN/Fred Koed

Frederick R. Koed

Name: Frederick R. Koed
Age: 50 years old
Address: 92 Pleasant St.
Family: My wife is Lisa (Herstad) Koed, and I have two daughters, Ashley, age 19 attending the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Mariel, age 15, a tenth grader at Cohasset High School.
Years in Town: 41 years since 1961.
Education: Cohasset High School, Class of 1969 Bachelor of Arts, University of Massachusetts, 1990 Master of Science, John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, University of Massachusetts, 1999
Occupation: Computer Systems Analyst for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, ORI
Civic/Municipal Experience:
1983-1987 Cohasset Advisory Committee, 1985-1987 Chairman.
1987-1992 Cohasset Housing Authority, appointed by the Governor 1990.
Appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen 1993.
Habitat Cohasset Tenant Selection Committee 1994-1997.
Cohasset Water Commission, Chairman 1994-1997.
1999-2002 Cohasset Board of Selectmen, Chairman 2001-2002.
2000 Elected Presidential Elector.
2000 Elected Secretary of the Massachusetts Electoral College.
Reason for Seeking Office: In 1994, I was elected to the Water Commission, where I served as chairman. We stabilized water rates, while implementing many emergency improvements. We developed a plan for improvements and replaced old water meters throughout the system, improving the cash flow. The Forest Avenue water main improved pressure and fire protection along its length and the surrounding areas.
Towards the end of my term as water commissioner, I decided instead to attend graduate school. Two years later, I had earned a master of science degree in public affairs from the McCormack Institute.
I have served as chairman on three of the four different town boards I have been appointed or elected to. This experience has allowed me to serve you better as selectman. With my experience on the MBTA Greenbush Mitigation Committee, I would like to continue to represent you through the next difficult phase of this MBTA project.

SELECTMAN/ Ronnie McMorris

Name: Roseanne "Ronnie" Marmo McMorris
Age: 49
Address: 89 Doane Street
Family: Husband: David McMorris Children: Karen, 19; Leah and Sarah, 16; Rachel, 11.
Years in town: 16
Education: New England School of Law, J.D. State University of N.Y., College at Brockport, B.A. Certified Mediator
Occupation: Mother and homemaker
Civic/municipal experience:
Board of Selectmen, member and past chairman; Conservation Commission, member and past chairman; Council on Elder Affairs, board member; Senior Housing Committee; Police/Fire Station Study Committee; Open Space Committee; Parent School Organization (PSO), past Executive Board Member.

Ronnie McMorris

Reason for seeking office:
Six years ago, I sought election to the Board of Selectmen believing I could contribute leadership committed to fiscal responsibility, planning, and the preservation of the unique quality of life Cohasset provides. As a Selectman, I've tackled many important issues, including the capital improvements to our schools, the adoption of the Community Preservation Act and the enhancement of town services, including the addition of a paramedic unit to our ambulance service. We can anticipate an equal number of challenges over the next three years, including the ongoing capital projects, senior housing, development of a master plan, revitalization of the village and restoration of the Greenbush rail line.
Looking at all of theses achievements and challenges, it is vital that we continue our commitment to sound financial planning. I will continue focusing my energy on environmental issues, town management and planning, while continuing to support programs for our senior citizens and promoting excellence in our schools.

SELECTMAN/Roger Hill

Name: Roger Q. Hill
Age: 42
Address: 19A Highland Ave.
Family: Wife: Joanne C. Hill. Son: Quentin R. Hill
Years in town: 42
Education: K to 8 Cohasset, 9 to 12 Chapel Hill - Chancy Hall, College: Wentworth Institute of Technology
Occupation: Real estate, property management, carpenter

Roger Q. Hill

Reason for seeking office:
I am seeking a three year term of Selectman in Cohasset for the reasons that there are many important issues on the horizon. I feel the only way to have some control over them is to be a part of the decision making process. I have lived here 42 years and hear many complaints from the long term residents. The Board of Selectman need a voice from someone that sees and deals with the people on a daily basis, which I feel I do.
I also feel let down by the recent numbers the MBTA released in the Globe $10,000,000 Scituate; $40,000,000 Hingham; $21,000,000 Weymouth; $3,500,000; Cohasset; Do you think we got short changed? I do. How about Avalon Bay? I see a big problem with 254 units being put in. The schools don't need a possible 500 new students or Sandy Beach with 200 to 300 more cars during the summer season. See you on the sixth.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Jane Pescatore

Jane Pescatore

Name: (Frances) Jane Pescatore
Age: 55
Address: 12 Lantern Lane
Family: Husband: Peter, Three children: Matthew 19, Noah 17, and Christopher, 14
Years in town: eight
Education: BA. The Ohio State University
Occupation: Homemaker
Civic/Municipal Experience: I have been active in the Cohasset PSO for seven years.
Reason for seeking office: I am running for the School Committee position because I feel that, through my experience in the PSO, I have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the issues confronting the school system. As president of the PSO, I have had to insure open channels of communication with parents, administrators, teachers, and the School Committee. In order to be successful, the PSO relies on the hard work of many volunteers. It has been imperative for me to provide a forum for open dialog to insure that we are all working toward the same goals. There is no question that budget issues are in the forefront of what's happening in the schools and the Town.
Prior to raising my family, I had extensive business experience which included managing multi-million dollar departments within a Fortune 500 Corporation. I look forward to using all of my past experience and perspective as a contributing member of the School Committee.

Vote Saturday!

The polls are open from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at Town Hall.

HEALTH NOTES

Celebrate Earth Day in Cohasset April 20

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Earth Day is April 22. Meg Moore of the Community Garden Club points out that when Earth Day was started in 1970, there was no EPA; no Clean Air or Clean Water Act, nor any Endangered Species Act.
To help celebrate Earth Day in Cohasset, on Saturday April 20, the Board of Health will be supporting a number of activities in town, and we're asking for your help. On the morning of April 20 at 10 a.m., the board and other volunteers will meet to begin cleanup of selected areas in town needing it. We are considering Peppermint Brook off Pond Street, and Ellms Meadow off Cushing Road, but *you* know others. Give us your ideas for locations for cleanup, and we'll have a runoff for the most needy location. Then meet the board members and staff at Town Hall at 10 a.m., and we'll go to those areas most deserving of our attention. We'll supply garbage bags and tools, and *free T-shirts* for the first 50 volunteers.

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The Board of Health is also supporting the following activities for Earth Day :
Boat rides from the Hagerty Property using the rowing dories the High School kids built, to go out and visit the sites where water sampling will be taken this summer. Jack Buckley's CMS volunteers will describe what the kids do, and act as recruiters for this summer and next year.
The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will conduct a guided tour and walk through Great Brewster Woods — learn about invasive species and lots more. Meet Meg Moore at the Town Hall at 10 a.m. for a leisurely two-hour tour these beautiful woods.
Special Earth Day clinic to be held by the Public Health nurses.
Give us your ideas. Your support for these activities is needed, and you'll be doing yourself, as well as the town a favor.
Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Ease of email is changing life the way we know it

MY VIEW

EVAN SCHIFF

As a card-carrying member of the generation which has helped the world embrace computers like never before, I'm here to take a stand. Computers are changing our society into one in which we never need to speak to another person and it's eroding the quality of our collective lives.
Need to buy a CD? Go online. Curious about the score of the game last night? Fire up the modem. Haven't talked to a good friend in sometime? Why risk uncomfortable silences on the telephone when you can send a sanitary email?
My sisters have buddy lists which include more people than I know. I have friends who would rather email the person in the next cubicle to them then stand up and talk.
With an email, you don't risk saying the wrong things or exposing true feelings due to another person perceiving the intonation in your voice. You can spell check and grammar check an email till it reads like an AP style book.
When writing to someone over the phone line, you're not going to stammer, stutter or slip up in the Freudian kind of way. It sounds so appealing, it's a wonder people converse at all.
Granted, it's easier to email my best friend in Australia rather than call her everytime I'm lonely. However, a 10-minute phone conversation once a week trumps a four paragraph email any day.

I have friends who would rather email the person in the next cubicle to them then stand up and talk.

And what happened to letter writing? Is the post office going to go the way of the Pony Express? There is some innate thrill to ripping open an envelope that clicking your "Inbox" can't muster. But writing a letter takes time, energy and thought, and who has the patience for that these days?
I'm afraid of what's happening to us. There's no longer an incentive to leave one's home. In fact, there's no motivation to ever leave the computer room. You can watch the rest of the house on the web cam, while ordering groceries to be delivered. You can read the day's newspaper online, while watching a cyber cast of your favorite artist.
It's come to the point where you think you know someone after you've read their profile on America Online. At the bars, phone numbers have been supplanted by email addresses. I don't understand the trend.
Maybe I'm part of a dying breed. I'm a people person. I enjoy interacting with humanity and revel in their, and my, faults. One of my favorite activities is "people watching" where I sit on a bench and watch people stroll by and wonder what's in their heads. I relish in trying to read people's emotions and discern where they came from.
I guess there is a subtle, yet entirely loathsome, way to show emotion on a computer screen. I've come to detest the smiling face of a colon and parenthetical symbol, :), or the way we now abbreviate all emotion, 'lol', which means laughing out loud.
Is there a solution to my quandary? No, not unless I contact Al Gore to un-invent the Internet. Maybe if you're reading this you can just email me with an idea...lol.
Evan Schiff is the staff reporter for the Cohasset Mariner.

No pedestal for Romney

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

It occurred to me the other day while reading the newspapers from left to right that someone is striving mightily to keep Mitt Romney's fledgling gubernatorial ambitions from getting off the ground. His campaign is barely two weeks old and it's already toast in some quarters.
Trouble is I can't figure out who is doing it, friend or foe.
The latest blast came from the left Sunday when the Boston Globe devoted a spot on Page 1 and a whole page inside to shooting down Mitt's chief claim to fame — his rescue of the 2002 Winter Olympic games from the bribery scandal that shook the original organizing committee.
His record at the Olympics, said the Globe, is "the foundation of his bid to become the next governor of Massachusetts. His supporters call him the 'white knight' who rode into Utah and rescued the games." This, said the Globe, "is one of several exaggerations and inconsistencies."
For good measure, the Globe speculated that Mitt used his influence to see that a friend of his landed the exclusive rights to build on privately owned land an Olympic attraction that drew up to 100,000 to his mall and made him eligible for millions in tax reimbursements.

All this before the ink is dry on Mitt's first speech as a candidate.

Would we want a man like that to be governor of Massachusetts? Heaven forbid!
A few days ago, the blast at Mitt came from the right when the Boston Herald discovered that his investment firm, Bain Capital, has a financial interest in a Utah pharmaceutical firm which manufactures several performance-enhancing drugs that are banned from the Olympics.
These revelations, said the Herald, "should provide fuel for Romney's political foes — eager to dull that shining image of a fix-it man who cleaned up the scandal-plagued Salt Lake games. They should also wound Romney's high image among at least a few Olympic enthusiasts."
Mitt had barely announced his candidacy March 19 when the Republican-leaning Herald dug up a union official who claimed that Mitt had used a non-union crew, half of whom came from outside the state, to film a political TV commercial at his Belmont home.
"If you run for office in Massachusetts you'd think people would hire locally, for catering or whatever function," Kevin Preston, business manager of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees local, was quoted as saying.
A couple of days later, a group called SARK (Showing Animals Respect & Kindness) got into the act, charging that Mitt had permitted the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association to rope calves and otherwise torture animals at a rodeo held in conjunction with the Olympics.
"There are a lot of people that care about animals in Massachusetts," said Steve Hindi of SARK. "We will make them very well aware of Mr. Romney's record here."
All this before the ink is dry on Mitt's first speech as a candidate. And there's more to come. Bet on it.
"Romney is a right-wing conservative Republican," said Philip Johnston, the leader of the state's Democrats. "Nobody's engaged him yet on issues. We will remind people where he stands."
As if they haven't already, whether they're right or wrong.

POLITICAL NOTES

Connolly to run for county treasurer

Joseph A. Connolly of Weymouth has announced his candidacy for Norfolk County Treasurer. Tim Cahill, the current county treasurer, is vacating the office to run for State Treasurer.
"The residents of Norfolk County deserve to have a treasurer that will proactively manage and safeguard the county's finances and its pension fund, particularly in light of the tight economic times we are facing," Connolly said.
Having worked for large and small businesses, state government and as a small business owner, Connolly believes that his diverse work experience and educational background provide him with a unique perspective on how to get things done. Connolly previously served as a legislative aide in the late Congressman Joseph Moakley's office, owned his own small business for several years and currently serves on the Weymouth Town Council as a Councilor-At-Large.
A resident of Weymouth for 11 years, Connolly is active in community service. He is currently a member of the Weymouth Lions Club, the Weymouth Elks, the Pond Plain Improvement Association and the High School Building Committee. As a Councilor-At-Large, Connolly serves as chairman of the Weymouth Town Council's Education Committee and the Committee on Public Works.
Connolly received a masters degree in public affairs from the McCormack Institute at the University of Massachusetts/Boston and a bachelors degree from Boston State College.
Connolly and his wife Elaine have two daughters, Taylor and Brigid.

Community preservation proposals get voters' OK

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whether to reinstate the use variance, among other issues.

The CPA article, which may go down in history for its complexity, was divided into five parts, each of which required explanation. Three of the sections also necessitated presentations that, at times, were lengthy. However, despite challenging acoustics and a faltering public address system, voters apparently grasped the issues and voted to approve the proposed expenditures that include:

- $150,000 for design work, plans and construction at the historical society's Maritime Museum and Capt. John Wilson House in the village;
- $100,000 to supplement the money the town and Little League will provide to construct two ball fields at the Gavel Pits;
- $600,000 to be borrowed over 15 years to pay for an estimated half the cost of three lots off Beach Street adjacent to Great Brewster Woods.

Community Preservation Committee chairman Stuart Ivimey told the voters they did not have to worry about the state using CPA monies elsewhere to offset shortfalls.

"The fund is not based on an annual state appropriation," he said, adding there is $38 million currently in the state-matching fund that comes from fees paid to the registry of deeds when someone files a deed or mortgage.

"The money must be spent on furthering the CPA, not on the Big Dig," Ivimey said.

With a vote of 315-119, Town Meeting easily approved by the necessary two-thirds majority appropriating $600,000 toward the purchase of about 13 acres of Beach Street. The interest and principal payments for the 15-year bond issue would come out of the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Account.

But opposition to the expenditure was so vocal that it forced a hand count because the moderator was not sure he heard a clear majority in the voice vote.

The owner of two of the three parcels in question, Ellen Morrissey of 488 Jerusalem Road, said the effort is fruitless because she has no intention of ever selling her land to the town.

"It is very important that everyone here today knows this is my land, this is private property," she said. Morrissey said the town has held up her efforts to develop her property for 10 years resulting in two "existing" lawsuits.

Although Morrissey had her supporters, the majority was apparently convinced there were enough safeguards in the proposal to protect the town.

Ivimey, the Community Preservation Committee chairman, assured Town Meeting that there would be no eminent domain land taking and the town would not be on the hook for any more than the $600,000. If the price of the property exceeds the estimated $1.2 million, the citizens group partnering in the purchase would have to raise more money privately. If an agreement to buy the land can't be reached by March 2003, the town would withdraw support and no money would be spent, he said.

"We think this is a terrific idea for the addition of 20 acres to Brewster Woods in the downtown area and thus preserve it for future generations," Ivimey said. [Owners of seven acres adjacent to Great Brewster Woods have agreed to put a deed restriction on their property protecting it from development].

While the town can opt out of the Community Preservation Act after five years, it would still have to assess the surcharge to cover the bond payments, Ivimey said.

Mark DeGiacomo, 59 Beach St., speaking for the citizens group supporting the purchase of the land, said dramatic ledge is the feature of the property that makes it truly unique. He said the first volume of the Town History talks about the glacial forms at the site.

"From a geological point of view, the property is where the glacier stopped," he said. "That's why we see the dramatic ledge."

DeGiacomo said plans for just one of the lots includes blasting and removing some 2,000 tons of ledge.

"And that's just for the driveway for one house," he said. The Cohasset Land Conservation Trust, a private non-profit organization, has also pledged $100,000 toward the purchase of the property.

"Simply put, the property will be destroyed" if it's allow to be developed, DeGiacomo said.

But Morrissey, one of the property owners, disputed that and said the houses planned for her property would not be "McMansions" as alleged, but beautiful homes with spectacular views.

A majority of selectmen and the Advisory Committee backed the appropriation. They said trails would be delineated and linked to those in Great Brewster Woods, and there would be access and parking to the area behind Town Hall.

Museums

The Cohasset Historical Society does not have the assets to do capital improvements to its two village museums, the Capt. John Wilson House and the Maritime Museum, Ivimey told Town Meeting on Saturday.

"They are not handicap-accessible and until they meet requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act, no federal or state money can be spent on restoring them," he said.

Tom Gruber of the historical society said any improvements to the structures, which are in the process of being added to the National Register of Historic Places, would be done with the guidance of a historic preservation architect. He also explained the Community Preservation Act requires any project follow the rigorous standards of the federal Department of the Interior. He said the handicap access would be constructed in such a way as to have the smallest impact.

Gruber said the Wilson house in particular needs a lot of restoration. Water running down the hillside behind the structure has rotted out the underpinnings of the house. The historical society, the architect and a sub-committee of the Community Preservation Committee would work as a team overseeing the work, he said.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Selectman Michael Sullivan, left, speaks to voters on Saturday. The Sullivan gym at the high school hosted its final Town Meeting. It will soon come down to make way for the middle-high school renovation project.

The $150,000 proposal easily passed muster with Town Meeting voters.

Little League fields

Voters also gave the OK for the Community Preservation Fund to donate $100,000 toward construction of ball fields in the town-owned gravel pits site off North Main Street. That money will be added to the $200,000 voters appropriated for the same purpose in another article, and $150,000 to be raised by Cohasset Little League, a private organization, for the $450,000 project.

Mark DeGiacomo, speaking for the Little League, called the plan a "public-private partnership with the town and Cohasset Little League."

Leonara Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, asked why the Community Preservation Committee didn't approve the full $200,000 the Little League initially asked for. That way, she said, the town would only need to borrow $100,000 for the project. (Article 16, approved Monday by a two-thirds vote, authorizes the town to borrow up to $200,000 for the project).

Ivimey said the committee wanted to act conservatively.

"We wanted to husband our money the first several years to build up a nest egg. We didn't want to get over extended," he said. "We want to see what other projects there are out there."

There was also some concern expressed that the fields were being constructed for baseball and softball, when other sports need fields.

DeGiacomo explained the new ball fields would free up other fields in town for lacrosse and soccer. The new fields will also serve the baseball needs of the middle-high school whose existing baseball field will not be replaced after construction.

"We won't have baseball back up there," he said. "This will open those up for field hockey, soccer and lacrosse to both town and school use."

Under the Community Preservation Act, 10 percent of the monies accumulated in a town's Community Preservation Fund must go toward preserving open space, another 10 percent toward historic preservation, and 10 percent toward community housing. The remaining 70 percent can be spent for any of the above and recreation. Any money in the fund that is not appropriated can be banked for future years. Borrowing is also allowed with payments for interest and principal coming out of the fund, as could be the case with the Beach Street property.

Voters also approved two housekeeping measures under the CPA article including banking remaining money for future Town Meeting action and setting up the sub accounts to the divide the money among historic resources, open space, community housing and administration.

Ledge bylaw fails to win two-thirds majority vote

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mended the article by a majority vote, it was the minority opinion of Selectman Michael Sullivan that may have swung voters.

Sullivan said there hasn't been a significant piece of ledge removed in the town in more than 40 years making this bylaw unnecessary. He estimated for someone to obtain a special permit to bypass the bylaw would cost them around $10,000 in engineering and other fees.

"This is a backyard situation that has gone way too far," he said referring to concerned Beach Street residents who are worried about development off their street.

Mark DeGiacomo, 59 Beach St., a proponent of the issue, said it was time to make restrictions on ledge removal before the town lost a large piece of rock which it would later regret. He also challenged Sullivan's belief that the effort needed to gain a special permit from the zoning board of appeals would cost $10,000.

"Our predecessors never had to worry about this problem," DeGiacomo said. "This bylaw attempts a minimum regulation of blasting and needs to be passed."

Opinions varied on the floor as residents bat the idea around.

One Atlantic Avenue resident felt the reason many people find Cohasset a desirable place to live is because of its school system and its beauty. She felt the town has done much to improve its school system over the last few years by undertaking a $41 million project and now was the time to concentrate on the scenery.

"If we fail to protect our ledge we will lose it," she exclaimed. "Let's take this opportunity and run with it."

Ann Brophy, 16 Atlantic Ave. and member of the Conservation Commission, said the issue of ledge was one that should be taken very seriously.

"When you remove ledge, you can't replace it," she said. "This is a major part of the community."

However, there were others in attendance on Saturday afternoon who felt both the intent and the wording of the article was faulty.

Roy Fitzsimmons, 116 Doane St., said there needed to be more time spent in the crafting of the bylaw. He felt there were plenty of undefined words in the article such as "substantially detrimental," and "injurious" that lawyers would have a field day ripping apart.

Glenn Pratt, a member of the Water Commission, said the article was overly restrictive. He said he didn't think the town should prevent residents from putting additions on their homes, which may involve some removal of ledge, if no one could see the rock anyway.

"I don't think amending the zoning bylaw should occur every Town Meeting because of the interest of a few people," he said.

A group of Beach Street residents and other concerned citizens proposed a similar article in the fall that was tabled until the annual Town Meeting so the Planning Board could give it more study.

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In-house apartments, use variance

Zoning issues highlight continued Town Meeting session

By Evan Schiff
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The continuation of Town Meeting to Monday saw the voting population dwindle from its Saturday gathering, but still some 200 residents came out to have their voices heard. The meeting got underway at about 7:30 p.m. and adjourned a stroke before 10 p.m. after a vote had been taken on all the articles.

Highlighting the beginning of the meeting were three zoning bylaws issues, which required a two-thirds majority vote to approve. Along with an accessory dwelling bylaw, voters tangled with use variance and zoning map articles.

The accessory dwelling article had the support of the selectmen, Advisory Committee and the Planning Board and all presented their cases to the voters. Sufficiently convinced that passing the bylaw would not turn Cohasset into a Mecca for apartments, residents passed the bylaw which is intended to keep residents in their homes who may otherwise not be able to afford to stay. Allowing 10 permits a year, the byalw sanctions an accessory dwelling unit in an owner-occupied home.

Planning Board member Robert Sturdy said this year there was enough time to work out the kinks in the article, that was flawed on a prior warrant.

"People need to understand this in an apartment not a two-family house," Sturdy said. "This is aimed at keeping people in town."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, speaking on behalf of the majority opinion of the board, said this article is a step in the right direction toward solving the town's senior housing woes. She added if someone is unable to tell that an house is a two-family unit while passing by, there's no harm to the community.

"This recognizes that the town has senior citizens who need financial support to stay here," she said. "There are plenty of safeguards written into the bylaw to stop this from getting out of hand."

Some residents voiced concerns about how the bylaw would be enforced as well as worries that the apartments could get out of control.

"My concern is that this is opening up our entire town to family housing," said Selectman Michael Sullivan. "We need to have our eyes wide open on this issue."

Joseph Nedrow, a member of the Senior Housing Committee, tried to assuage voters fears and assured them the restrictions in the article would not allow Cohasset to turn into an apartment complex. Along with limiting the number of permits issued a year to 10, the bylaw restricts the size of the apartment and stipulates that the exterior appearance of the house cannot be altered except for a stairway, or an exit as required by law.

Nedrow said this is not a long-term solution to the problem but is certainly a help. The committee is currently looking at securing a 10-acre site off of Stop & Shop plaza where it hopes to build an affordable housing complex for seniors.

"This is a short-term way of generating money for some in town," Nedrow said. "It promotes a sense of community which is always welcomed."

Use variance

One of the more complex issues at Town Meeting failed to garner the necessary two-thirds support it needed to pass. The use variance bylaw, which would essentially reinstate the Zoning Board's ability to grant use variances under certain stringent conditions, was dismissed Monday night.

Although having the unanimous support of both the Advisory Committee and the selectmen, town officials were unable to convince voters of the importance of the issue. Under the current bylaw, which was only adopted last year, a use variance request will be brought before Town Meeting.

"This right was taken away from the Zoning Board before anyone knew what happened," said Selectman Tom Callahan. "It was slipped in as an amendment and there was never any serious debate about it."

Planning Board member Robert Sturdy, who proposed the amendment last year and was adamantly against the article, said the power to grant use variances should not be left up to a board of five people. He added that a use variance is so binding that if a person requires one, they should need to present their case in front of the town.

Ben Lacy, a member on the Zoning Board of Appeals, which had no official position on the article, said Cohasset is now in a unique position of being one of the few towns in the Commonwealth to not have the ZBA handle use variances.

"We're discussing a power which every other town has and we have never abused," he said. "We will always deal fairly and conservatively with all requests."

However, at least one resident voiced his opinion that voters would be giving up their rights if this article passed. He asserted residents would have an additional opportunity to discuss an issue if someone was making a plea for a use variance at Town Meeting.

"I don't think anyone here wants five people making a decision that could make a huge impact on an abutting property," the concerned resident said.

Howie Altholtz, 80 Summer St., felt giving the power to grant use variances to the ZBA was not an avenue the town should pursue.

"If this tool falls in the wrong hands it could be dangerous for Cohasset," Altholtz said. "I have the utmost respect for the ZBA but think this is something everyone in town should have a say in."

Zoning map

Despite the complexities of its two previous articles, the third zoning article passed without any debate Monday night. The article, which concerns Cohasset's zoning map asked residents to approve a change to the map which is now more detailed and accurate.

"This is a new digital, extremely accurate and comprehensive map of the town," said Sturdy of the Planning Board. "This provides residents with more of an exact idea of where their property lies."

The map also includes boundaries for the Flood Plain and Watershed Protection District.

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Richard Avery was one of several townspeople honored with resolutions at Saturday's Town Meeting. Avery was recognized for his service on the Advisory Board.

New ball fields hit home run

By Evan Schiff
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The fields of dreams have now become the fields of reality. Town Meeting appropriated $200,000 to the construction of two new ball fields at the Gravel Pits on N. Main Street on Saturday.. Because the article involves borrowing money, it needed a two-thirds majority to pass which it easily achieved, 192 to 61.

Mark DeGiacomo, proponent of the issue presented the article to the voters gathered at the high school gymnasium. Explaining that the fields would be a partnership between the town and Little League, DeGiacomo said it was imperative for the town to provide adequate facilities for its children.

> **"It's going to be there for your children and their children to enjoy."**
> — Dan Leahy, 215 Forest Ave.

"It's important for the town to provide good, safe playing fields," he said. "We need to improve the dangerous and ugly lot on N. Main Street."

Along with the money that was appropriated in this article, the Community Preservation Committee recommended spending $100,000 on the fields which was approved earlier in the day *(see related story)*. The money the CPC appropriated to the cause was contingent on Town Meeting passing this article.

Despite the recognition of the need to improve the Gravel Pits, some residents were concerned that $200,000 was too much money to spend. Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the town should set its priorities.

"Our tax bills are high and they're only going up," she said. "Let's catch our breath, and unless a project is essential let's table it."

McMorris assured voters that she has been a supporter of Little League for the last 15 years and her opinions were not based on a dislike of the sport.

"This is not about baseball," she said. "This is about tough financial times."

The Capital Budget Committee recommended the article and noted that it was an exceptional use of capital to spend $200,000 to build a $450,000 project. Along with the CPC's money, Little League will be giving $150,000 to the project. The committee had concerns with the eyesore on N. Main Street and felt the fields would clean up the area.

"The education of our children extends well beyond the classroom," said a member of the board. "This town has precious little space for our children to play and needs more."

Dick Avery, member of the Advisory Committee which was split down the middle on the issue with one member abstaining, voiced his concerns that the fields are a single-use entity.

"It's too much money to be spending on a 'nice to have' item," he said. "This is a lot of money being spent on something not everyone can enjoy."

Proponents insisted the fields would get more use than just the Little League. They said the high-school softball teams will be using the fields and it will act as a supplement to Barnes Field.

"The money spent on this is pocket change over the life of the project," said Dan Leahy, 215 Forest Ave. "It's going to be there for your children and their children to enjoy."

DeGiacomo said with the money finally appropriated a contract could be signed as early as next week. He said he hopes to be opening the new fields at this time next year.

"I feel like a little kid who is rounding third base with the coach is waving me home," he said. "I'm so excited about this."

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Bird walk

A bird walk led by Sally Avery from the Audubon Society will take place on Saturday, April 6, from 8 to 10 a.m. on Atlantic Avenue in Hull, (at the foot of Summit Avenue). Everyone is welcome. This event is free.

Straits Pond Watershed Association's mission is to provide community input to governmental committees and agencies about Straits Pond and to facilitate efforts to maintain and improve the environmental quality and beauty of Straits Pond.

Concert to benefit church addition

On Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m., a program of vocal and piano music will be given by mezzo-soprano, Evelyn Czaja and concert pianist, Dr. Rita Simo. The location is the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Road.

The concert is part of the continuing fundraising events for the building of the new community center of the church, where Ms. Czaja is the choir director/organist. Dr. Simo is the founder and director of the People's Music School in Chicago, Ill. where free music lessons are offered to anyone who wishes to study.

The vocal part of the program includes early Italian songs, arias from the Italian operatic repertoire, songs by Schubert, Dvorak and Charles. The piano program consists of works by Mozart, Beethoven, Ginastera and American composers.

A reception will follow. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors, and $15 for children between the ages of eight and 12. Tickets can be purchased at the church after any Sunday liturgy, or by calling 781-383-6380, or at the door. All proceeds go directly to the building fund.

For more information, call 781-383-6380 or 781-340-5729.

Noonan party

A retirement party for Chief Brian W. Noonan is April 11, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant.

Join Chief Noonan, his family, and friends, to celebrate his 28 years of public service.

Tickets available at Cohasset Police Headquarters, Town Hall, or by contacting the Cohasset Police Association at 781-383-1055. Tickets are $25 per person to include hors d'oeuvres, buffet, and DJ. Make checks payable to the Cohasset Police Association.

World Tai Chi Day

On Saturday, April 6, Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset will celebrate World Tai Chi Day with a Tai Chi Open House from noon to 1:30 p.m. The public is invited. There will be a free class and Tai Chi demonstration with refreshments to follow.

Jade Forest owner and founder, John Loupos will also hold a book signing for his newly released book, "Inside Tai Chi - Hints, Tips, Process and Training for Students and Teachers."

For further information on this or other Jade Forest programs in Kung Fu or Tai Chi, call 781-383-6822.

Slide lecture

Peter Dillon, whose hometown is Cohasset will be presenting a slide lecture titled Geological Framework of Cohasset: Implications on Land Use on Sunday, April 14 at 2:30p.m. at the Lighthouse Keepers' Cottage, Government Island. The talk is sponsored by the Cohasset Garden Club, everyone is welcomed.

Inspecting fire extinguishers

Fire Extinguisher Day will be this Saturday, April 6 at 10 a.m., at Wompatuck State Park's Visitors' Center and is sponsored by Bare Cove Power & Sail Squadron.

The event includes product inspection and servicing by the Fire Extinguisher Service Co., Inc. of Quincy.

Bring household, automotive, and vessel fire extinguishers and drop them off Saturday for inspection, testing, and recharging. You may also place an order for replacement of your unserviceable equipment.

Pick-up will be Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m. at the Wompatuck State Park Visitors' Center.

Be aware that Massachusetts State Code requires all fire extinguishers to be inspected annually. The charge for inspection is $2 per unit.

Arts, crafts

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting telephone registrations for grades K-3 arts and crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and crafts for grades K-3 runs on Mondays from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Osgood School.

Programs are five-weeks' duration, costing $42 per child. For information, details and registration, call the recreation office at 781-383-4109.

Firehouse night is April 5

Bare Cove Fire Museum announces Firehouse Night 2002 on Friday evening, April 5. Doors open at 6 p.m. and showtime is at 7 p.m. The museum is located at 19 Fort Hill St., Building 112, Hingham.

This Bob Stella Production will feature Jim Flaherty, Retired, of the Norwood Fire Department and Jim Daly, Fire Alarm Operator, from the Saugus Fire Department. They will present a fire video of FDNY (Fire Department New York) and a slide presentation of the North Shore and Boston Fires and Conflagrations. There will be a sandwich buffet, desserts, soft drinks and coffee and spectacular prize raffles. A donation of $15 is requested.

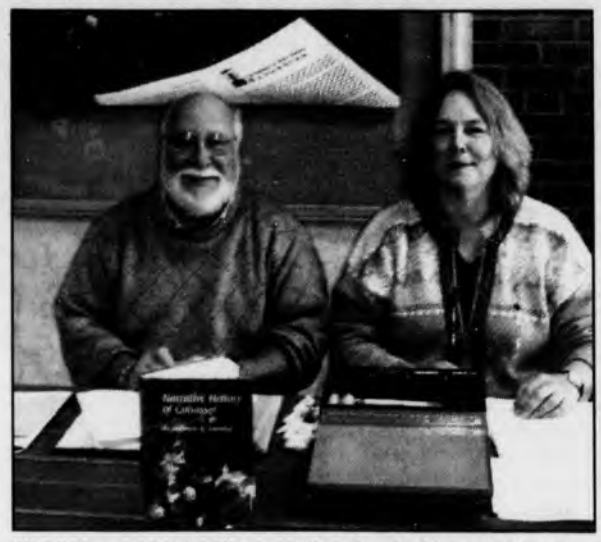
Tickets will not be sold at the door and reservations are required. Please call 781-749-0028.

Town history books, a hot item

Wig Pierson and Julia Gleason of the Committee on Town History staffed the history book table at Saturday's town meeting.

Nearly 500 books have been sold prior to the book's publication date of June. "Narrative History of Cohasset, 1950-2000, Volume III," by Jaqueline Dormitzer is the third history of Cohasset. The previous two histories are still in print and available through the Committee on Town History — Bigelow's "Narrrative History of Cohasset, Volume I" and Pratt's "Narrative History of Cohasset, 1900-1950, Volume II."

To order Dormitzer's history, send name and address and check for $32 and $3.50 postage and handling (total $35.50) made payable to Town of Cohasset. Mail to Committee on Town History, Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.



Wig Pierson and Julia Gleason take orders for history books outside Town Meeting.

Conservatory benefit is a real kid-pleaser

South Shore Conservatory features popular songwriter/guitarist Rick Goldin at Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall on Sunday, April 7. Goldin, whose program promises to thrill and captivate children ages one through eight, presents two shows; the first at 1 p.m. and another at 3 p.m.

Children respond to his live performances by, at Goldin's encouragement, singing, dancing and jumping along with him and his many singing animal puppets with names such as Henry the Horse and Quackleberry Duck.

Percussionist Ed Sorrentino, a favorite of South Shore Conservatory preschoolers, opens the show with a special percussion presentation.

This enjoyable fund-raising event is being organized by volunteers from South Shore Conservatory's Preschool program. All proceeds benefit the preschool.

Sanborn Auditorium is located at 210 Central St., Hingham.

Tickets cost $5 and may be purchased ahead of time at South Shore Conservatory, Buttonwood Books and Toys and Noble's Camera Shop, all in Hingham. For more information, call 781-749-7565, ext. 23.

Male singer wanted

Hingham Civic Music Theatre seeks a strong young male singer who moves well for the featured role of Tulsa in their May production of the smash musical "Gypsy." HCMT also seeks young men and women to be newsboys/newsgirls. Interested candidates should contact Joel Leonard at (781) 749-6431.

Gardening class

The South Shore Community Center offers a new class for gardening enthusiasts:

Roses in the Landscape with Amy Martin, Thursday, April 18, 6:45 to 9 p.m., $20 members, $22 non-members. So many roses, so little space. With so many roses available, it is difficult to know which ones are right for your space. This class focuses on the shrub roses, which are hardy, disease and black spot resistant and often reblooming. ($5 material fee payable to instructor.)

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Self-professed computer geek starts own business

By Evan Schiff
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Andy Trask is literally your neighborhood geek.

The Cohasset native started a computer support business called Geek Housecalls in which he, or any of his seven co-workers, visit customers' homes to assist them with their computer problems.

"People get disgusted being on hold for four hours on a computer-support line," he said. "That's were we come in, we can fix most problems in no time."

Trask lives in Marshfield but grew up in Cohasset and got his feet wet in the computer lab at Cohasset High School.

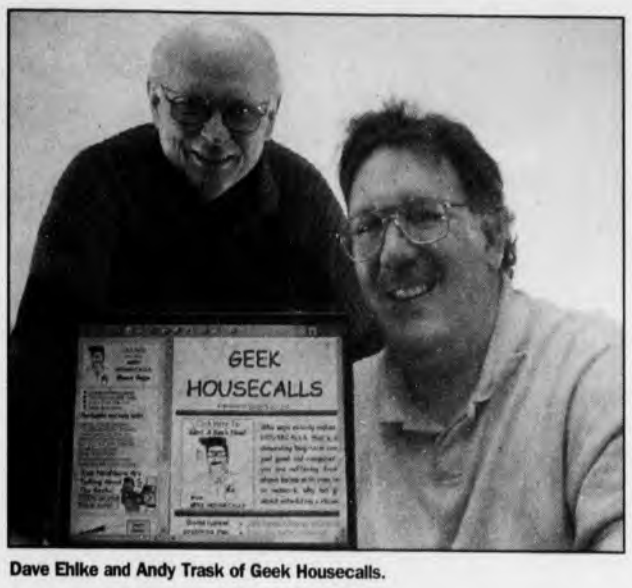
"Computers can be intimidating. We work with the customer and try to further their understanding."

— Andy Trask, Geek Housecalls

"My yearbook said I was going to have a computer dating service," he joked.

Trask, along with partner Dave Ehlke, started the business after constantly hearing complaints that people were sick of waiting hours on the phone for customer service. Both said while customers have fun with the name Geek Housecalls, feedback has been quite positive.

"We get called lifesavers quite a bit," Ehlke said. "The look of relief on people's faces when we leave is amazing."



Dave Ehlke and Andy Trask of Geek Housecalls.

Ehlke said in addition to fixing the problem, the Geeks provide training to enhance customers' ability to use and enjoy their computers. He added the business is customer-service oriented.

"We follow up every visit with a call to make sure things are still running smoothly," he said. "We are continually trying to make the experience a better one."

Trask agreed saying that an important aspect of the business is the experience of the customer. He said after working in the information technology business for more than 20 years he understands people's frustrations.

"Computers can be intimidating," he said. "We work with the customer and try to further their understanding."

The business started with a grassroots approach last July and has been growing steadily ever since. The duo said 60 percent of their business is of the repeat variety and has grown to include close to 200 customers.

"Three out of four people that call are by referrals," Trask said. "I guess that means were doing a pretty good job.

Geek Housecalls has seven employees, who are stationed all over the South Shore, in order to assist customers with problems. The company charges by the quarter-hour and most visits last between one and three hours. For more information you can visit the Web site at www.geekhousecalls.com or call at 781-863-8111.

Can the 300-year-old town green be improved?

Cohasset Common workshop planned

The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission is inviting townspeople to participate in a design workshop to improve the common. Preliminary research was presented to the Cohasset Common District Commission at its last meeting by the design firm of Carr, Lynch, / Denig, Hermann and Sandell, Inc.

A workshop is being planned; no date was set by press time. Call Garry Gardner, 1-781-383-9881 for additional information.

Upon recommendation of the commission, selectmen awarded a contract for design services to Carr, Lynch. The town voted at last fall's special town meeting to match funds awarded by the Massachusetts State Historic Landscape Preservation Design Grant Program for the purpose of preserving the historic landscape character of the common and to study its past, present and future uses.

The commission and community members listened as Carr, Lynch outlined the evolution of the common from the 1600s to present day with maps, drawings and early photographs showing the different ways the common has been used and how it's appearance has changed over the years.

Some at the meeting remembered when majestic elms lined both sides of South Main Street and Highland Avenue. Old photos showed Ballard and chain fencing surrounding the entire common and a flagpole between the First Parish Meeting house and the pond. All the old photos showed people enjoying activity on the common.

The next workshop, or "charrette" will feature initial design ideas for improving the common and adapting it to preserve its character.

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All of these and more will be reviewed and discussed. Everyone is invited to attend to comment and participate. This is a chance to air your ideas about what you like and dislike about the common and what your thoughts are for improvement or, do you like the common the way it is?

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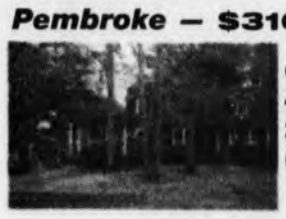
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Stars of the Week

Curt Kahn, Jason Moore and Kyle Weber
Kahn and Moore teamed for an overtime goal to lift the Cohasset boys lacrosse team past Hopkinton in Tuesday's season opener, 8-7. Goalie Weber paced the defensive effort with 14 saves.

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Laxers scale tough hill

Moore, Weber, Kahn pace boys in 8-7 sudden death win over Hopkinton

Two minutes into sudden-death overtime, junior attackman Curt Kahn broke up a Hopkinton clear, picked up the loose ball, and found senior Jason Moore alone on the edge of the crease. Moore whipped it by the charging Hilltopper goalie, and the Skippers emerged with a tough opening day win over the Tri-Valley League pre-season favorite, 8-7.

Senior co-captain Kyle Weber led a defense that effectively shut down all but one Hopkinton player— the 2001 Tri-Valley scoring champion, Ken Lysik— who found the back of the net five times. Weber finished with 14 saves, nine in the first half as Cohasset– apparently feeling the effects of a one-and-a-half hour bus ride— were outshot 20-15. Down 2-0 after just over three minutes, the Skippers got on the board when Kahn took a feed from Moore behind the goal and tucked his first shot of the game into the upper corner. A second Lysik goal pushed the Hopkinton lead back to two, but a Kahn drive and finish with 24 seconds left in the quarter narrowed the margin.

In the first minute of the second period, junior midfielder Matt Davis collected on another individual move, tying the game. Hopkinton would never lead again. Forty-one seconds later, senior midfielder Dave DeVito – who would alternate between a long- and short-stick – found a loose ball five yard off the crease and in one fluid move flicked it by Hilltopper goalie MacDonald. Then, at the four-minute mark, senior midfielder Eric Libby picked up the first of a pair of scores on a feed from Davis.

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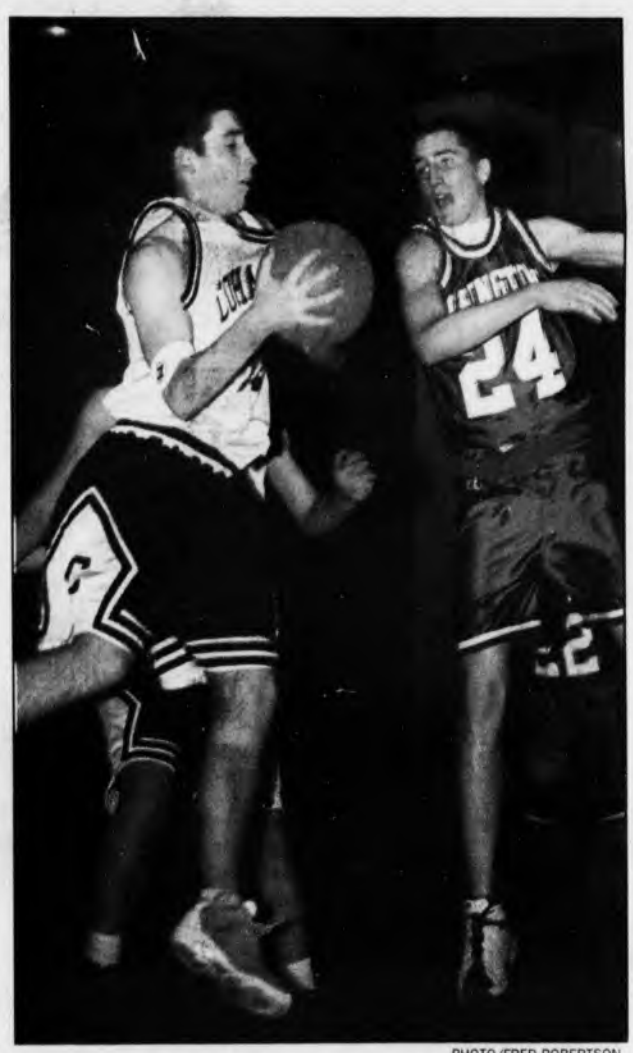
Cohasset junior Ross Lieb-Lappen goes to the backhand in one of the few outdoor practices the team was able to hold last week.



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Cohasset High point guard Matt Bilodeau (left), who played most of this past season with a broken bone in his foot, was a near miss for our All-Scholastic boys basketball, as was teammate Pete Maitland. Both, however, were awarded Honorable Mentions for the team (see page16).

The long and short of things

Girls tennis team eyes monster campaign, while boys rebuild on the fly

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

A message to the rest of the South Shore League: watch out for the Cohasset girls tennis team.

While the boys are undergoing a complete reconstruction of the team after last year's graduation left 2002s squad depleted, the girls appear to stand poised for one of the best seasons a Cohasset sport has seen in quite some time.

After beating Norwell late in the season for a share of the SSL title, the girls team lost only Ari Afshar to graduation, and gained some serious freshman firepower. Having made the tournament every year during coach Sarah Meehan's 11-year tenure, the Lady Skippers have their sights set on something more.

"With all the motivation and skill we have on this team, we are certainly aiming high," confessed junior captain Lindsay Grossman, a two-time South Shore League All-Star and All-Scholastic athlete who will likely assume the number one position after compiling a 29-1 record the past two years at first and second singles. She went undefeated in league play last year, beating heavy hitting Norwell junior Sarah Bitetti twice, and losing only to Bourne's temperamental phenom, the ace of a team that went on to win the South Sectionals.

With all the motivation and skill we have on this team, we are certainly aiming high."
Cohasset girls top singles player Lindsay Grossman

Because inclement weather has severely restricted practice time over the past two weeks, neither team has come close to setting their line-ups. The girls team, though, can truly claim having at least six players who would be the number one on many other teams in the area.

Freshmen Elizabeth Stone and Kate Englander provide exceptionally strong play, as both are ranked regionally for singles. Stone was one of five New England ladies in her age group to go to Zonals, a national competition for the country's top players, and Englander has developed a fearsome power game rarely seen in women's high school tennis.

Junior Julie Shea, voted an All-Star last Spring after a very impressive campaign at second singles, may move to doubles this year as she recovers from a knee injury she suffered this past Fall. Shea could very well combine with Englander for a frightening doubles team.

Sophomores Holly Graham and Emily Sullivan have both developed their games. Either would have a legitimate shot at going undefeated at third singles, or teaming up for second doubles once the playoffs start.

Senior captain Kelly Stone, who has picked up invaluable doubles points the last few seasons, provides great experience for the young team.

"Our team has incredible depth," observed Grossman, "creating

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Cohasset Race-by-the-Sea Sunday

By Mike Spellman
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The 26th Cohasset Road Race-by-the-Sea will be run this Sunday, with the start scheduled for 1 p.m..

This scenic 10-K run has clearly become one of New England's favorites in recent years, the course taking runners past long stretches of Cohasset's beautiful shorelines.

The race starts near the town common on Highland Ave, moves to Elm Street, then to Atlantic Ave., to the coastal end of Jerusalem Road, to Forest Ave., to North Main Street and, finally, back to the Common for the finish.

More than 600 runners participated in last year's April 1 race, a raw and blustery day that saw Kingston's John Noland win for the second consecutive year with a time of 32:47, and improvement of 25 seconds off his 2000 race time. Cohasset's own Dyan Young won the women's race with a time of 43:13.

The all-time male race record is held by Boston's John Kesstinger, his 1980 time of 29:30 still standing as the mark to beat 22 years later.

Cohasset's own Sarah Linsley, who won the female race in its first seven years, owns the women's record with her 1983 time of 33:25.

There is also a 5k walk that starts at 10 a.m..

Run and walk registration fee is $18.00.

The race is listed on the "Cool Running" Web site calendar (www.coolrunning.com). Information can also be obtained on the race Website www.cohassetroadracebythesea.com. This is a USATF - NE sanctioned race.

Applications are in the back of the Rotary Telephone Book for Cohasset. Runners can also register on the Web site. Applications are available at Curtis Liquors, Nobles, Cohasset Good Sport and other locations at the end of February beginning of March.

Once again, the Cohasset Rotary Club will sponsor the race, with proceeds going to a Rotary scholar-

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8th-grade hoopsters fall just short in three-peat bid

Cohasset eighth-grade girls basketball team narrowly missed winning its third straight Old Colony League title Saturday, losing to Duxbury in overtime 28-24.

Cohasset was down by nine points at halftime and by 12 midway through the third quarter. The team then switched to a man-to-man defensive coverage and went on 12-0 run to tie the game and force overtime.

With 23 seconds left in regulation, Chelsea Grossman made a 12-foot jump shot and was fouled. This brought the team to within two points. Grossman missed the free throw, but Mia Lieb-Lappen followed up the shot, grabbing a big rebound and scored immediately to tie the game. There were 10 seconds left and Duxbury was unable to score.

In overtime, the Skippers had little left and Duxbury scored two quick baskets to take the win.

Five players scored for Cohasset. In addition to Lieb-Lappen and Grossman, Jenn Dinger, Caitlin James and Lisa Musto all made big baskets down the stretch.

Callie Ernst and Lisa Musto did an excellent job contending with the big Duxbury centers and forwards for rebounds.

Aly Belz and Katrina Reardon's defense was a major reason the Skippers stayed in the game. They were both instrumental in forcing many turnovers and giving the Skippers additional chances.

The Cohasset girls have played in the Old Colony League for three years. They won the title in the sixth and seventh grades. This year, they were seeded third behind Braintree and Duxbury.

Two weeks ago, they beat Braintree by two points. Mia Lieb-Lappen drained two free throws with 1.8 seconds left to win the game and send the Skippers to the Championship game for the third year in a row. Playing the undefeated Duxbury team, Cohasset nearly pulled off a major upset and won again.

Coaches Ed Lappen and Jeff Grossman were very proud of their team's comeback.

"They never gave up," said Grossman.

"They left it all on the court," Lappen echoed, "and I am very proud of them."

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First row: Mia Lieb-Lappen, Katrina Reardon, Chelsea Grossman and Aly Belz. Standing: Jeff Grossman (coach), Callie Ernst, Lisa Musto, Jennifer Dinger, Katie James and Ed Lappen (coach).

Mariner All-Scholastic boys basketball team

Cohasset's Bilodeau and Maitland named among area's elite

As usual, selecting a set number of players to this team was no easy task. We had an abundance of boys hoop talent in Marinerland this winter, the most evident indications of this being the successes of Norwell (20-2), Abington (18-2) and Scituate (18-2)—teams which each placed three members on our all-scholastic team.

Exceptional campaigns were also turned in by a handful of athletes from Rockland, Silver Lake, Hanover, Hingham, Cohasset and Marshfield high schools, and we've done our best to recognize those as well.

A few of the players you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" also received strong consideration for this team. However, after consulting with area coaches, players and other close observers, these are the 16 players we felt deserved to be recognized as our area's best.

Jesse McKinnell - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Scituate

Jesse McKinnell

An extremely talented player who was often at his best in big games…6-foot-5 with long arms…exceptionally intense competitor…a late bloomer who didn't even play basketball much before his freshman year…three time Patriot League All-Star… Jesse will play basketball at the collegiate level… is talking to a handful of coaches from Div. 2 collegiate programs (including St. Anselm) and a couple of smaller Div. 1 teams, such as UNH and Vermont, where he has been accepted and visited… often rose to the occasion in big games, such as the two showdowns with Patriot League arch-rival Rockland this season, finishing with a combined 58 points and 40 boards… scored 23 points and grabbed 21 boards in thrilling overtime win over Norwell in the Div. 3 semifinals…owns his own boat and works in the summer as a commercial lobsterman…an avid skier…Scituate head coach Matt Poirier: "Jesse obviously has a lot of talent, but he never would have realized that without an incredible amount of work and devotion. Jesse has come so far as player and person. He takes his emotion out in the right way now. It's a motivating tool."

Mike Barry - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Scituate

Mike Barry

This relentless banger and interior defender was also the Sailors top 3-point specialist this season…hit over 50 treys on the season, converting on better than 40 percent of his attempts…hit six 3-pointers in last month's thrilling sectional semifinals win over Norwell and finished that game with a team high 24 points… a Patriot League All-Star… also a standout football and baseball player for Scituate High…football is probably the best sport for this tight end/defensive end…a two time Patriot League All-Star in football and a Mariner All-Scholastic selection this year…has been offered at least one athletic scholarship opportunity, but is leaning heavily toward attending Northfield Mount Herman Preparatory Academy next fall in an effort to drum up more interest from college recruiters… Scituate head coach Matt Poirier: "Mike worked extremely hard to become the type of player he was this season. He's not the most vocal guy, but he was a great leader by example. He was a total team player. He rebounded hard and worked hard on the inside and was a very good team defender. He was a great help side defender."

Tom Cuddihy - Sophomore
Guard - Scituate

Tom Cuddihy

An extremely gifted athlete who gave up football in order to concentrate year round on basketball…the lefty can score from anywhere…he is deadly accurate from behind the 3-point arc as well as on pull up jumpers, but he is arguably at his best when going all the way to the basket…also a master at drawing contact on the drive and finishing the shot…led the Patriot League in scoring this season with an 18.6 points per game average…averaged 25 points per in the Sailors four post-season games, bringing his overall season average to 20 points per game…capped off his sophomore campaign with a performance for the ages, scoring 11 of his game high 30 points (to go along with a handful of assists, rebounds and steals) during a Sailors 26-6 second half run in the Div. 3 south sectional championship game, leading Scituate all the way back to tie Wareham. Unfortunately, the Sailors (with center Jesse McKinell and point guard Greg Levin having fouled out) were unable to complete the comeback… scored season high 35 points in tourney's opening round win over Norton, and 31 in second round win over Carver…Patriot League All-Star…plays AAU basketball year round for the prestigious Coastal Pops program, along with several other top area sophomores, including fellow Mariner All-Scholastic selectees Joe Coppens (Rockland) and John Mohan (Norwell)…. runs spring track for Scituate High along with senior sister Kiely, a perennial Patriot League winter and spring all-star…Tom competes in the javelin, discus and 4x100-meter relay… Scituate head coach Matt Poirier: "Tom is obviously a very good player. But, as good as he is, he could get even better. He will be a leader for us next year, and he could be a captain as a junior. But he's got to earn it. He really has some challenges ahead of him. He needs to continue to work at everything on and off the floor."

Gerry Corcoran - Junior (Capt.)
Forward - Norwell

Gerry Corcoran

Clearly one of the most physically talented players in all of Massachusetts…the athletic 6-foot-5 shooter and ballhandler extraordinaire finished eighth in the Eastern Mass scoring race this season, averaging 26 points per game…upped that to 30 points per in three state tourney games, leading the Clippers to the semifinals, where they lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Scituate despite Gerry's game high 29-point effort…helped the Clippers to a 20-2 regular season and the number one seed in the Div. 3 South Sectional Tournamnet…went over 40 points twice this season, tossing down 43 against Carver and 42 versus Cohasset…became a much more complete player this season, as he worked hard to not only vary his offensive game, but to become a better assistman, rebounder and defender…averaged close to 11 boards per game, and had several games where he notched close to double figure assists…an absolutely scintillating passer in transition…Gerry is an excellent long-range sniper, but he is at his best offensively working off the dribble and taking it strong to the hoop… closing in on the 1,600-point mark, Gerry is on a pace to easily surpass the 2,000-point career plateau and shatter Norwell High's all-time record of 1,800 (held by former teammate Dan McNamara)…three-time South Shore League All-Star…also a Boston Globe, Boston Herald and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic selection…plays AAU basketball year round in the BABC program…has already received letters from several universities with prominent Div. 1 basketball programs, including schools from the prestigious Big East, Atlantic-10 and Conference U.S.A.…Norwell coach John Willis: "We all know what a special player Gerry is, but what really impressed me this year was how he concentrated on becoming a better rounded player. He wasn't just satisfied with scoring 30 points per game. He took the rest of his game to the next level."

Bob Savoy - Senior (Capt.)
Point Guard - Norwell

Bob Savoy

Was there a faster, scrappier or better defending guard on the South Shore the last few years than Bob Savoy? Norwell coach John Willis doesn't believe so, and he had a lot of people in his corner…Bob also worked hard to become a well rounded point guard…averaged 12 points, eight assists, six rebounds and four steals per game this season for the 20-2 Clippers…was the team's sixth man as a sophomore, and moved in to the starting lineup for good as a junior… South Shore League All-Star, making him a multi-sport league all-star…the pitcher/shortstop for the NHS baseball team is a two-time SSL all-star…has also played football and golf for NHS teams, and American legion baseball…would like to continue playing baseball and/or basketball at the next level, and likely will attempt to do so if he winds up at Bentley or Trinity, two schools by which he's already been accepted…has also applied to UMass-Amherst…is leaning toward majoring in Business…Norwell coach John Willis: "Bobby is the best defender I've ever coached. He's also a total team player. The way he could drive to the basket, he was almost unstoppable. He could have scored a lot more if he wanted to, but he was the point guard and he took a lot of pride in setting up others to score. I think he had a fantastic year, and I think he should have received a lot more consideration for all-star teams than he did."

John Mohan - Sophomore
Guard - Norwell

John Mohan

This sophomore plays with a court sense that belies his age…as well-rounded a 15-year old hoopster as you're likely to find— John is an excellent ballhandler, shooter, scorer and passer…he is also a far more effective rebounder and inside player than his 5-foot-10, 155 pound frame might suggest… plays AAU basketball year round for the prestigious Coastal Pops program, along with several other top area sophomores, including fellow Mariner All-Scholastic selectees Joe Coppens (Rockland) and Tom Cuddihy (Norwell)…averaged right around 14 points per game, and proved an extremely effective second option to help free up superstar Gerry Corcoran (26 points per game) for the 20-2 Clippers…also an excellent football player, he split the starting quarterback duties this season…little brother of Steve and Mike (NHS class of 2001), also football and basketball standouts for Norwell… Norwell coach John Willis: "He sure didn't play like a sophomore. He's just got a great head on his shoulders, and that's really true when it comes to basketball. Johnny is another player who could have probably averaged 20 points a game if he wanted. He's just an extremely unselfish player who wants to do what's best for the team."

Ryan Dacey - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Silver Lake

Ryan Dacey

His value to the Lakers became most evident when he missed the final three weeks of the season with a knee injury, and his team went 1-5 to finish at 8-10, one win shy of post-season qualification…the 5-foot-11, 175 pound guard moved from his more natural point guard role to shooting guard this season to provide more scoring for the Lakers and came through big time, averaging 18.6 point per game, finishing with excellent conversion rates from the floor (55 percent), three-point land (47 percent) and free throw line (over 80 percent)…also finished second on the team in assists and steals, and was tops in charges taken with 15…named to the Old Colony League All-Star team, finishing third in the voting among OCL coaches…as good a spot up shooter as he is, Dacey is clearly at his best going strong, using his exceptional quickness and ballhandling to get in close and then his burly frame to finish…with Ryan in the starting lineup going back to his sophomore year, the Lakers went 43-11 and won two OCL championships…proved what kind of athlete he was by going out for high school football for the first time ever this fall, emerging quickly as the Lakers top receiver and earning an Old Colony League all-star berth…also played baseball as a freshman, but decided to drop that in favor of playing year-round AAU basketball…will likely play college basketball next season…is leaning toward accepting an offer from Framingham State, whose coaches have already informed him he may have a shot at the starting point guard job next winter…has also spoken with coaches from Springfield State and Suffolk… Silver Lake boys basketball coach Dick Arieta: "Ryan is a very well-rounded player, and he's one of the best north-south guards I've ever had, and I've had some good ones."

Derek Wigman - Junior
Forward - Silver Lake

Derek Wigman

Emerged from a bench role in to a star for the Lakers in his junior year to average 16 points per game and a team best 8.1 rebounds per…the 6-foot-2, 190 pound power forward possesses great hands, a soft shooting touch, superior leaping ability and one of the quickest first steps on the South Shore, all of which help him regularly school considerably larger players on the interior, as witnessed by this year's field goal rate of 57 percent…also very good at drawing contact and converting on his chances from the line (77 percent)…named to the Old Colony League All-Star team, finishing sixth in the voting among coaches… plays AAU basketball in the off-season for the South Shore Patriots…Silver Lake boys basketball coach Dick Arieta: "Derek is extremely strong and knows how to use those big shoulders. He's got a lot of tools, but I'd say his best asset is that first step. There weren't too many people who could handle that straight up."

James Smith - Senior (Capt.)
Guard/Small Forward - Abington

James Smith

A three-year starter, Smith led the talented Green Wave (19-3) squad in scoring with an average 20.1 ppg, which placed him third among the South Shore League leaders… Whether it be driving to the hoop, pulling up for a jumper, or nailing a clutch three-pointer, Smith was the clear go-to man on the Abington squad, which tied rival Norwell for the SSL title…The senior capped his career as Abington's all-time leading male scorer with 975 points…Smith led the Green Wave in minutes played and was the team's best free throw shooter with an average of 80.5…He was second in assists and steals, and also averaged 6.5 rebounds per game…Was the tourney MVP in the Green Wave Invitational and was received the team's "Morey Award" at the annual banquet…A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Smith plans to attend Rhode Island College or Cushing Academy Prep. School where he will continue his basketball career. Abington coach Don Byron: "James is a real all-around player. Defensively, he was always on our opponent's best player. He loves to play and is enthusiastic which consistently rubbed off on the other kids. He's an unselfish player and is a great teammate."

Tom McSharry - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Abington

Tom McSharry

At 6'3", McSharry was among the team's biggest threats both inside the paint and from behind the arch, helping Abington (19-3) attain a share of the South Shore League title with Norwell and an appearance in the quarterfinals of the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney… Among the Green Wave's top scorers, McSharry averaged 14.8 points per game, in addition to pulling down an average 7 rebounds per game (second on the team)…A South Shore League All-star, the senior was a 49 percent shooter from the field…McSharry received the team's "Sportsmanship Award" at the annual banquet…McSharry also made the Mariner All-Scholastic team in football last fall and is competes on the outdoor track team in the spring…In addition to athletics, McSharry is also the AHS senior class president…The captain is considering four colleges (Bridgewater State, Worcester State, Assumption, and Suffolk) where he will continue either his football or basketball career. Abington coach Don Byron: "Tom is a great athlete. He runs and jumps well. He is highly respected both by the league and at the high school. He's a very humble kid and is very coachable."

Marc Sulmonte - Senior (Capt.)
Point-Guard - Abington

Marc Sulmonte

Extremely quick and deadly on a fast-break, Sulmonte was often the guy to turn things around offensively in a game for the South Shore League co-champion Green Wave (19-3)…A two-year starter and three-year varsity player, Sulmonte was the team's leader in steals with 45…Noted by his coach as being a "terrific leader", Sulmonte was instrumental in Abington's getting to the quarterfinals of the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney…An SSL All-star, Sulmonte recently received the team's "Coach's Award" at the annual banquet…Sulmonte is making his first appearance on the All-Scholastic hoop squad, but made our soccer team last fall...Abington coach Don Byron: "Since his sophomore year, Marc has been a very important part of what we do on the court. He's very quick and can go end to end on a breakaway. He really set the pace for the team. He's a terrific leader and isn't afraid to get on kids."

Matt McDonald - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Rockland

Matt McDonald

At 6'2", 230 pounds, McDonald was the Bulldogs' big man inside the paint, leading the team in rebounds with an average nine per game… Constantly muscling his way to the hoop and up for a board, the senior was among the team's leading scorers, averaging 14 ppg…Playing on a weak ankle throughout the year, McDonald's performance this season, helped Rockland advance to its third consecutive appearance in the Div. 3 South Sectional semifinals…Was a dominating force in the final stretch and into the post-season, averaging 18 ppg and 11 boards in the last 12 games…Was also the team's second-best free throw shooter, averaging 78 percent…A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in basketball and football, McDonald was a member of the RHS 2000 Div. 3 Super Bowl champion team…The talented senior plans to attend Springfield College, where he will continue his football career. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "Matt is just so tough mentally, physically, and emotionally. He's so focused that he refuses to lose. He does whatever it takes to persevere. We won games that we had no right to win because of him. He was the pulse and the heart of this team."

Joe Coppens - Sophomore
Guard - Rockland

Joe Coppens

A rising star on the always talented Rockland squad, Coppens (6 feet, 150 pounds) had a breakout season for the Patriot League champions…Just a sophomore, Coppens led the Bulldogs in scoring with an average 16.5 ppg, which placed him second among the PL leaders…An undeniable force, particularly from behind the arch, Coppens can do just about everything…Quickly established himself as a go-to player for Rockland by scoring 30 points in an overtime win over PL rival Scituate…While his offensive skills are obviously impressive, so too was the youngster's defense…This was noted in the team's win over second-seeded neighbor Abington in the quarterfinals of the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney…Was the team's top free throw shooter, averaging 80 percent…A PL All-star, Coppens will be among the team's top returnees next season. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "Joe is one of the better shooters in the league. He plays as hard in practice as he does in games. He's focused and he values every second on the floor. He has all the attributes: intelligence, attitude, disposition. He has all his pins in place, and I know they'll stay that way."

Mike Sullivan - Junior (Capt.)
Center - Marshfield

Mike Sullivan

At 6'4", Sullivan was the go-to man on the Marshfield squad…Despite the team's struggles to adjust to the highly-competitive Old Colony League this season, Sullivan had an impressive winter campaign and emerged as one of the OCL's top players inside the paint…Sullivan was the leading scorer on the Rams squad with an average 12 ppg…The junior also led the team in rebounds with 12.5 rpg…A terror on the defensive boards, Sullivan was continually able to get things going for the team in transition…He was also consistently stayed out of foul trouble, while still playing aggressive under the basket…Sullivan's efforts this season earned him the team's MVP award…He is a member of the National Honor Society and competes on an AAU team…He will captain the MHS team again next season. Marshfield coach Ron Jamieson: "Mike always did his job. He stayed out of foul trouble, which had been a problem in the past. He didn't spend too much time off the court. He was definitely someone our opponents had to contend with."

Rob Schuler - Junior
Point-guard - Hanover

Rob Schuler

Was the driving force behind Hanover's impressive run in the Patriot League this season…The 5-foot, 5-inch point guard played in every game this season and ran the floor for the Indians squad…Quickly emerged as the team's leader and consistently had the ability to play big when Hanover needed it most…Scored 31 points in the team's season-ending win over Bishop Stang in the Abington Tourney, sinking the foul shots that gave the Indians a trip to the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney…The junior averaged 11 points per game for Hanover, was a highly consistent three-point shooter and averaged 75 percent at the free throw line…A Patriot League All-star, Schuler has already been elected a captain for next season…Also a talented soccer player, Schuler received an Honorable Mention to the All-Scholastic squad last fall. Hanover coach Mark Malloy: "He's a hard-nosed, tough kid. He hardly ever came off the floor. He ran our team as point guard and was consistently directing people to be in the right spots. He's already a great leader."

Greg Sowyrda - Senior
Forward/Guard - Hingham

Greg Sowyrda

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Sowyrda (6'4") was a shining star on the Hingham squad…A highly-talented forward, Sowyrda was the team's second-leading scorer with 12 points per game and led the team in rebounds with an average 9 per game…Whether it be muscling his way to the hoop or sinking a key jump shot, Sowyrda consistently came up big for the Harbormen…Also a solid defensive player, Sowyrda was always put on the opponent's best player…Also a talented defenseman for the HHS lacrosse team, Sowyrda helped lead the squad to a State Championship last season and was named to our Mariner lax team…The senior is considering attending college with the hopes of continuing his lacrosse career. Hingham coach Dan Clune: "He was the heart and soul of our team. Greg was a great inside player and our best defensive player. Whoever we wanted to stop on the other team is whoever he'd play."

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Cohasset's Pete Maitland (12) made a huge leap this season, going from a JV guard to a strong candidate for Mariner All-Scholastic honors before being named an Honorable Mention selection.

Honorable Mention:

Brent DiGiovanna - Soph. - Forward - Hanover
Chris Ham - Sr. - Guard - Hingham
Matt Catabia - Sr. Capt. - Guard - Marshfield
Bill Forte - Sr. Forward - Marshfield
Tim Inglis - Sr. Center - Abington
Joe Esposito - Jr. - Forward - Rockland
Matt Boyd - Sr. Capt. - Guard - Rockland
Eric Mahoney - Jr. - Guard - Rockland
Matt Bilodeau - Sr. Capt. - Guard-Cohasset
Ted Hughes - Sr. Capt. - Forward - Norwell
Greg Levin - Sr. Capt. - Guard - Scituate
Pete Maitland - Sr. - Guard - Cohasset

Flying off the block

Boys track team starts championship defense on right foot, while girls come up just short

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The defending SSL Champion Cohasset boys track team opened their season this past Tuesday with a decisive win over Norton, sending a message to the South Shore that they are in the hunt to repeat as league champs.

As is so often the case with the "larger" SSL schools, Norton was able to stack almost every event with the maximum number of competitors, putting great pressure on the minute-by-comparison Skippers.

Because the scoring awards five points to first, three to second and one to third, the Skippers need to take first in nearly every event to stay ahead of the Lancers, who piled on seconds and thirds with their roster of 50 athletes.

Senior captain Tim Baird led Cohasset in the distance events, winning the two-mile with little trouble. He then qualifyied for States with his first place run of 4:40 in the one-mile.

Junior Jared Krupczak won the 200-meters in 24.7 seconds, becoming the first Skipper other than his brother Brian (who graduated last year) to win the event in three years.

Since these were the only three individual running events the Skippers won, Norton entered the field events ahead by 11. Cohasset's strength has typically been on the track in recent years, making the deficit seem insurmountable.

But the Skippers responded to the challenge, winning every field event, and taking a second or third in addition in each.

Senior captain Pete Maitland surprised nobody in winning the javelin, qualifying for States with a throw of 169-feet. He also took third in the high jump behind first place finisher, senior teammate Liam Martin.

Juniors Ian Kidder and Krupczak won the triple jump and long jump, respectively, with Baird taking second place in both events.

Senior captain Steve Laney took five points in the discus with a winning throw of 117 feet, and senior captain Jason Brown took the top spot in the shot put.

The Skippers entered the relays with a sizable lead, and sealed the meet with a win in the 4x100-meter relay, the team of Kidder, Krupczak, Laney and Brown taking eight points in the 76-58 win.

The girls track team performed very well in their season opener against the Lady Lancers, but were taken down by the larger and more experienced visitors.

The girls track team, which features no seniors and only two juniors, has myriad underclassmen that are primed to make this team very competitive in the coming years.

Junior captain Maura O'Brien won the discus with a toss of 74 feet, and qualified for states with a 5-feet high jump effort that took second. O'Brien also took third in the 100 hurdles and second in the 300 hurdles despite falling over the third hurdle.

But the Skippers responded to the challenge, winning every field event, and taking a second or third in addition in each.

Sophomore captain Jen Buckley won the mile with a time of 6:01, and the javelin with an impressive throw of 88'9".

Buckley's sophomore co-captain Gillian Weber won the 800-meters with a time of 2:42, and took third place in the triple jump.

Sophomore Shelley Carter finished just ahead of Weber in the triple jump, taking second, and also won the 100-meter hurdles.

Freshman Nicole Whitney made a great varsity debut by winning the 400-meters and combining with sophomore Leah McMorris and freshmen Mary Silvia and Lindsey Kennedy to win the 4x400 relay.

While the Cohasset girls are eyeing a steady climb through the South Shore League ranks, the boys are hoping to compete for another league title this Spring.

SSL newcomer Mashpee won the team States last year, and Carver and Abington appear just as loaded as they were last year.

If the first meet was any indication, the boys should be right in the thick of what is shaping up to be tight and exciting race to the top.

Girls tennis team eyes monster campaign

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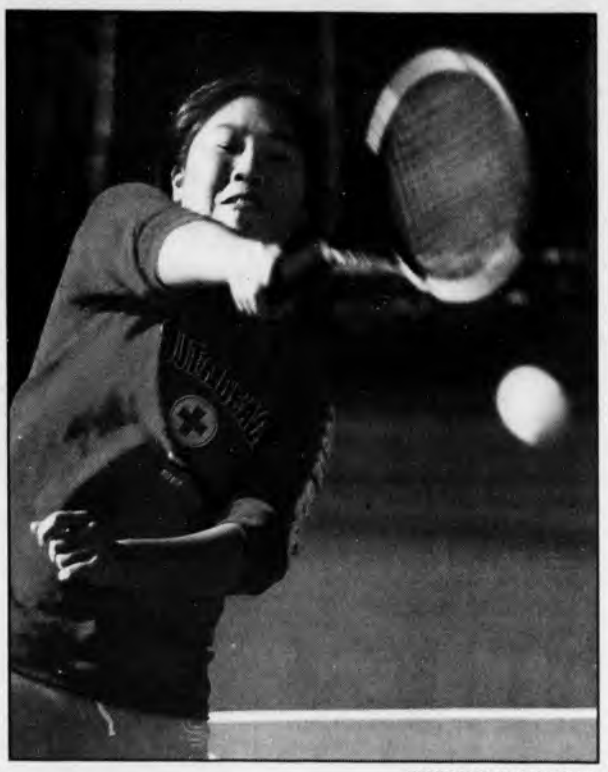
comfortable flexibility among the positions."

On the boys side, five of the top seven on last year's team are no longer in the picture due either to graduation or opting for another sport.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset junior Holly Graham is one of several players jockeying for positioning on loaded girls tennis team.

Fortunately for the program, the two remaining veterans from last year's team— junior captain David Ingber and sophomore Jesse Brewer— have helped recruit a sizable roster, including other sport converts.

Ingber, an SSL All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic player from a year ago, will likely move away from first doubles this year, as his partner Jeff Scribner graduated.

"Our team has incredible depth, creating comfortable flexibility among the positions."
Junior captain Lindsay Grossman

Brewer gained valuable experience on last year's 8-5 playoff team, starting nearly every match at either second doubles or third singles.

Newcomers for the squad include juniors Ross Lieb-Lappen and Scott Faber, both track converts. Lieb-Lappen and Faber both have experience playing tennis, but never at the varsity level. Their height and athleticism should prove very effective in rushing the net for singles or doubles.

Sophomore Tim Anton, a former baseball Skipper, has proved early on in practices he has the skills to play very competitively in the SSL, probably at singles.

Junior Bryan Bilton, and sophomores Andrew Buske and Drew Hertig round out the rookies who will be extremely important to this short-benched team, and will likely be looked upon to pick up points at third singles and second doubles.

The boys team will spend the year attempting to overcome the downsides of playing a non-established sport for a tiny high school. Yet, while newcomers make up the bulk of the squad, a core of solid eighth graders patiently wait their turn at varsity experience for the coming years. As of right now, making it back to the tournament with a .500 record would be a victory in and of itself.

For the girls, the goals are loftier, but this team seems quite capable of living up to them.

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Cohasset Race-by-the-Sea Sunday

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ship fund. In 2001, the Road Race earned those who benefit from our service $8,000. $21,000 was given in scholarships in 2001 to Cohasset High School students using race proceeds and other funds. The Cohasset Rotary has given in excess of $400,000 to Cohasset students over the past 20 years.

Organizers this year, for the first time ever, intend to use computer chips for timing, and have chosen the Winning Time Chip timing system. Numbers and chips will be available for pick-up on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and on Sunday, Race Day, the 7th, also from 9-12.

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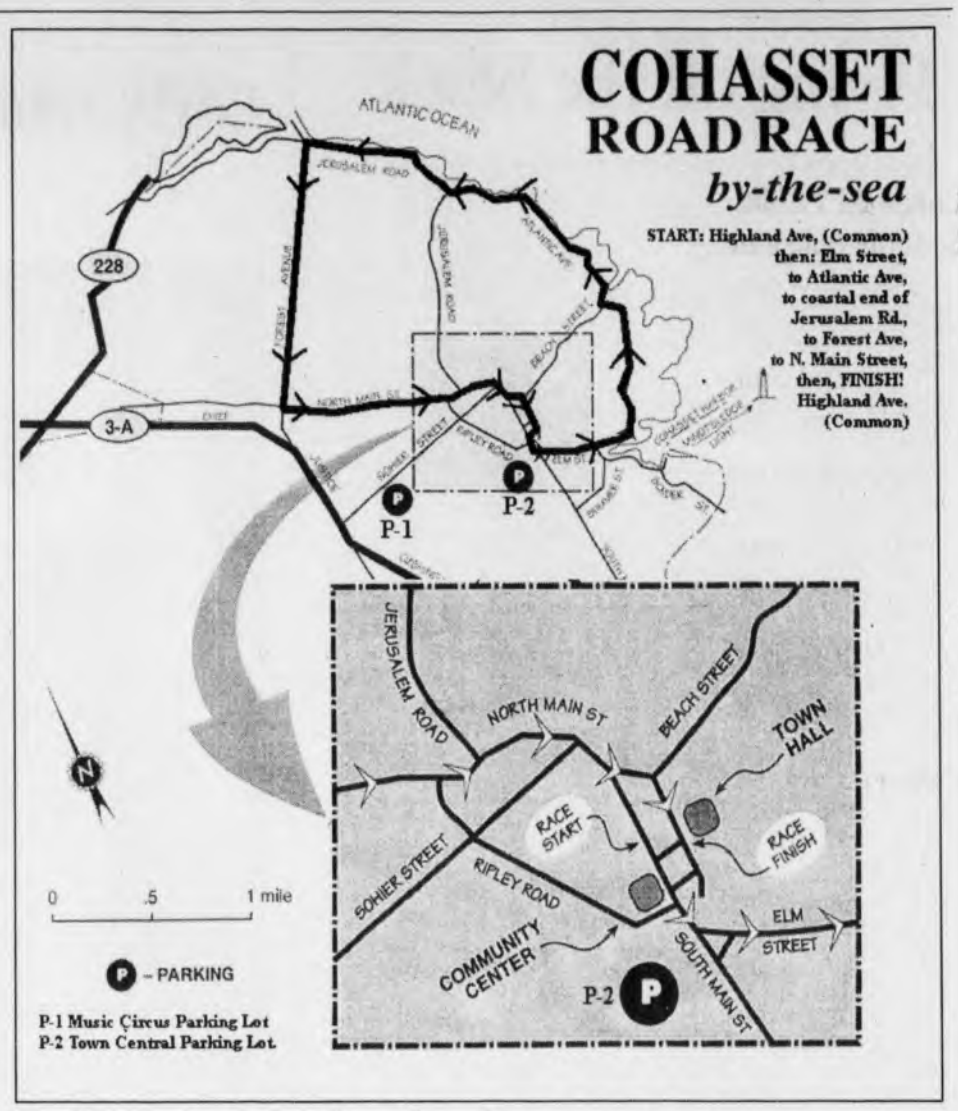
Cohasset's Dyan Young was the female winner in last year's Cohasset Race-by-the-Sea.



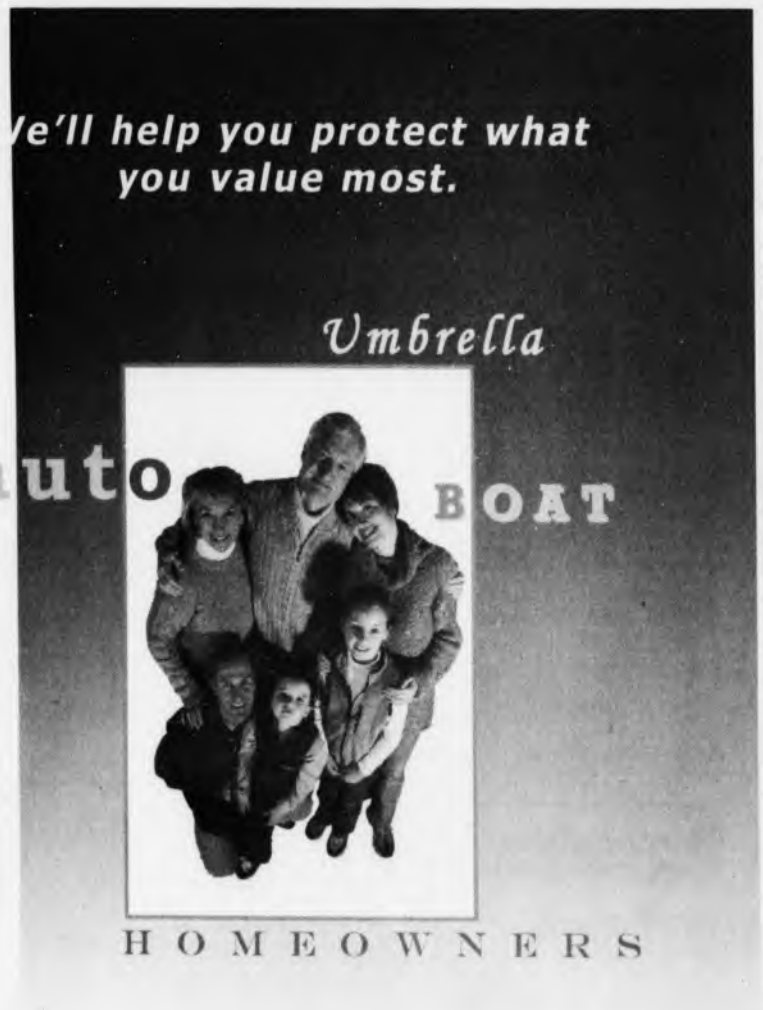
Cohasset Race by-the-Sea- past winners

MEN

1977 Mark Duggan, Reading, 32:47
1978 Bob Hodge, Cambridge, 31:56
1979 Vince Fleming, Boston, 30:02
1980 John Kessinger, Boston, 29:30
1981 Bob Hodge, Cambridge, 30:05
1982 David Ezersky, Sandwich, 31:08
1983 Bart Petracca, Quincy, 30:03
1984 Bart Petracca, Quincy, 30:20
1985 Bob Hodge, Cambridge, 29:55
1986 Michael Capper, Liverpool, England, 30:29
1987 Tom Cash, Braintree, 31:41
1988 John Fitzgerald, Brighton, 31:11
1989 George Hitt, Milton, 32:12
1990 Randy Thomas, Medway, 30:34
1991 Dave Vona, Newton, 32:14
1992 Merrick Jones, Hyde Park, 31:48
1993 Edward Sheehan, Somerville, 31:47
1994 Bob Chasen, Weymouth, 33:23
1995 Stephen Warren, Sharon, 32:45
1996 Arthur Sorrell, Laconia, N.H., 32:15
1997 Melvin Gonsalves, Randolph, 32:40
1998 Thomas Lynch, Charlestown, 32:53
1999 Melvin Gonsalves, Randolph, 32:40
2000 John Noland, Kingston, 33:12
2001 John Noland, Kingston, 32:47

WOMEN

1979 Sarah Linsley, Cohasset, 35:29
1980 Sarah Linsley, Cohasset, 35:42
1981 Sarah Linsley, Cohasset, 36:24
1982 Sarah Linsley, Cohasset, 35:29
1983 Sarah Linsley, Cohasset, 33:25
1984 Sarah Linsley, Cohasset, 34:50
1985 Sarah Linsley, Cohasset, 35:49
1986 Liz McElhinny, Scituate, 34:54
1987 Sheila Barry, Milton, 36:33
1988 Liz Miller, Peru, Vt., 35:08
1989 Sheila Barry, Milton, 38:27
1990 Lori Johnson, Weymouth, 36:00
1991 Lori Johnson, Harwichport, 40:07
1992 Wiley Fulham, Wellesley, 36:08
1993 Michelle Bociek, Concord, N.H., 37:52
1994 Courtney DeFrancesco, Cohasset, 38:18
1995 Colleen Ellis, Scituate, 38:32
1996 Sarah Nixon, Medfield, 38:41
1997 Sarah Nixon, Medfield, 36:39
1998 Mary Lynn Currier, Plymouth, 34:24
1999 Katherine Merra, Hingham, 40:27
2000 Katie Payson, Jamaica Plain, 39:28
2001 Dyan Young, Cohasset, 43:13



SPORTS NOTES

Signups for Youth football/cheerleading set for Sunday

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2002 fall season on Sunday, April 7, 2002, from 9 am to 12 pm at the Store-It storage facility next to the Driftway tennis center on Old Driftway in Scituate.

Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1. Any players not signed up on April 7 will not be guaranteed a position on a team. Anyone not able to attend this signup should call Joe Obert at (781) 545-0854.

Any other football questions can also be directed to Joe Obert. Those with cheerleading questions should call Lorie Neil at (781) 545-4526

Registration fees: football $145.00, cheerleading $95.00.

*maximum charge per family is $290.00

minimum age: must be 8 by 12/31/02

maximum age: cannot turn 15 in 2002

First year players and players who did not play last year must bring a copy of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file.

Cohasset Youth Lax is ready to go

The boys and girls youth lacrosse program is set to begin their Spring 2002 season after recently completing several indoor pre-season practice sessions at the Canton SportsPlex. This year our program has expanded significantly with over 180 boys and girls participating. In the boys program, we have 2 teams in both the Under 10 and Under 12 age levels and single team in the Under 14 level. This year we have also launched a girls youth program with a team at both the Under 12 and Under 14 age groups. All of the teams will be playing an 8 – 12 game season hosting and traveling to other towns in the South Shore region including Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket as well as perennial favorites Scituate, Duxbury, and Marshfield. The season kicks off on Sunday April 7th and we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy a great day of fun watching the ***"fastest game on foot"***. Home games are played at Miliken Field on most Sunday afternoons. For complete schedules and field directions, please visit our website at *www.cohaassetlacrosse.com.*

Youth Soccer season kicks off Saturday

The Cohasset Youth Soccer Spring season begins Saturday, April 6, and runs through Saturday, June 1.

Please direct all questions to the coordinators or your fall coaches.

5th/6th grade - Coordinators:
Joe Coggins / girls 383-0416
Dee Davis / boys 383-2766

K-4th Schedule and Coordinators:
Girls 3/4th 12:15 - 1:45 Andrew Quigley 383-9795
Boys 3/4th 11:30 - 1:00 Jim Porter 3-2029
Girls K 10:45 - 12:15 Kevin Crough 3-1117
Boys K 10:00 - 11:30 Andrew Quigley 3-9795
Girls 1/2nd 9:15 - 10:45 Michelle Cayer 3-0212 - Cell 508-243-8006
Boys 1/2nd 8:30 - 10:00 Wallace St.John 3-2552

Moore, Weber, Kahn pace laxers

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"That sequence was one of the few sustained periods of good play we had today," said head coach Kevin Orcutt. "Hopkinton is the best Tri-Valley team we've ever seen, and this was as much adversity as I'd ever want to face in an opener, but we weren't sharp."

Hopkinton, on Lysik's third goal, tied the game 17 seconds before halftime. But the third quarter was all Cohasset's, as they shut out the Hillers and got goals from Libby and Kahn to give themselves another two-goal lead.

"We got good play in the third from two newcomers," said Orcutt. "Junior midfielder John Durkin was a force all day with his defensive commitment, his clears and his speed. And senior defenseman Chris Caron, who hadn't played since, what, fifth grade, was aggressive and steady, as if he'd been doing this his entire high school career."

The Hilltoppers, again led by Lysik, made another run in the fourth period, and tied the game at 7-all with two minutes to play. A flurry of turnovers and penalties sent both into overtime, setting the scene for the Kahn-to-Moore finale.

"It would have been a long, long bus ride if we'd lost," said Orcutt, "but I hope no one on this team takes too much satisfaction from our play. With Norwell and Milton Academy on the horizon, we have to get smarter and better."

The Skippers were scheduled to travel to Norwell today (Thursday) for their Pilgrim League opener, then to go to Milton Academy for a non-league contest on Saturday at 11 am. Cohasset will host Scituate on Tuesday, April 9 in their 2002 home opener.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cohasset Public Schools lunch menu

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Breakfast for lunch, pancakes with maple syrup, ham patty, potato puffs, fruit.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Grilled hot dog on a bun, or tuna salad sandwich, baked beans, pudding.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Pasta with meatsauce, garlic bread or chef salad, pears.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Chicken nuggets or egg salad pocket, mashed potato, corn, cookie.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni, or fish filet on a bun, vegetable sticks, Jello.

College expo

The Social Service League of Cohasset and the Guidance Department are presenting a College Info Expo Tuesday, April 9, at 9 a.m. in the Cohasset High School auditorium for all sophomore and junior students and their parents. Guidance counselors or parents of children from other schools are welcome to attend.

Representatives from Boston University, Boston College and University of Massachusetts will comprise a panel of speakers to discuss how the college application and admission process works. There will be a question and answer period following the presentations.

For more information, call 781-383-0771.

CHS honor roll

The following is the honor roll for the second quarter:

SENIORS

High Honors

Charlie Anderson, Courtney Anton, Connor Avery, Timothy Baird, Matthew Bilodeau, Nicolas Bolster, David Bouchard, Jason Brown, Caroline Carter, Kevin Chang, Abigail Coakley, Shane Dewar, Cara Foley, Jeffrey Garber, Emma Gardner, Jacqueline Goines, Katharine Grimm, John Hussey, Stephen Laney, Mark Lehmann, Daniel Littauer, Suzanne Lynner, Liam Martin, Megan McCain, Samantha Mortland, Robinson Murphy, Matthew Ogrodnik, Robert Protulis, Rebecca Ross, Alexander Schmidt, Kelly Stone, Corey Sullivan, Amanda Watts and Kyle Weber.

Honors

James Bertovich, Christopher Caron, David DeVito, Brendan Fludder, Vincent Gratta, Silvia Katharine, Peter Maitland, Jari Martin, William McArthur, William Moody, Maggie O'Neil, Mary Parker, Paul Previte, Jessica Stevermer, Timothy Straughn and Peter Whoriskey.

JUNIORS

High Honors

Anne Barber, Deirdre Bigley, Cosimo Cambi, Mark Chapman, Katherine Coyne, David Curry, Emily Dean, Scott Faber, Laura Genello, Sarah Hassan, Kelly Holway, David Ingber, Ross Lieb-Lappen, Allison Moje, Nicole Needle, Shan Shan Nie, Gregory O'Connell, Elizabeth Reynolds, Christina Sadler, Julie Shea and Kimberly Ulmer.

Honors

Yasmine Afshar, Meredith Bixby, Sarah Brady, Nell Brewer, Alexis Bugley, Megan Chastain, Sera Genovese, Lindsay Grossman, Terence Hurley, Ian Kidder, Julie Lordan, Amanda Maynard, Matthew O'Brien, Rachel Smith, Nick Spirito and Shawna Sullivan.

SOPHOMORES

High Honors

Erik Belz, Christopher Bilodeau, Andrew Busk, Sean Connolly, Jonathan Downing, Rachel Doyle, Allison Earon, Tess Foley, Jessie Guild, Elizabeth Meikleham, Andrew Musto, Brittany Novak and Daniel Tarpey.

Honors

John Andrade, Jefferson Barrett, Jake Berger, Jennifer Buckley, Robert Carpenter, Shelley Carter, Michael Devine, Nicole Durant, Ashley Faber, Caitlin Gontarz, Andrew Hertig, Kathleen Hurley, Elisa Ninde-Jerome, Sarah Noble, Andrew O'Keeffe, Danielle Pinkus, Julia Scribner, Emily Simmons, Phillip Strazzulla, Carling Sturino and Gillian Weber.

FRESHMEN

High Honors

Jack Carroll, Cecelia Chapman, Elizabeth Condos, Jeannette Daley, John DeWaal, Katherine Englander, Rachel Garber, Jonathan Grimm, Adam Haracz, Lindsey Kennedy, Miranda Lanzillotti, Toby Norman, Molly Ogrodnik, Thomas Ross, Mary Silvia, Elizabeth Stone and Domenic Strazzulla.

Honors

Casey Anderson, Domenique Asnault, Alice Bellone, Jacqueline Blake, Peter Bunstein, Allison Dean, James DeGiacomo, John DeWaal, Joseph Durkin, Alison Fludder, Lucy Gardner, Danielle Hajjar, Andrew Jerz, Molly Kirk, Jonathan Littauer, Jennifer Murray, Colin Regan, Lauren Rizzotti and Christina St. Pierre.

CMHS honor roll

The following is the honor roll for the second quarter:

GRADE 8

High Honors

Brooke Allen, Kelsey Bell, Amanda Faulkner, Jacqueline Flint, Aileen Fortunato, Emily Nash, Caitlin O'Connell, Christopher Ofshun, Christopher Reynolds, Nils Sceery, Charlotte Sida and Jessica Wheelwright.

Honors

Aidan Buick, Prescott Busk, Rita Carpenter, Melissa Crawford, Susan Curry, Nicole Dugan, Zachary Etkind, Kathryn Evans, Marissa Evans, Matthew Fithian, Victoria Gavaza, Chelsea Grossman, Kaitlin James, John Keniley, Alison Krupczak, Sam Kusek, Remy Lee, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Kate McBride, Daniel McCarthy, Carolyn Muir, Lisa Musto, Vanessa Plante, Cassie Rosano, Emily Savage, John Schiepers, Kristen Schwerin, Emilie Shea, Brandon Smith, Lisa Spirito, Ellen Tarpey, Molly Trahon, Molly Trisler, Emma Weston and Katherine Whoriskey.

GRADE 7

High Honors

Kevin Barber, Austin Breslow, Laura Campedelli, Emily Coggins, Brent Daly, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Donald Dickinson, Elizabeth Englander, Stephanie Fewsmith, Caren Garber, Alexander Hunt, Ryan Ingram, Sarah Malone, Zachary Murray, Lara Novak Charlotte Reel, Colleen Richardson, Adam Smith, Virginia Spofford, Owen Stevenson, Lauren Strazzulla, Kiersten Swain, Alida Tangherlini, Amanda Thompson and Kara Wilcox.

Honors

Christopher Ackley, Justin Alexander, Caroline Barrett, Robert Brady, Nicholas Cambi, Shalea Daly, Jared Dick, Kristen Dooley, Lindsay Durkin, Meredith Evans, Corbin Faber, Patrick Flynn, Molly Gallagher, Aisling Guinee, Haley Haracz, Robert Hertig, Caitlin Hurley, Ryan Kucinski, Austen Lanzillotti, Benjamin Masotta, John McCarthy, Robert Meikleham, Charles Miller, Charles Morin, Christina Pinkus, Mary Previte, John Rohrer, Nick Sida, Robert Silvia, Fletcher Smalzel, Timothy Smith, Robert St. John, Paul St. Pierre, Roxanne Tehranian, Timothy Toomey, Caitlyn Treese, Daniel Trendowicz and Ellen Wise.

Art competition

Congressman Bill Delahunt reminds interested high school students that the deadline is fast approaching for submitting artwork in this year's congressional art competition.

The artwork is due by April 12 at Rep. Delahunt's office in Quincy or Hyannis. The categories for entries include paintings, drawings, prints, mixed media, photographs and computer graphics. The winning entry will be shipped to Washington, DC to be displayed for a full year in the US Capitol. In addition, the student whose work is selected to represent southeastern Massachusetts will be offered $12,000 scholarship from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia.

The judges are Betsy Bennett, a Harwich artist and former instructor at the Cape Cod Art Association; Nancy Colella of Norwell, a painter and art coordinator of the James Library and Center for the Arts gallery in Norwell; and Mike Sleeper, landscape and portrait photographer from Marshfield.

More information about the contest and contest guidelines are available from Rep. Delahunt's office, toll-free, at 800-794-9911. Details are also posted on his congressional website at **www.house.gov/delahunt/artcomp.htm.**

Can you help with post-prom party?

The Post Prom Decorating Committee is well underway and is very excited about this year's event that will have a great theme. The committee is are looking for more people to help with some of the projects and is also looking for a few items to borrow on June 1 for example, oriental rugs, ornate chandeliers, and a large counter for stools. Please do not offer anything valuable. If you can help in any way, please call Mary Sullivan at 383-6666. The next decorating meeting will be April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

IT'S HAPPENING

Community Center classes, Kitchen Tour

The South Shore Community Centers Sixth Annual Kitchen Tour will be Friday, April 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The center sponsors homes with fantastic kitchens and will be offering a variety of foods from local caterers at each home. Limited number of tickets available. Tickets on sale $25.

Free Play - April 12, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. $9 at door, siblings $2. Come and play on tot size equipment.

For Our Tots - April 22, 9 to 10:15 a.m. for 5 weeks. $45M/$50NM Ages 2 to 4 accompanied by a parent. Moms and caretakers will play along with children using the gym for 30 minutes followed by songs, crafts, music, story time, snack and more.

Cooking Science and Nature - April 22, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. for six weeks. or May 3, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for 5 weeks. ages 3 to 5.

Vacation Camp - April 16, 17, 18, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $82M/$84NM. Bring a lunch and snack. Games crafts, stories, and more. Ages 3 to 5.

Vacation Gym/Sports camp for boys and girls - April 17, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $28. Bring a snack and lunch. Join us for a fun filled day of gymnastics, sports, bowling, crafts, and more.

Ballet Exercises for Adults - April 24, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. eight weeks.

Roses in the Landscapes - April 18, 6:45 to 9 p.m. $20M/$22NM.

Spring Tastes Menu to be held in the barn kitchen at the Red Lion Inn with Chef Robert Fatham. April 15, from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. $65. Call center for menu details.

Brunch Buffet with Lorraine Bachman of Tosca's Restaurant and On the Rocks Catering, April 23, 6:45 to 9 p.m. $50M/$55NM.

Pediatric CPR - April 24 and 25, from 7 to 10 p.m. $50M/$55NM.

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Kids helping kids

Seniors work with fourth-graders

Right, Deer Hill schoolteacher Lauren Paquin, who is on maternity leave, stopped by the class that day to show off her new baby girl, Aiden. Her class is being taught by Nicole Santoro.

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Senior Jason Brown, center, discusses a project with Deer Hill fourth-grader John Maher. Enrico Teruzzi and Chris Caron are at left.

CHS senior Katie Sylvia works with fourth-grader Dominique Rioux at Deer Hill. The program that brings the students together was run by teachers Nancy Hanson and Nicole Santoro.

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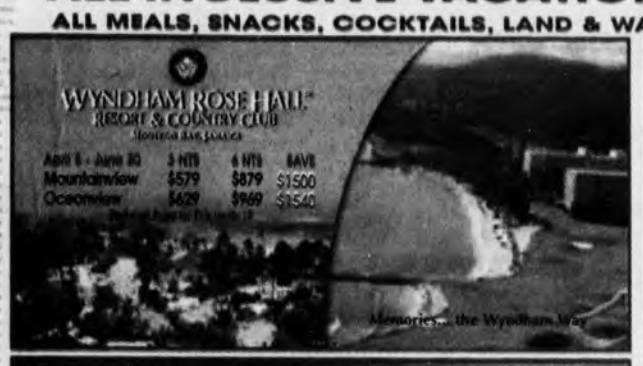

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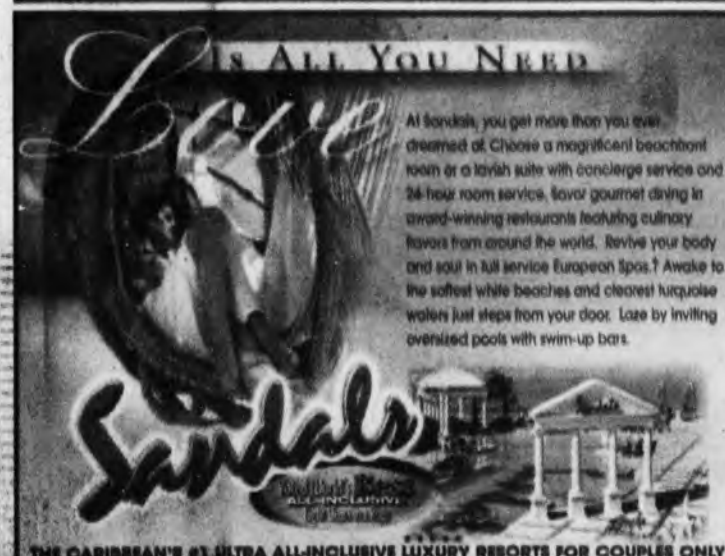

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Friends and colleagues of Mary Babaian, who succumbed to cancer last July — a year after she retired from the Cohasset school system, are establishing a memorial fund in her honor. Babaian served as a guidance counselor, teacher and coach over the years.

For more information on the memorial call Barbara Mahar at 508-362-4492.

A decision regarding the actual memorial in Babaian's memory will depend on the contributions.

Checks payable to the Mary A. Babaian Memorial Fund should be sent in care of Helen Sullivan, CSJ, 667 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135.

Members of the committee include, Steve and Miriam Hart, Mary Abbruzzese, Mary DiPerna, Barbara Mahar, Marcia Salmon, Helen Sullivan, Kathy Therberge and Sharon Tufts.

Legal Notices

ZBA/LOT 2 BEACH ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon., April 22, 2002 **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12.2.3 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Bruce Herzfelder,** is aggrieved by the Bldg. Inspector's inaction (11.2) concerning **Lot 2 Beach St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-04-01.

AD#822618
Cohasset Mariner 4/4, 4/11/02

ZBA/457 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon., April 22, 2002 **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Barbara A. Chase, seeks to construct an addition at **457 Jerusalem Rd.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-03-29.

AD#822770
Cohasset Mariner 4/4, 4/11/02

ZBA/275 CEDAR ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held the **Town Hall** on Monday, April 22, 2002 at **7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7a/b and Variance 5.3.1, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Peter and Jackie Vitello, seek to extend a nonconforming structure at **275 Cedar St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-03-15.

AD#819524
Cohasset Mariner 4/4, 4/11/02

ZBA/95 ELM ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held the **Town Hall** on Monday, April 22, 2002 at **7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 4.2 & 9.7, a Variance pursuant to 5.3.1, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Thomas A. & Christine A. Fogarty** seek to construct a single-family dwelling at **95 Elm St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-03-26.

AD#819526
Cohasset Mariner 4/4, 4/11/02

OBITUARIES

Harry S. Jason

Harry S. Jason, 86, of Cohasset, a longtime construction foreman, died March 30, 2002, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a brief illness.

Mr. Jason worked for Alan Wheeler Construction Co. for more than 50 years.

He was a former amateur boxer and taught boxing at the Cohasset Youth Center for several years.

He was born in Cohasset and was a life-long resident. He graduated from Quincy Trade School.

Mr. Jason leaves his wife of 63 years, Alice M. (Souza) Jason. He was the father of the late Harry Jason Jr.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the Home for Little Wanderers, 161 South Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain 02130.

Frank Infusino

Frank Infusino, 85, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died on March 28, at his home after a long illness.

Mr. Infusino was born in Cohasset and for many years worked at the Cohasset Golf Club, retiring five years ago.

He leaves his wife, Vera (Tibbetts) Infusino of Cohasset and two daughters; Nancy Galvin of Norwood and Dorothy Andrade of Cohasset. two brothers of Charles and Albert Infusino both of Cohasset; one sister, Frances Calvi of Hingham; six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late James Infusino, the late John Infusino and the late Mary Moore

A funeral mass was celebrated on April 2, at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Hospice of the South Shore, P.0. Box 859060, Braintree, MA 02185-9060.

Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements by the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham.

Memorial service for Sheldon Ripley

A memorial celebration to honor Sheldon Ripley will be held on Saturday, April 20 at the First Parish Unitarian Church on the common. Sheldon passed away on Jan. 23. He was raised in Cohasset and lived there for many years before he and his wife Denise retired to Cape Cod in 1990. Friends are invited to join Ripley relatives in this celebration.

WORSHIP NEWS

Respect for Life sponsors devotion

Families are invited to pray the rosary for respect for life on Friday, April 5 at 3:15 p.m. at St. Anthony Church. The Respect Life Committee will regularly sponsor this devotion each First Friday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

In addition, the First Friday services include: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from noon to 4:45 p.m., Benediction at 4:45 p.m. and Mass at 5 p.m. Also, the Respect Life Committee sponsors a rosary for life every Friday morning following the 7 a.m. Mass.

Food will be collected after all Masses this weekend, April 6 and 7, for the Cohasset Food Pantry. The pantry is located at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset Village; St. Anthony's collects non-perishable food for the pantry on the first weekend of each month.

Also, the youth ministry will serve luncheons at Fr. Bill's Shelter in Quincy on April 21, and every third Sunday of the month during 2002. To assist in preparing food or serving at the homeless shelter, call Bill Coleman at 781-383-0219 x19.

Preparations are being made to run a Vacation Bible School for children in nursery school through grade five, from June 24 to 28. Adult and teen volunteers are needed; call 781-383-0630.

ADL to host seder

The Anti-Defamation League announced it will host the 7th Annual South Shore Family Interfaith Seder at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham on April 7 at 3 p.m. Rabbi Steven Karol will lead the Seder, assisted by colleagues from the Hingham-Hull Religious Leaders Association.

This year's Seder will focus on the South Shore's participation in the ADL's No Place for Hate program. Guest speaker and ADL executive director, Robert Leikand will discuss the relevance of Passover to all faiths and the significance and impact of the No Place for Hate campaign. Seder participants will have the opportunity to learn more about what local communities are doing to encourage and support tolerance and what it takes to become a certified No Place for Hate community.

"The fact that the Seder is so well attended every year by people of all faiths is one very strong example of how sharing religious practices and discussions establishes and reinforces tolerance," said Barbara Marcus, co-chairman of the ADL's South Shore Advisory Committee. "The participation of the various clergy in our area and the involvement of people of different faiths in preparing the Seder is the type of awareness and synergy we hope to achieve on a regular basis in our communities and throughout the world."

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry through programs and services that fight hate, building bridges of understanding and safeguard liberty.

Mormon conference

The annual general conference originating from Salt Lake City may be viewed live at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Gardner Street in Hingham. The hours for the conference are from 12-2 p.m. and from 4-6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7. President Gordon B. Hinckley and general authorities of the church will speak on subjects of concern to the congregation and the community.

The Tabernacle Choir may be hear Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and at times throughout the conference. The public is invited and welcome to attend any of these meetings. Regular Sunday services will be resumed the following week.

Abbey speaker

Glastonbury Abbey announces the fifth speaker in The Glastonbury Series 2001-'02 "Listening to Other Voices: Spirituality in Everyday Life."

Allan Sosei Palmer, head of the Boston City Branch of the Urasenke School of Chanoyu, assistant professor of Chanoyu and teacher at Showa Institute, Boston, will present "Spirituality and Tradition: Chanoyu, the Japanese Art of Tea," Thursday, April 4, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham.

This program is free of charge, however, donations are welcome.

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MONDAY, MARCH 25

12:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
12:20 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
1:33 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
4:04 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
4:44 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
7:01 a.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.
8:21 a.m. Windy Hill Road, fire, investigation.
10:16 a.m. Bancroft Road, fire, inspections.
10:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, inspections.
10:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.
2:49 p.m. South Main St., 209A restraining order, service.
3:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., summons service.
6:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, services rendered.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

1:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
4:23 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
6:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:03 a.m. Red Fox Lane, general disturbance.
10:16 a.m. Highland Ave., traffic complaint, investigated.
11:08 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, log entry.
3:55 p.m. Rose Hill Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.
4 p.m. Elm St., property, lost.
6:24 p.m. Howe Road, medical aid, to hospital.
6:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.
7 p.m. Brook St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
11:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.
8:05 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, to hospital.
8:31 a.m. South Main St. and Spring St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:26 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., general services, rendered.
9:59 a.m. Powers Lane, medical aid, to hospital.
11:14 a.m. Jerusalem Road, general services rendered.
12:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., summons service.
12:56 p.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted, services rendered.
4:32 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, investigated.
5:49 p.m. Sanctuary Pond Road, medical aid, to hospital.
6:07 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid, to hospital.
10:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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Lady drummers have the beat

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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The rhythm of the African drums drifted across Australia's Bondi Beach on Sunday mornings.

"Every Sunday, I would hear the African drummers. There is a fairly large African community in Australia. I would hear those drums, and I just loved the music. I kept saying to my husband, 'Some day I would like to play the drums. Some day I will take the class.' Then, for my birthday, he bought me a d'jembe, an African hand drum. 'Just do it,' he said."

STAFF PHOTOS/TOM GORMAN

Charisse Kanet, 16, drums alongside Irene Baird – founder of the group A Different Drum.

Irene Baird of Hull did just that.

The end result was A Different Drum, a nine-member band of lady drummers who have mastered a West African beat.

"I began drumming quite by accident. In 1995, we moved to Sydney because of my husband Larry's job. He is in finance, and a joint venture brought us to a lovely apartment right on Bondi Beach," Baird said.

Once she began her class, Baird practiced three or four hours each day. Soon her son Daniel, then a high school junior, began to drum.

"Daniel has a totally different taste in music, but when he heard me practicing, he asked to learn, also," Baird said.

When the Bairds returned to the United States in 1998, the beat went on. They now live in Hull.

"I just decided to keep on drumming," Baird said.

Baird also joined the No Place for Hate Committee. About two years ago, she was asked to perform at Diversity Day at Hull High School.

"Afterwards, two women came up and asked me to teach them to play. That is how the group got started," Baird said.

She now has nine students who play in the band on a regular basis, and several other women who join the group for performances.

"They are all just so wonderful We became an all-woman band by chance, and we discovered we like it that way. When we play the drum, there is no husband, no children, no job. There is no focus but the sound of hands on the drum. It becomes almost a meditation, a strengthening of mind and spirit," Baird said.

When they drum, they always sit in a circle.

"The circle of drums stands for unity. It doesn't matter who you are when you come to the drum. The color of your skin doesn't matter, your socio-economic level doesn't matter. It is very diverse, very nurturing," Baird said.

The polyrhythmic rhythm is structured.

"The underlying structure prevents chaos. We add our own voice," Baird said.

Drumming is a journey of self-expression.

"It's like discovering a voice inside that I never discovered before. It is a mind, body and spirit experience. It is so freeing, so empowering. This is the greatest thing I have ever done, besides being a mother," Baird said.

She still practices for hours each day and drums with a mentor.

"I still study myself, because it makes me a better teacher," Baird said.

Drumming has brought the Bairds closer as a family.

"My husband also drums with me. We play together quite often. We go on drumming retreats together in Maine and New Hampshire. After 34 years of marriage, we have this wonderful experience together. We have so much in common now. It is so wonderful when we can go away and drum together," Baird said.

At the request of the school, Baird has been conducting an after-school program for 32 third graders in Hull.

"I love being with children and teaching them. I am like the Nana with the drum. This is a wonderful thing for kindergarten-age children through grade 3. It is a really fun way to bring diversity to them," Baird said.

For this year's Diversity Day from 1-4 p.m., Monday, April 28, at Hull High School, 28 of Baird's young pupils will open the program. A Different Drum will be the closing performance.

The band will also play at the Relay for Cancer Race Saturday, May 18, in Cohasset.

"I try to do a lot of benefit concerts. Drumming is for community service," Baird said.

Last February, a Different Drum performed at the Heartbeat Coffee House at Union Congregational Church in Braintree.

"Everyone was quite surprised. We got up there, and all the girls played well. It makes me feel so happy inside. It is like a validation of my heart," Baird said. "Drumming has opened so many doors of joy for me."

A performance often begins with a song in African on the theme of respect for the universe and the community. Susan Hajjar Dagher of Hingham is lead singer. MaryAnne Hart of Hull is co-singer, who answers Dagher.

Other members of A Different Drum include Judeth VanHan, Charrise Kanet — at 16, the youngest member —Mikey Walker, Maureen Connolly, band manager, all of Hull; Laurie Sprague, Norwell; Christine Way, Quincy; Vandee Van Deusen, Newton; and Kalyani Devojyote, Watertown..

To learn more about drumming or A Different Drum call Baird at 781-925-4115.

A Different Drum members feel the beat.

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Poets Sheila Twyman and Len Germinara discuss their work at the Talking Information Center.

Sharing verse

Poetry program for blind added to radio station lineup

By Jerry Elsden
CORRESPONDENT

As a genre, poetry has blossomed on the South Shore in recent months. Attendance is up at poetry slams and bookstore readings. Local poets pour their hearts and souls out at venues such as the Cantab Lounge in Cambridge or the Daily Grind Coffeehouse in Bridgewater. Poets are evolving into performers first, pen-to-paper poets second. At poetry slams, audiences are critical, and respond accordingly. Fans of performance poets follow them from club to club.

Meanwhile, consider that nearly 20,000 blind and visually impaired people in Massachusetts tune in 24 hours a day to the Talking Information Center Network, familiarly known as the TIC, listening to volunteers read local and world news, book readings, obituaries, science reports, shopping guides, stock quotes, and much more.

Now add poetry to the TIC's program lineup.

Sheila Twyman is a published Scituate poet, writer and eight-year volunteer at the Marshfield TIC studio, which is a sub-carrier of WATD-FM.

"Last October, I proposed the idea of poetry readings on the air to Program Director Jeannie Richards because we had requests from listeners to provide more entertainment," she explains.

"We started with reading works from well-known poets such as Billy Collins, the 2002 national poet laureate," Twyman recalls. "Most contemporary poetry nowadays is free-verse, and not metered all that much."

Twyman has begun to invite poets whose works she has heard to record for the 10 p.m. Saturday slot, called "Egads! It's Poetry." "Egads!" is one of TIC's programs that Richards submitted to the International Association of Audio Information Services awards, to be announced in April.

Jack McCarthy of Lowell recently taped some of his poetry for the TIC. McCarthy, whose enthusiastic fans faithfully show up at his slams, started writing for performances 11 years ago at age 50 "because he had a lot of things to say" about divorce, old cars, 12-step programs.

Newton slam poet Simone Beaubien, who will embark on a several month national performance tour, also has read for TIC, as did Braintree's Dana Lipp, who's also a professional photographer.

Contemporary critics feel that the best poetry elicits the most feeling. Consider these lines excerpted from "Somerset," a tribute to W. Somerset Maugham and written by Len Germinara, a poetry slam performer who recently taped a half hour program with Twyman at the TIC studio.

Poet Len Germinara shares some verse on air.

It was October
It was not gray
Not yet
The world was mud-lucious
Wee...
shared my favorite poem
"May I feel said he"
Made old men painting garages blush...

Germinara's writings have been influenced by poets from the 40s and 50s, such as E. E. Cummings, and beat poets Richard Brautigan and Lowell native Jack Kerouac. At this taping Germinara read in a deep, soft voice excerpts from Brautigan's "Rommell Drives Deep into Egypt" holding a rare dog-eared copy. After a short, sharp, four-liner, Germinara presses the pause button, reflects a moment, hits the reset button, and airs a few comments on the poem's meaning.

"Sometimes I feel like a hopeless shill for this stuff," Germinara later says. "But there are (poetry slam) places popping up everywhere." He smiles. "You're in the car a lot. You eat fast food and sleep fast."

He reads another, "Untitled," from his forthcoming chapbook "Everything's Jake: Dawgrrul," about his black Labrador retriever.

The furnace kicks in, rumble sound that means dollars burning.
Dust bunnies stumble swoop, almost life like.
Begin their time to clean dance.
As a dog owner I can testify that it takes just over three days to accumulate enough fallen hair needed to knit another.
DNA aplenty to replicate the countenance that begs his kibble.
Drools
Seeks his favorite spot.
Some discarded blanket claimed Heinous.
He can have it!
Scratches at the door, begs to go out.
He always wants to be gone before he gets there.
Spectral, pads behind me.
Turn abrupt.
He follows suit, bounces his nose on the doorframe.
Blushing, I lead him into another.
Marvel at his persistent inability to comprehend the simple task of housecleaning

Twyman and Germinara recently participated at North River Art Society's "Art Speaks", where seven performance poets interpreted art by NRAS members. "There were more than 100

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Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

Excitement in the dark

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

Panic Room (B)

People have tried for ages to foil the bad guys by fortifying their homes — moats and battlements and the like — or tripping up intruders — some Japanese palaces had floorboards that creaked, giving warning of oncoming assassins, and electronic sensors of various sorts are legion — or constructing hidden rooms, like the "priest closets" designed to hide people of the wrong religion of the moment, or panic rooms embedded within the house to provide a safe haven.

That's where we come in, to a potentially spooky four-story brownstone in one of Manhattan's tonier districts — a rarity, a once-in-a-lifetime property, the snide realtor informs us — into which a woman and her daughter move. She is recently separated from a rich pharmaceuticals honcho who has roamed. She's saddened by their break-up, worried about her daughter, who seems tough on the outside (she also seems to be a boy for the first 10 minutes) but is likely hurting inside, and not quite sure why she needs such a cavernous mansion.

What's a movie's panic room good for if not for panic? This we get, the very first night, as robbers intrude, spookily, operating in the near-dark, as movies like this invariably do, their makers reasoning, perhaps, that what they save on illumination they can spend for publicity. The story's outline presents itself instantly to any savvy moviegoer: Heroine (Jodie Foster, up to her old trick of being a fine actress) and kid (Kristen Stewart) hurry to the panic room, the bad

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Food & dining

Roast Pork Tenderloin

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Pork tenderloin is a relatively small, tapered cut of meat, often weighing just one pound. Since it is both small and a premium cut, it lends itself to high heat cooking which is ideal for a quick supper. The question was how to roast the tenderloin so that the exterior browns nicely while the inside remains juicy and tender.

Pork tenderloins are usually sold in pairs, each one weighing from 12 to 24 ounces. I began my testing by rubbing them with olive oil, sprinkling them with salt and pepper, and roasting them in a hot oven. At 450 degrees the tenderloin cooked to an internal temperature of 145 degrees in 38 minutes. The top of the roast was visually unappealing although the meat was tender and juicy. At 475 degrees the tenderloin cooked in just about 25 minutes and the exterior was a bit more browned. At 500 degrees the tenderloin cooked in only 20 minutes (at this temperature, the roast was easy to overcook) but the pan drippings burned and the roast, once again, was still not properly browned. A lower temperature, 350 degrees, was also unproductive.

Putting aside the oven for a moment, I decided to try sautéing the tenderloin in skillet before roasting. The bad news was that the meat shrunk too much and was also less than tender. I decided to return to the 475 degree oven, the highest temperature I could use without burning the drippings. I noted that the bottom of the roast browned nicely so I decided to turn the roast in the pan after 15 minutes. Voila! Now the exterior was deeply caramelized, had lots of flavor, and the meat was tender and juicy.

Since I often brine pork, I tested this method here as well, submersing the tenderloin in a solution of 1/2 cup kosher salt to 4 cups water. The brined roast was saltier tasting than the unbrined roast and had less pork flavor. Pork tenderloin is clearly too tender and delicate for brining. I also wondered if one pork tenderloin was enough for four people. In fact, I thought that a pound of meat was a bit skimpy but since tenderloins are sold two to a package, it was easy enough to roast two at once. I tried tying them together to create a uniform roast (tenderloins are tapered towards one end so I tied them together head to toe) but this doubled the cooking time. The easiest solution was simply to roast two tenderloins together in the same pan without tying (although the tapered end can be folded back on itself and tied so it doesn't dry out).

Now I wanted to produce a quick pan sauce so I deglazed the pan with 1/3 cup white wine and, once reduced, added 1 cup chicken stock along with 1 teaspoon chopped thyme. Once that liquid was cooked down, I whisked in a tablespoon of butter and was done. You can also use a spice rub and I have included a recipe below.

ROAST PORK TENDERLOIN

Tenderloins are usually sold two per package and two of them serve 6 adults. Do not cook the tenderloin to an internal temperature higher than 145 degrees. It will quickly dry out and become tough. (For safety, the internal temperature has to reach at least 140 degrees.)

For the pork:
1 pork tenderloin weighing about one pound, rinsed and patted dry
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and freshly ground pepper

For the sauce:
1/3 cup dry white wine
1 cup low sodium or homemade chicken broth
1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
1 tablespoon butter

1. Heat oven to 475 degrees and adjust rack to the center position. Tuck the thin end of the tenderloin under the larger part and secure with kitchen twine. Rub the tenderloin with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place in a small roasting pan and into the hot oven. Cook for 15 minutes. Turn the tenderloin using tongs or a meat fork and cook for an additional 15 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 145 degrees. The time will vary slightly depending on the size of your tenderloin. Place the tenderloin on a warm plate, cover with aluminum foil and let sit for 15 minutes before slicing.

2. Place the pan over medium high heat and add the wine. Scrape any browned bits from the bottom of the pan and let the wine reduce almost completely. Add the chicken broth and the thyme and bring to a boil. Cook until syrupy and reduced by two-thirds, about 5 to 6 minutes. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper if necessary. Off heat, stir in the butter. Serve over the carved roast.

Serves 3

TWO TENDERLOIN VARIATION

If you are feeding more than three people you can easily roast a second tenderloin alongside the first. After turning the tenderloins in step one, increase the cooking time to about 20 minutes or until they have reached an internal temperature of 145 degrees.

SPICE RUB VARIATION

Omit the olive oil, salt and pepper in the above recipe. Omit the sauce. Combine the spices below and liberally apply to the tenderloin before roasting. If using two tenderloins, double the amount of the spices.

1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon brown sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Pinch cayenne

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

At 2:12 a.m. the Sagittarius moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. An ambitious Capricorn moon takes over at 6:58 a.m. Take on a full work agenda. Projects will come together easily, and you can be extremely productive. Planetary influences top the charts for launching new business enterprises, signing contracts, making major decisions. Mercury forms harmonious contacts to Neptune at 7:48 p.m. and Saturn at 9:22 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished today. The moon travels in Capricorn, generating a serious mood. You can initiate new activities, particularly relating to business or your career. Zero in on duties, responsibilities you have taken on and fulfill them. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 10:29 a.m. This moon is decreasing in light until April 12, when the new moon culminates.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

The Capricorn moon aligns with Mars at 4:59 a.m. and becomes inactive, making this a day to finish old projects, tie up loose ends. Don't start anything new until 4:07 p.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. At this time planetary influences turn around completely, and the remainder of the day rates high for work or play. This begins an excellent period for launching major enterprises. It is also the beginning of a weekend that is ideal for new adventures, social activities, partying.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Above-average planetary influences continue. If you have been thinking of starting something new, like initiating a major purchase, career move or relationship, now is the day. The moon travels in Aquarius, urging you to be open to new ideas and experiences. In addition, applying alignments of the sun, Mercury, Pluto, Venus and Jupiter impact the day, making it one of the best for new beginnings. Go for the gold. Don't be a hermit tonight. Gather with friends and let the good times roll.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

A flurry of planetary alignments affects the early morning hours. The sun and Mercury conjoin at 4:55 a.m. Mercury and the sun interact with Pluto at 6:58 a.m. and 9:12 a.m. Venus forms a harmonious 60-degree contact to Jupiter at 9:38 a.m., prompting you to kick back, relax and enjoy life. This is a wonderful day for socializing, spending quality time with friends and family. Slow down and don't take risks between 7:06-10:06 p.m., when the moon aligns with Mars.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

The Aquarius moon aligns with Uranus at 12:09 a.m. and becomes inactive. At 4:57 a.m. the moon enters Pisces, generating an easygoing mood. It may be difficult to get back to business and practical matters. Carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan, if you want to be productive. You can initiate new activities, start important projects before 8:57 p.m., when the moon forms an easy contact to expansive Jupiter.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

This day has its challenges. Take it slow and easy. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action. The moon continues to travel in Pisces. Venus forms a 90-degree alignment to Neptune, the planetary ruler of Pisces. Imagination and creativity run high, and you can be most productive developing arts and crafts, music, poetry projects. An applying alignment of Mars and Uranus urges you to use extra caution when operating machinery. Drive defensively.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

A Mars/Uranus alignment may generate stormy astrological weather in the early morning hours. Allow extra time to get where you are going. There may be unexpected setbacks or distractions. Give greater attention to accuracy, details. The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 1:31 p.m., when it aligns with Mars. At 5:40 p.m. the moon enters Aries, and the final windup to this month's new moon begins.

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Soil basics

As darkness fell on a pleasant springtime evening, I reluctantly gathered my tools and retreated from the peaceful solitude of my awakening gardens. The plaintive call of a mourning dove echoed on the still night air as if to share in my sorrow. Despite hours of raking and clipping, so much remains to be done. Welcome rainfall and moderate temperatures have brought the gardens to life creating a sense of urgency to uncover my emerging treasures and complete the garden cleanup but care must be taken not to crush tender foliage or accidentally pull up superficially rooted plants that may have heaved in recent weeks.

Earlier in the day, a pair of resident green frogs crawled out of the water garden to bask in the afternoon sun as a plump gray squirrel refreshed itself from the water's edge. A lethargic toad was upturned in the leaf litter as I raked a dense covering of debris from a shady perennial border. A little pile of damp leaves remains to provide him shelter until the temperatures warm sufficiently for him to seek a new secure spot in the garden.

Pretty primroses in shades of lavender and deep rose pink have burst into bloom joining the elegant mauve, purple and white blooms of the hellebores. The distinctive speckled leaves of lungworts (Pulmonaria spp.) have emerged with their clusters of pink and blue bell-shaped flowers just beginning to appear. A diversity of minor bulbs in pink, blue and white dot the borders and dozens of plump buds on clumps of daffodils promise glorious blooms in the day to come.

Despite our recent precipitation, low water levels are sure to have a major impact on this year's growing season. Many communities have already instituted water restrictions and unless Mother Nature produces a remarkably wet spring, our trees and shrubs, lawns and gardens may struggle to survive if we are unable to provide supplemental moisture. Proper soil preparation is critical to the survival of plants at all times but it becomes especially important during periods of extreme dampness or drought.

Soil is comprised of inorganic (mineral) components and organic (plant and animal) components. Heavy, clay soils are dense due to tiny clay particles that cling together and drain slowly, which may prevent air from reaching plant roots. This, in turn, may lead to rot during periods of dampness or during the winter months when plants are not actively growing and thereby unable to diffuse excess moisture through their leaves. Dry, sandy soils tend to contain large particles that drain rapidly demanding constant irrigation during dry spells. In addition, nutrients are quickly swept away each time plants are watered. Organic matter (decomposed plant and animal matter) gives soil its dark color and improves the texture of all soil types. The presence of organic matter provides beneficial microorganisms that convert nutrients in the organic matter to inorganic nutrients that the plant can use.

The addition of organic matter to clay soils improves drainage and airflow, which also allows the soil to warm up more rapidly in spring. When incorporated into dry, sandy soils, organic materials improve water and nutrient retention. Organic material can be added in the form of well-decomposed manure, compost, peat moss or shredded leaves.

The importance of adding organic matter to the soil cannot be overemphasized as well as the need to replenish humus through the years. Over time, even soils rich in humus initially become depleted and new sources of organic material must be worked into the soil.

To determine the mineral content of your soil, fill two-thirds of a large jar with water, add soil until almost full, shake vigorously and allow to settle for several hours. The largest, heaviest particles are sand and these quickly sink to the bottom of the jar. Silt and clay (the latter containing the smallest particles that will constitute the uppermost layer in the jar) take hours or days to settle. The ideal garden soil is called loam with 40 percent sand, 40 percent silt and 20 percent clay.

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people in the audience, all very attentive. It was like being in a church," she says of the GAR Hall in Marshfield Hills Village. Twyman credits NRAS co-entertainment chairman Linda Borrer for helping to organize the event.

When she first started recording at the TIC Twyman wore the traditional headphones, taped, listened, and taped again.

"I became very conscious about slowing down the pace of my voice," she recalls. Recently the TIC installed new technology so that a reader now can check the timbre and quality of his or her voice on a monitor while speaking into the microphone.

Hundreds of volunteers at several TIC locations statewide contribute their time on air, or provide office support and other duties. The Marshfield TIC station was part of founder Ed Perry's plan in 1978 when he started WATD-FM.

Blind and visually-impaired listeners can access the TIC via special receivers at a cost of $100, although no one who is eligible is turned away, through the use of sponsors. The TIC is also available through certain radio stations throughout the state.

Call the TIC offices at 1-800-696-9505 for details, or if you would like to become a volunteer.

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Jodie Foster tries not to panic.

Excitement in the dark

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guys make repeated efforts to get them to come out — one works for a security company and designed the panic room and knows it can't be broken into — bad things happen, folks are hurt and a miserable time is had by all, though at the end we leave singing a happy tune, sorta.

What sets this apart is its tone of ongoing danger, its adroit photography (you want a tracking shot for the books? Voila!), its clever use of the mansion as an additional character and the distinct personalities of the robbers. Dwight Yoakum plays the cold as ice guy, rational, it seems, for a while. Jared Leto plays an excitable, obsessed family member of the deceased house owner who secreted a fortune in you get one guess which room. Forest Whitaker plays the security expert who eschews violence and — this is Hollywood and he's black — is a nice crook who does the right thing in due course. The few minor roles are cleverly handled. Some plot turns are by-the-book (the girl needs medication; the thieves fall out, as in film and life they tend to; the ladies are as shrewd as the robbers) while some will surprise you. A neat balance between moments for strategizing and others of fury provide a con trapuntal tempo.

Great movies with houses encompassing evil ("Psycho" and "The Exorcist" among them) mediocre movies with bad houses ("Amityville Horror" comes into mind), and many with houses that just need script fumigation or more light bulbs (there I go again), are if not quite a genre then certainly a cinema sub-category. "Panic Room" is good, not great, but greatly pleases any who want chills and to see first-rate performers like Foster and Whitaker show how they do it.

Written by David Koepp; directed by David Fincher. Rated R

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APRIL 4 - APRIL 12, 2002

Mark your calendar

AMERICAN BABY'S BABY FAIRE is coming to the Bayside Expo Center, 200 Mt. Vernon St., Boston. April 27 and 28. This event offers expectant parents and young families about 200 exhibits showcasing the latest in child care, parenting information and services; the newest products for infants and toddlers, exciting interactive children's exhibits and free products and samples. There will be continuous children's live entertainment throughout the weekend, in addition to roving cartoon characters for children to meet. Babies can compete hourly in the Babies "R" Us Baby Derby races for the title of Boston's "fastest crawler." Adults $8, children under age 12 and grandparents free. $3 discount admission coupons available at local Babies "R" Us.

FINE ARTS CHORALE, INC. The final concert of the 36th season will be performed on May 5, at 5 p.m. at Duxbury High School, St. George St., Duxbury led by Dr. Libor, Dudas, Music Director of the Fine arts Chorale. More than 50 voices from the Duxbury area and surrounding South Shore communities, along with pianists both Dawn MacGarvey from Duxbury and Brian Moll from Boston, percussionists and professional soloists from the Boston area will perform Leonard Bernstein's Missa Brevis and Carmina Burana, by Carl Orff. $15 adults/$12 seniors/students. Handicapped accessible. for information, call 1-800-230-7555 or fineartschorale@aol.com or www.fineartschorale.org

SOUTH SHORE YMCA AT MILL POND ROAD RACE The South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond Hanover branch is hosting its first annual 5-Mile road Race, with a 1.5 mile Family fun run/Walk on Sunday, May 19. Rain or shine. The Fun/Walk will be at 9 a.m. and the road race will be at 10 a.m. The cost of the road race will be $12 pre-registration and $15 day of the race. The first 300 registered 5-mile runners will receive free t-shirts. T-shirts will also be available for purchase the day of the race. Applications are available at SS YMCA and can also be downloaded at www.ssymca.org Call Greg Shinney at 781-829-8585 ext. 228 with any questions.

THE MASSASOIT THEATRE CO., PRESENTS "THE CRUCIBLE" at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, off Rt. 27, Brockton. Thursday, Friday Saturday, April 18, 19, 20, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m.

Tickets $12 general public/$10 student and senior citizen. Call 508-4271234 for information and tickets.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MDA BLUES SHOWCASE - April 14, 4 p.m. to closing, sponsored by Music Unlimited and The Free Bird Times, The Rock, Wide World Blues, WATD 95.9 presented by Nightlife Music Co., at Ricky – T's Rte. 3A-N. Plymouth (Cordage Park) Twelve acts, nine hours, featuring The Chery Arena Band, The J Place Band, Trax with Janelle Malefronte, Voodoo Doctors, Lonesome Jukebox, Eddie & The Edsels (Reunion) Atlantic Blue, Susan E. and & Bluesliner Tall Richard's vineyard Voodoo Kings, Groove Authority, Blue Dog, Chuck Ochs with Cajun Bob Wilson, prizes, raffles, giveaways. Admission $15. Proceeds to benefit The Southeastern Massachusetts Muscular Dystrophy Association. For information call 508-747-7727.

BLUE HILL WEATHER OBSERVATORY OPEN HOUSE AND KITE FESTIVAL Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the view, fascinating history and fun activities at the oldest continuously operating weather observatory on the continent. Activities will include kite making and kite flying, self-guided tours of the Weather Observatory, rooftop viewing, easy and breezy activities for kids, weather demonstrations, exhibits and displays, summit nature walk and guest lectures. All activities at Blue Hills Weather Observatory at the summit of Great Blue Hill. The event is free with a nominal supply charge for some activities. For information call 617-696-0562 or 617-698-1802.

MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA STRIDES THROUGH PLYMOUTH ON APRIL 28 More than 200 Plymouth area residents will walk through the town on April 28 as part of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The walk begins and ends Plymouth North High School and kicks off at 10 a.m. Following the walk, participants will enjoy entertainment and refreshments. For more information call 1-800-BIG-WALK or www.marchofdimes.com

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

Thurs. 4

The Cottage Shop, 56 Fogg Road, South Weymouth, will feature black and white photographs of Paris by **Jonathan Pozniak** during the month of April. The Cottage Shop is operated by The Friends of South Shore Hospital. Shop hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Glastonbury Abbey announces the fifth speaker in The Glastonbury Series 2001-2002 Listening to Other Voices: Spirituality in everyday life. Allan Sosei Palmer, will speak on Spirituality and Tradition: Chanoyu, the Japanese Art of Tea on April 4, at 7:15 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, free of charge, donations welcome. Call for reservations at 781-749-2155.

The Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree will present Joan Reynolds "Titanic Remembered" at the Thayer Public Library at 7:30 p.m. on April 4. The slide lecture portrays the Titanic as it was intended to be remembered - as the greatest and most luxurious liner of its time, based on photographs actually taken on board the Titanic during the first leg of its ill-fated maiden voyage. Includes a look at some of the passengers and salvaged memorabilia. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-848-0405.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, Inc. will present **"Gone-A-Viking, 2002"** slide show and lecture by **Don Ritz** at 7 p.m. The museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Admission is $3 members; $5 non-members. For information call 781-925-5433.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will present Garden Visitors, a collection of photographs by well-known South Shore photographer **Vin Horrigan,** in their Vine Hall Gallery, April 1 to 27, His work includes more than a half a dozen different species of butterflies along with striking photos of some of his garden flowers. The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge, Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than a mile from the Route 3 interchange. For more information or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

The South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features paintings of South Shore Art Center artist **Patricia Isaac** until the end of April. A Rockland resident, Isaac paints a wide range of subjects including family, people, friends and "sights along the way." The Staircase Gallery is located at One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Massachusetts Audubon Society located at 2000 Main St., Marshfield, presents **Exploring the Grand Canyon in Watercolor by Wendy Hale,** April 1 through 27. The show is a collection of Hale's watercolors from her rafting trip down the Colorado River into desolated wilderness. Opening reception April 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. The center is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for the exhibit and all are welcome. Call 781-837-9400.

The Braintree Art Association member **Virginia Dolan** will display her paintings for the month of April at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Dance Kaleidoscope 2002 will be presented Thursday, April 4, at 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday April 6 and 7, at 8 p.m. in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium at Bridgewater State College. A highlight of Dance Kaleidoscope 2002 will be an authentic African dance that will be accompanied by Professor Salil Sachdev's Khakatay Drumming ensemble. Tickets are $8 for BSC community and senior citizens and $10 for general public. for information and reservations, call 508-531-1321.

Jimbo's Comedy Show, Braintree will feature **Paul D'Angelo** April 4. Also performing will be **John Joyce, Mike O'Neill, Franco Drew, T.J. Griffen, Lance Buchanan and Annette Pollack.** For reservations call 781-848-0300.

Fri. 5

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra along with guest musician, **Larry Wolfe** from the Boston Symphony Orchestra will perform a special concert to benefit Hingham Habitat for Humanity. The event will take place at the Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham Town hall on Central Street. The night will kick off with a pre-concert lecture by HSO conductor, **Jin Kim,** at 7 p.m. **Kelley Tuthill**, news reporter from Channel 5, will serve as master of ceremonies and open the concert at 8 p.m. There will be an "Awesome Items Auction" during intermission and the concert will be followed by a reception hosted by the HSO. All benefits from the concert and auction will be used to help build a Habitat home in Hingham. Tickets are $45 each ($33 of the ticket price is a tax deductible contribution to Habitat) and can be purchased at Noble's Camera Shop (Hingham Square), Hingham Public Library, The Glastonbury Abbey Bookstore, and Cards'N shards on Main Street in Cohasset or call David 781-773-1700.

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639. Friday, April 5, 12, 26 and Saturday April 6, 13, 20, 27.

The Company Theatre in Norwell invites you to experience the divinely decadent Kit Kat Club in 1930's Berlin with its spring musical extravaganza, **CABERET.** The show continues through April 7. Tickets are priced $20-$25 and are on sale now at The Company Theatre Box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787 or www.companytheatre.com

South Shore Conservatory presents pianist **Stephen Deitz** in concert April 5, at 7:30 at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. The general public is invited and admission is free. A handicapped accessible building, the Ellison Center for the Arts is located at 64 St. George St. in Duxbury. For more information call. 781-934-2731 ext. 10.

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra under the direction of **Conductor Yoichi Udagawa** will present the fourth concert of its 48th season April 5, at 8 p.m. in the

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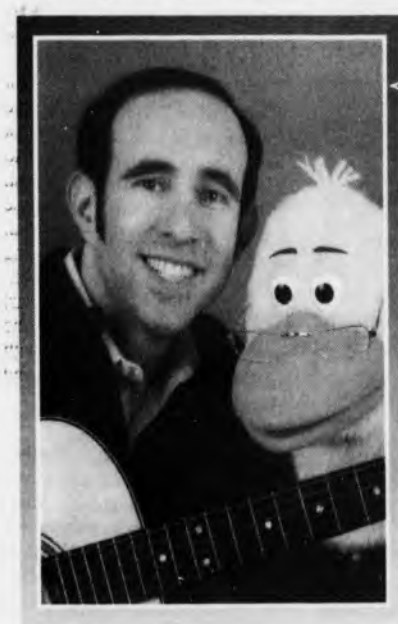
"The Walk to Nauset Beach," and "Spring Evening World's End," by Judith Mehring
The James Library and Center for the Arts presents "Come Walk With Me," an exhibit by Hingham artist Judith Mehring from April 5 through May 2. The James Library is located at 24 West Street in Norwell Center. For hours and information call (781) 659-7100.



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The South Shore Conservatory presents popular children's entertainer Rick Goldin, Sunday, April 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham Town Hall. Opening for Goldin is Ed Sorrentino with a percussion show and demonstration. Hingham Town Hall is located at 210 Central Street. Tickets are $5 an may be purchased in advance at the South Shore Conservatory, Buttonwood Books and Toys and Nobles Camera Shop in Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 23.

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Performing Arts Center of the North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock St., Quincy. Tickets $12 for adults and $8 for students and seniors, children under 12 $5. For more information call 781-961-3790.

South Shore Folk Music Club located at The Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Kingston, will feature **Stephen Fearing** on April 5. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. $10 members/$12 non-members. For further information call 781-871-1052.

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents **"Come Walk With Me"** a show of recent oil paintings by Hingham artist **Judith Mehring** to be shown during the April 5, to May 2. Opening reception open to the public on April 12, from 7 to 9 p.m.

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The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury presents pianist Shuann Chai in concert Sunday, April 7 at 4 p.m. The Art Complex Museum is located at 189 Alden Street. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

The Bay Players of Kingston presents **"Steel Magnolias"** at the Kingston Intermediate School. On April 5, 6, 12, and 13, at 8 p.m. Tickets can be reserved at 1-800-290-6825. Tickets prices are $11 for students/seniors and $13 general admission.

Sat. 6

The South Shore Conservatory presents Performathon, the school's annual student fund raising event, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Borders Books, Music and Café in Braintree. The public is invited to this admission-free showcase of performances by the conservatory's students. For more information, call 781-934-2731 ext. 14.

Yankee Barn in Kingston, home of The New Art Forum presents book artist **Marilyn Hatch** who will lead a two-day workshop on "Innovative Folding Books," April 6 and 7 - good for beginners as well as the experienced book maker. Explore making The Double Hidden Room, Hedi Kyles ' Franklin Book, and the Nifty Pocket Book and variations. For more information, call 781-585-5622.

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. The first walk of this season will be held April 6, at 1 p.m. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside St., in Milton. This is a moderate walk, with hilly terrain, three miles. Wolcott Path to Wildcat Notch and return via Halfway Path.. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

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Psychic Fair/Holistic Health Fair sponsored by Canton Spiritualist Church, will be held April 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Trinity Parish Episcopal Church, corner of 1 Blue Hill River Road and Route 138. The fair will consist of Aura Camera, Aromatherapy, Crystals, vitamins, native American, Reiki, reflexology, therapists, chiropractic, massage, crafts, yoga, vendors, acupuncture, jewelry, private tarot, psychic, medium readings, for a fee. Refreshments will be available. Rain or shine. For more information call 617-469-2568.

The Braintree Art Association Spring Art Sale featuring original paintings at affordable prices will be held April 6, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Avenue, Braintree. Call 781-335-4679 for information.

The Philomathic Club of the Winthrop Congregational Church, 16 N. Franklin St., Holbrook will sponsor an Appraisal Day on April 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The appraiser will be Joan Caddigan of Caddigan Auctioneers, Inc. of Hanover. The charge for appraisals will be $5 for one item and $10 for three items. No jewelry, coins or stamps. Bring your treasures or your trash (that might be treasure). Light refreshments will be served. For information call 781-767-0992 or 781-767-4694.

Larry Wolfe joins **Hingham Symphony Orchestra** for Masterworks II, in Hingham Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium, featuring three works: Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, Wagner's Siegfried-Idyll, and Vanhal's Concerto for Double Bass. Larry Wolfe, bassist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, joins HSO as soloist. Conductor Jin Kim will present a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. a reception follows the concert. Tickets are available at Hingham Public Library, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Scituate0s Front Street Book Shop, or call 781-740-5694 to reserve. $20 adults, $18 seniors, $10 youth through age 18.

Lesley University hosts an open house session at the Plymouth Public Library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 781-837-2933.

The Pilgrim Festival Chorus will present its 2002 spring Concert, "Rejoice in Love" at 7:30 p.m. April 6, at the church of the Pilgrimage in Plymouth's Town Square. A donation of $5 will be requested at the door.

Jan Phillips, author, photographer, musician and inspirational speaker, will return to the South Shore to lead an all-day workshop titled "From Creation to Transformation - How Our Creative Works Heal the World."

Phillips is the author of such popular works as "God Is At Eye Level" and "A Waist Is A Terrible Thing to Mind." Her all-day workshop drew a very enthusiastic crowd of participants last year. The workshop will be held on the grounds of **Glastonbury Abbey** on April 6 from 9 a.m.- to 4p.m. and will include lunch. In addition, Phillips will be the featured speaker at the alternative worship service being held from 5 to 6p.m. on the same day at the **Second Congregational Church of Cohasset**. The fee for the workshop is $85 and registration may be made by calling the Second Congregational Church office at 383-0345 or stop by the office between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1p.m., Mon. - Fri.

Off the Common Coffeehouse, 50 School St., Bridgewater in the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church presents **Deirdre Flint** April 6, at 8 p.m. Admission is $8. For more information call 508-697-5425 or www.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/otc.shtml

High Street United Methodist Church at 298 High Street in Duxbury will host Duxbury resident Hillary Rettig who will speak about the Lost Boys of the Sudan. Rettig will present the odyssey of 17,000 young Sudanese boys forced to flee from their home as young children and faced with incredible danger and unspeakable hardships throughout their childhood. Rettig, who with her husband, George Lewis, are now foster parents to four Sudanese teens, will tell of the boy's journey to the U.S., their adjustment here and their expectations for the future. All are welcome to share a potluck supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. (bring a salad, dessert, or main dish to share) followed by a talk by Rettig and some of the boys themselves. Donations of current textbooks, up-to-date reference books, as well as classic and quality novels are needed. Computers (only those in good working order) and current software are also needed as well as information on entry level job opportunities in Boston. Call High Street United Methodist Church at 781-585-9863 for information.

Sun. 7

The Duxbury Rural and Historical Society will hold a parlor Talk at the Nathaniel Winsor, Jr. House, 479 Washington St. Dr. Kevin Lalonde, vice president of the Jones River Historical Society in Kingston will discuss shipbuilding in Kingston and particularly the shipyards around the Jones River. The parlor talks are informal in format. Refreshments will be served.

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The Massachusetts Audubon Society presents "Exploring the Grand Canyon in Watercolor" by Wendy Hale on display at the South Shore Regional Center, Route 3A Marshfield from April 1-27. An opening reception will be held Thursday April 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information call the Audubon's Marshfield center at (781) 837-9400.

Admission is free. For more information call 781-934-6106.

MDC Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites presents its Spring Programs 2002. The first event of the season will be: **Spring Into Hiking.** Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton at 1 p.m. Start the season on the right foot with this easy introductory hike. We will discus the "how to's" of hiking for the novice and stretch our legs on a two mile walk. 1.5 hours. All programs are free and open to the public. Dress appropriately wear proper foot gear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.state.ma.us/mdc

Old Colony Hospice, Stoughton, will hold the fourth annual memorial walk, **"Stepping Out for Old Colony Hospice"** on April 7. The walk will begin at noon from the Raymond School, 125 Oak St., Brockton. Free T-shirts and gift bags will be given to the first 400 walkers who turn in a pledge form. Team and individual awards will follow the walk. For information call, 781-341-4145.

Fontbonne Academy will present world-renowned Irish Tenor Anthony Kearns April 7, at 3 p.m. in the auditorium on lower campus, 930 Brook Road. Ticket prices are $35/person for general seating, $75/person for seating in a reserved section and access to a post-concert reception where Anthony Kearns will be available for autographs and photos. The concert which will benefit the programs of Fontbonne Academy. Handicap accessible. For information call 617-698-2942.

South Shore Conservatory presents classical pianist Mark Goodman in concert on April 7, at 4 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Handicapped accessible. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 10.

The Boston Classical Guitar Society and the Hingham Public Library have announced their Spring "Classical Guitar Music" performance schedule at the Hingham Public Library. The free concerts will be held on Sundays at 4 p.m. in the Library Café area. Emre Oktem will perform on April 7. Seating is limited and reserved.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is holding its second annual Spring Silent Art Auction. An opening reception will be held April 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. Paintings will be on display for silent bidding throughout the month of April. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Final open biddings will be held on Sunday, April 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 132 Front St., Scituate. For information, call 781-545-6150.

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury presents The sonata in A-flat Major by Franz Josef Haydn, "Sposalizio" by Franz Liszt and "Four Impromptus" by Franz Schubert are some of the offerings pianist Shuann Chai will perform in the Sunday concert series at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, April 7, at 4 p.m. Admission is free and open to all.

Mon. 8

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation, Columbia Road, Dorchester presents its spring forums series "Challenges at Home and Abroad: Past and Present" April 8, 5:30 to 7 p.m. From World War II pilot to presidential candidate, **George McGovern** has been "in the arena" through a half century of history. Join him and veteran CBS news correspondent **Bob Schieffer** as they discuss our nation's past and the challenges facing the U.S. and the world in these difficult times. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations required. Call 617-929-4571. Speakers' schedules may change, call 617-929-1247 to confirm all forums before coming to the library. wwwjfklibrary,org

Tues. 9

The BAR Association of Norfolk County will host a free legal clinic April 9, 6 to 8 p.m. at Quincy District Court House. For more information call 617-471-9693.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold its monthly meeting April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Rt. 139 in Marshfield. The highlight of the evening will be a yarn auction. Refreshments will be served. New members and guests are welcome. For more information call Barbara at 781-834-8560.

The Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree presents Henry Callan, antiques dealer and lecturer. He will be speaking on the "Ins and Outs of Collecting Antiques." on April 9, at 7:30 p.m. Topics will include what an antique is, fakes and reproductions, finding antiques, dealing with dealers and educating yourself to know, appreciate and value antiques. Free and the public is invited. For more information call 781-848-0405.

South Shore Women's Business Network luncheon/Informal Networking at Siros on Main Street, Hingham. Pre-registration: $20 members, $35 non-members. At the door: $25 members, $35 members. Call 781-749-8883 for reservations. www.sswbn.org

South Shore Senior Softball sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging is open to all South Shore residents 55 and over. Season opens April 14, at the Gates Intermediate School; league plays Sundays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. For information call 781-545-8722 or 781-545-4681.

Thurs. 11

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation, Columbia Road, Dorchester presents its spring forums series "Challenges at Home and Abroad: The U.S. and the Middle East Strengthening the Dialogue, April 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Join **Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan** as he leads a discussion of U.S. humanitarian efforts and how they can be more effective in helping to forge new alliances with those living in the Arab and Muslim world. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations required. Call 617-929-4571. Speakers' schedules may change, call 617-929-1247 to confirm all forums before coming to the library. wwwjfklibrary,org

Walk Around the Clock for Cancer Join an American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team in Cohasset on May 17-18 at its Sixth Annual Relay For Life. The first

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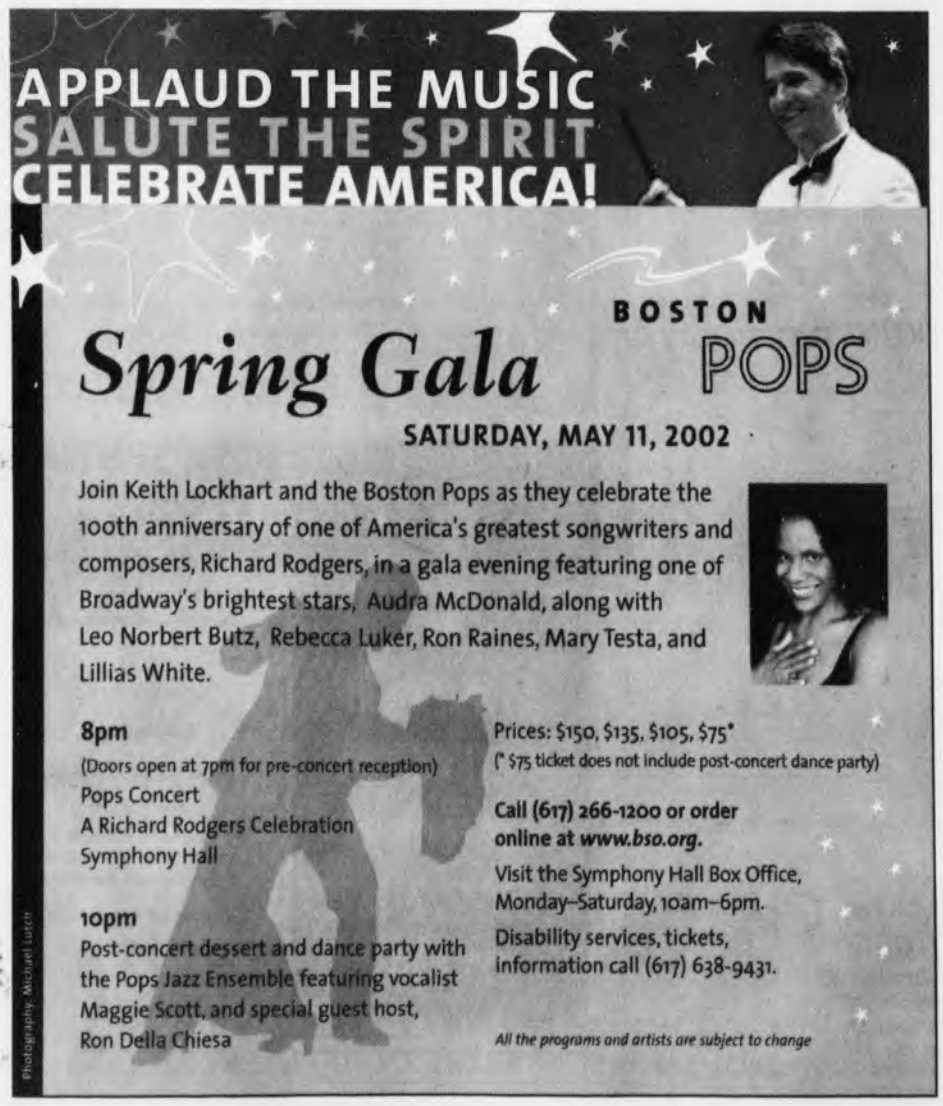

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Classes

DUXBURY BAY MARITIME SCHOOL will be offering a boating safety - short course. The course will be taught by Skip Walter, who has been certified by the Massachusetts Police as a boating safety instructor. Classes will meet from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on two successive Saturdays - April 6 and 13. At the completion of the class, the exam required for the Massachusetts certificate will be administered. Tuition is $25 for ages 15 and under and $75 for those 16 and older. Bring your lunch. Call 781-934-7555 for more information.

THE HARMONY WELLNESS CENTER, 51 Mill St., Hanover presents Menopause: A Natural Approach with Patricia Rackowski on April 6, Cost is $25; call 781-829-4300 to register.

THE HARMONY WELLNESS CENTER, 51 Mill St., Hanover presents Reiki-First Degree with Patty D'Antuono and Kathleen MacDonald, April 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION AT NEWBURY COLLEGE Newbury College's division of continuing education will offer anyone currently employed in the daycare and early childhood education field or thinking about it to take the first step in becoming certified by the Office of Child Care Services. Classes are held in Weymouth and begin the week of May 20. For information call 781-843-8888.

MEDICAL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT NEWBURY COLLEGE'S BRAINTREE/WEYMOUTH CAMPUS Newbury College's division of continuing education will begin its summer semester starting the week of May 20. The following medical programs are available: B.S.. - Health Care Management; A.S. - Medical Assistant; Cert. Medical Assistant. Fore more information call 781-843-8888.

SPRING CLASSES AT THE YWCA-MARSFIELD- Get your home and body in shape with classes at the YWCA. Here is a sampling of the classes being offered this spring: Detecting Energy Fields and Patterns- Thursday, April 4. Pilate's Mat Work - Ten Fridays, starting April 5. Eye Exercises- Thursday, April 11. Furniture Painting - Four Tuesdays, starting March 26. Backyard Gardening- Tuesdays April 9 and May 14. Flowered Cats! A quilted wall hanging- Tuesdays, April 2 and 9, Williamsburg Wreath - Tuesday, April 30. Windows of Opportunity - Wednesday, April 3. Summer Camp Registration Registration has also begun for the YWCA's summer camp program and swimming lessons. Camp begins June 24 and runs through Aug. 16. Call 781-834-8371 for more information.

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team captain's meeting is set for April 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cohasset High School cafeteria, 143 Pond Street, Cohasset. For more information call, 1-888-648-4800

South Shore Women's Business Network: Business After Hours at The Inn at Scituate Harbor, Scituate 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. $7 for members/$10 non-members. www.sswbn.org

Fri. 12

The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will hold a youth dance for ages 9 to 13 on April 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $6 per person. For more information call 508-747-1234.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance April 12, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Ongoing Events

Grove Manor Estates presents **Queen Mary with Derek Mann** in a two-part lecture presentation. Part one was held in March, part two is April 12, at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP 781-843-3700. This production will be held at The Glen, 160 Grove Street, Braintree. Upon entering the driveway, follow the sign to the right. Parking is available.

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member Exhibit will take place from now until April 18, at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. For information call 781-335-4675.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street, Duxbury will feature artist **Leah De Prizio**, April 3, through April 28. The opening reception for her exhibition will be held April 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will present Garden Visitors, a collection of photographs by well-known South Shore photographer Vin Horrigan, in their Vine Garden, April 1 to 27. For more information call 781-659-2559.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month Pauline Componeschi will exhibit her paintings for the month of April at the Tufts Library, 46 Board Street, Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The North River Arts Society will present **People Places and Things,** an exhibit by Michael Murphy at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run from March 10-May 3. For information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Art/Advisory/Boston announces upcoming exhibitions of two local artists, **Carlyn Marcus Ekstrom** and **Ella Delyanis.** The exhibitions will be held March 7 through April 25 on Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and by appointment. The opening reception will be held on March 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For information call 617-698-9700 or www.artadvisoryboston.com

The North River Arts Society in conjunction with the **Hingham Public Library**, presents The Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Library, Route 228, Hingham. An exhibit featuring the artwork of Marcia Ballou, Dorit Flowers, Patricia Gray, Laura Harvey, John Kilroy, Jody Regan, Jean Simms, Patricia Smith from March 2, through April 2.

Yoga with Kezia Bacon Bernstein on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at The Workout Club, Webster Square in Marshfield Center. Call 781-834-1150 for more information. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at The Sanctuary at Alexandra's European Day Spa in Duxbury. Call 781-837-7093 for additional information.

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union Street, Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. The club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

The Duxbury Art Association presents Monotype Guild of New England's Fifth Annual Juried Exhibition opens in the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. Scituate artist, Ester Mashio will demonstrate printing making techniques at 2 p.m. The exhibitions opened Feb. 10, and continues through April 19. The exhibition, reception and demonstration are open to the public at no charge. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 781-934-2731.

Boston Harbor Hotel announced it will host the **13th Annual Boston Wine Festival.** The series which will kickoff Jan. 11, and continue through April 5, will include a number of events such as educational seminars, charity affairs, the battle of the cabernets, and wine and food pairing dinners that have become the signature of the festival. Chef Daniel Bruce will produce menus to be paired with some very special and rare wines. Come hear the wine makers tell their tales and showcase their talents. More than 50 events are scheduled, including: seminars, vertical tastings, dinner dances and celebrity guests. There will be 50 wines showcased throughout this year's festival. For more information call 617-439-7000.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

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Talent Search

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER invites artists to submit for jury selection a portfolio of original work. Portfolios may be dropped off at the Art Center on April 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 7, from noon to 4 p.m. April 8, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Gallery artists enjoy a special category of membership that benefits exhibiting artists by offering them exposure, referrals and sales. a Gallery Artists member must be a professional, consistently working in his or her field, with a body of work large enough to meet a frequent showing schedule. Gallery Artist exhibitions are open to all genres and media. Membership as a Gallery Artist affords an artist the opportunity to exhibit in group shows in the Center's Dillon Gallery or in solo shows at satellite locations. For more informatin call 781-383-2787.

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATOR'S SUMMER STRING FESTIVAL 2002 will hold auditions on May 4, and June 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury, and May 4, and June 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. Summer String Festival 2002, which runs from July 8 to July 19, at the Ellison Center for the Arts, is a program for violin, viola, cello, and bass students, ages 8 to 18 to perfect their skills as individual musicians and learn how to blend their instrument with other instruments in a unique chamber music setting. Interested string students call 781-934-2731 ext.10 for an audition time.

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SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S SUMMER VOCAL INSTITUTE for singers ages 13 to 18 will hold auditions March 23, April 12, May 11, and May 25, for its program which runs from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9 at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. All auditions will take place at the Ellison Center. Call 781-934-2731 ext. 10 for audition times.

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY, is looking for a few good men, and women, to add to their already quality program. Spring Concert rehearsals at the Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be asked of all new members, primarily for voice placement. Come and be a part of a grand musical tradition; its fun and a very rewarding experience.

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Reunions

XAVERIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, AND 1997 will hold a joint reunion on Saturday, June 1, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 6 p.m. Cocktail reception at 7 p.m. Reunion clambake at 8 p.m. Reservation dateline is May 21. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

MISSION CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL GRAND CLASS REUNION FOR ALL CLASSES FROM 1929 TO 1992 on Saturday, June 15, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 4 p.m. cocktail reception at 5 p.m. Dinner and program at 6 p.m. Reservation deadline: Friday, June 7. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982's 20th reunion is all set. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 5, at the Sheraton Braintree. Organizers are still looking for classmates. Contact Eric Braley by phone at 302-793-2068 or by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

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THE KINGSTON INTERMEDIATE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE is seeking volunteers to help install two state-of-the-art playgrounds on April 6 and 7. If you are willing to help with this project, call Alison Cole-Hadley at 781-585-5673 for scheduling and/or questions.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK will be celebrated with a Volunteer Fair hosted by the Sheraton Plymouth, Jordan Hospital, and Plimoth Plantation on April 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Plymouth, 180 Water St., near Plymouth Harbor. For more information, call 508-591-5010 or email mquerzoli@sheratonplymouth.com

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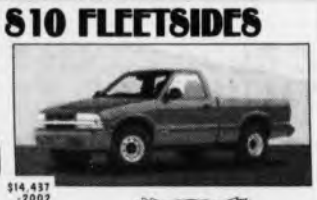

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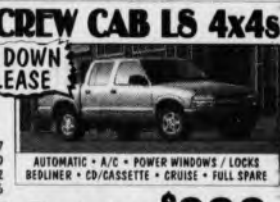

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Train build pact inked

By Mary Ford
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As it stands now, South Shore commuters can expect to ride the Greenbush train to work by the late 2005, according to the state transportation office.

Plans to build the controversial 17-mile third leg of the Old Colony Railroad restoration project revved up last week with the awarding of the $252 million construction contract to a joint venture consisting of Cashman Construction of Boston and Balfour Beatty, an international company.

"The design can really go forward in earnest now."
— Jon Carlisle, transportation office spokesman

Transportation office spokesman Jon Carlisle said the entire project is expected to cost from $430-$440 million, including right-of-way takings, permitting, police details, trains and double-decker coaches.

The construction includes an underpass at Weymouth Landing and a tunnel under Hingham Square.

He explained the construction phase of the contract will come in on budget unless the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority changes the scope of the project.

"We are using an innovative contract called the design-build method," Carlisle said. He explained the contractor assumes any cost overruns unless the MBTA directs a change.

The design-build method can help expedite a project because con-

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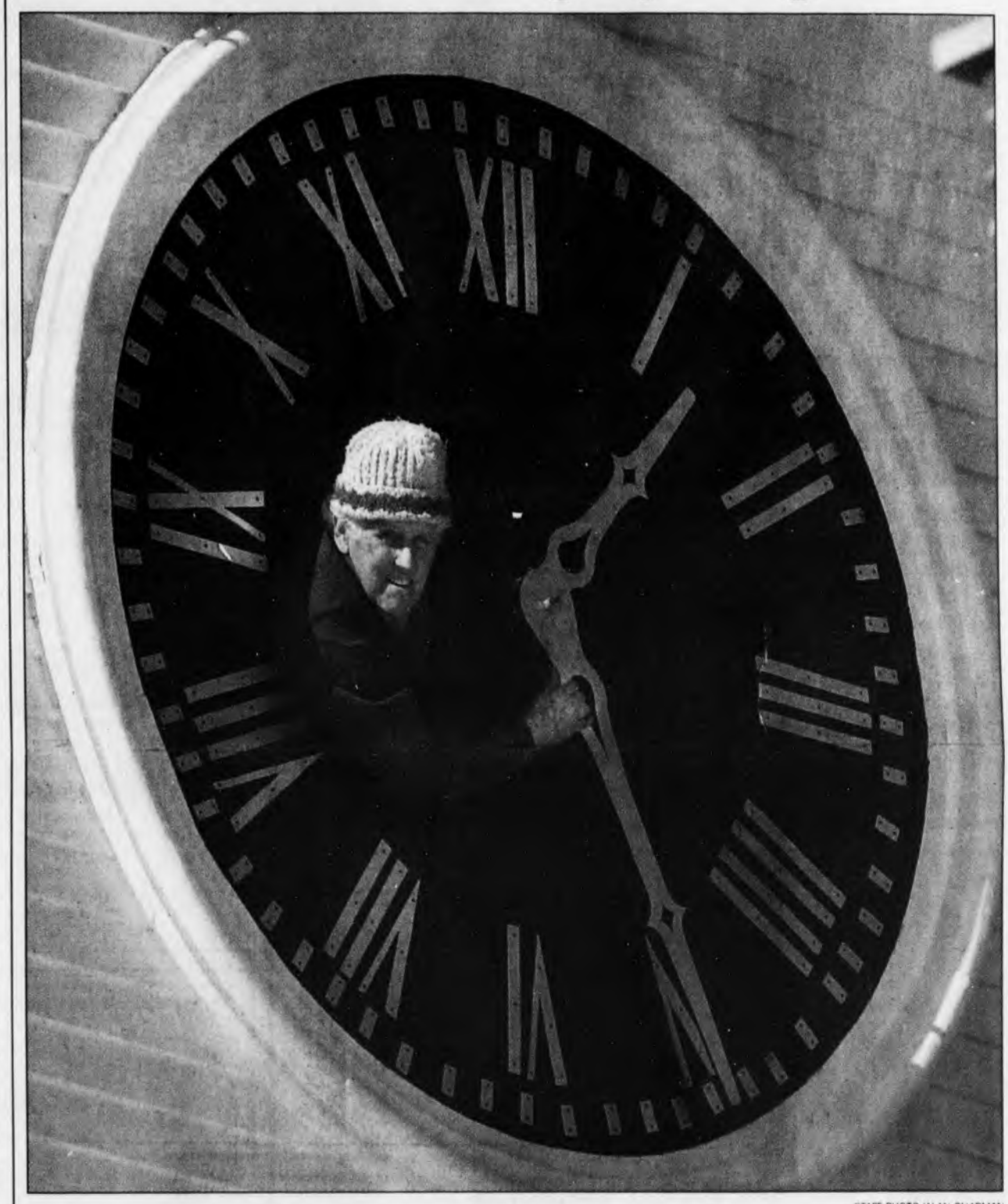
Cohasset's Noel Ripley keeps time moving



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Noel Ripley makes some repairs to the town clock in the steeple of First Parish Church. Ripley will speak tonight on the history of timepieces at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers Residence.

Repaired town clock in steeple

By Evan Schiff
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With bells ringing, cuckoos sounding and clocks ticking, Noel Ripley sits perched above the controlled mayhem in his office. The cacophony is enough to drive one crazy.

"I don't even hear it anymore," he said. "I used to be able to concentrate on each one and pick out its sound, but now I just block it out."

"Time is so important, it governs everything."
— Noel Ripley

Riley has been making sure Cohasset is on time for more than 25 years. Owner of Cohasset Clock Smith, he repairs all types of clocks ranging from wrist and pocket watches to grandfather and cuckoo clocks.

Ripley will share his knowledge of timepieces tonight (Thursday, April 11) at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers' Residence, in the first of a spring lecture series sponsored by the Cohasset Historical Society. Ripley, the keeper of the town clock, will present "A History of Timekeeping" starting with sundials.

The South Main Street resident, who estimates he has repaired almost 10,000 clocks in his time, said he started his business as a way to combine his love for working on machines with his desire to be self-employed.

"Clocks are just fascinating," Ripley said. "Time is so important, it governs everything."

While he enjoys working on timepieces of all sizes, Ripley's eyes sparkle when he describes his work on the town clock. Twenty-five years ago Ripley, with the help of Fran Collins, took the broken clock apart and rebuilt it at the South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School in

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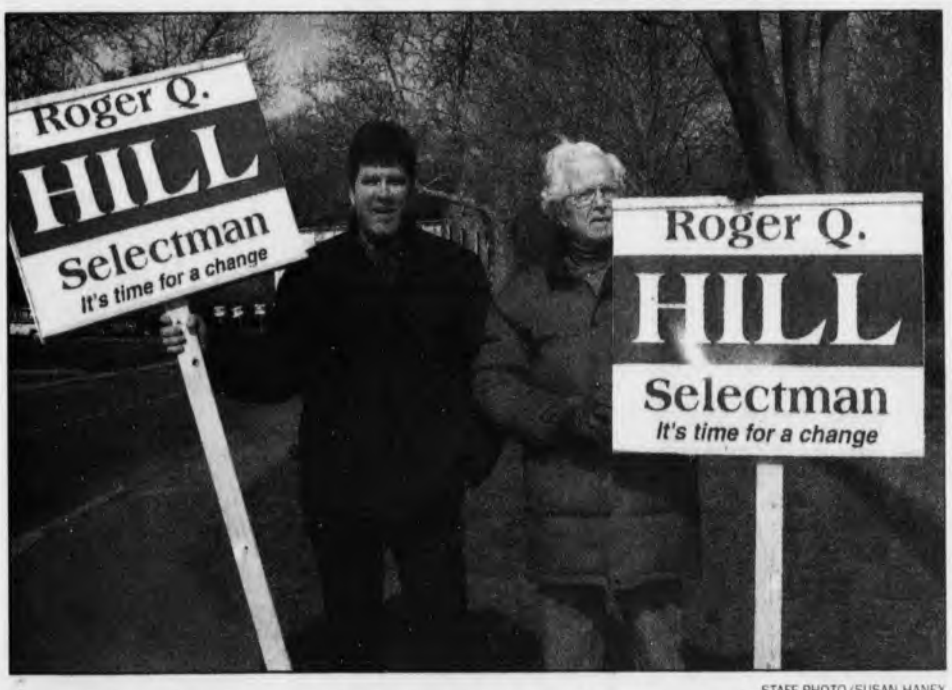

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Roger Q. Hill campaigns outside the polls Saturday with his father-in-law Fil Cannon. Hill came within about 100 votes of unseating one of the two selectmen incumbents seeking reelection.

Hill gives incumbents a scare

By Evan Schiff
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The polls are closed and the results are in. In what was perceived to be a slow year for the town election, with only one race on the ballot, turned into a real nail-biter.

The three selectmen candidates, who were vying for two seats on the board, finished the day separated by only a shade more than 100 votes. The two incumbents, Fred Koed and Ronnie McMorris, edged newcomer Roger Hill in a race that many thought wouldn't have been so close.

"I think the town made a statement," Hill said. "It sends a message to the selectmen that a lot of people are upset with the way they run the town."

Hill, who has no previous political experience, felt although he made some mistakes while running his campaign, the overall

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Katie had a bright future

Aunt delivers message to drunk drivers

By Evan Schiff
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Katie DeCubellis should be thinking about what dress to pick out for the junior prom. She should have finished taking her SATs and visited various colleges to get a feel for which one she wanted to attend.

"It's a mother's worst fear to have two officers knock on your door and tell you there's been an accident. Katie just never came home."
— Laurie Liddell, 467 Beechwood St.

She would be a very pretty girl now, the braces she wore as a 13-year-old turning her mouth into a perfect smile. She should be out with friends, learning how to laugh and live and not worrying about the "real world." However, Katie isn't doing any of that.

Katie DeCubellis was killed by a drunk driver in 1999.

Katie was struck down by a drunk driver in October 1999, ending her dreams and aspirations and forever changing the people she knew.

Katie's aunt, Laurie Liddell was one of those profoundly affected by the tragedy. Liddell, 467 Beechwood St., was so stricken by the loss of her niece that she offered her services to Mother's Against Drunk Driving, an organization dedicated to stopping drunk driving and underage drinking.

She currently speaks to first time drunk-driving offenders in Hingham, Norwood and Quincy and has been for more than a year. MADD recently recognized Liddell as its volunteer of the year. However, that is no consolation for the loss of Katie.

"There's no gratification in it," she said. "I usually dread going and speaking, it's so difficult."

When Liddell speaks it's easy to tell why she's so effective in communicating the horrors of drunk driving. A fourth-grade teacher in Weymouth, she speaks softly and comfortably, but with an authorita-

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Water improvements in the works

By Evan Schiff
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One of the biggest and most important expenditures at Town Meeting generated the smallest debate last week. While discussion lasted for hours on the appropriation of money for such articles as legal action to stop a proposed runway, $30,000; two new ball fields, $100,000; and a preliminary engineering study to install sewers to Little Harbor, $180,000 — the passage of an article appropriating $2 million for water system improvements went largely unnoticed.

The money will be used for improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, cleaning and lining of water pipes, capital maintenance and other improvements to wells, storage tanks and the water distribution system. The money will also go to protect the sources of public drinking water supply.

In an information sheet provided to voters at Town Meeting, the Water Commission stated, "the purpose of this article is to improve fire flows in a number of areas throughout the town.

"It also allows certain plant improvements and continues our watershed protection activities, pursuant to our long-range plans for the water distribution system, water treatment plant and watershed protection."

The appropriation of the money has no effect on water rates and the borrowing for the article is going to be repaid only from water revenue., the commission stated.

The Water Commission withdrew other articles from the Town Meeting warrant that concerned the potential sale of water to Hingham Mass-American because the company is being sold. McNabb said the Water Commission will likely be bringing the articles back to another town meeting. He said negotiations with Mass-American are going well.

Mass-American which serves Hingham, Hull and about 320 homes in North Cohasset, is exploring buying 500,000 gallons of water a day from Cohasset. The sale would need the approval of Town Meeting.

This week in COHASSET

Brush accepted

Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area until April 28. No trees over 12-ins. in diameter. No contractors.

Meeting schedule

Cohasset Conservation Commission, April 11, 7:30 p.m.
Library Building Committee, April 17, 9:30 a.m.
Planning Board, April 17, 7:30 p.m.
Committee on Town History, April 22, 7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, April 22, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Board reorganizes

In their first meeting after annual Town Election, the selectmen regrouped and welcomed back incumbents Fred Koed and Ronnie McMorris. The board also voted on a new chairman and vice-chairman with Michael Sullivan being named the chairman and McMorris the vice-chairman.

Although he served as chairman several years ago, Sullivan was obviously unaccustomed to his new role as the leader of the meeting as he needed to be reminded on several occasions to call a question to be voted on.

"It's going to be a long couple of meetings," Selectman Tom Callahan joked.

Position filled

Garry Gardner, 90 Beechwood St., informed selectmen that he will be resigning as a member of the Common Historic District Commission. Janice Crowley, 392 Jerusalem Road, was appointed to the board Tuesday night. She is a licensed realtor.

Dates approved

Selectmen approved their meeting schedule which will take them through the summer Tuesday. The dates they will be meeting are:
Tuesday, April 23
Tuesday, May 7
Tuesday, May 21
Tuesday, June 4
Tuesday, June 18
Tuesday, July 9
Tuesday, July 23
Tuesday, August 6
Tuesday, August 20
Tuesday, Sept. 10

Name change

Lou Russo, manager of governmental relations of AT&T, informed selectmen that her company will be changing names. She came before the board to ask them to consider changing the town's cable and phone service from AT&T Corporation to AT&T Comcast Corporation.

Russo explained AT&T is merging with the Comcast Corporation thus creating the new company.

The board agreed after making sure this will not affect customers.

"This will have no bearing on the service customers see or the rates they pay," Russo said. "There will be no apparent difference."

Russo said the change will probably go into effect by the end of the year.

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Sun. 14	12:55	10.1	7:09	1:21	9.6	7:21
Mon. 15	1:30	10.1	7:47	1:59	9.4	7:59
Tues. 16	2:06	10.1	8:28	2:39	9.2	8:39
Wed. 17	2:45	10.0	9:11	3:23	8.9	9:22
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Logan lawsuit on fast track

Opponents of a new runway at Logan Airport say they scored a victory last week when a Plymouth Superior Court judge denied Massport's attempt to dismiss the case, and instead put it on the fast track to trial.

In an April 2 ruling, Justice Charles J. Hely upheld claims made in a suit filed against Massport by the Town of Hull and set a conference date with counsel of April 11. Hull is the lead community in a coalition of municipalities on the South Shore that oppose the construction of Runway 14/32 at Boston's Logan International Airport.

Hely agreed that the suit could go forward on the basis that communities surrounding the airport can hold Massport accountable for the pollution and noise nuisance resulting from Logan over-flights, that the agency's environmental filings may be challenged, and that the expansion project's approval by state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand was subject to further review.

"This is a major setback for Massport," said attorney William B. Golden of the law firm of Baker, Braverman and Barbadoro, P.C. of Braintree. "We are eager to get to trial. We are confident that we can now stop the runway and require Massport to reduce the current impacts of noise and pollution on neighborhoods and communities south of Boston."

Golden, who is special counsel to the coalition of communities fighting the expansion of the airport, appeared before Hely to argue the case on March 13. He said the judge's decision to go to trial will subject Massport to unprecedented scrutiny.

"This kind of review is something that Massport has never faced before," Golden said.

But Massport spokeswoman Barbara Platt said the agency is not upset by the judge's ruling.

"This has been part of a 10-year process to improve Logan Airport," she said. "As the case proceeds, we look forward to legal review of the facts and we're grateful that two of the claims were dismissed."

She explained the judge dismissed claims of fraud by Massport and a request that the runway just not be built.

Platt also explained the proposed runway addresses a specific wind-related delay and that has not been impacted by the events of Sept. 11 that resulted in a reduction of air traffic nationwide.

Municipal officials and activists opposing the expansion of the airport were encouraged by the judge's ruling.

"We are eager to get to trial."

— William B. Golden, attorney for runway opponents

"This absolutely vindicates what we've been saying all along," said Hull Town Manager Philip E. Lemnios. "Massport has been playing fast and loose with the facts and has lost sight of its mission, which is to serve the needs of all of the citizens of Massachusetts."

According to the suit, opponents are seeking a ruling from the court that "Massport's negligent operation of Logan International Airport constitutes a public nuisance, and that the implementation of the Logan Airside Improvements Project [Runway 14/32] will result in an unnecessary and unreasonable exacerbation of a continuing and repeated public nuisance."

The court is being asked to compel Massport "to assist the Town of Hull in mitigating existing noise and other adverse impacts of current operations" of the airport, including working "in good faith" with the town to redirect flights over Massachusetts Bay.

"This is an historic breakthrough," said Eric Oddleifson of Cohasset, a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council. "In addition to being opposed to expansion of the airport, we've shifted the argument to what's happening to us now with health issues and property devaluation from being directly under Logan's flight path.

"There were a lot of skeptics of this approach of getting this into the courts," Oddleifson said. "Now we have the tools to force Massport to change their policy."

But Cohasset Selectman Tom Callahan is still not convinced that this legal action is the right route.

He explained the complaint survived a motion to dismiss and will go to jury trial, but he stopped short of calling it a victory.

"Accusing Massport of fraud and being nearly criminal is not a good way to do what you want," he said.

Callahan said he is not "for the runway," but feels the town shouldn't spend its limited resources on a fight that will be ultimately won or lost with the FAA in Washington, D.C. He also said he doesn't buy the argument that more air traffic overhead will decrease property values.

"We live within 10 miles of an airport in the 21st century – we have to take a certain amount of air traffic," he said.

Cohasset voters appropriated $30,000 for the runway lawsuit at the annual Town Meeting in March.

Editor Mary Ford contributed to this report which was provided by runway opponents.

Jury convicts former coach

By Mary Ford
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A former Cohasset High School coach and special education teacher was expected to be sentenced yesterday after the Mariner went to press on charges he sexually assaulted a boy at a basketball camp in New Hampshire 18 months ago.

Lowell Mark Hall, 34, who pleaded not guilty to the charges, collapsed on the floor of the Merrimack County courtroom after the jury delivered its verdict last Thursday evening.

Although several published reports stated Hall had apparently taken poison, one of the county attorneys prosecuting the case, said he has no knowledge of that.

"I can't tell you what he may or may not have taken," Assistant Merrimack Attorney Brian Lavalle said. "But shortly after the jury foreman announced the verdict Mr. Hall became ill and appeared to have some sort of seizure."

Lavalle said the EMTs were called and took Hall to the hospital. He was then airlifted to a UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester where he was treated and released, according to the spokesman for patient information at the hospital. Lavalle said the judge set bail at $25,000 cash, so Hall would be under bail obligation to return for sentencing.

Hall's attorney Mark Sisti said he would not comment on his client's medical condition. Sisti said Hall will appeal the conviction to the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

"There's no question he'll appeal," he said.

Hall, who had worked for Cohasset High School's athletic program as junior varsity basketball coach and strength and conditioning coach for the football team, also served as a part-time special education aide and substitute math teacher.

When the charges surfaced in July 2001, Cohasset school officials and students expressed surprise at the news. Hall, who had worked for the school system for some time, was described as being well liked and a positive influence.

Then Cohasset Det. Rick Grassie, who is now police prosecutor, said he met with school officials and talked to the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office last summer about the charges.

"We were gearing up just in case people came forward," Grassie said.

But Cohasset police have received no complaints about Hall.

"No student has come forward to the Cohasset Police Department with any issue involving Lowell Mark Hall," he said. "As of now, no one said Hall did or said anything that made anyone feel uncomfortable."

Cohasset Superintendent of Schools Edward Malvey said he and Cohasset Middle High School Principal Michael Jones spoke with Hall when "this all broke" last summer and told him he would not be offered a position in Cohasset.

"Although people are innocent until proved guilty, given the seriousness of the matter we decided not to have Hall return and did not offer him a position," he said. Malvey said Hall would not be employed by the school system again.

"We will have no further relationship with Mark Hall," he said.

Malvey said although there were "fortunately no incidents in Cohasset," he was concerned for the victims.

According to Lavalle, Hall was initially charged with five misdemeanors, which are each punishable by up to a year in prison. A single charge of simple assault against a second alleged victim was dismissed for legal reasons, he said..

The jury deliberated on the remaining four charges and found Hall guilty on two charges of sexual assault and one charge of simple assault.

Lavalle said Hall touched the victim's genitals, his buttocks and his thigh.

The incident occurred on the first night at the "Satch" Sanders Basketball Camp held on the campus of New England College in Henniker, N.H. where Hall was working as a coach.

At the time, Henniker police said Hall went into the campers' room and a few minutes later he touched one of the boys in the groin and buttocks and wrapped his arms around the other boy from behind, picked him up and shook him as if he was "trying to crack his back."

The boys, who were both under 16 and Massachusetts residents, reported the incident to a counselor on the floor.

Greenbush construction pact inked

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struction can go forward as the design unfolds in another area. So far, 15 percent of the design is complete on Greenbush. He said the MBTA is anxious to get Greenbush rolling; its sister lines to Plymouth and Middleboro have been in operation since September 1997.

"The design can really go forward in earnest now," Carlisle said.

Resolving local conservation permitting issues is expected to take about a year and ground should be broken on Greenbush next spring, he said.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who has been a staunch opponent to the project because of the cost and environmental impacts, thinks Greenbush will end up costing more than estimates.

"When there is only minimal design, you're going to run into a lot of issues, that will only bring the cost up," he said.

The MBTA, which says the project fits in its capital plan, must live on a fixed budget that includes debt service and current operating costs. The budget is defined by revenue including one-fifth of the sales tax, local assessments and the fare box. Hedlund expects the agency to be back before the Legislature asking for more money.

But Hedlund hopes he's mistaken.

"I'd love to be the person who goes out a few years down the road and says, 'I was wrong.'"

In the meantime, Hedlund's office is fielding complaints from abutters unhappy with mitigation that was offered. And others have called because they not happy with the compensation they received from the MBTA that took their land by eminent domain.

"I suggested they call a lawyer, there's a limit to what I can do in some cases," he said.

David Clinton of the former group Back-on-Track, which pushed for the train, described the fear of cost overruns as "scare tactics" and not based on experience.

"I believe the other two lines – Plymouth and Middleboro – came in within their budget, so I don't see how they can claim that," he said.

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PRAYERS, SUPPORT

Hello Cohasset. I wanted to start this week by sending out warm and heartfelt wishes to all of those who are ill, battling any type of condition or trying to help and support those who are in need. A very dear friend of our family is dealing with a recurrence of cancer and it is just so amazing to see how many people are dealing with some form of illness on a day-to-day basis. The support and well-wishes are so important and the desire to help when needed is huge, unfortunately, sometimes there doesn't seem to be anything that can be done except to send prayers and support. All of the walks, runs and fundraisers that are so big in the spring for all types of illnesses are another way to show support and help in the fight to find cures and answers.

NEW ADDITIONS

Here is some wonderful news from a family that has been doubly blessed in the last few months. **Jim and Nancy Sandell** and **June Fahey**, all of Cohasset, are very proud grandparents indeed. **Matthew and Anna Sandell Smith** of Cohasset are proud parents of **Benjamin Hamilton Smith,** who was born on Jan. 17. **Mason and Jacquelyn Fahey Sandell**, currently living in Rome, Italy are the very proud parents of **Maia Grace Sandell** who was born on April 2. Congratulations to everyone on these beautiful new additions to the families!

LOCAL AUTHOR

A former Cohasset resident, **Dana Prescott**, just had a book published by Random House/Fodor's titled "Around Rome With Kids." Dana has lived in Rome for the past 17 years with her husband and teenaged son. Dana dedicates the book to many people, including retired CHS teacher and principal, **Curt Collins,** whom she credits with encouraging and teaching her to write. Dana graduated from CHS with the class of 1970. If you are planning a visit to Rome, with or without kids, this is a great guide to have. It is available at Buttonwood Books. Dana's sister, **Joan Busk,** is so proud of this accomplishment of her sister.

ON STAGE

The children of The Academy of The Company Theatre in Norwell will present the fairy tale classic, Cinderella; April 26 at 7:30 p.m., April 27 at 7:30 p.m., and April 28 at 2 p.m. The fabulous songs of Rodgers & Hammerstein will highlight this classic childhood fable, as will the colorful costumes and storybook sets. Among the talented performers in the cast, **Sally Meehan** of Cohasset plays Cinderella, **Jessica Dupre** of Cohasset plays the Fairy Godmother, and **Zach Crossen** of Hingham, will portray the handsome prince who rescues Cinderella from a very miserable life. A cast of more than 30 children will take on the added roles of the evil step-sisters, palace personnel, assorted woodland creatures, and so forth. Tickets for this family show are priced at just $10 in advance and $12 the day of the performance. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. You can also take a look at their Web site at www.companytheatre.com.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENER

Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the crowd... Cohasset High School's Baseball Team won itsopening game of the season in Millis on Saturday. What an exciting game it was! While fans sat on the edge of the bleachers, **Ted Straughn**, debuting in his first varsity baseball game, hit a two run home run! His older brother, **Tim** threw five innings of three hit shut-out baseball. Team members, **Matt O'Brien, Trey Curry, Mike Snowdale, John Downing, Mike Dooley, Chris McKenna, Robin Murphy, Louis Blanco, Dave Krueger** and **Pat Reardon** contributed to superb batting and fielding in this high scoring game.(10-3) Mark your calendars for home games on April 24 at 4 and April 25 at 3:30 p.m. at Miliken Field! You guys are awesome, keep up the great work!

THAYER HONORS

Hats off to the five Cohasset students named to the Thayer Academy Upper School honor roll. Finishing the term with honors are: **Christina Daniels**, a freshman, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Daniels**; **Malcolm J. Stansell**, a sophomore, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stansell, Jr.**; **Michael Thomas Ernst**, a sophomore, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ernst** and **Suzanne Marie Lewis**, a freshman, the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Lewis.**

TRIP TO GERMANY

Students at Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine recently took part in the schools Four Point Program, spending a week pursuing an intensive experiential educational opportunity outside the classroom. The freshman class, including **Douglas Pearce**, son of **Peter and Ansley Pearce** of Cohasset, together with faculty chaperones, traveled to Droyssig, Germany to experience the history and culture of a foreign country. Douglas and his classmates stayed in the homes of host families, while visiting several German sites and national landmarks. The visit was part of a cultural exchange between Gould Academy and the Jugenddorf-Christophorus School in Droyssig.

MEMORY WORKSHOP

Wondering what you can do for a friend who can't remember? You can help and find some answers by attending the Cohasset Elder Affairs Seminar presented by **Judy Karpinski**, LICSW of Family Services of Greater Boston on Friday, April 19, from 12:-1:30 p.m. Make sure to bring a brown bag lunch and beverages and dessert will be provided. This event will take place at 3 North Main St. and reservations can be made by calling 781-383-9112. Transportation is available as well for those who may need it.

TEACHER AWARD

Anyone out there who still may have a nomination for this years PAC Teacher Award, now is the time to send it in! The deadline for this very important honor is April 12. Please mail in your nomination to PAC, P.O. Box 30, Cohasset, MA 02025. The chosen individual(s) for this honor will be presented with the award at a special ceremony during the monthly PAC meeting on Wednesday, May 1st in the Osgood Music Room.

LOST CANE

Calling all canes? That's right, a collapsible cane has been lost somewhere in town and we need to do all that we can to find it! The cane is copper colored with a black handle and if anyone reading out there has any clues, please call **Katherine Stanton** at 781-383-0944.

FIRST VACATION

I want to wish everyone who is getting ready to enjoy April vacation with their families a wonderful and relaxing week. As much as I am looking forward to my week with the kids, I am also a little bit nervous as my oldest son **Daniel** is taking his first vacation with my mom to California without me! I know that they are going to have a phenomenal time but I am already counting the days until he is home again and he hasn't even left yet. You can be rest assured that I will make sure to be very busy with other two children while he is gone to pass the time a little quicker. These are normal feelings, aren't they?

Sally Meehan of Cohasset, left, plays Cinderella, and Zach Crossen of Hingham the handsome prince in "Cinderella" at the Company Theatre in Norwell.

SWIM-DIVE SCHOLARSHIP

The Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship Program is intended to support families and students as they move to the next level after High School. Please read the information carefully so that you or someone you know will be fully eligible for scholarship consideration. 1.) Must be a High School Senior. 2.) Must have been a member of the Cohasset Swim/Dive Team for five years. 3.) Any five year member can qualify regardless of swimming or diving ability. Please attach or send the following items: 1.)Application form including a personal essay of 50 words. 2.) Two recommendations, including one personal reference and one from school/coach/employer 3.) High School transcripts. Please send all materials, postmarked no later than April 22, 2002 to:

The Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship Program, Attention: **Irene Volpe Barry**, P.O. Box 651, Cohasset, MA 02025

That is it for this week. Please send me all information by noon on Monday for next week's column.

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Walking to fight multiple sclerosis

On April 20, hundreds of people from Cohasset and beyond will walk the streets to find a cure for multiple sclerosis. The event is part of a nationwide fund raising tradition, The MS Walk®, presented by Serono. The Cohasset Walk takes off from the South Shore Community Center at 10a.m., and follows a six-mile path. Nationally, more than 200,000 walkers at more than 700 sites are expected to raise over $30 million. Organized in Massachusetts and New Hampshire by the Central New England Chapter since 1989, The MS Walk is the National MS Society's premiere fund raising event. Each walker is encouraged to raise $100, but most collect over $200. Individuals and groups, and corporate and family teams can register by calling 1-800-493-WALK (9255), online at www.msnewengland.org, and in-person the day-of.

Volunteers also make The MS Walk a success; interested persons should call the Chapter office.

The Green Team, led by Barbara Green of Cohasset, has the third highest fund raising total, nearly $21,000, of the entire Central New England Chapter. Of the many corporate sponsors that make The MS Walk possible each year, Serono, ProCon Construction, Woodard & Curran, Atlantica Restaurant, Edward Jones Financial, and Community Newspaper Company count among the most loyal and generous.

MS is a chronic, auto-immune disease that affects the central nervous system, causing unpredictable symptoms ranging from numbness to total paralysis to blindness. Most commonly diagnosed between ages 20 and 50, MS affects women two to three times more often than men.

John Flanagan of Edward Jones Investments, left, has his walking shoes ready for the 2002 MS walk, set for April 20 at the South Shore Community Center. With him are Kim White, development manager of the National MS Society, Woody Chittick, MS board of directors, Dan Rattner, MS ambassador, and Karen Hurd of Edward Jones Investments, which hosted a kick-off breakfast at the Atlantica with area business leaders.

Alzheimer's support group hosts brunch

"A Taste of Spring: A Wine-Tasting Brunch," the 12th annual fund-raising event for the Alzheimer's disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc., (ADSGSS) will take place at Saporito's Florence Club Café in Hull on Sunday, April 28 at 1 p.m. The event includes a five-course gourmet menu. Each course is accompanied by a wine selected by Mark Lewis of M.S. Walker Co. who will explain the fine art of blending foods and wines.

Again, Andy and Mary Ann Saporito Boothroyd have selected from their culinary favorites to present an exiting menu. Lucky winners will be chosen for the baskets of gourmet foods and wines. The Joe Micarelli trio will provide a jazz accompaniment to the food and wine.

ADSGSS, Inc. is a non-profit, educational corporation that depends solely on public donations.

Reservations must be made in advance by calling JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417, evenings. Tables may be arranged for four, five, eight or 10 at $65 per person.

Friendship helps her focus on mission: fighting cancer

By Evan Schiff
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There's a small sign outside a home on Old Coach Road which implores people to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. However, the little proclamation doesn't indicate how large the support is for the cause inside the residence.

Laurie Greenip is in the midst of her second year of participation with the Cohasset Relay For Life.. A young, vivacious woman, Greenip became involved after learning one of her closest friends, Lee Anne DeVries, was diagnosed with breast cancer.

— RELAY FOR LIFE —

"It was devastating to think someone your age can get cancer," she said. "It was a real wake up call."

Realizing she wanted to something "very special" to help her friend, Greenip started to explore various avenues. That's when she discovered the Relay for Life.

The Relay started 15 years ago with Dr. Gordon Klatt walking around a track in Tacoma, Washington to raise money for cancer research. Last year, more than two million people participated in 2,700 events across the country and raised $168 million. In the Cohasset relay, more than $100,000 was raised.

The American Cancer Society, which now sponsors the event, is a community based, volunteer driven organization. According to Kate Langstone, regional executive for communications for the ACS, said the organization could not possibly accomplish its mission to eliminate cancer and improve the quality of life of cancer patients without the work of its dedicated volunteers.

"It was devastating to think someone your age can get cancer."
— Laurie Greenip, relay volunteer

The relay invites participants to walk around a track all night in support of cancer research. Participants will experience the Taste of the Relay in which local restaurants prepare their best offerings, the Survivor's Lap and the luminaria display, which remembers those who have lost the fight to cancer and honors those who have survived

"The entire event is very positive," Greenip said.

Although DeVries was raised in Cohasset along with Greenip, she never knew what the relay was all about until Greenip became involved. She also hopes to reach out to those in the community who still don't know about the relay.

"The first reason I'm involved is to raise money for a cure," DeVries said. "But I really want to try and evoke a sense of excitement about this event in town."

DeVries, who didn't know Greenip was busy creating a team in her honor called "Lee Anne's Team," was moved by her friend's good intentions.

"I was really touched," she said. "Not only with Laurie (Greenip) but with the total amount of people that attended the event."

This year Greenip is leading the team along with DeVries and Deb Kuppens, also a cancer survivor, which already has 75 people participating. However, Greenip is also taking on additional responsibility. She's working on the planning committee registering teams and collecting money. Greenip will be stationed in a tent the day of the relay to collect any last minute monies teams have raised.

"I wanted to be more involved this year," she said. "This is just a way to show my support."

DeVries also has added responsibility and is working on the Survivor's Reception which involves recruiting local survivors for the survivor's lap and reception, and welcoming them to the event.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Laurie Greenip of Cohasset is working on the planning committee registering teams and collecting money for the Relay for Life. She's also helping to lead a team in honor of a friend, who has breast cancer.

Last year Greenip's team, which was comprised of 48 people who were all friends or family of DeVries, generated more than $15,000 for cancer research — the most by any team in the relay. She received a trophy for her team raising the most amount of money but Greenip said it was not about personal achievements. She said she hopes to double the amount this year.

"I just wanted to do something significant," she said. "You don't do it to win you do it because you care."

The event starts at 3 p.m., Friday, May 17 at Cohasset High School. The opening ceremony and survivors' lap is at 6pm. Any local cancer survivor is invited to participate regardless of whether or not they are on a team.

The luminaria ceremony is at 9 p.m., Friday. Anyone can purchase a luminaria candle prior to or at the Relay for a minimum contribution of $5. The closing ceremony is at noon, Saturday, May 18.

Local residents are encouraged to come to the relay and enjoy the ceremonies regardless of whether they are on a team. For more information call 1-888-648-4880.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Sobering statistics

According to the Associated Press, a recent study revealed about 1,400 college students are killed every year in alcohol-related incidents.

The research also found there are all sorts of other unsavory consequences of alcohol abuse among young adults that don't result in death, such as hundreds of thousands of injuries, and incidents of sexual assault and date rape. Thousands also report having unprotected sex after drinking.

Therefore as the school year winds down for many high school seniors, parents should start to wonder if this is what their child can look forward to next year in college.

Proms and graduation parties are also right around the corner.

So this is a good time for all of us to take a step back and rethink our feelings about teens and alcohol.

Some well-meaning, but misguided adults may still believe the best way to avoid a college disaster is to provide a boot camp for drinking for their children and sometimes other people's kids. They believe teens are going to drink no matter what, so they might as well learn how to handle it.

This foolish approach gives minors a green light to drink and formed the basis for the Social Host Responsibility Law that holds adults liable for knowingly allowing a minor to drink. Under the law, the adult doesn't have to physically hand a teenager a beer to be held responsible.

A recent study by Boston University's School of Public Health found that the younger people are when they start drinking alcohol, the more likely they are to drive after excessive drinking and be involved in alcohol-related crashes in the adult lives.

Here are some other alarming statistics provided by Mothers Against Drunk Driving:

- Eight young Americans die everyday in alcohol-related traffic accidents
- Underage drinking costs Massachusetts $934 million annually
- Underage drinking costs the United State more than $53 billion every year — enough to buy every public school student a new computer
- More 10th-graders will get drunk this year than will go on to graduate from college.

We think it's time to put the same emphasis on the health-related effects of alcohol that is on the dangers of smoking. There has to be a public outcry over the huge waste resulting from underage drinking. Kids have to be convinced it's cool to be a teetotaler.

We worry our children will get into drugs — yet alcohol kills 6-1/2 times more young people than all other illicit drugs combined, according to MADD.

But some students, like Cohasset's Martha Henderson, who is a junior at Notre Dame Academy, are trying to make a difference. Martha was selected as one of 80 delegates to attend a Youth Summit to Prevent Underage Drinking sponsored by MADD next month.

The event provides a forum for high school students from across the state to work on ways to stop underage drinking.

"I think it's very important for teenagers to hear the message from other teenagers with whom they can relate and share common experiences," Martha said.

Barbara Harrington, state executive director of MADD, said young people like Martha not only serve as role models but as model citizens.

"The fact alcohol-related traffic deaths are on the rise for the first time in two decades should concern us all," she said. "It's not enough to get mad, we need people to get involved."

Clearly, Martha and other young people like her can't do it alone.

It's time for grownups to put some parental pressure on their kids. Let them know you won't stand for any drinking. It's just not worth the potential heartache.

— Mary Ford
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Common workshop is April 24

The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission is sponsoring a community workshop on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave. The Historic District Commission is seeking comments and ideas from members of the community to assist in the development of a landscape preservation plan to preserve the natural integrity and historical landscape of the Common environment.

Representatives from the design firm Carr, Lynch, / Denig, Hermann and Sandell, Inc. will present initial design ideas to preserve the common landscape as it adapts to a changing external environment. Items for discussion will include current parking congestion around the common edges, putting all overhead wires underground, tree planting and green-space maintenance, condition of existing walkways and the installation of new lighting. For further information please call the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for support

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank everyone who supported me last Saturday in the town election. I look forward to working for our community these next three years.

I am grateful to the Mariner and the local press for providing the candidates with the opportunity to discuss the issues in a comprehensive way. It has only been six years since I first sought election to the Board of Selectmen, but the election process has changed so much in that time.

Six years ago there were forums and candidate's debates, live coverage election night on the cable channel and even a unity breakfast the following week. It was hectic for the candidates, but one knew that the democratic process was thriving on the local level.

Sadly, only the Council on Elder Affairs and the Beechwood Church continue the tradition and with only one contested race, the local access channel didn't even run the results. While I understand that volunteers in every organization are busy, I hope that next April some of that old time election spirit can be rejuvenated. Maybe even one or two of our local experts can be coaxed out of retirement to host an event.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Selectmen.

Ronnie McMorris
89 Doane St.

Transfer station workers thanked

TO MARK HADDAD:
TOWN MANAGER

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Keith Williams and my wife, Christine, and I have recently moved into a house at 74 Pond St. This is our first home and we believe we could not have chosen a better town to set roots and begin to raise a family. We look forward to many years of happiness in Cohasset.

I write to you to express my thanks and appreciation for all the help they guys at the transfer station have provided over the last month. From the first day my wife and I brought rubbish left over from the old owners to the transfer station, Larry has been a huge help directing us and showing us the ropes around the transfer station. As the boxes emptied and the piles of cardboard grew, we were dismayed at the prospect of dragging it all to be recycled. No worries though. Both Charlie and Chuck have been extremely helpful when I arrived each week with another large load of boxes. Their assistance with each load, whether it was boxes or another trip with rubbish has been welcomed and appreciated.

Please acknowledge my thanks for all the help and assistance that the guys at the transfer station have shown my wife and me as we get settled here in Cohasset. We both look forward to many years of happiness in Cohasset.

Keith Williams
74 Pond St.

Editor's note: This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

Litchfield thanked

MR. HAROLD LITCHFIELD
171 BEECHWOOD ST.
DEAR HAROLD:

This is to express my best wishes for a fulfilling and active retirement. You have served the Town and its people well.

As President of the Lighkeepers the last few years, I can express our appreciation for the prompt efficiency with which Government Island was sanded and plowed and for your assistance in expanding the Edwin Young parking lot. It certainly was appreciated also by our fellow citizens who had planned events in Bancroft Hall.

As a private citizen, I appreciate that you dealt promptly and effectively with a drainage problem affecting one of my properties, and I know that this was typical of your good work.. Although I have expressed criticism of the Town's limited support for improvements, it seems to me that you have very effectively used such funds as were made available..

Enjoy a well-earned retirement!

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Mr. Campbell provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter for publication.

Email your letters to mford@cnc.com

LIBRARY CORNER

Children's Room

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library presents selections from the musical, "Oliver!" performed by local children involved in the Cohasset Dramatic Club. It is a great opportunity for the entire family to be entertained by our talented young people and to preview this wonderful play. The performance will take place Thursday, April 11 at 4:30 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. The performance will be held in the Children's Room and will be followed with light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Reference section

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library has some exciting new additions to the reference section. We have recently acquired the 29-volume New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians; the 34-volume Oxford English Dictionary. These works are useful to students as well as fun and illuminating to the casual reader.

Story hour

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is now accepting registrations for the Spring Story Hour. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 are welcome to participate. The program will consist of six sessions and will begin April 22 and end May 27. Monday and Thursday morning sessions from 10 to 11 a.m., and a Tuesday afternoon session from 1 to 2 p.m. You may register by phone 781-383-1348) or in person. Space is limited.

Needs assessment

Tell us what you want! If you attended town meeting, you may have noticed and used one of the library questionnaires asking your opinion on what materials and services you would like your library to offer.

If you missed that survey chance, you can still give us your input. Stop by the library and fill out one of our new "Needs Assessment" forms. Our aim is to make sure that we are meeting the community needs, supplying the types of materials and formats that Cohasset residents would use most.

We are also looking for your guidance in planning programs and activities that we might sponsor when we move into our spacious new building. Please take this opportunity to let the library know how to serve you better.

What's new

The Children's Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library has recently acquired many new reference books to assist students with their work. They are located in the juvenile reference section.

A homework station has been established in the juvenile non-fiction area, complete with computer and appropriate software.

Twinkle, twinkle little star: How I wonder where you are

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

A satellite view of the United States taken at night and showing the wasted light that obscures the night sky.

On those now rare occasions when, away from the harshness of city and suburban lights, I have the opportunity to look up at a pitch black sky spangled with stars, I can't help but envy my ancestors whose every glance skyward was a journey for the eye, signposted by a wash of heavenly fires, out toward the beginning of creation.

Years ago, while living in Scotland, I had my first opportunity to experience the night in a way our hunter-gatherer forebears had. The dark, remote recesses of the Scottish highlands were punctuate only by the occasional pale light bulb and the soft, buttery glow from behind farmhouse windows. There were no backyard incandescent flood lights, no mercury vapor streetlights, no halogen headlights to take away the night. That primal Scottish landscape supported a vaulted ceiling of infinity, an eternity on which prehistoric man — the first astronomers — pondered the very same stars we see today and the silver river of starlight known as the Milky Way. They watched in fear and reverence as comets and meteors streaked, auroras shimmered, the moon and sun eclipsed and planets wandered. To make sense of the vastness and mysteries of the universe, early cultures gathered the heavenly fires into star patterns called constellations and told stories about the gods, heroes and beasts who roamed across the night sky.

It fell to a few early Greeks to begin explaining — rationally — the movements of celestial bodies, and to other thinkers, including Copernicus (1473-1543), Galileo (1564-1642) and Newton (1642-1700) to bring further order to the universe. These days, powerful radio telescopes enable us to time travel and "look" back hundreds of millions of years. Technology can predict celestial events for years to come. Computer enhanced pictures — available at the click of the mouse — provide us with intimate and exhilarating views of nebulae, star clusters and far flung galaxies. Yet, the old fashioned backyard astronomy, the kind of sky watching that triggers a child's imagination and curiosity, that tingles the viscera and provides a sense of connectedness and perspective, is all but lost. By some estimates, 95 percent of the world's population will never directly appreciate the lustre and majesty of the night sky.

"For millions of years we had the sky and now it's been taken away," laments Louis Gentile, President of the South Shore Astronomical Society. "What should be a dazzling nightly show has been ruined by light pollution. We've lost the complexity of the constellations and, in many places, the Milky Way is extinct."

Sean Maroney, the Society's Secretary, echoes the lament.

"The stars are our legacy," he says. "Every culture through the ages has had a cosmology, a relationship with the night sky that gave people a sense of their place in the universe. We're the first generation to destroy that link."

On any given night in the Northern Hemisphere the unaided eye should be able to see 2,500 stars. In fact, we see a mere 200. More than 90 percent of the stars are obscured by wasted artificial light, light intended to illuminate roadways, backyards, billboards and shopping malls but which, instead, "trespasses" into the sky. One need only look at satellite photographs of Earth taken at night to see just how much light we waste — some estimates put the amount of wasted outdoor lighting at 50 percent, the cost to consumers in the billions — light that renders telescopes, and the human eye, virtually useless. Paradoxically, the bright, harsh lights that bathe our landscape, lights that are intended to make our nights more secure and our neighborhoods safer may, in fact, be lulling us into a false sense of security. The human eye adapts to the brightest level of light, thus preventing it from seeing into the peripheral shadows of parking lots, backyards and along roadsides where dangers may lurk. And, if we are never able to embrace the dark, feel it wrap around us, how are we ever to know it without fear?

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Through the efforts of amateur astronomers, safety and consumer advocates, and environmentalists who have their own concerns that light pollution is disrupting animal migration patterns, awareness of light pollution is reaching the general public. Here in Massachusetts, a bill has been introduced in the Legislature — H 3528 — that would "Limit Outdoor Night Lighting, Conserve Energy and Reduce light Pollution." Proponents of the "dark skies" bill, and other measures like it around the world, are not recommending the elimination of safety and security lights, only that night lighting be made more efficient, that unnecessary lights be turned off at night or replaced with motion sensors, and that lights be shielded or directed downward to prevent the "blight on the night."

"We'll never be able to return the night sky to what it looked like in Galileo's day," says Louis Gentile, "but we can improve the sky enough so that people can again look through a backyard telescope and experience that exhilarating connection when photons from a celestial object hit their eye. I liken that physical contact to hearing live music in a concert hall. There's nothing like getting it right from the source."

Astronomy Day

And get it from the source you can on April 19 (rain date, April 20) when the South Shore Astronomical Society, in cooperation with the Trustees of Reservations, celebrates Astronomy Day atop Turkey Hill. Now internationally recognized, Astronomy Day (officially April 20) began in 1973 when members of the Astronomical Association of Northern California set up telescopes on sidewalks, in parking lots and in parks and invited the public to take a peek. So popular was the event that amateur clubs, museums, schools and nature center's worldwide began hosting lectures, exhibits, essay contests and, of course, viewings to commemorate the day.

The South Shore Astronomical Society, organized in Hingham in 1958 and now based in Norwell, hosts public viewing nights every Saturday - weather permitting - in Norwell's Centennial Park. The Astronomy Day event at Turkey Hill begins at 6 p.m. and will include children's activities, a solar system slideshow and introductory lessons about navigating the night sky. For more information, contact Louis Gentile at 781-545-7067 or check out the Society's web site at www.ssastros.org.

Those interested in learning more about the issue of light pollution can begin their journey with www.darkskies.org or www.darkskyinstitute.org. For those interested in navigating the night sky, the Abrams Planetarium at Michigan State University publishes a detailed monthly Sky Calendar. Go to www.pa.msu.edu/abrams/diary.html for a sample.

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Bad manners, too common

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

A study by one of those nosy non-profit groups with time on its hands surveyed more than 2,000 of my fellow Americans the other day only to find out what I could have told them over morning coffee at Jimmy's Restaurant — we're becoming awfully rude to each other.

Instead of giving up a seat on the subway to a pregnant woman, we're more likely to race her for it.

Deborah Wadsworth, president of the group, Public Agenda, attributes the epidemic of bad manners to the strains of modern family life and the workplace that have made Americans too frustrated to remember to be polite or teach their children to say "please" and "thanks."

Last but far from least, the cell phone is playing a premier role in chipping away at civility in America.

The Rule of Rudeness is so bad in the South, where courtesy and hospitality used to be taken for granted, that the state of Louisiana has enacted legislation requiring elementary school students to address their teachers "yes, sir" and "no, ma'am."

I don't know about you, but I attribute at least part of the current lack of courtesy to the women's rights movement.

Just the other day, I held the door open for what I thought was an elderly woman only to get yelled at as a male chauvinist who had not yet learned that women are perfectly capable of doing a man's job like opening doors and flying fighter planes.

I would have beaten that pregnant woman to the seat on the subway, too, if she hadn't tripped me and applied a hammerlock as I lay helpless on the floor.

When I was young, and ice covered most of the earth, a gentleman never, never, never swore in front of a woman. Even an occasional "hell" or "damn" was reason enough to wash a boy's mouth out with soap. And, believe me, the d— stuff tasted like h—!

Now, hell and damn appear in even the most abridged dictionary and lexicographers — and cable TV channels — are working hard to make other four-letter Anglo-Saxon functional verbs acceptable in mixed company.

Last but far from least, the cell phone is playing a premier role in chipping away at civility in America.

How many times have you sat down to dinner in a fine restaurant (where fried scallops cost more than $10 by my measurement) only to be interrupted by a cell phone ringing at the next table and the callee engage in a long, loud, inane conversation?

It got so bad in Moose's, a San Francisco restaurant, that when Ed Moose, the proprietor, found that guys at one end of the bar were phoning friends at the other end, he banned cell phones from his establishment altogether. Besides, his chef was complaining that his food was spoiling.

"The phone rings, people leave their food and start talking — it's impolite, it's distracting, and it's not right," said Moose.

Most of those in the Public Agenda survey agreed with him.

Lightkeepers offers Beacon Award

Cohasset Lightkeepers Beacon Award is to provide unsolicited financial recognition to a high school senior who has voluntarily served the community of Cohasset.

This is an opportunity to nominate someone other than yourself who has demonstrated a focus on the future by enrolling for further education or starting up their own business. Just as lightkeepers served the coastal South Shore community, the nominee should be noted for selfless service to others. Up to $1,000 will be awarded directly to the selected senior. Nomination forms are available at the Guidance Office and in Town Hall outside the Recreation Dept. office. (Cohasset Lightkeepers Corp., PO Box 514)

Cohasset Lightkeepers Beacon Award

Nomination Form

1. Person Nominated

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2. Nominated by

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(Your address)

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(Your telephone #)

3. School and status of Nominated Student:

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4. How do you know of the student and their service to Cohasset?

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5. Why should your nominee be considered for this award in light of the criteria listed below?

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6. Selection Criteria—
   a. Graduating senior from CHS (or SSVoTech)
   b. History of voluntary service within Cohasset
   c. Demonstrated focus on the future
   d. Preference given if connection with sea or coast
   e. Non-CHS Cohasset seniors (discretion of committee)

7. Send completed form by May 1 to:
   Beacon Award Committee
   Cohasset Lightkeepers Corp.
   P.O. Box 514
   Cohasset, MA 02025

POLITICAL NOTES

Bradley opts for furlough

In an attempt to help Massachusetts' current fiscal crisis, state Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, along with other state representatives opted to participate in an eight-day furlough. The legislative payroll administrators will withhold two days pay in four different payroll periods.

"Unfortunately, as a result of these difficult fiscal times, revenue has declined significantly and that has, and will, result in budget cuts," said Bradley. "I am just trying to chip in to make a small but symbolic effort to help with the budget crisis."

Bill closes loophole defining pornography

The Massachusetts State Senate passed a bill co-sponsored by Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, that clarifies prohibitions on the dissemination of child pornography using computers. The legislation is designed to fix a loophole that currently exists in Massachusetts law. The limited definition of the term "visual material" has resulted in some Massachusetts courts holding that the current statute does not prohibit the dissemination of child pornography through computer images. The existence of this technicality has resulted in recent court cases in which charges have been dismissed against alleged pedophiles. Senate Bill 192 seeks to remove any question as to the consideration of computer images as visual material and will limit judges' discretion in ruling on such matters.

The legislation restates the intention of the General Court to prohibit "the creation, dissemination and possession of pictures of child pornography, without regard to the medium used to store or create such images." The bill is designed to acknowledge the increasing spread of pornography on the Internet and storage of such images in computers. "All efforts should be made to protect the interests of our children," Hedlund said.

Hill gives selectmen incumbents a scare

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experience was positive.

"I'm disappointed that I lost," Hill said. "But I showed if you have enough conviction in your opinions it is possible to make a difference."

Hill, who said he spent a little more than $300 on his campaign, added that he was upset that that there was such a poor voter turnout and said those who didn't vote, should not complain about how the town is managed.

"Well, at least I can say whatever I want to the selectmen now," Hill conceded.

Koed said he was a little surprised the race was so close but credited Hill with putting forth a lot of effort."I think Roger (Hill) worked very hard on his campaign," Koed said. "He was very close to being on the board."

Koed didn't spend any money this time around.

"I thought people would see my credentials and my résumé and vote based on that," he said. "I'm glad I got re-elected."

Town Clerk Marion Douglas reported approximately 24 percent of registered voters went to the polls Saturday — about 1,200 of the 5,082 registered voters in Cohasset turned out.

"It was probably a little on the low side compared to other years," Douglas said. "There was only one race so the interest may not have been there."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who was very pleased with the results of the election, said she was surprised the turnout was so low. She blamed the low count on the lack of publicity and races this year.

"I really appreciate all the help and support I got," McMorris said. "I think it's now time to put our differences aside and come together to run the town."

McMorris added she didn't feel a need to run a strong campaign this year which may be why the results were so close.

"I got the sense I had plenty of support in the community," she said.

There wasn't the fervent competition for selected town seats this year as there has been in the past, and there was one position filled by someone, who didn't even have his name on the ballot.

James Richardson, 86 Brewster Road, was elected by write-in votes for a position on the Recreation Commission. The spot was vacated by David Marks, who decided not to run. He joined Lillian Curley and Mary Muncey as the three citizens to be elected to the commission this spring.

"I'm pleased to have someone fill the vacancy," said Recreation Commissioner Jack Worley.

Others elected include:

Robin M. Lawrence - Board of Health

Ralph Perroncello - Cohasset Housing Authority

Alfred Moore - Planning Board

Raymond Kasperowicz - Sewer Commission

Glenn Pratt - Water Commission

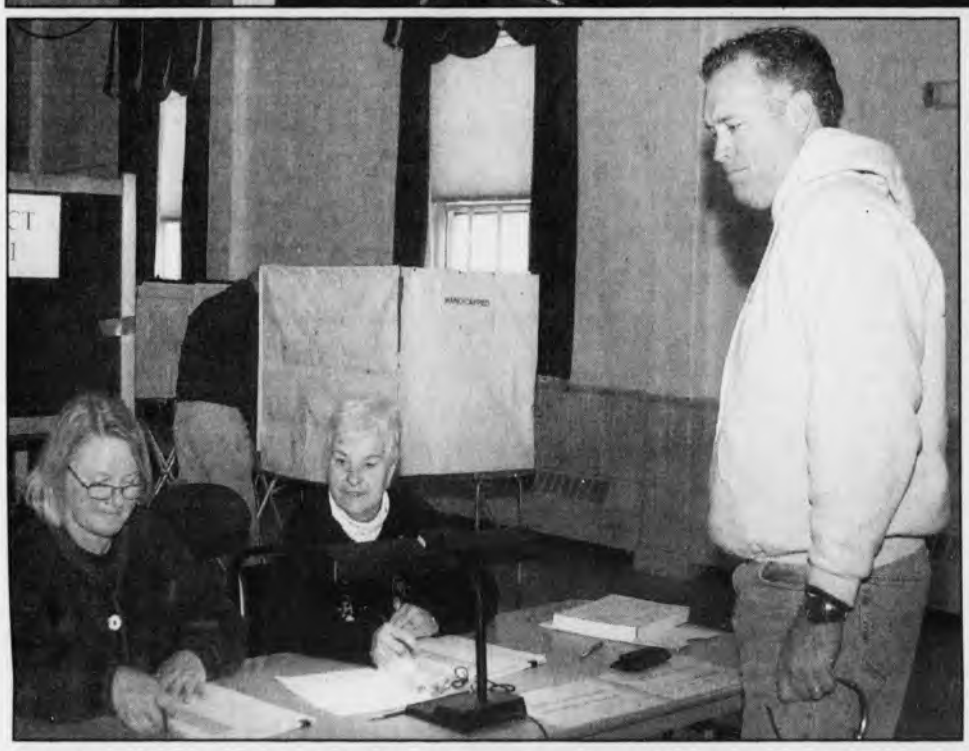
George Marlette - Town Moderator

Marion Douglas - Town Clerk

Election results

Precincts	1	2	Total
SELECTMEN (2)			
Frederick R. Koed	361	355	716
R. M. McMorris	369	356	725
Roger Q. Hill	316	291	607
Write-ins	4	4	8
Blanks	228	201	429
Total	1,278	1,207	2,485
MODERATOR			
G. L. Marlette III	458	418	876
Write-ins	4	7	11
Blanks	177	179	356
Total	639	603	1,242
TOWN CLERK			
M. L. Douglas	492	469	961
Write-ins	0	2	2
Blanks	147	133	280
Total	639	603	1,242
SCHOOL COMMITTEE			
F. J. Pescatore	437	393	830
Write-ins	10	13	23
Blanks	192	198	390
Total	639	603	1,242
TRUSTEES PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY (3)			
Sheila S. Evans	440	393	833
Roger L. Lowe	434	376	810
Roger S. Whitley	458	402	860
Write-ins	2	1	3
Blanks	583	649	1,232
Total	1,917	1,818	3,735
ASSESSOR			
Mary E. Granville	430	366	796
Write-ins	0	3	3
Blanks	209	235	444
Total	639	603	1,242
BOARD OF HEALTH			
R. M. Lawrence	438	392	830
Write-ins	0	1	1
Blanks	201	211	412
Total	639	603	1,242
COHASSET HOUSING AUTHORITY			
Ralph Perroncello	445	424	869
Write-ins	0	1	1
Blanks	194	179	373
Total	639	603	1,242
PLANNING BOARD			
A.S. Moore Jr.	417	375	792
Write-ins	1	3	4
Blanks	221	225	446
Total	639	603	1,242
RECREATION COMMISSION (3)			
Lillian M. Curley	448	398	846
Mary K. Muncey	422	386	806
Write-ins	47	58	105
James Richardson	29	43	72
Blanks	1,000	969	1,969
Total	1,917	1,809	3,726
SEWER COMMISSION			
R. Kasperowicz	414	373	787
Write-ins	4	6	10
Blanks	221	225	446
Total	639	603	1,242
WATER COMMISSION			
Glenn A. Pratt	459	436	895
Write-ins	0	3	3
Blanks	180	165	345
Total	639	603	1,242
BALLOT QUESTION			
Yes	269	150	419
No	205	287	492
Blanks	165	167	332
Total	639	603	1,242

Editor's note: the ballot question asking for a debt exclusion to pay for engineering and design for the proposed Little Harbor Sewer Project was null and void because of action taken by Town Meeting last week.



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Above: Selectman Fred Koed campaigns Saturday along Highland Avenue. The only race was a three-way contest for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. Left: James Porter checks in to vote at Town Hall with election workers Carla Getto and Peggy Hernan. About 24 percent of Cohasset's registered voters went to the polls Saturday. Below: Selectman Ronnie McMorris, center, was the top vote-getter in Saturday's election that featured only one race. McMorris and Koed were reelected but Roger Q. Hill came within about 100 votes of unseating one of the incumbents.

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Mill River Marine project not sunk

By Evan Schiff
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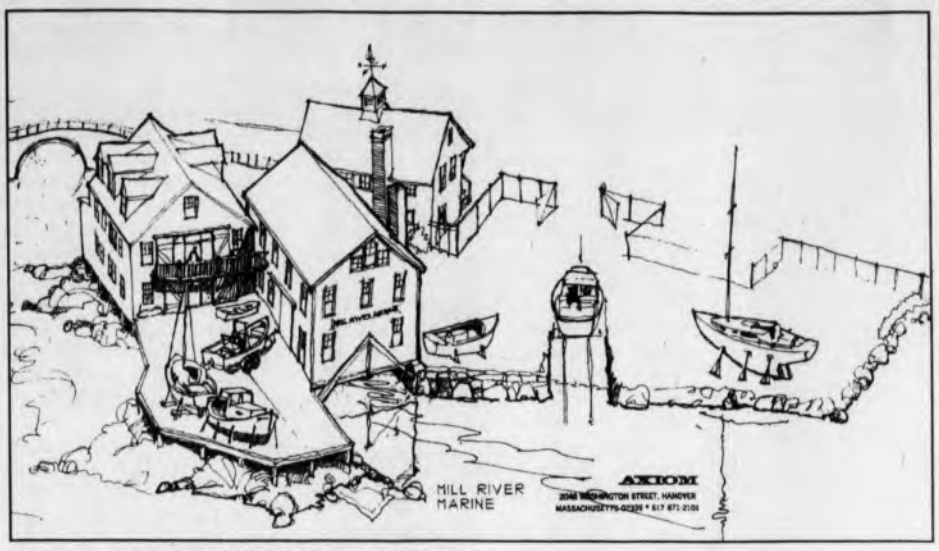
Cohasset is the quintessential New England town defined not only by its form of government, but by the beautiful town common and rocky ledge that protrudes from many properties. There is also the harbor area, which many think gives Cohasset its character.

"The Town Meeting vote did not kill the project."

— Charles Humphreys, attorney for the project



An architect's rendering of the Mill River Marine project.

But the town's "Motif #1" – at the old boatyard off Border Street – is in danger of falling into the rapids so popular with kayakers. Local businessman Peter Roy, who bought the site that includes a hodgepodge of buildings, has plans to restore the Mill River Marine Railway area.

However, Town Meeting voters dealt the plan a blow last week when they did not reinstate the ability to grant "use" variances in the zoning by-law. Roy plans to build two condominiums at the site – but residences are not allowed in a waterfront business district.

Roy's project also aims to remove the tin shed and the Quonset hut and restore of the lobster pound, the main building and the Eastwick building.

But proponents for the project insist all is not lost.

"The Town Meeting vote did not kill the project," said Charles Humphreys, attorney for the project.

Humphreys said the proponents are going to go before the Planning Board and the Zoning Advisory Committee to propose a mixed use zoning bylaw in the waterfront district. The amendment would allow for mixed uses, such as commercial and residential, in the harbor. The zoning amendment could be put before the special Town Meeting in the fall.

"The town needs to decide if they want to see the boatyard maintained with its charm," Humphreys said. "We want to restore it, but we need the condos there to give it some financial viability."

But some are not supportive of a total renovation to the area.

Howie Altholz of Summer Street, a member of the Friends of Harbor, said minor tweaking is all the harbor needs.

"Development on the harbor needs to be viewed very carefully," he said. "There may be some minimal improvements and basic maintenance that needs to be done but not a total overhaul."

Plans for harbor move along

By Evan Schiff
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Other improvements to the harbor could come by way of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private entity currently working in conjunction with the village revitalization task force on village improvements. While still concentrating on the village, the CRC is mapping out plans for proposed changes to the harbor.

The CRC was holding public forums on the drawings before receiving a demand from the selectmen that it stop, which was later rescinded. The last public meeting in January drew mixed reviews from a crows that was hesitant to embrace changes to the harbor.

The CRC has plans aim to:

- Link the various public and private properties along the harbor's edge
- Enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety and convenience
- Facilitate vehicle and pedestrian access through the creation of clear delineation between parking, walking, biking and vehicle travel along Border Street
- Preserve and enliven the rich maritime history of the waterfront

The walk would work its way down Margin Street, around Kimball's, and up Border Street to Government Island.

Dean Rizzo, executive director for the CRC said he is currently in the process of developing two plans for the community to consider. One is simply a maintenance plan which aims to tidy up the area and the other is a more comprehensive plan that really addresses the safety issues in the harbor. Rizzo hopes to procure grants for the latter plan but said the former is not substantial enough to necessitate grants, therefor the town would have to pay.

"We understand the constraints of municipal funding that's why we drew up two plans, one which would require the town to spend some money and another which wouldn't," Rizzo said.

Rizzo said he plans to meet with various boards and committees in town, including the Friends of the Harbor, to gather opinions about the drawings. He said there may be a public workshop on the designs in late May or early June.

RFP to go out for village work

By Evan Schiff
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The town is one step closer to a new village.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Tuesday he has advertised the Request For Proposals for the engineering services for the village revitalization. He said he expects to get a large number of bids back and hopes to narrow them down, with help from Town Planner Liz Harrington, to about five before making a decision.

The intent of the RFP is to finalize the design drawings so the project is ready to go out for construction bids. The firm that is selected will take the plans done by the Cecil Group and the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation and fine tune them until it is complete.

Harrington said the chosen firm will also be responsible for providing ongoing management services for all the other projects that will be undertaken in the village. This includes the James Brook Flood Mitigation construction and the MBTA project.

"Given the number of projects we have coming up in the next few years we want to make sure we have someone in place to coordinate them all," Harrington said. "We want to make sure we can save costs by combining the construction we do."

Haddad said he will allow the selectmen to make the final decision on which firm to hire, a luxury usually reserved for the town manager.

"This has been a very public process and this continues that," he said. "All the decisions made will receive plenty of public input."

Harrington said there will probably be a workshop in early summer to discuss the design drawings.

"The more input we get from the community, the better," she said.

The St. Stephen's sidewalk is currently slated be the first part of the village revitalization project to see construction.

"All the decisions made will receive plenty of public input."

— Town Manager Mark Haddad

The improvements will be centered around four areas, Elm Street, Ripley Road, Depot Court, and the town parking lot.

Work on the village could start the spring of 2003. The estimated $2-1/4 million revitalization project could be paid for with no direct cost to Cohasset taxpayers.

The $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development Grant along with the $169,000 transportation enhancement grant, which will be used for the sidewalk on South Main Street in front of St. Stephen's Church, will pick up most of the tab.

The MBTA will pay to reconstruct the town parking lot and the Ripley Road intersection by the South Shore Art Center in the village as part of the Greenbush train restoration project.

State grant for Lily Pond

State Sen. Robert Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley announced the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs has awarded the Town of Cohasset a $25,000 matching grant for a Lake and Watershed Management project at Lily Pond.

The project calls for the preparation of a lake and watershed management plan. The plan will study the ecological impacts of accelerated eutrophication, the process by which a body of water becomes enriched in dissolved nutrients (such as phosphates) that stimulate the growth of aquatic plant life, usually resulting in the depletion of dissolved oxygen, and will recommend appropriate long and short-term solutions.

"I am very happy Cohasset has been awarded this grant," said Bradley. "It will allow Cohasset's town officials, who have worked so hard for this grant, to implement a plan for the future of Lily Pond."

Katie had a bright future

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tive tone. She said she tells the story of Katie to put a face on the tragedies to all the offenders in her audience.

"They see so many faces of people that have been killed by drunk driving," she said. "But when I show them the picture of Katie and say, 'This is my niece, she was killed by a drunk driver it really sinks in.'"

Telling her listeners the story of how Katie died usually moves many of them to tears.

Katie was like any other 13-year-old, she had braces, was first in her class and loved Beanie Babies. She lived in Narragansett, R.I., a tiny community in a small state which is cushioned against the beach.

One afternoon her friend's mother picked her up to take her, and her companion, to the mall. It was a beautiful day, the weather conditions were perfect for driving, and everyone in the car had their seat belts buckled. Unfortunately, that doesn't matter to drunk drivers.

The car Katie was in was struck from behind by the inebriated driver, sending it over the median into oncoming traffic were it was slammed again, splitting the car in two pieces. The impact instantly killed Katie and the mother. Her friend in the car survived.

Liddell said her sister, Meg DeCubellis, called over to Katie's friend's house to tell her daughter she received her Halloween dress. A state trooper answered the phone.

Forty-five minutes later two uniformed police officers made the slow walk up the DeCubellis' driveway and knocked on the door.

"It's a mother's worst fear to have two officers knock on your door and tell you there's been an accident," Liddell said. "Katie just never came home."

The single mother of two tells her audience how her sister was taken to the hospital in a wheelchair because she couldn't stand and was wheeled into Katie's room.

"She just kept rubbing her legs, trying to warm her up," Liddell said. "She didn't want her to be so cold."

Liddell said she never thought she would have to plan a funeral for a younger relative. She added when a tragedy such as this strikes, ones' whole world is shaken with the realization that you can't control life.

"Everything we did to protect her, teaching her good versus bad, wrong versus right, doesn't matter now," Liddell said. "You always think about how you're going to provide for your kids but you never think about what they're going to look like in their coffin."

Katie DeCubellis. At right is one of Katie's poems.

Liddell said she relives the event every time she speaks to a group, usually around 75 to 100 people, which is about once a month. She said she always prays to Katie to help her through the speech and ends up crying every time.

"I go because if one person in the group realizes they have a problem with alcohol and they need help, I feel I've made a small difference," she said. "My message is not to stop drinking, it's to stop driving if you've have been drinking."

After telling her story, Liddell usually leaves the audience sobbing because "they realize it could've been them." She said the hardest part about fighting drunk driving is trying to stop an enemy you can't readily identify.

"You can't see alcoholism," she said. "You can't just point a finger at a car and say 'That person is drunk.'"

For all her work, MADD will recognize Liddell as its Volunteer of the Year this Saturday, April 13. The awards ceremony is going to be held at the Country Club of Halifax and will begin at 9:30 a.m. For more information or to become involved with MADD contact Cheryl Bagangan at 781-585-1888.

I Am...

I am a friendly girl whose name is Katie
I wonder how old I will live to be
I hear people, animals, and many sounds
I see the things that are around
I want to be the best I can be
I am a friendly girl whose name is Katie

I pretend that it's sunny when there is rain
I feel other peoples pain
I touch the hearts of many I meet
I worry in someway that I may be beat
I cry when people are mean to me
I am a friendly girl whose name is Katie

I understand that I should be kind
I say the things that are on my mind
I dream that I will do most things right
I try my best with my brother not to fight
I hope the world I'll be able to see
I am a friendly girl whose name is Katie

Martha Henderson named to MADD Youth Summit

As underage drinking continues to threaten the lives of young people and alcohol remains the number one drug problem among youth in America, State Representative Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, and state Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, announced their nomination of Martha Henderson from Cohasset to participate in a Youth Summit in May 2002 organized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

"It is rewarding to see this level of involvement from our future leaders. I applaud Martha for her desire to really make a difference."
— State Rep. Garrett Bradley

The summit will provide a forum for high-school aged youth from across the state to develop proposals to curb underage drinking. Alcohol kills 6.5 times more young people than all other illicit drugs combined. Moreover, a recent study by Boston University's School of Public Health reported that the younger people are when they state drinking alcohol, the more likely they are to drive after excessive drinking and get into alcohol-related car crashes over the courses of their adult lives.

"It is rewarding to see this level of involvement from our future leaders," said Bradley. "I applaud Martha for her desire to really make a difference."

Martha, who is a junior at Notre Dame Academy, says in addition to legislation, teenagers need to hear the message from their peers.

"I hope the 79 other student delegates and I can make an imprint on the minds of legislators so that real change can be made that will prevent underage drinking and drunk driving," she said. "I addition to formulating new ideas for new legislation, I hope we can also reach out to our peers because I think it is very important for teenagers to hear the message from other teenagers to whom they can relate and share common experiences."

The summit will take place at the Westin Waltham Hotel, May 5-7 and the delegates will hold a press conference at the Statehouse to announce the policy recommendations agreed to during the summit. Delegates will then meet with their respective Representatives and Senators individually to discuss their proposals.

"Raising awareness about the dangers associated with underage drinking is critically important," said Hedlund. "It's great to see Martha and other young people like her getting involved in this effort."

MADD recently sent applications to every high school in the state and to all state elected officials in an effort to help identify student leaders for the gathering. MADD's goal is to have at least 80 high school students selected from across the state. Space is limited at the summit and applications are still being accepted.

"Since the founding of MADD in 1900, we have made significant progress in focusing the public on alcohol-related driving and the number of fatalities that result from that behavior," said MADD State Executive Director Barbara Harrington. "The fact that these crashes are on the rise once again should concern us all. It isn't enough to get MADD, we need people to get involved. Research shows that the earlier young people drink, the more likely they are to develop alcohol problems as adults."

Martha Henderson

As further to the necessity of the summit, MADD cites a number of startling statistics:

- Eight young Americans die every day in alcohol-related traffic crashes.
- Underage drinking cost Massachusetts $934 million annually.
- Underage drinking costs the United States more than $53 billion every year-enough to buy every public school student a state-of-the-art computer.
- More tenth graders will get drunk this year than will go on to graduate college.

Founded in 1980, MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking. To receive an application for the Massachusetts Youth Summit to Prevent Underage Drinking or to find out more about MADD, please call Bradley's office at (617) 722-2120, Hedlund's office at (617) 722-1646 or MADD directly at 1-800-633-6233.

Opera excerpts at musical event

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay presents "Spring Fling," a light-hearted evening with excerpts from operas such as "Die Fledermaus," "Carmen," "The Marriage of Figaro," "The Merry Wives of Windsor," and "La Traviata."

Spring Fling will be presented twice only: once on Friday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham; and again on Saturday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury.

Those who are interested in cabaret seating for Spring Fling may reserve a table for six in front of the stage. At these tables, audience members can enjoy complimentary wine and cheese with their friends as they watch the performance. There are a limited number of tables available per evening, so reserve your table now! General seating is also available.

Tables seating is $250 per table. General seating is $20 for adults, and $15 for students and seniors. Proceeds from the event benefit Opera by the Bay. Tickets can be purchased by calling 781-749-7565, ext. 10 in Hingham, or 781-934-2731, ext. 10 in Duxbury.

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Tiger Lily nuzzles her newborn foal Kilroy. The miniature horse was born Friday night at Precious Petals' owner Bette Kelly's Norwell home.

Precious Petals owner has new baby pony

By Alice Coyle
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Precious Petals owner Bette Kelly has a new addition to her family.

Bette's miniature horse, Tiger Lily, gave birth to a foal named Kilroy Friday night in the corral at her Norwell home.

Kilroy is the fifth in Bette's herd of horses which includes a Lippizzaner stallion named Hansel, a buckskin quarter horse named Red Knight, a pony named Chubs and another miniature horse called Cody.

Bette's horses are well known around town thanks to their frequent appearances at events like Octoberfest —held right outside her North Scituate flower shop. While she's run Precious Petals for the last 10 years, Bette said her love of horses has been a life-long affair.

"They've been the love of my life ever since I was 2," said Bette, whose self-diagnosis for her girlhood obsession with everything equine is "horse fever."

While she never had a horse of her own to raise and ride as a girl, Bette said she collected the accoutrements of the trade throughout her youth, and when she and her husband James began a family of their own she made sure that each of her five children had their own horse, whether they wanted it or not.

"What I had wanted all those years for myself, I was doing for them," she noted.

The cost of keeping the horses was considerable, but Bette said she never thought twice about it.

"I'd rather pay a feed bill than a doctor's bill or a court bill," she said. "It kept everyone busy and out of trouble."

There was plenty of room for the horses to roam at the Kelly's First Parish Road home which abuts a large tract of conservation land. Bette's daughter, Cindy, who also works at the flower shop, said she loved riding the rural area near her home.

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Some of the Kelly kids even did their paper routes on horseback, recalls Bette, who has continued to keep horses despite the fact most of her children are grown and gone. Cindy's three children are the new generation of horse lovers in the Kelly household, Bette said.

But for Bette, delighting youngsters with her diminutive horses is not limited to her grandchildren. For more than a decade, Bette has been parading her ponies all over the South Shore for events and parties as part of her side business "Precious Pony."

After a 42-year-old pony she owned passed away, Bette decided she needed what she calls "a huggin' pony" something little kids could come and brush and talk to — that wouldn't frighten them. A Brockton women she met had just the thing — a bunch of miniature horses she inherited and didn't know quite what to do with.

Bette adopted 2-year-old Cody first. But costly surgeries Cody required initially made it impossible for her to bring any more miniature horses home to Norwell. But Cindy had her eye on a female foal at the time Cody was adopted and 11 months ago, Tiger Lily, a three-foot-tall horse with triple blond eyelashes joined the herd.

Lily, as she's known to Cindy, was expecting when the Kelly's bought her. And on Friday, the plucky horse gave birth on her own without the help of a veterinarian.

Bette said Lily is settling down to motherhood, but has been a bit testy and protective of her two-foot-tall, 17-pound baby, Kilroy, who was named after artist and friend John Kilroy of Hull

"He has brown shaggy hair like John and stands like him," jokes Bette.

"He's beautiful," she says of the new foal. "He's like a little, huggy, teddy bear. I've been coming in late to the store every day," notes Bette, who can't resist spending some time with Kilroy.

Bette said she hopes to introduce Kilroy around town soon and plans on having the horses on hand again for Octoberfest.

Right now she's enjoying this rite of spring in her own backyard.

Along with the new baby horse, some of her 10 chickens' eggs have hatched and there are little chicks chirping through her happy farm yard.

"There's no doubt about it," Bette declares, "spring has sprung."

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Far right, Tammy Elliott, auction chairwoman, works the phones.

Auction raises $13 K for TIC

Thirty volunteers from towns all over the South Shore frantically answered the phones as 120 items were auctioned over WATD 95.9 FM last week. The bids on Ray Bourque's autographed hockey stick and jersey (which was the highest priced item sold at $575); Red Sox and Globe Trotter tickets; dinners in local restaurants; overnights from Boston to Nantucket; and Joey Kramer's (of Aerosmith) drum sticks, donated by Zildgian were all sold for a good cause. The $13,000 raised goes directly to the Talking Information Center (TIC). TIC broadcasts newspapers, magazines and books to blind listeners throughout Massachusetts 365 days a year.

Auction Chair, Tammy Elliott of Cohasset and her assistant, Tonia Evans of Abington are both volunteer readers at TIC. Elliott started the fund-raiser five years ago. TIC Executive Director, Ron Bersani of Marshfield couldn't say enough about their efforts.

"This has not only become and excellent fund raiser," he said, "but also a really fun event that generates a lot of energy. Phones are ringing, volunteers are rushing around, bidders throughout the WATD listening area are involved — it is a great couple of days. I can't thank the volunteers enough — and especially Tammy and Tonia — for all the hard work it takes to put this together."

TIC is a non-profit radio reading service broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to more than 20,000 visually-impaired listeners through Massachusetts from its main studio in Marshfield.

For more information or to get involved, call 781-834-4400 or 1-800-696-9505

Five kitchens featured on community center tour

The South Shore Community Center is sponsoring a tour of some of the most unique kitchens in Cohasset on Friday, April 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the sixth year the center has sponsored the kitchen tour, and this year's homes and samplings from local caterers promise to be some of the most spectacular to date.

This year's five Cohasset kitchens are varied in both architectural style and in the amenities they offer the homeowner. A Georgian colonial featuring high tech appliances and antique chestnut and soapstone countertops, a shingle style contemporary with spectacular views of Sandy Beach, and a 72-year-old stone castle featuring an Aga stove are just some of the surprises that will await this year's tour-goer.

Adding even greater interest to the variety of architectural and interior design styles of the five homes will be the artistry of local and out of town designers who will create beautiful table settings and floral arrangements for the kitchens and dining rooms in each home. And in case the tour-goer would like some inspiration on what could be created in these kitchens, local caterers will be represented at each home offering refreshments.

Tickets are $25 and may be purchased at the center by calling 781-383-0088. Tickets are limited, early purchase is recommended. Funds from the 2002 Kitchen Tour will be used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center. The center, located at 3 North Main St. is a non-profit organization dedicated to a wide range of educational and enrichment programs for infants to seniors.

For more information about the kitchen tour or for a schedule of center courses, call 781-383-0088.

Dillon to talk about Cohasset geology

Peter Dillon will give a slide presentation on "The Geological Framework" of Cohasset on Sunday, April 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers' Cottage.

Dillon received his BS in Geology and his MS in Geology/Geochemistry from Boston College. His master's thesis "The Geochemistry and Petrogenisis of the Dedham Plutonic Series, Eastern Massachusetts, USA" was focused on the origin and age of granites found locally in Cohasset and resulted in the naming of one of these granites the Cohasset Granite.

He served as a hydrogeologist for the Mass Department of Environmental Protection before becoming a consultant. Recently, he was awarded the Outstanding Groundwater Project of 2001 by the National Groundwater Association for his work on a 4.5 million gallon per day water supply at the Massachusetts Military Reservation.

Dillon was born and raised in Cohasset, the son of Ed and Barbara Dillon. He and his wife now reside in Norwell were he is a water commissioner and a cember of the Board of Health.

This lecture is sponsored by the Cohasset Garden Club and the public is welcome. The meeting is one of a educational series given by this garden club which in the past has had experts speak on such subjects as salt marshes, coastal beaches, open space conservation, bird habitat, and organic gardening and composting.

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For reservations, please call 781-383-9112.

Poetry contest for middle-schoolers

Buttonwood Books & Toys and Buttonwood For Kids are hosting a poetry contest and all middle school students (Grades 6, 7, and 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month-long event to celebrate Poetry month. Students may submit their entries directly to Buttonwood Books & Toys Rte. 3A, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset or Buttonwood For Kids, 28 South St., Hingham Square, Hingham.

Students can enter one of five categories. 1. Humor 2. Free Verse 3. Rhyming 4. Form; any type, such as haiku, limerick, pantoum, tanka, or sonnet 5. Theme: "Reading/Books".

All entries will be displayed during the month of April in Cohasset and Hingham. The contest dates are April 1 – April 30 and the judges are local middle school teachers. A $15 Gift Certificate will be awarded to each winner and there will be one winner in each grade per category. The winners will be announced at an Open Mike Event to be held on Sunday May 19, 2 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. All contest participants are eligible to read at the Open Mike Event (reading is optional; however you must register in advance to read by calling Buttonwood Books & Toys at 781-383-2665 or Buttonwood For Kids at 781-749-2665).

Entry Rules: 1. Entry heading requires students name, address, phone number, grade, school and selected category 2. Poem with an original title 3. Length: one typewritten page. 4. One entry per person.(** Poems without the above information will not be eligible for inclusion in the contest).

Litchfield party

Make sure to get your tickets for Harold Litchfield's retirement celebration to be held on Friday, May 10 at the Golden Rooster in North Scituate, starting at 6:30 p.m. To get your tickets to this event, contact Peggy Litchfield at 781-923-1080. The cost is $30 per person and includes dinner, dancing and music with a cash bar. A limit has been set so don't wait too long to reserve your spot.

Paragon Carousel open weekends

The Paragon Carousel is open weekends only, weather permitting until Memorial Day weekend; on Fridays 3p.m. to dusk and on Saturdays and Sundays 11am to dusk.

Don't forget to make your plans early for up-coming birthday parties. If you have any questions, please call 781-925-0472.

Gardening class

The South Shore Community Center offers a new class for gardening enthusiasts:

Roses in the Landscape with Amy Martin, Thursday, April 18, 6:45 to 9 p.m., $20 members, $22 non-members. So many roses, so little space. With so many roses available, it is difficult to know which ones are right for your space. This class focuses on the shrub roses, which are hardy, disease and black spot resistant and often reblooming. ($5 material fee payable to instructor.)

Stop by the office at 3 North Main St. or call 781-383-0088 to register for this class. Master Card, Visa or Discover accepted. Visit the Web site at www.SouthShoreCommunity Center.com.

Town history books

"Narrative History of Cohasset, 1950-2000, Volume III," by Jaqueline Dormitzer is the third history of Cohasset. The previous two histories are still in print and available through the Committee on Town History — Bigelow's "Narrrative History of Cohasset, Volume I" and Pratt's "Narrative History of Cohasset, 1900-1950, Volume II."

To order Dormitzer's history, send name and address and check for $32 and $3.50 postage and handling (total $35.50) made payable to Town of Cohasset. Mail to Committee on Town History, Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Arts, crafts

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting telephone registrations for grades K-3 arts and crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and crafts for grades K-3 runs on Mondays from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Osgood School.

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Ripley keeps time moving

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Hanover. After seeing that the clock had stopped a few weeks ago, Ripley took it upon himself to fix the problem.

"It just looks bad when you have a clock stopped in a prominent location," he said. "It makes the town look lazy."

The town clock has a storied history. Today church and government must be separate, but back when the First Parish church was built that was not the case.

The First Parish building was constructed in 1714 by area residents tired of traveling to the Congregational church in Hingham. When the church's congregation outgrew the original building, a new one was built in 1747. This is the building that stands on the common today.

The meeting house on the common is a direct descendant of Hingham's original First Parish, now called "The Old Ship." In a community where religious parishes and secular precinct government were closely related, the Colonial meeting house was the center of both the religious and governmental activity of its citizens.

This was the first meeting house for parish, precinct and the town government. It became privately owned in 1824 and the clock in the steeple of the First Parish Church on the town common was installed in tower in the early 1800s.

Three years ago the steeple underwent extensive renovations for the first time in more than 100 years. The repairs to the clock face included repairing the moldings, painting the four dials and applying gold leaf to the clock hands, as well as the numerals and minute markers.

In a previous interview, town archivist David Wadworth said the First Parish building is "easily the most historic building in town." The Declaration of Independence was read to the town from the church's pulpit. A secret room was constructed there to store ammunition during the Revolutionary War, and the bell was rung to mark the end of every American war this century.

With all the history of the building and clock, it's easy to understand why the agile 73-year-old quickly scampered up the various ladders, which are extremely steep, to the top of the steeple to examine the clock. The clock boasts a 60-pound pendulum along with 600-pound weights that help to keep the clock running and keep it wound.

"It's so amazing to think that this machine can still work after almost 200 years," he said. "Think about it, most cars stop running after ten."

Ripley, who does the work for an annual $100 stipend which he donates to charity, said if the clock is running properly it can go three months with out slowing down a minute. He also works on the town clocks in Hingham, Norwell, Quincy and Bridgewater.

"The clock gives life to the center of town," he said. "It's important to maintain its integrity."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town clock is part of Cohasset's character.

"It's a symbol of the common and is a showpiece of the town," he said.

Most of the town clocks Ripley works on, are the product of a Hingham-born clock maker named Edward Howard. Ripley said Howard is a legendary clock maker and who got his start in the area.

While he enjoys working on the larger timepieces, Ripley fixes about 500 watches and clocks a year. He said the problem with most of the items is that they need to be cleaned.

"My favorite is when customers come in and say, 'There's nothing wrong with my clock, it just doesn't work," he said. Ripley said most can be repaired in a day but he has spent months fixing some timepieces.

Ripley, who has traveled the world as a diplomatic courier, describes himself as someone who just likes to be self-reliant. He has built a workshop on his property in which he works on boats, cars and "anything I can get my hands on." That includes Ripley's house, 179 S. Main St., which was built in 1695, making it the oldest in Cohasset.

Ripley said he's always been mechanical and has wanted to be in business for himself for some time. He generally charges a flat rate for his services and says he has spent up to a year on some pieces.

"There's no magical formula," he said. "It's a trial and error process."

Garden Club honors Eisenhaure

Mary Eisenhaure of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset recently received the Award of Merit at the South Shore District annual meeting held at The Barker Tavern in Scituate.

Mary's adventurous spirit led her to accept the position of newsletter editor, knowing that she had yet to master the use of her computer. She not only persevered in her acquisition of knowledge to produce the newsletter, but continued to make improvements to enhance and beautify its appearance. Last year the club was awarded the Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for State Region, District and Club Publication for Mary's newsletter.

As corresponding secretary, Mary writes the necessary letters and cards with warmth and thoughtfulness. She offers her home and grounds for the club functions as well as her heart and hands. For her diligence, generosity and creativity, the Community Garden Club of Cohasset honors Mary Eisenhaure.

Mary Eisenhaure, recipient of the Award of Merit from the Community Garden Club of Cohasset.

Garden club President's Tea

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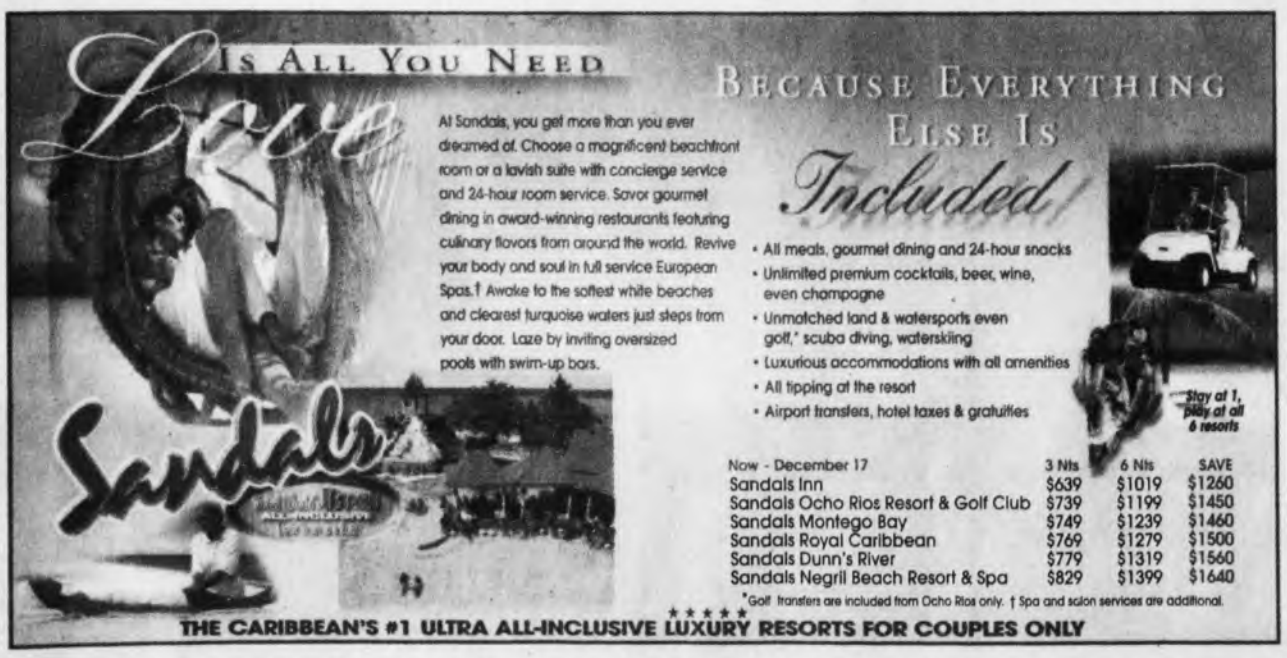

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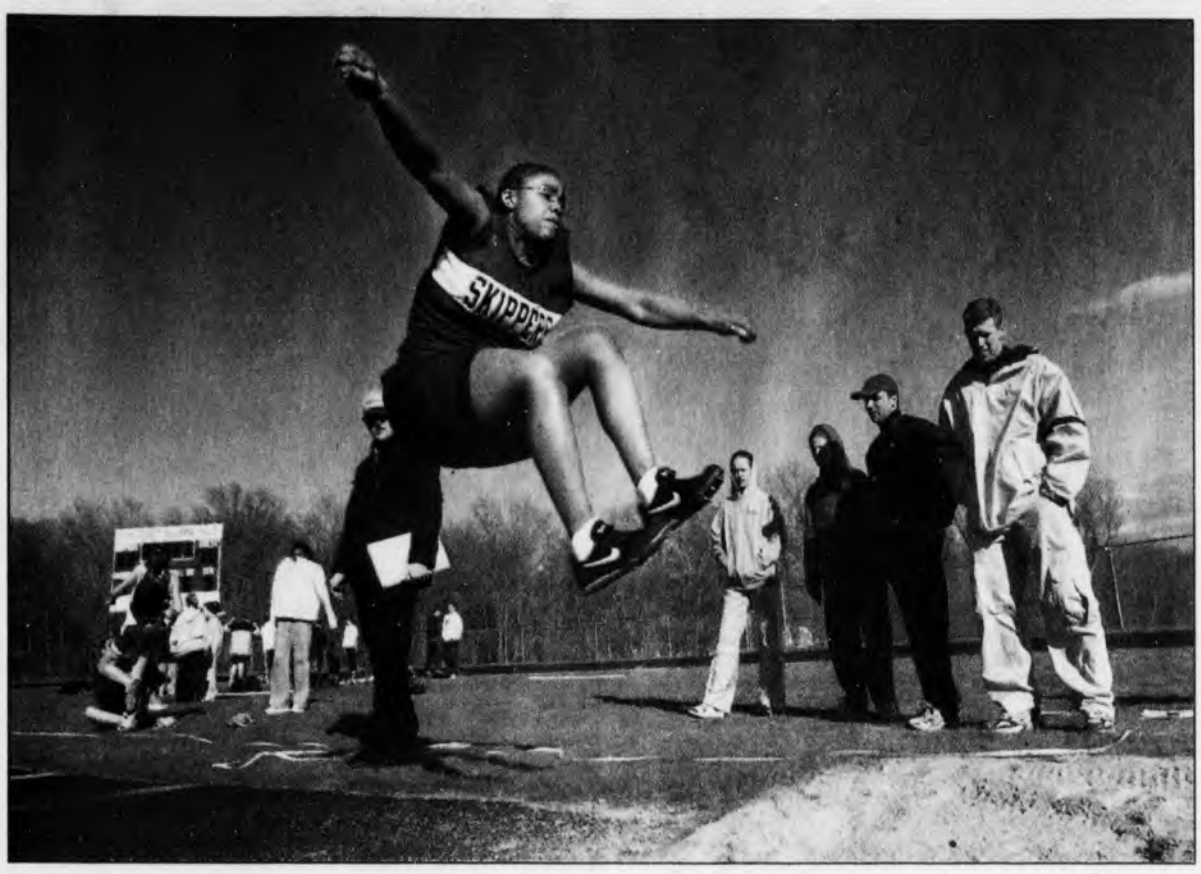

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Cohasset's La'Raine Langford stretches for every last inch in long jump competition at last week's track meet against league rival Norwell.

The beat goes on

Boys track team knocks off Carver in battle of unbeatens

By Mike Spellman
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And the beat goes on.

Many thought the Cohasset boys would be hard pressed to come anywhere near the level of success they enjoyed last spring on the track, but with three meets down and four to go, its been same old, same old for the defending unbeaten South Shore League champs.

The Skippers pulled off a huge 70-65 win on the road Monday over league rival Carver, knocking off the only other unbeaten team in the SSL to improve to 3-0.

"That was a big one," said veteran Cohasset coach Al LaFontain. "We've had match up problems with Carver in recent years, and that was the case again. They had some real good distance runners who were able to take first place points that we thought we might get, so it really came down to the wire."

In fact, it came down to the final field event, the discus, with Cohasset needing at least a second place finish to hold on for the win. Senior Steve Laney did just that, making the second best toss. For good measure, junior Cosimo Cambi took the third place point in the pivotal event.

Cambi also had a win in the 400-meter race that proved huge. Indeed, with five points spelling the difference, every point proved rather large.

Junior Ian Kidder, who has

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A grand opening

Lady laxers begin season with impressive win over Marshfield

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High lady laxers started what they hope will be another playoff charge with an encouraging 13-6 win over Div. 1 Marshfield in last Wednesday's season opener.

Senior captain Kristin Sheerin showed the form that made her an obvious All-Scholastic choice last year, racking up six goals and two assists. Well past the career 100-goal plateau, Sheerin will most likely be Cohasset's top scorer, and the quarterback of the offense.

With Cohasset opening up a large lead early in the second half, they were able to test out the new offense implemented by first year coach Torin Sweeney. In it, Sheerin calls plays from behind the net, setting the action in motion to try to scramble the opposing defense.

Juniors Maura McKenney and defensemen Katherine Coyne both scored in the winning effort, as did sophomore Nicole Trugiss, and freshman Lauren Rizzotti, in her first official varsity game. Juniors Rachel Smith and Sarah Brady both assisted two goals apiece in the win.

Coyne was also one of the team leaders on defense, along with the very fast pair of senior captain Carlie Carter and junior Julie Lordan. The Lady Rams had a few quick wingers who were able to penetrate the zone defense, but the defensive trio clamped down in the second half when Sweeney changed to man coverage.

"Marshfield had a run and gun style," explained Sweeney. "And

GIRLS LAX, PAGE 21

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Leading the Lady Skippers is scoring the last two seasons gained Cohasset junior Lindsay Grossman (#44) consideration for the Mariner All-Scholastic girls basketball team, but it was her outstanding defense that cemented her selection. To see the our complete team, see page 20.

Race-by-the-Sea draws near record field

By Mike Spellman
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Cohasset runners have protected their turf for the second straight year.

Native son Paul Stanislawzyk took first place overall among the 765 runners who completed Sunday's 26th annual Cohasset Road Race-by-the-Sea, covering the 10-kilometer run in 33:02— an outstanding pace of 5:20— to cross the finish line at the Cohasset Common well ahead of second place finisher Bob Chasen of Weymouth (34:45).

"It wasn't a bad day of running at all," reported Stanislawzyk, 36, who moved to Cohasset two years ago with his wife and two young daughters. "It was a little windy on Atlantic Ave. and it was a pretty hilly course, but it was a real nice race and very scenic. It was extremely well organized."

This was the first Race-by-the-Sea for Stanislawzyk, who was a distance runner for track teams at Boston Latin Academy and UMass-Amherst. He decided to get back into running a little more than a year ago. It obviously didn't taken him long to get back in to top shape, as his eighth place finish in Hingham's July 4th Road Race (25:08 for the 4.7-mile course) attests.

The top female finisher was Sarah Baker-Ladd, of Mattapoisett, who finished with a time of 39:54. Cohasset's top female finisher was Barbara Buckley, 40, who took third among the women with a run of 42:26.

Last year's female winner was Cohasset's Dyan Young. The male winner the previous two years was John Noland of Kingston. Neither runner participated this year.

The real winners this year, though, as every other year, were Cohasset students. The Cohasset Rotary Club, which sponsors the race, donates all proceeds to a scholarship fund. $21,000 was given in scholarships in 2001 to Cohasset High School students using race proceeds and other funds. The Rotary has given in excess of $400,000 to Cohasset students over the past 20 years.

This year's turnout of approximately 930 runners and 150 walkers was among the highest ever, making it a banner day for the scholarship fund. The fact that this was the first time in recent years that the weather turned out to be decent on race day no doubt had more than a little to do with that.

The race started near the town common on Highland Ave, moved to Elm Street, then to Atlantic Ave., to the coastal end of Jerusalem Road, to Forest Ave., to North Main Street and, finally, back to the Common for the finish.

With the Cohasset Rotary having only 20 or so members, volunteers

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

And they're off! The start of Sunday's Cohasset Road Race-by-the-Sea. For more race photos and details, see pages 18 and 19.

Boys remain perfect

Five goal effort from Kahn paces laxers in 9-5 win over Norwell

The Cohasset boys' lacrosse team may have found a potent new scoring combination.

Junior Matt Davis, moving to attack to fill in for the absent senior Jason Moore, found classmate Curt Kahn alone on the crease four times with pinpoint passes, and the visiting Skippers shook off an early deficit to cruise to a 9-5 victory in their Pilgrim League opener. Kahn would finish the game with five goals, while Davis threw in a pair of scores to go with his four assists.

The Skippers, who'd noted published comments by Norwell coach Frank Granara that stated beating Cohasset was one of his team's two 2002 goals, weathered an early second quarter 3-1 deficit and scored six unanswered goals over the second and third quarters.

Kahn began the run with his second and third goals of the game, the latter on an assist from senior Eric Libby. Davis then picked up a pair, the first on a slick dodge from behind the goal, and the second on a 45-yard clearing pass from senior goalie Kyle Weber, who picked up his first assist of the season. Kahn continued the string with the goal of the game, catching a pass from senior Paul Previte while on his knees, and quicksticking the ball into the net as a defender hit him. Then junior middie Tom Anderson finished the Clippers off with a driving shot from the center, off a feed from Davis.

Weber, a steady presence all afternoon, finished the game with 16 saves, eight in each half.

"This was a step forward for us after the opener," said coach Kevin Orcutt. "Any league game is important, and the first one even more so. Norwell has a veteran team that was 1-3 against us over the past two years. They wanted this badly, but we maintained our composure and possessed the ball when we needed to. This was a good win."

Both teams scored twice in the fourth quarter, but the emerging defense of junior Nick Spirito, senior Chris Caron and junior Ben Lynner responded to every Norwell challenge. Each team was hit with nine penalties during the game.

"I can't say enough about how quickly Lynner and Caron are coming along," said Orcutt. "They're getting great support from the two sophomores, Steve Davis and Conor Buick, and they bring a toughness from their football backgrounds that

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Cohasset's Road Race-by-the-Sea

Cohasset's Paul Stanislawzyk (above) crossed the finish line first with an excellent time of 33:02, 1:43 ahead of Bob Chasen (below), of Weymouth, who finished second overall.

Cohasset finishers

Place	Name	Time
1	Paul Staniskiwzyk	33:02
5	Timothy Baird	35:21
23	J Patrick Kennedy	39:27
31	Doug Yeager	40:05
39	Ross Lieb-Lappen	41:18
49	Jan Belher	42:06
55	Barbara Buckley	42:26
64	Gregory Wipf	43:09
65	Steve Carrier	43:09
67	John Jr Stanton	43:13
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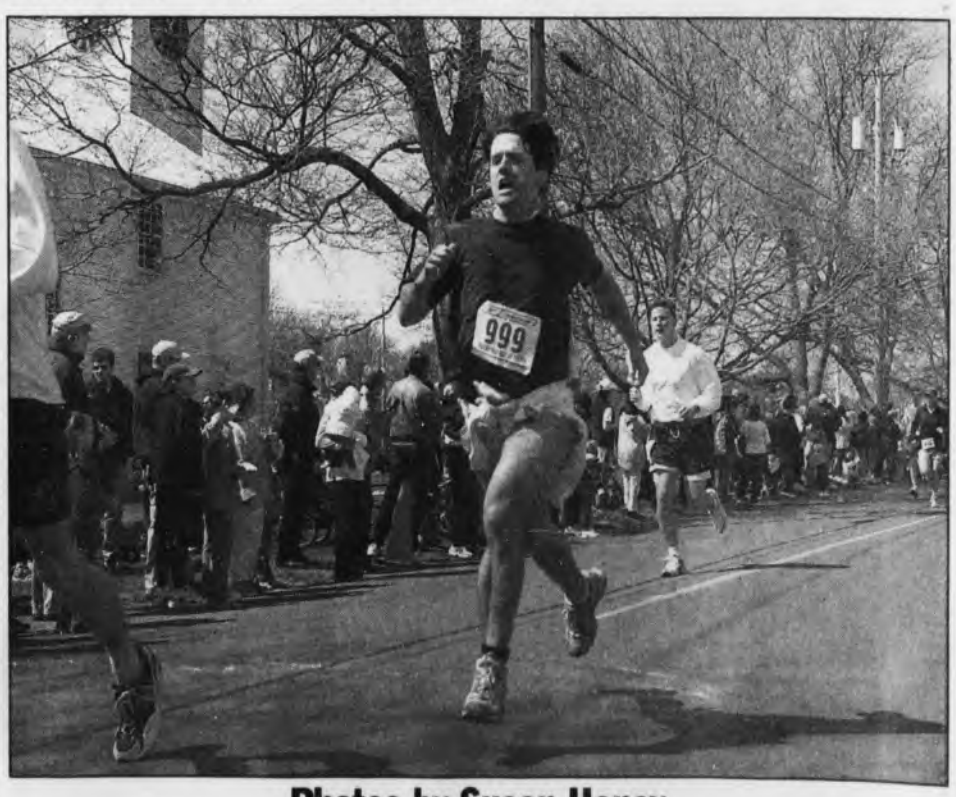
748	Anna Sandell	1:07:55
753	Mark Chase	1:10:17
754	Jacqueline Chase	1:10:17
760	Sheelah Scott	1:12:24

Above: 930 runners registered for the 26th running of the popular Cohasset race. Sorry we couldn't get pictures of all of you in the paper (we did our best). Below: Sarah Baker-Ladd, of Mattapoisset, was the first female finisher.

Above: As usual, this was a race that attracted all ages. Rockland's Patrick O'Rourke (518) doesn't look too concerned about passing Hingham's Drew Morrissey (485).
Right: With fellow townies looking on, Cohasset's own John Stanton, Jr. made a big kick down the stretch.



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Love-four

Boys and girls tennis teams swept by powerhouse Hingham and Norwell squads

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The good news is that the tennis teams have gotten Hingham and Norwell out of the way early. The bad news is that the two powerhouse teams have left both Skipper squads in their own respective 0-2 holes.

Hingham, the defending Div. 1 South Sectional Champion last year for boys, and Norwell, who won the South Shore League for both genders, are far and away the two toughest teams the Skippers will face this year. Both teams were up to form early in the season, beating the very strong Lady Skippers and re-building mens' team.

Freshman Elizabeth Stone was the only singles player to win both of her matches, ripping both her opponents 6-0, 6-0. She had no problem dispatching the Harborwomen's number two on Friday, and had the same effect at third singles this past Monday against Norwell.

Stone's fellow frosh teammate Kate Englander had a great opening two matches as well. Against Hingham, Englander teamed up with junior captain Julie Shea to take a very good first doubles match against senior Meaghan Slaughter and sophomore Jess Purcell.

In a scrambled line-up on Monday, Englander played "out of her mind", according to coach Sarah Meehan, in a losing effort to All-Scholastic singles standout Sara Bitetti. Bitetti outhit the Skipper freshman in winning the first set 6-1, but Englander made some adjustments to even out the second set, finally falling 7-5.

"She was every bit in that match," said the 11th year girls coach. "Kate just had to realize that she could keep up with her."

Junior captain Lindsay Grossman played two terrific singles matches, but was unfortunate enough to run into two of the fastest rising stars on the South Shore. Freshman Megan Doyle of Hingham exploded onto the varsity scene in her match, taking down the two-time All-Star in a hard-fought match on both sides. Against Norwell, sophomore Angie Bizozzero finished off a three-hour, three set match with Grossman at second singles, providing a frighteningly similar flashback to last year.

In last year's match, also in Norwell, Bizozzero won a thrilling third set decision at third singles to give her team a 3-2 victory, and ensuring at least a share of the South Shore League title for the Lady Clippers.

Senior captain Kelly Stone and sophomore Courtney Caron recovered from a first match loss at second doubles to take the point against Norwell, 7-5, 6-2.

On the boys side, the results were very much the same, as matches were dropped to the best opponents they will face this year.

First year junior Ross Lieb-Lappen won the only point for Cohasset in either match, taking third singles against Hingham's David Cartier, 6-4, 7-5.

It was the first varsity match for both players, and was very close all the way through, with Lappen holding the advantage when rushing the net.

Lappen teamed with junior Scott Faber at first doubles against Norwell, losing in two sets to a surprisingly strong Clipper sophomore pair.

Junior captain David Ingber and sophomore Tim Anton faced four of the top players in Eastern Massachussetts at first and second singles, respectively.

Juniors Brian Marsden and Sam Bitetti, both two-time selectees to the All-Scholastic and All-Star teams, are both ranked in New England (Marsden is also ranked nationally), and had not trouble taking down Ingber in his debut at first singles.

Anton put up a good fight against Rob Becker and Mike Wiltshire, both league All-Stars from last year, but came up short, losing both in two sets.

Luckily for both of the Skipper singles players, the competition becomes much more manageable past Hingham and Norwell.

Sophomore Jessie Brewer lost his first match of the season at third singles, but held his own against former All-Scholastic doubles junior Rory O'Connor.

Junior Bryan Bilton and sophomore Andrew Buske played their first varsity match together at second doubles on Monday, but lost to the Clippers in two sets.

Sophomores Drew Hertig and Andrew Wise notched their first varsity wins though, winning their exhibition doubles match with ease.

Road Race-by-the-Sea top finishers

FEMALE
UNDER 14
1. Amanda Smith, 12, Cohasset, 59:14
2. Sheelah Scott, 12, Cohasset, 1:12:24

14-17
1. Eleni Gesch, 17, Saunderstown, 52:51
2. Michelle Patterson, 15, Scituate, 53:20
3. Lindsay Grossman, 15, Cohasset, 53:22

18-39
1. Sara Baker-Ladd, 27, Mattapoisett, 39:54
2. Shannon Gotter, 34, Scituate, 42:18
3. Meg Hughes, 35, Canton, 42:43
4. Heather Turgeon, 33, Charlestown, 43:47
5. Gretchen Wilson, 36, Andover, 43:57

40-49
1. Barbara Buckley, 40, Cohasset, 42:26
2. Jackie Regan, 40, Salem, 44:38
3. Carole Tierney, 40, Scituate, 44:44

50-59
1. Leila Walden, 55, Hingham, 49:51
2. Ellen Freda, 54, Cohasset, 52:43
3. Deedee Mariano, 52, Braintree, 54:17

60 AND OVER
1. Kerry O'Toole, 93, Norwell, 51:21

MALE
UNDER 14
1. Drew Morrisey, 11, Hingham, 41:33
2. Jason Cerilli, 11, Hingham, 42:41
3. Ben Bramhall, 13, Plymouth, 45:03

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1. Kevin Meskell, 17, Weymouth, 40:49
2. Ross Lieb Lappen, 17, Cohasset, 41:18
3. Tim Anton, 16, Cohasset, 43:41

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1. Paul Staniskiwzyk, 36, Cohasset, 33:02
2. Brian Benestad, 19, Chestnut Hill, 34:53
3. Timothy Baird, 18, Cohasset, 35:21
4. Kevin Hynes, 36, Medford, 35:35
5. Sean Dillon, 31, Scituate, 35:36

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1. Bob Chasen, 46, Weymouth, 34:45
2. Bob Ruel, 49, Whitman, 35:06
3. Josiah Hatch, 44, Hingham, 35:51

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1. Kevin McCarthy, 54, Portsmouth, 38:42
2. Douglas Kewley, 51, Tea Tree Gully, AU
3. Bill Hayes, 51, Marlborough, 41:22

60 AND OVER
1. Tim Tobin, 64, Hingham, 43:45
2. Donald Bell, 64, Bellingham, 44:56
3. Ronald Robitaille, 62, Norton, 49:34

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Race-by-the-Sea draws near record field

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were essential to the success of the race, and the good folks of Cohasset came through big time again, according to race organizer Tom Gruber.

"We had about 175 volunteers, most of them Cohasset residents," said Gruber. "We have a great race here, and these people who give freely of their time are a big part of that. We couldn't do this without them."

The all-time male race record is held by Boston's John Kessinger, his 1980 time of 29:30 still standing as the mark to beat 22 years later.

Cohasset's own Sarah Linsley, who won the female race in its first seven years, owns the women's record with her 1983 time of 33:25.

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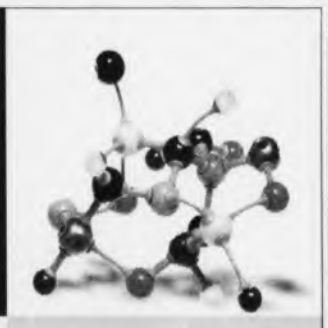

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All-Scholastic Girls Basketball team

Cohasset's Grossman named among area's elite

Once again, selecting a set number of players to this team was no easy task. We had an abundance of girls hoop talent in Marinerland this winter, the most noteworthy indications of this being the successes of Div. 3 South Sectional semifinalists and South Shore League champion Abington (21-2), which placed four members on our All-Scholastic team.

Exceptional campaigns were also turned in by a handful of athletes from Div. 2 South Sectional quarterfinalist and Patriot League runners up Hingham (17-5) and Rockland high schools, who each have three members representing them. We've done our best to recognize individual talent from teams with not-so-evident successes, such as in Hanover, Marshfield, Norwell, and Cohasset.

A few of the players you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" also received strong consideration for this team. However, after consulting with area coaches, players and other close observers, these are the 15 players we felt deserved to be recognized as our area's best.

Lindsay Grossman - Junior Guard - Cohasset

Lindsay Grossman

The Lady Skippers top scorer the past two seasons… averaged 15 points per game this season, and was named a South Shore League all-star… extremely quick and athletic with very strong basketball instincts…at her best in transition…also a stellar defender, she was generally matched up against the opposition's top perimeter scorer…a relentless competitor…a three sport standout for Cohasset High, Lindsay is a starter for the field hockey team and phenom on the tennis courts…she went 22-0 last season as the Lady Skippers' number one singles player (earning SSL and Mariner All-Star selections here as well)…a regular "high honor roll" student…Cohasset coach Ellen Carr: "We were at our best when Lindsay was on the floor, no doubt about that. She kept us going at both ends, offense and defense. Her competitiveness kept us going too."

Brittany Cheney - Senior (Capt.) Center - Abington

Brittany Cheney

Unquestionably one of the most dominant and talented basketball players on the South Shore, Cheney helped lead Abington to a South Shore League championship (12-0, 21-2 overall)…Although only 5'9", Cheney's impressive leaping ability equaled her to any 6-footer…Was the Green Wave's leading scorer and rebounder with 408 points (17.7 ppg) and 205 boards (10.2 rpg)…Her performance this season helped Abington advance to the semifinals of the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney and was voted SSL Player of the Year honors…A four-time SSL All-star, Cheney achieved a milestone this year by scoring her 1,000th career point…The senior finished her four-year AHS career with a total 1,180 points…A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in both basketball and soccer, Cheney also made our softball squad last year…Cheney plans to attend the University of Maine, where she will continue her softball career. Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "In my 35 years as a coach for both boys and girls, Brittany is one of the top three players I've ever seen. People were just amazed by what she could do. She's was the hardest working player in games and in practice. She's like the athletes of old. She goes full speed all the time. Second best isn't good enough for Brittany."

Katie Alexander - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Abington

Katie Alexander

Was the Green Wave's second leading rebounder with 152 (6.6 per game) despite her 5' stature…Quick and quiet, Alexander always seemed to be at the right place at the right time whether it be to sink a shot, pull down a board, or dish an NBA-style pass…Was the team's outright assists leader with 83 (4 per game) and led the Abington in steals with 60…What Alexander may have lacked in size, she made up for with her aggressive and smart play…One of the best defensive players on the team, Alexander's performance on all fronts helped Abington (21-2) capture a South Shore League title (12-0) and an appearance in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney…A two-time SSL All-star, Alexander is a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in basketball and also made our soccer squad last fall…Alexander received a Coach's Award at the annual AHS hoop banquet…She plans to attend Southern New Hampshire College, where she will continue her soccer career. Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "She's our hard-nosed defensive stalwart. She has incredible rebounding skills for her size. She's a good passer and she runs well. She always started our breaks. She made what we did this year easy."

Jackie Anderson - Senior (Capt.) Point-guard - Abington

Jackie Anderson

Somewhat of a breakout year for the speedy Green Wave (21-2) point-guard, Anderson was a huge threat from behind the arch this season… Was the team's three-point leader with 40 (8.7 average per game)…The senior had the ability to light up a game and often times turned it around, consistently hit big three-pointers, most of which were from NBA distance…An excellent ball handler and solid defensive player, Anderson never limited herself to three-point land, often driving to the hoop against players far bigger in size…An intricate part of Abington's quick pass game, the two-time South Shore League All-star played a big role in the Green Wave's SSL title (12-0) and appearance in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney…Anderson plans to attend either Simmons or Suffolk and continue her basketball career at either. Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "Jackie had a very nice season for us. As our point-guard, she had the ball in her hands a lot and always seemed to know what to do with it. She was one of those players who really cared about what we did. She was a great leader."

Stephanie Morrissey - Junior Guard/Forward - Abington

Stephanie Morrissey

Was the South Shore League champion Green Wave's second-leading scorer, averaging 15.3 ppg…A highly-skilled player, Morrissey had the ability to shoot from just about anywhere and consistently lit up the lane with her impressive drives…Was ranked second on the Abington team in three-pointers with 38…Although among the league's leading scorers, Morrissey's smarts on the court often led her to make an extra pass, rather than take a risky shot…Had a tremendous recovery from a badly sprained ankle sustained in a pre-state tourney scrimmage, playing in two Div. 3 South Sectional games just one week later…In a stellar comeback, Morrissey scored points in the team's quarterfinal win over Case, advancing the team to the semifinals…A two-time SSL All-star, Morrissey has made the Mariner All-scholastic hoop team for the second straight year…The junior received a Coach's Award at the annual AHS hoop banquet…She will be the top AHS player returning to the roster next season. Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "Stephanie was a great all-around player. She did a lot of things well for us. She was a steady player in all categories. She made good plays."

Melissa Murphy - Junior Point-guard - Rockland

Melissa Murphy

Blistering speed is this 5-footer's biggest strength allowing her to consistently weave through her opponents defenses… Despite her modest stature, Murphy was the team's leading scorer (16.3) placing her second in the Patriot League, in which Rockland finished third (8-4)…A threat from three-point land and deadly on a fast break, Murphy also led the team in assists and steals…The junior was a member of the Lady Bulldogs' State Championship hoop team in 2000…A two-time PL All-star, Murphy is making her second straight appearance on the Mariner hoop squad…Also a talented sprinter on Rockland's outdoor track team, Murphy was an All-Scholastic last spring…Last fall, Murphy helped lead the RHS cheerleading squad to a State Championship and will head to nationals this month. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "Her speed is her best asset, but she's also probably the best pure three-point shooter we have. She's fearless when going to the hoop. If she's open at all, she'll get there. She goes 120 percent all the time."

Liz Martin - Senior (Capt.) Center - Rockland

Liz Martin

An undeniable force inside the paint, Martin was the Lady Bulldog's leader in rebounds for the second-straight year…A highly-aggressive player, Martin knew only one way to play: Hard…Mostly regarded for her tough defense, particularly against players taller than herself, Martin (5'7") proved she could also score points, knocking down 157 for 7.5 ppg…Midway through the season, Martin routinely scored double-digit points to add to her stellar defensive techniques…Great positioning and impeccable timing allowed Martin to consistently out-rebound 6-footers like Duxbury's Krissy Van der Veen and EB's Bridget Larkin…Martin also plays soccer and softball at RHS…She was named to our All-Scholastic softball squad last spring…The senior plans to attend Bridgewater State College where she will continue her basketball career. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "I don't think there will ever be anyone like Liz. From the moment she stepped onto the court in eighth grade she just had this spark. I always knew that wherever the ball was, Liz would be right there."

Laura Goggin - Junior Forward/Guard - Rockland

Laura Goggin

Among the team's top scorers, Goggin had a breakout season for the Lady Bulldogs… Whether it be driving to the hoop, nailing a three-pointer, or key jump shot, Goggin consistently came up big for Rockland when needed most…Scored 226 points this season and averaged 10.8 ppg…A highly aggressive player, Goggin was not afraid to drive to the hoop against players far bigger than herself and usually got the shot and one…Also a solid defensive player, Goggin is a two-time Patriot League All-star…Her play helped lead the Lady Bulldogs to the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney…Also a talented cheerleader, Goggin helped lead the team to a Div. 3 State Championship last fall and will attend nationals this month…The junior also does outdoor track and field for RHS in the spring…Goggin competes on an AAU hoop team and also does All-star cheerleading. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "If we had a good game, you know Laura had a good game. We aren't that big so she had to play inside even though she's more of a guard. But she's one of the few players on the team that can go to the hoop get hit and still have it go in. She's a great athlete."

Jill McClelland - Sr.(Capt) Guard - Silver Lake

Jill McClelland

A four year starter who averaged seven points, 5.2 assists and 4.3 steals per game this season for the Lady Lakers…a phenomenal defender and a solid all-around player who got to move from point guard to her more natural off guard position this season…Old Colony League all-star…highpoint total this season was 15-points against Coyle Cassidy…Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention last year…also a soccer and track team captain…was named an Old Colony League all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic for soccer this past fall season, in which she led SL in scoring (8 goals, 1 assist)…Spring Track team captain who specializes in the 100 and 300-meter hurdles…would like to play soccer in college if she winds up at a smaller school…has narrowed her likely choices down to Boston University and Elon College (North Carolina)…undecided on a major…Silver Lake coach Dick Steele: "Jill has a great team attitude and was a great leader on and off the floor, in practice, games, whatever. The really set a great example with her hustle, she'd run baseline to baseline and do a great job defending the whole floor."

Meghan Duffy - Junior Forward - Marshfield

Meghan Duffy

A three-year varsity player, Duffy emerged as one of the Old Colony League's best forwards and quickly became her opponents main focus… Despite the tough competition in the OCL—in which Marshfield played its first season—Duffy averaged an impressive 15 points per game, leading the team and placing her third among the league's top scorers…A highly-aggressive player, Duffy lives to go to the hoop…Also a consistent shooter from the field, Duffy caused most of her damage fearlessly driving up the lane, drawing fouls in the process…She was also the team's best free throw shooter with a 65 percent average and also pulled down a team-best 9 rebounds per game…Went 9-for-9 in second-half foul shots in the team's win over Falmouth…Also a talented field hockey player for MHS, Duffy plays second singles for the school's tennis team…Duffy is a member of the National Honor Society and also volunteers her time refereeing at Marshfield Youth Basketball games…The junior will captain the basketball squad next season. Marshfield coach Rick Fredericks: "She's a slasher. She's not a bad three-point shooter, but she'll take it to the basket 130 times a game. She has this great up and under move that she loves and it's really worked for her."

Bridget Driscoll - Senior (Capt.) Guard/Forward - Hingham

Bridget Driscoll

A highly-aggressive forward and guard, Driscoll's performance inside the paint led Hingham to a second-place finish in the Patriot League (10-2)… Captured her best performances in meetings with League rivals Duxbury, who edged the Harborwomen for the title…Was the team's leading scorer averaging just over 10 points per game…A solid three-point shooter and excellent foul shooter, Driscoll's impressive offensive abilities were coupled with her stellar defensive efforts…Her performance this season helped advance Hingham to the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…Driscoll was also one of only five girls from south of Boston to compete in the Hoffman All-star Game, where she made key plays on the team's first four possessions…A two-time PL All-star, Driscoll is also a repeat All-Scholastic in basketball and also made our lacrosse squad after leading the Harborwomen to a state title and earning All-American status as a defensive player…Driscoll plans to attend Harvard University where she will continue her lacrosse career. Hingham coach Dave Hickey: "Bridget is the epitome of a leader. She knows she's talented and smart, but she doesn't think she's better than anyone else. There's not one kid on the team that would feel like they couldn't go up to her. That's just the kind of kid she is. It's unfortunate we can't keep her."

Hilary Gibson - Senior Forward - Hingham

Hilary Gibson

A two-time Patriot League All-star, Gibson was one of the Harborwomen's (17-5) best inside players… Extremely tough in the paint, Gibson was a workhorse on the offensive and defensive glass and was relentless when driving to the hoop for the Patriot League runners up…Although her numbers weren't as high as in season's past, Gibson continuously came up big when Hingham needed it most…Her aggressive style of play both offensively and defensively was key in the team's late-season win over league champs Duxbury and again when Hingham took on the Green Dragons in the championship game of the Massassoit Hall of Fame tourney…Also played well in Hingham's opening round and quarterfinal games in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…An Honorable Mention last season, this is Gibson's first appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic squad…Gibson also plays soccer for HHS in the fall…She plans to attend either Miami or Rollins where she will continue her soccer or basketball career. Hingham coach Dave Hickey: "Hilary was always tough on defense and continually came up big in the forward/center spot. She's a great rebounder and is a key defender on our press."

Deidre King - Junior Guard - Hingham

Deidre King

Despite missing the latter half of the season due to an injury, King was still unanimously selected to the Patriot League All-star team for the second-straight year… Was Hingham's (17-5) second-leading scorer (9.4 ppg) before breaking her left wrist in a non-league game against Mansfield, in which she had scored half of the team's points…King still practiced some light shooting with the team throughout her recovery and returned for Hingham's game in the Div. 2 South Sectional quarterfinals… Got Hingham—the runners up in the PL—off to a great start at the beginning of the season, using her stellar ball handling skills and impressive speed to cut through defenses and drive to the hoop or take off on a fast break, both of which were instrumental in the Harborwomen's nine-game season opening win streak…King also continually came up big defensive plays particularly in close games, scoring the winning hoops on transition in two-point wins over Weymouth and Rockland…An Honorable Mention last season, this is King's first appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team….King will captain the team next winter. Hingham coach Dave Hickey: "She was so frustrated with the injury. She's our best ball handler, she's excellent defensively, and is a tough matchup with her quickness. You can't get her out of the gym."

Maureen Halloran - Senior (Capt.) Guard - Hanover

Maureen Halloran

A three-time All-star (two-time South Shore League, first-time Patriot League), Halloran was among the PL's top threats from behind the arch…A starter since her freshman year and a two-year captain, Halloran was the only senior on the very young Lady Indians team…Halloran was Hanover's leading scorer with 12.1 points per game…Constantly the focus of opponents defenses, Halloran was still continually able to hit a big hoop—particularly a trey…While she'd rather stay behind the arch, Halloran also came up big when driving to the hoop, especially when the shot clock was winding down…Halloran is making her second-straight appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic hoop squad and also made our soccer team last fall…A soccer midfielder Halloran played an important role on Hanover's 2000 Div. 3 State Championship team…The senior plans to attend Northeastern University and is considering continuing her soccer career. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "There was a lot of pressure on her as the only senior and she really handled it well. She works hard every game and is used to winning, so it was a little hard for her this season. Still, she was a great leader for the girls day in and day out. She never let them give up."

Carolyn King - Junior Forward/Guard - Hanover

Carolyn King

While her team had a tough time adjusting to the jump to the highly-competitive Patriot League, King's talents seemed undaunted… The junior can play just about every position and was the Lady Indians' second-leading scorer with an average 11 points per game…A great ball-handler, King's solid dribbling skills continually enabled her to cut through opponents defenses to the hoop or fake a defender en route to nailing a trey…Came into the spotlight last year, leading the team's offense in a six-game stint in which top point-getter Maureen Halloran was injured…A two-time All-star (one South Shore League, one PL), King has been the team's best free throw shooter for the past two years, averaging an impressive 78 percent…An Honorable Mention to the All-Scholastic team last year, King has already made two of our squads this season, having appeared on our field hockey squad last fall…The junior will start at catcher on HHS softball squad this spring. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "Carolyn's really like a utility person for us. She's such a versatile athlete that she can play just about every position. She has an excellent shooting form and also takes it to the basket to draw the foul. She's already had a good career."

Sarah Cox - Junior Forward - Norwell

Sarah Cox

One of the most explosive offensive players on the South Shore…with 520 points this season in 23 games (a 22.6 points per game average), Sarah wrapped up her junior campaign with close to 1,200 career points…a consistent scorer despite facing a variety of defenses all season designed specifically to slow her down…much more than a scorer, though…the 5-foot-9 "swingman" is the Lady Clippers' best rebounder (over seven per game), ballhandler and passer (over four assists per game)…a very good spot up shooter, but she's absolutely deadly off the dribble—as she's equally adept at taking it all the way, pulling up for short range Js or threading a pass to a teammate…led Norwell to the semifinals of this year's Div. 4 south sectionals…constantly tries to involve teammates…if coach Bruce Emerson has one complaint about Sarah it's that she's too unselfish at times…averaged 16.8 points and 11 rebounds per game last season and 13.1 points per game as a frosh, often serving as the third option behind fellow 1,000-point scorers Maeve Barao and Jessie Weber (both 2001 graduates now playing in college)…not surprisingly, this team went unbeaten in South Shore League play and advanced to the Div. 3 south sectional championship game…plays AAU basketball year round with Abington star and close friend, Stephanie Morrissey (another Mariner All-Scholastic)…also a Patriot Ledger and Boston Herald All-Scholastic selection…played soccer her freshman and sophomore years at N.H.S., and will return to the team next Fall…despite having another year of high school to go, Sarah has already received dozens of letters from colleges with strong female hoops programs, including Assumption, Trinity and Roger Williams…is leaning toward majoring in Communications… Norwell coach Bruce Emerson (who took over at Norwell this winter after coaching Marshfield High's girls team for several years): "People told me how good Sarah was, so I was expecting a lot. But it wasn't until I saw her day-in and day out that she really blew me away. She's the epitome of a team player. She does all the little things to make herself and the team better. She's our hardest worker and she's an absolutely great person on top of it. "

Shauna Eyster - Junior Forward - Norwell

Shauna Eyster

A two year starter for the Lady Clippers and a key member of teams that advanced to the sectional finals and semifinals, respectively, the last two years…a South Shore League All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention last year…the Lady Clippers were at their best this season when Shauna had her "A" game to serve as a legitimate second option to star Sarah Cox…a tough scrapper in the paint who played much bigger than her slight 5-foot-7 frame might suggest…possesses a soft touch around the basket…averaged roughly nine points and six boards per game…has also played varsity field hockey the last three seasons, leading the Lady Clippers in scoring the last two and being named to a South Shore League All-Star team…sings with the Norwell Decibelles…would like to go to Boston College School of Nursing…Norwell coach Bruce Emerson: "Shauna was a key ingredient for our success this year. When she was on, she took us to another level as a team. She's a very nice player and I definitely feel she's not out of place on this (All-Scholastic) team."

Honorable Mention:

Jesse DeSieno - Sr. - Guard - Abington

Maura O'Brien- Jr.- Forward- Cohasset

LaRaine Langford- Jr.- Guard- Cohasset

Liz Marvelle - Sr. Capt. - Forward - Hanover

Lindsey Arria - Fresh. - Point-guard - Hanover

Katie Boutilier - Soph. - Center - Hingham

Hilary Lynch - Jr. - Forward - Hingham

Amy Kulp - Soph. - Center - Hingham

Mandy Lovell - Jr. - Center - Marshfield

Christine Weiand - Sr. Capt. - Guard - Marshfield

Suzanne Chase - Sr. (Capt) - Center - Norwell

Lauren McSharry - Sr. Capt. - Guard - Rockland

Shauna Carroll - Eighth Grade - Center - Rockland

Ashley Mariani - Soph. - Guard - Rockland

Suzanne Belmont - Jr. - Forward - Scituate

Kim Connelly - Sr. (Capt.) - Guard - Scituate

Lucy Hayes - Jr. - Guard - Scituate

Ashley Lorance - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward- Silver Lake

Brittney Riley - Jr. - Forward - Silver Lake

Baseball team drops two in a row

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset baseball team started the 2002 campaign with bang, but that faded to a whimper in back-to-back losses this week, dropping the Skippers to 1-2 on the season.

It was the previously noted lack of pitching depth that bit the Skippers in Tuesday's 19-5 loss to South Shore League rival Mashpee. The visiting Falcons exploded for 20 hits, including three home runs against three different Cohasset pitchers.

"It was just a bad day for us," summed up coach Bob Knurek. "Mashpee hit well, and they played good solid baseball, but we shot ourselves in the foot way too much too."

Mashpee hurler Brad Stohr was the hero on both sides of the plate, going the rout for a complete game win and hitting for the cycle.

Only 12 of Mashpee's runs were earned, whereas all five of the Skippers runs were earned, with junior Mike Snowdale breaking out of a mini-slump to deliver a homer and a triple.

"We scored five runs, which on a lot of days wouldn't be bad," continued the veteran Cohasset coach. "But on this day we just had too many things working against us."

Norwell 9, Skippers 4

Norwell fireballer Bob Savoy proved a little bit too much for the Skippers in their South Shore League season opener Monday. The Clippers ace struck out 12 Cohasset hitters on his way to a complete game 9-4 win.

Cohasset's offensive highlights were provided by Chris McKenna (2-for-3) and Lewis Blanco (home run).

Skipers 10, Millis 3

Offense was the key in Saturday's season opening 10-3 win over Millis in non-league play.

A 4-0 Skippers lead grew to 9-0 with a five run explosion in the fifth, highlighted by a two run single by Ted Curry (2-for-3) and a three run dinger off the bat of freshman Ted Straughn (1-for-2).

Team captain Tim Straughn (Ted's brother) pitched five innings of shutout ball, scattering three hits and four walks while striking out four Millis hitters.

Baseball Notes

Knurek plans to come back with staff ace Tim Straughn in Thursday's home showdown against Norton (3:30, Milliken Field), another SSL rival. He's hoping for a pitching advantage, as the Lancers may be going with their number three pitcher in the rotation, this being their third game since Monday.

A grand opening

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when we switched to man, that seemed to work out well."

Behind the defense was the very steady junior goalie Gia Petrakis, who recorded her 500th career save. In her three years as the team's starting netminder, Petrakis has averaged well over 10 saves per game.

The Lady Laxers did not fair as well against New Bedford this past Tuesday, falling 12-7 against another strong Div. 1 squad.

"They were a little faster than us," admitted Sweeney. "They were able to break our zone pretty consistently."

Because New Bedford had such great speed up front, they maintained a superb transition game, using the full width of the field. According to Sweeney, that is exactly the type of play he wants to see from his capable team.

"The more I watched, the more I saw of what I am trying to do with this team," he stated. "I am going to use this game as a teaching experience."

McKenney and Sheerin both recorded hat tricks, with Sheerin also adding an assist. Turgiss scored another goal, with Brady and Smith adding assists as well.

The team has no games scheduled over April break, but they should be an improved team when they meet back at the end of the month. Junior Sera Genovese, who averaged more than a goal per game last year, will be returning to the line-up. Also, senior Maggie O'Neill, a very fast and powerful athlete, will join the squad for the first time, adding some firepower on the attack.

The team will play its last game before vacation today, hosting Barnstable (4 p.m. start), and Sweeney also hopes to schedule a few JV match-ups to "get some mileage" on the six freshman and numerous sophomores on the team.

Boys track team knocks off Carver

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already qualified for the state meet in four events, captured a pair of first place finishes in the triple jump and 200-meter race. He's qualified for these two events, plus the javelin and as a member of the 4x100 relay team.

Senior Jay Bertovich, a newcomer to the program this spring, continued his mastery in the 110-meter hurdles, taking another first place. He also took a second in the javelin to teammate Pete Maitland, who has already qualified for the states in this event...no surprise there.

Maitland has been a jack-of-all-trades type for the Skippers, racking up points in several events—most consistently in the 800-meters, but his real bread and butter is the javelin. Last spring, Maitland threw the javelin at the New England track and field championships, becoming the first C.H.S. trackster in a decade to advance to this level.

First place points are essential for the undersized Skippers squad, and they came in bundles in Thursday's 80-56 win over league rival Norwell.

Tim Baird showed remarkable endurance by not only competing in, but also winning both the mile and 2-mile races. Jared Krupczak also notched twin first place medals in the long jump and 100-meter race.

On the field, first place finishes were turned in by Kidder (triple jump), Laney (discus), Maitland (javelin) and Liam Martin (high jump).

The boys and girls track teams are now off until after April vacation. They get back into action on the 23rd at home against SSL rival Hull. The scheduled April 29 showdown with Abington, which lost by one point to Carver, appears to be the big one on the boys slate right now, but LaFontain insists there is no team in this league his squad should take lightly.

"On any given day, anything can happen," said LaFontain, employing a favorite mantra of veteran coaches everywhere. "We can't take anyone lightly, especially with the numbers we have. If somebody for us has a bad day, or someone for the other team has a big day that could be the whole difference between winning and losing."

Girls report

Things have not turned out quite so well on the girls side of the ledger, as the young, rebuilding Lady Skippers dropped a pair of meets over the last week to fall to 0-3 on the season.

The girls lost to perennial powerhouse Norwell, 83-44, and were nipped by Carver, 71-63.

Junior Maura O'Brien, one of the few upperclassmen on the team, has been cleaning up in the high jump (qualified for states with her first place jump at Carver), as well as in the discus and hurdles.

Sophomores Jen Buckley (mile), Nicole Whitney (400) and Gilian Weber (800) also had some big first place finishes to keep things close against the host Lady Crusaders on Monday.

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Boys lacrosse remains perfect

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allows us to match up if a team tries to get physical with us."

Besides Kahn and Davis, Cohasset's other scorers were Libby, with a goal and two assists, Anderson with a goal, and Weber and Previte with assists.

On Saturday, Cohasset played a scrimmage game against Independent School League member Milton Academy, winning 10-8. The contest – the first against an ISL school – was highlighted by the reemergence of senior Paul Previte, a 50-goal scorer a year ago. Previte picked up his first of the season...and his second, third and fourth.

The Skippers trailed 5-4 at the half, but outscored their hosts 4-1 in the third quarter to take a lead they never relinquished. Other Cohasset scorers were Curt Kahn with a pair of goals and an assist, Eric Libby with a goal and an assist, senior midfielder Dave DeVito with a goal and an assist, Tom Anderson with a goal, senior midfielder Sean Chase with an assist, and junior midfielder John Durkin with an assist. Kyle Weber had 11 saves.

The Skippers host Pilgrim rival Falmouth Friday, tomorrow night (7 p.m. start) in the season's first night game at Alumni Field. On Tuesday, April 16, Cohasset travels to Canton High for a non-league contest starting at the vacation week time of 1 p.m..

Senior attackman and co-captain Paul Previte threw in three of his four goals in the first 4:28 of Tuesday's game, and Cohasset never looked back, rolling over Pilgrim League rival Scituate 15-5.

The Skippers, playing their first home game at Alumni Field, opened on all cylinders, as Previte took a pass from fellow senior and co-captain Eric Libby just 41 seconds into the contest and put the ball by Sailor netminder John Lincoln. Senior attackman Jason Moore would follow just 26 seconds later on a feed from junior attackman Curt Kahn, and the rout was on. Previte scored unassisted two minutes later, and finished the run at 4:28 of the first on a feed from Kahn, who would have six assists on the day.

"We never take a league rival lightly," said head coach Kevin Orcutt, "and we know Scituate and their players well. We wanted to come out strong, and set the pace early. We did that, and although we have a lot of mistakes to correct, I have to say that our focus and our effort were there."

Cohasset extended its lead to 7-1 at the end of the first quarter, and substituted liberally from then on. Almost all of the Skippers' 35-man roster saw action, and everyone would have were it not for the new rule instituted this season for eastern Massachusetts public school games that forces the timekeeper to keep the clock on as soon as one team gets 10 goals ahead of another. That occurred at the 6:13 mark of the third quarter, and the final quarter and a half were played without any stoppage.

"The rule has a point," said coach Orcutt, "but it hurts a team the size of ours, because we haven't been able to schedule junior varsity games. We wanted to play everybody, and simply ran out of time."

Besides Paul Previte, the Skippers got strong offensive games from junior attackman Curt Kahn, who had a season-high six assists and a goal, pushing his team-leading point total to 19, and from freshman Jake Previte, who notched a hat trick for his first scores as a varsity player. Moore had a pair of goals, and Libby picked up a goal and an assist. Other Cohasset scorers were junior midfielder Evan Pestone (his first in a Skipper uniform), and classmates John Durkin and Tom Anderson. Junior midfielder Matt Davis had a pair of assists.

"Our scoring was balanced," said Orcutt, "and we had nine assisted goals, which is what we were looking for against this opponent."

Cohasset goalies Kyle Weber and sophomore Nick Murphy were tested lightly. Weber had two saves, while allowing one goal in 20 minutes. Murphy has four saves and let in four goals in 40 minutes.

The Skippers host Falmouth on Friday in the first night game of the season, with a 7 pm faceoff set for Alumni Field. During the following vacation week, Cohasset travels to Canton for a Tuesday, April 16 matchup at the first-year team's field. That faceoff is set for 1 pm.

"We've got some players away on trips for both games," said Orcutt, "so we're once again facing some adversity. But we're getting mentally tougher every day, and we're looking forward to the coming challenges."

Boys sweep openers, girls drop first games

YOUTH LACROSSE REPORT

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse opened its 2002 season April 7 with a perfect slate of five wins from its boys teams, and with winning efforts but losing scores in the first two games ever for its new girls teams.

Cohasset was at its most dominant in Marshfield, where two of the boys teams combined to score 29 goals, while posting two shutouts. The rest of its teams were in Duxbury.

Here's a recap of the action:

In Marshfield, the season opened with **Cohasset Blue 10-U** (3rd and 4th grades) racing to a 10-0 victory. Max Shipp scored Cohasset's first goal of the season on a feed from Will Wise, and Cohasset quickly expanded its lead to 4-0 at halftime on the strength of two goals from Dean Driscoll— one assisted by Wise — and an unassisted tally from Wise.

Chris Brown — who split goaltending duties with Jack Murphy — helped Cohasset pull away in the second half, feeding Shipp twice and scoring once unassisted himself as Cohasset stretched the lead to 7-0. Wise scored his second goal of the game before Dean Driscoll brought his game high total to four goals — one off a Conor Queenan feed — to close out the scoring.

No shutout happens without stellar defense. Will Lynner's man-to-man coverage was stifling, while newcomers Nick Lieberman and Graham Stevenson both proved to be tough and quick to cover onrushing attackers.

Brown and Murphy not only kept Marshfield off the scoreboard, but also dominated face-off duties along with Paul Guinee.

The Cohasset Blue 12-U team (5th and 6th grades) did the young kids nine better later in the day, pasting Marshfield Green 19-0 in the season opener. As the score indicated, Cohasset dominated in all phases of the game.

Mike Grimm (5 goals, one assist) and Matt Burgess (2 g, 4 a) led the Blue squad with six points each. Chris Mills (4 g, 1 a) and Chris Rose (3 g, 1 a) each added hat tricks. Teddy Galligan (1 g, 3 a), Alexander Shipp (1/1) and Sam DeGiacomo (1/1) all exceeded their total points output from 2001.

Nathan Porter and Logan Chase closed out Cohasset's goal-scoring. Jake Cuneo and Chris Kuppens both added assists.

Meanwhile, in Duxbury, the **Cohasset White 10-U** team jumped out to a quick lead, with John Kearney and Chris Walsh both scoring on feeds from Eamon Davis. Enrico Teruzzi, Oliver Forrer and Davis then scored to give Cohasset a 5-0 first-quarter lead.

Duxbury narrowed the gap to 6-4 before the half, with Walsh's second goal of the game being Cohasset's only tally. Walsh then completed his hat trick in the third quarter to stake Cohasset to a 7-4 lead entering the final period.

From there, the two teams traded goals, with Davis and Kearney both picking up their second scores of the day and newcomer Andrew McKenna notching his first score, as Cohasset closed out a 10-7 win.

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Cohasset White 12-U followed with a convincing 15-4 win over Duxbury Gold.

Ironically, given the big final score, it was Cohasset's dominant defense and face-offaway a dozen Duxbury shots.

The Cohasset 14-U (7th and 8th grade) boys team overcame their own slow start and the opposition's late charge to beat Duxbury 13-12.

Aidan Buick picked up where he left off last year by getting the scoring started with the first of his five goals on the day. Buick and Corey Chase combined on several pretty goals, with Chase picking up three assists to lead the team in that category. Cohasset built a 6-4 half time lead by dominating the face-offs with Mike Pecca, Zack Etkind, Chris Davis and Parker Berg winning 20 of 29 for the game.

The lead was increased to 11-8 in the second half with Jared Kinch and Brandon Smith picking up two scores each with hard drives to the cage and Mike Bunstein and Austen Lanzillotti chipping in with one goal apiece. Etkind, Berg and Lanzillotti had one assist each for the game, making it nine different Cohasset players scoring at least one point.

The last five minutes of the game featured intense back-and-forth action with Cohasset and Duxbury trading goals and outstanding defensive plays. Pecca scored on an isolation play that started from the top of the box and finished with him beating two defenders for Cohasset's 12th goal. After Duxbury closed to within one goal, Kinch finished off the scoring for Cohasset with his third goal on the day. Duxbury would once again close the gap to one before Cohasset was able to stop a furious last second-rush, clear the ball and finish a great game.

Cohasset's depth, with four midfield lines, coupled with 13 saves in a strong game from first-year goalie Ben Libby and physical close defense from Mike Barnes, Jared Dick, Bobby Meikleham, Patrick Flynn, Jeff Brown and Andrew Clark were critical in the win.

Not far from where the boys were winning, the first-ever girls youth lacrosse games for Cohasset were unfolding too, with the **12-U girls** dropping a 4-3 heartbreaker.

Cohasset dominated time of possession and was more aggressive on the ground balls, but had a tough time converting its chances into scores. Gabriella Flibotte scored the first of her two goals to stake Cohasset to a 1-0 lead early in the game, and Cohasset clung to that lead. Duxbury's opportunities were repeatedly thwarted by Cohasset's close defense of McKenna Teague, Stefi Belz, Rebecca Evans and Megan Richardson, backed by goaltender Thomson Jaffe.

Duxbury took the lead seconds into the final half, but Flibotte's second goal of the game tied the score. From there, the game became nerve-wracking, with both teams creating good opportunities. With three minutes left— after Duxbury had failed to convert a free-position scoring opportunity directly in front of the Cohasset goal— Cohasset re-took the lead. Kenzie Durkin scored unassisted off a free position.

Unfortunately, Cohasset couldn't hold the lead, allowing Duxbury to score twice in the last 90 seconds of the game, spoiling what could have been a winning effort. Cohasset was particularly tough on ground balls, led by Teague, Flibotte, Maura Barnes, Katelyn Ryan and Samantha Fortin. Jaffe finished the game with seven saves in net.

Cohasset's 14-U girls team took the field next, facing a much older and more experienced Duxbury team, where most of the players had three or four years of playing experience compared to three or four weeks for the Cohasset squad.

That difference showed early, as Duxbury jumped out to a two-goal lead just two minutes into play. From there, Cohasset settled down, but struggled to get its offense going. After two more Duxbury goals, Caren Garber scored midway through the first half to close the gap to 4-1. Duxbury led 5-1 at half.

Cohasset had its opportunities in the second half, but again had trouble converting. Haley Haracz, Kathryn Evans, Lindsay Durkin, Michelle Madge and Jessica Wheelwright particularly got into the aggressive flow of the game, but failed scoring opportunities for Cohasset became long scoring runs for Duxbury, which effectively moved the ball for open shots, ultimately earning a 12-1 victory.

Aisling Guinee, who saw more rubber in the Cohasset net than most people would see while visiting a tire factory, stood tall as Cohasset's goalie, making 14 saves on the day, most of them against shooters who were no more than a few steps off the goal crease.

LEGAL NOTICES

JOHANSEN ESTATE

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 94P2748AA

In the Estate of PAMELA MACLEAN JOHANSEN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 21, 1994

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MELINDA HAWKES of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed administrator with the will annexed of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 15, 2002.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, April 4, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#827152
Cohasset Mariner 4/11/02

KEEGAN ESTATE

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P0817EP

In the Estate of ROSE M. KEEGAN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 2, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will and codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that PAUL J. KEEGAN of WEYMOUTH in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 15, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, April 2, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
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AD#827560
Cohasset Mariner 4/11/02

MACKENZIE ESTATE

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P0852EP

In the Estate of BRUCE C. MACKENZIE AKA BRUCE CAMERON MACKENZIE

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 8, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JANET G. O'DONNELL of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 15, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, April 3, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#827153
Cohasset Mariner 4/11/02

ZBA/LOT 2 BEACH ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon., April 22, 2002 **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12.2.3 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Bruce Herzfelder,** is aggrieved by the Bldg. Inspector's inaction (11.2) concerning **Lot 2 Beach St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-04-01.

AD#822619
Cohasset Mariner 4/4, 4/11/02

ZBA/275 CEDAR ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held the **Town Hall** on Monday, April 22, 2002 at **7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7a/b and Variance 5.3.1, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Peter and Jackie Vitello, seek to extend a nonconforming structure at **275 Cedar St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-03-15.

AD#819525
Cohasset Mariner 4/4, 4/11/02

ZBA/457 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon., April 22, 2002 **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Barbara A. Chase, seeks to construct an addition at **457 Jerusalem Rd.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-03-29.

AD#822771
Cohasset Mariner 4/4, 4/11/02

ZBA/95 ELM ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held the **Town Hall** on Monday, April 22, 2002 at **7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 4.2 & 9.7, a Variance pursuant to 5.3.1, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Thomas A. & Christine A. Fogarty** seek to construct a single-family dwelling at **95 Elm St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-03-26.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

10:28 a.m. Ledgewood Farms Drive, fire, inspections.

10:56 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, fire, inspections.

11:26 a.m. North Main St., fire, inspections.

11:27 a.m. Elm St., traffic complaint.

12:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., abandoned motor vehicle, area search negative.

4:52 p.m. Norfolk Road, fire, investigation.

5:35 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:18 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:23 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:27 p.m. Forest Ave., general services, area search negative.

6:28 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

9:03 p.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint.

9:16 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle violation.

9:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of John L. Scolponeti, 28, of 799 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Cohasset. Charge: WMS warrant.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

8:57 a.m. Ash St., message delivery.

9:09 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, to hospital.

1:22 p.m. Wompatuck State Park, missing person.

5:04 p.m. Bancroft Road, animal call or complaint.

7:15 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

7:24 p.m. North Main St. and Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:15 p.m. Elm St., assist other police dept.

8:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled motor vehicle, services rendered.

9:15 p.m. Beechwood St., vandalism.

11:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

1:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:55 a.m. Riverview Drive, harassing/annoying phone calls.

6:58 a.m. Sohier St., vandalism.

8:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

2:13 p.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation.

3:22 p.m. Summer St., fire, structure, extinguished.

4:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation, area search negative.

4:44 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted, services rendered.

4:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation, verbal warning.

6:30 p.m. Sohier St., officer wanted, services rendered.

7:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:11 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation.

11:33 p.m. North Main St., general services.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

12:49 a.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:41 a.m. North Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

3:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

3:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:37 a.m. Elm St., power outage.

11:02 a.m. Summer St., traffic complaint.

2:06 p.m. Grace Drive, credit card fraud.

6:38 p.m. Cushing Road, medical aid, patient sign-off.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

12:31 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

1:33 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

9:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

9:56 a.m. King St., vandalism,

12:07 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:11 p.m. Depot Court, motor vehicle violation.

1:28 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:48 p.m. Depot Court, parking complaint, ticket issued.

3:57 p.m. Lamberts Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

4:20 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

6:13 p.m. Elm St., fire.

6:30 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), area search negative.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

1:04 a.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

6:52 a.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:15 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:45 a.m. Elm St., barking dog.

9:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

9:45 a.m. Atlantic Ave. and Meadow Lane, parking complaint.

10:41 a.m. Summer St., escort, log entry.

11:25 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:57 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:12 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance.

2:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny by check.

3:02 p.m. Summer St., property, lost.

3:20 p.m. Summer St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

4:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation.

5 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle accident, services rendered.

6:19 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and White Head Road, general services.

7:07 p.m. Border St., officer wanted. Arrest of Jean M. Devine, 41, of 49 Border St., Cohasset. Charge: WMS warrant.

7:17 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:36 p.m. Crocker Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s). Arrest of Eric P. Chase, 44, of 878 State Ave., Fall River. Charge: WMS warrant.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

2:38 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

9:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

12:01 p.m. Forest Ave., fire, investigation.

12:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:10 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient sign off.

5:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

8:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:33 a.m. Beechwood St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, stored/impounded.

1:54 p.m. Norfolk Road, brush fire, extinguished.

9:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

6:44 a.m. King St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:59 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:06 a.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:14 a.m. HQ. Arrest of William C. Hayes, 35, of 432 Newtonville Ave., Newton. Charges: Warrants - 5.

7:25 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

9:55 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:10 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:23 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:38 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

3:49 p.m. Nichols Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:17 p.m. Jerusalem Lane, general services, area search negative.

7:18 p.m. Mount Blue St., animal call or complaint.

8:30 p.m. Cedar St., general services.

9:04 p.m. Otis Ave., fire investigation.

9:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

11:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

1:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:27 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:17 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

Police get new bulletproof vests

By Evan Schiff
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The Cohasset Police Department is now better equipped to handle a dangerous situation. Thanks to Sgt. John Conte, the force recently received 21 new bulletproof vests.

Conte worked in conjunction with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and was able to procure the vests through the Bulletproof Vest Reimbursement Program. They came at no cost to the town.

"Officer safety is always a concern," said Chief Bob Jackson. "We do everything we can to make sure our officers are soundly protected."

According to Jackson, the new vests are significantly better than the old ones. He describes them as lighter, softer, thinner, more flexible and more breathable. He said the vests provide all these amenities and still provide the same, if not a higher, level of protection.

"They fit right under our jackets and don't bulge out," Jackson said. "They're a marked improvement over the last ones."

The vests are replacing the heavier predecessors, which are eight-years-old. The department will donate the old vests to two national guard units.

"The old ones are still really good vests," Jackson said. "These are just an upgrade."

"Officer safety is always a concern."
— Chief Bob Jackson

Currently it's an individual choice for the officers to wear the vests, but Jackson said he wants to make it a condition of employment for new hires that they wear them. He said the new vests are individually fitted, whereas the last ones made officers, "look like Ninja turtles."

Jackson said in his more than 20 years on the force he couldn't recall an incident where a vest came into play – but an incident could occur and the vest could save an officer's life.

"We always plan for the worst and hope for the best," he said.

The vests not only protect from bullets but any sharp object.

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OBITUARIES

Elinor W. Kennedy

Elinor Whitney Kennedy, 99, of Cohasset, retired Cohasset teacher and community leader, died April 3, 2002, at Braintree Rehab Health South, following a brief illness.

Born in Readville, daughter of the late Frank and Mary Whitney, formerly of Worcester, Mrs. Kennedy graduated from Wheelock College.

She was a teacher in the Cohasset school system until her retirement in 1965.

She served as president of the Cohasset PTA, the Legion Auxiliary of Cohasset and Cohasset Sixty-Plus Club.

Mrs. Kennedy was particularly interested in natural sciences and was a leader in many nature walks and classroom projects. She was a member of the National Audubon Society, Mass. Audubon Society and Norwell Science Center. She was also a longtime member of the Cohasset Amateur Gardeners and served as president for several years.

She was a member of the Second Congregational Church for more than 55 years. As a member of the choir, she also organized many musical programs, served on the music committee, Board of Deaconesses, Church School Education Committee and Pastoral Committee.

Together with the Board of Selectmen, she helped organize the Cohasset Council on Aging.

Funeral services are private. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset. The Rev. Gary Ritts will officiate.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Contributions in memory of Mrs. Kennedy may be sent to the Second Congregational Church Music Committee or the Social Services League of Cohasset.

Alzheimer's support group meets April 24

The topic of the Wednesday, April 24 meeting of the Alzheimer's Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. will be "Hospice Care and the Alzheimer Patient." The 7:30 meeting will feature Marian LaFreniere, R.N., who is liaison nurse for Old Colony Hospice. Respite care for the patient, during the meeting, is available at no cost at Harbor House so that the family may attend this lecture. To reserve respite care for that evening, please call Gervaise Haley at 781-749-4774, Ext. 843 by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24.

LaFreniere has lectured extensively on hospice/end-of-life care for Alzheimer victims that assures a peaceful and dignified death for the patient. There are specified hospice services that include pain and symptom management for the Alzheimer patient at home as well as in a nursing home setting. LaFreniere will also address the family's prolonged grieving process that accompanies the long goodbye of Alzheimer's disease.

Meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St. For more information, call Toni Abbott at 781-749-1823 or Joe Willar at 781-749-0795.

WORSHIP NEWS

Youth ministry

High school students are invited by St. Anthony Parish's youth ministry to a powerful three-day summer conference. The Steubenville East 2002 High School Conference will be held July 19-21 at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro. It is one of several events held nationwide by the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and features music, dynamic prayer and inspiring speakers. The conference is open to students entering grades nine to 12 and seniors just graduated. A $25 deposit will hold a space; the total fee of $135 is due by May 30. To register, call Bill Coleman at 781-383-0630 or Doreen Trahon at 781-383-1261.

And for children from nursery school through grade five, a Vacation Bible School will be held June 24-28. Adult and teen volunteers are needed. Call the religious education office at 781-383-0630.

Informed choice

An informational forum on the proposed Woman's Right to Know Bill will be held Tuesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 10 Summer St. in Cohasset.

Featured speakers will include Dr. Trudy Murphy and Attorneys Robert Joyce and Susan Gay. The free event is co-sponsored by several local chapters of the Mass. Citizens for Life; the South Shore, Braintree-Weymouth, Greater Taunton and Greater Attleboro chapters.

Forum speakers will explain how this proposed bill (S.924 and H.3953) advances women's health by guaranteeing informed choice.

Concert to benefit church addition

On Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m., a program of vocal and piano music will be given by mezzo-soprano, Evelyn Czaja and concert pianist, Dr. Rita Simo. The location is the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Road.

The concert is part of the continuing fundraising events for the building of the new community center of the church, where Ms. Czaja is the choir director/organist. Dr. Simo is the founder and director of the People's Music School in Chicago, Ill. where free music lessons are offered to anyone who wishes to study.

A reception will follow. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors, and $15 for children between the ages of eight and 12. Tickets can be purchased at the church after any Sunday liturgy, or by calling 781-383-6380, or at the door. All proceeds go directly to the building fund.

For more information, call 781-383-6380 or 781-340-5729.

Memorial fund to be established

Friends and colleagues of Mary Babaian, who succumbed to cancer last July — a year after she retired from the Cohasset school system, are establishing a memorial fund in her honor. Babaian served as a guidance counselor, teacher and coach over the years.

For more information on the memorial call Barbara Mahar at 508-362-4492.

A decision regarding the actual memorial in Babaian's memory will depend on the contributions.

Checks payable to the Mary A. Babaian Memorial Fund should be sent in care of Helen Sullivan, CSJ, 667 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135.

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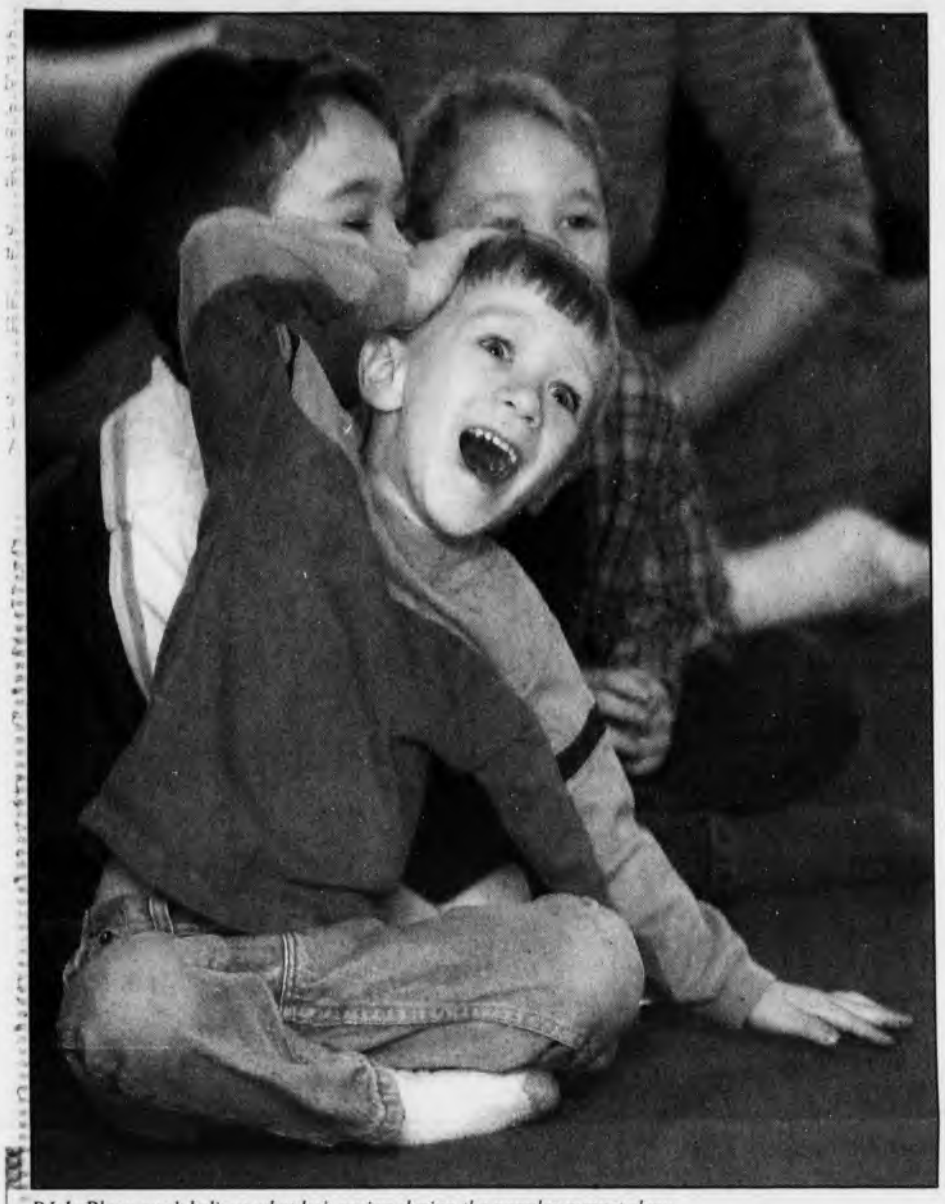

P.J. LeBlanc can't believe what he's seeing during the popular puppet show.

Graham and Lily Blackburn surround their mother, Isabelle, during the puppet show featuring Peter Rabbit.

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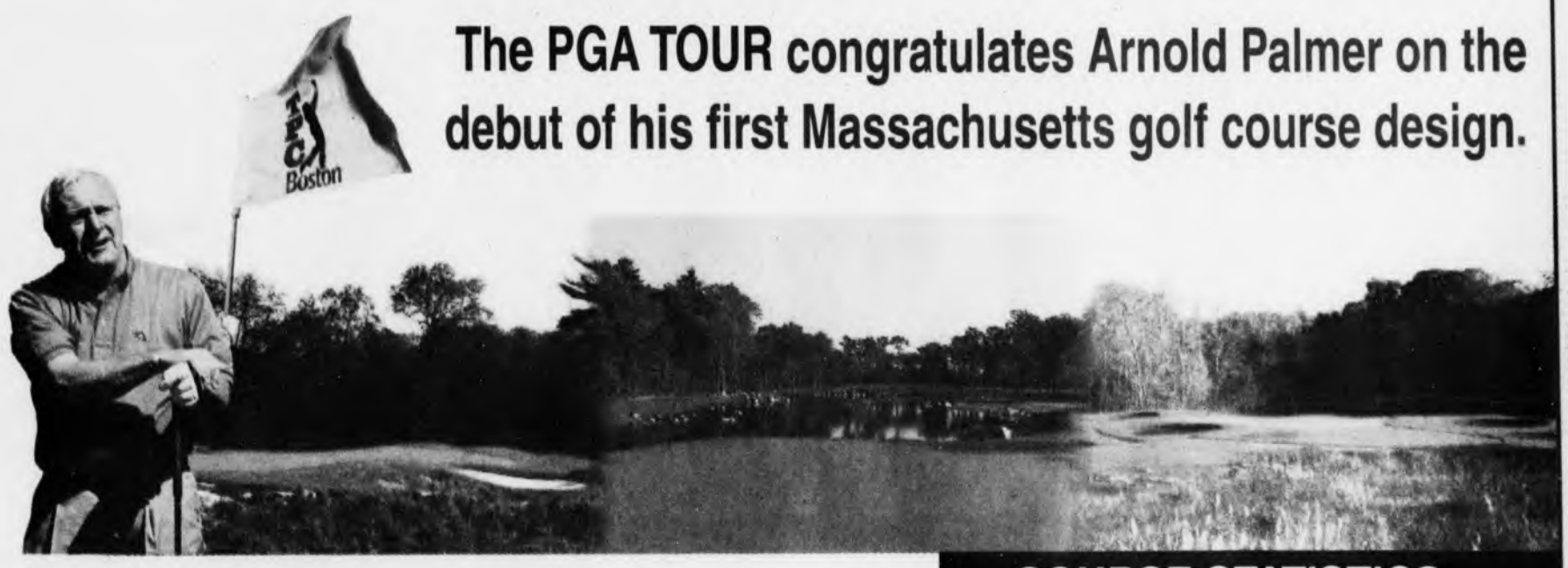

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Fun exhibited at Children's Museum

By Valerie Kroon
CORRESPONDENT

Cheerful faces, exploratory exhibits, and fun-filled hours — that's the South Shore Children's Museum in Pembroke.

On a visit one Saturday afternoon, the museum was filled with happy children, accompanied by their seemingly content and stress-free parents.

At the museum, tucked away in a corner of North Pembroke, to the right side of the Brigantine Village mall on Route 139, children can explore the hands-on exhibits, fine tune their motor skills, and learn the simple concepts of how things work.

Owner Bob McDaniel opened the museum in November 2000, and says the exhibits are designed for preschoolers and children in early elementary grades. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and there is seating in every room for parents to sit and watch as the children explore and play.

"It's perfect for ages one through seven," McDaniel said as he scurried around the facility to be sure everything was running smoothly.

There is a sign stating "Come Play" as one enters the museum, and those two words sum up what all the children in all the rooms appear to be doing. There is a gravity well, into which children are dropping a small ball, and a GEO board where they can make different shapes with elastics. There is also a sandbox in the first room, with many rubber dinosaurs that appear to be waiting for someone to build sand hills and valleys over which they can climb or hide.

In a larger room to the right, children run to greet a very large plush cow named Helga. Helga lies in the middle of the room, and children rush to climb all over her as she passively allows them to frolic.

There is also a cycle carousel for riding in this room, as well as many musical instruments, "Who are you?" two-sided mirrors, a dollhouse with wooden furniture, and brain-teaser puzzles along the wall. This is also the room where children can sit at a table and color, glue, or construct their very own crafty item to bring home.

"Children usually come here with one parent, and then they go home and say, 'Look what I made today," McDaniel said of the children who are busily working at the craft table.

Off this room, too, are two enclosed rooms for private children's birthday parties. McDaniel said that the museum has become so popular he's been averaging about a dozen parties a month.

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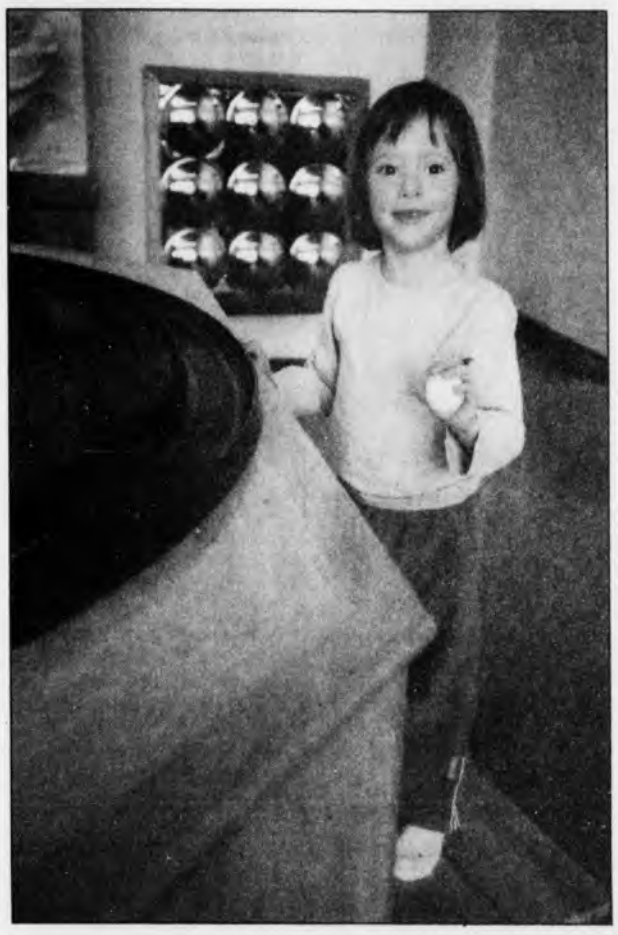

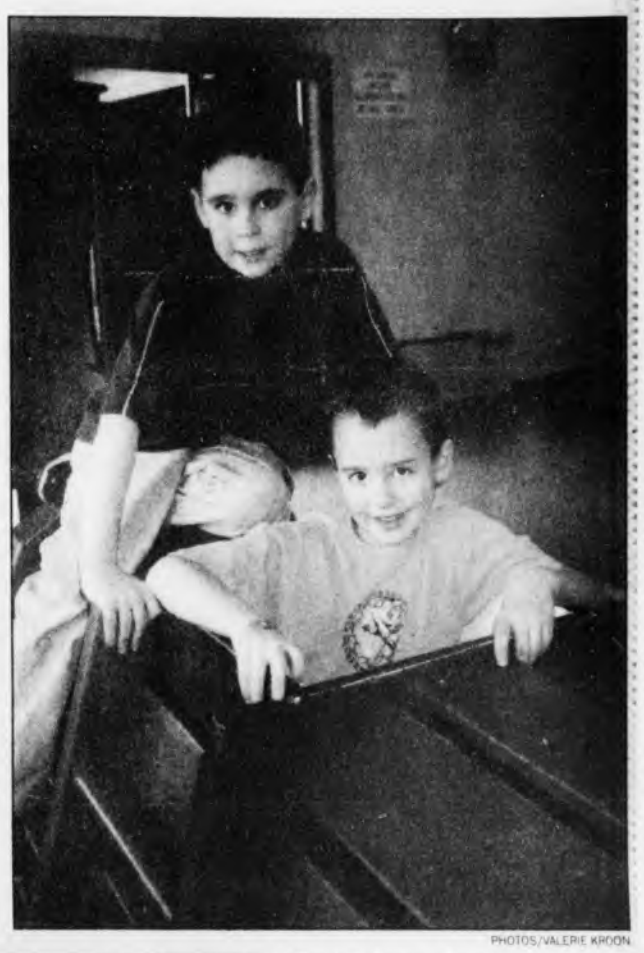

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(Top left) Frances Tougas, 4, tries her hand at the gravity well.

(Top right) All aboard says Robbie Tougas and David Keenan from their seats on the train.

(Left)Vicole McDaniel, 6, gives Helga the cow a hug while playing at the South Shore Children's Museum.

(Far left) Pre-schoolers like Austin Vitagliano, 3, of Kingston, have a ball at the museum which is designed for chidlren ages one to seven. Here, Austin takes a turn at the sand pendulum.

A view of 'People, Places and Things'

Marshfield painter now showing at Ventress Library

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

A gallery show titled "People, Places and Things" suggests a certain universality of theme and tone. The title is also fitting for a first-time exhibitor with more than 70 years experience with people, places and things.

Such is the case for Marshfield resident Micheal Murphy, a 15-year North River Arts Society member and late-blooming oil and watercolor artist who, at 71, currently has his debut one-man show on view at Marshfield's Ventress Library through May 3.

As the title also hints, Murphy's 20 pieces in the show, produced over the last seven years depict a variegated, almost random array of subjects from live scenes or photos that have caught the painter's creative eye over that time.

"I pretty much paint subjects from my own experience," said Murphy, "and my approach is realistic rather than abstract. Anything that interests me, essentially, I'll try to put it on canvas."

Originally from Weymouth, Murphy began painting after returning home from service in the Air Force during the Korean War era in 1955. He later worked as a mechanic and technician in the Quincy Shipyard for 20 years until 1987, then as a sign painter for the Department of Public Works in Marshfield until retiring in the mid 90s. More recently the artist has been occupied as a private home caretaker in Marshfield, first part-time then full-time.

Murphy's various subject interests cover the range from portraits to still lifes to landscapes. Most impressive among his landscapes is a collection of pieces titled Alaska Expedition, six 4-foot by 6-foot watercolor renderings of well-chosen tundra, hillside and glacial scenes from the artist's journey to the Kodiak state in 1998.

Many of Murphy's still lifes as well as his landscapes offer a personal touch, such as the floral oil work "Just Daisies," colorfully depicting the title subject inside a Bentley College mug belonging to his sister, a recent graduate from the school. Or, the sensitively drawn portrait of the resting, two-toned family terrier dog, "Molly." For fans of the South Shore's quiet, natural locations, there's the two off-the-beaten-path, oil-rendered scenes from Marshfield, "Early Winter" and "First Snowfall."

Murphy's total media also extends to black-and-white charcoal sketches. His two offerings of this type in the show are the symbolically titled "Journey's End," depicting in detail an old and much weathered pair of work boots, and a portrait of a friend titled "Elegant Lady." Other portraits in vivid-color oil represent a different sort of angle on boxer Joe Louis, in a dark gray overcoat with those legendary clenched fists posed prominently in the forefront, plus subjects from the famous/semi-famous (the complementing pieces of Marshfield's own "Jay O'Callahan — Story Teller" and "Mark Twain — Story Writer") to the anonymous ("Old Ranch Hand").

"Painting to me is always a challenge, no matter the subject. And if people occasionally want to buy what I produce, that's a bonus to the whole experience," Murphy said.

Many of Marshfield artist Michael Murphy's still lifes as well as his landscapes offer a personal touch, such as the floral oil work "Just Daisies," colorfully depicting the title subject inside a Bentley College mug belonging to his sister, a recent graduate from the school.

Michael Murphy's paintings will be on display at the Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield through May 3.

Living

Food & dining

The best bran muffin

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

The typical coffee shop bran muffin is a huge, sticky beast of a confection, heavy and sweet enough to place it far outside the category of a health food. When attempted at home, one is immediately put off by the 2-page ingredient list and the need to let the batter sit overnight as the bran absorbs liquid and swells. One quickly concludes that bran muffins are an unholy marriage of bad taste and inconvenience.

My first task was to eliminate the overnight rest in the refrigerator. (This category of bran muffin uses a bran cereal that requires a long rest to absorb liquids; a second category uses wheat or oat bran and the batter can be used right away.) I baked up samples from both methods and found that the refrigerator muffins tasted muddy; the simpler bran recipes had a lighter texture and an earthier flavor. So, bran was in; bran cereal was out.

Next, I tested a variety of recipes from Cook's Illustrated, Baking with Jim Dodge, The New Basics, and The Fannie Farmer Cookbook. The Cook's muffin was the winner since they were moist and light but there were too many spices that masked the flavor of the bran. Others were heavy, muddy, dry, spongy, or on the boring side, Jim Dodge's recipe being the best of the lot. I set off with the Cook's recipe to see if I could both simplify it and improve the flavor and texture.

The most obvious problem was the use of cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg, and vanilla – it read more like a pumpkin pie recipe than a muffin. I tested reducing the quantities but finally ended up eliminating all four ingredients altogether. The recipe used 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour combined with 1/4 cup whole wheat. This was indeed just the right proportion – more wheat flavor made the muffins heavy; less made them flat-tasting. I tested rye flour which I found superb but either whole wheat or rye will do just fine.

The key ingredient is wheat bran which is sold both in natural supermarkets and regular stores. It is usually sold in flake form and looks nothing like a pebbly bran cereal – it is light in both texture and color. You can purchase either wheat or oat bran but testing proved that wheat bran was best for this application since the latter produced a heavier muffin.

I also wanted to streamline the recipe by melting the butter instead of creaming it. To my surprise, a blind taste test between these two methods proved that melted butter muffins (by far the easiest method) were moister and also more flavorful. It is best to start the recipe by mixing the melted butter with brown sugar rather than adding the butter at the end. This makes it easier to whisk out any lumps in the sugar and the butter has a chance to cool so that it does not jump start the baking soda, making the batter swell too quickly before it is scooped into the muffin tin.

Molasses was a key ingredient for its rich flavor but it had to be combined with dark brown sugar rather than white or light brown, the latter choices having too little flavor. The Cook's recipe calls for both buttermilk and sour cream. I found the latter unnecessary and dropped it, slightly increasing the amount of both butter and buttermilk. Two large eggs, as called for, were just right. I adjusted the baking soda, increasing it to a full teaspoon, and found that adding the wheat bran at the end of the mixing process reduces the amount of mixing. The recipe produces 12 muffins and since the batter is heavy, an ice cream scoop is recommended for filling the tin. Paper liners are suggested for this recipe for easy cleanup but are not essential.

BEST BRAN MUFFINS

Be sure to use wheat bran, a light, flaked product that is nothing like the hard, pebbly cereal. Do not substitute oat bran which produces a much heavier muffin.

1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
1/4 cup whole wheat or rye flour
1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 teaspoon salt
tablespoons unsalted butter (one stick) melted and cooled slightly
2/3 cup dark brown sugar
2 large eggs
3 tablespoons molasses
1 1/4 cup buttermilk
1 1/2 cups wheat bran or 1 cup wheat bran and 1/2 cup oat bran
1 cup raisins

1. Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 375 degrees. Butter a 12-cup standard size (1/2 cup) muffin tin or line each cup with a paper liner. Whisk the first five ingredients together in a medium bowl. Add the melted butter and sugar to the bowl of an electric mixer and beat on medium speed until well-combined, about 1 minute. Add the eggs one at a time beating 30 seconds after each addition scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the molasses and beat until well combined about 30 seconds longer. Add the buttermilk and half of the flour mixture and beat on low for 30 seconds. Add the rest of the flour mixture along with the bran and the raisins and beat on low for another 30 seconds or until combined. Finish mixing with a spatula.

2. Using an ice cream scoop or a large spoon evenly distribute the batter to the muffin cups. The batter will completely fill the cups. Bake until the muffins are lightly browned and spring back slightly when poked in the center or a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 20 to 25 minutes. Cool on a rack for five minutes before removing from muffin tin. Serve warm.

Makes 12 muffins.

Ashley Judd tries to get through to Jim Caviezel.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

Solid acting, sleazy people

High Crimes (B-)

That old joke about military justice being to justice what military music is to music gets an incarnation both in this week's other review — my bad — and in "High Crimes," courtesy Charlie Grimes, a down-on-his-luck attorney (Morgan Freeman). Grimes, who was once in and of the military but was a pain in the nether regions there, is reduced to a law practice whose "associates" on his shingle amount to his dog, whose office is so uninspiring he jokes about the skills of his decorator, and whose sole client seems to be a zaftig lady of the evening. The introduction of Grimes would suggest a comedy, though it comes about 20 minutes into the film, which is already clearly not going to be laugh a minute.

Grimes is needed because he knows the enemy, the courts martial procedure and personnel. A nice young husband and soon-to-be-father (Jim Caviezel) has been arrested and charged with having been someone else during military engagements in Latin America, a multiple killer. His attorney wife (Ashley Judd) knows her husband is innocent, and she needs someone like Grimes to help her with her husband's defense, in part because the Army has assigned, as defense counsel, a greener than green newby, Embry (Adam Scott), who says in defense of himself "I'm older than I look" but acknowledges he has never won a case. (In the courts martial system, the defense rarely wins). Grimes good-naturedly calls Embry "Embryo," and it fits, until, before you know it, our heroine's seemingly sluttish sister (Amanda Peet) is making herself sexually comfortable with the anything but embryonic, yet goofily cute Embry.

These are funny bits in a film resolutely committed to the proposition that the military is sleazy, and that a top general (Bruce Davison, wearing so many medals you're amazed that he doesn't topple over) whose condescension drips, with his one-time chief aide and the whole system have set out to frame our innocent hero. Bad guys beat up our heroine, strange cars follow folks we like, seeming conspiracies connect obvious villains to seeming nice guys, and there's no end to time-tested conventions of the melodrama: terrible auto accidents, nasty medical complications, metaphoric red herrings and smelly fish routinely excluded by an unsympathetic judge from being allowed as evidence. This is one busy story thrashing about.

Based on Boston writer Joseph Finder's far better novel, "High Crimes" will do gratifying business in the court that counts these days — the box office — because the acting is fully up to code. Freeman has the been-there-done-that thing down to a science, yes, but he's masterful at it. Judd, with whom Freeman co-starred in "Kiss the Girls" a few years ago, makes pluckiness, grit and determination, always in a voluptuous package, her special thing. And Caviezel, whose beauty works especially well when his character develops along unexpected lines, may not yet be an actor of the first rank, but I can think of no performance by him that wasn't captivating. "High Crimes" isn't high art and you will get more pleasure from Finder's book. Still, even with a rickety plot structure and a final twist that pulls the rug out from way too much that went before, it is two hours not ill spent in the dark.

Written by Yuri Zeltser and Gary Bickley; directed by Carl Franklin. Rated PG-13

Transplanting trees and shrubs in spring

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the fringed yellow blossoms of the witch hazel finally fade, a procession of dazzling spring flowers begin to parade their colorful blooms across our landscapes. Divine clumps of daffodils raise their trumpets to the warm morning sunshine heralding the arrival of springtime and the rebirth of our gardens. The Cornelian cherry (Cornus mas) has burst into bloom displaying sunny yellow puffs of tiny flowers against a backdrop of handsome, cinnamon-colored, exfoliating bark. Have our forsythia bushes ever been more spectacular? A profusion of starry, lemon-tinted blossoms create saffron-colored clouds in nearly every landscape. Despite dry conditions, mild winter weather is producing a glorious fanfare of sensational spring bloom.

The delicate, rosy-purple blossoms of the Korean Rhododendron (R. mucronulatum) offer a welcome, albeit fleeting, contrast to the dominant yellow tones of our early spring blooms. The fuzzy, gray buds on star and saucer magnolias have swelled and split revealing hints of the large, showy blossoms hidden within these velvety capsules. With warmer temperatures in the forecast, these magnificent glistening, silky blooms should burst forth later this week. The Magnolia family offers many handsome specimens of multi-stemmed trees with spectacular, lightly fragrant, spring blossoms, although nearly every season the appearance of their voluptuous flowers coincides with a hard frost which often spoils their impressive blooms.

Spring is the time to transplant these showy magnolias and many deciduous trees and shrubs, ideally before their leaves appear. Soft-barked trees, such as magnolias, cherries, birches and dogwoods should only be moved in spring and broad-leafed evergreens, including rhododendrons, mountain laurels and andromedas, are also best transplanted at this time of year. Forsythia can be uprooted while flowering but should be relocated before the leaves appear.

It should be noted that many trees and shrubs entered the winter months deprived of moisture and transplanting will only compound the strains placed on these woody plants. It might be wise to delay transplanting drought-stressed plants until the fall considering our current conditions but for those plants that require spring transfers or must be moved due to poor location, construction, or other factors, the process should be completed as soon as possible. Place a hose at the base of the tree or shrub to be moved and allow water to trickle and thoroughly soak the root system. Repeat this process in a few days to ensure that the plant is well hydrated prior to transplanting.

Begin by preparing your new hole before digging up the plant to be transferred. The depth of the hole should be deep enough to enable you to reset the tree or shrub at the same level as it was previously growing. The width of your hole should be two to three times the diameter of the root ball of the plant to be positioned in it. Add superphosphate and moistened peat moss or compost to the soil taken from the hole. Avoid planting in heavy, wet soils. Many tree and shrub failures are the result of planting in poorly drained soils or due to planting too deeply. It is better to plant a little too shallow and apply a layer of mulch to cover the top of the root ball.

Once you have prepared your hole, you can begin the process of transplanting. For trees, it is important to create a root ball large enough to support the upper growth and a general rule is to allow at least one foot of root ball for each inch of diameter of the tree's trunk. For example, a tree having a trunk one inch in diameter would require a minimum root ball one foot across, or 6 inches from the base of the trunk all the way around.

Use a spade initially to slice the roots by cutting straight down. Then use a shovel to remove the soil beyond the perimeter of these roots and finally, dig beneath to gradually produce a well-rounded ball. Before lifting the plant out of the hole, it is wise to wrap the root ball with burlap to keep the soil intact around the roots and then tie it in place. If possible, reposition a large transplanted tree or shrub facing the same exposure as it was previously growing by marking the plant prior to digging with a piece of twine or determine its best side and position it accordingly before lowering it into the hole.

After placing the tree or shrub in the hole, backfill with your amended soil halfway and water thoroughly. Allow the water to settle and then finish filling the hole. Firm the soil around the plant. Create a moat of mounded soil to keep water contained and leave a hose trickling at its base until the ground is thoroughly wet. Trees and shrubs need a slow, deep watering to reach all roots. Add a layer of mulch over the area to reduce evaporation and prevent weeds but avoid allowing the mulch to touch the bark as this may lead to diseases or insect infestations.

Fun exhibited at Children's Museum

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"It's great for winter birthdays, because you're always looking for different things to do," he notes. "It's fun and educational at the same time."

In another room of the museum there's a sand pendulum, where children can make their own sand designs, and a wooden train that McDaniel says is "good for gross motor skills." Austin Vitagliano, 3, of Kingston is kept very busy with the sand pendulum, as he pours sand into the container that he hopes will create some original design.

"He loves it here," Austin's mother Michelle says. "I bought the three month membership pass because he likes it so much."

Another item is the "Impressions Screen" that came from the San Jose Children's Discovery Museum, and which McDaniel said took three people three months to put together. The densely meshed screen has 20,000 pins, all which had to be capped on one side, put through the screen, and then capped on the other end.

Rachel Hughes and her cousins are busy making handprints through the screen. Driving down from Dorchester, the group of children and adults have been here four or five times before, Rachel's mother Geraldine Hughes says.

"It's much better than the one in town (Boston) for two to five year olds," Geraldine Hughes said, adding that it's less crowded and children get more of a chance to experience all the hands-on exhibits.

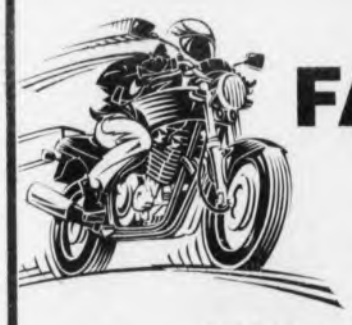
In another room there are many toys and blocks, like Brio and Thomas the Train, as well as a stage, changing room, and many costumes for children to dress up in. On one wall there are "What do you spy?" collages, and on another, a design challenge wall and wood race wall.

There is a food shopping area, like an outdoor market, a mail cubicle, medical cubical, wooden kitchen fixtures, and a small library area with books. And, despite all the interesting items the museum has now, McDaniel says, "We have new exhibits coming in next month."

The museum fills 4,500 square feet of space, with ceilings of natural wood and skylights. When asked where the idea for a South Shore Children's Museum came from, McDaniel said, "It was my wife's idea; she's an early childhood educator."

"It's a happy place," McDaniel says, adding that the museum is busy every day of the week. "People are enjoying themselves and it's really stress free. And we don't sell anything — that takes a lot of pressure off parents."

The museum is open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Admission is $4.25, and anyone wanting more information can call McDaniel at 781-829-6999.



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MARSHALL TUCKER BAND will appear at The Company Theatre in Norwell May 5, showtime is 7 p.m. Still led by lead singer and founding member Doug Gray, the current lineup of The Marshall Tucker Band also includes Rusty Milner and Shawn Swanlund, who have been with MTB since 1984; bassist Tony Heatherly, formerly with the Toy Caldwell Band; and Chris Hicks and Barry Borden, formerly of the Outlaws. Tickets are $35 in advance for general admission and $38 day of show. There is a limited number of VIP tickets available at $65 which includes the best seats and a reception with the Marshall Tucker Band. Call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com for tickets and more information. The theatre is located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell.

A GALA EVENING AT BOSTON POPS The Friends, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting excellence in research and patient care, invites guests to dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Symphony Hall prior to the concert or simply attend the performance at 8 p.m. All proceeds from the evening will benefit cancer research at Dana-Farber. Admission, including dinner is $250 or an individual ticket to the concert is $125. For more information call 617-632-3021 or visit www.dana-farber.org/how/friends.

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets go on sale April 8, for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

AMERICAN BABY'S BABY FAIRE is coming to the Bayside Expo Center, 200 Mt. Vernon St., Boston. April 27 and 28. This event offers expectant parents and young families about 200 exhibits showcasing the latest in child care, parenting information and services; the newest products for infants and toddlers, exciting interactive children's exhibits and free products and samples. There will be continuous children's live entertainment throughout the weekend, in addition to roving cartoon characters for children to meet. Babies can compete hourly in the Babies "R" Us Baby Derby races for the title of Boston's "fastest crawler." Adults $8, children under age 12 and grandparents free. $3 discount admission coupons available at local Babies "R" Us.

FINE ARTS CHORALE, INC. The final concert of the 36th season will be performed on May 5, at 5 p.m. at Duxbury High School, St. George St., Duxbury led by Dr. Libor, Dudas, Music Director of the Fine arts Chorale. More than 50 voices from the Duxbury area and surrounding South Shore communities, along with pianists both Dawn MacGarvey from Duxbury and Brian Moll from Boston, percussionists and professional soloists from the Boston area will perform Leonard Bernstein's Missa Brevis and Carmina Burana, by Carl Orff. $15 adults/$12 seniors/students. Handicapped accessible. for information, call 1-800-230-7555 or fineartschorale@aol.com or www.fineartschorale.org

SOUTH SHORE YMCA AT MILL POND ROAD RACE The South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond Hanover branch is hosting its first annual 5-Mile road Race, with a 1.5 mile Family fun run/Walk on Sunday, May 19. Rain or shine. The Fun/Walk will be at 9 a.m. and the road race will be at 10 a.m. The cost of the road race will be $12 pre-registration and $15 day of the race. The first 300 registered 5-mile runners will receive free t-shirts. T-shirts will also be available for purchase the day of the race. Applications are available at SS YMCA and can also be downloaded at www.ssymca.org Call Greg Shinney at 781-829-8585 ext. 228 with any questions.

BLUE HILL WEATHER OBSERVATORY OPEN HOUSE AND KITE FESTIVAL Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the view, fascinating history and fun activities at the oldest continuously operating weather observatory on the continent. Activities will include kite making and kite flying, self-guided tours of the Weather Observatory, rooftop viewing, easy and breezy activities for kids, weather demonstrations, exhibits and displays, summit nature walk and guest lectures. All activities at Blue Hills Weather Observatory at the summit of Great Blue Hill. The event is free with a nominal supply charge for some activities. For information call 617-696-0562 or 617-698-1802.

MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA STRIDES THROUGH PLYMOUTH ON APRIL 28 More than 200 Plymouth area residents will walk through the town on April 28 as part of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The walk begins and ends Plymouth North High School and kicks off at 10 a.m. Following the walk, participants will enjoy entertainment and refreshments. For more information call 1-800-BIG-WALK or www.mar-

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The Massasoit Theatre Co., Presents "The Crucible" at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, off Rt. 27, Brockton. Thursday, Friday Saturday, April 18, 19, 20, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12 for the general public/$10 for students and senior citizens. Call 508-4271234 for information and tickets

Thurs. 11

Lily's Apothecary in Plymouth will host a night of "Perfume Tasting and Makeovers" April 11, from 4 to 9 p.m. Skin care consultations and makeovers by appointment and scheduled every 30 minutes. For additional information, call 508-747-7546 or visit www.lily's apothecary.com

Showstoppers Summer Youth Theater organization announces registration for its summer theater program held during the months of June and July. This summer the organization will present the musical "Children of Eden" on July 18, 19, and 20, at 7:30 p.m. Registrations forms can be obtained by call 781-545-3643.for the two program.

Buttonwood Books and Toys and Buttonwood for Kids are hosting a poetry contest and all middle school students (grades 6, 7, 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month long event to celebrate Poetry Month. Students may submit their entries directly to Button wood Books & toys, Route 3A, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset or Buttonwood For Kids, 28 South St., Hingham Square, Hingham. Call 781-383-2665 or 781-749-2665 for rule and more information.

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation, Columbia Road, Dorchester presents its spring forums series "Challenges at Home and Abroad: The U.S. and the Middle East Strengthening the Dialogue, April 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Join **Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan** as he leads a discussion of U.S. humanitarian efforts and how they can be more effective in helping to forge new alliances with those living in the Arab and Muslim world. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations required. Call 617-929-4571. Speakers' schedules may change, call 617-929-1247 to confirm all forums before coming to the library. wwwjfklibrary,org

Walk Around the Clock for Cancer Join an American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team in Cohasset on May 17-18 at its Sixth Annual Relay For Life. The first team captain's meeting is set for April 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cohasset High School cafeteria, 143 Pond Street, Cohasset. For more information call, 1-888-648-4800

South Shore Women's Business Network: Business After Hours at The Inn at Scituate Harbor, Scituate 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. $7 for members/$10 non-members. www.sswbn.org

Fri. 12

Maurice Hines Starring in Guys and Dolls at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began Aug. 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

Nike Official Marathon Headquarters, Prudential Center, Boylston Street, next to Legal Seafoods 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nike has created a haven for all of the Boston Marathon runners, offering the chance for those who love the sport and are fans of the marathon a place to explore ways to achieve their personal best. Information about the race and design of the course will be available, as well as sports psychologists and nutritionists who are experts in the race and its runners. Clinics and demonstrations will be run two to three times a day with advice from Alberto Salazar and two-time winner and current world record holder Catherine Ndereba. The lounge will also offer massage tables offering 10-minute massages to all marathon participants, complimentary bars and water, autographs and photos with stars.

Eric Henderson's Lighthouse Theatre presents "Blithe Spirit" at the Beal House, 224 Main St., (Route 106) in Kingston. Performance dates are April 12, 13, 20, 26 at 7:30 p.m. Admission adults $10 Children (12 and under) $5. Call 508-747-6847 for reservations.

The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will hold a youth dance for ages 9 to 13 on April 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $6 per person. For more information call 508-747-1234.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance April 12, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Sat. 13

South Shore Arts Association will present Portraiture or Still Life in Oils on April 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mahoney Studio at 709 Country Way in Scituate. Workshop will be led by artist, William Bartlett. Registration for the workshop is $90 (members), $100 (non-members) Send registration to Scituate Arts Association, P.O. Box 214, Scituate, MA 02066, or call 781-545-6150 for more information.

Javawocky presents Lainie Senechal and Harris Gardner authors of Chalice of Eros on April 13, at 7:30 p.m. Music feature to follow. Admission is free. $1 donation for refreshments. Located in the Unitarian Church, 325 West Elm St., Brockton. For information call 617-723-3716.

MDC Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites On Saturday, April 13, at 1 p.m. Explore Bunker Hill Quarry. Meet at the Shea Rink parking lot on Willard Street in Quincy. Hidden in West Quincy, this quarry site was the source of the stone for the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown. Learn the rest of the story on this guided hike over rocky terrain. Wear sturdy hiking boots. 1.5 hours. All programs are free and open to the public. Dress appropriately wear proper foot gear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.state.ma.us/mdc

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse will feature **Red & Black Tour, Luke Warmwater and Timothy Sanders.** Workshop with **Michael McDonough**, Saturdays before the open mike. Open mike signup at 7:30 p.m. Free admission, pass the hat for feature. For information call 508-279-9952 or www.mothwing.com/dailygrindpoetry.

St. Andrew's Church, 17, Church St., Hanover, will host a yard sale April 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables availble for $30. Softdrinks/coffee, burgers/hotdogs, cookies/brownies. Parking available in the rear lot off Route 53.

The Weymouth Art Association Members Spring Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth on April 13 to 27. It is open to all artists. For information call 781-337*-1402 or 781-337-4513.

The North River Arts Society presents "Focus on Figures 2002" Drop off for the show is April 13, from 10 a.m. to noon and Tuesday, April 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. Focus on Figures 2002 is a members' show of figurative art in any medium. Members may submit up to three pieces. The work must be based on the human figure and not previously exhibited at the North River Arts Society. All work should be ready for presentation, i.e. two-dimensional items framed and wired for hanging, three-dimensional items should have pedestals. The show will open April 20 to 27 from noon to 3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills Village. There will be a preview opening April 19, from 7 to 11 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Eric Henderson's Lighthouse Theatre presents "Harry Potter" at the Beal House, 224 Main St., (Route 106) in Kingston. Performance dates are April 13, and 20 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Admission: Kids $5, adults $10. For reservations call 508-747-6857.

Sun. 14

Seventh annual MDA Blues Showcase - April 14, from 4 p.m. to closing, sponsored by Music Unlimited and The Free Bird Times. The Rock, Wide World Blues, WATD 95.9 presented by Nightlife Music Co., at Ricky – T's Rte. 3A-N. Plymouth (Cordage Park) Twelve acts, nine hours, featuring The Chery Arena Band, The J Place Band, Trax with Janelle Malefronte, Voodoo Doctors, Lonesome Jukebox, Eddie & The Edsels (Reunion) Atlantic Blue, Susan E. and Bluesliner Tall Richard's vineyard Voodoo Kings, Groove Authority, Blue Dog, Chuck Ochs with Cajun Bob Wilson.

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Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. On April 14, join the club at 1 p.m. for an easy walk, level terrain, four miles. Meet at Foul Meadow parking lot at Brush Hill Road and Neponset Valley Parkway in Milton. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

A fund raising concert for the Cohasset Community Center will feature music for voice and piano performed by **Evelyn V. Czaja**, mezzo-soprano and **Dr. Rita Simo**, pianist. The concert will be held at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset, at 3 p.m. Adults $25; Seniors $20; Children 8 to 12 $15. For information call 781-383-6380.

The North River Arts Society presents "The Oriental Rug Company" from 3 to 5 p.m. Scott Gregorian of The Arthur T. Gregorian Oriental Rug Company will share his wealth of knowledge about this art form. Topics will include the history, process, examples, buying, decorating, care and questions and answers. $7 members/$10 non-members pay at the doors. For more information, call the NRAS office at 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

South Shore Natural Science Center Norwell, presents Bryan Yeaton from the Mount Washington Observatory on April 14, at 1 p.m. Find out where the weather comes from, and how observations from the basis of all forecasts. Yeaton uses demonstrations, slides, a bouncing globe and video footage that puts you inside the worst weather in the world. Tickets for this event must be purchased in advance, and re $5 members/$6 non-members. This program is part of an ongoing Sunday Family Fun Day series, and is appropriate for children ages 6 and up, accompanied by an adult. The South Shore Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3 interchange. Call 781-659-2559 for tickets and information.

Mon. 15

The Weymouth Art Association will display work by its members at several locations around the town during the months of April and May. Locations include in the Town Hall the Mayor's office Lorraine Ingenito and Isabel Shamitz will display paintings. In the Treasurer's office Allan Chambers is exhibiting a painting. In the Councilors' office Don Dickinson, Elizabeth Trubia, Jean Doran and Lillian Koe are exhibiting their work. Mildred Costa and Helena Zubrin will display a painting in the auditor's office. Snyder Jewelers will display work of Elizabeth Pohl, Josephine Bottari, Lorretta Haynes and Donna Lucas. Jordan Insurance will display Martha Donavan, Joe Barca, John Dyke, Mary Jackson, Laurie Porter and Anne Porter. Rizzo Insurance will display the work of Don Coole, Denise Graham, William Hallsen and Kate Manning. Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Nancy La Porta. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Tues. 16

The Easter Seals North River Stroke Support Group will meet at the Norwell Council on Aging, 293 Pine St., Norwell, on April 16, at 1 p.m. Join them for a "Spring Lunch." Bring a brown bag lunch for yourselves and talk about ideas for the June meeting. For information call 781-826-7348.

The Curry College Lecture Series on Creative Writing, hosted by writer in residence, Bill Littlefield presents Elinor Lipman on April 16, at 7 p.m. The lecture will be held in the parents' lounge, Hafer Academic Center on the Milton Campus located at 1071 Blue Hill Avenue.

Tosca presents a dinner with the wines of Chateau Ste. Michelle featuring **guest winemaker, Erik Olsen** which include a six-course meal created by Chef Kevin Long. Each course will be prepared with wines from Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery. All vineyards belonging to the winery are located in the Columbia Valley in South Central Washington State. Dinner is $75 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 781-740-0080.

South Shore Senior Softball sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging is open to all South Shore residents 55 and over. Season opens April 14, at the Gates Intermediate School; league plays Sundays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. For information call 781-545-8722 or 781-545-4681.

Wed. 17

Dinner Theatre at Raffael's at the Skyline Room at Raffael's Restaurant, 1 Enterprise Dr., N. Quincy. On April 17*, 18, 24*, and 25 **Beau Paris presents Motown A Musical Revue** The music of Marvin Gaye, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson and The Supreme's. Beau's voice and style has delighted audiences all over the South Shore for many years. Paris has been performing every Sunday night at Raffael's. Join him for his first dinner theater production. Tickets are $45 per person or $35 per person for the matinee series. *April 17 and 24 offer two shows lunch and dinner. Ticket includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Lunch starts at noon. To order tickets via credit card, call Raffael's Restaurant at 617-328-1600.

The Ladies Group of the South Shore Viking Club is having a spring Fashion Show, April 18, at 8 p.m. at the Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Braintree. Fashions by Dress Barn. Coffee and desserts served after the show. Tickets $5. For information or reservations, call 617-773-5870.

The Hanover Grange #206 will present a spaghetti and meatball dinner and program "Spring is in the Air" featuring a guest speaker from the National Weather Service. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Emily Litchfield at 781-837-2145 and Norma Raymond 781-344-3865.

Exhibition Wheelchair Basketball game hosted by the New England Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Helping Hands Club of Massasoit Community will be held Massasoit Community Field House, April 17, at 7 p.m. Tickets are $4 adults and children under 12 are admitted free of charge. Proceeds from the game will be used to support the NEPVA basketball program and the Helping Hands Club's programs on disability awareness.

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books proudly presents **Mark Kurlansky** at the Hingham Public Library April 17, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for "SALT: A World History." In "SALT: A World History" Mark Kurlansky reintroduces the reader to the importance of salt in both the ancient and modern world. Light refreshments will be served. Call Buttonwood Books at 781-383-2665 to order you signed copy if you are unable to attend.

Thurs. 18

The Hanover Garden Club presents **"Ask the Experts,"** held at the First Congregational Church Hall, Route 139, Hanover. This will be an evening of learning secrets and finding answers to gardening successfully. The public is invited to attend and be prepared with gardening questions for Les Wyman, of Wyman Nurseries; Debbie Swanson, the premier horticulturist for Plymouth County Extension Service; and Bill Cannon, the garden journalist for the Patriot Ledger. Suzanne Mahler, the Mariner garden journalist, will be the moderator. Admission is $5. Light refreshments will be served.

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Fri. 19

BeanZee's 203 Café, a specialty coffee, tea, beverage and food shoppe at The Hanover Mall will present **Michael McDonough** as its featured poet on April 19, at 7:30 p.m. Open mike. For more information call 781-829-9277.

Maria's Bachelorette Party, the original interactive dinner theatre show, a spoof on an **"Italian Bridal Shower"** has been extended April 19, at **The Tremont Playhouse**, 275 Tremont Street, Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40.95, includes dinner and show. Call 1-800-944-5639 for tickets.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. The opener will be Chuck Ochs, an acoustic guitarist, singer and musical historian. The coffeehouse will then feature **"Swinging Steaks"** an alternative country band out of Boston, Tim Giovanniello and Jaimie Walker, with their mandoline-driven melodies, harmonies and soulful ballads. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will present the teen company in the musical **"Dirty Dancing"** on April 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 7 p.m. and April 21, and 28 at 4:30 p.m. held at Cordage park, Plymouth, Mill #1 Lower Level. Tickets Adult $8 Child $5. For reservations or more information call 508-747-1234.

Single Executives Club and the Young Professionals Club will sponsor a social and dance on April 19, at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland, exit 14 off Route 3. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35-to 55 years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress required.

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Classes

EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION AT NEWBURY COLLEGE Newbury College's division of continuing education will offer anyone currently employed in the daycare and early childhood education field or thinking about it to take the first step in becoming certified by the Office of Child Care Services. Classes are held in Weymouth and begin the week of May 20. For information call 781-843-8888.

MEDICAL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT NEWBURY COLLEGE'S BRAINTREE/WEYMOUTH CAMPUS Newbury College's division of continuing education will begin its summer semester starting the week of May 20. The following medical programs are available: B.S.. - Health Care Management; A.S. - Medical Assistant; Cert. Medical Assistant. Fore more information call 781-843-8888.

SPRING CLASSES AT THE YWCA-MARSFIELD- Get your home and body in shape with classes at the YWCA. Here is a sampling of the classes being offered this spring: Thursday, April 11. Furniture Painting - Four Tuesdays, starting March 26. Backyard Gardening-Tuesdays April 9 and May 14. Flowered Cats! A quilted wall hanging-Tuesday, April 30. Windows of Opportunity - Summer Camp Registration Registration has also begun for the YWCA's summer camp program and swimming lessons. Camp begins June 24 and runs through Aug. 16. Call 781-834-8371 for more information.

OPEN DOORS HEALTH CENTER at 361 Washington Street in Braintree, specializing in power yoga done in humid/hotrooms at 90 degrees. Power Yoga classes will be offered day and evening, seven days a week. Other classes will include: Tai chi, Belly Dancing, Drumming, Hatha and Kundalini Yoga, Pilates, and personal weight training with Steve Antonelli. for a schedule call Open Doors at 781-843-8224 or opendoors7.com

COHASSET SWIM CENTER is accepting applications for lifeguards and water safety instructors for the 2002 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Programs to become a certified lifeguard will also be offered throughout the region. Lifeguard applicants must be 15 years of age. Call 781-383-1988 for information.

Reunions

PEMBROKE IMPERIALS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS. 25 YEARS AFTER: A reunion is scheduled for June 22, at Anne's Place in Sandwich. Anyone and everyone who was affiliated with the Imperials are welcomed to attend. This will be an adult function starting at noon. Tickets are $35. If interested, visit the website at www.Masscorpslinks.com/imperials.htm for more information.

XAVERIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, AND 1997 will hold a joint reunion on Saturday, June 1, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 6 p.m. Cocktail reception at 7 p.m. Reunion clambake at 8 p.m. Reservation dateline is May 21. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

MISSION CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL GRAND CLASS REUNION FOR ALL CLASSES FROM 1929 TO 1992 on Saturday, June 15, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 4 p.m. cocktail reception at 5 p.m. Dinner and program at 6 p.m. Reservation deadline: Friday, June 7. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982's 20th reunion is all set. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 5, at the Sheraton Braintree. Organizers are still looking for classmates. Contact Eric Braley by phone at 302-793-2068 or by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

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Swing into Spring, the annual charity fundraiser event for **DOVE, Inc.**, will be held April 19, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Boston Marriott, Quincy, 1000 Marriott Dr., Quincy featuring the music of Java Jive, a live and silent auction and light fare. Tickets are $50 per person and can be purchased by calling 617-773-2434 or requested via e-mail at dovefund @yahoo.com For 23 years DOVE Inc., has provided emergency shelter, crisis intervention, legal advocacy and housing assistance to battered women and their children through the Commonwealth. DOVE also assists teen victims of domestic violence, and works to end domestic violence through education.

The Company Theatre in Norwell presents its **Fifth Annual Gospel Music Celebration,** a two-night musical extravaganza featuring Boston and the South Shore gospel groups and choirs on April 19, and April 20. Both shows begin at 8 p.m. Among the groups scheduled to appear are the 40-plus person Boston Community Choir from Hyde Park; All God's Children and Robert Perry & for The Lord Ministries, both from Boston; The Brockton/Taunton based Love Divine; Randolph's Grace Singers; and Deviate, which is based in Pembroke. Tickets in advance are $18 and $21 the day of performance, are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787 or www.companytheatre.com

Ongoing Events

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will present Garden Visitors, a collection of photographs by well-known South Shore photographer **Vin Horrigan,** in their Vine Hall Gallery, April 1 to 27. His work includes more than a half a dozen different species of butterflies along with striking photos of some of his garden flowers. The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge, Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than a mile from the Route 3 interchange. For more information or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

The Duxbury Art Association presents Monotype Guild of New England's Fifth Annual Juried Exhibition opens in the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. Scituate artist, Ester Mashio will demonstrate printing making techniques at 2 p.m. The exhibitions opened Feb. 10, and continues through April 19. The exhibition, reception and demonstration are open to the public at no charge. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 781-934-2731.

The South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features paintings of South Shore Art Center artist **Patricia Isaac** until the end of April. A Rockland resident, Isaac paints a wide range of subjects including family, people, friends and "sights along the way." The Staircase Gallery is located at One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Massachusetts Audubon Society located at 2000 Main St., Marshfield, presents **Exploring the Grand Canyon in Watercolor by Wendy Hale**, April 1 through 27. The show is a collection of Hale's watercolors from her rafting trip down the Colorado River into desolated wilderness. Opening reception April 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. The center is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for the exhibit and all are welcome. Call 781-837-9400.

The Braintree Art Association member **Virginia Dolan** will display her paintings for the month of April at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

The Cottage Shop, 56 Fogg Road, South Weymouth, will feature black and white photographs of Paris by **Jonathan Pozniak** during the month of April. The Cottage Shop is operated by The Friends of South Shore Hospital. Shop hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Grove Manor Estates presents **Queen Mary with Derek Mann** in a two-part lecture presentation. Part one was held in March, part two is April 12, at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP 781-843-3700. This production will be held at The Glen, 160 Grove Street, Braintree. Upon entering the driveway, follow the sign to the right. Parking is available.

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member Exhibit will take place from now until April 18, at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. For information call 781-335-4675.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street, Duxbury will feature artist **Leah De Prizio**, April 3, through April 28. The opening reception for her exhibition will be held April 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will present Garden Visitors, a collection of photographs by well-known South Shore photographer Vin Horrigan, in their Vine Garden, April 1 to 27. For more information call 781-659-2559.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month Pauline Componeschi will exhibit her paintings for the month of April at the Tufts Library, 46 Board Street, Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The North River Arts Society will present **People Places and Things,** an exhibit by Michael Murphy at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run from March 10-May 3. For information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Art/Advisory/Boston announces upcoming exhibitions of two local artists, **Carlyn Marcus Ekstrom** and **Ella Delyanis.** The exhibitions will be held March 7 through April 25 on Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and by appointment. The opening reception will be held on March 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For information call 617-698-9700 or www.artadvisoryboston.com

Yoga with Kezia Bacon Bernstein on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at The Workout Club, Webster Square in Marshfield Center. Call 781-834-1150 for more information. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at The Sanctuary at Alexandra's European Day Spa in Duxbury. Call 781-837-7093 for additional information.

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union Street, Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. The club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant. 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

Just for kids

ASTRONOMY DAY 2002 CELEBRATION presented by The South Shore Astronomical Society and The Trustees of Reservations, April 19, at Turkey Hill in Hingham. This family event will begin at 6 p.m. The South Shore Astronomical Society is a group of amateur astronomers dedicated to promotion and enjoyment of the science of astronomy. Telescopes will be available for viewing and learning, introductory lessons on navigating the night sky, children's activities, a slideshow: "A tour of Our Solar System and Beyond" and the awarding of a 4.5 inch Orion Dobsonian telescope complete with accessories to the winner of the astronomy essay. Call Louis Gentile for information at 781-545-7067.

APRIL VACATION AT THE SOUTH SHORE SCIENCE CENTER will feature a Creature Carnival where squirrels do the high wire acts, plants perform magic, and spiders live in bubbles under the water. The center is offering half and full day programs for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Children in kindergarten can attend any one or all four morning sessions from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. $14/$16 non-members per day. Children in grades one through five have the option of attending half days (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) for $20M/$24NM per day, or full days (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) for $34M/$38NM per day. Choose any one or all of the following topics: Tuesday, April 16, learn about Amazing Animal Acrobats. Wednesday, April 17, explore Mother Nature's Magic. Thursday, April 18, it's Bouncing, Balancing and Bending, Oh My! And Friday, April 19,, join us for Outrageous Organisms! Space is limited and pre-registration is necessary. To register by phone with a credit card, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM celebrate April vacation by "Dressing the Part" "Design Your Own Uniform" "Make a Hat to Wear Home" The USS Constitution Museum is located in the Charlestown Navy yard, directly across from the USS Constitution and offers a gift shop on the Freedom Trail. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is free, a donation is requested. Handicapped accessible. Call 617-426-1812 ext. 127 or visit www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org

PATRIOT'S DAY SPRING SCHOOL VACATION events at the Paul Revere House, April 13, 16, 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. Using reproductions of Revere's personal items and Revolutionary War memorabilia, David Connors brings Boston's favorite patriot vividly to life. Rachel Revere; A Revolutionary Woman, April 14, at 1 p.m., 1:45 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Professional storyteller Joan Gatturna takes on the role of Paul Revere's second wife. Listen to her dramatic account of a woman's struggle to hold home and family together in a time of war, blockades, and shortages. Revere's midnight ride, April 17, April 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call the Paul Revere Museum at 617-523-2338 or visit www.paulreverehouse.org for more details and reservations.

DIANE PURDY'S CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOP will hold its 2002 two week Summer Theatre Session. Rehearsals July 15 through July 26 Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Show July 26, at 7 p.m. $330 tuition includes daily training, dress rehearsal, the show, professional direction, creative costumes, no auditions, all supper roles, group photo. Show and rehearsals: Wollaston congregational Church, 48 Winthrop Avenue, Quincy, Wollaston section off of Beal Street. For more information call 617-472-9233 or fluffatoo@aol.com

SOUTH SHORE QUEST- April 15, marks the beginning of the official Quest Season. Quests are a fun way to get the kids out in nature and a great way to learn of new hiking trails in the area. Clues lead the hiker along a trail in search of the treasure (a stamp and stamp pad.) Quest books contain directions, maps, and the clues for 19 Quests on the South Shore are available at the Bookport in Hingham, Hingham Public Library and the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for $4. Three quests have been redesigned for the 2002 season and there are two completely new quests. If you have any questions, call Kim Juric at 781-749-6121 or www.sshorequests.org

BLUE HILLS TRAILSIDE MUSEUM- April vacation week at Trailside Museum: open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. 11 a.m. Story Time (ages 3 to 6); 1 p.m. Mystery Species (ages 3 and up); 3 p.m. Sounds like Spring (ages 6 and up). $3 NM adult; $2 NM senior; $1.50 NM child; MAS members free with valid membership. Call 617-333-0690 for information.

SOUTH SHORE SCIENCE CENTER SPRING PROGRAMS: Feed the Animals/Tales from the Wild/Parents and Tots/Adventures in the Spring Woods/Animal Tails/Walking in the Jungle/A Rainbow of My Own/Pitter Patter, Rainy Day/After School Nature Programs/Vacation Week Programs Call 781-659-2559 for information.

SOUTH SHORE ARTS & RECREATION CENTER is a non-profit organization established to provide youth, ages 9 to 18, a safe environment during after school hours, They are committed to providing local youth with opportunities to explore and enjoy those fine and performing arts, academic, recreational and social activities which will contribute to their personal development, enhance their community awareness and stimulate creative energies. Membership offers use of the game room, computer lab, discounts on ceramics, theater, birthday parties, dances and concerts. Plans are being made to include a video studio where members will be offered training on video taping and editing. The game room includes pool, ping pong, air hockey and foosball. The computer lab has restricted internet access to age appropriateness. Membership fee for 2002 is $75 per year or $25 per quarter. For information call Terri-Lee Zinsius at 508-747-1234.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Register now for spring classes.

PreK-K:Look What I Made!, All About Me from A to Z Grades 1-3: Art Expressions, Art in Action, Great Impressions, Me Myself & I, Saturday Drawing, Hand in Clay, Grades 3-8: Draw, Paint Explore!, Hello Dolly, Drawing's Fun, Acrylic Painting, Clay for Kids, April Art Week for gr. 1-4

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TUMBLE TYKES located in Merchants Row Mall, Hanover. The program is an educational gymnastics program for children ages 1 to 5 years including playgroups, parent-tot classes, instructional gymnastic classes and birthday parties. The facility has been designed with age appropriate equipment, a zip line, trampolines and a giant replica of a pirate ship filled with foam cubes, slides, tunnels, trapeze and a crows nest.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. Children ages 1.5 - 5 are welcome. The cost of the class is 8 weeks for $75. For more information call Denise Creedon at 781-834-7417.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

A Mars/Uranus alignment may generate stormy astrological weather in the early morning hours. Allow extra time to get where you are going. There may be unexpected setbacks or distractions. Give greater attention to accuracy, details. The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 1:31 p.m., when it aligns with Mars. At 5:40 p.m. the moon enters Aries, and the final windup to this month's new moon begins.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

This is a day that can go either way. The dark side of an Aries new moon may spark emotional thunderstorms. Others may be irritable, anxious, impatient. On the other hand, a harmonious alignment of Mercury and Uranus prompts you to keep an open mind, look for the silver lining. Zero in on projects that have been problematic. You can work out the glitches and find solutions. Follow your instincts. Spend time alone. Look within for answers. New inspirations and insights may come, if you take the quiet space and time to listen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Wake up in a good mood. Tackle jobs that need a finishing touch, handle routine chores, run errands. Postpone beginning new projects until next week. The new moon culminates at 3:21 p.m., 23-degrees of the sign Aries. Let fun and games top your agenda this evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

The Aries moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive at 5:52 a.m. A Taurus moon takes over at 5:55 a.m., setting the stage for a relaxing weekend. Mercury also enters Taurus at 6:11 a.m., remaining there until April 30. Mars enters Gemini at 1:36 p.m. until May 28. At this time the green light goes on for starting new projects, making major decisions and purchases. A lunar alignment to Jupiter makes this a great evening for social or romantic activities.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

This is a day to kick back and enjoy life to the fullest. The moon travels in Taurus and aligns with its planetary ruler, Venus, at 2:46 p.m. If you have work projects to accomplish, they will come together smoothly. Influences continue to rate high for launching important ventures in your business or personal life.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

A Taurus moon continues to generate a laidback mood. It may be difficult to get motivated, if you are working. At 12:53 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. Influences begin to turn around at 4:56 p.m., when the moon enters lively Gemini. A rough spot is in effect between 5:56-8:56 p.m., when the moon conjoins with Mars. Slow down; sidestep stubborn, obstinate behavior. Choose your words carefully.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

The Gemini moon generates an upbeat mood today and tomorrow. However, you must have a clear plan of action and stick to it, if you want to be productive. People will be talkative, sociable. This is a great day to launch sales and promotion campaigns or to develop creative writing projects. A lunar contact to Saturn at 3:56 p.m. reminds you to handle responsibilities, fulfill promises. This alignment may bring a quiet, lull period in the day and offers an opportunity to rest, regroup.

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Trying to make smoking history

Town to consider tougher regulations

By Evan Schiff
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Smoking has long been glamorized in our country. From the Marlboro Man to Joe Camel, cigarettes have been a part of our collective conscience for some time.

However, approximately 450,000 people die in this country every year from diseases related to smoking, making it the number one killer in the United States.

"The dangers of smoking and second-hand smoke are incredible."

— Dr. Joseph Godzik, health agent

Cohasset is part of a group of South Shore towns trying to protect its residents from the dangers of smoking.

The Board of Health is holding a hearing next week regarding youth access regulations which concerns the sale of tobacco products to minors. It is expected to strengthen the regulations to further deter stores from selling to those 18 and younger.

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Glenn Pratt, center, is surrounded by previous Citizens of the Year or their representatives at a special reception in his honor Sunday at Kimball's by the Sea. From left are the Rev. Gary Ritts, Anna Abbruzzese, Sallyann Chatteron (wife of the late Clark Chatterton), Joe Buckley, Tom Keating (son of the late Gerard Keating), Dr. Robert Sceery and Katherine Stanton. Not shown is Mary Jeanette Murray. For more photos, see page 15.

Glenn Pratt receives Citizen of Year honors

By Evan Schiff
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Glenn Pratt, the Cohasset Mariner's Citizen of the Year, attracted a crowd Sunday as upwards of 100 family members, town officials and friends packed the banquet room at Kimball's By the Sea to wish him well.

The King Street resident admitted to being a little nervous. As is the case with Citizens of the Year, they are more comfortable out of limelight – doing their good works behind the scenes.

Pratt, who was the force behind the new Gold Star Mothers Memorial at Woodside Cemetery, was honored for a lifetime of service to the town. His efforts included serving as president of the Community Center at a time when its future was in doubt, tirelessly leading the effort for more cemetery space in town, his service on the Planning Board and Water Commission, and countless "smaller" deeds such as making sure the Festival on the Common has electricity every year, buying T-shirts for youth teams or a new scoreboard for the high school gym.

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COOLER TIMES

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Olivia Sullivan holds the reins on Hillary Gaumer during recess at Deer Hill. But the jackets came off during school vacation this week, as record-breaking temperatures soared into the 80s.

Public input sought on sidewalks, lights

By Evan Schiff
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Do you want to have a say about new sidewalks and lighting for Cohasset Village? If so, then here's your chance.

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private business working in conjunction with the village task force, has installed six different sidewalk displays along with three lighting choices along James Brook Walkway across from French Memories and next to the Citgo station.

"We want to know what the residents think will look best here."

— Dean Rizzo, Cohasset Revitalization Corporation

New sidewalks and lights will be incorporated into the village revitalization project, expected to be completed in 2006.

"The primary purpose for the displays is that we want to seek more input from the community," said CRC director Dean Rizzo. "We want to know what the residents think will look best here."

Rizzo, who said the display won't be taken down till early June, set up the sidewalk samples with a short description of the walking surface as well as a picture of that choice installed in another town. Residents are encouraged to fill out the survey that's provided at

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Car love affair is taxing

By Mary Ford
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Americans have had a love affair with the automobile since the 1950s when interstate highways were constructed to facilitate motorists' desire to travel.

So it should come as no surprise that Cohasset residents also love their cars and during the boom years of the 1990s, bought more expensive models.

How else could the huge increase in excise tax be explained?

The excise tax formula that came into being to help municipalities pay for repairs to local roads hasn't changed since Prop. 2-1/2 was enacted back in 1981.

But today, Cohasset — a small town with a fairly stable population of some 7,546 people living in 3,015 households — has no less than 6,904 motor vehicles including 4,125 cars and 2,055 light trucks, according to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. SUVs are considered cars and light trucks are pick-up trucks, says David Shaw, registry spokesman.

The registry provides the billing information to cities and towns, although it doesn't set the rates and uses none of the money for its own budget.

In fiscal year 2001, that ended last June 30, Cohasset collected a whopping $1,135,920 in excises. Back in fiscal year 1982 — after Prop. 2-1/2 took effect and actually lowered the excise tax — the town collected a mere $216,430. In fiscal year 1992, which was during the last recession, the town collected $559,273 in excise taxes. Since fiscal year 1995, the town's automobile excise taxes have been on a steady climb passing the $1 million mark in fiscal year 2000.

So it should come as no surprise that the legislature is taking a look at an excise tax hike. The money would go to cities and towns as a way to offset a 10 percent cut in local aid. A 10 percent cut in local aid translates into $200,000 less for Cohasset in fiscal year 2003, which starts July 1.

But a 20 percent hike in excise takes — or $5 more for every $1,000 of motor vehicle value — would translate into about $226,000 more for the town, using the fiscal year 2002 collection figure.

The excise tax rate has been set for the past 20 years at $25 per $1,000 of value of the motor vehicle based on the applicable percent-

CARS PAGE 10

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Karen Weatherbee finds a giant Barbie Doll at the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) yard sale on Election Day April 6. Proceeds from the sale help send local work campers to Tennessee on a home-building mission for the poor.

This week in COHASSET

Meeting schedule

The following meetings have been posted at Town Hall:

Cohasset Common Historic District Commission, April 24, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, April 25, 7:30 p.m.

Growth and Development, April 18, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, April 24, 7 p.m.

School Committee, April 25, 7:30 p.m. at the high school library.

Water Commission, April 18, 7:30 p.m. at 339 King St.

Board of Selectmen, April 23, 7:30 p.m.

Committee on Town History, April 22, 7:30 p.m. at the Lothrop House

Zoning Board of Appeals, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Surface water protection plan

The Cohasset Water Commission is preparing a Surface Water Supply Protection Plan for Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir, under a grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The Plan will be discussed at a public meeting being held Thursday, April 25, 7:30 p.m., at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, 339 King St.

"This purpose of this Plan is to protect the sources of our public drinking water," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "We invite all residents of Cohasset to review the Plan and to provide comments by April 26, the comment deadline."

Copies of the Plan are available for review at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.

Brush accepted

Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area until April 28. No trees over 12-ins. in diameter. No contractors.

Vision and Goals workshop May 4

The Growth and Development Committee invites the public to a Vision and Goals workshop to be held Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Town Hall auditorium. The purpose of this meeting is to finalize a draft vision statement that describes "Cohasset in the Year 2020." The final vision will guide specific goals and implementation strategies in the areas of town growth, land use, housing, transportation, services and facilities, natural and cultural resources and economic development. The draft vision is detailed in the Cohasset Compass newsletter, available at Town Hall, or by calling Liz Harrington, Town Planner, at 383-3517.

Water main flushing to start

The Cohasset Water Department will begin its annual flushing of water mains on Monday, April 22. Flushing will be conducted from 9 p.m.-midnight on Monday (April 22), Tuesday (April 23), and Thursday (April 25), and will continue the next week on Monday (April 29), Tuesday (April 30), and Thursday (May 1).

On April 22, the flushing will start on King Street and cover the area between King Street and North/South Main Streets, and then move to Beechwood Street and back to King Street.

"Flushing the water mains will help improve water quality," said Water Commission Chairman John McNabb. "By removing accumulated sediment from water mains, flushing improves the taste and odor of tap water and removes friction in the water mains which allows the water to flow better."

Cohasset residents are cautioned to avoid doing laundry, running dish washers, or showing during the flushing, and are advised to turn on an outside faucet the next morning for a few minutes until the water runs clear. The flushing may cause a temporary discoloration of the water which can be remedied by running the outside faucet.

Iron Out is available free at the Lily Pond Treatment Plant, 339 King St., which will remove stains from any laundry which may be affected by the flushing. The Water Dept. office is open from 7:30 am – 3: p.m., Monday – Friday.

Residents may call the Water Department at 383-0057 if they have any questions.

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April 2002	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 18	3:29	9.9	9:58	4:11	8.7	10:11
Fri. 19	4:19	9.8	10:51	5:04	8.6	11:06
Sat. 20	5:15	9.8	11:48	6:03	8.7	——
Sun. 21	6:17	9.9	12:06	7:05	8.9	12:49
Mon. 22	7:21	10.1	1:09	8:05	9.4	1:50
Tues. 23	8:25	10.4	2:12	9:03	10.1	2:48
Wed. 24	9:25	10.8	3:13	9:57	10.8	3:43
Thurs. 25	10:23	11.1	4:10	10:49	11.4	4:35

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Two village eateries sold

By Evan Schiff
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While there were no 'For Sale' signs posted in the windows to alert customers, both Really Great Pizza and Silver Spoon have been sold.

The sale of RGP will become effective on May 1 and ownership has already changed hands for the Silver Spoon. While some may think the sales came because of a declining customer base and reduced revenues, that is not the case.

Denise Bismore, former owner of Silver Spoon, said it's family circumstances that is pulling she and her husband, Garry, away from the business.

With a toddler at home and another baby on the way, the Bismores decided their work at the Silver Spoon was too much of commitment.

"It's just consuming too much of our time," Denise said. "If we didn't have another baby on the way we may still be running the restaurant."

Bismore is proud of strides she has made while owning the business for six years. She said it has quadrupled in size in that time and the customer base has expanded rapidly. She added it is the customers she will miss the most when she leaves.

"I definitely considered all of the customers my friends and family," she said. "I will miss them all dearly."The Bismores will stay in the catering business for the foreseeable future out of their corporate cafeteria in Norwell.

The couple replacing the Bismores at the Silver Spoon is Jack and Carol Stafford from Quincy. The duo has been in business for more than 30 years and jumped at the opportunity to purchase the restaurant ,which will afford them the luxury of working closer to home and together.

"The size seemed right and the location is fantastic," Carol said. "Plus, working with my husband is an added bonus."

The two said they don't plan on overhauling the restaurant as it is currently set up quite well. They have tweaked the menu somewhat and will continue to tinker with it until they are happy. So far, they have reworded the menu as well as adding some more sandwiches, which they think are "more widely appealing."

"I feel real lucky to have a great spot in the downtown area."

— Sheldon Karp, new owner of RGP

Jack has been in the business for some time and feels he can bring a lot to the village area.

"I have plenty of experience and I've proven to be a success in quality wherever I have gone," he said. "I concentrate on making the customer happy and hopefully, they'll return."

Currently, the couple is keeping the same hours as the previous owners, Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., but said they are taking it one day at a time.

"If we feel it's necessary to stay open some nights, we will," Jack said. "We're here to make the community happy."

RGP changes hands

Another restaurant that has been bringing smiles to the faces of downtown diners for some time is RGP, which will have its ownership change hands in a couple of weeks.

Current owner Chris Peterson reiterated what the Bismores said and asserted he is not leaving because of financial reasons.

Peterson, who has owned the restaurant for four years, said he will be moving to Durango, Col. with wife Jennifer and their two children where they will open up another RGP.

"The time was right to move," he said. "The town's been great and the people are wonderful but we decided to go out west."

Peterson had no prior restaurant experience prior to opening RGP and said it was difficult learning the ropes. He said he hopes to open a similar place in Colorado when he gets out there.

Taking his place on Main Street is Sheldon Karp from Marshfield who previously owned a large deli in South Boston. Karp said he was looking for a place to work at around the South Shore and stumbled upon RGP.

"I love the town and the people," Karp said. "I feel real lucky to have a great spot in the downtown area."

Karp said he plans to keep the current menu but will be adding to it. He plans to add a frying machine so he can sell anything from french fries to fried seafood, he hopes to sell ice cream and also plans to make homemade pasta dishes available.

Other changes Karp intends to make includes applying for a liquor license so he can sell beer and wine and expanding the seating area of the restaurant.

SBAB tax hike solution?

MBTA money could help

By Mary Ford
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The town's financial team has come up with a plan that could help offset the increase in taxes should the state school building reimbursement money for the town's $42 million school projects be delayed.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told Town Meeting for every year the state delays reimbursement it will cost the average homeowner in Cohasset an additional $800 in real estate taxes.

"This is unacceptable," Haddad said.

The state will ultimately reimburse the town for about 60 percent of the cost of the projects, which include expanding and renovating the middle-high and Deer Hill schools.

He explained the town has been setting aside interest earned on bond anticipation notes for the school construction projects and placing it in the town's rainy day account, dubbed the stabilization fund.

"In addition, we will be receiving $1.6 million from the MBTA for the railroad right-of-way," Haddad said. "It is my recommendation to the Board of Selectmen that this money be placed in the stabilization fund."

Haddad explained when interest is factored in, this would bring the stabilization fund close to $3 million.

"This will save the average taxpayer about $500 a year and still leave a healthy balance in the stabilization fund."

— Town Manager Mark Haddad

He said for every year the state delays reimbursement — expected to be from three to six years — the town could transfer $500,000 out of the stabilization fund to offset the debt service payment on the long-term school bond.

"This will save the average taxpayer about $500 a year and still leave a healthy balance in the stabilization fund," he said.

Last fall, town Finance Director Michael Buckley discovered on the state Department of Education Web site that the department planned to cutback on the amount of money it puts annually toward reimbursement of new school building projects by more than half due to the recession. The drastic cut in funding means schools on the waiting list for reimbursement — expected to be only five years — would have to wait longer depending on how far down the list they were.

Buckley sounded the alarm and Cohasset has led the effort ever since to have the DOE fund the school building assistance at customary levels.

"We have met with the governor, the (state) Board of Education and our state legislators to bring this issue to the forefront," Haddad said. "We have also notified all other communities in Massachusetts that will be affected by this and led a letter-writing campaign to apply pressure on the legislature and governor to honor this commitment to provide funding in five years as was promised.

"We will continue to lead this effort," he said.

Although selectmen have not taken an official vote yet, they are largely in favor of the plan, Haddad said.

Remembering Jesse Sargent

Memorial bench to be installed

By Evan Schiff
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The sudden death of Jesse Sargent, 16, last month of a bacterial infection came as a shock, even to those who didn't know him.

But no one wants to forget the high school student who loved sports and was a friend to many.

A bench will be installed in Jesse's honor on the Beechwood baseball field, a place he frequently visited both to play sports and enjoy friends' company. The bench will serve as a permanent memorial to Jesse.

"I hope there's something in this that the family can take in a positive light," said John Kimball, who organized the effort.

Kimball, 17 Doane St., was moved by the tragedy and decided he wanted to help. Though he lives close to the family, he has never met them.

"I have a little boy and have no idea what they're going through," he said. "It's a small gesture but one I hope will add something to the family's day."

Kimball added he lost his father as a teenager so he has a sense of the devastation that the family is experiencing.

"It was a hard time for me," he said. "It's always stuck with me the support that people gave me and I'm trying to give back."

The selectmen unanimously approved the installation of the bench at their meeting earlier in the month and all agreed that this was something that needed to be done.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said it would be positive way to remember Jesse.

"This is a great memorial to Jesse," Haddad said. "It's a wonderful tribute to someone we'll all miss."

Kimball anticipates that around $700 will be needed to raised in order to install the bench. Any excess money will be donated to the Floating Hospital in Boston where Jesse underwent chemotherapy.

Kimball said he expects the bench to be ready in about six to eight weeks.

"It's nice that he'll always have a place in town," Kimball said.

Jesse, who was a student at Cohasset High and fought two battles with Hodgkin's Disease, a form of cancer, passed away from a bacterial meningococcal infection that can cause meningitis.

His family described him as a fun-loving teenager who loved to watch sports. That's another reason the site at Beechwood was chosen.

"It's nice to have the bench close to a place Jesse so enjoyed," Kimball said.

If you are interested making a contribution, a fund has been set up at the Rockland Trust Bank, 775 Chief Justice Cushing Highway and all donations should be sent there.

Birds like to call Straits Pond home

30 species spotted on local bird walk

By Nancy Kramer
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The tree swallows were sighted looking for clean nesting boxes on the Straits Pond area bird walk April 6, led by birder, Sally Avery. More than 20 people, mostly from Hull and a few from Cohasset and Hingham, attended the walk around the pond .

Thirty different species were observed including great egrets, killdeer, Northern flicker, Carolina wrens, brown headed cowbirds, downy woodpecker, common grackles and the usual birds, ducks and gulls sighted on other bird walks.

The white breeding patches of the great cormorant were observed on Black Rock Island through a spotting scope. And an osprey made a grand entrance overhead with a fish clenched in its talons at the West Corner area.

While we were birding, five Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) volunteers were on the pond scooping up mud samples to count midge larvae before the Town's scheduled Abate application on Monday. Another midge larvae count will be done this Saturday and once each month after that to test the effectiveness of the pesticide.

Volunteers who rowed and counted Chironomid midge larvae were Hull residents: Ann Murray, SPWA Secretary; Margo Clerkin, Hull Conservation Agent; Lawry Reid, SPWA President; Rob Gilman, Meteorologist; and Jay Hall, Biologist for Coler & Colantino.

Elder Affairs honors volunteers

On the occasion of Volunteer Recognition Week, April 21 to 27, Cohasset Elder Affairs would like to recognize and thank the many volunteers who make its programs and services possible.

Volunteers help to staff the office, serve on the board of directors, drive the vans, provide transportation to medical appointments, provide respite and companionship for elders in their homes, plan and lead some of our classes and activities; and plan, cook, serve and clean up for special events such as the recent Valentine's tea and the St. Patrick's Day luncheon.

Volunteers range in age from 2 years old (who accompany their mothers to help serve lunch every Tuesday and Wednesday) to folks in their 80s, including some high school students that help in the office, and adults of all ages who share their time and talents with the elders of this community. Cohasset is a town that is known for its volunteer spirit. Many thanks to everyone who volunteers!

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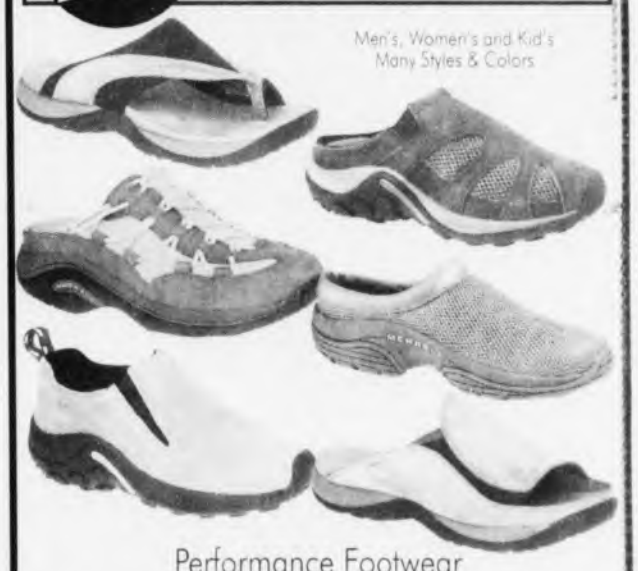

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Sister searching for copy of old high school play

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

MARATHON CONGRATULATIONS

Hello Cohasset. The weather is so pretty out this week as are all the flowers. I hope that everyone is able to get outside and enjoy it. I want to congratulate all the runners who ran in the wonderful tradition of the Boston Marathon. Fantastic job to all!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

I also want to send out a special Happy Birthday to Miss **Callie Piepenbrink** who is turning 8 on April 23. Callie, we all love you so much and want to make sure you know how proud and happy you make us every day. Don't forget what I have told you that, "Eight is Great!"

BC HIGH ART EXHIBIT

More than 120 students from Boston College High School have been busy with art and music performances and shows. That included the Senior Art Show which displayed works using a variety of mediums from high-tech computer graphics to simple line drawings. Cohasset's **Jacob Morgan**'s work was exhibited in the Engineer Graphics class.

SPRINGTIME GALA

The Cohasset Carriage House Nursery School would like to have you join them for a springtime fundraising gala at the beautiful seaside home of **Stephen and Patty Gillis**, 492 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset on Saturday, May 4 from 6:30-11 p.m. for an evening of fun and fundraising. The profits raised from this evening will benefit the Carriage House Nursery School at 23 North Main St..

The evening will include a wine tasting and a live and silent auction. There will be many wonderful prizes including a weekend in Nantucket, Red Sox Tickets, sports lessons, unique and beautiful items created by the students, gift certificates for services and much, much more! Tickets are $25 per person. For more information, please contact **Beth Marsden Gilman** at 781-383-1811, **Kathleen Broderick** at 781-383-6339 or **Lisa Dooley** at 781-383-0958. Please join us for this great event and support a wonderful school and its students.

SPECIAL SPEAKER

The Spirituality and Healing Task Force of the South Shore is pleased to announce the return of nationally and internationally known speaker, **Trudy Griswold**, to Cohasset on Saturday, May 18. Trudy, the author of five books including "The Angelspeake Book of Prayer and Healing", will lead an all day workshop entitled "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" from 9 am-4 p.m. The fee is $85 and includes lunch. To register call the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset at 781-383-0345 or stop by the office between the hours of 9a.m.-1p.m., Mon.-Fri.

MISSING PLAY

Here is a letter that was sent to the Cohasset High School librarian and I am hoping that someone reading this can be of help.

Dear Sir or Madam: I am writing to you with hope of finding a copy of a play written by a Cohasset High School student in 1951 or 1952. It was presented to the student body at that time and may be part of the archives at your library. Title of the play is unknown. Playwright was **Bernard Ferreira** (Class of 1952). He is my brother, and he lost his only copy of this play due to flood damage while in storage. I am trying to locate a copy as a gift to him. I would be happy to pay for any costs of reproduction if the search is successful. Please advise. And thank you for any assistance you can provide me in this matter.

Very Truly Yours, **Cynthia S. James**, 240 Christensen Road, Elgin, Texas 78621

If anyone can help in this matter, please contact Cynthia or email to myself at jenpiep@yahoo.com

CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY

The Harbour Choral Arts Society presents: Rise Up Singin" A Celebration of our 15th Anniversary, Directed by **Chad Weirick**. Dates for these performances are Friday, April 26, at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church in Hanover and Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 p.m. at the Old South Church in Weymouth. Tickets are $10 at the door. For more information, call (781)871-0539.

LIFEGUARDS WANTED

The Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors for the 2002 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: **Darleen Koetsch**, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025, by April 21, 2002 or emailed to dkoetsch7373@aol.com. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

DANIEL WEBSTER VISITS

Please come to the Cohasset Historical Society's Spring Dinner and Lecture on Sunday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m. at Kimball's By-the-Sea, 124 Elm St. The topic is "Daniel Webster: I Still Live!"

This costumed performance/lecture by actor **Jim Cooke** will trace Daniel Webster's life from his birth in New Hampshire through his youth, law career, and his pursuit of wealth, power and the presidency. Meet the men and women he knew in a presentation filled with drama, humor and history.

A 6 p.m. dinner follows the 5:30 reception. The cost for this event is $30 for historical society members and $35 for non-members. Attendees have their choice of Kimball's Scrod or Chicken Française; indicate which entreé you prefer when your register your reservation. To register/reserve, make checks payable to the "Cohasset Historical Society" and return (with your choice of entreé) to the Society at 14 Summer St., Cohasset 02025.

For more information, call **Marilyn Morrison** at 781-383-1434.

KITCHEN TOUR

Make sure to mark your date books for the annual Kitchen Tour sponsored by the South Shore Community Center. This wonderful tour is featuring five beautiful homes and takes place on Friday, April 26th from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.. Tickets for this very popular event are $25 per person. If you are interested in tickets, please call the Center at 781-383-0088.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

And that's not all the news from the historical society. As the society prepares for the opening of the Wilson House and the Maritime Museum in June, and plans for tours of the Lothrop House, there will be an increased need for volunteers. Volunteers can assist with many aspects of the society's operation including: packing and moving collections before restoration of the Wilson House, exhibit preparation, collections and archival care, fundraising, events and publicity. If you would like to help or learn more, please call the Lothrop House at 781-383-1434 or **Paula Kozol** at 781-383-0141.

That is all for this week. Please make sure to get me all your news, photos and event information no later than Monday at noon. All Schools In information needs to be to me no later than this Friday by noon for next week's column.

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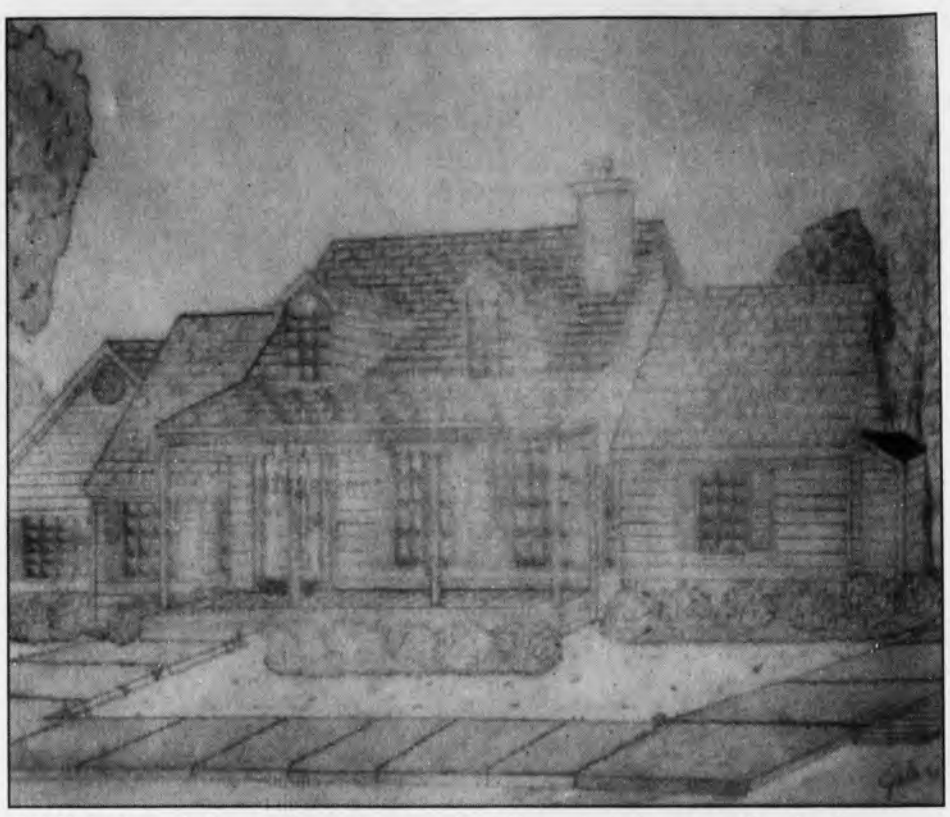

B.C. High's Senior Art Show included this work by Jacob Morgan in the Engineering Graphics class.

Carriage House benefit is May 4

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Something lost, something Gaines at First Parish Church

Part-time minister in the church pulpit

By Evan Schiff
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The Reverend Charles Gaines has been in this position before. More than five years ago, Gaines served as the interim minister at the First Parish Church on N. Main Street. Now, his title has changed but his mission is the same.

"I'm here to get the congregation organized," Gaines said. "I'm going to work with the church to develop a better understanding of what its mission is."

First Parish has hit hard times in the recent past. Over the last six years, the church has had six different ministers. Sadly, two pastors passed away including Ed Atkinson, a beloved minister of the church for more than 20 years, who died in 1995, and his replacement, the Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox, who was very well liked but was only able to serve about 18 months before succumbing to cancer. The church has also had three were interim ministers, and the latest pastor, Jennifer Justice, left in December. According to church officials, Justice left because of disagreements over the direction of the church.

Gaines, an Acton resident, is not an interim minister, who would be expected to stay on the job for one to two years, but is part-time. He also serves as a consultant to the church.

"The most important thing is that the congregation should come to a sense of unity as to what they want in their next minister," he said. "I'll also be working on improving the organizational structure of the church."

"I'm here to get the congregation organized."

Gaines has plenty of experience in consulting, as well as being a minister. He has been a Unitarian minister for more than 40 years and just completed a four-year ministry with the First Parish in Groton. During his stay at that church, the congregation became the seventh-fastest growing, mid-sized church in the Unitarian Universalist Association.

The First Parish in Cohasset has about 250 members and has experienced a modest drop in membership during the turmoil. However, Gaines said attendance for the Sunday services has grown since he was there in 1995, and he expects the congregation to expand once a new minister is appointed.

Currently, the church is searching for an interim pastor that would assume the position until a full-time minister is found. Woody Chittick, head of the search committee for the interim minister, said he hopes to have someone in place by June 1.

"We have a couple candidates and we will be interviewing them in the next few weeks," he said. "We're looking for who is going to be the best fit for the church."

Chittick added Gaines has been a welcomed addition to the church family in lieu of a permanent minister.

"He's doing a great job," Chittick said. "He brings an enthusiasm and an ability to listen to all types of people."

Gaines said he is doing his best to help the church through this transition period. He added the minister's position is the focal point of a congregation and offers a sense of continuity to a church. The First Parish has been lacking that sense of cohesiveness and he hopes to reinvigorate its spirit.

"It hasn't been an easy time for this church but there's a resiliency here," Gaines said. "I think everyone is on the same page theologically but there needs to be a consensus on how we express our beliefs."

Gaines is currently meeting with various church groups to get a better understanding of where they stand. He is focusing on preparing a quasi-mission statement, which will outline his reflections on what he's heard as well as recommendations for the future.

Gaines hopes the church takes his report to heart.

"I've been here before so there's some level of trust already established," he said. "I hope there will be a renewed faith that the future can evolve in a positive way."

Gaines, who has worked as a consultant for the last 15 years but considers himself "retired," is at the church three days a week including Sundays.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

At right, the Rev. Charles Gaines is back in the pulpit on a part-time basis at First Parish Church.

'Literary Laurels' flower show May 2

On Thursday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold a "Standard Flower Show" at the St Anthony's Church Hall at 4 Summer St.

The show is called "Literary Laurels" and will focus on the rich literary history of Massachusetts. Authors and poets will be remembered and their works evoked through flower arrangements. Emily Dickenson, Thoreau, Louisa May Alcott, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman, and Longfellow all lived and wrote pieces read around the world.

Almost 200 years later they are still hailed and studied as some of the greatest writers and original thinkers the literary world has ever seen. They lived and worked an hour's from Cohasset and their homes and gardens are open for viewing, so you can experience what they saw and felt as they wrote. The Community Garden Club hopes with this show to bring a certain awareness to their achievements and ideas, especially their work for nature.

There will be 24 designs to view and if the weather cooperates a extensive horticultural display.. There will be two slide shows shown during the course of the day at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. One will be on local birds and the other on gardens and garden problems. The show is open to the public and there will be no admission charge. Refreshments will be served and donations would be appreciated. There will be a raffle, plant sale, and white elephant table to offset expenses. If you have any questions please call the shown chairman, Mary Larson at 781-383-0775.

Town history books

"Narrative History of Cohasset, 1950-2000, Volume III," by Jaqueline Dormitzer is the third history of Cohasset. The previous two histories are still in print and available through the Committee on Town History — Bigelow's "Narrrative History of Cohasset, Volume I" and Pratt's "Narrative History of Cohasset, 1900-1950, Volume II."

To order Dormitzer's history, send name and address and check for $32 and $3.50 postage and handling (total $35.50) made payable to Town of Cohasset. Mail to Committee on Town History, Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Dog days at the shelter

It's only April, but for the Scituate Animal Shelter the dog days are here. We're not referring to yesterday's sweltering 90-degree heat, we're talking about the canine population explosion at the Driftway facility.

The situation is "paws" for concern.

The shelter can house up to 16 dogs, but has rarely housed more than six at a time. Right now, 10 dogs have taken up residence, five are boarding with local families, and three more are expected within the week.

Shelter director Joan McCafferty said the unprecedented number of dogs has put a burden on the all-volunteer staff and is driving up veterinary and food costs. Each of the dogs have kennels that must be cleaned and require six to seven walks each day not to mention quality socializing time with humans. While McCafferty's volunteers are dedicated, more helping hands for all those paws would be greatly appreciated.

Food and other pet supply donations are also needed.

Unfortunately, as the number of dogs at the shelter has increased, the contributions collected in those supermarket bins (at Shaw's and Stop & Shop in Cohasset and the Scituate Marketplace) have gone way down. Shelter volunteer Cheryl Coates checks the bins and says they've been pretty empty lately. Cat litter, and canned dog and cat food is in big demand.

A smaller-than-usual feline population — the shelter currently houses 30 cats rather than the usual 50 or more — has made the quarters a little less cramped, McCafferty noted.

But getting all of these dogs — many of them still puppies and some pure breds — adopted is McCafferty's goal. Since 1993, the shelter has placed 1,850 animals in loving homes and is on track to break an annual record of 234 this year alone.

If you're considering getting a family pet, think of the shelter first. There are many benefits to adopting from a shelter. First, all the animals are up to date on their shots and are spayed and neutered before being adopted. Dogs at the shelter also get a head start on training which can make a world of difference. Too often, families who bring home an adorable puppy for Christmas or someone's birthday, find that six or eight months down the road, their unmanageable dog is decidedly *less* adorable and they wind up on the shelter's doorstep.

McCafferty doesn't turn animals away, no matter what their history may be. Strays and abandoned animals find a clean, safe place to stay at the no-kill shelter until they can be adopted.

The fee for adopting a dog from the Scituate Animal Shelter is $50 and well worth every penny.

Because the biggest benefit to adopting a shelter animal is the unconditional love you receive in return.

I happen to know this personally. The proof is in the big kisses I get from my 10-year old black lab mix, Clyde.

For more information on adopting a pet or volunteering at the Scituate Animal Shelter call (781) 545-8703.

— Alice Coyle
acoyle@cnc.com

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate Mariner, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.

Local GOP plans calendar

Cohasset Republicans announce election plans and coming events. Chairman of the Cohasset Town Committee, Janet Fogarty, prints a calendar that includes candidate signature drives, Primary Day as Sept. 17, and Election Day Get Out the Vote Nov. 5. Registration deadline is Oct. 16.

Highlights of the Cohasset Town Committee were announced this week and include the annual cookout at the Guild's Seaside Estate on Sunday, Aug. 15. All candidates will be invited including gubernatorial candidate Mitt Romney.

The Cohasset Town Committee will hold meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Bancroft Hall of the Lightkeeper's House on May 7, and June 4, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, and Nov. 12. The annual holiday party will be held Dec. 15, from 5 to 9 p.m. in Bancroft Hall of the Lightkeeper's House. Chairs of the holiday event will be Edythe Ford and Marj Smith.

All members of the town committee have selected candidates that they will hold signs at the bus, Fore River bridge and commuter boat. They also will volunteer to go door-to-door for literature drops, phone bank volunteers to get out the vote. They also will remind voters that the last day to register to vote for state primary and to change party enrollment is Aug. 28 and last day to register to vote in the state election is Oct. 16.

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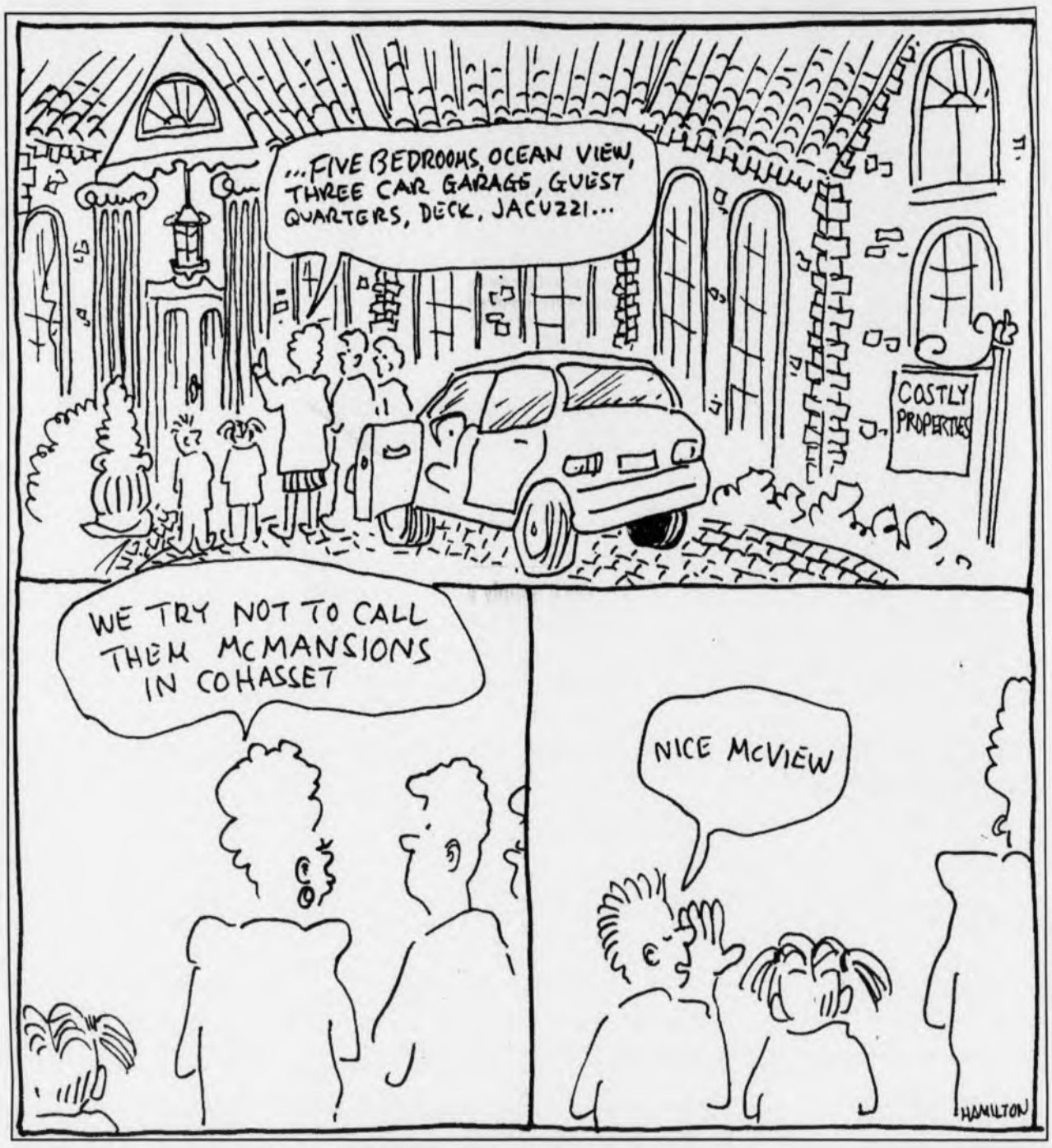

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pet food

TO THE EDITOR:

I volunteer at the Scituate Animal Shelter. One of my jobs is to collect the donated food from the yellow wooden bins marked "Scituate Animal Shelter" at Shaw's and Stop & Shop in Cohasset, and at the Scituate Marketplace in Scituate.

Lately, the bins have been a bit empty, and not coincidentally, our panty shelves at the shelter have been completely bare of canned dog food, and light on canned cat food.

I bet a lot of you have pet dogs and/or cats in your homes. As you read this letter, think about that pet The next time he or she rolls over so you can scratch a belly, or chases a ball, or cuddles on your lap, remember that warm feeling, and when you're in the grocery store next, donate a can of food in honor of that beloved pet. If everyone would donate just a can or two each time they shop, we'd never run out. Every time you donate a can of food, the shelter is able to work better within its humble budget and provide medical care for an abandoned cat or dog, rather than buying cases of canned food. And the best part? Since we're a no-kill shelter, everyone receives endless love, medical care and sound nutrition... until they find a home. We serve Scituate, Cohasset, Norwell and Hull.

Look for our yellow wooden trunk "donation bins" at Shaws, Stop & Shop and Scituate Marketplace - we're always right by the checkout counters.

Cheryl Coats
Scituate Animal Shelter

Brudnoy's talk was just that

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Mr. Goodwin,

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful criticism pertaining to our annual meeting. Concerning our choice of guest speaker, David Brudnoy, and his choice of subject matter, I would like to clarify a few points for your benefit as well as the benefit of all concerned.

It was our intention to bring to our membership, and the invited public, an interesting, informed, educated, eloquent, dynamic speaker, worthy of your attention. It was not without tremendous effort that a speaker of such celebrity could be made available. So, when it came time to consider the topic for Mr. Brudnoy's talk we chose not to limit him in what he could and could not say. I don't suppose we could have, even if we wanted to. Other than mentioning that we are a business organization, we let him loose, so to speak. We did not want to dictate to him or limit him. After all, where's the sense of hiring a consultant if you give him the answers beforehand?

I'm sure that the disaster of September 11 is a topic that transcends almost all others. It is an event that has touched us all at least a little, and some more than a lot. It's not going away. Some think it may get worse before it gets better. We have a volatile world situation brewing in the middle east. (Look how it's developed since our annual meeting until now.) Mr. Brudnoy cannot be faulted for bringing this to our attention. David Brudnoy will say what's on his mind. I suppose all attending could have expected him to be controversial.

But please remember this: Mr. Brudnoy's talk was just that. It was his talk. It was nothing more and was certainly nothing less. Was it the position of your Chamber of Commerce? No.

Does the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce want to put itself in the position of alienating any of its members? I certainly don't think so.

If we have offended anyone at all, that is not our intention. We need to put this into context, and putting this into context is an exercise that I think is worthwhile. I apologize for any and all ill will that this has created in a time when we are talking about "building relationships." We welcome your involvement, as well as the suggestions of all others. I hope that we can keep the discussion going. People are talking. Ideas are being shared. Relationships are being built.

Domenic Micarelli
On behalf of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Micarelli's letter is in response to Mr. Goodwin's letter that appeared in the Mariner.

Runway meeting sought with FAA

TO THE EDITOR:

Ms. Jane Garvey, Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration

Dear Administrator Garvey:

On behalf of the three South Shore towns most heavily impacted by air traffic from Logan Airport, we write to you to express our deep concern about the impact that the new runway 14/32 will have on our environment, citizens' health, property values, and about the severe burdens that existing air traffic currently impose on our citizens and communities.

Over the past two years we have retained experts to help us analyze the data provided by Massport in its Final Environmental Impact Review and have found it to be severely flawed. We have spent considerable time designing alternative flight paths for both arriving and departing jets, routing them over the ocean to reduce their impact on the South Shore. Despite the fact that our suggested routes are easily executed, harm no one else, and greatly benefit South Shore residents, we have received no cooperation from Massport. The regional FAA officials have been supportive but unwilling to act without Massport's approval.

We urgently request a personal meeting with you to express our concerns regarding present and proposed Logan operations before you make a decision on the Airside Improvement Project. While Boston would be most convenient for us, we would be pleased to come to Washington if that turns out to be better for you.

In addition to the undersigned, with us will be Ralph Dormitzer from Cohasset, Steve Lathrop from Hull, Bill Golden and Rod Hobson, a retired United Airlines pilot who has been particularly helpful to us in understanding air traffic issues.

Fred Koed, Chair, Board of Selectmen, Cohasset

Katherine Reardon, Chair, Board of Selectmen, Hingham, Philip Lemnios, Town Manager, Hull

Editors note: This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

Cancer link

TO THE EDITOR:

With regard to the walks, marches, marathons, walkathons and other such activities whose purpose is to raise funds for research into cancer and specifically breast cancer, people should be told the truth and especially young women should learn that there is a very definite medical and scientific link between abortion and certain types of contraceptives and breast cancer.

Not every woman who has breast cancer has had an abortion or used contraceptives, but there is no valid doubt of the connection. The abortion industry may be sitting on a time bomb of legal problems.

Owen L. O'Malley
29 Sohier St.

Lightkeepers to offer Beacon Award

Cohasset Lightkeepers Beacon Award is to provide unsolicited financial recognition to a high school senior who has voluntarily served the community of Cohasset.

This is an opportunity to nominate someone other than yourself who has demonstrated a focus on the future by enrolling for further education or starting up their own business. Just as lightkeepers served the coastal South Shore community, the nominee should be noted for selfless service to others. Up to $1,000 will be awarded directly to the selected senior. Nomination forms are available at the Guidance Office and in Town Hall outside the Recreation Dept. office. (Cohasset Lightkeepers Corp., PO Box 514)

Stewards of the natural world

FAITH REFLECTIONS

KEN READ-BROWN

Snow drops... crocuses... peepers... skunk cabbage... songbirds...: A spring symphony of sound and sight has begun and will rise to a crescendo in the next few weeks. And though the various religious traditions celebrate spring in quite different ways, our innate response to spring's returning warmth and to the sights and sounds of the season has a spiritual dimension which is universal and which transcends all our differences.

Here we are of course privileged to be able to enjoy spring in the midst of extraordinary natural beauty. Whether at the harbor, World's End, Wompatuck Park... we are blessed with an abundance of natural riches. Yet in poignant contrast, thousands of acres of undeveloped land outside these parks and reservations may still be developed, and we hear daily the sounds of almost nonstop traffic on our roads and in the skies sometimes drowning out those peepers and birds.

But we all know there is still much to be done in relation to environmental challenges of all kinds locally and globally...

Clearly all of this presents environmental and social challenges, but it presents a spiritual challenge as well. The creation story shared in the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim traditions calls human beings to be stewards of the natural world; and the spiritual traditions of the peoples here long before Europeans arrived call us to live in balance and harmony with the natural world.

Several decades ago, Rachel Carson prophetically warned of a "silent spring" unless we limited the use of dangerous pesticides which were threatening the songbirds. We heeded her call well enough to have put off the day of reckoning. But we all know there is still much to be done in relation to environmental challenges of all kinds locally and globally as we work to preserve for future generations the peepers and songbirds of spring and the abundance of life in all seasons. And whatever else this work is — social, political, economic — it is spiritual work too, good spiritual work we all can share.

So, we celebrated the religious holy days of this season, each in our own faith community; and together we celebrate the universal new festival of Earth Day on April 22. Whatever our faith tradition may be, then, may we all speak and write and vote and live from the depths of our love for the interdependent natural web of life of which we are a part.

The Rev. Ken Read-Brown is pastor of First Parish Church (Old Ship) in Hingham.

HEALTH NOTES

Celebrate Earth Day in Cohasset

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Don't forget, Cohasset celebrates Earth Day — Saturday April 20.

Earth Day is April 22, but Cohasset is celebrating it on Saturday April 20. Join us at the Town Hall at 10 a.m. to help clean up parts of our town. We'll go to Peppermint Brook off Pond Street, and Ellms Meadow off Cushing Road, and others are cleaning up various parts of shoreline . Meet the board members and staff at Town Hall at 10 a.m., and we'll go to those areas most deserving of our attention. We'll supply garbage bags and tools, and free T-shirts for the first 50 volunteers.

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Other activities for Earth Day

- Boat rides from the Hagerty Property using the rowing dories the high school kids built, to go out and visit the sites where water sampling will be taken this summer. Jack Buckley's CMS volunteers will describe what the kids do, and act as recruiters for this summer and next year. They'll also be picking up any trash receptacles from the shore line.
- The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will conduct a guided tour and walk through Great Brewster Woods - learn about invasive species and lots more. Meet Meg Moore at the Town Hall at 10 a.m. for a leisurely two-hour tour these beautiful woods.
- Special Earth Day clinic and thermometer exchange.

Help support Cohasset's Earth day activities next Saturday and you'll be doing yourself, as well as the Town a favor.

Greenbush opponents find daily food for hope

GREENBUSH VIEW

MARTHA A. R. BEWICK

While the MBTA project team is setting up offices in Weymouth's Jackson Square, the Greenbush debate continues. It is playing out on various local and state fields. It is set within continuing environmental concerns, state budget crises, Central Artery investigations, media questions, and political shifts. Greenbush opponents find daily food for hope, in spite of the press statements of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC), and the opposition lives.

Take the environment, for one. AfTA has hired its own environmental specialists who have successfully contradicted MBTA findings. The organization will continue to monitor any actions taken by the T or its contractors to ensure that the environmental process is not short-circuited. Meanwhile, AfTA has been working to educate political leaders throughout the Commonwealth, that the construction of alternatives to Greenbush would save $300 million in state funds, which could be far better invested in transit in economically deprived areas.

Since the Greenbush/T project folk haven't yet filed with the Army Corps of Engineers for required wetlands permits, which could trigger a full federal Environmental Impact Statement, this is an important series of actions to monitor. If the Army Corps requires a full federal EIS, it would be the first time that the impact of the train on residents and businesses of our towns would be undertaken. The "human factor" would finally be considered.

Here's what's happening on the local environmental front. George Loring, Weymouth's herring warden, reported that smelt had been spotted in Hingham's Town Brook during this spawning season. Since Town Brook is an anadromous fish run, no construction can take place from March through June which affect the brook. There is a question whether the construction schedule of the tunnel under Hingham Square, and relocated Town Brook in North Street, will have to be lengthened to accommodate the requirement. Accommodation of the Weymouth smelt, and Rte. 53 traffic, led to a $30 million underpass in Weymouth. We don't yet know whether the Hingham smelt are held in as high esteem as those in the next town, but look forward to equal treatment for our smelt.

These are good turtle days in the vernal pools, and the spotters are looking to identify the rare species. Meanwhile, a hearing scheduled by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for an on-site tour of the track and wetlands areas in Hingham for April 12 was rescheduled, when it was discovered that the DEP had inadvertently failed to provide advance notice of the site visit to Hingham's Conservation Commission.

Previously, the Conservation Commission had denied the MBTA request for permits to construct the train in the wetlands, because the train project violates environmental performance standards. The MBTA has requested from the DEP a "superceding order of conditions" from the Conservation Commission's denial of the project. Since the meeting is to be the only opportunity to register concerns with DEP prior to the staff action, it is a very important step.

Greenbush/T project folk haven't yet filed with the Army Corps of Engineers for required wetlands permits, which could trigger a full federal Environmental Impact Statement.

Fortunately, Hingham's Conservation Commission Chairman Joseph Fisher was able to leave clients in his office briefly, to express the concerns of the Commission to DEP staff. Fisher noted that the Conservation Commission had denied the MBTA request for permits on two bases: first, because of the impacts on wetlands, the train project can't meet the Wetlands Protection Act; second, there was a lack of adequate information on which to make judgements.

Fisher indicated that they need to know the right information about the project and its impacts so that the Commission would know what to require of the MBTA. He told DEP staff: "we don't know what the project will be since the T is proceeding on a design/build basis — we don't know how to assure proper mitigation unless we receive additional information." He asked that the DEP reschedule the site visit for another day, so that representatives of the Conservation Commission could participate.

DEP representatives agreed to reschedule their site visit. They said "no-one can deny that there will be adverse impacts — there is absolutely no way this project can come into compliance with regulations." They pointed out that the MBTA knows what the right of way will be, how much bordering vegetated wetland will be affected, and that they were now undertaking an effort to identify, quantify and certify vernal pools. The T has to collect these materials, and identify the 100-foot radius area, and total square foot impact of the project.

DEP staff acknowledged that the "vernal pool thing is not completely defined." They also pointed out that there cannot be vernal pool mitigation allowed unless the MBTA gets a variance approved at the DEP Commissioner's level. Nonetheless, the staff described the variance process which the T is aiming towards.

DEP staff will come back and walk the tracks with the Conservation Commission, and observe the vernal pools which are the habitats for endangered species, and listen to concerns about vernal pools, filling of wetlands, and any stream crossings, and turn down the application of the MBTA to build the train because it doesn't meet the wetlands standards of the Commonwealth. Then the whole matter will go to the DEP Commissioner, who could grant a variance. If one is granted, then this could be challenged in court.

This is complex, but it is central to just one element of Greenbush — the natural environment. Greenbush isn't "over." In fact, the real inquiry is just underway. For citizens concerned about these complex environmental issues, the DEP will reschedule a site visit along the right of way with Hingham's Conservation Commission at a time to be determined (check with the office at 781-741-1445), and with Cohasset's Conservation Commission on April 23 at 10:30 a.m.. Scituate's site visit has yet to be scheduled.

Martha A. R. Bewick is a member of AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives).

LIBRARY CORNER

'Tuesday Painters'

"The Oaks," by Tina Watson is part of an exhibit at the library.

The Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library present "The Tuesday Painters," a watercolor exhibition by students of the South Shore Art Center, April 24 to June 26. Showing will be students of Patricia A. McCarthy including Barbara Walsh of Canton; Claire O'Callahan, Barbara Chase, and Tina Watson of Cohasset; Marjorie Murphy of Hingham; and Leo Harrington and Betty Tufankjian of Scituate. The exhibition will be shown at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 106 South Main Street, Cohasset. A reception will be had at the library on May 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Reference section

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library has some exciting new additions to the reference section. We have recently acquired the 29-volume New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians; the 34-volume Oxford English Dictionary. These works are useful to students as well as fun and illuminating to the casual reader.

Story hour

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is now accepting registrations for the Spring Story Hour. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 are welcome to participate. The program will consist of six sessions and will begin April 22 and end May 27. Monday and Thursday morning sessions from 10 to 11 a.m., and a Tuesday afternoon session from 1 to 2 p.m. You may register by phone 781-383-1348) or in person. Space is limited.

What's new

The Children's Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library has recently acquired many new reference books to assist students with their work. They are located in the juvenile reference section.

The following is a partial list of the new reference materials: "The World Almanac 2002," "The World Almanac for Kids 2002," "The Guinness Book of World Records 2002," "National Geographic World Atlas for Young Explorers" (for primary grade students), "National Geographic Atlas of the World" (for middle/high school students), "The 21st Century Science Series," "CQ's State Fact Finder 2002," "The Dorling Kindersley Handbooks on Cats, Dogs, Birds, Reptiles & Amphibians, and Aquarium Fish," "Animal Encyclopedia," "How to Write a Story, a Term Paper, a Letter, a Poem," and "The Children's Atlas of World History."

A homework station has been established in the juvenile non-fiction area, complete with computer and appropriate software.

Frivolity rules court calendar

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Really, I couldn't believe this when I read it last week. Nicolas Perruche, a French teenager who was born deaf, partially blind and brain-damaged, sued his unnamed prenatal doctor for allowing him to be born.

Seems the doctor who examined his pregnant mother found that she had been exposed to rubella but advised her that it was safe to give birth anyway.

Ergo, the suit.

It seemed like just another frivolous legal exercise designed to extract a few francs (or euros) from a doctor in an out-of-court settlement — until the court found for the kid!

I'm not sure what Nicky — or more likely, his family and their lawyers — expected the doctor to do since I think abortion may still be illegal in France and then there's that oft-forgotten thing called the Hippocratic oath.

Anyhow, the whole thing has sparked a furor in France with the legal system pitted against the médics, whose malpractice insurance rates have soared, and the parents of disabled children, who feel that the decision casts doubt on the value of their offspring.

Don't laugh — which, when you think about it, is a heck of a thing for me to say — the same thing is happening on a lesser scale right here in the United States where the courts have been making law for the past 50 or more years.

Just the other day, Harvey Taylor, a convicted sex offender AWOL from Florida, escaped custody and fled into the Maine woods where he spent three subfreezing nights and lost a couple of toes to frostbite.

The classic case of a frivolous law suit that prevailed in court was won by the woman who spilled hot coffee on her person and sued McDonald's.

Of course, he threatened to sue. "If the detective had done his job, I wouldn't be in here now," he told the Bangor Daily News from his bed in St. Joseph Hospital. I don't know how that turned out.

Sherwood 48 Associates, owners of a building at 2 Times Square in Manhattan, are suing Columbia Pictures, makers of the movie "Spider-Man," for digitally removing a Samsung sign from the building which is shown in the flick.

Sony, a Samsung competitor, owns Columbia Pictures. The federal court has yet to rule. "We think it's inappropriate to substitute your own image for the one that exists," said Anthony Constantini, the lawyer for Sherwood 48.

Vili Pualaau, the 16-year-old schoolboy who impregnated his teacher, Mary Kay Letourneau, not once but twice, starting when he was 13, is suing the city of Des Moines, Wash., and its school district for $1 million.

City police, he claimed, failed to protect him from Letourneau, who was 38 at the time, because they failed to notify his mother when they found the pair together in flagrante delecto in a sleeping bag in the back of a van at a local marina.

The Italian American Defense Association filed suit in Illinois for a declaratory judgment condemning the HBO show about a fictional Mafia family, "The Sopranos," because it was in violation of a clause in the state constitution guaranteeing individual dignity.

The classic case of a frivolous law suit that prevailed in court was the millions — later reduced to thousands — won by the woman who spilled hot coffee on her person and sued McDonald's for scalding her.

Well, a quick as you could say, "Get me a lawyer!" no less than 36 people filed similar suits in England only to come up against Justice Richard Field, who injected a little common sense into the picture. He threw the case out of court.

If they didn't know hot coffee would scald them, Field ruled in effect, McDonald's had no obligation to warn them. Besides, if their coffee wasn't hot, they'd probably send it back anyway. So there!

Trooper exam is May 10

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) would like to inform residents the State Trooper exam has been scheduled for June 29. The last filing date for this examination is May 10. Applications post-marked after May 10 will not be accepted. To qualify, a person must be at least 19 years old and less than 35 years old as of May 10, 2002. Applications may be obtained by contacting Bradley, at 617-722-2120. Additionally applications are available on the internet and may be accessed at http://www.state.ma.us/hrd/

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The Post Prom Decorating Committee is well underway and is very excited about this year's event that will have a great theme. The committee is are looking for more people to help with some of the projects and is also looking for a few items to borrow on June 1 for example, oriental rugs, ornate chandeliers, and a large counter for stools. Please do not offer anything valuable. If you can help in any way, please call Mary Sullivan at 383-6666.

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Public input sought on sidewalks, lights

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the site and drop it into the ballot box.

Rizzo said CRC will take the results of the survey into strong consideration when making its recommendations to selectmen.

"It's an important part of the development process," he said. "They'll weigh heavily in the decision process." Rizzo hopes at least a few hundred residents fill out the form. Currently, the project is moving from the conceptual design stages, which CRC has developed, to realizing the project, which will be in the hands of the town. The town will hire an engineering firm to complete the drawings and put the project out to bid.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the Request for Proposals have already been sent out and are due back next Thursday. Haddad and Town Planner Liz Harrington will sort through the dozens of proposals and narrow the field down to about three for the selectmen to choose from.

"We hope to hire a firm sometime in May," Haddad said.

The six sidewalk designs, ranging from all brick to completely concrete, don't differ that much in price. Brick and concrete would cost about $1.86 million and $1.73 million, respectively.

"We don't want the town to make its decision on price," Rizzo said. "We want it to be based on what makes the town most aesthetically pleasing."

The estimated $2 million total construction cost for village revitalization includes roadway reconstruction/rehabilitation, upgraded intersections, curbing, drainage, decorative lighting, streetscape features, plantings signage, and other amenities. A combination of state grant money and help from the MBTA which will reconstruct the town parking lot and Ripley Road/Depot Court intersection as part of the train project should cover the cost.

Rizzo said it's important the town revamp the downtown area. He said compared to other towns, Cohasset's sidewalks and roads are in a state of disrepair.

"There's a basic need to provide a safer environment for pedestrians," he said. Rizzo said creating a better environment in the village would also bring more local residents to the businesses on South Main Street.

"The village will never be a tourist haven because it's too small," he said. "But it will be a really nice place for residents."

The project should be completed in about five years. The town is expected to hire a consulting firm to finish the construction documents, which should be finished by September. Rizzo anticipates construction beginning in 2003 in conjunction with the restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail Service and the final phase of the James Brook Flood Control Project.

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Trying to make smoking history

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The current regulation stipulates if a company sells tobacco to minors twice in the span of two years, the board has the option to fine the store or ban it from selling tobacco products for about seven days. However, the new regulations will state if a store sells to a minor twice in one year the board's only option will be to suspend its license.

While Dr. Joe Godzik, Cohasset's health agent, thinks the tougher regulations are fair, he said he doesn't believe it will have much effect on the town.

"In my time I've never seen a company in town sell to a minor twice in two years, let alone one," he said. "The merchants in this town are pretty good about it."

Most smokers start young and with tobacco companies routinely targeting teenagers, stopping the sale to minors takes precedence.

However, even those in Cohasset who are old enough to purchase cigarettes may have a hard time finding a place to smoke. Cohasset has joined many other South Shore communities in banning smoking in public places.

Currently, the town's restaurants are 100 percent smoke-free meaning no area is designated as a "smoking" section. The Board of Health has issued a total of three variances, all for a five-year period and all to bar areas, in Atlantica, The Red Lion Inn and KoKo Island.

According to Godzik, those establishments must have a separate ventilation system for their bars and negative pressure there so any air flows into the bar area and not the other way around. Installing these systems can cost upwards of $50,000.

Smoking is also prohibited in all municipal buildings and vehicles. The town restricts smoking in private work sites unless there is a private office where the public does not enter. Businesses are allowed to have a smoking lounge, but if they do, must provide a lounge of the same size for non-smokers.

Cohasset joins several towns in area who have come together to restrict smoking.

Jim Wells, the director of the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program, said the issue is not the people smoking, it's the cigarettes.

"This is not a fight against smokers," he said. "This is a fight against the smoke."

Wells said second-hand smoke, the fumes emitted when a person exhales as well as the smoke billowing from the cigarette, can be every bit as dangerous as inhaling it directly.

"By banning smoking in public places we're trying to protect those who choose not to smoke," he said.

So far 14 towns in the collaborative have adopted the regulations. Of those, Weymouth, Braintree and Plymouth are totally smoke free while others, such as Cohasset and Hingham allow variances with strict standards.

"We're trying to make sure those who don't smoke aren't put in a unhealthy situation," Godzik said.

One of the requirements for the bars in Cohasset that are permitted to entertain smokers, is that the number of seats in the bar area can't exceed 25 percent of the seats in the establishment.

"The dangers of smoking and second-hand smoke are incredible," Godzik said. "From lung cancer to heart disease they really run the gamut."

Robin Lawrence, a member of the Board of Health, said another issue is protecting workers while they are on the job.

"We thought it was generally a good idea to try and limit the amount of places in town where people could smoke," he said. "This will help the general health of the town."

Godzik said a provision of the variance which allows smoking in the three bars in town is if a worker, either a bartender or waiter, is assigned to the smoking area, they are not required to work there.

"An employee can not get fired for refusing to work in a smoke filled environment," he said.

Cohasset adopted this practice in 1999 when voters at Town Meeting approved the bylaw. Godzik said while there wasn't a general outcry for the article, the board felt it needed to protect people as much as possible.

"The reason we allowed for variances is because some of the bars in town assured us that they could provide a safe environment for smokers," he said.

The five-year licenses, which are set to expire in 2004, will be reviewed by the board thoroughly before they reissue them. Godzik said the board took into account the pleas of restaurants that were concerned they may lose revenue if their customers were unable to light up.

While health is the primary concern when dealing with smoking issues, the monetary effects on our country is also a source of worry. A recently published report by the Center for Disease Control stated that every pack of cigarettes sold in the U.S. costs the nation $7 in medical care.

The CDC estimated that the nation's smoking-related medical costs at $3.45 per pack and said job productivity lost because of premature death from smoking was about $3.73 per pack, a total of $7.18.

The study by revealed that the nation's total expenditures on smoking is about $157.7 billion, or more than $3,000 for every smoker.

Judge sets trial date for runway

Opponents of the expansion of Boston's Logan International Airport have succeeded in obtaining an expedited trial date for their lawsuit against the Massachusetts Port Authority. At a conference April 11, Plymouth Superior Court Justice Charles Hely set the trial for Oct. 7, according to attorney William B. Golden, who filed the suit on behalf of the Town of Hull.

The suit, filed in September 2001, seeks to stop the construction of Runway 14/32 at Logan and also challenges Massport's management of the airport. Golden, of the of the law firm of Baker, Braverman and Barbadoro, P.C. of Braintree, contends that the proposed runway is too costly and is unnecessary, and that Logan's current operations create a noise nuisance and pollution problems for communities under the airport's flight path.

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"We're extremely pleased that we will be going to trial in six months," Golden said. "Massport has never before been put under this kind of scrutiny."

Cohasset's car love affair is taxing

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age for that year of the manufacturer's suggested retail price. For example a four-year-old car would be assessed at 25 percent of its value. So the owner of a four-year-old car that was listed for $15,000 when new, would pay $150 in excise taxes to the town. ($15,000x40 percent = $6,000 x.025=$150). If the excise tax hike were to pass, that same vehicle owner would pay $180.

The registry provides the billing information to cities and towns, although it doesn't set the rates and uses none of the money for its own budget.

Luigi Masciarelli, president of Majestic Cars on Route 3A, says high-end cars have very likely driven up the excise tax collections in Cohasset and surrounding towns.

Majestic sells used Mercedes, Jaguars, BMWs and Porsches for anywhere from about $25,000 and up. Masciarelli said the recession has not affected the market for expensive cars and he noted that sales of SUVs continue to be strong despite worries about gas prices.

"I tell people all the time, I sell what you want not what you need," he says.

People looking just for transportation are likely to buy a domestic car and spend about $25,000 on average, Masciarelli says.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, says the House will debate the excise tax hike proposal later this month.

He would look at supporting it only if there was a local option — meaning towns could take it to their individual Town Meetings for approval. Bradley would not support a mandated excise tax hike.

"I would consider it only if it contained the local option," adding it could give towns a tool to cope with the recession.

But Bradley also sees how excise taxes can be a hot issue.

After just paying the sales tax on a new car, he received a bill for the excise tax.

"I thought, 'I'm paying tax on a vehicle I already bought,'" he says.

But state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, says an increase in the excise tax would most certainly be vetoed by the governor and there would not be enough votes in the Legislature to override it. He said there aren't enough legislators with the stomach for a tax increase.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said while the increased revenue would be nice, he is opposed to an excise tax hike because Cohasset taxpayers are facing higher taxes with the expected delay in school building assistance monies from the state.

Cohasset isn't alone with high excise tax collections. Scituate and Hingham, although both nearly three times the population of Cohasset, collected $2 million and $2.7 million respectively in the last fiscal year. Norwell, another affluent town which is about one-third bigger than Cohasset, collected $1.7 million.

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This year's five Cohasset kitchens are incredibly varied in both style and in the amenities they of the homeowner.

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The recently renovated kitchen of the Scafuri home, to be featured in the South Shore Community Center's 2002 Kitchen Tour, from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., April 26. Tickets are $25 and may be purchased at the center or by calling 781-383-0088.

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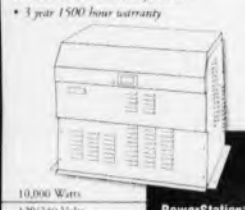

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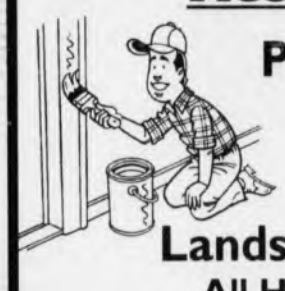

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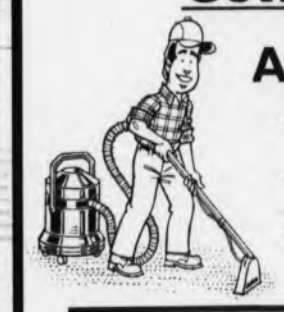

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The family-oriented South Shore Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) has been helping individuals faced with developmental challenges find their niche in the community for more than 50 years.

The community-based organization serves more than 1,000 families of individuals of all ages faced with developmental disabilities and mental retardation, including Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth, Braintree, Norwell, and Scituate.

"It makes for a better world for individuals living with those disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and society in general for them to live in a community and to be as productive as they possibly can," said Director of Development George Mathieson. "They have the same right to that as everyone else. We're here to help them reach those goals."

South Shore ARC staff, board of directors and volunteers hail from a number of communities.

For the Snows of Pioneer Road in Hingham, it's a family commitment.

Ellie, 4, who has Down's Syndrome, is the reason behind their involvement.

Before the family moved to Hingham from Chicago, Ellie was involved in an ARC intervention program there, so it was only natural to hook up with the South Shore branch of the organization.

"Our first activity was Bay Day at Glastonbury Abbey, which is a great annual family event," said Kathleen Snow, who was recently appointed to the South Shore ARC board of directors. "We really felt welcome."

Ellie and her three sisters, Emily, Erin and Lilly, attend South School together. Ellie is involved in the integrated preschool program there, which blends regular-day students with special needs children.

Snow is looking forward to further participation in ARC activities in her new role.

"I wanted to contribute something for Ellie, just as I'm involved with my other daughters' activities at South School," Snow said. "ARC will continue to be an integral part of Ellie's life, and I wanted to give back something to the program that has served her so well."

The entire family is committed to social services, according to Snow, including her husband, Stephen, who is involved with not-for-profit work in his public accounting profession.

Ellie's sisters have served as volunteers for the ARC Special Olympics as well and thoroughly enjoy their involvement.

"I just think it's one of those clichés where you say when you have a special needs child, you don't realize the gifts you will receive, which has proved to be the case," Snow said.

"We're involved in a whole community of people who are very special."

Also serving on the board of directors are Betty Belyea, Richard Frye and Shyla Settles of Braintree; Jean Bailey, Norma Grassey and Maria Plante of Cohasset; Robert Gramm and James Lawson of Norwell and other South Shore residents. Dorothy Lang of Weymouth serves as South Shore ARC president.

The South Shore ARC was founded by parents who "thought there was a better way," according to Mathieson. "A number of them still have a finger in the pie after all those years. It's a real grassroots local organization."

Headquartered in North Weymouth, South Shore ARC offers a wide variety of services to different age groups, from early intervention to assistance for senior citizens, ranging from recreational activities and residential support to providing personal attendant services and employment assistance.

The majority of individuals served by the community service department, which provides recreational opportunities and personal care attendant and support services, live at home with their families or by themselves.

Recreational opportunities include the Special Olympics as well as a dinner club, vacations, respite and campaign trips.

ARC's early intervention program responds to the need for a family-centered approach to fostering the development of children from birth to three years who are at risk due to environmental or biological factors.

"We're very well-known in the community of people with developmental disabilities, their families, advocates and others who are involved," Mathieson said.

An individual is considered to have mental retardation if his or her IQ is below 70-75; significant limitations exist in two or more adaptive skill areas; and the condition exists from childhood (age 18 or less).

Adaptive skill areas are daily living skills needed to live, work and play in the community, including communication, self-care, home living, social skills, health and safety and functional academics in reading, writing and basic math.

The effects of mental retardation vary from individuals who are slower than average in learning new information and skills to those with serious functioning limitations.

With early intervention, though, along with education and appropriate supports in adulthood, even those with severe limitations can learn how to lead satisfying lives in their communities.

Snow considers the wide variety of services offered by ARC "necessary and a tremendous help in making individuals all they can be."

Early intervention was critical in providing a foundation for Ellie for pre-school and learning in general.

"You can never start too early, just like with regular kids who learn to read and are introduced to different experiences from the beginning," Snow said. "The same is true with special needs children, but they need to be assisted by individuals who can best serve them."

A number of local residents were recognized for their service at South Shore ARC's recent 51st Annual Dinner Dance, including staff member and Hingham resident Gerry Peak and Joanne Johnson of Scituate for 10 years of service; Fallon Ambulance Service and the New Nursery of Norwell for exemplary service; Ernie Grassey of Cohasset as Volunteer of the Year; Jon Gardner of Weymouth for 20 years of service; and Paul Damigella and Sharon Dubois of Weymouth for 15 years of service.

South Shore ARC is a membership-based organization.

The membership elects the board of directors who in turn elects the president and other officers. The executive director reports to the board of directors.

The non-profit organization is funded in a number of ways — 50 percent of its revenue comes from government programs; one-third from insurance reimbursement; 11 percent from fund raising; and approximately $100,000 annually from the United Way.

"About 90 percent of all the funds that South Shore ARC receives go into front-line services that affect and improve the lives of individuals and families with developmental disabilities," Mathieson said.

Year-round volunteer opportunities are available in residential, day habilitation and recreational activities, which include a gym program at Thayer Academy and another in Norwell, which are open to anyone in the community.

The day habilitation program places an emphasis on daily living skills, community participation and therapeutic supports.

Staffed residential homes and apartments are located in Hingham, Weymouth, Braintree, Scituate, Randolph and Quincy.

For further information about South Shore ARC, call 781-335-3023 or visit www.southshorearc.com.

South Shore ARC's next fund-raising event, the 15th Annual Lou Bailey Golf Tournament, will take place Tues., June 25, at Lakeville Country Club. Contact George Mathieson at (781) 335-3023, ext. 120, for more information.

South Shore ARC also conducts an annual appeal for donations, a memorial program, United Way activities and a monthly newsletter.

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Ellie Snow of Hingham gives her mother Kathleen a big hug. Kathleen was recently appointed to the South Shore ARC board of directors.

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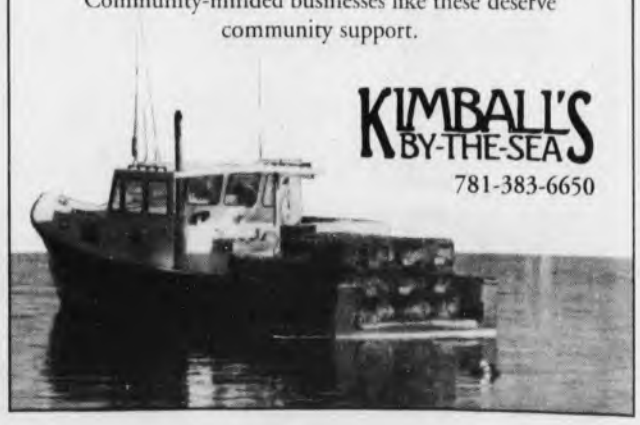

Cohasset man is ARC volunteer of the year

By Evan Schiff
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There are signed pictures of Joe Montana and Bobby Hull, Cassius Clay and Mother Teresa gracing the walls. There are also baseballs autographed by Ronald Reagan, George Bush, and Jimmy Carter. And then, there's a picture of Matthew.

Matthew's father, Ernie Grassey, a certified public accountant and avid collector of sports memorabilia, sits in his Scituate Harbor office, surrounded by the photos and piles of books and files that indicate this is tax-filing season.

He's a friendly man, who loves to talk, and is as proud as any dad could be about a son.

But what sets Matthew, 25, apart — and created special challenges for his parents — is autism.

"When people are afflicted by autism, their idiosyncrasies occupy their life," Grassey said. "They live in a world of their own."

"It helped us to get in touch with people who are in the same situation."
— Ernie Grassey, ARC volunteer of the year

Grassey, who was recently named the South Shore Association of Retarded Citizens volunteer of the year, works on the finance committee of the association and donates as much time as possible to the cause. South Shore ARC offers a wide variety of services to different age groups, from early intervention to assistance for senior citizens, ranging from recreational activities and residential support to providing personal attendant services and employment assistance.

George Mathieson, program director for ARC, said Grassey received the award because he is involved in every facet of the organization.

"He donates to every event and activity that we have," Mathieson said. "His commitment is year long, year after year."

Grassey said getting involved with the organization has made he and his wife Norma realize they were not alone.

"It helped us to get in touch with people who are in the same situation," he said. "It gave us a national friendship group."

The Grasseys discovered their son was autistic when he was three-years-old. Being unfamiliar with the developmental disability, Grassey went to a book store and bought every book he could find with "autism" in the title.

"It's one of those things you know a little about but really don't have a clue," he said.

After dealing with the illness for 22 years, Grassey knows a substantial amount now.

Autism is a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain and makes it hard for those individuals to communicate with others and relate to the outside world. It is not life-threatening or life-shortening and affects males more than females in a four to one ratio.

"It's a very trusting, simplistic life," Grassey said.

Grassey admitted it was tough raising a child with a debilitating disability. Matthew, who now lives in a group home, needs constant attention.

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Ernie Grassey, who received volunteer of the year honors from South Shore ARC, in his Scituate Harbor office.

"It's tough to know that he'll never be married or really have a job," he said. "But it's something that we now accept.

"But Matthew can get so involved with an activity that nothing else matters," Grassey said. "I'm jealous of that in a certain kind of way."

Grassey, who has been involved with the ARC for more than 20 years, said having a child with autism keeps him grounded. He said no matter how fantastic your day was or how much money you make, you come home to find your son ripping off his shirt in a fit of anger.

"It stops you from getting too carried away with silly stuff," he said. "It really teaches you what's important."

Grassey has come to terms with his son's disease and enjoys every moment he gets to spend with him.

"If I'm going to get a 25-year-old a Sesame Street toy because that's what he wants, that's okay, because that's who Matthew is," he said.

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Glenn Pratt receives Citizen of Year honors

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"We started this tradition nine years ago to recognize those who make the town we love a better place," said Mariner editor Mary Ford. "Glenn's generosity of spirit and goodwill led us to select him for this year's honor."

At the ceremony Pratt was presented with a framed, mock front page of the Cohasset Mariner heralding his selection as Citizen of the Year along with a plaque from Community Newspaper Company, the parent company of the Cohasset Mariner. CNC/South editor in chief Mark Skala was on hand to make the presentations.

"It's great to honor this man as he has honored our community."
— Selectman Fred Koed

Both state Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley presented Pratt with proclamations from the Senate and House, respectively.

"This is a well deserved award for a man who worked very hard for many years in this town," said Selectman Fred Koed, who presented Pratt with a resolution from the town. "It's great to honor this man as he has honored our community."

Wayne Sawchuk, a friend of Pratt's for 45 years, thanked him for all the work he's done around town. After telling some humorous tales of Pratt's youth, Sawchuk said he was glad to see him join a special group of those who have been named Citizen of the Year.

Pratt's sister Sheralyn Craig and his friend Michael Bleakie also shared some anecdotes with the guests.

Pratt joins prior year citizens including the late Gerard Keating, Joe Buckley, the Rev. Gary Ritts, Dr. Robert Sceery, Anna Abbruzzese, Katherine Stanton, the late Clark Chatterton and Mary Jeanette Murray.

Pratt, who was quite humbled at the honor, said there were many others who contributed to all he's been involved with.

"It took a lot of people believing in my ideas to bring them to fruition," he said. "Everyone who has worked with me has been great."

He added that he really appreciated the recognition he has received.

"I try to instill enthusiasm to those I work with," he said.

Pratt was chosen from a list of seven nominees submitted by 27 individuals, families or groups by a selection committee consisting of Ford, Town Manager Mark Haddad, Jennifer Piepenbrink, 622 CJC Highway, and Osborne Ingram, 274 Beechwood St.

Men-only breakfast club celebrates 14th birthday

By Evan Schiff
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Win Merrill just wanted to get seniors out of their houses. He had no idea that 14 years later he'd still be taking them to breakfast.

Merrill, 86, is the founder of Chanticleers, a breakfast club group for older men. The group is currently celebrating its 14 birthday.

The idea from the group came about when Merrill visited the Senior Center and found the center provided plenty of opportunities for women to get together outside the center, but few for men. He added when many men retire they no longer see there business friends which can leave them isolated.

"We're all best friends and have an incredible time together."
— Win Merrill, 73 Lantern Lane

"My idea was to take them into the country for conversation and breakfast," Merrill said. "This is just something I thought I could offer."

John Coe, a member of the Council on Elder Affairs, said he thinks it's wonderful Merrill has created this group for senior men. He said the council has had trouble in the past recruiting men for its activities.

"The only thing I have against it is the convene too late for me," Coe joked.

The group started with Merrill taking the two or so seniors who wanted to participate in his car to various restaurants around the South Shore. Pretty soon, word spread and now the breakfasts include up to 40 men from the all over the South Shore. It takes plenty of cars to transport all the members, the oldest of whom is 91 and the youngest is 60, to the restaurant now.

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Fruit the Clown (Susan Oberg Jacobvitz) snuggles with Ernie Lentini at the 14th anniversary party for the Chanticleers (Men's Breakfast Club) at the Red Parrot in Hull.

"We used to be able to just pick up and go anywhere," Merrill said. "Now we have to find places that can accommodate all of us."

Merrill said the time spent with his peers every Wednesday morning is something he looks forward to as soon as the week begins.

"It's the best time of my life," he said. "We're all best friends and have an incredible time together."The Chanticleers, which is French for rooster, has no specific structure according to Merrill. He said its motto of "no rules, no news" guides the club.

"Anyone that wants to tag along is more than welcome," he said.

Merrill added the only condition placed upon members is that they participate in the morning feasts. He said if they miss too many, they are politely asked to leave.

Murray Campbell, 75 Old Pasture Road, has been involved with the group for more than 10 years and still enjoys visiting with his friends every Wednesday.

"I enjoy talking and telling jokes," he said. "It's a great time."

Campbell added that it's wonderful to sit down with people who have led interesting and productive lives and listening to what they have to say.

"It's all about good fellowship," he said. "This is a really nice group of guys."

Merrill said it's no trouble running the group, it basically governs itself. He said if someone needs a ride they can call anyone on the list and more times than not, he'll oblige.

"It's really easy when you have a group of guys like this," Merrill said. "It's a pleasure to run."

Alzheimer's support group hosts brunch

"A Taste of Spring: A Wine-Tasting Brunch," the 12th annual fund-raising event for the Alzheimer's disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc., (ADSGSS) will take place at Saporito's Florence Club Café in Hull on Sunday, April 28 at 1 p.m. The event includes a five-course gourmet menu. Each course is accompanied by a wine selected by Mark Lewis of M.S. Walker Co. who will explain the fine art of blending foods and wines.

Again, Andy and Mary Ann Saporito Boothroyd have selected from their culinary favorites to present an exiting menu. Lucky winners will be chosen for the baskets of gourmet foods and wines. The Joe Micarelli trio will provide a jazz accompaniment to the food and wine.

ADSGSS, Inc. is a non-profit, educational corporation that depends solely on public donations.

Reservations must be made in advance by calling JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417, evenings. Tables may be arranged for four, five, eight or 10 at $65 per person.

'Hospice Care' for Alzheimer's patients

The topic of the Wednesday, April 24 meeting of the Alzheimer's Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. will be "Hospice Care and the Alzheimer Patient." The 7:30 meeting will feature Marian LaFreniere, R.N., who is liaison nurse for Old Colony Hospice. Respite care for the patient, during the meeting, is available at no cost at Harbor House so that the family may attend this lecture. To reserve respite care for that evening, please call Gervaise Haley at 781-749-4774, Ext. 843 by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24.

LaFreniere has lectured extensively on hospice/end-of-life care for Alzheimer victims that assures a peaceful and dignified death for the patient. Meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St. For more information, call Toni Abbott at 781-749-1823 or Joe Willar at 781-749-0795.

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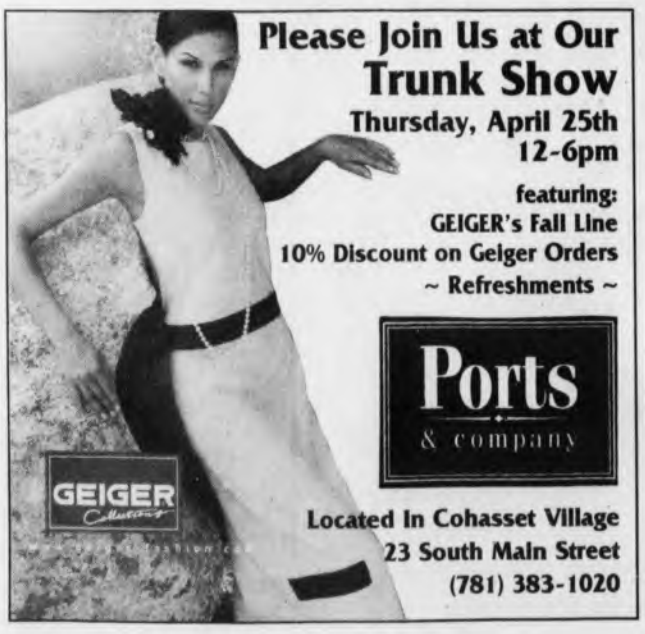

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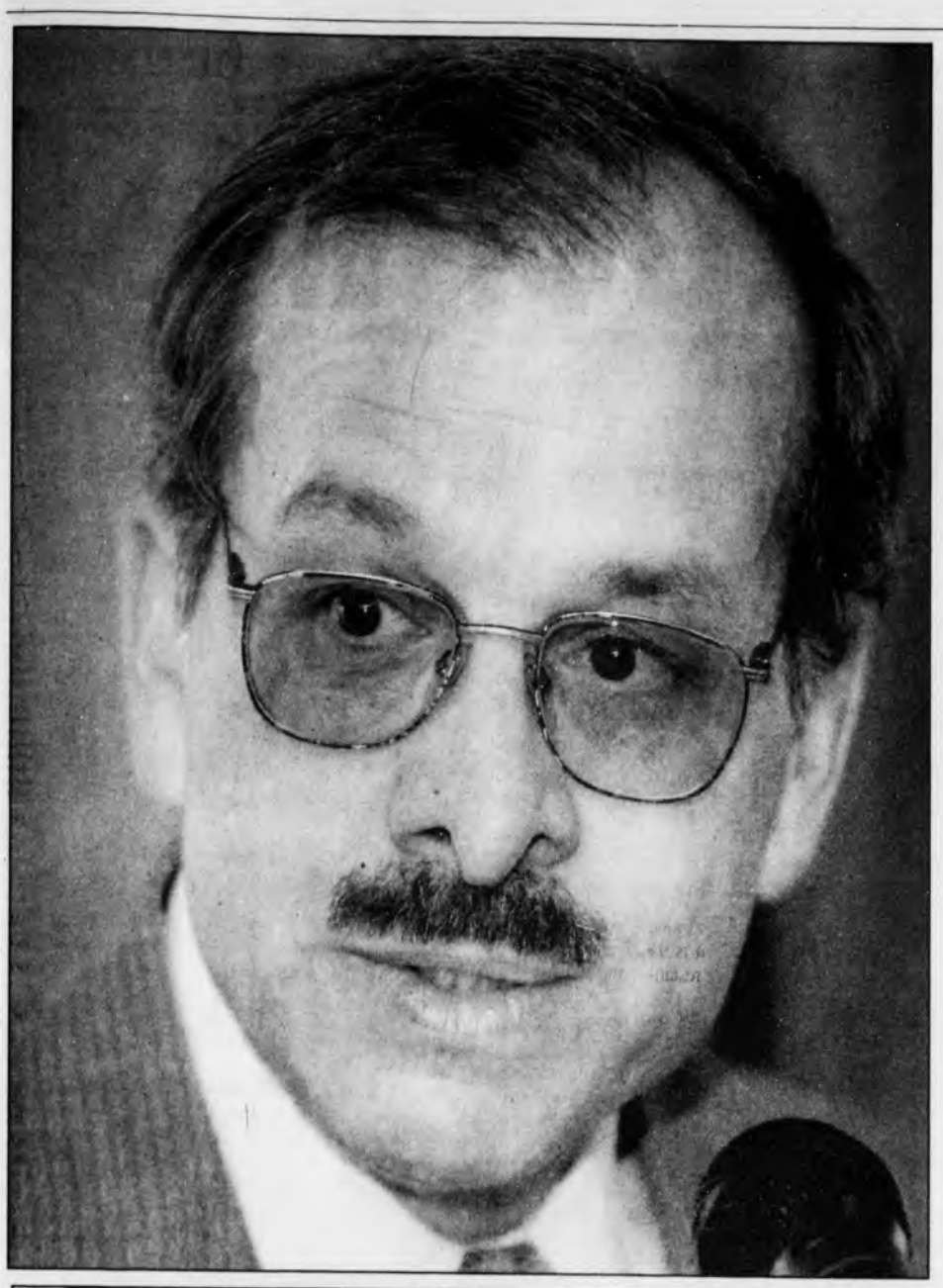

A special guy

Glenn Pratt honored as Citizen of the Year

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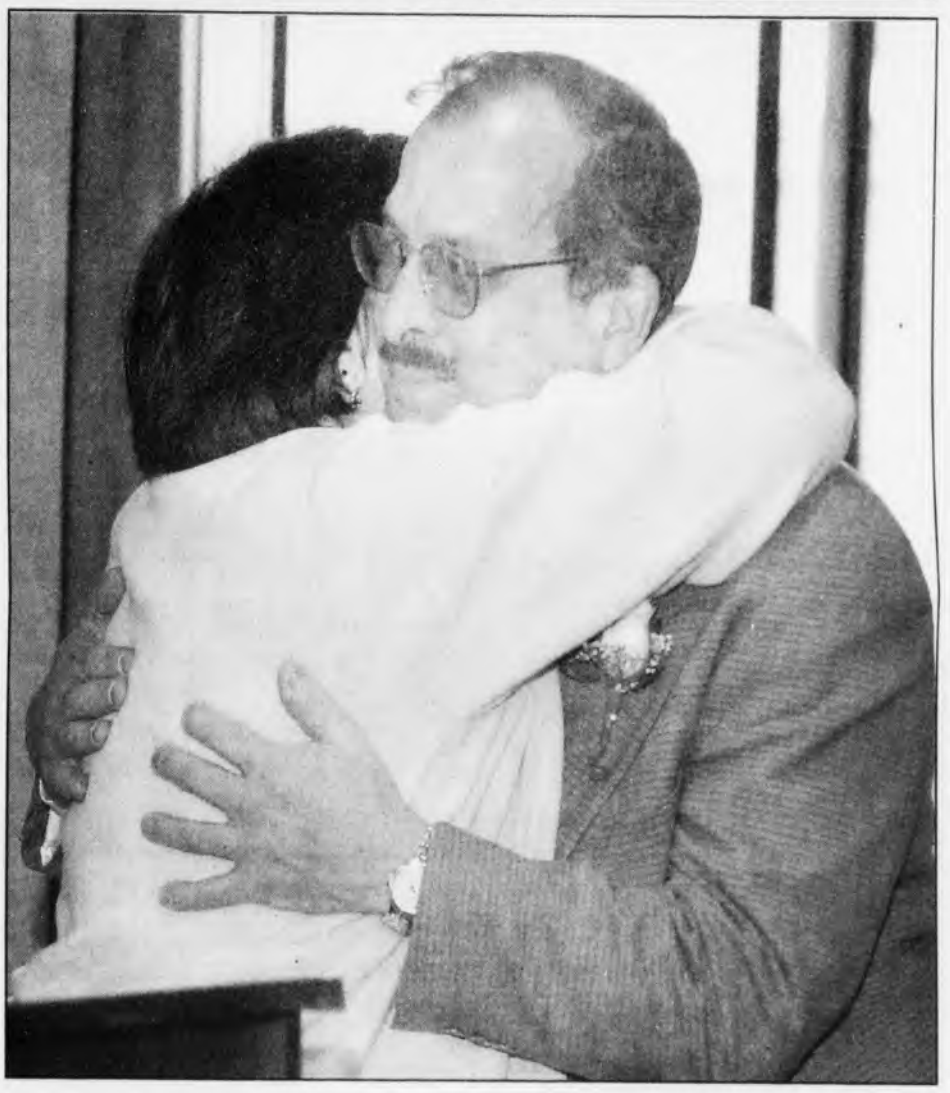

At left, from top: Glenn Pratt thanks the well-wishers at special reception Sunday hosted by Kimball's by the Sea and the Cohasset Mariner. Wayne Shawchuk, who has known Glenn Pratt for more than 40 years, shares some humorous anecdotes about his friend Glenn Pratt receives a framed mock front page of the Cohasset Mariner announcing his selection as Citizen of the Year from Community Newspaper Company/South editor-in-chief Mark Skala.

Above, from top: Glenn Pratt receives resolutions from both state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, left, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, right. Glenn Pratt gets a big congratulatory hug from his sister Sherry Craig.

At bottom, left to right: Cohasset Marine editor Mary Ford acts as emcee of the event. Surrounding Glenn Pratt are, back row, his son Chris, daughter Carolyn, sister Sherry Craig, daughter Megan, and brother Vaughn. In the front row are, Pratt's mother Eileen, his girlfriend Linda Mazzola and his father Edwin Pratt. Michael Bleakie, one of the speakers at the celebration, thanks Glenn Pratt for his friendship.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Mike Dooley and John Andrade

These two Cohasset High baseball players sparked the offense in a 15-10 win over South Shore Vocational on Tuesday that got the Skippers back to within a win of .500 (2-3).. Dooley went 3-for-5 with 3 RBIs and John Andrade finished 2-for-2 with a pair knocked in.

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On the South Shore

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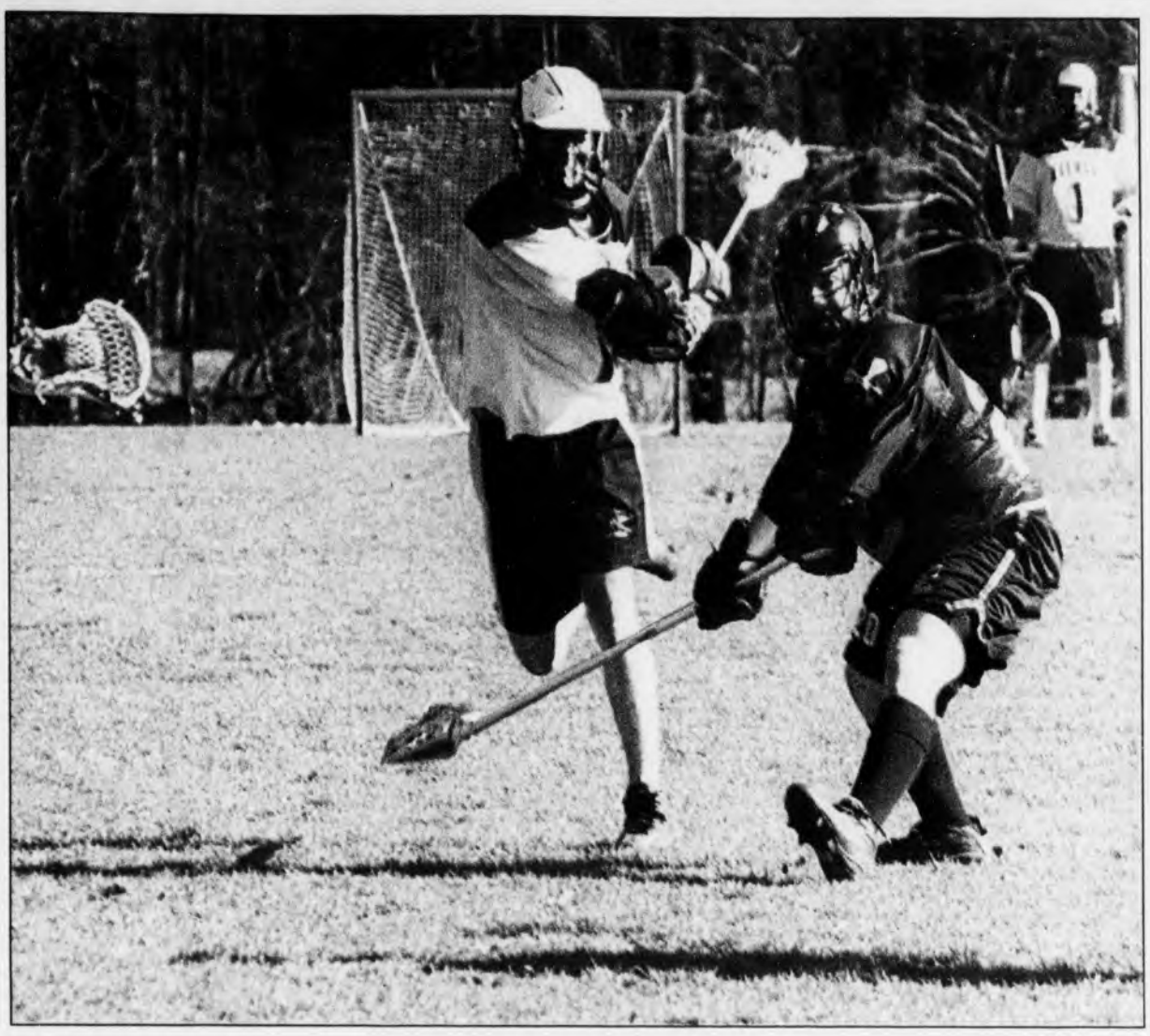

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Cohasset senior Chris Caron (#20) has emerged in his first year of high school lacrosse as a key defender for the Skippers.

Growing pains

Young baseball team struggles in early going

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

Guess what high school baseball coaches can do?

They can rotate one pitcher in and out repeatedly in a game.

So, guess what one of the big differences was in Thursday's 9-1 loss for the Cohasset boys baseball team?

"Three times we put ourselves in good position to score, and three times the Norton coach came in with his ace to shut us down," reported coach Bob Knurek. "That's good coaching. We went from seeing a junk balling left to a fireballing righty and he just shut us down."

The rule is that a coach can make these repeated moves on his first trip to the mound every inning, so three times Norton coach Dave Mollica did so, letting his ace finish up innings that started badly and then putting him back in to the field to start the next.

"With a few non-league games coming up, (the Norton coach) was willing to risk tiring him out a little," continued Knurek, following the loss that dropped his team to 0-3 in South Shore League play (1-3 overall). "League wins are obviously more important. He makes good use of that rule. He's done it to us before."

Compounding their difficulties, the Skippers ran themselves out of a few potential rallies.

"That's what happens with a young team sometimes," appraised Knurek. "I have quite a few younger players in the lineup, even a few freshman, so mistakes like that aren't all that surprising. It's part of the learning curve."

So, despite the lopsided score, Knurek was not displeased with the outing. His Skippers scattered seven hits for the day, along with drawing a few walks — a pretty good output in his mind.

"It really wasn't as bad as it looked," insisted the veteran coach. "They hit the ball well, and we hit the ball pretty well. A big part of the difference, I think was our inexperience, and our lack of timely hitting. The good news, though, is we've got some younger players who are getting some good experience."

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Cohasset baseball coach
Bob Knurek

Skippers 15, South Shore VoTech 10

Cohasset was able to move back within a game of that all-important .500 mark (at 2-3) with a big 15-10 win over South Shore Vocational on Wednesday.

Tim Straughn earned the win with three strong innings on the mound before Knurek looked to get a couple of his younger hurlers some experience.

The Skippers offensive assault was led by Mike Dooley (3-for-5, 3 RBIs) and John Andrade (2-for-2, 2 RBIs).

Next on tap

South Shore League action resumes on Tuesday with a road game against first place Abington (5-0).

"Hopefully, we can start to put a few things together," said Knurek. "I've seen signs. All we can do is keep working at it, but these league games are big for us."

Laxers fall in last minute thriller

Libby and Moore lead offense in tough loss to Falmouth, 11-10

A tight back-and-forth battle between two long-time Pilgrim Conference rivals ended with visiting Falmouth on top, 11-10, and Cohasset suffering its first loss of the 2002 season.

The game, played under the lights at Alumni Field on Friday night, saw the game tied at the end of the first quarter, at the half, and with four minutes to play. But a Falmouth score with a little over two minutes remaining gave the visiting Clippers a lead they were able to protect, as the Skippers never regained possession.

"This was the kind of contest we expect when we play Falmouth," said head coach Kevin Orcutt. "They're athletic and extremely well-coached. They had a terrific long-stick midfielder who helped them dominate face-offs, and a great offensive player in Jason Cleary. We played well, but didn't do quite enough to win."

The Skippers made a run in the fourth quarter after falling behind, 10-8. Senior Eric Libby, who would finish the game with a goal and six assists, twice in the space of 45 seconds found classmate Jason Moore (three goals, two assists) open on the crease to tie the game at 10-10. But Cohasset would never again regain possession – a problem all evening as the Skippers won only two of 20 face-offs – and Falmouth scored the game-winner on an isolation play by middie Mike Balbuena with two-and-a-half minutes to go.

Senior goalie Kyle Weber would finish with 15 saves, 10 in the first half. His Falmouth counterpart had 21 saves on the night.

"Defensively, I have to give senior Chris Caron and junior Ben Lynner a lot of credit," said Orcutt. "Both are first-year players for us, and both stepped up to this competition, the best we've faced this year. But we hurt ourselves badly in not winning more face-offs, and in losing too many ground ball battles. Games like this are won and lost on those aspects of the game, and if we want to play with the big boys, we're going to have to improve in those areas."

Besides Moore and Libby, other Skipper scorers were senior Paul Previte with a hat trick, and juniors Curt Kahn, Matt Davis and Tom Anderson with a goal apiece.

"We're missing several players during vacation week, which isn't

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Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS TENNIS

April
9 beat Mashpee, 4-1
11 beat Norton, 5-0

BOYS TENNIS

9 lost to Mashpee, 3-2

GIRLS LACROSSE

11 beat Barnstable, 15-7

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BOYS LACROSSE

12 lost to Falmouth, 11-10
16 beat Canton, 15-4

JV SOFTBALL

11 Norton 4 p.m.
23 Abington 3:30 p.m.

VARSITY BASEBALL

11 lost to Norton, 9-1
17 beat S.S.V.T., 15-10

Softball on the upswing

Cohasset girls surprise with pair of decisive wins

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

There's no question about it: Cohasset High will have a varsity softball team in the South Shore League next year.

Cohasset has been without a varsity team for nearly eight years or since lacrosse was introduced to the school's sports program, cutting into the softball numbers significantly.

However, since coach Deb Bostwick took over the program, Cohasset softball has been on the upswing.

Playing junior varsity ball this season, Cohasset has 13 players on the team and a feeder system at the Middle School with 23 players in the program.

"I was hoping to win at least two games early in the season to build up confidence for the kids and we already achieved that," noted the coach.

In fact, Cohasset started the season with a 20-2 victory over the Norwell JVers. Cohasset players had a total of 50 at bats in that game, collecting 20 hits to go along with the 20 runs.

Win number two came in the team's second outing, again in decisive fashion, with a 15-3 decision over Mashpee. Cohasset had 46 at bats in that game, collecting a total of 13 hits.

To go along with the strong hitting, Cohasset's defense was also

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Youth laxers sweep home openers

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse boys teams played their first home games of 2002 and continued the dominance they showed early in the season on the road, sweeping all five contests at Milliken Field on April 14.

It was the second straight weekend with a sweep for the boys teams. The day marked the first time the youth program used two fields simultaneously at Milliken, testimony to the growth of sport at a youth level over the last seven years.

At the 10-and-Under (10-U, grades three and four) level, Cohasset Blue opened with a 13-4 win over Hanover.

The game was close in the first quarter, with Cohasset taking a lead and Hanover mounting a comeback to close to 4-2 by the end of the period. But Cohasset dominated the second period and the rest of the game.

Max Shipp powered the team with five goals, while Dean Drisçoll contributed a hat trick and Justin Yeager added two goals and two assists. Will Wise contributed two goals, Chris Brown had a goal and an assist and Chase Murphy and Brendan Horrigan added assists as Cohasset controlled play in its offensive zone.

The defense — shorthanded due to vacation — was led by Mark Dick, Alex Kinnealey, Nick Lieberman, Will Lynner. Chris Brown and Jack Murphy split the goaltending chores, and fended off any Hanover hopes for a rally.

The Cohasset White 10-U squad followed with a 17-1 demolition of Weymouth, in a performance that was particularly impressive because 12 different players got involved in the scoring.

Cohasset jumped out to an early lead in this one and never looked back. Chris Walsh led the way with 3 goals and one assist, while Enrico Terruzzi, John Kearney, Eamon Davis and Andrew Graham each contributed two goals. Oliver Forrer, Luke Ernst, Will Wise, David Hernon, Patrick Cantillon and Ian Quinlan talied single goals, with Cantillon and Jake Wheelwright adding assists.

Terrence Durkin, Keegan Flynn and Thomas Pecca led a shorthanded defensive squad. Ian Quinlan and Jack Murphy split the goaltending chores and helped make the score so lopsided.

While the smallest boys were

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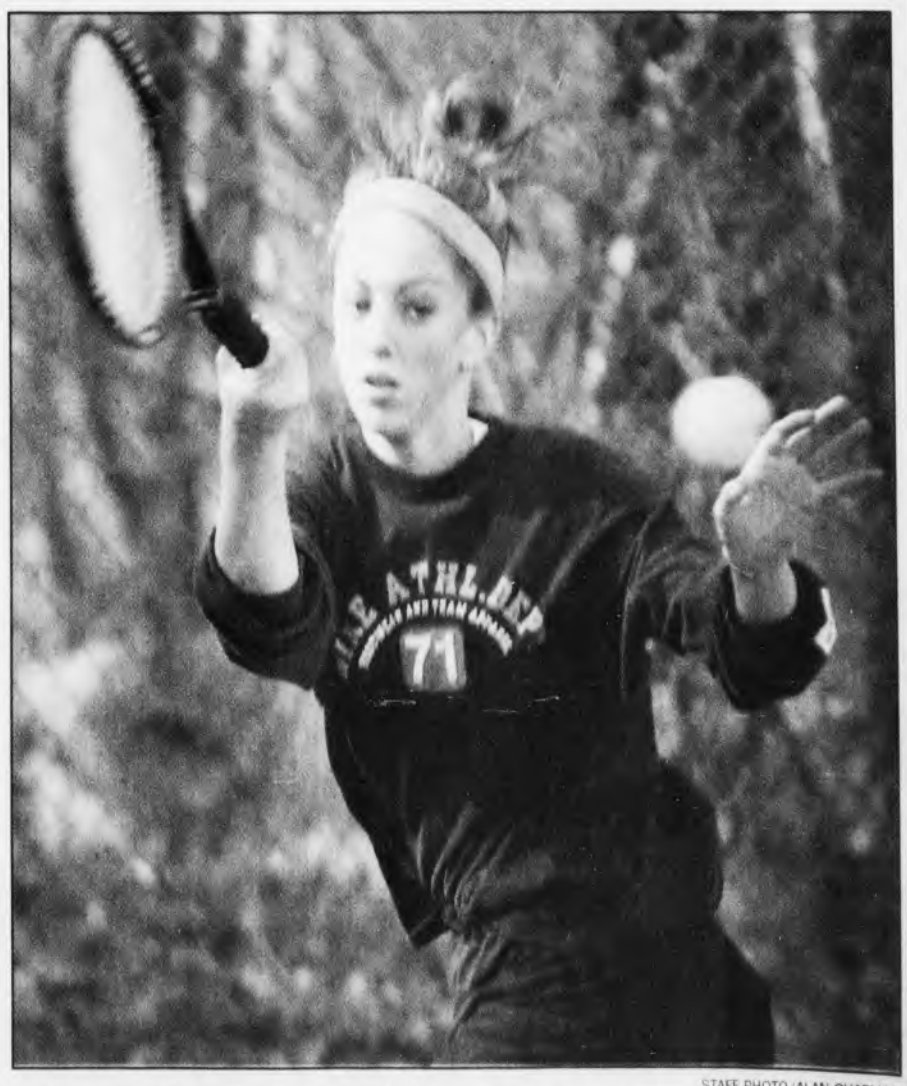


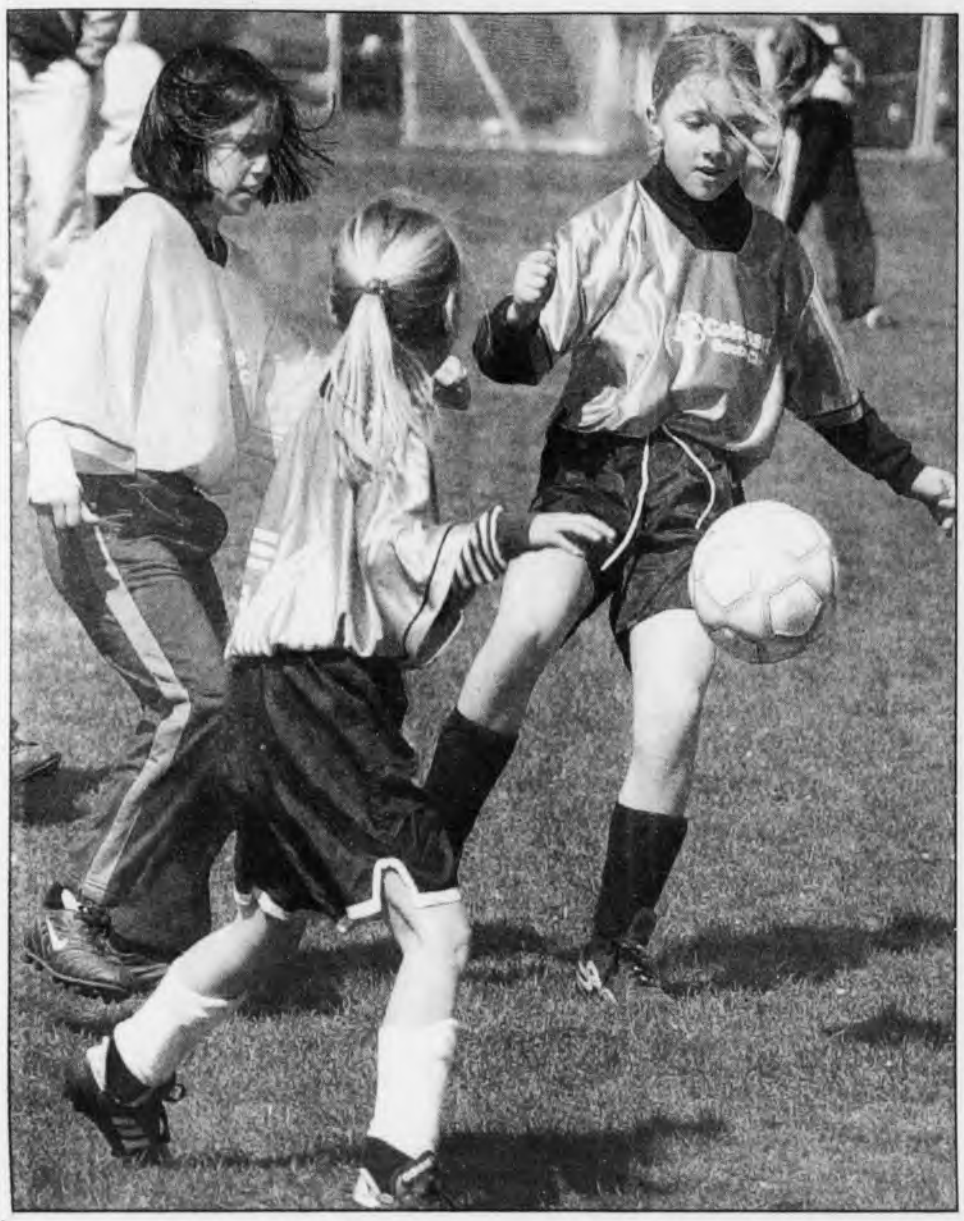
STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

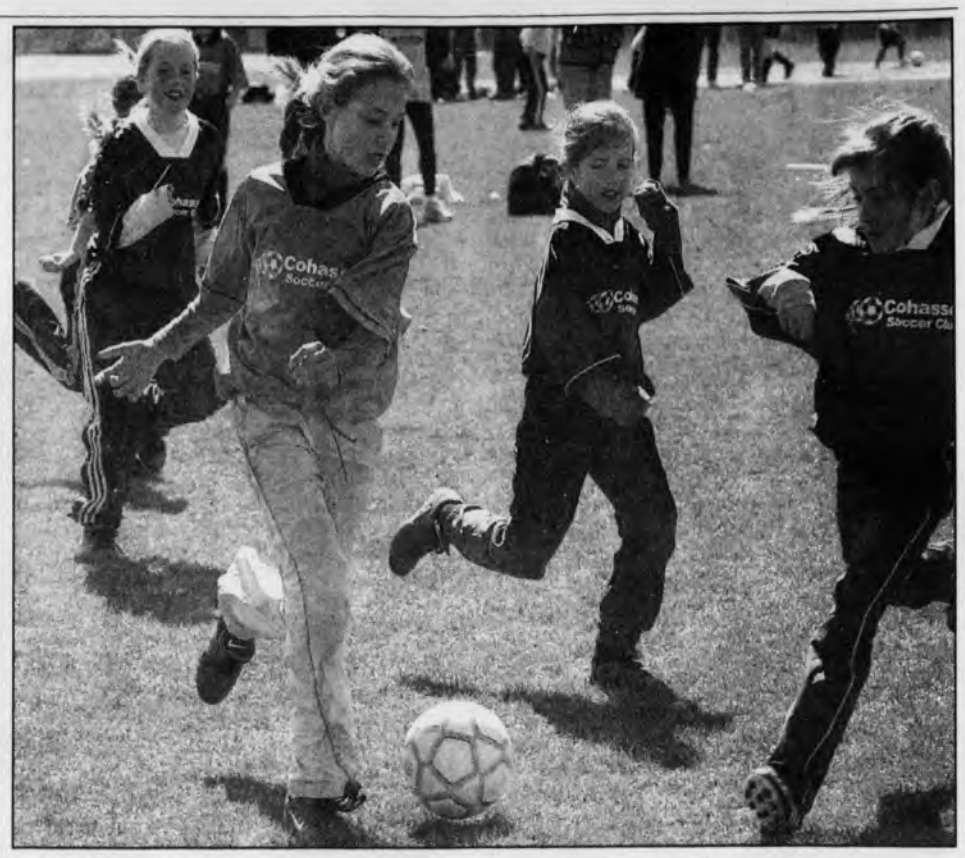
The Cohasset girls went to 4-1 last week with a pair of South Shore League victories—topping Mashpee on Tuesday, 4-1, and Norton on Thursday, 5-0—with top singles player Lindsay Grossman helping to lead the way with a pair of victories.

Kick up your heels!

Cohasset spring soccer season gets underway

Photos by Susan Haney





Clockwise from far left: Olivia Murphy (left), a third grader, battles with fourth graders Jen Spofford (center) and Christine Coner for control of the bouncing ball. Speedy fourth grader Isabel Franklin tries to break past opponents (from left) Brittany Pinkus, Meghan Costello and Rachel Fredey. Third grader Danielle Sookiasian is the picture of concentration as she follows through on her shot in Cohasset Soccer Club Under-10 girls action last Saturday at Milliken Field.

Below, left to right: Fourth grader Jennifer Spofford serves up a corner kick. Jennifer Magruder searches for an opening as she heads up field with ball. Ace goalie Whitney Jaffe pounces on loose ball.

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MIKE SPELLMAN

Ah, springtime: when a young sports fanatic's fancy turns to baseball.

And what could be better. It's finally starting to actually feel like spring and the Sox are looking strong.

Nomar, Pedro and 'Tek made it through Spring Training without incident. The rotation should be improved. Hermanson and Burkett aren't great, but, once healthy, should provide the team enough game-in and game-out to give the offense the opportunity to win it. I'm looking for big things from Derek Lowe and, before too long, Juan Pena (mark my words). Plus, the Curse of the Yawkee Trust is over!

Damon, Henderson, Nomar, Manny, Tony Clark, Trot, Shea, 'Tek and Rey Sanchez...wow! Speaking objectively (really), I'd put the potential of that batting order up against any other MLB team's. We've got speed at the top of the order for the first time since we pulled Otis Nixon off the waiver wire trash heap. And it's also almost been that long since we've had a second baseman like Sanchez who can turn anything other than the "routine double play".

Nomar, Manny, Tony the ex-Tiger and Trot in the middle of the order...let me reiterate (assuming health issues aren't a concern)...Wow!

Obviously, all of this gets a father of young baseball fans to thinking how great it'd be to take in a game at Fenway.

I'll do it just like I did last year. Let's see now...B-o-s-t-o-n-R-e-d-s-o-x-.-c-o-m.... "ticket sales" (click) ... "bleachers" (click).....SCREECH!

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Of course, there's nothing like spending the day at the ballpark, the smell of the freshly cut grass intermingling with boiling hot dogs and melting candy, the excitement and, most of all, this wonderful game being played by finely honed and committed athletes. Could anything possibly be better than enjoying all of this with your kids?

Unfortunately, the Sox have priced out this father of four.

FORTUNATELY, high school baseball season is now in full swing, and several of our area teams are shaping up into pretty compelling stories. And best of all, it's all free: parking AND (in most cases) admission. Second best of all, the drives are a lot shorter. Of course, with gas prices these days, some might say it's a pretty close second.

Let's start with the **Scituate** baseball team that exploded into prominence last season, finishing with an 17-3 record. The Sailors return six regulars to this year's team, including their two most valuable players from last year's squad in Jesse Cole (pitcher/infield) and Jason Connelly (pitcher/shortstop). All Cole did in his junior year was lead the Patriot League in both hitting (.500) and ERA (an eye-popping 0.84 mark), making him a no-brainer for league MVP honors, and he also just happened to have received and accepted a full baseball scholarship to Wofford College. Connelly, meanwhile, chipped in with a none-too-shabby 2.62 ERA as the number two starter, while hitting .427, leading the team in RBI (23) and arguably playing the league's best shortstop.

Norwell also returns its top two players in Bobby Savoy (pitcher/shortstop) and Jason Kustka (centerfield) —both South Shore League all-stars — along with most of the rest of the crew that qualified for the state tourney last year. The team's biggest loss on the bench was 33-year coach Al Kassatly, who retired last spring with nearly 475 career coaching victories. Former Scituate JV coach Tom Jacobs will fill "Big Al's" sizeable cleats, but the transition should be eased with Savoy and John Conlan returning to provide the 1-2 punch from the mound and a solid batting order top to bottom.

Then there's the "Little High School that could," **Cohasset**.

Drawing from a student population that just barely climbed above 300 this year, CHS male squads have somehow been able to not only survive but thrive over the last year — with lacrosse, track, football soccer, hockey and wrestling teams all finishing first or second in league play. The baseball team, under veteran coach Bob Knurek, is looking to take its own spot on the school's wall of fame this spring (or, in this case, the bulletin board outside AD Ron Ford's office). The Skippers already know they will be without senior standout Nick Bolster (who suffered a detached retina approximately 11 months ago and has been unable to take part in any athletic competition since), but most of the rest of the core returns, including star Tim Straughn, the team's top hitter and number one pitcher/catcher from last year. South Shore League hockey fans will no doubt remember Straughn, one of the SSL's most dominant defensemen this winter, and probably be shocked to hear that baseball is actually the sport in which he is drawing the most interest from college recruiters.

At **Silver Lake**, Steve Giambanco takes over a team from longtime coach Bob Rodgers (of NESN fame) who finished one win shy of .500 and post-season qualification last spring. The Lakers will be led at the plate and on the mound by returning main men Rob McLean (team's 2001 MVP) and Griff Benelli. The team graduated 13 seniors, but appears ready to ride several key members from last year's excellent JV squad, including slick fielding shortstop Ryan Nicotri and hurler Nick Bohtelo.

There are several other *Marinerland* teams which should be in the thick of the post-season hunt. Both **Marshfield** (4-0) and **Abington** (5-0)return the bulk of their talent from last season and are hungry after missing out on the state tourney last season, as witnessed by their perfect starts. **Hanover** (10-10 last season), **Hingham** (12-8) and **Rockland** (11-9) also return several key players and are looking toward a further advance in the post-season in 2002.

So there you go folks. Hopefully, this will be enough to whet a few appetites for some of the quality baseball that's taking place right there in our local ball parks.

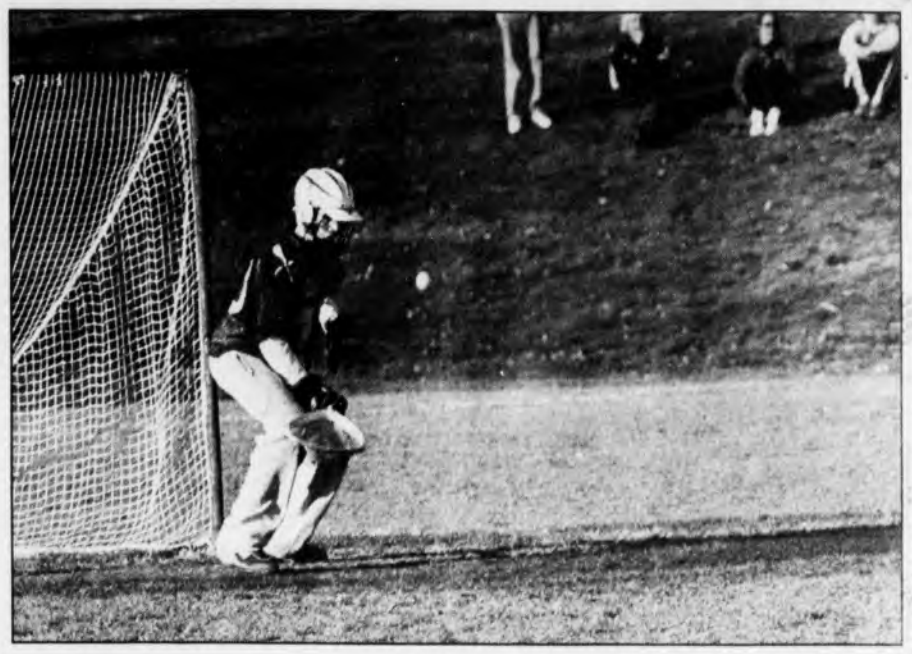
As I've typed for this space a few times previous, and will no doubt type a few times more: there's nothing that compares with being at a baseball game.

A football game is unparalleled in scope on the sporting event scale, while, for non-stop intensity, basketball and hockey, are (at least in my mind) unmatched.

That said, there's nothing in the sports spectatorship realm that compares with being at a baseball game.

Why? Well, obviously you've got the way the game has been so widely romanticized by our culture. On top of that, many of us are obviously drawn to the fact that there are no time limits. Others (and this holds particularly true for we in the northern climes) are simply thrilled with the excuse to get outside and enjoy a Spring day at the ballpark, whether it's Fenway Park, your local high school or the Little League field down the street.

Call the schools. Check out the papers. If your hometown baseball or softball team isn't playing today, it shouldn't be hard to find another game in a neighboring or nearby town. Believe me, it's a great way to spend a free afternoon.



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Cohasset goalie Kyle Weber has a bead on bouncign ball.

Laxers fall in last minute thriller

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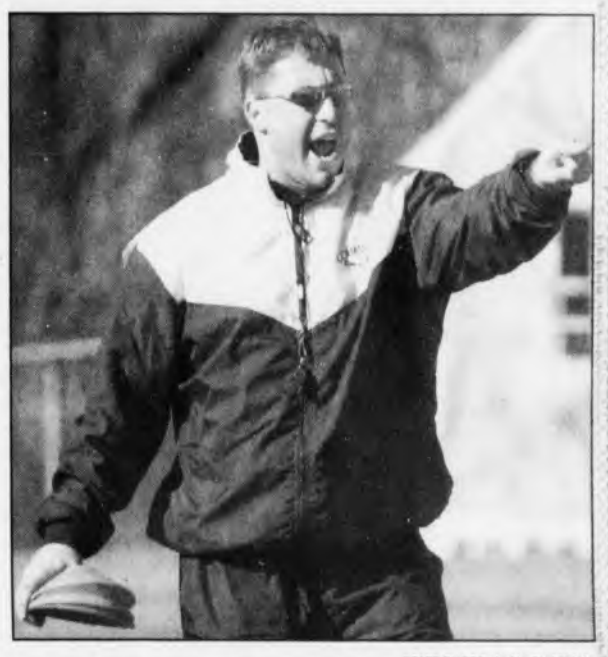
unusual," said coach Orcutt. "The good news is that this will give some of our younger players valuable experience. Hopefully, by the Hanover game, we'll be completely healthy for the first time this year and at full strength. Because, looking ahead, our schedule gets tougher and tougher, and we'll need everyone at one hundred percent."

Skippers 15, Canton 4

The C.H.S. laxers did bounce back with a decisive win over first year varsity team Canton on Tuesday, behind five goals and three assists from Previte, and three goals and four assists from Davis.

Looking ahead

The Skippers – now 5-1 overall, and 2-1 in league play — this coming week have non-league foe Franklin at Alumni Field on Saturday, April 20, with the face-off set for 1 p.m.. Cohasset then travels to Pilgrim rival Hanover on Tuesday, April 23 for a 4 p.m. contest.



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Cohasset boys lacrosse head coach Kevin Orcutt runs the lads through drills at recent practice.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

GIRLS TENNIS

April

23 Abington 3:30 p.m.
24 at Carver 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Sarah Meehan

BOYS TENNIS

23 at Abington 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Kent Parrot

GIRLS LACROSSE

23 at Norwell 4 p.m.

Coach: Torin Sweeney

BOYS LACROSSE

20 Franklin 1 p.m.
23 at Hanover 3:30 p.m.

Head Coach: Kevin Orcutt
Asst. Coach: Terry Kahn

VARSITY BASEBALL

23 at Abington 3:30 p.m.
24 Nantucket 4 p.m.

Head Coach: Bob Knurek
Asst. Coach: Peter Lucido

JV BASEBALL

23 at Abington 3:30 p.m.
24 Nantucket 4 p.m.

JV SOFTBALL

23 Abington 3:30 p.m.
24 at Carver 3:30 p.m.

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BOYS/GIRLS TRACK/FIELD

23 Hull 3:30 p.m.

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Youth laxers sweep home openers

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beating Hanover, the Cohasset White 12-U team (fifth and sixth grades) was squaring off with Falmouth. Perhaps learning from the high school varsity's first defeat of the season on Friday night, the White team fended off early challenges to pull away after a close first quarter.

Peter Oswald and Mark Flibotte scored four goals each, to prove that the team's newly installed 1-set offense would work for the attack. Peter Ernst (2 goals) played at what seemed like 150% energy level whenever he was in the game either forcing a turnover, leading a fast break, or taking it to the cage himself.

T.J. Kennedy, Charlie Czerkawski, Sean Silvia, Danny Brady and Owen Landon picked up single markers for Cohasset, with Chris Mills picking up two assists and Andrew Bell and Justin Connors scoring once each. Oswald added two assists.

Though not really tested in the cage, Justin Hollis and Wes Ulmer gave solid performances as well, each coming up with 6 saves during their 2 quarters of play. The defense was led by a formidable effort by Jake Cuneo who, as one of the more physical players on the Blue team, made sure that the Hanover crew thought twice before coming into the scoring zone.

Finally, it was the Cohasset 14-U team continuing the trend of hot starts and big leads, as it jumped out to a 7-1 edge over Hanover, fended off a brief rally that made the score 8-4 and then rolled to a 19-5 win.

With a number of players away on vacation or injured, Cohasset juggled the lineup and got outstanding performances from players at new positions. Leading the way was Dan Trendowicz who started the game at midfield, switched to attack in the first quarter, and went on to score six goals. Four of Trendowicz's goals were assisted by Mike Pecca on textbook fast-break passes. Pecca also scored a goal of his own on a great feed from Aidan Buick.

Cohasset closed out the first half with a 12-4 lead thanks to two goals each from Chris Davis and Jared Kinch. Davis finished the day with three goals, giving Cohasset three players with three or more goals after Buick tallied his third in the second half.

Goalie Jared Dick and the close defense of Robert Silvia, Patrick Flynn, Parker Berg, Dan McCarthy and Kinch completely shut down Hanover in the second half, allowing just one goal and few good scoring chances. Jeff Brown played well on defense in the first half and then switched to midfield for the second stanza and notched his first score of the season. Austen Lanzillotti had a goal and an assist on the game, making it eight different Cohasset players who had at least one point. Zack Etkind played his best game in two years, with several hard hits on Hanover players and scoring two goals with great individual effort by bulling his way past several defenders for each score.

The boys teams head back on the road on Sunday April 21, while the girls youth teams return to action with their first-ever home games, scheduled for 1 and 2:30 p.m. at the Deer Hill School.

Lady Laxers top Barnstable, 15-7

The Girls lacrosse team went to 2-1 on the season with an impressive 15-7 win over Barnstable on Thursday..

As usual, senior captain Kristen Sheerin quarterbacked the offense and finished with a game best seven points (five goals, two assists). Maura McKenna (four goals, one assist) and Nicole Turgiss (three goals, one assist) also contributed mightily o the attack.

Even stalwart defenders Catherine Coyne (goal) and Maggie O'Neill (assist) got in on the act. The majority of their time, though, was spent protecting the win for goalie Gia Petrakis (17 saves).

SPORTS NOTES

Boating safety course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a four-session safe boating course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the four-session course, scheduled to begin Thursday evening, May 9, at Cohasset High School. Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7:30 to about 9 p.m., May 9 through May 23. Certification test will be held at the fifth and final class at 7:30 p.m., May 23.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109, as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

Certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

Spring rowing

CMI (Cohasset Maritime Institute) announces that spring youth rowing season is now underway. Any student, grades 7-12, may join CMI's crew program. Students not currently participating in a spring sport at Cohasset Middle High School practice Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5p.m.; an additional practice is offered on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. for all rowers, including those participating in a spring sport and unable to make the weekday practices.

Interested rowers should call Jack Buckley (781-383 8261) or John Liffmann (781-925 2796).

Girls basketball clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that telephone registration will be accepted for a girls basketball clinic to be held at Osgood School gym starting April 22 through May 20.

The clinic will meet each Monday, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. for grades three and four and 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. for grades five and six.

The fee for the five-week program is $40 per player. This program will be run by Ellen Carr, head coach of girls basketball at Cohasset High School.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 to register. Space is limited, early registration is advised.

Not too late for Little League registration

Did you miss Little League registration? It is not too late. Call Lynne DeGiacomo @ 383-6413 to obtain registration material. A $10 late fee will be assessed for all registrations received after March 31.

Baseball coach wanted

The Cohasset Middle School is looking for a Middle School Baseball Coach. Anyone interested in the position or inquiring further should call Cohasset High Athletic Direcetor Ron Ford at (781) 383-6103.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Tess Foley and her Cohasset High track teammates will get back into action after the April vacation week on Tuesday at home against Hull (3:30 p.m. start).

Softball on the upswing

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looking good with just five errors in the two games, according to the coach.

Reality set in with game number three when Norton thumped Cohasset, 18-9. At one point, the third inning, Cohasset was tied with Norton at 5-5, but Norton was just too big and too experienced to take down.

"We saw pitching we just were not use to seeing," said coach Bostwick. "They were throwing sinkers, fast pitches, quite a variety. We did find them for two triples and two doubles, but we also made a lot of mistakes."

The Cohasset teams consists of Danielle Pinkus at shortstop, Rachel Doyle at third, Caitlin Gontarz at second, Andrea Keating at first and pitcher, Heather Perino, starting pitcher and first baseman, Casey Anderson, catcher and outfielders Allison Isodean, Cecelia Chapman, Caitlin Condon, Emma Grinnell, Molly Ogrodnik and Molly Liddell.

Cohasset will be idle during school vacation week, but will return to action on Tuesday, April 23 against Abington at Cohasset. The Cohasset team will take to the road on Wednesday, April 24, for a game against Carver,

"I'm looking for a .500 season," said the coach, revealing her upgraded goal. "That would be a real confidence builder."

Boston Marathon finishers from Cohasset

Name	Age	Time
Kennedy, Richard P.,	42,	3:38:32
Stavis, Judith Z.,	34,	3:43:55
Faubion, William A. Jr.,	36,	3:46:51
Goldstein, Jennifer L.,	35,	4:13:42
Valentine, Christopher H.,	36,	4:22:24
Santoro, Nichole L.,	23,	4:34:07
Haynes, Robin E.,	29,	4:28:07
Chase, Laura M.,	46,	4:37:52
Brennan, Maya C.,	38,	5:00:33
Chase, Mark F.,	52,	5:31:50

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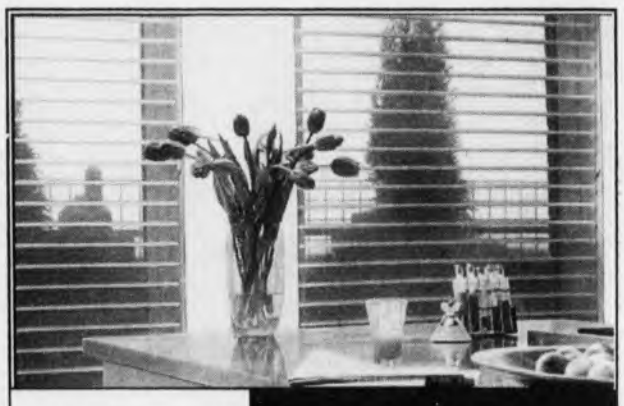

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Canine boarders make for close quarters at shelter

By Alice Coyle
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The Scituate Animal Shelter is going to the dogs — literally.

For the first time shelter director Joan McCafferty can remember, there are more than a dozen dogs awaiting adoption at the Driftway facility. Normally, the no-kill shelter, which serves Scituate, Norwell, Hingham and Hull houses anywhere from three to seven dogs, but in recent weeks, the shelter staff has taken in three times that number.

"It's been this way for a few weeks now," said McCafferty. "All of a sudden dogs are just coming out of the woodwork." Currently the shelter has 10 dogs in-house and is boarding five others with local families until more space is available.

McCafferty said she received three more calls this week from families looking to give up their dogs, and notes that these are not older pets with health problems. Two of the three dogs are under a year old including a 10-month-old golden retriever and a 6-month-old black Labrador retriever. Remy — a purebred Irish setter found roaming the streets of Norwell, and Mason — an affectionate hound/husky mix, are two more young dogs available for adoption, McCafferty noted.

"Sometimes it turns out the dogs were Christmas presents and six months later when they're not trained and have become more than people can handle, they decide they aren't that cute puppy under the tree anymore," McCafferty said.

While the shelter has kennels to accommodate about 16 dogs, McCafferty said more dogs mean more vet bills, a need for more food and supplies, and many more volunteers to take the dogs out on the six or seven walks they get each day.

Adding to the problem is the fact that food donations are down, said shelter volunteer Cheryl Coates. Coates hand painted a number of wooden collection bins and placed them in area grocery stores to collect contributions of dog and cat food, kitty litter and other pet supplies. While the bins are usually filled each week, Coates said the bins have been practically empty, and the shelter has had to go out and buy more dog and cat food. The bins are set up at the Stop & Shop and Shaw's stores in Cohasset and at the Scituate Marketplace.

Fortunately, as the number of dogs has increased at the shelter, the feline residents have become fewer. McCafferty said usually there are upwards of 50 cats and right now there are only about 30 in-house. Another two cat families including a mother and a litter of kittens — about 12 cats — are in foster care.

Shelter fund-raisers like last month's yard sale which raised about $6,000, come in very handy when the shelter population is on the rise.

McCafferty urges families thinking about getting a cat or dog to visit the shelter. All dogs in the shelter's care are up to date on their shots, are spayed or neutered and have been evaluated by a trainer, McCafferty said. The adoption fee is $50 and all new owners get an informational packet on training and the animal's medical history, she said.

Thanks to the tireless work of volunteers and McCafferty's efforts the Scituate shelter has found homes for 1,850 animals since opening in 1993. McCafferty said the staff is just shy of breaking an annual adoption record of 234 this year.

"People are good about adopting," said McCafferty. "We get people in here who want to adopt older dogs — even ones with health problems — to give them a loving home for the remainder of their lives."

There are many sad stories that involve abandonment and abuse at the shelter, too. Beauty, a 5-year-old boxer was abused before her owner adopted her at age 1. When he became ill with cancer and could no longer care for her he had to give her up.

"It was a last resort, for him," said McCafferty. "She's (Beauty) a real sweetheart."

But all of the past wrongs are righted when a new family gives a dog or cat a loving home, and it makes the work all worth while, McCafferty said.

Noting that this week is "National Volunteer Week," McCafferty said the shelter is always in need of more helping hands to tackle a variety of tasks including dog walking, cleaning cages, and socializing with the animals.

The shelter is open from 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays but because McCafferty is most often there, people can call at other times to pay a visit.

For more information on adopting a pet or volunteering call the Scituate Animal Shelter at (781) 545-8703.

Shelter volunteer Heather Clark walks Mason and Zimba outside the Driftway facility.

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Beauty, a 5-year-old boxer attended by Scituate Animal Shelter volunteer Mary Jane Schwartz, is affectionate and ready for a new home.

Art opening at Deer Hill

Deer Hill School will host a Gala Art Opening on Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. The art show, titled, "Favorites 2002," represents the artwork of all Deer Hill students. Each student has chosen his/her favorite artwork of the year to be included in this exhibit.

In addition to this year's annual art show, Deer Hill will be celebrating the grand unveiling of a permanent clay installation and a new courtyard mosaic, in remembrance of September 11, created by the sixth-grade students of Deer Hill.

There will be refreshments and music. All are invited to attend. Admission is free. For more information, call Ann Berman at 781-383-6115.

Spring is in the Air

It's time to clean up inside and out. Watch for the special **Spring Home & Garden** section in today's paper for fresh ideas, money-saving hints and the latest trends in home improvement, interior decorating and landscaping. Plus you'll have the chance to win great prizes from our local sponsors.

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The lecture is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset High School. Anyone involved in youth sports is strongly encouraged to attend. This lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call 781-383-0771.

Astronomy Day

The South Shore Astronomical Society and The Trustees of Reservations presents Astronomy Day 2002 Celebration on April 19, at Turkey Hill in Hingham.

This family event starts at 6 p.m. The club will be present telescopes available for viewing and learning, introductory lessons on navigating the night sky, children's activities, a slideshow: "A Tour of Our Solar System and Beyond" and the 4.5 inch Orion Dobsonian telescope complete with accessories to the winner of our Astronomy Essay.

In the event of bad weather (clouds etc.) the event will be held on April 20. For additional information call Louis Gentile at 781-545-7067 or visit www.ssastros.org

Directions: from Main St. (Rte 228) in Hingham, take Leavett St. (next to library), to Turkey Hill St. to the end.

In the event of bad weather (clouds etc.), the event will be held on Saturday, April 20.

Carriage House benefit is May 4

Join us at the beautiful seaside home of Stephen and Patty Gillis, 492 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset, on Saturday, May 4 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. for an evening of fun and fundraising to benefit the Carriage House Nursery School at 23 North Main St.

The evening will include a wine tasting and a live and silent auction. There will be many prizes including a weekend in Nantucket, Red Sox tickets, sports lessons, unique and beautiful items created by the students, gift certificates for services and much, much more! Tickets are $25 per person.

For more information, please contact Beth Marsden Gilman –1811, Kathleen Broderick –6339, or Lisa Dooley –0958.

Litchfield party

Make sure to get your tickets for Harold Litchfield's retirement celebration to be held on Friday, May 10 at the Golden Rooster in North Scituate, starting at 6:30 p.m. To get your tickets to this event, contact Peggy Litchfield at 781-923-1080. The cost is $30 per person and includes dinner, dancing and music with a cash bar. A limit has been set so don't wait too long to reserve your spot.

Learn how to row, signup is May 5

Anyone interested in rowing with CMI this Spring, summer, or Fall, needs to attend CMI's boat signup event on Sunday, May 5, 4p.m. at the CMI boathouse. (rowers unable to attend must notify Mary Sease, 383 8318, Jack Buckley 383 8261, or John Liffmann, 925-2796) The purpose of the sign up to create a rowing schedule such that every rower walks away from boat sign-up knowing when she/he is rowing, with whom, and why. Sweep rowers will be able to sign up with a crew that meets their interest and skill level and scullers will be able to learn about club hours and boat usage protocols.

The CMI Rowing Program provides members with opportunities to get out on the water in Alden Shells (sculling singles and doubles), Gloucester Gulls (sculling singles), Coxed Fours (sweep oars) and traditional lifesaving boats. The club goal this year is to improve upon its ability to maximize opportunities for members to take full advantage of its resources.

Garden club President's Tea

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its yearly President's Tea at the Second Congregational Church "Bates Hall' on Tuesday April 23 at noon. Come and join the South Shore Garden Club Presidents and Betty Call, nationally accredited flower show judge and owner of "The Flower Touch," to celebrate spring with lunch and a fresh flower demonstration.

Webster visits

Please come to the Cohasset Historical Society's Spring Dinner and Lecture on Sunday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m. at Kimball's By-the-Sea, 124 Elm St. The topic is "Daniel Webster: I Still Live!"

This costumed performance/lecture by actor Jim Cooke will trace Daniel Webster's life from his birth in New Hampshire through his youth, law career, and his pursuit of wealth, power and the presidency. Meet the men and women he knew in a presentation filled with drama, humor and history.

A 6 p.m. dinner follows the 5:30 reception. The cost for this event is $30 for historical society members and $35 for non-members. Attendees have their choice of Kimball's Scrod or Chicken Française; indicate which entreé you prefer when your register your reservation. To register/reserve, make checks payable to the "Cohasset Historical Society" and return (with your choice of entreé) to the Society at 14 Summer St., Cohasset 02025.

For more information, call Marilyn Morrison at 781-383-1434.

Memory loss

My friend can't remember, how can I help? You can help your friend by attending the Cohasset Elder Affairs Seminar on Friday April 19 from 12-1:30 p.m. at 3 North Main St.. The discussion is presented by Judy Karpinski of Family Services of Greater Boston.

Bring a brown-bag lunch; a beverage and dessert will be provided. Transportation is available.

For reservations, please call 781-383-9112.

Spring rowing program starts

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Contact, Jack Buckley 383 8261; John Liffmann 925 2796.

Opera excerpts at musical event

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay presents "Spring Fling," a light-hearted evening with excerpts from operas such as "Die Fledermaus," "Carmen," "The Marriage of Figaro," "The Merry Wives of Windsor," and "La Traviata."

Spring Fling will be presented twice only: once on Friday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham; and again on Saturday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury.

Those who are interested in cabaret seating for Spring Fling may reserve a table for six in front of the stage. At these tables, audience members can enjoy complimentary wine and cheese with their friends as they watch the performance. There are a limited number of tables available per evening, so reserve your table now! General seating is also available.

Tables seating is $250 per table. General seating is $20 for adults, and $15 for students and seniors. Proceeds from the event benefit Opera by the Bay. Tickets can be purchased by calling 781-749-7565, ext. 10 in Hingham, or 781-934-2731, ext. 10 in Duxbury.

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the photocopy of the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that HELEN M. MURLEY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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Police arrested four last month

March was a very quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were four arrests, one for operating after license suspended, one for operating under the influence of liquor, one for assault and battery by dangerous weapon and finally one for an outstanding warrant, Chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of March the Police Department investigated six motor vehicle accidents, one of which resulted in personal injury. There were 98 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $3,965 in fines. Additionally there were 48 parking tickets issued for $1,625 in fines. There were five criminal complaints issued.

Also in March our Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 599 calls for police services, of those 99 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls, Jackson said.

In the month of March there were no breaking and enterings.

On March 8, Chief Brian W. Noonan retired after 28 years of loyal service to the town of Cohasset.

During the month of March members of the department participated in 164 man-hours of in-service training, 48 man-hours of specialized training and 10 man-hours of in-house training.

During the week of March 25, Det. Gregory Lennon traveled to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. to conduct research in various critical incident response and investigative disciplines. While at the academy, Lennon consulted with members of the Critical Incident Response Group, Crisis Management Unit, Investigative Training Unit, Practical Applications Unit and Behavioral Science Unit. Lennon received training and material that will allow him to train other members of the department in these disciplines which will serve to enhance the department's ability to respond to critical incidents involving domestic terrorism as well as our ability to manage and resolve major criminal investigations.

During March, Officer Frederick Grassie was appointed as the department's prosecutor and Officer Garrett Hunt was appointed as day detective.

Finally thanks to the hard work of Sgt. John Conte the department received new bulletproof vests. These vests were funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety Bulletproof Vest Reimbursement Program and the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant. Old vests are to be declared surplus and donated to the U.S. Army, Jackson said.

POLICE LOG

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:56 a.m. Beechwood St and South Main St., motor vehicle accident.

9:22 a.m. Norfolk Road, parking complaint, ticket issued.

10 a.m. Smith Place, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

10:03 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

12:36 p.m. Nichols Road, animal call or complaint.

1 p.m. Aaron River Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

3:06 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

5:33 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:39 p.m. Smith Place, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

8:25 p.m. Border St., parking violation, ticket issued.

8:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:33 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, ticket issued.

9:46 p.m. Border St., medical aid, to hospital.

10:14 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:44 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

12:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Susan A. Cheever, 43, of 39 North River Road, Scituate. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor; failure to stay within marked lanes; operating a motor vehicle without license in possession.

Arrest of Sean P. Laugelle, 40, of 18 Norfolk Road, Cohasset. Charge: Default Warrant.

8:25 a.m. Margin St., general services, services rendered.

1:27 p.m. Bates Lane, fire investigation, report taken.

2:20 p.m. Parking Way, general services.

2:37 p.m. Elm St., property, found.

4:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general disturbance.

5:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

6 p.m. Ledge Way, fire investigation.

7:44 p.m. Elm St., fire, misc.

8:49 p.m. Ripley Road, building checks.

9:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

6:51 a.m. King St., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:45 a.m. Bancroft Rd., animal control.

9:31 a.m. Fairoaks Ln., motor vehicle stop.

9:42 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle crash.

9:55 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

10:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:31 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., traffic citation issued.

3 p.m. Elm St., suspicious person.

5:43 p.m. Pond St., fire investigation.

6:36 p.m. Ripley Rd, suspicious person.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

6:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:13 a.m. Cushing Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:44 a.m. Nichols Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:16 p.m. HQ, assist citizen.

2:08 p.m. HQ assist citizen.

2:52 p.m. Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle crash.

3:30 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:36 p.m. King St., medical aid.

5:27 p.m. Pleasant St., fire investigation.

5:54 p.m. Cushing Rd. and Pleasant St., fire investigation.

7:06 p.m. Deep Run, suspicious activity.

8:34 p.m. Reservoir Rd, suspicious activity.

10:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

5:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:17 a.m. Cushing Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:53 a.m. King St., property lost.

11:31 a.m. Joy Pl., medical aid.

1:20 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic complaint.

7:02 p.m. Elm St, fire investigation.

9:26 p.m. North Main St., fire investigation.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

12:34 a.m. Border St., assist citizen.

12:36 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Deep Run., general services.

7:02 a.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:20 a.m. Pond St., and Spring St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:43 a.m. South Main St. and Brook St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:22 a.m. North Main St., fire investigation.

10:47 a.m. Forest Notch, well being check.

11:08 a.m. Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle crash.

12:35 p.m. Pond St., disturbance. Arrest: juvenile arrest, age 16. Chrgs. malicious destruction of property over $250 disorderly person.

1:01 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

4:22 p.m. Pleasant St., trespassing.

5:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance.

6:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, road rage.

6:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:43 p.m. Hull St., well being check.

11:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

1:25 p.m. Hillside Dr., motor vehicle violations.

2:21 p.m. Norfolk Rd., suspicious auto.

4:28 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

4:42 p.m. Fire HQ

4:49 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop.

5 p.m. Edgartown, suspicious.

OBITUARIES

Allan R. White, Jr.

Allan R. White, 75, died April 14, 2002 in his home in Muskogee, Okla. He was formerly of Cohasset and for the last 10 years has also maintained homes in Milton and Falmouth.

A graduate of Milton Academy, he attended Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and continued his studies at Boston University.

Mr. White was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was voted one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Year" by the Quincy South Shore Chamber of Commerce in 1951 and received a similar honor from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce in 1956.

Mr. White and his two brothers, Donald and Robert, operated Hendrie's, Inc. and Hendrie's Frozen Foods. He began his career in 1950 with White Bros. Milk Co. of Quincy and was named treasurer and general manager, positions he held until White Bros. was sold to Whiting Milk Co. in 1961. In 1962, he became treasurer of Hendrie's, Inc. and in 1963 became president and treasurer of Hendrie's Frozen Foods, Inc. of Southborough.

Mr. White was past president of the Frozen Food Association of New England and was past president of the National Frozen Food Association. He served a trustee of the National Association of Wholesalers-Distributors, and was past-chairman of the Board of Family Counseling & Guidance Centers.

He was a past director of the South Shore Bank. He was nominated as a trustee of the New England Baptist Hospital in 1974 where he served as chairman and president from 1979-1984; and was ultimately appointed an honorary trustee of the hospital.

He was an avid sailor and was a member of the Corinthians Sailing Club, the X-Ten Club, the Wollaston Golf Club and the Algonquin Club of Boston.

Mr. White leaves his devoted wife, Martha (Griffin) White; his six loving children: Lisa White Spellman of Southborough, Allan R. III of Mamaroneck, N.Y., Susan M. White of Pittsburgh, Penn., Ronald and Nicholas, both of Seattle, Wash., and Gerard of Silver Spring, Md.; and leaves his 12 beloved grandchildren. He also leaves his two brothers, Donald W. White of Scituate and Robert G. White of Milton, and his sister Audree Parr of Erie, Penn.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, April 20 at Saint Agatha Church in Milton. Interment was in Mount Wollaston Cemetery in Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy and/or contributions in Mr. White's memory may be sent to the Landmine Survivors' Network, 1420 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

WORSHIP NOTES

Three-day mission

Come Meet the Living Christ" is the theme of a dynamic three-day mission that will be given from May 5 to 7, at St. Anthony Parish. The mission will be given by the Rev. Shannon Michael Collins, C.P.M., a 37-year-old Cohasset native and a speaker who is a member of the Fathers of Mercy.

Fr. Shannon will challenge and encourage participants to make a stronger personal commitment to Christ. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. on May 5 and 6, and also celebrate a Mass at 7:30 p.m. on May 7. Confessions will be available after all talks and free babysitting for children under 10 will be provided. Families axe urged to attend.

On Monday and Tuesday mornings, Fr. Collins will celebrate a 9 a.m. Mass and give a talk for those unable to attend the evening mission. Coffee and conversation will be offered in the parish center.

Collins, who was ordained in 2000, graduated from Cohasset High School and was a former teacher at St. Jerome School, Weymouth. He is now the vocations director for the Fathers of Mercy, a congregation founded in 1806 (originally under the title Missionaries of France). The congregation's purpose was to re-evangelize the French people after the Church had been subjected to years of persecution during the French Revolution. It is now exclusively an American community whose primary apostolate is evangelizing through parish missions and retreats.

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Noonan feted at retirement party

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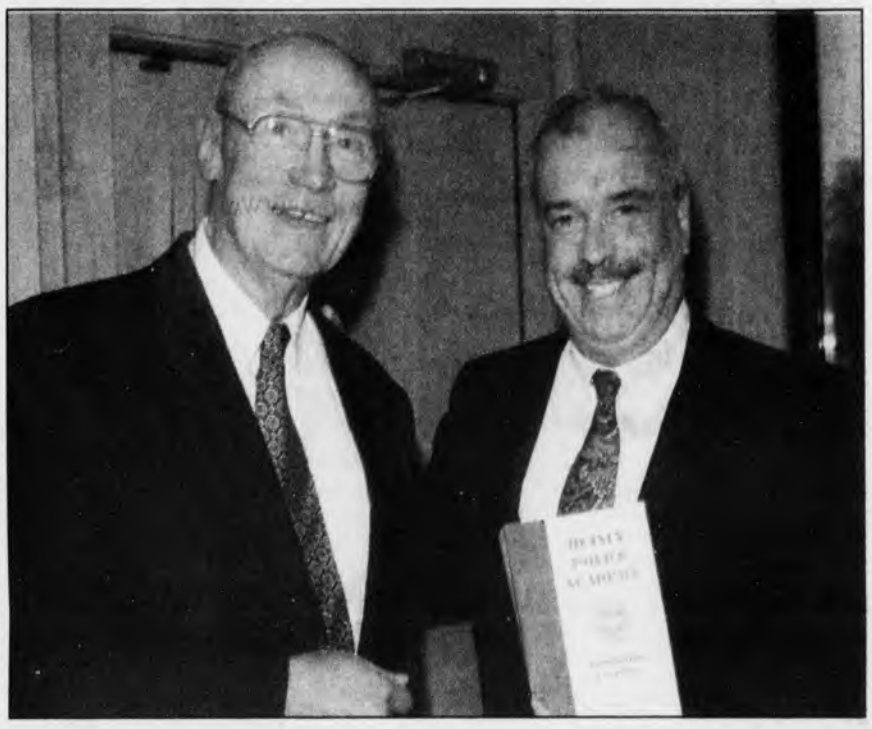
Clockwise from left: Norwell Police Chief Robert Galvin, left, and Kingston Police Chief Gordon Fogg, were among the many friends and associates who attended the event.. Mary Jeanette Murray, Molly Hochkeppel Pierson and her husband, Wig Pierson, enjoy the festivities at Brian Noonan's retirement party at Atlantica. Former Police Chief Brian Noonan holds the graduation book from the Quincy Police Academy from which he graduated as he shares some memories with retired Quincy Chief Frank Mullin. Former Police Chief Brian Noonan chats with John Golden at his retirement party at Atlantica last week.



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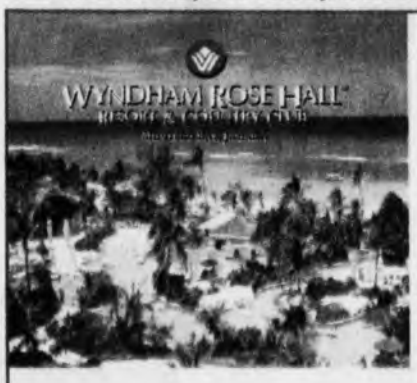

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Marathon *women*

Nike celebrates 30th anniversary for female runners

By Amy Lambiaso
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Women are not physically or psychologically able to run the distance of 26.2 miles.

That's what the Boston Athletic Association told Roberta "Bobbi" Gibb when rejecting her 1966 application to run the Boston Marathon.

The marathon distance wouldn't be the true test for Gibb—she had been running more than 40 miles a shot during her training. The real test would be when the world realized what she was doing.

She was the first woman to ever step foot in the crowd of men at Hopkinton, jumping out of the bushes to join the middle of the pack. Wearing a hooded sweatshirt to hide her identity for as long as possible, she broke the rules to make history.

Three hours and 20 minutes later, Gibb crossed the finish line, without the sweatshirt, becoming the first woman to ever run in the Boston Marathon, albeit unofficially.

"No one thought women could do that," Gibb said at Nike's celebration of women runners held in Boston Friday. "That day would change what the world would think about women forever." Gibb was on hand to answer questions along with two-time Boston Marathon Champion Joan Benoit-Samuelson and last year's winner—Catherine Ndereba.

It wasn't until 1972 when the American Athletic Union (AAU) changed its rules, allowing women to officially run in the Boston Marathon. Thirty years later women of all ages, from all walks of life are gearing up to prove their place in the sport more than ever.

Boston Marathon Champion Joan Benoit-Samuelson

At the time of Gibb's breakthrough the AAU didn't let women run long distances because it believed the stress would damage their reproductive systems.

But today 6,500 of the 16,700 runners in the Boston Marathon are women. And Carole Tierney of Scituate thinks crossing the finish is the biggest statement a woman can make to the world.

"Accomplishing a marathon is not an easy thing," Tierney said. "For a woman, or any person to finish that race is amazing. It says so much about them."

Tierney is part of more than a dozen 40-year-old women from the South Shore running the marathon together, proving that age and gender are no match for these women.

"Even as we all get older, we still feel great because we do this," said Kelly Keelan of Pembroke. "We look younger, we have more enthusiasm, and we feel so good about ourselves."

And Gibb said that was her goal all along. As she trained in nurse's shoes for the marathon in 1966 she could see the future of women's marathon running.

"I fell in love with marathons in 1964 when I came to the Boston Marathon," Gibb said. "The runners were all so strong."

"I could see part of the human spirit being lost that I really connected with. And I wanted to get it back"

The spirit she said is what makes the Boston Marathon so great. It's the atmosphere and whole experience of the day that brings her back time and again to compete.

"It was amazing to see so many people cheering for me as I came down the stretch," she said. "Truly something so great."

Hingham resident Jill Faller said running the marathon is something she wants to do for herself and her family. The 36-year-old ran the Bay State marathon before having two children, and wants to show her daughter that women can do whatever they set their minds to.

"To be able to do something like this is amazing," Faller said. "All I want for my daughter is for her to have these opportunities and experience what she wants."

Faller said she is so thankful for people like Gibb who broke the ground for women, and for all those who have carried on to prove women's great abilities.

One of those great women is Freeport, Maine native Benoit-Samuelson. As the winner of the first-ever women's Olympic Marathon in 1984, she exceeded all expectations of what women had done before by crushing the world record in the event.

PHOTO/AMY LAMBIASO

Roberta "Bobbi" Gibb fields questions along with two-time Boston Marathon Champion Joan Benoit-Samuelson and last year's winner— Catherine Ndereba during Nike's celebration of women runners held Friday in Boston.

Benoit-Samuelson still holds the American record in the marathon today clocking in at 2:21:21 in the '85 Chicago marathon.

"Bobbi (Gibb) got the world thinking women could run that far," Benoit-Samuelson said. "I never would have had the opportunity to do this if she had never taken that chance."

Today women compete in more marathons, in more cities than ever before. Without any restrictions, anywhere in the world, it is a true sign of how far women have come, Tierney said.

Tierney ran the Paris Marathon in June of last summer, and said she was surprisingly welcome at the event.

"I was very highly accepted," she said. "It was a very good feeling to be in a male-dominated sport and a male-dominated country and be so well received."

Tierney said she wore an American flag on her back belonging to her late father during the race as a tribute to her country, her father and all who were watching.

Now the privilege to run the Boston Marathon during this special year is even greater she said.

"As a woman today I feel strong and beautiful," she said. "I feel very at ease and accepted when I step to the starting line."

Thirty-six years after Gibb sneaked onto the course she can feel that ease as well. After running last year to raise money for the Angel Fund — which supports research for Lou Gherig's disease — Gibb took this year off, but she plans on getting back into the race soon.

Photo credit: Liz Linder

For the second year in a row, Superhoney —led by soulful front-woman Joan Pimental (below) of Hingham — won the award for Outstanding Funk Band.

South Shore bands score big at BMA

Aerosmith, Superhoney, Dave Foley Band bring home trophies

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Post-punk thrash, metal, alterna-rock, not to mention old-school arena rock, once again dominated the spotlight at the 15th annual Boston Music Awards ceremony held last Thursday at the Orpheum Theatre in Boston.

But the 2002 BMA spread the honors around more than in past years. There were no massive single-artist sweeps of four or more trophies this time around. Big winners this year included Godsmack, Staind and Aerosmith, each taking home two prizes. Other major category winners included Carly Simon, American Hi-Fi, Reveille, the Dropkick Murphys, Tribe of Judah and Kay Hanley, while 1980s alternative music pioneers Mission of Burma were the latest group to be inducted into the BMA Hall of Fame.

Mission of Burma (MOB) was among the usual scattering of winners and nominees with ties to or based on the South Shore. MOB vocalist/bassist/keyboardist has been a Quincy resident for many years.

Three of Aerosmith's members including Steven Tyler make their homes on the South Shore. Tyler and Joey Kramer live in Marshfield and Joe Perry likes in Duxbury. Aerosmith took the prizes for Album of the Year (Just Push Play) and Video of the Year ("Jaded").

Other South Shore winners at this year's BMAs included Superhoney, led by soulful front-woman Joan Pimental of Hingham, which for the second year in a row won the award for Outstanding Funk Band. Another two-time winner was Hull-based roots-country combo The Dave Foley Band, which took home Outstanding Country Act for the second time in three years.

South Shore nominee Duxbury native Juliana Hatfield, who reunit-

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Chris Denune and Dominic Frizzi of the band Cat Sass perform to a full-house at Ricky T's. The Cordage Park club celebrates its first anniversary this weekend.

A year of blues at the home of the 'rock'

Ricky T's celebrates with big first anniversary show

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

It's been a year since the blues came to Plymouth via Ricky T's — a hip nightclub tucked away in Cordage Park.

Ricky T's will celebrate with a special anniversary show Friday, April 19, which the club owner and staff hope will also kick off another great year as the South Shore's best new blues venue.

The party gets underway at 7:30 p.m. and features two live acts rather than the club's usual single headliner. On stage will be nationally-known Chicago Blues house-rockers Studebaker John & the Hawks and South Shore-based doo-wop a cappella vocal quintet Avenue X.

"We're happy with how our first year has gone. We feel we're now on the map of the area blues and jazz club scene," said Rick Thurstone of Plymouth— for whom the club is named. "I think blues and jazz fans in the area feel they can come here and get a high-quality show for an affordable price in a friendly and relaxing club atmosphere."

Jazz trumpet player and vocalist Johnny Souza is a fixture at the Plymouth blues club.

From the beginning Thurstone said the premise behind Ricky T's was to offer a variety of high-quality entertainment, not just blues and jazz, at a reasonable price, in an atmosphere where women as well as men can feel comfortable.

"The blues and jazz musicians we've had have

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Food & dining

Dressing up vanilla ice cream

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Although I am the author of "The Dessert Bible," I often opt for a dead simple dessert, especially if I am serving an impromptu dinner to neighbors. The easiest of these desserts are quick sauces served over store-bought vanilla ice cream. Sound plain? Sure, but a homemade raspberry, caramel, or chocolate sauce is just enough to dress up an otherwise ordinary offering.

If I am really pressed for time, a splash of good after-dinner liquor over a double scoop of Edie's Dreamery (not Edie's Grand) vanilla ice cream (the Cook's Illustrated first place winner) does the trick. I wondered, though, which liquor would be best? Sherry, port, and Armagnac were all winners. But would they taste better if simmered first into a syrupy consistency? I tested this approach, even adding sugar, cinnamon bark, allspice berries, cloves, peppercorns, etc. but the liquor had lost both its bite and identity. The result? A splash of sherry, port, or Armagnac over vanilla ice cream works just fine on its own.

Raspberry Sauce

Next, I investigated a simple fruit sauce. I opted for frozen rather than fresh since I was aiming for an all-season recipe. Blueberries and strawberries were disappointing – they were either watery or flat-tasting. Raspberries, on the other hand, hold their flavor and looked great to boot. Using a 12-ounce bag of frozen raspberries, I found that 2/3 cup of sugar and a tablespoon of lemon juice were just right. They required cooking for best flavor and consistency and a skillet cooked faster than a saucepan. A potato masher and a strainer finished the sauce and a touch of Cointreau or similar liqueur finished it off nicely.

RASPBERRY SAUCE

Only add a small amount of the liqueur at first and then taste the sauce before adding more.

12 ounces frozen raspberries
2/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 to 2 tablespoons orange flavored liqueur such as Cointreau or liqueur of your choice (optional)

Place the berries, sugar and lemon juice in a heavy-duty non-reactive skillet over medium heat. Bring the mixture to a boil and reduce heat to maintain an energetic simmer. Cook for about 5 minutes or until the mixture is thickened slightly, stirring occasionally. Half way through the cooking process press on the mixture with a potato masher to help break down the berries. Transfer the mixture to a mesh strainer (fine enough to capture the seeds) set over a bowl. Using a rubber spatula work the juice and pulp through the strainer until only a sticky mass of seeds remains. Discard the seeds. Stir the sauce to even out the consistency. Add the optional liquor. Serve at room temperature or chilled. Keeps in the refrigerator for several days.

Makes one cup.

Caramel Sauce

Caramel sauce is made from caramelized sugar with the addition of cream and/or butter. The trickiest part of the sauce is caramelizing the sugar so I decided to begin there. Sugar can be caramelized by either the wet or dry method. I have found that the wet method – water is added to the sugar at the outset of the process – is more foolproof and easier. I also found that the addition of lemon juice helps to avoid crystallization. My next concern was that once the sugar starts to color it goes from gold to burnt in a very short amount of time. I found I could lower the heat at the point where the sugar starts to color and the transformation from blond to dark amber is more controlled. (I also take the pan entirely off the heat as it begins to color, swirling the syrup as it cooks.) The time it takes to caramelize sugar will vary dramatically (from 8 to 15 minutes) depending on the type of saucepan you are using.

As for other ingredients, cream and butter made for the smoothest and most balanced sauce. After several batches I preferred 3/4 cup heavy cream and 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter to 1 1/2 cups sugar. A healthy pinch of salt was also welcome. The cream needs to be added carefully in small additions. (It can be heated to minimize the bubbling but the extra step and pan aren't really worth the effort.) While the caramel sauce is thick, intensely flavored, and delicious a couple tablespoons of rum or bourbon are a great addition. For a chocolate variation, try adding a few ounces of chopped bittersweet chocolate to the caramel sauce (whisked in while the sauce was still hot) The sauce keeps well in the refrigerator and may be reheated over low heat.

CARAMEL SAUCE

The type and size of saucepan will dramatically impact the cooking time. For a chocolate variation, add four ounces finely chopped semisweet or bittersweet chocolate to the finished sauce and stir until melted and well blended.

1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
1/2 cup water
1/4 teaspoon lemon juice
3/4 cups heavy cream
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
Pinch of salt
2 tablespoons dark rum or bourbon (optional)

Place the sugar, water and lemon juice in a small saucepan over medium heat. Stir to combine. Bring to a boil and cook until the mixture just begins to color, six to 12 minutes depending on your pan and cook top. Reduce heat to low and cook until dark amber, about two minutes longer, swirling the pan off the heat if the caramel colors unevenly. Remove from the heat. Very carefully add the heavy cream a little at a time since it will bubble vigorously, stirring after each addition. Add the butter and salt and stir until the butter is melted and the sauce uniform. Add the optional rum and stir to combine. Serve warm. May be kept covered in the refrigerator for several days and reheated over low heat until warm.

Makes about 1 1/4 cup

Chocolate Sauce

For a chocolate sauce, I tested hot fudge sauce, ganache, a chocolate glaze, and a cocoa based sauce. I felt the ganache was the grandest of them all: thick and rich. For the working recipe I started with one-cup heavy cream and 10 ounces of bittersweet or semisweet chocolate. In such sauces the addition of corn syrup, granulated sugar, butter, and vanilla is common. However, by adding sugar instead of corn syrup the sauce was thicker. Two tablespoons butter added shine and body and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla offered balance. In terms of technique, I borrowed a technique from Marcel Desaulniers' "Death by Chocolate" and added the chopped chocolate to the hot cream. I liked his method since there is no chance the chocolate can overcook.

CHOCOLATE SAUCE

Use the best chocolate you can find. Callebaut is my first choice but Ghirardelli is also very good.

1 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
12 ounces bittersweet or semi-sweet chocolate, finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Place the cream, sugar and butter in a small saucepan over medium low heat. Bring to a simmer. Extinguish heat, add the chocolate and cover the pan. Let sit for 5 minutes. Add the vanilla and whisk mixture until smooth and shiny. It will look curdled until it comes together. Serve warm. May be refrigerated for several days and reheated over low heat until warm.

Makes about 2 cups.

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ed with her pre-solo career band The Blake Babies and released God Bless the Blake Babies, on Rounder Records this past year, was up for Outstanding Album (Indie Label) but lost out to alterna-club favorites The Sheila Divine. And Stoughton acoustic singer/songwriter Lori McKennea was edged out by folk-rocker Melissa Ferrick for Outstanding Female Singer/Songwriter.

Godsmack followed up its stellar showings in the BMAs of 2000 and '01 with two more awards this year, including Outstanding Rock Band and Male Vocalist of the Year for snarling frontman Sully Erna. The band also delivered one of the evening's best live performances with its heavy-thrashing, nominated but non-winning single "Greed." Gloomy Springfield alterna-rockers Staind won for Act of the Year and for Single of the Year (the thoughtful, chart-topping "Its' Been Awhile").

Along with Aerosmith, representing the old school in the main winners circle was Carly Simon, who's often ironically described as a female look-alike of fellow warhorse, Steven Tyler. Simon won for Female Vocalist of the Year. The 56-year-old songstress also offered some irony of her own with her acceptance speech comment, "I'm glad you voted for someone to represent the youth movement."

South Shore-based rockers Aerosmith took the prizes for Album of the Year (Just Push Play) and Video of the Year ("Jaded") at last week's Boston Music Awards.

Mission of Burma became legends on the Boston club scene and nationally two decades ago with its influential, experimental art-noise sound. The band's Hall of Fame induction was introduced by long-time Boston fixture Willie "Loco" Alexander, who shared personal memories of MOB and mentioned that a couple of its songs have more recently been covered by Moby and REM.

This year's BMA was emceed by Joey McIntyre, and other featured performances were by Must, American Hi-Fi, acoustic folkster Bill Morrisey, Tribe of Judah, Mission of Burma, Tracy Bonham, Kay Hanley and The Sheila Divine. The show drew the usual excited sold-out house to the Orpheum.

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enjoyed playing here. They're generally gracious and very appreciative of having this sort of outlet to perform, they tend not to have big egos like some rock stars and rappers do," notes Thurstone.

It's also an older and more wide-ranging clientele that Ricky T's draws, said Thurstone. "It's mainly the 25 to 55 age group," he said. "And we're surprised for one thing how much of the older crowd likes to dance."

Thurstone had been a computer professional in Plymouth for 17 years when he became infatuated with live blues while on a business trip to South Carolina three years ago. To bring the blues home to Plymouth, Thurstone teamed up with designer friend Lin Morris to create an urban club atmosphere from a space in a restored Cordage Park warehouse.

As a result, Ricky T's expands somewhat on the interior and entertainment style of nearby Handlebar Harry's, sporting a bar, stage, dance floor, state-of-the-art sound system and indoor seating capacity for 98, plus wood flooring, beam ceilings and large wood pillars to effectively bring a taste of the old-school city clubs to Plymouth.

In its first year, Ricky T's was able to tap into not only the Boston but national market of blues bands for its 2001 concert series. Among the artists who've appeared are such homegrown favorites as Sugar Ray & the Bluetones, guitarist Duke Robillard, soulful blues vocalists Nicole Nelson and Michelle Wilson and good-time swing-bluesters The Love Dogs, plus nationally touring acts like Louisiana guitar-slinger Tab Benoit and Chicago singer/harpist Carey Bell.

For the coming season, Thurstone is sure the club can expand on its already healthy musical lineup, and plans to venture into other entertainment areas as well. April will also kick off a monthly standup comedy series, originally set to begin last fall but delayed for what the club owner described as reasons of appropriateness following September 11.

"We were somewhat limited with the kind of acts we could bring in last year to cover costs. But the bands that we had all enjoyed playing here and this year we should be able to bring them all back plus more," Thurstone said. "We're already booked through the end of June and into July."

Maintaining the Blooms of April

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

During the early weeks of April, the long-anticipated signs of spring greet enthusiastic gardeners around every corner. Each day, Mother Nature applies another brush stroke of color to the broadening palette of the emerging spring landscape. Gardens are dotted with colorful clumps of early tulips, daffodils and grape hyacinths. Spectacular mound of golden yellow forsythia create dazzling displays. Flowering quince bushes glow from afar, their multitude of vibrantly colored blossoms in shades of coral, pink, or fiery orange-red paint the landscape with cheerful abandon. Spring has surely sprung!

A profusion of lovely pink cherry and plum blossoms create a fairy-land of delicate, fleeting beauty. The showy, satiny flowers of star and saucer magnolias have burst into bloom and with no freezing temperatures in our upcoming forecast, their impressive blossoms may actually escape their traditional frost damage this season. Few trees rival the beauty of the early-blooming ornamental pears (Pyrus calleryana spp.). Rapidly gaining in popularity in recent years for use as street trees in both urban and residential areas, these perfectly-formed trees produce magnificent clouds of glistening, pure white blossoms followed by deep green, glossy leaves that persist well into the fall. These handsome specimens are tolerant of drought, poor soils and pollution and seldom require pruning.

Carpets of deep blue scillas and lavender chionodoxa create a magnificent backdrop for daffodils, which are putting on a splendid exhibition this spring. A gentle breeze carries the sweet perfume of heavenly hyacinths across the garden. Dense clusters of fragrant pink, white and deep blue bell-shaped flowers appear on thick, stout stems year after year. Drifts of grape hyacinths in shades of blue and a pure white form are perfect companions for primroses, pansies, tulips and daffodils.

Nearly every gardener has experimented with spring-flowering bulbs at some time.

These spring delights are generally planted as dormant bulbs during the early autumn of the previous season. Occasionally, the results of the efforts may be somewhat disappointing. The bulbs fail to come up or after a year or two, they stop flowering altogether. To ensure success, an understanding of what bulbs are and their cultural requirements may help you to select those that will best suit your needs and your growing conditions in the future.

The term "bulb" has come to encompass a large group of plants that are able to store energy in fleshy, underground structures. Only some of these are "true bulbs," including tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and lilies. A planting of true bulbs usually grows larger each year by producing new bulbs alongside the original parent bulb, which also continues to grow and produce flowers. Daffodils are prime examples. Their offspring can be seen when purchasing dormant bulbs with multiple "noses", each having the capability of producing blossoms the following season.

Although tulips are also true bulbs, after a few growing seasons the parent bulb dies, leaving only immature bulbs alongside that omen produce only leaves. No gardener car resist the beauty of a perfectly formed tulip but to enjoy their exquisite blooms each year, new bulbs should be planted every second or third season.

All bulbs prefer loose, porous soils with excellent drainage to prevent rotting. Heavy, clay soils should be amended with sand and organic matter to improve drainage. Raised beds are ideal. The large majority of bulbs perform best in sunny locations although sites that are shaded as the result of deciduous trees are acceptable as filtered sunlight will reach the plants during their active growth.

As mature bulbs, daffodils, hyacinths and other true bulbs have all the nutrients stored within their outer layers to produce flowers the first year. For reliable bloom in subsequent years, snip spent flowers so energy is not wasted producing seedpods. More importantly, it is essential that the foliage of the bulbs not be removed until it is brown, for this is how the plant manufactures food to carry the bulb through dormancy and produce next year's flowers. An application of fertilizer while these bulbs are actively growing will further assist in their annual return. Water throughout the growing season.

The waning foliage of crocuses, which are actually corms rather than true bulbs, tulips and many minor bulbs, although admittedly unsightly, tends to decline fairly rapidly but daffodil foliage seems to persist forever. Once standing tall and stately, their dense clumps of strap-like leaves flop and sprawl unattractively into early summer. Although most members of the narcissus family grow only a foot or so in height, they bloom early enough in the season to merit positioning them toward the middle of the border where their handsome blooms can be easily admired before the foliage of other perennials really any significant height. As their leaves deteriorate, the expanding foliage of surrounding perennials will hide the yellowing bulb foliage. Daylilies are particularly suitable companion plants, their dense, slender leaves gently arching to form mounds over the fading daffodil foliage.

Join the members of the Hanover Garden Club for their "Ask the Experts Night" to be held Thursday evening, April 18, 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church Hall, Rte. 139, in Hanover. Featured experts include Les Wyman, founder of Wyman Nursery in Hanson, Deborah Swanson, Plymouth County Extension Agent, and Bill Cannon, garden journalist for the Patriot Ledger I will be serving as moderator. A donation of $5 for non-members will be used for town beautification projects.

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THE FIFTH ANNUAL ELLISON CENTER GOLF CLASSIC "Fore the Arts" sponsored by BMW Gallery-Norwell will be held at Duxbury Yacht Club on May 20, and limited space is available for sponsors and foursomes. Golfers have a chance to win a BMW SAV for sinking a hole-in-one on the ninth hole of Duxbury's Yacht Club. BMW Gallery-Norwell is sponsoring the one-year lease on a new BMW X5-3.0 for a lucky competitor. In addition golfers will enjoy lunch, snacks, favors, prizes, celebrity guests, and a dinner reception featuring an exciting live auction. The day begins with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 12:45 p.m. Teams compete in a scramble format for the coveted Ellison Center Classic championship cup. The post tournament dinner, awards, and live auction will be held at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. For more information or to request a registration form call Laura Carlton at 781-934-2731 ext. 14. All proceeds benefit educational programs, teacher development and scholarships at South Shore Conservatory and Duxbury Art Association.

THE FRIENDS OF FLYING SANTA presents a 3-day lighthouse tour to the state of Maine. Tour dates are May 17, to May 19. You will visit the worlds biggest "Lighthouse Store" The Lighthouse Depot. Ticket price is $275 per person, includes a luxury tour bus, an on board narrator, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, a Flying Santa t-shirt, a boarding gift, a free raffle of a Harbour Light collectable, and your admittance to all the lighthouses and museums. The lighthouses included on the tour are, Spring Point Light, Bug Light, Portland Head Light, the East and West Cape Elizabeth lights, Doubling Point Range lights, Pemaquid Point light, Marshall Point light, Rockland Breakwater light, Owl's Head light and the Nubble light. Plus a stop at the world famous Shore Village Lighthouse Museum. For tickets and information call 781-925-0783 or visit www.flyingsanta.com All proceeds are used to fund The Friends of Flying Santa Christmas lighthouse tours.

MARSHALL TUCKER BAND will appear at The Company Theatre in Norwell May 5, showtime is 7 p.m. Still led by lead singer and founding member Doug Gray, the current lineup of The Marshall Tucker Band also includes Rusty Milner and Shawn Swanlund, who have been with MTB since 1984; bassist Tony Heatherly, formerly with the Toy Caldwell Band; and Chris Hicks and Barry Borden, formerly of the Outlaws. Tickets are $35 in advance for general admission and $38 day of show. There is a limited number of VIP tickets available at $65 which includes the best seats and a reception with the Marshall Tucker Band. Call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com for tickets and more information. The theatre is located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell.

A GALA EVENING AT BOSTON POPS The Friends, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting excellence in research and patient care, invites guests May 15, to dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Symphony Hall prior to the concert or simply attend the performance at 8 p.m. All proceeds from the evening will benefit cancer research at Dana-Farber. Admission, including dinner is $250 or an individual ticket to the concert is $125. For more information call 617-632-3021 or visit www.dana-farber.org/how/friends.

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets go on sale April 8, for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

AMERICAN BABY'S BABY FAIRE is coming to the Bayside Expo Center, 200 Mt. Vernon St., Boston. April 27 and 28. This event offers expectant parents and young families about 200 exhibits showcasing the latest in child care, parenting information and services; the newest products for infants and toddlers, exciting interactive children's exhibits and free products and samples. There will be continuous children's live entertainment throughout the weekend, in addition to roving cartoon characters for children to meet. Babies can compete hourly in the Babies "R" Us Baby Derby races for the title of Boston's "fastest crawler." Adults $8, children under age 12 and grandparents free. $3 discount admission coupons available at local Babies "R" Us.

FINE ARTS CHORALE, INC. The final concert of the 36th season will be performed on May 5, at 5 p.m. at Duxbury High School, St. George St., Duxbury led by Dr. Libor, Dudas, Music Director of the Fine arts Chorale. More than 50 voices from the Duxbury area and surrounding South Shore communities, along with pianists both Dawn MacGarvey from Duxbury and Brian Moll from Boston, percussionists and professional soloists from the Boston area will perform Leonard Bernstein's Missa Brevis and Carmina Burana, by Carl Orff. $15 adults/$12 seniors/students. Handicapped accessible. for information, call 1-800-230-7555 or fineartschorale@aol.com or www.fineartschorale.org

SOUTH SHORE YMCA AT MILL POND ROAD RACE The South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond Hanover branch is hosting its first annual 5-Mile road Race, with a 1.5 mile Family fun run/Walk on Sunday, May 19. Rain or shine. The Fun/Walk will be at 9 a.m. and the road race will be at 10 a.m. The cost of the road race will be $12 pre-registration and $15 day of the race. The first 300 registered 5-mile runners will receive free t-shirts. T-shirts will also be available for purchase the day of the race. Applications are available at SS YMCA and can also be downloaded at www.ssymca.org Call Greg Shinney at 781-829-8585 ext. 228 with any questions.

BLUE HILL WEATHER OBSERVATORY OPEN HOUSE AND KITE FESTIVAL Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the view, fascinating history and fun activities at the oldest continuously operating weather observatory on the continent. Activities will include kite making and kite flying, self-guided tours of the Weather Observatory, rooftop viewing, easy and breezy activities for kids, weather demonstrations, exhibits and displays, summit nature walk and guest lectures. All activities at Blue Hills Weather Observatory at the summit of Great Blue Hill. The event is free with a nominal supply charge for some activities. For information call 617-696-0562 or 617-698-1802.

MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA STRIDES THROUGH PLYMOUTH ON APRIL 28 More than 200 Plymouth area residents will walk through the town on April 28 as part of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The walk begins and ends Plymouth North High School and kicks off at 10 a.m. Following the walk, participants will enjoy entertainment and refreshments. For more information call 1-800-BIG-WALK or www.marchofdimes.com

Thurs. 18

The Hanover Garden Club presents **"Ask the Experts."** held at the First Congregational Church Hall, Route 139, Hanover. This will be an evening of learning secrets and finding answers to gardening successfully. The public is invited to attend and be prepared with gardening questions for Les Wyman, of Wyman Nurseries; Debbie Swanson, the premier horticulturist for Plymouth County Extension Service; and Bill Cannon, the garden journalist for the Patriot Ledger. Suzanne Mahler, the Mariner garden journalist, will be the moderator. Admission is $5. Light refreshments will be served.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., presents **"The Crucible"** at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, off Rt. 27, Brockton. Thursday, Friday Saturday, April 18, 19, 20, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. Tickets $12 general public/$10 student and senior citizen. Call 508-4271234 for information and tickets.

Showstoppers Summer Youth Theater organization announces registration for its summer theater program held during the months of June and July. This summer the organization will present the musical "Children of Eden" on July 18, 19, and 20, at 7:30 p.m. Registrations forms can be obtained by call 781-545-3643.for the two program.

Buttonwood Books and Toys and Buttonwood for Kids are hosting a poetry contest and all middle school students (grades 6, 7, 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month long event to celebrate Poetry Month. Students may submit their entries directly to Button wood Books & toys, Route 3A, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset or Buttonwood For Kids, 28 South St., Hingham Square, Hingham. Call 781-383-2665 or 781-749-2665 for rule and more information.

Fri. 19

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset, presents **Exterior Designs in Photography** April 19 to May 26 gallery artists include Jeremy Barnard, Stephanie Grenadier, Andrew Howard, Maria Lakhman, Susan Scavo Gallagher, Jim Smalley. The opening will be April 19, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The South Shore Astronomical Society presents **Astronomy Day 2002 Celebration** on April 19, at Turkey Hill in Hingham. This family event starts at 6 p.m. The club will be presenting telescopes will be available for viewing and learning, introductory lessons on navigating the night sky, children's activities, a slideshow: "a Tour of Our Solar System and Beyond" and the 4.5 inch Orion Dobsonian telescope complete with accessories to the winner of our Astronomy Essay. In the event of bad weather (clouds etc.) the event will be held on April 20. For additional information call Louis Gentile at 781-545-7067 or visit www.ssastros.org

South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition entitled Refigured in the Bancroft Gallery, April 19 to May 26. **Salvatore Scalora**, an Associate Professor of Art and the Director of the William Benton Museum of Art at the University of Connecticut was the juror. Opening reception April 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 781-383-2787 for more information or visit www.ssac.org

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation, Inc. presents the teen company in the musical **"Dirty Dancing"** on April 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 7 p.m. and April 21, and 28 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill No. 1, lower level. Admission is $8 adult, $5 child.

BeanZee's 203 Café, a specialty coffee, tea, beverage and food shoppe at The Hanover Mall will present **Michael McDonough** as its featured poet on April 19, at 7:30 p.m. Open mike. For more information call 781-829-9277.

Maria's Bachelorette Party, the original interactive dinner theatre show, a spoof on an **"Italian Bridal Shower"** has been extended April 19, at **The Tremont Playhouse**, 275 Tremont Street, Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40.95, includes dinner and show. Call 1-800-944-5639 for tickets.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, The opener will be Chuck Ochs, an acoustic guitarist, singer and musical historian. The coffeehouse will then feature "Swinging Steaks" an alternative country band out of Boston, Tim Giovanniello and Jaimie Walker, with their mandoline-driven melodies, harmonies and soulful ballads. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052.

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Single Executives Club and the Young Professionals Club will sponsor a social and dance on April 19, at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland, exit 14 off Route 3. Dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35-to 55 years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress required.

Swing into Spring, the annual charity fundraiser event for **DOVE, Inc.**, will be held April 19, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Boston Marriott, Quincy, 1000 Marriott Dr., Quincy featuring the music of Java Jive, a live and silent auction and light fare. Tickets are $50 per person and can be purchased by calling 617-773-2434 or requested via e-mail at dovefund@yahoo.com For 23 years DOVE Inc., has provided emergency shelter, crisis intervention, legal advocacy and housing assistance to battered women and their children through the Commonwealth. DOVE also assists teen victims of domestic violence, and works to end domestic violence through education.

The Company Theatre in Norwell presents its **Fifth Annual Gospel Music Celebration,** a two-night musical extravaganza featuring Boston and the South Shore gospel groups and choirs on April 19, and April 20. Both shows begin at 8 p.m. Among the groups scheduled to appear are the 40-plus person Boston Community Choir from Hyde Park; All God's Children and Robert Perry & for The Lord Ministries, both from Boston; The Brockton/Taunton based Love Divine; Randolph's Grace Singers; and Deviate, which is based in Pembroke. Tickets in advance are $18 and $21 the day of performance, are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787 or www.companytheatre.com

Sat. 20

Broadway Exchange in "Lullaby of Broadway," at the John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, April 20. Dinner show $39. Call for reservations 508-746-7100.

Eric Henderson's Lighthouse Theatre presents "Harry Potter" at the Beal House, 224 Main St., (Route 106) in Kingston. Performance date is April 20, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Admission: Kids $5, adults $10. For reservations call 508-747-6857.

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St.,

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Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

Eric Henderson's Lighthouse Theatre presents "Blithe Spirit" at the Beal House, 224 Main St., (Route 106) in Kingston. Performance dates are April 20, and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Admission adults $10 Children (12 and under) $5. Call 508-747-6847 for reservations.

MDC Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites presents its Spring Programs 2002. April 20, from 10 a.m. to noon Hemlock Gorge Spruce-Up It's time for spring cleaning. Help beautify this 23-acre woodland nestled along the banks of the Charles River. Join MDC staff and the Friends of Hemlock Gorge for this annual event. All programs are free and open to the public. Dress appropriately wear proper foot gear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.state.ma.us/mdc

Blue Hills by Mountain Bike Spring Ride Series – Join volunteers from the MDC Blue Hills TrailWatch crew on guided rides throughout the Blue Hills. April 20, six to eight miles, two hours, advanced beginner. Bring your own bike. Helmet required. Eye protection, gloves and water bottle recommended. All rides meet at 9 a.m. Call 617-698-1802 to register and for meeting location.

Sociable Singles presents **Swing into Spring** dancing to the music of **Steve Melvin – The Jailhouse Rocker** on April 20, at the Bay Pointe Country Club in Onset from 8 p.m. to midnight. Door prize, hors d'oeuvres. $10 non-members $7 members (with card) All single adults are welcome. Proper dress required, no jeans. For additional information call 877-626-4900 or http://sociablesingles.tripod.com/sociable.htm

South Shore Folk Music Club presents a folk music concert and open mike featuring **Aubrey Atwater-Elwood Donnelly** singing traditional American and Celtic American folk songs, a cappella pieces, hymns, dance tunes and original works. This event will take place at Duxbury Unitarian Universalist Church, next to Town Hall, Jct. 3A and Depot Street, on April 20, at 8 p.m. Sign up for open mike when doors open at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments, smoke/alcohol free, instrument loan program. $8 SSFMC members and church members/$10 non-members. For information call 781-871-1052 or www.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/ssfolk.shtml

Open House Wine Tasting at Corporate Park Unit 530, Pembroke, on April 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring small boutique styled wines from around the world, such as California Chardonnay's, California Syrah and Australian Shiraz. Food will be served. No charge. Call 1-800-814-0108 for information and directions.

South Shore Women's Business Network Breakfast meeting featuring Mark Henry Sebell, an innovation consultant and author of "Ban The Humorous Bazooika (And Avoid the Roadblocks and Speed Bumps Along the Innovation Highway) will be making a special keynote presentation on April 23, at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland. Register for this event by calling 781-749-8883. For more information visit www.sswbn.org

The South Shore Science Center will celebrate Earth Day on April 20 from noon to 4 p.m.. Representatives from various environmental organizations will be on hand to educate about environmental concerns. There will be displays on recycled plastics, composting, and environmentally friendly household products. Also included will be games, face painting, wildlife presentations (featuring Hedwig, the new barred owl), nature walks, eco-crafts, and great raffles. The whole family will enjoy live musical entertainment by Earth Tunes, and storyteller Richalee Wiggs. Rain or shine and open to the public. Admission is $30 for adults and $2 for children. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Cohasset Walks to Fight Multiple Sclerosis- The MS Walk, takes off from the South Shore Community Center at 10 a.m. and follows a six-mile path. Each walker is encouraged to raise $100, but most collect more than $200. Individuals and groups, and corporate and family teams can register by call 1-800-493-WALK, online at www.msnewengland.org, and in –person the day-of. Volunteers also make The MS Walk a success; interested persons should call the Chapter Office.

The Seaside Mothers of Multiples Club is holding a **Tag Sale** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Anthony R.C. Church Parish Center Hall, 10 Summer St., (corner of South Main St.) Cohasset. Items will include clothing, baby equipment, toys and much more. Cash only, no early admittance.

The North River Arts Society presents "Focus on Figures 2002" Drop off for the show is April 13, from 10 a.m. to noon and Tuesday, April 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. Focus on Figures 2002 is a members' show of figurative art in any medium. Members may submit up to three pieces. The work must be based on the human figure and not previously exhibited at the North River Arts Society. All work should be ready for presentation, i.e. two-dimensional items framed and wired for hanging, three-dimensional items should have pedestals. The show will open April 20 to 27, from noon to 3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills Village. There will be a preview opening April 19, from 7 to 11 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

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Sun. 21

Duxbury Art Association will sponsor a vacation printmaking workshop April 21, at 2 p.m. Printmaker and teacher Beverly Carreiro will conduct the workshop "The Art of Monotype Printing" for children ages 10 and over. Pre-registration and attendance will be limited. A $5 fee to cover the cost of materials will be collected at the workshop. For directions and to register call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation presents Special Forum Series **Responding to Terrorism** April 21, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. **"What Would JFK Do?"** President Kennedy's Special Assistant **Theodore Sorensen** played a key role in forming JFK's foreign policies. Despite the passage of time and the collapse of the Soviet Union, many of Kennedy's core beliefs about human nature, international relations, and the role of the U.S. in the world remain relevant to our time. Mr. Sorensen will articulate President Kennedy's views and apply them to the current international situation. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations are required. Reservations guarantee a seat in the building but not the main hall. Doors to the main hall open one hour before the program begins. Call 617-929-4571 for reservations. Speakers' schedules may change, call 617-929-1247 to confirm all forums before coming to the library. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. April 21, a moderate walk, varied terrain, three plus miles. Sawcut Notch to Great Dome. Return via Crag's Footpath. Meet at Shea Rink parking lot on Willard Street in Quincy. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

The 19th Spring, Greater Boston, Antique and Collectible Toy Show will be held April 21, at the Holiday Inn, Dedham, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rare hard to find toys and models, including die-cast cars and trucks, fire engines, patrols cars and more. Call Mrs. Devlin at 508-379-9733 for information. Dedham Holiday Inn is located on Route One at exit 15A off Route 128/95.

The First Annual Shawn D. Patterson Memorial Road Race, 10K/5K Run, 5K Walk and Fun Run for Children under 10 will be held April 21, at 11:30 a.m. at the Gates Intermediate School, 327 First Parish Road, Scituate. Check in April 20, from 10 a.m. to noon or on race day at 9 a.m. For more information call 508-790-5834. Online application www.tirc.org/shawn_patterson_memorial_registration.htm Awards will be giving to top three men and women in 5K and 10K runs, each fun run participant will receive a ribbon.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. presents **Peddock's Island Earth Day Cruise**. Experienced volunteers will make your day memorable as you explore this 188 acre island in Boston Harbor, or you may explore on

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery at the Duxbury Free Library presents "Expressions in Oil" by artist Rita Brace for the months of April and May. The library is located at 77 Alden Street. For hours and information call (781) 934-2721.

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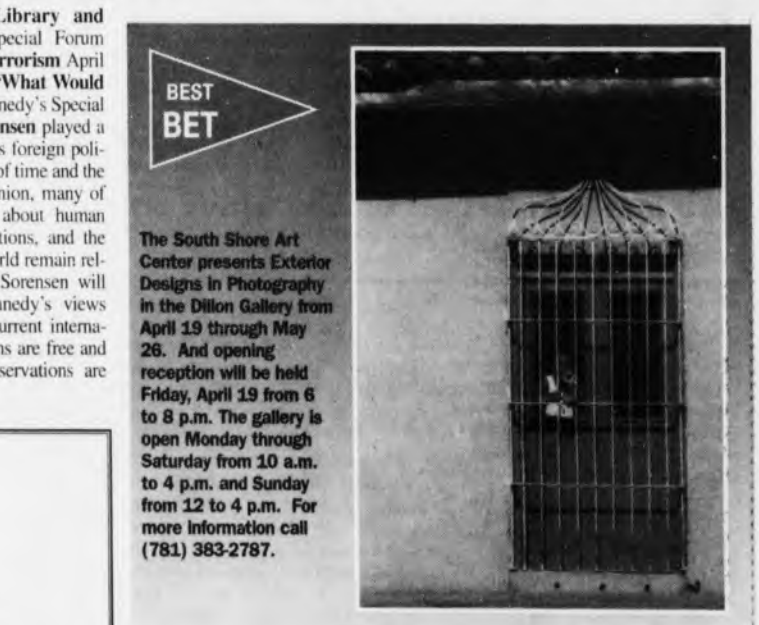

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The South Shore Art Center presents Exterior Designs in Photography in the Dillon Gallery from April 19 through May 26. And opening reception will be held Friday, April 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. For more information call (781) 383-2787.

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APRIL 18 - APRIL 26, 2002

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents a folk music concert and open mike featuring Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly singing traditional American and Celtic American folk songs, a cappella pieces, hymns, dance tunes and original works. This event will take place at the Duxbury Unitarian Universalist Church, next to Town Hall, at the intersection of Route 3A and Depot Street, on April 20, at 8 p.m. Sign up for open mike when doors open at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments, smoke/alcohol free, instrument loan program. $8 SSFMC members and church members/$10 non-members. For information call 781-871-1052 or www.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/ssfolk.shtml

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you own. April 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. leaving from Long Wharf, Boston, Aquarium T Stop. Bring a lunch, appropriate clothing for the weather, camera, binoculars and all your friends. Adults $17, seniors $16, members of FBHI $15, children 3 to 12 $8, children 2 and under free. Call 781-740-4290 fir reservations. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 9 a.m. on April 21. Cash only.

Plymouth Walks to Fight Multiple Sclerosis- The MS Walk, takes off from Plymouth North High School at 10 a.m. and follows a six-mile path. Each walker is encouraged to raise $100, but most collect more than $200. Individuals and groups, and corporate and family teams can register by call 1-800-493-WALK, online at www.msnewengland.org, and in-person the day-of. Volunteers also make The MS Walk a success; interested persons should call the Chapter Office.

Mon. 22

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation presents **Kennedy Library Forums Spring 2002** April 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. "Is the Human Rights Era Ending?" **Michael Ignatieff**, Director of the Carr Center for Human Rights policy at Harvard, leads a discussion concerning whether in the aftermath of Sept. 11, the era of human rights has come and gone. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations are required. Reservations guarantee a seat in the building but not the main hall. Doors to the main hall open one hour before the program begins. Call 617-929-4571 for reservations. Speakers' schedules may change, call 617-929-1247 to confirm all forums before coming to the library. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org

Tues. 23

Wildlife and Nature Photographer, Bill Silliker will present a free lecture and slide show at the South Shore Camera Club in Quincy on April 23, at 7:30 p.m. The general public is invited, and admission is free. The South Shore Camera Club meets at the Quincy Point Congregational Church, located at the intersection of Washington Street and the Southern Artery in Quincy.

The South Shore Science Center in Norwell is offering a day trip to see an exhibit on teapots, traditions in elegance at the Concord Museum on April 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. An exhibit that contains more than 100 18th and 19th century teapots on loan from the Norwich Castle Museum's Twining Teapot Gallery in Norwich, England. From there a trip to Concord's Colonial Inn for High Tea. The fee is $45 members/$47 garden club members/$50 non-members and includes transportation on a luxury coach, admission to the exhibit, and High Tea. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 781-659-2559 for registration.

Wed. 24

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will hold its meeting on April 24, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting topic will be "Hospice Care and the Alzheimer patient" featuring Marian LaFreniere, RC, who is liaison nurse for Old Colony Hospice. ADSGSS meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham. For further information, call Toni Abbott at 781-749-1823 or Joe Willard at 781-749-0795. Respite care for the patient is available at no cost during the meeting at Harbor House in Hingham. Call Gervaise Haley at 781-749-4774 x 843 by 3 p.m. on April 24, to reserve respite care.

Dinner Theatre at Raffael's at the Skyline Room at Raffael's Restaurant, 1 Enterprise Dr., N. Quincy. On April 24*, and 25 **Beau Paris presents Motown A Musical Revue** The music of Marvin Gaye, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson and The Supreme's. Beau's voice and style has delighted audiences all over the South Shore for many years. Paris has been performing every Sunday night at Raffael's. Join him for his first dinner theater production. Tickets are $45 per person or $35 per person for the matinee series. *April 17 and 24 offer two shows lunch and dinner. Ticket includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Lunch starts at noon. To order tickets via credit card, call Raffael's Restaurant at 617-328-1600.

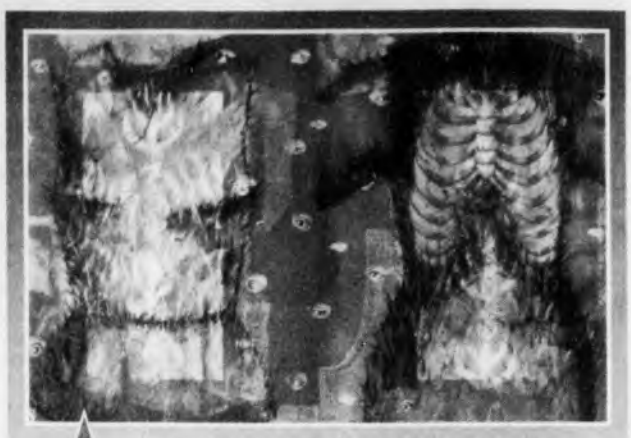
Thurs. 25

David P. Hodgdon, lecturer and photographer, will present "The Oldest Reservations-Park System in the United States - Blue Hills and Neponset River Reservation 1893" on April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington St., Braintree. This slide lecture opens a display of "Blue Hills Adventures", a color photography and map exhibit of Blue Hills of the Last 25 Years." The exhibit can be seen at the main library from April 25 through June 7. For more information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

Jimbo's in Braintree will host a comedy show April 25, featuring **Teddi Bergeron** along with **Ted Barrett, Annette Pollack, Troy Diamond, Chris McCabe, and Brenda Nason, the magician**. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. special-priced appetizers will served during the show. Call 781-848-0300 for more information or visit www.Jimbossouth.com

Fri. 26

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **"Oliver"** at the Cohasset Town Hall. Performances are April 26, 27, May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and April 28, May 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door and by phone at 781-544-0304. Bring a canned good or non-perishable item to donate to the local food pantry and receive $1 off your ticket price.



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The South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition "Re-figured" in the Bancroft Gallery, April 19 to May 26. Salvatore Scalora, an Associate Professor of Art and the Director of the William Benton Museum of Art at the University of Connecticut was the juror. An opening reception will be held April 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 781-383-2787 for more information or visit www.ssac.org

Milton Players will perform Neil Simon's comedy, **London Suite**, at the Milton Woman's Club, 90 Reedsdale Rd. (Rt. 28) in Milton. Evening performances on April 26 and 27, and May 3 and 4 begin at 8 p.m. Friday evenings are reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. The Saturday matinee is at 2 p.m. on April 27. To order tickets ($11-$17) call 617-698-SHOW. For more information visit The Milton Players web site at www.miltonplayers.org

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance April 26, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Eric Henderson's Lighthouse Theatre presents "Blithe Spirit" at the Beal House, 224 Main St., (Route 106) in Kingston. Performance dates are April 20, and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Admission adults $10 Children (12 and under) $5. Call 508-747-6847 for reservations.

Camp Kiwanne in Hanson benefit featuring the comedy of **Bob Niles, Annette Pollack and Brenda Nason**. Tickets are $15 and includes an Italian buffet. Tickets may be purchased by calling Anne Marie at 781-293-2333

The Harbour Choral Arts Society presents "Rise Up Singin" a 15th anniversary celebration directed by Chad Weirick April 26, at 8 p.m. St. Andrew's Church, Hanover and April 27, at 8 p.m. Old South Church in Weymouth. Tickets are $10 at the door. For more information call 781-871-0539

The Abington United Church of Christ, Bedford Street, Abington, **Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale** will be held April 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday April 27, from 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday is Bag Day – buy one bag get one bag free.

The Company Theatre in Norwell will present "Cinderella" performed by the children of The Academy of The Company Theatre on April 26, at 7:30 p.m., April 27, at 7:30 p.m. and April 28, at 2 p.m. Tickets for this family show are $10 in advance and $12 day of performance. Tickets are available at the box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr., Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com

Tri-Valley Marriage Encounter will conduct a marriage encounter weekend April 26, 27, and 28 at the LaSalette Center for Christian Living, 947 Park St., Attleboro, from 8 p.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Sunday. This weekend program offers couples of all ages and denominations the opportunity to examine their marriages and the goals they share. The couples are invited to rediscover each other away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life. This privately shared weekend experience, with a focus on communication, is designed to deepen and enrich a marriage. This is not a group therapy, a sensitivity program, or a retreat. For registration or further information, contact John or Carol Dugan at 508-876-1004.

The James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell will conclude its 2001-2002 season with a piano recital by pianist **Jonathan Bass** on April 26, at 8 p.m. Reception. Tickets $25. Call 781-659-7100 for tickets and information.

The Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy, presents **"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"** on April 26, 27, 28, May 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 18, 19. Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show; Sunday, April 28, and May 5, 5 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. show; Sunday, May 12, and May 19, 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 p.m. show. Tickets $37.50, dinner and how; $17.50 show only. Group rates available for 20 or more. Wheelchair accessible.

Reunions

PEMBROKE IMPERIALS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS. 25 YEARS AFTER: A reunion is scheduled for June 22, at Anne's Place in East Sandwich. Anyone and everyone who was affiliated with the Jr. and Sr. Imperials are welcomed to attend. This will be an adult function starting at noon. Tickets are $35. If interested, visit the website at www.Masscorpslinks.com/imperials.htm for more information.

XAVERIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, AND 1997 will hold a joint reunion on Saturday, June 1, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 6 p.m. Cocktail reception at 7 p.m. Reunion clambake at 8 p.m. Reservation dateline is May 21. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

MISSION CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL GRAND CLASS REUNION FOR ALL CLASSES FROM 1929 TO 1992 on Saturday, June 15, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 4 p.m. cocktail reception at 5 p.m. Dinner and program at 6 p.m. Reservation deadline: Friday, June 7. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982's 20th reunion is all set. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 5, at the Sheraton Braintree. Organizers are still looking for classmates. Contact Eric Braley by phone at 302-793-2068 or by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Enthusiasm and energy run high, making this an exceptional day across the board. Influences are prime for launching enterprises, sharing ideas, making long-range plans and goals. Get new projects off the ground before 3:12 p.m., when Mercury forms a harmonious contact to expansive Jupiter. Lunar alignments to the sun and Uranus reinforce a sun/Uranus alignment this evening. Change your routine and do something different. The Gemini moon becomes inactive at 10:17 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

The moon enters the sign Cancer at 2:01 a.m., placing the focus on home and family matters. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Neptune can make for a slow start. Creativity and artistic sensitivity run high. On the other hand, important signings and practical decisions are off limits. Lunar alignments to Jupiter and Mercury make this an evening to share a special dinner with family and close friends.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

This is a wonderful day to tackle projects around the home. Beautify your surroundings; purchase new appliances, repaint or renovate, tackle spring cleaning chores or go on a cooking, baking spree. The moon continues to travel in domestic Cancer and forms a flowing 60-degree contact to Venus at 7:55 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Spend extra time with children and pets. Be more nurturing and sensitive to the needs of others. Plan a quiet evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

The sun enters Taurus at 2:21 a.m., remaining there until May 21. The moon enters Leo at 8:21 a.m., and the green light goes on for new beginnings across the board. At 8:48 a.m. the first quarter phase of the moon occurs. A full moon is building and will culminate April 26. This evening is one of the best for partying. Forget your troubles and let the good times roll.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

A Leo moon prompts you to take a vacation from routine and responsibilities. Go with your playful side. Enjoy favorite sports, hobbies, friends. On the other hand, if you are working you can make gains developing projects that need financial or moral support from others.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

A lunar opposition to Uranus at 8:30 a.m. can make for a rough start to this day. Take it slow and easy. Pay extra attention to details. At this time the Leo moon becomes inactive until 11:35 a.m., when it enters industrious Virgo. Roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished this afternoon. Zero in on jobs that have been left hanging and need a finishing touch. You can be most productive. Sidestep fears, worries between 8:05-11:05 p.m., when the moon aligns with Mars.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Stormy astrological weather makes for a challenging day. The best way to channel today's influences is to stay busy. Clean out and reorganize; get your life in order. Stock up on healthy foods and vitamins. Get back on track with diets and physical fitness programs. The Virgo moon forms potentially stressful 90-degree alignments to Saturn in the morning and Pluto in the afternoon. In addition, Venus forms a 90-degree contact to Uranus. Others may be irritable, difficult to please. Compliments will work better than criticism.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

A full moon is building up, adding energy and intensity to the next couple of days. It's a good time to take on a big work project. You can be most productive. The Virgo moon aligns with Venus at 10:06 a.m. and becomes inactive. At 12:22 p.m. the moon enters Libra, generating a social mood. This is a wonderful afternoon/evening for making new contacts, meeting people, establishing new partnerships.

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Cemetery gates get new life

Board wants to tap new fund

By Evan Schiff
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The Beechwood Cemetery — which was built on land donated by early settlers Aaron Pratt and Isaac Bates back in the 18th century — is one of the most historic sites in town.

"We just want to get the project in the pipeline early so the committee has plenty of time to look at it."
— Glenn Pratt, Cemetery Study Committee

The Cemetery Study Committee recently completed expansion and renovation at the town-owned cemetery, and would like to restore the old cemetery gates, which were found in a shed at the site.

CEMETERY, PAGE 8

Landscaper sounds the alarm at condo complex

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, left, discusses strategy with firefighter Randy Rosano during the two-alarm fire in a unit at 100 Pond Street on Monday morning.

Attic fire causes major damage

By Mary Ford
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Scott Tausevich of Lawn King usually looks down as he spreads fertilizer on the grass at the condominium complex, dubbed 100 Pond Street. But at about 9 a.m. Monday morning a loud popping sound caught his attention so he looked up.

"I told them to call 9-1-1."
— Scott Tausevich, landscaper

"I could see smoke billowing from the vents," he said about unit 42. Tausevich didn't waste any time. He ran over and pounded on the front door of all three of condominium units in the building, finally raising an elderly couple in unit 44.

"I told them to call 9-1-1," he said.

No one was injured in what turned out to be a two-alarm fire, possibly caused by a ceiling fan or ceiling fan and light combination in an upstairs bathroom of unit 42. The nearly 20-year-old complex consists of some attached and some

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SIGN OF THE SEASON

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Zoe Whilton dances under the cherry trees around the duck pond on the common during last week's warm spell.

Tiny structure could sprout floors

Townhouse would triple building size

By Mary Ford
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The small structure was once a candy shop. In another life, it was a fish store.

Could a three-story townhouse be in its future?

Tom Fogarty, owner of the small building at 95 Elm St., across from Kimball's at the harbor, would like to expand the structure into a townhouse-like home for his family that includes his wife and two children.

But before he can do that, Fogarty needs special permits from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The former shop is in the downtown business zone, so Fogarty needs zoning relief for a residence, which is only allowed by special permit in that zone.

He also needs a special permit to expand a non-conforming use because the existing structure does not meet certain setback requirements.

The building, which abuts James Brook, is also in the flood plain and the small backyard can get water as often as monthly during certain high tides.

Fogarty would like to create a drive-through and utility area on the first floor with the living area on the second and third floors.

The family cars would drive through a breezeway through the first floor into the backyard where there is just enough room for a three-point turn so the vehicles could turn around and come out frontward.

Fogarty would request special mirrors either across Elm Street or attached to the house to provide motor vehicle operators exiting the breezeway with a way to see what's coming along Elm Street.

Plans are to maintain the existing footprint of the house and build up. The second floor would consist of the master bedroom, kitchen, dining area, and living room. The third floor would have two more bedrooms and two baths and a small deck area. The total area would be about 2,140 square feet which would about triple the building's current size.

The building would meet the maximum allowed height requirement of 35 feet.

Although the plans do not increase the nonconformity in relation to side setbacks,

STRUCTURE, PAGE 3

Local family takes the stage in 'Oliver'

By Evan Schiff
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The Cohasset Dramatic Club can make its participants feel like they are all one big family — maybe that's because some of them are.

The Murrays, 8 West Gate Lane, will all participate in the dramatic club's upcoming show "Oliver," which premiers this weekend at Town Hall and runs through the next three weekends.

Betts Murray and her husband Wisner, are singing in the adult chorus while their daughter, Polly, portrays an orphan. However, the Murrays' son, Wiz, will be claiming most of the spotlight when the family takes the stage, because he landed the lead role of Oliver.

While no one else in the family has any significant time on stage, young Wiz has been acting for some time. He has acted in "Oliver" before as well as performing in plays such as "The King and I," and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

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Wisner Murray, Jr. (center) plays Oliver in the Cohasset Dramatic Club production of the same name while his dad Wisner, sister Polly, and mom Betts also have roles in the show.

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Neighbor wants Red Lion's roar to become whisper

By Evan Schiff
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The Red Lion wants to be a good neighbor but an abutter says the establishment — that includes an inn, bar, restaurant and function halls — must live up to its promises.

Reacting to complaints from a neighbor, the Planning Board has asked the Red Lion Inn to provide it with a set of "as built" plans, which are blueprints that depict a final picture of what was built at the site.

Rena Karp, 91 S. Main Street, said she is continually bombarded with loud noise and invasive lighting from the building. She also said the Red Lion Inn hasn't planted trees on the property line to shield her home from both noise and lighting as promised.

"Our main concern is that the building didn't turn out the way it was presented," she said. "They've really taken advantage of us."

Karp also said the inn agreed to restrict the parking lot, which abuts her property, for hotel guests only but that hasn't been the case.

"People are hanging out drinking and smoking all night only 20 feet from our house," she said. "I've had to call the police a number of times."

She said she can often smell the cigarette smoke if her windows are open and the loud noises can wake her family.

"When the function hall lets out, we have hundreds of people banging their doors and just generally being loud outside our house," said Karp, adding there are also large delivery trucks that block her in her driveway for up to a half hour.

Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, said he will do everything in his power to appease his neighbor. He said he is intent on adding more screening to the parking lot as well as hiring a security guard to patrol the area after the functions are over.

"We want to address these problems to make sure we are not upsetting anyone," Ordelheide said. "Once these issues were brought to my attention I'm going to try and solve them."

"We want to address these problems to make sure we are not upsetting anyone."
— Gerd Ordelheide, owner

Ordelheide will ask all the bands that play at the inn to plug into a device which will shut down the speakers if the noise is raised over a certain decibel level.

"It's a way to try and control the noise concerns that some of the abutters have," he said. "If that doesn't work, we'll try something else."

Planning Board chairman Al Moore said while some of the issues are not necessarily planning ones, the board will do its best to assist in the situation.

"I think all the parties involved want to cooperate," Moore said. "We will provide a forum for them to discuss matters."

Moore said the "as built" plans will help the board determine where extra screening should be located if it's necessary, as well as ascertaining whether the parking lot is too large.

"There was a pretty good give and take session," Moore said concerning the meeting last week. "It's a situation which should be able to be worked out."

Town Planner Liz Harrington said if the board finds anything on the final plans that is outside what was originally approved, it will send a letter to Building Inspector Bob Egan.

"We are going to try and resolve any problems the two sides may have," Harrington said. "It's pretty clear everyone wants to do the right thing."

Harrington said there is significant screening depicted in the original plans that the board will examine.

"We're want to make sure everything we approved actually got done," she said.

This week in COHASSET

Brush accepted

Residential brush will be accepted at the DPW parking area until April 28. No trees over 2-ins. in diameter. No contractors.

Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of April 22.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, April 25, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, April 25, 7:30 p.m. at the high school library

School Building Committee, April 29, 6 p.m.

Water Resource Protection Committee, April 25, 7:30 p.m. at 339 King St.

Sewer Commission, May 20, 6 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Surveying to begin

In preparation for the construction phase of the Greenbush project, MBTA contractors J. Cashman Inc./Balfour Beatty Inc., will survey Cohasset and other Greenbush towns through the first week in May.

The surveying began April 22 and will continue through May 3 as contractors will conduct measurements and confirm boundaries within the railroad right of way. The process will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each weekday. The week of April 22 the following areas will be surveyed:

- Green Street in Weymouth to the proposed West Hingham station site
- Proposed North Scituate station in Scituate to Cohasset Village
- Between Hingham and Weymouth

The week of April 29, the following areas will be surveyed:

- Allen Street, Braintree to Green Street
- Driftway in Scituate to proposed North Scituate station
- Between Scituate and Cohasset

Resignation announced

Patti Keville, the town's representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council as well as a member of the Growth and Development Committee, announced her resignation from the two boards this week. Keville is moving from Cohasset so will no longer be able to serve on either of the boards.

Selectman Tom Callahan said she will be missed.

"She did a lot of hard work for this town," he said. "I just want to thank her for all she has done."

Town Manger Mark Haddad was appointed as an interim replacement to be the town's representative to MAPC.

Senior meeting

On May 21, there will be a meeting between Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, the Council on Elder Affairs, the South Shore Elder Services and the selectmen to discuss the impact of the anticipated state budget cuts on programs for seniors. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Lincoln to stay

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln has agreed to delay his retirement for at least one year and continue at his current position. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he approached Lincoln a couple of weeks ago and asked him to stay.

"With two new department heads at the police department and the department of public works, I felt the town would best be served by some stability in the fire department," he said. "Roger (Lincoln) has served the town well for more than 32 years and I appreciate his willingness to stay."

Lincoln said he didn't take much convincing.

"I'm looking forward to staying in the fire department another year," Lincoln said. "It's the best job in the world."

Lincoln will be paid what is budgeted for the fire chief's position, said Haddad who entered into a one-year contract extension with Lincoln. "There is no impact on the fiscal year 2003 operating budget," he said.

Liquor license

Selectmen granted a one day liquor license for the Art for Living Design Gallery on April 26 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a grand opening reception to allow customers and artists to meet.

Eagle Scout

Andrew Dennis, 374 Beechwood St., will receive his Eagle Scout Rank on May 11. This is a special occasion for Andrew since only a very few who participate in Boy Scouts every attain this rank, the highest the Boy Scouts offer. The ceremony will take place at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 1 p.m.

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Sun. 28	12:27	12.0	6:47	1:02	11.1	7:03
Mon. 29	1:16	12.0	7:37	1:53	10.7	7:52
Tues. 30	2:05	11.6	8:28	2:45	10.2	8:42
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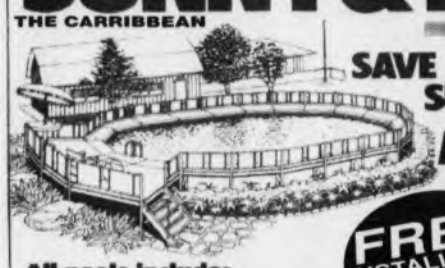

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Teacher claims discrimination

Files suit against school with MCAD

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A popular Cohasset high school teacher, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, has filed a complaint with the state alleging school officials have discriminated against her because of her illness.

Eileen Rohrer, an art teacher at Cohasset high since 1995, filed the claim with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, alleging that school principal Michael Jones, and assistant principal Jack DeLorenzo, have both discriminated against her and failed to accommodate her needs.

While he wouldn't comment on specifics regarding the case, superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey said the claims are unfounded.

"We have evidence to refute her statements," Malvey said. "Those are not accurate statements and are simply her interpretation."

In a telephone interview Jones declined to comment, and referred calls on the matter directed to him and DeLorenzo to Malvey.

In her affidavit, Rohrer states having MS is a major impairment in her life. She said she has difficulty with walking and maintaining her balance, and she is often fatigued and sometimes suffers from migraines and speech difficulties.

Rohrer, who has been a teacher since 1979 having worked in both Weymouth and Belmont, added due to the nature of MS, the frequency and severity of her symptoms vary. The only certainty being that stress will exacerbate her symptoms.

She further claims that when she relayed this information and requests for accommodation to the school, "it retaliated against me, discriminated against me and has failed to reasonably accommodate me."

Rohrer, a Golden Apple Award recipient for best teacher in 1998, also said the school has given her a parking spot which is located outside a locked door, requiring her to walk around the perimeter of the building. She also claimed that the school gave her a poor evaluation, the first of her career, on the last day of school which violated collective bargaining agreements.

Ed Leonard, the teacher's union president, said the union has filed a grievance in relation to the evaluation.

"We would agree that evaluating a teacher on the last day of class is a violation of the collective bargaining agreement," Leonard said. "A procedure is in place and we will be meeting with an arbitrator soon."

Malvey said even though Rorher received the Golden Apple Award and had a yearbook dedicated to her, that doesn't necessarily reflect her performance.

"The award and the yearbook are both voted on by students," Malvey said. "It doesn't automatically mean a teacher is an excellent one."

Rorher also claimed that rather than being allowed to use her free periods to rest and conserve energy at home, she was given the option of lying down in the nurse's office with sick students if she became fatigued. She added Jones and DeLorenzo have started to document each time she leaves the building even though her contract allows for her to do so unimpeded.

"No other teacher is asked to notify or seek permission in any way for leaving on free time," she said.

Leonard said according to the collective bargaining contract, a teacher should be allowed to use their free time however they see fit.

"The way it is set up the free time is a teacher's professional time to do what they want," he said. However, the union is not involved with any aspect of the complaint, save the grievance on the evaluation.

Rohrer added another symptom of MS is having urgent and frequent bladder syndrome. She said when she requested help in emergency bathroom trips she was given no help and told to "ask somebody."

Currently, the complaint is being reviewed by the MCAD. A conference is scheduled for next week in which both sides will air their cases for an appointed investigator.

According to Marlania Bugg, a spokesman for MCAD, the meeting is supposed to jump start the investigative process. After the session, the investigator will examine the issues and if he finds there is probable cause for discrimination then the parties will enter the conciliation process in which they try to reach an agreement. If none can be hammered out, it goes to a public hearing. However, if the investigator finds there is no probable cause, the case is dismissed.

Rohrer has a bachelor of fine arts from the Massachusetts College of Arts as well as holding a teacher certification for visual arts in grades kindergarten through 12.

Tiny structure could sprout floors

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a special permit is required because of the increase of square footage within the setback, ZBA chairman Woody Chittick said.

The proposed house would be on the sewer and would not create any greater obstruction in the flood plain than what is already there.

John and Nancy Butler, who own 97 Elm St. — where they operate their company Image Acoustics on the top floor and rent out to Global Travel on the bottom floor — spoke against the proposal. The Butlers' building is only inches from 95 Elm St. on one side.

John Butler explained that by building up next door, all windows would be blocked on that side of his building, cutting off light to the offices.

"It's a wonderful place where we are now, we love it and would hate to see it hurt," Mr. Butler said.

Chittick read a letter from the local Chamber of Commerce, which is also opposed to converting the structure from a home to a business. The chamber is against eroding the amount of business property in town and pointed out that business uses would not be allowed in a residential zone.

The Zoning Board continued the hearing until May 20.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

The owner of 95 Elm St., at right, wants to renovate the structure into a townhouse-style home but first he needs zoning relief.

Water main flushing continues through May 1

The Cohasset Water Department annual flushing of water mains continues Thursday (April 25), Monday (April 29), Tuesday (April 30), and Thursday (May 1).

Cohasset residents are cautioned to avoid doing laundry, running dish washers, or showing during the flushing, and are advised to turn on an outside faucet the next morning for a few minutes until the water runs clear. The flushing may cause a temporary discoloration of the water which can be remedied by running the outside faucet.

Iron Out is available free at the Lily Pond Treatment Plant, 339 King St., which will remove stains from any laundry which may be affected by the flushing. The Water Dept. office is open from 7:30 am – 3: p.m., Monday – Friday.

Residents may call the Water Department at 383-0057 if they have any questions.

"Flushing the water mains will help improve water quality."
— Water Commission Chairman John McNabb.

Plan to improve town water quality

The Board of Water Commissioners has announced its 2002 Water Systems Improvement Program, which will be funded by the $2,000,000 borrowing authorized by vote of the March 31, 2002 Annual Town Meeting and $396,155 previously authorized.

"These water system improvements will improve water quality and fire protection throughout Cohasset," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission.

These Water System Improvements will include the following:

•**$1,926,355** to rehabilitate about 11,735 feet, just over two miles, of water mains throughout Cohasset, which will remedy insufficient fire flows, which were identified through fire flow tests conducted last Fall, and make other improvements that are necessary to improve fire protection, water service, and water quality throughout Cohasset, pursuant to the Tutela Capital Improvements Plan (CIP), as revised.

•**$261,800** to make needed improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, pursuant to the Weston & Sampson CIP, including the installation of Variable Frequency Drives on the Finished Water Pumps and flow paced chemical feeds.

•**$100,000** for watershed protection measures, pursuant to the Norfolk RAM 5-year plan for watershed protection, which will include GIS mapping of stormwater discharges in the Lily Pond watershed, a storm-water protection plan to reduce nutrient loading in the Pond, and a limnological study of the Pond to fully identify sources of nutrients and to recommend corrective measures.

•**$100,000** for annual capital maintenance, to continue to make repairs as needed and to replace and improve capital equipment on an ongoing basis.

The Water Commission also expects to spend $250,000, to be reimbursed by the MBTA, to relocate the Sohier Street well away from the Greenbush Right of Way.

"Since 1994, the Water Commission has rehabilitated over 12 miles of water mains, about 1/3 of the 36 miles of water mains in the distribution system," said McNabb.. "As we continue to make water system improvements we expect to see more improvements in fire flows, water service, and water quality in Cohasset, for the benefit of all our customers and for the Town as whole."

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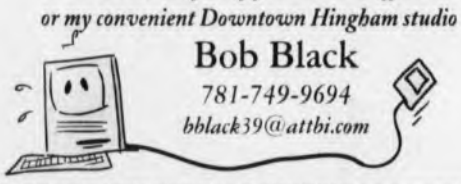

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Local students named to Xaverian, NDA honor rolls

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

SUMMER'S COMING

Hello Cohasset, I hope that everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable school vacation week. The next couple of months seem to go really quick and then summer will be here! This year has gone by so fast that I cannot believe we are that close to summer. Make sure to stop everyday or so and really take the time to "smell the roses". I never quité understood what my mom meant when I was younger when she would say, "the older you get, the faster time seems to go" until the last few years. She was so right in what she was saying and now I wish I could hold onto those hands of time and slow them down.

NEW ARRIVAL

I always love when I can start the column off with a new baby, birthday or some other happy bit of news. This week, it is to welcome a new baby boy who was born on Jan. 20, 2002. **Thomas Edward Hill** is the new son of **Adam and Jacqueline Hill** of Millis, Mass. Thomas' grandparents are **Holly and Stephan Hill** of Cohasset and **Dianne and Thomas Young** of Stoughton. Congratulations on this wonderful bundle of joy.

NEW GRANDCHILDREN

Ned and Chartis Tebbetts are very proud to announce two of their grandchildren. **Maya Priscilla Tebbetts** was born on May 11, 2001 in Seattle, Wash. and is the daughter of **Richard and Masako Tebbetts**. **Walter Tycer Tebbetts** was born on March 5, 2002 and is the son of **Charles and Melinda Tebbetts** who all reside in Amherst, Mass. Oh, the joys of babies!

XAVERIAN HONORS

John Dwyer, son of **Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer**, and **Mark Lewis**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Kevin F. Lewis**, both earned second honors at Xaverian Brothers High School for the third marking period. Students who earned 80 or above in all courses earn second honors. Great job to both of you!

SOLO EXHIBITION

Recent works by artist **Peter Mallen** of Cohasset will be on display at the Harvard Neighbors Gallery, Loeb House, Harvard University from April 29-June 6. Peter's solo exhibition includes sculptures in bronze and cast stone, and works on homemade paper. The gallery is open weekdays only. Call 617-495-4313 for more information.

VASSAR LACROSSE

Elizabeth Pierson, daughter of **Wigmore Pierson** of Atlantic Avenue, is a member of the Vassar Women's Lacrosse Team. The members of the Vassar College Brewers are midway through their 2002 spring session having started with a trip to Florida over spring break where they played one game against Allegany College winning 14-4. I am sure we will hear more about this promising team and Elizabeth's accomplishments. Keep up the good work.

TENNIS BENEFIT

Here is a special *save the date* update on the Cohasset Benefit Tennis Tournament which is held each year to benefit Children's Hospital. The dates this year are July 19, 20 and 21. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call **Lorraine Tarpey** at 781-383-2282. What a wonderful way to get outside, play some tennis, mingle with friends and raise money for an awesome cause!

JOIN THE PSO

The Cohasset PSO is getting ready to announce the 2002-2003 board for all schools and the President Council. This is a wonderful way for parents to get involved at the schools and keep in touch with everything that is happening within the schools. Each school has a PSO Board and the President's Council oversees the whole organization. The input that is shared and brought to all the meetings and the knowledge that is gained is tremendous and this organization is open to all parents of children ages K-12. There are positions open at all levels, particularly a Treasurer for the organization. If you or anyone you may know, father or mother are interested in learning more, please contact one of the members listed in the PSO calendar.

MS WALK, A SUCCESS

Cohasset was more than just a pretty setting for one of last Saturday's walk to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Local residents and businesses participated with both their feet and their checkbooks. According to **Barbara Green**, captain of the 30 member "Green Team", a large percentage of the more than $16,000 the team raised was from local donors.

She said she was particularly appreciative of the overwhelming generosity and support the Green Team received from local businesses. The honor roll of locals includes: Cohasset Hardware, Chris deMurias, Dean and Hamilton Real Estate, Fitness First Plus, Flemings of Cohasset, Goodwin Graphics, James Kearney, C.P.A., Karen Kirkendall Realtor, Coastal Countryside Properties, Nation One Mortgage,(Chuck Furtado), Neurobehavioral Associates,(Al Gruber), North River Frame Company, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, D.M. Rattner & Associates, Rawson Merrigan and Merrigan, L.L.C., Red Lion Inn, Stoneworks Strategic Consulting, Richard W. Strecker, M.D., Sullivan Associates.

Also participating were the following Cohasset residents: **Barbara Green, Woody Chittick, Paul** and his dog, **Kya Forrer, Hunter Forrer** on his bike, **Jenna DeVitre, Babette Strecker, Richard Strecker, Zachary Strecker** on his scooter, **Diane Kinch, Chloe Chittick** and **Patty Connors**. On the injured reserve list were **Dan Rattner, Jeannie deMuirias** and **JoAnne Chittick**. With so many of us joining together for such causes, we will become one step closer to finding cures.

NDA HONORS

Here we go with a list of students from Cohasset who made the honor roll at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham. Principal's List: **Jacqueline Chase** '05, **Martha Henderson** '03, **Laura Kondrat** '03, **Rachel McElroy** '03, **Katherine Roche** '03 and **Megan Stanley** '05. First Honors were **Sarah A. Motley** '02 and **Anna Roche** '02. Second Honors were **Mary Fegreus** '05, **Caroline Henderson** '05 and **Anna-Jane Murphy** '03. Congratulations!

SPECIAL WORKSHOP

The Spirituality and Healing Task Force of the South Shore is pleased to announce the return of nationally and internationally known speaker, **Trudy Griswold**, to Cohasset on Saturday, May 18. Trudy, the author of five books including, "The Angelspeake Book of Prayer and Healing", will lead an all day workshop entitled, Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The fee is $85 and includes lunch. To register, call the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset at 781-383-0345 or stop by the office between the hours of 9 am-1p.m., Mon.-Fri.

FUN AND FUNDRAISING

You're invited to the beautiful seaside home of **Stephen and Patty Gillis**, 492 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset, on Saturday, May 4 from 6:30-11 p.m. for an evening of fun and fundraising to benefit the Carriage House Nursery School at 23 North Main St.. Tickets for this event are $25 per person and can be reserved by calling **Beth Marsden Gilman** at 383-1811. **Kathleen Broderick** at 383-6339 or **Lisa Dooley** at 383-0958.

FAVORITE ART

The Deer Hill School will be holding the annual Favorites Art Exhibit on Wednesday, May 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. "Favorites 2002" has each student's favorite art piece from the year on display and the grand unveiling of the 6th Grade Tile Mural and a new courtyard mosaic created in remembrance of . September 11 will be shown. Refreshments and music will be on hand and all are invited to attend.

FAMILY FUN

All fifth-grade students in the Deer Hill School and their families are reminded of the Fifth Grade Family Fun Night being held on Sunday, May 5, from 6:10-8:20 p.m. In addition to skating for the whole family, their will be drawings and prizes throughout the evening. Plenty of fun and activities for skaters and non-skaters alike! If you have any questions, please call your child's room mother or **Barb Mullin** at 781-383-0953.

Local artist Judy St. Peter with one of her vibrant paintings.

BOSTON EXHIBIT

Local artist **Judy St. Peter** is currently showing her work at the St. George Gallery at 245 Newbury St., Boston. The show titled "Springtime in Boston" features floral paintings and spring scenes. Judy is a gallery artist with the South Shore Art Center and is best known for her vibrant acrylic paintings of animals and landscapes. For more information about the show, call the gallery at 617-450-0321 or Judy can be reached at 781-383-1944.

TICKET REMINDER

I would like to wish all the Girl Scouts in town who are attending the Mother/Daughter event being held this Friday night to the Big Apple Circus. Anyone not riding the bus into Boston needs to contact **Barb Mullin** at 781-383-0953 to make arrangements to pick up their tickets.

That is all for this week. Please have all items, news and photos to me no later than Monday at noon. The Schools In page will be delayed one week due to the April Vacation.

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Pilgrim Cooperative Bank announces the grand opening of its first branch office in the 86-year history of the bank on April 27.

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Grand opening activites will include gifts, giveaways, a formal ribbon cutting and the the first annual "Experience the Pilgrim Difference" Art contest. Open to all children ages 4 to 12 that reside in Cohasset, this year's theme is "My Favorite Place in Cohasset." One winner per age group (a total of nine awards) will receive $25 in a Pilgrim Cooperative Bank Savings Account and their winning entries will be displayed in the new branch.

At 4,000 sq. feet, the new branch represents an investment of more than $1 million in the community. Pilgrim Cooperative Bank will add several new jobs at this new facility and provide greater service for depositors and loan customers of the bank.

The official sign for the new Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branch on Route 3A is lowered into position. The sign was made by in Cohasset by the Hassan Sign Company.

Relay planners work behind the scenes

By Evan Schiff
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It usually comes off without a hitch. The Relay For Life in Cohasset has been raising money for four years in an effort to find a cure for cancer. But it's not just those who walk around the track that are helping the cause — it's those behind the scenes.

— RELAY FOR LIFE—

The Planning Committee for the Relay is comprised of 15 members ranging from towns all over the South Shore. The group coordinates all aspects of the event, ranging from the entertainment provided, to team recruitment and registration.

"The committee all tries to work together to maximize the fundraising efforts and meet our goals," said Jacqui Vitello, who works on public relations for the planning committee. "The planning committee is made up of many caring, supportive, and wonderful people."

Kate Langstone, the regional executive for communications at the American Cancer Society, said she relies heavily on the planning committee to organize the event. She added there is only one ACS staff person to every 700 volunteers nationwide, so the volunteer planning committees are instrumental in launching and maintaining local, Relay For Life events.

"All Relay For Life events have standard elements, but there is a lot of freedom for the planning committee to take ownership of this event and really make it their own," she said.

While the members of the committee all work on different aspects of the Relay, they all have one thing in common — their desire to help those affected by cancer.

Some, such as Victor and Justine Vanderlugt who are working on the ceremonies and entertainment aspect of the Relay, became involved with the Relay simply because they wanted to help. The Vanderlugts said they have been very fortunate and decided it was time to give something back.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Justine Vanderlugt, one of the organizers of the Cohasset Relay For Life, creates bubbles at last year's event.

"We initially became involved because it takes place near where our home is, and the fight against cancer was at the top of our list of important causes," Victor said. "We remember not wanting the event to end and from then on, we were hooked."

The couple said being on the committee is like planning an enormous wedding every year.

"There's always anxious moments leading up to the big day but once it gets rolling, the event and people's emotions take over," Justine said.

There are others who participate in the planning of the Relay that have had their lives deeply touched by the disease. Bob Clifford, who acts as a team mentor helping the teams get organized, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1996. He said the Relay For Life has been a part of the healing process in his recovery and is his way of giving back to those who helped him.

"I feel very fortunate to be cancer free when the outcome could have been much worse," he said. "To some degree, I think I have survivor's guilt because so many other people with cancer are not as lucky as me."

Another survivor, Lee Anne DeVries who works on the Survivor Reception, became involved with the Relay when her best friend organized a team in her honor. Last year, DeVries underwent chemotherapy while trying to raise her two toddlers.

"I have learned so much from my experience with cancer and I hope I can reach out to others," she said.

Vitello, planning team member, initially became involved with the Relay when her father passed away from cancer. She said while her father was undergoing chemotherapy a family friend urged them to attend the event.

"My parents went to the Relay For Life and I remember my father telling me how wonderful he thought the Relay was," she said.

In honor of her father, Vitello started a team named "The Chiefs" after her father, a retired police chief.

Alzheimer's support group hosts brunch

"A Taste of Spring: A Wine-Tasting Brunch," the 12th annual fund-raising event for the Alzheimer's disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc., (ADSGSS) will take place at Saporito's Florence Club Café in Hull on Sunday, April 28 at 1 p.m. The event includes a five-course gourmet menu. Each course is accompanied by a wine selected by Mark Lewis of M.S. Walker Co. who will explain the fine art of blending foods and wines.

Again, Andy and Mary Ann Saporito Boothroyd have selected from their culinary favorites to present an exiting menu. Lucky winners will be chosen for the baskets of gourmet foods and wines. The Joe Micarelli trio will provide a jazz accompaniment to the food and wine.

All proceeds from this event underwrite ADSGSS activities: their monthly newsletter, outreach brochure, postage, family information packets and the help-line phone.

ADSGSS, Inc. is a non-profit, educational corporation that depends solely on public donations.

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Local heroes

Whoever said "being in the right place at the right time" could have been talking about the landscaper who initially spotted what turned out to be a two-alarm fire Monday in one of the condominiums at 100 Pond Street.

The landscaper, who was spreading fertilizer on the lawns of the complex, just happened to be in front of unit 42 when he heard a sound that caught his attention. Then he looked up and saw smoke pouring out of the attic louvers.

He pounded on the doors and told the neighbors to call 9-1-1.

When police Officer Christy Tarantino arrived, he kicked in the door and scrambled through the condo to see if anyone was home. Officer Tarantino was not thinking about his own safety, but only that of a potential victim.

Firefighters soon arrived and knocked the blaze down before it broke through the roof. If that had occurred the burst of fresh air could have spread the fire to the adjacent condominiums.

No one was home in the unit where the fire started, and no one was hurt fighting the fire.

But that doesn't take anything away from the seriousness of the situation and the potential for a tragedy.

A Cohasset engine arrived with three firefighters who made the initial attack.

An off-duty Cohasset firefighter drove the aerial ladder to the scene and every inch of the 100-foot ladder was needed to reach the roof. Other Cohasset off-duty and call firefighters arrived, along with mutual aid from Hull and Scituate fire departments.

The Red Cross also came and Hingham fire covered Cohasset headquarters. Police provided traffic control.

The events of the morning filled one with confidence that our firefighters, police and other public safety personnel are well trained and ready and willing to help – even when it presents a danger to them.

It's more than a job to these individuals – it's a way of life, a calling, if you will.

We should be grateful there are people out there with that kind of courage and dedication.

Our hat also goes off to the quick-thinking landscaper from Lawn King who sounded the alarm and may have saved the building.

— Mary Ford
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POLITICAL NOTES

Bradley campaign kick-off

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, will have his campaign re-election kick-off on Thursday, May 2 at the Son's of Italy Hall in Hingham. The Kick-off will be held from 7-10 p.m.

The event will provide residents with the opportunity to meet Bradley and discuss the important issues facing the district. There will be food and a cash bar. Tickets are $25 and are available at the door.

Bradley has fought hard for the towns of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset since his election to the State Legislature in 2000. He has fought for clean elections, rallied support for the speedy passage of local legislation and delivered on his promises to advocate for tougher sentencing guidelines, improvements to the commuter boat facilities, additional money for local aid and public education and the Hingham Shipyard legislation.

Bradley lives in Hingham with his wife Heather and their two daughters, Amanda and Emma.

For more information on the Kick-off or on the Garrett Bradley Campaign, please call 781-740-3127.

Cohasset celebrates birthday

There are going to be a lot of candles on this cake. The town of Cohasset will celebrate its 232 birthday this Friday. The town was officially recognized on April 26, 1770.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Owners of dog have not called

TO THE EDITOR:

A week ago Tuesday, my son Eric was riding his bike, with a friend, along Beechwood Street on his way home; when at the corner near Riverview Drive, and across from Wheelwright Farms two ladies were walking their dog on a leash. As my son tried to go around them, their dog attacked my son's foot first and then went for his calf. They simply could not control their dog, which my son and his friend describe and a large white dog no spots and not really "long or fluffy" hair. At the time of the bite, the ladies described as "a mother and grandmother" asked my son for is address and phone number so that they could call me when they got home — he gave them his information, and we are still waiting for that call!

The call we have been waiting for would have saved my son a lot of pain and inconvenience. Because they did not call, we could not locate the "big white dog", and after searching the Beechwood area with the help of our neighbors, my son has had to undergo rabies vaccines since the dogs bite did break the skin. Eric spent four hours in the ER to receive the first series and will continue the treatment with an additional four shots over the next 28 days. All this could have been avoided by a simple phone call to tell us if the "big white dog's" shots were up -to-date. Eric can avoid the rest of the series if the dog owner would come forward or if any one knows of this dog.

Eric, and his friend, trusted that these ladies would "do the right thing" and call when they got home. we just want the dog owner to know that it is never to late to "do the right thing" and that it is their responsibility, as a dog owner, to give us a call.

Adrienne and Eric MacCarthy
85 Doane St.

Hospital praised

TO THE EDITOR:

Add to Cohasset's many advantages: a superior town-operated ambulance service and an excellent hospital only a few miles away. The new emergency wing at the South Shore Hospital is mind boggling in the attention to detail in its layout and facilities. One of the great features is a glass-fronted private cubicle for each patient, thus greatly reducing the stressful noise of the usual large room with patients separated only by curtains. But it is the plethora of up-to-date equipment and well-trained staff that is even more important.

South Shore Hospital is no small hospital now. There are 700 medical staff members, 3800 babies born annually, as well as 74,000 emergency department admissions and 186,000 home health hospice visits in a typical year!

An example of the special care nursery service for premature or ill newborns: recently a very frail baby born at 6 months and 1 day weighing 1 lb. 10 oz. was cared for successfully ready to be sent home!

Even those anticipating continuing good health should feel better knowing that the excellent South Shore Hospital is so conveniently near. To experienced physicians, its reputation, as well as its semi-rural location, is increasingly attractive as a place to practice, relative to big-city hospitals. We benefit from their good judgment!

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Insulting letter

TO THE EDITOR:

I am outraged that the Community Newspaper Company would even publish a "letter to the editor" on Cancer Link dated April 18. First of all, I want to say that it is an *insult* to all women who has or had breast cancer, not just young women!

I am a 33-year-old woman, who finished treatment less then a year ago for breast cancer and to read such a letter was beyond insulting.

This year we have a huge team walking for the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" specifically raising money for cancer research, especially breast cancer, and for a man to write to the Cohasset Mariner and state that breast cancer, in young women, can be a result of abortion I beg him to go to any oncology department or cancer center in any hospital and state his facts there, I'm sure he would wake up! Research the facts, Mr. O'Malley before you insult anymore females

Lee Anne Ciciotte DeVries
135 Nichols Road

Outrageous allegation

TO THE EDITOR:

With all due respect to Mr. O'Malley's disingenuous personal position on the emotionally charged issue of abortion, as a public health professional I must respond to the uninformed, unsubstantiated, unscientific and undocumented outrageous allegation of a link between abortion and breast cancer. I challenge Mr. O'Malley to produce any studies/analyses from any respected peer reviewed medical/healthcare journal that corroborates his preposterous contention.

Robin M. Lawrence, DDS, MPH
15 Beach St.

Write to us!

Please email letters by noon Tuesday to mford@cnc.com

HEALTH NOTES

Guided tour of Brewster Woods

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A recent TV sound bite on an Earth Day cleanup in Cambridge reported several thousand people attended. Well, considering the relative populations of Cambridge and Cohasset, our Earth Day celebration had a good turnout. Last Saturday, about 20 people showed up at the Town Hall for their colorful Earth Day T Shirts.

To provide added interest, Meg Moore of the garden club conducted a guided tour and walk through Brewster Woods. A small group of enthusiasts left the Town Hall at 10 a.m. equipped with cleanup bags, gloves, a new guide to Brewster Woods (prepared by the Community Garden Club) and a love for the outdoors. During the leisurely two-hour tour of these beautiful woods, Meg, using the guide, explained the flora found in the woods, and how they came to be. For example, there is a lichen on some of the rock outcroppings which actually eats stone, and in turn can be eaten by hearty vegetarians. It's called rock tripe. The guide is a delightful overview of the woods, its history and its inhabitants, both present and historical

As usual, those who volunteered to participate received as much benefit doing the cleanup as the town did receiving it. The sites selected for trash pickup were Ship Cove Park in the village, and the area around the Osgood School, Beacon Rock on Government Island, parts of James Brook, some stretches on 3-A and selected trails in Great Brewster Woods.

Susan Spofford, Virginia, Jennifer, and Robin dump the debris collected from Ship Cove Park and the Osgood School grounds into Roger Hill's truck.

MacIvor Reddie murals to be replicated

Photographer Paul Camello and his assistant Brian Malloy came to take photographs of the MacIvor Reddie murals at the Paul Pratt Memorial Libraryn last week. Balanced precariously on scaffolding over the main circulation desk, Camello carefully positioned his camera, lighting equipment, and color charts to get the most accurate and complete views of the four murals depicting historical events in Cohasset. The photos will be made into transparencies, then scanned into a computer to make the final prints on canvas.

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This reproduction process, a combination of standard photography and digital technology, is the ideal method for relocating the library's murals, which were painted directly on plaster and nearly impossible to remove. Well-known artist MacIver Reddie, a former resident of Cohasset, painted the murals in 1946. They show captain John Smith entering Cohasset Harbor in 1614; surveyor Joshua Fisher of Dedham parceling out land in Cohasset, then part of Hingham, in 1670; Mrs. Daniel "Resolution" Tower carting water for corn crops during a 1778 drought; and a view of Cohasset Harbor during the mid-19th century. The oil paintings were professionally cleaned in 1995 by conservators Liz Crosby and Elise Brink with funding from the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Photographer Paul Camello (on platform) takes pictures of the murals in the rotunda of the library. Assisting him is Brian Malloy, lower right.

The photographically reproduced murals will be installed in the new library under construction at the site of the former Osgood school. The Friends of the Library have made this project possible, providing both the planning and the funding necessary to preserve the historic murals in this manner.

Dems want Clinton back

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

He's ba-a-a-ck!

No, not Arnie. Bill.

The 42nd president of the United States, known to interns and other ingénues as Bill Clinton, who was locked in the back room by fellow Democrats while they blew the 2000 presidential campaign, is taking the first step on the comeback trail this week.

He was scheduled to appear Wednesday at the Democrats' A Night at Harlem's legendary Apollo Theater, along with such luminaries as Cicely Tyson, Michael Jackson and Tony Bennett, to raise funds for the party's national voter registration drive.

Who knows, Bill may even treat the party faithful to a tune on his E-flat alto sax.

The Apollo —where Fidel Castro plucked chickens during his whirlwind visit to New York in 1960 — is just down the street from Bill's 14th floor office digs on West 125th Street, not far from Sylvia's soul food restaurant, for which generous taxpayers pony up $354,000 a year.

"There Goes the Neighborhood," headlined Investor's Business Daily, the day Bill moved in. Whose side do you suppose that newspaper is on?

Bill has been treated rather shabbily like that ever since Jan. 19 when he left the White House amid charges that his staff had stripped the "W" keys from the office computers, left dirty messages on the copy machines and stole towels with the presidential seal from Air Force 1.

The staff is still in denial, incidentally.

Republicans in Congress are still fussing about a last minute pardon Bill granted to financier Marc Rich, who has been on the lam in Switzerland for 17 years but whose former wife, Denise, has been pressing obscene amount of money on the Democratic party.

The Arkansas Supreme Court suspended Bill's license to practice in that state and fined him $25,000 and the U. S. Supreme Court disbarred him from appear before that court although he never had in 25 years and I don't recall him ever arguing any case in any court.

He did keep a regiment of outside barristers gainfully employed through most of his presidency, though.

Independent Counsel Robert Ray ended the $55 million investigation of Bill's affair with Monica Lewinsky after Bill acknowledged he shaded the truth a couple of times but, Ray added in a final volley, he still had enough evidence to convict him. So there!

Meanwhile, the "disgraced" former president has been going his merry way, picking up an occasional award here and there and, more important, drawing down as much as $120,000 for a single speech. He's done 200 in 30 countries which adds up to between $10 and $15 million.

Then there's that book deal for which he has taken a $12 million advance, a record for a non-fiction book, to write his memoirs for the Alfred A. Knopf publishing house. It tops the $8.5 million given to Pope John Paul II and the $8 million advanced to his wife, Senator Hillary.

And now the Democrats have finally realized that they need him more than he needs them and have asked him back. He can even bring his saxophone.

It doesn't get any better than that!

Notes from a diehard Philly sports fan

MY VIEW

EVAN SCHIFF

I rationalized it by telling myself that I'm young, energetic and a diehard Philadelphia sports fan. If there was ever a time in my life to act foolishly and overindulge myself, I thought it may as well be now.

So I did it. I bought my tickets and was well on my way to experience two playoff games, in two different sports, in two different cities in less than 24 hours.

Last weekend, I closed my eyes and when I reopened them, I was neither at my "cushy" apartment in Allston nor my office in Hingham. I was in South Philly.

It was 5 p.m. on Saturday and my father an I were dining on some delicious Italian food on the streets where Rocky Balboa used to train. The risotto was impeccable and the energy of the restaurant was overwhelming as we wolfed down the hearty meal. But there wasn't too much time to enjoy the food because we had to make the game.

Making our way down Broad Street we passed a variety of police chases and vagrants all of which we paid no attention to, because we were on a mission. We needed to get to the arena by 7 p.m. to watch the Flyers take on the Ottawa Senators in game two of their first round playoff match-up.

Let me tell you something, money may not buy happiness but it definitely buys incredible seats to sporting events. My father, the wonderful man he is, procured two seats in the Aetna Insurance suite at the arena, seats that are usually reserved for far more classy folk than myself.

For those of you who have never been in a stadium suite, I feel for you, you need to go. It boasts free drinks and free food, comfortable seating, Internet access and cable television. But its best amenity had to be the private bathroom. I felt like a king.

"I'm never standing in line for the urinal with those pedestrian fans again," my father said.

Ha ha ha, we scoffed at those less fortunate than us and reveled in our situation. We chatted it up with the other privileged fans in our box and clapped approvingly at the sweaty athletes skating on the rink below.

Even though the Flyers got thoroughly dominated in the game it didn't make any difference, as I was too stuffed from the third piece of chocolate cake I had eaten to even notice.

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We left the game 10 pounds heavier than when we entered and were off to the airport. I secured a room at the Holiday Inn that night because my flight was leaving at a way too early hour to even contemplate going home. I bid farewell to my dad and settled in for a solid night of sleep...

Four hours later I was awakened by the blaring sound of my phone ringing. Slamming the receiver down I stumbled out of bed at the ludicrous time of 5 a.m. But I was pumped, I was on the second leg of my Philly sports extravaganza, a Sixers/Celtics game in Boston.

I arrived in Boston at 8 a.m., just enough time to meet my buddy who was going to the game with me at a bar before the game tipped off at 12:30 p.m. Because of various distractions along with too many bars near the stadium, we didn't make it to the game until a couple of minutes had already been played in the first quarter.

As I strode up the approximate 900 flights of stairs to my seat in the last row on the top level of the stadium, these were definitely no suite seats, I could feel the wrath of the crowd. I was booed, harassed and had various kinds of snacks thrown my way. It was wonderful.

In hindsight, wearing my 76ers jersey into the FleetCenter for the first Celtics playoff game in more than seven years may not have been my most well thought out idea. But there was no way I was going to hide my allegiance.

Three hours later, when the Celtics had dismantled the my hometown team, I finally had time to reflect on my 24-hours of Philly sports.

I was obviously not too pleased with the outcome of the games. I've been to 12 playoff games before this weekend and had a Pedro-like record of 11-1 in those match-ups.

However, the thrill of being at a sports game with playoff intensity atmosphere can not be underestimated. And while in my earlier years I may have sulked for weeks making everyone around me miserable for some time, I think I'm maturing ever so slightly.

"Just enjoy the game," my buddy kept telling me when I informed him I wanted to pummel one excruciatingly annoying Celtics fan.

And you know what, I did.

Evan Schiff is the staff reporter for the Cohasset Mariner.

Hingham ponds provide good habitat for ducks

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Habitat refers to the particular environment where an organism lives and is most likely to be found. Although vegetation type is one of the main distinguishing features of a habitat, all parts of the environment are important for a well-functioning habitat. During the winter months, the best place to look for ducks is out on the ocean. As the pond ice melts and spring arrives, a pond habitat is the best place to look for ducks.

In honor of its 100th anniversary, Massachusetts Audubon Society published "The Nature of Massachusetts". This book describes all the various habitats in our state. One chapter is devoted to "Lakes and Ponds". You may wonder just what the difference is between a lake and a pond. Both are bodies of still water. Both contain fresh water. Most people think in a vague way of ponds being smaller, and lakes being larger. Depth is actually what defines the difference rather than surface area. "The Nature of Massachusetts" describes the difference this way: "By definition ponds are shallow enough that light can reach the entire bottom, allowing plants to grow from shore to shore; they do not 'stratify' (possess different temperature zones); and they may freeze to the bottom in winter. Lakes are deeper and therefore darker, with a portion of the bottom unable to support photosynthesis."

Although we think of ducks as being one of the main inhabitants of pond habitat, other types of birds also live near ponds. Fish, amphibians, invertebrates and plants are part of the pond community, too. Men create ponds by building dams. Beavers create ponds by building a different kind of dam. Water fills glacial depressions to form ponds.

There are two main types of ducks, dabbling and diving. Dabbling ducks tip their rear ends up in order to reach down and eat vegetation. They include Mallards, American Black Ducks, Wood Ducks, Northern Pintails and teals. Diving ducks dive under the water to swim and catch fish or collect mollusks. These include such varieties as Ring-necked Duck, Bufflehead, goldeneyes, and all three species of merganser.

The duck family includes not only ducks, but also swans and geese. Forty years ago, I never saw Mute Swans farther north than Plymouth. Now they nest on almost all the ponds in Hingham. Canada Geese, unreasonable as it seems today, at one point were considered endangered. Captive live birds made more effective decoys than wooden ones, and thus were released in order to attract more geese. An unintended result was that the non-migratory captive birds began nesting in Massachusetts instead of migrating to more northerly breeding grounds. Golf courses, playing fields, and green lawns especially when near a pond, provide excellent goose habitat. Now hunting of geese is allowed only during non-migration times, in order to encourage the migrants at the expense of the non-migratory birds.

Hingham is blessed with a number of fresh-water ponds. One of these is **Triphammer Pond** that was formed by damming Accord Brook in the late 1600s, thus becoming the site of a sawmill until it burned in 1823. After the fire, Benjamin Thomas built a ship chandlery and water forge. Triphammer Pond probably got its name from the huge, water-activated trip hammer installed for the manufacture of iron products, some of which were used on the *USF Constitution*. The entrance to this pond is by way of Pope's Lane off Leavitt Street. It is possible to walk all the way around the pond.

Foundry Pond, historically known as Thomas' Pond and also Weston's Pond, was the site of an iron works and a woolen mill. After the mills were no longer in use, the Sportsman's Club bought the pond to use for fishing. In 1961, the pond was given to the Town for conservation land. I have seen at least 16 species of ducks over the years at Foundry Pond. Hidden away, it can be found by going east on Kilby Street, then turning right into the driveway immediately after #97. This will lead you to a small parking lot that overlooks the pond.

Fulling Mill Pond is located on South Pleasant Street. It was created when Capt. Abel built a dam and a fulling mill in the 18th century. The Harts in "Not All Has Changed: A Life History of Hingham" describe fulling as "scouring and shrinking loose home-woven cloth". A shoepeg factory, which eventually burned, later replaced the fulling mill. This pond is part of our water supply and exploration of the area is no longer possible. It is possible to look for waterfowl from South Pleasant Street.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

A swan ruffles its feathers in a territorial display on Hingham's Foundry Pond. Swans are part of the duck family.

The Wilder Bucket factory, which made the famous Hingham buckets, was built in 1845 on **Cushing Pond** where an edge-tool factory and a sawmill had been. A fire in 1902 demolished the bucket factory. Public access to the woods on the eastern side of the pond is along a footpath marked by a sign between #27 and #39. Eel River Woods abuts the western part of the pond and can be accessed across from Pioneer Road on Cushing Street. There are two wood duck houses in this area. It is unclear whether ducks have nested in them.

Accord Pond is the only pond in Hingham that was formed naturally. It is a reservoir for the water supply delivered by Massachusetts-American Water Company. According to the Harts in their history of Hingham, this pond at times has had depths at least 70 feet deep. Technically I think this would qualify it as a lake rather than a pond.

The pond near the entrance to **World's End** is currently fresh water. Plans are in the works to return this area to its former salt-marsh status. It will be interesting to see what changes in bird life this will bring. Pond habitats are very special environments. We are lucky to have so many nearby to enjoy!

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

Attic fire causes major damage

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detached wood structures spread out along a meandering road and a series of cul de sacs.

Two hours after that 9-1-1 call, firefighters from three towns were still on the scene. By that time, Cohasset firefighters had sawed a hole in a section of the roof of unit 42 and pulled out insulation to check for evidence of any more fire.

Neighbors stood in the cold watching in disbelief, while others comforted the elderly couple in unit 44, one of the two units attached to unit 42 where the fire started. The owners of unit 42, Jack and Kathy Kisiel, are in Singapore on business, but their daughter Leah Kisiel lives there and was apparently at work when the fire was discovered. The owners of unit 40, the other attached unit, were also not at home.

Police Officer Christy Tarantino, who was on patrol, was dispatched to the scene after the 9-1-1 call and arrived just before the firefighters.

"I could see smoke as soon as I came around the corner," Tarantino said. "It was billowing out the eaves and windows."

Tarantino kicked in the front door to unit 42 and yelled to see if anyone was home. Then he checked all the rooms and got out of the building.

"I could see the flames from the ceiling in the bathroom, so I knew the fire was in the attic," he said.

Tarantino said the house was filling with smoke but, nevertheless went in using his "instincts."

"I've tried to go in (to fires before) and had to turn around and go right out," he said.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said when he arrived at 9:10 a.m., and could see heavy smoke issuing from the attic louvers, he called for a second alarm right away to get additional manpower. In addition to Cohasset, engines from Scituate and Hull also responded. An engine from Hingham covered the Cohasset Fire Station.

Lincoln said the ceiling fan unit had fallen out onto the floor of the upstairs bathroom, so the firefighters could crawl through the hole with the hose.

Lincoln said he never gives dollar estimates of damage. "I leave that up to the insurance adjusters," he said.

But firefighters not only had to saw through a section of the roof, other parts of the roof were burned through. Firefighters emerging from the building were covered with black soot.

"The unit has smoke, fire and water damage," Lincoln said. "And we cut the electricity off." He said the unit was currently not habitable.

Lincoln explained the fire could have been a lot worse and have eventually spread to the other two units.

Cohasset's aerial ladder truck was fully extended, allowing firefighters access to the roof.

Lincoln said off-duty firefighter Bobby Protulis picked up the Cohasset ladder which arrived before Scituate's.

"Almost every time we use it, we put the 100 feet up," Lincoln said.

The local Red Cross chapter was also on hand.

Michael Klau, leadership volunteer with the Red Cross, was at work in Holbrook when he got the call.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Scituate firefighter Scott Dion catches his breath from a second-story window of the condo whose attic was gutted by fire Monday.

"It would have eventually broken out and with a burst of fresh air would have taken off," he said. As it turned out, firefighters had to go into the units on either side and break holes in the sheet rock to be sure the fire hadn't spread.

"We used the thermal imaging camera to detect any heat," Lincoln said.

Cohasset on-duty, off-duty and call firefighters responded to the scene. The first engine company to arrive consisted of Capt./EMT James Gurry, firefighter/EMT Francis Mahoney and firefighter/paramedic Randy Belanger.

"They did a great job attacking the fire," said Lincoln, who also praised the other Cohasset firefighters and those from neighboring towns.

"All the firefighters did a great job, and we couldn't live without the mutual aid system which worked very well," he said.

The 100-foot ladder from

"We automatically respond on two-alarm fires," he said. "We want to make sure the people have a place to stay, have clothing, and that their medical and emotional needs are being met." He said he would wait until the resident returned.

"You never know, maybe they'll just need some advice," he said.

Despite all the excitement, Tausevich, the landscaper, continued with his work fertilizing the lawns. The Mariner caught up with him a ways down the street where he was wearing his headphones and staring at the ground as the traversed the grassy side yard of a condominium unit.

"I feel badly for the woman when she comes home to that," he said "But I guess I was at the right place at the right time and I'm just glad I saved the building.

"I've seen a lot of weird things in my 25 years in the business," Tausevich said. "But this is my first fire – and hopefully my last."

Cemetery gates get new life

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To that end, Glenn Pratt of the Cemetery Study Committee, wrote to the Community Preservation Committee asking for $20,000 to restore the wrought-iron gates and for a period sign, bracket and post.

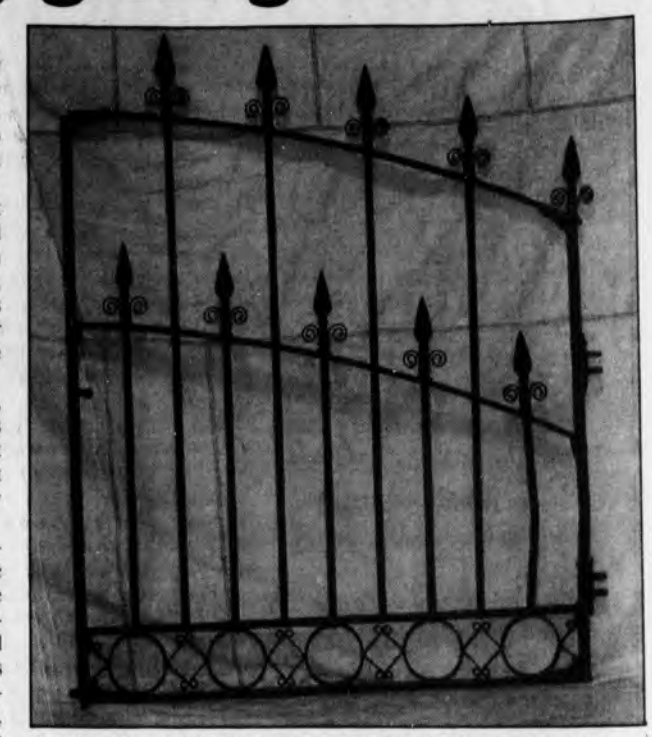
The gates, which were located at each entrance, have been evaluated by an expert and deemed to be an exceptional example of the period, Pratt said. The date of cemetery's first burial area 1737, and the later expansion in 1874 are cast into the iron.

"We believe that these fine pieces, which date back to the 1800s should be restored and reinstalled at the entrance to the cemetery," Pratt said. "It will make the cemetery look really nice."

While the gates would undoubtedly add to the appearance of the site, their restoration is outside the Cemetery Study Committee's funding. The group recently completed major expansions and renovations at Woodside and Beechwood cemeteries which cost nearly $700,000. The work included expanding the available grave space, and the repair and rebuilding of the existing infrastructure at both cemeteries.

"The completion of this work brings the town's cemeteries to a level unmatched in the area," Pratt wrote in a letter to Stuart Ivimey, the chairman of the Community Preservation Committee. "This was the first substantial work done on the properties in more than 40 years."

The Community Preservation Committee, which expects to have about $500,000 in tax surcharge fees and matching funds from the state by October, is required under the Community Preservation Act to spend 10 percent of its money on historic preservation, 10 percent on community housing, and 10 percent on open space. The remaining 70 percent can go for any of the above. The committee's first recommendations were approved at Town Meeting last month and included $100,000 to help pay for two new ball fields to be constructed at the Gravel Pits, approximately $600,000 over 15 years to be used



The Doane Street gate dates back to 1874. The old gates were found in a shed at the cemetery.

toward the purchase of two lots off of Beach Street, and $150,000 for repairs to the historic Wilson House and Maritime Museum in the village.

Pratt said while he realizes $20,000 is a substantial amount of money, he feels it is something the Community Preservation Fund can afford.

"We just want to get the project in the pipeline early so the committee has plenty of time to look at it," Pratt said. "Even if we don't get the money from the board we won't let the idea die."

Ivimey said because the cemetery is listed as a historic landmark, it would qualify under the historic preservation portion of the act. He said the committee will take a look at all the proposals that come before them.

He said while the Cemetery Committee's submission is currently the only new one on the table, the preservation committee is working with groups who are still in the infant stages of generating ideas.

"We're working with folks to see if their ideas qualify under the act," Ivimey said. "We'll see how we can help."

The committee's recommendations must be approved at Town Meeting.

According to local historian Becky Bates-McArthur, the original section of Beechwood Cemetery was divided into six lots, one for each family group that was buried there. The cemetery has been expanded a few times over the years including in the early 1900s when it was squared off and in the 1990s when an additional section on Beechwood Street was cleared. In 1958, the Beechwood Cemetery Association turned the cemetery over to the town and each Memorial Day, Beechwood families, friends and neighbors pay homage to those who have died in war and are buried in the cemetery.

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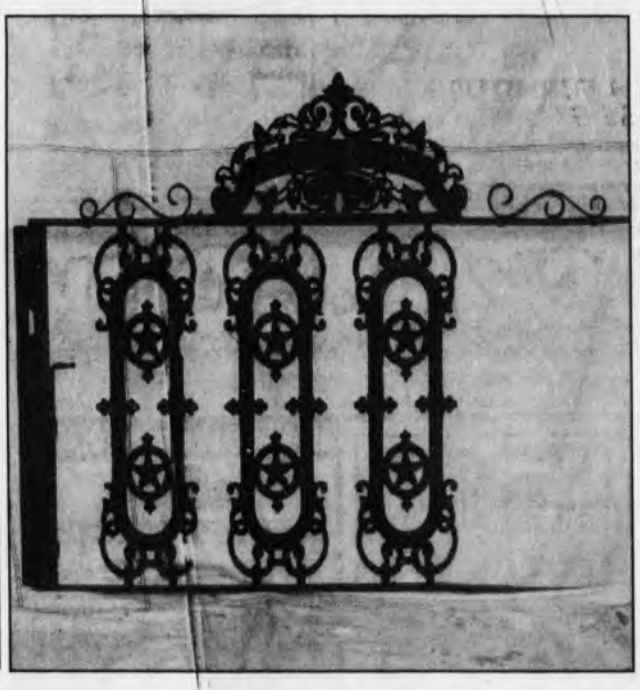
Firefighter/EMT Robert Protulis and firefighter/paramedic Randy Belanger cut holes in the roof of unit 42 at 100 Pond Street during Monday's attic fire.



Left: The Beechwood Street gate, shown here, dates back to 1737.

Above: The inset shows the name Beechwood and date, 1737.

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Local family takes the stage in dramatic club's 'Oliver'

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However, this is his first lead role.

"I like being the lead," Wiz said. "It's a lot of responsibility but there's a lot of reward, too."Wiz, who is 13 and a seventh-grade student at Derby Academy, said sometimes it's hard to spend so much time with his family. Along with seeing them at home, he now shares the stage with them at rehearsals.

"Sometimes I don't like being around my parents so much," Wiz said, as any 13-year-old would. "But when they get on stage they're really good."

Jean Di Giacomandrea, the producer of the show, said the dramatic club encourages entire families to participate in the play.

"The club really has a sense of community and family," she said. "It's a great feel to the entire production."

Di Giacomandrea added even if the parents of the some 40 kids in the play aren't directly involved, she asks they participate in some capacity.

"They can chaperone, help with publicity, or work on the stage crew," Di Giacomandrea said. "It's a way to get families working together."

This is the first play for Betts, who persuaded her husband to get involved.

"I guess he felt that if the three us were going to be there three nights a week, he may as well be there," she said.

Betts has participated in the dramatic club in the past, running the spotlight for the last two plays.

"It looked like everyone was having so much fun on the stage, I wanted to join," she said.

One of the hardest parts for the Murrays has been the grueling practice schedule. Wiz is expected to rehearse up to three times a week, Polly needs to be on stage almost two times a week and Betts and Wiz, Sr. go when they are needed.

"It's a challenge to get everyone where they need to be when they need to be there," Betts said. "But we wouldn't do it if we didn't love the play."

The play will begin this weekend at Town Hall and will run through the middle of May. Tickets are $10 and can be bought at the door, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, or by calling 781-544-0304. There's a $1 discount at the door for those who bring a canned food item, which will be donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

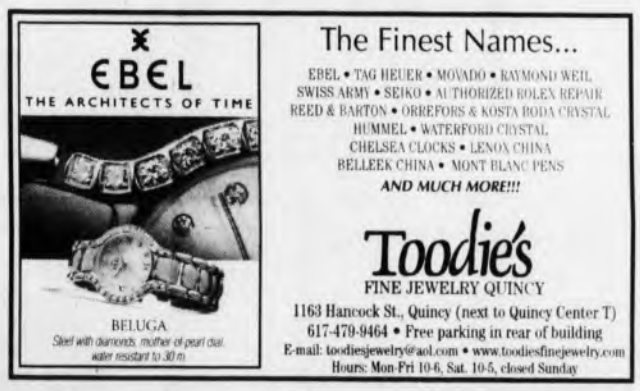
Cast members of the Cohasset Dramatic Club production of "Oliver," include Sara Reynolds, Marina Pedini and Sage Stebbins.

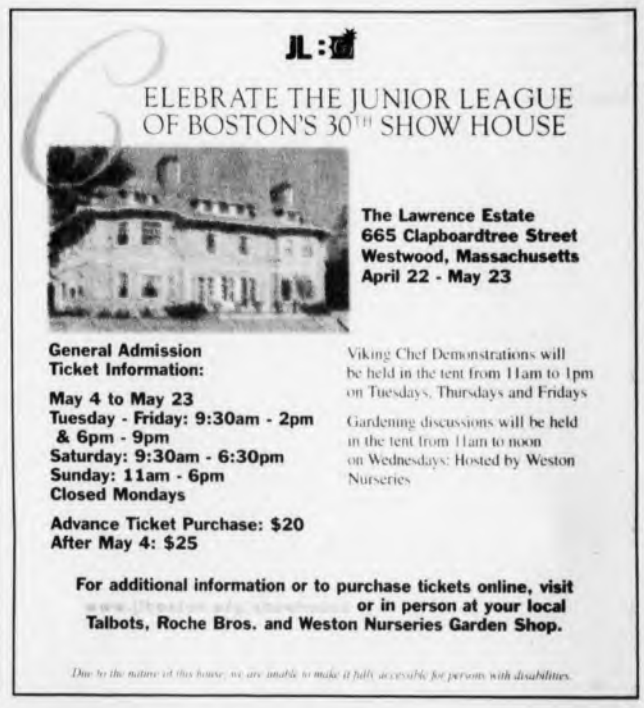
How to buy tickets for 'Oliver'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club Presents "Oliver" at the Cohasset Town Hall April 26 and 27; May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30; April 28, May 5 and 12 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate At the door and by phone at 781-544-0304.

Bring a canned good or non-perishable item to donate to the local food pantry and receive $1 off your ticket purchase. Girl Scout Troops call Wendy Guyder at 545-1655 or Linda Lamont at 383-1608.





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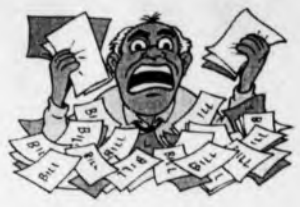

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Deer Hill student artwork to star in special evening

Sept. 11 mosaic to be unveiled

By Evan Schiff
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The biggest event at the Deer Hill School is less than a week away. The annual art exhibit dubbed, "Favorites 2002", will display the artwork of every child in the school.

Each student will pick his or her favorite piece of artwork will submit to art teacher, Ann Berman.

"I didn't want to display what I thought was their best piece," Berman said. "I tell them to pick the piece they love the most or had the most fun making."

Berman, who has been at the school since 1992, said the pieces the students pick don't necessarily correlate with what she would choose, but that's what makes the evening special.

"It's really a show that puts all the emphasis on the kids," she said.

The gala opening, slated for May 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., will not only display student artwork but will include refreshments and music accompaniment from Berman's husband, Jeff Wilson.

However, the highlight of the event will be the grand unveiling of a new courtyard glass mosaic, in remembrance of Sept. 11, created by Deer Hill sixth-grade students.

The mosaic features five children standing on the planet looking up at the stars, one of which has the American flag in its center. Along with the art piece there is an inscription which reads, "in memory of the victims of September 11, 2001 to remind us that we all see the same stars and that light is always stronger than darkness."

"I tell them to pick the piece they love the most or had the most fun making."
— Ann Berman, art teacher

The design was chosen by a vote of all students and faculty. Siobhan Fludder, a sixth-grade student, designed the mosaic but all the of the grade worked on bringing it to fruition.

"The kids really wanted to do something to remember the event and they wanted to make it uplifting," Berman said. "It's something they can look at with pride."

Another highlight of the night will be display of ceramic tiles that every student in the sixth grade made. The tradition was started with Berman's arrival and has been popular ever since. Each student makes a tile depicting what they remember most from their three years in the school. The events range from sporting events, to whale watching and car washes.

"It's personal to them," Berman said. "They can come back year after year and pick out which one is theirs."

Corinna Durham, a sixth-grader at Deer Hill, said she is looking forward to the event. Corinna choose a block print, a carving made from rubber, to be displayed at the art show.

"I have fun doing all of the projects but I think the block print is my best," she said. "It's neat being able to see my work displayed."

Samantha Williams, also a sixth-grader in the school, said she's thrilled to participate in the tradition of making the ceramic She plans to come back once she's at the high-school to see her work.

"It's something nice to leave behind," she said. "It's a nice tradition."

Post prom party

The Post Prom Decorating Committee is hard at work getting ready for this year's event, May 31, and is looking for a few items to borrow…Oriental rugs, a counter or bar for stools, White Christmas lights, ornate chandelier. Please do not send anything valuable. Raffle items are also sought, such as Red Sox tickets, concert tickets, dorm room items, etc.

Any questions or for more information, call Mary Sullivan at 781-383-6666.

Summer Arts at Derby 2002

Registration is still open for "Summer Arts at Derby 2002" at Derby Academy in Hingham. Summer Arts is a comprehensive five-week arts program for kids ages eight to 15. The program is staffed by professional artists/teachers and includes more than 90 courses in drama, visual arts, newspaper and creative writing, dance, sports, gymnastics, photography, music, animation and martial arts. A newspaper is printed everyday and a full-scale musical is produced. Students choose their own schedules and there is a daily free-choice period to try new things. Some of the new offerings this year include field hockey, Kung Fu and Mexican art.

Campers from more than 20 communities share a special summer through the arts.

The program will culminate in an all-day arts festival that celebrates the talents of the students through performances and exhibits of their work. The goal of the program is to allow students to explore a wide range of activities and to encourage their individual talents. Campers from more than 20 communities share a special summer through the arts.

"Summer Arts at Derby 2002" promises to be an exciting and fun-filled learning experience for all. The dates are June 24 to July 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tuition for the five-week, daily program is $1,700 and includes a full lunch each day, a Summer Arts T-shirt, and a yearbook. Enrollment is limited and registered students will make their class selections at the end of April.

For application and more information, call Director, Thalia McMillion at 781-740-4766.

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Town history could be local best seller

600 copies preordered

By Evan Schiff
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The group's experiment worked. Trying to generate publicity for its book, the Committee on Town History inserted an advertisement into the annual town warrant, which was sent to each residence in the town.

The book, "The Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III," is due out in mid-June and tells the story of the last 50 years of Cohasset.

"It gave people an easy way to order the book," said Jacqueline Dormitzer, author. "We wanted to let people know the book is almost ready."

Wigmore Pierson, chairman of the committee, said so far, the committee has received 150 orders that can be attributed to the full-page spread in the warrant. There have been almost 600 books that have been preordered.

"It's an extremely professional product we're putting out there," Pierson said. "This book should be something those who are interested in our town cherish."

The book is the third in a series of town histories. The first, authored by Victor Bigelow covers in more than 500 pages from the glacial period to the late 19th century. The second book, penned by Burtram Pratt, took more than 300 pages to cover a 50-year-period from 1900-1950.

In contrast, Dormitzer's book is going to split the difference between her two predecessors, and clocks in at about 400 pages. The dust jacket is an color photograph of an aerial shot of the town.

Also included in the book will be more than 240 photos, 50 of which will be in a center section in color, as well as two maps.

The first map depicts the existing estates in 1950 and the subdivision surrounding the large properties. The second map will show all the existing roads that were added to the town since 1950.

"Those maps are really something else," Pierson said. "They really add a lot to the book."

Pierson added the committee has been working feverishly on the book and has recently retained an International Service Book Number for the publication which means it can be ordered from anywhere on the planet. The book will also be available on amazon.com.

Currently, the committee is waiting to get the page proofs back for the publisher so it can make sure everything is OK. The group expects to get the proofs back in the next couple weeks and doesn't anticipate any problems.

"It's an immense relief to have it done," Dormitzer said. "We all have a feeling of great accomplishment."

Dormitzer said her book is stylistically different from those that were written before. She said the book is organized by decade so readers can see a progression as opposed to Bigelow's and Pratt's books, which were organized by topic.

"I tried to make it factual yet interesting at the same time," she said. "I'm very happy to have written it."

Dormitzer said received most of her historical information from old newspapers and interviews with those who lived in town in the middle part of the last century.

"It was nice to weave in a lot of the anecdotes that people had to tell," she said. "It makes the book easy to read."

The contrast between the 1950s and today was much more striking than Dormitzer, resident of Cohasset since 1967, anticipated. She said the composition of the town was made of mostly natives and was not as wealthy. However, the physically beauty of the town is one of its characteristics that has endured over time.

"The town has really retained some its tranquil flavor," she said. "It may be because people have more money now so they're able to better maintain their properties."

Reserve your copy of Cohasset history

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You can reserve a copy by sending a check for $32 plus $3.50 for postage payable to the Town of Cohasset and mail it to Committee on Town History, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Dog obedience classes offered

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy - Dog Training School throughout the summer.

Starting classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, May 6, for Obedience with Distractions at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. for beginners. For all classes the fee is$90 for the five- week, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

'Literary Laurels' flower show May 2

On Thursday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold a "Standard Flower Show" at the St Anthony's Church Hall at 4 Summer St.

The show is called "Literary Laurels" and will focus on the rich literary history of Massachusetts. Authors and poets will be remembered and their works evoked through flower arrangements. Emily Dickenson, Thoreau, Louisa May Alcott, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman, and Longfellow all lived and wrote pieces read around the world.

Almost 200 years later they are still hailed and studied as some of the greatest writers and original thinkers the literary world has ever seen. They lived and worked an hour's from Cohasset and their homes and gardens are open for viewing, so you can experience what they saw and felt as they wrote. The Community Garden Club hopes with this show to bring a certain awareness to their achievements and ideas, especially their work for nature.

There will be 24 designs to view and if the weather cooperates a extensive horticultural display.. There will be two slide shows shown during the course of the day at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. One will be on local birds and the other on gardens and garden problems. The show is open to the public and there will be no admission charge. Refreshments will be served and donations would be appreciated. There will be a raffle, plant sale, and white elephant table to offset expenses. If you have any questions please call the shown chairman, Mary Larson at 781-383-0775.

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Workshop on master plan slated for May 4

By Evan Schiff
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While the preliminary vision statement has been written, it's time to work on its implementation.

To that end, the Growth and Development Committee will hold a public workshop on May 4 at Town Hall.

Town Planner Liz Harrington said the committee wants to start making specific recommendations on how to accomplish its goals which are detailed in the vision statement *(see sidebar)*. She added that the more public participation the committee receives the better the master plan will be.

"We hope to get a maximum amount of feedback from these workshops," Harrington said. "It will help us to address the concerns people have."

Larissa Brown, the consultant the town has hired for the master plan process, said the first stage of the project, getting the general values of the community on paper, is complete. Now, the specifics will be discussed.

"It's a review process that provides an opportunity for the community to give its input," she said.

The master plan vision has been drafted from many meetings, neighborhood forums and a survey conducted last fall reflecting the hopes of Cohasset residents for the future.

The plan has a number of specific components to address including a goals and policy statement, land-use analysis, housing market analysis, economic development, natural and cultural resources, open space and recreation, service and facilities, and traffic/circulation/transportation.

Harrington said it is firmly grounded in Cohasset character and values as articulated today.

The draft vision will go through a process of review and refinement with all Cohasset constituents in the coming months as we work toward crafting a new long-term plan for Cohasset.

Judging by the reception the plan got at the selectmen's meeting early in the week, the discussion next weekend should be a lively one.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan took exception to the part of the vision statement concerning the control of new homes to fit their neighborhoods. He said the outcry over mansionization should subside. He added if the master plan is going to ask for site review plans every time a new house is built, the character of the town will be negatively effected.

"We've had big homes in Cohasset for a long time," he said. "You can't regulate what people's tastes are."

While the discussion about large homes was debated back and forth, selectman Ronnie McMorris said the conversation was not necessary.

"The master plan is not about mansionization," she said. "It's about developing a consensus and it's not driven by a special interest group, the entire town has had an opportunity for input."

Selectman Fred Koed agreed.

"This process is about figuring out what we want the town to be like for the next 40 years," he said.

Larissa Brown said the site review plan was only one idea and she was neither advocating nor opposing the option.

"I'm not in the business of prescribing what the town should do," Brown said. "I'm just providing the tools for the town to come to a consensus and implement a plan."

The workshop will take place on May 4 at Town Hall and will last from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Master plan vision statement

Cohasset in 2020 is a historic residential community renowned for its quality of life, the exceptional beauty of its coastal setting, a lively village center and harbor front, all supported by effective and sustainable town management:

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The harbor and the village center serve the community with the variety and number of successful businesses appropriate to these area's scale and character.

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Numerous organizations, activities and events celebrate the historic and cultural heritage of Cohasset.

Keeping Cohasset just the way it is

Master Plan will help, officials say

By Mary Ford
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The closest thing Cohasset will have to a crystal ball is the Master Plan, Planning Board member Peter Pratt told the Zoning Board of Appeals this week.

Pratt, who also sits on the Growth and Development Committee, which is spearheading the Master Plan process, laid out an ambitious timetable before ZBA members to put them in the picture, so to speak, about what lies ahead.

"If we get it right, the Master Plan will become a living document."
— Peter Pratt

At 1 p.m., Saturday, May 4 a workshop is planned during which smaller groups will break out into "working groups" to brainstorm about housing, fiscal policy and other issues, Pratt explained.

Pratt said plans are to have the final draft of the Master Plan ready by the fall special Town Meeting with any proposed bylaw changes on board for the spring annual Town Meeting.

He explained the Master Plan will focus on land-use policy but can also include transportation issues and harbor development, for example.

"If we get it right, the Master Plan will become a living document," he said. "One that can be routinely revisited and updated."

ZBA member Ben Lacy worried that a Master Plan might do harm. He pointed out the Town Common, which might need some sidewalk repair, but is otherwise nearly perfect.

Lacy's reaction was to "keep your hands off it."

But other ZBA members said a Master Plan might be the best way to keep Cohasset just the way it is.

"If you like it the way it is, start protecting it," Barbara Power said.

Mark Dunne said the town would be in a better position to "steer the ship" if it had a plan.

ZBA members were in agreement the Master Plan should address the need for affordable housing in town for both senior citizens and younger families.

Lacy said the town needs to appoint an affordable housing committee to focus on the issue.

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The Beechwood Church was dedicated in 1867.

Beechwood Church anchors neighborhood

The second of a two-part article about the Beechwood section of Cohasset

By Rebecca Bates-McArthur
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In 1858, Mrs. Clarissa Harris felt there was a need for a church in the neighborhood. The Beechwood Evangelical Union Society met on the second floor of Brown's General Store in 1863 and the church formed. In 1866, the cornerstone was laid.

At the dedication service on Jan. 15, 1867, Mr. Charles Bailey of Scituate suggested the mortgage be retired. A collection was taken and the money needed was raised.

In 1948, the original steeple was hit by lightning, and it was taken down and replaced with a smaller one. The parsonage, which had been purchased in 1870, was sold in 1957 to help finance a new kitchen, furnace room, parlor and minister's study.

The church is still active and known for its Harvest and Election suppers.

The E.H. Brown General Store and post office was the hub of Beechwood. Mail was addressed to a post office at The Beechwoods. The Brown family ran the store for close to 100 years. On the second floor, there was a meeting room, known as Eagle Hall. It was possible to buy groceries, flour, shoes, hardware goods, grain and feed, gasoline and the children's favorite penny candy. Other small stores along Beechwood Street and Doane Street included a gas station, a blacksmith's shop and a clothing factory. The Beechwood post office was closed after World War II.

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The first fire station in Beechwood was located at the edge of the Cemetery on Doane Street. The building housed horse-drawn equipment. In 1902, the station building was moved to Beechwood Street where the basketball court is now located. Cohasset Engine 3 was housed here. Three permanent fire fighters and volunteers manned the Beechwood Fire Company. As the truck headed to the fire, it would pick up the firemen. The station was closed in 1981 in a move to centralize the equipment. The building was sold and was moved to Clapp Road in Scituate. The fire bell is now to be found in the Maritime Museum.

The Beechwood Improvement Association Hall was built in 1912-13. The purpose of the association was to "cultivate fraternal relations among the members, to encourage every social, moral and intellectual influence for the improvement of our community." The hall was used for many social events, including dances, basketball, Sunday school and minstrel shows. A baseball team was formed. The Cohasset Grange, founded in 1939, also met there. In 1916, members of the association started a library. When the library needed more space, an addition was built. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library rented this space and the Beechwood branch of the library was created. In 1961, the library branch was closed and its books moved to the current library building. The librarian's position was retained. In 1978, the association met for the last time and established a trust fund to be administered by the Cohasset Recreation Department for the perpetual benefit of the youth (14 and under) from the Beechwood neighborhood. Only the interest can be spent for the recreational, physical and/or emotional advancement of the young people. Permission must be obtained by residents of the neighborhood before it can be used. The hall was sold to a private owner.

The Beechwood section of Cohasset has seen much growth in current years. Many farms prospered in this area of town in the early 1900s. In 1978, the new Cohasset Reservoir was built at the end of Beechwood Street on land originally farmed, then taken over by the government during World War II. As the town has grown and turned away from being a quiet, rural village, land has been sold and houses built. Cohasset has changed over the years, Beechwood seeing much of it.

Reprinted from Historical Highlights, the newsletter of the Cohasset Historical Society. For more information about the society, call 781-383-1434.

Cohasset Historical Society Calendar

The following events are scheduled for the months of May and June:

Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m.: Lecture on "The Hanlon Brothers" by Tom Gruber at the Lightkeepers' House; no charge; refreshments served.

Saturday, May 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m., there will be a reception and dinner for the Restoration Fund Donors ($500 or more); dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 19 from 2-4 p.m.: Open house for all Restoration Fund Donors at Lothrop House, Maritime Museum and Wilson House.

Saturday, June 1: Maritime Museum opens for the season.

Thursday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m.: A slide lecture on "Old Photos of Cohasset" by David Wadsworth at the Lightkeepers' House; no charge; refreshments served.

Saturday, June 15: Wilson House opens for the season.

In September: Yard sale.

Ongoing:

Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-4:30 p.m.: Archive hours at Lothrop House; historian David Wadsworth is on hand.

Tuesdays from 1-4:30 p.m.: Presidents in Residence at Lothrop House; please come and share ideas.

Senior forum on prescriptions slated for May 21

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs will hold an informational forum on Prescription Advantage, the new state-sponsored prescription drug insurance plan for all Massachusetts residents age 65 or over and younger people with disabilities, at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Tuesday, May 21, at 11 a.m.

Prescription Advantage offers unlimited prescription drug coverage that is combined with an annual out-of-pocket spending limit to provide drug coverage with unparalleled financial protection. Refreshments will be served at the event. To RSVP to the forum, call 617-520-7274. To enroll or for more information on Prescription Advantage, call toll free: 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636) or TDD/TTY: 1-877-610-0241.

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Dinner is $30 for members, $35 for non-members. Call 781-383-1434 for more information.

Youth art welcome

Young people, up to high school seniors, are encouraged to participate in the Massachusetts Cultural Council art show at Second Parish Church, 685 Main St., Hingham.

Individuals may enter one piece of art on collection afternoons, Thursday and Friday, May 2 and 3 between 4-6 p.m. Older children's work is juried; younger children receive a participant's ribbon.

This art show, which includes an adult art show and sale upstairs, is a wonderful opportunity for seeing one's work in a gala environment, is then open May 7-11.

For questions and further information, call Joyce Schreier (children's art) at 781-749-4861; or Andrea Gillis (adult's art) at 781-749-6724.

Learn how to row, signup is May 5

Anyone interested in rowing with CMI this Spring, summer, or Fall, needs to attend CMI's boat signup event on Sunday, May 5, 4p.m. at the CMI boathouse. (rowers unable to attend must notify Mary Sease, 383 8318, Jack Buckley 383 8261, or John Liffmann, 925-2796) The purpose of the sign up to create a rowing schedule such that every rower walks away from boat sign-up knowing when she/he is rowing, with whom, and why. Sweep rowers will be able to sign up with a crew that meets their interest and skill level and scullers will be able to learn about club hours and boat usage protocols.

The CMI 'Rowing Program' provides members with opportunities to get out on the water in Alden Shells (sculling singles and doubles), Gloucester Gulls (sculling singles), Coxed Fours (sweep oars) and traditional lifesaving boats. The club goal this year is to improve upon its ability to maximize opportunities for members to take full advantage of its resources.

Carriage House benefit is May 4

Join us at the beautiful seaside home of Stephen and Patty Gillis, 492 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset, on Saturday, May 4 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. for an evening of fun and fundraising to benefit the Carriage House Nursery School at 23 North Main St.

The evening will include a wine tasting and a live and silent auction. There will be many prizes including a weekend in Nantucket, Red Sox tickets, sports lessons, unique and beautiful items created by the students, gift certificates for services and much, much more! Tickets are $25 per person.

For more information, please contact Beth Marsden Gilman –1811, Kathleen Broderick –6339, or Lisa Dooley –0958.

Litchfield party is May 11

Make sure to get your tickets for Harold Litchfield's retirement celebration to be held on Friday, May 10 at the Golden Rooster in North Scituate, starting at 6:30 p.m. To get your tickets to this event, contact Peggy Litchfield at 781-923-1080. The cost is $30 per person and includes dinner, dancing and music with a cash bar. A limit has been set so don't wait too long to reserve your spot.

Kitchen tour tickets

Though ticket sales for the South Shore Community Center's Kitchen Tour have been brisk, a limited number remain for this designer tour of some of the most unique kitchens in Cohasset Friday, April 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the sixth year the center has sponsored the kitchen tour and this year's homes and samplings from local caterers promise to be some of the most spectacular to date.

Tickets are $25 (while available) and may be purchased at the center or by calling 781-383-0088. Funds from the 2002 kitchen tour will be used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center.

For more information about the kitchen tour or for a schedule of center courses, call 781-383-0088.

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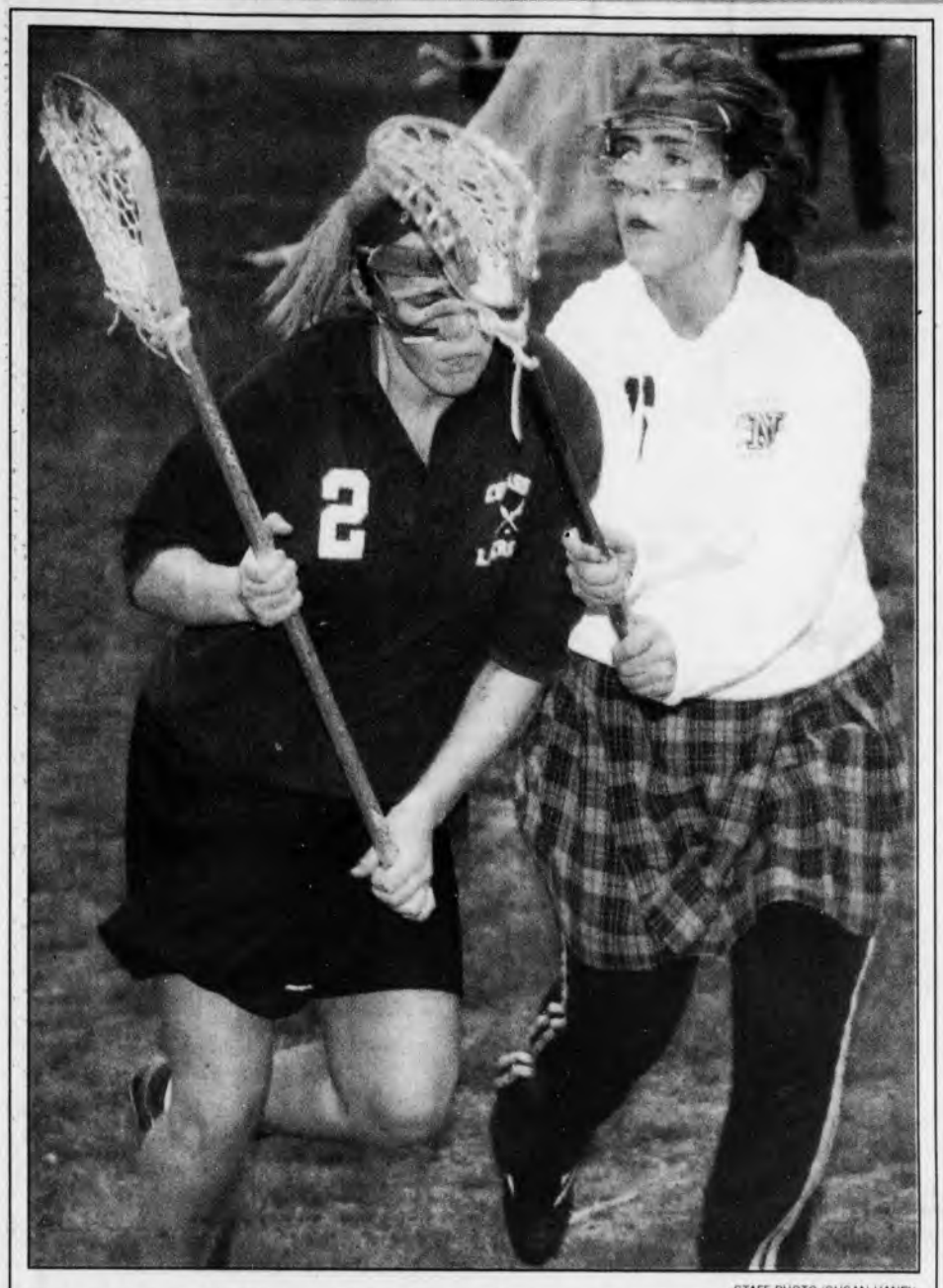

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Who says girls lacrosse isn't as physical; as the boys game? Cohasset's Julie Lordan (left) does her best to shake off...coverage of Norwell defender in Tuesday's tough 9-5 loss.

Lady Laxers lose tough one

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The girls lacrosse team fell this past Tuesday, losing to a fast-passing Norwell team, 9-5. With their record dropping to 2-2, the Lady Skippers hope to get back to full strength this week and prepare for upcoming league matches.

"They were a little better than us moving the ball around," admitted first year lacrosse coach Torin Sweeney.

This was only the first glimpse Cohasset has had at smaller Pilgrim Conference competition this spring, as they opened the season with Marshfield, New Bedford and Barnstable.

Senior captain Kristin Sheerin maintained her quota of multiple goals, pitching in two while adding another assist. Despite facing consistent double and triple teams by tenacious opposing defenders, Sheerin continues to put up impressive numbers.

"She is definitely one of the better players in the area," lauded Sweeney, who has turned Sheerin into the lacrosse equivalent of a basketball point guard. "The other teams really chase her down. But she is learning to expect it now, and she will find ways to get around it."

Junior Sera Genovese, back in the line-up after an injury sidelined her the first month of the season, poured in two goals from the attacker position. A 25-goal scorer last year, Genovese has worked out lightly with the team, and may have earned herself a starting position with her effort Tuesday.

"She gives us a little more experience up front," noted the coach, "and another person to rotate in."

Junior Maura McKenney, currently second on the team in scoring behind Sheerin, recorded Cohasset's fifth goal of the day.

McKenney is one of several teammates who played the entire game on Tuesday, including fellow forward Sheerin. On defense, junior Katherine Coyne and Julie Lordan almost never see bench time, and senior forward Carlie Carter is nearly at the point in her surgery recovery where she can do the same.

For now, Sweeney does have several rotation options for his zone defense to give any one of Carter, Coyne, and Lordan a

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Stung by perfection

Abington's Hillyer quiets Skippers bats in historic performance

By Mike Spellman
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After watching a performance the like of C.J. Hillyer's perfect game on Tuesday, there's not much an opposing coach can do but tip his cap.

"The kid pitched a gem," lauded Cohasset head baseball coach Bob Knurek. "He fell behind one hitter all game. His command was great, and he had some nice play in the field behind him. My hat's off to him."

The sophomore southpaw struck out 13 Skipper hitters in all. Of the remaining nine outs in the consecutive string of 21, three or four could have been hits if they'd traveled a few more inches one way or the other, accordign to Knurek.

The Straughn brothers, senior Tim and freshman Ted, came the closest to breaking up Hillyer's history-making performance, each driving long flies that were run down. Tim's by right fielder Bob Lacerda and Ted's by center fielder Mike Miller.

"I've had great defense behind me all year, and I had a few guys who really came up big for me today," said Hillyer, who is now 3-1 on the season.

The Abington star hurler relied heavily on his changeup to keep Cohasset hitters off balance all afternoon, mixing it in deftly with his fastball and curve.

"I had a lot of confidence in my change," said Hillyer, who also has a Little League no-hitter on his resume. "It was working well for me, so I kept going to it."

Overshadowed by this historic performance, sadly, was the first varsity start of the younger Straughn. Freshman Tim went six strong innings himself, striking out eight of the hitters in first place Abington's impressive batting order, while surrendering just six hits. Only three of the host Green Wave's runs were earned.

After being victimized early by a four-run, three-hit inning, Knurek was impressed by the way the frosh hurler settled down to finish the game strong.

"Tim showed a lot for a freshman, especially with his poise," praised the veteran coach.

With the loss, the Skippers fell to 2-4, but 0-4 in South Shore League play.

"There's good baseball in the South Shore League," said Knurek. "We're the smallest school in the league, so it's not always easy to compete. But it's good competition. I like the challenge and I think the kids do too."

The Skippers were slated to put their perfect 2-0 non-league record on the line yesterday with Nantucket coming to town and number two hurler Mike Snowdale on the mound.

Number one starter Tim Straughn was scheduled to get the start this afternoon at home against Carver (3:30 start at Milliken Field).

Girls ride wave

Tennis team hands Abington first loss of season, 5-0

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

After a shaky start put the Cohasset girls tennis program in a quick 0-2 hole, they seem to have regrouped, and are now looking like the playoff bound team everyone knows them to be.

With more than 10 days between matches due to April break, the Lady Skippers finally ran their record past the .500 mark, tearing down SSL rival Abington, 5-0. This was the third consecutive South Shore League win for the Cohasset girls, as they improved to 3-2, 3-1 in league.

"That was exactly what we needed right after vacation," noted 11th year coach Sarah Meehan. "But (Abington) had a good little team. They have done a lot to build up their program."

At first singles, junior captain Lindsay Grossman showed no signs of rust, playing her first match in over two weeks, beating Abington senior Katie Bitangelo, 6-1, 6-0. Grossman found herself able to pick apart the speedy Bitangelo with her powerful ground strokes.

"Lindsay was just in top form,"

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset freshman phenom Elizabeth Stone has yet to lose even a single game in four singles matches this season, clearly living up to high preseason expectations.

All-Scholastic hockey team

Cohasset's O'Connell, Devine and Straughn headline nine Skippers named among area's elite

We saved the biggest and, dare we say, the toughest for last.

Hockey players are, in general, among the more difficult athletes to evaluate. Unlike basketball, wrestling, track and gymnastics, stats and numbers often do not tell much of the story on the ice.

In hockey, so much more so than these other winter sports, evaluators such as us have to rely heavily on what we see. This is why the feedback from area coaches was so vital in this team's selection process. We asked our coaches to comment not only on their own players, but opposing players they'd observed over the course of this past season. All of the players you see here who made our team were recommended for the honor by multiple coaches.

Hockey is also one of the more consummate team sports, with proficiency from many players in many distinct phases of the game being essential to overall success. This is why this is the biggest of our all-scholastic teams. We've done our best with our 21 choices here — eight forwards, six defensemen and four goalies — to honor all of the vital elements that translate into success on the ice.

As the phenomenal campaigns turned in by many of the teams in our circulation area might suggest, we had a bumper crop of players from which to choose. Several of the players you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" were near misses for this honor.

There were five or six players from the Cohasset High team alone we hated to pass over. There was so much quality depth and offensive explosiveness on this unbeaten team (19-0-1) that it became all but impossible to choose between talented scorers such as John Durkin, Tom Anderson, Rob Carpenter and Matt Davis. Fortunately, all four of these

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Greg O'Connell was the top scorer in Marinerland this winter with 62 points, making him a lock for our all-scholastic team.

Weber 'saves' day

Senior goalie immense, as laxers squeeze by Franklin, 5-4

Senior all-conference goalie Kyle Weber stood tall in the fourth quarter, and his 17 second-half saves led Cohasset to their sixth win of the season.

The Skippers squandered a 5-1 lead at the end of the third period, but managed to hang on and defeat Hockomock League member Franklin, a second-year varsity that proved far more difficult than expected.

"Something's missing in our approach to games like this," said Head Coach Kevin Orcutt. "We can't seem to understand that there's a bulls-eye on our jerseys for every opponent, after what we accomplished last year. Maybe we believe all we have to do is show up, but if that's the case, we're in for a long second half of this season."

Cohasset's attack — missing senior co-captains Eric Libby (vacation) and Paul Previte (an arm injury that will sideline him for two-to-three weeks) – never seemed to get in synch. Senior Jason Moore and junior Curt Kahn scored twice and once, respectively, but worked together effectively only sporadically. The third attackman, junior Matt Davis, normally a midfielder, had one assist.

"If we think we're going to win games getting three goals from our attack," said Orcutt, "then we're delusional. They are going to have to step up, and with Hingham on Friday, they're gonna have to do it very, very soon."

Weber, coming off a shaky performance against Falmouth and not seeing much action versus Canton, was immense. In the fourth quarter alone, he stopped a half dozen point-blank shots, and ran the clears with the confidence

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All-Scholastic hockey team

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players are underclassmen and will almost certainly be high on our all-scholastic consideration list next spring.

In the end, we limited ourselves to a 21-player roster, so difficult choices had to be made. Without further ado, here are those choices:

Greg O'Connell - Junior Center - Cohasset

Greg O'Connell

The South Shore League's leading scorer this season with 62 points in 22 games, including two goals and an assist in the post-season (having a hand in three of the Skippers' four playoff tallies)...tops on the team in both goals (29) and assists (33)...a two-time South Shore League all-star...an excellent skater with a great burst and a fearless attitude...also a scintillating passer, as witnessed by the 33 assists, which was more than twice as many as all but one teammate... Patriot Ledger all-scholastic...also a SSL all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic for soccer....plays soccer year round as member of the South Shore Blazers...will transfer to Belmont Hill preparatory school next fall, where he will play soccer and hockey in the hopes of drawing more college recruiting interest...the son of former Bruins player and current team General Manager Mike O'Connell...Cohasset hockey coach Dennis Walsh: "You could see he had the skating and stick handling and shooting ability since his freshman year, but he really became a much more complete and mature player this year. His passing has really improved. He's seeing the whole ice now. It's Greg's great attitude that really sets him apart. No matter what you ask him to do or what line you put him on, he never complains. He's almost always one of the first kids on the ice for practice and he's definitely one of the hardest workers out there shift after shift."

Tim Straughn - Senior Defenseman - Cohasset

Tim Straughn

Had an amazing +/- rating of +69 this season, which we're guessing might have been tops in all of Massachussets, if not New England... finished fifth on the high flying Skippers in scoring with 10 goals and 13 assists, one ahead of freshman brother Ted (11-11—22)...a major part of the defensive core that allowed just 19 goals in 20 regular season games for the unbeaten Skippers (19-0-1)...possesses the whole package: size, willingness to play physical, skating ability and great shot...South Shore League all-star...Patriot Ledger all-scholastic...played a lot of off-season hockey between his junior and senior year, and it showed dramatically...also an outstanding baseball player who has actually had more conversations with college coaches for that sport than hockey...led the C.H.S. baseball team in hitting (.426 batting average), RBI and pitching (2.56 ERA, 27 strikeouts in 28 innings) last season...also plays catcher...an honor roll student...among the colleges he's looking at are UMass-Amherst, Holy Cross, St. Anselm, Merrimack and Northeastern... Cohasset hockey coach Dennis Walsh: "Tim has been a good solid player since I got him, but he really seemed to come in with a lot of confidence this season, and that let him show what he's capable of, which is quite a bit. I could see Tim playing at the college level. If he hung in there, he'd eventually get used to the faster game in college. Let's face it, there aren't too many kids his size who can skate that well."

Mike Devine - Sophomore Defenseman - Cohasset

Mike Devine

Recipient of the Skippers "Unsung Hero" award the last two years...contributed 15 points (five goals, 10 assists) this season even though he was clearly a defense-first blue liner...a major part of the defensive core that allowed just 19 goals in 20 regular season games for the unbeaten Skippers (19-0-1)...played with several defensive partners this season, which forced him to adjust quite a bit and often left him carrying the bulk of the load...played with an intelligence and steadiness that belied his years... also plays lacrosse at C.H.S...plays hockey year round as a member of the Bay State Sharks in the Metropolitan Boston League...also loves golf, but couldn't play for the high school team this year because of hockey conflicts... Cohasset hockey coach Dennis Walsh: "He's a talented player, but the thing that I appreciated most was just how steady he was. He wasn't always flashy and sometimes you wouldn't notice all the little things he did. He just had a sense for making the right move and doing the right thing."

Pat Bowen - Sophomore Defenseman - Marshfield

Pat Bowen

A three-year varsity player, Bowen established himself as one of the best defensemen in the Old Colony League...A two-time league All-star (ACL and OCL). Bowen scored 31 points this season on 17 goals and 14 assists for Marshfield (15-6-3), which finished second in its first OCL season...These numbers were the highest amongst OCL defensemen and placed him sixth overall...In three years, Bowen has racked up 56 career points...An honor roll student at MHS, Bowen's defensive work on the back line helped the Rams notch a season, which ended in the semifinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney...The sophomore was the MVP at last summer's Hockey Night tourney...An Honorable Mention to the Mariner All-Scholastic team last year, Bowen was a laborless pick for the squad this time around...Bowen will be among Marshfield's top returning players next season. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Pat is one of the best defenseman on the South Shore, if not the state. He has a great work ethic and passion for the game. He is always working to become a better and more complete player."

Pete Wilson - Sophomore Forward - Marshfield

Pete Wilson

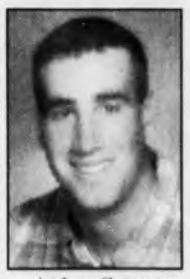
A two-year varsity player, Wilson emerged as the best offensive player in the Old Colony League... Led both the Marshfield team and the OCL in scoring, racking up 45 points on 18 goals, 27 assists...In his two-year career, Wilson has amassed 65 points...Always able to rise to the occasion when needed most, Wilson scored his first career hat trick and also had an assist in the Rams' win over Stoughton in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney...Voted as the Marshfield (15-6-3) team's MVP, Wilson was also an OCL All-star...This is Wilson's first appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team...A top returnee to next year's squad, Wilson also plays baseball at MHS. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Pete is a pleasure to coach and always gives 100 percent in practice and games, and in striving to become better. He is always the first one on the ice and the last to leave. He is a very dedicated player."

Dana Unangst - Junior Forward - Marshfield

Dana Unangst

A two-year varsity player, Unangst was among the team's top scorers with 29 points on 8 goals and 21 assists... With his 12 total points from last season, Unangst has amassed 41 points in his career...A highly versatile player, Unangst was similar to a utility man for Marshfield, which finished second in its first season in the Old Colony League...Unangst was primarily a left wing, but would switch to defense on power plays and when the Rams were killing penalties...His many roles on the team this year were instrumental in Marshfield's Div. 2 South Sectional tourney run, which was halted in the semifinals...An OCL All-star, Unangst will return as a captain on next season's Marshfield hockey squad...The junior also plays soccer for MHS. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Dana is one of the strongest and fastest players around. He always came up with the big play whenever we needed it."

Andrew Genovese - Senior (Capt.) Center - Hingham


Andrew Genovese

Was the Patriot League champion Harbormen's leading scorer this season with 40 points on 20 goals and 20 assists...His work on the frontline helped Hingham (24-3-1) advance to the semifinals of the Super Eight (Div. 1A) tourney, which was the team's first-ever appearance...A two-year recipient of the Harbormen's Most Valuable Player award, Genovese was a key member of last year's Div. 1 State Championship team...A powerful skater with great hands, Genovese scored one of two goals in the team's 2-0 Super Eight win over top-ranked St. John's Shrewsbury – the same team Hingham defeated for the state title a year ago...A Patriot League All-star, Genovese also plays baseball at HHS and is a coach in the Hingham Youth Hockey program...The captain was a member of the Massachusetts team that recently competed in the Chicago Showcase, in which only the nation's best high school players compete...Genovese plans to attend college and continue his hockey career. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "Andrew is a strong kid. He's very strong at the corners and in front of the net. He's a good playmaker, one of the tops on the team. He's scored some big goals last year and this year."

Jed McDonald - Junior Defenseman - Hingham

An Honorable Mention to the All-Scholastic squad last season, McDonald is making his first appearance on our team after a solid season for the Patriot League champion Harbormen (24-3-1)...Is a two-year selection for the Hingham team's defensive MVP award despite being just a junior...A highly-skilled defenseman, McDonald was also a force for the Harbormen on the frontline, racking up 29 points on 14 goals and 15 assists this season...A Patriot League All-star, his performance on the ice this year was instrumental in Hingham's first-ever Super Eight tourney run, in which the team finished third to hockey heavyweights Catholic Memorial and champ BC High...Scored a goal and two assists in Hingham's win over Billerica in the Super Eight...McDonald also scored the game-winning goal one year ago in Hingham's Div. 1 State Championship win over St. John's Shrewsbury, whom the Harbormen also defeated in Super Eight action this year...The junior joined teammates Andrew Genovese and Mike Boles on the Massachusetts team at the Chicago Showcase, which features the best high school hockey talent in the nation...McDonald will return next season as a captain on the Hingham squad. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He's come up with some extremely big goals the last two seasons, particularly in the tournaments. He was moved to defense last year and has improved by leaps and bounds. He's an excellent skater and is a good position player. He's a big strong kid, too, which makes things easier."

Mike Boles - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Hingham

Mike Boles

Was a force in front of the net for the Patriot League champion Harbormen (24-3-1)... Boles was among the team's top scorers, racking up 28 points on 12 goals and 16 assists...His performance on offense this season helped Hingham advance to the semifinals of its first ever Super Eight appearance, just one game shy of the title contest...Boles came up big for Hingham on several occasions this season, particularly in the Super Eight tourney, in which he scored two goals in an 8-6 win over rival Billerica...Boles recently played on the Massachusetts team in the Chicago Showcase, a national high school hockey tourney featuring the top talent in the country...Boles is considering attending college and hopes to continue his hockey career. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He's very fast and is a very hard worker. He can dish out a big hit and uses his speed well. He's a very consistent player and was a good leader."

Kevin Olson - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Hingham

Mike McNulty

For the last two seasons, Olson has been among the Patriot League champion Harbormen's leaders in assists...This year, Olson racked up 20 assists (tying fellow All-Scholastic Andrew Genovese for the team lead) and added 11 goals for a total 31 points...A Patriot League All-star, Olson was instrumental in Hingham's first-ever appearance in the Super Eight tournament, in which the Harbormen (24-3-1) finished third...Olson had a great tournament this season, racking up three assists in the team's 4-0 win over Reading...Olson is making his second-consecutive appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic hockey squad...A captain this year, Olson would have competed in the Chicago Showcase had he not sustained a late-season injury...Olson plans to attend prep school, where he will continue his hockey career. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He's one of the hardest working kids we've ever had on the ice. He's very fast and is a very smart player. He's a very consistent player in that he works hard on the ice all the time."

Mike McNulty - Senior (Capt.) Center - Hanover

A four-year varsity player and starter for the Indians, McNulty was the team's leading scorer with 35 points on 20 goals and 15 assists...McNulty also led the Hanover hockey team in scoring last season helping the Indians attain a Div. 3 State Championship title and undefeated season...The senior finished his career with more than 100 points...Big, strong, and powerful, McNulty's impact on the frontline was hard for opponents to deal with...The captain was always on Hanover's power plays...A Patriot League All-star, McNulty is making his second consecutive appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic hockey squad...McNulty is considering attending Suffolk University, where he plans to continue his hockey career. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "Mike didn't have the numbers he wanted because a lot of our opponents were all over him this year. He's a hard worker, big kid, and a good skater. He has all the attributes. He was the leader of our team for the past two years. I can't say enough about him."

Ryan Carr - Senior (Capt.) Defenseman - Hanover

Ryan Carr

After the graduation losses of Hanover's talented defensive back line, it was Carr's job to take the reigns... A solid defenseman with impressive skills, Carr kept Hanover on track in the first half of the season before suffering a injury midway through the year in a game against Scituate...Despite missing the latter half of the season, Carr was still voted a Patriot League All-star by the league's coaches...In addition to his stellar defensive play, Carr was also called upon by the Indians in the offensive ice, acting as a fourth forward and he had the speed to do it...This is Carr's first appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team...Carr is a member of the HHS Student Council and is the chairman of the School Relations Club...Carr has not yet decided on future plans, but is certain that hockey is in them, whether in college, prep school, or playing with a Jr. Hockey organization. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "This was Ryan's year to shine and he did while he was there. It's just too bad his season was cut short. He was our one premier defenseman and a great leader. He also had a great shot and could get into the pack and up with the play."

John Lynch - Senior Goalie - Hingham

John Lynch

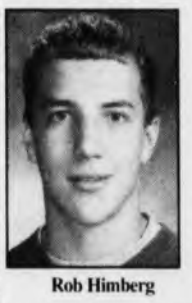
Was a no-brainer for a spot on the Mariner All-Scholastic squad this year... Established himself as one of the top goalies in the state by posting a nearly untouchable 1.06 goals against average despite Hingham's highly difficult schedule...His performance between the pipes helped the Harbormen (24-3-1) easily claim the Patriot League title and led them to the Super Eight Tourney (MIAA Div.1A)...There, he posted two shutouts against Reading (4-0) and top-seeded St. John's (2-0) – a game in which he stopped a potentially hazardous penalty shot – helping Hingham advance to the semifinals (top three teams)...He was the only goalie in the Super Eight to record shutouts...Has had two solid seasons in the net for Hingham, which won the Div. 1 state title a year ago...A Patriot League All-star, Lynch also plays for the HHS lacrosse team and was a member of last season's Div. 2 state championship team...Lynch is undecided regarding future plans, but would like to attend college and major in communications and film production. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He's been a big game goalie the last two seasons he's started and has played terrific in the tournaments. He's tall, so he's able to cover a lot of the net. He's worked hard for all his accomplishments."

Kenny O'Sullivan - Junior Goalie - Abington/EB

Kenny O'Sullivan

A two-time South Shore League All-star, O'Sullivan had a great year between the pipes for Abington/EB... An Abington resident, O'Sullivan's solid play helped lead the Green Wave to the semifinals of the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney, where they fell to eventual champ Blue Hills...Recorded five shutouts during the year, including a 5-0 blanking in Ab/EB's first round tourney win over Diman...A three-year starter on the Green Wave hockey squad, O'Sullivan's performance in goal this season helped Ab/EB (13-6-3) notch a solid third-place finish in the SSL...Still a junior, O'Sullivan will be back in the net next season and has already been elected a captain...O'Sullivan also plays soccer for AHS in the fall. Abington/EB coach Tony Sulmonte on O'Sullivan's tourney performance: "Kenny kept us in the game. You felt that he was going to keep us in the game for the rest of the way. If he did not make those saves, it would have been lights out."

Rob Himberg - Senior (Capt.) Center - Norwell


Rob Himberg

Norwell High's all-time leading scorer with 196 points, including this season's total of 58 (29 goals and 29 assists) in 21 games...A slick playmaker and even slicker skater...was rarely off the ice in special teams situations (short handed and power play)... three-time SSL All-Star... Patriot Ledger all-scholastic...also plays high school golf and baseball...intends to attend Winchendon Academy prep school for a year in the hopes of drawing more collegiate interest...scored three goals and added an assist in heartbreaking 7-6 loss to Somerset in the first round of the state tourney...Norwell hockey coach Paul Hurley: "Players with Robbie's offensive talent just don't come along too often. We rode him for all he was worth, and we're probably going to need a lot of guys stepping up big to fill the void he'll leave."

Ben Spitz - Senior (Capt.) Defenseman - Norwell

Arguably, the South Shore League's best defenseman for the last two years, and some would say longer... the four-time league all-star tallied 32 points this season (13 goals, 19 assists) despite being a purported "defense first" blue liner...though minute totals aren't kept, it's a fair bet to say Spitz lapped the SSL field in that statistical category... Patriot Ledger all-scholastic...was on the ice for power plays, penalty kills and probably close to two-thirds of the rest of the time—not bad considering hockey is his second favorite sport...Ben distinguished himself as the state's top high school golfer by winning the state individual tourney in both his sophomore and junior years. Unfortunately, he couldn't participate in this past fall's tourney due to a thumb injury...was recruited by dozens of colleges with top Div. 1 golf programs before accepting a full four-year scholarship to Texas Christian University, a top 10 nationally ranked program...Norwell hockey coach Paul Hurley: "Imagine how good Ben would be if hockey wasn't just his hobby. I can't say enough about how much I appreciate him coming back to play after he got his scholarship. With the risk of injury in hockey, I figure a lot of kids would've forgotten about the game. But he came back, and you could tell by the way he played that he never even thought about injuries."

Ben Spitz

Mike McAteer - Junior Forward - Norwell

Mike McAteer

Mike finished fifth in the South Shore League scoring race this season (18 goals-17 assists—35 points), and second on the Clippers behind senior Rob Himberg... also scored two goals in the heartbreaking 7-6 first round tourney loss to Somerset...unanimous SSL all-star...will be looked to for even bigger things next season as Himberg, and the next two leading scorers from this year's team behind him (Ben Spitz and Brendan MacDonald) are being lost to graduation...was rarely off the ice in special teams situations...an extremely flashy skater with a good set of hands, but he'll have to create his own offense a little more next season without the extraordinary playmaking of Himberg and Spitz...plays hockey year round and would like to play at the college level...is planning to play in several showcases over the next few months for college and Junior hockey coaches...also plans to play in the Hockey Night in Boston showcase league this summer...Norwell coach Paul Hurley: "Mike can really skate, and he worked well with our first line. He was also big on the power play and shorthanded. He definitely became a more complete player this year. He'll have an even bigger challenge next year, though, because other teams will be keying on him."

Joe Duggan - Junior Goalie - Scituate

Joe Duggan

Awarded Scituate team's Most Valuable Player award... stopped more than 90 percent of the 718 shots thrown at him this year in 21 games (an average of more than 34 per), playing against what many believed was the toughest game-in, game-out competition of any Div. 3 team in the state, the Patriot League schedule alone pitting the Sailors twice each against two higher division 2001 state champs (Hanover and Hingham) and a 2000 state champ (Duxbury)...playing in front of a young and inexperienced defensive core, Duggan's play in net was clearly the biggest key to the Sailors push to qualify for the state tourney...also the starting second baseman for the S.H.S. baseball team...the fifth of five Duggan bothers to be a standout in hockey and baseball at Scituate high...brother Tim (now at Bryant College) was a Mariner all-scholastic for both baseball and hockey last year, and was also named the hockey team's MVP...Peter graduated from S.H.S. in '95, Kevin in '97 and Bryan in '99...hasn't thought much about college yet, but is leaning toward a career in Criminal Justice...Scituate hockey Coach Mike Breen: "Joe kept

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All-Scholastic hockey team

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All-Scholastic defenseman Tim Straughn posted what may well have been the top plus/minus rating in the state this winter with a +69.

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us in so many games this season we probably had no business competing in. If he does that same thing next season, with the other talent we have coming back, I can see us being a lot better."

Matt Hall - Junior Forward - Scituate

Matt Hall

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection, Hall proved a huge presence both offensively and defensively for the Sailors this past season, helping to keep them respectable in the ultra-competitive Patriot League and earn them a berth in the Div. 3 state tourney…led the team in ice time, playing frequently on both the power play and in shorthanded situations…also generally saw a couple of shifts per game on defense, as the Sailors were hit hard by graduation on the blue line in 2001 and had several injuries there this season…a tall, rangy player who's very strong on his skates, and has a blistering shot…tied for the team lead in scoring with 20 points (with Honorable Mention selectee Kyle Simpson), including a team best 11 goals…plays hockey year round as a member of the South Shore Dynamos, and has also played in the CDL (College Development League)…would like to play college hockey and has arranged to play in a couple of elite showcases this summer…also a starter for the S.H.S baseball team…Scituate coach Mike Breen: "Matt is just a gifted all around athlete. He has the ability to do a lot of good things on the ice. He could really help make us a different team next year if he can put it all together."

Ryan Flaherty - Senior Forward - Silver Lake

Ryan Flaherty

This B.C. High transfer emerged over the second half of the season after being moved from a second line wing to top line center, as he scored the bulk of his team-best 23 points (12 goals, 11 assists) in the second half of the season… this re-shuffling also played a big hand in the Lakers going 8-4-4 down the stretch after a 1-4-1 start….proved an extremely adept center, doing a nice job both carrying the puck and setting up his wingers… transferred to Silver Lake after his sophomore year, but played Junior hockey last winter as a junior for the Bay State Breakers rather than high school hockey…coach Bill Donovan admitted that it took him a while to recognize all this first year player for his program offered…Old Colony League all-star…also a current member of the varsity baseball team…his college possibilities include Norwich, Framingham State and Tampa University, and he'd like to continue playing hockey or baseball at the next level…Silver Lake coach Bill Donovan: "Ryan was a real steady two-way player. He was a strong competitor and always had a real positive attitude. He hit the ground running when I moved him in the middle with two speedy wings, and that really sparked our offense, which up until that point had really been struggling."

Bob Malone - Senior Goalie - Silver Lake

Bob Malone

Bided his time for two years as a backup to two-time Old Colony League all-star goalie Buddy Johnson ('01), a Mariner all-scholastic last spring, but took full advantage of his opportunity once he got it, earning an OCL all-star berth for himself…played like a battle tested veteran right from the start of this season… posted a goals against average of 1.90 and saved over 90 percent of the shots on him… Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic… plays catcher and first base for the Silver Lake baseball team…has a grade point average of 3.5…will attend UMass-Amherst next year…Silver Lake coach Bill Donovan: "Bobby kept us in so many games this season. He made the saves we needed him too, and quite a few others he had no business saving. The best thing, though, was his consistency. He never had a letdown, which is something you really appreciate at the high school level. Bobby's just a great kid. He was never the one to point fingers at others. He was always real supportive of his teammates, and a great leader. The players in front of him really wanted to do their best. He helped keep things on an even keel on the ice."

High Honorable Mention:

Mike Celestino - Jr. (Capt.) - Center - Rockland
John Tewksbury - Jr. - Defenseman - Marshfield
Jim Hanlon - Sr. - Forward - Hingham
Dave Kendrick - Jr. - Defenseman - Abington/EB
John Durkin - Jr. - Wing - Cohasset
Dan Kinchla- Sr. - Goalie - Cohasset
Tom Anderson- Jr.- Wing- Cohasset
Eric Libby - Sr. - Defenseman - Cohasset
Kyle Simpson- Junior - Wing- Scituate
Brendan Carey- Sr. - Defenseman - Silver Lake
Jesse Ferraro - Soph. - Forward - Hanover

Honorable Mention:

Greg Genovese - Jr. - Forward - Hingham
Tony Morash - Jr. - Defenseman - Hingham
Brian Marsden - Jr. - Defenseman - Hingham
Dan Breda - Sr. - Forward - Hanover
Matt Davis - Jr. - Center - Cohasset
Rob Carpenter - Soph. - Forward - Cohasset
Brendan MacDonald - Sr. - Forward - Norwell
Nick McDonough - Soph. - Defenseman - Norwell
Steve McDevitt- Sr. (Capt.)- Center- Scituate
Tim Clinton - Sr. (Capt.) - Defenseman - Scituate
Andrew Elsmore - Soph. - Defenseman - Scituate
Todd Costa - Jr.- Forward - Silver Lake

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breather. Senior Maggie O'Neill, junior Nell Brewer, and sophomores Libby Meikleham and Ashley Faber have all proved themselves to be strong candidates to fill the role.

Sweeney's hope is that he can get fresher players on the field at all times, trying to establish a quicker transition game. Against New Bedford, Cohasset got beat consistently by quick outlet passes from the defense.

"We definitely improved at [transitioning] against New Bedford, but that is still something we need to work on," observed Sweeney.

Behind the defense, junior goalie Gia Petrakis continues to give her team rock solid performances in net, averaging over 13 saves a game this year.

She recorded her 500th career save in game one of the season against Marshfield.

Several times this year and last year, Petrakis has worked one-on-one with Terry Kahn, a wizened local lacrosse coach. She has also attended a few camps to hone her skills for this season.

"Her experience is huge for us," Sweeney said of his the third year starter in net. "She just has a presence back there where the girls all have confidence in her."

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Girls ride wave

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reported Meehan. "She'll have a nice time cruising through some more of these matches."

Freshman Elizabeth Stone continued to dominate her position at second singles, winning easily, 6-0, 6-0. She has not given up so much as a game in four matches this year, clearly living up to the high preseason expectations the team had for her.

At third singles, sophomore Emily Sullivan played the highlight match of the day, winning a marathon three-hour match. She battled back from being down 2-5 to win the first set 7-5. Losing the second set 5-7, she again recovered from a 2-5 hole to win the third in a tiebreaker, well after all the rest of the matches had been decided.

This was Sullivan's first ever varsity singles match, yet she outlasted her previously undefeated opponent in the 40 degree weather.

Of her two talented young singles players, Meehan said: "Liz seems very happy and comfortable at second singles, and Emily is really emerging as a force."

The first doubles pair of junior Julie Shea and freshman Kate Englander stomped their Green Wave counterparts, 6-1, 6-1. Now five matches into the season, this pair has developed into a formidable doubles team, even though both were normally singles players up until this season.

At second doubles, junior Nicole Needle and sophomore Corey Evans capped off the shutout, winning with a tidy 6-2, 6-2 score. Needle has come on strong to prove herself as a legitimate varsity player this season, previously winning 6-2, 6-1 at second singles against Norton.

Despite the relative ease Cohasset had in defeating their gracious hosts, this was only the first loss of the year for Abington, as they fall to 4-1.

The league seems a bit watered down this year on the girls side, and the Green Wave could very well sneak into third place in the SSL, and possibly even the state tourney.

As for now, many on the Cohasset team will shift their focus to the Individuals tournament, with the season's halfway point fast approaching.

Meehan sent a number of talented swingers last year, and hopes to send even more this year, with hopes of advancement in both doubles and singles.

Individuals will be held Mother's Day weekend, and the boys team, who were rained out of their match in Abington Tuesday, may send a few players as well.

Weber 'saves' day

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and intelligence of a veteran. He got solid support from juniors Ben Lynner and Nick Spirito, and sophs Steve Davis and Conor Buick, who combined to hold Franklin – now 4-3 – to its lowest goal total of the season.

On the positive side, the Skippers won more than 50 percent of their face-offs for only the second time this season, and looked much improved on ground balls.

"We made some adjustments on the face-offs," said Orcutt. "First, we moved backup soph attackman Mike Devine to longstick midfield, and he did very well. We'll keep him there for now, because we believe he can do the job. Additionally, we got Robert Hickey back for the first time in nearly three weeks, and alternated him with senior Pete Whoriskey. Whoriskey turns out to be a solid face-off man, so between those two I think we've found a solution to that problem."

The Skippers, now 6-1, were to travel to Pilgrim rival Hanover on Tuesday for a 3:30 p.m. start. On Friday, Cohasset travels to Hingham for a rematch of last year's Div. 2 state championship game. Next Tuesday, April 30, the Skippers play their second night game of the season, hosting Pilgrim rival Marshfield at Alumni Field, with the opening face-off scheduled for 6 p.m.

"Everything to now has been preparation for the guts of our schedule," said Orcutt. "We have to make a commitment to ourselves, to the game and to success. We've got the skills. We need to have the heart."

Lacrosse Notes

Cohasset 8, Hanover 5

The Skippers improved to 7-1 (3-1 in Pilgrim Conference play) on Tuesday on the strength of big games from attackmen Jason Moore and Curt Kahn.

The Cohasset boys were staked to a 5-1 halftime lead on the road over their Pilgrim Conference rival Indians, and held on for an 8-5 finish.

The Skippers were led by three goals each from Kahn and Moore.

Coach Kevin Orcutt singled out his defense for praise. Nick Spirito, Ben Lynner and Chris Caron held off Hanover in the second half, as goalie Kyle Weber came up with several big saves. Midfielders Peter Whoriskey and Mike Devine also had outstanding games.

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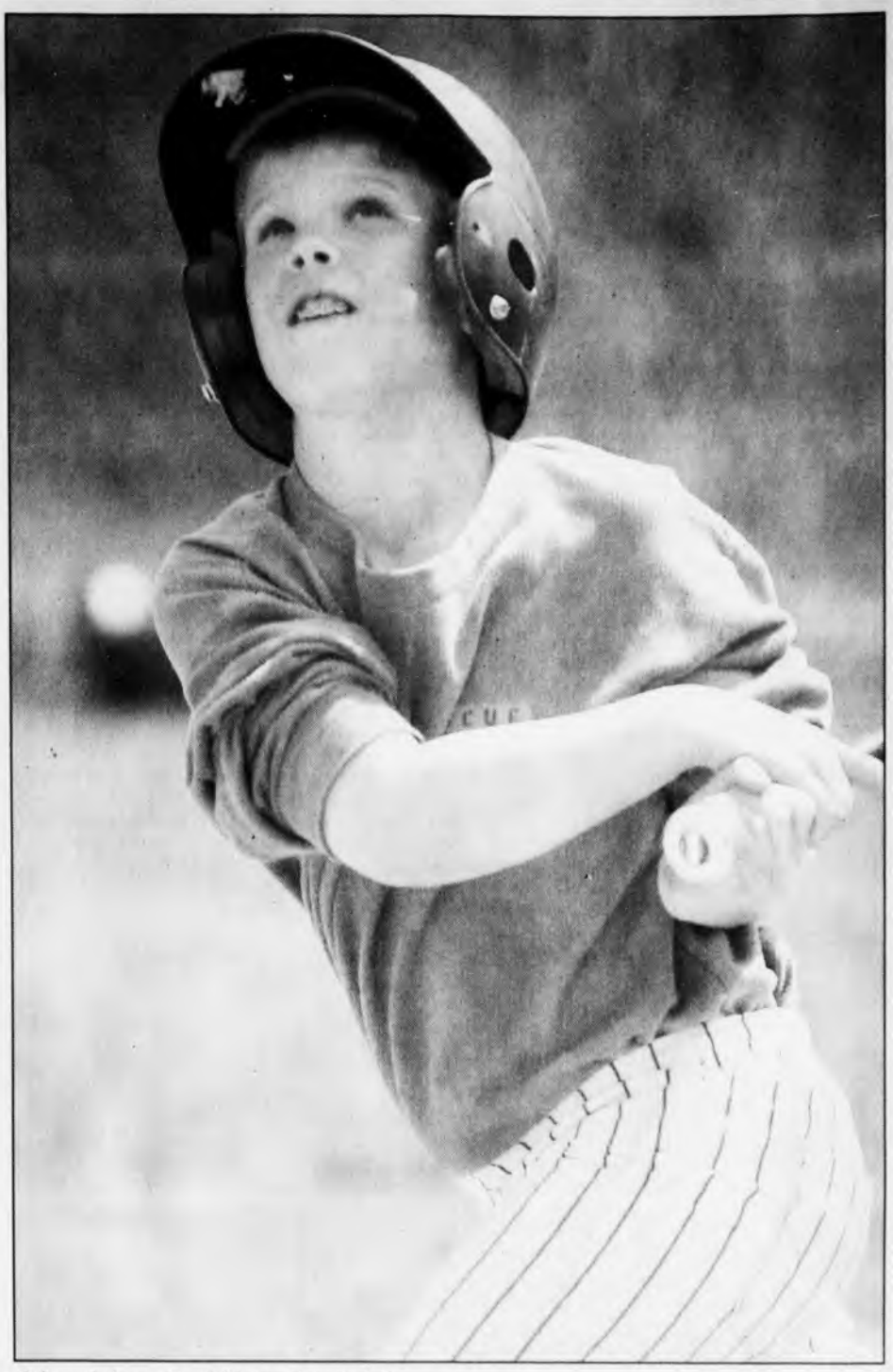
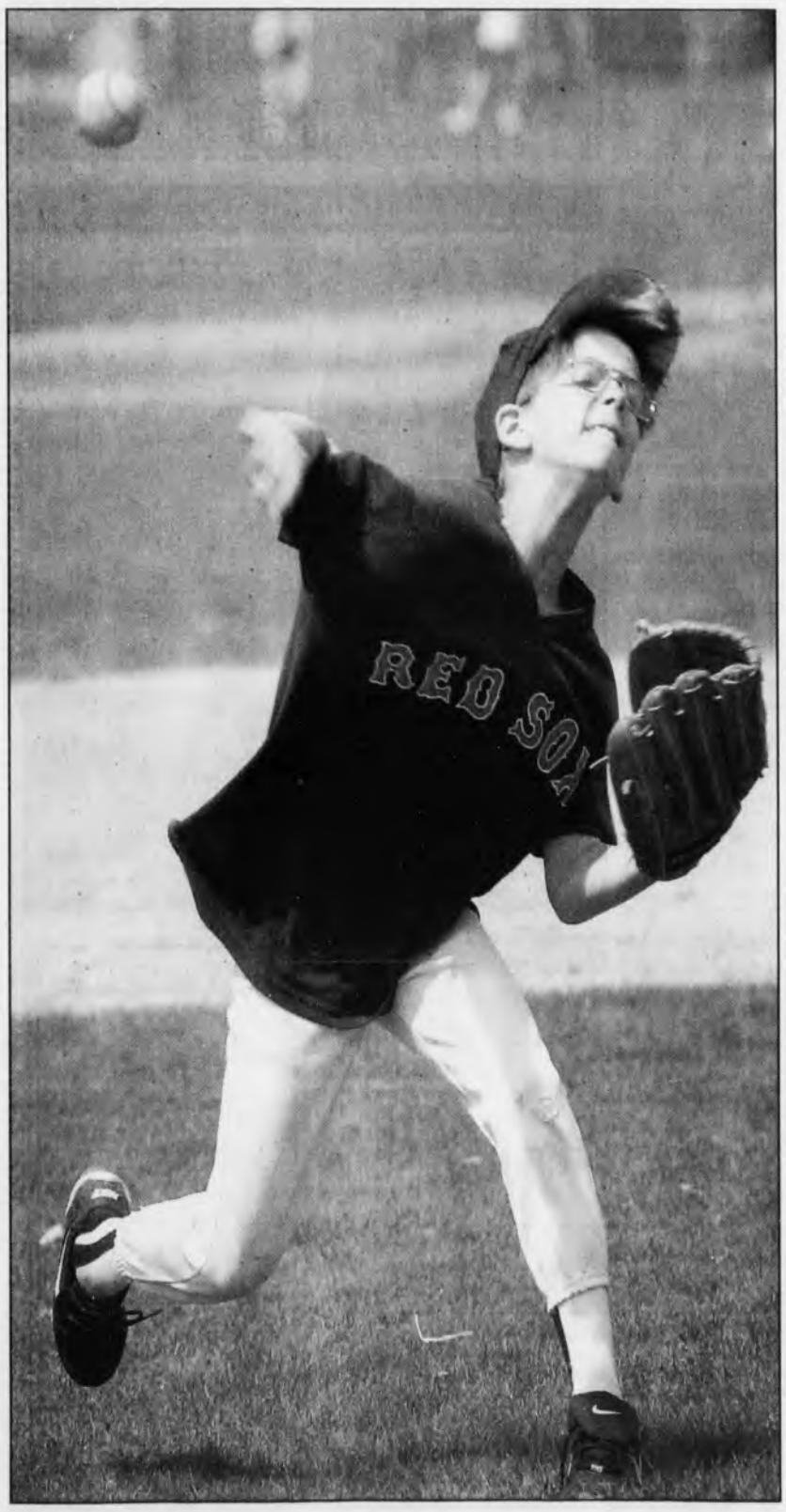
Tyler Eddy slides under the throw to score in front of catcher Kyle Lotti.



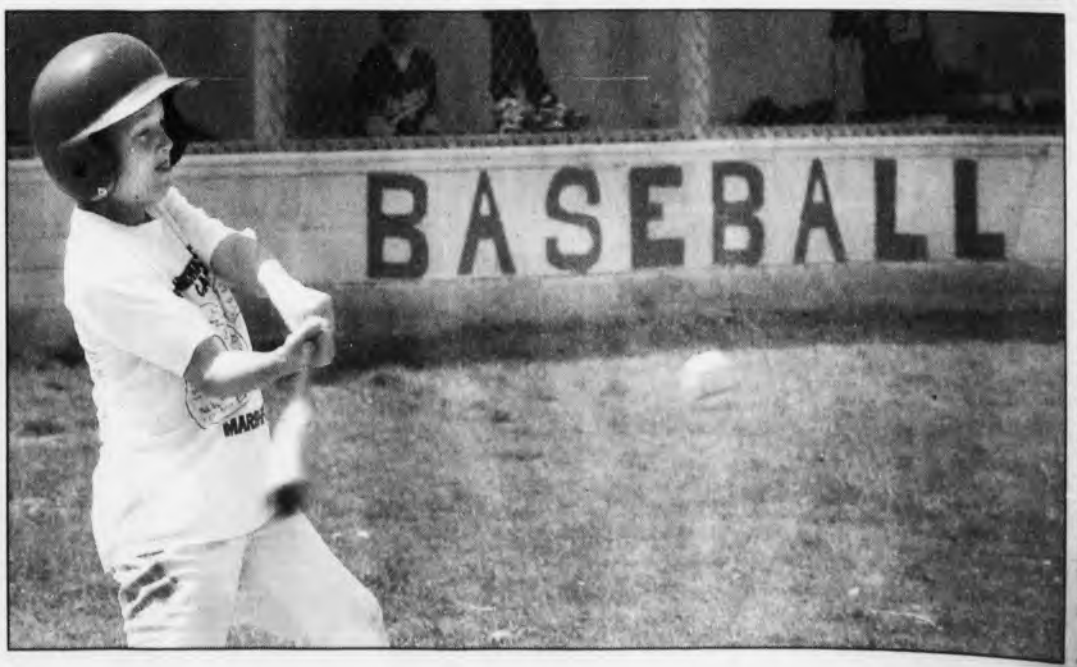
Cohasset's Jeremy Cundall lofts a fly to the left.

Right: Eight-year-old Kyle Livingston of Cohasset leaps in an attempt to catch a fly ball.



Left: Shortstop Sean McGonagle throws out a runner.

Below: Kyle Lotti swings away at the South Shore Baseball Club's camp at Milliken Field during school vacation last week.



Cohasset Youth Lax has best day ever

Teams roll to record seven wins on Sunday

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse has become accustomed to success in recent years, but it had never seen a day like Sunday, April 21. For the first time ever, the program won seven games in a day, sweeping five boys games for the third consecutive week, and scoring the first victories ever for its new girls program.

Three weeks into the season, the combined record of the Cohasset youth teams is now 17-2, with the all five of the boys teams currently at a perfect 3-0.

The Cohasset girls, playing their first of only two home games all spring, proved that teams tend to have their biggest improvement between their first and second games, as both the 12-U and 14-U squads controlled previously unbeaten Falmouth teams en route to their first-ever wins. Both girls teams now stand at 1-1 on the spring.

At the **12-U level** (5th and 6th grades), a fast start and an aggressive never-let-up attitude set the tone for the day. Kaley Madge opened the scoring on a feed from Paige Sstrecker. Alexandra Graven and Gabriella Flibotte then scored unassisted goals to give Cohasset a three-goal cushion just four minutes into the game. Sara Brown scored her first goal to make it 4-0 before Falmouth made a brief run to close it to 4-2. Maura Barnes then scored two goals — the second on a feed from Graven — to put Cohasset back in command.

Cohasset scored less, but controlled the ball more in the second half. Brown scored on a feed from Barnes, then Flibotte added two goals — the last on a feed from Barnes — to close out the day.

McKenna Teague, Rebecca Evans, Maura Regan, Caroline McElhinny and Megan Richardson led a stout defense that kept Falmouth at bay all afternoon. Thomson Jaffe rang up five saves in the net, to make sure Falmouth never had a chance to get back in the game.

Next, it was the **14-U** team (7th and 8th grades), and while Cohasset controlled the early flow of the game, it didn't break through until Sara Butman fed Kaleigh Swain. Michelle Madge picked up Cohasset's next two goals on powerful outside shots, the first on a feed from Elizabeth Landon, the second from Swain. Cohasset had two goals disallowed for fouls and Falmouth scored one to make it 3-1 at the half.

The teams played it even early in the second half, with Cohasset failing to convert several opportunities due to Falmouth's stellar goaltending. Finally, Lindsay Durkin and Caren Garber broke through to salt away the game, and Lisa Spirito scored her first goal just before time expired.

Tessa Leahy, Colleen Richardson, Jamie Genovese and Jessica Wheelwright — who played a particularly aggressive game after being hit in the mouth by a loose ball in the first half — kept the pressure off Aisling Guinee, who needed to make just four saves to register her first win in the net.

Meanwhile, three Cohasset teams traveled to Norwell, where the Cohasset **White 12-U** squad — or at least those members who weren't missing due to school break — showed no signs of a vacation week siesta, rolling into and over Norwell by a convincing 16-8 score.

Norwell scored first, but Cohasset quickly took control, finishing the first quarter with a 5-1 lead that reached 11-4 by the half. By the time Norwell made a run, it was the fourth quarter, when Cohasset had a 14-5 lead.

Peter Oswald became just the second 12-U player in the history of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse to record a double-digit day, racking up 7 goals and 3 assists. Crease attackman Charlie Czerkawski scored four goals and added an assist. Defenseman Kyle Pinkus had an impressive end-to-end rush for a goal, and TJ Kennedy, Peter Ernst, Owen Landon and Evan Deutsch also added single goals.

Mark Flibotte, normally an attackman but pressed into service as a goalie during vacation, was spectacular, ending the day with 18 saves to support the strong close-in defense of Pinkus, Kenny Muir, Mike Kusek and Frank Wheelright.

Next came the most exciting game of the day, with the Cohasset **14-U** squad overcoming a five-goal fourth-quarter deficit en route to a 12-11 overtime win.

Norwell jumped to a 4-0 lead early in the first quarter and it looked like Cohasset was in for a long game. Mike Martone, Mike Pecca, Jared Kinch and Aidan Buick scored single goals as Cohasset battled back to 6-4 at halftime. The rally might have come all the way back had it not been for several shots that rang off the posts and crossbar.

Norwell quickly regained a four-goal edge to start the second half, and was able to hold it through the third quarter. Dan Trendowicz scored on a feed from Buick, as the period ended 9-5.

After Norwell stretched its edge to 10-5, Cohasset dominated the fourth quarter. Goals from Ryan Kucinski, Chris Davis, Kinch, Martone and Buick brought the game to a deadlock with under two minutes remaining. The action was fast and furious in the last minute and a half with goalie Jared Dick coming up with two key saves from close range and the defense of Jeff Brown, Dan McCarthy, Robert Silvia and Patrick Flynn thwarting the Norwell attack. But Norwell again took the lead at 11-10 before Pecca sprinted from his own end with less than a minute remaining and tied the game. Dick came up with another big save at point-blank range as the horn sounded to end regulation play.

In overtime, the game ended on a great end-to-end play as Brown made a strong check and takeaway on a Norwell attacker in front of the Cohasset cage and then passed to Pecca who scored the winner to finish a give-and-go with Buick.

For the third straight game, the 14-U team had a multitude of scorers, with Zack Etkind, Brandon Smith and Parker Berg all assisting on one goal each.

The last game of the day in Norwell saw the Cohasset **White 10-U squad** (3rd and 4th grades) inspired by the amazing comeback of its older brethren and getting off to a fast start. Luke Ernst, John Kearney and Oliver Forrer — off an assist from Andrew Graham — staked the team to a 3-1 first-quarter lead. The second quarter was all Cohasset, with Kearney striking twice, Will Wise, Chris Walsh and Enrico Teruzzi making it 8-1 at half. Patrick Cantillon nothced the assist on Teruzzi's goal.

Ian Quinlan — who played the first half in goal — scored twice from attack to open the third quarter. Taylor McQuade and Sean MacCarthy added their first goals of the year, before Ernst and Walsh scored again to close out the day with a 14-4 advantage.

Keegan Flynn, Andrew Cantillon, and Thomas Flibotte — while not getting into the scorebook - - were particularly noteworthy for their play at both ends of the field. Thomas Pecca, Kevin O'Connell and Terrance Durkin led a strong defensive effort.

Cohasset's other **10-U team, the Blue** squad, faced its toughest opponent yet during the young season, and showed patience and poise in a 9-6 morning win in Sandwich. The Blue squad passed and moved the ball well — a highlight in a game featuring seven assisted goals — which proved to be the difference as Sandwich had difficulty finishing its opportunities.

Will Wise and Dean Driscoll scored four goal each, with Max Shipp picking up a goal and three assists. Justin Yeager, Chris Brown, Austin Meyers and Jack Murphy all picked up assists.

Nick Lieberman and Will Lynner were tough on defense, with Sebastian "Sea Bass" Braga and Mark Dick standing up to Sandwich's much-bigger attack.

And in Barnstable, the Cohasset **Blue 12-U** team continued its winning ways with a solid victory against a Barnstable team that was clearly the toughest opponent faced this season. While Barnstable looked formidable in both size and stature, Cohasset set the tone early with 4 unanswered goals in the 1st quarter on some outstanding give-and-go plays and crisp feeds and fakes from behind the cage. Leading the Cohasset charge was an all-star performance by Mike Grimm, who tossed in seven goals, while Alex Shipp scored twice and dished out three assists, including a beautiful laser to Nathan Porter for a quick-tick that wowed the crowd. Chris Rose, Matt Burgess (1 goal, 1 assist each) and Teddy Galligan (2 assists) also had multi-point games

The inside story behind this impressive win was the strong defensive play that kept the Barnstable team on their heels (and their backs) for most of the game. With a debut goaltending performance that shut out Barnstable for most of the 1st half (giving up only 2 goals until well into the 4th quarter), Chris Mills had 13 saves overall and looked like a seasoned veteran in the cage. Key to the defensive effort was the superb play by newcomer Mike Bilodeau, who repeatedly shut down Barnstable's leading scoring threats. David Crawford, Chris Kuppens, and Jake Cuneo completed the defensive dominance by turning back several fast breaks and stifling a number of scoring opportunities in front of the net.

The teams return to action on April 28, with the girls on the road in Norwell and all five boys teams playing home games at Milliken Field.

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Cohasset Youth Soccer spring season resumes Saturday

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WORSHIP NOTES

'Living Christ'

"Come Meet the Living Christ" is the theme of a dynamic three-day mission that will be given from May 5-7 at St. Anthony Parish. The mission will be given by the Rev. Shannon Michael Collins, C.P.M., a 37-year-old Cohasset native and a gifted speaker who is a member of the Fathers of Mercy.

Collins will challenge and encourage participants to make a stronger personal commitment to Christ and His Church. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. May 5 and May 6, and also celebrate a Mass at 7:30 p.m. May 7. Confessions will be available after all talks and free babysitting for children under 10 will be provided. Families are urged to attend.

On Monday and Tuesday mornings, Collins will celebrate a 9 a.m. Mass and give a talk for those unable to attend the evening mission. Coffee and conversation will be offered in the parish center.

Collins, who was ordained in 2000, graduated from Cohasset High School, and was a former teacher at St. Jerome School, Weymouth. He is now the vocations director for the Fathers of Mercy, a congregation founded in 1806 (originally under the title Missionaries of France). The congregation's purpose was to re-evangelize the French people after the Church had been subjected to years of persecution during the French Revolution. It is now exclusively an American community whose primary apostolate is evangelizing through parish missions and retreats.

Women's health subject of bill

An informational forum on the proposed Woman's Right to Know Bill will be held Tuesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 10 Summer St., Cohasset. The featured speakers will include Dr. Trudy Murphy and attorneys Robert Joyce and Susan Gay.

This free event is co-sponsored by several local chapters of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life: the South Shore, Braintree-Weymouth, Stoughton, Greater Taunton and Greater Attleboro chapters. Forum speakers will explain how this proposed bill (S.924 and H. 3953)advances women's health by guaranteeing informed choice.

Other voices at the Abbey

Glastonbury Abbey announces the final speaker in the 2001-2002 Glastonbury Series, "Listening to Other Voices: Spirituality in Everyday Life." Guest speaker is Tom Beaudoin, author of "Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X" and "Spirituality and Culture: Spiritual Exercises in a Postmodern World."

The event is Thursday, May 2 at 7:15 p.m. at the Abbey's Conference Center. There is no fee for this program, however, free-will donations are welcome.

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Monday evenings with Rabbi Karol

At Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham, Rabbi Stephen Karol will teach a course on Monday evenings, in April and May, titled "So That Your Values Live On." The course will be based on the book of the same name, edited by Jack Riemer and Nathaniel Stampfer. This class will meet from 8 to 9:15 p.m. April 29, May 6 and May 13.

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Yard sale benefit

The South Shore Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life will hold its grand annual yard sale on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the front parking lot of the Cardinal Cushing School on Route 53 in Hanover. Rain date will be May 18. Donations of useable, saleable items (excluding clothing) are requested and may be delivered to the site on the morning of the sale.

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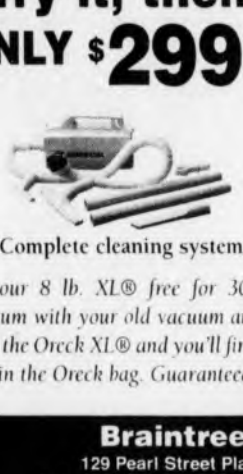
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Priscilla Cobb Dresser

Priscilla Cobb Dresser, 85, of Cohasset, a homemaker, died Sunday, April 21, 2002 at South Shore Hospital following a brief illness.

Mrs. Dresser was a longtime member of the Cohasset Golf Club.

In her earlier years, she was well known throughout the South Shore as a sailing skipper and won many championships.

She was an avid Red Sox fan.

Born, raised and educated in Newton, she lived in Cohasset for 35 years. She graduated from the May School and the Erskine School, both in Boston.

Wife of the late Norman K. Dresser, to whom she was married for more than 50 years, she leaves her two sons, George H. Dresser of Las Vegas and Norman K. Dresser, Jr. of Weymouth; her three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late David Kirkland.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 25 at Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland St., Cohasset. The Rev. Gary Ritts will officiate.

Interment will be in Cohasset Central Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 12

5:55 p.m. Woodland Dr, medical aid.
6:35 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.
8:23 p.m. Ripley Rd., general services.
9:31 p.m. Arrowwood Rd., fire investigation.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

12:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
12:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police department.
2:37 a.m. North Main St. and Cedar St. Arrest: Robert James, 84 New Whitney St., Boston. Chrgs., operating after license or right to operate is suspended, stop sign violation.
8:10 a.m. South Main St., structure fire.
12:01 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle crash.
1:11 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., larceny.
4:15 p.m. Lamberts Ln., officer wanted.
7:37 p.m. Border St., general services.
7:53 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.
9:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist motorist.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

12:59 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:28 a.m. Parker Ave., burglary/breaking and entering.
11 a.m. Pond St., vandalism.
11:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
11:19 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., burglary breaking and entering.
11:40 a.m. HQ, medical aid.
11:41 a.m. Powers Ln., medical aid.
1:49 p.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted.
1:59 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., officer wanted.
4:32 p.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:58 p.m. Sohier St., traffic complaint.
8:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:20 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

1:49 a.m. South Main St., public services.
2:05 a.m. South Main St., officer wanted, peace restored.
7:50 a.m. Forest Ave., general services.
8 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
8:05 a.m. Forest Ave., assist citizen.
9:25 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
11:43 a.m. Black Horse Lane, fire, misc.
11:48 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
12:03 p.m. HQ, assist citizen.
1:32 p.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
5:36 p.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, assist motorist.
7:4 p.m. Old Coach Road, animal call or complaint.
7:52 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:19 p.m. Ripley Road, fire, investigation.
8:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.
8:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.
9:02 p.m. Howe Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

2:04 a.m. North Main St., fire, structure, extinguished.
5:52 a.m. Joy Place, medical aid, transported to hospital.
8 a.m. HQ., fire, log entry.
8:01 a.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.
8:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:23 p.m. HQ, property, lost.
9:28 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.
10:15 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:22 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
11:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
1:44 p.m. Stevens Lane, medical aid, transported to hospital.
1:50 p.m. Lamberts Lane, animal call or complaint.
1:51 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).
2:04 p.m. Pond St., vandalism.
5:23 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop.
6:40 p.m. Elm St., general services.
6:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.
6:49 p.m. King St., medical aid.
7:28 p.m. Tad Lane, general services.
8:08 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services rendered.
9:34 p.m. Hill St., officer wanted, area search negative.
9:45 p.m. Pond St., open door/window, secured building.
10:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).
11:22 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).
11:40 p.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint, area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

1:27 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
1:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., noise complaint.
7:12 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.
9:53 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.
10:58 a.m. Stagecoach Way, fire, investigation.
11:25 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid, transported to hospital.
1:49 p.m. King St., outside fire, extinguished.
3:53 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general disturbance.
4:02 p.m. Ripley Road, property damage.
4:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transported to hospital.
4:34 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.
5:15 p.m. Stagecoach Way, property damage.
7:20 p.m. Spring St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.
7:34 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).
8:58 p.m. Aaron River Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).
9:11 p.m. Elm St., fire, misc.
11:30 p.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint, dispersed gathering.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

1:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:24 a.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:34 p.m. Bancroft Road, vandalism.
7:44 a.m. Forest Ave., assist citizen.
8:24 a.m. Pond St., vandalism.
9:18 a.m. South Main St., fire, misc.
10:05 a.m. Norfolk Road, fire, inspections.
12 p.m. Cedar St., notification.
12:32 p.m. Red Gate Lane, animal call or complaint.
3:12 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, area search negative.
3:31 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).
3:56 p.m. Pleasant St., general services.
4:11 p.m. Pleasant St., officer wanted.
6:07 p.m. Elm St., general services.
7:13 p.m. Old Pasture Road, animal call or complaint.
8:43 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:27 p.m. Stockbridge St. and Margin St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:46 p.m. Highland Ave., open door/window, secured building.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

12:07 a.m. Cedar St., illegal dumping.
1:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
4:30 a.m. HQ, medical aid, transported to hospital.
4:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
6:07 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.
9 a.m. Atlantic Ave., illegal dumping.
10:33 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.
11:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
12:42 p.m. Margin St., assist citizen.
1:07 p.m. Stevens Lane, public service, other.
5:01 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.
6:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:59 p.m. King St., animal call or complaint.
8:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:41 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

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10:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Jennifer M. Stauff, 22, of 6 Aberdeen Drive, Scituate. Charge: Default Warrant.

Arrest of Eric D. Irr, 23, of 1 Prescott St., 206, East Boston. Charge: Default Warrant.

11:48 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

12:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:19 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

1:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:14 a.m. Border St. and Parker Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

7:52 a.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

8 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

8:59 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

9:44 a.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

9:57 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

10:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:20 a.m. Beechwood St., parking complaint.

10:42 a.m. Highland Ave., animal call or complaint.

12:02 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

12:45 p.m. Milliken Field, fire, log entry.

1:17 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., fire, outside, extinguished.

1:39 p.m. Jerusalem Road, larceny.

2:02 p.m. HQ, general services.

2:36 p.m. South Main St., fire, misc.

3:55 p.m. HQ, assist citizen.

4:25 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

6 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property, lost.

6:27 p.m. Cohasset Police HQ, property, found.

6:30 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident.

7:31 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

8:09 p.m. Sohier St., open door/window.

8:54 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

9:38 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Nichols Road, general services.

Fishermen enlisted to fight terrorism

Cohasset Police Chief Robert Jackson is enlisting the help of the town's 40 commercial fishermen in an anti-terrorism effort.

U.S. Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge has stressed defense of the homeland and asked local law enforcement agencies to reach out and ask people to be more vigilant.

To that end, Jackson sent a letter to the fishermen, who have "intimate knowledge" of the coast, to act as the Cohasset Police Department's "eyes and ears at sea."

"I only ask that you report any suspicious activity to use so that we may properly investigate and bring the necessary resources to bear," he said.

The Cohasset Police Association also provided a yellow sticker for the fishermen with reporting instructions.

Jackson said there haven't been any incidents but in conjunction with the US Coast Guard, Cohasset police have been on heightened alert since Sept. 11. He said police are responsible for the protection of the Cohasset shoreline and waters out to three miles.

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Hingham songstress Dawna Hammers has been making the Earth Day rounds this month bringing with her, her "Music for the Heart and Soul."

Songs for the spirit

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Dawna Hammers is described in the local press as a visionary singer/songwriter. She describes that vision as "Music for the Heart and Soul."

For some listeners, this message carries on a certain 1960s spirit of music recognized as a worldwide spiritual, political and healing force. While this sort of idealism has drifted in and out of vogue over the last 30 years, the Hingham songstress believes the message itself to be timeless, and perhaps even more necessary in the current uncertain times. In her independent CD-released recordings and series of live performances around New England, Hammers unwaveringly carries the what's-so-funny-about-peace-love-and-understanding flag.

Not surprisingly, on-going and upcoming Earth Day musical events has kept Hammers busy of late.Fresh off a successful appearance in Falmouth last weekend for the annual Earth Day Dance Vision Festival at the Unitarian-Universalist Parish, Hammers returns to Hingham this Friday, April 26 for her regular monthly concert date at the Old Ship Church Fellowship Hall. The show, "Chant Drum & Dance Circle!," also features the singer's area-volunteer children's chorus group, Dawna & the Dreamers, and begins at 7:30 p.m.

"This is always a chance for people to experience making music as a community," said Hammers, 42, at her waterfront home in Hingham's Crow Point. "For me, an important part of music is that community spirit. People don't get together and make music anymore like they used to. It's a very natural thing, but it's something that's missing in the modern, fast-paced society. I think it's important to bring that sort of thing back."

"Melody" is singer/songwriter Dawna Hammers' most recent release.

But Hammers' New-Age-inspired approach should not give listeners the idea that her music is inaccessible. On her latest solo CD "Melody," which was released last November along with a benefit-show live disc with her children's group The Dreamers, Hammers delivers eleven original songs with the vocal-instrumental feel of classic 60s-70s influences Carole King, James Taylor and Laura Nyro as well as more contemporary players such as Sarah MacLachlan. She manages to give songs with titles like "Feel Your Soul," "Medicine Woman" and "On the Earth" a distinct pop appeal.

Hammers had the experience of meeting both King and Taylor back in the mid 70s, introduced to them by her late older sister, Leslie Anne Flood. The singer in fact comes from a musical/entertainment family; her father, Johnny Hammers, was a jazz saxophonist and clarinetist who once owned the South Shore Music Store in Quincy, her mother, Elaine, was a tap dancer.

Melody also contains a song, "One Spirit," which Hammers recorded in a pre-scheduled studio date on the night of September 11. The song, a spiritual, world-music-inspired chant produced in the midst of a suddenly highly-charged atmosphere, features a guest appearance by the singer's friend and well-praised, Boston-based African drummer/percussionist Babatunde Olatunji, who has performed with Carlos Santana and the Grateful Dead's Mickey Hart among others.

"Music can always be a powerful healing force. I believe that the land needs it, and people need it, especially these days," Hammers said.

For more information on Hammers or to purchase her CDs visit her Web site at www.dawna-hammers.com. Locally, Hammers' CDs are available at Andrew Zona Hair Salon in Hingham Center.

Fuller gets crafty

Brockton museum has new niche

By KATHLEEN ZIGMONT
CORRESPONDENT

One of the area's leading art museums has decided to make a change in focus that its director hopes will make it a leading institution in a specific niche, will better utilize its collection, and will bring more crowds through the doors.

The Fuller Museum of Art in Brockton, which since the 1960s has always shown contemporary art, will soon be a contemporary craft museum. Contemporary craft includes one of a kind works of art in a variety of media, such as glass, metal, wood, ceramics and fiber.

By shifting its focus, the Fuller will join the ranks of a select few craft museums in the country, including the American Craft Museum, the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian and the Corning Museum of Glass and will be the only institution of its kind in the area.

FMA Director Jennifer Atkinson said the change came about after museum personnel noticed attendance at high craft shows were, time after time, the most highly attended.

"We wanted to create a niche in the area. We found that people were traveling from as far away as Pennsylvania and Maine for some of our high crafts shows. There's just no other venue around," said Atkinson.

FMA officials also said the change will capitalize on the rich history of crafts and workmanship in the New England region, with exhibits focusing on quilting, furniture, glass making and woodworking, to name a few. The FMA will collaborate with craft institutions, recognized craft artists, galleries, community associations and patrons to heighten public awareness, understanding and appreciation of fine crafts.

Michael Darmody, FMA director of development, said feedback so far has been very positive.

"We've done focus groups, talked to some of the leading opinion makers and fine arts experts. They are all very enthusiastic. It's a big change, but one that was a long time coming," he said.

One look at the business section of the newspaper shows that times are changing for everyone, including museums. We decided to set a strategy for a new direction and go for it," he said.

Darmody said that even the area's tourism boards and commissions were happy with the proposed change, which is expected to draw craft collectors, practitioners and visitors to the area.

The museum plans to base its collection on pieces they already have, then host traveling exhibitions and acquire pieces when they can.

"We have a very nice small collection to start with and will begin acquiring pieces when we can afford them. In that respect, it will enhance our ability to collect because craft pieces are usually priced less expensively than paintings," said Darmody.

Darmody said that while feedback on the proposed change has been positive, that may be some who are uncomfortable with the change.

"Not everyone is familiar with high craft. They may think arts and crafts and think construction paper and popsicle sticks. But the line between high craft and art is blurring. We encourage people to come and see what high craft is and are confident they will like it," he said.

Darmody said the change fits in with a proposed renovation to the museum, which will include a children's gallery expected to house many of the museum's current pieces. While not all of the current collection will be retained, the museum expects to keep many of the oldest and most beloved pieces.

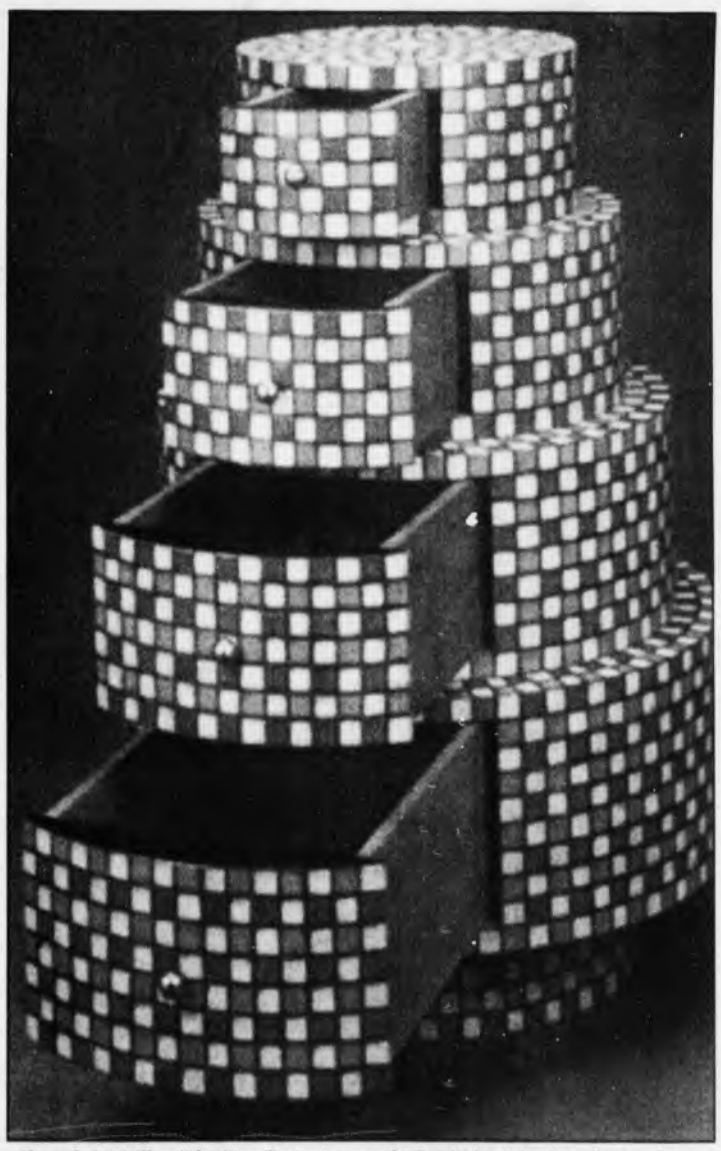
The Children's Discovery Gallery, Darmody said, is planned to help area art teachers dovetail their lessons with the museum's collection.

"In the past, it's been difficult for teachers to plan their lessons around what we had because so much of our collection is temporary. This way, we can house a permanent collection that teachers can use with their lesson plans," he said.

The museum plans to retain current programming and exhibitions thorough the rest of the year, with major crafts exhibitions commencing in January of 2003. The FMA also plans to add more crafts classes and workshops at that time as well.

Darmody said that while the change may surprise some, the museum expects everyone to be pleased when they see the quality of the works that the museum will show..

"We think people will relate more clearly with this type of collection," he said.



Above left, "Bilbao" by Lino Tagiapietra and "Twirl" by John Eric Byers, above, are two of the pieces in the Fuller Museum of Art's craft collection. The museum will make the transition from contemporary art to crafts next January.

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Cinderella on stage at the Company Theatre

Jessica Dupre of Cohasset works her magic as the fairy godmother and Sally Meehan, also of Cohasset is a hopeful Cinderella in The Academy of the Company Theatre's production of the fairy tale classic "Cinderella."
The show will be presented at the Company Theatre Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 on the day of the show and are available at the theater box office or by calling (781) 871-2787. The Company Theatre is locatd at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell.

Food & dining

The fastest chicken in the west

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

The term "paillard" is familiar to anyone who eats out at expense-account restaurants. It refers to an extremely thin cut of meat or fish that is then cooked quickly. (The name comes from a 19th century Parisian restaurant – Paillard's.) I set my sights on chicken paillard and wanted to find a technique for making it juicy and tender while serving it with a simple pan sauce.

After some testing, I decided that a paillard of chicken should be 1/4-inch thick and that skinless, boneless chicken breasts were the cut of choice. Starting with four breasts, I found it best to cut each piece in half. Otherwise, the pieces are hard to arrange in the skillet and the pounding process easily reduces larger pieces to mush. I found that it was best to layer the chicken in plastic wrap and use a meat pounder although a small heavy skillet works fine as well. One other trick — it is best to pound the chicken pieces with the smooth side up (the side that was in contact with the skin). This prevents the chicken from falling apart during the pounding process.

Before investigating cooking, I wondered if brining would help keep the paillard moist. This proved to be a dead end since these super-thin chicken pieces soaked up brine like a sponge, rendering them salty and artificial tasting. The unbrined chicken had much better flavor.

I cooked the pounded paillards in a combination of butter and olive oil after seasoning them with salt and pepper. The thin pieces of chicken cooked in about two minutes per side over medium high heat. This temperature was hot enough to achieve a spotty brown color and still maintain a juicy tender interior. When I cooked the chicken more slowly it became tough. Higher temperatures simply burned the butter and created a bitter flavor. The chicken needs to be cooked in batches with a bit of oil and butter added as needed. Even so, the first batch is still hot by the time the last batch is finished.

As for serving suggestions, a simple drizzle of high quality olive oil and a squeeze of lemon juice does the trick. (During summer months pesto is another nice choice.) Of course the chicken may also be popped into a sandwich. For a quick pan sauce, I found that white wine was the liquid of choice followed by some chicken stock. Then I tried adding a variety of herbs, preferring thyme and/or parsley. I tried adding many of the usual players like anchovy, mustard, garlic, and shallots to the sauce. The anchovy, mustard and garlic were too pungent but one finely chopped shallot was a pleasant but not essential addition. I thickened the sauce with three tablespoons of cold butter that were stirred in off the heat. As with any sauce mounted with butter the sauce finished with velvety consistency and was not at all heavy. In the end this quick pan sauce gave the paillards an elegant, flavorful cloak.

PAILLARD OF CHICKEN

The chicken may also be grilled over high heat for one minute per side. If grilling, omit the butter in the recipe below and brush the pounded chicken pieces lightly with olive oil before seasoning with salt and pepper. No matter how you cook the chicken, you can also pound the tenders (see recipe, step one) and cook them along with the rest of the breast meat. Be careful not to overcook the chicken.

For the chicken:
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (halves)
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons best quality olive oil
2 tablespoons unsalted butter

For the optional herb-butter sauce:
1/4 cup dry white wine
1 medium shallot, finely chopped (optional)
1/3 cup chicken stock
1 teaspoon fresh thyme or Italian flat leaf parsley or a combination of both
3 tablespoons cold unsalted butter cut into 1/2-inch pieces

For the chicken:
1. Remove the tender (the small piece under the breast) and cut remaining breast half vertically into two equal pieces. (Cut down through the chicken breasts.) Using a flat meat pounder or small skillet pound the chicken (smooth side up) between two pieces of clear plastic wrap to a thickness of 1/4 inch. Season chicken pieces with salt and freshly ground pepper.

2. Place a heavy-duty 12-inch skillet over medium high until hot, about 3 minutes. Add one tablespoon each olive oil and butter. Once the butter stops foaming swirl skillet to evenly coat the surface with the butter and olive oil. Add as many chicken pieces as will fit in one layer without crowding and cook until spotted deep golden brown, about two minutes. Turn the chicken pieces and cook for an additional two minutes or until colored similarly to the first side. Note that cooking time will vary a great deal depending on your skillet and your stovetop! Remove to a warm plate and cover with aluminum foil. Repeat with additional pieces in batches adding a bit each of olive oil and butter as needed. Serve with optional herb-butter sauce, green sauce, or a scant drizzle of best quality olive oil and squeeze of lemon juice.

For the Sauce:
Once all the chicken is cooked, add the wine and optional shallot to the skillet. Using a spatula scrape any browned bits that may be stuck to the bottom of the pan. Cook until the wine is almost completely reduced 1 to 2 minutes. Add the chicken stock and the chopped herb(s) and cook about 3 minutes longer or until the liquid is reduced by about two-thirds and has thickened slightly. Off heat stir in the cold butter pieces. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper if needed. Serve spooned over the chicken pailliards.

SIMPLE GREEN SAUCE

Use this sauce as an alternative to the pan sauce.

1/2 cup best quality olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine or white balsamic vinegar
1 slice or about one cup day old or firm bakery style white bread, crust remove and broken into about 1 inch pieces
2 tablespoons capers, drained well
1 medium clove garlic, peeled and coarsely chopped
2 cups Italian flat parsley leaves, coarsely chopped loosely packed
2 anchovy fillets, coarsely chopped
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/8 teaspoon salt or to taste and freshly ground black pepper

Add the oil and vinegar to the bowl of a food processor. Place the bread in the bowl, letting it sit in the puddles of oil/vinegar and not on top of the blade. Let sit for 5 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and process for about 40 seconds or until the mixture is finely chopped and homogenous, stopping to scrape the sides of the bowl if necessary. Serve immediately or refrigerate for up to 2 days.

Makes about 1 cup.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

A full moon is building up, adding energy and intensity to the next couple of days. It's a good time to take on a big work project. You can be most productive. The Virgo moon aligns with Venus at 10:06 a.m. and becomes inactive. At 12:22 p.m. the moon enters Libra, generating a social mood. This is a wonderful afternoon/evening for making new contacts, meeting people, establishing new partnerships.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Gear up for a fast-paced, exciting day. The moon continues to travel in Libra, forming harmonious contacts to Saturn in the morning and Pluto in the afternoon. Venus enters Gemini at 1:57 p.m., remaining there until May 20. People will be friendly, outgoing, cooperative. New starts in your personal or professional life are recommended. The evening is prime for social activities, romantic rendezvous.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

A full moon warns you to channel high energy constructively. Stay busy with practical projects. Avoid making impulsive purchases or decisions. It is better to finish old projects rather than starting new ones. Others may be irritable, argumentative. Keep a cool head. The Libra moon becomes inactive at 9:29 a.m. until 12:15 p.m., when it enters Scorpio. The full moon culminates at 11:00 p.m., 7-degrees of Scorpio.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

It may take a while for the morning fog to burn off. Slow down and pay extra attention to details. Avoid rigid time schedules. Tackle projects that need cleaning out, redoing; get rid of the clutter. Take extra quiet time out for yourself; reflect on and learn from past experiences. Let go of recent hurts, traumas; open your heart to higher visions.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Uranus takes center stage today. Expect the unexpected. If you have work projects to accomplish, it is better to handle a variety of odd jobs rather than one that demands mental focus and concentration. The Scorpio moon aligns with Mercury and Uranus until 10:25 a.m., when it becomes inactive. A Sagittarius moon takes over at 1:13 p.m., urging you to be more adventurous, spontaneous. Take a vacation from routine and responsibilities; enjoy favorite friends and pastimes.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Conflicting planetary influences can make for a hectic day. The Sagittarius moon opposes Mars and Saturn in the morning, and conjoins Pluto in the evening. Be sure to have a clear plan of action in order to avoid spinning your wheels. People will be talkative, impulsive, easily distracted from practical matters. An alignment of Mars and Neptune adds to the confusion. Plan a quiet evening. Renew your spirit through time spent in meditation, art or music.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

This is a great day for vacationing. The planet Mercury enters Gemini at 3:16 a.m. Mercury will turn retrograde when it reaches 10-degrees of Gemini, May 15. The adventurous Sagittarius moon aligns with freedom-loving Uranus at 2:10 p.m. and becomes inactive. If you are working, you can make gains developing people-oriented projects, sales and promotion campaigns. Influences begin to turn around at 5:03 p.m., when the moon enters pragmatic Capricorn.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2002

Plan to get primary ventures off the ground during the first week of May. After that a Mercury retrograde period begins to take effect, placing all important signings, decisions, new starts off limits. In addition, a lunar eclipse/full moon culminates May 26. Gear up for an intense, hectic month. Planetary action today offers particularly favorable influences between 9:00 a.m.-1:16 p.m., when the Capricorn moon becomes inactive. Zero in on career, business issues and initiate action in this time period. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are prime for finishing projects already begun and tying up loose ends.

Springtime splendor in the shady border

Green thumbs up

Part 1

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Tiny flakes of pale pink confetti float to the earth as a crisp morning breeze scatters the delicate blossoms of my weeping cherry. Beneath the pewter gray branches of the magnolias lies a satin blanket of pink and white petals. Sizzling, record-breaking temperatures during the past week catapulted our landscapes into bloom and just as abruptly, these fleeting flowers have departed. Mother Nature continues to bewilder gardeners with her fickle offerings as chilly showers mixed with snowflakes are in the forecast for the coming week.

As spring progresses and our perennial gardens come to life, the shady borders are often the first to burst into bloom. Many of our shade-loving plants hasten to flower early in the season, eager to take advantage of the bright spring sunlight and display their colorful blossoms before the overhead canopy fully leafs out. Woodland gardens are in their glory during the coming weeks adorned with patches of blue, white, pink and yellow flowers. The blooms of many of these charming plants pass quickly by and while some of these spring ephemerals go dormant shortly after their cheerful display, their brief appearance creates an irresistible desire to stroll the gardens and nearby woodlands.

While many gardeners view shaded spaces as overwhelming challenges unfit for cultivation, others have learned to overcome the obstacles posed by low light and competitive root systems, creating inviting, multi-colored, tranquil settings. By pruning branches to let in additional light, amending the existing soil with organic matter, and selecting plants appropriate to the existing soil and light conditions, beds can be developed that provide color, texture and beauty in all seasons.

Each year, I discover new treasures to add to my ever-expanding shady borders. Among these special delights, few rival the beauty of the double bloodroot blossoms (Sanguinaria canadensis 'Flore Pleno') that grow in a small colony alongside my water garden. A rare double form of a native wildflower, these exquisite white flowers resemble miniature water lilies and emerge early in the season amid lobed blue-green leaves, which curl around their stems. Their petals drop in a matter of a few days although a few secondary blossoms follow to extend the momentary glimpse of this woodland jewel.

Nearby, the heavenly azure blue blossoms of Pulmonaria angustifolia provide a stunning backdrop to the glistening white bloodroots. Although this lungwort lacks the dramatic foliage of many of its relatives, the intensity of its deep blue flowers make it worthy of a place in my garden. Throughout my shady borders, clumps of Pulmonarias have come into flower this week, showing off pretty clusters of small tubular flowers in a variety of shades including pink, red, salmon, blue and white. Attractive silver-spotted or streaked foliage will enlarge as the season progresses and furnish sensational accents throughout the summer months. New cultivars appear each year offering an expanding range of leaf patterns and flower colors.

Local nurseries are beginning to offer many of these newer lungwort selections, most of which look quite similar in containers early in the season until their leaves fully develop several weeks after the flowers fade. Look for P. 'Majeste' or P. 'Excalibur' to add bold silver foliage to the garden. Narrow, leathery, deep green, spotted leaves characterize P. 'Bertram Anderson' and P. 'Roy Davidson', the latter exhibiting pretty baby blue flowers. Other cultivars to seek include P. 'David Ward which features large, gray-green leaves with broad white margins and cherry-colored blossoms, P. 'Mrs. Moon' with light blue blossoms, and P. 'Sissinghurst White', its pure white blooms glow against the deep green mottled foliage. Given partial shade and well-drained, moisture-retentive soils, these hardy perennials will often seed about the border as their clumps gradually enlarge each year.

The primrose family (Primula spp.) features a number of lovely additions to the moist, well-drained shady border. The majority of these charming perennials present bright green rosettes with elongated leaves resembling lettuce. My personal favorites are the early-blooming drumstick primroses, P. denticulata, which give the appearance of giant Tootsie Roll Pops as clusters of lavender, carmine or white flowers form dense spheres above thick fleshy 6-inch stems. The common name of cowslip belongs to Primula veris, whose bundles of nodding electric yellow flowers are similarly held on erect stems above the foliage and glow from afar. The spectacular, multicolored primroses that bear bright yellow centers belong to the polyanthus group of primroses and are often marginally hardy. These may be best considered annuals although some persist and may rebloom when cooler temperatures return in autumn. In consistently damp, boggy areas, the candelabra primroses, P. japonica, are a unique, delightful addition. Stems bear spokes of pink, red or white flowers; a new layer of flowering whorls appears above the previous cluster as the stems continue to elongate and produce flowers for several weeks.

Early May is a prime time to plan a visit to Garden in the Woods, the botanical garden of the New England Wildflower Society, located in Framingham. The flora of temperate North America is featured in extensive gardens and naturalistic plantings nestled in among rolling hills, babbling brooks and ponds. Many rare and endangered species are grown, studied and preserved.

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APRIL 25 - MAY 3 , 2002

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SOUTH SHORE MEN OF HARMONY "BARBERSHOP CHORUS will present its 51st annual chapter show entitled "Harmony Road" on May 4, at 1 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Auditorium, Weymouth Landing. Featured will be "Club Ned", the 1999 Northeastern District Quartet Champions, Mike Maino as MC, the Silver Lake High School "Select" Choir along with the "Men of Harmony" Chorus, with "Yankee Ingenuity", "Spindrift," and "Hingham Harmonizers" chapter quartets. Tickets are $8 for seniors/students and $10 for adults. For information or directions call Rich Barry 781-659-7463 or Bill Fitzgerald 781-337-0227. For tickets call Joe Kodzis 781-837-1417.

MARSHALL TUCKER BAND will appear at The Company Theatre in Norwell May 5, showtime is 7 p.m. Still led by lead singer and founding member Doug Gray, the current lineup of The Marshall Tucker Band also includes Rusty Milner and Shawn Swanlund, who have been with MTB since 1984; bassist Tony Heatherly, formerly with the Toy Caldwell Band; and Chris Hicks and Barry Borden, formerly of the Outlaws. Tickets are $35 in advance for general admission and $38 day of show. There is a limited number of VIP tickets available at $65 which includes the best seats and a reception with the Marshall Tucker Band. Call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com for tickets and more information. The theatre is located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell.

A GALA EVENING AT BOSTON POPS The Friends, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting excellence in research and patient care, invites guests May 15, to dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Symphony Hall prior to the concert or simply attend the performance at 8 p.m. All proceeds from the evening will benefit cancer research at Dana-Farber. Admission, including dinner is $250 or an individual ticket to the concert is $125. For more information call 617-632-3021 or visit www.dana-farber.org/how/friends.

FINE ARTS CHORALE, INC. The final concert of the 36th season will be performed on May 5, at 5 p.m. at Duxbury High School, St. George St., Duxbury led by Dr. Libor, Dudas, Music Director of the Fine arts Chorale. More than 50 voices from the Duxbury area and surrounding South Shore communities, along with pianists both Dawn MacGarvey from Duxbury and Brian Moll from Boston, percussionists and professional soloists from the Boston area will perform Leonard Bernstein's Missa Brevis and Carmina Burana, by Carl Orff. $15 adults/$12 seniors/students. Handicapped accessible. for information, call 1-800-230-7555 or fineartschorale@aol.com or www.fineartschorale.org

SOUTH SHORE YMCA AT MILL POND ROAD RACE The South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond Hanover branch is hosting its first annual 5-Mile road Race, with a 1.5 mile Family fun run/Walk on Sunday, May 19. Rain or shine. The Fun/Walk will be at 9 a.m. and the road race will be at 10 a.m. The cost of the road race will be $12 pre-registration and $15 day of the race. The first 300 registered 5-mile runners will receive free t-shirts. T-shirts will also be available for purchase the day of the race. Applications are available at SS YMCA and can also be downloaded at www.ssymca.org Call Greg Shinney at 781-829-8585 ext. 228 with any questions.

BLUE HILL WEATHER OBSERVATORY OPEN HOUSE AND KITE FESTIVAL Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the view, fascinating history and fun activities at the oldest continuously operating weather observatory on the continent. Activities will include kite making and kite flying, self-guided tours of the Weather Observatory, rooftop viewing, easy and breezy activities for kids, weather demonstrations, exhibits and displays, summit nature walk and guest lectures. All activities at Blue Hills Weather Observatory at the summit of Great Blue Hill. The event is free with a nominal supply charge for some activities. For

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Art Educator and artist **Anne Heywood will present a** slide lecture entitled **"Women Artists: their Images"** Tuesday, April 30 at the West Branch of the Brockton Public Library, 540 Forest Avenue, Brockton. For information call 508-378-4239 or aheywood@anneheywood.com

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association presents storyteller, Jay O'Callahan performing "The Spirit of the Great Auk," with guest David Coffin providing musical accompaniment Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cushing Center in Norwell. Tickets for the event are $20. For more information call 781-659-8168.

Thurs. 25

Dinner Theatre at Raffael's at the Skyline Room at Raffael's Restaurant, 1 Enterprise Dr., N. Quincy. On April 25 **Beau Paris presents Motown A Musical Revue** The music of Marvin Gaye, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson and The Supreme's. Beau's voice and style has delighted audiences all over the South Shore for many years. Paris has been performing every Sunday night at Raffael's. Join him for his first dinner theater production. Tickets are $45 per person or $35 per person for the matinee series. *April 17 and 24 offer two shows lunch and dinner. Ticket includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Lunch starts at noon. To order tickets via credit card, call Raffael's Restaurant at 617-328-1600.

Judy Garland in Concert with Jim Bailey at Symphony Hall will be held April 25, at 8 p.m. Bailey has made famous his Judy Garland shows over the years. He brings his own band and performs all of the class hits live, as well as monologues from her careers. Tickets on sale at Symphony Charge 617-266-1200 or Ticketmaster outlets 617-931-2000 or by calling 978-256-6472.

David P. Hodgdon, lecturer and photographer, will present **"The Oldest Reservations-Park System in the United States - Blue Hills and Neponset River Reservation 1893"** on April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington St., Braintree. This slide lecture opens a display of "Blue Hills Adventures", a color photography and map exhibit of Blue Hills of the Last 25 Years." The exhibit can be seen at the main library from April 25 through June 7. For more information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

Jimbo's in Braintree will host a comedy show April 25, featuring **Teddi Bergeron** along with **Ted Barrett, Annette Pollack, Troy Diamond, Chris McCabe, and Brenda Nason, the magician**. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. special-priced appetizers will served during the show. Call 781-848-0300 for more information or visit www.Jimbossouth.com

Fri. 26

The Family Performing Arts Center and KidSpot will perform the **"The Kid Inside"** An original comedy about elementary school life at the Furnace Brook School, in Marshfield on April 26 and 27, at 8 p.m. and April 28, at 2 p.m. For more information and tickets call 781-837-8990.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Bruce Katz** on April 26. Admission $8. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts presents **"Antigone,"** April 26 and 27 and May 1 and 4 in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium For more information call 508-531-1321.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St. (Rt. 18) E. Bridgewater presents A Cappella Show with **Archipelago** and Licia Sky. Admissions is $5. All shows start at 7 p.m.

"Swim With a Special Child" celebrates its 30th anniversary with a dinner-dance on April 26, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception parish center between Broad and Commercial Streets in E. Weymouth. The $15 per person donation includes a roast beef dinner and music. For tickets call Mary Johnson at 617-472-0856 or 781-335-3785.

Art of Music Chamber Players present **"Concerts in the Country"** on April 26, at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. A reception will be held following the concert. For information call 781-837-2705.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **"Oliver"** at the Cohasset Town Hall. Performances are April 26, 27, May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and April 28, May 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door and by phone at 781-544-0304. Bring a canned good or non-perishable item to donate to the local food pantry and receive $1 off your ticket price.

Milton Players will perform Neil Simon's comedy, **London Suite.** at the Milton Woman's Club, 90 Reedsdale Rd. (Rt. 28) in Milton. Evening performances on April 26 and 27, and May 3 and 4 begin at 8 p.m. Friday evenings are reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. The Saturday matinee is at 2 p.m. on April 27. To order tickets ($11-$17) call 617-698-SHOW. For more information visit The Milton Players web site at www.miltonplayers.org

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance April 26, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Eric Henderson's Lighthouse Theatre presents "Blithe Spirit" at the Beal House, 224 Main St., (Route 106) in Kingston. Performance dates are April 20, and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Admission adults $10 Children (12 and under) $5. Call 508-747-6847 for reservations.

Camp Kiwanne in Hanson benefit featuring the comedy of **Bob Niles, Annette Pollack and Brenda Nason**. Tickets are $15 and includes an Italian buffet. Tickets may be purchased by calling Anne Marie at 781-293-2333

The Harbour Choral Arts Society presents "Rise Up Singin" a 15th anniversary celebration directed by Chad Weirick April 26, at 8 p.m. St. Andrew's Church, Hanover and April 27, at 8 p.m. Old South Church in Weymouth. Tickets are $10 at the door. For more information call 781-871-0539

The Abington United Church of Christ, Bedford Street, Abington. **Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale** will be held April 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday April 27, from 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday is Bag Day – buy one bag get one bag free.

The Company Theatre in Norwell will present **"Cinderella"** performed by the children of The Academy of The Company Theatre on April 26, at 7:30 p.m., April 27, at 7:30 p.m. and April 28, at 2 p.m. Tickets for this family show are $10 in advance and $12 day of performance. Tickets are available at the box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr., Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com

Tri-Valley Marriage Encounter will conduct a marriage encounter weekend April 26, 27, and 28 at the LaSalette Center for Christian Living, 947 Park St., Attleboro, from 8 p.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Sunday. This weekend program offers couples of all ages and denominations the opportunity to examine their marriages and the goals they share. The couples are invited to rediscover each other away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life. This privately shared weekend experience, with a focus on communication, is designed to deepen and enrich a marriage. This is not a group therapy, a sensitivity program, or a retreat. For registration or further information, contact John or Carol Dugan at 508-876-1004.

The James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell will conclude its 2001-2002 season with a piano recital by pianist **Jonathan**

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Southern Rail will perform Sunday, April 28 at 6 p.m. during the Blue Grass Gospel Concert at Marshfield's First Congregational Church. Tickets for the event which includes a chicken dinner at 5 p.m. are $15, $10 for children. The church is located at 1981 Ocean Street in Marshfield. For more information call (781) 834-7664.

Reunions

PEMBROKE IMPERIALS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS. 25 YEARS AFTER: A reunion is scheduled for June 22, at Anne's Place in East Sandwich. Anyone and everyone who was affiliated with the Jr. and Sr. Imperials are welcomed to attend. This will be an adult function starting at noon. Tickets are $35. If interested, visit the website at www.Masscorpslinks.com/imperials.htm for more information.

MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 REUNION will be held on Friday, evening, Sept. 20, at Double Tree Guests Suits, Waltham. The reunion committee is still looking for some classmates. If you are or know a member of the class of 1952 who has not yet received any mail on this subject, call addresses in to Ed Landry at 781-273-6664 for inclusion in the upcoming mailing of invitations.

XAVERIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, AND 1997 will hold a joint reunion on Saturday, June 1, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 6 p.m. Cocktail reception at 7 p.m. Reunion clambake at 8 p.m. Reservation dateline is May 21. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

MISSION CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL GRAND CLASS REUNION FOR ALL CLASSES FROM 1929 TO 1992 on Saturday, June 15, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 4 p.m. cocktail reception at 5 p.m. Dinner and program at 6 p.m. Reservation deadline: Friday, June 7. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

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APRIL 25- MAY 3, 2002

The James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell will conclude its 2001-2002 season with a piano recital by pianist Jonathan Bass on April 26 at 8 p.m. Reception. Tickets are $25. Call 781-659-7100 for tickets and information.

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Eric Henderson's Lighthouse Theatre presents "Blithe Spirit" at the Beal House, 224 Main St., (Route 106) in Kingston. Performance dates are April 26, at 7:30 p.m. Admission adults $10 Children (12 and under) $5. Call 508-747-6847 for reservations.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation, Inc. presents the teen company in the musical **"Dirty Dancing"** on April 26, and 27 at 7 p.m. and April and 28 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill No. 1, lower level. Admission is $8 adult, $5 child.

Sat. 27

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. presents **Northern Lights Lighthouse Cruise**. This catamaran cruise goes up to Boon Island, Nubble and Isles of Shoals off southern Maine. Full narrations are provided as you pass the North Shore's many lighthouses. Leaving from Long Wharf, Boston, Aquarium T Stop at 10 a.m. returning at 4 p.m. Bring a lunch, appropriate clothing for the weather, camera, binoculars and all your friends. Adults $39, seniors $36, members of FBHI $34, children 3 to 12 $20, children 2 and under free. Call 781-740-4290 fir reservations. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 9 a.m. on April 27. Cash only.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse will feature Nina Simon. Workshop with Michael McDonough. Saturday before the open Mike at 6 p.m. Open mike signup at 7:30 p.m. Free admission, pass the hat for feature. For information call 508-279-9952 or www.mothwing.com/dailygrindpoetry.

MDC Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites presents **Five Star Show**. For the first time in a generation, all five easily seen planets are lined up above the western horizon at dusk. View this celestial display from atop the Blue Hill Observatory. Cloudy sky date on Sunday, April 28. All programs are free and open to the public. Must be age 5 and older. For more information and directions call 617-698-1802 or visit www.state.ma.us/mdc.

Parents Without Partners Chapter 33, hosts its monthly singles dance at the Braintree DAV, 788 Liberty St., Braintree from 8:30 to midnight. Cash bar, raffle, and DJ. Proper attire requested. $5 members, $8 non-members. For more details call 781-337-6766.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St. (Rt. 18) E. Bridgewater presents Jim Rader Angela Marseglia and Esther Friedman. Admission is $5. All shows start at 7 p.m.

North and South Rivers Watershed Association presents story teller, **Jay O'Callahan** with guest **David Coffin** providing musical accompaniment at the Cushing Center in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-8168.

The Board of Directors of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will host **"Corporate Night at the Phil"** on April 27, at Duxbury High School auditorium. At 7 p.m. a pre-concert talk by Maestro Karidoyanes; 8 p.m. performance; 10 p.m. Corporate reception at the Alden Barn, 105 Alden St., Duxbury. Another concert will be held April 28 at 3 p.m. For more information call 508-746-8008.

An Antiques Appraisal Day to benefit the **Esther R. Sanger Center for Compassion**, will be held at the Broad Meadows Middle School, 50 Calvin Road, Quincy. Featuring Skinner appraisers as seen on PBS's "Chubb's Antiques Roadshow." Appraisal fees: $10 for one item, $20 for two items; $25 for three items. (Coins, stamps and jewelry excluded.) Call 617-984-0586.

The Clement Micarelli All Media Portrait Workshop will be held April 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yankee Barn, Main Street, Kingston. The workshop fee is $150 for the weekend, including the fee for the model. For more information call, Lilias Cingolani at 781-585-5622.

The Snug Harbor Community Chorus with members from Duxbury and surrounding towns, will perform "An American Spring" at 7:30 p.m. April 27 at 3 p.m. and on April 28, in the Kingston Intermediate School. Tickets are $15, and $10 for senior citizens and children younger than 12. Tickets are on sale at Westwinds Bookshop and the Studio both in Duxbury. For more information, or tickets by phone contact Jack Hamilton at 781-934-6115 or Jody hall at 781-934-9454.

Plymouth Lions Club will sponsor a Car Wash fund-raiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cape Auto Body, 53 Samoset St. Route 44, Plymouth. Cost $5 per car. All proceeds will benefit the Lions Club commitment, "Journey for Sight."

Classes

THE INSIGHT EDUCATION CENTER is presenting a workshop. **"Raising Confident Boys"** in Braintree on May 2, at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates. For more information call 781-294-8004.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION AT NEWBURY COLLEGE Newbury College's division of continuing education will offer anyone currently employed in the daycare and early childhood education field or thinking about it to take the first step in becoming certified by the Office of Child Care Services. Classes are held in Weymouth and begin the week of May 20. For information call 781-843-8888.

The Hull Artists Studio Connection and the Hull Garden Club will host its annual Fine Art and Flower Show on April 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mary Jeannette Murray Bathhouse located on Nantasket Avenue at Nantasket Beach, Hull. The show will feature ongoing demonstrations of "Art in Action," fresh flower arrangements by the Hull Garden club, an art exhibit by Hull school students and locally-produced fine art and craft including paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, jewelry, greeting cards, pottery, and woodcrafts. Free admission and plenty of free parking available. For information call 1-800-413-1770.

The Unicorn Singers present **The Complete Brahms Motets** April 27 at 8 p.m. at First Parish Church in Norwell, and April 28, at 4 p.m. at House of Prayer, 916 Main St., in Hingham. Tickets are $10 in advance at Nobles (Hingham Square) and Cards & Shards in Cohasset or from BCC/US, 34 Cliff Rd., Hingham. All tickets $12 at the door. Call 781-749-6561 for more information.

American Baby's Baby Faire is coming to the Bayside Expo Center, 200 Mt. Vernon St., Boston. April 27 and 28. This event offers expectant parents and young families about 200 exhibits showcasing the latest in child care, parenting information and services; the newest products for infants and toddlers, exciting interactive children's exhibits and free products and samples. There will be continuous children's live entertainment throughout the weekend, in addition to roving cartoon characters for children to meet. Babies can compete hourly in the Babies "R" Us Baby Derby races for the title of Boston's "fastest crawler." Adults $8, children under age 12 and grandparents free. $3 discount admission coupons available at local Babies "R" Us.

Joey Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

The North River Arts Society presents "Focus on Figures 2002" The show will open April 20 to 27, from noon to 3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills Village. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Sun. 28

Jimbo's Benefit for Avon 3 Day Breast Cancer Walk. Jimbo's' own Rose Kelly will be walking 60 miles to raise money in the fight against breast cancer and Annette and other comedians will be putting on a show there. The hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. Appetizers and beverages will be served and donations of $15 are requested, which are tax-deductible. The comedy show will be going on at 7 p.m. Call Jimbo's 781-848-0300 for further information.

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation presents Kennedy Library Forums Spring 2002 **The Presidency of Harry S. Truman** on April 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. As part of the Kennedy Library's examination of 20th century presidents, noted historians Alan Brinkley and Melvin Leffler lead an analysis of our 33rd president who faced challenges not unlike those confronting our country today. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations are required. Reservations guarantee a seat in the building but not the main hall. Doors to the main hall open one hour before the program begins. Call 617-929-4571 for reservations. Speakers' schedules may change, call 617-929-1247 to confirm all forums before coming to the library. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. Moderate walk, miles. Loop around some hilly terrain. 4 Ponkapoag Pond. Meet at the Ponkapoag Golf course parking lot on Rt. 138 in Canton. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

The OSIA- Grand Lodge of Massachusetts announces the 41st Annual Sports Banquet to be held on April 28, Quincy Son's of Italy function hall at 120 Quarry St. Quincy, where more than 60 high school young men and women will be honored for their outstanding athletic achievements. Guest speaker is 1985 Super bowl, All-time patriot leader in tackles and numerous awards, Steve Nelson. .A full course dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Awards to follow. Donation $25 Call 617-489-5324 for tickets and reservations.

The Pilgrim Area Collaborative Professional Staff Association will be having its **16th Annual Road Race.** The race will take place at Martinson Elementary School, Forest Street, Marshfield at 10 a.m. There is a 5-mile run, and a 2-mile fun run/walk. Entry fee is $10 before April 24, and $12 race day. T-shirts to the first 100 pre-entrants. Proceeds benefit Special Needs students in the Pilgrim Area collaborative programs. For information, call 781-293-5459 For application, send a self-addressed envelope to PAC/PSA P.O. Box 81, Marshfield, MA 02050.

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Legendary performer Ann-Margret and television favorite Gary Sandy star in the national tour of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" at Boston's Colonial Theatre through April 28. Ann-Margret makes her theater debut in the lavish new production of the show which earned two Tony awards for its original 1978 Broadway production. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787.

"A Taste of Spring: A Wine-Tasting Brunch" the 12th Annual Fund-Raiser for **The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore** will take place at Saporito's Florence Cub Café in Hull on April 28, at 1 p.m. The event includes a five-course gourmet meal. Each course is accompanied by a wine selected by Mark Lewis of M.S. Walker Co., who will explain the fine art of blending foods and wines. The Joe Micarelli trio will provide jazz entertainment Reservations must be made in advance by calling 781-749-5417 (evenings). Tables may be arranged

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For Your Health

GRANITE MEDICAL is hosting a Spring Health Fair April 27, from 9 a.m. to noon at Quincy Marriott at 1000 Marriott Dr., Quincy's Crown Colony. There will be free health screenings, brief lectures, and an opportunity to talk to doctors and nurse practitioners. The free screenings include blood pressure, cholesterol, body fat, diabetes, and bone density testing. Fun activities for children will also be offered. The Health Fair is free and you do not have to be a patient of Granite Medical. For more information call 617-471-0033.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY RETURNS TO COASTAL CHURCH, 145 Webster St. Suite I in the Hanover Business Park on Friday, April 26. The new format features educational and interactive seminars and support groups on a diversity of topics and guest speakers. If you are tired of living with annoying or pain-filled hurts or hang-ups that you would like to conquer, CR can help. Trust is the theme on April 26, and the guest speaker will be Eric Sweitzer, Director of the Charis Counseling Centerin Middleboro. The topic on May 3, is Shame and speaking will be author Dick Keyes. Dinner is available (for purchase) from 6 to 7 p.m. with the program running from 7 to 8:30 p.m., followed by music and fellowship from 8:30 to 10 p.m. For further information, phone Coastal Church at 781-871-3442 or send an email to coastalchurch@hotmail.com.Coastal Church is also on the Web at www.coastalchurch.com.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE/DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATES (MDDA-PEMBROKE CHAPTER) The South Shore Chapter of the MDDA Support Groups offer free support, sharing and education for individuals with symptoms of recurrent mood disorders such as depressions, manic-depression, (also known as bi-polar addiction to drugs, alcohol, food, etc.) Achieving wellness (a group which deals specifically with individuals who are looking for new ways of coping as issues relating to stigman, vacational concerns, and advocacy for mental friends, and a spousals support group. These two groups share with each other issues relating to accepting and coping with support group. These two groups share with each other issues relating to accepting and coping with symptoms of mental illness of their loved ones. Additional support groups will be added over time with the training of more facilitators in the areas of anxiety, schizophrenia, women's issues, etc. MDDA meets every Thursday evening, 199 Oak

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for four, five, eight or ten at $65 per person.

March Of Dimes Walkamerica Strides Through Plymouth On April 28 More than 200 Plymouth area residents will walk through the town on April 28 as part of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The walk begins and ends Plymouth North High School and kicks off at 10 a.m. Following the walk, participants will enjoy entertainment and refreshments. For more information call 1-800-BIG-WALK or www.marchofdimes.com

Tues. 30

South Shore Chapter Massachusetts Citizens for Life will present a forum on the proposed "Woman's Right to Know" bill on April 30, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 10 Summer St., Cohasset. Featured speakers will include Dr. Trudy Murphy and attorneys Robert Joyce and Susan Gay. The event is free.

Art Educator and artist Anne Heywood will present a slide lecture entitled **"Women Artists: their Images"** at the West Branch of the Brockton Public Library, 540 Forest Avenue, Brockton. For information call 508-378-4239 or aheywood@anne-heywood.com

Thurs. 2

Glastonbury Abbey announces its final speaker in The 2001-2002 Glastonbury Series **Tom Beaudoin,** author "Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X" "Spirituality and Culture: Spiritual Exercises In A Postmodern World" on May 2, at 7:15 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey, Conference Center. Admission is free. Donations welcome. For information call 781-749-2155.

Parents Without Partners Chapter 33 will host a new member orientation at 7 p.m. at the South Congregational Church, 1075 Washington St., Braintree. For information call 781-337-6766.

Grove Manor Estates, 160 Grove St., Braintree, presents Counselor, lecturer, author, **Joanne Koenig-Coste** In an Informative Presentation on "Habilitation-Turning Surviving Into Thriving," on May 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Call 781-843-3700 for reservations.

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will holding a Standard Flower Show at the St. Anthony's Church Hall at 4 Summer Street, Cohasset. The show is called "Literary Laurels" and will be focused on the rich literary history of Massachusetts. Authors and poets will be remembered and their works evoked through flower arrangements. The show is open to the public. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. For information call 781-383-0775.

Fri. 3

May Friendship Day sponsored by **Church Women United,** will be held at the Second Church of Plymouth, Route 3A, Manomet on May 3. Coffee at 10 a.m. celebration at 10:30 a.m. "Sharing Our Stories, Healing Our Hearts" is the theme this year. All are welcome. Those attending are asked to bring a salad for luncheon, and the annual collection for the International Fellowship of the Least Coin will be taken. Child care will be available. For more information or transportation call 781-545-4293, 781-582-3751 or 781-146-5244.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **The Wildcats** on May 3. Admission $7. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing May 3, will be **Greg Greenway**. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **"Oliver"** at the Cohasset Town Hall. Performances are May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and April 28, May 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door and by phone at 781-544-0304. Bring a canned good or non-perishable item to donate to the local food pantry and receive $1 off your ticket price.

Southern Rail will perform at the **First Congregational Church of Marshfield** located at 1981 Ocean St., on April 28, at 6 p.m. A chicken dinner will precede the concert at 5 p.m. Tickets $15 ($10 children) Ticket price includes dinner and concert. Wheel chair accessible. For information call 781-834-7664.

The 13th Annual Radio Classics Live will be held May 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College in Brockton. Two evenings of live recreations of the radios shows from the 40s and 50s. For tickets and information call 508-427-1234.

Ongoing Events

South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition entitled Refigured in the Bancroft Gallery, April 19 to May 26. **Salvatore Scalora**, an Associate Professor of Art and the Director of the William Benton Museum of Art at the University of Connecticut was the juror. Opening reception April 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 781-383-2787 for more information or visit www.ssac.org

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Meetings

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP: Meets every second Tuesday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Arc of Greater Plymouth, 4 Main St., Kingston, for more information, contact Janice Stephen at 781-585-1310.

MOTHERS & MORE: South Shore Chapter. If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about MOTHERS & MORE! Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers", those who have altered their career paths to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women to choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street, Hingham. The topic of discussion for the month of April will be: April 8, Bring a project night. April 22, Relaxation techniques with Mary Norton of The Cohasset Yoga Center. Contact Sue Chaisson at 781-545-1043 for more information.

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The Harbour Choral Arts Society presents "Rise Up Singin" a 15th anniversary celebration directed by Chad Weirick April 26, at 8 p.m. St. Andrew's Church, Hanover and April 27, at 8 p.m. Old South Church in Weymouth. Tickets are $10 at the door. For more information call 781-871-0539

Art of Music Chamber Players present "Concerts in the Country" on April 26, at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. A reception will be held following the concert. For information call 781-837-2705.

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It's a dog's world

By Evan Schiff
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Come Winston and Kendall, Puck and Salina. Come Nikko and Tara, Shadow and Sasha. No, this isn't a new Christmas jingle, but a few of the names of the almost 1,000 dogs in Cohasset.

Dogs have long been billed as a man's best friend and have been domesticated animals for thousands of years. The loyal, playful, and tail-wagging canines can bring a smile to most any animal lover.

The range in names of the animals in town runs the gamut. Two of the more "royal" dogs in town include Mr. Dibb, a king charles on Little Harbor Road, and Sir Maxwell, a bassett hound on Locust Road.

There are also myriad breeds of canines in town. But there are clearly two favorites: Of the 1,000 dogs in Cohasset, nearly 130 of them, or 13 percent, are golden retrievers. The town is also home to almost 175 Labradors in all colors: yellow, black, and brown.

Paul Murphy, the town's animal control officer, said the labs and goldens aren't status symbols, they're simply the most affectionate dogs.

"They're gentle and caring dogs," Murphy said. "They have a wonderful disposition."

While the labs and golden retrievers make up most of the town's puppy population, there are also some very unique breeds of dogs in Cohasset.

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BUBBLY PERSONALITY

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Third-grader Merrick Sease finds herself enclosed in a giant cylindrical bubble during Bubble Mania at the Osgood School. The program was sponsored by the PSO. For more photos see page 21.

Town finds it pays to recycle

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset is losing weight at record levels. No, Weight Watchers hasn't opened up a host of new classes in town and the diet drug fen-phen isn't back on the US market.

But, nevertheless, in just eight months Cohasset has dropped slightly more than 100 tons of weight. And it is tonnage that can fatten up the town coffers.

Thanks to Pay-As-You-Throw enacted last July, residents are separating their trash more than before.

Thanks to Pay-As-You-Throw enacted last July, residents are separating their trash more than before. And as a result, the town is sending about 100 tons less per month to SEMASS, the incinerator in Rochester, Mass.

According to Selectman Merle Brown, who also sits on the Recycling Committee, the cost per ton or tipping fee at SEMASS is up about $3 from $83.76 last fall; transportation costs are also up about $6 a load. But even with the increases, the town is saving some $10,000 a month because of increased recycling, if current trends continue. The town pays about $304 per load to have the trash taken to SEMASS, but that amount varies due to different sizes of the loads and the amount of times a load is taken each month.

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DEP landfill settlement gets mixed reviews

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset Heights Landfill has closed a chapter with the state Department of Environmental Protection, which fined it for exceeding its permitted level back in the mid-1990s.

Paul Barry, owner of the now-closed landfill, said he has already paid the $100,000 fine the DEP levied as part of its consent order issued last week.

Now the ball goes back into the town's court. The town will decide whether Barry has to remove the excess fill in the landfill or leave it where it is.

Barry says removing the fill makes no sense.

"We'd be dealing with odors, digging through the liners and everything else," he said this week.

But the anti-landfill group SAFE — which stands for Stop Any Further Expansion — is not happy with the DEP fine nor does it advocate leaving the excess tonnage of fill where it is.

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Sixth-grade girls' makeup draws too much attention

Dress code concerns at Deer Hill considered

By Evan Schiff
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The current trend of sixth-grade girls wearing eyeliner and eye shadow, lipstick and blush to school has prompted some school officials to examine the dress code for the grade 4-6 elementary school.

Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan, along with the school's PSO, is exploring banning the use of makeup in the dress code, which appears in the school handbook.

"We're in the elementary school," Callahan explained. "Some people may say we're old fashioned but I think it's a distraction to the learning environment."

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— Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan

However, not everyone is in favor of a stricter policy statement.

School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts is opposed to banning makeup in the school. She said the school should be very careful when dealing with the issue of freedom of expression.

"I think 10-year-olds should have the same rights as 50-year-olds," she said. "We're treading on dangerous territory if we start telling our kids how they should look."

The issue surfaced two months ago at a PSO meeting when concerned parents brought the problem to that board's attention.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn says he wants more input from the community before coming to a conclusion. Although he said he has no daughters, he ventured to say that he believes early use of makeup could be attributed to such pop stars as Britney Spears and Christina Auguilera, who appeal to youngsters.

"Through various media outlets that our students are constantly bombarded with, our kids are now growing up faster," he said.

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Colette Taylor celebrates converting a split to a spare. She bowls with the Roaring 20s bowling league at the South Shore Community Center.

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School board gives Buckley's Hagerty plan high marks

By Evan Schiff
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An effort to turn the dilapidated Hagerty house off Parker Avenue into a center for maritime education gained some momentum last week.

Jack Buckley, leader for a group advocating the establishment of an environmental education and research facility center at the Hagerty house, gave an informal presentation of his concept to the School Committee.

Buckley, a teacher at Cohasset Middle High-School, outlined the Coastal Maritime Institute's interest in the building at Thursday's meeting. CMI is an organization that provides summer classes to students curious about marine life. The organization also offers a rowing program to students at the high school.

"Over the years, the vision for that building has been a maritime research center," Buckley said. "We think a harbor-based educational facility is a solid idea and it's something we want to pursue."

(Kevin Ulmer of Cohasset previously proposed a marine education, research center dubbed the "Cohasset Lobster Lab" but selectmen terminated the its $1 a year lease because the non-profit organization did not meet the conditions of the lease in terms of building upkeep and fund-raising.)

The School Committee was receptive to Buckley's conceptual idea and voted unanimously to support the project in theory. This support comes with no strings attached — meaning the school department has not pledged any money or time to the project.

"The history in town at that building has not been great but I get goose bumps thinking about the possibilities it offers," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn. "I think it's a great idea."

The Hagerty House, which once served as the offices and showroom for Cohasset Colonials that manufactured furniture kits, sits on 2.1 acres of what is now Mariners Park at the end of Parker Avenue.

Buckley emphasized that he has a lot more work to do concerning the funding for the proposal and particulars like transportation and insurance.

"We still have a lot of research ahead of us," Buckley said. "But this would be a wonderful place for students to do some focused maritime research."

David Magnussen, a science teacher at the high school, said the potential facilities that could be installed at the Hagerty House would have many uses.

"What we really want to do is create an experiential learning program," Magnussen said. "There are some marvelous kids who are coming down the pipeline and if we continue to offer these great programs we'll give them a wonderful chance to excel."

Buckley said he has approached the South Shore Art Center in an attempt to create a partnership in the building. He said he envisioned having the center use the second and third floors of the building for studio space. A source of income could be generated from its monthly rental payments.

"We're trying to see this become a reality," Buckley said. "I envision this building benefiting many groups in town."

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo would like to see some evidence of how Buckley intends to fund the project. However, he said the idea is an exciting one.

"The concept sounds very interesting," DeGiacomo said. "To have programs like this exist in our schools would be wonderful."

Selectmen have given Buckley until the fall to come up with some solid figures.

In the meantime, Buckley continues to work hard on all aspects of the proposal.

Buckley has worked with students in preparing final drafts of harbor study reports to be presented to the Board of Health in May. He has also convened students, teachers, town officials, and scientific consultants for three meetings to work on these reports.

Buckley has also submitted a variety of grants, ranging from $5,000-$20,000, which he hopes to hear a response on soon. He has also secured a donation of 12 high-speed computers and workstations and office furniture from Apto Solutions.

"We've accomplished much in five months," Buckley stated in a letter to the Mariner last month. "We will soon know if we have been successful in our grant applications and if so, we will be in a fairly good position to carry our initiative forward."

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It's unlikely that Graham Waste Services, currently at 110 CJC Highway (Rte. 3A), will go the way of Hingham Lumber and be forced to move out of its hometown because of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's plan to take its property by eminent domain.

While Hingham Lumber is moving from its Summer Street location in Hingham to Route 3A in Cohasset, next to Cohasset Collision, Graham Waste is clearing hurdles at Town Hall so it can stay in town and relocate across the street to Crocker Lane near the former Cohasset Heights Landfill.

Both businesses are moving to make room for new train stations as part of the restoration of the Greenbush railroad line, which is expected to resume service in 2005.

The Planning Board has approved the building plan for Graham Waste with conditions.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has taken under advisement the question of whether to issue the project the special permit required because part of the proposed warehouse facility would be in the water resources district.

A sticking point with the ZBA could have been whether Graham Waste qualifies as a "solid-waste facility," a use that is not allowed in the water resources district.

Graham Waste, a construction-debris waste company that supplies roll-off containers to work sites, plans to construct a 25,000-square-foot warehouse and 7,000-square-foot office – but about 60 percent of the warehouse would lie in the water resources district.

Town counsel, which the ZBA asked to weigh in on the matter, has stated that the proposed use does not come within the meaning of a solid-waste facility because it would not involve the "dumping, incineration, handling and/or transfer of solid waste.

"The proposed use is primarily the storage of empty truck and containers and involves only the occasional storing of trucks full of solid waste within a building," wrote John Richard Hucksam, Jr., of Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland, the law firm the town has retained to serve as town counsel.

Most of the time, containers at the site would be empty because they are usually hauled directly from the construction site to a landfill or transfer station before returning to the company's facility.

The Water Commission had asked for all floor drains in the warehouse to be located outside the water resources district to reduce any potential threats of contamination. It suggested any runoff be directed over the floor to the drains which lie outside the district. The drains are piped to a closed tank.

But the engineer for Graham Waste said eliminating floor drains in the part of the garage that lies within the district would diminish the site's cleanliness.

Building Inspector Bob Egan said there is little threat of pollution from the drains. He explained the floor drainage system is installed before the concrete floor is laid. The cast-iron pipes are pressure-tested and are not set in concrete but in sand so they are insulated from any movement.

Kevin O'Donnell, 248 King St., who opposes the project at that location, wanted assurance that Graham Waste would only deal in construction and demolition debris, and not household waste. He asked that that be spelled out as a condition of the special permit. He also wanted it specified that any full containers would be stored inside the building. O'Donnell was one of several environmental activists in town who opposed expansion of the now-closed Cohasset Heights Landfill, which Barry also owns.

O'Donnell said it was not necessary that Graham Waste move to this location.

"There is no hardship here other than convenience of the landowner," he said. O'Donnell said the owner had a history of problems in complying with ZBA decisions when the landfill was there. He questioned why the warehouse should be allowed in the water resources district — potentially opening it up to further problems.

John Cavanaro, Graham's engineer, pointed out that Graham Waste has gone to great lengths to minimize impact on the water resources district. The company has also proposed an elaborate drainage infrastructure, including roof collection and a series of catch basins to collect water runoff and separate any oil and grit before the water is recharged into the soil. Cavanaro said the company was making the best use of the site in deciding where to locate the building and related infrastructure .

He said the goal was to maintain the business in Cohasset despite being displaced by the MBTA.

DEP landfill settlement gets mixed reviews

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"It's just a slap on the wrist," said SAFE member Kevin O'Donnell of the fine. O'Donnell also said fill has been removed from other landfills before without environmental consequences.

John McNabb, also of SAFE, said the $100,000 fine is too little.

"It is woefully inadequate, considering CHL made more than $1million from the extra waste they illegally dumped, violating the site assignment and the DEP plan approval."

McNabb said the DEP should also have provided the town with money to conduct environmental monitoring.

CHL disposed of solid waste outside the approved site assignment area established by the Board of Health in 1996, as well as above approved maximum elevations established by the permit from the DEP.

The consent order directs CHL not to accept any more solid waste — a moot issue because the landfill has been closed since 1998. It also states the order is not an admission that CHL violated any laws or regulations.

"The parties have agreed to enter into this Consent Order because they agree that it is in their own interests, and in the public interest, to proceed promptly with the actions called for herein rather than expend additional time and resources litigating the allegations..." the DEP states.

DEP spokesman Ross Edward said "consent orders" are a common tool to resolve disputes.

"We do hundreds of them a year," he said. Edward said the consent order provides a formal resolution to the issue of overfilling.

"CHL sat down with us to resolve this long-standing issue," he said.

Edward also said the DEP used a formula to determine the amount of the fine, which he said was fair. The DEP almost never fines up to the $25,000 a day that it is allowed to by statute.

"We would not have signed an agreement if we didn't think it was a fair amount," he said of the CHL consent order.

Selectman Tom Callahan, a former conservation commissioner, said it was unfortunate the fine couldn't be turned over to the town because it will face the consequences of any environmental damage.

"We would not have signed an agreement if we didn't think it was a fair amount."
— Ross Edward, DEP

"Whatever the consequences of overfilling are — we'll feel it," he said.

The town is still negotiating with CHL on financial assurances regarding its closure plans — which, once resolved, could close the book on what has been a litigious relationship for some time. The agreement would also prohibit any further landfill use at the site, as well as establishment of a transfer station at the property.

Both town officials and Barry have said they hope the closure plan, which is being ironed out among five town boards and CHL, would put an end to all pending lawsuits on both sides.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said all lawsuits were on hold pending the outcome of the negotiations, so the town has not had to pay further legal fees.

"What is entailed now is, Barry has to cap it, close it and put bonds in place, so if anything fails there is money to cover it," Haddad said.

Barry said his aim is to get the landfill capped and move on.

"My goal is to bring all this to an end," he said.

Town finds it pays to recycle

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Brown said the savings are being evaluated so the Recycling Transfer Facility budget has not been reduced as yet. But what isn't spent on recycling, and materials or equipment for the RTF will go into the general fund.

"We have to make some changes at the RTF because of the volume of recyclables we get now," he said.

But the savings did prompt selectmen to reduce the annual sticker fee to the RTF from the current $50 to $35. The cost for a second sticker and for senior citizens will also be reduced to $20 starting July 1. Down the road, selectmen hope to reduce the sticker fee even more.

Pay-As-You-Throw — through which residents pay $1 for a 30-gallon trash bag or 50 cents for a 15-gallon bag — went into effect last July 1. The program is intended to force residents to recycle more by making them pay for special, blue trash bags marked "Town of Cohasset" in which they dispose of their weekly non-recyclable rubbish. The philosophy behind the program if people recycle more, the less they will have to throw away.

The town has to pay $15 per ton to have newspaper taken away. Brown said before Pay-As-You-Throw went into effect, newspaper recycling averaged about 54 tons per month. Currently newspaper recycling is up about 10 tons a month.

He said the biggest jump in recycling materials has been in corrugated materials and plastics. As a result, the town bought two compactors, which are less labor intensive than having the RTF workers put the material into bundles or bales. The compactors condense the items.

The town is also co-mingling plastics, meaning all the plastics go into the same container – a move that also saves labor costs.

Due to improvements in recycling, the town also qualified for nearly $2,000 in a state grant through the Municipal Recycling Incentive Program run by the state Department of Environmental Protection. One of the grant's criteria is to track the recyclable material the town buys so the items contain some recycled material. The town and schools buy photocopying paper, toner for copiers, paper towels and toilet paper and some cleaners that contain recycled materials, Brown said. The state wants towns to spend a minimum of $1 per capita on recycled materials. In Cohasset's case that would be $7,800 but the town is actually spending 19 times that amount or about $148,000 a year on recycled materials.

"This will be a great help in our next go-round for a MRIP grant," Brown said.

He said other recycling grant money has been used to purchase junk-mail reduction kits, roll-off containers, transfer station signs and consumer education materials.

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NEW ARRIVAL

Let us all join in in welcoming **Benjamin Russell Fitzpatrick** to the world! Benjamin is the newborn son of **Ian and Heather Fitzpatrick** and is the new little brother to **Rebecca**, age 3. Benjamin was born on April 9, 2002 and weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz and was 19-3/4 ins. long.

Benjamin's grandparents are **Rosemary and Edward Fitzpatrick** of Green Valley, Ariz., formerly of Cohasset and **Steven and Diane King** of Halifax.

New dad Ian, who grew up in Cohasset and works here in town, now resides in Halifax with his family. Congratulations to all of you on the addition of baby Benjamin.

YARD SALE BENEFIT

The Beechwood Congregational Church is holding a yard sale this Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 432 First Parish Road, a short distance from Scituate High School. Antiques, used furniture, baked goods as well as odds and ends will be sold. Come find a treasure!

THANK YOU, GEORGE

Did you happen to notice sparkling cars driving around Cohasset on Saturday? The Cohasset High School Baseball Boosters and hundreds of car owners owe a debt of gratitude to **George Roukanakis** at Olympic Citgo, at 55 Main St.. Although he is busy inspecting and repairing cars, as well as pumping gas or providing road service, he graciously donates the space, hose and water so that the baseball players could wash cars to raise money to benefit the team. Thank you, George from all those involved.

TRUE INSPIRATION

I wanted to start this week off by telling a story of a sweet little girl here in town. Miss **Brooke Cummings** recently had a hair cut with a whole lot of meaning. Brooke had 14 ins. of her hair cut off and donated the hair to be used for wigs for children going through cancer treatments. Brooke, you are a true inspiration to so many people and your new hair cut is so cute! You have done something that was so wonderful and you will remember it forever. We all commend you on this selfless and thoughtful act!

DEER HILL CAR WASH

If you missed that car wash, make sure to head to the Deer Hill School this coming Saturday, May 4 between the hours of 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This great day of washing is sponsored by the current fifth grade class to raise money for the popular Camp Bournedale trip that they will take as sixth-graders in September. Tickets are $5 per car and if you have not been sold a ticket by Saturday, you can get them on the day of the event.

FUN(D) RUN

The **Clark Chatterton** Fund Run, a 3.5 Mile Run/Walk is being held on Saturday, June 15 starting at 10 am. The race will start and finish at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St. The cost for this race is $12 pre-entry(postmarked before June 1) and $15 post-entry(postmarked after June 1.) Number pickup is on Race Day and registration is from 8-9:30 am. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division and raffle prizes will be drawn during the race. Please email clarksfundrun@aol.com for information about registration and any questions you may have.

SPRING FUND-RAISER

Space is filling up quickly for the annual spring fundraiser hosted by the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association. This year's event takes place on May 24 and includes both a golf tournament during the day and a separate dinner dance and auction at night. The Pembroke Country Club is where tee-off will take place at 12:30 p.m. and golfers of all abilities are encouraged to attend. Lots of prizes will be awarded, including a 2002 Rietzel Audi Station Wagon — yours to take home if you manage a hole-in-one at a specified par 3.

The dinner dance and auction begins at 7 p.m. at the new Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel and Conference Center in Hull. Dinner will be provided by Siro's Beachside Restaurant and you can place your bids on many wonderful and exciting items. Tickets for golf and dinner are $125 a person and include golf, cart, prizes, auction, dinner and dance.

Tickets for the evening event only are $35 and include dinner, dance and auction. For more information or to sign up, contact **Paul Emanuello** at 781-383-0746 or email Eman49@aol.com.

OLIVER ON STAGE

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will present "Oliver!" at the Cohasset Town Hall on May 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7:30 p.m.; Sundays May 5 & 12 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $10 each and if you bring a canned good for charity, you can get $1 off your ticket. You may purchase tickets at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Front Street Books in Scituate, or call 781-544-0304.

MEMORIAL TEA

A Memorial Tea in honor of **Barbara McCabe**, a special needs teacher who passed away last May, will be held on Thursday, May 16 at the Osgood School. Parents and students who knew Barbara are invited to attend. The tea will begin at 2:45 p.m. and a formal presentation in Barbara's memory will begin at 3:20 p.m.

PARENTING COURSE

The Social Service League of Cohasset is offering a five-week course on Parenting for Prevention. This informative seminar is directed to parents but driven by the needs, aspirations and promise of our adolescents. The overriding goal of Parenting for Prevention is to ensure that our children have the very best of opportunities to grow into mature, independent, caring and drug-free adults.

These sessions will be Mondays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. and is free. If interested, please call 781-383-0771.

That is all for this week. Please send in all news, photos and event information no later than Monday at noon.

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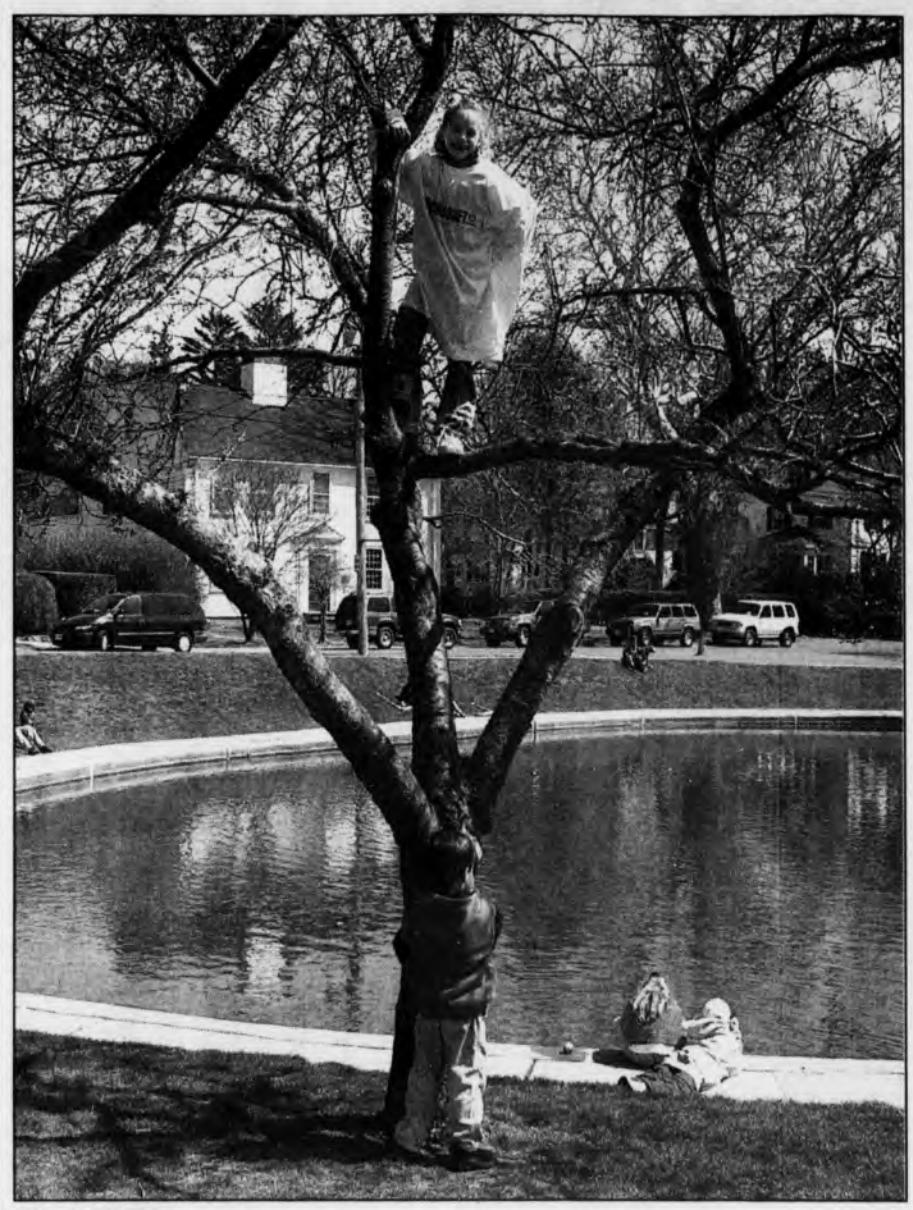

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SENIOR SCENE

Upcoming events

Upcoming events for the month of May at Cohasset Elder Affairs include:

FIRMING & TONING — 7:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

LUNCHEON — served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the dining room at noon; $2 donation.

LINE DANCING — every Thursday at 1 p.m.

KNITTING — every Friday at 1 p.m.

BOOK CLUB — Friday, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with coffee, company and interesting discussions.

SHOPPING — to South Shore Plaza on Monday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m.; to the Christmas Tree Shop on Wednesday, May 8 at 9 a.m.; and to the Hanover Mall on Wednesday, May 22 at 9 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

HEARING TEST — at Sunrise on Tuesday, May 7 at 2 p.m.

MOTHERS' DAY TEA — Monday, May 13 at 1 p.m. Special guest is Marie Dunn Frazier.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR 80-TO-100-YEAR-OLDS — Wednesday, May 15 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

TRIAD BREAKFAST — Friday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS — Wednesday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m. Visit the Impressionist Still Life Exhibit. There will be time to wander and have lunch. Bus will return by 2 p.m.; cost is $27.

OSGOOD TEA — Thursday, May 23 at the Osgood School.

BATTER UP! — South Shore Softball League is looking for players. If interested, call Joan Wright at the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722.

For more information on any of these programs, please call Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

Bellotti breakfast

Norfolk County Sheriff, Michael Bellotti will celebrate the first anniversary of "Are You OK?" the telephone reassurance program for seniors with an "open breakfast forum" prepared by Anna's Gourmet Club on Friday May 24 at 9 a.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center, South Main and Summer Streets.

Meet the staff of the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office and the staff of Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling 781-383-9112.

Senior forum on prescriptions

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs will hold an informational forum on Prescription Advantage, the new state-sponsored prescription drug insurance plan for all Massachusetts residents age 65 or over and younger people with disabilities, at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Tuesday, May 21, at 11 a.m.

Prescription Advantage offers unlimited prescription drug coverage that is combined with an annual out-of-pocket spending limit to provide drug coverage with unparalleled financial protection. Refreshments will be served at the event. To RSVP to the forum, call 617-520-7274. To enroll or for more information on Prescription Advantage, call toll free: 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636) or TDD/TTY: 1-877-610-0241.

Organ recital at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 11th year, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in a recital on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m.

Works on this Pentecost Sunday program include those by Anton Heiller, DeGrigny, Buxtehude, and various Russian composers whose works are virtually unknown in this country.

The church at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and has ample parking in the village car park. There is no admission charge, although donations will be accepted. For more information, call 781-383-1083.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

McAllister - Sweeney engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. McAllister of 60 Aaron River Road announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin C. McAllister to Mr. E. Sean Sweeney, son of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Sweeney of Tenafly, N.J.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She is employed as a sales communications specialist at State Street Bank and Trust of Boston.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Saddle River High School and St. Mary's College of Maryland. He is employed as director of sales at CMS, Inc. of Framingham.

A September 2002 wedding is planned.

E. Sean Sweeney and Erin McAllister

Photograph courtesy of J.M. Donohue

Lori Flagg and Robert Ierardi

Flagg - Ierardi engagement

Mrs. Susan Flagg of Hingham announces the engagement of her daughter, Lori Christine to Mr. Robert J. Ierardi, Jr. of Holbrook.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late William Flagg of Hingham.

Her fiancé is the son of Robert and Catherine Ierardi of Holbrook.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hingham High School, Class of 1987, and Wilfred Beauty Academy in 1988. She is employed as a child care provider for the Dooleys in Cohasset.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Don Bosco Technical High School, Class of 1989 and Massasoit Community College in 2000. He is employed as a corrections officer at the Dedham House of Correction.

A May 18, 2002 wedding is planned.

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BOOK sense

Sixth-grade girls' makeup draws too much attention

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Flynn added the School Committee welcomes anyone who wants to air their opinions on the matter before the board.

"Part of our responsibility is to be a larger sounding board," Flynn said. "None of us have a problem with eliminating distractions, but if it happens too quickly we could create a bigger problem."

Flynn said schools are re-organized and the sixth grade goes into the middle school, the problem might resolve itself. By then, the pressure may not be on the girls to act as the oldest group in the school.

"It sounds like it just may be a peer pressure issue," Flynn said. "We just want to make sure we talk to everyone before changing a policy."

Adrienne MacCarthy, co-president of the Deer Hill PSO, said the organization was formed with the intent to bring parents' worries to the School Committee. She said the board voted to send a letter to address the issue so people on both sides could air their feelings.

"We are the mediators between the parents and the School Committee," MacCarthy said. "We want to facilitate the discussion to hopefully come to a resolution."

"I think makeup can be pretty excessive on sixth-grade young ladies."

Adrienne MacCarthy, PSO

MacCarthy stressed that the PSO is a neutral organization but said she would personally like to see the dress code updated to include some additions.

"I think makeup can be pretty excessive on sixth-grade young ladies," she said. "I don't know if school is an appropriate setting for that kind of dress."

MacCarthy said that the students are wearing all kinds of makeup, from eye-liner and eye-shadow, to lipstick and blush.

"I understand kids are maturing faster nowadays but their attire is not representative of their grade level," she said. "We're just trying to keep them at their age level."

Callahan said he knows he can't tell children what to wear but feels the makeup definitely serves as a distraction in the classes. He added altering the code to include a make-up cause could take the onus of responsibility off the parents. By being able to defer an explanation of why their children can't wear make-up to school to a handbook, parents may be able to avoid a confrontation.

"This might take the burden of the parents and place it on me," Callahan said. "I guess I don't mind being blamed."

What the dress code says

The following dress code statement appears on page 26 of the Deer Hill School handbook:

A student's appearance should reflect good health practices, safety, and decency as would be defined by the reasonable lay person. As such, clothing should not be a disturbing or distracting element to the learning process or pose a safety hazard to the student wearing it or others.

Of recent concern is the safety hazard posed by students carrying book bags to their classes. This matter has been left to the discretion of grade-level teams.

Students must wear laced sneakers (not slip-ons) for physical education classes. Baggy clothing and skirts are inappropriate attire during such classes. Clothing suitable to the activity and climate is encouraged, and all students are informed in advance of future activities.

Clothing and lunch bags should have the child's name on them so that the item can be returned to the owner..

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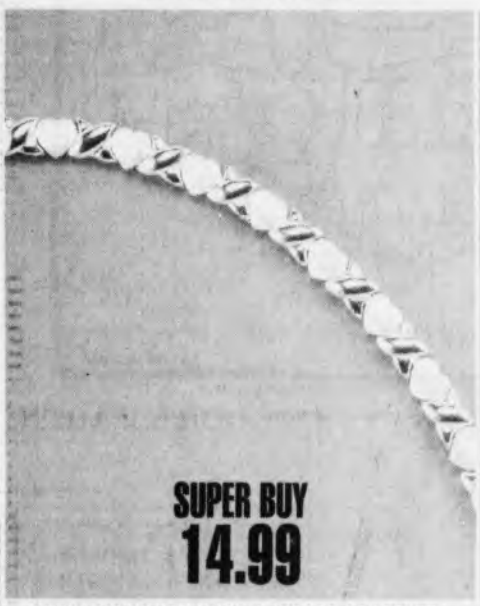

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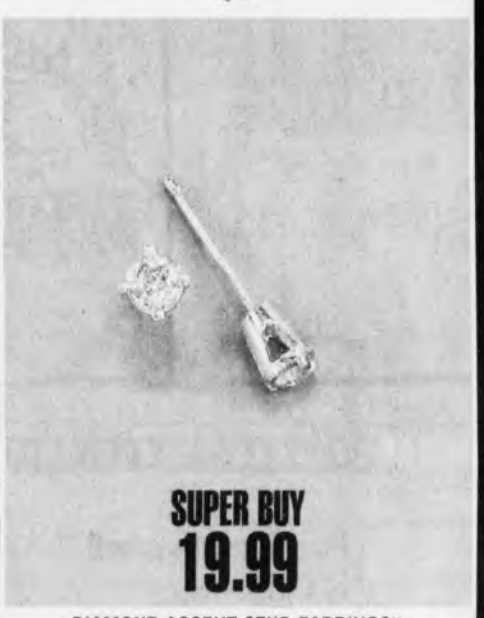

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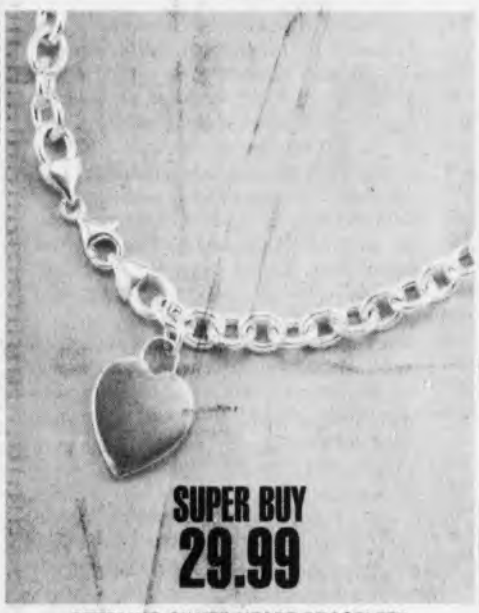

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Play ball!

This week brings the crack of the bat at opening day on Barnes Field in Cohasset. Little leaguers, you now take your place with a long line of diamond cutters who date back to when, as legend has it, Gen. Abner Doubleday invented the game in the late 1800s. Baseball players are philosophers in cleats.

Just listen to what some baseball greats and not-so-greats have said about the American pastime, which was called "our game" by poet Walt Whitman.

"To be good, you gotta have a lot of little boy in you," said the immortal Dodgers catcher Roy Campanella.

"I lost 24 games my first year with the Mets. You've got to be a pretty good pitcher to lose that many. What manager is going to let you go out there that often?" said pitcher Roger Craig.

"A ball player's got to be kept hungry to become a big leaguer. That's why no boy from a rich family ever made the big leagues," said Yankee legend Joe DiMaggio, who inspired Simon and Garfunkel to say, "A nation turns its lonely eyes to you."

"Once I hit .291 and had to take a pay cut. If you hit .291 today, you'd own the franchise," said the great St. Louis Cardinals shortstop Enos Slaughter.

The colorful Yankees manager Casey Stengel had some jewels.

"They didn't give him a cake. They were afraid he'd drop it," he said of his weak-fielding first baseman, "Marvelous" Marv Thorneberry, on his birthday.

This is how Stengel described the pitching of the great Satchel Paige, whose motto was "don't look back": "He threw the ball as far from the bat and as close to the plate as possible."

Then there was Cleveland Indians player Matt Williams, who said in a locker room interview after winning Game 4 of the American League Championship Series, "Post season, perfect weather, great ball games... there's no place you'd rather be. We've got a saying going around here now. 'Surrender yourself to the moment. Become a part of it.'"

What exactly does that mean?" a reporter asked Williams.

"I have no idea," Williams replied. "It's way too heavy for me, but it's a kick in the pants, isn't it?"

The inimitable Yankee catcher Yogi Berra gave us such words of wisdom as "Ninety percent of the game is half mental," "It gets late early out there," "It's déjà vu all over again," "Next year, I want different uniforms that are the same," and (most famously) 'It ain't over 'til it's over."

Not only are baseball players funny, they're often superstitious.

There's the story that during baseball's early days, it was believed that seeing a truckload of empty barrels brought good luck.

A New York Giant player, Mike Donlin, spotted such a load before a game and had four hits that day. He mentioned his good luck to his manager, John McGraw, who said nothing, but saw to it that the same truckload of empty barrels passed the entrance to the Polo Grounds each morning until the Giants left home for a road trip. Donlin made more hits, and the Giants won 10 consecutive games.

This is what we hope for you this season, Little Leaguers.

You already have Roy Campanella's little boy (or girl) in you.

We wish you Joe DiMaggio's hunger for hits.

We wish you the .291 batting average of Enos Slaughter or more, no pay cut.

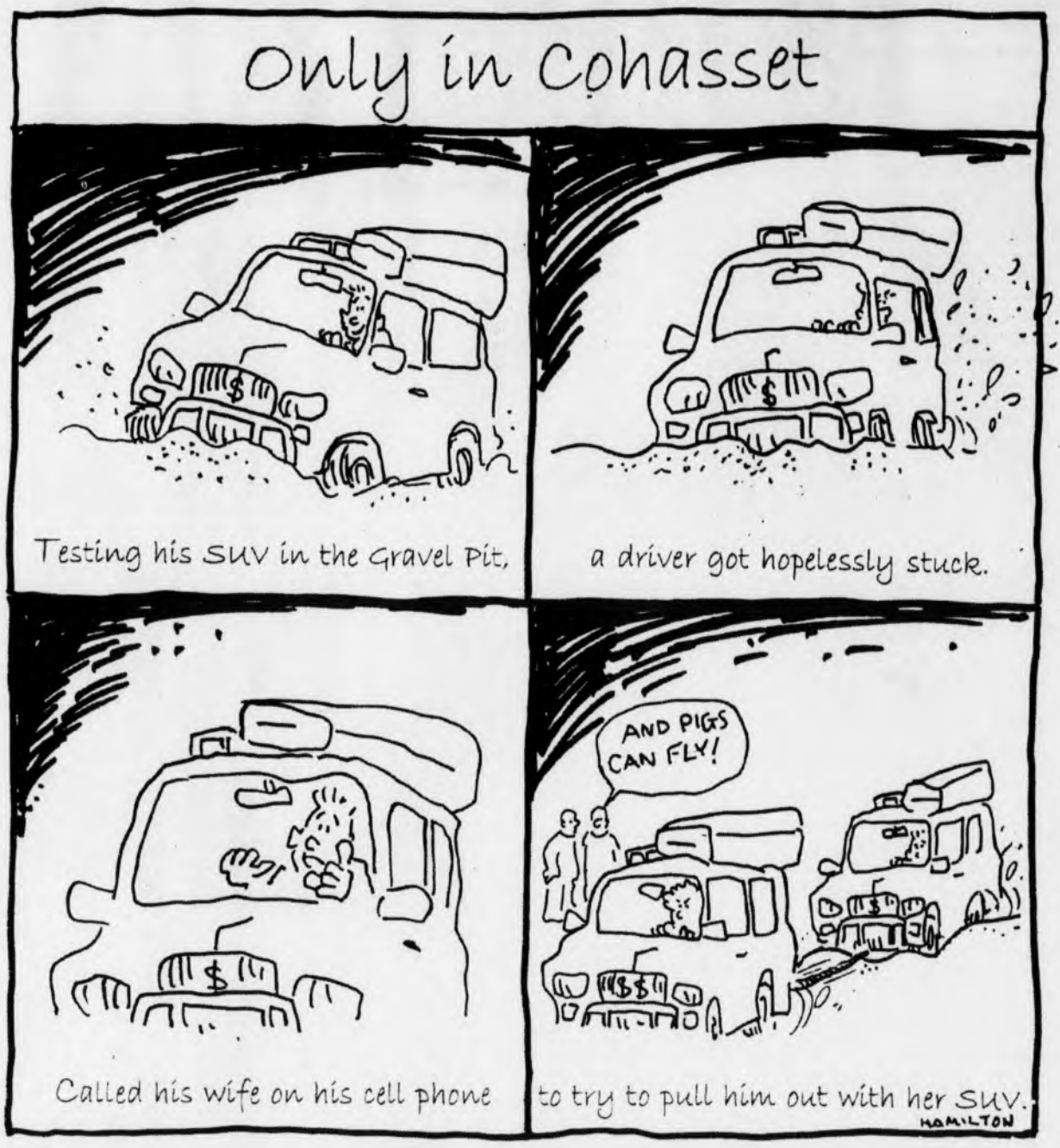
We wish you Satchel Paige pitches as far from the bat and as close to the plate.

We wish you the joy of "surrendering yourself to the moment" like Matt Williams.

We wish you the upbeat attitude of Yogi Berra, who once said, "I'm not in a slump. I just ain't hitting."

We wish you good luck.

And you don't even need to see Mike Donlin's truckload of empty barrels to get it.



Democrats elect officers

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee announces the election of new officers for the coming term. Agnes McCann, Chairman, and Pat Laugelle, Treasurer, were re-elected to their positions. Coleman Nee is now Vice Chairman of the Committee and Susan Kent is Secretary.

McCann observed, "with the large, enthusiastic turnout we had for the Democratic caucus, and the amount of interest in the upcoming state convention, we are looking forward to a very exciting year."

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Committee will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 9 a.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. Tim Cahill, candidate for state Treasurer, is the scheduled guest and all interested voters are invited to attend. In a business meeting to follow, the Committee will hear the report of the scholarship committee and will also continue planning for the summer fundraiser, a giant yard sale to be held on June 15. For more information, please call Agnes McCann at 383-0222.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASP yard sale

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset ASP: Thanks everybody!

We would like to thank everyone who helped out with this year's Cohasset ASP Yard Sale — all those who donated their treasures, there time and there disposable cash! We would like to especially thank the following local business who so generously contributed items and gift certificates for our Silent Auction:

Atlantica Restaurant, Bernard's Restaurant, Buttonwood's Books & Toys, Cards & Shards, Cohasset Cycle Sports, Cohasset Greenery, Cohasset Pizza House, Flemings, French Memories Good Sport, Hair Imports, Hernan Salon, Maggie's Corner, Shaw's Supermarket, Sweet Surprises, F-1 Boston, Dwye,r Photography.

All in all we raised over $3,000. Not bad for a days work! ASP has truly become a community effort. Thanks again to everyone for your support. Watch for our ASP car washes coming up in May and June.

Gary A. Ritts, project coordinator

Write to us!

Please email letters by noon Tuesday to mford@cnc.com

Fire dept. thanked

DEAR CHIEF LINCOLN:

We all feel very fortunate to live in Cohasset, a beautiful seaside town. But sometimes we take for granted all that this town has to offer. On Monday, April 22 we, at 100 Pond Street, were reminded how lucky we are to live in this community.

You and the men of your department arrived shortly after the 911 call was placed to report the fire in one of our units. No one knows how long the fire was smoldering, but it appears you arrived just in time. The men of your well-trained department were able to extinguish the fire in a relatively short time, but their efforts did not stop there. Careful checks were made to make sure the adjacent units were not in danger and steps were taken to protect the contents of the unit involved. From what I understand, your men stayed on the roof while it was sleeting until the gap in the roof was properly covered. Chief Lincoln, thank you for coming by the following day to check things out and follow through.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and all the residents at 100 Pond Street, I wish to thank you and your men for your professional protection. We are most grateful that no one was hurt that day and that we have such a dedicated fire department.

DeeDee Perry
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
100 Pond Street

Officer commended

DEAR CHIEF JACKSON:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and all the residents at 100 Pond Street, I wish to commend Officer Christy Tarantino on his prompt, professional and continuing response on Monday, April 22 when fire broke out at one of the units in our condominium complex. Officer Tarantino arrived just minutes after the 911 call was placed. He immediately took charge until the arrival of the fire department. He entered the unit involved and searched for signs of anyone within. When the fire department arrived, he stood by to offer assistance while letting them proceed.

We feel very fortunate that no one was injured on that day and that the damage, while substantial, was limited mainly to one unit. We appreciate having such an available and well trained police department.

Thank you to you and your men.

DeeDee Perry
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Ms. Perry provided the Mariner with copies of her letter for publication.

COHASSET CARES

A walking tour of the RTF

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Well, Earth Day has come and gone, and fundamental changes have been occurring at the RTF. Capable and enthusiastic Carl Sestito is now at the DPW helm, with Charley and Chuck replacing Dickie Poland, who has finally retired after many years of working "like a machine," as a former employee once described Dickie. Thanks for those years of service, Dickie. Working at the RTF has never been easy, but you have to admit it's an interesting, active, and colorful place.

Newspapers and magazines go next as we turn the corner and face north.

Let's walk through the RTF as it is today. After faithful Larry checks your sticker, you pass the famous boutique on your right. Take it or leave it. Next is the shed for TVs and computers. These are $5 each as the hazardous elements in them have to be removed. Also used oil goes here [oil never wears out].

Next you will see the enclosed green dumpster for used office paper, 8-1/2 x 11, very valuable. Then the open metal bin for steel cans. [Coat hangers are usually welcomed by cleaning establishments.]

Now the roofed area for corrugated and other cardboard and brown bags. It's of course easier on the guys if we put all our little cardboard items inside a larger one. A significant change is that all plastics go in one box now, so no need to separate because of the new blue compactor. Plastic grocery bags still go in marked barrels.

Newspapers and magazines go next as we turn the corner and face north. To the left of that is the junk mail bin, where flattened waxed cartons go also [please cut out plastic spouts]. Then the glass building. Rinse please.

Turning the corner, we find the clothing bins, then the aluminum bin, then the returnable cans and plastic bottles for the Scouts. Then the largest bin, actually a huge roll-off dumpster, where the blue bags containing unrecyclable trash go.

Cohasset RECYCLING TRANSFER Facility
Cohasset grows to recycle everything

Outside the trash shed to the left is the metal bin, and to the left of that, the Construction and Demolition dumpster. No TVs or computers here, nor refrigerators or AC, LP tanks, batteries, gas cans, nor tires. See attendant for these items.

When allowable, brush goes next, down the road near the DPW garage. And finally, back up on the RTF property, is compost, leaves and grass clippings.

So there you have it. Our key to saving the earth. See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman for the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Master Plan workshop to finalize vision

MASTER PLAN

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Cohasset Growth and Development Committee will hold a Vision and Goals workshop on Saturday, May 4 at 1 p.m. at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. All residents of Cohasset are encouraged to attend and give their input on the future of Cohasset. The Cohasset Selectmen appointed the Growth and Development Committee to help draft a town master plan to provide a thoughtful, consensus-driven strategy to manage town growth. Preservation of community character has been a strong theme at workshops, meetings and in survey results. Determining the actions required today, to preserve Cohasset's unique character for the future, is the primary challenge of the master planning process.

The Vision and Goals workshop will begin with a brief review of prior work, current planning efforts and the draft vision statement. Community Design Partnership, a planning and design firm based in Boston, will present their preliminary findings on items such as water supply, wastewater options, town finances, Greenbush, housing supply and affordability and commercial development. An analysis of land to be developed in Cohasset, prepared by the state's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, will also be discussed

An interactive mapping exercise will help residents prioritize their ideas for preservation or change.

The workshop will break into small groups to help finalize a listing of assets and liabilities in major theme areas. An interactive mapping exercise will help residents prioritize their ideas for preservation or change. The wrap-up segment will provide an opportunity for small group reporting and sharing of ideas.

Next steps in the master planning process include forming monthly workgroups that will consider various scenarios for amount and type of growth. Please contact Liz Harrington, Town Planner, at 781-383-3517 if you would like to volunteer for a workgroup or for more information about the master plan.

Cohasset Growth & Development Committee: Clark Brewer, Tom Callahan, Debbie Cook, Bill Good, Elizabeth Harrington, Patti Keville, Ronnie McMorris, Peter Pratt, Rick Swanborg, and Michael Westcott.

Two new chairs at Town Hall

Sullivan, Flynn take the helm

By Evan Schiff
ESCHIFF@CNC.COM

There are two new chairmen on two of the most influential boards in Cohasset. One was elected last week as the new chairman of the School Committee and the other assumed his position early last month as the new point man for the Board of Selectmen.

While the two men serve on different boards, they have a lot in common.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan and School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn have know each other for almost 25 years. They attended each other's weddings and have been to numerous family occasions together. The connection: Flynn's wife's sister was Sullivan's wife's roommate in college.

"Who would have thought when we met in the 70s we'd both be chairing boards in Cohasset in the new millenium?"
— Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan

"It's kind of ironic we're both in these positions now," Sullivan said laughing. "Who would have thought when we met in the 70s we'd both be chairing boards in Cohasset in the new millenium?"

Sullivan is beginning his second stint as selectmen chairman, his first preceded the Town Manager Act that the town accepted more than five years ago. He also served on the Board of Health for four years.

He said being the chairman now is much different than it was before.

"We are far more strategically oriented these days," he said. "Before we would be in charge of all the personnel moves in town, we were more procedurally oriented."

However, Sullivan said being the chairman of the board still comes with added responsibility.

"It means your the point person for the press and for all public functions," he said. "You're often the one who is in charge of representing the town."

Sullivan said his goals are to keep the financial situation of the town under control. He said with the delay in state reimbursement for the school construction projects — the economic state of the town is the paramount issue right now.

"There's a lot up in the air," he said. "We have to be very in tune with what's going on and be very careful with how we spend our money."

Rick Flynn

Michael Sullivan

Sullivan lives on Gammons Road with his wife Mary, and his four children.

Flynn, who joined the school committee two years ago, said he is looking forward to his role as chairman. He said he has learned a lot about the town from serving on the Advisory Board for six years and feels prepared for the added responsibility.

"I know it's going to be a lot of work," he said. "But I'm up to it."

Flynn credits board members for forging a great working relationship with the town, a luxury the committee hasn't always enjoyed. He singled out Selectman Merle Brown for his work with the committee in bridging the gap.

"I want the board to continue to keep cooperating with other town boards," he said. "I think the spirit of openness is one that works well."

Flynn said one of his focuses as chairman will be to strive to limit class size as well as maximizing the number of teachers per classroom. He said he will also keep a close watch on the budget as he knows there is not much money to go around.

Flynn lives on Summer Street with his wife Andrea, and their three children.

It's the little stuff that counts

GOOD VIBES

BOB WHITNEY

A little at a time…

Should I go for the one big goal, big deal, big decision or should I take some small steps — claiming victory, success, enjoyment, the AA way, one day/moment at a time?

I have struggled with this rather daunting question— big versus small. How can I answer; how should I answer, where do I look?

First of all, I have more than 30 years of experience as an adult, professionally and personally, so I have done a "lot of things" that would shed some wisdom on this important question. Here are some things I do know that may help:

- Putting one foot in front of the other, moving ahead one day at a time. Measure progress against the past.
- I know all about having some fun, being useful (contributing), using each day well. It's a great feeling…
- The great sense of satisfaction experienced when you help those less fortunate.
- Patience, courage and discipline are three great character traits of truly successful people.

I am convinced, after observing others and through my own personal experiences, that the winning formula is making each day a bit better, a bit more productive, slightly more fun than it was yesterday. Progress against the past.

Given these statements, it should be clear that I favor doing the "small" which means that I can do things just slightly better, faster, cleaner or with a bit more "style," knowing that over time, things will work out just fine.

It means that saving just a little bit each month for 30 years is a small price to pay for something that could be worth millions.

It means that successful people complete assignments slightly faster, slightly more accurate, more effectively than others. Even if I don't know the art of the big deal, the big secret of living — the magic bullet — I can do things that I understand and can trust that these things unique to me will make a difference!

What I can do is make my bed each day, kiss my wife, eat well, return phone calls, say "thank you," pay my bills timely, read, exercise. I can encourage people, smile, laugh, listen — be kind — simple things that if followed routinely, can add meaning and purpose to living.

The difference between highly successful people (significance) and others, is very small. People call it luck, timing, whatever — I call it paying a little more attention, more discipline, a little more clarity about where they spend their time, the ability to see what others cannot. These people tell the truth, practice humility, listen and learn from others and strive to do well. They keep appointments, practice generosity and enjoy a big laugh.

The key is not the big deal, hit the lottery, winning the "genius" label. It's doing right things, good things, in the right way each and every day. I can think of Cal Ripken who did the right thing, each day during his career and soon he will enter the ultimate — the Hall of Fame — just for being there every day!

So I encourage you, today, right now, do one thing that makes a small difference and if you like it, do it over and over and over. It's not about the big stuff — it's the little stuff that makes the difference.

Bob Whitney, Stagecoach Road, in Hingham, is currently a senior vice president at Trigen Boston Energy. He is a member of The National Speakers Association and speaks often to business, civic, teen, and non-profit organizations on a variety of motivational, leadership and spiritual topics.

Oh those crawfish!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

This is a big weekend in the bayou town of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

It's time for the annual Crawfish Festival, which has been held on the first weekend in May for the past 32 years in the heart of Cajun country.

I am told that visitors to the three-day affair have been known to eat up to 15,000 pounds of crawfish, or crayfish, as Larousse calls them, either boiled or in a dish called "etouffee" washed down with beer while watching the crawfish races and listening to Zydeco bands.

I have never eaten a crawfish even though they are said to taste like shrimp and resemble fresh water lobsters that never made it to puberty.

The native Cajuns call them "mud bugs," which is probably why I have never managed to digest one.

In the course of traveling around the country, with some exceptions, I think I've tried all the local specialty foods, up to and including broiled buffalo steak in the Buffalo Park Café in Fort Smith in Canada's Northwest Territory. It tastes like venison.

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The best by far was the she-crab soup in Charleston, S. C. It's called that because the flavor is enhanced by she-crab eggs, which is missing in he-crabs. During a week in Charleston, I think I had she-crab soup for lunch and dinner — and breakfast, if it were available.

A local paean for she-crab soup goes like this:

"A soup to remember!
"The feminine gender
"Of crabs is expedient —
"The secret ingredient.
"The flavor essential
"Make men reverential
"Who taste this collation
"And cry acclamation."

On the other hand, there are foods that I have tried and will never try again, like squid, which is disguised with onion, garlic and bay leaf, numbed with white wine, and sold in otherwise respectable Italian restaurants under the pseudonym of calamari. It still has the consistency of a garden hose.

Chance brought me one day to a place in the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch country, which gave me an opportunity to try a local favorite called "scrapple." Fortunately, I checked the recipe before ordering.

"Separate one hog's head into halves," it began. "Remove and discard the eyes and brains . . ." By this time I had lost my appetite. I almost became a vegetarian on the spot.

The only thing worse that I have never tried is something called "haggis," which I am informed is the national dish of Scotland. It's so beloved of Scots everywhere that Bobby Burns even wrote a poem, "To A Haggis." Now I understand why a Scotsman wears kilts.

The recipe for haggis goes something like this:

"Take a sheep's stomach, clean thoroughly and turn inside out. Take the sheep's heart, liver and lungs and boil for a half an hour in salt water. Mince. . . ." Well, you get the idea. Incidentally, the traditional drink with haggis is whiskey. I understand that, too.

Maybe I'll give crawfish another chance, after all.

HEALTH NOTES

The good and bad news on osteoporosis

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Osteoporosis is a major public health threat for 28 million Americans. Here are some facts:

- Eighty percent of people with osteoporosis are women. A woman's risk of hip fracture is equal to her combined risk of breast, uterine, and ovarian cancer.
- Two million men have osteoporosis and another 3 million are at risk for the disease. Despite the large number of men affected, osteoporosis in men remains under diagnosed, underreported, and inadequately researched.
- Nearly half of all Americans over age 75 are affected by osteoporosis.
- Nine out of ten hip fractures are associated with osteoporosis.
- The direct medical costs for osteoporosis and associated bone fractures amount to $14 billion each year$38 million each day! And these costs continue to increase.

Osteoporosis is preventable

- Building strong bones before the age of 30 can be the best defense against developing osteoporosis.
- Exercise: Walk 20 minutes a day. Take the stairs rather than the elevator for just a few floors.
- Eat Right: Calcium and Vitamin D are vital to good home health. Sources of calcium are milk, cheese, other milk products and dark green leafy vegetables.
- Postmenopausal women need to consult their physician about estrogen replacement therapy.
- More than half of total bone mass is achieved during adolescent growth. It is never too soon to start thinking about osteoporosis!

Abandoned septic systems

Recently, the Board of Health received a letter requesting permission to disregard the state Department of Environmental Protection Title 5 requirements to abandon and fill the septic tank with sand when connecting to the sewer and, in stead, use the tank's capacity to collect water from a sump pump. Since this is a common question, and quite reasonable, it's probably a good idea to respond to it publicly.

The reason that Title 5 requires septic tanks to be filled is to ensure that the below-ground cavity ceases to become a potential hazard in the event of its collapse, or from contamination from fecal matter entering the water table through leaks in the tank, overflows, etc. There is no way to easily determine the condition of the tank and its ability to provide reliable service in any other proposed application, with one exception: A tank in good condition with no leaks may be used to serve as an overflow container for effluent from a low pressure sewer connection which uses a grinder pump. Both the Board of Health and the Sewer Commission have sample designs for such a hookup. The Board of Health must approve the plan for each system design.

The board believes these regulations are reasonable. A much simplified and very approximate example will give some insight as to why. Consider that a property owner has a house the footprint for which is 30X60 feet. His roof drains go into a system, which carries the water to the street. One inch of rainfall will permit that system to collect 150 gallons of water and send it to the town's catch basin on that street. Assume a 900-gallon septic tank. Three inches of rain will fill the tank. Assume the leaching field attached to the septic system is perfect and meets Title 5. Depending on the number of bedrooms for which it was designed; it can absorb only 440 gallons of water per day (three bedrooms). However, Health Board estimates are that 90 percent of the undisputed systems in town don't meet Title 5. It seems reasonable for the Board to refuse to permit building a system, which, after rainfall of over 4 or 5 inches will cause the owner's lawn to become a wetland.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

It's a dog's world

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There are chihuahuas and dachshunds, dobermans and fox hounds. There are Irish wolfhounds and Jack Russell terriers, lhasa apsos and even one old English sheepdog.

There are two Australian shepherds in town, Ally and Ashley, dogs defined by being easy going, perpetual puppies that love to play. According to a dog-breeding Web site, the animals are courageous, loyal and affectionate, and are excellent children's companions that are great with active children.

Don't be fooled by Molly, the only schipperke in town. This is a big dog in a little dog's body. The schipperke are quick, energetic little dogs which are hot-tempered, high-spirited, self-confident and protective.

There is one bull mastiff in town, named Brady, who lives on North Main Street. These dogs are a devoted, alert guard dog, with a good-natured temperament, though they tend to be willful. They are docile unless provoked, fearless and protective, yet affectionate.

Two cockapoos, Henry and Peanut, live in town . These dogs have faces that resemble both the poodle and the American cocker spaniel. The cockapoo is good with children and are easy to obedience train.

Doc Sanders, the lone great pyrenees in town, lives on Highland Avenue. The great pyrenees is a capable and imposing guardian, devoted to its family, and somewhat wary of strangers — human or canine. It is described as courageous, very loyal, and obedient.

Angel, the town's only pit bull, lives on Pleasant Street. By no means are these dogs people-haters or people-eaters. Their natural aggressive tendencies are directed toward other dogs and animals, not people. However if they are properly socialized they will not even be aggressive with them. According to dog breeders, these dogs are truly quality companions for quality owners only.

However, while dogs can provide hours, if not years of joy to their owners, they can also cause some headaches.

According to Murphy, families don't always realize the large responsibility that comes with owning a pet.

"It's worse than having a kid," Murphy said. "You have to adhere to all of the control laws."

Some of the rules and regulations in place for the dogs in town include a "pooper scooper" law which mandates an owner pick up a dog's feces after it relieves itself. The law also states that dogs are not allowed to defecate on town-owned land, such as the common.

"We just can't have dogs going to the bathroom all over town," Murphy said. "There are so many people that use the common, no one wants their kid stepping in anything."

The fine for the first infraction of the law is $25 , but it increases incrementally with each offense.

The town also requires that a dog be under its owner's control at all times — meaning that it must be leashed or closely supervised. An owner must ensure that his canine does not disturb the neighborhood by barking, or being a general nuisance.

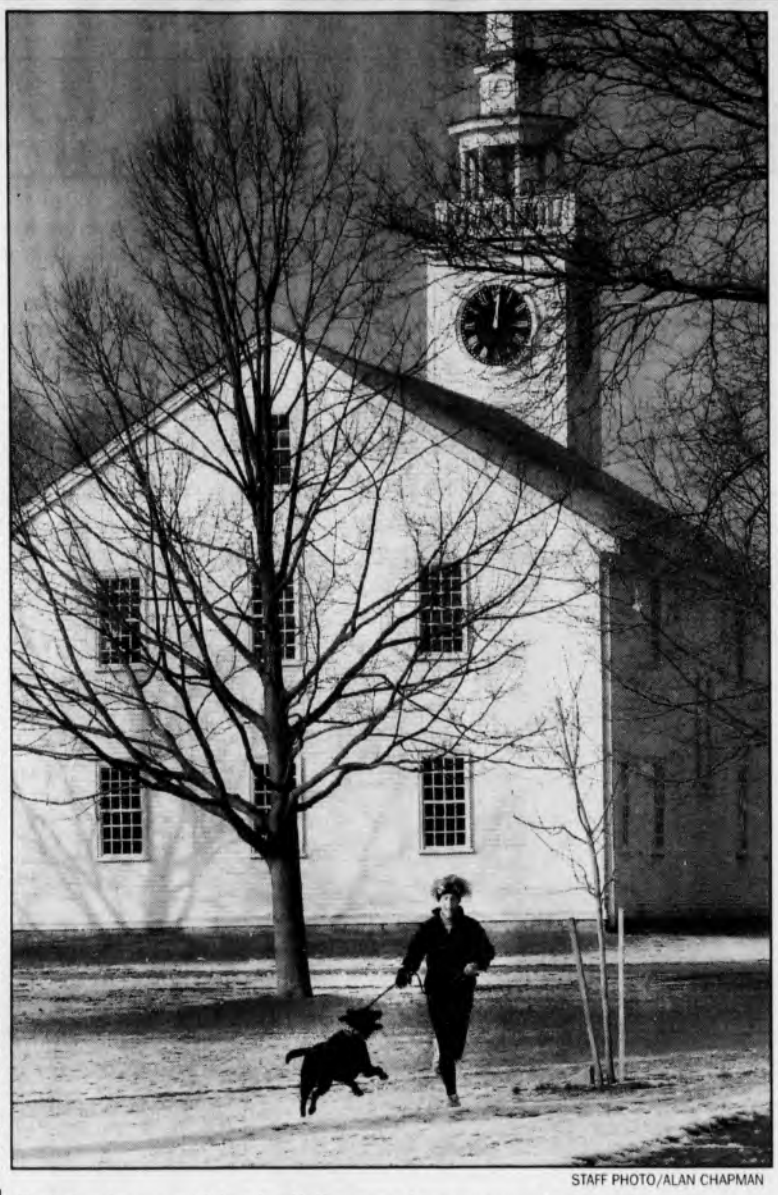
"We try to cover all the bases," Murphy said.

According to the Town Clerk's office, there is usually about a 10 percent turnover in the number of dogs in town each year. All dogs must be licensed, which entails bringing a copy of their rabies vaccination to the office. If a dog is spayed or neutered, the license fee is reduced from $15, to $7.

Licenses must be renewed every year, and applications are mailed out with the census. Failure to respond to the mailing draws a $10 fine.

Murphy said while he can't be certain every dog in town is licensed, those who aren't will eventually be caught.

"It's like driving a car without a license," Murphy said. "One day you're going to get nabbed, and it's going to be worse than if you would've just done the right thing."



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Trish Berube runs with her dog KoKo across the snow-covered town common last January. Labrador and golden retrievers are the two most popular dog breeds in town.

Chamber chorus hosts 'wedding'

The weekend of May 4 and 5, the Broad Cove Chorale women's chamber chorus offers a quasi-theatrical event with the audience participating as guests at a Broad Cove "wedding."

The first half of the concert the audience sits in the church proper listening to gorgeous wedding ceremony music; then the action heats up in the second half with wedding cake and libations while a band accompanies the group to up-tempo jazz and old favorites at the "reception."

Saturday's concert is at 8p.m. at the Second Congregational Church at Cohasset Common,

Saturday's concert is at 8p.m. at the Second Congregational Church at Cohasset Common, and Sunday's 4p.m. concert is at the House of Prayer Church on Hingham's Main Street. Tickets are $10 in advance ($8 for seniors/students) and $12 at the door (complete information can be found at www.bcc-us.com).

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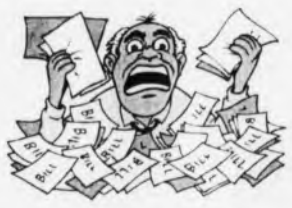

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Ways to help offset the budget deficit

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Over the next two weeks, we in the House of Representatives will be debating proposals for increasing revenue and amendments to the Fiscal Year 2003 budget that was recently released. As you may have read, the budget contains $1.5 billion in cuts and $500 million in "rainy day" fund reserves to close a projected $2.0 billion revenue shortfall. The House of Representatives is considering many different proposals to raise revenue to close this $1.5 billion gap.

As your state representative, I feel it is my responsibility to let you know what steps I will support to successfully deal with the fiscal challenges facing our Commonwealth. I would also like to let you know that the proposals I support may differ greatly from the budget ultimately passed by the State Legislature.

I do not support freezing the tax roll back. The residents of Massachusetts voted overwhelmingly for the tax cut, and just as I have supported the Clean Elections law for the same reason, I will not override the will of the voters and their clear intentions on these issues. Our current fiscal crisis calls for a mix of budget cuts and targeted increases in revenue. Our budget is $21.8 billion, and I believe we should start the process by looking for ways to eliminate waste wherever possible. In addition, I would consider increasing revenue by doing the following:

1.Utilizing the unused portion of this year's tobacco settlement fund. Although we have been able to save this money in past years, it is preferable, given our current fiscal state, to use these funds rather than raise taxes. This money would close the budget gap by $146 million.

2.Giving serious consideration to the Governor's proposal to reduce payouts from the Lottery. This proposal, coupled with legislation that would allow the Lottery to once again advertise, would close the budget gap by an estimated $247 million without endangering local aid.

3. Increasing the cigarette tax by 75 cents. This is the only tax increase that I am supporting, and I do so because of the direct correlation that smoking has to health care. With Medicaid projected to be 30 percent of our budget in five years, this tax increase would help offset the cost and close our current budget gap by $180 million.

4. Charging prisoners $5 per day for the cost of their care. This proposal has been floating around the Statehouse for some time and would help close the budget gap by $18 million.

5. Placing video gaming machines at the four existing racetracks in our Commonwealth. It is important to note that these facilities are already conducting gaming activities. Adding the machines would close the budget gap by $380-$400 million.

6. Implementing a tax amnesty program to allow individuals who are delinquent in their taxes to pay without penalty. This program would help close the budget gap by an estimated $30-$50 million.

The proposals outlined above would generate more than $1 billion to help close the Fiscal '03 budget gap ($1.5 billion after using $500 million in reserves) without freezing the tax roll back or implementing arbitrary tax increases. These proposals, combined with prudent budget cuts and $500 million from the rainy day fund, would protect important programs such as those in our schools, including the school building assistance program, public safety and local aid packages.

While I will work hard to support these proposals during the budget process, I cannot be certain that they will ultimately be included in the final budget. I know that these cuts are painful and that is why I felt that it was important for you to know where I stand and what I have proposed as a solution to address many of our current fiscal challenges.

As always, I look forward to your input on these proposals as well as on other issues facing the State Legislature. Please feel free to contact me at the Statehouse (617) 722-2120 or at my home (781) 740-3127.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley represents the Third Plymouth District consisting of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

SBAB legislation in works

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund and Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, along with 50 other members of the House and Senate, have sponsored legislation relative to the School Building Assistance Program. Across the Commonwealth, school construction projects face an uncertain future due to a recent Administrative Advisory released by the Department of Education which warned that the DOE will no longer be able to provide assurances or any time frame to cities and towns that are awaiting state funding for school construction projects. The Department of Education had previously been able to guarantee that communities on the waiting list would receive funding within a certain period of time, usually 3-4 years.

Therefore, cities and towns face a difficult uncertainty, which may prevent them from being able to plan their local budgets accordingly. This uncertainty may force some districts to postpone school building projects or seek alternative ways to cover costs as they await state money. This legislation will ensure that communities receive funding within 10 years if they are on the waiting list. In addition, it safeguards cities and towns across the Commonwealth, protecting them financially until the state is able to begin reimbursement.

The legislation caps the number of projects on the list at 250 projects, currently there are 236 projects on the list, and the DOE has awarded 254 grants over the past five years. Furthermore, it requires that starting in the Fiscal Year 2004 at least 25 projects must be funded per year from the Approved Funding List and a number equal to the number funded must be taken from the Pre-Approved funding list and placed on the Approved List. This legislation ensures that cities and towns receive funding from the state within a certain period of time, not longer than 10 years, if their school project has been selected and placed on the list, thus, communities will be able to financially plan properly.

Hedlund and Bradley are also sponsors of House Bill 4901, which allows municipalities to borrow money for up to ten years, therefore safeguarding them if the state does not begin reimbursing within five years. Currently, a city or town may be approved for a short-term loan for a period of five years, pursuant to state law for a school building project. Municipalities initially pay for these projects with borrowed money in anticipation of state reimbursement. The problem is if the waiting period for reimbursement exceeds five years, the community will have to pay the interest and the principal on the loan, which could create a serious financial problem for the city or town.

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Historic parish house to undergo changes

Parish House project to begin

By Evan Schiff
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Renovations to the First Parish House on N. Main Street began in earnest this past weekend as it celebrated the beginning with a ground-breaking ceremony.

Eric Kluz, chairman of the parish committee, said the expansion of the building is long overdue. The construction will add new classrooms to the building as well as a refurbished nursery school and an upgrading of the overall facility.

The current project also calls for the construction of a new community hall and kitchen along with the added classrooms, an entry hall and a gallery. The estimated cost for the construction is $750,000 which the church has raised through private donations.

"The building was in dire need of repair," Kluz said. "It's going to be much more efficient once the construction is completed."

Chairman of the Building Committee Josiah Stevenson said the building will be much better laid out once the construction is complete. He's glad the building process in finally underway.

"I'm very relieved," Stevenson said. "I had a fear that we were going to end up doing nothing but painting the walls but we ended up getting a great building."

The repairs, slated to be finished in September, will alter one of the most historic buildings in town. According to historical documents provided by the church, the Unitarian Parish House was built in 1721 for Nehemiah Hobart, the first minister of the church.

Dubbed the Nehemiah Hobart House, it served as the setting for discussions of religious, civil, and political issues, which influenced the emergence of democracy in town.

The building changed hands many times in the coming years, the first in 1759 when the Reverend John Browne purchased the house. During Browne's ministry, he felt the need for a bigger meetinghouse (church) and so the original one was dismantled during his tenure and a new one built to take its place.

Apparently, Browne was an ardent patriot and after a town vote, he allowed a closet in the meetinghouse to be used to deposit muskets and gunpowder in case of a British attack. He also allowed the town militia to meet and conduct drills at his home.

According to the informational packet distributed by the First Parish Church, Governor John Hancock, while visiting Cohasset, was known to have met in the living room of the house to discuss the Revolution with Browne. Browne was the one who read the Declaration of Independence to the town from the meetinghouse steps.

After Browne died, the building passed through various hands before the Reverend Joseph Osgood moved in during1842. Osgood lived in the Nehemiah Hobart House with his family for the 56 years of his ministry. Osgood was not only an important fixture in the church, he also was a contributing member of the community serving on the School Committee for 26 years and as Superintendent for 12. It was Osgood who ended the use of corporal punishment in the town's schools.

Years later, in 1915 the First Parish congregation, in need for a place to meet for social occasions and community activity, purchased the building from Osgood's heirs. From that time until the present, the building has belonged to the church and has served the community to the best of its ability.

In 1943, the church allowed the Parish hall to be opened every Saturday night for "some entertainment for the boys." Essentially this provided a place for soldiers serving in World War II to gather. The home also served as a temporary home for a family, which was displaced by the conflicts in Europe.

Another round of renovations began under the Reverend Roscoe Trueblood's ministry, which began in 1945. In 1960 the house was renovated and enlarged to include bathrooms, a kitchen, anterooms, and a social hall.

The building is still an integral part of the community, it has been used by Alcoholics Anonymous for decades and, beginning in the early 60s and continuing for more than 30 years volunteers from all of the Cohasset churches rotated serving lunches to the town's senior citizens every week.

More recently, in 1989 a "home share" apartment was created from a classroom and a large storage closet on the second floor of the Parish house. It served as a shelter for 17 homeless families in its first ten years.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Nathan Wallace and Melissa Alves break ground for the parish house project on Sunday morning.

Preserving uncommon common is a priority

By Evan Schiff
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Along with the changes on the town common that can be attributed to the renovations on the First Parish Church, there may be more on the way.

The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission held a workshop last week to air recommendations for changes to the historic plot of land. The group offered up nine recommendations to the almost 40 people who attended the event.

Although there were differing views on the plans set before them, Town Planner Liz Harrington said there was a consensus on at least one item.

"I heard a strong message that everyone wanted to bury the utility wires on the common."
— Town Planner Liz Harrington

"I heard a strong message that everyone wanted to bury the utility wires on the common," Harrington said.

Harrington said while the issue of what, if anything, to do with the common isn't specifically addressed by the master plan it could very well be incorporated.

"If it turn's out this is one of the town's priorities, we will take a look at it," she said. "They are only in the planning and design stages so when they move along, we'll examine it closer."

All of the recommendations at the meeting were in an effort to create a larger town common, rather than the current one which is split into many pieces. Harrington said the idea of planting more trees in the area drew some of the most support.

Some of the specific ideas include replacing Long Road, which is next to First Parish Church, with a walking path to create a continuity of the common.

Another recommendation was to eliminate the parking on the common side of North Main Street and allow it only on the opposite side. This would improve the view of the church, town hall and the overall appearance of the green. There was also a proposal to narrow North Main Street by four feet to slow traffic and eliminate fast moving cars.

The planning process is expected to take some time and historic commission members say they encourage residents' input on the matter. There will be future meetings held to discuss the plans.

Anyone interested in reviewing the plans can contact Harrington at 781-383-3517.

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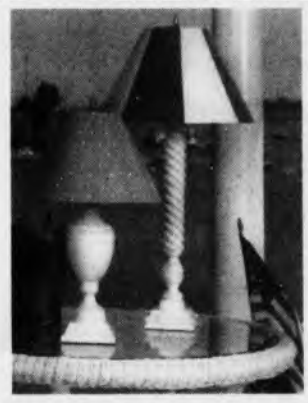
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Master planning to get down to business

Workshop is Saturday

By Evan Schiff
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This Saturday, residents will have an opportunity to voice their opinions on a document that could shape Cohasset for the next 20 years.

The master plan's vision statement which has been drafted from many meetings, neighborhood forums and a survey conducted last fall, reflects the hopes of Cohasset residents for the future. While the vision statement has been drafted, its implementation is up for discussion. From 1-4 p.m., May 4, residents will have an opportunity to review the plan and ask questions.

"We're hoping to finalize the vision statement," said Town Planner Liz Harrington. "It's critical we have the broadest range of input possible."

Harrington went on to say that the key to making the master plan process work is having it based on a consensus of the population.

"This is the interesting part," she said. "We're finally getting down to details and dealing with specific issues."

At the workshop this weekend, Harrington hopes to be able to make recommendations for tradeoffs in the master plan. This includes weighing what the town can afford against what types of services Cohasset's residents expect.

"It's critical we have the broadest range of input possible."
— Liz Harrington, Town Planner

"It's a difficult process," Harrington said. "There is going to be a lot of discussion and a lot of give and take."

The master plan has a number of specific components to address including a goals and policy statement, land-use analysis, housing market analysis, economic development, natural and cultural resources, open space and recreation, service and facilities, and traffic/circulation/transportation.

Harrington said the plan is firmly grounded in Cohasset character and values as has been articulated by the community.

"We drafted the vision statement from the input we got from the residents," she said. "Now we need their help in refining it."

Last week, Harrington presented the vision statement to the selectmen who discussed it for some time. While taking issues with some of the items in the statement, the selectmen agreed that there should not be one single issue, or special interest group, that is the driving force behind the process.

"The master plan is about developing a consensus and should not be driven by one group of people," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris.

For more on the workshop, see page 9.

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Zack Coggins and Matthew Peterson keep an eye out for ducks on the pond in the common.

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Little League parade heralds the season

By Evan Schiff
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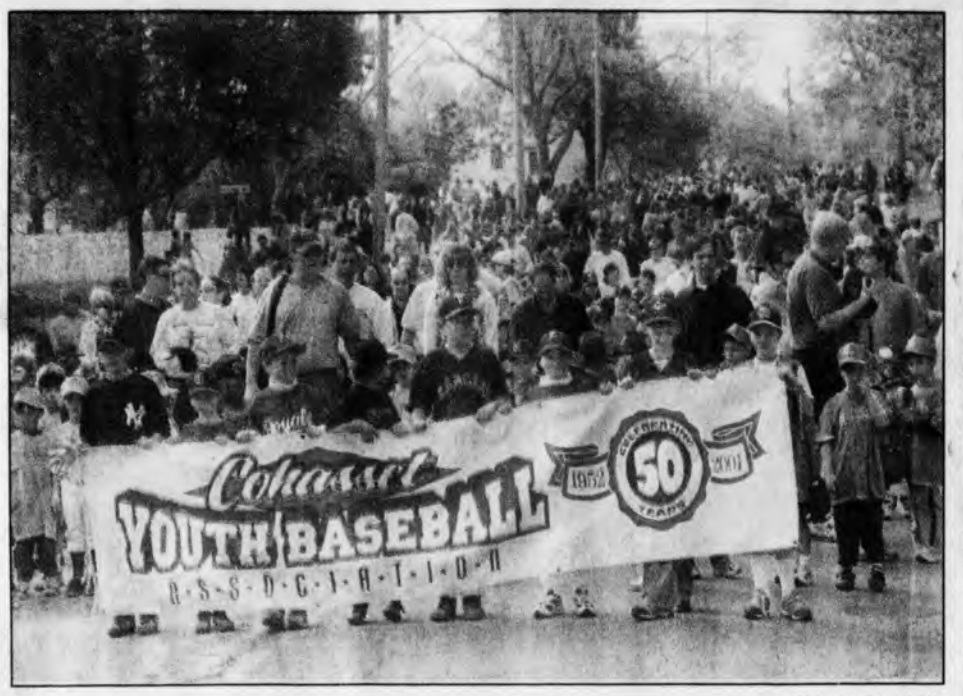
Along with the smell of cut grass and the shedding of wool sweaters, another rite of spring is upon us.

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual opening day parade Saturday, May 4, causing Little Leaguers in town to start practicing their swings and breaking in their gloves.

"It's a great kick off to the summer."

— Mark DeGiacomo, youth baseball association



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Cohasset Youth Baseball players parade down North Main Street on opening day a year ago in May 2001. This year's season officially opens Saturday.

As in years past, coaches and players will gather between the Red Lion Inn and the Citgo Station at about 8 a.m. The parade will kick off soon thereafter proceeding along South Main Street through the village and down North Main Street to Barnes Field. The group of ballplayers will be escorted by the Deer Hill School Band who will also play the national anthem at the event. Once at the field, the scores kids will watch as the opening ceremonies are conducted.

According to Mark DeGiacomo, president of the association, there are plenty of events planned that morning.

One of the highlights of the event will be the presentation of a championship banner and individual awards to last year's nine-year-old all-star team that won the district tournament. The team, which competes over the summer, will watch its banner raised on the outfield fence.

"It's a thrill for the kids," DeGiacomo said. "They deserve it."

Another award that DeGiacomo will be handing out is the Leo J. Fiori award, presented to the Little League parent, who made an outstanding contribution to the organization.

"It's a great kick off to the summer," he said.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, will throw out the ceremonial first pitch and the Rev. Gary Ritts will give the invocation. Bradley said he would be happy to defer to Mary Jeanette Murray, the former state representative who made a tradition out of throwing out the first pitch, if she wanted the honor. Murray lives on Margin Street and has been a familiar figure on opening day over the years.

"This is good for the kids and good for the community," Bradley said. "I'm flattered to be asked to throw out the first pitch."

DeGiacomo said he is sure the subject of the new ball fields will be broached at some point during the ceremony. He said he hopes by this time next year, the parade will be making its way to the two new fields for a ribbon cutting ceremony. He added that the groundwork for the fields should be completed by June 30 but maintenance issues, such as growing grass for it will delay the opening till next spring.

"They're going to be fantastic," he said about the fields. "It will be a source of pride for town."

DeGiacomo said the fields are important for all it will provide for the youth in town.

"Not only do kids learns our national pastime, they learn teamwork and get to have a lot of fun as well," he said.

The fields are funded by a partnership between Little League and the town. At last month's Town Meeting, residents approved an appropriation of $300,000, $100,000 of which came from the Community Preservation Fund, to go along with the $150,000 donated by Little League.

DeGiacomo said that despite the competition from other sports such as soccer and lacrosse, the league's enrollment is a high as it has ever been. With 34 teams and more than 400 kids, there will be plenty of action on the base paths.

There are four divisions in which the children can compete with the competitors ages ranging from four to 12-years of age..

"We teach the children about baseball so whether they go on to compete at higher levels or not, they can always enjoy the game," he said.

Conservation leadership award nominations sought

The Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts is seeking nominations for the LeBaron Briggs Conservation Leadership Award and the Municipal Leadership Award. These awards are given each year to an individual and a town that have shown exemplary conservation leadership. Nominations must be received by May 7.

A recipient of this award is someone who has been a leader in a successful effort to conserve land. This award is named for Wildlands Trust founder and stalwart conservationist LeBaron Briggs of Plymouth. LeBaron Briggs and his family and neighbors, with Briggs' leadership, unselfishly donated hundreds of acres in Plymouth for conservation to the Wildlands Trust and The Nature Conservancy.

A recipient of this award is someone who has been a leader in a successful effort to conserve land.

The Wildlands Trust began giving this award in 1998. Previous recipients of this award include Mark Rasmussen, executive director of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, for his leadership in Buzzards Bay area land conservation; a couple who donated more than $1 million for a conservation purchase; a landowner who donated a major piece of land to conservation, and Mary McFadden and Larry Stifler of Wareham for leading a citizen campaign to save land on Indian Neck.

The Municipal Conservation Leadership Award is given to a municipality that has been a leader in protecting open space in Southeastern Massachusetts. This can include completion of a major open space purchase, use of innovative zoning to save significant open space or working with other towns or the state on open space protection. Outstanding work under the Community Preservation Act may qualify.

The Wildlands Trust began giving this award in 2000. Previous recipients of this award include the town of Kingston, for numerous successful Self-Help Program land acquisitions, and the town of Bridgewater, for buying a key parcel on the Taunton River.

Awards will be presented during The Wildlands Trust Annual Meeting Saturday, June 8, at the Capt. David Cushman, Jr. Preserve, in Duxbury. Nominations must be received by May 7.

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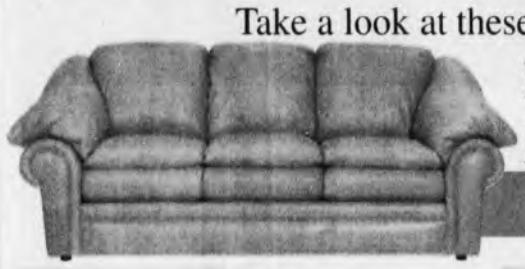

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Living
On the South Shore

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Déjà vu all over again

Hingham Tops Cohasset boys in state finals rematch.

Returning to Hingham High for the first time since last June's Division 2 state final, Cohasset gave up two early goals, then played the Harbormen even for 47 minutes, but it wasn't enough.

The Skippers took their second loss of the season, falling to the state champs 6-3 in a physical, hard-fought contest that was the first of what could be three meetings this year.

Cohasset, now 7-2 on the season (3-2 in Pilgrim Conference play), got outstanding games from senior goalie Kyle Weber and defensemen Chris Caron, Ben Lynner and Nick Spirito. Weber, who would finish with 11 saves – several of which were exceptional – held Hingham to its second-lowest goal total of the season (they had scored four against

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Cohasset's Curt Kahn (#11) slides to his knees to get off a shot.

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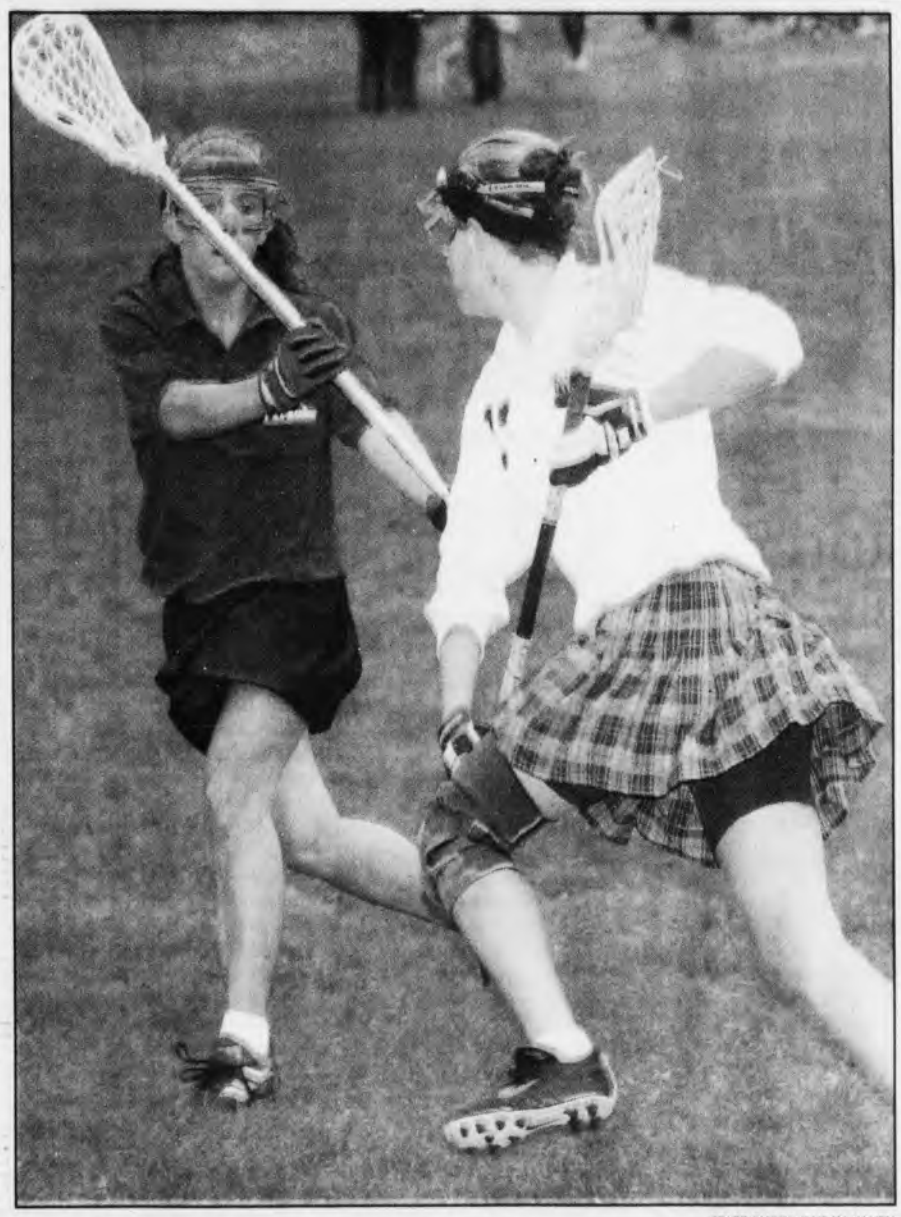

Cohasset star Kristin Sheerin (blue shirt) looks for a pass versus Norwell last week.

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Getting even

Lady laxers get revenge on Sandwich to improve to .500

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset girls lacrosse program evened its record to the magic .500 mark this week with a big win over Sandwich, playing at home on Tuesday.

Cohasset had never beaten Sandwich, losing to them seven times in the program's six year history – the most recent two losses ones that are no doubt etched in the minds of many of this year's players as well as this team's followers: the 17-3 thumping Sandwich delivered in the 2001 regular season and the loss they handed the Skippers a few weeks later to knock them out of the State Tournament in the first round.

However, the Sandwich graduated a majority of its South Sectional finalist team from a year ago, which allowed the local lady laxers to exact a little revenge, as well as a huge 10-6 win.

"We needed this one," said first year lax coach Torin Sweeney. "This was a big win for us even though it's still early."

Sweeney explained that he wants his Lady Skippers to keep their record floating around the .500 mark if they are to make a run for their third straight playoffs. A loss on Tuesday would have dropped Cohasset to 2-4, but they now stand at 3-3, with games at Mansfield on Thursday and home against Scituate, Friday night at 7pm.

As is so often the case, the Skippers were led by senior captain Kristin Sheerin, who paced her team with five goals, three coming in a decisive flurry midway through the second half that made the score 9-4.

Junior attacker Sera Genovese pitched in two goals, giving her a total of four in her two games played since returning from an injury.

Junior defenseman Katherine Coyne and sophomore forward Nicole Turgiss had single tallies

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Making it to the 'Hall'

10-year old Cohasset-Scituate baseball team to play in Cooperstown tourney

By Mike Spellman
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You know the ageless baseball one-liner go— *How do you get to Cooperstown? The answer: practice, practice, practice.*

Well, every Sunday morning, a dozen starry eyed 10-year olds from Cohasset and Scituate get together with coach Ralph Berry to practice at Cohasset's Milliken Field, knowing for certain that a trip to Cooperstown will be their reward.

These two hours are in addition to the time these 12 young athletes spend practicing and playing with their respective Little League teams. This junket to baseball's hometown planned by coach Berry and his 12 hand picked ballplayers for the National Invitational Tourney is 100 percent non-affiliated and privately funded.

So does all this baseball get a little overwhelming?

"No way," said star pitcher Robby McCunney, of Cohasset, looking at the reporter as if he'd just sprouted a second head. " I never get sick of baseball. And I'm really looking forward to this."

Indeed. Despite the shortness in years of McCunney and his teammates, there seems to be across the board appreciation of just how special a trip to Cooperstown is.

John Maher, a first baseman from Cohasset, seems as excited about visiting the Baseball Hall of Fame as he does playing against top caliber competition from all over the nation. He says he's looking forward most of all to learning more about Ted Williams. Apparently, his father, Mike Maher, an assistant coach with the team, has regaled him with a few of his own childhood memories of the Splendid Splinter.

McCunney, Maher and the rest of their third and fourth grade teammates who make up the "Cohasset Cobras"— Jodi Rosano, Jordan Berry, Graham Stevenson, Justin Yaeger, Todd Emmanuello, Andy McKenna, Torrey Proctor, Matt Sheehan and John Giuggio — will be leaving for New York shortly after school lets out, with play in the 64 team National Invitational Tourney running from June 15-21.

The games will actually be played at the Major League Baseball com-

Tennis teams storm past Crusaders

Wins recorded by both girls and boys teams over SSL rival Carver

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Both the boys and girls tennis teams were able to win the only matches they played in this past rain-laden week, beating both Carver teams.

For the boys, this was a confidence building victory, as they took down the Crusaders for their first league victory of the year. After season opening losses to the SSL muscle in Norwell and Mashpee (a combined 18-4 in last year's regular season), the Skippers regrouped to take this one 3-2.

Sophomore Tim Anton won his second match of the season, improving his South Shore League record to 2-1. Fighting the powerful winds, Anton ripped Carver junior Jim Paradise at second singles, 6-0, 6-0.

After a brief stint at first doubles, junior Ross Lieb-Lappen moved back to his normal position at third singles and won a critical two-set match.

Taking the first set easily, 6-0, Lappen was able to stave off a late second set comeback to take the match-clincher, 7-5.

The second doubles pair of sophomores Andrew Wise and Drew Hertig came up big in winning their first matches as varsity players. Their 6-3, 6-4 victory over Carver's freshman duo provided the only other point the team needed to capture the match.

Cohasset split the season series with Carver last year, but the Crusaders graduated their SSL All-Star number one Russell Crooks, who now plays at Stoneham College.

On the girls side, Cohasset beat Carver in much the same way they have beaten the rest of the league besides Norwell: 5-0.

Junior captain Lindsay Grossman set the tone for the match at first singles, winning easily, 6-1, 6-3. Sophomore Holly Graham returned to second singles, taking her match in much the same fashion, 6-1, 6-1.

Sophomore Corey Evans, who usually sees time at first and second doubles, played a very steady match at third singles for a 6-1, 6-2 win.

Junior Julie Shea and freshman Kate Englander continued their undefeated record as a pair, with a dominating showing at 6-2, 6-0.

The second doubles team of junior

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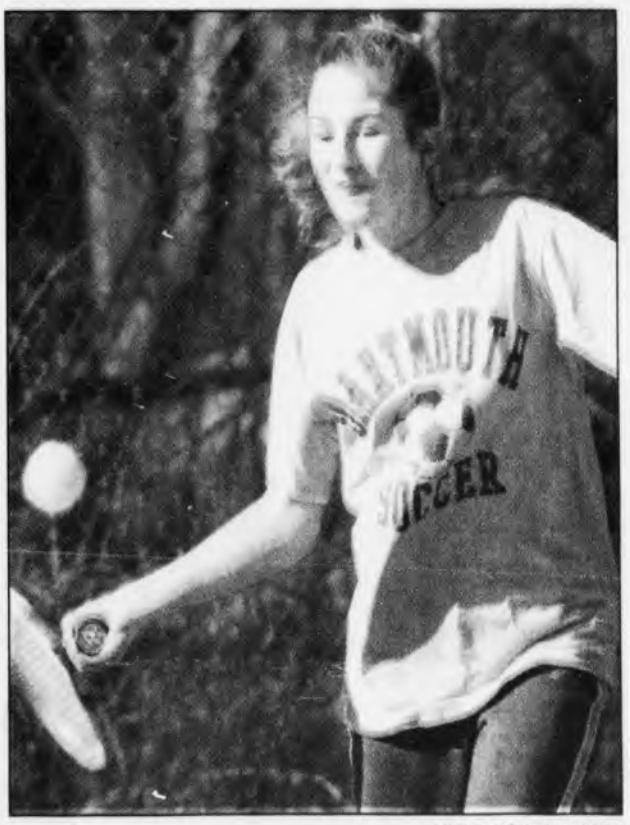

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Cohasset sophomore Emilie Sullivan returns volley at recent team practice.

What a shame

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

There has, over the last five years or so, been a veritable sports renaissance at Scituate High — this, an opinion expressed to me by too many parents of S.H.S. athletes to name.

Good fortune, timing and vision all seemed to come together for this once-floundering program to make it a model for area schools. More to the point, it's been the hiring of a collection of like-minded young, energetic, somewhat idealistic coaches that has revitalized not only the Scituate High athletic programs but school and even civic pride.

Jim Willis, Steve Maguire, Matt Poirier, Kevin Greer, Mike Breen, Jeff Szymaniak, Scott Gilmartin and Bob Keefe have all come aboard as coaches in the last five years. They're all great guys who, more importantly, have their priorities in order. They know it's all about the kids. Again, this comes from the parents, as well as the student-athletes, almost unilaterally. Of course, I am also only too happy to say this has also been my observation.

I attend sporting events all over the South Shore. I can honestly say that I always look forward a little more to those games or contests featuring Scituate High teams. I'm not embarrassed to admit that the parental, community and student body support the various Sailors teams receive often serves as a personal source of inspiration.

The cross-sport support alone is off the charts. The stands at baseball games, for example, are almost without fail full of players and coaches from other spring sports. Believe me folks: this kind of thing is not going on to anywhere near this degree at most other schools.

Just look at the support the boys basketball team received this winter. By my estimates, better than 60 percent of those in attendance at UMass-Boston back in March for the Sectional championship showdown against the team from much larger Wareham High were Scituate supporters. This aggregation certainly made at least 60 percent of the noise that day.

Clearly, this kind of atmosphere which has been created must permeate the school at all levels. Who knows how many more kids might be bearing down just a little bit more academically so that they can continue to be a part of things athletically, or even how many more kids might stay in school simply to remain a part of it.

Scituate High School has a spirit right now. Any town lucky enough to have something like this going should do all it can to nurture and cultivate it. At the very least, it should not be tampered with.

In the wake of last month's failed Proposition 2-12 override vote, the entire Scituate High athletic department budget has been offered up for sacrifice. Last week, town officials shelved plans for a reduced override proposal, opting instead to turn to stabilization and contingency funds to bail the schools out. But just how much support, if any, the athletic department will receive is still very much up in the air.

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So where does this leave Scituate High athletics? So far no one in a position of insight has stepped to the plate to say, either privately or publicly. AND THIS IS THE MOST DISTURBING ASPECT OF ALL OF THIS.

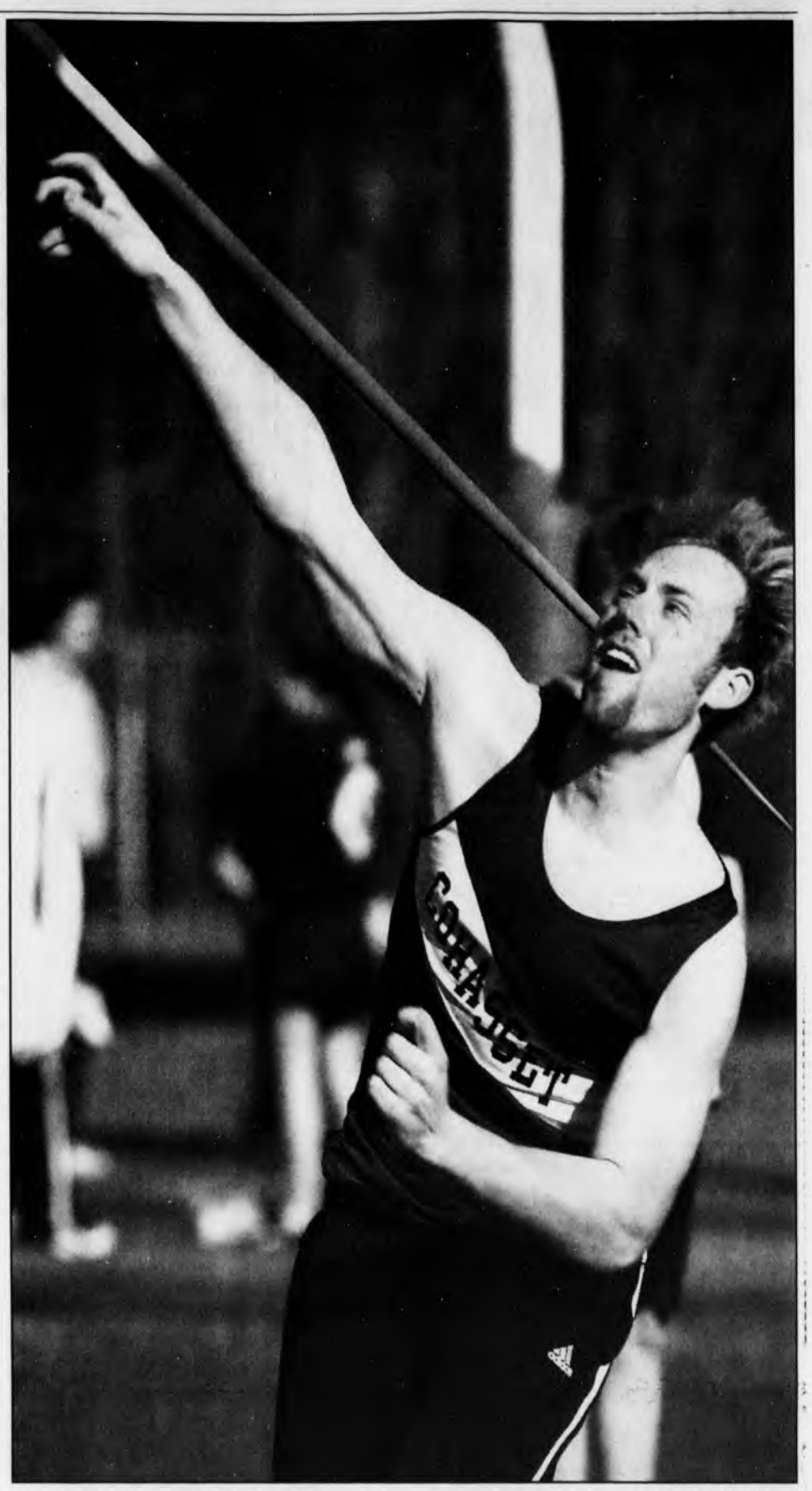
What these coaches who've done such a commendable job need to hear…no, make that what they deserve to hear, is that someone is in there fighting for them. At the bare minimum, you'd expect they'd be kept somewhat in the loop. So when I hear from more than a couple of coaches, each of whom I feel all but certain would not lie to me, that I know as much as them, I'm more than a little troubled.

In fact, several coaches have expressed frustration over the lack of communication from the school department hierarchy. How bad is it? A couple of these coaches who acknowledge with pride that "something special" Scituate High currently has going are talking seriously about applying elsewhere for jobs.

"None of us want to leave, but what are we supposed to do?" posed one Scituate High coach who admitted to be "looking around." "Coaching salaries are a good part of our income. A few months from now we could be told there won't be a job for us, and by then there might not be any other opportunities out there."

In the end, it seems a pretty safe guess that there will be interscholastic competition at Scituate High next year — whether that means user fees, more and bigger fundraising efforts, and maybe even the elimination of a few things such as transportation or sub-varsity programs. Clearly, athletics are an essential part of the academic experience. You've got to believe the powers that be will sort much of this out over the coming months. I just can't help wondering how much there will be left to save by the time they figure things out and deem it worthy to share the information with the coaches.

It just seems a shame that a little more thought isn't being given at this time to the resources that have made fighting for this program such a worthy cause — the coaches.



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Cohasset's jack-of-all-trades Jay Bertovich lets fly with the javelin at recent Sout hShore League meet.

Cohasset's Maitland, Kidder and Bertovich shine at state coaches' relay

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

It's only late April and the prime track and field conditions have yet to stay in the area for any length of time before the cold weather rolls back in. Cool temperatures at Saturday's State Coaches Relay meets, along with a brisk breeze, were prevalent throughout the day but that didn't stop the Silver Lake and Notre Dame girls from breaking several school records.

The Lakers' DaviAnn Brown teamed with three talented freshmen in Hannah Rapalee, Teryn Wiedermann and Jessica Coleman to break Silver Lake records in both the 4x200-meter relay (1:48.9) and sprint medley (4:14) at the Class A Relays in Andover. The Lakers clinched second-place finishes in both events and praise from head coach Joe Darche.

"I was very pleased," said Darche. "Considering our best 200 person (Jill Scanlan) was injured, it was pretty impressive."

Silver Lake also picked up a third in the javelin (274-9), fifth in the high jump (13-9) and combined for a distance of 228-5 in the discus to clinch a top-10 finish (ninth, 24-1/2 points) in the team competition.

Alisa Cotter, Katherine McGill, Rebecca Murray and Kourtney Trainor clocked a school-record 9:54.5 for a win in the 4x800 at the Class B meet at the North Attleboro High location. The record was just one of four on the day by the Aces, who set several school standards during the indoor track season.

Kristen McGill, Sue Timmons, Erin Broderick and Julie Bulman also picked up a second, and a school mark as well, with their 1:46.8 4x200 performance. Timmons, McGill, Siobhan Hart and Bulman were third in the 4x100 but their time of 51.0 seconds was a new school mark, and Hart, Trainor and Cunningham won the shot put with another record (97-1/4). Notre Dame clocked a 4:13.1 for third in the 4x400 and finished a solid fifth as a team with 38 points.

Hingham's boys had a strong day at the Class C Relays at Sharon with their sixth-place finish with 20 points. The Harbormen were second in the high jump (16-7) and fourth in the shot (123-2-1/2).

Scituate's girls finished 16th as a team, thanks to fourth place in the 4x800 (10:25.9) and fifth in the javelin event (234-5). The Lady Sailors also took sixth in the shot put with an 80-2-1/4 performance, with senior Kiely Cuddihy leading the way.

Rockland had a fifth in the 4x1600 with a 24:44.2 and took fourth in the long jump at 44-8-1/4 to finish in a tie with Hingham for 17th in the team standings.

At the Class D meet, Norwell raced to a first-place finish in the sprint medley with the foursome of Allison Zarick, Jenna Zarick, Samantha Genatassio and Kayla Halloran. The Clippers were clocked in 4:24.7. Norwell also grabbed sixth in the 4x800 with an 11:08.4 behind the 10:53.2 Sacred Heart club. In the field events, the Clippers were third in the high jump with a 14-5 and combined for a 91-3-3/4 distance in the triple jump for fifth.

Cohasset's boys were second in the javelin as Pete Maitland, Ian Kidder and Jay Bertovich combined for a distance of 453-7. The Skippers also sprinted to fourth place with a 45.6 in the 4x100 and finished with a 113-7 mark in the triple jump for fourth, led by the Jared Krupczak, Kidder and Dan Kinchla threesome. Norwell copped third in the 4x400 with a 3:36.9 and 3:49.3, sprint-medley performance.

The Cohasset boys are currently 5-0 in the South Shore League and head coach Al LaFountain knows the big meets are just around the corner for the Skippers.

"Our league is almost done," he said. "This is where they get to see some high-end athletes."

The Cohasset girls team of Gillian Weber, Nicole Whitney, Jen Buckley and Mary Silvia took second in the distance medley with a 13:40.4. clocking. The squad should prosper in the meet for the next couple of years as all of the girls are either freshmen or sophomores.

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And Cohasset's Elise Jerome shows her form in the javelin as well.

Tracksters eyeing second consecutive league crown

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High boys track team will have to wait a while longer than expected to try to clinch its second consecutive South Shore League crown.

Rain on Monday pushed the Skippers scheduled showdown with Abington (4-2) back to May 15.

Of course, the boys must still get by a road meet today (3:30 p.m.) at Mashpee, one of he teams that knocked off Abington.

The boys improved to 5-0 on the season last week with decisive wins on consecutive days over SSL foes Hull and Harwich.

On Wednesday, the Skippers proved most inhospitable hosts to Hull, blowing the Pirates out of the water, 112-24. The local lads were paced by triple winners Jared Krupczak and Ian Kidder. The two teamed for a first place run in the 4x100 relay. Individually, Krupczak won the 100 meter race and the long jump, while Kidder took top honors in the triple jump and 200.

Junior Adrain Batson also won the 400-meter race, his first victory of the season.

Krupczak, a sophomore, made it five firsts in 24 hours when he captured the top spots again in the 100 and long jump in Thursday's 97-38 win at Harwich.

This time it was captain Pete Maitland's turn to pull off the triple crown, as he won in the 400, javelin and high jump.

Girls notch first two win

The up and coming Lady Skippers, their roster dominated by freshmen and sophomores, kept pace with the boys, taking down Hull, 95-36, for their first win of the season on Wednesday, and then doubling their pleasure (and victory total) 24 hours later with an exciting 73-59 win over Harwich.

Sophomore Jen Buckley came up huge both days, winning the javelin and mile at both meets, and also running a leg for the winning 4x100 relay team versus Hull.

Fellow soph Gilian Weber also took first on both days in the 800-meter race and was twice a part of the winning 4x400 relay team.

In Thursday's tighter contest, huge first place points were collected by junior Maura O'Brien in the high jump and discus, sophomore Shelly Carter in the 100 hurdles and freshman Lindsay Kennedy in the 200.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS TENNIS

April
24 beat Carver, 5-0
29 at Harwich- postponed

BOYS TENNIS
25 beat Carver, 3-2
29 at Harwich- postponed

GIRLS LACROSSE
25 lost to Duxbury, 13-4
26 Mansfield- postponed
30 beat Sandwich, 10-6

BOYS LACROSSE
26 lost to Hingham, 6-3
30 beat Marshfield, 8-3
1 Barnstable

BOYS/GIRLS TRACK/FIELD
24 Hull
Boys won, 112-24
Girls won, 95-36
25 at Harwich 4 p.m.
Boys won, 97-38
Girls won 73-59
29 Abington- ppd to May 15

JV SOFTBALL
30 at Hull- postponed

VARSITY BASEBALL
24 lost to Nantucket
25 lost to Carver, 8-7
29 at Harwich- postponed
30 lost to Hull, 6-1

Slide continues for baseball team

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High baseball team's losing streak reached four on Monday, as South Shore League rival Hull knocked the boys off at home, 6-1.

Hull pitcher Pat Good struck out eight Cohasset hitters on his way to a complete game win, lifting the Pirates to a 3-6 record, one game ahead of the Skippers (2-7 overall, 0-5 in league) in the league standings.

Cohasset senior Tim Straughn pitched relatively well, holding the Pirates to one run through four innings. Aided by a few errors, however, the visiting team exploded for four runs in the fifth to break the game open.

Freshman brother Tim Straughn knocked in the Skippers only run with a first inning single.

Errors were the an even greater nemesis in Thursday's 8-7 loss to Carver, with Tim Straughn again absorbing the damage on the mound. Just one of the runs in his complete game effort was earned. Tim did all he could do, whis best, recording eight strikeouts, while helpign his own cause with a mammoth home run, his first of the year.

Tennis teams storm past Crusaders

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Taylor O'Brien and freshman Rachel Garber won what was the closest match of the day, a two-set, 6-3, 6-4 victory to preserve the shutout.

With their record standing at 4-2, the Cohasset girls team has the chance to all but clinch a share of the South Shore League title this Thursday.

Cohasset and Norwell are far and away the cream of SSL. The Lady Clippers narrowly took their first match-up, 3-2, on April 8th.

Junior Lindsay Grossman will assume the top spot, hoping to improve on her 2-0 career record against Norwell phenom Sarah Bitetti. Both of their matches last year went to three sets, but a scrambled line-up this year saw Bitetti beating Englander at the top spot.

The boys have a shot of pulling to .500 this week, with winnable matches at Abington and Norton, with Norwell sandwiched between on Thursday.

Speed training Clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department is pleased to announce the return of the Northeast Speed Training Clinic for the summer of 2002 for children ages 8-12 and 13-19

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Déjà vu all over again

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Not a game for the faint of heart. Cohasset's Paul Previte (21) lays in to Norwell player in recent Pilgrim Conference action.

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number-one-ranked Duxbury).

"After we gave up those quick goals, we could easily have packed it in," said Coach Kevin Orcutt. "But we didn't, and I'm very proud of every player. We never quit, and in the fourth quarter we had Hingham nervous enough to force them to put back in the starting goalie they'd removed from the game a little earlier."

Hingham scored in the first 31 seconds, and then again 45 seconds later on goals by Patrick Lenhart and Drew Sowyrda, forcing Orcutt into his first timeout. But the Skippers clamped down on defense and with just over a minute to play in the period, senior Eric Libby cut the lead to one with a strong shot from the midfield.

Unfortunately, Cohasset wouldn't score again for 20 minutes. The Hingham defense – led by returning high school All-American Greg Sowyrda and longstick midfielder Craig McViney – stifled the Cohasset attack of Jason Moore, Curt Kahn, freshman Jake Previte and soph Mike Rasmussen. By the time Kahn quicksticked a shot past Hingham goalie Nate Hammond, it was a 4-1 game. Hingham pushed the lead back to 6-2, going into the fourth quarter.

Cohasset was on the wrong end of several close calls and non-calls. In one instance, Hingham played with an extra man for 30 seconds, while the referees ignored cries from the Cohasset bench, and eventually scored on the possession. In another, a Kahn goal was waved off due to goalie interference, despite the fact that the goalie seemed to have lost possession. And on two other occasions, Cohasset players were injured on questionable hits and had to leave the field, without any call being made. Both teams were whistled for seven penalties apiece.

"I won't comment on the refereeing," said coach Orcutt. "Certainly, over the course of the season, you hope that all the calls even out. But we can't say the refs cost us the game. Hingham is a good team, and their stars – Sowyrda, Lenhart and Conor Fitzgerald – proved why everyone says they're great."

The fourth quarter was Cohasset's. Jason Moore scored the only goal of the period, but the Skippers outshot, outpossessed and outhustled Hingham. The addition of senior Sean Chase on attack stabilized the group, and Moore, Kahn and Chase all had excellent scoring opportunities. Pete Whoriskey and Mike Devine, meanwhile, effectively controlled the face-offs despite being opposed by one of the state's best centermen, Sean Melanson.

"The first minute aside, we actually played our best game in a couple of weeks," said Orcutt. "This pace was faster than any we've been involved with this season, and it's great preparation for what lies ahead. Given that we were missing Paul Previte and Tom Anderson, I'd have to say this was a step forward."

Cohasset was to play Pilgrim Conference rival Marshfield on Tuesday night at Alumni, and Barnstable on Wednesday afternoon, also at home. Although Barnstable is a Pilgrim member, the Wednesday contest will not count as a league game (the league game is set for May 22). On Friday, May 3, the Skippers travel to Falmouth for a rematch with the team that beat them 11-10 on April 12. Then Cohasset hosts league rival Sandwich on Tuesday, May 7.

"Four games in eight days won't be easy," said Orcutt, "but other than Previte (out with an arm injury) we're healthy. And this is a key stretch for us."

Skippers 8, Marshfield 3

The combination of a stifling defense and opportunistic offense, on Tuesday, gave the Cohasset boys' lacrosse team their first victory in four years over Pilgrim Conference rival Marshfield.

The Skippers took the lead a minute into the contest, as senior attackman Eric Libby drove on net, and rifled a shot by Marshfield's sophomore phenom Todd Faiella. Faiella would make 17 saves on the night, and keep the game close for the visitors. But he wasn't enough.

Cohasset padded the lead to 2-0 seven minutes later, on a pretty feed from junior attackman Curt Kahn to freshman Jake Previte. An illegal stick penalty on Marshfield at the start of the second quarter sealed their doom. With a man advantage for three minutes, the Skippers threw in three unanswered scores – Libby, junior midfielder Robert Hickey and junior attackman Matt Davis doing the honors– and extended their lead to 5-1. Marshfield would never get closer than two the rest of the way.

"This was another step forward for us," said Coach Kevin Orcutt. "I didn't like our 14 penalties, and we were a little sloppy with our clearing, but holding this team to three goals is quite an accomplishment. Midfielders John Durkin and Robert Hickey, and Matt Davis, who played both attack and middie, had great games. And Weber was, as we've come to expect, outstanding."

The senior goalie chalked up 13 saves, several on the spectacular side.

Libby would finish the night with three goals. Hickey had a pair of scores, while Previte, Davis and senior middie Pete Whoriskey each had one. Kahn and Davis each assisted on two goals, while Durkin helped on one.

"We're looking for three wins this week," said Orcutt, "but this might have been the most important one, since Marshfield's season was in effect on the line. If we keep improving, we're going to be in good shape."

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Getting even

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for the Lady Skippers, helping give Cohasset a 5-4 lead going into the halftime break.

Junior Maura McKenney threw in Cohasset's final goal of the game, despite spending most of her efforts clamping down on Sandwich's top goal scorer, holding her to one.

"[Maura] absolutely harassed her and played phenomenal defense," lauded Sweeney, who assigned McKenney to concentrate on defense, knowing it would take her somewhat out of the offensive mix.

Junior wingers Rachel Smith and Sarah Brady continued their quietly effective seasons, each pitching in assists and helping to keep the ball in Cohasset's posession for most of the second half.

Junior Gia Petrakis, who has definitely become one of the top goaltenders in the area, stopped 16 shots, thwarting Sandwich's quick attackers.

"She did a great job for us," lauded Sweeney. "She made real good decisions and played her best game of the season."

Although happy with the win, Sweeney continues to harp on the need to improve his team's transition game, and utilize the great speed he has up front and on defense. Sandwich exploited this team weakness at the end of the first half, scoring three goals in the final 2:11 of the half to turn a 5-1 score into a 5-4 count going in to the break.

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Cohasset defender Katherine Coyne (left) tries to block the path of Norwell attacker Karen Fitzgerald.

Making it to the 'Hall'

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plex in Oneonta, New York — home of the Detroit Tigers single-A affiliated Oneonta Tigers. Opening ceremonies will take place on the 15th, with two games apiece scheduled for teams each of the next four days. This will be followed by seedings and a single elimination tourney that ends with championship games on the 21st.

Oneonta is not far from Cooperstown, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame, and all participating teams have been invited to tour the Hall. This is an invitation Berry fully intends to accept.

"They set the schedules in a way to still give you plenty of time for a trip to the Hall of Fame," said Berry. "I know the kids are looking forward to that...and the adults too."

Coach Berry, the father of Jordan, is assisted by Bob McCunney and Paul Emanello, as well as Mike Maher.

Though this is a team comprised as much in deference to friendships as competitiveness, coach Berry does sound relatively confident his players will give a good accounting for themselves against the cream of the crop nationally. Considering the core of his team is made up of a Cohasset travelling team that has gone 34-1 over the last two years, that's hardly surprising.

"It just seems the stars were all aligned the right way 10-years ago in Cohasset," noted Berry. "This is a talented group of kids, and I'm looking forward to seeing what they can do on a big stage."

Coming from Berry, the one-time Cohasset High baseball coach and the current Scituate-Cohasset Legion coach, this assessment obviously carries some weight.

The Sunday morning practices for the team began on March 3 indoors at the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham, a few of coach Berry's contacts paying off.

"It was kind of neat playing indoors," said Giuggio, another of the Cohasset contingent. "We had to start early There were a lot of new things we needed to learn."

Among these "new things": standard leading and stealing rules. The Cooperstown tourney is a "true baseball" (as opposed to a Little League) showcase. This change in rules also necessitates Berry teaching his pitchers to work from the stretch and avoid balks. Additionally, the bases in Cooperstown are 10 feet further apart than the standard Little League 60 feet, and the pitcher's mound, correspondingly, has been pushed back from 45 to over 50 feet.

"The kids have really adjusted well to the changes," reported Berry. "The longer throws to bases were a challenge early on, but they're coming along."

The longtime coach has been equally impressed by how quickly his grade school charges have picked up reading signals from coaches.

"I'm using the same signals I use with the legion team," reported coach B. "They're pretty complex, but these kids are getting it pretty well."

Of course, he added with a chuckle: "I don't know if that says more about these kids or the legion kids."

The Cohasset Cobras idea first started coming together, according to Berry, thanks to the financial generosity of several of the parents. Still, this is an expensive undertaking, and the team is seeking to go the fundraising route to come up with the rest of the necessary money.

A golf tourney has been scheduled at the Widow's Walk Golf Club in Scituate for Monday, May 13, to be followed by a banquet at the Red Parrot Restaurant in Hull. All proceeds from these events will go to the Cohasset Cobras.

"The folks at the Red Parrot and Widow's Walk have been great donating their facilities like this," said Berry. "I can't say enough about that. And the same for the people at the South Shore Baseball Club. They're all really doing a lot to help the kids and its appreciated."

Anyone interested in participating in the golf tourney, attending the banquet or just contributing to the Cohasset Cobras can call 781-925-0105.

Youth laxers score big at regional all-star tryouts

Curt Mills
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Each year, New England Lacrosse hosts the National Youth Lacrosse Festival to showcase the best youth players from around the country in several days of spirited team competition. Participating teams representing each state are made up of Youth All Stars who have been selected based on their performance in individual regional and state tryouts.

Towns within Massachusetts South Coast region were asked to nominate their best youth lacrosse players, at the Under 12 and Under 14 age levels, to participate in the regional tryouts, which were held last Saturday to determine the rosters for the two regional teams that would then go on to the state tryouts.

In a region that has 15 towns and plenty of lacrosse talent, Cohasset has consistently placed strong contingents of capable players on regional squads. The success this year, however, was unprecedented, as a total of seven Cohasset players were selected to move on to the state tryouts. Even more incredible, Cohasset had a clean sweep at the U12 level with all five of the original nominees (and one alternate) making it to the next round.

Congratulations to the following players for being selected to the South Coast Region All Star Team: Matt Burgess (U12), Peter Ernst (U12), Peter Oswald (U12), Mike Grimm (U12), Chris Mills (U12), Mark Flibotte (U12), and Mike Pecca (U14).

There is also a "Cinderella Story" worth telling in regard to how one of our U12 youth players made the grade. Mark Flibotte was nominated as an alternate in the Under 12 level and not thinking that he would have a chance to play, he joined his other teammates at the tryouts to cheer them on. However, as it turned out, the group only had a single goalie in the mix and Mark (a back up goalie on our town U12 team) offered to suit up and help out the cause. Mark's play was so impressive and his sportsmanship so genuine, that the attending evaluators broke from policy and nominated him on the spot to be part of the next round of tryouts. Way to go Mark!

The state tryouts will be held at Dean College in Franklin, MA this Saturday, May 4, where the final State All Star team will be selected to represent Massachusetts at the Festival, June 29–31, at U-Mass, Amherst.

Mother Nature scores victory vs. youth laxers

April showers were too much to overcome this past Sunday as all of the youth boys and girls lacrosse games were cancelled due to the weather. The next action will be this Sunday highlighted by the boy's teams, which will be taking on perennial youth powerhouse Plymouth at home at Milliken Field starting at 1 p.m..

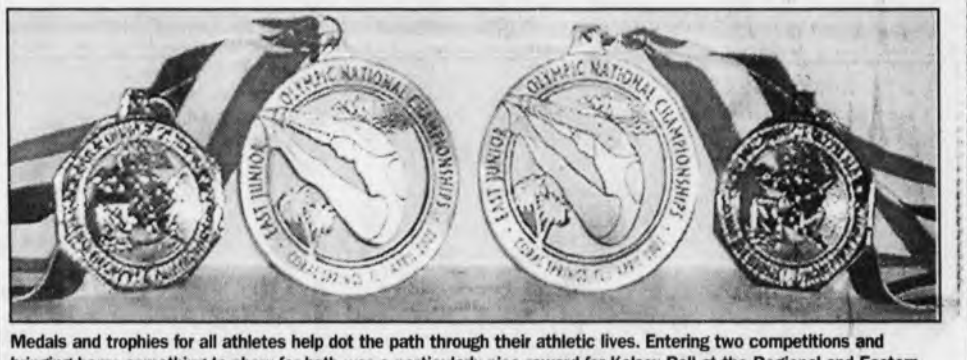
Kelsey's the Bell of the ball

Cohasset diver takes a fourth and fifth at East National championships

April was a good month for Cohasset's Kelsey Bell, as she captured the gold medal on both boards in the US Diving Jr. Olympic Regionals in Springfield, Mass. earlier this month, qualifying her for the US Diving Jr. Olympic East Nationals in Coral Springs, Fla. this past weekend.

The top 25 divers in the Eastern half of the US competed by performing eight dives in each event. Kelsey finished 4th, just 5/100ths of a point behind the third place finisher, in the 1-meter springboard competition, and placed 5th in the 3-meter contest.

Divers in the top six positions have been invited to attend the US Diving National Training Camp at the nation's newest training facility in Oklahoma in June. This will give her and the other qualified divers the chance to train with top national and international coaches.



Medals and trophies for all athletes help dot the path through their athletic lives. Entering two competitions and bringing home something to show for both was a particularly nice reward for Kelsey Bell at the Regional and Eastern National Diving competitions. There's more work, and possibly more reward ahead.

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SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset High seeks hockey coach

Cohasset High is seeking a new varsity ice hockey coach. Interested parties should contact Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

Massachusetts Youth Soccer announces District Select tryout

District 1 of the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association will hold tryouts for girls' age groups 12 to 19 on May 10 at Lincoln Field in Duxbury, and on May 11 at Grace Ryder Field in Marshfield. All tryouts run from 5:00 - 7:30. Players must attend at least two of the sessions and be available to play from July 7 to August 4, 2002. For further information visit the Mass Youth Soccer web page http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/districtselecttryouts.html.

Boating safety course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a four-session safe boating course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the four-session course, scheduled to begin Thursday evening, May 9, at Cohasset High School. Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7:30 to about 9 p.m., May 9 through May 23. Certification test will be held at the fifth and final class at 7:30 p.m., May 23.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109, as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

Certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

SSBC summer baseball camp in Cohasset

HOLBROOK — The South Shore Baseball Club's annual summer camp for boys and girls, 5-12 years of age from any city or town, returns June 24-28 to Miliken Field in Cohasset.

"Cohasset's a great baseball town and we all really enjoy having our camp there every summer," SSBC president/director Frank Niles Jr. said. "Our expert staff of qualified professionals wants these kids to enjoy the great game of baseball, as well as help them improve their skills. Every camper will enjoy a valuable and rewarding experience at any of the SSBC camps this summer."

All campers will be grouped according to age, ability, physical maturity and previous experience. Instructions will range from basic fundamentals to advanced skills. Each camper will play a minimum of one game per day.

Individual attention will be emphasized in all aspects of baseball.

Pitching, catching, defense, base running, and hitting will be featured in special sessions and lectures. Any camper needing specific areas of improvement will receive special attention from SSBC's expert staff of qualified professional coaches.

Cohasset camp sessions will be held Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., rain or shine. Half-day sessions will also be available for 5 through 7 year olds.

SSBC is a full service, year-round club and training facility for baseball and softball players, ages 5 and older, with facilities located in Holbrook and Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its summer camps call 1-800-GO4-HITS/(781) 767-1529 in Holbrook, 1-888-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 in Hingham, or visit SSBC's Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Cohasset High School Fitness Center hours

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Thursday- 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
Saturday- 8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

The fee is $30 per month, per person. Registrations are taken at the Fitness Center, Cohasset High School, 43 Pond St. Please enter the high school via the front door located to the right side of the main entrance to CHS.

Spring rowing

CMI (Cohasset Maritime Institute) announces that spring youth rowing season is now underway. Any student, grades 7-12, may join CMI's crew program. Students not currently participating in a spring sport at Cohasset Middle High School practice Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5p.m.; an additional practice is offered on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. for all rowers, including those participating in a spring sport and unable to make the weekday practices.

Interested rowers should call Jack Buckley (781-383 8261) or John Liffmann (781-925 2796).

Seven new coaches at C.H.S

The Cohasset Junior and Senior high schools feature seven new coaches on the fields this spring.

Junior varsity softball- Deb Bostwick, also the school's longtime field hockey coach, as well as a teacher and basketball coach at Carver High. The re-born program obviously gets a new coach.

Varsity boys tennis - Kent Parrot, a Club Pro at Mill Pond in Hanover and the former Lincoln-Sudbury coach, takes over the program.

Varsity girls lacrosse- Torin Sweeney — who is also Cohasset High's assistant athletic director, golf coach and longtime head wrestling coach – agreed to take over the team this season for Kathy Guadiano, who is out on maternity leave, but expected back next spring.

Varsity track assistant - Susan Giglio, a former sprinter and heptathlete at UMass, has been hired to assist head coach Al LaFontain.

Middle school boys lacrosse - Dave Buick, a longtime organizer and coach for Cohasset Youth Lacrosse.

Middle School softball- Pat DeScristofaro, a field hockey referee and an alternative PhysEd instructor for the South Shore Collaborative.

Middle School baseball- Co-coaches Ron Ford, C.H.S.'s athletic director and longtime head basketball coach, and Grant Emde (class of '87), a former C.H.S. standout on the diamond.

C.H.S. weekly sports schedule

GIRLS TENNIS
Coach: Sarah Meehan

May		
2	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
6	Mashpee	4 p.m.
7	at Norton	4 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Coach: Kent Parrot

2	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
6	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
7	Norton	4 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE
Coach: Torin Sweeney

2	at Mansfield	4 p.m.
3	Scituate	7 p.m.
7	at Scituate	7 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

3	at Falmouth	4 p.m.
7	Sandwich	4 p.m.

Head Coach: Kevin Orcutt
Asst. Coach: Terry Kahn

VARSITY BASEBALL

2	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
3	at Harwich	4 p.m.
6	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
7	Norton	4 p.m.

Head Coach: Bob Knurek
Asst. Coach: Peter Lucido

BOYS/GIRLS TRACK/FIELD

2	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
4	at Whit/Hans	3:30 p.m.
4	Weston Night Relay	
6	SSL Girls at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
7	SSL Boys at Carver	3:30 p.m.

Head Coach: Al LaFountain

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cohasset Schools Lunch Menu

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Cheese or pepperoni pizza *or* fish filet on a bun, carrot sticks, peaches, choice of milk.

MONDAY, MAY 6

Chicken patty on a bun *or* turkey and cheese sandwich, sweet peas, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Grilled cheese sandwich *or* seafood pocket, oven fries, corn, fruit, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Pasta with meatballs, garlic bread *or* chef's salad, pudding, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Chicken nuggets *or* egg salad pocket, mashed potato, carrots, cookie, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Cheese or pepperoni pizza *or* tuna salad on a roll, mixed veggies, Jello, choice of milk.

Post prom party

The Post Prom Decorating Committee is hard at work getting ready for this year's event, May 31, and is looking for a few items to borrow...Oriental rugs, a counter or bar for stools, White Christmas lights, ornate chandelier. Please do not send anything valuable. Raffle items are also sought, such as Red Sox tickets, concert tickets, dorm room items, etc.

Any questions or for more information, call Mary Sullivan at 781-383-6666.

College planning

John Flanagan, the Edward Jones investment representative in Cohasset, will host a free educational seminar on college planning strategies Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Community Center at 3 North Main St.

Some of the subjects Flanagan will be covering include:

- Establishing savings goals
- Understanding savings options
- Comparing savings goals
- Examining investment choices
- Exploring financial aid

For more information on the seminar and to reserve a seat, please call Flanagan 781-383-1996.

Deer Hill car wash

Fifth-graders at the Deer Hill School are sponsoring a car wash from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday at the school to raise money for the popular Camp Bournedale trip that they will take as sixth-graders in September. Tickets are $5 per car and if you have not been sold a ticket by Saturday, you can get them on the day of the event.

Garage hours

The Garage, for grades six and over, announce their spring hours: Fridays, from 4-10 p.m.; and the first and third Saturdays, from 5-10 p.m.

Special events, activities, dances, etc. will be held and announced periodically throughout the year.

Facility rental for children's parties are available during non-scheduled times/days.

Parenting course

The Social Service League of Cohasset is offering a five-week course on Parenting for Prevention. This informative seminar is directed to parents but driven by the needs, aspirations and promise of our adolescents. The overriding goal of Parenting for Prevention is to ensure that our children have the very best of opportunities to grow into mature, independent, caring and drug-free adults.

These sessions will be Mondays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. and is free. If interested, please call 781-383-0771.

Spring rowing program starts

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Contact, Jack Buckley 383 8261; John Liffmann 925 2796.

Principal, teachers make marathon effort

By Evan Schiff
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Even though the pain in their legs is slowly fading, the memories will last forever. Three Cohasset educators ran in the Boston Marathon last month, and each said they won't soon forget the experience.

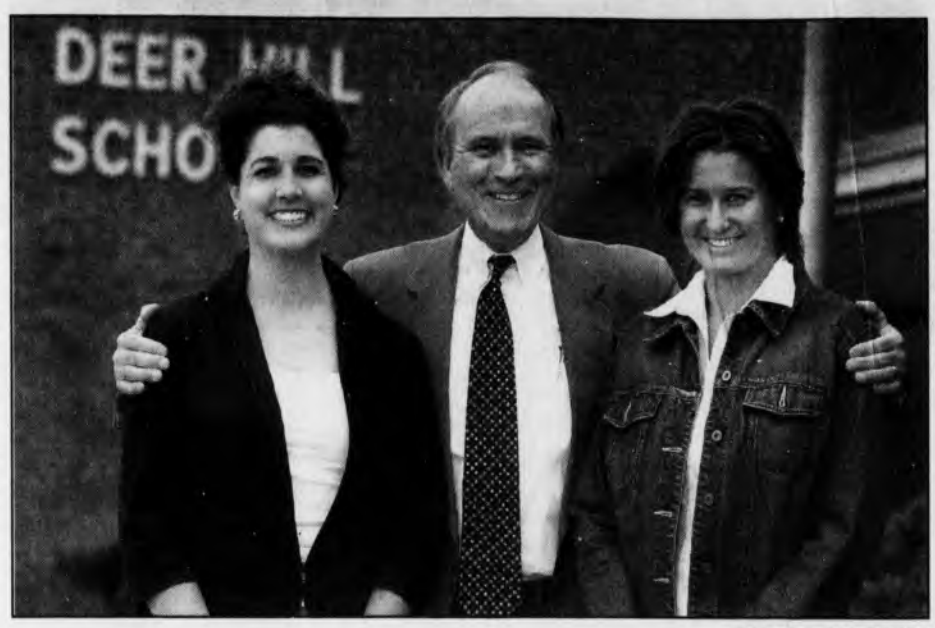
Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan ran in his 14th marathon and was joined by Deer Hill teachers, Nichole Santoro and Karin Taylor.

The marathon, which took place on a balmy Monday more than two weeks ago, is one of the most storied runs on the planet. This year marked the 106th year the race has taken place.

Even though both Callahan and Taylor were both suffering from shin splits, all three finished the race.

"To finish is to win."

— Principal Paul Callahan



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan is flanked by teachers Nichole Santoro and Karin Taylor. All three completed the Boston Marathon last month.

"To finish is to win," Callahan said. "It's exciting to be out there running with all those people."

Callahan finished in five hours and five minutes, Santoro completed the race in four hours and thirty-four minutes, and Taylor finished in four hours and fifty minutes.

Taylor, a special education teacher for the fifth grade, was running in her first marathon and said crossing the finish line was very gratifying.

"The ending was really emotional," she said. "I worked so hard and it felt really good to complete what I started."

Taylor added her training had her pretty well prepared but after mile 21, the run became excruciating. She said she will probably not be running in anymore marathons.

"The training was really time consuming. I made a lot of sacrifices," she said. "But it was definitely well worth it."

Santoro, a long term substitute teacher in the fourth grade at Deer Hill, was running in her second marathon in six months after finishing the run in Providence, R.I. last year. She said the weather conditions were warmer than she expected and the heat had a dramatic impact.

"It was so hot out there that it was really easy to get dehydrated," she said. "You had to make sure you kept drinking."

Santoro, who is 23 years old and lives in Cohasset, said she hopes to run eight more marathons by the time she is 30.

"I just love to run," she said. "It can give you such a feeling of accomplishment."

Santoro also involved her students in the marathon. Running with a chip in her shoe so her progress could be documented over the Internet, she gave her students a homework assignment to watch her on their computers. At every mile marker there was a checkpoint which would relay her time onto the Web.

"It was a way to get the kids involved," she said. "Every time I finished one mile I knew I had to get to the next one for my students."

Callahan, who said it's tough to get older and see your times get longer, was still excited to be at the race. He said compared to the other marathons he has competed in, Boston definitely has the best crowd.

"No matter where you are, on the hills in Newton or in Kenmore Square, there is always a lot of people cheering for you," he said. "There spirit is contagious, it really helps."

Callahan said while there is obviously a physical toll the marathon takes on a runner, there is also a mental aspect. He said it's just as important to train emotionally as well as physically for the race.

"You have to be able to put the pain behind you," Callahan said. "It's not easy to run for that long, it takes plenty of preparation."

Callahan said he would run between 60 and 80 miles a week with a long run of 20 to 30 miles mixed in to his routine. He said he would often run to Marshfield.

"When you stay close to home it's too easy to quit," he said. "The farther away you get, there's nothing else you can do, you have to run back."

Learn how to row, signup is May 4

Anyone interested in rowing with CMI this Spring, summer, or Fall, needs to attend CMI's boat signup event on Sunday, May 5, 4p.m. at the CMI boathouse. (rowers unable to attend must notify Mary Sease, 383 8318, Jack Buckley 383 8261, or John Liffmann, 925-2796) The purpose of the sign up to create a rowing schedule such that every rower walks away from boat sign-up knowing when she/he is rowing, with whom, and why. Sweep rowers will be able to sign up with a crew that meets their interest and skill level and scullers will be able to learn about club hours and boat usage protocols.

The CMI Rowing Program provides members with opportunities to get out on the water in Alden Shells (sculling singles and doubles), Gloucester Gulls (sculling singles), Coxed Fours (sweep oars) and traditional lifesaving boats. The club goal this year is to improve upon its ability to maximize opportunities for members to take full advantage of its resources.

Barn sale

Bare Cove Fire Museum is holding its Bi-annual Spring Barn Sale on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — rain or shine — at Building #52 Bare Cove Park. Follow the signs into the park off of 19 Fort Hill St. Items for sale include books, records (78s and other sizes), tapes, furniture, vases, dishes, toys, puzzles, tools, sports equipment, coffee makers, flatware and other items too numerous to mention.

Money earned from this sale supports the museum and its ever-changing displays of firefighting history in the town of Hingham.

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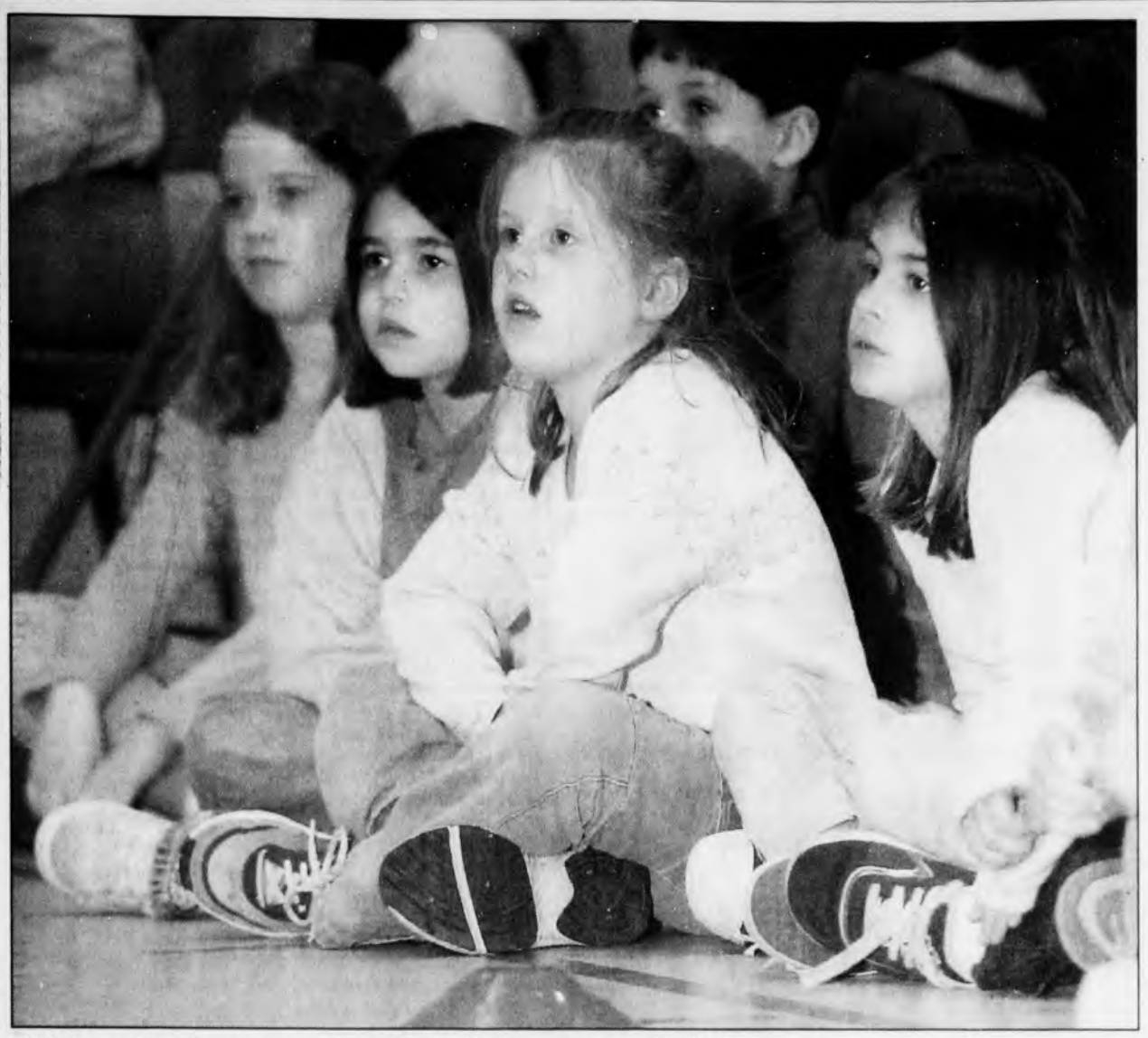
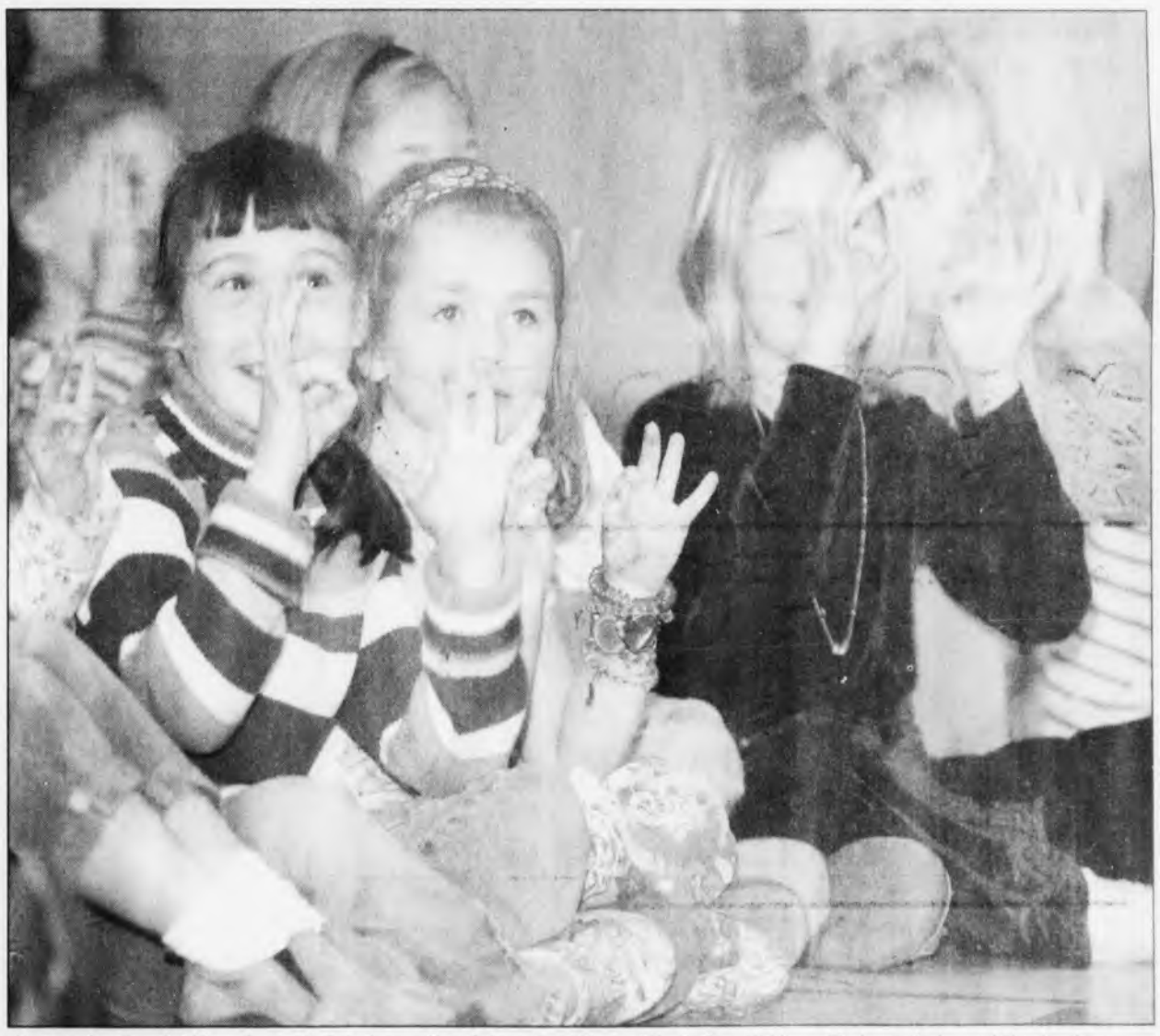


Emily Toomey, Sarah Karp, Jessica Costello and Lindsay Martinez are mesmerized by the show.

Casey Carle is the bubble man who not only entertains the kids but also teaches about the science of bubbles.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Casey Carle introduces the wonderful world of bubbles to Osgood



First-graders form bubble makers with their fingers. From left, are Sara Campedelli, Carlson Giddings, Mackenzie Nolan and Caroline Neaves.

Foster Eymer and Thomas Hislop can't believe their eyes during the special program sponsored by the PSO.

First-graders Colin Hall and Benjamin Williams smile and applaud approvingly.

POLICE / FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:42 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

10:47 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle accident.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

12:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:27 a.m. North Main St., general disturbance.

1:54 a.m. Pond St. and North Main St., animal call or complaint.

2:36 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:17 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist motorist.

12:26 p.m. Pleasant St., general services.

1:05 p.m. White Head Road, assist citizen.

1:23 p.m. Summer St., general services.

1:28 p.m. Forest Ave., and Surry Drive., fire, investigation.

2:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:55 p.m. Beechwood St., fire, outside.

3:05 p.m. Joy Place, general services.

3:15 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, transported to hospital.

6:39 p.m. North Main St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:58 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:01 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

8:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:16 p.m. Summer St., assist other police department.

9:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:44 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

10:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.

11:28 p.m. Canterbury St., assist other agency.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

4:57 a.m. Buttonwood Ln. medical aid.

7:21 a.m. Spring St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:05 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

8:26 a.m. Atlantic Ave., and Nichols Rd., general services.

8:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:10 a.m. Pond St., structure fire.

9:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid.

10:49 a.m. Summer St. and South Main St., suspicious.

11:16 a.m. Pond St., general services.

1:39 p.m. Headquarters, lost property.

1:44 p.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

2:51 p.m. Nichols Rd., general services.

2:56 p.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

3:04 p.m. Pond St., suspicious auto.

3:07 p.m. Marion Way, annoying phone calls.

4:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny by check.

6:25 p.m. North Main St., and Ripley Way, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

8:44 a.m. King St., suspicious person.

1:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted.

5:15 p.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

5:34 p.m. King St., auto fire.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

1:08 a.m. South Main St., and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:31 a.m. King St., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop,

6:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:23 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:26 a.m. Wheelwright Park, suspicious.

10:36 a.m. South Main St., suspicious.

12:24 p.m. Hull St., animal control.

2:43 p.m. Bayberry Ln., medical aid.

2:40 p.m. Surry Dr, annoying phone calls.

3:07 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

4 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.

4:56 p.m. Cedar St., general services.

6:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious.

6:28 p.m. Flintlock Ridge Rd., animal control.

8:18 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

8:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

10:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Paul T. Leary, 47, 11 Post Island Rd., Quincy. Chrgs. speeding violation of special regulations, operating recklessly so as to endanger, operating under the influence of liquor.

11:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, serve restraining order.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

8:24 a.m. North Main St., and Forest Ave., motor vehicle violations.

POLICE BRIEFS

Car wash leads to warrant arrest

Sgt. William Quigley was getting one of the Cohasset police cruisers washed at Hingham Car Wash and Sunoco station at the rotary in Hingham last Friday evening when he saw a familiar face.

Quigley called dispatch to confirm that warrants still existed for David B. Tedeschi, 44, of 130 Ash St. in Waltham, who was getting gas at the time.

Tedeschi is known to Cohasset police and had two outstanding warrants on felony charges including drug violations and fraud charges, Quigley said.

"The warrants were confirmed and he was arrested on sight," he said.

Tedeschi was brought back to Cohasset police headquarters where he was booked and held overnight. Saturday he was transferred to the Dedham House of Correction. He was arraigned Monday in Quincy District Court.

Fugitive from justice

Police computers led to the arrest of a fugitive from justice Saturday afternoon.

Officer Rick Grassie stopped Silvia Guadalupe Lozano, 28, of 172 Atlantic Ave. in Hull at about 2:45 p.m. on Forest Avenue for speeding.

But a routine check through the state and federal computer system showed Lozano to be a wanted felon on burglary charges out of Los Angeles, police said.

Lozano has apparently been wanted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's office for 2-1/2 years.

She was taken into custody on charges of being a fugitive from justice along with operating a motor vehicle without a license and speeding.

Police said Lozano, who has four children, was released on high bail. The matter was turned over to the District Attorney's office which will handle any rendition proceedings.

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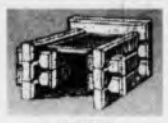

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E. Harold Brown taking last delivery of mail for the satellite post office at Brown's store. This is just one of hundreds of pictures of the history of Cohasset from the 1950-2000 new town history book.

Well, maybe not, you can read about this confrontation and determine for yourself the impact it had on Cohasset. Available this June will be Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III. This book brings Cohasset's local history up to the year 2000. The author, Jackie Dormitzer has captured the people, and the events that catapulted Cohasset into the 21st Century. Read how your friends, neighbors and acquaintances have made Cohasset the Town it is today. The volume is 432 pages long and has 244 photographs and over 50 are in full color, definitely a "keeper". The book is well sourced and indexed for easy researching. Any questions, you may call Wigmore Pierson at 781-383-6940.

You can reserve a copy by sending a check for $32 plus $3.50 for postage payable to the Town of Cohasset and mail it to Committee on Town History, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025.

IT'S HAPPENING

Tai Chi author

Buttonwood Books and Toys hosts John Loupos on Saturday, May 11, from 2:30-4 p.m. Loupos is the chief instructor at Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi Academy and he has written a book called "Inside Tai Chi: Hints, Tips, Process and Training for Students and Teachers". The book addressed Tai Chi as a tool for personal growth and development. Loupos will talk about Tai Chi, to give a brief Tai Chi demonstration and to give the audience an opportunity to try a little Tai Chi. He will answer questions and sign his book. YMAA Publishers, $20.95. Free Event.

Raffle/fund-raiser

The South Shore Community Center is having a 50/50 Raffle: 50 percent to the community center and 50 percent to the winner. Cost is $25 per ticket or five for $100. Donations are tax-deductible. Drawing will be held Sunday, June 16. Tickets are available at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset 02055; or you may call 781-383-0088.

The community center is also having a Spring Fund-raiser, Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Square Café, 150 North St. in Hingham. Featured fashions courtesy of Crossing Main of Hingham. Seating is limited; tickets are $50 each and available at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset.

For more information call the center at 781-383-0088.

Dog obedience classes offered

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy - Dog Training School throughout the summer.

Starting classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, May 6, for Obedience with Distractions at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. for beginners. For all classes the fee is$90 for the five- week, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Carriage House benefit is May 4

Join us at the beautiful seaside home of Stephen and Patty Gillis, 492 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset, on Saturday, May 4 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. for an evening of fun and fundraising to benefit the Carriage House Nursery School at 23 North Main St.

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For more information, please contact Beth Marsden Gilman –1811, Kathleen Broderick –6339, or Lisa Dooley –0958.

Night at the 'Pops'

You don't need to travel into Boston to have a night at the "Pops." Cohasset High School music students will be performing cabaret style, in the cafeteria on the evening of Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Please attend for a night of music, singing and dancing. This is a popular fund-raising event sponsored by the CHS Arts Boosters. There will be a $5 admission at the door.

For more information, call 781-383-6113.

Tea drinking

Join the Council on Aging to explore the ancient pleasures of tea drinking at its first ever Mother's Day Tea.

Marie Dunn Frazier, noted tea historian and lecturer will introduce guests to the history, legends and customs of tea drinking. She will also demonstrate the fine art of reading tea leaves.

The event is scheduled for Monday, May 13 at 1 p.m. in the dining room at the Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St. For reservations, call 781-383-9112.

HSO Pops season finale this weekend

Hingham Symphony Orchestra brings its season to a close with two festive POPS concerts on May 4 at 8 p.m. and May 5 at 4 p.m. Held at the intimate Cushing Center in Norwell, they feature true Pops format: table seating, wine, champagne, a variety of sweet and savory goodies, and a celebratory atmosphere.

Conductor Jin Kim will lead the full orchestra through many audience favorites, from Mozart through Tchaikovsky, Strauss, Offenbach, Elgar, Gershwin, and more. In what is becoming an HSO POPS tradition, the audience member who outbids all others will conduct Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever (with a little help from Jin).

Tickets to both concerts are available at Noble's, Hingham Square, Hingham Public Library, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or by calling HSO at 781-740-5694. $25 Adults, $20 Seniors, $10 through age 18.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon. May 20, 2002, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Elizabeth & David Maccini seek to construct a garage within the setbacks at **290 Beechwood St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-04-30.

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ZBA/31 STOCKBRIDGE ST.
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A public hearing will be held at the **TOWN HALL** on **Monday, May 20, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.6 & 9.7.8C and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Peter & Gilliam O'Connell, seek to construct porch/deck in flood plain at **31 Stockbridge St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-04-30b.
AD#845797
Cohasset Mariner 5/2, 5/9/02

ZBA/84 SUMMER ST. UNIT #3
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon. May 20, 2002, **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, John D. & Jillene P. Covell seek to construct a porch on a nonconforming structure at **84 Summer St. Unit #3** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-04-16.

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A tale about Squanto and the survival of the Pilgrims

By Lou Eaton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The third volume of the Cohasset Town History is scheduled to become available in June of this year and the Committee responsible for publication has thought to publish a few articles, courtesy of the Cohasset Mariner, about local history to stimulate interest in matters historical even though not related to the period of 1950 to 2000 covered by Volume III.

This first vignette deals with some occurrences which took place almost 400 years ago at the beginning of the 17th century.

Across the street from where I lived during my first 22 years in Cohasset there is a bronze plaque on a boulder dedicated in 1914 to Dr. Oliver E. Howe, Secretary of the Committee on Town History (published 1898) and the father of Dr. Henry Howe, author of the distinguished account of early European visitors to our shores, "Prologue to New England" (1943). The monument commemorates the visit to Cohasset by the celebrated Captain John Smith, better known for his Jamestown connections. 300 years before in 1614, during his small boat journey down the New England coast from Maine to Cape Cod and return.

When Captain Smith departed Maine and sailed back to England, he left here one of his ships in charge of Captain Thomas Hunt. Just before Hunt sailed for home, he put in to trade with Nauset Indians on Cape Cod and kidnapped 18 of them along with six Wampanoags thinking to sell them as slaves to enhance the profits of his trading voyage. And thereby hangs a tale which it might be accurate to say eventually resulted in the unlikely survival of the Plymouth colony in 1621, six years later. This is because one of the Wampanoags was an Indian named Tisquantum or Squanto as we call him. He was one of the Patuxet tribe who lived at present day Plymouth.

The records are not clear or available but I conjecture that Squanto may have been younger, smarter, more adaptable and more adventurous than the other victims who Hunt sought to sell in Malaga, Spain. Some of them were released by local friars who sought to convert them as they had been doing to other American natives for more than 100 years. There is a Web site "the History of Tisquantum" which asserts that Squanto had previously been carried off to England in 1605 as "a young person of ready capacity who much delighted in our company" by Captain George Weymouth for Sir Ferdinando Gorges. The supposition was that Squanto had been interpreting for the Indians that Hunt kidnapped and was not sold in slavery but taken to England. More reliable accounts from other sources suggest to me that the earlier Indian captive who was able to return to New England was Epenow, a Wampanoag sachem from what is now Martha's Vineyard.

In any event, Squanto somehow got to England and lived in the household of one of the financial backers of the Virginia Company trips to America for a couple of years and learned to speak English. He eventually got a ship from Bristol which took him to Newfoundland where he met a Captain Thomas Dermer, who knew about him and who brought him back to England and brought him to Sir Ferdinando Gorges. Gorges arranged to send him on a ship with Captain Dermer explore natural resources and set up a trading post in New England and at the end of the trip, Squanto would be returned to his home in Patuxet.

Samoset walked into the very small Plymouth colony and amazed them by speaking English.

However, when they got to Patuxet in 1619, they discovered that his whole tribe had been wiped out by "the Indian Plague" in 1617. (probably smallpox spread by earlier European fishermen visitors). Squanto stayed and moved in with a neighboring tribe, the Pokanoket, which was the home of the Grand Sachem of the Wampanoag Tribe, Massasoit. Shortly thereafter, Captain Dermer and his crew were attacked and captured by the Nauset Indians on Cape Cod, but allegedly Squanto came and was able to negotiate their release. Poor Captain Dermer was later wounded in an attack by Indians near Martha's Vineyard and subsequently died of his wounds after reaching Virginia.

Meanwhile the Pilgrims, who were completely ignorant of all this previous history and apparently did not have John Smith's published map of the New England Coast showing Plymouth Harbor as visited in his 1614 trip. After what they interpreted as a hostile reception from the Nauset tribe on Cape Cod and after stealing a small amount of seed corn they discovered, the Pilgrims decided in December 1620 to make their permanent settlement at Plymouth. Significantly, this was not to be a trading post but they were expecting and intending to establish their homes, here in the wilderness, not knowing that because of the plague, this region was the only place along the coast empty of Indians.

Early in 1621 an Abenaki Tribe sachem from Maine named Samoset walked into the very small Plymouth colony and amazed them by speaking English. He had learned a small vocabulary at Pemaquid and Monhegan Island during the 12 years that Sir Francis Popham had a trading post following the collapse of the Sagadohoc Colony. Samoset assisted the Pilgrims in trading with the Wampanoags and sent the Grand Sachem. Massasoit word that the Pilgrims would, like to make a treaty with them. Massasoit sent Squanto to be interpreter and negotiate a treaty. The rest is history that many of us are familiar with.

Squanto came to live with the Pilgrims at his old tribal home, we think with Stephen Hopkins who had known many Indians when he lived in Jamestown, Virginia. The Pilgrims and Massasoit did negotiate a treaty which lasted during the life of Massasoit who died in 1661. It provided primarily that they would not harm each other and that if either were attacked, the other would come to their aid. This latter provision led to a bloody expedition to nearby Weymouth in 1622 against Massasoit "enemies" who were rebellious against his authority and has resulted in adverse comments by current day Wampanoags against Captain Standish. Another understanding in the treaty was that the Pilgrims would pay for any Indian land they occupied. I think it is fair to say that Squanto's negotiation of the treaty was about the only fair and reasonable treatment of Indians by any of the English traders or, later, settlers with the possible exception of Roger Williams in Providence Plantations and it was essential to the survival of the colony.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

This plaque at Cohasset Harbor commemorates the discovery of Cohasset by Capt. John Smith.

Helped the English

Even more essential was the fact that Squanto returned to live among the English at his old home. He helped them use the old fields to sow their corn in the spring of 1621 using the seed stolen and later traded for from the Nauset tribe and fertilized under his instructions. He showed them the best fishing grounds, how to catch the alewives and eels and he was their interpreter in dealing with other Indian tribes.

However, in late 1621 or early 1622, he seems to have been using his position with the Pilgrims to cut deals in his own behalf with Indian tribes with whom they were trading, threatening to "release the plague" against them, if they did not do as he wished. Massasoit demanded that the Pilgrims turn him over to be executed. But Governor Bradford temporized because Squanto was so valuable to the settlers and perhaps his conduct could be corrected. The problem became moot when during a trading expedition to the Massachusetts Indians in late 1621, Squanto got sick with "the Indian Fever" and died. Governor Bradford wrote in part that he "bequeathed sundry of his things to sundry of his English friends as remembrances of his love, of whom they had great loss."'

It does appear that without Squanto, the colony would not have survived. He was essential to communicate, to negotiate a peace with the Indians and to assure the food supply by teaching the town bred settlers how to grow food and where to fish and hunt.

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OBITUARY

John Donovan, Sr.

A funeral Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Weymouth was celebrated for John E. Donovan, Sr., 74, of Hingham, who died April 28, 2002 at South Shore Hospital.

Mr. Donovan was formerly of Cohasset and a retired advertising technical adviser. He worked for Polaroid in Cambridge for more than 45 years, retiring in 1985.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Born in Boston, he attended Boston schools and graduated from Boston English High School in 1944.

Mr. Donovan enjoyed reading and photography.

He leaves his wife, Barbara C. (Flaherty)Donovan of Millis; his four sons, John E. Donovan Jr. of Franklin, Steven B. Donovan of Millis, Michael P. Donovan of Bellingham and Brian M. Donovan of Medfield; his daughter, Barbara A. Meyers of Gilford, N.H.; his brother, Thomas A. Donovan of Weymouth; and his 15 grandchildren.

Following the funeral Mass, interment was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Donations may be made in Mr. Donovan's memory to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Bromfield St., Boston 02108.

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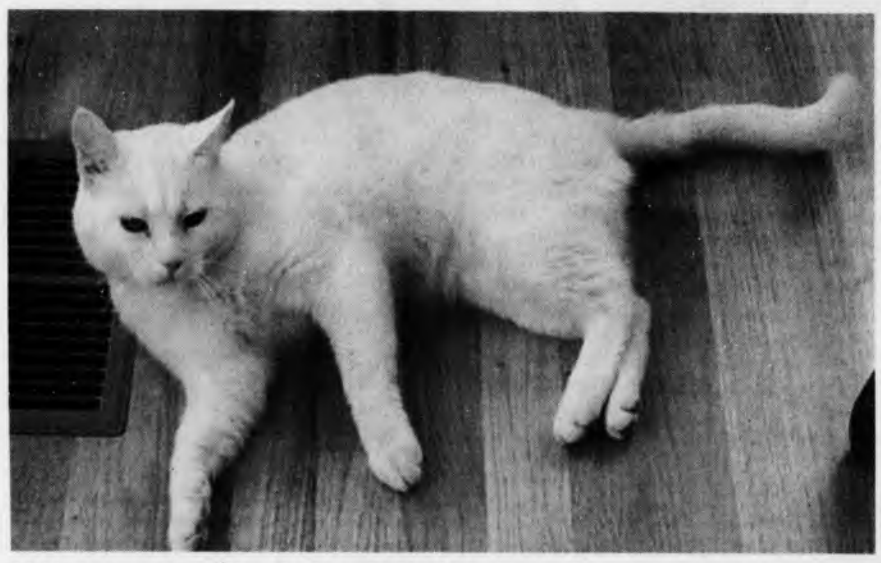

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Art contest winners are pictured at the grand opening of Pilgrim Cooperative's new branch at 800 CJC Hwy. Front row, from left, are Margaret St. Sauveur, Sarah Mavilia, John Leahy, Meghan Flaherty. Second row, from left, are Melissa Castro, Peyton MacNaught, Maggie McGoldrick, Lindsey MacNaught and Sandra Hart.

Pilgrim bank announces art contest winners

Pilgrim Cooperative Bank is pleased to announce the nine winners of the first annual "Experience the Pilgrim Difference" art contest which was open to Cohasset children ages 4 to 12. This year's theme was "My Favorite Place in Cohasset."

The Art Contest was inspired by a desire to showcase the talents of children in the community at the new branch of Pilgrim Cooperative Bank at 800 Chief Justice Cushing Way. One winner per age group (a total of nine awards) will receive $25 in a Pilgrim Cooperative Bank Savings Account and their winning entery will be framed and displayed in the Branch.

The winners are as follows:

- Meghan Faherty, 4, "Rainbow Over the Commons"
- Margaret St. Savuveur, 5, "The Farmers Market"
- Peyton MacNaught, 6, "The Beach House"
- John Leahy, 7, "Sandy Beach"

Sarah Mavilia, 8, "Cottage at Bassings Beach"

- Lindsey MacNaught, 9, "The Black Rock House"
- Melissa Castro, 10, "The Strawberry Parfait"
- Maggie McGoldrick, 11, "Dunkin Donuts"
- Sandra Hart, 12, "Duck Pond at Cohasset Common"

Margaret St. Sauveur displays her winning piece of artwork, "The Farmers Market."

WORSHIP

Respect life at St. Anthony's

Families are invited to pray the rosary for respect for life on Friday, May 1 at 3:15 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church. The Respect Life Committee will regularly sponsor this devotion each first Friday from 3:15-3:45 p.m. In addition, the First Friday Services include: adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from noon to 4:45 p.m.; benediction at 4:45 p.m.; and Mass at 5 p.m.

This weekend marks the beginning of the parish's three-day mission, "Come Meet the Living Christ," to be given by the Rev. Shannon Michael Collins, a 37-year old Cohasset native and member of the Fathers of Mercy. Fr. Shannon will challenge and encourage participants to make a stronger personal commitment to Christ and His church.

He will speak at all Masses this Sunday, May 5, and at 7:30 p.m. on May 5, 6, and 7. A Mass will also be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. on May 7. Confessions will be available after all talks and free babysitting for children under 10 will be provided.

For those unable to attend the evening sessions, Fr. Collins will celebrate a 9 a.m. Mass and give a talk on May 6 and 7. Coffee and conversation will be offered in the parish center.

Other voices at the Abbey

Glastonbury Abbey announces the final speaker in the 2001-2002 Glastonbury Series, "Listening to Other Voices: Spirituality in Everyday Life." Guest speaker is Tom Beaudoin, author of "Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X" and "Spirituality and Culture: Spiritual Exercises in a Postmodern World."

The event is Thursday, May 2 at 7:15 p.m. at the Abbey's Conference Center. There is no fee for this program, however, free-will donations are welcome.

For more information, call 781-749-2155.

Monday evenings with Rabbi Karol

At Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham, Rabbi Stephen Karol will teach a course on Monday evenings, in April and May, titled "So That Your Values Live On." The course will be based on the book of the same name, edited by Jack Riemer and Nathaniel Stampfer. This class will meet from 8 to 9:15 p.m. May 6 and May 13.

This course will help to answer such questions as, What values are most important to you? How do you let your family and friends know? Which values do you want to be a part of your life and the life of your congregation? The ethical wills of famous Jews such as Theodor Herzel, Rabbi Avraham Kook, Hannah Senesh and Sholom Aleichem will be read, among others; also, students will have an opportunity to write their own ethical wills.

The book is available in most bookstores. There is no fee for the class itself. Non-members are always welcome, and the temple is wheelchair accessible. Advance signup would be appreciated. For more information or to sign up for this course, call 781-749-8103.

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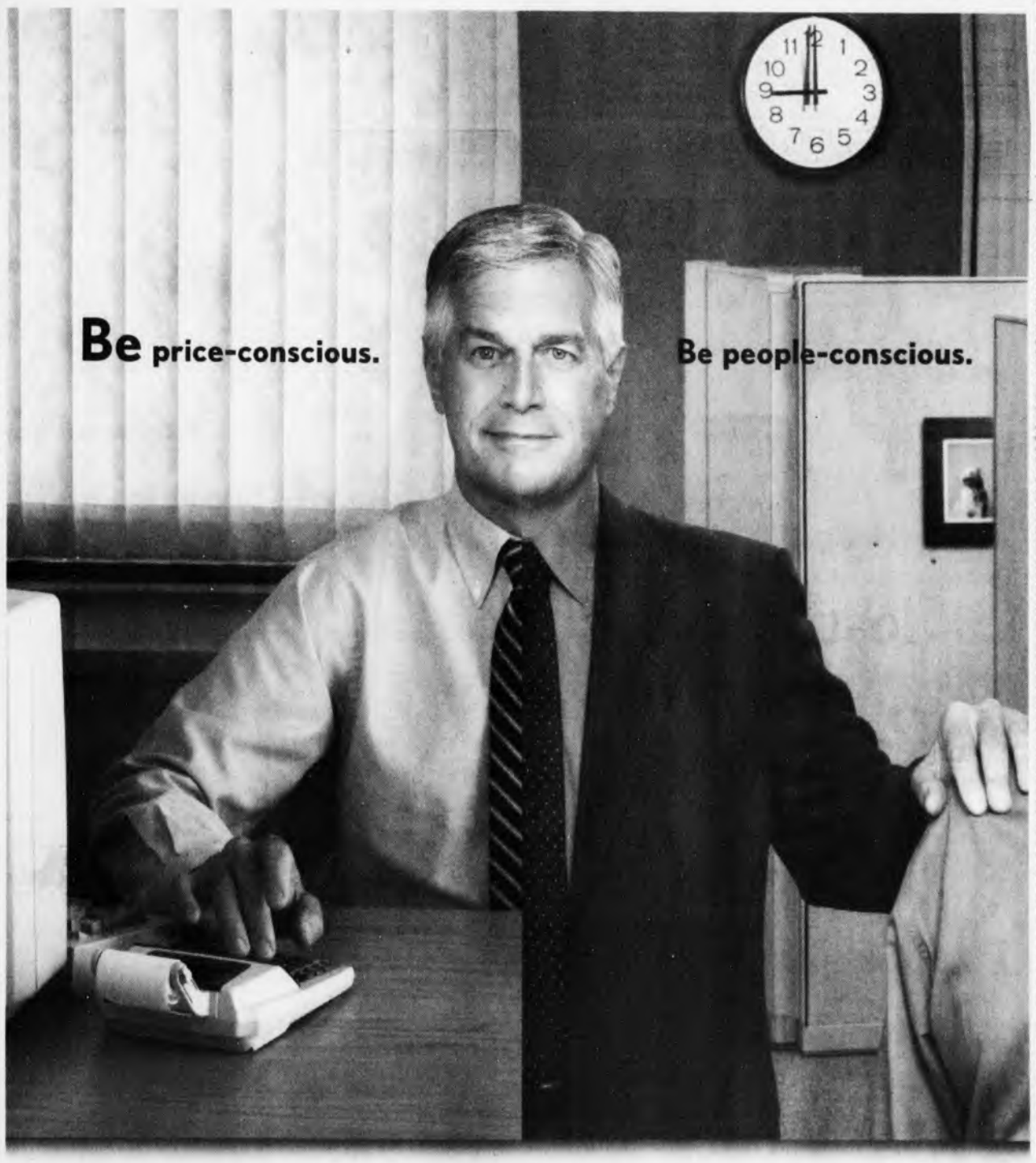

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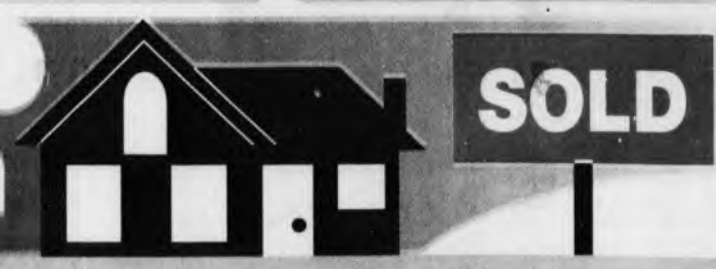

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Maternal instincts

'MOMologues' puts spotlight on motherhood's comic side

By Amy Lambiaso
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Motherhood is a laughing matter. That's what a group of local moms, two of them from Scituate, have exposed in their hilarious original comedy "The MOMologues."

On stage just in time for Mother's Day, the MOMologues highlights the hilarious truths behind the toughest job you'll ever love — motherhood.

Written, directed and preformed by mothers, the MOMolgues gives a first-hand look at the comical side of maternal duties like changing dirty diapers and nursing in public places.

The cast of "The MOMologues" (from left to right) Charlotte Dietz, Stefanie Cloutier, Maria Wardwell and Ellen Stone.

The production begins its nine-show run Friday, May 3 at the Institute of Contemporary Art Theater in Boston, and Scituate mom Lisa Rafferty — who co-wrote the script — said she laughs more each time she sees it.

"I couldn't believe how funny these mothers are," said Rafferty who also directs the play. "And they have so many stories to tell."

Rafferty began writing The MOMologues in the summer of 2000, but set out with a different plan. She had enough material of her own from raising her three young children, but wanted more. And with just a little digging, she got a little help from her friends.

Sheila Eppolito, a full-time Chelmsford mom with three young daughters has done professional writing before, but never for theater. But she proved to be a perfect candidate for one of Lisa's partners-in-writing on the MOMologues.

"I knew Lisa had a great idea with this play," Eppolito said. "And the material we had was so funny, we couldn't wait to put it together."

Stefanie Cloutier joined the two women not only co-write the play, but to perform in the show as well. She and Rafferty had worked together before, and Cloutier said she knew this play was special.

It was original, and it was about something so close to the three women. It was real-life material.

"Being a parent is like a parallel universe," Cloutier said. "It's a different place, one that only mothers can tell you about."

And that's what these three women set out to do.

The MOMologues was first performed in October 2000 for a small audience at the Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain. As America's oldest community theater, the Footlight runs an alternative series for original shows each year. That year, The MOMologues stole the set.

"I'll never forget that first night," Rafferty said. "The audience started laughing at the forth line and never stopped."

It was then Rafferty realized the one-act play had to be expanded into a full-length show.

Today it is not only the hilarious first act which follows women through four stages — trying to get pregnant, being pregnant, labor and delivery and the newborn experience — but a second act bringing women full-circle.

Adjusting to motherhood, the tooth fairy, peeing in playgrounds, discipline issues and the realization of gender differences is the focus of the second act. And after all this, the actresses end with trying to get pregnant again.

PHOTO/MICHAEL MANNING

MOMologue cast members rehearse a scene from the upcoming production which opens May 3 at the Institute of Contemporary Art Theatre in Boston.

"It's such a real look at what mothers go through," Cloutier said. "And it's what all mothers are dying to talk about — the funny things their kids do."

Rafferty said the material is witty, and the actresses are eminently entertaining.

Ellen Stone, a former stand-up comedian from Quincy is the group's designated "mother-in-training," Cloutier said. Maria Wardwell, a mother of two in Wellsley has a lengthy background in community theater and works as a performance improvement consultant; Charlotte Dietz, a Newton mother of three who works in marketing; and Cloutier round-out the cast in the nearly sold-out shows.

"It's such a real look at what mothers go through. And it's what all mothers are dying to talk about — the funny things their kids do."

Stefanie Cloutier, co-writer and cast member of the MOMologues

Rafferty said the women are from all walks of life, which makes their chemistry on stage so great. She directed the same four "moms" when the first act ran in 2000 and said their lively and unpredictable personalities make the show.

"This is really my life," said Rafferty, who also serves as Co-Chairman for United for Scituate Schools, a grassroots group supporting school funding for Scituate. "And I have loved every minute of this production."

Fellow Scituate resident Kim Dickinson is the show's costume designer, and another source of material for the show. Dickinson has a 6-year-old daughter and has worked as a professional designer for children's videos and for Boston's Huntington Theater Company costume shop. Joining the group was an honor, said

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SOUTHERN ROCKERS HITTING THEIR STRIDE

Marshall Tucker Band comes to Company Theatre May 4

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The Marshall Tucker Band (MTB) was one of the major acts of the 1970s Southern rock movement. But unlike such Dixie-bred peers as the Allman Brothers Band and Lynyrd Skynyrd, who mixed electric blues and British rock influences with their own Southern roots, MTB carved out its niche by fusing its rock with the more traditional southbound genres such as straight country, western swing and gospel.

Marshall Tucker faded from the mainstream airwaves as Southern rock's heyday waned at the end of the 70s. The band was also slowed down by the 1980 death of original bassist Tommy Caldwell in a car accident, as well as by original guitarist/songwriter and brother Toy Caldwell's departure for a solo career in the mid 80s, until he too died in 1993. But as MTB lead singer and lone remaining original member Doug Gray assures, the Tucker Band has never really gone away, playing at least 150 shows nationally a year and selling albums consistently to a loyal, core following while always managing to find new ways to keep its sound contemporary and progressive.

MTB brings its sound to the local area Saturday, May 4, appearing in concert at Norwell's Company Theatre.

"We've made a point of staying out on the road and working consistently through the years," said Gray. "The only difference is that now we have a lot more control over the whole enterprise. We're able to pick and choose our dates and play our shows the way we want to, without the more rigorous demands coming from other ends of the business."

"Since 1980, and especially the mid 80s, we've actually done better as a band in terms of overall record sales and label deals working within the more independent country-rock markets. Over the years, we've simply let our records come out, and we've found that we've always had enough of a following that has stayed with us that each record has sold in strong numbers. Maybe not like back in the days of the national chart hits, but certainly enough to keep us going as a band and moving forward."

The Marshall Tucker Band brings the southern/country rock sound that made them famous in the '70s to the South Shore Saturday in a concert performance at Norwell's Company Theatre.

Hailing from Spartanburg, South Carolina, MTB first hit the national spotlight in 1973 through its association with the Allman Brothers, signing to the Allmans' Capricorn Records label and opening for their mentors on that year's national tour. While MTB could hold its own in the Allmans-style Southern blues/boogie jamming department, it soon became apparent that the Tucker Band's sound was coming from a more traditional country-based direction, putting more of the country in country-rock. Such 70s fiddle- and pedal steel-powered radio hits as "Fire on the Mountain," "Searchin' for a Rainbow" and "This Ol' Cowboy" more typified MTB's overall sound.

While the Tucker Band's songwriting started out rather simple and straightforward (early singles such as "Can't You See" and "Take the Highway" seem dated these days), there was a leaning towards innovation from the beginning as well. Courtesy of original reedsman Jerry Eubanks, MTB became the only other major 70s rock act besides Jethro Tull to feature flute prominently in its sound. The songwriting also took on a worldly, cynical edge with the band's last major hit, 1977's "Heard It In a Love Song" ("...can't be wrong").

"Our stage shows and tours are far more focused and together these days than they were back in the 70s, even though that was when we were having the biggest hits and the most national success. It seems that when there's less at stake for you as a band, you can play more for your audience and be yourselves.

Marshall Tucker band lead singer Doug Gray

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The cast of the Quincy Dinner Theatre production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," ham it up.

'Funny Thing' happening at Quincy Dinner Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

George S. Stevens, head of the Braintree-based Darling Productions, goes back a long way with the musical "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." In addition to starring in several productions of "Forum" from "Cape Cod to Boston" over the years, Stevens directed and produced the show during the 1988 inaugural season of his Quincy Dinner Theatre. He may have had a range of associations with it over the years, but Stevens' opinion of "Forum" has remained consistent.

"I love the show," Stevens explained last week by telephone from his office. "It is just about the funniest musical comedy of all time."

With a book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart ("M*A*S*H") that is an homage to the farcical plays of Maccius Plautus (254 BC-184 BC), and music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" premiered on Broadway 40 years ago this month. Originally meant to be a vehicle for Phil Silvers, then Milton Berle, "Forum" debuted with Zero Mostel starring as Pseudolus, a slave who must endure a series of wild adventures in order to gain his freedom. The show features now classic Sondheim tunes including "Comedy Tonight." Six years ago, an acclaimed, Tony Award-winning revival of "Forum" opened in New York with Nathan Lane as Pseudolus, succeeded by Whoopi Goldberg.

Stevens is currently presenting "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," in a production directed by Christine Porter of Randolph, at the Quincy Dinner Theatre. A cast of 18 is backed by an eight-piece orchestra, led by Musical Director Jason Brennan of Randolph.

"The show is big and bawdy" according to Stevens. "We're having a blast with it and so is the audience. The thing about 'Forum' is that because it takes its inspiration from the burlesque shows of the 1930s it is a very funny and wild at the same time. It's one of the great Broadway musical comedies."

(Darling Productions will present "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" through May 19 at the Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy Center. For tickets and information, call 781/843-5862 or visit www.quincydinnertheater.com. On Sunday, May 12, Darling Productions will present a special Mother's Day matinee of "Forum" which will include corsages and champagnes for the mothers in the audience.)

Food & dining

Coconut macaroons

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

A thousand years ago, macaroons were nothing more than baked almond paste but by the Victorian age, they had became elegant cone-shaped coconut cookies. Today, a coconut macaroon is often a lackluster mound of beaten egg whites and coconut or, at their worst, nothing more than a baked mixture of condensed milk and sweetened coconut. The question was how to get great coconut flavor with a chewy, not-too-heavy texture.

My initial testing included five recipes, ranging from dense, wet cookies to light, if not dry, mounds of coconut. The test winners were simple enough – unbeaten egg whites mixed with sugar, unsweetened coconut, salt, and vanilla. The testing clearly showed that the type of coconut, sweetened versus unsweetened, had a major effect on texture but cookies made with just one type were either too sticky or too dry so I tested a combination of sweetened and unsweetened. This worked well, giving the cookie a more luxurious texture without being wet or heavy. I also found, to my surprise, that sweetened coconut has more flavor than dried, so the coconut flavor was turned up a notch. Another key issue was the ratio of coconut to unbeaten egg whites. Testing showed that a recipe using 3 1/2 cups of coconut to only 1 egg white was dense and heavy; 3 cups of coconut to three egg whites seemed a better ratio. To add still a bit more moisture to the cookies, I tried using corn syrup instead of sugar as a sweetener and found that the cookies were slightly moister, held together a bit better, and were pleasantly chewy. Melted butter was tried but discarded since it masked the flavor of the coconut as did sweetened condensed milk. Flour – I tried both cake and all-purpose – was helpful in eliminating the stickiness of cookies made entirely with sweetened coconut, but the combination of sweetened and unsweetened solved this problem without resorting to other ingredients.

I still felt that the cookies were a bit light in coconut flavor, so I tried adding cream of coconut and hit the jackpot. The coconut flavor was superior to any other cookie made to date. (Since cream of coconut is sweetened, I did have to decrease the amount of corn syrup.)

Putting it all together is easy, another benefit of not beating the egg whites, a technique used by many of my original test recipes. The liquid ingredients are whisked together, the dry ingredients are mixed, and then the two are combined. I found it best to refrigerate this dough for 15 minutes to make it easier to work with but, in a pinch, you can skip this step. (Cold dough makes thicker cookies.) In an effort to produce a nicely browned, crisp exterior, I experimented with oven temperatures and finally settled on 375 degrees; 400 tended to overcook the bottoms and lower temperatures never produced the sort of browning I was hoping for.

I am partial to huge, two-fisted cookies so I call for 1/4 cup of batter for each cookie. This also produces a nice contrast between a crispy exterior and a moist interior. However, if you prefer a daintier confection, use just two tablespoons. I also found that these cookies are great when the bottom third is dipped in chocolate. Since the cookie is not overly sweet, the chocolate is a nice compliment, not a case of coals to Newcastle.

TRIPLE COCONUT MACAROONS

Cream of coconut, available canned, is sweetened coconut juice commonly used in piña colada cocktails. Note that this is an entirely different product from coconut cream or coconut milk, both of which are unsweetened. Be sure to mix the can's contents thoroughly before using since the mixture separates upon standing. Look for unsweetened desiccated coconut in natural food stores or in Asian markets. Do not forget to grease the parchment paper for baking – the cookies are much easier to remove.

1 cup cream of coconut (see note above)
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
4 large egg whites
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 cups unsweetened dessicated coconut (about 8 1/2 ounces)
3 cups sweetened flaked coconut (about 8 1/2 ounces)

1. Adjust oven racks to highest and upper-middle positions and heat oven to 375 degrees. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper and lightly spray parchment with non-stick vegetable cooking spray. (If you don't have any spray, it's okay. The cookies will simply be a bit harder to remove from the paper.)

2. In small bowl, whisk together cream of coconut, corn syrup, egg whites, vanilla and salt to combine.

3. In large bowl, combine unsweetened and sweetened coconuts; toss together with hands, breaking up any clumps between fingertips. Pour liquid ingredients into dried coconut and mix with rubber spatula until evenly moistened. (If desired, press plastic wrap directly on surface of dough and refrigerate 30 minutes; mixture will be slightly firmer and easier to work with.)

4. Scoop 9 cookies onto the first cookie sheet with 1 3/4-inch-diameter ice cream scoop, mounded with 1/4 cup dough. (Alternatively, roll 1/4 cup dough between palms of hands into 1 3/4-inch balls.) Form cookies into loose haystacks with fingertips or gently flatten with palm of hand into 2 1/4-inch rounds, moistening hands with water as necessary to prevent sticking. Bake until light golden brown, about 20 minutes, turning cookie sheet from front to back halfway through baking. Repeat with second sheet.

5. Cool cookies on cookie sheets 2 minutes; remove to wire rack with metal spatula. Makes 18 cookies

CHOCOLATE-DIPPED VARIATION

Follow recipe for Triple Coconut Macaroons. Cool baked macaroons to room temperature, about 30 minutes. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper. Melt 8 ounces chopped semisweet chocolate in small heatproof bowl set over pan of almost-simmering water, stirring once or twice, until smooth; remove from heat. (To melt chocolate in microwave, heat at 50% power for 2 minutes; stir and continue heating at 50% 1 minute longer. If chocolate is not yet entirely melted, heat an additional 30 seconds at 50% power.) Dip bottom 3/4-inch of cookies in chocolate and place on parchment-lined cookie sheet. Refrigerate until chocolate sets, about 30 minutes.

Springtime splendor in the shady border

Green thumbs up

Part 2
By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Late April showers have provided welcome, beneficial moisture for our early May flowers. Colorful carpets of creeping phlox (Phlox subulata) and candytuft (Iberis) cascade over rock walls, walks and landscape timbers creating glowing patches of pink, white and lavender. Pretty pansies in every color of the rainbow provide splashes of color in containers, window boxes and along garden paths, their smiling faces irresistible to young and old alike. Elegant tulips hold their heads high on strong, sturdy stems, reaching for the warmth of the sun. With the coming of May, our spring landscapes come to life as tender green leaves clothe trees and shrubs and spring blooms paint the landscape with cheerful abandon.

In local woodlands and our shady gardens, trees, shrubs and wildflowers are parading their finery for all to enjoy. The month of May tends to be peak bloom season in our wooded areas as many woodland flora bloom in spring, before the trees have fully leafed out, to take advantage of the sun's light and warmth. Lady slippers, trillium, trollius, May Apples, Virginia bluebells, lungworts, Solomon's seal, primroses, and jack-in-the-pulpit will all be in their glory this month.

Many of these woodland delights can be grown successfully in our backyard gardens if given the proper growing conditions including moisture-retentive, well-drained soils and dappled sunlight. A fluffy woodsy soil, mildly acidic, rich and light with a high humus content will suit many of these attractive plants. Ideal shade garden soil should be two parts humus (compost, peat or leaf mold), one part sand, and one part loam.

The heavenly blue flowers of forget-me-nots (Myosotis) are perfect foils for many of these lovely spring blooms. Mounds of tiny blue, white and sometimes pink flowers appear in May. Over the years, these charming biennials have naturalized throughout the garden, occasionally to the point of being a nuisance, but I cannot imagine the shady borders without them and tolerate their exuberance until they finish blooming. When they begin to decline and become unsightly, I selectively weed out the majority, leaving just enough to re-seed themselves while occasionally picking the seed heads and sprinkling them in new locales.

The perennial forget-me-not, Brunnera macrophylla, commonly known by the names alkanet, anchusa or Siberian bugloss, is a handsome, albeit more restrained source of this appealing sky blue color. Long-lasting, delicate sprays of intense blue blossoms appear in April and linger into May as elegant, heart-shaped leaves emerge and enlarge through the season. Several new cultivars have been introduced into the trade in recent years including B. 'Langtrees', a variety with large silvery blotches on its leaves and variegated forms that glow in the shady border with stunning, large, boldly marked foliage. A fabulous new cultivar, B. 'Jack Frost', exhibits spectacular silver-tinted leaves. These attractive perennials are lovely complements to hosta, ferns, astilbes, and bleeding hearts. Consistent moisture throughout the summer is a must or the leaves may become crispy and the plant may succumb during prolonged periods of drought.

For drier locales, consider the family of barrenworts (Epimedium spp.) These wonderful semi-evergreen perennials should be more widely grown as they produce delightful airy sprays of spurred blooms for 4 to 6 weeks that dance upon wiry, arched stems amid broad carpets of handsome foliage. Each year more varieties become available as more gardeners discover these low maintenance, rhizomatous plants that gradually spread to form an attractive carpet beneath deciduous trees. Although epimediums are tolerant of considerable shade, dappled light and moisture-retentive soils are preferred. Once established, these perennials can withstand periods of drought and will even survive beneath greedy maples. A wide range of flower colors is available including red, pink, white, yellow, orange and purple. Their attractive leaves emerge with tinted margins in springtime and turn bronze in autumn with many types having foliage that persists well into the winter months.

Foamflowers (Tiarella spp.) are charming native plants that have joined the ever-growing parade of hybridization and selection to provide numerous cultivars with varied flowers and foliage. The native species, T. cordifolia, bears fluffy spikes of star-shaped flowers in creamy white above clumps of hairy, fleshy, heart-shaped leaves. Newer introductions demonstrate an interesting diversity of leaf forms, many highly divided with dark blotches or veining on the leaves. Tolerant of considerable shade, a moist soil that is especially well drained during the winter months is desirable for these rhizomatous perennials. Most are semi-evergreen with bronze-tinted foliage during the fall. Tiarella 'Iron Butterfly' is particularly attractive and long blooming with dozens of pale pink flowers currently in bloom above multi-lobed, pointed leaves that are heavily streaked with deep purple to near black splotches.

Bleeding hearts (Dicentra spp.) add touches of pink and white flowers to the shady border in addition to providing attractive, finely cut blue-green foliage that furnishes a pleasant contrast to the broad leaves of hostas. Tolerant of sun where soils are moisture-retentive, they thrive in dappled shade. The lovely, old-fashioned bleeding heart, D. spectabilis, with its perfectly formed rose-pink or white, heart-shaped flowers carried on arching, 3-foot fleshy stems, is truly a delight although the plant turns yellow and enters dormancy in mid-summer. Fringed bleeding hearts, D. eximia, add marvelous textural contrast to the shady garden and bloom intermittently throughout the summer.

Visit our local nurseries and add a few of these springtime treasures to your shady border for a stunning spring display year after year.

Maternal instincts

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Dickinson, because the show combines professionalism and motherhood so well.

The MOMologues will be performed Fridays and Saturdays through May 18, with a special Mother's Day matinee on Sunday, May 12 to benefit Jane Doe Inc., the Massachusetts coalition against sexual abuse and domestic violence.

"I'll never forget that first night. The audience started laughing at the forth line and never stopped."

MOMologues director and co-writer Lisa Rafferty

Opening night this Friday will benefit Mothers and More, a South Shore support group for "sequencing mothers" — women transitioning from full-time professionals to stay-at-home moms.

Two performances will benefit two of Scituate's Elementary Parent Teacher Organizations — Friday, May 10 is Hatherly Elementary PTO night, and Friday, May 17 is Cushing Elementary PTO night. Rafferty said busloads of Scituate moms are heading to Boston those nights to help support the groups and share some laughs.

Cloutier said the cast is considering adding another show to the run due to the fantastic response it has received even before opening night. Six of the nine shows have sold out, and the remaining three are nearing capacity.

"We have such a good time with every rehearsal and every time we get together," Eppolito said. "This whole journey has been really amazing. This play will go someplace."

Tickets for The MOMologues are $22 and can be purchased online at www.momologues.com, or by calling (978) 369-5776.

SOUTHERN ROCKERS HITTING THEIR STRIDE

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"Our fans have never really cared if we were rock, country, gospel, jazz-rock fusion or any number of other styles in between," Gray said. "Even though we've been by category a Southern rock band, we've always aimed to feature all of these elements in our sound and move off in new directions. I think that's the main thing that's held our fans interest for so long."

The original MTB lineup long gone, the current band is carried on very capably by players who've joined up at various points over the last two decades. They include guitarists Rusty Milner and Chris Hicks, slide guitarist Stuart Swanlund, bassist Tony Heatherly, drummer B.B. Borden, and the latest addition, joining in 1999, Gray's own 23-year-old nephew, keyboardist, saxophonist and flutist Clay Cook.

Said Gray, "Our stage shows and tours are far more focused and together these days than they were back in the 70s, even though that was when we were having the biggest hits and the most national success. It seems that when there's less at stake for you as a band, you can play more for your audience and be yourselves. And what we are in essence is a traditional band and also a band that jams, and we can become creative onstage. We always pick our songs right before going onstage, instead of using a strict set list, and we like to work the crowds during the show."

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Funds are also available to assist in the design, construction and equipment facilities for use by low income adults who are handicapped, disabled or infirm so as to improve the quality of their living arrangements. Individuals are not eligible for funding. The deadline for submitting a completed application is July 10, 2002.

Applications are available by sending a written request to:

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THE MASSACHUSETTS QUILT DOCUMENTATION PROJECT (MASSQUILTS) AND THE RHODODENDRON NEEDLERS QUILT GUILD will sponsor a Documentation Day on May 18, at All About Quilts, 958 Main St., Walpole, during which quilt owners can learn more about their antique quilts and quilted objects. The organizers of this statewide project hope to discover the old quilts that area residents may have tucked away in attics, linen closets, garages and hope chests. Call Maureen Hufnagle at 508-359-5127 for more information.

FIFTH ANNUAL JIMMY KENNEDY MEMORIAL RUN FOR ALS will be held on June 8, at Veterans' Memorial Stadium on Hancock St., in Quincy. The five mile run is also know as the New Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. The road race starts at 10 a.m. and will include a 2.5 mile Fitness Walk beginning at 9 a.m. The event includes special children's events and awards in 15 age divisions. The entry fee is $12 before May 31, and $15 after and on race day. For more information call 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com

THE SKATING CLUB OF HINGHAM'S ANNUAL SHOW "America: A Tribute to Heroes" will be held May 18, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets $5 can be purchased in advance by calling 781-741-8194. Pilgrim Skating Area, 75 Recreation Park Dr., Hingham.

"SWINGTIME USO REVIEW" TRANSFORMS THE COMPANY THEATRE INTO A 1940S HOLLYWOOD CANTEEN; MAY 11- Some of Boston's best cabaret singers and musicians will be on hand as The Company Theatre becomes the "Star-Spangled Canteen" with SWINGTIME USO REVIEW, a rousing full cabaret review of some of the greatest songs of the 1940s, including such memorable hits as "I'll Be Seeing You," "Sentimental Journey," "It Don't Mean A Thing," "Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "God Bless America," and many others. The show takes place Saturday, May 11, at 8 p.m. Bringing back this music and serving as the show's hosts will be a quartet featuring well-known Boston cabaret singers Michael Kreutz, and Dorothy Miller, backed by a band. Tickets are priced at $20 in advance and $23 day of performance, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787 or visit their website at www.companytheatre.com. The Company Theatre is handicap accessible.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN FOR THE JIMMY FUND is scheduled for May 18, at Peggotty Beach, Scituate. There will be a competitive run and family fun at this three-part event. The event line up begins with the Kid's Fun run (age 10 and under) at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Two-Mile at 9 a.m. and the Four-Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. To register and for more information call 781-545-4642 or visit www.joshuasrun.com or email bblacker@attbi.com

THE FIFTH ANNUAL ELLISON CENTER GOLF CLASSIC "Fore the Arts" sponsored by BMW Gallery-Norwell will be held at Duxbury Yacht Club on May 20, and limited space is available for sponsors and foursomes. Golfers have a chance to win a BMW SAV for sinking a hole-in-one on the ninth hole of Duxbury's Yacht Club. BMW Gallery-Norwell is sponsoring the one-year lease on a new BMW X5-3.0 for a lucky competitor. In addition golfers will enjoy lunch, snacks, favors, prizes, celebrity guests, and a dinner reception featuring an exciting live auction. The day begins with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 12:45 p.m. Teams compete in a scramble format for the coveted Ellison Center Classic championship cup. The post tournament dinner, awards, and live auction will be held at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. For more information or to request a registration form call Laura Carlton at 781-934-2731 ext. 14. All proceeds benefit educational programs, teacher development and scholarships at South Shore Conservatory and Duxbury Art Association.

THE FRIENDS OF FLYING SANTA presents a 3-day lighthouse tour to the state of Maine. Tour dates are May 17, to May 19. You will visit the worlds biggest "Lighthouse Store" The Lighthouse Depot. Ticket price is $275 per person, includes a luxury tour bus, an on board narrator, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, a Flying Santa t-shirt, a boarding gift, a free raffle of a Harbour Light collectable, and your admittance to all the lighthouses and museums. The lighthouses included on the tour are, Spring Point Light, Bug Light, Portland Head Light, the East and West Cape Elizabeth lights, Doubling Point Range lights, Pemaquid Point light, Marshall Point light, Rockland Breakwater light, Owl's Head light and the Nubble light. Plus a stop at the world famous Shore Village Lighthouse Museum. For tickets and information call 781-925-0783 or visit www.flyingsanta.com All proceeds are used to fund The Friends of Flying Santa Christmas lighthouse tours.

A GALA EVENING AT BOSTON POPS The Friends, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting excellence in research and patient care, invites guests May 15, to dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Symphony Hall prior to the concert or simply attend the performance at 8 p.m. All proceeds from the evening will benefit cancer research at Dana-Farber. Admission, including dinner is $250 or an individual ticket to the concert is $125. For more information call 617-632-3021 or visit www.dana-farber.org/how/friends.

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets go on sale April 8, for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

SOUTH SHOREYMCA AT MILL POND ROAD RACE The South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond Hanover branch is hosting its first annual 5-Mile road Race, with a 1.5 mile Family fun run/Walk on Sunday, May 19. Rain or shine. The Fun/Walk will be at 9 a.m. and the road race will be at 10 a.m. The cost of the road race will be $12 pre-registration and $15 day of the race. The first 300 registered 5-mile runners will receive free t-shirts. T-shirts will also be available for purchase the day of the race. Applications are available at SS YMCA and can also be downloaded at www.ssymca.org Call Greg Shinney at 781-829-8585 ext. 228 with any questions.

Thurs. 2

North Bennet Street School to present "An Education in Craftsmanship," an exhibition of new student work at the Boston Architectural Center at 320 Newbury St., Boston from May 1 to June 2. The opening reception will be held May 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information visit www.nbss.org

Glastonbury Abbey announces its final speaker in The 2001-2002 Glastonbury Series **Tom Beaudoin,** author "Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X" "Spirituality and Culture: Spiritual Exercises In A Postmodern World" on May 2, at 7:15 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey, Conference Center. Admission is free. Donations welcome. For information call 781-749-2155.

Parents Without Partners Chapter 33 will host a new member orientation at 7 p.m. at the South Congregational Church, 1075 Washington St., Braintree. For information call 781-337-6766.

Grove Manor Estates, 160 Grove St., Braintree, presents Counselor, lecturer, author, **Joanne Koenig-Coste** In an Informative Presentation on **"Habilitation-Turning Surviving Into Thriving."** on May 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Call 781-843-3700 for reservations.

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will holding a Standard Flower Show at the St. Anthony's Church Hall at 4 Summer Street, Cohasset. The show is called "Literary Laurels" and will be focused on the rich literary history of Massachusetts. Authors and poets will be remembered and their works evoked through flower arrangements. The show is open to the public. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. For information call 781-383-0775.

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Fri. 3

Star Creations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center presents the musical "Aladdin" on May 3, 4, 10, and 11 at 7 p.m. and May 5, and 12 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $8 adult/ $5 child. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

An Exhibit of Art and Poems held at Borders Books, Cambridgeside Galleria, 100 Cambridgeside Place, Cambridge April 27 to May 30. A reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. with exhibitors reading. For more information call 617-928-4548.

The James Library and Center for the Arts will feature artist **Joan Brancale,** a plein air painter and scenic designer from Hingham in the James Gallery during the month of May. The opening reception will be May 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on display from May 3 to 31. For more information call 781-659-7200.

"Class Action" presented by the Teen Conservatory Program at the Company Theatre in Norwell. Performances are May 3 and 4, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 and all proceeds will go to the Messinger Scholarship Fund, which will enable several South Shore youngsters to attend the Academy of The Company Theatre this summer at no cost.

May Friendship Day sponsored by **Church Women United,** will be held at the Second Church of Plymouth, Route 3A, Manomet on May 3. Coffee at 10 a.m. celebration at 10:30 a.m. "Sharing Our Stories, Healing Our Hearts" is the theme this year. All are welcome. Those attending are asked to bring a salad for luncheon, and the annual collection for the International Fellowship of the Least Coin will be taken. Child care will be available. For more information or transportation call 781-545-4293, 781-582-3751 or 781-146-5244.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **The Wildcats** on May 3. Admission $7. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing May 3, will be **Greg Greenway**. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **"Oliver"** at the Cohasset Town Hall. Performances are May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and April 28, May 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door and by phone at 781-544-0304. Bring a canned good or non-perishable item to donate to the local food pantry and receive $1 off your ticket price.

The 13th Annual Radio Classics Live will be held May 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College in Brockton. Two evenings of live recreations of the radios shows from the 40s and 50s. For tickets and information call 508-427-1234.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St. (Rt. 18) E. Bridgewater presents Chris Dennehy. Admissions is $3. All shows start at 7 p.m. Call 508-378-1584 for more information.

Milton Players will perform Neil Simon's comedy, **London Suite.** at the Milton Woman's Club, 90 Reedsdale Rd. (Rt. 28) in Milton. Evening performances on May 3 and 4 begin at 8 p.m. Friday evenings are reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. To order tickets ($11-$17) call 617-698-SHOW. For more information visit The Milton Players web site at www.miltonplayers.org

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EX: #C16099... 37 AVALANCHES AVAILABLE

2002 TAHOE LT 4x4s

SAVE OVER $7770

This Weekend Only

MSRP $40,771
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -5770

VORTEC 5300 V8 ENGINE
LEATHER INTERIOR
HEATED POWER BUCKET SEATS
ONSTAR SYSTEM
3RD ROW SEAT PACKAGE
LIFTGATE W/LIFT GLASS
TRAILERING PACKAGE
REAR SEAT AUDIO CONTROLS

$32,999

EX: #C16295... OVER 70 AVAILABLE

2002 SUBURBAN LT 4x4s

SAVE OVER $7900

This Weekend Only

MSRP $43,418
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -5917

VORTEC 5500 V8 ENGINE
LEATHER INTERIOR
POWER SUNROOF
HEATED POWER BUCKET SEATS
ONSTAR SYSTEM
ELEC. AUTO CLIMATE CONTROL
REAR SEAT AUDIO CONTROL
TRAILERING PACKAGE
LIFTGATE W/ LIFT GLASS

$35,499

EX: #C16453... OVER 50 AVAILABLE

2002 TrailBlazer LS 4x4

SAVE $4981

0 DOWN LEASE

MSRP $29,980
REBATE -1500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3481

270HP I6 • AUTOMATIC • POWER WIN/LOCKS
CRUISE • KEYLESS ENTRY • CD/CASSETTE

$24,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR **$349** PER MO. 36 MO.s

$0 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
36,000 total miles allowed. Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

EX: #C16566... C14918, C16168 AT THIS DISCOUNT... 18 AVAILABLE

2002 BLAZER LS 4x4 4-DOOR

SAVE $6304

0 DOWN LEASE

MSRP $28,803
PACKAGE SAVING -1000
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3302

AUTOMATIC • A/C • VORTEC 4300 V6 • CRUISE
POWER WIN / LOCKS • ALLOYS • KEYLESS ENTRY

$22,499 OR GMAC LEASE FOR **$279** PER MO. 36 MO.s

$0 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
36,000 total miles allowed. Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

EX: #C16562... 10 AVAILABLE

2002 MALIBU V6 SEDANS

SAVE $4311

MSRP $19,310
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2309

AUTOMATIC • A/C • POWER WIN / LOCKS
3.1L SFI V6 ENGINE • CRUISE CONTROL • CD

$14,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR **$199** PER MO. 36 MO.s

$999 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
36,000 total miles allowed. Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

EX: C15910... 25 MALIBUS AVAILABLE

2002 MONTE CARLO "SS"

SAVE $4531

MSRP $26,030
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2529

AUTOMATIC • A/C • LEATHER ACCENT BUCKETS
POWER SUNROOF • ALLOY WHEELS • 3.8L V6

$21,499 OR GMAC LEASE FOR **$289** PER MO. 36 MO.s

$1999 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
36,000 total miles allowed. Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

EX: C16330... 8 "SS" MONTE CARLOS AVAILABLE

2002 SILVERADO 4x4s

SAVE $5254

MSRP $25,253
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3252

AUTOMATIC • VORTEC 5300 V8 • A/C
LOCKING DIFFERENTIAL • HD SUSPENSION PKG.

$19,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR **$299** PER MO. 36 MO.s

$999 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
36,000 total miles allowed. Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

EX: C16540... 15 REG CAB SILVERADOS AVAILABLE

2002 S10 EXTENDED CABS

SAVE $5578

0 DOWN LEASE

ORIGINAL LIST $19,575
BONUS CASH -500
REBATE -2502
PACKAGE SAVING -530
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2046

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION • AM/FM/CD STEREO
TILT WHEEL • CRUISE CONTROL • ALLOYS

$13,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR **$219** PER MO. 36 MO.s

$0 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
36,000 total miles allowed. Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

EX: C15986... 20 AVAILABLE

2002 TRACKER 4-DR 4x4

SAVE $4166

0 DOWN LEASE

MSRP $18,165
BONUS CASH -500
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -1664

AIR CONDITIONING • AM/FM/CD STEREO
REAR WIPER/WASHER • CARPETED MATS

$13,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR **$209** PER MO. 36 MO.s

$0 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
36,000 total miles allowed. Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

EX: #C15428... 6 AVAILABLE

2002 S10 EXT.CAB V6 LS 4x4

SAVE $6312

0 DOWN LEASE

ORIGINAL LIST $24,311
BONUS CASH -500
REBATE -2502
PACKAGE SAVING -530
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2780

AUTOMATIC • VORTEC 4300 V6 • CD STEREO
POWER WIN / LOCKS / MIRRORS • CRUISE

$17,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR **$259** PER MO. 36 MO.s

$0 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
36,000 total miles allowed. Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

EX: C15017... 10 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 IMPALA SEDANS

SAVE $4431

0 DOWN LEASE

MSRP $21,430
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2429

AUTOMATIC • A/C • CRUISE CONTROL • 3.4 V6
AM/FM/CD STEREO • 60/40 SPLIT SEAT

$16,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR **$299** PER MO. 36 MO.s

$0 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
36,000 total miles allowed. Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

EX: C16621... 10 AVAILABLE

2002 2500HD 4x4 EXT. CABS

SAVE OVER $6150

MSRP $31,149
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -4150

VORTEC 6000 V8 ENGINE
HD AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
TRAILER PACKAGE
AIR CONDITIONING
LOCKING DIFFERENTIAL
SNOW PLOW PREP PACKAGE
4-DOORS • CD STEREO

$24,999

EX: #C16466... 12 HD EXT. CABS IN STOCK

2002 CAVALIER Sedans & Coupes

SAVE OVER $5180

COUPE MSRP $15,180
REBATE -3002
*COLLEGE GRAD REBATE -400
QUIRK DISCOUNT -1779

4-SPEED AUTOMATIC
AIR CONDITIONING
TRACTION ASSIST
ABS BRAKES • CD

6 Year / 100K Warranty
*MUST MEET QUALIFICATIONS

$9,999

EX: #C15445... 60 CAVALIERS AVAILABLE

2002 SILVERADO LS 4x4 EXT CABS

SAVE OVER $6340

ORIGINAL LIST $31,343
PACKAGE SAVING -500
REBATE -2002
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3842

VORTEC V8 ENGINE
AUTOMATIC • AUTO-TRAC
POWER WINDOWS / LOCKS
TRAILER PACKAGE
AM/FM/CD STEREO
Z71 OFF-ROAD PACKAGE
ALLOY WHEELS

$24,999

EX: #C16535... 20 AVAILABLE

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SAVE OVER $11,000

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7-PASSENGER • V6 ENGINE
PRIVACY GLASS • CD STEREO
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AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
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6,000 MILES

EX: USED '01 #9488... 30 AVAILABLE

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AUTOMATIC TRANS • V6 ENGINE
POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS • A/C
PRIVACY GLASS • CD STEREO
7 PASSENGER SEATING • SOME WITH
AS LITTLE AS 6K MILES • EX '01 #9488...
30 AVAILABLE

STARTING AT: **$15,999**

2001 OLDSMOBILE AURORA

SAVE $16,000 OVER NEW!

LEATHER INTERIOR
POWER WIN/LOCKS/SEATS
ALLOY WHEELS • PREMIUM STEREO
SOME WITH V8 ENGINE
EX: #9195...9 AVAILABLE

STARTING AT: **$16,999**

2001 BLAZER "LT" 4 DOOR 4x4s

SAVE $12,000 OVER NEW!

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION • ALLOYS
POWER WINDOW/LOCKS/SEAT
A/C • CD • ONSTAR • TINTED WINDOWS
V6 • EX: #9466...12 AVAILABLE

STARTING AT: **$17,999**

2002 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT-CAB "LS" 4-DOOR PICKUPS

SAVE $9,000 OVER NEW!

AUTOMATIC • AIR CONDITIONING
5.3L V8 ENGINE • CRUISE CONTROL
POWER WINDOWS & DOOR LOCKS
EX: #9443...25 AVAILABLE...
SOME WITH AS LOW AS 1000 MILES!

STARTING AT: **$21,999**

2001 & 2002 CHEVY CREW CAB PICKUPS

SAVE $10,000 OVER NEW!

SLT PACKAGE • LEATHER INT. • BEDLINER
POWER BUCKET SEATS • HEATED SEATS
8.1L ENGINE • ALLISON TRANS
CD/CASSETTE • ONLY 6K MILES
EX: '01 SLT #9282...10 AVAILABLE

STARTING AT: **$24,999**

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AIR CONDITIONING • VORTEC 5300 V8
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EX: #9601...12 AVAILABLE

STARTING AT: **$26,999**

1998 FORD ESCORT SEDAN

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
AIR CONDITIONING
AM/FM CASSETTE STEREO
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ONLY 35K MILES! • #C16621A

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1999 thru 2002 CHEVY MALIBUS

AUTOMATIC TRANS • A/C
POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS
POWER SEAT • ALLOYS
LS TRIM PACKAGE
EX: '99 #C15139B...

20 TO CHOOSE FROM

STARTING AT: **$6,999**

1999 & 2000 CHEVY LUMINAS

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
AIR CONDITIONING
AM/FM CASSETTE STEREO
POWER WIN/LOCKS
EX: #9054..8 TO CHOOSE

8 TO CHOOSE FROM

STARTING AT: **$6,999**

1998 thru 2000 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS
POWER MIRRORS • AM/FM CD
EX: '98 #9553A

SPORTY & FUN!

STARTING AT: **$8,999**

1998 & 1999 GRAND CARAVAN "SE"

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
AIR CONDITIONING
7 PASSENGER SEATING
POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS
ROOF RACK • TINTED GLASS
EX: '98 #C15956A

7 PASSENGER SEATING

STARTING AT: **$8,999**

2000 ALERO & GRAND AM

YOUR CHOICE

AUTOMATIC • A/C • POWER WIN/LOCKS
AIR CONDITIONING • FACTORY WARRANTY
#9051 & 9035

YOUR CHOICE: **$8,999**

2000 & 2001 INTRIGUES "GL" & "GLS"

POWER WIN/LOCKS
AUTOMATIC TRANS
A/C • V6 ENGINE
TILT • 28K MILES
EX: '00 GL #9066...

6 TO CHOOSE...SOME WITH LEATHER

STARTING AT: **$9,999**

2000 FORD F-150 EXTEND CAB

AIR CONDITIONING
STEP RAILS
AM/FM CASSETTE STEREO
ALLOY WHEELS
CHROME PACKAGE
#C16479A

SALE PRICE **$12,999**

1998 thru 2000 TOYOTA 4-RUNNERS

AUTOMATIC • A/C
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
RUNNING BOARDS
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0.0% APR AVAILABLE

SED ORIGINAL LIST $14,199
REBATE -1500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2000

1st TIME BUYER PROGRAM AVAILABLE

- AIR CONDITIONING
- CLOTH INTERIOR
- 5Y/100K WARRANTY

$10,699

EXAMPLE: LX #F68950..
50 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 ESCAPE 4x2 & 4x4
SAVE $3600 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

HUGE SELECTION

ORIGINAL LIST $19,399
FORD DISCOUNT -325
REBATE -500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2775

- AIR CONDITIONING
- POWER WINDOWS
- POWER LOCKS
- CD STEREO
- CRUISE CONTROL
- XLS TRIM

$15,799

EXAMPLE: 4x2 #F64926..
50 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 EXPLORER XLS & XLT 4x4
SAVE $5800 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

XLS ORIGINAL LIST $27,999
REBATE -1500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -4300

V8s Available at this Discount Also

- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- V6 ENGINE
- POWER WIN/LOCKS
- 4-WHEEL DRIVE
- PRIVACY GLASS

$22,199

EXAMPLE: XLS #F65034..
25 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 EXPEDITION XLT & Eddie Bauer
SAVE $8,500 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $35,950
REBATES -2500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -6000

- 3RD SEAT
- REAR A/C-HEAT
- POWER WIN/LOCKS
- RUNNING BOARDS
- ALLOY WHEELS
- PRIVACY GLASS

$27,450

EXAMPLE: #F64580...
40 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 TAURUS SEDANS & WAGONS
SAVE $4500 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

SED ORIGINAL LIST $19,465
REBATE -2000
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2500

- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- AIR CONDITIONING
- V6 ENGINE
- POWER WINDOWS
- POWER LOCKS

$14,965

EXAMPLE: #F65678..
25 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 WINDSTAR 4-DOOR VANS
SAVE $5650 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $22,995
REBATE -2500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3150

- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- AIR CONDITIONING
- POWER WIN/LOCKS
- 7-PASSENGER

$17,345

EXAMPLE: #F64876..
25 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2001 CROWN VICTORIA LX
SAVE $8000 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $27,999
REBATE -2500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -5500

- LX COMFORT GROUP
- LEATHER INTERIOR
- TRACTION CONTROL
- CLIMATE CONTROL
- ABS BRAKES

$19,999

EXAMPLE: #F62864..

2002 EXPLORER Eddie Bauer & Limited
SAVE $6100 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $34,450
REBATE -1500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -4600

- 4-WHEEL DRIVE
- LEATHER INT.
- POWER WINDOWS
- POWER LOCKS
- ALLOY WHEELS

$28,350

EXAMPLE: EB #F63521..
50 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 RANGER SUPERCAB XLT
SAVE $5260 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $17,960
FORD DISCOUNT -650
REBATES -2800
QUIRK DISCOUNT -1811

- AIR CONDITIONING
- ABS BRAKES
- CD STEREO
- REAR JUMP SEATS
- TACHOMETER

$12,699

EXAMPLE: #F65287...
10 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL REBATES

2002 RANGER SUPERCAB XLT 4x4
SAVE $5800 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $21,799
FORD DISCOUNT -650
REBATES -2800
QUIRK DISCOUNT -2350

- AIR CONDITIONING
- V6 ENGINE
- FOG LIGHTS
- XLT PACKAGE
- CD STEREO

$15,999

EXAMPLE: #F65228...
20 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL REBATES

2002 F150 REG. CAB PICKUPS
SAVE $6400 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $21,720
FORD DISCOUNT -495
REBATES -2800
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3105

- AUTOMATIC • A/C
- V6 • CRUISE • CD
- SPORT GROUP
- LIMITED SLIP • TILT
- TRAILER PKG.

$15,320

EXAMPLE: #F64075...
6 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL REBATES

2002 F150 XL SUPER CABS
SAVE $6800 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $22,299
FORD DISCOUNT -995
REBATES -2800
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3005

- AIR CONDITIONING
- OWL TIRES
- POLISHED WHEELS
- SLIDING REAR WIN
- FULL REAR BENCH

$15,499

EXAMPLE: #F65065...
25 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL REBATES

2002 F-150 XLT SUPER CAB 4x4s
SAVE $7300 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $30,495
REBATES -2800
FORD DISCOUNT -700
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3800

- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- 4.6L V8 ENGINE
- FX4-OFF ROAD
- AIR CONDITIONING
- SLIDING REAR WIN
- XLT PACKAGE

$23,195

EXAMPLE: #F65726...
25 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL REBATES

2002 F-150 SUPER-CREW 4x2 & 4x4
SAVE $6000 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $27,799
REBATES -1300
QUIRK DISCOUNT -4700

- 4 DOORS
- XLT PACKAGE
- CD STEREO
- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- AIR CONDITIONING

$21,799

EXAMPLE: #F64714...
40 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT...INCLUDES ALL REBATES

2002 F-250 & 350 REG & S.CAB 4x4s
SAVE $6000 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

R.C. ORIGINAL LIST $28,999
REBATES -2000
QUIRK DISCOUNT -4000

- 5.4L V8 ENGINE
- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- XLT PACKAGE
- AIR CONDITIONING
- PLOW PREP PKG.

$22,999

EXAMPLE: #F65488...
50 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL REBATES

2002 E250 CARGO VANS
SAVE $5550 OFF ORIGINAL LIST

0.0% APR AVAILABLE

ORIGINAL LIST $22,999
REBATES -2300
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3300

- AIR CONDITIONING
- AUTOMATIC TRANS
- SIDE & REAR GLASS
- AM/FM/RADIO

$17,399

EXAMPLE: #F64770...
6 AVAILABLE AT THIS DISCOUNT... INCLUDES ALL REBATES

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V6 ENGINE
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AIR CONDITIONING • CD
POWER WINDOWS & DOOR LOCKS
ALLOY WHEELS
EX: #5614

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AUTOMATIC • DUAL A/C
POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS
V6 ENGINE • PRIVACY GLASS
SOME W/LEATHER • CD • ALLOYS
EX: LX #4140

STARTING AT:
$15,999

'96 ESCORT SPORT COUPE
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
AM/FM CASSETTE
REAR DEFROSTER
ECONOMICAL
#F64886-1
SALE PRICE: **$4,999**

'99 RANGER EXT-CAB "XLT"
ALLOY WHEELS
AIR CONDITIONING
SLIDING REAR WINDOW
CASSETTE STEREO
READY TO WORK
#5587-1
SALE PRICE: **$7,999**

'98 TOYOTA COROLLA
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
4 DOORS
#5344-2
SALE PRICE: **$7,999**

'00 & 01 ESCORTS & FOCUS
AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
AIR CONDITIONING
AM/FM CASSETTE
POWER WINDOWS/LOCKS
EX: '00 #5439...
20 TO CHOOSE
STARTING AT: **$7,999**

'97 NISSAN ALTIMA "GXE"
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONINNG
POWER WIN/LOCKS
CASSETTE STEREO
CRUISE • TILT
#F64356-1
SALE PRICE: **$7,999**

'97 KIA SPORTAGE "EX" 4x4
4 DOORS • 4x4
POWER WIN/LOCKS
ALLOY WHEELS
POWER SUNROOF
CASSETTE STEREO
#F65182-1
SALE PRICE: **$8,999**

'99 FORD CONTOUR "SE"
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
CASSETTE STEREO
#F63068-1
SALE PRICE: **$8,999**

'99 HYUNDAI SONATA "GLS"
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
AM/FM CD STEREO
#5547-2
SALE PRICE: **$8,999**

2000 PONTIAC SUNFIRE
"SPORT COUPE"
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WIN/LOCKS
POWER SUNROOF
#F64529-1
SALE PRICE: **$8,999**

'99 NISSAN ALTIMA "SE"
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
POWER SUNROOF
ALLOY WHEELS
SPOILER • CD/CASSETTE
#F65179-1
SALE PRICE: **$8,999**

'97 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER
LEATHER INTERIOR
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
ALLOY WHEELS
4x4 • V8 ENGINE
#F65087
SALE PRICE: **$9,999**

'99 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS
AUTOMATIC • A/C
4.6L V8 ENGINE
POWER WIN/LOCKS
ALLOY WHEELS
FULL SIZE LUXURY!
#F64676-1
SALE PRICE: **$9,999**

'99 VW JETTA "TREK"
AUTOMATIC TRANS
REAR SPOILER
POWER SUNROOF
ALLOY WHEELS
CASSETTE STEREO
#F64697-1
SALE PRICE: **$9,999**

'95 EXPLORER "LIMITED" 4x4
AUTOMATIC TRANS
POWER WIN/LOCKS
ALLOY WHEELS
POWER SUNROOF
POWER SEATS • CD
#F63727-1
SALE PRICE: **$10,999**

'98 ACURA INTEGRA
AUTOMATIC TRANS
AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
CASSETTE • ALLOYS
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SALE PRICE: **$11,999**

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V6 ENGINE • ALLOYS
POWER WINDOWS
POWER DOOR LOCKS
AUTOMATIC TRANS
#5591
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AUTOMATIC TRANS
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MAY 3 - MAY 10, 2002

BEST BET

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Douglas Kaner, SSC Concerto competition winner, will perform Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 2.

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Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding. Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

The Quincy Dinner Theater. 1170 Hancock St., Quincy, presents **"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"** on May 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 18, 19. Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show; Sunday, May 5, at 5 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. show; Sunday, May 12, and May 19, 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 p.m. show. Tickets $37.50, dinner and how; $17.50 show only. Group rates available for 20 or more. Wheelchair accessible.

Sat. 4

Plant and Barn Sale at First Parish on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. until noon. A variety of herbs, perennials and flowers will be on display, along with some very helpful assistance on planting and growing tips. Homemade breads, pies, and other baked goods will be available. The Church0s annual Barn Sale promises a treasure trove of furniture, toys, and many fine collectibles. Come early for the best selection. All proceeds will benefit the Church. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 330 First Parish Road in Scituate. Wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-545-3324.

BEST BET

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May Breakfast and Plant sale sponsored by Old Ship Church. 107 Main Street, Hingham will be held May 4, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish House auditorium. A full breakfast menu cooked to order, will feature pancakes, eggs, sausage, breakfast breads, cold cereal, fruit, donuts, and hot and cold beverages. The plant sale will feature items from historic Hingham gardens: one of a kind heirloom perennials, herbs, and vegetable seedlings, young shrubs, ground covers and assorted house plants. Tickets available only at the door, are $5 for adults and $3 for children. Handicap accessible. For information call 781-749-1679.

The Spear Street Singers will present a Spring Concert **"It's a Grand Night for Singing"** on May 4, at 7:30 p.m. It will be presented in the Bohleken Social Hall of Bethany Church, 18 Spear Street, Quincy Center. The program will feature a cross section of American musical traditions under the direction of Tom Boyer. The hall is handicapped accessible. For more information call 1-617-479-7300.

The Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts presents **"Antigone."** May 1 and 4 in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium For more information call 508-531-1321.

Off the Common Coffeehouse located at 50 School Street, Bridgewater in the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church will feature Boston folksinger **Mary Lou Lord.** Show starts 8 p.m. For more information 508-697-5425.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St. (Rt. 18) E. Bridgewater presents **Dogtowns.** Admissions is $5. All shows start at 7 p.m. Call 508-378-1584 for more information

Pet Adopt-A-Thon weekend is May 4 and 5. This year many local shelters will have their dogs and cats available for adoption at the Hyannis Petsmart and the Braintree Petsmart locations. Hours of the adopt a thon are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. Potential adopters should attend this event to meet with volunteers and pets looking for loving homes. For more information contact Friends of the Plymouth Pound at 508-224-6651 or visit their web site www.gis.net/

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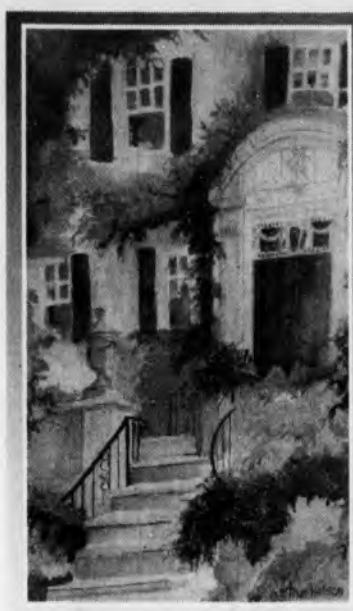
The Bridgewater State College Alumni Chamber Choir presents **"Made in America,"** a spring concert to be performed May 4, at 8 p.m. at the Catholic Center on Park Avenue in Bridgewater. The program features a collection of American folk, spiritual, modern classic, and popular songs by American composers. Admission is $5 For information call 508-697-0520.

The Pilgrim Chorus in Duxbury presents an evening of music that spans the centuries on May 4, at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Church, 404 Washington Street, Duxbury. The choir will be accompanied by organist Dr. Barry Turley, harpist Debra Fabisiewicz, oboeist Wayne Rapier, timpanist Peter Whitman and orchestra. Refreshments will be served following the concert, which benefits the Pilgrim Church Organist Fund. Tickets are $20 general admission and $15 for seniors and students and may be purchased at Pilgrim Church, at The Studio in Duxbury Crossroads, by calling 781-934-7873 or at the door.



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"The Oaks" by Tina Watson The Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library present "The Tuesday Painters — a watercolor exhibition by students of the South Shore Art Center — from April 24 to June 26. The exhibition will be shown at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 106 South Main Street Cohasset. An opening reception will be held, Sunday, May 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and is free an open tot he public. For more information call (781) 545-0380.

Artica Gallery presents **"Flowers and Foliage"** featuring photographer **Harold Feinstein.** The exhibit will run from May 4 through June 30. An opening reception and book signing with the artist will be held May 4, from 2 to 5 p.m. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot Street in Duxbury. Free admission. For more information call 781-934-0640.

The South Shore Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life will hold its annual yard sale on May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the front parking lot of the Cardinal Cushing School, Route 53, Hanover (rain date May 18). Donations of useable, saleable items (excluding clothing) are requested and may be delivered to the site on the morning of the sale. For information call 781-837-1455.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2002

Plan to get primary ventures off the ground during the first week of May. After that a Mercury retrograde period begins to take effect, placing all important signings, decisions, new starts off limits. In addition, a lunar eclipse/full moon culminates May 26. Gear up for an intense, hectic month. Planetary action today offers particularly favorable influences between 9:00 a.m.-1:16 p.m., when the Capricorn moon becomes inactive. Zero in on career, business issues and initiate action in this time period. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are prime for finishing projects already begun and tying up loose ends.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

An inactive Capricorn moon prompts you to take on a full work agenda. However, do not initiate new projects until tomorrow. Instead, follow up and finish old business. Tackle jobs you have been putting off and get them out of the way. Zero in on commitments you have taken on, promises you have made to others and fulfill them.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Conflicting planetary influences can make for a difficult day. The moon enters freedom-oriented Aquarius at 12:43 a.m. However, an applying alignment of Mars and Saturn urges you to use extra caution, pay attention, avoid taking risks. The best way to channel this combination is to stay busy with practical projects, particularly jobs that require hard physical labor. Get back on track with fitness and exercise routines. A lunar alignment to Neptune may help you to mellow out this evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Mars and Saturn conjoin at 1:57 a.m., 14-degrees of Gemini. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:16 a.m. This moon will decrease in light until May 12, when the Taurus new moon occurs. A harmonious lunar contact to Pluto offers a last chance opportunity to launch new endeavors. Plan to get new projects off the ground before 10:05 a.m., when this alignment occurs. The remainder of the day rates high for relaxing, pursuing favorite pastimes. Venus and Neptune interact, highlighting creative or romantic activities.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

The Aquarius moon aligns with its planetary ruler, Uranus, at 8:46 a.m. and becomes inactive. Expect the unexpected and go with the flow. At 11:46 a.m. the moon enters laidback Pisces. Put career or domestic worries on the back burner. This is a day to relax and enjoy the good things in life.

MONDAY, MAY 6

It may be difficult to get back to work and to focus on practical matters today. Others are likely to be sleepy, forgetful, careless. The moon continues to travel in Pisces, forming stressful contacts to planets in the afternoon and evening. Don't get caught up in worries, anger, self-doubts. Stay busy with creative projects. Meditate, play music. At 10:10 p.m. the Pisces moon aligns with Pluto and becomes inactive.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Venus and Saturn conjoin at 14-degrees of Gemini at 8:10 a.m., making for a rough start to this day. You may have to face the facts about relationships that have become too one-sided for comfort and make hard decisions. Seek the advice of an elder or expert. The Pisces moon is inactive, traveling at the tail end of the zodiac. That means that new starts are off limits. Plan to finish old business, handle routine chores and errands, clean and reorganize. Get extra rest tonight.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Planetary action turns around dramatically at 12:22 a.m., when the moon enters fiery Aries. Gear up for a fast-paced day. Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries, opposes Pluto at 6:09 p.m. Stay alert and be extra cautious when driving or operating machinery. People may be irritable, aggressive, agitated. Channel high energy constructively. Tackle jobs that require physical labor and exertion or let off steam by spending extra time with exercise workouts.

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MAY 3 - MAY 10, 2002

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House Friday, May 3 featuring Greg Greenway. The show starts at 8 p.m. doors open at 7:30. Tickets are $4 for members, $5 for non-members. The event is alcohol and smoke-free. Refreshments will be available. The Beal House is located at 222 Main Street (Route 106), Kingston. For more information call 781-871-1052.

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Blue Hill Weather Observatory Open House and Kite Festival Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the view, fascinating history and fun activities at the oldest continuously operating weather observatory on the continent. Activities will include kite making and kite flying, self-guided tours of the Weather Observatory, rooftop viewing, easy and breezy activities for kids, weather demonstrations, exhibits and displays, summit nature walk and guest lectures. All activities at Blue Hills Weather Observatory at the summit of Great Blue Hill. The event is free with a nominal supply charge for some activities. For information call 617-696-0562 or 617-698-1802.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Tim Pike Band** on May 4. Admission $6. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

South Shore Men Of Harmony "Barbershop Chorus will present its 51st annual chapter show entitled **"Harmony Road"** on May 4, at 1 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Auditorium, Weymouth Landing. Featured will be "Club Ned", the 1999 Northeastern District Quartet Champions, Mike Maino as MC, the Silver Lake High School "Select" Choir along with the "Men of Harmony" Chorus, with "Yankee Ingenuity", "Spindrift," and "Hingham Harmonizers" chapter quartets. Tickets are $8 for seniors/students and $10 for adults. For information or directions call Rich Barry 781-659-7463 or Bill Fitzgerald 781-337-0227. For tickets call Joe Kodzis 781-837-1417.

Joey Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

Sun. 5

Project Bread's 34th Walk for Hunger will be held May 5 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. Starting at Boston Common Parade Grounds (at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets) between 7 and 9 a.m., the 20-mile walk route weaves trough Boston, Brookline, Newton, Watertown, and Cambridge before returning to the Boston Common. Shuttle buses are available at all eight checkpoints. Entertainment stops feature 15 local performers.

The Grove Manor Estates invites you to a concert performance by the **Braintree Choral Society** in celebration of its first anniversary of The Opening of The Glen. The choral society will perform selections from Faure's Requiem followed by a patriotic tribute to American composers on May 5, at 3 p.m. with refreshments and tours at 4 p.m. Seating is limited R.S.V.P. by May 3, by calling 781-843-3700.

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. May 5, walk the Summit Road to the top of Great Blue and loop around Eliot Circle. Return via the red dot and green dot trails. This is a moderate/difficult walk, three miles. Meet at Trailside Museum north parking lot on Ret. 138, Milton. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

St. Anthony Parish, 10 Summer St., Cohasset presents **"Come Meet the Living Christ"** a three-day mission that will be given from May 5 to 7. The mission will be given by the Rev. Shannon Michael Collins, a Cohasset native and speaker who is a member of the Fathers of Mercy. For more information call 781-383-0219.

The Choral Art Society of Scituate will perform a spring concert with the theme "Death and Creation" on Sunday, May 5, at 4 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Church Street, in Hanover. A reception is held after the concert where refreshments are served. Tickets are priced at $12./$10. (students and seniors) and are available in advance by calling 781-837-5547 or at the door on concert day. The church is handicapped accessible. For more information www.choralartsociety.org/

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Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held at Pembroke Country Club from 7 to 11 p.m. Dance music by The Ron Towers Show. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. For single professionals age 35-55 years old. Proper business attire required. Admission is $10 before 7:30 p.m. $15 thereafter. For information call 781-466-0234. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by the Single Golfers of New England.

The 55th Annual Interfaith South Shore Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on May 5, at 7 a.m. at Freeport Hall in Dorchester. This year's breakfast will serve to recognize the citizens soldiers from the Army Reserve unit headquartered in Taunton. Proceeds will benefit the Interfaith Social Services Agency which serves residents in several South Shore towns. Tickets are $12 and are available from several churches on the South Shore as well as the Interfaith Social Services at 776 Hancock Street in Wollaston. For information call 617-698-4576.

Quincy Medical Center Breast Cancer Support Group will hold its **Eighth Annual Breast Cancer Memorial Service** in memory of women who have lost their lives to breast cancer on May 5, at 1 p.m. in the Education Center of Quincy Medical Center.

The North River Arts Society presents **"That was Then...This is Now"** an exhibit of current work by some past Felida "Babe" Cusick scholarship winners May 5 to June 29 at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. Opening reception May 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Fine Arts Chorale, Inc. The final concert of the 36th season will be performed on May 5, at 5 p.m. at Duxbury High School, St. George St., Duxbury led by Dr. Libor, Dudas, Music Director of the Fine Arts Chorale. More than 50 voices from the Duxbury area and surrounding South Shore communities, along with pianists both Dawn MacGarvey from Duxbury and Brian Moll from Boston, percussionists and professional soloists from the Boston area will perform Leonard Bernstein's Missa Brevis and Carmina Burana, by Carl Orff. $15 adults/$12 seniors/students. Handicapped accessible. for information, call 1-800-230-7555 or fineartschorale@aol.com or www.fineartschorale.org

Marshall Tucker Band will appear at The Company Theatre in Norwell May 5, showtime is 7 p.m. Still led by lead singer and founding member Doug Gray, the current lineup of The Marshall Tucker Band also includes Rusty Milner and Shawn Swanlund, who have been with MTB since 1984; bassist Tony Heatherly, formerly with the Toy Caldwell Band; and Chris Hicks and Barry Borden, formerly of the Outlaws. Tickets are $35 in advance for general admission and $38 day of show. There is a limited number of VIP tickets available at $65 which includes the best seats and a reception with the Marshall Tucker Band. Call 781-871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com for tickets and more information. The theatre is located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell.

Mon. 6

Boston Poetry Slam, The Cantab Lounge, 738 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square, Cambridge. Wednesday 8 p.m. open mike; 9:30 p.m. feature; 10:30 p.m. slam. Admission $3. May 6, features **Becky Henderson,** host of Speak Easy, photographers, and well-traveled poet. Seventh spring 8 x 8 slam.

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset to host author/illustrator **D.B. Johnson** author of "Henry Hikes to Fitchburg" on May 6, from 3 to 4 p.m. He will sign his new book, "Henry Builds A Cabin." Free event. Buttonwood Books is located at Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A in Cohasset. For information call 781-383-2665.

Tues. 7

The Pembroke Public Library presents **Four Botanical Artists: A-Month-Long Exhibits of Beauty and Calm** featuring **Kay Kopper, Ruth Ann Wetherby-Frattasio, Anne Diaz** and **Peggy Daniels** exhibiting botanical watercolors in a group show. An opening reception will be held May 7, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wed. 8

46th Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sale is Wednesday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Second Parish Church in Hingham, 165 Main St., (Rt. 228), Hingham. For more information call 781-749-1671 or 781-749-6724.

Storytime at Borders in the Independence Mall, Kingston will feature children's programs throughout the month of May. On May 8, at 10:30 a.m. "Harriet's Horrible Hair Day" Storytime with author, Dawn Lesley Stewart. All events are free and wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-582-8100.

Thurs. 9

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Larry Garner** on May 9. Admission $10. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of **"Art"**. Production dates are May 9, 10, 11, and 16, 17, and 18. All shows are at 8 p.m. Call and reserve tickets at 781-356-5113. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

Wine Tasting Dinner to benefit **Talking Information Center.** The dinner will be held May 9, with a reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Scituate Country Club. Tickets are $60 per person. All proceeds go to TIC. For information call 781-834-4400.

BEST BET

The Scituate Arts Association presents "A Splash of Color" — acrylic works by local artist Betty Burke on display at the SAA gallery through May 26. An opening reception will be held Sunday, May 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the gallery, 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor. For more information call (781) 545-6150

Fri. 10

A musical event held at Borders, in the Independence Mall, Kingston will feature **Josh Lederman and John Buczkowski**, combining blues, folk, bluegrass, Celtic music and rock (as well as traditional forms). All events are free and open to the public. Wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-582-8100.

The Attention Deficit Information Network presents **Curtis K. Deutsch, PhD**, from Shriver Center UMMC and Harvard Medical School. His topic will be Assessment of Cognitive Response to Stimulant Medication in ADHD. Call 508-747-0039 to confirm meetings. All meetings are held at the Plymouth community Intermediate School (PCIS) on Long Pond Road, Plymouth, beginning at 7:15 p.m. Refreshments to be sold to benefit Scholarship Fund.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St. (Rt. 18) E. Bridgewater presents **Diana Jones/Queen Biscuit**. Admissions is $5. All shows start at 7 p.m. Call 508-378-1584 for more information

Massachusetts Youth Soccer announces District Select Tryout 2002 District 1 of the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association will hold tryouts for girls' age groups 12 to 19 on May 10 at Lincoln Field in Duxbury. May 11, and 18 at Grace Ryder Field in Marshfield. All tryouts run from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Players must attend at least two of the sessions and be available to play from July 7 to Aug. 4. For further information visit the Mass Youth Soccer web page http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/districtselecttryouts.html.

Hingham Civic Music Theatre to present "Gypsy". Show dates are May 10, at 8 p.m. May 11, at 8 p.m., May 12, at 2 p.m. May 17, at 8 p.m. and May 18, at 8 p.m. At Sanborn auditorium at Hingham Civic Center, 210 Central Street, in Hingham. for tickets and information, call HCMT ticket line at 781-789-4327.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Missions of Blues** on May 10. Admission $8. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

"The Soprano's Last Supper" The interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel, 275 Tremont St., Boston Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. For ticket information, call 1-800-944-5639.

The Choral Art Society of Scituate will perform a spring concert with the theme "Death and Creation" on Sunday, May 5, at 4 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Church Street, in Hanover. A reception will be held after the concert where refreshments will be served. Tickets are priced at $12 adults, $10 for students and seniors, and are available in advance by calling 781-837-5547 or at the door on concert day. The church is handicapped accessible. For more information www. choralartsociety.org/

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The James Library and Center for the Arts features artist Joan Brancale, a plein air painter and scenic designer from Hingham in the James Gallery during the month of May. The opening reception will be May 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on display from May 3 to 31. For more information call 781-659-7200.

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Courting the new runway

Two trial dates in Massport dispute

By Mary Ford
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People want to be able to move from one place to another with limited hassle and few delays.

But transportation — whether by car, train or air – comes with an environmental price, one which some say is too great to justify a proposed project in certain cases.

The long-awaited resurfacing of Route 228 in Hingham from the Hull line to Queen Ann's Corner, which is now underway, will no doubt make motorists wish they had the option of helicopter travel in the months ahead. But no one denies the need for restoring the infrastructure of the heavily traveled state highway.

As far as trains go, restoration of the Greenbush line of the Old Colony Railroad project appears to be practically a certainty. Although some are still fighting the project, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority sat down with affected towns and reached

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Pratt wants train, cemetery at peace

By Evan Schiff
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Now that Woodside Cemetery has been expanded and the Gold Star Mothers memorial installed – Glenn Pratt wants to make sure nothing disturbs the peaceful setting.

But with the Greenbush train slated to head down the tracks in two years, Pratt, chairman of the cemetery committee, is taking no chances. To that end, he wrote a letter to the project manager for the engineering firm of Cashman-Balfour-Beatty, which will construct the train line.

"I don't want to see the peaceful, serene setting of the cemetery be diminished."
— Glenn Pratt

"As you know part of the rail restoration project abuts the cemetery," Pratt stated in his April 24 letter. "As is the case on most of the abutting properties along the rail bed, 40 years of growth has created wonderful vegetated barrier, such is

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Growth & Development committee chairman Rick Swanborg opens the workshop on the master plan at Town Hall on Saturday.

Small crowd, but big ideas

Group brainstorms on vision for town

By Mary Ford
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Jim Shipsky set the tone for Saturday's Master Plan workshop.

"I'm in love with Cohasset," said the Doane Street resident.

That was something the dozen or so town officials and interested residents in attendance could all agree on:

Cohasset is a beautiful place to live.

But the vision for what this small seaside town should be in 20 years and how to get there varied greatly, although there were common elements.

Consultants with Community Design Partnership, hired to help the town work through the Master Plan process, facilitated the brainstorming discussion at Town Hall. Over the next few weeks, they will try to focus the feedback they collected so it can be used in plotting a plan of action.

That direction the plans can take could include a range of potential options from zoning bylaw changes to establishing overlay districts, not unlike local historic districts, to protect the character of a neighborhood.

Attendance was light no doubt due to the sunny, warm spring afternoon, but the small number actually facilitated the openness of the discussion. Everyone got involved and seemed to feel comfortable expressing their views ranging from the need for sidewalks to concerns about global warming.

Larissa Brown presented an overview of the Master Plan process including the positives Cohasset has to offer, such as location and its good fiscal health, and the challenges the town faces including shifting demographics, unprotected open space, preserving historic heritage and cultural resources, and increasing taxes.

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Girl cuts her hair for a cause

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Brooke Cummings shows off her swinging haircut. The first-grader donated her locks to charity.

By Evan Schiff
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Most seven-year-olds are worrying about which cartoon is going to be aired before school. However, there is a first-grader in Cohasset who is socially conscious beyond her years.

Brooke Cummings, 46 Church St., recently got her hair cut, but this wasn't your everyday chopping of locks. Brooke cut her hair for Locks of Love, a charity that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 with medical hair loss.

Brooke grew her hair for one year, starting when she was six, in order to have it be long enough to qualify for the program.

"It was sad to think about kids with no hair," she said. "I thought this was a way I could help."

Brooke had 14 inches of hair taken off during April vacation and she says she doesn't miss the extra weight.

"I like my new look," she said. "Plus, now a child doesn't have to walk around with no hair."

A genuine wig for a child, made from human hair, can often cost upwards of $5,000, so Brooke's donation will be very appreciated.

Lori Cummings, Brooke's mother, said she heard about the organization while having a conversation with a friend. When Brooke saw a television commercial that featured bald children wearing bandanas, she mentioned it to her mother and thought it was a way she could help.

"This was all her initiative, it was a wonderful thing for her to do."
— Lori Cummings, mother

"It's really unbelievable that a seven-year-old is so concerned about this," she said. "Some adults could learn a lot from her."

Brooke, whose hair is now shoulder length, said she's going to grow her hair long again so she can cut it at this

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Republican to challenge Bradley

District to have race for state rep.

By Mary Ford
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It's beginning to look like former state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, a Cohasset Republican, enjoyed the kind of career usually reserved for Democrats. She went years without a challenge to her incumbency.

But a little more than midway through his first term, state Rep. Garrett Bradley will have no such luxury. The Hingham Dmocrat will face off with a Cohasset businessman for the rights to serve the Third Plymouth District, consisting of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and one precinct in Scituate, in the state election in November.

"It's clear we don't have people in the Legislature with a keen sense of what it is to run a business."
— Nathaniel Palmer, republican candidate

Nathaniel Palmer of Little Harbor Road, who is co-owner of Delphi Group, a consulting firm that focuses on growth strategies for high-tech companies, is disgusted enough with the Beacon Hill budget process to want to get involved.

Palmer, 32, who is a member of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, moved to Cohasset about three years ago from Milton

Nathaniel Palmer, a Republican, is running for state representative.

where he served two terms on the Housing Authority, an elected board.

"After watching the last debate, it's clear we don't have people in the Legislature with a keen sense of what it is to run a business," says Palmer, adding the state budget has grown faster than the Big Dig. "They (legislators) don't know what it is to make tough decisions to keep a budget in line."

Palmer says he'll be touting the message throughout his campaign that state spending has to be brought under control. He bemoans the fact the Legislature is raising taxes while cutting local aid.

"It's a vicious cycle of more money going to the state and less money going to the people, who need it," he says.

Increasing the commercial tax base on the South Shore is also at the top of Palmer's priority list. He says his "real-world" business experience over the past 10 years helping high-tech companies grow is something he could

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DEVELOPABLE LAND

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Mike Westcott, Herb Heidt, Anthony Lanier, John Seward, Herb Towle and Clark Brewer look over the map of developable land in Cohasset during the workshop of the master plan Saturday. For story, see page one.

This week in

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Meeting schedule

Cohasset Conservation Commission, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, May 14, 7 p.m.

Board of Health, May 29, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, May 15, 7:30 p.m.

School Building Committee, May 28, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, May 9, 8 p.m.

Committee on Town History, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, May 20, 6 p.m. at 339 King St.

Zoning Board of Appeals, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

War memorial

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town is finalizing the veterans war memorial project which is located at the harbor. Because of the need for an additional two stones the price of the memorial has increased to between $8,000 and $10,000. The selectmen asked Haddad to ask for a reserve fund transfer for the money.

Formal dedication

The official dedication of Mariner's Park will be Saturday, June 1 at 10 a.m. The ceremony will include comment from Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan.

Village interviews

Town Manager Mark Haddad along with Town Planner Liz Harrington and Dean Rizzo of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation have completed their review of the proposals submitted for the Village Improvements Design and Construction Plans. The trio narrowed down the 11 proposals to four finalists that the selectmen will interview May 21.

Hazardous waste collection dates

Regional household hazardous product collections will be held this spring in South Shore Recycling Cooperative member towns. Residents may attend their own town's collection at no charge. Visitors from the following member towns may also attend at no charge *with the permission* of their own town's Dept. of Public Works or Board of Health: Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth and Whitman. Permission authorizes disposal at the expense of the resident's town; proof of residency is required. Some towns may limit subsidized quantities to 15 gal. or 30 lb. Visitors without permission may attend for a fee of $33/15 gal or 30 lbs of waste. Commercial "Small Quantity Generators" may also call ahead to 978-683-1002 to arrange disposal and payment.

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Record numbers of wild turkeys come home to roost

Native bird is here to stay

By Mary Ford
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The comeback of the wild turkey in Massachusetts is a wildlife restoration success story.

So much so, that here on the South Shore toms, hens and their young are becoming increasingly familiar.

More residents are reporting sightings in their backyards and side streets. Turkey reports are even turning up in police logs, and sometimes involve unfortunate incidents, such as one last December in Hingham.

Al Currie, the animal control officer in Hingham, made the difficult decision to shoot a turkey that caused traffic tie-ups and a car accident near Muzzi's Corner, one of the more treacherous intersections in town. The shooting outraged those who were trying to coax the turkey to safety. It was a no-win situation, Currie said.

"We'd had 80 calls about that turkey over the course of a week," recalled Currie, who explained killing the animal was a last resort. "It wouldn't stay in the woods, kept going into the street and could have killed somebody."

"It's a native bird and has taken its rightful place here — one that was lost due to our errors of the past."
— Bill Davis, MassWildlife

The big birds that can weigh up to 24 pounds love birdseed (from backyard feeders), berries, nuts, crab apples and insects, among other foods, which are plentiful.

Also, the mild winters along the coast have made towns like Hingham, attractive places for the turkeys to call home.

"People call me and say, 'They're in my yard — what do I do?'" says Paul Murphy, who is the animal control officer in both Cohasset and Norwell.

"I say, 'Take a picture,'" Murphy quips about the birds, which he describes as "spectacular." He also explains there is little he can do about the burgeoning turkey population, because wild turkeys come under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife unless they pose a threat to health or safety.

Wild turkeys seem to be everywhere.

Turkey complaints in Middleton last spring prompted the town administrator there to issue a press release informing residents the animal control officer had no jurisdiction over the problem and that MassWildlife would not relocate the birds because they were in their natural habitat.

The birds have also migrated to the Boston area and have been known to stop traffic along VFW Parkway. Last spring, the Boston Animal Control office fielded twice as many calls for wild turkeys than for coyotes or foxes, which are also prevalent.

Complaints about aggressive behavior are likely to increase in the spring, which is mating season. The call of the tom turkey — or gobbler — can be heard for up to a mile as he advertises for hens. Toms can be aggressive but it's mostly bluff, says Bill Davis, wildlife biologist with MassWildlife.

The birds were widespread in the state during colonial times, but due to increased settlements, over hunting and depletion of hardwood forests, the turkey all but disappeared 150 years ago.

But thanks to MassWildlife, which obtained permission to trap some birds from New York, 35 wild turkeys were reintroduced to Berkshire County in Massachusetts 30 years ago, Davis says.

A few years later, in-state transplants of the birds help the population spread, and the state now boasts upwards of 18,000 wild turkeys.

Today they are so abundant; there is a limited hunting season to manage the numbers. In Plymouth and Norfolk counties, which are still trying to conserve the female birds, turkey hunting of male birds is allowed from April 29-May 11. A few counties, mostly in the western part of the state, allow "either sex" to be hunted in the fall.

Davis says the turkeys, which are not migratory, can become a nuisance if they are tearing up your flowers or vegetable garden.

Cindy Prentice of Triphammer Road near Wompatuck State Park in Hingham is used to seeing wildlife. But this spring the courtship dance between two male turkeys and a female in her backyard was something to behold.

She could tell the males apart (they never appeared at the same time) because one had a blue face.

"They were very entertaining," she said. The only part of their visit that was bothersome was the gobbling at 4:45 a.m.

"Quarter to six, I can handle," she says. "I'm not a 4:45 a.m. kind of person."

Prentice said her seven-year-old daughter was fascinated by the wild birds, which were what the Pilgrims would have caught and eaten back in the 1600s.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

A flock of turkeys are out for a stroll along Enterprise Drive in Marshfield. The birds, which were reintroduced to the state 30 years ago, are a wildlife restoration success story.

Scare tactics

If a homeowner wants to be less welcoming to turkey visitors, Davis of MassWildlife recommends fencing, cleaning up around bird feeders or shutting down a bird-feeding station temporarily. As a scare tactic, a garden hose works well, banging on a garage-can lid or a dog on a tether can also do the job.

"Ninety-five percent of the time, food is the issue," Davis says about what attracts the birds to someone's yard.

Davis says in the spring the males have been known to attack hubcaps or sliding glass doors, because they see their reflection and think another male has invaded their territory. They can also become aggressive toward colors, particularly red, white and blue — colors they display when gobbling — and have acted out against a postal truck or two, he says.

But while they can be intimidating, it's mostly display, Davis explains. They are unlikely to bite and their chief weapon, which is defensive in nature, is the spur on the back of their feet. The male birds sport beards, which are feathers that look like bristles of a broom and hang down from the chest. Turkeys roost in trees at night to protect themselves from predators.

Currie, the Hingham animal control officer, said he hasn't received many complaints about turkeys which are established all over Hingham, including Wompatuck State Park.

And in the rare instance that Currie has had to respond to a complaint about a turkey being a potential threat to public health or safety — the birds are hard to catch, he explains. They can run up to 20 mph and are good fliers over a short distance.

Davis says the turkey is here to stay.

"Education is our best tool," Davis says about co-existing with wild turkeys. "It's a native bird and has taken its rightful place here — one that was lost due to our errors of the past."

He explained the fees from hunting and fishing licenses paid for the reestablishment of the wild turkey in Massachusetts.

For those who do hunt, the birds are a delicacy, Davis says. The meat is leaner than your typical supermarket "Butterball" turkey, and the legs tend to be tougher because of all the walking around they do.

"But the breast meat is elegant," he says.

Davis says Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird.

"He realized the turkey is a noble, native bird," he says.

Turkey trivia

(From the University of Illinois Extension Web site)

- Wild turkeys can fly for short distances up to 55 mph.
- Wild turkeys can run 20 mph.
- Turkey feathers were used by Native Americans to stabilize arrows and adorn ceremonial dress..
- In the early West, turkeys were trailed like cattle in "drives" to supply food where needed.
- Baby turkeys are called poults and are tan and brown.
- The ballroom dance "Turkey Trot" was named for the short, jerky steps turkeys take.
- Today there are wild turkeys in every state except Alaska.
- Ben Franklin, in a letter to his daughter, proposed the turkey as the official bird of the United States.
- June is National Turkey Lovers' Month.

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Group brainstorms on vision for town

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Brown also went around the room asking each attendee to share their concerns about Cohasset.

For example, Peter Pratt of Ripley Road, who serves on the Planning Board, is worried the last large tract of commercially zoned land in town will be lost to apartments under the state's Chapter 40 B affordable housing law. AvalonBay is eyeing the parcel for such a development.

Alix White of Jerusalem Road, a former member of the Board of Health, is concerned about safety along Route 3A, which is a mix of commercial and residential areas. She'd also like to see more sidewalks to link areas around town.

Dick Karoff of Border Street doesn't want to see the harbor area totally taken over by business.

And Selectman Fred Koed of Pleasant Street wants to see some protection against "mansionization" in neighborhoods from either new homes or additions to old ones that are out of scale with the other houses.

Clark Brewer of North Main Street, who sits on the Growth & Development Committee, said he was interested in the "nuts and bolts" of the implementation plan and wanted the Master Plan to focus on what can really be done to make the vision a reality.

Jim Dedes of South Main Street, who is chairman of the Conservation Commission, said 3A should be a priority. He noted the train station is going to create more traffic issues; a police station could eventually relocate there and Avalon Bay wants to build some 254 apartments off the state highway.

More working groups will be planned in the months ahead. A draft Master Plan, which will be presented to a public meeting, will be ready by winter with the final plan expected by early 2003. Any proposals for zoning changes would go before Town Meeting.

Town Planner Liz Harrington said it was critical to pull as many interests into the process as possible in order to develop a consensus around concepts that can be supported.

STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Larissa Brown of Community Design Partnership facilitates the Master Plan workshop at Town Hall.

Cohasset facts

Median age is 41

28 percent of population is under 18; 15 percent is 65 or older

75 percent of households are family households including married couples with children at home

Net population growth in town over the past 30 years has been less than 5 percent

42 percent of the housing was built before 1940

30 percent was built between 1940-1970

2001 single family home median sales price — $630,000

Average single family tax bill is $5410

Courting the new runway

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million-dollar-plus mitigation settlements involving noise, vibration and other environmental impacts with communities along the 17-mile right-of-way. The town-by-town deals stopped some lawsuits from moving ahead.

But there seems to be no such "working relationship" between several South Shore towns and some Boston municipalities — and Massport — the state authority that oversees Logan Airport.

Massport wants to expand Logan by building a new runway, which is says will reduce delays. There also appears to be few vocal proponents of the project, outside Massport itself.

The runway is now headed to court – not once, but twice – in both Suffolk and Plymouth counties.

William Golden, a local attorney who was hired by area towns to fight the proposed new Logan Airport runway which would add thousands of flights a day over Hingham, Hull and Cohasset, said this should be no surprise.

"The arrogance of Massport and its unwillingness to enter into a meaningful dialogue on existing and future operations has led to the adversarial relationship between it and surrounding communities," he said.

Last week a Suffolk Superior Court judge refused Massport's request to lift the 25-year-old injunction stopping a new runway, and instead sent the matter to trial. The judge's decision was viewed as a victory by Boston-based CARE (Communities Against Runway Expansion). A trial date is expected to be announced next week.

Last month, a Plymouth Superior Court judge denied Massport's attempt to dismiss the case launched by Hull, which is the lead community in the coalition of South Shore towns opposed to the runway. The suit goes to trial in October, alleging Massport's negligent operation of the airport constitutes a public nuisance and the new runway would results in "unnecessary and unreasonable exacerbation of a continuing and repeated public nuisance." Local runway opponents also viewed this judge's ruling as a win for their side.

However, Massport officials continue to put a positive spin on the events, saying they welcome an airing of the facts in a court of law.

Massport spokeswoman Barbara Platt said from Massport's perspective, the trial on the injunction leaves the door open to either lifting or modifying the injunction.'

"We plan to move forward and present an exhaustive case and layout the facts in the trial," she said. Platt explained the injunction was initially put in place back in 1974 when new environmental laws were taking effect and there was some question whether Massport complied with the proper environmental review.

But now, after a nearly 10-year process, Massport has completed a new environmental review and has a certificate in hand from the state Secretary of Environmental Affairs.

"We believe the project will stand on its own merits," she said.

But Golden says Massport is in a jam.

"There's well-funded and well organized opposition to Massport on two fronts," Golden said, referring to legal action in Suffolk and Plymouth counties. The Suffolk case is being funded by the City of Boston, Chelsea, Somerville and Winthrop. In addition to Hingham, Hull and Cohasset, Revere is participating in the Plymouth lawsuit.

He said there has been no dialogue with Massport to mitigate impacts especially on the South Shore, such as flight path changes to reduce noise and pollution. Golden said Massport, which he described as having "callous disregard of impacts," is now in jeopardy of having its current operations restricted.

"There needs to be a new day at Massport," he says.

Cohasset voters appropriated $30,000 toward the runway lawsuit at their annual Town Meeting in March bringing that town's total for the runway fight to $78,500.

Last month, Hingham Town Meeting supported a warrant article calling for appropriating an additional $100,000 to fight the project bringing that town's total to $178,500. While some Hingham residents have questioned further appropriations in the past, runway opponents pointed out that a $100,000 appropriation equated to $5 per resident — a small investment, they say, considering the problems the runway would bring, including increased noise and air pollution.

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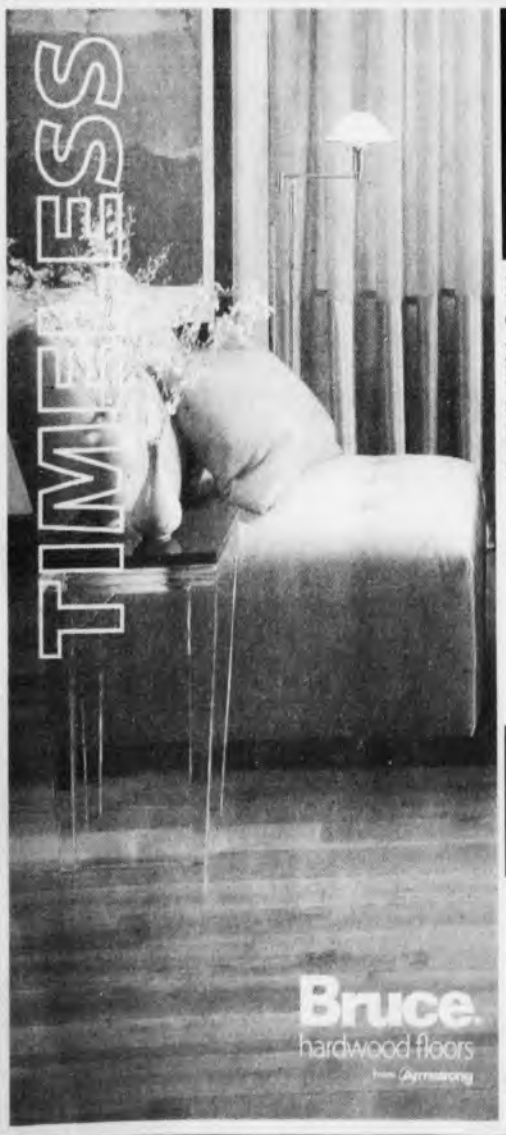

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Planning Board is cool to CRC's harbor plans

By Evan Schiff
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If a recent Planning Board meeting is a gauge, then plans to improve the harbor area have an uphill battle.

Dean Rizzo, executive director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, presented three different options for the board to mull over last week.

Although the board delayed taking an official position on CRC's proposals until its next meeting, some had plenty to say.

"With the Growth and Development committee working on the master plan I think it's premature to do anything to the area," said board member Bob Sturdy. "It's not appropriate to do anything now."

Sturdy went on to say the CRC, a private non-profit corporation working on village and harbor improvements, may be overstepping its bounds.

"The fact is the CRC is a private entity," Sturdy said. "This is not the town's planning board."

The meeting, which was contentious at times, also drew members from the Friends of the Harbor group – which has expressed opposition to the CRC — as well as members of other interest groups in the harbor, such as the sailing club and some lobstermen.

While Planning Board chairman Al Moore saw some good ideas in Rizzo's presentation, he said it was too early to recommend any plan yet.

"There is a lot more serious discussion that needs to take place before we give it our recommendation," Moore said. "We have serious questions about the funding of the projects."

The cost for the projects varies among the different options.

• One option would make no improvements with the exception of new asphalt patching to fill the reoccurring potholes. The existing walkway and infrastructure conditions would remain as they are today.

"This approach does not address safety issues associated with irregular and narrow sidewalk surfaces or vehicles parking on walkway areas," Rizzo said. "It also doesn't take aim at the open design of the existing railing system and general infrastructure disrepair in within the waterfront area."

"There is a lot more serious discussion that needs to take place before we give it our recommendation."
— Planning Board Chairman Al Moore

• Another option Rizzo outlined in his presentation involved "minimum improvement" to the harbor. This consists of replacing the existing asphalt sidewalk surfaces and installing a curbing system to separate the sidewalk from parking areas. This does not include lighting, railing, sidewalk width or road width changes. Because the changes don't address safety issues, the project wouldn't be considered for either state or federal funding leaving the cost on taxpayers, he said. Rizzo estimates the cost of the project to be a little more than $300,000 – a price tag which would be largely the town's responsibility.

• The third option would provides the highest level of public safety and access improvements. Along with the amenities in the second option, this proposal involves installation of new lighting, tree planting, the installation of a new wood or steel railing system and minor repairs of existing sidewalks. The estimated cost of this plan is about $1.1 million but with grant funding, Rizzo said, 90 percent of the cost may be covered. The town would have to cover would be about $110,000, significantly less than the "minimum improvement" plan.

"I think the last plan would be the best for the town and would do the most for the harbor area," Rizzo said.

However, there are some, who feel minimal improvement would be best.

Dick Karoff, a member of the Friends of the Harbor, said he was pleased Rizzo presented three options but said he was still not satisfied.

"I'm not seeing a lot of popular support for the changing of the area," Karoff said in a later interview. "I don't think anyone wants to see the harbor look much different than it does."

Karoff also said funding for the projects is less certain than Rizzo presented.

"It seems to me the state of Massachusetts is having significant monetary problems," Karoff said. "I don't know how willing they are going to be to donate a lot of money to fix our harbor."

Karoff added he would just like to see an updated surface on the sidewalk to fix the potholes and doesn't feel there is any safety issues.

"There has never been an accident there that I know of," he said.

Rizzo said many people have expressed to him that there are safety concerns at the area from rolling baby carriages over the rugged surface to teens riding bikes in the area.

"We want to prevent any accidents in the future," Rizzo said. "The harbor is beautiful, but the environment around it needs work."

Rizzo said he plans to send out a packet that outlines the three separate options along with a survey that will allow for a response to the options. He is going to send it to the some 130 abutters to the harbor as well as various town boards by the end of the week.

Post office food drive for local pantry is Saturday

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Summer means vacations for some families and a struggle to put food on the table for others.

During the summer months, local food pantries, which are usually well stocked during the rest of the year, find donations dropping off.

That's why the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), Branch 34 – in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, AFL-CIO and the United Way – is sponsoring a food drive Saturday, May 11.

As part of that effort, Cohasset postal customers may place non-perishable food items by their mailboxes that day. Among the most needed are pasta, cereal, canned vegetables and soup, juice, and rice.

Dennis Reardon of the Cohasset Post Office is organizing the food drive this year.

"Just tell everybody to give," he said.

The donations will be picked up at the same time mail is delivered.

Last year, postal customers in Cohasset donated more than 1,700 pounds of non-perishable items.

Nationwide, more than 70 million pounds were collected last year.

The effort is the largest one-day collection of food in the nation's history.

NACL first participated in the drive about eight years ago. NACL, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, AFL-CIO, United Way, Saturn automobile dealerships, and Campbell's Soup developed a food delivery system in all 50 states which allows residents along postal routes to donate non-perishable food items and paper goods for local food banks in a convenient way.

Over the years, millions of pounds of food have been collected, sorted and delivered to local food pantries through the effort.

Annual barbecue on Memorial Day

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation invites everyone for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately following the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, at Bancroft Hall on Government Island.

The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation.

The non-profit Lightkeepers Corporation was established in 1991 to renovate a former two-family lightkeepers' residence, no longer used as such because of automation of Minot's Light, and convert it into a function room for community use. The building is leased from the town but maintained and operated by the Lightkeepers Corporation.

The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation. Operating and maintenance expenses, and reserves for capital replacements or improvements, are recovered from rental of two apartments on the second floor, and from fees charged to non-residents for use of the function room facilities. Cohasset residents may use the facilities for a nominal fee, and non-profit organizations at no charge.

This will be the sixth year that CLC has hosted Memorial Day attendees in recognition of the generosity of our supporters and we expect to serve over 1000 people again.

Alzheimer's support

On Wednesday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m., the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore presents James Wessler, executive director of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, who will present "Living with Alzheimer's Disease: Resources for Patient and Family."

Wessler has wide experience in the field and heads up the ever-expanding services of the Massachusetts Chapter that includes legislation, collaboration with state agencies as well as direct family services.

Meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St. For further information, call Toni Abbott, 781-749-1823 or Joe Willard at 781-749-0795.

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Hello Cohasset. How is everyone doing in this beautiful month of May? It is so nice to be outside enjoying the nice weather with only a few exceptions. Ticks, bugs and *snakes* are everywhere and as you might have guessed, I hate snakes and they always seem to find me. I think they were quite busy over the long, dull winter as they seem to have multiplied by the hundreds. I had one go over my foot in my front yard the other day and to everyone around me, it was pretty funny, I however did not agree at all. Oh well, the great weather definitely outweighs the snakes and is worth a little slithering around.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

This week, I have received quite a few phone calls and emails about several issues that people want to share with others. One of them is a direct and very important request to make sure that all children are properly seat-belted or in appropriate car seats at all times and that any child younger than 12 be in the back seat.

Another important request that was sent was to remind and urge everyone to make sure and use your blinkers when making turns. According to this caller, she had several near-miss accidents all within one hour while driving through town.

The last message was one that has to do with all the fundraisers that are happening in town and how to deal with them all. I have gone back and forth on whether to talk about this in the column and as you can see, I decided to talk.

The email that I received was initially a very negative one regarding the "constant barrage" from organizations and groups asking for money for this cause or that cause and the writer wanted me to ask for it to stop through my column. I replied to him that no, I would not ask for it to stop but would think about how to address it in a way that made sense to many.(I hope.) I then told him my views on fundraising and after several back and forth emails, he said that he will take a look at each fundraiser that comes his way and make a choice to participate or not.

As we all know, there are many groups, schools and programs that require additional monies at one time or another and fundraisers are a wonderful way for an organization to obtain funds. I really feel that instead of complaining or feeling angry about being asked, we could take a stand of listening and then making our own personal choice of whether to participate in that particular fundraiser. I also think that another great suggestion was to decide each year how much you want to spend on fundraisers, which organizations you want to contribute to and then when the money is gone, so is your ability to keep saying yes. Just a few things for everyone to think about, I know that I am going to.

BABY GIRL

A great big congratulations is being sent out to **John and Alice (Marsh) Bellefontaine** on the birth of their baby girl, **Lauren Renee**. Sweet Lauren was born on April 29 and we all know that she will be surrounded by love.

Richard Chason as the Artful Dodger, Wiz Murray as Oliver, and Sean Donovan as Charley Bates wow audiences with their performances in the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "Oliver" that continues this weekend at Town Hall. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door and by phone at 781-544-0304.

SWIM CENTER NEWS

The Cohasset Swim Center is looking forward to the 2002 Swim Season! A town wide mailing has just been completed. Additional newsletter/registration forms can be found at the Town Hall and at the Paul Pratt Library. Just a friendly reminder that the Red Cross Swimming Lessons registration deadline is May 24.

SEMESTER IN AUSTRALIA

Cornelia Wakeman of Cohasset, a junior at William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y., spent the spring semester studying off campus with the School For Field Study in Australia. Cornelia is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wakeman**.

DEAN'S LIST

Elizabeth J. Farnham, a Northeastern University student majoring in criminal justice, was recently named to the university's dean's list for the winter quarter. To achieve this honor, Elizabeth had to carry a full program, have a quality point average of 3.25 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grade lower than a C. Great job!

COLLEGE ROWER

Ted Lubitz of Cohasset is a member of the men's novice eight crew at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. The Trinity Bantams men's novice eight won its recent rowing races against Bates and New Hampshire in a time of 6:06.6.

EDIBLE ART EXHIBIT

Attention all artists, chefs and creative people... You are cordially invited to participate in Cohasset High School's Edible Art Exhibit on Friday, May 10 from 7-9 p.m. The artwork must be edible and safe for human consumption. The competition is open to all ages. The artwork can be created by an individual, or it may be a collaborative piece. You are responsible for setting up your piece for viewing. There will be two categories for judging: original artwork or copies of artwork. Many prizes from local restaurants and merchants will be awarded. After the prizes are awarded, all work becomes the property of "the party" where we will all eat your art! The registration fee is free and admission to this fun event is only $2 per person. Bring a canned good and the cost is reduced to $1. Contact **Nina Berkowitz** at Cohasset High School to register or to ask questions at 781-383-6100 or email her at eat_your_art_out@hotmail.com. All are welcome to come and play or observe.

PAC TEACHER AWARDS

The Cohasset Special Education Parents Advisory Council,(PAC) presented the second Annual PAC Teacher Awards on May 1. The teachers nominated for this award were; **Laura Neill, Christine Ryan, Barbara Wells, Rose Collins, Kelly Gately, Maureen Alcott, Kevin Dykas, Jennifer Thorell, Janet Sheehan, Bob LeCount, Stephanie DeLeo, Colleen Murphy, Lauren Winter, Denise Yess, Tricia Baldwin, Rachel Wollam** all from the Joseph Osgood School. **Marjorie Murphy, Betsy McGrath, Judy Ritts, Lynn Monaco, Larry Shultz, Sue Horigan** from the Deer Hill School. **Lynn Fiore, Kristen Gillooly** from the Collaborative. **Sharon Chase, Tony Rolfe, Jack Buckley** from the Middle/High School and School Psychologist **Deborah Reitzel**. The 2002 Teacher Award Winner with the most nominations was **Ed Leonard**, a well-known CHS guidance counselor. Congratulations to all of you on jobs extremely well done within our public schools.

BABY BOY

Another baby to join us is **Jake Joseph McDonough,** who was born on April 29 weighing in at 8 lbs., 14 ounces and was 21-1/2 ins. long. Jake is the son of **Patrick and Robin (McAllister) McDonough** and the little brother of **Kyle Patrick**, who is 18 months old. Jake's grandparents are **Jaye and Don McAllister** of Cohasset and **Peggy and Pat McDonough** of Quincy. Congratulations to all of you on this bouncing, baby boy.

MRS. MCCABE REMEMBERED

Any parents, students and friends both past and current, of **Mrs. Barbara McCabe**, a special needs teacher who passed away last spring are invited to attend a Memorial Tea being held in her honor. The tea will begin at 2:45 and a formal presentation in Barbara's memory will begin at 3:20 p.m. The date for this tea is on Thursday, May 16 at the Osgood School.

LITCHFIELD FETED

Anyone who didn't purchase tickets to **Harold Litchfield's** retirement party may do so by calling **Peggy Litchfield** at 781-923-1080. This wonderful send-off celebration is being held tomorrow night, May 10 at The Golden Rooster Restaurant in North Scituate. Tickets are $30 per person and include an evening of food and entertainment.

That is our news and information for this week. Please make sure to send in all of your news, event information and photos to me no later than Monday by noon.

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Play makes you think about life

Local man inspired at Berkshires retreat

By Evan Schiff
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"The Fever" is coming to Cohasset. No, not a dreaded disease, but a one-man play that takes aim at a variety of social issues.

Zed Pine will perform the 100-minute monologue at Town Hall on Saturday, May 25.

The show was written by Wallace Shawn, who co-wrote "My Dinner with Andre," and has been described as a powerful depiction of one man's struggle with his conscience.

Pine, who is a storyteller and actor and has performed in America, Germany and Great Britain, said the play floored him when he saw it for the first time.

"I was completely entranced," he said. "It is so beautifully written and the subject matter is so poignant."

Pine, who performs the play about once a month, said memorizing almost two hours worth of material was a long process. He added he finally feels as if he's on the right track with the play.

One of the interesting aspects of the play is there are no props and no stage, the only other people in the theatre are the audience. Pine said there is no misconception about a fourth wall in the play.

"I'm essentially a storyteller," he said. "It's a dialogue with the audience."

Pine is finding his way to Cohasset through Howie Altholz, a resident of Summer Street. Altholz was on a retreat at the Kripalu Yoga Center in the Berkshires when he caught Pine's performance.

The conference, which featured speakers ranging from Ghandi's grandson to Julia Butterfly Hill (who lived in a Redwood tree for two-years), was aimed at exploring one's lifestyle. Altholz said "The Fever" was the highlight of the five-day retreat.

"The play really makes you examine how you live," he said. "It makes you examine how your life impacts other people."

Altholz felt the play, which also deals with poverty and the interrelationships between the have and the have-nots, is a positive force in light of the wave of recent tragedies.

"This is a great vehicle to help people try and realize what's important in life."
— Howie Altholz, Summer Street

"It's the kind of thing we all need right now," he said. "This is a great vehicle to help people try and realize what's important in life."

Altholz is funding the production himself and said he thought the play was good enough to warrant his support. There will no be tickets sold for the event but there is a suggested $5-$10 donation at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Wellspring MultiService Center in Hull and the Cohasset Food Pantry. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Pine, who views the play as a masterpiece of how to put language together in a powerful manner, also performs in the Berkshire's Shakespeare and Company acting troupe as well as a touring company, dubbed the Bigger Light.

The review for the plays have been excellent so far. The New York Times said, "The Fever is a work that asks, in a highly original way: is it possible, or even right, for a sensitive person to be happy in today's world."

The New Yorker had similar praise for the play: "One of American theatre's finest prose stylist and most subversive playwrights, Shawn's play is a battle of conscience and contradiction in which there is no truth."

Showing art the hard(ware) way

New gallery opens in village

By Evan Schiff
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The access is off South Main Street inside Cohasset Hardware. You enter the store then take a left, walk by the light bulbs and the paint brushes and head toward the right, passing the hand saws. Then you trudge up the old stairs and surprisingly, an art gallery looms ahead.

Art Moves, which is on the second floor above the hardware store, offers visitors an opportunity to explore and purchase anything from paintings to continental currency.

"People are rewarded when they come up the steps, it's a fun experience."
— David Alexander, Art Moves

Its owner, David Alexander, is renting the space from Tina and Jim Watson who own the hardware store. Alexander said he realizes the situation is a unique one.

"It's definitely unusual to have an art studio above a hardware store," Alexander said. "But people are rewarded when they come up the steps, it's a fun experience."

The studio/gallery offers Alexander a place to paint as well as sell an eclectic mix of art. Along with his maritime paintings, one can find, models such as airplanes and remote controlled sail boats in the space. The gallery also features fossils and precious stones, such as emeralds and topaz, as well as imported jars from Costa Rica.

"I want people to come up here and be able to have a complete experience," Alexander said. "I wanted to offer as much as possible."

The open, airy, sun-lit room offers him a perfect place to display his art.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

David Alexander shows off some of his artwork in this gallery above Cohasset Hardware.

"It's bright and cheerful," he said. "It's so open it provides me an opportunity to do a lot of different things."

Jim Watson says it's a perfect symbiotic relationship.

"It's working out really well," he said. "It's nice having the studio upstairs."

Alexander, who describes himself as a representationalist artist, said he looks at reality and then tries to bring its special qualities out in his work. He pays exceptional attention to detail as is evident by the various portraits depicting exquisite sea storms.

"To me, art is a form of communication designed to enhance our lives," he said. "I try to take what's special about life and make it more so."

Alexander, who plans to open the gallery to the public by the end of the month, is currently working on a couple commissioned pieces. He said this is his preferred style of working.

"I'm flattered if someone likes what I've done," he said. "But I think creating something from the customer vision is really wonderful."

He added he plans on doing shows for all kinds of artists. He says the studio will always have fine and decorative art.

"We will be constantly changing our store," he said. "It will look different from one month to the next." Although Alexander is a talented artist, he wasn't always involved with genre. He served as a wine consultant for 20 years before changing career paths.

"I didn't want to stand in front of St. Peter and have him ask me what I did with the talent he gave me and have to tell him 'nothing,'" he said.

Alexander said he needed to make a decision with how to proceed with his life. He said he enjoyed being a wine consultant and was very educated in the matter but it wasn't his calling.

"I wanted to make sure I took advantage of what I was put on earth to do."

Alexander said he wants to appeal to both kids and adults in his store.

"Parents can come up here with their kids and just browse for some time," he said. "Everybody can have a good time."

Alexander was born and raised in Cohasset and lives in town with his wife, Cindy, and their two children Justin and Kristin.

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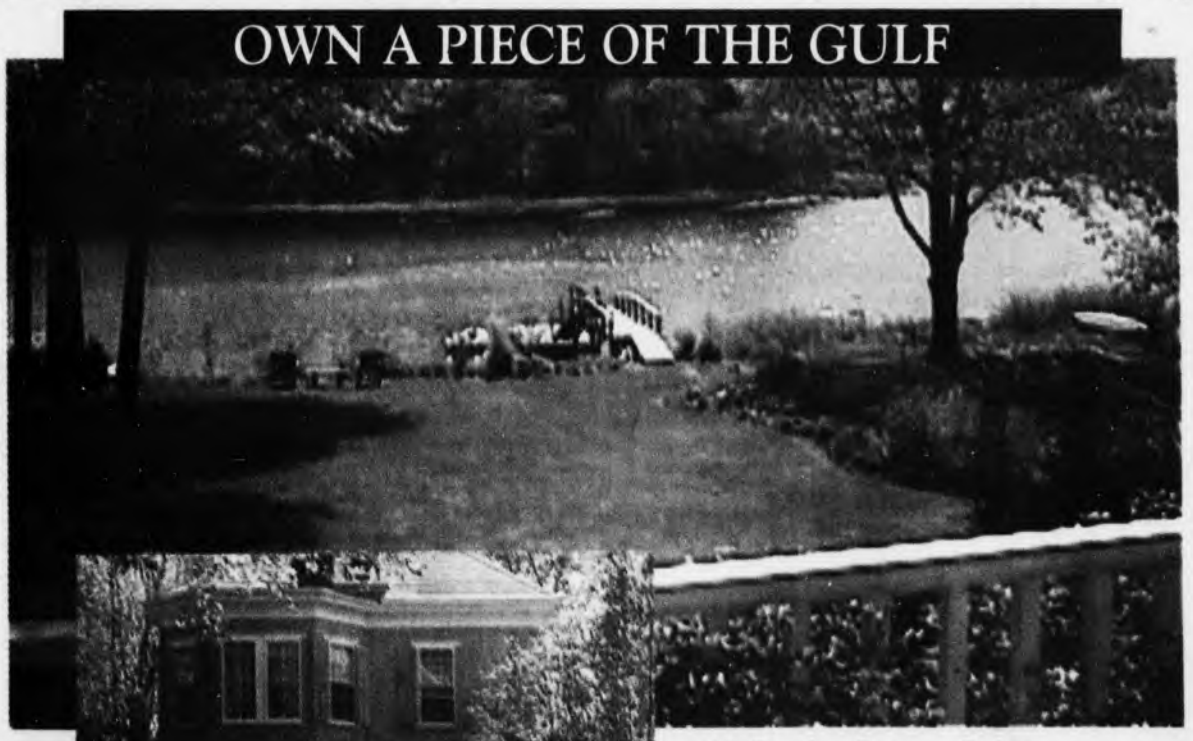

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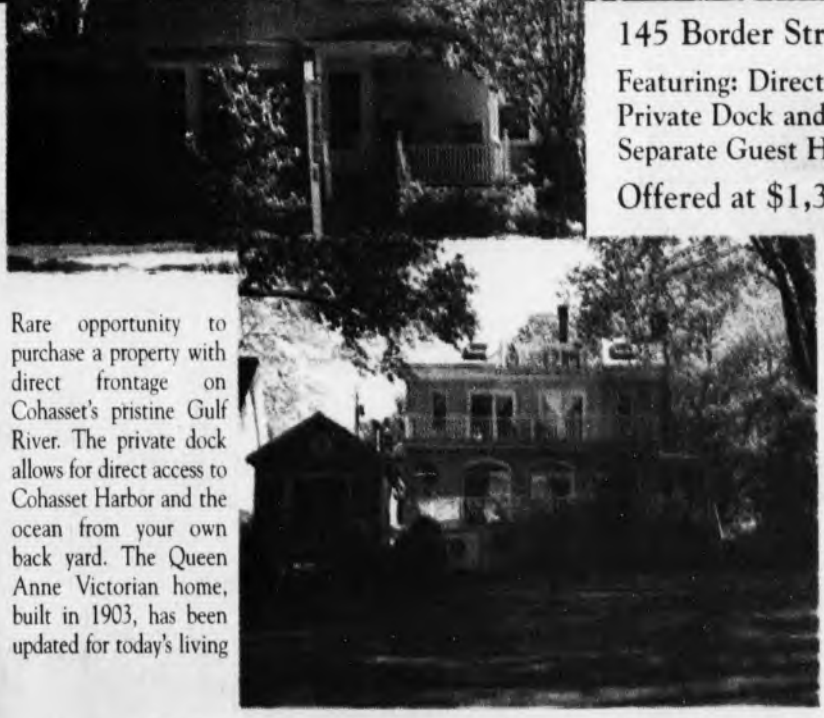

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Mothers are forever

"Whenever I held my newborn baby in my arms, I used to think that what I said and did to him could have an influence not only on him but on all whom he met, not only for a day or a month or a year, but for all eternity — a very, very challenging and exciting thought for a mother."

These words, spoken by Rose Kennedy, are quoted in her 1971 biography by Gail Cameron.

What greater challenge than to raise a child!

What a daunting challenge!

The four sons of Rose Kennedy —a president, a war hero, an attorney general, and a senator — surely changed American history for all time. Her daughters also influenced untold lives.

Each spirit entering life is like a pebble tossed into a pond, creating ripples to the distant shore.

It is the mother's hand that is the earliest guiding force to where these ripples lead.

Mothers are as different from one another as wildflowers growing in a field, yet they all hope for the same thing: a happy and healthy life for their child.

Sometimes children have a hard time putting into words their love for their mothers.

But little acts can speak louder than words — a hug, a kiss, a ragged-edged bouquet of dandelions clutched in a small fist.

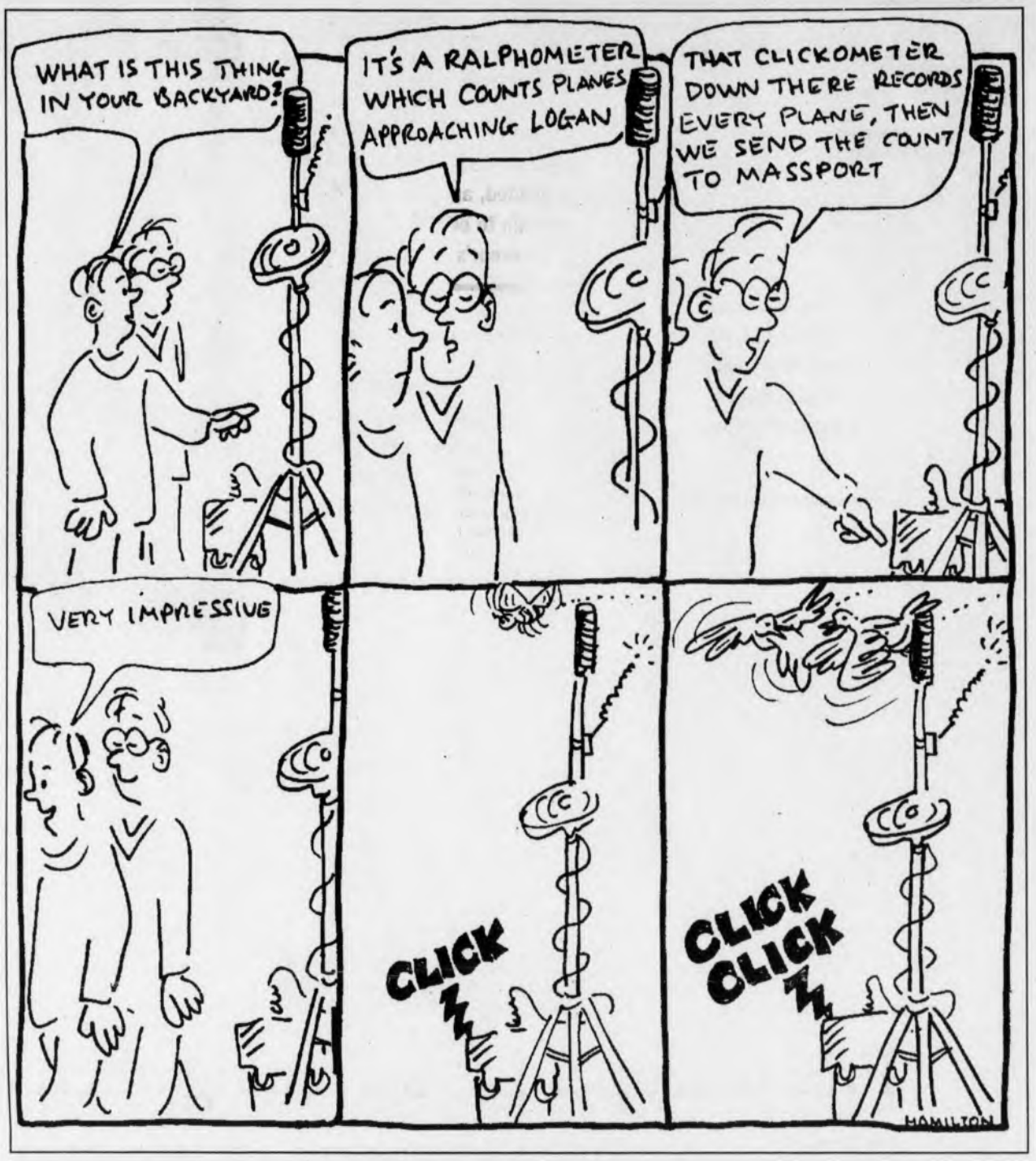
With Mothers Day this Sunday, expressions of affection pour forth like the sun on a bright spring morning and every mother feels in her heart that the greatest award she can ever win is the expression of love from her child, whether this love is expressed by word, action, poem, or picture.

Every time a baby is born, a mother is full of dreams for his or her future.

"Bringing a child into the world is the greatest act of hope there is," Louise Hart wrote in her 1987 book, "The Winning Family: Increasing Self-Esteem in Your Child and Yourself."

On Sunday, in homes all across town, a mother's dreams come true when she receives that expression of love from her child or when her children gather around her.

Whether it is breakfast in bed of burned toast and dripping orange juice, or a breakfast buffet, a card done in wobbly crayons or a glittery one from the store, whether there is a handmade gift or a diamond necklace — on Mothers Day, it is truly the thought that counts.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CRC's village vision criticized

TO THE EDITOR:

Early in the last century, Henry Ford was supposed to have said that purchasers of his marvelous new Model T automobile could have it in any color they wanted — so long as it was black. That story is probably apocryphal.

Very real, however, is the current proposal by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation that Cohasset residents be allowed to have any kind of lamppost in the village center so long as it is black, metal and ornate. (See the CRC display of sidewalk treatments and lamppost styles, all black and metal and ornate, installed next to the Texaco station in the village center, to which the CRC asks for reactions from residents.) No one can responsibly suggest that these Victorian adornments are suitable to the style of a colonial village.

Except for the area surrounding the town common we do not have in Cohasset the appearance constraints of a Sturbridge Village or a Colonial Williamsburg, or even a Deerfield. People are largely free to design homes and buildings in styles to please themselves. Notwithstanding that comfortable degree of freedom, which has admittedly produced non-colonial homes and buildings here and there, graces and styles still suffuse this lovely town which make clear its overall colonial heritage.

The proposals of the CRC, however, relate not merely to a building here or a home there, but to the overall appearance of the village. Black, metal, ornate lampposts throughout the village will forever compromise its appearance. The CRC proposal to fancy the town up with Victorian decoration will never turn Cohasset into a smart, Victorian center, but will simply sacrifice its colonial simplicity. It will be neither one thing nor the other, but a mongrelization of styles. There are many ways to enhance the graces of the town, but it has become obvious that the CRC is not competent to accomplish it.

How is it, after all, that the CRC seems to be taking the role of town planner? There are town government entities that have various responsibilities for planning — the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Selectmen, the Town Meeting, to name several. In general, they seem to be doing their jobs well, and they are accountable to the residents. Why do we need, in addition to all of that, flawed poll-taking by a private body that is clearly not accountable to the residents? Moreover, work is well along on a Master Plan for the town. Do we really want to make major decisions about the overall appearance of the town at the behest of the CRC without waiting to see what is proposed in the Master Plan?

We are not, of course, required to retain the colonial character of Cohasset. I, for one, would be sad to see it go. But if we do abandon it, I hope it will be as a result of a deliberate decision for well reasoned considerations presented to all the residents, and not as the result of slanted sidewalk polling.

Richard F. deLima
55 Summer St.

Planning thoughts

TO THE EDITOR:

After attending the Public Visions and Goals meeting Saturday, I reviewed the agenda in the Cohasset Compass over the weekend. I concluded that the town needs to define all important natural and structural elements. Many are taken for granted but their existence will be affected by the year 2020.

The best way for me to define this issue is to use the game: rock, paper and scissors for reference. This is not about who wins or loses but choosing the highest priority and not the most convenient. We all know that Cohasset means long, rocky shore, and so, the town has an obligation to protect its natural resource (unless it is on someone's property.)

This brings to mind the issue of removing ledge below St. Stephen's Church for sidewalks and pedestrian safety. However, it does not address the safety issue for vehicles. The long term solution for people and automobiles could be remedied by placing a stop sign on Depot Court and removing some of the angled parking on Main Street — ledge removal necessary for sidewalks.

For the money and contracts paper item, I turn to the Paul Pratt Library building. This is not about whether the library should move or should expand where it is currently, it is about the town keeping the landmark building. Where is the creative thinking that came up with the $400,000 for two little league baseball diamonds at the Gravel Pits? Future use could be a satellite police station, library extension site that has museum displays from the historic society or visitor center. It is not too late, is it?

Scissors cut and bring change. In following the real estate market in town, several properties on Border Street with direct views of Bryant's Cove and the Gulf River are selling for more than a million dollars. (For some reason I thought only property with ocean views had added value.) I have appreciated the same postcard view from the Border Street bridge. It is all based on the combination of rock, water, foliage and this white-trimmed red house with a large eagle painted on the side. Everything in the scene is within the domain of the town but the color of the house. This is the challenge of the town, working with residents to show how consistency and integrity in improvements are part of the value and heritage of the town.

Cohasset can take the lead by dealing with little things such as when is it okay to take a little ledge to make something better, and not because it is in the way. As in the game — rock, paper and scissors, the way for everyone to win big is to anticipate the future and have fun guessing. But we need to get those hands moving.

Anthony W. Lanier
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LIBRARY CORNER

Needs assessment

Tell us what you want. If you attended Town Meeting, you may have noticed and used one of the library questionnaires asking your opinion on what materials and services you would like your library to offer.

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Legislature has taxing week on Beacon Hill

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government week ending May 3.

Why tax cigarettes to balance the budget, but not alcohol?

It's a minor mystery, one of many afoot during a curious and, shall we say, taxing week on Beacon Hill. Most of the mysteries could be described but not completely cleared up.

For example – and this was a major, not a minor, point to ponder – why was it so hard for the House leadership to find a majority for the $1 billion increase said to be necessary? After all, a number of the fundamental elements of a tax debate had been turned on their head in comparison to 1990, the last time a big tax package cleared the House.

Unlike 1990, business groups were clearly saying they and the state would be better off if the Legislature raised taxes, including taxes that affect business and investments. Very, very unlike 1990, legislators were hearing a significant volume of requests from constituents, not that they should cut the budget or avoid tax increases, but that they should raise revenues to minimize cuts.

"Throw the bums out" was a threat applied this week to those who would cut instead of tax – and that's utterly at variance with what things were like around here in 1990. Not only that, but for the first time in the post-Dukakis era, the Republican governor was no longer committed to the no-new-taxes pledge – a huge reversal in the status quo.

And another thing – the conventional wisdom says politicians shun tax hikes out of fear for their jobs, but the vast majority of the people raising the taxes won't be punished for it at the ballot box, at least not this year. That's another mystery: this would seem to be a propitious year to run as a Republican (a budget crisis and an attractive figure at the top of the ticket), but only 60 GOP challengers for 200 legislative seats are on the ballot.

So given all that, why did Tom Finneran and his leadership team have to take such a long time crunching numbers – not tax-revenue numbers, but the number of representatives willing to vote "yes" to the $1 billion increase? Inside the building, that was a major theme of the week – with the winds seeming to prevail so strongly in favor of tax hikes, people were surprised the initial proposals were blown away in closed-door caucuses.

The Dan Duquette theory is one intriguing explanation. It states that between Duquette, the ousted general manager of the Red Sox, and Cardinal Bernard Law, the beleaguered leader of the Boston Catholic Archdiocese, Bay Staters have witnessed so many years of poor decision making by leaders of their high-visibility institutions they're not about to trust Finneran's pronouncements on the need for new revenue.

The final tally was just one more surprise: 131-23, far wider than expected, and way more than enough to override the acting governor's promised veto.

More substantive is the explanation proffered by Daniel Bosley, the North Adams representative who could well succeed Finneran as Speaker some day. Bosley said it took a long time to find a mix of modest increases totaling $1 billion, each of them tolerable to a majority of members. That's the path to success – not a huge increase in one area, Bosley said. But as the week proved, it can be torturous. "Your goal is have everyone slightly unhappy," Bosley said.

That goal was achieved, apparently. The final tally was just one more surprise: 131-23, far wider than expected, and way more than enough to override the acting governor's promised veto.

Amidst all the maneuvering, vote counting and debate, other stories did manage to make their way into the headlines:

This and that

• Martha Sosman of the Supreme Judicial Court refused to allow Clean Elections proponents to seize the office furniture of their nemeses in the House. It could still happen, but Sosman told the plaintiffs, "Your desire to levy these particular items is clearly driven by motives that are unrelated to the money." Plaintiffs said the court should demonstrate that legislators, as possessors of furniture of value and subject to seizure, are not protected from facing the consequences of their failure to fund the law.

• The acting governor's eyes misted as she listened to the mother of Molly Bish, the missing teenage lifeguard from Warren. Maggie Bish praised Swift at a press conference Tuesday to announce the convening of a 25-member task force to help sexual assault victims. It will be led by Public Safety Secretary James Jajuga and will focus on making sure services for victims are appropriate and adequate.

• A term-limiting proposal covering judges was added to a short Constitutional Convention calendar. Judges now serve in their appointments until the legally mandated retirement age of 70; the bill filed by Rep. Michael Cahill (D-Beverly) would require them to seek reappointment every six years. Because it was not voted on, the bill received an "ought not to pass" recommendation from the Judiciary Committee under the automatic-discharge rule. Also placed on the calendar was Rep. Jay Kaufman's amendment to have the lieutenant governor's post filled in the case of a vacancy. The last lieutenant governor to finish a four-year term was Evelyn Murphy in 1991. The next ConCon is scheduled for June 19.

• The Legislature took no action by the statutory deadline on proposals ending the bilingual education system in Massachusetts and abolishing the income tax, so supporters of those ballot initiatives can move them to the November ballot by collecting another 9,517 signatures.

• Linda Ruthardt, one of the most familiar names in state government through her nine years as insurance commissioner, was named to another key post this week: head of the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy. DHCF gathers data and sets some rates for health care providers.

• State officials looking for a new inspector general say they expect to fill the post by July 1. The state's attorney general, auditor and governor are charged with picking a successor to IG Robert Cerasoli, who left office on June 30, 2001, when his second five-year term expired.

• The GOP lieutenant governor candidate, having made a name for herself as Kerry Murphy Healey and Mitt Romney's running mate, announced she's dropping the "Murphy" for simplicity's sake. The commentariat pointed out the apparent abandonment of a bid to display the common touch by trying to be known as "Mitt and Murph".

Craig Sandler writes for the Statehouse News Service.

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TOM HENSHAW

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How would you like to own for your very own a book called "Violence, Blunders, and Fractured Jaws: Advanced Awareness Techniques and Street Etiquette," by Marc "Animal" MacYoung?

The last guy I knew who had the qualifications to be called Animal was a Portuguese hitman named Joe Barbosa, who was whacked out in a San Francisco street after helping the FBI to frame Joe Salvati.

I guess Marc qualifies as an Animal, too, because he has also written a book called "Pool Cues, Beer Bottles, and Baseball Bats: Animal's Guide to Improvised Weapons for Self-Defense and Survival."

"This book will broaden your definition of what constitutes a weapon," hypes my catalogue, "to include rope, beer bottles, pens, pool cues, cats, tables and chairs, keys, gin and tonics, and more, plus how to actually use them."

I haven't decided which books I'll get yet, but perhaps I'll start with "Secrets of Silat," in which author Steve Gartin reveals the secrets of Indonesian knife fighting and the "little known techniques of kuntao."

You are reminded, of course, that this is "for informational purposes only." Of course.

Once I've mastered that, I'll go on to "Home Workshop Prototype Firearms: How to Design, Build, and Sell Your Own Small Arms," because I'm a "concerned citizen alarmed with the growing governmental gun-grabbing trend."

This, of course, is "for academic study only." Of course.

If small arms aren't big enough for you, there's always the BAD One, which stands for Backyard Artillery Device Model 1. So help me, Paladin sells a video tape that shows you how to make one!

The BAD One can "launch its projectiles (full beer or soft drink cans) nearly 300 yards with just a press of the button." Just the thing when a Taliban tank breaks through the back fence, although it's a shame to waste all that beer.

There's also the "Do-It-Yourself Gunpowder Cookbook," in which we are told how to make our own gunpowder "from such easily accessible items as dead cats, whiskey, your living room ceiling, manure, 'fool's gold,' and maple syrup."

I'm partial to a book called "Up Yours! A Guide to Advanced Revenge Techniques," containing the "meanest, nastiest tricks for all those people you love to hate — snakelike salesmen, crooked landlords, bungling bureaucrats, and nosy neighbors."

It's not embargoed to informational purposes or academic study, but I'd only use it on Osama bin Laden or maybe Saddam Hussein just the same — so you telemarketers can relax.

If I was to take the Al Qaedas or the Talibans alive, wouldn't it be nice to have a copy of "Make 'em Talk! Principles of Military Interrogation," on hand so that I could "acquire useful, accurate information in as little time as possible."

We are also offered the first English translation of "The Gestapo and SS Manual," providing a "rare glimpse into the actually operating procedures of the Gestapo, SS, and Waffen-SS."

And you thought the Fuhrer died in the bunker, didn't you?

HEALTH NOTES

Free osteoporosis screening offered

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Come to Harborview (behind the Police Station) on Wednesday May 23 at to receive a free osteoporosis screening! If you've never been to a screening, it's simple, painless, and very useful. They place your heel in a device which records your 'bone mineral density'. This tells how strong and resilient all of your other bones are. The procedure, done by the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, takes only a few minutes. Don't forget to bring your heel!

Osteoporosis is preventable!

• Building strong bones before the age of 30 can be the best defense against developing osteoporosis.

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Tax relief, septic and sewer systems

According to a Massachusetts general law — taxpayers who repair or replace a failed septic system may be entitled to a credit (the Title 5 credit) against personal income tax due. The credit is equal to the lesser of either forty-percent of the actual cost paid by the taxpayer to repair or replace a failed septic system, or $15,000.

If you've never been to a screening, it's simple, painless, and very useful.

In general, a septic system that is repaired or replaced must have been determined to be a "failed system" pursuant to an inspection performed prior to such repair or replacement. However, taxpayers required pursuant to a federal court order, consent decree or similar mandate from a federal court, to connect their septic system to the city or town sewer system may claim the Title 5 credit. Also, the Board of Health can write a letter verifying that an order has been issued to either repair or upgrade the system, or to hook up to the sewer.

In general, necessary and reasonable expenses paid by the taxpayer for construction, materials, machinery and equipment, demolition, relocation, design, engineering, testing and inspection relating to the repair or replacement of a septic system are the expenses that may be used by the taxpayer when claiming the credit. The credit is generally available to eligible taxpayers beginning in the tax year in which the work required to repair or replace a septic system is completed.

The credit is limited to $1,500 per year with carryover provisions over five years. To apply for this credit, request Mass tax schedule SC, fill it in, and include it with your tax submission. Contact the Board of Health for additional information about this law.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Just a fool when it comes to relationships

MY VIEW

EVAN SCHIFF

I don't pretend to be a smart man. I know little about world politics, I couldn't tell you what the capital of Nevada is, and I try to use larger words than necessary often times negating their effect.

But I could learn about all of that. I could start reading the New York Times, take a geography course and keep a dictionary next to me while I read. But I don't know how to become smarter about being involved in relationships.

I feign knowledge, I pretend to know what I want but in reality, I'm a fool.

I'm currently dating/seeing/hanging out with this girl who is my friend/girlfriend. In recent weeks we've struggled with how to define our relationship.

Apparently, if I was her "boyfriend" this would come with an onus of responsibility. Why else would this term carry such weight?

"Are you her boyfriend?" my friends constantly ask.

"Are you dating her?" my sister-in-law starved siblings inquire.

I don't know. I really don't have a clue. We spend a lot of time together, I call her on the phone when I miss her, and I get upset when other guys surround her. But why does that have to corner me into "boyfriend" status?

For various reasons, I don't want a girlfriend and have tried to rule out that moniker for our relationship. But does the title even matter? Our relationship wouldn't change one iota if she called me her boyfriend.

All right, that may be naive. If someone asks me if I have a girlfriend and I say "no," then to them, I'm a different person. Boyfriends can get in trouble for silly things while I can simply dismiss my small blunders. Walks in the park from me are a pleasant, romantic surprise, while flowers from a boyfriend come to be expected. But it works the other way as well.

Boyfriends may get dinners cooked for them, while I don't have that luxury. Boyfriends hold some clout in the where-are-we-going-to-sleep-tonight battle, and I don't. But this illusive definition for which I'm half-heartedly seeking is only part of my confusion.

Exasperating the situation is the fact that we are two very different people.

We have a great time together, and that's about where the similarities end.

I used to be under the presumption that to date someone, you should share common interests with them. Both should like hiking, or watching TV, or reading, or whatever. Finding a special similarity with another person often spawns relationships.

However, my latest romantic endeavor has sunk that notion. We're opposite, and when I say that, think Red Sox/Yankees, or Bledsoe/Brady.

She's a physical therapist, I've made a hobby out of abusing my body. She likes dressing up, I feel a little light in the loafers when I tuck in my shirt. She likes air conditioning, I like the windows down. I could go on and on, but the point is none of this matters..

We still laugh together (maybe not at the same things), still enjoy going out to dinner together (ordering different meals), and like watching sport together (rooting for opposite teams).

We mock our differences and enjoy the looks from our group of friends who seem to have the how-are-they-in-a-relationship-together look on their faces at all times.

I think it's juvenile of me to believe that two people can be around each other without eventually falling into the trap I've described. It's human nature to want to define situations even if the definition can create more problems than it's worth. We never even got into an argument until we "needed" to discuss this.

Relationships are perpetually vexing. But perhaps, that's what makes them so exciting.

So while I may never understood love, or love lost, and the relationships that create those feelings, I can tell you for certain that the capital of Nevada is Carson City.

Evan Schiff is the staff reporter for the Cohasset Mariner.

POLITICAL NOTES

Local GOP plans calendar

Cohasset Republicans announce election plans and coming events. Chairman of the Cohasset Town Committee, Janet Fogarty, prints a calendar that includes candidate signature drives, Primary Day as Sept. 17, and Election Day Get Out the Vote Nov. 5. Registration deadline is Oct. 16.

Highlights of the Cohasset Town Committee were announced this week and include the annual cookout at the Guild's Seaside Estate on Sunday, Aug. 15. All candidates will be invited including gubernatorial candidate Mitt Romney.

The Cohasset Town Committee will hold meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Bancroft Hall of the Lightkeeper's House on June 4, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, and Nov. 12. The annual holiday party will be held Dec. 15, from 5 to 9 p.m. in Bancroft Hall of the Lightkeeper's House. Chairs of the holiday event will be Edythe Ford and Marj Smith.

All members of the town committee have selected candidates that they will hold signs at the bus, Fore River bridge and commuter boat. They also will volunteer to go door-to-door for literature drops, phone bank volunteers to get out the vote. They also will remind voters that the last day to register to vote for state primary and to change party enrollment is Aug. 28 and last day to register to vote in the state election is Oct. 16.

SENIOR SCENE

Bellotti breakfast

Norfolk County Sheriff, Michael Bellotti will celebrate the first anniversary of "Are You OK?" the telephone reassurance program for seniors with an "open breakfast forum" prepared by Anna's Gourmet Club on Friday May 24 at 9 a.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center, South Main and Summer Streets.

Meet the staff of the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office and the staff of Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling 781-383-9112.

Birthday celebration

Octogenarians and nonagenarians, this is your "Happy Birthday" year!

You and your family are invited to a special luncheon on Wednesday, May 15 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. Your hosts are clergy associates and the chefs are from Anna's Gourmet Club. There will also be entertainment.

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 10 to Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

Senior forum on prescriptions

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs will hold an informational forum on Prescription Advantage, the new state-sponsored prescription drug insurance plan for all Massachusetts residents age 65 or over and younger people with disabilities, at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Tuesday, May 21, at 11 a.m.

Prescription Advantage offers unlimited prescription drug coverage that is combined with an annual out-of-pocket spending limit to provide drug coverage with unparalleled financial protection. Refreshments will be served at the event. To RSVP to the forum, call 617-520-7274. To enroll or for more information on Prescription Advantage, call toll free: 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636) or TDD/TTY: 1-877-610-0241.

Pratt wants train, cemetery at peace

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the case at Woodside Cemetery."

He said if these barriers were destroyed with the "clear cut" width for the new railroad to the property line, it would expose monuments closest to the property line.

"I don't want to see the peaceful, serene setting of the cemetery be diminished," Pratt said this week. "The town can't let the character of the cemetery be changed."

Pratt said he is also concerned about the parking lot being constructed for the train station, which will be in close proximity to the cemetery. He said he is worried the lot may have an impact on the Gold Star Mother's monument erected last year.

"First, there may be a problem with trash with so many people being in the area," he said. "Secondly, we don't want people parking in the cemetery parking lot if the train one is full."

"As is the case on most of the abutting properties along the rail bed, 40 years of growth has created wonderful vegetated barrier, such is the case at Woodside Cemetery."
Glenn Pratt

Pratt said he wants the engineering firm to come to Cohasset and walk the property line with him and look at alternatives to the situation.

Pratt, who doesn't expect the first bulldozer in town for at least 18 months, said he is glad to get into the pipeline early. He has already received a response from Cashman-Balfour-Beatty, which told him it will be in touch shortly.

"I'll give them up to six months and then try to reconnect with them," he said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad doesn't think there will be a problem.

"We are working with all the appropriate people," he said.

Pratt said now the town has a mitigation agreement with the MBTA, it's been much different dealing with the issues involved with the Greenbush line. He isn't sure how much he can ask for until money becomes an issue. But he hopes is to have Woodside issues resolved with no additional expenditures.

"We're no longer dealing with if the train comes, it's when," Pratt said.

Republican to challenge Bradley

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bring to the table in a legislature dominated by lawyers.

He wants to help position the region to benefit from the biotechnology and nano-technology (tiny microcomputer chips) industries, which are the wave of the future. Palmer says somehow the South Shore didn't attract high-tech companies during the last boom period and the area can't afford to let the prosperity that clean industry can deliver slip through its fingers again.

"New England is at the forefront of those industries," Palmer said. "We really missed out to the metro-west and North Shore during the boom in information technology."

Attracting more industry to the South Shore would also add to the quality of life by providing jobs nearer to where people live — something that could have an indirect impact on schools.

"If you put in three hours a day commuting, you have no time," he says, adding more time for parental participation in the school system can add up to better schools overall.

Palmer favors more local control and thinks Chapter 40B, the state affordable housing law, is a great example why the state should stay out of local affairs. Under 40B, developers can skirt local regulations by including a percentage of affordable housing in a project if a town has less than 10 percent of its housing stock deemed affordable by state standards.

"It's an arbitrary means defined on the state level that makes no sense," he says about how the state determines a town's vulnerability to the law.

Palmer, who is married with no children, says Beacon Hill does not have its finger on the pulse of the emerging economy.

He describes the Legislature as a reactive body, not a body that invests in the future.

Palmer expects to launch a formidable campaign against Bradley, who is a seasoned campaigner and can raise a lot of money.

"Fundraising is one of the key components to being able to win," he says. Palmer says he's been encouraged by the amount of support and the number of calls he's received since he filed his nomination papers about a month ago.

"That's really got me excited about the campaign," he says.

Bradley says he welcomes the competition.

"Campaigns are great because they open up the process and allow different views to be discussed," he says.

And Bradley should know. In his first try for the Third Plymouth seat he faced a primary challenge from Democrats Josh Cutler and Walter Murray, both of Hull. He won the primary but lost to Mary Jeanette Murray in the state election. Two years ago, Bradley faced off against Democrat Michael Holden of Hingham in the primary, and then ran against Republican Mary Anne McKenna and Walter Murray, who ran as an unenrolled candidate, in the general election.

"Right now, I'm focused on the budget," Bradley says. "But down the road I look forward to seeing his (Palmer's) stance on the issues.

"In the meantime, I'm working hard for the district and standing up for what I believe in," he says.

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Sailing into the new season with wine tasting, art auction

Club hosts kickoff fundraiser

By Evan Schiff
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The Cohasset Sailing Club is gearing up for the 2002 season. Joining the fleet this year are two new 420s, which are large sailing boats that can be used by beginners all the way up to Olympic athletes.

Because of the purchase of the boats, and various maritime maintenance including buying a trailer and a trailer hitch, the clug will hold a fundraiser this Saturday, May 11 from 7-11 p.m.

The event, dubbed "Art for Sail," will feature local artists' work from oil and water color paintings to wood carvings and photographs. All of the pieces will be available for auction, although some will be in a live auction and others, a silent one.

Karen Oronte, a member of the sailing club, said the event will provide more than just exquisite art.

Along with the various art pieces, which are expected to number in the 40s, the club will provide those who come with elaborate hors d'oeuvres. There will also be a "sail around the world" wine tasting which will feature wines from Australia, Spain, France and Africa.

The wine tasting is being billed as an educational event and representatives from Curtis Liquors will be on hand to discuss the various vineyards.

"This is not just an art auction," Oronte said. "This is going to be a really fun event."

Commodore Bob Deutsch said people will be impressed with the quality of artwork displayed this weekend.

"We are going to have notable maritime artists from all over the South Shore," he said. "There will be a lot of beautiful pieces available to purchase."

Deutsch said the sailing club will really appreciate the money raised at the event.

"This is an important time for the club," he said. "We're trying to make the club the best it has ever been."

> **"This event is going to be pleasing to the stomach and the eyes."**
> — Karen Oronte, Cohasset Sailing Club

Deutsch went on to say that the two 420s the club recently bought are top-of-the-line boats. He said children that take up sailing at the club will be learning on some of the best boats out there. One of the unique features of the 420s is, it can convert from a one "sail" boat, to one with two or three sails.

"People can really progress in their abilities on this one boat," Deutsch said. "It's not only considered the best training boat there is, but it's used in the Olympics as well."

Capacity is limited in the event because of the restraints on the number of people that can fit in the Lightkeepers' Residence. Invitations were sent to the more than 200 members of the club.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing a lot of the members get together," Oronte said. "It should be a special night."

Oronte, who has been in the club since it first started in 1964, said some of her most wonderful childhood memories involve the sailing club. She wants the club to continue to provide future generations of Cohasset youths the opportunity to explore an interest in sailing.

"It's a wonderful institution of this town," she said. "We live in a coastal community and it's important to learn how to sail, it's never too late."

Oronte added part of what makes the club so exciting is its teachers.

"We really have top-notch instructors, who take sailing very seriously," she said. "One could learn pretty much everything there is to know about the hobby and the sport from them."

Deutsch said anyone who is a Cohasset resident can join the Cohasset Sailing Club. The yearly membership rate is about $135, and all applicants have to do is pass a swimming test.

Mystery night at Buttonwood is May 15

Buttonwood Books is delighted to presents its spring Mystery Night on Wednesday, May 15 from 7-9 p.m. in Cohasset.

Questions from the audience during mystery nights often focus on the process of finding an agent and getting a book published. With that in mind, mystery night will include two mystery authors and the publisher responsible for their success.

Ann Perrott of The Larcom Press, which specializes in New England writers, will appear with two of Larcom's Mystery Series authors, Jan Brogan and Leslie Wheeler. Brogan has used her experience as a financial journalist and as a staff writer for several major newspapers to write "Final Copy", a story about an investigative reporter at a Boston newspaper. Wheeler has written, "Murder at Plimoth Plantation". Her protagonist is aunt to an interpreter at the plantation who becomes implicated in the murder of the man who portrays Myles Standish.

Local authors, local settings and local publisher all add up to an evening to put on the calendar. Free Event

Organ recital at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 11th year, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in a recital on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. There is no admission charge, although donations will be accepted. For more information, call 781-383-1083.

Dr. Guzasky teaches at Bridgewater State College, is an Affiliated Artist at MIT, and teaches for the Boston Conservatory Department of Special Programs in addition to serving as Director of Music at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset.

He also regularly travels to Russia in order to concertize and offer Master Classes at the St. Petersburg Conservatory. Guzasky attended Harvard, Millikin University, Northwestern, and received his doctorate from Boston University. Special interests of this performer include Gregorian Chant, the organ music of Josef Rheinberger, and Russian choral and keyboard music. Soon to be available is Dr. Guzasky's organ recording "Comes Autumn Time," an anthology compact disc of his most enjoyed compositions.

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Girl cuts her hair for a cause

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time next year. The recent cut was the first time her mother wasn't the one cutting her hair, but she said the salon did a good job.

"They weren't as good as my mom but it still looks good," Brooke said.

Cummings said she is so proud of her daughter. She said she's always been very compassionate and likes to do a lot for others.

"She's really incredible," Cummings said. "This was all her initiative, it was a wonderful thing for her to do."

Locks of Love has some hair donation guidelines. The charity accepts a 10-inch minimum hair length and doesn't take wigs or synthetic hair. The hair must be bundled in a pony tail or braid and needs to be clean, dry, and placed in a plastic bag.

It may be colored or permed, but cannot be chemically damaged (if one is unsure it's recommended to ask a stylist), and hair swept off of the floor is unusable.

Brooke Cummings

Hair that is short, gray, or unsuitable for children is separated from the ponytails and sold at fair market value to offset the cost of manufacturing, but the majority of hair donated comes from children so that is usually not a problem.

Shady bench to be installed

By Evan Schiff
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Sinforosa McGlynn of Elm Street has lived in Cohasset for two years and said she loves the village and the people in the town. She said she used to walk to the harbor to read her newspaper planning on sitting down and enjoying the beauty of the water, but could never find a bench that wasn't in the sun.

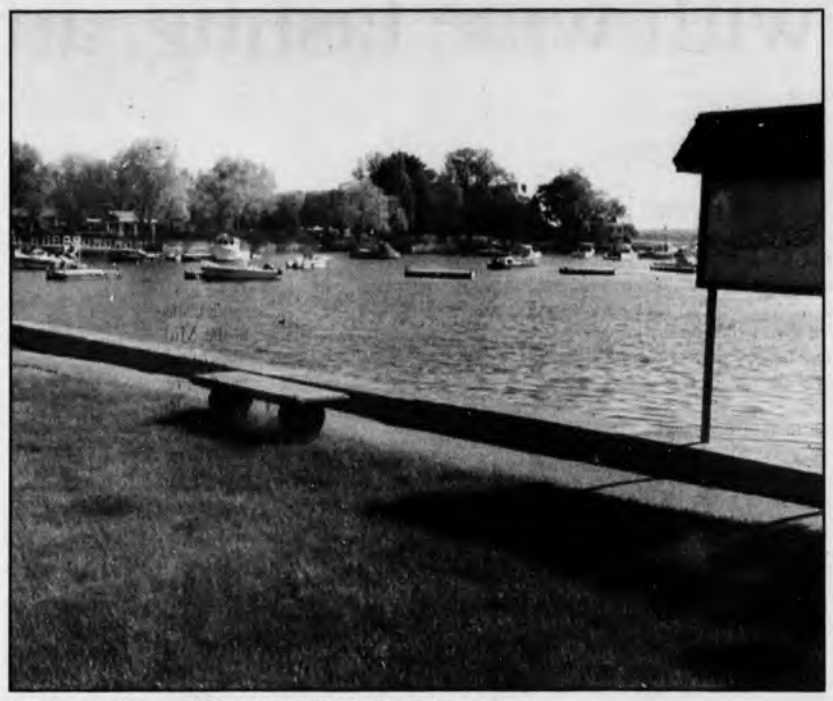
But now McGlynn may get her wish. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he spoke with the Department of Public Works and there will be a bench installed in the area shortly.

In a letter to Haddad, McGlynn sketched the pavilion at the harbor detailing a space where a bench could be placed in the shade allowing residents to get out of the sun. She said a bench placed toward the front of the pavilion would not interfere with those trying to read the map on the back wall.

She wrote the two, eight-foot long benches at the harbor are in full sun. "I've never seen anyone sitting there, the bench in the shade wouldn't even have to be that long," she stated.

McGlynn said it's a shame to waste one of Cohasset's most scenic spots by not having a bench that allows one to get out of the sweltering sun.

"On my walks around the village, I notice practically all the benches are in the sun," she wrote.



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Cohasset's Daniel Littauer is a DAR good citizen

On Sunday, April 21, the Col Thomas Lothrop/Old Colony Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored recipients of the DAR Good Citizen Award. Sponsored through the chapter, the winners recognized were Daniel Littauer of Cohasset High School, Alyse Struzziery of Hull High School, Rebecca Curran of Weymouth High School, and Christina Blosz of Whitman-Hanson High School. Unable to attend, but also recognized was Jennifer Ann Curran of Rockland High School.

The DAR Good Citizen Award is given annually to members of the senior class of accredited high schools. The students are selected by the faulty and voted on by members of the senior class. They must have the qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism. The program is recognized by the National Association Secondary School Principals.

Daniel Littauer of Cohasset High School is the son of Thomas and Theresa Littauer. He is a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Student Council and captain of the wrestling team. He is on the All League Wrestling Team, a Pilgrim Conference All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic wrestler. He has also participated in soccer, crew and chorus. This spring he started a wrestling program for fourth-through-sixth graders though the Recreation Department. In March, he was selected to attend the Presidential Classroom in Washington D.C. For the past two years he has been on biology school trips to Belize and Costa Rica. He traveled to Papua, New Guinea and taught at the government boarding school and did manual labor for missionaries. He also has participated in the Appalachia Service Project and Relay for Life. He has been accepted at Boston College and Wheaton College in Illinois.

Alyse Struzziery of Hull High School is the daughter of John and Eileen Struzziery. She is vice president of the National Honor Society and has received academic achievement awards in Advanced Art. She is captain of the Soccer team, basketball team, and Track and Field team. She is also involved with the Yearbook, S.A.D.D., and is a Peer Leader. She has helped out in the community with activities such as a memorial dinner for the school nurse and the "Walk for Cancer". She also participates in various church-related service activities including Gospel Road and the Annual Holiday Bread Bake. During the summer, she works at the Hull Yacht club. Next year she will be attending Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York.

The DAR Good Citizen from Weymouth High School is Rebecca Curran. She is the daughter of John and Linda Curran. She is secretary of the Student senate and President of the Speech Team. She has participated on the Sailing and Swim teams. She has received recognition awards in Photography and in French. She is involved in the community through the Old South Union Church youth group by helping to raise money and serving dinner at Father Bill's Place in Quincy. She has been a team captain at the American Caner Society's Relay for Life. As a D.A.R.E. role model, she has spoken to the students at the Middle school about the positives of being drug-free. She also has taught French to middle school students. Rebecca baby-sits and has worked as a Childcare attendant. She plans to major in business with a photography minor. Next year she will be attending Providence College.

Christina Blosz is our recipient from Whitman-Hanson High School. She is the daughter of Debra and Richard Blosz from Whitman. At school, she is a member of the National Honor Society. She is president of the future teachers of America club, treasurer of the Concert choir, columnist for the school newspaper, and a radio personality for the Radio and TV Club. She has been a community tutor, a member of the Old Colony Power Squadron, a volunteer at the Special Olympics. She helps out with various fundraisers. Christina was Capeway's Junior Miss winner, and was also selected to the Southeastern Mass District Chorus. She has also received a certificate of mastery for scoring "advanced" on her Grade 10 MCAS exam. Christina hopes to become a journalist and contributor to the world of mass communications. She has been accepted at Syracuse, New York University and Boston University.

The Good Citizen from Rockland High School is Jennifer Ann Curran. She is the daughter of Larry and Valerie Curran. She is president of her class, and treasurer of the National Honor Society. She was captain of the cross-country team and participated in track. She has also been active in S.A.D.D., student government, and the Key Club. At her church, she has taught CCD. Jennifer also works at Dunkin Donuts. She hopes to become an elementary school teacher.

At the reception held in their honor, each recipient was presented with a pin and Certificate from the National Society of the DAR. They received a gift from the local chapter. They were also given citations from their state representatives arranged through state Rep Garrett Bradley and state Rep Kathleen Teahan. Sen. Robert Hedlund presented citations from the State Senate to the recipients. The Daughters of the American Revolution congratulate each Good Citizen and their parents.

Barbara Dillon, regent, at left, Dan Littauer and Rebecca Bates-McArthur, good citizen chairman.

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Plans unveiled for balloon festival at former air base

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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It may have taken five-plus years to get their idea off the ground, but organizers are walking on air now that they have the go-ahead to host a balloon festival this summer at the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station.

The New Jersey based company producing the Tedeschi/Li'l Peach Balloon Festival organized and executed three other such events in the time it took for the Weymouth proposal to work its way through the red tape. But officials couldn't be any happier to have this chance, in the words of executive producer Howard Freeman, to return to a rich tradition of aviation at the defunct base.

"People remember those aviation shows and that is a part of the base," said Freeman. "It's also a great site for an outdoor festival with all that wide open space."

Freeman described the event on Aug. 9 through 11 as a state fair with hot air balloons.

Kenneth Goff, executive director of the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation charged with redeveloping the base, sees the event as a good match. That's also good news to assuage critics the board was moving too slowly in developing plans for the base reuse.

"We have cooperated with the festival promoters for some months now because we believe that this is a wonderful opportunity," said Goff. "It's billed as a family event, and I think that the organizers have done a lot to put together a quality family oriented event at the base."

He said the group helped them to get appropriate approvals from the U.S. Navy. "Although these approvals are currently being finalized, things appear to be coming together very nicely and moving in the right direction. We look forward to helping the sponsors with this. It's going to be a very colorful and enjoyable weekend for people in the region."

The family oriented Balloon Festival is "more than just hot air." There will be concerts by K.C. and the Sunshine Band, Hall and Oates, and Grammy nominee Susan Tedeschi, along with performances of

Scooby Doo's School Daze and a carnival midway.

Mass balloon ascensions by as many as 75 brightly-colored hot air balloons — some over 13 stories high — will carry their passengers on a magic carpet ride in the mornings and evenings.

The expected attendance at the Festival is 75,000. And there will truly be something for everyone.

Along with Scooby Doo, children will enjoy the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show, a petting zoo, kiddie rides and a Ferris wheel, clowns, magicians, and story time.

The Sheraton Braintree Balloon Emporium offers a lesson on the history of ballooning and the chance for children to make their own miniature hot air balloons. Everyone will enjoy the spectacular fireworks display.

The big attraction is, of course, the balloons.

When the "envelope" is almost inflated, the propane burner heats the air in the colorful nylon sphere and the pilot guides the hot air balloon as it gently rises into the sky. Passengers in the aluminum-framed wicker gondola will see the panorama below from a lofty vantage point.

"You go at the speed of the wind. There is no sound. It's like magic. You never know where you are going to go, how far you will go, or where you will land," Freeman said.

Each balloon has a "chase crew," a truck or RV that follows along on the ground. The pilot and chase crew keep in touch by walkie-talkie or cell phone. When the pilot is ready to land, perhaps in the back yard of a house in the cul-de-sac or near the barn with a red door, the chase crew dashes on ahead to ask the landowner's permission.

Upon landing, the passengers and pilot share a glass of champagne with the landowner before stuffing the balloon into the chase truck and heading back.

Champagne has been associated with ballooning since the first flight in America more than 200 years ago when a Frenchman, Jean-Pierre Blanchard, took off from Philadelphia and came down on a New Jersey farm. The farmer, who spoke only German, came after the balloon with a pitchfork. Blanchard, who had brought some champagne with his lunch, saved his balloon from being shredded by offering his host the bottle.

Balloons will soar to new heights during the festival planned at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station, Aug. 9-11.

Hot air balloons usually cruise at 3,500 feet. Many balloon flights occur between 50 feet — skimming over treetops— and 1,000 feet. The world record for altitude in a hot air balloon is 64,997 feet.

The pilot controls the ascent and descent of the balloon by regulating the propane burner and the vents that release the hot air from the top of the balloon.

"There is a saying that your first balloon ride costs $175. The second ride costs $15,000," Freeman said.

The family-oriented Balloon Festival is "more than just hot air."

This refers to a common experience of those who fall in love with ballooning. Once they experience their first ride, they earn a hot air balloon pilot's certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration and buy their own hot air balloon.

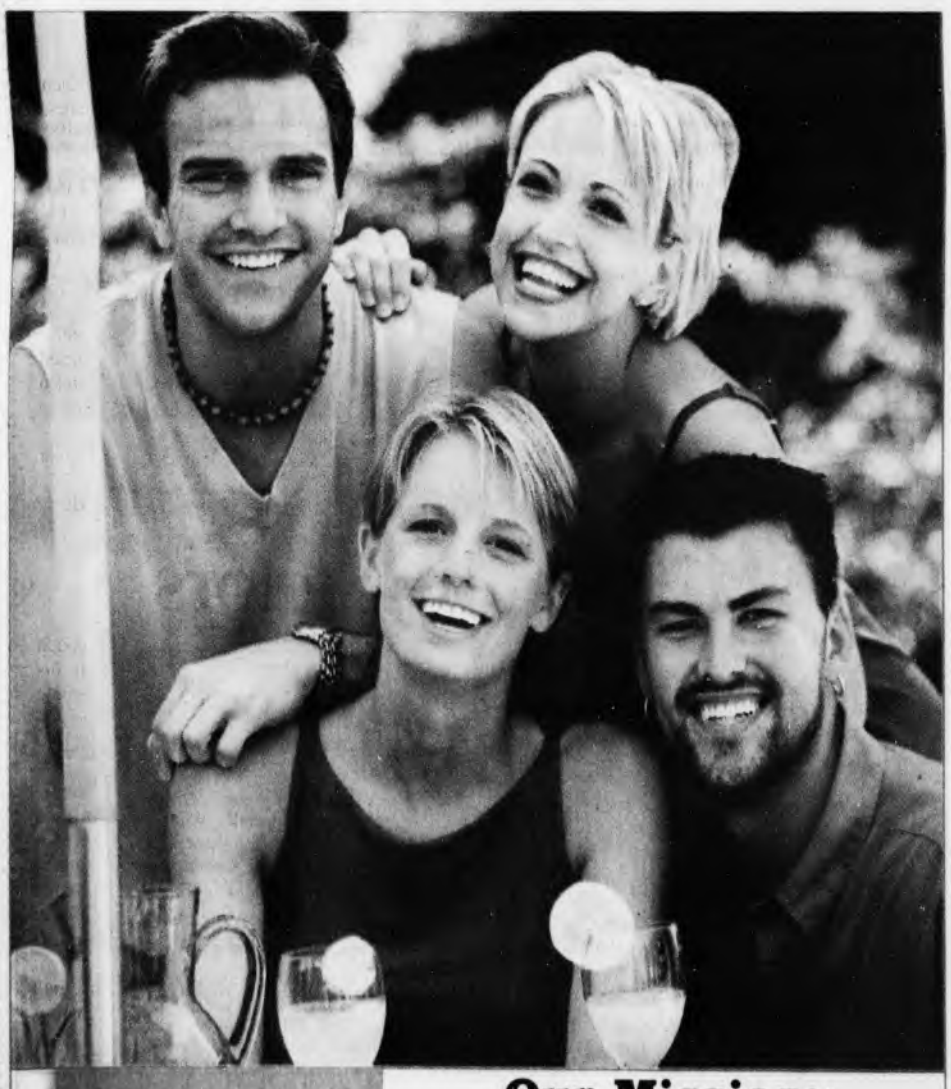
In addition to being three days of fun, the Festival is an opportunity for community groups to earn donations. At past balloon festivals in New Jersey, Long Island, and Columbus, local organizations have raised $10 million for charity.

Tickets are available at any of the 215 Tedeschi Food Shop, Li'l Peach or Store 24 locations, or by calling 1-800-99-HOTAIR. Tickets in advance are $11 for adults and $6 for children 4 to 12. At the gate, adult tickets are $15 and children are $10. Children under three are free.

The Festival begins at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, continuing until 10 p.m. Festival hours for Saturday, Aug. 10 are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and for Sunday, Aug. 11 are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Balloon ascensions will be at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., when winds are calmest.

The Festival will go on rain or shine. If the weather is not good enough for launching the air balloons, the other activities will still take place. Tickets for the balloon rides are purchased separately.

Visit web site www.balloonfestival.com for more information about ballooning and the Tedeschi/Li'l Peach Balloon Festival, as well as directions to the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station.



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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Tim Baird, Pete Maitland, Dan Kinchla, Ian Kidder and Liam Martin, Laraine Langford and Jenn Buckley.

These seven Cohasset tracksters took first place in events at this week's South Shore League Track Meet.

Living
On the South Shore
Inside

Pound of flesh

Lax squad clips Falmouth in grudge match behind Kahn, Hickey hat tricks

Remembering how Falmouth celebrated its 11-10 win two weeks ago on Alumni Field, the Skippers vowed they would pay the favor back.

After 48 intense minutes, the Cohasset players did just that, as they grabbed an early 8-3 lead, and fended off a determined Clipper comeback for a 10-8 win, the fist victory over their Cape Cod rival in five years.

Getting another great performance in goal from senior Kyle Weber, Cohasset was led by a junior contingent of attackmen Curt Kahn and Matt Davis, and midfielders Robert Hickey and Tom Anderson, who together accounted for eight of the Skippers' 10 goals.

"This was one of the games that had the potential to define our season," said Head Coach Kevin Orcutt. "We needed to at least split with the Clippers to prove

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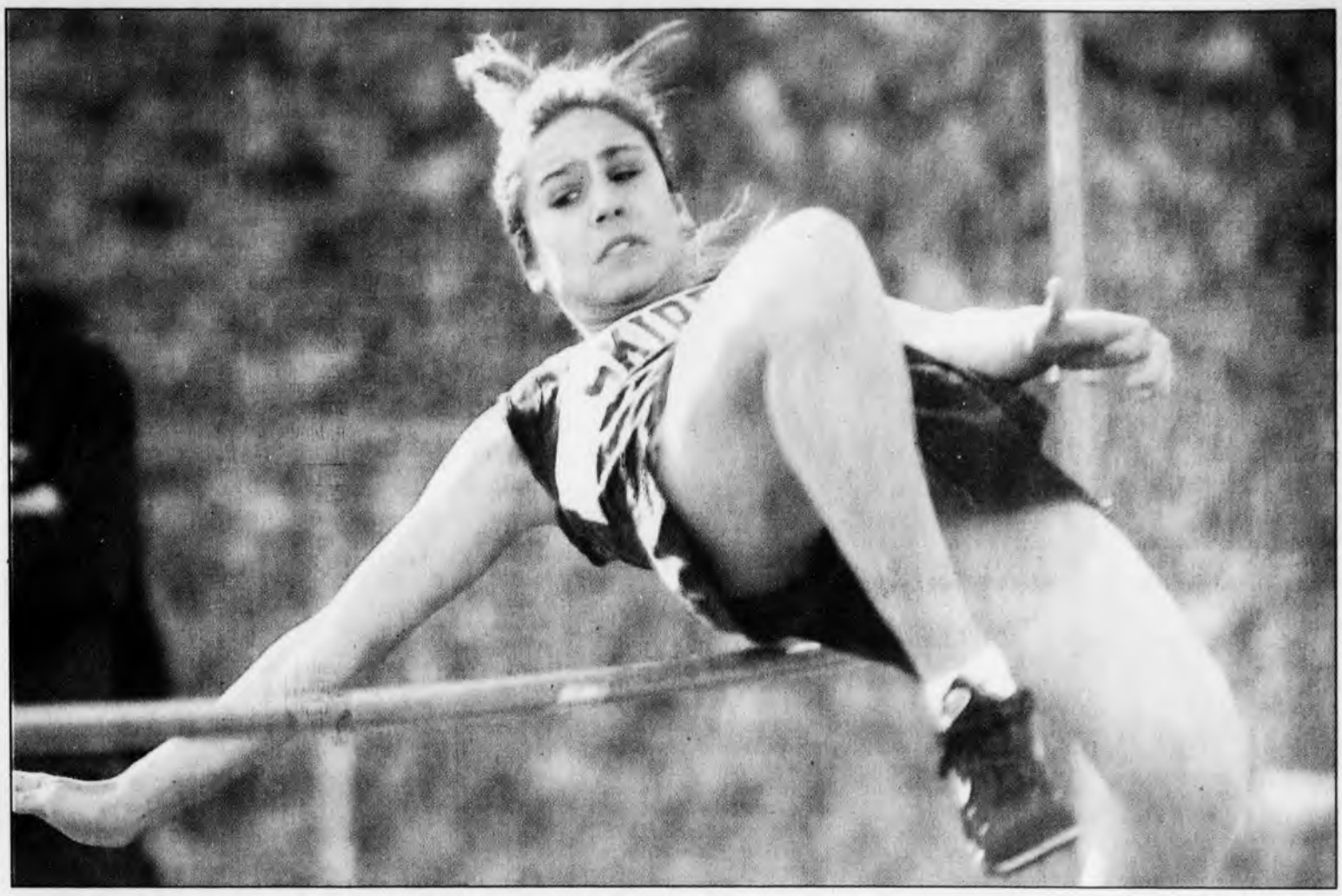

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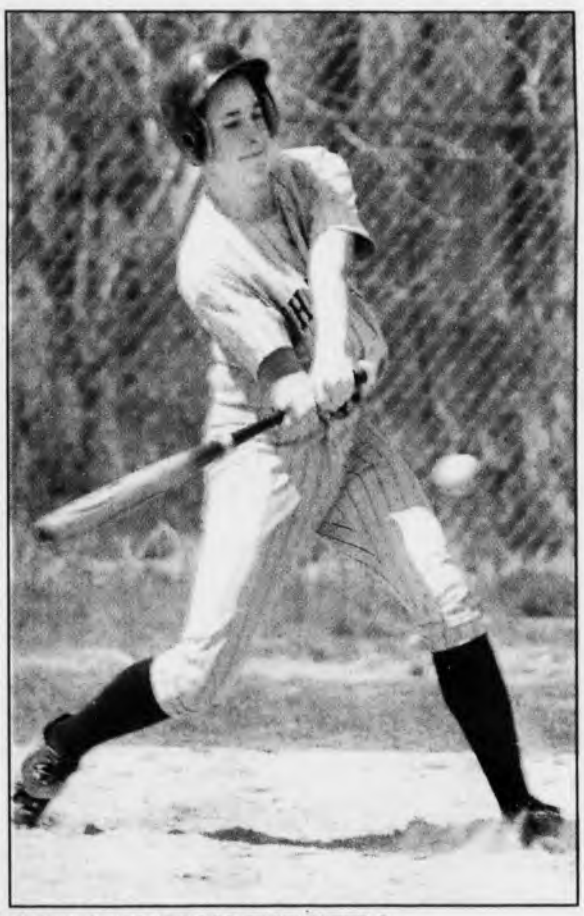
Dominique Asnault was one of several Cohasset High tracksters to compete at Monday's South Shore League track meet. Seven Skippers in all, five boys and two girls, took first place finishes at the annual event.



SWINGING FROM THE HEELS

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Cohasset's Jack Carroll attempts to tear in to one in recent South Shore League game. The Skippers (2-11 overall) are still looking for their first league win in this rebuilding year.

No laughing matter

Boys tennis team eyes playoff berth after winning three-of-four

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Somewhere in the shadow of the monstrous success of the girls tennis team, the boys tennis team has managed to pull out a few wins over the past week. In a year where only two of the nine players played for last year's playoff squad, the team is opening some eyes by making a serious bid for this year's post-season.

Things started this spring as expected for team of seven rookies, losing the first three matches of the year to Hingham, Norwell and Mashpee. But the boys has scrapped together wins in four of their last five matches to even their record at 4-4.

The Skippers built some momentum in taking 3-2 decisions over SSL foes Abington and Carver. However, their next match was a season low-light, with the team losing to Norton, who had already lost to both Abington and Carver.

With the Lancer coach scrambling his line-up to try to gain the advantage, he put one of his regular first doubles players, senior captain Justin Eddison, at the number one spot where Cohasset's captain got the team's only point of the day.

The team rebounded early this week though, reversing the fortune it had against Mashpee three weeks ago, with a 3-2 win.

Junior Ross Lieb-Lappen improved to 4-0 as a varsity third singles player with a laugher win, 6-0, 6-0, in under 40 minutes. Sophomore Tim Anton continued his excellent season at second singles for 6-3, 6-2 victory over the hard-hitting junior Nick Johnson.

Mashpee then tied the team match by winning both doubles matches, making it 2-2 with just first singles left. Cohasset's number one took the first set with ease 6-2, then held off a late comeback by Falcon captain Matt Langler for a 7-6 (8-6 tiebreaker) straight sets win.

Cohasset became only the second team behind superpower Norwell to top the 8-2 Falcons this year. Fueled by the win, the Skippers rebounded from last Friday's loss in Norton to take the Lancers 3-2 at home.

The second doubles team of junior

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Lady laxers scuttled by Sailors

Cohasset girls fall to 2-5 with back to back losses to Scituate

By David Ingber
CORREPONDENT

In the much anticipated girls lacrosse match-up of playoff hopefuls, Cohasset and Scituate, the visiting Sailors took a thrilling 13-11 last Monday at Cohasset's Alumni Field.

"It was definitely a game that we wanted to have," said veteran Sailor coach Paula Evans after the win.

Senior captain Nicole Evans paced the Lady Sailor attack with four goals, including two consecutively in the final three minutes to seal Cohasset's fate with a 12-10 score. Evans, who has become adept at quarterbacking Scituate's effective passing offense from behind the net, also recorded three assists.

Cohasset opened the game with a 3-1 lead early in the first half behind quick shots by senior captain Kristin Sheerin, sophomore Nicole Turgiss and junior Sera Genovese. Genovese continued her excellent stint since coming off the injured list, scoring a hat trick in this one.

As expected, Sheerin fell under blanket double coverage all-game, yet still managed two goals and two assists.

Down 3-1, Scituate's offense received a jumpstart from junior attacker Lauren Glancy as the Lady Sailors surged to a 5-4 halftime advantage. After the half, Scituate held a clear advantage in ball possession as they opened up a 8-5 lead behind tallies from freshmen Amanda Hardin and Jackie Lapsley.

"We have got to win the ground balls," mentioned first year coach Torin Sweeney of what hurt his team most. "Our transition game was a little better, and we've got the speed, but we just have to win the 50-50 balls."

Cohasset did not go quietly in the second half, with junior Maura McKenney showing the form that has made her the second highest Skipper scorer the last two years. She scored four of her five goals in the second half to keep it interesting.

After junior defenseman Katherine Coyne took a wrap-

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Patriot League on ice

MIAA disbands Patriot League hockey after one year

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

The Patriot League has been put on ice, or rather off ice... OK, let's try this again.

The MIAA has agreed to disband the Patriot League for hockey one year after it was created. Subsequently, the Hanover, Scituate, Hingham, Rockland, Duxbury and Middleboro High hockey teams will play the 2002-'03 season as independent teams.

Administrators at these six schools received word on Friday from the MIAA on the decision. An MIAA spokesman added that the situation will be re-visited after next season, with the creation of a new league beign one possibility.

The breakup of the Patriot League seemed inevitable, with coaches for perennial powerhouse teams like Hingham and Duxbury making noise about the league formation well before the first puck dropped this past winter. The heads of both programs did not want to be saddled with two league games apiece against the other four PL teams, which are all several notches below them in terms of talent and numbers. Now, Hignham and Duxbury are free to line up games with elite programs.

The break-up of the league left veteran Hanover hockey coach Jim Sylvia with mixed emotions.

"In one respect, I'm happy to be playing an independent schedule," said Sylvia, who directed his Indians to an unbeaten season and a Div. 3 state championship for the 2000-'01 season. "The Patriot League was not a fun league to be in last year. There was Hingham, a Division 1 team. Hanover and Duxbury were Division 2 teams, and schools like Rockland

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OPENING DAY!

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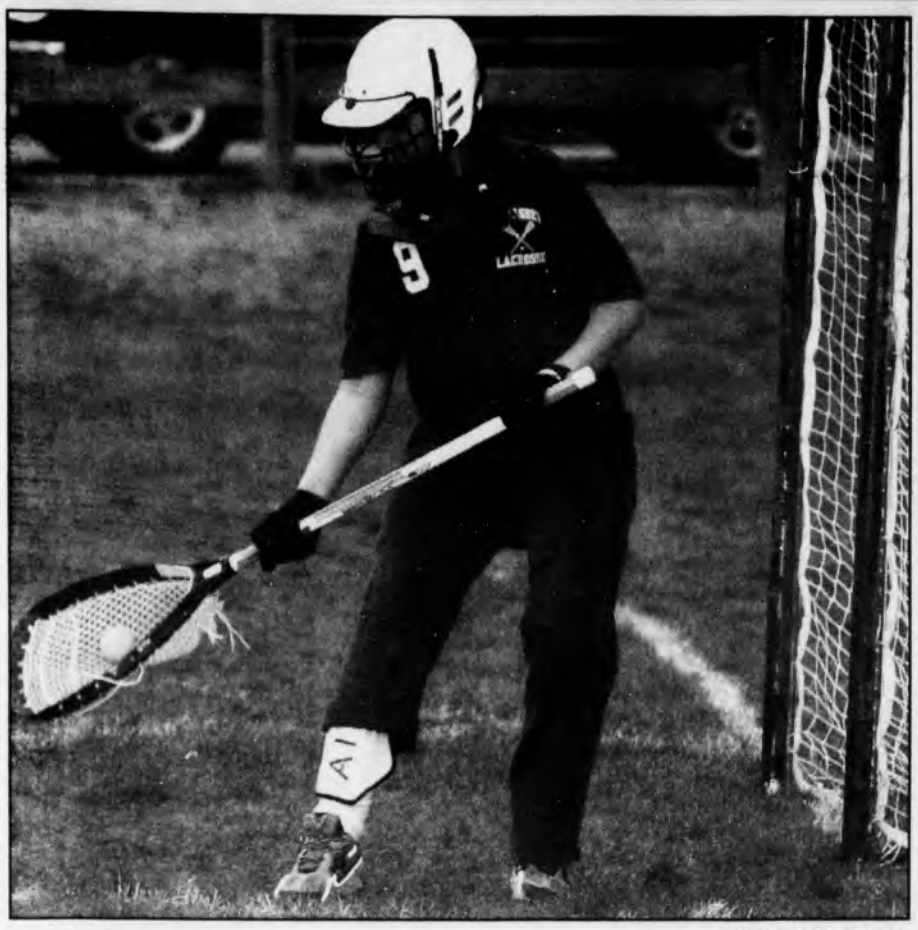
Cohasset Little League opened its season on Saturday with a parade down Main Street.For more Opening Day photos see pages 18 and 19.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset goalie Gia Petrakis has been a consistent force in net all season for the Lady Skippers.

Lady laxers scuttled by Sailors

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around pass from Sheerin and scored to make it 10-9, McKenney took one in unassisted from midfield 30 seconds later to tie it.

Evans then ended the threat with back-to-back goals. The second of the two was a pretty one-timer where she batted in a perfect pass from behind the net, beating junior goalie Gia Petrakis.

Soon after, Lapsley put an exclamation point on the evening with a tough goal through traffic after Turgiss made a final bid with a penalty shot goal.

"We dropped our marks; there was some confusion as to who was covering who," said Sweeney, a testament to the Lady Sailors' swarming offensive attack.

The Lady Sailors improved to 5-3 with the win, and can conceivably clinch a playoff spot within a week. The Lady Skippers fell to 2-4, but their post-season hopes remain very much alive with more than a few rain make-up games left to be played.

In a rematch at Scituate 24 hours later, the Lady Skippers fell in a defensive struggle, 6-5.

Boys lax squad clips Falmouth

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that we deserve to be considered in the upper tier of the Pilgrim Conference. We did that with an excellent offensive performance."

Kahn opened the scoring for Cohasset five minutes in to the game, taking a feed from Hickey to erase a 1-0 Falmouth lead. Hickey and junior attackman Matt Davis added two more in the next four minutes to give the Skippers a 3-1 lead at the end of the first quarter. It was a lead they'd never relinquish.

Falmouth closed to 3-2, but Cohasset then went on a nine-minute 5-0 run to effectively put the contest away. Scoring for the Skippers in this stretch were Kahn (two goals), senior attackman Eric Libby (two goals) and Hickey.

"I can't say enough about Eric Libby, who was fighting a sore back the entire game," said Orcutt. "We got great senior leadership from him and from Weber (17 saves). They'd never beaten Falmouth, and they wanted this badly. I've also got to credit Curt Kahn for stepping up with Paul Previte and Jason Moore both out. He's giving us an all-star level performance this season."

Falmouth closed to 8-4 with less than a minute in the half, but Cohasset — on a hard shot by Hickey off a pass from Kahn — pushed the lead back to five three minutes into the third period. From that point on, the Cohasset defense of senior Chris Caron, juniors Nick Spirito and Ben Lynner, and sophomore longstick midfielders Conor Buick and Mike Devine controlled the high-powered offense of Jason Cleary, Joe Bushy and Colin Raposa.

Cohasset goes to 10-2 on the season, and 5-2 in league play. Falmouth falls to 8-5 on the season.

Cohasset 14, Barnstable 2

The Cohasset boys rolled to their second win in two days, topping Pilgrim rival Barnstable in a non-league 14-2 win at Alumni Field on Wednesday afternoon. The Skippers, coming off a tough Tuesday night victory, started sluggishly and led only 3-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Cohasset shook off the cobwebs midway through the second period, however, and threw in six goals in a six-minute span to ice the game. Junior attackman Curt Kahn – the team's leading point-getter with 36 — had four goals and an assist in just two periods of play, and classmate Tom Anderson, a midfielder, tossed in three goals in the same amount of time. With an 11-0 lead at the half, Coach Kevin Orcutt cleared his bench in the third and fourth quarters, playing everyone in uniform.

"This was a good game for us," said Orcutt, "both because our second quarter was one of the best all season, and because everyone saw action. I was especially impressed with the play of goalie Nick Murphy, attackman Sean Chase, and Matt Davis."

Chase, starting his second game at attack, had a career high two goals and an assist. Soph midfielder Mike Hajjar picked up his first varsity goal, and senior Chris Caron and freshman attackman Jon Grimm both got their first varsity points, assisting on scores. Other Cohasset scorers were senior Eric Libby with a goal and two assists, Matt Davis with a goal and an assist, junior middie John Durkin and freshman Jake Previte with a goal each, and Mike Rasmussen, Pete Whoriskey and Robert Hickey with assists.

Senior goalie Kyle Weber played the first half, shutting out the Red Raiders while collecting five saves. Soph Nick Murphy replaced him and continued the shutout, making three stops and getting solid support from soph defensemen Steve Davis, Conor Buick and Dan Roth. Freshman Chris Simms took the final six minutes in the net, and picked up a pair of saves while allowing both goals in his first varsity action.

"Pretty much everyone has something to feel good about today," said Orcutt. "Evan Pestone put the hit of the day on a Barnstable defenseman, and caused a turnover. Dwayne Morris, JT Oronte, Casey Coleman and Matt Baroudi all did a nice job on clears. Mark Donovan looked dangerous on offense."

SPORTS NOTES

Lacrosse Spirit Night

There will be lacrosse games all day this coming Tuesday, May 14, at Cohasset High's Alumni Field. The schedule is as follows: **2:30-3:30 p.m.**- Middle School girls team scrimmage vs. 7th/8th grade Recreation Dept. team, **3:30-4:30-** youth girls Under-10 scrimmage. **5-6:30-** C.H.S. varsity girls vs. Marshfield, **7 p.m.-** C.H.S. varsity boys vs. Hingham. There will also be a scrimmage between the Under-10 boys at halftime of the varsity boys match.

The Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters will be selling pizza, soda and snacks, with all proceeds going to the lacrosse program. All children will be admitted for free. Adults will be charged the usual admission fee after 5 p.m.

Questions should be directed to Lyn Previte at 383-9723.

Scituate-Cohasset Legion Baseball tryouts next two Sundays

Tryouts for the Scituate-Cohasset George H. Mealy Post 118 legion team will take place the next two Sundays, May 12 and 19, at 5 p.m. at Scituate High. Attendance at both sessions is mandatory for any player hoping to make the team.

Any questions should be directed to Manager Scott Arnold at (home) 781-545-1896 or (cell) 781-985-1896, or to coach Ralph Berry (781-925-0105).

This is the seventh season Cohasset's George H. Mealy Post has sponsored a team in District 6.

Youth tennis signups

Youth tennis will begin on Monday, June 20, and continue for seven weeks, through Aug. 9. Youth tennis registrations will be held, starting Monday, June 10, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday evening, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is offered for children age 7 through 18 years. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week-session of instruction, two days a week, is $75. Discounts of $10 are available for additional children in a family. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

Rain Day Policy: If rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are special clinic or tournament or rain make-up days.

Shore Soccer Camp Ages 8 to 18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's two one-week long Soccer Clinics starting Monday, June 29, through Friday, Aug. 2, and/ or Monday, Aug. 5 thru Friday, Aug. 9.

Soccer will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for one session is $225 per member. If participating in both sessions, the fee will be $395 per player. There will be a $20 discount for each additional child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Information regarding this year's 4 and 5-year-old and 6 and 7-year-old shorter-day Soccer Clinics will be forth coming shortly. South Shore Soccer Camp will provide both of these soccer programs for younger children this summer.

Mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space available and there are no discounts available for multiple children. All children must be toilet trained.

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FROM THE NEXT LEVEL

Two former C.H.S lax stars making marks

On the girls' side, Lady Skippers 2000 co-captain Jackie Kahn concluded her sophomore year at Centennial Conference member Swarthmore College on a scoring tear. In the Garnet's final seven games, attack wing Kahn scored 19 goals. The two-time high school all-star had four goals versus Chestnut Hill, hat tricks against league rivals Haverford and Western Maryland, and non-league Cedar Crest, and two-goal performances against Ursinus, Bryn Mawr and Stevens Tech. In the Stevens Tech contest, Kahn's overtime score gave Swarthmore — which finished its year at 9-6 — the win.

Kahn finished the season with 21 goals and six assists, third best on the team, despite missing four games. In the fall, she also was a standout soccer player, finishing second on that squad in scoring.

On the boys' side, former Skipper 2000 co-captain Kevin DeVito has led Patriot League member Lafayette College to three wins in its past four games. DeVito, taking over as starting goalie for the Division One squad from Easton, Pennsylvania, recorded 20 saves in an 8-4 victory over Holy Cross, and 10 saves while allowing just one goal in a 15-3 rout of Wagner College. The former Skipper had four saves in Lafayette's 10-7 win over Marist. For the season, DeVito is 3-2 as a starter, with a solid .642 save percentage.

Cohasset's Jackie Kahn wrapped up a solid sophomore season on the lacrosse field at Swarthmore College with 19 goals.

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EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

Just when you think you've got them pegged, they go and do something like this.

Kudos to the MIAA for trying out a couple of new approaches to managing high school sports in this state. Not only did that august body acknowledge a previous mistake, but it took quick steps to correct it.

How the Patriot League, as put together last winter for hockey, ever came to be in the first place is certainly beyond my ability to reason, but at least the MIAA relented last week in the face of overwhelming evidence and near unanimous opinion to undo its error. Is it possible they finally have someone up there on high who's finally "getting it?"

We can only hope.

The decision to ever pit two teams with legitimate perennial state title hopes, Duxbury and Hingham, in the same league against fledgling programs such as Scituate, Rockland and Middleboro, and even a "small school" powerhouse like Hanover, was, quite simply, ludicrous. None of these teams benefited from this one year marriage.

The Rockland team (1-19) was in so far over its head against Duxbury and Hingham, their players were simply shellshocked. Some might say the Bulldogs younger players never recovered this from the humblings they were forced to endure in the two games each against these powerhouse squads.

The argument that "solid" smaller programs like Scituate and Hanover benefited from playing four games each "above their heads" had a bit more substance, but that too dies on the vine in the final analysis. The Hingham and Duxbury teams gave far from their best in these meetings and everyone knew it. I was at a few of these "games" (I use that term loosely). I saw how Duxbury and Hingham would come out intent on ending it early with a first period flourish. Then they'd settle back into a neutral zone trap and cycle, cycle, cycle, ad nauseum. In a word, it made for lousy hockey.

Stow the assertions that the Scituate and Hanover players gained a step by trying to keep up with the likes of the Duxbury and Hingham skaters. This deviation from the norm of how conventional hockey is played more than offset any individual gains, particularly from a "team game" perspective.

Then, of course, there is the matter of how much these four inevitable losses cost Scituate and Hanover when it came to state tourney seedings.

So what now?

Duxbury, Hingham, Scituate, Hanover, Rockland and Middleboro (which was set to make the jump from JV to varsity competition in the Patriot League this coming winter) will compete as independents in 2002-'03. Duxbury and Hingham will no doubt look to maintain that status for as long as possible (in other words, doing their best to stave off MIAA tampering), while the four smaller schools will likely look to hook up with leagues within the Pilgrim Conference for '03-'04.

Prior to this past season, Rockland, Hanover and Scituate were part of an eight team South Shore League that also included Norwell, Cohasset, Hull, Abington-East Bridgewater and Randolph. That league went to six last winter, with Randolph going independent and Mashpee and Harwich coming on board.

A few present South Shore League coaches might not like the idea of Rockland, Hanover and Scituate rejoining the league, or of Middleboro coming aboard. That has something to do with the fact these four are bigger schools, but probably more to do with the fact these coaches do not want to go to a 10 team league and thereby forfeit a good deal of their non-league scheduling flexibility. With most of the teams playing 20 game schedules, and league rivals generally trading off home-and-home meetings, that would leave coaches with only two open dates.

The all too simple solution would be to create two five team leagues from this group, with Abington-East Bridgewater the logical candidate to join the four bigger schools.

Or, how about this: the creation of a South Shore League- Large and a South Shore League-Small? The teams could then play two games against each of the four other teams within their own division and one each versus the other division's teams. That would give each of the 10 teams 13 "set dates", and approximately seven open dates. No Athletic Director welcomes the prospect of having to fill much more than this number of open dates on a yearly basis.

Such a move would also help assure the perpetuation of some great local rivalries on the ice, such as Abington vs. Rockland, Norwell vs. Hanover and Cohasset vs. Scituate, to name just a few.

Patriot League on ice

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and Scituate, much bigger than Hanover, were classified as Division Three teams. Things were a mess."

The MIAA bumped longtime "small school" powerhouse Hanover up a division for last season following the state championship run, despite Sylvia's constant cries about the cyclical nature of high school sports.

"I like playing as an independent, but we will miss playing for a league championship and the kids will miss being named to all-star teams," the veteran Hanover coach continued. "We started out every season with two goals: make the tournament and win the league championship. Now we will have just one goal: making the tournament."

Scituate coach Mike Breen is also happy to be out of the league.

"I would rather play an independent schedule," stated Breen. "There were a couple of teams in the Patriot League that I'm happy to be away from.

"As far as finding opponents, I see no trouble there. I have already had calls from Dennis-Yarmouth, Middleboro and Carver, to mention a few. Then of course, there's Hanover, Rockland, Norwell and others. We will have no trouble scheduling the 20 games. It just makes a little more works for the coaches and athletic directors to put the schedule together."

Coach Sylvia noted that an attempt was made to move Hanover in to the Atlantic Coast League, but ACL officials wanted all or nothing. In other words, the ACL would allow Hanover to play ACL hockey but all the other Hanover sports would also have to play ACL sports.

For a coach like Sylvia, making up a 20-game independent schedule will not be that difficult. He has coached hockey at Hanover for 26 years and he's obviously made a lot of contacts.

"I already have teams in mind that I would like to play next season," said Jim. "We will play Rockland and Scituate each a couple of times. We will participate in the Martha's Vineyard Tournament for a couple of more games. I plan to play at least one game with teams like Whitman-Hanson, Norwell, Abington/East Bridgewwater, Revere and, of course, a couple of games against my brother at Quincy."

Bob Sylvia is the Quincy coach.

"All the MIAA says is that we have to win 50 percent of our scheduled games to qualify for tournament play," continues Hanover's Sylvia. "I think it will work out for all concerned. Hingham and Duxbury will be able to play the type program they have been looking for and we will play teams that are competitive.

"I admire what Hingham has accomplished. They wanted to play higher echelon teams and build a program that would keep kids from running off to play for private schools.

"The move will certainly be welcomed by Hingham. For instance, how would it have looked if a Division Two team like us defeated a Division One team like Hingham in the tourney. As it turned out, we lost 6-4, but if we had won, their chances to play Super Eight teams would have been hurt."

No laughing matter

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Scott Faber and Andrew Busk gave Cohasset its first point of the day with a 6-3, 7-5 win. Three of Cohasset's four wins have come from a pivotal point from second doubles.

Sophomore Jessie Brewer got his first singles match win of the season, winning 6-3, then coming back from a 1-5 score to take the second set 7-5.

Anton had the most thrilling win of the day at second singles against Lancer captain Joe Cummings, a remarkably fast and effective net player.

Anton rebounded from a 2-6 loss in the first set to capture the match in three sets.

Cohasset tried to close out the day with a good-measure win at number one against the Lancers' Brazilian Sensation, but Rafael Sanchez held on for a 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (8-6 tiebreaker) win in a match that lasted just under three hours.

With 8 of their 14 matches completed, including three of the four toughest SSL match-ups (a contest in Norwell today being number four), Cohasset needs only win three more for a ticket to the South Sectional Tournament. Included in the remaining six matches are two teams Cohasset has already beaten, and two more against Harwich, who appears to be the weakest team in the league.

So the team lost half its players to graduation, and two more to other sports, and this year was supposed to serve merely as interim until a strogn cast of current eighth graders moved in next year. But, lo and behold, Cohasset is thinking about tennis beyond the regular season now.

Seven Cohasset tracksters take first place at SSL meet

Cohasset High's Tim Baird, Pete Maitland, Dan Kinchla, Ian Kidder and Liam Martin, Laraine Langford and Jenn Buckley all captured first place finishes in events at this week's South Shore League Track Meet.

On Monday, at Norwell High, Langford won the 100-meter hurdles race with a time of 18.1 seconds and Buckley won the mile (5:36.4)

At the boys meet Tuesday, at Carver High School, seniors Baird and Maitland both set league meet records: Baird in the 800 (1:59:12) and Maitland in the javelin (179-feet-3-inches).

Kinchla won the 2-mile race, Kidder the triple jump and Martin the high jump.

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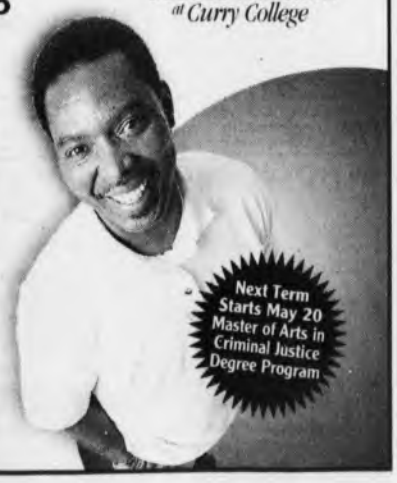

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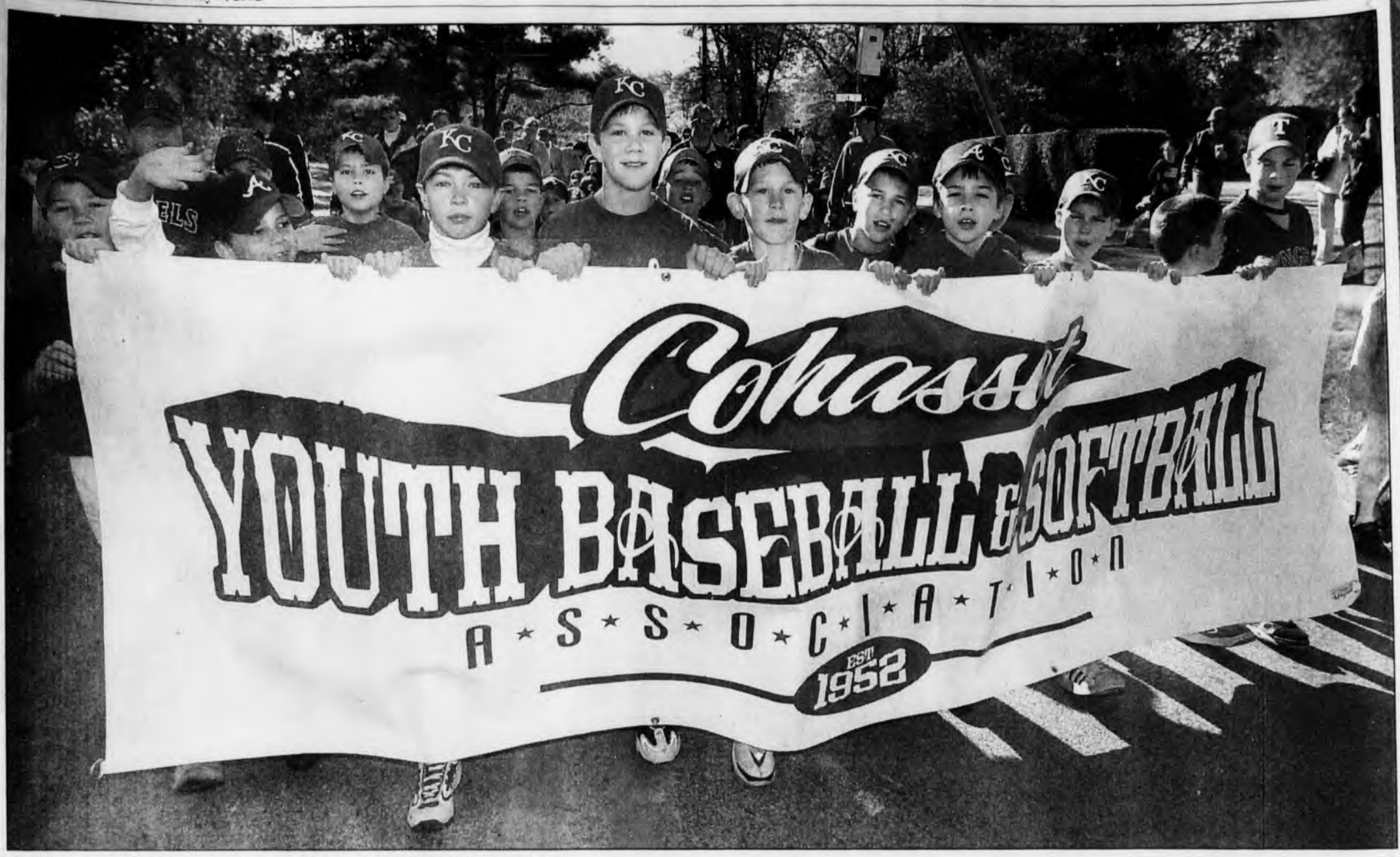

Little leaguers carry the banner at the front of the parade, which is a Cohasset tradition.

Take me out to the ballgame....

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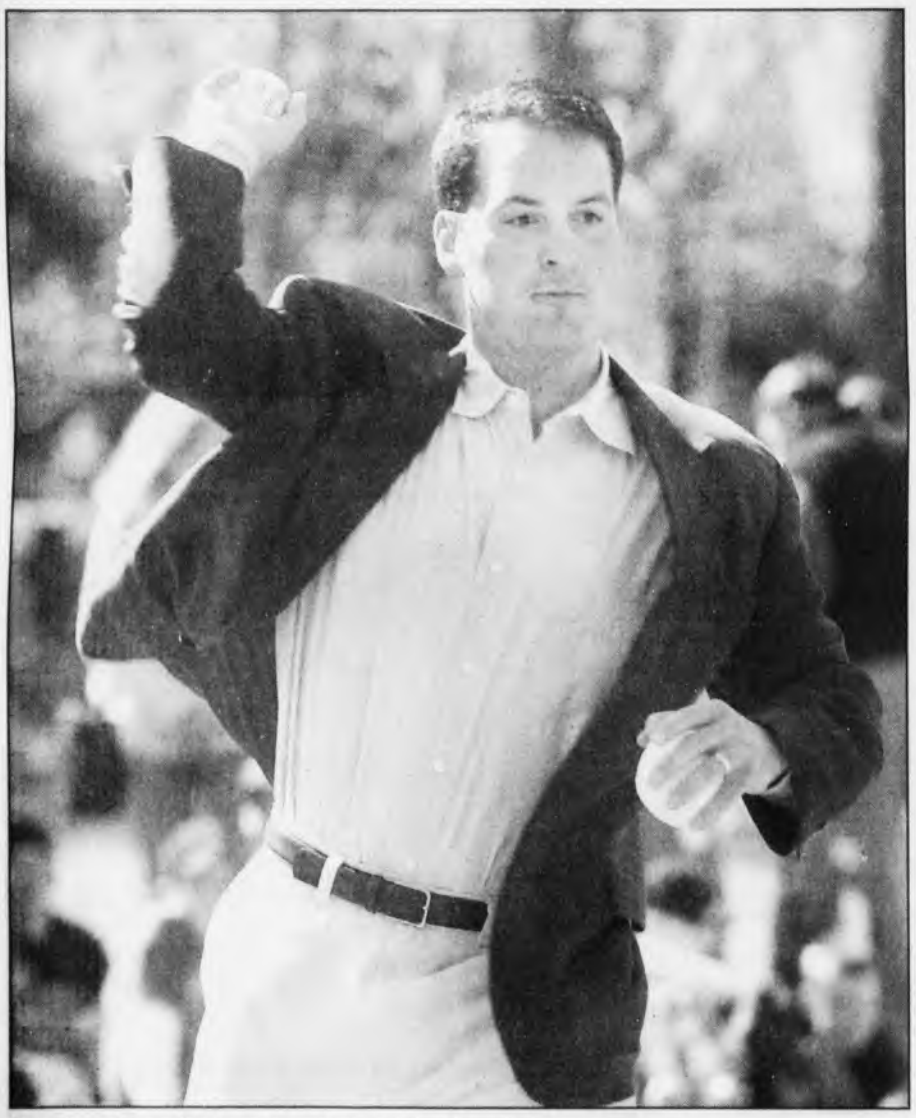
Parade kicks off opening day



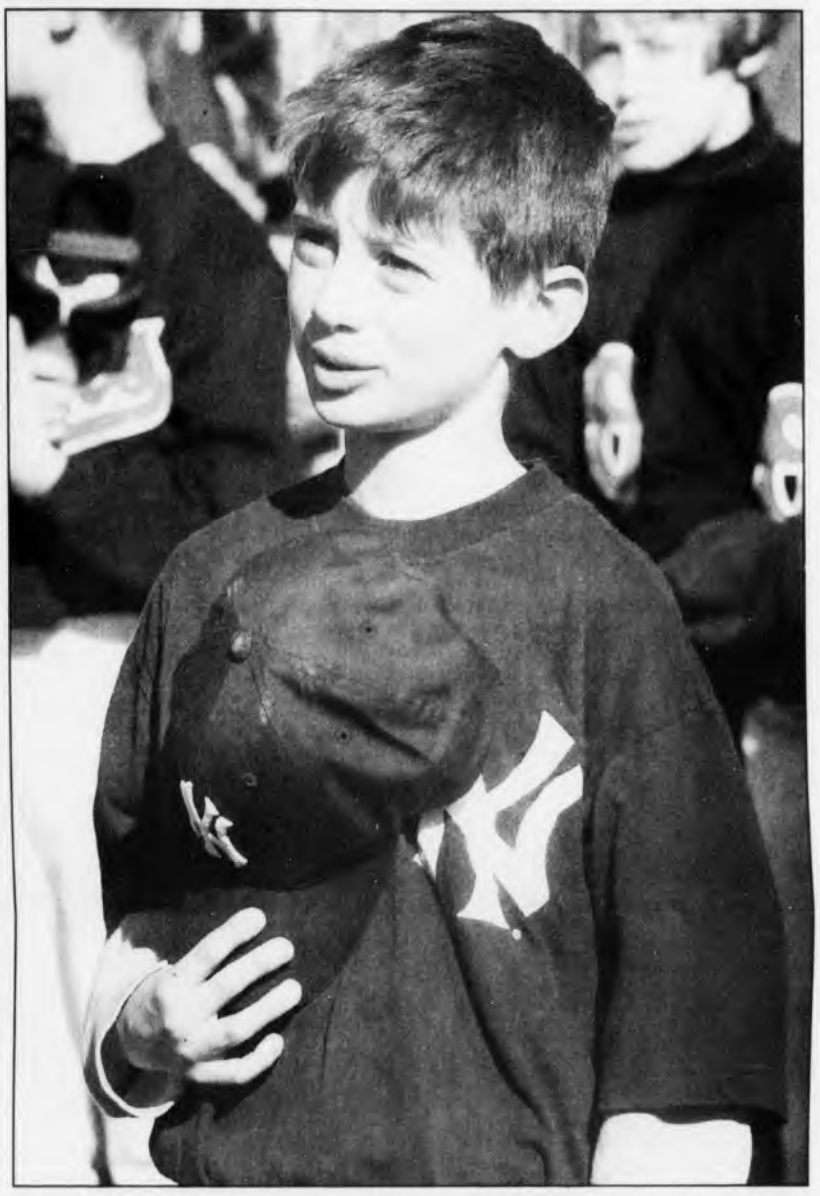
***State** Rep. Garrett Bradley throws the first pitch at Saturday's opener.*

Betsy Crawford, Samantha Crough and Meredith Kelly march with the Sea Dogs.

Chelsea Sylvia, Robert Jones and Gracie Dougherty prepare to raise Old Glory at opening day ceremonies on Barnes Field.

Dan Leahy, left, congratulates Austin Lyne of Good Sport, on being named Sportsman of the Year. Lyne has been a longtime sponsor of Cohasset Youth Baseball.

Last year's champs, the Cardinals, ride atop a fire engine leading Saturday's parade.

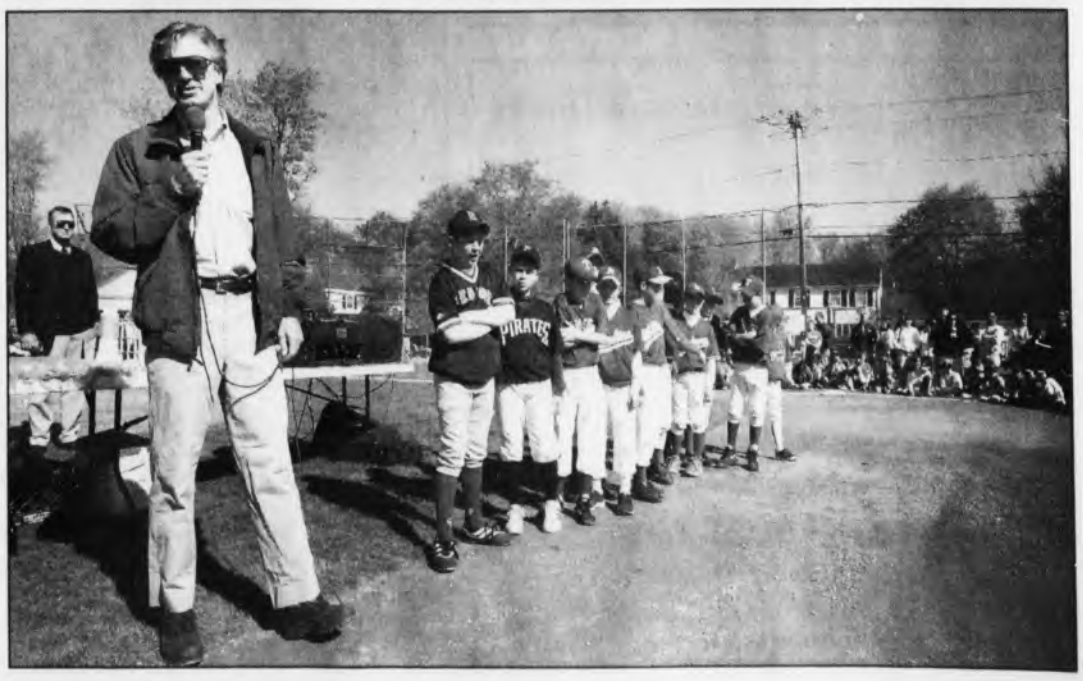


Chase Murphy of the Yankees stands for the Star Spangled Banner at Barnes Field.

Terrence Noonan (who is holding up his fingers to show "one, two, three strikes you're out"), Brody Jackish and Ryan McElhirny sing, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

Above: State Rep. Garrett Bradley throws the first ball, which is caught by Allison Costa.

Top right: The Indians show they are ready to "play ball!"



Right: Travelling all-star team coach Rob McCunney introduces the all-stars who have a 28-game winning streak.

Youth laxers tested in several close games

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse was back in action last weekend as Mother Nature gave us a spectacular Spring day which proved to be the perfect backdrop for what turned out to be some of the best competition of the season with several of the games being decided in the last few seconds of play.

The Cohasset **U10** White team had their toughest outing of the year with a dramatic come from behind victory hosting a very strong Plymouth Blue team in what turned out to be the lowest scoring game yet this season for both teams (5-4). Ian Quinlan played the whole game in goal and came up with many saves including a terrific stop with 10 seconds to go to preserve the win.

The teams both missed early scoring opportunities and Cohasset took the lead 2-0 after the first period on goals by Eamon Davis and Chris Walsh. Plymouth played tough defense and it was 2-1 at the half as tough middie play continued to rule the day with stand-out performances by Andrew Cantillon, Jeff Durkin and Andrew Mckenna who clearly helped the defensive group keep pace on a very hot Spring day.

Plymouth found their stride in the 3rd quarter but with excellent play from Quinlan and the defense of Taylor McQuade,Terrance Durkin and Andrew Littauer, Cohasset kept it close and kept the score to 3-2 in favor of Plymouth. The 4th quarter saw Cohasset tie it up on a goal by Andrew Graham only to fall behind again 4-3 with 5 minutes remaining. Near misses by John Kearney and Geoff Evans had Cohasset behind in the 4th quarter for the first time this year. With 2 minutes left Brendan Doonan made a terrific dodge and goal to tie the score at 4-4. Davis then capped the victory on a breakaway score with 38 seconds left to go for the win.

Next up was the **U12** Boys Blue team that also hosted Plymouth at Miliken Field in what ended up being the most exciting game of their season to date. From the first whistle, the home-town crowd knew it was going to be a long day as the Cohasset team showed some cobwebs from a week off as Plymouth dominated all aspects of the game in the first half. If not for the courageous goaltending play of Justin Hollis (16 saves overall) who seemed to be stopping one point-blank shot after another, this game could have easily gotten out of reach very quickly. Keeping it close was also some outstanding individual performances by Alex Shipp with two first half goals, and solo "bangers" by Mike Grimm, Logan Chase, and Chris Rose on a beautiful give and go coming from behind the net. Also, while some of his teammates were "sleep walking", the energetic play of first year midfielder Pat Doonan (who was "everywhere" on the field) kept Plymouth on their toes, but they still pulled ahead 7-5 at the mid-way point.

This was the only "wake-up" call that Cohasset would need as a different team took the field in the second half. During a hard fought, and very physical 3rd quarter that was punctuated by superb offensive and defensive play on both sides, Plymouth and Cohasset traded goals and ended the period with Plymouth still holding the lead at 10-8. Mike Grimm had 2 goals – both assisted down in front, one by Chris Mills and another on a great no-look feed from Teddy Galligan. Chris Rose also notched his second of the game to keep the contest within reach, but the "real fun" was just about to start.

Plymouth opened the 4th quarter with a goal that put them up by 3, but it was clear that Cohasset now had their game faces on and weren't going to be denied. Chris Mills started the come-back on a picture-perfect score off of a feed from Sam DeGiacomo that was set up by dominating face-off play by Matt Burgess. Plymouth added one more score, but it would be their last as the close-in defense led by Mike Bilodeau, Anderson Lynner, and Chris Kuppens stifled the Plymouth offense and refused to let them get any momentum. Chris Rose got his third of the day on an unassisted shot off of a fast break, and then during a flurry of shots on the Plymouth cage that produced a frenzied "man-ball" exercise, Sam DeGiacomo made a remarkable "scoop and fire" to close the gap to within one with two minutes left to play. On the ensuing face-off, Matt Burgess again came up with the ball and produced an immediate fast break that set up a fan-rousing goal by Alex Shipp to complete his hat trick and tie the score. With fresh legs in the game, Logan Chase muscled around the Plymouth midfielder to win the next face-off and quickly got the ball to a cutting Mike Grimm. Grimm, who at first seemed to be settling the ball, then burst across the middle, dodged what seemed like the entire Plymouth defense - and with a laser-like strike, caught the goaltender "looking", as he "puffed" the back of the net for the game-winner. Cohasset 13, Plymouth 12.

The last home game of the day was again against Plymouth at the **U14** level. After a closely contested first half the Cohasset team easily pulled away and beat Plymouth 14-3. Cohasset started out quickly by building a lead of 4-1 in the first quarter and led 6-3 at halftime with goals coming from Corey Chase (2), Aidan Buick, Dan Trendowicz, Mike Pecca and Austen Lanzillotti.

The close defense was excellent for the entire game led by goalie Ben Libby and defenseman Mike Barnes, Jeff Brown, Jared Dick and Bobby Meikleham. The only negative for the game was a large number of penalties by Cohasset, but that was countered by the outstanding man down defense of Jared Kinch, Trevor Brady and Ryan Kucinski. The man down unit scored three times with Kinch (2) and Kucinski both scoring goals playing as long-stick (defensive) midfield positions. Brady was a force on ground balls and carrying the ball into the offensive zone in his first game of the season after returning from an earlier injury.

Cohasset had several players change positions in the second half and both Adam Smith and Corbin Faber picked up their first goals of the season. Pecca, Trendowicz, and Lanzillotti scored their second goals of the day to round out the goal scoring. Mike Bunstein, Zack Etkind, Chase, Lanzillotti and Buick each had one assist on the day.

The **U10** Cohasset Blue squad traveled to Plymouth and faced their strongest opponent yet this season. After a week off both teams went into the game with undefeated records. At the first face off Plymouth worked a fast break into a solid offensive play for a quick first goal. Chris Brown was in the crease for the first half and cleared the ball to his defense and midfielders successfully to keep the strong Plymouth offense at the midfield. Later in the 1st period, Max Shipp tied the score with a text book shot on an assist by Jack Murphy. Shipp then quickly capitalized on a fast break and went one-on-one for another goal to put Cohasset 2 - 1. Plymouth responded just as quickly with two additional goals to end the 1st , 3 - 2.

Due to strong close-in defensive play by Cohasset, Plymouth was forced to shoot from outside with poor results, however, they finally tallied one and went up by one. Max Shipp then tallied another goal on an assist by Dean Driscoll. Will Wise followed up with a well-executed shot after a strong move to the cage. Repeated saves at the edge of the goal and the entire defense held up well during an energy packed first half which ended tied 4 to 4.

The third quarter was a stand-off. The midfield shinned in this quarter. Justin Yeager, Jake Wheelright were both strong on ground balls and Mark Saraikas, Johnny McGoldrick and Sam Leahy were successful at gaining possession and advancing the ball across the midfield. Jack Murphy as goalie made a great save at his knees (hockey style!) and controlled his defense to keep Plymouth scoreless in the third.

The forth quarter would turn out to be the deciding period. Early into the quarter Plymouth scored during a penalty and man-down situation. With two minutes to play the Cohasset squad worked hard to advance the ball to their attack and two shots were made yet saved by the Plymouth goalie. With just over a minute left another shot by Dean Driscoll barely missed with the sidelines thinking we had tied it up. With 7 seconds in the game, Justin Yeager took the ball at the sideline and fed it into the crease but Cohasset was denied and the game ended with a final score of Plymouth 5, Cohasset Blue 4.

The **U12** Boys White team also was away with a trip to Marshfield. Expectations were for a tough competitive game against this Marshfield squad, and the forecasters were right. The game was full of high energy and physical play that produced some of the best action of the season. Cohasset notched the first score of the game on a fine unassisted goal by attackman Mark Flibotte. The play was back and forth during the first quarter with Cohasset goalie Wes Ulmer keeping Marshfield off the scoreboard. The second quarter saw the continuation of a physically challenging game with both teams providing solid team defense. Marshfield evened the game at 1, but Cohasset pulled ahead on a magnificent spin move by Peter Oswald and a heads up goal from Charlie Czerkawski in front of the Marshfield cage as Cohasset ended the first half up 3-1.

The third quarter was a testament to Cohasset's desire to continue their winning ways. Despite a physical Marshfield defense, the hometown team stretched its lead on goals from Peter Ernst and Mark Flibotte (for his second of the day), and two more from Peter Oswald with Sean Silvia adding a nice assist as well as several fast breaks. The third quarter ended with Cohasset up 7-1 and the game was now well in hand. The fourth quarter saw Cohasset play solid team defense keeping Marshfield at bay and Oswald finished the scoring with his fourth of the day, making the final an 8-1 victory.

Key to this win was an impressive defensive effort, led by the close-in defense of Kyle Pinkus who in addition to frustrating a very aggressive Marshfield attack group, also had several end to end charges that set up key scoring opportunities. Mike Kusek, James Reichardt, Johnny Wade, David Crawford, and Frank Wheelwright also added to an "iron wall" in front of net making sure that this one stayed in the win column. Wes Ulmer was rock solid in the cage, ending the day with eight saves.

Girls Report

The Girls teams traveled to Scituate where they played two close, down-to-the-wire games, finishing with a tie and a loss.

At the **U12** level, Cohasset trailed by one at the half, with the only score coming early off the stick of Gabriella Flibotte. Flibotte tied the game midway through the second half, before Scituate scored again. Finally, Paige Strecker converted a free position opportunity to tie the score. Cohasset controlled the game from there out, but was unable to convert, and the game ended in a 3-3 tie.

Rebecca Evans, Maura Regan, Stefi Belz, Caroline McElhinny and Megan Richardson led a tenacious Cohasset defense that never let Scituate get rolling and managed to stymie repeated opportunities. Thomson Jaffe stopped seven shots, including two direct free positions, to backstop the team's effort.

At the **U14** level, Cohasset jumped out to an early lead, powered by two goals from Lindsay Durkin — one assisted by Kara Wilcox — plus individual tallies from Kaleigh Swain and Lisa Spirito.

But Scituate slowly worked itself back into the game, tying the score shortly before half. The second half saw Scituate convert most of its scoring chances, while Cohasset just couldn't put points up on the board. Swain's second goal of the game was Cohasset's only second-half marker, as the girls fell by a final score of 8-5.

Haley Haracz, substituting in the Cohasset goal and with less than one full practice of experience as a goalie, stopped 9 Scituate shots, many from close in. Tessa Leahy, Jessica Wheelwright and Colleen Richardson led a spirited Cohasset defensive effort.

The girls take to the field again on Mother's Day against Braintree, and then play again on Monday, May 13 at Norwell, making up for games that were rained out on April 28.

C.H.S. weekly sports scoreboard

GIRLS TENNIS

May
- 6 beat Mashpee, 5-0
- 7 beat Norton, 4-1
- 9 Norwell 4 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
- 6 beat Mashpee, 3-2
- 7 lost to Norton, 4-1
- 9 at Norwell 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE
- 6 lost to Scituate, 13-11
- 7 lost to Scituate, 6-5

BOYS LACROSSE
- 2 beat Barnstable, 17-2
- 3 beat Falmouth, 10-8
- 7 lost to Sandwich, 11-10

VARSITY BASEBALL
- 2 at Norwell- postponed
- 6 lost to Mashpee, 17-4
- 7 lost to Norton, 17-0

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Why I have the best mom of all!

The following Mothers Day essays were written by Lauren Cook's second grade students at the Joseph Osgood School, in honor of their mothers.

Lauren Cook's second-grade class at the Osgood School.

My Mom has brown eyes. My Mom has brown hair. My Mom is beautiful. My Mom works in Plymouth. She is a legal secretary. My Mom helps me with my homework. My Mom helps me with shopping. I like to shop with her. I like to eat lunch with her. I like to sleep with her. My Mom makes me feel loved by kissing me and hugging me. My Mom makes me feel loved by giving me birthday presents. I love my Mom!

— Ruthann Barry

My Mom has blondish-brown hair just like me. My Mom has pretty hazel eyes. She is kind hearted and very pretty. My Mom helps me do my homework. I like it when she looks at TV with me. I feel loved when she gives me kisses.

— Kyrel Baughns

My Mom has long brownish-reddish hair, brown eyes, and she is tall. My Mom is kind hearted, and sweet. My Mom works by staying home and taking care of my sisters and me. My Mom is very talented. She is a great singer and she is in lots of plays. My Mom helps me by helping me correct my reading and helps me with my homework. When I am in a play my Mom helps me learn my lines. I like to ski with my Mom and go to restaurants with her. My Mom makes me feel loved by hugging me and saying I love you and swimming with me and making me laugh.

— Emily Baumgarten

My Mom has short brown hair. She has pretty hazel eyes. My Mom is always there when I need her. She is very kind hearted. She is very beautiful. My Mom is a very great Mom. My Mom is a lawyer. She goes to work in Quincy. She is also a Mom and she does most of the cleaning. My Mom is very busy. She helps me by doing pretty things with my hair. She helps me with my homework. She helps me by buying food and by tucking me in at night. She helps me when I am sick and when I am sad. I like it when we play together and I like it when she buys me new clothes when I need them. She helps me when I am stuck on a word in a book. I like to go bike riding with her. I like to cook with my Mom. It is lots of fun when we play together. I like it when she reads to me. I love it when she cooks banana bread for me. I love it when we go on vacation together. I like it when we go shopping together. I love it when she kisses me goodnight. I love it when she is with me. She makes me feel loved when she kisses me goodnight. She makes me feel loved when she makes macaroni and cheese for me. She makes me feel loved when she helps in my class. I love my Mom.

— Michaela Brophy

My Mom is beautiful. My Mom is the average height. My Mom is very kind. My Mom is very, very, very cool. My Mom is a help for the Cohasset swim team and diving team. My Mom also drives the senior citizens. My Mom also is a great help at my house. She helps me by loving me. My Mom helps me with my homework. My Mom helps me with prayers that I have to learn for my communion. I love it when we snuggle together and read books and watch TV. I love it when she shows me her Irish Step Dancing and then I show her mine. I like to play with her outside and inside. My Mom makes me feel loved by kisses and hugs. My Mom makes me feel loved by all of the things she does for me.

— Moira Donohue

My Mom has brown hair and brown eyes. My Mom is beautiful. She has a pretty smile. My Mom stays at home and watches my sister. My Mom is a roommother for my twin brother's class. My Mom goes shopping. My Mom helps me with my homework. My Mom helps me with my reading. My Mom helps me with my spelling. She helps me when I'm mad and when I'm sick. I like to play catch with my Mom. I like to go swimming with my Mom. I like making homemade chocolate chip cookies with my Mom. I feel loved when my Mom gets me toys. I feel loved when she takes me on vacation. I feel loved when she makes me cupcakes.

— Dean McNary

My Mom has blonde hair and blue eyes. She is tall and pretty and is very nice to everyone. My Mom works for Fidelity, but she works at home, too. She takes care of my brother and me. My Mom helps me with my homework and helps me spell hard words. She also helps me by making sure that I am safe. I like to play outside with my Mom and I like to play games with her. I like to watch movies with her. My Mom makes me feel loved because she is always nearby and because she says she loves me and because she hugs me and kisses me.

— Christie Fitzgerald

My Mom is medium in height and has bluish-green eyes and blond hair and is very beautiful. My Mom is a real estate agent and 2 other things but sometimes she's home. My Mom helps me when I am sad and if I have a problem. I like to go shopping with my Mom. I like to go on vacations with my Mom. I love spending the day with my Mom. I love when my Mom helps out at school. My Mom makes me feel loved by telling me she loves me and by giving me hugs and kisses. She also helps me when I do my homework and when I do my hair. I also like when we read together and when she drives Alison and me to swimming every Tuesday and when she takes me to her work in December for a Christmas party and when she takes me to plays. My Mom makes me feel loved when she calls me "Angel".

— Danielle Frederick

My Mom has brown eyes, brownish-black hair and long eyelashes. She gives good kisses and she is a very, very, very nice person. My Mom is a social worker and she drives big kids to sports and she is a mom who likes football. She helps me with my homework and she plays football with me. I like it when she takes me on trips with her. My Mom makes me feel loved by kissing me and bringing me to the arcade and sleeping with me.

— Kimani Hale-Sadm

My Mom has short black hair and pretty brown eyes and a good smile and she is medium size. My Mom is a policewoman and I am very proud of her! My Mom helps me with everything, especially when I am sick. I love it when my Mom and I cuddle and play games. My Mom makes me feel loved when she tucks me in at night and says she loves me.

— Elizabeth Leong

My Mom has blue eyes and she has blond hair. She is very nice and funny and kind hearted and she is very pretty. My Mom is from Germany. She stays home and takes care of the kids. My Mom helps me by feeding all the kids in my house and she helps me with my homework and she helps me with problems. When I get hurt or sick, she helps me get better. My Mom helps me when I am scared and she helps me have fun and she helps me comb my hair and she helps me buy clothes and she helps me buy the right things. I like to go to the beach with my Mom and I like to play games with her. I like it when she goes shopping with me. I like to do everything with my Mom. My Mom makes me feel loved when she does stuff with me. I like it when she calls me "sweetie" and tucks me in and kisses me goodnight.

— Morgan McCarthy

My Mom has brown hair and she is tall. She is thin and very pretty. My Mom stays at home and she takes care of my family. She takes care of my animals too. My Mom is a room mother for my class. I am happy about that. My Mom helps me when I am sick and helps me when I am mad. She helps me when I am stuck on a word that I can't spell. My Mom helps me with my homework. I like to play games with her. When my Mom hugs me and tucks me into bed, she makes me feel loved.

— Jake Moskow

My Mom has beautiful brown eyes and she has black hair that is wonderful. She is medium size and she has wonderful skin. My Mom works at General Dynamics. She makes computers and when she gets home she makes a wonderful dinner. My Mom helps me do my homework. She also helps me when I do something wrong and when I get hurt. I love it when we go shopping together, when she goes to the pool with me, when she goes to the movies with me, when she orders pizza and we watch a movie together and when she tucks me into bed. My Mom makes me feel loved when she kisses me and hugs me and lets me sleep in her bed and when she snuggles with me.

— Kayla Orner

My Mom has black hair and brown eyes. She's beautiful and she's medium in height. My Mom works in Boston as a teacher. My Mom helps me with my homework. I like to go bike riding with her and swimming. My Mom makes me feel loved when she gives me hugs and kisses.

— Ben Pratt

My Mom has brownish-blond hair. My Mom has blue eyes. My Mom has a lot of jobs. My Mom is kind hearted. My Mom works at home and she works for the Cohasset Mariner, and she works in Weymouth at the South Shore Hospital. She is also a nanny in Cohasset. She helps me when I am sick. My Mom helps me pick out my clothes. My Mom helps me cheer up. I like to go on trips with my Mom. I like to go shopping with my Mom. I like to go to the zoo with my Mom. I like to go to the movies with my Mom. I like to go to the mall with my Mom. My Mom makes me feel good. My Mom makes me feel loved when she calls me "Callie Coconut" and I feel loved when my Mom helps me.

— Callie Piepenbrink

My Mom has brown eyes and brown hair. She is medium tall and she is beautiful and very smart. My Mom is a nurse and at home she cleans, cooks, waters the plants and takes care of our garden. She also feeds the animals, washes the dishes and takes care of us when we are sick. My Mom also brushes my hair and comes to help in my class. My Mom pays most of our bills and lots more. My Mom helps me with my homework and when I am sick she puts cloths on my back and puts food in my stomach and my Mom helps me with my problems. My Mom and I like to go to the beach and look for sea glass and shells. We like to go shopping and watch movies and eat buttered popcorn together. My Mom makes me feel loved when she gives me kisses and tucks me into her bed. I feel loved when we do stuff together and when we go shopping together and lots, lots more.

— Ariel Savage

My Mom has beautiful blue eyes and brownish-blondish hair. My Mom wears beautiful earrings. My Mom likes to wear her hair in buns, ponytails, or down. My Mom wears beautiful headbands. When she goes out to dinner, she looks pretty. She is kind hearted. Her nice smile comes from her heart. She loves almost everybody. She likes to work outside in the garden and take care of everybody. My Mom helps me by taking care of me when I am sick and by helping me with my homework. I like to stay in a hotel with her, just she and I. My Mom makes me feel loved when we say a saying, which is, "Don't let the bed bugs bite. See you later alligator. After awhile crocodile!" She also makes me feel loved when she tucks me in and kisses me goodnight.

— Kaye Slamp

My Mom has blond hair and pretty eyes. She is short and she is beautiful. She wears nice clothes and her hair is down to her shoulders. My Mom is a lawyer and she has been to court before. She sometimes cleans the dishes and takes care of my sister, my puppy, and me. She helps me with my homework and she comes into my classroom to help every week. I like it when my Mom takes me shopping, to the beach, for a bike ride and on vacations. I feel very loved because my Mom and Dad adopted my sister and me from South Korea. I also feel loved when my Mom kisses me good night, kisses me goodbye, and when she kisses me when I get on the bus. I love my Mom!

— Matthew Swanborg

My Mom is very nice and she has blue eyes just like me. She is medium tall and she is kind hearted. She gets paper in the mail and she types it. She helps me with my homework, and my cursive, and she helps me solve problems. I like reading with my Mom, and I like her personality. I like it when she takes me on trips. She loves me on the inside and the outside. She loves me everywhere I go. I am glad that she is my Mom!

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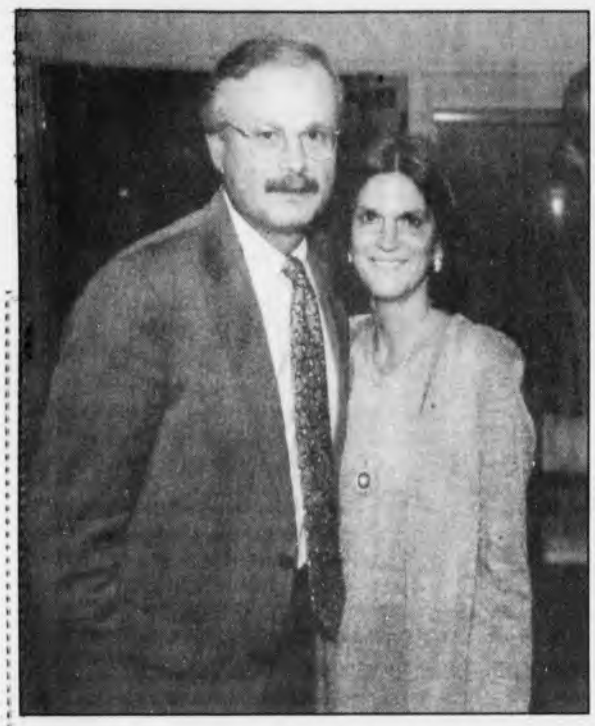

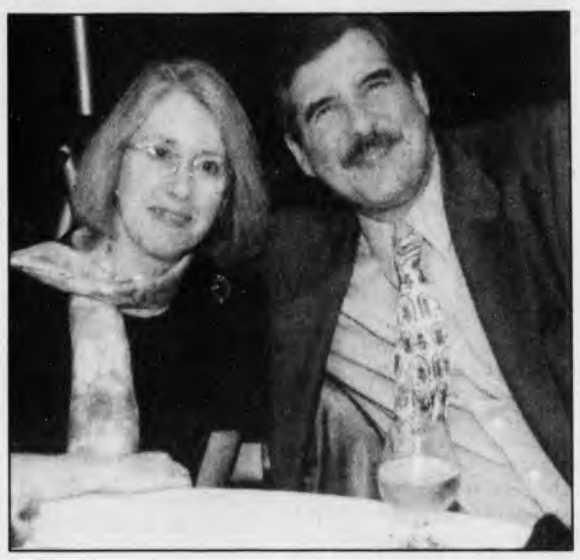

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The Social Service League of Cohasset celebrated 90 years of service to the South Shore with a gala event at Atlantica on Friday, May 3. Dinner and dancing was enjoyed by all those who attended. It was an opportunity for the League to thank and honor their many supporters and volunteers, both past and present. There was great representation from many segments of the community.

The evening was also an opportunity for many in the community to meet the League's new Administrative Director Donald Ivas, and his wife, and exchange ideas for future projects.

The Margaret F. Loud, RN Scholarship Award for this year was also announced that evening. This year's scholarships were awarded to Anna Roche and Abigail Pease.

Anna, a graduating senior from Notre Dame Academy and a recognized leader with a long list of volunteer interests, will attend Georgetown University in the fall with the intent to pursue her interest in the field of bioethics.

Abby received her undergraduate degree in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry from Yale and will pursue her medical degree at Columbia University. Abby also takes time to volunteer for the Manhattan Women and Children's Project which matches tutors with young students who have HIV.

These accomplished and articulate young women have made clear connections between personal interest and public service and the League wishes them well in their future endeavors.

The raffle for a trip for two to Bermuda was won by Linda Wakeman. Bon Voyage to the Wakemans!

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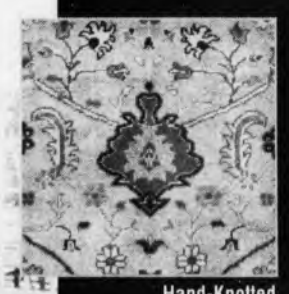

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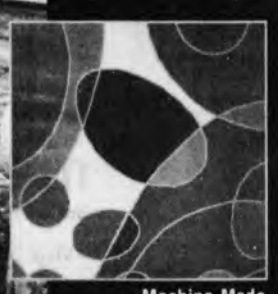

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Science comes naturally to kids along school trail

By Evan Schiff
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With the warmer weather seemingly right around the corner, first and third grade students at the Osgood school will get to enjoy all the wonders of spring.

In continuing with past years, a naturalist from the Massachusetts Audubon Society will take the young students on a walk on a trail behind the school to explore everything nature has to offer. The trail was created with the help of a partnership between the PSO and the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private organization.

The students will be walking the trail next Thursday and Friday.

The trail winds for about a quarter of a mile behind the school leading to a small grove surrounded by birch trees. Bordering a small stream, a platform extends to allow students to reach into the stream to obtain water samples.

For third-grade students, the goal of the program is to work with them to integrate the use of the trail and observation platform with the current curriculum requirements. The students are taken on two seasonal, interpretive and interactive outings and record details of the life cycles of plants and animals along the way. There will be a focus on the identification of native plants and animals, their adaptations, life cycles and how each fits into a wet woodland ecosystem. In effect, students will become scientists and researchers.

"The basic premise is that they will become stewards for nature and open space in their community," said Ellyn Einhorn, education coordinator for the Massachusetts Audubon Society. "Kids often have an opportunity to learn about far off regions but we're providing them with the opportunity to explore their own backyards."

"We're providing them with the opportunity to explore their own backyards."

— Ellyn Einhorn, Massachusetts Audubon Society

For the first-grade students, the purpose is to introduce them to the rocks, minerals, soil, living and non-living organisms found on the trial beside the school. Students will be expected to examine what they find on the trail and compare it to other items. According the Audubon Society, "the students will be engaged in a learning experience and in hands on activities that relate directly to their curriculum."

The program was started a few years back at the old Osgood school and when the building changes locations, some felt it was still necessary to keep up this program.

Sarah Porter, president of the Osgood PSO, said she is glad this practice continued at the current school. However, she said without the help of the conservation trust it may have never gotten off the ground.

"The conservation trust has done some wonderful things for us," she said. "We probably would not have been able to do this without them."

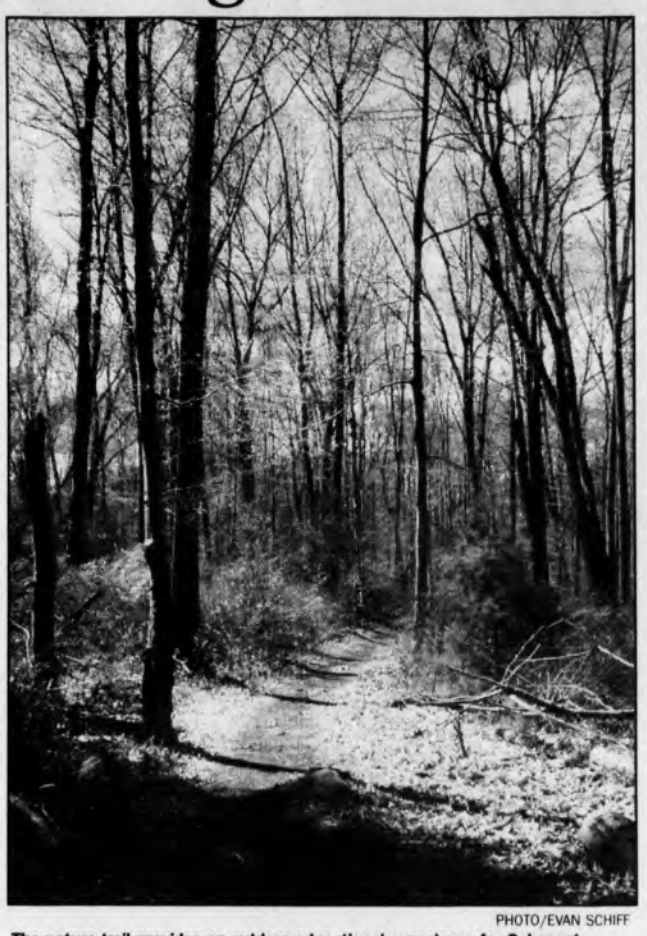
The PSO needed money for the program, some to build the observation platform and a bridge which covers a small stream, and still more to pay the $1000 per year for the naturalist to teach the class.

Treasurer of the conservation trust Dick Avery said this was a natural investment for the group.

"As an organization, one of our goals is to preserve open land in its natural state," Avery said. "This investment works two fold, we're accomplishing that and also succeeding on educating out town's youth on the importance of nature."

Avery said as a kid growing up he often was sent on hikes in the wilderness and feels that has benefited him as an adult.

"We hope to build a bond between these students and nature," he said. "We want them to see nature as not something to conquer but something to appreciate and thoroughly enjoy."



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Coffeehouse provides warm setting for music lovers

Next event is May 18

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The cozy ambience of the Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square is hard to describe — you have to be there to experience it.

There's good coffee, yes — as well as tea and tasty homemade desserts — but it's the friendliness of those who gather inside the parish house, the subtle lighting and the wide variety of top-knotch musicians and others who perform there which have earned a name for the coffeehouse.

Regulars and newcomers alike feel welcome

One woman's comment captured the coffeehouse atmosphere perfectly: "I come here by myself, but I'm never alone."

The coffeehouse is run by a group of community volunteers from Hingham, Scituate, Weymouth, Hull, and surrounding towns working together to make the event a success.

Sue Krueger of Scituate, who has since moved from the area, started the coffeehouse almost 20 years ago.

"It was a one-woman operation, and she handled all the music for 15 years," said Ted Moskal, coordinator of the booking committee, which was formed to take over where Krueger left off. The committee scouts out new talent.

"The coffeehouse has a nice, informal, pleasant atmosphere," Moskal said.

There are a number of other committees that work hard to ensure the smooth running of the coffeehouse, which is one of a number located in the Greater Boston area.

Fan Leonard, one of the organizers of the coffeehouse, and James Watson, both of Hingham, are among the longest standing members of the group now, but many others have also volunteered their time over the years.

"The coffeehouse offers a chance to present a variety of performers and share music and ideas in a friendly, mellow setting," Watson said.

The popularity of the Hingham coffeehouse has grown over the years.

"We started out as a small group, but now we have to borrow chairs," Leonard said.

The evening starts off with an open mike, where new and up and coming local singers, storytellers, mimes, poets and instrumentalists can offer their best to a supportive, attentive audience.

"New ideas are always welcome," said Watson.

The Rev. Kenneth Read-Brown, minister at Old Ship Church, has played his banjo and dulcimer during open mike, and his wife, Susan, and other family members have joined him onstage in the past, performing unofficially as the "Read-Brown Singers."

The coffeehouse, which has gained in popularity over the years through word of mouth, also offers an opportunity for people to gather together as a community for an evening of fun for all ages at a reasonable price.

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Billy Novick and Guy Van Duser perform at a recent Coffeehouse off the Square.

Proceeds benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, which promotes social justice and human rights wordwide by helping others create long-term solutions to human rights challenges in their own communities as well as raising funds for medical relief.

When the coffeehouse got its start, for instance, the committee's efforts were focused on Central America in response to events occurring in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

The service committee has also been involved with the September 11 relief effort.

"The coffeehouse is special to me because the purpose has remained the same over the years," Leonard said. "It's not just about having fun, but also reaching out and making connections with people in other parts of the world."

Old Ship Church, which is Unitarian Universalist, provides the hall for the coffeehouse. The event was held at First Baptist Church down the street in its earliest years.

The audience at the April coffeehouse was treated to a variety of original tunes performed by local talent during open mike, ranging from "I Love You More Than Pizza and a Little More than the Moon" to a more serious number attempting to make sense of the events of Sept. 11.

The audience sits companionably around tables, with ample time to socialize during breaks, or in chairs set up in front of the stage, offering a close-up view of the performers.

The most recent coffeehouse featured the "Two Man Big Band" of Billy Novick and Guy van Duser, a resident of neighboring Hull, offering innovative, refreshing music combined with unique vocals.

The duo, returning five years after its first coffeehouse performance, wowed the audience with classic jazz numbers from the 1920s, 30s and 40s.

Van Duser is known for his multi-layered guitar playing and Novick for his "intricate but playfully soaring" clarinet.

"They must have lost my card," quipped van Duser, referring to the length of time between coffeehouse performances.

Novick and van Duser have been making music together for 26 years, so it wasn't surprising that the show was sold out before 8 p.m. and that the audience was one of the most enthusiastic in the history of the coffeehouse.

At intermission time, Watson, who introduced the talent, quipped, "You can see why five years was just too long!"

It was a toss-up as to who enjoyed the evening more – the audience or performers, whose energy, warmth, sensitivity, sense of humor and obvious love for music were captivating.

Every note and word was played or sung with feeling. There was the sense that if the duo continued playing all night long, no one would have left.

The audience was amazed by the richness of the full-bodied performance and awed that two such gentlemen were responsible for creating a sound equivalent to a large band or at least a sizable combo.

But then again, the coffeehouse is known for offering unique and captivating performers.

During some parts of the performance, you could hear a pin drop, while at other times, there was some subtle but enthusiastic clapping and foot-tapping going on, with an occasional joke or anecdote thrown in for good measure.

Perhaps one of the biggest hits was the duo's performance of an original number entitled "New Orleans Farewell," a haunting and soulful number.

The feeling was mutual between the performers and those doing the listening.

"The Hingham coffeehouse audience is wonderful and responsive," Novick said.

Past performers and events include Hingham's own New Age songstress Dawna Hammers; David Dodson, "a delightful singer from Maine by way of Texas," providing humorous and provocative insights into everyday life; Central and South American music; "Poetry Slam"; Taproot and MacIsaac and Ross, offering contemporary songs with a traditional flair; folksinger, songwriter, and humorist Scott Alarik; "A Celtic Christmas" with Aine Minoque and friends; an Irish harpist; and Southern Rail performing Gospel music.

The possibilities are endless, as evidenced by the boxes of CDs and tapes the booking committee has on hand.

"We get a lot of them from potential performers, and others contact us over the Internet about sending us promotional packages," Moskal said. "We offer everything from traditional music to bluegrass."

Next year's intended bookings include African music and the presentation of a mixture of poetry and instrumental numbers. Well-known Irish bass singer Aoife Clancy is already booked for Saint Patrick's Day weekend next year.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, which benefits from the coffeehouse proceeds, was founded in 1939 to aid the victims of Nazi terror. The organization has challenged injustice in more than 50 countries on four continents during the past 60 years.

Its programs are designed to empower women, defend children's rights, and support those who are struggling under racial and ethnic oppression.

The coffeehouse is located in the Old Ship Church Parish House, 107 Main St. Admission is $10 at the door, with proceeds benefiting the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

Robbie Walsh on banjo and Mark Ryer on guitar will perform at the coffeehouse Saturday, May 18, at 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For further information cal (781) 749-1767.

The coffeehouse recently extended its season — which now runs from September through May — due to popular demand.

For more information about other local coffeehouses, visit the Boston Area Coffeehouse Association at www.bostoncoffeehouses.org/.

Open house at farm May 11

An open house will be held at Holly Hill Farm Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. The farm is located at 226 Jerusalem Road. The purpose of this gathering is to introduce local students and their parents to the farm's Summer Farm Program — summer work experience for young people entering grades seven, eight and nine. At the open house, farm staff will present information about the Summer Farm Program, answer questions and lead a brief walking tour of the farm's fields, greenhouse and barnyard. Application forms for the Summer Farm Program will also be available.

Holly Hill Farm's summer program is an opportunity for young people to spend time on a working organic farm. Sessions are one week long, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Three session will be offered in July, beginning the week of Monday, July 8. During their week at the farm, students will explore the farm's fields and forests, get to know the barnyard animals, learn basic organic gardening and farming skills, assist with daily farm tasks such as harvesting vegetables and flowers, weeding and transplanting and contribute their creative energy to special art and building projects. Participants will also receive a small stipend in compensation for their contribution to farm work. For more information about the program or to request an application form, call Kate Sullivan at 781-383-1455 or

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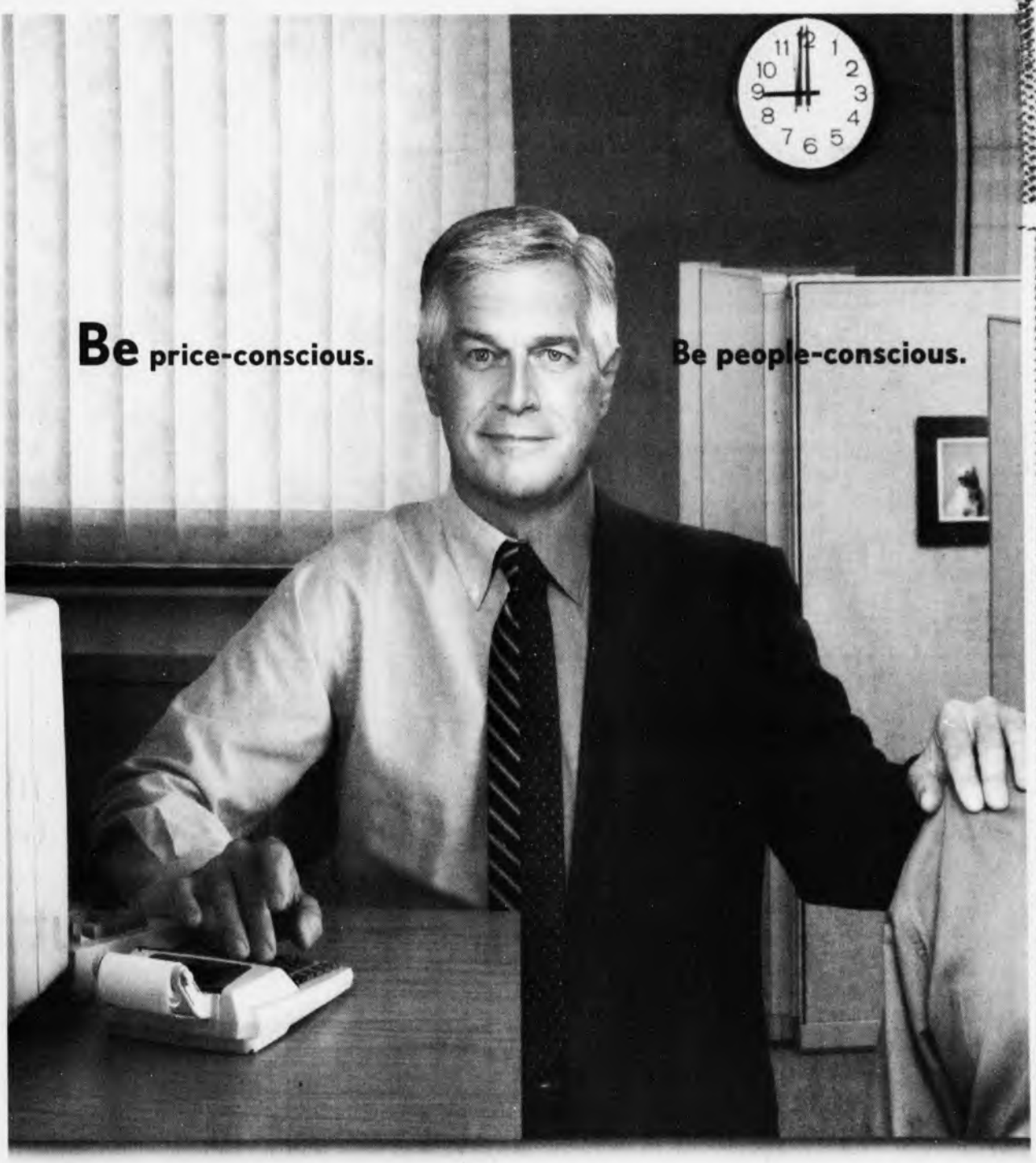

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POLICE LOG

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

8:52 a.m. North Main St., annoying phone calls.

9:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.

9:17 a.m. King St., fire investigation.

9:17 a.m. Beechwood St., and Wheelwright Farm, motor vehicle accident.

9:25 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

9:51 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

9:54 a.m. Beechwood St. and Kendall Village, general services.

10:11 a.m. South Main St., suspicious.

10:27 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., noise compliant.

11:09 a.m. Scituate Line, assist other police dept.

11:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, annoying phone calls.

12:01 p.m. Black Horse Ln., animal control.

12:31 p.m. Surry Dr., serve restraining order.

2:10 p.m. Elm St., disturbance. Arrest: Thomas Gary Coyne, 44, 5 Gould Ave., Meredith, NH. Chrgs. illegal possession of Class D substance, protective custody.

4:10 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen.

6:29 p.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen.

9:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

2:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, tree down.

10:10 a.m. King St, medical aid.

10:42 a.m. Ripley Rd., general services.

noon South Main St., traffic complaint.

3:14 p.m. North Main St., general services.

3:27 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

4:56 p.m. Pond St., found property.

5 p.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

6:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Arrest: David B. Tedeschi, 44, 130 Ash St., Apt. 1, Waltham. Chrgs. two default warrants.

10:12 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious activity.

10:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:12 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto.

10:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

11:04 p.m. South Main St., general services.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

12:09 a.m. North Man St., assist citizen.

9:45 a.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., parking complaint.

9:48 a.m. Bancroft Rd., animal control.

10:59 a.m. South Main St., civil offenses.

11:16 a.m. King St., larceny.

12:20 p.m. Elm St., suspicious.

12:34 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

1:58 p.m. King St., medical aid.

2:43 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Silvia Guadalupe Lozano, 28, 172 Atlantic Ave., Hull. Chrgs, fugitive from justice, operating a motor vehicle with a license, speeding in violation of special regulations.

3:42 p.m. Surry Dr, fire investigation.

3:51 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle crash.

4:40 p.m. Atlantic Ave., larceny.

4:40 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

5:13 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Jerusalem Rd., fire outside.

6:42 p.m. Border St., officer wanted.

8:04 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:35 p.m. King St., general services.

8:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:41 p m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

9:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:15 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist citizen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

10:07 a.m. Surry Dr, annoying phone calls.

11:13 a.m. Surry Dr, annoying phone calls.

11:58 a.m. Stanton Rd., brush fire.

12:26 p.m. King St., general disturbance.

4:12 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal control.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

12:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen.

9:23 a.m. HQ, general services.

10:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

11:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, threats.

1:18 p.m. Cedar Ln., general services.

1:58 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

2:05 p.m. Pleasant St., animal control.

2:09 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

3 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

3:11 p.m. South Main St., and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:31 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle accident.

4:24 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle violations.

4:29 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:55 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen

5:18 p.m. Margin St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:42 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle violations.

5:44 p.m. Depot Ct., parking complaint.

6 p.m. King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

6:03 p.m. Forest Notch, annoying phone calls.

6:17 p.m. Jerusalem Rd, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:05 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

8:15 p.m. Forest Ave,. assist other police department.

11:52 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

1:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:41 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

8:46 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, log entry.

9:34 p.m. Sohier St,. assist citizen.

10;11 a.m. Pond St,. well being check.

11:18 a.m. Doane St., assist other police department.

Noon Surry Dr., annoying phone calls.

12:10 p.m. Surry Dr., serve restraining order.

3:45 p.m. Stanton Rd,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:51 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.

6 p.m. East St., animal control.

6:45 p.m. Forest Ave., lost property.

10:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire log entry.

7:27 a.m. Surry Dr., violation of restraining order.

10:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious auto.

11:58 a.m. Surry Dr, assist other police department.

Noon Hillside Dr, assist other agency.

12:19 p.m. Summer St., general services.

1:01 p.m. Summer St., general services.

2:35 p.m. Forest Ave, recovered property.

2:50 p.m. North Main St., general services.

4:45 p.m. Summer St. civil offenses.

6:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

10:09 p.m. South Main St., medical aid.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

2:08 a.m. King St., and Beechwood St., general services.

2:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire outside.

6:16 a.m. Schofield Rd., vandalism.

7:48 a.m. HQ, log entry fire.

8:11 a.m. King St., vandalism.

8:30 a.m. King St., vandalism.

8:51 a.m. HQ general services.

9:55 a.m. North Main St., fire inspections.

11:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

1:27 p.m. South Main St., fire.

2:47 p.m. King St., assist motorist.

2:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

3:22 p.m. Beechwood St., vandalism.

4:41 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop,

5:30 p.m. Summer St., assist other agency.

7:17 p.m. King St., larceny.

7:25 p.m. Elm St,. assist citizen.

8:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:14 p.m. Flintlock Ridge Rd., assist citizen.

11:34 p.m. Town Parking lot, general services.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8 a.m. Jerusalem Rd, fire, log entry.

8:01 a.m. King St., medical aid.

8:48 a.m. Border St., wires down.

8:55 a.m. North Main St,. tree down.

9:30 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist citizen.

10:19 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

10:22 a.m. Headquarters, annoying phone calls.

11:15 a.m. Pratt Rd., assist other agency.

11:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

11:27 a.m. HQ power outage.

12:12 p.m. Short St., tree down.

12:12 p.m. Sohier St., traffic control.

12:44 p.m. South Main St., wires down.

12:59 p.m. In town, tree down.

1:06 p.m. Beechwood St, tree down.

1:10 p.m. Ripley Rd,. wires down.

1:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other agency.

1:27 p.m. Pond St, general services.

3:01 p.m. N. Main St., tree down.

3:12 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., tree down.

4:01 p.m. North Main St,. tree down.

4:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire outside.

4:14 p.m. King St., general services.

4:20 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., tree down.

5:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

6:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:41 p.m. North Main St, general services.

6:59 p.m. Atlantic Ave,. medical aid.

9:57 p.m. Elm St, parking complaint.

10:25 p.m. Beechwood St. and Church St., tree down.

11:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

1:45 a.m. Marion Way, suspicious auto.

7:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop,

7:56 a.m. Elm St, medical aid.

9:30 a.m. Surry Dr., animal control.

10:22 a.m. Norfolk Rd., fire.

10:27 a.m. Holly Ln., assist citizen.

11:02 a.m. Jerusalem Rd, officer wanted.

11:36 a.m. Norfolk Rd., parking complaint.

11:45 a.m. King St,. suspicious person.

12:09 p.m. North Main St, Jerusalem Rd, parking complaint.

12:33 p.m. Atlantic Ave, trespassing.

12:42 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., larceny.

2:51 p.m. North Main St,. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:59 p.m. Elm St., parking complaint.

6:59 p.m. Border St,. parking complaint.

8:54 p.m. Norfolk Rd,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:56 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

9:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop,

9:36 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Dean M. Turner, 35, 7 Maple Ave, Holbrook. Chrgs. Operating under the influence of liquor- second offense, operating a motor vehicle negligently so as to endanger, failure to stay within marked lanes, speeding.

9:42 p.m. Summer St., noise complaint.

9:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

9:51 p.m. Front St, motor vehicle theft.

9:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

10:49 p.m. Nichols Rd., medical aid.

10:56 p.m. Hull St,. fight. Arrest: William G. Loupo, 58, 221 Vincent Rd, Dedham, MA. Chrgs. assault and battery by dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery, disorderly person.

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OBITUARY

John Donovan, Sr.

A funeral Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Weymouth was celebrated for John E. Donovan, Sr., 74, of Hingham, who died April 28, 2002 at South Shore Hospital.

Mr. Donovan was formerly of Cohasset and a retired advertising technical adviser. He worked for Polaroid in Cambridge for more than 45 years, retiring in 1985.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Born in Boston, he attended Boston schools and graduated from Boston English High School in 1944.

Mr. Donovan enjoyed reading and photography.

He leaves his wife, Barbara C. (Flaherty)Donovan of Millis; his four sons, John E. Donovan Jr. of Franklin, Steven B. Donovan of Millis, Michael P. Donovan of Bellingham and Brian M. Donovan of Medfield; his daughter, Barbara A. Meyers of Gilford, N.H.; his brother, Thomas A. Donovan of Weymouth; and his 15 grandchildren.

Following the funeral Mass, interment was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

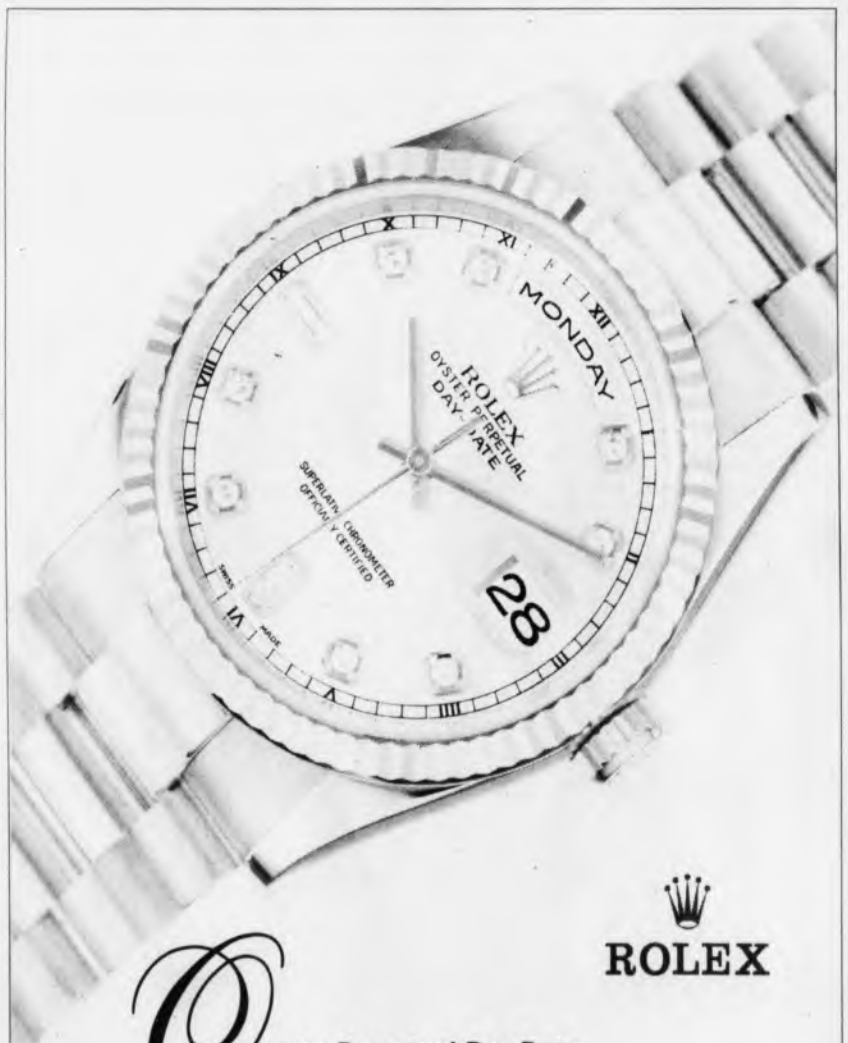
Donations may be made in Mr. Donovan's memory to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Bromfield St., Boston 02108.

WORSHIP NOTE

Pilgrimage May 18

Parishioners of St. Anthony Parish will undertake, a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston on Saturday, May 18, for the annual Archdiocesan Marian Mass. The theme of this year's Mass will be "From Guadalupe to Fatima in Light of Sept. 11." The Mass will begin at 2 p.m. Mary Ellen Smith will coordinate this pilgrimage for a crucial appeal to the Queen of Peace. Call her at 781-383-0755 for more information on the Mass or on car pooling.

Also, the youth ministry plans to attend Steubenville East at the LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro on July 12 to 14 and July 19 to 21. These dynamic conferences run by the Franciscan University of Steubenville are open to students entering grades 9 to 12 and seniors who have just graduated. Registration is required; the total fee is $135 due by May 30. Call Doreen Trahon at 383-1261 or Bill Coleman at 544-0195.



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ZBA/290 BEECHWOOD ST.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon. May 20, 2002, at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Elizabeth & David Maccini seek to construct a garage within the setbacks at **290 Beechwood St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-04-30.

AD#845643
Cohasset Mariner 5/2, 5/9/02

ZBA/31 STOCKBRIDGE ST.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **TOWN HALL** on **Monday, May 20, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.6 & 9.7.8C and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Peter & Gilliam O'Connell, seek to construct porch/deck in flood plain at **31 Stockbridge St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-04-30b.

AD#845798
Cohasset Mariner 5/2, 5/9/02

ZBA/84 SUMMER ST. UNIT #3

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon. May 20, 2002, **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, John D. & Jillene P. Covell seek to construct a porch on a nonconforming structure at **84 Summer St. Unit #3** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-04-16.

AD#839274
Cohasset Mariner 5/2, 5/9/02

Cohasset summer resident wins Olympic events in 1896

By Lou Eaton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The third volume of the Cohasset Town History is scheduled to become available in June of this year and the Committee responsible for publication has thought to publish a few articles, courtesy of the Cohasset Mariner, about local history to stimulate interest in matters historical even though not related to the period of 1950 to 2000 covered by Volume III.

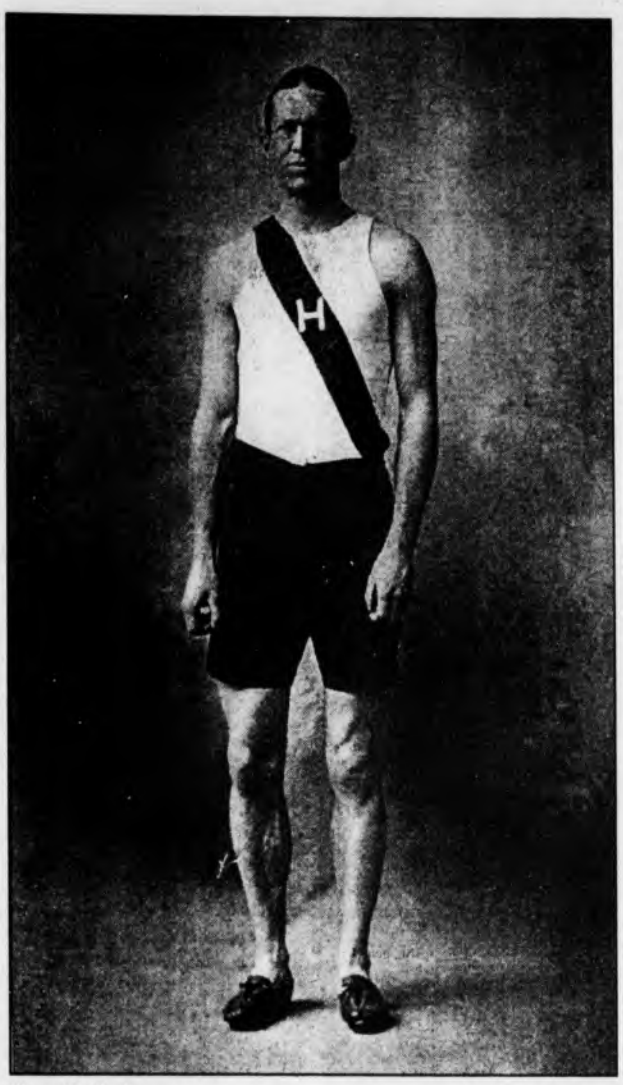
About 20 years ago, I was enjoying a trip to Greece and was in the small hot dusty village of Olympia in the Peloponnese where the ancient Greeks held the original Olympic Games every four years for hundreds of years BC.

In the little village, not far from the restored ruins of the ancient stadium, the magnificent ruins of a temple to Jupiter and the shaded ruins of an ancient village, there is a small museum - as I recall it, two rooms. The walls of one room were composed of old black and white photographs about six feet by six feet of athletes running and jumping. A closer look revealed these were pictures of winners at the first modern revival of the ancient Olympics which was held in Athens in 1896. Another closer look astonished me. One of the graceful jumping winners was Ellery H. Clark! And I knew Ellery H. Clark Jr. This must be a picture of his father.

On my return home to Cohasset, I checked. it out and sure enough that's who it was. It's a fascinating story, because of the recent death of Ellery Clark Jr. and the recent news of the Winter Olympics with all the emphasis on American winners, and also the fact that Ellery H. Clark was a summer resident of Cohasset, bears retelling.

The modern revival of the Olympics scheduled for 1896 in Athens aroused little interest in the United States. They were to be made up of field and track events, gymnastics, bicycling events, swimming and two pistol shooting events. There were no national teams. The Boston Athletic Association decided to sponsor a team. The track and field events were all individual competitions to be contested at 100 meters 400 meters, 800 meters, 1500 meters plus the broad jump, the high jump, the pole vault, the discus throw, the shot put, the 110 meter high hurdles, the hop, step and jump, and the marathon (men, only, of course, amateurs, only of course).

Ellery H. Clark, who was a senior at Harvard College, and was an exceptional athlete, got permission of the Dean with considerable delay and difficulty to take a leave from college and go and to participate in the broad jump and the high jump. He was joined under BAA sponsorship by W.W. Hoyt Harvard '97, a pole vaulter, who had to withdraw from college to go, T. E. Burke, who was eventually Harvard '01 for the 100 meter and the 400 meter runs, Arthur Blake Harvard '93 for the distance runs, T. P. Curtis of Columbia and MIT and the BAA for the 100 meters and for the 110 meter high hurdles, and last but not least a 27-year-old freshman at Harvard from South Boston named James Connelly who was the American National Hop, Step and Jump Champion. He was refused permission from Harvard to go, but quit the college and joined the group on his own account. Princeton University sent a group of four men: Garrett, Tyler, Lane and Jamison, a swimmer.



Ellery H. Clark

In addition, Harvard graduates Sumner Paine '90 and his brother John Paine '91 proceeded independently (Sumner was already in Paris) to participate in the pistol events, arriving on the third day of the five days of the Olympics. John won the first event of the pistol shooting target competition by a wide margin and then did not compete in the second event which his brother Summer won by an equally large score.

On March 21,1896, the BAA team and the Princeton men boarded the steamer "Fulda" in New York and on March 30, they reached Gibraltar where they were able to have their first workout on land. Continuing on the ship to Naples, they took a train to Brindisi, another boat to Patras and then another in to Athens where they were magnificently welcomed and entertained. It was the night before the games began. Someone had forgotten there was 12 days difference between the Greek (Julian) calendar and the Western (Gregorian) calendar; so, no time to practice, rest up, or become acclimated.

The King of Greece, George I, opened the games before a crowd of 60,000 in the Olympic Stadium and the first events were three qualifying heats of the 100 meter dash, which along with the marathon was the biggest event. The classical Olympics, the four year Olympiad between games, was given the name of the winner of the "100" meter dash. The qualifying heats were won by Burke, Curtis and Lane from Princeton. The next event on the first day was the triple jump. No qualifying trials, just, each contestant was allowed three triple jump opportunities to determine the winner. Connelly chanced to be the last contestant. He walked out to the landing area sand pit and tossed his cap on the ground, a good yard past the previous best jump. Then, returning to the takeoff area he ran and hopped, and hopped and jumped well beyond his cap and almost six feet beyond his nearest competitor. He was the first winner at the Modern revived Olympic games.

Princeton's Garrett won the discus, which the Greeks had been expected to dominate. On the second day, Burke won the 400, Garrett won the shot put, Blake took second to an Australian in the 1500 and Ellery H. Clark won the broad jump on his third try after fouling the first two attempts.

On Friday, Burke won the prestigious 100 meters. Curtis who dropped out of the 100 meter final to save himself for the hurdles, won the 110 meter high hurdles. Ellery Clark won the high jump with Garrett second and Connolly third. Hoyt won the pole vault. Fittingly enough, and to wild applause, Greek runners won the first three places in the marathon, which had started at Marathon.

So in all, the small American contingent had won nine of the 12 silver medals in Track and Field Events. Two each for Burke, Clark and Garrett plus the two Pistol medals won by the Paine brothers. The winner's medals were all silver, not gold, because the Greeks thought gold was "vulgar and ostentatious," only second place medals, no thirds. But if you won two, you were awarded a silver cup. And Burke got an olive branch from the sacred groves at Olympia for winning the 100 meters as well as assuring that the Olympiad from 1896 to 1900 would be known as be Olympiad of Thomas E. Burke of Boston.

The Americans were feted by the Royal Family, by Madam Schliemann, the widow of the excavator of ancient Troy, and Admiral Selfridge in command of the American heavy cruiser San Francisco, visiting at the Piraeus to honor the Olympics. Even more so when they got back to Boston "The railroad station was thronged with a surging crowd. There were banquets at the BAA and under the auspices of the city, in the presence of the governor and the mayor, a public reception in old Faneuil Hall."

Clark gives the whole fascinating tale only a short chapter is his book entitled "Reminiscences of an Athlete, 20 years on Track and Field" which he published in 1911. He seems prouder of his achievements in being All-around Athletic Champion of America 1897 and 1903 and All-around Champion of New England in 1896, 1897, 1909, and 1910. (He had suffered an injury, which ended his track career for five years). However, he does say, "Other Olympic games held later were to attract greater numbers of athletes, were to result in the making of more remarkable record, but for the TIME itself, nothing could equal this first revival." And that's the way it looked in the little museum in Olympia, Greece.

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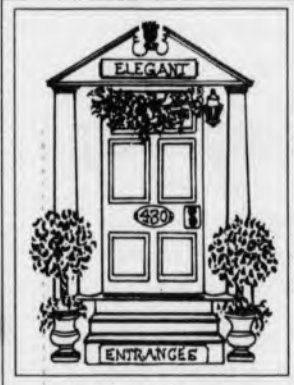

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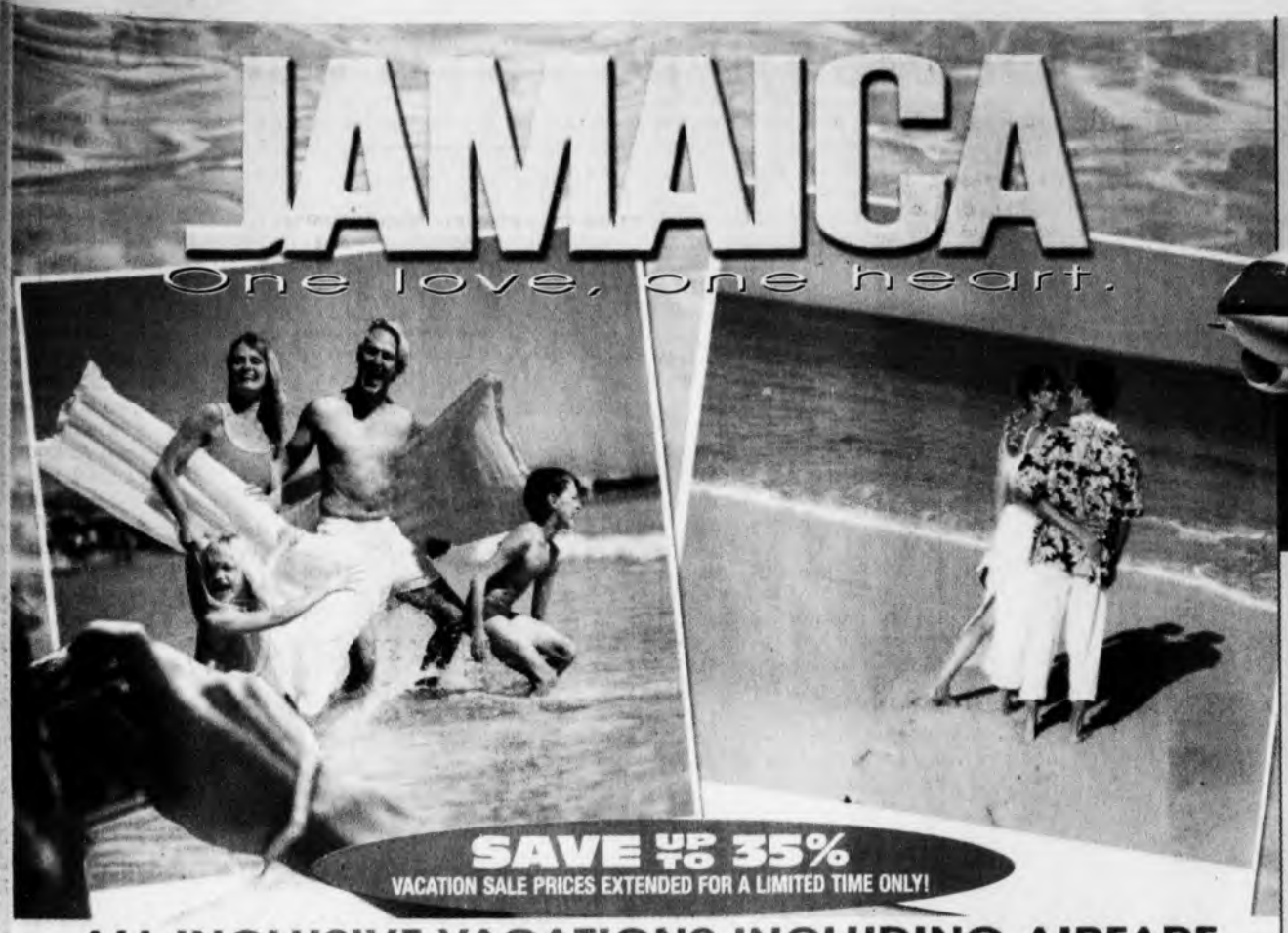

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High on Gallups Hill, the Gianquittos Victorian home built in 1996 overlooks Hingham Bay.

Victorian with a view

Hull home captures bygone era on the bay

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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The charming warmth of the Victorian era graces a recently constructed Hull home overlooking Hingham Bay.

A wraparound mahogany porch makes the most of the panoramic waterscape — a sparkling expanse of dark blue that is a backdrop for Spinnaker Island and, in the distance, Minot Light.

"We wanted to take advantage of the view more than anything," said builder Jim Gianquitto, who, with his wife Maria, designed their dream house.

With the exception of the custom-designed kitchen looking out on terraced vegetable and flower gardens, each of the eight rooms has a water view. An elegant Celtic wall creates a front lawn on the gently sloping lot.

"We wanted to take advantage of the view more than anything. There isn't a window where you can't see the water."
Builder Jim Gianquitto

On paper, Gianquitto centered the home on the hillside lot three times to take the most advantage of the spectacular view from Gallups Hill.

"There isn't a window where you can't see the water," Gianquitto said.

The attention to detail the Gianquittos exercised when designing their home is representative of many homeowners in the historic neighborhoods dotting the South Shore.

Built in 1996, the gray and white turreted home was created by the Gianquittos with an eye to authenticity.

Because Hull Village is steeped in history, the Gianquittos built their home under the guidelines of the town's eight-year-old Historic District Commission.

"The design is a compilation of a mixture of plans and ideas from our research on Victorian homes, adding on our own touches," Gianquitto said.

One modern convenience is the heated driveway bordered by landscaping.

With a corner turret, veranda and steeply angled roof, the stately Gianquitto home displays many of the key elements of traditional styling that retain the historic charm of Hull Village, according to Don Ritz, chairman of the Hull Village Historic District Commission.

"Traditional Victorian detail enhance the house, the street and the whole town. Everything fits together to be historically attractive, a common thread creating a good streetscape," Ritz said.

The Commission is concerned mostly about exterior appearance of a home, but the Gianquittos chose to carry the Victorian theme throughout.

An antique marble fireplace from a Boston brownstone graces the living room with gleaming hardwood floors with mahogany trim. An adjoining room boasts built-in corner hutches in the style of the period. Stenciled borders painted by Maria Gianquitto add a touch of tasteful elegance.

An unequalled view of the harbor shines beyond the expanse of windows in both the living room and the dinning room, which looks directly out on Spinnaker Island..

The custom natural maple cabinetry add elegance to the tile floor in the culinary area.

Upstairs are three spacious bedrooms, each with its own private bath. A cozy sitting area in the master bedroom, with a sun-dazzling view of the protected harbor, is a favorite napping spot for Bailey, the family cat.

STAFF PHOTOS/TOM GORMAN

Spinnaker Island is in direct view of the home's living and dining rooms.

There is a warm family story about how the Gianquittos' two daughters chose their rooms. Lisa, now married and an advertising executive living in Connecticut, is older than Tina, who is now a professor at Vassar. As a child, getting into the family car one day, Lisa made an announcement to Tina.

"I hosey the front seat for life," Lisa said.

Years later, moving into their new home, Tina had an announcement of her own.

"The first thing Tina did was claim the front bedroom," Gianquitto said.

Historic District Commission Chairman Ritz, an architect specializing in historic construction, and additions, was a member of the study commission in the late 1980s that lead to the establishment of the Hull Village Historic District. He has been chairman of the Historic District Committee since it was established in 1994.

"We encourage people to, respect the history and character of the village. We tell people to respect as much as possible the massing (shape), scale (relative size and proportion) and detail of the traditional. We don't try to specify certain styles," Ritz said.

The role of the Commission is to retain the character of Hull, which Ritz describes as a little Cape Cod. Hull, one of the first summer resorts in the area, is located on a peninsula bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on one side and Boston Harbor on the other.

"You have to have a certain level of review and reg-

See next page

The antique marble fireplace in the living room comes from a Boston Brownstone and adds warmth and authenticity to the Victorian home.

Fit to garden

Six simple stretches to ward off soreness

By Rebecca Hecox and Jennifer Raby
SPECIAL TO LIVING

Itching to get out in the garden like the rest of us? Can't wait to get out the door with shovels, pots and get into the dirt?

Or, are you dreading the thought of bending over, and dragging the equipment because you remember how sore you were last spring.

Healthy Living

This year, imagine digging in the dirt, carrying your soil and tools, and feeling healthy and strong all the while. And the best part, not being sore the next day! This year treat yourself well, follow the simple steps below two to three days a week or whenever you're in your garden, and not only will you get fit to garden, but you'll feel stretched and strengthened all season long.

Remember, before you start any exercise program you should consult your health practitioner.

Equipment needed: basic gardening tools, a large shovel, wheelbarrow, bags of potting soil or mulch and a yearning to get outside and make things happen. Gardening muscles worked: legs, upper back, shoulders, biceps, triceps and abdominal.

The program:

1. *Warm up:* No, that does mean sitting inside looking at the seed catalogs. Get outside and walk around your back 40, get your heart rate up. Look over all of the sleepy winterized flowerbeds and imagine what you will fill them with. This should take about five to 10 minutes.

2. *Shovel stretch:* Come back to your garden tools you have assembled, pick up the long handled shovel or rake in both hands, slowly press it up to the sky, exhale, slowly lower it to the ground, inhale. Bend your knees slightly, allow your body to feel a slight stretch in your low back, hamstrings (backside of your thighs) shoulders and calf muscles, repeat 3 times.

3. *Shovel stretch part two:* Take the shovel and dig it solidly into the ground beside you, with one arm holding the handle, reach the other arm over your head to try to touch the top of the handle, exhale and hold 10 seconds or spell F-o-r-s-y-t-h-i-a. Repeat three times and change sides.

4. *Shovel stretch part three:* Steady yourself using both hands on the shovel handle, place one leg in back and one foot near the shovel. Keeping the back leg straight and the foot flat, lunge forward by bending the front knee. Feel a stretch in your back calf muscle and hold for 20 seconds. Repeat this stretch three times on each leg.

5. *Triceps stretch:* While standing, reach one arm overhead and then try to pat yourself on your back. Now place the other hand on that elbow that is up in the air, and gently pull back and down. Hold for 20 seconds for three repetitions on each side.

6. *Bicep and upper chest stretch:* Stand and try to grab your hands behind you with palms facing out. If you are tight from hunching over all the seed catalogs, you may try holding onto the side of your pant legs to aid in your stretch. While you are securing your arms, lift your chest and bring your chin down and in. Hold this position for 10 to 20 seconds release and repeat three times.

Bonus muscle building exercises: Gardeners, tend to do a lot of bending and stooping. Unfortunately, we sometimes forget to use our powerful leg muscles to lift and carry, as well as our abdominal muscles which give power and strength to our movements and protect our lower back. Maintaining a strong upper body is equally important in helping to prevent repetitive movement pattern injuries from digging or raking. The following exercises can help.

Lower Body-Wheelbarrow Squats: Muscles worked— the quadriceps (front of the thigh) and the hamstrings (back of the thigh)

Using the wheelbarrow, stand in front of the handles. Now instead of bending forward to reach the handles, tighten your tummy and keep your chest high and pretend you are sitting in a chair right behind you to reach the handles. Maintain chest upright, grasp the handles push up through your legs to stand up. A few loads of moving bedding plants and compost in this manner will get those thighs working. When you perform this exercise with good form, you also work the abdominals and gluteal muscles, both important in maintaining a healthy back.

Upper Body-Garden Tool Curls, Raises, and Presses: Muscles worked — biceps and shoulders.

Get some two to five pound hand tools for resistance. Standing with your feet shoulder width apart, tools in each hand, slowly bend at the elbow for a bicep curl. Repeat for 10 to 30 repetitions. Now place your arms straight at your sides, palms toward you, raise your arms to the side, about shoulder height and lower. Now raise them forward about shoulder height. Repeat 10 to 30 times. All the while with chest up, and chin down and in. Always remember to breathe normally with every exercise.

These six simple stretches and a few basic gardening exercises should help get you limber and keep you strong- good luck and healthy spring!

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Food & dining

Oven baked risotto

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Risotto, the Italian stovetop dish usually made with Arborio rice, is endlessly adaptable but requires a fair amount of hands-on attention. In the past, I have managed to make this dish simpler through preheated stock and higher heat cooking but a recipe in Donna Hay's "Off The Shelf"(I highly recommend her book) caught my attention. It promised baked risotto, an approach that would vastly reduce the preparation time and make it approachable for weeknight cookery.

The recipe included chicken, lemon, leeks, and peas and required 40 minutes of baking in a 400 degree oven. Unfortunately, the rice was soggy and overcooked and the chicken was bland. The first step was to improve the chicken. I substituted skinless, bone-in chicken thighs for the skinless, boneless cutlets, seasoned them well, and then sautéed them in a butter/olive oil combination. The meat was moister and the flavor was better. Next, I dumped the leeks for either shallots or onions to boost the flavor.

For the rice, I started with 2 cups of Arborio, the fat, short-grain rice favored in this dish, and changed the liquid/rice ratio to 1 1/2 to 1 from 2 1/2 to 1. This made for less sodden rice. I also sautéed the rice briefly – a common practice in risotto recipes – and also used a combination of white wine, water, and chicken stock. Now the rice had more flavor and was creamier. I also tried using regular long-grain and basmati rice, both of which worked fine, except the dish is less creamy and more like baked chicken and rice than a true risotto.

As for other ingredients, I substituted thin slices of lemon for the lemon zest called for in the original recipe. This provided a real boost of flavor – packing more punch than the subtle perfume of zest. As for other ingredients, asparagus was my vegetable of choice. One and a half cups of tips are added to the pot 10 minutes before the dish is ready. Peas also worked well. Parsley or basil complement the asparagus nicely; mint or basil are best with peas.

I was still confounded by the long oven time. I wanted a quicker Tuesday night dinner recipe. The trick turned out to be bringing the mixture (chicken, onion, liquid, rice, etc.) to a vigorous boil on top of the stove for one minute before placing it into a 350 degree, oven. This jump-started the process and also meant that I could use a more moderate oven temperature (the original recipe calls for 400 degrees) which turned out moister chicken and rice that was just cooked through. Best of all, the baking time was reduced to a reasonable 25 minutes.

Once removed from the oven I added chopped herbs and the dish was ready to serve. If you don't have a 12-inch skillet with a lid, this dish can also be made in a Dutch oven.

OVEN BAKED CHICKEN/ASPARAGUS RISOTTO

You can substitute a regular long-grain white rice for the Arborio. See the variation below.

3 tablespoons olive oil
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
8 bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed
1/2 teaspoon coarse salt plus additional salt for seasoning the chicken
Freshly ground black pepper
4 to 5 medium shallots or one medium yellow onion cut into 1/4-inch dice
2 cups arborio rice
1/3 cup dry white wine or 1/4 cup dry vermouth
1 1/2 cups low sodium or homemade chicken broth
1 1/2 cups water
1 medium lemon cut into 1/4 inch slices, ends discarded and seeds removed
1 1/2 cups asparagus tips cut into one-inch pieces
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley or basil

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Season the chicken on both sides with salt and pepper. Place a 12-inch skillet (one that has a cover) or a Dutch oven over medium high heat. When hot add 1 1/2 table spoons each olive oil and butter and once the butter has stopped foaming swirl to evenly coat the bottom of the pan. Add the chicken and cook until dark golden brown on both sides, about 8 minutes. If using a Dutch oven you may need to brown the chicken in batches to avoid overcrowding. Remove chicken from pan and set aside.

2. Pour off accumulated fat from skillet or Dutch oven and lower heat to medium. Add remaining olive oil and butter. Once the butter has stopped foaming add the shallots or onion. Sauté until softened and translucent about 2 to 3 minutes for the shallot and 4 to 5 for the onion, stirring frequently. Add the rice and sauté 2 to 3 minutes longer, stirring frequently, or until the rice is well coated with the olive oil/butter and loses its chalky appearance. Add the wine or vermouth and cook, stirring constantly, until the liquid is completely evaporated, about 1 minute.

3. Add the chicken broth, water, lemon slices 1/2 teaspoon salt and freshly ground black pepper to the pot. Press the chicken pieces into the mixture being careful to keep the rice submerged in the liquid. Bring the mixture to a boil and cook for one minute. Cover pan and transfer into hot oven. Cook for 15 minutes. Gently stir in the asparagus and continue to cook, covered, for an additional ten minutes or until the rice is tender and almost all of the liquid is absorbed and the chicken has reached an internal temperature of 165 degrees (or is firm to the touch and juiced run clear). Remove from oven and stir in chopped parsley or basil. Taste for seasoning adding salt and pepper if necessary. Serve immediately.

Serves 4 to 6

FRESH OF FROZEN PEA VARIATION

Substitute fresh or frozen peas for the asparagus. Use freshly chopped mint in place of the basil.

PILAF VARIATION

Substitute basmati or long grain white rice for the arborio. Omit the white wine. Add 1/4-cup orzo along with the rice and increase the chicken broth and water by 1/4 cup each.

Selecting plants for the garden

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

From high in the treetops, the familiar whistles and chirps of a Baltimore Oriole's melodic song fill the cool morning air. Moments later, a brilliant flash of black and orange swoops down from the towering tulip tree to the thorny branches of Japanese quince bushes below as the handsome male oriole cheerfully chatters while sipping nectar from the fiery orange-red blossoms. Nearby, the iridescent blue-green plumage of graceful tree swallows shimmers in the sunlight as they glide across the lawn, occasionally perching on our bluebird nesting boxes, which they have inhabited from time to time to raise their young. Throughout the day, songbirds serenade their mates as spring courtship rituals and nest-building activities get underway for another season.

Dazzling dogwoods (Cornus florida) dot the landscape with their distinctive pink, white or red flower clusters just as their leaves begin to emerge. Native to the eastern half of the U.S., the showiest parts of these flowers are actually four, brightly-colored, notched bracts, not petals, with the true, tiny yellow flowers to be found in the center of the cluster. Spectacular clouds of pink, white and red crabapple trees (Malus spp.) beautify public and private landscapes, their multitudes of reliable yearly blooms to be followed in autumn by ornamental clusters of brightly tinted fruits. Not to be outdone by their neighbors, Kwanzan cherries with their large, double pink blossoms are putting on a sensational display. The month of May is a glorious time of year for our flowering trees and shrubs.

Inspired by the beauty of the spring landscape, homeowners flock to their local nurseries, eager to add flowers, trees and shrubs to their own yards. An experienced gardener will easily negotiate their way to the proper area for their favorite trees, shade-loving perennials or tender annuals. For the beginning gardener, however, the language of gardening may be totally foreign with new terms and an overwhelming amount of information to absorb in one quick visit to the garden center.

As a novice gardener many years ago, differentiating the terms annual, perennial and biennial were a major challenge for me, terms I now take for granted. An annual is a plant that completes its life cycle in one year's time. Biennials take two years to complete their life cycles, often displaying only foliage the first season and flowering, seeding and dying during the second year. Perennials have an extended life span, living for more than two years. Providing proper growing conditions greatly influences the success of any of these plant groups and it should be noted that many biennials like foxgloves and even some hardy annuals such as snapdragons return for many years.

Perhaps the ideal garden is one that incorporates all types of plants. Small ornamental trees and shrubs, bulbs, and perennials provide structure and permanence. Annuals can be used to fill in spaces including voids created by declining bulb foliage or as edging plants to produce ribbons of season-long color. Many visitors to the nursery indicate their desire to have perennials that bloom all summer. Unfortunately, few perennial plants offer this appealing characteristic. One must choose between the extended bloom span of annuals which must be replanted each new growing season and the longevity of perennials which generally provide their diverse blooms for as little as a week up to a month or more. Designing an attractive, successful perennial garden requires spacing and grouping plants along the border to give the illusion of constant bloom all season long.

With so many plants from which to choose, the selection process can be over-whelming. Be sure to analyze your site prior to purchasing your plant material noting the availability of light throughout the day and your particular soil conditions. When selecting perennial plants, priority should be given to the appearance of the foliage since their leaves are likely to be prominent for 6 months or more while the flowers may only be fleeting. Many worthy perennial plants are ignored, especially those which bloom later in the season, because they are not in flower. Consider the flowers a bonus. Look for perennials that produce bronze, gold, variegated or tinted leaves to offer color all season long. Contrast in texture, form and color creates interest; repetition of these design elements helps to draw the eye through the design producing rhythm. A few hours of research and planning will produce a significantly more! attractive design.

Annuals offer continuity of colorful blooms throughout the growing season but most tender annuals must wait to be set outside until all danger of frost has passed during the latter half of May. The majority of annuals require warm soil and air temperatures to flourish and all may be lost should there be a late frost. Patience is a necessity although special plants may be purchased when they are available and nurtured for a few weeks until warmer temperatures prevail. Be sure to cover or bring tender plants indoors should there be any hint of frost in the local weather forecast.

The importance of asking questions and doing your homework cannot be overemphasized, especially when purchasing and planting expensive trees and shrubs. Learn about the culture, care, and mature size of your acquisitions to protect your investment and reap the ultimate reward of a healthy, beautiful landscape.

STAFF PHOTOS/TOM GORMAN

Victorian charm and breathtaking water views can be found from nearly every room in the Gianquittos Hull home.

Victorian with a view

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ulation, but you have to be flexible. We don't want to create a museum. Hull is very much a summer community and still has a lot of that character," Ritz said.

Hull Village was built mainly in the late 1890s and early 1900s, before air conditioning, so the wrap-around home was a popular feature on homes, allowing people to enjoy summer breeze off the water.

"The concept of the open porch is only 150 years old. The piazza was a new thing," Ritz said.

As an architect, Ritz finds himself gladly offering free advice to Hullonians and prospective Hullonians applying to the Historic District Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness. The Commission is governed under Chapter 40C, Mass. Historic District

"We encourage people to come in as early as possible. We try to convince them to do the best thing. We have regulatory powers to follow through on what they have agreed to. We have had pretty good experiences with people," Ritz said.

"Traditional Victorian details enhance the house, the street and the whole town. Everything fits together to be historically attractive, a common thread creating a good streetscape."

Don Ritz, chairman, Hull Village Historic District Commission.

With 250 properties, Hull Village is one of the top ten historic districts in Plymouth County in terms of size. The district starts at Duck Lane, including Fort Revere, includes all of Spring and Main Streets and Highland Street, over to the bay and all the cross-streets, ending at Z-Chef on Main Street.

The Gianquitto home has just the right balance of authentic detail.

"A lot has to do with the architectural character of the house. People sometimes over-Victorianize with too many fancy things," Ritz said.

The Gianquittos came across the site for their dream home by chance.

"We were driving along and saw the for sale sign," Jim Gianquitto said.

It was pretty much love at first sight.

"My wife had always wanted to live by the water," Gianquitto said.

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THE 12TH ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL at Stonehill College on June 7 to 9 promises to be one of the best festivals ever, with a stellar line-up of musicians, dancers, authors, vendors and more. More than 500 singers, musicians, and dancers performing continuously throughout the three day festival on eight stages, featuring the best in local and international talent. Agricultural Exhibits, Irish Step Dancing Exhibitions, Cultural Exhibits, Authors Tent, Bards in the Round Music Tent, Cumann na Gaeilge, Childrens' Cultural Area, Artists and Crafters Colony, Spirit of Ireland Exhibition, Irish Curragh Exhibit, O'Connell Street Marketplace with more than 70 Irish vendors, Irish Food Court, Kiddie Rides and more. Admission $12. Weekend passes and group rates available. For more information visit www.irishculture.org/festival or call 1-888-GO-IRISH.

THE MASSACHUSETTS QUILT DOCUMENTATION PROJECT (MASSQUILTS) AND THE RHODODENDRON NEEDLERS QUILT GUILD will sponsor a Documentation Day on May 18, at All About Quilts, 958 Main St., Walpole, during which quilt owners can learn more about their antique quilts and quilted objects. The organizers of this statewide project hope to discover the old quilts that area residents may have tucked away in attics, linen closets, garages and hope chests. Call Maureen Hufnagle at 508-359-5127 for more information.

FIFTH ANNUAL JIMMY KENNEDY MEMORIAL RUN FOR ALS will be held on June 8, at Veterans' Memorial Stadium on Hancock St., in Quincy. The five mile run is also know as the New Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. The road race starts at 10 a.m. and will include a 2.5 mile Fitness Walk beginning at 9 a.m. The event includes special children's events and awards in 15 age divisions. The entry fee is $12 before May 31, and $15 after and on race day. For more information call 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com

THE SKATING CLUB OF HINGHAM'S ANNUAL SHOW "America: A Tribute to Heroes" will be held May 18, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets $5 can be purchased in advance by calling 781-741-8194. Pilgrim Skating Area, 75 Recreation Park Dr., Hingham.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN FOR THE JIMMY FUND is scheduled for May 18, at Peggotty Beach, Scituate. There will be a competitive run and family fun at this three-part event. The event line up begins with the Kid's Fun run (age 10 and under) at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Two-Mile at 9 a.m. and the Four-Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. To register and for more information call 781-545-4642 or visit www.joshuas-run.com or email bblacker@attbi.com

THE FIFTH ANNUAL ELLISON CENTER GOLF CLASSIC "Fore the Arts" sponsored by BMW Gallery-Norwell will be held at Duxbury Yacht Club on May 20, and limited space is available for sponsors and foursomes. Golfers have a chance to win a BMW SAV for sinking a hole-in-one on the ninth hole of Duxbury's Yacht Club. BMW Gallery-Norwell is sponsoring the one-year lease on a new BMW X5-3.0 for a lucky competitor. In addition golfers will enjoy lunch, snacks, favors, prizes, celebrity guests, and a dinner reception featuring an exciting live auction. The day begins with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 12:45 p.m. Teams compete in a scramble format for the coveted Ellison Center Classic championship cup. The post tournament dinner, awards, and live auction will be held at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. For more information or to request a registration form call Laura Carlton at 781-934-2731 ext. 14. All proceeds benefit educational programs, teacher development and scholarships at South Shore Conservatory and Duxbury Art Association.

THE FRIENDS OF FLYING SANTA presents a 3-day lighthouse tour to the state of Maine. Tour dates are May 17, to May 19. You will visit the worlds biggest "Lighthouse Store" The Lighthouse Depot. Ticket price is $275 per person, includes a luxury tour bus, an on board narrator, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, a Flying Santa t-shirt, a boarding gift, a free raffle of a Harbour Light collectable, and your admittance to all the lighthouses and museums. The lighthouses included on the tour are, Spring Point Light, Bug Light, Portland Head Light, the East and West Cape Elizabeth lights, Doubling Point Range lights, Pemaquid Point light, Marshall Point light, Rockland Breakwater light, Owl's Head light and the Nubble light. Plus a stop at the world famous Shore Village Lighthouse Museum. For tickets and information call 781-925-0783 or visit www.flyingsanta.com All proceeds are used to fund The Friends of Flying Santa Christmas lighthouse tours.

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine." The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets go on sale April 8, for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

SOUTH SHORE YMCA AT MILL POND ROAD RACE The South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond Hanover branch is hosting its first annual 5-Mile road Race, with a 1.5 mile Family fun run/Walk on Sunday, May 19. Rain or shine. The Fun/Walk will be at 9 a.m. and the road race will be at 10 a.m. The cost of the road race will be $12 pre-registration and $15 day of the race. The first 300 registered 5-mile runners will receive free t-shirts. T-shirts will also be available for purchase the day of the race. Applications are available at SS YMCA and can also be downloaded at www.ssymca.org Call Greg Shinney at 781-829-8585 ext. 228 with any questions.

Thurs. 9

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery presents **"Edges,"** featuring the watercolor paintings of South Shore Art Center artists **Mary Smith and Mary Lizotte** from May 1 through the end of June. The Staircase Gallery is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565, ext. 16.

The James Library and Center for the Arts located in Norwell Center at 24 West St. invite preschool children to attend story time on May 9, at 10 a.m. Featured will be local beekeeper **Rollin Bailey.** "It's a Bug's Life" will include participatory songs, finger plays and stories about bees. Mr. Bailey will also demonstrate his special bee keeping equipment to the children. No live bees will be present. for more information call 781-659-7100.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, Rita Walsh, will exhibit her paintings for the month of May at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

Service of Healing and Peace, an Inter-Faith Service for all families who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant loss, to be held May 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Old South Union Chapel, Columbian Sq., South Weymouth. For more information, call 781-340-8795.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Larry Garner** on May 9. Admission $10. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of **"Art".** Production dates are May 9, 10, 11, and 16, 17, and 18. All shows are at 8 p.m. Call and reserve tickets at 781-356-5113. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

Wine Tasting Dinner to benefit **Talking Information Center.** The dinner will be held May 9, with a reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Scituate Country Club. Tickets are $60 per person. All proceeds go to TIC. For information call 781-834-4400.

Fri. 10

The Attention Deficit Information Network will hold a meeting May 10, at 7:15 p.m. at the Plymouth Community Intermediate School. The topic will be Summer Survival Strategies, with speakers Jeanne Fitzgerald, The Better Behavior Bureau. Coffee and desserts will be available with proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund. Call 508-747-0039 for more information.

Milton Art Museum celebrating its 15th year presents its **Spring Show** Friday, May 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. with **Mary Flowers** demonstrating furniture painting and Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with **Elva S. Proctor** demonstrating watercolors.

The Hingham Civic Music Theatre presents its spring production of the musical **"Gypsy."** Show dates are May 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 8 p.m. May 12, at 2. p.m. at the Sanborn Auditorium at Hingham Civic Center (town Hall), 210 Central St., (off route 228) in Hingham. Tickets are available at Noble's Camera shop in Hingham Square, Corson's Glass House on Route 53 in Hingham and Buttonwood Books in Hingham Square in Cohasset. For more information call 781-749-4327.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Chris Fitz** on May 10. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The South Shore Charter School presents the annual art show event, **"America the Beautiful."** The art project is hosting the annual art show at the MJM bathhouse on May 10, from noon to 4 p.m. and May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students in grades K through 12 will display art pieces from a variety of mediums including acrylics, watercolors and paper collages along with performances and demonstrations. The secondary schools poetry slam will be at 2:30 p.m. on May 11.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance May 10, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra will present its annual "Pops" concert under the direction of Yoichi Udagawa on May 10, at 8 p.m. at Freeport Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. The featured soloist will be Stephen Wright, the orchestra's first chair bassoonist, who will perform "Andante e Rondo Ungarese" by Weber. Single tickets $17. Table of 10, $150. Complimentary snacks. Free lighted parking area. Cash bar. Handicapped accessible. Tickets may be purchased at the door that night. For information call 781-961-3790.

Third Annual French Country Celebration and Days held at Flemings of Cohasset Village, 24 Elm St. Enjoy French music and delicacies, catered by a local French bakery. Quiz a Quimper representative on the history and significance of the designs. View a Quimper factory tour video and more. For more information call 781-383-0684.

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held May 10, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St, Rt. 228, Rockland.. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. For single professionals age 35-55 years old. Proper dress required. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m. and $15 thereafter. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club. Call 781-466-0234 for more information.

Star Creations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center presents the musical "Aladdin" on May 10, and 11 at 7 p.m. and May 12 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $8 adult/ $5 child. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Mission of Blues** on May 10. Admission $8. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. Performing May 3, will be **Greg Greenway**. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **"Oliver"** at the Cohasset Town Hall. Performances are May 10 and 11, at 7:30 p.m. and May 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door and by phone at 781-544-0304. Bring a canned good or non-perishable item to receive $1 off the admission ticket.

A musical event held at Borders, in the Independence Mall, Kingston featuring **Josh Lederman and John Buczkowski**, combining blues, folk, bluegrass, Celtic music and rock (as well as traditional forms). All events are free and open to the public.

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The Art Complex Museum will display 400 years of art from India in the "Small Worlds/Art of India" exhibit opening May 12 and running through Sept. 8. The show will feature 45 paintings, 12 sculptures and eight pieces of jewelry. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934- 6634 ext. 12.

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The Eri Sorrentino Jazz Trio returns to the Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium to present a diverse program that includes the music of Benny Goodman, Cole Porter and George Gershwin Saturday, May 11, at 3 p.m. Jazz vocalist Amanda Carr is featured. The concert is free and open to the public. The library is located at 798 Washington Street, Braintree. For more information call 781-848-0405.

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$0 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
36,000 total miles allowed. Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

EX: #C15428... 6 AVAILABLE

2002 S10 EXT.CAB V6 LS 4x4

SAVE $6539

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REBATE -3000
PACKAGE SAVING -530
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3009

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$17,999 OR GMAC LEASE FOR $269 PER MO. 36 MO.s

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36,000 total miles allowed. Tax, title & reg additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.

EX: C16305... 20 AVAILABLE

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REBATE -2000
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3544

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QUIRK DISCOUNT -4038

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ORIGINAL LIST $34,548
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REBATE -2000
QUIRK DISCOUNT -4549

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KEYLESS ENTRY W/ALARM
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AM/FM/CD/CASSETTE
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6,000 MILES

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7 PASSENGER SEATING • SOME WITH
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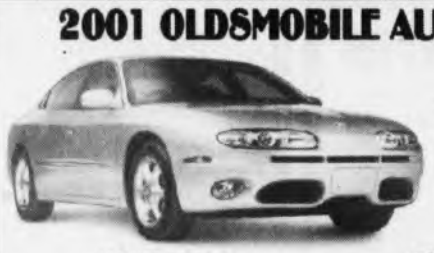

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8 TO CHOOSE FROM

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QUIRK DISCOUNT -1687

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EX: "S" #N36611... N35942, N36271, N36477, N36382, N36014, N36289, N36230, N36291, N36475 AT THIS DISCOUNT

2002 SENTRA XE & GXE

SAVE $2268

0.9% APR Available

XE MSRP $18,667
*COLLEGE GRAD REB -500
REBATE -500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -1268

AIR CONDITIONING
AM/FM/CD STEREO
*MUST QUALIFY FOR COLLEGE REBATE

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EX: XE #N36623... N35721, N35750, N35586, N35560, N35526, N36684, N36690 AT THIS DISCOUNT

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REBATE -1000
QUIRK DISCOUNT -3236

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EX: SE #N36725... N36491, N35799, N36028, N36555, N36105, N35926, N36130 AT THIS DISCOUNT

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QUIRK DISCOUNT -2598

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$1999 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
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EX: GXE #N36641... N35958, N36088, N36348, N35966, N36076 AT THIS DISCOUNT

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REBATE -500
QUIRK DISCOUNT -1755

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AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
LEATHER INTERIOR
POWER SUNROOF
LOW MILES
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AIR CONDITIONING
POWER WIN / LOCKS
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AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
AIR CONDITIONING
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EX: GL #V17300... V17319, V17316, V16941, V16137, V16506, V16046, V16159, V16180, V16432, V16530, V16520, V16528, V16521, V16165, V16028, V16163, V16060, V16045, V16029, V16033, V16024 AT THIS DISCOUNT

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CASSETTE • ABS BRAKES

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EX: #V17237... V17234, V17230, V17205, V17233, V17207 AT THIS PRICE

2002 VW NEW BEETLE GL

PLUS 0.9% APR

AIR CONDITIONING
CASSETTE
POWER LOCKS
ABS BRAKES

Sale Price:
$14,999 OR LEASE FOR **$149** PER MO. 36 MO.s

$1999 Cash or Trade Due at lease signing. (Includes $0 security deposit)
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EX: #V17418

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CASSETTE STEREO
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EX: GL #V17184... V16055, V16056, V16108 AT THIS DISCOUNT

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SAVE $2000

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MONSOON AUDIO W/CD
KEYLESS ENTRY • ABS

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QUIRK DISCOUNT -2000

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The Attention Deficit Information Network presents **Curtis K. Deutsch, PhD**, from Shriver Center UMMC and Harvard Medical School. His topic will be Assessment of Cognitive Response to Stimulant Medication in ADHD. Call 508-747-0039 to confirm meetings. All meetings are held at the Plymouth community Intermediate School (PCIS) on Long Pond Road, Plymouth, beginning at 7:15 p.m. Refreshments to be sold to benefit Scholarship Fund.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St. (Rt. 18) E. Bridgewater presents **Diana Jones/Queen Biscuit**. Admissions is $5. All shows start at 7 p.m. Call 508-378-1584 for more information

Massachusetts Youth Soccer announces District Select Tryout 2002 District 1 of the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association will hold tryouts for girls' age groups 12 to 19 on May 10 at Lincoln Field in Duxbury. May 11, and 18 at Grace Ryder Field in Marshfield. All tryouts run from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Players must attend at least two of the sessions and be available to play from July 7 to Aug. 4. For further information visit the Mass Youth Soccer web page http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/districtselecttryouts.html.

Hingham Civic Music Theatre to present "Gypsy". Show dates are May 10, at 8 p.m. May 11, at 8 p.m., May 12, at 2 p.m. May 17, at 8 p.m. and May 18, at 8 p.m. At Sanborn auditorium at Hingham Civic Center, 210 Central Street, in Hingham, for tickets and information, call HCMT ticket line at 781-789-4327.

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

"The Soprano's Last Supper" The interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel, 275 Tremont St., Boston Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. For ticket information, call 1-800-944-5639.

The Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy, presents **"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"** on May 10, 11, 12, 18, 19. Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show; Sunday, May 12, and May 19, 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 p.m. show. Tickets $37.50, dinner and how; $17.50 show only. Group rates available for 20 or more. Wheelchair accessible.

Sat. 11

Milton Art Museum celebrating its 15th year presents its **Spring Show** on Friday, May 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. with Mary Flowers demonstrating furniture painting and Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Elva S. Proctor demonstrating watercolors. For hours and information call 617-696-1145.

The Quincy Human Rights Commission and Vinfen invite you to "Step Into the Light" "A Beautiful Stroll" for mental illness awareness at the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater, Merrymount Ave., Quincy on May 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 781-331-9824.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse will feature **Regie Gibson,** National Poetry Slam Indie Champ, wrote the poetry for the movie "Love Jones" Open mic signup at 7:30 p.m. Free admission, pass the hat for feature. For information call 508-279-9952 or www.mothwing.com/dailygrindpoetry.

MDC Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites presents its Spring Programs 2002. On May 11, at 1 p.m. Woodland Wildflower Walk. Meet at the Ponkapoag Golf Course parking lot on Route 138 in Canton. Bring Mom on a search for woodland wildflowers strolling the shady shores around Ponkapoag Pond. Enjoy a colorful floral display along this 4 mile route. Three hours. All programs are free and open to the public. Dress appropriately wear proper foot gear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.state.ma.us/mdc

A Gala Evening At Boston Pops The Friends, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting excellence in research and patient care, invites guests May 15, to dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Symphony Hall prior to the concert or simply attend the performance at 8 p.m. All proceeds from the evening will benefit cancer research at Dana-Farber. Admission, including dinner is $250 or an individual ticket to the concert is $125. For more information call 617-632-3021 or visit www.dana-farber.org/how/friends.

Storytime at Borders in the Independence Mall, Kingston will feature children's programs throughout the month of May. On May 11, at noon Mother's Day Storytime. Create Mother's Day cards . Featured books will include "Clifford's Happy Mother's Day" by Norman Bridwell and "Celebrating Mother's Day" by Sandi Hill. All events are free and wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-582-8100.

The North River Gardeners will hold their annual "Perennial and Herb Plant Sale" on Saturday, May 11 starting at 9 a.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church 24 River Street, Norwell Center. Perennials and herbs from private gardens will be offered for sale, as well as beautiful flower arrangements and home made pies, just perfect for Mother's Day. Come early, the best selections, and choicest plants sell quickly. Proceeds raised from this event are directed toward the North River Gardeners annual scholarship for a local high school graduate and plantings in front of Cushing Center.

Perennial Gardners of the South Shore will be having a plant sale at 78 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell from 8 a.m. to noon on May 11.

"Hearts" by Mary Lizotte

"Last Hours" by Mary Smith

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The South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery presents "Edges," featuring the watercolor paintings of South Shore Art Center artists Mary Smith and Mary Lizotte from May 1 through the end of June. The Staircase Gallery is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565, ext. 16.

The NoWey Café presents Comedy Night hosted by **Bob Niles** with **Marci "Coyote" Rose** and a surprise guest. Tickets $8 - $10 at the door call 781-337-1020 or 781-340-1879 for tickets and information.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Duke Robillard on May 11. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The First Baptist Church annual spring lawn sale will be held May 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Routes 58 and 139, 219 Adams St., Abington. White elephant and yard sales items, clothing, jewelry and a snack bar. No admission charge.

The Ed Sorrentino Jazz Trio returns to the Thayer Public Library presenting a diverse program that includes the music of Benny Goodman, Cole Porter and George Gershwin May 11, at 3 p.m. Jazz vocalist Amanda Carr is featured. Free and open to the public. Logan auditorium, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Call 781-848-0405.

"Swingtime Uso Review" Transforms The Company Theatre Into A 1940s Hollywood Canteen; May 11- Some of Boston's best cabaret singers and musicians will be on hand as The Company Theatre becomes the "Star-Spangled Canteen" with Swingtime USO Review, a rousing full cabaret review of some of the greatest songs of the 1940s, The show takes place May 11, at 8 p.m. Bringing back this music and serving as the show's hosts will be a quartet featuring well-known Boston cabaret singers Michael Kreutz, and Dorothy Miller, backed by a band. Tickets are priced at $20 in advance and $23 day of performance, and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787 or visit their website at www.companytheatre.com. The Company Theatre is handicap accessible.

Buttonwood Books to host **SiFu John Loupos**, chief instructor at Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi Academy. He has written a book called "Inside Tai Chi: Hints, Tips, Process and Training for Students and Teachers." for a demonstration and signing, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. This is a free event. Call 781-383-2665.

Grub Street Writers First Annual "The Muse and the Marketplace: A Workshop for Writers." Boston's best-known authors, editors and literary agents will gather for an unprecedented day of workshops, seminars and publishing advice geared for aspiring writers of all levels who want to learn more about the art and business of writing. This event will take place May 11, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Harvard Club, 374 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. To register call 617-623-8100 or www.grubstreet.org

The Third Annual South Shore Pride Festival will be held on May 11, at All Soul's Church in Braintree reaching out to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered youth in an effort to break their isolation and generate on-going awareness and

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support for this community of potentially at-risk youth. South Shore Pride is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. For more information visit www.southshorepride.org

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Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. On May 12, join the club for a moderate walk, some hilly terrain, 4 miles. Walk through Stony Brook Reservation. Meet at Bajko rink/Olsen Pool parking lot on Turtle Pond Parkway in Hyde Park. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

Retroformation, an outdoor sculpture exhibition on the grounds of the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St,. Duxbury, features the work of 95 students from five area high school, Hanover H.S., Plymouth North H.S., Rockland H.S., Scituate H.S., and Weymouth H.S. An opening reception will be held May 12 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. during which the students will conduct a walking tour discussing their work. The program is free. For information call 781-934-6634.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents local artist, Betty Burke's "A Splash of Color," an exhibit of acrylic works through May 26. For information call 781-545-6150.

Mon. 13

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter. If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about mothers & more. Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers", those who have altered their career paths to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women to choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street, Hingham. The topic of discussion for the month of May will be: May 13, Celebrating Motherhood - group discussion. Contact Sue Chaisson at 781-545-1043 for more information.

The Edward Jones Investments will hosts a College Planning Strategies seminar on Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Community Center located at 3 N. Main St., in Cohasset. For more information, call 71-383-1996.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is pleased to present The Colors of Nature, a collection of paintings by four south shore artists, in their Vine Hall Gallery, May 1 – 30. The artists include June Angier, Therese Ann Cleaves, Barbara-Jean Guinzali, and Avis Breyan Pinkos. Working mostly in oil, these artists celebrate nature in landscapes full of color, portraits of animals, vibrant still life pieces, and pastoral settings in a variety of seasons and moods. The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge. Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than a mile from the Route 3 interchange. For more information or directions, please call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Braintree Art Association member **Lee Daily** will be displaying her paintings for the month of May at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Tues. 14

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting on May 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Rt. 139 in Marshfield. The guest speaker will be Dori Betjemann who will conduct a workshop titled "Knitting From the Top Down." Refreshments will be served. For more information call Heidi-740-4961.

Wed. 15

Storytime at Borders in the Independence Mall, Kingston will feature children's programs throughout the month of May. On May 18, at 10:30 a.m. Learn how to make your own dino footprints with sponges. "Dinosaur, Dinosaur", by Byron Barton, with the use of color, shape and composition, brings to life a unique and endearing vision of what the world may have looked like once upon a time. "Whatever Happened to Dinosaurs, by Bernard Most, is a humorous speculation on what really happened to make the dinosaurs disappear. All events are free and wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-582-8100.

Buttonwood Books to host **Mystery Night** May 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Cohasset. Join Ann Perrott of The Larcom Press, which specializes in New England writers, will appear with two of Larcom's Mystery series authors, Jan Brogan and Leslie Wheeler. Free event. For more information call 781-749-2665.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is hosting a trip to the Arnold Arboretum on May 15, for an insider's tour of this world-renowned collection, guided by the Arboretum's Horticultural Research Archivist, Sheila Connor. Participants will meet at the Hingham depot to carpool to the city, departing promptly at 9 a.m. Registrations are limited and registrations are required. Call 781-925-5433 for reservations.

Thurs. 16

Jimbo's in Braintree will feature Kevin Knox (the Wild Man of comedy returns) Bill Ford, Louie Winz, Annette Pollack, Joe List, Adam Pearlman and Stephen Smith. Jimbo's is located at Braintree Five corners. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. for more information call 781-848-0300 or visit www.jimbossouth.com

The Hull Performing Arts announces its production "West End to Broadway: A Musical Salute performed at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Avenue in Hull May 16 to 18 at 8 p.m. tickets are $10 in advance, $9 for seniors and $12 at the door. For ticket sales and information call 781-925-2406.

Fri. 17

South Shore Folk Music Club presents coffeehouse, The Hobohemians, Chris Pahud, Phil Kissinger and Chris Canney, open mike on May 17. The South Shore Folk Music Club is located at the Beal House on Route 106 in Kingston. $4 members/$5 non-members.For information call 781-831-1052.

Loretta LaRoche will be bringing her irreverent, unconventional, and "Aha" humor to Providence's VMA Arts & Cultural Center on Friday, May 17, for her one-woman show, "Finding the Bless in the Mess". Providence fans will get a special treat as LaRoche shares new material in preparation for a possible Broadway show later this year at the Helen Hayes Theater. Tickets can be obtained through the VMA's Box office at 401-272-4VMA and by contacting Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets are priced at $26.50 and $30.50. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Providence Fire Department's Employee Assistance Programs. Visit LaRoche's website, www.stressed.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat Wall Jack** on May 17. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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The Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock Street., Quincy, presents "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" on May 10, 11, 12, 18, 19. Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show; Sunday, May 12, and May 19, 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 p.m. show. Tickets $37.50, dinner and how; $17.50 show only. Group rates available for 20 or more. Wheelchair accessible.

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The Milton Art Museum celebrating its 15th year presents its Spring Show Friday, May 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. with Mary Flowers demonstrating furniture painting and Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Elva S. Proctor demonstrating watercolors. For hours and information call the museum at (617) 696-1145.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Planetary action turns around dramatically at 12:22 a.m., when the moon enters fiery Aries. Gear up for a fast-paced day. Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries, opposes Pluto at 6:09 p.m. Stay alert and be extra cautious when driving or operating machinery. People may be irritable, aggressive, agitated. Channel high energy constructively. Tackle jobs that require physical labor and exertion or let off steam by spending extra time with exercise workouts.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

The moon continues to travel in energetic Aries, setting the stage for another hectic day. In addition, Venus opposes Pluto warning against major decisions, purchases or commitments. Finish old business rather than starting anything new. Get back on track with diets and self-improvement programs. Let go of situations that are out of your control. Don't make waves. Keep your mind and hands busy with practical projects. You can be most productive.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Plan to start new activities before 9:47 a.m., when the Aries moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. The moon enters Taurus at 12:32 p.m. This moon continues to decrease in light until Sunday morning, when the new moon occurs. An alignment of Venus and Mars prompts you to channel your energies into romantic or creative outlets. Do something that brings beauty into your life or the life of another.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

A lunar alignment to Neptune generates a sleepy, laidback mood this morning. Avoid rigid time schedules and ambitious work agendas. This is a weekend to kick back and relax. In addition, Neptune and Mercury are slowing their rate of motion, preparing for retrograde travel. This combination impacts the weekend. Don't take anything or anyone too seriously. Enjoy the show but remember all that glitters is not gold.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

This month's new moon culminates at 6:45 a.m., 22-degrees of Taurus. Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. Don't take on more than you can handle. You can develop creative projects or hobbies and find new inspiration. On the other hand, this is not a favorable time to make any kind of major decision or purchase. Treat yourself to a day of leisure; enjoy favorite sports and hobbies, spend quality time with loved ones. The Taurus moon becomes inactive at 8:29 p.m. until 11:04 p.m., when it enters Gemini.

MONDAY, MAY 13

A Gemini moon makes for a hectic start to this week. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini, is preparing for retrograde travel. Therefore, its influence has greater impact today and tomorrow. Be flexible. There are likely to be unanticipated delays, breakdowns. Projects may take unexpected turns. In addition, Neptune, the planet of illusion, turns retrograde at 8:14 a.m. The Gemini moon interacts with Mercury at 5:50 p.m. and Neptune at 8:00 p.m. On the other hand, this is a great day for vacationing. Try to take extra time out to relax and unwind.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Yesterday's planetary influences spill over into today. Avoid high pressure or stressful situations. If you have work projects you must accomplish, it's a good idea to have an alternate plan of action, just in case things don't go as planned. Stormy astrological weather prevails this morning, when the moon opposes Pluto. Choose your words carefully. Stay alert and use common sense. A lunar alignment to Mars this afternoon warns you to slow down. Drive defensively.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

At 5:08 a.m. the Gemini moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. A Cancer moon takes over at 7:33 a.m. However, the planet Mercury takes the spotlight today. At 2:50 p.m. Mercury, standing at 10-degrees Gemini, begins retrograde travel until June 8. Signing contracts, launching enterprises or making major commitments, purchases are off limits. You can make gains on an inner, spiritual level rather than in your external, professional world.

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Faithful to find their voice

Forum for local Catholics at St. Paul's

By Mary Ford
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Area Catholics will have a chance to share their concerns with one another over the crisis in the church, thanks to Voice of The Faithful, a grassroots group that started in Wellesley.

Local residents, Kathy Ceruti of Scituate and Eileen Doherty of Hingham, have organized the meeting in the lower church at St. Paul's in Hingham at 7 p.m., Wednesday (May 22) — the results of which could evolve into the South Shore Chapter of VOTF, the women say.

"This is a great chance for people from all over the region to come together to start discussion on what we can do as a church and not just sit back and let the crisis bowl us over," Ceruti says.

And if recent history is a gauge, then the women are on to something.

VOTF, which started in reaction to the crisis in the Archdiocese of Boston regarding pedophilia in the priesthood, is not only branching out to other parts of the state but the group is also planning a summer meeting expected to draw upwards of 5,000 Catholics to the Hynes Convention Center on July 20.

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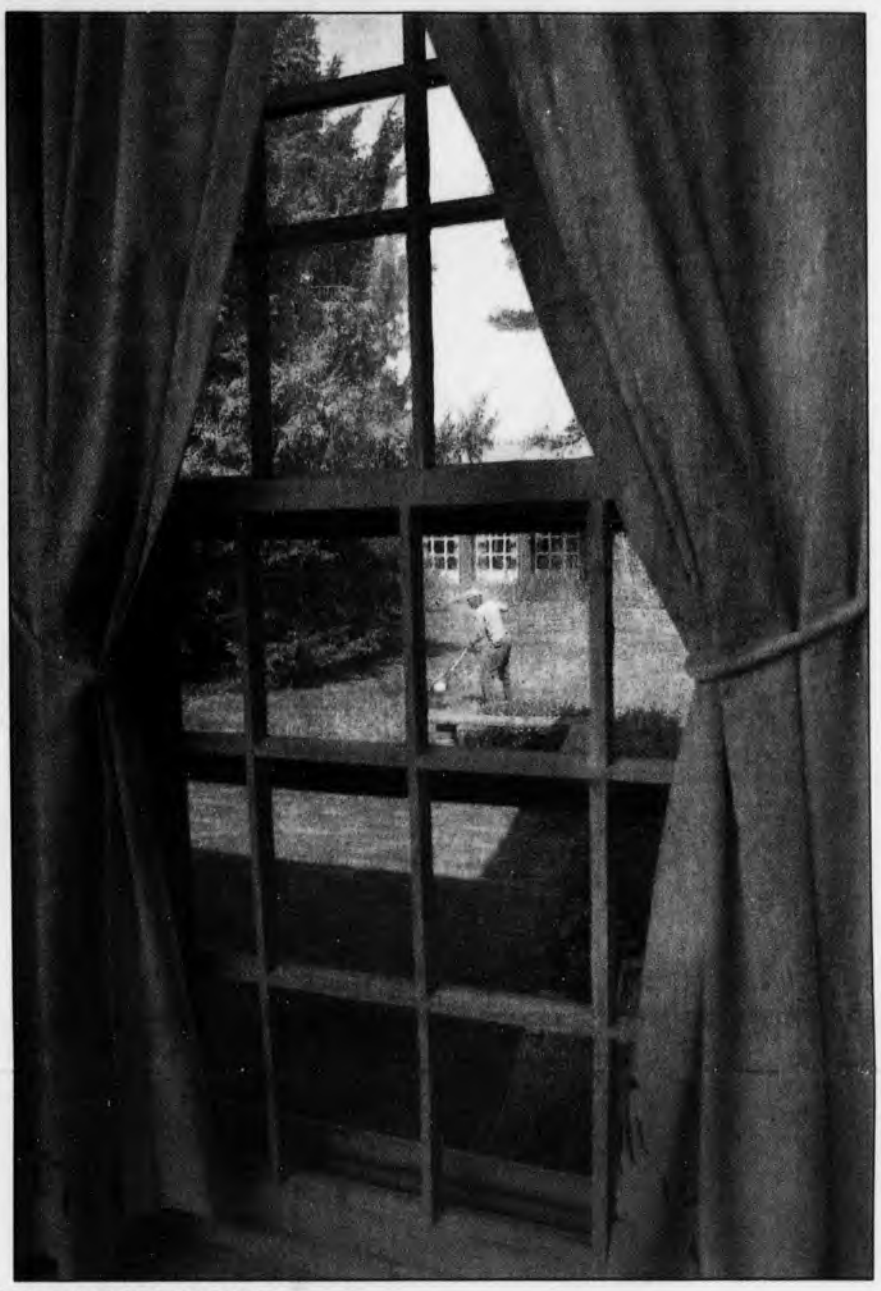

SPRING CLEANING

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Paula Kozol, co-president of the Cohasset Historical Society, rakes the yard at the Lothrop House which serves as the society's headquarters.

Red Lion plans big expansion

Would add 36 rooms

By Evan Schiff
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Picture this. You're from out of town and it's 1 a.m. The wedding party you were attending at the Red Lion Inn is beginning to filter out the door. Walking to the parking lot you find your car, close the door and turn on the headlights — possibly waking those who live nearby. Then you have to drive to another hotel because the inn doesn't have enough rooms to accommodate you.

Gerd Ordelheide, owner of Red Lion Inn, wants to change that scenario. He believes the addition of 36 rooms to the already large complex would alleviate many of the problems currently associated with the building. The 34 rooms and two bridal suites, would serve to keep customers on the property. Ordelheide also wants to add an underground parking garage to help contain some of the noise from the disbanding parties.

"Our customers are demanding accommodations and I only have 15 rooms," he said. "I end up sending them other places."

While the plans for the building aren't yet complete — Ordelheide intends to bring them in front of the Planning Board within the next four weeks — the proposed, sizable addition is quickly becoming the talk of the town.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, said the plan may have some

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Makeup disrupting Deer Hill School

Parents split on issue

By Evan Schiff
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The controversy involves a little more than just some eyeliner and blush. The decision whether to let sixth-grade girls wear makeup to school has split parents in two groups. Some parents believe it's a form of self expression, which should not be tampered with, while others believe today's youths are growing up too fast.

Deer Hill School Principal Paul Callahan said the problem boils down to a behavioral issue. He said the girls wearing the make-up are also disturbing the learning environment at the grade 4-6 elementary school.

"In order to restrict something from the school it has to be disrupting the classroom," Callahan said. "I believe this is it."

However, this issue is not that clear-cut.

School Committee chairman Rick Flynn said he's heard from many parents who voice varying opinions.

"It's been almost a 50/50 split," Flynn said. "It's a very difficult balancing act between those who feel their children can express themselves and others who feel differently."

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Cohasset's Polly Logan 'to hang' in Statehouse

Part of women leaders' exhibit

By Mary Ford
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Polly Logan, the grand dame of the Massachusetts Republican Party, thought if she was ever hung in Doric Hall at the Statehouse, it would be for a different reason.

After all, Republicans give new meaning the word minority when it comes to politics in this state. And Logan, who isn't afraid to speak her mind, has at times found herself on the "outs" with both parties.

"I thought I might someday hang in there," Logan laughs. "But never with a portrait."

But that's just what is going to happen June 4-28 when the Cohasset resident becomes part of a traveling exhibition sponsored by the Boston-based Women's Education and Industrial Union.

The Women's Union is celebrating its 125th anniversary and will display 125 portraits representing women who used their position or resources for the benefit of other women and families.

Logan, is going to hang with the likes of Gov. Jane Swift, Middlesex County District Attorney Martha Coakley , state Treasurer Shannon O'Brien, Rosie's Place founder

Polly Logan wore the Suffragette Necklace (partially shown) for her Bachrach portrait.

Kip Tiernan and Anne Hobson Pilot, principal harpist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra — to name a few.

All photos are courtesy of Bachrach Photographers.

Barbara Trevisan of the Women's Union

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MORNING JOG

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Molly McGowan runs along Atlantic Avenue past Little Harbor, which is featured in this week's continuing series on Cohasset history. See page 23.

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This week in COHASSET

Bradley office hours

State Representative Garrett Bradley, D–Hingham, will hold district office hours Thursday, May 30, at the Cohasset Town Hall, first floor meeting room, from 4 to 5 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

Hedlund office hours

The May office for Senator Robert Hedlund will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday, May 16, from noon to 1 p.m. in the 2A Vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth, that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with Hedlund. The telephone number is 781-340-9866.

Meeting schedule

Cohasset Conservation Commission, May 23, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, May 29, 7 p.m.

Library Trustee Building Committee, May 22, 10:30 a.m. at Paul Pratt Memorial Library

School Building Committee, May 28, 6 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, May 21, 7:30 p.m.

Committee on Town History, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Youth Resources Committee, May 22, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, May 20, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Free breakfast

The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office and Cohasset Elder Affairs are sponsoring an open breakfast on Friday, May 24. The meal, which begins at 9 a.m., is to help promote a safety program offered to local elders called, "Are You OK?" The program involves senior citizens receiving a daily telephone call to insure their safety. The senior specifies the daily time and if they don't answer the phone, they are visited by other elder contacts, or the police.

The breakfast is being prepared by Anna's Gourmet Club and will be held at St. Anthony's Parish on South Main Street. Reservations are required, call 781-383-9112 to guarantee a spot at the breakfast.

New committee

Selectman Merle Brown wants to set up a new committee that would be responsible for looking at the entire town and examining how to best handle the wastewater problem. His vision is for the committee to look at both sewerage and septic systems and how these various options would be funded.

Brown believes someone from the Sewer Commission, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen and residents from different areas of town including representatives from Brewster Road, South Main Street, Fairoaks/Sohier Street and the Beechwood section of town.

"The committee's goal should be to look at all aspects and alternatives of the wastewater problem and develop a comprehensive plan to present to Town Meeting," Brown said.

Correction

In last week's Mariner it was incorrectly stated that this Tuesday, May 21 the selectmen will conduct interviews for the four engineering firms that are vying for the contract for the village improvement project. The interviews will actually be taking place on Tuesday, May 28 beginning at 6 p.m.

Senior forum on prescriptions

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs will hold an informational forum on Prescription Advantage, the new state-sponsored prescription drug insurance plan for all Massachusetts residents age 65 or over and younger people with disabilities, at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Tuesday, May 21, at 11 a.m.

Prescription Advantage offers unlimited prescription drug coverage that is combined with an annual out-of-pocket spending limit to provide drug coverage with unparalleled financial protection. Refreshments will be served at the event. To RSVP to the forum, call 617-520-7274. To enroll or for more information on Prescription Advantage, call toll free: 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636) or TDD/TTY: 1-877-610-0241.

Hazardous waste collection dates

Regional household hazardous product collections will be held this spring in South Shore Recycling Cooperative member towns. Residents may attend their own town's collection at no charge. Visitors from the following member towns may also attend at no charge *with the permission* of their own town's Dept. of Public Works or Board of Health: Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth and Whitman. Permission authorizes disposal at the expense of the resident's town; proof of residency is required. Some towns may limit subsidized quantities to 15 gal. or 30 lb. Visitors without permission may attend for a fee of $33/15 gal or 30 lbs of waste. Commercial "Small Quantity Generators" may also call ahead to 978-683-1002 to arrange disposal and payment.

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Mon. 20	5:59	10.1	——	6:43	9.6	12:26
Tues. 21	7:02	10.1	12:51	7:42	10.0	1:24
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Permit-payment dispute doesn't open the flood gates

By Evan Schiff
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Domenic Tutela, consulting engineer on Cohasset's almost $1 million flood control project, has apparently avoided a brouhaha with the town over the potential cost of replacing the tide gates at the harbor.

Selectmen were poised last week to call in Town Counsel to help resolve the dispute over who should pick up the tab for proper permits and possibly the $100,000 needed for self-regulating, replacement gates that would open as the tide rises in the harbor and allow some salt water to enter the marsh on the other side of Elm Street.

But Tutela, who is head of Wilmington-based Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc. — which also consults on the town's sewer projects and with the Water Department on its distribution systems, wells and storage tanks— said last week, it was a moot issue.

"We're not going to ask the town for anymore money for the project."

— Town Manager Mark Haddad

"The town relied on us to do the job in an efficient, proper way," he said. "There's no way I'm going to hold them accountable."

The town is anxious to put this chapter of the James Brook Flood Control saga behind it. The need to tackle the town's flooding problems surfaced 5-1/2 years ago when the village flooded after a rainy nor'easter. Images of postal workers paddling in dinghies to get to and from the post office are not the kind of memories town officials like to conjure up.

In fact, the flood control project would soon have become part of the town's history if it weren't for the Army Corps of Engineers and some irritating phragmites, which are reeds that can wreak havoc if allowed to take over a marshy area.

The flapper-style tide gates at the harbor may have to be replaced with self-regulating gates.

When replacing the so-called "head-works" at the harbor back in 1999, Tutela replaced the two tide gates and added a third out-fall pipe to relieve flooding problems by increasing the amount of water that can drain out of Jacob's Meadow through James Brook and into the harbor.

But federal officials later charged, not only were the wrong tide gates installed, but the work was completed without the proper permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Without the permit, the Army Corps could force the town to replace the gates. Tutela said the state failed to tell him he needed Army Corps approval for the project.

Tutela, who said he already spent $57,000 trying to secure the permits from the Army Corps, said his company will pay on all costs associated with getting the necessary federal permits. Tutela had a permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection for the project.

The Army Corps of Engineers is investigating the environmental impacts of the tide gates at the harbor and whether they allow enough salt water back into the marsh. At issue are the 10-foot high reeds, called phragmites, that are growing along Jacob's Meadow. Phragmites can take over, choking out other grasses; broken stems can impede the brook's flow pattern; and the plants can cut off brook access for fish that normally eat mosquito larvae.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town would not pay any more for the project..

"We leave it up to the engineers to get the permits," he said. "We're not going to ask the town for anymore money for the project."

Tutela tried to solve the problem by installing special wedges, propping one of the gates open a fraction to allow more salt water into the march. He is concerned that self-regulating gates would let too much water into the marsh, flooding abutters' yards.

But Tutela is willing to pick up the tab for new gates if necessary.

"This is one of my best clients," he said. "I'm going to fix this."

Obtaining the federal permit is also important because the town cannot receive all of its federal grant money for the project until it does. Federal grants covered 75 percent of the project and of that, only 90 percent has been received. This leaves almost $30,000 that the town is still expecting.

"The problem is the town has already paid for the project so we need that money to cover our expenses," said the Town Finance Director Michael Buckley.

Haddad said he expects to hear a response from the Army Corps within the next 10 days.

Town wants DEP help with gasoline contamination

By Evan Schiff
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The odor of gasoline is not one of the qualities Cohasset residents usually list as a reason to move to the town.

But while the smell at the corner of South Main and Summer streets is unpleasant, the real concern is if any contaminated groundwater filters into the stream behind Spring Street or floods into abutters' basements.

That's why various public officials have written a letter to the state Department of Environmental Protection asking it to investigate.

"We're not really concerned about the outside odors having negative health impacts on residents," said Dr. Joseph Godzik, the town's health agent. "Those probably wouldn't be a significant health problem."

However, Godzik admits the contamination is likely in the groundwater, and this is where a problem could exist. Both benzene and MTBE, two gasoline components, are carcinogens.

"Whether the concentration is high enough to have detrimental effects is undetermined," Godzik said. "But anytime people are exposed to carcinogens we want to investigate."

It is believed the problem originated when a gas station occupied the area about 10 years ago. In the past, the gas station was an active retail establishment which was involved in the sale of gasoline and other petroleum products as well as servicing automobiles.

For the past several years, the building has been a commercial establishment which provides only car maintenance, no gasoline or petroleum sales.

Godzik said after the previous business left people started to complain about an odor as they walked through the area.

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— Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik

Workers for contractor J. D'Amico Inc., discovered the contamination about four years ago while digging a trench in the are. State clean-up laws require any contaminated groundwater work crews encounter to be filtered and treated. However the soil was not treated and was used to refill the trench.

Godzik said around 1998, the DEP was contacted and did a thorough investigation that resulted in a detailed clean-up plan which was never realized. During the investigation it was determined there was contamination of the area, but to date, it has not been fixed.

"The owner of the property claimed he didn't have enough money to implement the plan," Godzik said. "It kind of just fell by the wayside for a while."

Town Manager Mark Haddad felt the DEP should have done more.

"It is our understanding that the DEP has had some involvement in the past, including an Order of Notice to remediate the area," he wrote in a letter to the department. "Unfortunately, no follow through was undertaken and no remediation has been done."

Godzik said the problem was again brought to the town's attention about a year ago when the complaints of a foul odor were again being made on a consistent basis. He added a few months ago the calls have been coming in saying the odor seems to be getting worse. The town has received a few requests for the Board of Health to renew its investigation.

The board is currently exploring the possibility of drilling a hole in the area to monitor the ground water for pollutants. It has already taken a water sample from a nearby catch basin which revealed various traces of gasoline.

Haddad, in his letter to the DEP said this was not enough.

"It is our belief that the Board of Health's investigation falls far short of the comprehensive investigation and caution that this situation merits," he said. "We would urge you to take this matter seriously and undertake a complete and thorough investigation as soon as possible."

Vote for favorite Village sidewalk

Sample sidewalk designs, crosswalk materials and ornamental lighting are on display along the James Walkway in the Village (next to the Citgo station). The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, in partnership with the Town of Cohasset, invite you to share your thoughts and ideas on the various sidewalk and lighting samples on display.

Survey forms are provided at the display area.

Survey forms are provided at the display area, where you can chose among brick, concrete, bluestone, granite and concrete pavers sidewalk surface material options. Various lighting styles are also set up for community review, and you are encouraged to stop by at night to see them lit. If you have any questions or comments please contact the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation at (781) 383-2449.

Preserving Cohasset Common Workshop

The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission is sponsoring its second Community Workshop on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave. This second workshop will follow up on the ideas and comments discussed during the first workshop in preparation for the establishment of a Preservation Master Plan to preserve the natural integrity and historical landscape of the Common.

Representatives from the design firm Carr, Lynch, / Denig, Hermann and Sandell, Inc. will present preliminary preservation and design concepts for inclusion in the overall master plan. Items for discussion will include current parking congestion around the common edges, putting all overhead wires underground, tree planting and greenspace maintenance, condition of existing walkways and the installation of new lighting. For further information please call the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

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Faithful to find their voice

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Representatives from the VOTF chapter at St. John the Evangelist in Wellesley will help facilitate the May 22 meeting in Hingham, says Doherty, who has attended several VOTF meetings.

"What comes out of the meetings is positive," she says. "Some cry over such an atrocity against children while at the same time feel invigorated that the group can change something."

VOTF's goals are to support those who have been abused; support priests of integrity; and shape structural change within the Catholic Church.

The Rev. James Rafferty, pastor at St. Paul's, said the church was pleased to be able to make the facility available for people to come together for both prayer and mutual support.

"The goals of (VOTF) are good," he said.

Ernie Corrigan, a VOTF spokesman, says the group's mission of providing a way for the faithful to participate in the governance of the church is connecting with a lot of Catholics. In excess of 10,000 have visited the organization's Web site and many have left comments behind or sent email messages.

"Some cry over such an atrocity against children while at the same time feel invigorated that the group can change something."

— Eileen Doherty, Hingham

"We know they are looking for a voice they can participate in," he says.

At a recent meeting, a woman drove all the way from Pennsylvania to get information to take back, says Corrigan, who adds that most Catholics "have shaken but not shattered faith."

"People are looking for a way through this – a light at the end of the tunnel," he says, adding there is a need for laity to be more involved in the operation of the church.

Ceruti of Scituate says the Hingham meeting, which will not be open to the press, is a way for South Shore Catholics to come together.

"A lot have felt they have not had a voice – this might be a good outlet," she says.

Doherty of Hingham says the time has come for change in the church.

"We need to have a forum for people to explain how they feel and what they can do."

For more information, call Ceruti at 781-545-5052 or Doherty at 781-749-7871 or visit the VOTF Web site, www.votf.org.

Cohasset's Polly Logan 'to hang' in Statehouse

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said Robert Bachrach, who has done shows before, approached the organization about working together on a women leaders' exhibition.

Bachrach said his studio had an exhibition at the Boston Public Library celebrating the millenium in 2000 that paid tribute to a range of leaders.

"I thought it would be nice to do an exhibit with a particular focus on women leaders and the Women's Industrial Union is our neighbor (on Boylston Street)," Bachrach recalled. The studio donated the time and materials needed to create the portraits.

The Women's Union sought nominations and received "hundreds and hundreds," Trevisan said and wanted a range of age, geography and professional disciplines.

"It's not all inclusive, but is hopefully representative of women who have made significant contributions to the lives of other women," she said.

Trevisan described Logan, who lives in Cohasset, as a "real trail blazer" in terms of her leadership in the state Republican Party.

After its Statehouse debut, the exhibition that also includes historical photos of the Women's Union will travel to Hyannis, Fall River, Worcester, Springfield, Lowell and Wellesley.

Logan said she was proud to be included and praised the work of the Women's Union, which has "done so much good." The Union's goal is the economic self-sufficiency of women and their families and its programs include transitional housing for battered women and their children; technology training and mentoring for low-income women; and home health-care training and services for elderly and disabled adults, among other programs.

Along with each framed portrait is a 5-by-7-inch card on which each woman talks about what inspired her to make a difference, said Trevisan, who describes the notes as "wonderful, heartfelt statements."

Logan, a former Hingham resident, talked about being involved in the start of the Doric Dames, during Gov. Frank Sargent's administration, and being able to share the history of the Statehouse with others. Doric Dames provide tours of the Statehouse.

"We have one of the finest statehouses in the country," she said. "It's a great treasure to share and it's wonderful to show young people around and inspire them to get involved in government."

For her portrait Logan wore the antique "Suffragette Necklace" on loan from her son Malcolm, who is in the estate jewelry business. The necklace includes Green enamel (G), White enamel (W), and Violet colored amethyst (V) that stands for Give Women the Vote and dates back to the Edwardian Arts and Crafts Period.

Logan described the event as "very exciting."

"I'm glad they're using the Statehouse in this manner and I love Doric Hall — at least I'll be hanging there in a nice frame," she quipped.

Harbor plans make the rounds

By Evan Schiff
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Dean Rizzo is busy making his rounds.

Rizzo, the executive director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, has been shuttling his 45-minute presentation back and forth to town hall, presenting the CRC's ideas for harbor improvements over the last few months.

Rizzo's hope is to garner positive recommendations from various committees so when he goes before the selectmen to present the plans in late June, the CRC will have some support. He's asking each board he visits to make a formal recommendation on his plans before his meeting with selectmen.

After visiting with the Planning Board two weeks ago, Rizzo's latest stop was the Harbor Committee on Tuesday night.

The board politely received Rizzo's presentation, asked a few questions, and told him it would make a recommendation on the plans at a later meeting.

Rizzo's presentation includes three different options for improvements to the harbor which centers around the Captain's walk. The Captain's walk is denoted by about 10 stations surrounding the harbor each one offering historical information about the area.

- One option would make no improvements to the area with the exception of new asphalt patching to fill the reoccurring potholes. The existing walkway and infrastructure conditions would remain as they are today. This approach does not address safety issues associated with irregular and narrow sidewalk surfaces or vehicles parking on walkway areas. It also doesn't take aim at the open design of the existing railing system and general infrastructure disrepair within the waterfront area.
- Another option involves "minimum improvement" to the harbor. This consists of replacing the existing asphalt sidewalk surfaces and installing a curbing system to separate the sidewalk from parking areas. This does not include lighting, railing, sidewalk width or road width changes. Because these changes don't address safety issues, the project wouldn't be considered for either state or federal funding leaving the cost on taxpayers, Rizzo said. He estimates the cost of this project to be a little more than $300,000 — a price tag which be largely the town's responsibility.
- The third option would provide the highest level of public safety and access improvements. Along with the amenities in the second option, this proposal involves installation of new lighting, tree planting, the installation of a new wood or steel railing system and minor repairs of existing sidewalks. The estimated cost of plan is about $1.1 million but with grant funding. Rizzo said, 90 percent of the cost may be covered. The town would have to cover would be about $110,000 significantly less than the "minimum improvement" plan.

Rizzo answered questions ranging from inquiries about the width of the sidewalks to the improvements to the sea wall.

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Red Lion plans big expansion

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merit. Although he said he can't offer a firm opinion on the matter until he has seen the building plans, the extra rooms may serve to reduce the complaints the Red Lion has received.

"An underground lot would probably subdue a lot of the excess noise," Moore said. "This is an interesting way to work with the problem."

He added keeping party-goers on the premises may also help reduce the traffic situation. In recent years, many have complained how congested South Main Street can get when the Red Lion is hosting a function.

"Keeping all the cars on site and underground would probably help out," Moore said.

Rena Karp, an abutter to the property who has voiced her complaints about the noise at Red Lion, said she doesn't think the plans will help.

"The underground parking lot may help after they blast ledge away for three years," she joked. "I think the Red Lion is big enough as it is."

However, some see another potential bonus to having more people lodging in the village area to local businesses.

Ordelheide said local merchants are having a difficult time securing customers and thinks this would bring more customers in and expand their consumer base.

"This would give the shops on South Main Street a lot more flow," he said.

Domenic Micarelli, the president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, said he cautiously supports the expansion. Again, without having seen the plans, he couldn't firmly commit either way.

"The Chamber is almost always in favor of expanding business," he said. "What's good for business is usually good for the town."

Micarelli said that Ordelheide has done a lot good for the village in the past and feels the new project would probably do the same.

However, before any construction begins Ordelheide will have to jump through a variety of hoops to secure the proper permitting.

Bob Egan, the town's building inspector, said the Red Lion will have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board and the Sewer Commission in order to gain approval for the project. He said would be "an expansion of a special permit use" for a hotel/motel in the downtown business district.

Police tackle traffic problems

By Evan Schiff
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The Cohasset Police Department, in response to a request by the selectmen to investigate various traffic problems in town, provided Town Manager Mark Haddad with four recommendations.

Three of traffic issues involved the Ripley Road and Sohier Street area where Police Chief Robert Jackson said there is a perceived traffic problem by some residents.

"It's really no worse than any other area," he said. "There's a bit of a speeding problem but we have that everywhere in town."

The first issue that was talked about during a recent selectmen's meeting was making Sohier Street one-way from Ripley Road to North Main Street. Jackson said he has reviewed traffic studies done in the area and determined making the road one-way would force approximately 500 more vehicles to use the already crowded center of town or North Main and Ripley Road.

"To restrict traffic around the perimeter of town would force it all into the village area which is too congested as it is," he said.

In lieu of making the area one-way, Jackson suggested putting a 30 mile-per-hour speed sign up near 17 Sohier St. He also recommended placing a Slow Children sign just east of the Sohier Street, Ripley Road intersection. He thought both signs would reduce the flow of traffic in the area.

Another idea the selectmen wanted the police department to investigate involved replacing the working set of lights at Ripley Road and Sohier Street with a four-way stop. This is one of the busiest intersections in town with more than 1,500 vehicles using it during a given 24-hour period and probably double that amount during Music Circus shows.

However, over the last six years the police department has not investigated any crashes at the site.

The intersection currently has four crosswalks and the lights provide a walk-only light on the primary elementary school walking route. Noting that the impact from the train on the intersection in not known, Jackson recommended leaving the intersection alone.

Another concern the department looked into involved a suggestion by a resident to direct truck and emergency vehicle traffic to turn right onto Ripley Road when traveling east on Sohier Street. However, Jackson said pursuant to Massachusetts law, a town cannot restrict where emergency vehicles can go, therefore he did not recommend this plan.

The last concern centered around Hillside Drive. The problem occurs when exiting the road, the view is partially obstructed by pine trees on private property. The Department of Public Works and the Police Department have requested the owner cut back the trees but he has declined. Therefore, Chief Jackson suggested putting up a "blind drive ahead" sign in the vicinity of 482 Beechwood St. He felt this would make drivers more aware of Hillside Drive.

Town Manager Mark Haddad agreed with all of Jackson's recommendations and will talk with the Department of Public Works about installing the signs.

Makeup disrupting Deer Hill School

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Several concerned sixth-grade parents, who declined to provide their names, said they felt the school had established standards which have been blatantly disregarded by some students and parents.

"For kids who are trying to be good and do things the right way these other students who are getting away with wearing make-up — it sends the wrong message," one parent said.

But according to School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, who is a lawyer, the committee may have little control over the matter.

Citing a recent Supreme Court decision, DeGiacomo said a student's appearance cannot be restricted unless it, "materially or substantially interferes with the operation of the school." He explained the ruling was an extremely strict and would prove difficult to get around.

"We have to understand what we can do and what we can't." DeGiacomo said. "Like it or not, that's the law."

Superintendent of Schools Edward Malvey said he talked with town counsel, who advised him the best course of action may be to put a line in the student handbook, which says the school department discourages the use of make-up.

"The handbook needs to at least make an attempt to stop the use of make-up at the school," said one sixth-grade parent at last week's School Committee meeting. "These kids should not be wearing it at that age."

Chartis Tebbetts, a member of the board, said the school doesn't have to put up with a situation it's not comfortable with.

"There can be an environment that is fostered to try and make our standards what we want," she said. "We can do something about this."

The problem seems to stem from a peer pressure situation, in which those who are sporting the make-up are harassing those who aren't.

Callahan said peer pressure is an issue which is very tough to handle.

"We can't be there at all times monitoring the students every step of the way," he said. "That's where the problem is."

Flynn, the School Committee chairman, said the responsibility should fall on parents' shoulders, not the school's.

"Parents really should be the ones, who monitor how their kids look when they leave for school," Flynn said. "They should also note how they look when they get back."

School Committee member Pat Martin said in lieu of banning make-up, maybe the school should look into getting a speaker to educate the children about peer pressure.

"It might make those, who are fighting the good fight, feel stronger," she said.

School Committee member Jane Pescatore said students wearing makeup was a separate issue from the behavioral problems.

"The problems with a few students wearing make-up doesn't seem to warrant a change in the handbook," she said.

Callahan said he hopes to have the issue ironed out by the beginning of the school year, if not sooner. He said he will be meeting with parents and school officials on the matter.

"This isn't something you want to let fester," Callahan said. "We've had some very productive meetings and hope to come to a resolution before too long."

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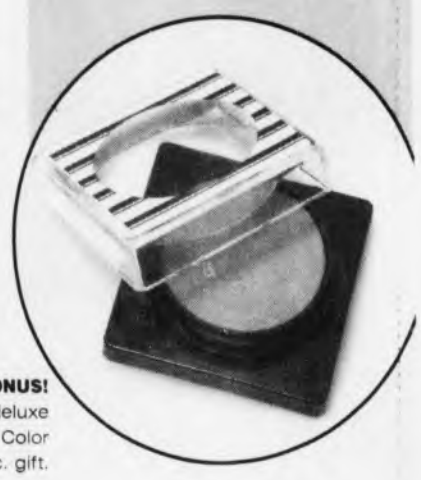
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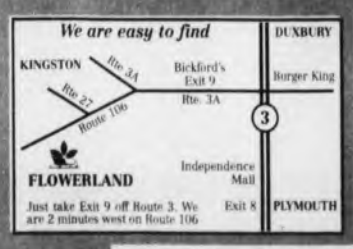

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Relay walkers to sample local restaurants' fare

'Taste' starts at 6:30 p.m.

By Evan Schiff
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There won't be any hungry walkers when the annual Cohasset Relay For Life walk gets underway tomorrow at Alumni Field.

The "Taste of the Relay" features about 12 South Shore restaurants, which will provide a small sampling of their menu to participants. Each restaurant sets up a booth in the middle-high school cafeteria and offers a few meals that best represent its fare.

Along with the Red Lion Inn, Atlantica, and French Memories, other restaurants, such as the Winston Tea Shop, Schooners, and McKenzie's will be represented at the event.

Jeff Mushin, who is the volunteer on the planning committee handling this aspect of the relay, came up with the idea three years ago. He has worked in the food industry his entire life and describes the business as something that is very special to him — one he is very passionate about.

Mushin started the Taste to combine his love of the food industry and his compassion for those affected by cancer.

"We all know people that have passed away from the disease, everyone is affected by it," Mushin said. "This is my way to try and help.

He credits the restaurants for volunteering what would be a lucrative Friday night at their respective establishments, by sending both chefs and staff to the event.

"It's no small feat what these restaurants are doing," he said. "All the credit should go to them."

The Taste has been very successful in the past and raised nearly $1,300 last year, which more than doubled its total from 2000.

Mushin said he is again trying to double the amount of money raised and is aiming for around $2,500 this year.

"We're not going to stop serving food till it's all gone," he said.

While the money will obviously help in the cause to find a cure for cancer, the Taste also serves the restaurants' needs.

Brendan Olan, former chef at the Red Lion and currently the owner and chef of McKenzie's at Widow's Walk in Scituate, has participated in the Taste since its inception.

He said the event is a great way to get some visibility for his restaurant and show potential customers his pricing and his cuisine.

"It exposes us to a group of people who otherwise may never sample our food," he said. "It can really help business."

However, that is not the only reason Olan is involved with the Taste. Both of his parents are cancer survivors and Olan considers the pursuit of the cure one of the greatest causes in which to be involved.

"Part of the reason they're still around is because of all the money that's already been raised," he said. "I hope someday everyone will be able to survive this disease."

Joe Dooley, general manager for the Red Lion Inn, said his chef Emmanuel DuBois will be preparing enough food to feed up to 400 people. He added with the event being in Cohasset, the inn feels especially proud to represent the town.

"It's always special to be involved with charities," he said. "We love to participate in the Relay For Life."

The Taste of the Relay will be from 6:30- 8 p.m. on May 17 in the school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 a person and can be purchased at the door.

700 walkers expected at Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society's sixth annual Relay For Life event in Cohasset starts at 3 p.m. Friday, May 17, and runs through Saturday, May 18, at Cohasset High School, 143 Pond St.

. More than 700 walkers from the community and surrounding towns are expected to raise $135,000 to support American Cancer Society programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services. Walkers will keep at least one team member moving around the track throughout the night.

Karen Burns, volunteer planning committee member, cancer survivor and Relay For Life Celebration on the Hill Ambassador, will speak at the Opening Ceremony.

Opening Ceremony at 6 p.m. welcomes walkers and kicks off the Relay For Life event in Cohasset.

Cancer Survivors' Lap, immediately follows the Opening Ceremony, honors all cancer survivors as they walk the first lap around the track together.

Third annual Taste of Relay from 6:30 to 8 p.m.: Area residents will have the opportunity to sample food from local restaurants including Atlantica, Red Lion Inn, Red Parrot of Hull, Lobster Express and Schooners of Hull. The restaurants will transform the cafeteria of Cohasset High School into one of the finest dining establishments on the South Shore. Tickets to the event, which is open to the public, are $5 per person and will be sold at the door. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset.

Luminaria Ceremony is at 9 p.m.: Candle ceremony paying tribute to all people whose lives have been touched by cancer.

Closing Ceremony, Saturday, May 18, from 11:45 to noon: Team awards presented and final lap with all participants.

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Adam Yeager races Hull firefighter Steve Ball around the track during last year's Relay For Life.

Band concerts

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. The South Shore Music Circus donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, in New York City.

Based upon continued South Shore Music Circus funding, the schedule for the 2002 season is Tuesday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m. on the Cohasset Common.

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

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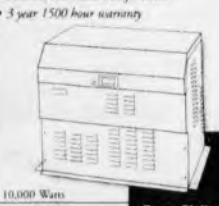

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AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

BEING A MOM

Hello Cohasset! Let me start off by saying that I hope every Mom her in town had a wonderful Mothers Day this past Sunday. Being a mom is something that I had always dreamed of when I was a little girl and now, it is the best and happiest part of my life.

NEW ARRIVAL

Speaking of being a mom, a very proud and happy mom called me from the hospital on Friday to announce the birth of her second daughter. **Joseph and Lauren (Bradley) Curley**, along with big sister **Madeline Ann** would like to announce the birth of **Margaret Adelaide Curley**.

Margaret was born on May 9 at 3:23 in the morning and weighed in at a whopping 10 lbs., 7 oz and was 22-1/2 ins. long! Margaret and Madeline are the grandchildren of **Margaret Pitt-Bradley** of Cohasset, **Christine Edda** of Clinton, Conn., **Peter Curley** and Elaine Gordon of Westbrook, Conn. "Thank heavens for little girls...." Congratulations to all!

BUY A BRICK

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School is gearing up for a much needed change and update to its playground. In addition, construction of a pedestrian-only walkway into the existing play space and Nursery School entrance will occur. This will be a gated walkway from the street that will separate the children from the cars that drive in and out of the parking lot.

The South Shore Community Nursery School Playground Development Team invite you to be a part of a very special, yet limited commemorative opportunity. The first major fundraiser for this project will be paving the walkway with bricks purchased by the community. The bricks and pavers can be donated to a family, child, business or in memory of a loved one. Please use the brick campaign form inserted in this week's Mariner or call **Trish Hart** at 781-383-9209 for more details.

The numbers of bricks are limited so make sure to place your order quickly.

TV STAR

A very proud Gramma wanted to let us know about her very talented grandson, **Sam Game**. Sam recently starred in a TV ad for the show "Arthur". The ad ran this winter and spring on PBS stations throughout the country. Sam is nine years old and in fourth grade at the Deer Hill School. He currently performed in the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "Oliver".

Sam's grandma, **Ruth Sisson**, should certainly be proud of this young man as I know his entire family is. Great job, Sam!

SCHOOL COUNCILS

Congratulations are in order for the newly elected members of the School Councils for the 2002-2003 school year at the various schools. **Vicky Neaves** was elected at the Osgood School, **Melissa Grasz** and **Susan Jaffe** were elected at the Deer Hill School and at the Middle/High School it is **Debbie Shadd** and **Helene Lieb-Lappen**.

GREATEST GENERATION

The Joseph Osgood School and The Community Relations Committee of the Cohasset PSO is going to recognize many elderly citizens from our community at the "Greatest Generation Celebration" being held on May 23 at the Osgood School. This special day will bring together children and the elderly with tea, coffee and entertainment provided at the school. For more information or to RSVP no later than May 20, please contact the Elder Affairs Office at 383-9112.

RELAY FOR LIFE

As many of you know, this Friday and Saturday is the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life being held here in town at Alumni Field at the Middle/High School. This event is set to begin at 3 p.m. and will run through the evening and overnight hours to end on Saturday at noon. This is a true celebration of cancer survivorship and a fun way to raise the vital funds needed to help find a cure for cancer. Teams of families, friends, local businesses and community organizations have signed up to walk and have raised money through pledges and the sales of luminarias. Luminaria bags may be purchased right up until 8: p.m. on Friday evening for a minimum donation of $5. The schedule of events is a super offering for people of all ages. Please note the schedule and story in today's Mariner.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

A Celebration Of Diversity is taking place at the Cohasset Middle/High School from now until May 23 A photography exhibit entitled, "Shared Hearts" is happening in the Library and two films will be shared, one for the seventh-graders called, "Not In Our Town" and one for the eighth-graders called, "A Place At Our Table." If you can, try to get to the school to view the exhibit.

CHECK OUT DISPLAY

Make sure to head downtown to Goodale Insurance and check out the awesome ceramic vases on display made by students from Cohasset High School's art department. They are beautiful!

That is all for this week. Please make sure to get all of your information to me no later than Monday at noon.

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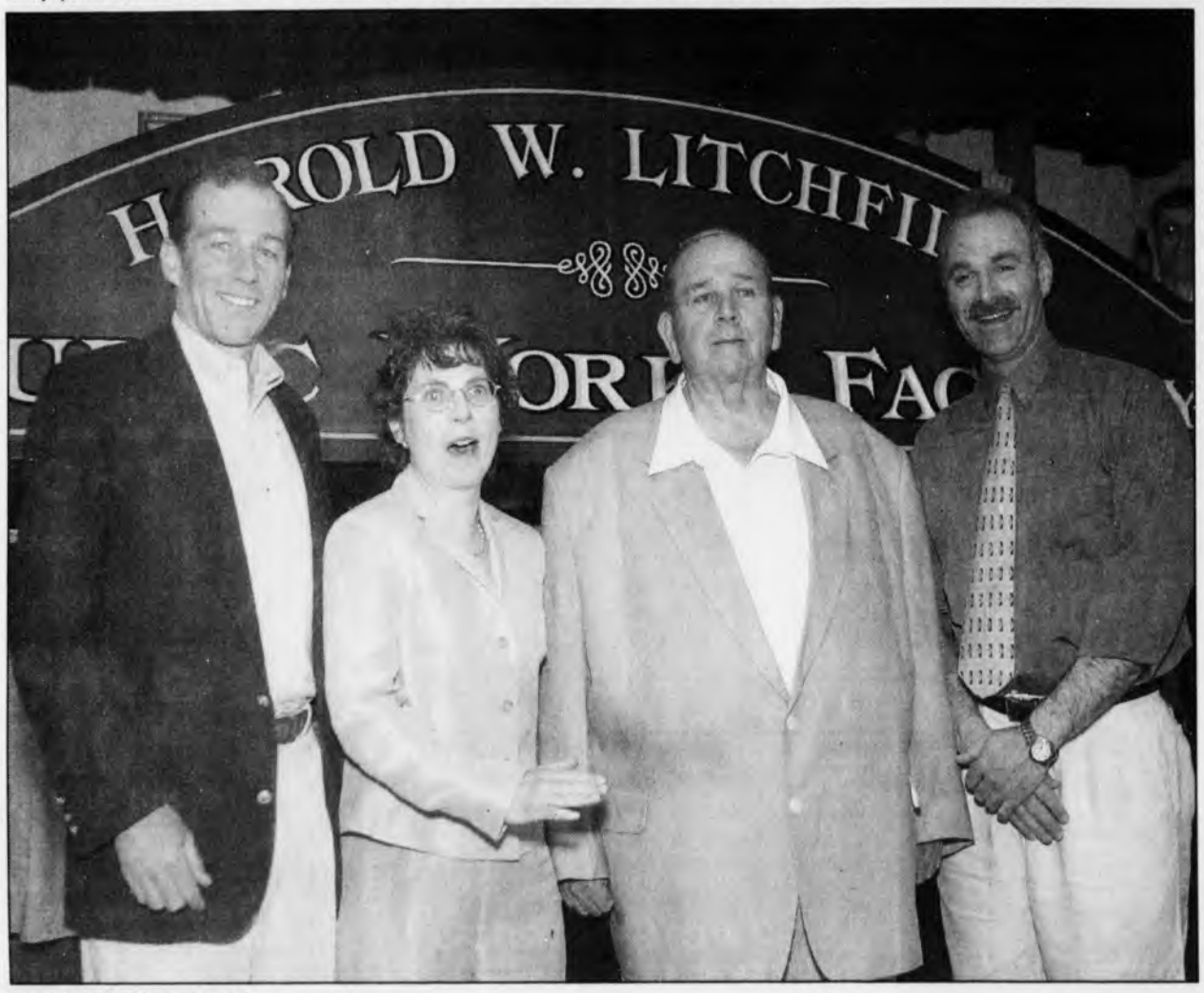

SIGN OF THE TIMES

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Harold Litchfield, second from left, is flanked by selectmen Michael Sullivan and Ronnie McMorris and Town Manager Mark Haddad as the new DPW sign bearing his name is unveiled at Litchfield's retirement party last Friday. The former DPW superintendent stepped down the end of March after 42 years of working for the town.

Dog obedience classes offered

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy - Dog Training School throughout the summer..

Classes will be held on Monday evenings on the Town Common at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.. For all classes the fee is $90 for the five-week, one-hour-per-week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks.

EXCITING SKIN CARE NEWS

MALIKA SKIN CARE located at 164 Washington Street in Norwell, European skin care experts on the South Shore since 1992, has now introduced LUZERN Oxygen Treatments and products, that will not be found anywhere else.

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This local lawyer really knows how to rock

Has greatest hits CD

By Evan Schiff
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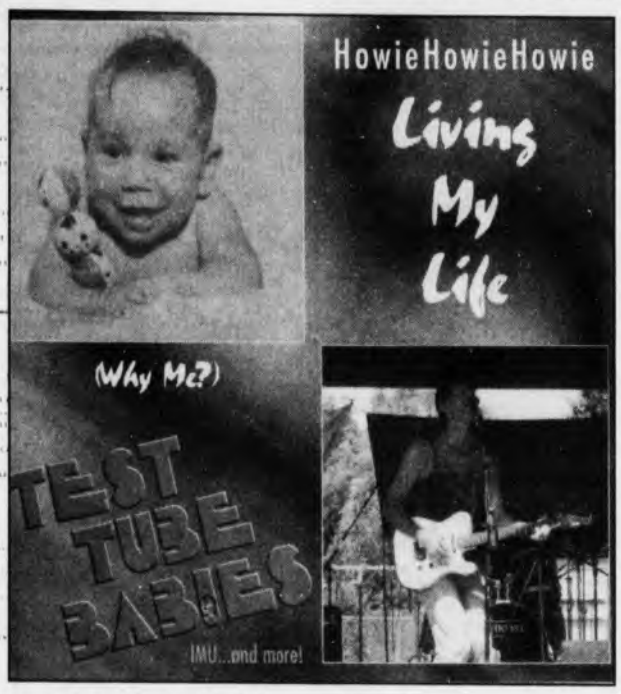
Going into his office you'd be hard pressed to discern his former life. He has the obligatory diplomas adorning his walls, proving he is in fact a lawyer. The bookshelves, which are filled with various case studies and the computer that sits on his desk, wouldn't make one think twice.



The jacket of Howie Altholtz's greatest hits CD.

But then, turning to look on the back wall, something seems out of a place. A picture of him and Ringo Starr, a picture with Les Vegas, the lead singer of Blue Oyster Cult, and a photo of him and Paul Pierce. It's easy to pass over the guitar carved into the name plate on his desk until you realize that this lawyer used to be in a rock band.

Howie Altholtz of Summer Street is releasing his greatest hits album as well as performing at "After Before," an artistic night dedicated to the change in music due to Sept. 11.

Altholtz will play an acoustic version of his song "One People," which he wrote in response to the terrorist attacks. His song was discovered while Altholtz recently performed the song in a Hingham coffee shop. He was approached and asked to play the inspiring song at the group exhibition at the Attleboro Museum on May 19.

Altholtz, who lives with his wife and two daughters, said the song holds a unifying theme to it and is intended to be uplifting. The guitar-driven song which features the hook, "who killed all the people," is just that.

"I didn't want it to be too morbid," he said.

The Brooklyn native began playing the guitar when he was 10-years-old though he never took a lesson in his life. He attended the Woodstock music festival when he was 15, which he credits for setting in motion his love of music that remains with him today.

He attended college at the State University of New York - Newpaltz, in the Woodstock area, which he said was a real hippie haven. He lived next to Todd Rundgren, a renowned guitarist, for six years and said he was immediately immersed in the music scene.

"There were a lot of really great technical musicians in the area," Altholtz said. "However, there weren't a lot of great writers."

He said a lot of the musicians were moved and inspired by his lyrics, which gave Altholtz an opening into the scene.

"I'm only an average guitar player, but I'm able to evoke a lot of emotion with my lyrics," he said.

Altholtz describes his songs as a mixture of political messages and love and relationship ballads. He said he hopes to invoke strong passion in all of his work.

"All of my stuff is intended to make people think how we could change our lives to create a better world," he said.

Following his college years, Altholtz formed the Test Tube Babies, named after the subject which was in the news at the time, in the early 70s. Joined by Les Vegas, and singer Susie Ronson, wife of Mick Ronson who was the guitarist for David Bowie, the band put out a few albums before Altholtz said he wanted to take the band in a more hard-edge direction.

He then decided to form the band IMU were he played along side the drummer from Flock of Seagulls, A.J Mazetti and his brother Peter, who played the guitar for Young Rascals for eight years..

After touring much of the United States and Canada, Altholtz said he started to feel the effects of life on the road. In 1981 he opened up for Joan Jett in New York, which was his last show for quite some time.

"I'm only an average guitar player, but I'm able to evoke a lot of emotion with my lyrics,"
— Howie Altholtz, Summer Street

"It was getting to the point where I had done what I wanted to do with being in a band," he said. "I felt I needed to get a real life at some point."

He moved to Boston with a friend and started a small entertainment magazine which eventually developed into a full service advertising business for concert listings.

Altholtz, who's always been an entrepreneurial person, then took an offer to join a major advertising company in the city, but said he didn't enjoy the work.

Howie Altholtz of Summer Street, right, with Huey Lewis of Huey Lewis and the News at a recent fundraiser.

He started going to law school at night in 1985 and said he didn't feel like he was "selling out" to his rock star days.

"My creative expression through music and entrepreneurial ventures are one and the same," Altholtz said. "You just have to believe in yourself and not be shy."

A break came when one of his career counselors at law school mentioned that law firm marketing was going to be a huge industry in the next few years.

Altholtz proceeded to write a letter to the top 10 Boston law firms detailing his ideas to incorporate a marketing department into each of the companies. Eventually, the firm of Peabody and Brown responded and offered Altholtz a job.

"I kind of made it up as I went along," he said. "No one else was doing it so I had total freedom."

After seeing his budget grow to $1 million and the number of lawyers in the firm triple, Altholtz felt he needed a new challenge.

He said he saw the field of intellectual property growing and felt adding an entertainment law department to the firm. This practice deals with contracts, trademarks, licensing agreements and other aspects of the industry, something that was right up Altholtz's alley.

"Coming from the music business I had great credibility with the artists," he said. "And after practicing law I had the same with the lawyers, it was a great situation."

However, in July of 2000, Peabody and Brown merged with a firm in New York and brought the total number of lawyers in the company to around 500, which was too many for Altholtz's liking.

Altholtz, who moved to Cohasset in 1999, took a couple months off to be his family and try and find an new challenge. He ended up starting his own private practice as well as acting as the head of business affairs for Digital Music Network.

"I'll be maintaining my practice until something more interesting comes along," he said.

Altholtz still remains close at home with his music roots and one of his clients is Noel Redding, Jimi Hendrix's bass player.

He said the music business hasn't changed much and often times is hard upon artists. He said the business is not always fair to the musicians.

"Artists are still getting screwed," he said. "I'm working to try and bring a measure of fairness to them."

Altholtz is a fan of today's more alternative musicians such as Nirvana and Pearl Jam but still holds a place in his heart for some of his favorites including the Rolling Stones and the Beatles.

"I like edgy music," he said. "It's important to have songs that carry a message, whether it's in the lyrics or the music."

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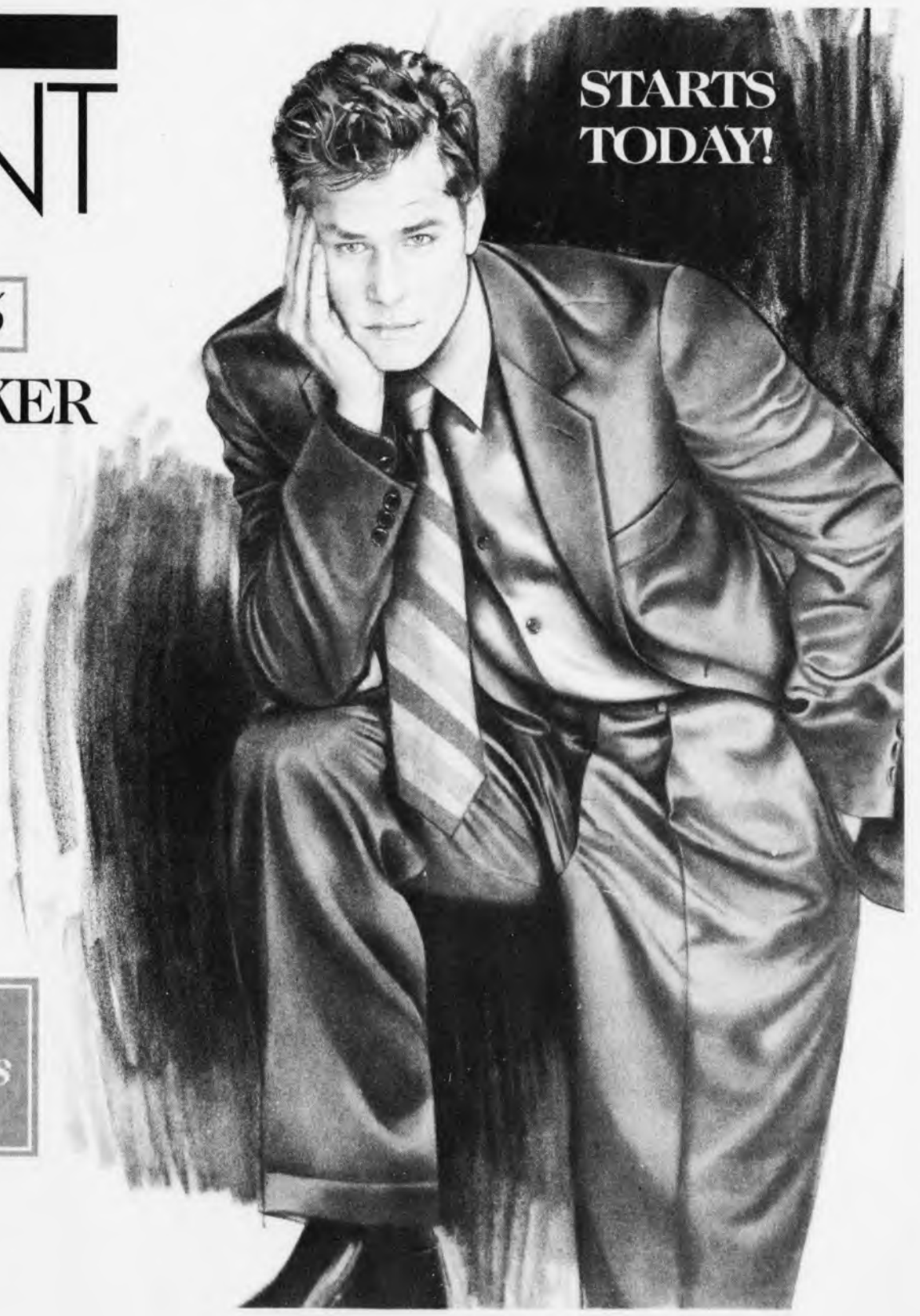

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Girls will be girls

It's nothing new. Girls and makeup go back to the days of Cleopatra and before. But makeup on the faces of elementary-aged schoolgirls is a little early, and no doubt a sign of the times.

What a shame that at a point in their lives when youthful skin, bright eyes and a big smile are true beauty, "little" girls feel the need to add a lot of "extras."

There's even a little added spin — some girl-to-girl harassment among those who paint their faces and those who don't.

All this is interfering with the learning environment at the Deer Hill School, which still houses the sixth-grade and will until the grades are realigned once the school projects are completed, allowing the "older kids" to move up to the middle school. (Once there, sixth-grade girls will undoubtedly emulate their eighth-grader peers).

The issue is splitting Deer Hill parents into two groups: those who think makeup is inappropriate for 10- and 11-year-olds and those who believe in "free expression."

We remember the days when public schools had stricter rules about dress and most of us turned out just fine. It never occurred to us that our rights were being trampled on. Can't imagine what our parents would have said if we'd complained.

It wasn't until high school that makeup horror stories emerged. There was the girl whose eyelash curler locked in the closed position on the eyelashes of her right eyelid on the school bus on the way to school. Horrified, we formed a circle around her and walked her to the nurse's office.

Another girl's hair, which was loaded with hairspray, got stuck to her date's face at the junior prom ending a promising relationship.

And there were endless mascara smudging problems that made a lot of us look like raccoons by the end of the school day.

So in many ways, times haven't changed except for the girls' ages and the authority of the school.

In this case, we think Principal Paul Callahan ought to be able to set the rules. If makeup is a problem, then he should be able to tell the girls and their parents, that no made-up faces will be allowed in school.

There's lots of time after school, on vacations and weekends when the girls can exercise their right for free expression.

We don't think the legal community should intimidate schools when they set rules based on commonsense.

In Hingham, the high school principal has successfully banned wearing hats and hoods in school, and the school system is still standing and sending graduates on to successful colleges.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Village plans

TO THE EDITOR:

I agree with Mr. deLima's letter in the May 9 issue of the Mariner.

On page 2 of the same issue there is mention that the various proposals submitted for the Village Improvements Design and Construction Plans have been reviewed for the selectmen to interview on May 21. Not to disparage the people involved in narrowing down the field (Dean Rizzo, Mark Haddad, and Liz Harrington), but couldn't there have been at least one member of the review group that actually lives in town. I am not questioning the motives or qualifications of the group, but I think at least one resident could have been found to balance the group a bit.

Russell Bonetti
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Editor's note the Mariner incorrectly reported the interviews would take place May 21. They are scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, starting at 6p.m..

Shedding lamplight on village character

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. DeLima asserts that "no one can responsibly suggest that these Victorian adornments (black iron lampposts) are suitable to the style of a colonial village". Of course not! Colonial villages didn't have lampposts! The colonial period (which ended in 1776) had been over for about 135 years before Cohasset got street lights (in the early 1900's).

If Cohasset is to be classed as a "colonial village" I should be reclassified as a teenager! Granted, a few houses date back to before the Revolution, but the character of the village center is somewhere between Victorian and New England idiosyncratic. It's a few decades too late to worry about mongrelizing it! Its eclectic montage has a certain charm and I don't advocate either demongrelizing or modernization.

As to street lights: we could eliminate them and so simulate colonial conditions, we could retain the ugly wooden poles and inefficient lights we have, or we could install attractive lampposts with efficient light sources and effective spacing and location. What is more attractive and appropriate to our village than the Victorian style lamppost? The lamppost catalogues have many other styles, few of which would find favor with our conservative fellow townspeople.

Although government agencies provide our roads, fire and police protection, water etc, the multitude of cultural and recreational services with which Cohasset is blessed were conceived, established and are operated by non-governmental groups of public spirited citizens. Our various Boards are generally limited to regulation and they are seldom expected to be initiators. Well, no good deed goes unpunished, so the initiators usually have to suffer a lot of sniping and insinuations about motives etc. Sometimes the naysayers thwart the constructive efforts, usually without substituting anything useful. It takes a great deal of effort to accomplish something in the public arena, but all too little effort is needed to block it. Sure, democracy affords us the right to question and criticize, but that right should be exercised constructively.

Seems to me that the attempts to emasculate the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation are childishly irresponsible. It would make more sense to take advantage of its initiative and seed funding, participate to serve the public interest (rather than to work off private resentments), and help mold the results for the benefit of the town. The critics should beware of Pyrrhic victories!

Somebody has noted that there isn't much passion for rescuing the harbor area from its run-down appearance. Quite true, unfortunately. Most of the happenings in the world, good and bad, happened because small groups of determined people pushed their agenda while the other 98 percent sat on their duffs and let it happen.

And so it is here in Cohasset! Many people are saying, about the opponents of revitalization: "Who do they think they are, anyway"! But their indignation doesn't translate into effective support, or even into attendance at the seminars. Yes, it's always much easier to block something than to do the hard work of accomplishing something.

R. Murray Campbell
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Big message, low turnout

TO THE EDITOR:

Bob Bigelow, one of the country's top activists for the "play" in youth sports activities visited Cohasset on April 24. He appeared courtesy of the Cohasset Social Service League and the PSO.

News of Bigelow's appearance was given to the heads of the various sports leagues in town and anybody who was involved with youth activities as early as mid February. Calls were made to many league leaders. Most indicated they would go to see him. With it all, in a town which has significant participation in youth sports, it was shocking to see less than 30 people show up.

What you see in Cohasset is what the organizations that defend youths in youth sports say is typical. The answers to the questions are usually the same, too.

Do the same people lead the leagues year after year? What are their qualifications? Is there a way to report incidents or evaluate coaches?

One sports board member told me that coaches aren't picked by those who volunteer, nor are interviews conducted with those who check off the little box on application forms (if there are any) saying they want to volunteer. To coach, he continued, one needs to make phone calls and lobby privately to get appointed. Typically, there is no required education for most coaches, and many have none. The system isn't all bad, but, as in many communities, it can improve. The first step is that leaders can't take the view that Bigelow sessions are for everybody else. The next is to correct known problems.

We're facing a situation of adult interests over that of youth in the construction of the new baseball diamonds. They are being built in such as way, per the plans, that either batters or fielders will have to have the sun in their eyes while playing. This means that novice players, those learning the game, will be taking their developing, not developed, abilities, and looking in to the sun with a hard ball coming at them. Would you shine sunlight in the face of a kid learning to catch a fly ball or batting? Nobody who cares about kids ever would purposely. That's what the fields do, though.

Why would somebody do this? Is it for the Conservation Commission? Is it for the abutters? Is it to facilitate better parking? It favors the adults, not the kid who is going to have a ball hit or thrown at him and not see it with the sun in his face. Is that going to be your kid? A case may be made for the fact that the present (Barnes) field has a good record, as it is generally pointed in the same direction as the planned new fields. However, as a person who commonly evaluates safety, I'll tell you that having three fields in the same direction triples the chances of injury. Isn't anyone else seeing this?

Who is standing up for the kids here? If only one field can be built instead of two, one safe one will beat two where there is the built in contingency of potentially permanent injury. Care for the kids will dictate a different design. But watch what happens, and question those who are approving the designs, who are, coincidentally, those who hand out the liability waivers you sign on the application forms to indemnify them. (You don't have to sign those waivers. You can't sign away your right to sue, but in the case of an accident, your signed form will be brought into court and your signing away your right will probably be costly to eradicate.) The waiver does nothing to protect the kids. When asked about both the waiver and the new diamond's position, Cohasset baseball officials stated reference to league rules/paperwork. This is the same rule book which also states that league board members are to be elected by league members. (That's you if your kid's in the league.) Is there anyone alive who remembers a membership election for Cohasset baseball league board members?

I suggest reading the books that are out about the travesty of parental influence in youth sports. Read about the incidents and conditions which have made this a culture of parental entertainment, not one of play for the kids. Then do something about it. Two of the books are: "Why Johnny Hates Sports" by Fred Engh of the National Alliance, and the one Bob offered, "Just Let the Kids Play."

As Bob said, and both books explain, 70 percent of the kids who get into youth sports drop out by the age of 13. They are turned off, and at a young age where they should be exploring everything. It's play, right? Not here. Not in many towns. He also mentioned how good and talented volunteers are usually bumped out by the network of people who literally take over as league leaders. Few communities recognize problems until awakened. Maybe before worse happens, if the community awakens, there won't be a kid sustaining a head injury when the sun gets in his eyes and the line drive hits him on the field that was built for such an accident to happen.

"Doing it for the kids" is just that. Those who turned out for Bigelow took the first step.

Mark Bell
King Street

When your wife has breast cancer

LOCAL VIEW

DONALD IVAS

My wife is walking 60 miles from Fitchburg to Boston next weekend in the Avon Three Day Walk for breast cancer. There will be upwards of 5,000 women walking this route to raise awareness, money and celebrate their own recovery or memorialize their own losses. While the women publicly demonstrate their strength and resolve, where will all the men who are associated with these brave souls be?

I am the husband of a breast cancer survivor. These words do not just roll off the tongue, the "C" word is not something you want to bring home to meet your family. In fact, one in nine women are visited by breast cancer, which translates into much collateral damage in the form of husbands, parents, brothers, sisters, children and friends. My children and I will be at the Boston Common to welcome home the weary crowd of marchers. Yet the path does not end there, cancer is now an unwelcome but very real guest that entered into my wife's life and my family's life. How do we accommodate this change in our daily life? How do we live with the uncertainty of this disease? These are questions that prompted me to devise an outline for a thread of discussion to create a feeling of connectedness with other men in similar situations.

I am proud of what my wife is hoping to accomplish by walking next weekend and I am in awe of what she had to endure to get to this point in her life.

Of course men being men, we want to fight, we want to work, we want to make everything all right. This instinct is natural and healthy to a point, then the struggle just creates more stress and we need alternatives. We need to be realists, we need to be helpful, in short we need to be present. I have come to realize that although this disease is in my wife's body, it runs through our relationship, our family and our daily life, however subtle or overt. There is a place for men to be, besides helping that significant other, there needs to be a time and place to help yourself. Only other plane crash survivors know what it is like to survive a plane crash, only men that live with and support women through cancer know what it is like. These are the men who need to get together and share their stories and experience in a group sponsored by the Social Service League.

I am proud of what my wife is hoping to accomplish by walking next weekend and I am in awe of what she had to endure to get to this point in her life. There can be a silver lining to this cloud called cancer, we can learn to take the positive perspective, we can be mindful of what we are doing on any given day, we can live in the moment and realize just how fragile all of life really is. Our time is now more precious, our gratitude has been highlighted through the pain and we realize there are always others in worse predicaments.

If there are men who have had similar experiences and would like to reconcile some of the resulting turmoil there now is a place for you.

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Our privacy is slipping away

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The latest tiny, almost imperceptible step toward the complete loss of personal privacy was taken last week in a Boca Raton, Fla., medical clinic. This time it was voluntary. Next time? Who knows?

Papa Jeffrey Jacobs, mama Leslie, and son Derek had microchips the size of a grain of rice, each containing their detailed medical history, implanted under the skin of their upper arms.

Now, should one of them be transported unconscious to the hospital, emergency room crews could scan their bodies and learn in an instant that Jeffrey has had a spinal fusion, Leslie has a heart valve abnormality and Derek is allergic to common antibiotics.

It could be a life-saver for any one of them and they volunteered for it, so what's wrong with that? Nothing —until you consider what else can be put on the implanted chip and how easy it is for a voluntary act by an individual to become a law for everyone.

Recall, please, the history of the seat belt in Massachusetts. First the wearing of it was a good idea, then a strong suggestion, then a law to be used only in conjunction with another traffic law, and now a law unto itself, carrying a fine and other accoutrements, all in the name of safety.

Given the parlous times in which we live and 21st century technological achievements, it's easy to trade the perils of freedom and privacy for the comforts of security that a microchip of personal information or a strategically placed TV camera can bring.

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Last summer, the city of Tampa, Fla., installed 36 tiny remote-controlled cameras on poles above the streets in the high-crime Ybor City district. The camera lenses had the capability of zooming in on the faces of individuals. A data bank was checked to see if they were wanted.

This brought down the wrath of some unusually bedfellows — Dick Armey, the conservative Republican representative from Texas, and the American Civil Liberties Union, which is usually described as liberal left-wing.

"Do we really want a society where one cannot walk down the street without Big Brother tracking our every move?" asked Armey. At the same time Washington, D. C., itself was experimenting with surveillance cameras at 39 of its busiest intersections to catch motorists who ran red lights. The tally from August, 1999, to June, 2001, was 231,797 citations, good for $12.3 million in fines to the city treasury.

A similar red light camera system in San Diego was thrown out by Superior Court Judge Ronald Styn because it was run for the government by a private firm, Lockheed Martin, with a $271 fine for each conviction, of which Lockheed Martin received $70.

There are so many surveillance cameras on London, England, streets that they say you can't get through a typical day without being captured on tape at least eight times and possibly as many as 300 times. You might say it's getting to be a way of life in Old Blighty.

"The vast majority of people know they have nothing to fear from them unless they are up to no good," said a spokesman for the British Home Office.

"What you're looking at in Britain, with saturation closed circuit TV cameras in every nook and cranny of the country, is what you'll be seeing all over the United States in the next five years," said Simon Davies, head of a Brit civil rights and privacy group.

That and a microchip in every arm.

HEALTH NOTES

Mosquito murder season underway

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Notification of Mosquito Adulticide Applications:

The State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board voted on a mosquito adulticide program on Feb. 26.. The purpose of the program is to control nuisance and/or disease carrying adult mosquito's. The program began on May 15 and end Sept. 1 unless the occurrence of mosquito borne disease requires spraying beyond Sept. 1.

The material used to control adult mosquitoes is Resemthrin, which will be applied in ultra low volume sprayers at a rate of one (1) once per acre. Sprayers are usually truck mounted or in some instances hand held.

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For those residents wishing to access schedules and locations for adulticiding a day in advance, a toll free number is available. 1-800-227-1572. It is available twenty four (24) hours a day. *This number is not to be used to request spraying.* The information will be updated daily except on weekends and holidays.

For spraying requests, contact the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project Office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. This number is 781-585-5450. They can also be reached by FAX at 781-582-1276 or mail at P.O. Box 72, Kingston, MA 02364.

Osteoporosis screening

On Thursday May 23 there will be free osteoporosis screening offered at the Harborview Housing Keep well clinics are for all town residents regardless of age!

Finneran gets an A in political know-how

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of state government for the week ending May 10.

At the Statehouse this week, it was still all about Finneran, but now it's about the New Finneran.

Satisfaction with this year's budget process in the House was palpable. Representatives who long could be counted on for a grumpy quote about the House speaker now were praising the process by which the House considered which taxes to raise, then which spending to restore.

Speaker Thomas Finneran has spent weeks now getting input from members, include ones who don't like his traditional style. He's laid the groundwork for budget balancing by talking openly about the pain involved in this year's budget. His detractors seemed taken aback; in the jaded atmosphere atop Boston Common, sudden openness can make people nervous.

Nevertheless, it was not only appreciated, but effective. In part no doubt to the speaker's early warnings about the difficulties of the budget situation, a Boston Herald opinion poll this week confirmed what legislators were already reporting: the public thinks tax hikes are appropriate this year. In 1990, when thousands of people rallied against new taxes on Boston Common, not many believed the rhetoric about the foolishness of spending cuts. This year, the balance of credibility seemed to have shifted.

The causes of the change were clear in hindsight. The status quo may have become untenable for the speaker, so he changed it. Finneran was in some trouble last December. Rep. Daniel Bosley, D-North Adams, made clear he was willing to give voice to the dissatisfaction the rank-and-file was feeling, after a budget process in which the regular membership felt locked out of the process, abused and in some cases deceived.

So Finneran consulted with a series of government and political veterans, who seem to have helped him implement an under-appreciated political truth: leadership stays powerful by understanding where the "followership" wants to go. Finneran gathered a consensus from his members and took responsibility for selling it to the public. As a result he's reversed the erosion of respect that routinely subsumes the authority of leaders such as Cardinal Law.

The next plot development in this story will be whether the change is real, and permanent. Signs are mixed. Finneran countenanced the filing of amendments by his lieutenants that others perceive as haughty and obnoxious shots across the bow of his foes. These include bids to take away the power of judges to administer their courthouses, and to make Clean Elections-funded gubernatorial candidate Warren Tolman pay back public campaign finance dollars. The courts have ruled Finneran is in the wrong for refusing to fund the Clean Elections system, and the eye-poking amendments are seen as Finneran's response.

Still, the budget as a package is the most important thing the Legislature does, and Finneran's performance on this one, contrasted with the last one, raises the possibility that he's the rarest form of politician: one whose hearing improves with age.

As the House deliberated its budget, the proposal to change judicial administrative rules was just one of numerous legal stories in the headlines:

This and that

• SJC openly objects to budget amendment on courts. The justices of the court took the rare step of sending a letter to Beacon Hill leaders, and holding a press conference, to express their concerns about an outside section that would shift management control over courts from administrative justices to clerk-magistrates. The jurists said their branch of government should only be reorganized after a public process of hearings and deliberation.

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• Mihos and Levy ruled in the right, Swift the wrong. The Supreme Judicial Court said Tuesday (May 7) that the Turnpike Twins were improperly fired – that the high-profile dismissals that did Swift so much damage were based "a difference of opinion" rather than firing offenses. Jordan Levy and Christy Mihos may continue to serve on the Massachusetts Turnpike Board. The court found Swift lacked due cause to fire the pair. Mihos said he will continue his federal lawsuit claiming his First Amendment rights were violated by Swift during the hearings that led to the firings. That case could eventually result in depositions of figures such as James Kerasiotes, the former head of the Central Artery project.

• Lopez formally accused of bad conduct by CJC. The Council on Judicial Conduct officially told the Supreme Judicial Court that Judge Maria Lopez had violated canons of judicial behavior during an infamous 2000 molestation trial. The CJC asked the SJC to convene a public hearing into the facts of the matter. The SJC could reprimand or suspend Lopez if it finds her to have abused her position, or limit her to hearing only certain types of cases; only the Legislature can permanently remove a judge, which it has declined to do in the Lopez affair.

Lopez was determined to have behaved improperly on six counts, all relating to her conduct in the trial of Charles "Ebony" Horton, convicted of kidnapping and attempting to rape a child in 2000. The improprieties were found rooted in Lopez' bias against the prosecution; Lopez was cited for unprofessional conduct in protecting Horton, berating the prosecution and lying about the facts of the case to an SJC public information officer. For her part, Lopez said the charges were "unwarranted and unfounded," and that she would fight to have the CJC's findings proven incorrect.

• Gays can't get marriage license, judge rules. A Suffolk County judge Wednesday rejected a request from seven homosexual couples that he order the Department of Public Health to issue them marriage licenses. The couples vowed to pursue the case to the Supreme Judicial Court.

• State legislator wins confirmation to Waltham court. David Donnelly, the House chairman of the Judiciary Committee will serve on the Waltham District Court; his aides said they did not know when he would step down from the House, and he declined to be interviewed. Mary-Ellen Manning, D-Peabody, the "no" vote in the 6-1 confirmation tally, said she opposed Donnelly's confirmation because he did not step down from his House seat while a judicial candidate. But Marilyn Petitto Devaney, D-Watertown, who presided over Donnelly's interview, said he'll be one of the best confirmations ever by the council.

• Massport bond rating cut. Fitch Ratings Service said the Massachusetts Port Authority has suffered from a drop in business that hasn't rebounded quickly enough from the Sept. 11 decline in air travel. But Massport issued a statement saying it's happy to retain the highest bond rating in the airport category. Fitch cut Massport bonds to an AA- from an AA rating.

• Menino takes helm of US mayors' conference. Mayor Thomas Menino on Tuesday (May 7) became the fourth Bostonian to become president of the United States Conference of Mayors, following in the footsteps of past mayors James Curley, John Hynes and Raymond Flynn. Menino was scheduled to start his term at next month's annual conference in Madison, Wisconsin, but New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial stepped down early. Menino took the ceremonial gavel at a press conference attended by local officials, mayors from across the nation, Congressman and former Somerville Mayor Michael Capuano, Acting Governor Jane Swift, and political allies.

• Story of the wee: With the tax increase in place — and given approval in opinion polls — the House proceeded to put back half the $2 billion cut in its Ways and Means budget.

Craig Sandler writes for the Statehouse News Service.

Annual barbecue on Memorial Day

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation invites everyone for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately following the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, at Bancroft Hall on Government Island.

The non-profit Lightkeepers Corporation was established in 1991 to renovate a former two-family lightkeepers' residence, no longer used as such because of automation of Minot's Light, and convert it into a function room for community use. The building is leased from the town but maintained and operated by the Lightkeepers Corporation.

The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation. Operating and maintenance expenses, and reserves for capital replacements or improvements, are recovered from rental of two apartments on the second floor, and from fees charged to non-residents for use of the function room facilities. Cohasset residents may use the facilities for a nominal fee, and non-profit organizations at no charge.

This will be the sixth year that CLC has hosted Memorial Day attendees in recognition of the generosity of our supporters and we expect to serve over 1000 people again.

Organ recital at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 11th year, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in a recital on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m.

Dr. Guzasky teaches at Bridgewater State College, is an Affiliated Artist at MIT, and teaches for the Boston Conservatory Department of Special Programs in addition to serving as Director of Music at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset.Works on this Pentecost Sunday program include those by Anton Heiller, DeGrigny, Buxtehude, and various Russian composers whose works are virtually unknown in this country.

The church at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and has ample parking in the village car park. There is no admission charge, although donations will be accepted. For more information, call 781-383-1083.

Cohasset Public Schools Lunch Menu

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TUESDAY, MAY 21

Meatball sub, oven fries; *or* chicken salad sub, oven fries, Jello, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Macaroni & cheese, sliced wheat bread; *or* bologna sandwich, tossed salad, fruit, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Chicken patty on a bun; *or* chef's salad, corn, applesauce, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; *or* tuna salad plate, carrots, pudding, choice of milk.

World War I Memorial to be ready for parade

By Evan Schiff
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In what has been an exhausting process, the newest memorial at Veterans' Park at the harbor, honoring those in town who served in World War I, should be finished by Memorial Day.

Brendan St. John, a local stonemason, has been involved with the project for about two years now. While the memorial was originally supposed to be a fairly routine project, it quickly turned into a difficult one.

While drafting the plans a mistake was made in the dimensions of the plaques which are inscribed with the names of those who served. Because it took months to get the granite plates, the problem was not realized until a few weeks ago.

When the plaques finally arrived, St. John noticed they seemed to be quite a bit narrower and taller than those installed in the other memorial in the park that honors WW II veterans.

"All of the sudden I realized something was wrong," he said. "But we had to find a way to work around it."

"It's a wonderful dedication to the veterans who have served from this town."

— Town Manager Mark Haddad

In order to keep the symmetry of the area, it was necessary to return the five plaques, have them re-sized and re-engraved. Because of the problems with fitting the same number of names on a shorter plaque, it was necessary to add two more of them bringing the total to seven.

However, while this may seem like a solution it only created more problems. Having seven plaques made the memorial look out of sync with the rest of the park, so St. John along with Veterans Memorial Committee member Glenn Pratt decided on a new plan of attack.

They decided to expand the memorial and ordered an additional six plaques. Five of them will honor those who fought in the Civil War, almost 200 Cohasset natives fought in this war, and one for those who served in the Mexican-American conflict. So from the original five plaques that were supposed to honor veterans of WW I, the memorial now includes 13 plaques in memory of three different wars.

"This way the park looks pleasing to the eye," Pratt said.

Because of the additional granite required for the project, the price for the memorial soared above what was originally needed. While the town hasn't contributed any money to the memorial to date, it has been entirely funded through private donations, the selectmen have asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to go before the Advisory Committee and request a reserve fund transfer. Haddad said he will ask the committee for approximately $10,000 for the project.

"It's well worth the money," Haddad said. "It's a wonderful dedication to the veterans who have served from this town."

St. John said this has been one of the hardest projects he's ever worked on.

"I would just lie awake at night thinking about the math," he said. "I was just trying to come up with a solution that would work and I think we did."

St. John added he will spend every waking hour at the park over the next two weeks to ensure it's done on time.

"It will be done on time," he said.

The Memorial Day parade will begin at 8 a.m. The first leg of the march takes veterans from the American Legion Post on Summer Street to the library where there will be buses available to board. Once on the buses, the group will begin a tour of the cemeteries in Cohasset, stopping at each one for a brief ceremony.

Pratt expects most people to join the parade at approximately 10:45 a.m. when the group heads back to the Music Circus before heading to the central cemetery on North Main Street. From there, the parade will head to the Common and then its final destination, Veterans' Park.

At around noon time, Vietnam veteran and Navy Seal Ted Macklin, will be giving a speech and then there will be a flag raising.

"It's should be a very fitting tribute to our veterans," Pratt said.

A new addition this year is there will be a military guard holding a vigil from sunset on Sunday until sunrise on Monday to honor the veterans.

A close up of some of the World War I panels that are inscribed with the names of Cohasset soldiers who served during the "war to end all wars."

Stonemason, Brendan St. John, lifts one of the World War I panels in place at Veteran's Memorial Park at the harbor

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SPORTS

Star of the Week

Mike Snowdale

The C.H.S. junior went the distance on the mound and scored the game-tying run in last week's upset win over Abington, helping to avenge an earlier season blowout at the hands of the Green Wave.

Living
On the South Shore
Inside

A win is a win is a win

Victories keep coming in different forms for boys and girls tennis teams

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

They may not do it in the same fashion, both the boys and girls varsity tennis teams continue to win.

The girls show the dominance they displayed last year en route to the South Sectional Semi-finals, destroying their weaker opponents, 5-0 or 4-1.

Meanwhile, the boys find themselves seeking out match after match with a 3-2 advantage, but a win is a win.

"The most difficult thing about tennis is making everyone think that it is a team sport," noted veteran girls coach Sarah Meehan. "Everyone is just so ready, getting themselves geared up."

Both teams took down Harwich this week, the boys 3-2 and the girls 4-1, topping squads that were both playoff contenders a year ago.

For the girls, the squad overcame an illness to their normal third singles player, sophomore Emily Sullivan, to take the win handily. Sophomore Courtney Caron stepped in for Sullivan to win the first set quickly, 6-2.

Down 1-4 in the second set, she took the deciding point in the match by coming back to win it 6-4.

Elizabeth Stone gave up only her third game of the year, cruising at second singles, 6-0, 6-1. With the exception of a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Abington, Stone has blanked every other opponent she has faced this year, including the individual tournament.

The first doubles team of Julie Shea and Kate Englander, still undefeated as a pair, quickly took their point with a 6-2, 6-1 win. At second doubles, usually where Caron would be playing with senior captain Kelly Stone, Nicole Needle and Corey Evans recovered from a tough first set to take the match, 6-4, 6-0.

Christine Pearson, the 14-4 ace of Harwich's staff, topped junior captain Lindsay Grossman in a three-set dogfight, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

On the boys side, Cohasset took three three-set wins to edge out the Harwich squad that eliminated the Skippers in the first round of last year's state tourney.

Sophomore Tim Anton won a bizarre match of heavy-hitters, 7-5, 0-6, 6-1 over Harwich captain Justin Turco. Turco, whose extremely strong first serve is his strength, was unable to overpower the very consistent Anton, who played well despite a nagging wrist injury.

Junior Ross Lieb-Lappen and sophomore Andrew Wise won another strange score, losing 4-6 in the first set at second doubles before racing to a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

Sophomore Craig Druscella, who is now 10-1 in the SSL, losing only to All-Scholastic power

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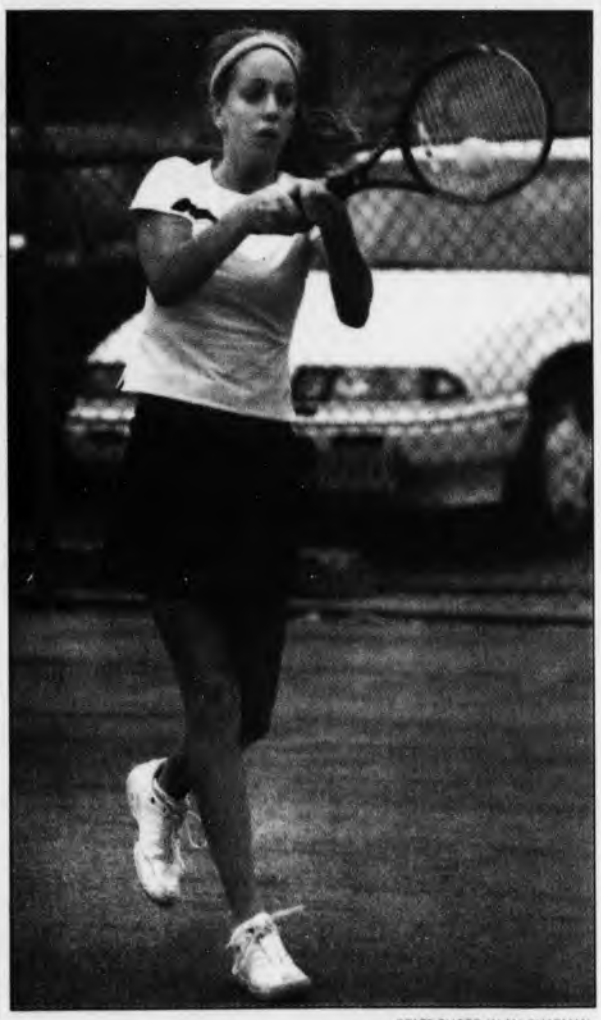

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset star Lindsay Grossman was slated for a huge showdown yesterday with Norwell ace Sara Bitetti in a match that could assure the Lady Skippers a share of the South Shore League crown.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Maura McKenney (#11) looks to carry past Norwell defender Claire Martindale (#9)in recent Pilgrim Conference action. The Lady Skippers split a pair of games this week, losing to Falmouth and beating Nantucket, to bring their season record to 4-6, remaining two wins under the magic .500

Closing in on crown

Cohasset boys track team rolls to 12th consecutive league win

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset boys track team has put together a combined 12-0 record between last year's SSL Championship campaign and this year's undefeated showing. However, the next few weeks hold the biggest challenges this team has seen.

They are 5- 0 within the league this year, including a thrilling win over Carver by seven points. Within a week, the Skippers faced Abington, the only team besides Cohasset to beat Carver last year (the meet was Wednesday and too late for this printing) and on Monday will go head-to-head with Mashpee, the new SSL member who won the Team Class D Championships last year.

At the time of this writing, Cohasset is the only undefeated team in the league this year, but coach Al LaFountain knows that with this stretch ahead, there is no room for complacency.

"Anybody can beat anybody in this league," he noted, pointing to the fact that Abington, Carver, Norton and Mashpee all lost within the SSL in the first two weeks of the season. "There is definitely a target on our back."

Past the league match-ups, the Skippers have been preparing for the Individual meets up ahead, first Principles this Saturday, and then the Class D States on May 25th. Despite Cohasset's small team, a startling number have qualified in at least one event.

Senior captain Tim Baird, who has been known for winning the mile and two mile all through high school, transitioned very well into the 800 meters to qualify for States. Breaking two minutes at the Weston Twilight meet, Baird is now considered among the elite middle-sprinters in Massachusetts.

Senior captain Pete Maitland hopes to make his return as the only athlete from last year's team to go to the New England competition, where he finished 17th in the javelin. His personal best remains at 179-feet-3 inches, but LaFountain is confident that, given the right competition to push him, Maitland can top 185-feet.

Senior captain Liam Martin, who has been unable to get his running events on track due to the knee injury he suffered in the fall football season, has continued to blossom in the high jump. With a high of 6-feet-3, good enough to win the South Shore League this year ahead of second place finisher, Maitland, Martin would appear to have a legitimate shot of placing at States.

Senior Dan Kinchla qualified in the mile this year with a run of 4:45. Like Maitland, LaFountain feels confident that Kinchla could improve upon his best time under

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Boys still one win away

Laxers still seek 10th victory after back-to-back losses to Duxbury, Nantucket

Cohasset boys varsity lacrosse continued to find the going tough in the month of May, falling to non-league foe Nantucket, 9-8, on Saturday afternoon, and losing to number-one-ranked Duxbury on Monday. The Skippers now stand at 10-5 on the season, with nine victories against MIAA opponents. Cohasset needs a 10th MIAA win to qualify for the Div. 2 state championships for the second consecutive year.

Against Duxbury, the top-ranked team in the state and 27th in the country, the Skippers – on the road for the ninth time in 15 games and the third contest in a row – fought through hurricane-like conditions valiantly, tying the Dragons at the end of one period, 1-1 on Curt Kahn's goal off a Paul Previte feed.

With junior defensemen Nick Spirito and Tom Anderson controlling the high-powered Duxbury offense, and senior goalie Kyle Weber (20 saves for the day) stopping several point-blank shots, the game stayed close at halftime, with the Skippers trailing 7-2. But seconds before the first-half horn sounded, Duxbury all-American attackman John Sisto took a diving shot that Weber got a piece of. On Sisto's follow-through, however, the Duxbury player's helmet collided with Spirito's knee, and the Cohasset Bay State Games gold medalist and junior captain never returned. Fortunately, the injury proved to be a bruise, and Spirito was expected to be ready for the next game.

In the fourth quarter, with the score 14-5, Cohasset cleared its bench, allowing everyone who'd made the trip to see action.

Cohasset scorers were led by Kahn, with a pair of goals, and Previte, with a goal and two assists. Juniors Matt Davis and Robert Hickey each had single tallies.

On Saturday, a beautiful island day and a boat trip were spoiled by

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Not a game for the faint of heart. Cohasset defenders Chris Caron (#20) and Ben Lynner race Norwell players to the ball in a game earlier this season.

As good as it gets

CHS baseball team exacts revenge on Abington, Hillyer

By Mike Spellman
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This was their World Series.

In a season like this for the Cohasset High baseball team, Thursday's thrilling 9-8 win over South Shore League powerhouse Abington was just about as good as it gets.

The victory was the first for the young Skippers in SSL play this season and raised their overall record to 3-11. Obviously, post-season aspirations faded weeks ago, but this win went a long way towards easing that pain.

"The kids were really pumped about that game going in, so to win in the way we did against Hillyer just really meant a lot to the psyche of the kids," said coach Bob Knurek.

Hillyer, the Green Wave's super soph pitcher, spun a perfect game against the Skippers back on April 23, embarrassing the team with 13 strikeouts. Coach Knurek has been saying in recent weeks that he has seen some encouraging signs from

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Post-season surprises on tap in *Marinerland?*

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

Could the Scituate High baseball team be headed for a little role reversal this spring?

Last year, as many may recall, the Sailors made a remarkable run, ripping off 11 consecutive wins to start the season before finishing 17-3. That effort earned the third seed in the Div. 2 south sectionals, where the Sailors were quickly dispatched, "upset" by 14th-seeded Coyle Cassidy in the first round, 6-4.

The quotation marks adorning the word "upset" are there, because, in fact, this result wasn't really all that surprising. Though the C.C. Warriors barely squeaked into the post-season last spring with a 10-10 record, several of their losses came against the acknowledged baseball mettle of Eastern Mass , including Taunton, Durfee and eventual state champion B.C. High. Scituate, conversely, was beating up on a young and depleted Patriot League, and some even weaker non-league competition. In short, Coyle Cassidy was a lot more "battle tested" when last year's post-season rolled around.

Scituate coach Kevin Greer swore moments after the final out in that first-round tourney loss that he would line up a tougher slate in the spring of 2002, and the fifth-year coach made good on that promise, arranging two games each against non-league powerhouses Dedham (of the perennially stacked Bay State League) and Marshfield (currently 14-0 and running away with the Old Colony League). The two games against Marshfield became three when the two teams met in the championship game of the Brian F. O'Donnell Memorial Tournament, the Sailors losing all three times to their bigger neighbors to the south by a combined total of just four runs.

And just as the competitiveness of the non-league portion of the schedule has been upped considerably, the Patriot League slate also saw a noteworthy upgrading. Middleboro, the team that shared the Patriot League crown with the Sailors last season, returned a good portion of its talent, as did Hingham and East Bridgewater. Additionally, realignment saw weaker sisters Mashpee and Randolph replaced with perennial contenders Hanover and Duxbury.

All things considered, it was not all that surprising to see the Scituate baseball squad heading in to Wednesday's hosting of Hingham sporting a 9-8 record, still needing one win in its last three games just to qualify for the post-season.

Assuming, as I am, the Sailors get that essential win — whether it came yesterday, or comes Monday at Norwell or next Wednesday at home against Dedham, three teams they beat the first time around — they could be in good shape to pull off the same kind of "upset" Coyle Cassidy did a year ago.

There are a few reasons for this bold prediction, but numero uno, no doubt about it, is what appears could be a return to form of Jesse Cole. The Scituate High senior was the Patriot League's runaway MVP selection last spring, leading the league in both batting average (.500) and pitching (an 0.84 ERA). This spring, however, Cole, who has already agreed to a full Div. 1 baseball scholarship from Wofford College in South Carolina, has gone through some surprising struggles on both sides of home plate. Of course, his low number of wins on the mound can be attributed somewhat to shaky defense behind him, but he's still put himself in a few jams the likes of which Scituate fans had rarely seen the previous few seasons.

Over the last few outings, however, there have been signs that Cole may finally be shaking free of his funk – the most encouraging being his complete game shutout against East Bridgewater last Wednesday, a dominating performance that saw him strike out nine, while allowing just three hits and one walk.

Cole should have gotten the call yesterday against Hingham, and will likely get the start in the regular season finale next Wednesday vs. Dedham, with coach Greer hopeful his ace will build on his best mound performance of the season. Jesse has also had a few multi-hit games recently, raising hopes on that front as well.

If Cole is indeed back on track, this could legitimately give the Sailors one of the best one-two pitching punches in the Div. 2 state tourney — in which two pitchers can often be enough — and possibly one of the top offensive combos as well.

Teammate Jason Connelly might just be the leading candidate to succeed Jesse as MVP this year. The senior, who will also play college baseball next year (at Western New England College) is currently leading the PL in hitting (.525), home runs (four) and RBIs (26). He also has a no-hitter and a two-hitter to his credit on the mound.

What is more, the Sailors have seemingly made some important strides both offensively and defensively in recent weeks. First year starters Joe Duggan and Mike Gulinello have settled in at second base and third base, respectively, and are now providing some steady pop out of the fourth and fifth spots in the order behind ultra-consistent leadoff man Greg Levin, Cole and Connelly. Levin, the team's center fielder, is just as steady in the field as at the plate, while slick fielding Cole and Connelly are the leaders of the infield when the other is pitching, sharing the all important shortstop duties.

Additionally, first baseman Mike Barry seems to be finding his hitting eye and junior designated hitter/outfielder Kyle Simpson has clearly emerged from a pack of players who battled through the first half of the season to seize a spot in the middle of the order as a prime RBI producer.

Speaking of teams that could surprise in the post-season, look out for:

The Silver Lake baseball team

Like the Scituate girls, the SL baseball team finished just one win shy of post-season qualification last spring. Unlike, the Scituate girls and Norwell boys, however, the Lakers graduated a ton of talent — 13 players in all. Not surprisingly, not much was expected on the diamond this spring at Silver Lake with a first-year head coach in Steve Giambanco coming aboard. However, the Lakers entered this week of action needing just two wins in the six games they've got left to make it to the post-season for the first time in three seasons.

Needless to say, a lot of the talent from last year's junior varsity team has come of age quickly, with shortstop Ryan Nicotri, first baseman/catcher Bobby Malone, outfielder Ryan Flaherty and pitcher Nick Botelho leading that charge.

A couple have returning stalwarts have also come up big, most notably Griff Benelli, who has bounced back from man up and down junior campaign on the mound to emerge as a genuine Most Valuable Player candidate in the Old Colony League. The senior has been the winning pitcher in all but two of the Lakers' victories to date, compiling a 6-1 record and a league best 0.57 earned run average.

The Cohasset boys tennis team

It was thought this season would be a particularly bleak one for the team already long overshadowed by a girls program that is annually considered among the area's elite, what with several stalwarts from the team who barely qualified for post-season play a year ago lost to graduation. This week of action got underway, however, with the Skippers keeping their head above .500 (5-4), winners of three of their last four matches. Juniors Dave Ingber, Ross Lieb-Lappen and Tim Anton have all emerged in their first season of regular singles play to post better than .500 records to help lead the young Skippers to the cusp of a tourney berth.

Cohasset boys track team

Of course, it's something of a surprise any time a team from tiny Cohasset High does much of note against competition from the much larger schools of the South Shore League (in terms of student population that is). So when a Skippers team is able to sustain a level of dominance over a few seasons, it makes for a great story.

This is a great story. Despite losing several top athletes to gradation, including two-time Class D state 200-meter champion Brian Krupczak, the Cohasset High male tracksters (7-0) will be looking to wrap up their second consecutive unbeaten season on Wednesday when they meet Abington (4-2).

Seven Skippers ran away with first-place wins at last Tuesday's South Shore League meet, including a pair of meet record-setting performances from Pete Maitland (javelin) and Tim Baird (800 meters). Maitland and Baird are just two of the multi-sport stars at Cohasset High who have been turning out the last few springs to run track. Others include Dan Kinchla (hockey and soccer standout), Ian Kidder (soccer and basketball), Jared Krupczak (football and basketball), and Liam Martin (football and basketball) – who also took first-place finishes at Tuesday's leaguewide meet.

Perhaps the most amazing aspect of the success the team has had is that Cohasset High, unlike all of the other SSL schools, offers no fall or winter track program. Thus, the Skippers under veteran coach Al LaFontain (who, unlike other SSL track mentors) coaches both the boys and girls are forced to hit the ground running (literally and figuratively) every March.

SPORTS NOTES

Scituate -Cohasset Legion Baseball tryouts on Sunday

The second of two tryout sessions for the Scituate-Cohasset George H. Mealy Post 118 legion team will take place this Sunday, May 19, at 5 p.m. at Scituate High. Attendance at both sessions is mandatory for any player hoping to make the team.

Any questions should be directed to Manager Scott Arnold at (home) 781-545-1896 or (cell) 781-985-1896, or to coach Ralph Berry (781-925-0105).

This is the seventh season Cohasset's George H. Mealy Post has sponsored a team in District 6.

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Soccer will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for one session is $225 per member. If participating in both sessions, the fee will be $395 per player. There will be a $20 discount for each additional child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Information regarding this year's 4 and 5-year-old and 6 and 7-year-old shorter-day Soccer Clinics will be forth coming shortly. South Shore Soccer Camp will provide both of these soccer programs for younger children this summer.

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Rain Day Policy: If rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are special clinic or tournament or rain make-up days.

As good as it gets for baseball team

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his young charges since that game, and on Thursday they finally netted something to back up their coach's assertion.

The host Skippers rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh off Hillyer, who had come on in relief of starter Mike Miller in the previous inning.

Mike Snowdale, who went the distance on the mound to earn a win, helped his own cause by leading off the seventh with a clean single off Hillyer. Snowdale moved to second on a passed ball then to third on Tim Straughn's infield single. Clean up man Louis Blanco then brought home Snowdale with an infield fielders choice to tie the game at 8-all.

An out later, senior Matt Ogrodnick delivered a walk-off double, plating Blanco with the game winner.

"We're such a young team, and I think this win does a lot for all of our kids, especially the younger ones," said Knurek, who regularly trots out two freshmen and six or seven sophomores. "The younger guys have really made a lot of progress. The freshman are now playing like sophomores and the sophomores like juniors. The kind of experience they're getting now will obviously help us long term."

Abington led 6-2 after three innings, with two Cohasset errors leading to four unearned runs against Snowdale, as the Skippers appeared to be following an all too familiar story line.

It was Ogrodnick again who delivered a big two run triple to right during the Skippers five run uprising in the fifth inning, putting the hosts in front for the first time on the afternoon. Leading hitter Tim Straughn, the team's other senior, also finished 2-for-3 with a couple of runs scored.

Miller put Abington back up in the sixth with a run scoring single, but that only served to set the stage for Cohasset's game winning rally.

The return to the lineup of Ogrodnick, who missed the first few weeks of action after suffering a concussion, has really helped stabilize the team, in coach Knurek's opinion.

"Matt's one of only two seniors on the team, and now that we've got his experience back and he's swinging the bat well, we've finally got the team on the field I envisioned way back before the season started," said Knurek.

Of course, in the coach's estimation, that vision was also delayed by the lack of outdoor pre-season and early season practice time, as rain and the poor drainage conditions at Milliken Field forced the team indoors for much of April.

"There's no substitute for getting on the field and swinging at live pitching and fielding live grounders and flies," said Knurek. "Unfortunately, we didn't have that, and I think that delayed the development of a lot of our players, the younger ones and the veterans.

"We've got a lot of guys who are starting to swing the bats well now, though. Unfortunately, it's too late to make a push (for the playoffs) this year, but it's a good confidence boost for the kids, and it would be nice to see the seniors go out with a few more wins."

Among the players who are now swinging the bat closer to the way Knurek figured they would all season are sophomore leadoff man Mike Dooley and senior Tim Straughn, the team's defending batting champ and the third hitter in the order.

"Mike Dooley has really settled in to the leadoff role," reported Knurek. "He's become more selective at the plate, and he's working the count like you want your first hitter to do. He's also seeing the ball right now. I think he has like six doubles in the last four games alone. He's setting the table."

Senior captain Straughn has nudged his average back near the .400 mark. He had a couploe of hits I nSaturday's 11-3 loss to Nantucket, including his team best third home run of the year.

This game on the island was tied at 1-1 after four innings, with Straughn throwing well, but a couple of Cohasset errors in the fifth allowed four runs to cross, and then things completely fell apart in the home half of the sixth.

Baseball notes

The Skippers have six game remaining, and Knurek considers at least half of those "quite winnable the way we're playing now."

Monday's game with Carver was postponed, giving Cohasset two games now that need to be made up. The boys were scheduled to makeup a previous rainout with Norwell on Wednesday, which gave them three games in three days.

Closing in on crown

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pressure situations. Senior Steve Laney has fought off a quadriceps injury to remain one of the premiere discus throwers on the South Shore.

Juniors Ian Kidder and Jared Krupczak, who both worked out extremely hard in the off-season, have impressed LaFountain with their breakout seasons.

Kidder moved away from his specialty last year, the 400, and qualified in the 200 this year. Also, a member of the State contending 4x100 team, Kidder has additionally qualified in both the triple jump and the javelin.

Krupczak, the lead leg on the 4x100 team, made it to States in the 100-meter sprint with a time of 11.3 seconds, qualifying by more than a half-second. Krupczak also has a strong chance to qualify in the long jump, needing to add only three inches to his personal best at Principles.

Should any or all of the qualifiers place high enough at States, they would advance to the All-State competition, held June 1st. New Englands would be held a week later, on the 8th.

"Anybody has the ability to make it that far," lauded coach LaFountain. "They all saw some of the pressure last year, and I think they are ready for it."

A win is a win is a win

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Sam Bitetti, knocked out junior captain David Ingber at first singles with a 10-8 tiebreaker.

Harwich then tied the match, 2-2, with a first doubles win over junior Scott Faber and sophomore Andrew Busk, leaving the much needed match for both teams up to third singles.

After struggling to win the first set, 7-5, sophomore Jesse Brewer lost the second set, 4-6. He then held serve all through the final frame, and broke his counterpart at a critical 4-4 score to take the decision 6-4.

The boys improved to 6-5 on the year, their first time over .500 after opening the season 0-3. The girls, who also dropped their first two decisions, ran their record to 9-2.

Both teams had very important matches scheduled Wednesday, the boys in Harwich and the girls home against Norwell to decide the SSL Championship.

Tennis Notes

This past weekend, the girls team had the best showing as a team at the Individual Tournament of coach Meehan's 11 year tenure.

Both Grossman and Stone breezed through the first two rounds, to advance to the Sweet 16 next weekend, where they will face some of the top competition in Massachusetts. Sullivan had the tough luck of drawing Hingham's powerful number two player Jen Wasson in the opening round, but gave her a good run, losing 6-1, 6-4.

The first doubles team of Englander and Shea got on track to win in three sets, and advance to the next weekend's play, where they will face a strong second doubles team from Wellesley. Wellesley's number one duo, the top seeds in the tournament, barely held off a late run by Caron and Kelly Stone in the second round, 6-2, 6-4.

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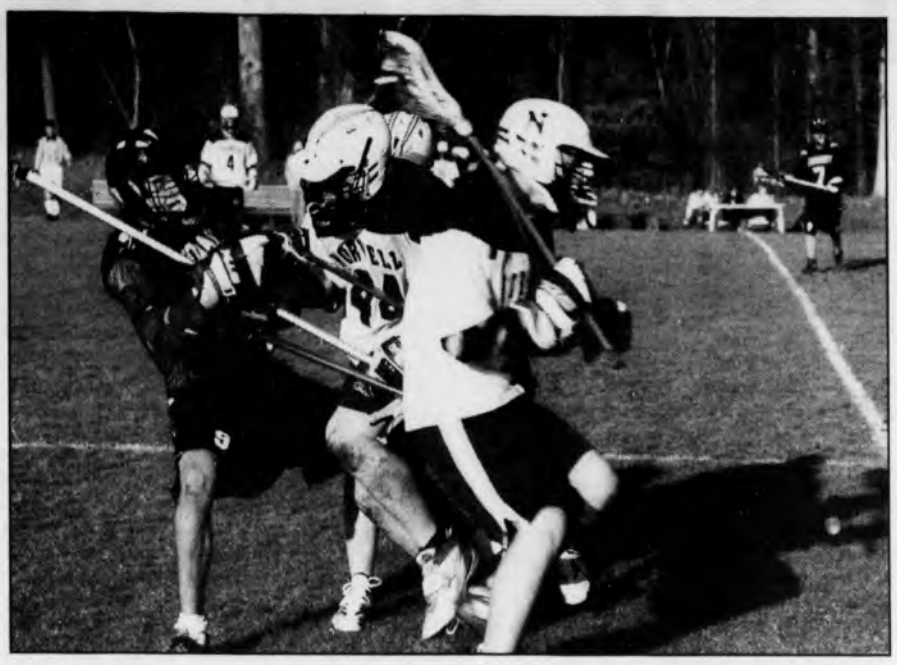

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Cohasset's Evan Pestone (#9) runs into a hard pick from Norwell's Andrew Faranick (#44). Pestone would probably not be surprised to hear that Faranick is also a football standout at Norwell High.

Boys still one win away

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a determined Whalers squad that had circled the date on its calendar since the season started.

"This was the game we felt would make our season," said Nantucket assistant coach Steve Erisman. "We played as if our lives depended on it."

The intensity of the game was marked by an unusually high number of penalties – 15 for Nantucket, 12 for Cohasset – with neither team able to pull away from the other.

The hosts shut out the Skippers in the first quarter, but Cohasset rallied for a pair by senior attackman Paul Previte to tie the contest two minutes into the second period. The Whalers took another two-goal lead, and again the Skippers rallied, tying the game for a second time with two seconds left in the half, when Previte found classmate Eric Libby free on the crease.

Cohasset took the lead just 27 seconds into the third quarter, as senior Sean Chase came around from behind for his sixth goal of the season. But three consecutive goals by Whaler attackman Matt Erisman gave Nantucket a lead they'd never relinquish.

A two-goal flurry by Cohasset in the last two minutes closed the gap to one, but the Skippers were unable to collect a final score.

For Cohasset, Previte led the way with three goals and an assist. Libby had a pair of goals and an assist, while Matt Davis, Robert Hickey and Chase each had single tallies. Curt Kahn and Jason Moore each registered an assist. Kyle Weber had nine saves while allowing eight goals. Soph Nick Murphy, subbing for Weber when he received a penalty for not wearing his mouthpiece, let in one goal.

Cohasset was scheduled to host non-league foe Bourne today (Thursday) and travel to Pilgrim rival Marshfield on Friday. The Skippers' contest with Div 2 state champ Hingham has been rescheduled for Sunday night at Alumni Field.

Total team effort

Reinstitution of softball in Cohasset begins at all levels

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High softball program is hardly being put together in a vacuum.

When plans were made to reinstitute softball at the high school level this season, incoming coach Deb Bostwick talked as much about establishing a good feeder program as she did the prospects for her team that would compete in year one as a junior varsity program. And, as her team heads down the stretch in its inaugural campaign, the coach is happy to report good news on all fronts.

Bostwick is thrilled that travel all-star teams have been established by Cohasset Youth Baseball for summer play in the under-10, under 12 and under-14 divisions.

She is likewise pleased with what she's seen from the middle school program, which has played over .500 ball in its first season against some top competition.

And last but hardly least, the Cohasset High squad has won seven of 10 games competing against area junior varsity teams, and Bostwick reports that progress in virtually all important areas has been steady throughout the debut campaign. In short, with no seniors on the team, the coach says she is "looking forward to the jump to varsity competition next season."

"We're 100 percent better in so many areas than we were when the season started," said Bostwick, who played college softball at Keene State and previously coached 10 years at Duxbury High. "I think the girls who are here are feeling confident moving up next year, and they're excited. It's been a good year."

Despite the long list of positives, though, the coach still clearly has one hand pulled tight on the reins.

"It's going to be a big step up next year, and I hope none of the kids are thinking it's just going to be a continuation of this season," said Bostwick, who also coaches field hockey at Cohasset High, and teaches and coaches basketball at Carver High. "We're 7-3 right now, but we could be 3-7 next year. The important thing for us is that we stay patient."

The Lady Skippers have shown a penchant for offensive explosiveness this season, scoring in the high teens many times, and twice over 20 against Norwell. They have, however, struggled against hard throwing pitchers, such as Carver's JV fireballer, who recently held the Cohasset to just one run.

"That's our Achilles heel right now," conceded the coach. "We aren't adjusting to the hard throwers, and that's what we'll probably see most times out next year. Still, we're getting there. We just have to keep working on it."

If the girls can progress on that front with the same alacrity they have defensively and on the basepaths, they should be all right.

"We're making plays in the field consistently now that we weren't really making at all at the beginning of the year," reported the coach. "Our outfielders are moving, and understanding their backup responsibilities. The balls aren't getting by them nearly as much these days and when they do our relays are 100 percent better. We're actually gunning people out from the outfield quite a bit now."

The coach then added with a smile: "And we're not saying excuse me on the base paths anymore. We're running hard and sliding hard. We save the 'excuse mes' for after the game."

Bostwick has also developed quite a bit of defensive flexibility. She's been moving her outfielders around, giving them an inning here and there at third base and a few other positions, explaining "it never hurts to develop some depth."

For the most part, Bostwick has gone with an infield of Andrea Keating at first, Kaitlin Gontarz at second, Rachel Doyle at third, Danielle Pinkus at short, Casey Anderson behind the plate and junior Heather Peraino pitching. Keating, who moved to Cohasset from Marshfield this year, has also seen some time on the mound, with Peraino swapping spots when that happens.

Cecilia Chapman, Molly Liddell, Allison Dean, Molly Ordnik, Caitlin Condon and newcomer Marissa Mello have all seen time in the outfield. Mello made a spectacular catch in a game last week at Abington that basically preserved a win for the Skippers.

The Lady Skippers had five games remaining on the season at the time of this writing, beginning with yesterday's scheduled hosting of Carver. They then host Hull today (3:30) and Scituate on Saturday. They'll finish up with two road tilts, traveling to Rockland on Monday and then to Sacred Heart next Thursday for the season finale.

Flying with the Eagles

Several Cohasset residents honored as B.C. High student-athletes

Several residents of Cohasset who attend Boston College High School were honored at the Boston College High School Athletic Banquet on Friday, May 10.

Freshman Kevin Dinsmore received a varsity letter for wrestling, freshman Andrew Flynn received a varsity letter in sailing, sophomore Reed Smith received a varsity letter for football and junior Jimmy French received a varsity letter in wrestling.

The Seniors honored are as follows: Chris Carr and Greg Smith received letters for football and baseball, with Smith also receiving a letter for Track, Ben Kinch received a letter For Wrestling and Lacrosse, and Paul Trendowicz received a letter for lacrosse. Greg Smith and Chris Carr received Scholar Athletes Awards.

Senior Achievement Awards for Multiple Sports were received by Chris Carr for football and baseball, by Ben Kinch for wrestling and lacrosse, by Jake Morgan for football and baseball and Greg Smith For football, track and baseball.

Ben Kinch was named Catholic Conference All-Star as well as MVP in wrestling. Jake Morgan was given the Coach's Award in football and the coveted Eagle Trophy was presented to Greg Smith as recipient of the Athletic Director Award for his leadership on and off the field in both football and baseball, in which he helped lead his teams to State Championships in the 2001-2002 seasons.

All of these wonderful athletes are to be congratulated for their hard work and perseverance in their respective sports.

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"Mouth of the South" honored

WATD's Wilhelm feted for 25 years of broadcasting local sports

By Mike Hardman
CNC STAFF WRITER

For 25 years, Bill Wilhelm has talked about other people, but the table was turned on him Saturday night.

In honor of his 25 years of broadcasting local sports, friends and colleagues gathered at Holy Family Church in Duxbury to recognize the voice of the South Shore in dinner to raise money for the WATD-Bill Wilhelm Scholarship Fund.

Wilhelm, a Duxbury resident, was overwhelmed by the turnout of more than 250 people to recognized his efforts.

"I'm blown away by all of this," he said. "It's been a great ride.

"A lesson I learned a long time ago was that we're not great, but the games are great."

Well, he's being modest about his achievements as a broadcaster. Wilhelm has built a reputation as a top play-by-play broadcaster with numerous Associated Press awards to his credit.

His friends, however, were more than willing to recognize Wilhelm for his contributions to sports on the South Shore.

"He could be a broadcaster on the collegiate or professional level," said Marshfield's Don Gibson, one of the hosts of WATD's Sports Exchange, and the featured speaker at the dinner, "but he chooses to spend his time with high school athletes.

"Where are we ever going to find a person to donate the time he has to the athletes of the South Shore?"

Fortunately, Wilhelm doesn't plan on retiring. He joked that when the radio station was airing promos about the night that people wondered whether something bad had happened to him.

For the last 25 years, it's all been good for him. Wilhelm has broadcasted local high school football, soccer and basketball games, while also hosting the Sports Exchange on Sunday nights.

"If this was the movie it would be "It's a Wonderful Life" and I would be George Bailey," he said. "It's been great."

Like Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart in the 1946 Frank Capra classic, Wilhelm values the friendships he has made over the years.

"These are all great people to be involved with," he said.

When WATD radio received its license 25 years ago this month, Wilhelm, who grew up in New Jersey and attended Kent State in Ohio, went to station owner Ed Perry to pitch the idea of sports on the radio.

"What did I need a sports director for?" recalled Perry. "He kept coming to my house and wouldn't leave. Finally, I felt worn down."

With a tentative OK from Perry in the fall of 1977, Wilhelm broadcasted the Duxbury High games into a tape recorder to show the station owner what the games were going to sound like.

"I prayed for rain every Saturday, while they were sitting in the bleachers," recalled Perry with a laugh. "I knew this was going to cost me money."

The first game that year was the Hull-Ashland Super Bowl game and Wilhelm's career was off and running.

"It was about 10 or 15 years before I bought into what it meant," said Perry with a smile. "Bill has built a great kingdom and that is totally out of control.

"Bill is what high school sports is all about. I'm in awe of what Bill has accomplished."

Bill Wilhelm is celebrating a quarter century of broadcasting.

Wilhelm is quick to credit everyone who has worked for him over the year. One of those people is Arthur Boyle, a Pembroke selectman. Boyle is a co-host on the Sports Exchange and broadcasts local high school games. He was the chief organizer of the scholarship dinner.

"When I met him, within 15 minutes I knew I had to get this guy involved," said Wilhelm of Boyle.

In his speech, Boyle talked about the professional, caring standard Wilhelm has established.

John Creed started with Wilhelm in 1978 and has been with him since on a weekly basis. Creed also fills in for his friend on the daily morning sports broadcasts.

"He called me up when the (Boston) Celtics were in the playoffs," said Creed, a longtime employee of the Celtics. "Bill wanted me to talk about the team and we've been doing it ever since.

"The greatest benefit for me is that I have a friend (in Wilhelm.)"

Gibson started out listening to Wilhelm do the morning sports broadcasts where he highlights the following days local results.

When his son, Ted, was playing for the 1998 state champion Marshfield High boys soccer team, Gibson joined the broadcast booth as color man along with Duxbury High head coach Foster Cass. Gibson now also does football and appears on the Sport Exchange.

"He's the glue that binds it all together," said Gibson. "The person who has presented this has been the constant thing."

Gibson also spoke about Wilhelm's ability to make those who he is interviewing feel at ease and that he cares about them.

That was a theme that was echoed by all of the speakers during the course of the evening.

Bridgewater-Raynham head football coach Dan Buron presented Wilhelm with a plaque from all of the coaches in the Old Colony League to honor his accomplishments. Buron said Wilhelm is also asking him about players who were on the team six or seven years ago to find out how they are doing.

"One thing about Bill is that he cares about the student-athletes on the South Shore," said Buron. "It's truly unbelievable."

Wilhelm and his wife, Marsha, received Duxbury High soccer jerseys with the No. 1 and No. 1 A from interim athletic director Ron McCarthy. He also received a new Pembroke Pioneers jersey with the No. 25 for his years of service from Pembroke selectman Bill Cullity and a shirt and hat from the new baseball team, the Brockton Rox. State Representative Vinny DeMacedo presented him with a plaque from the State House.

Besides his broadcasting work, Wilhelm is also the junior varsity boys soccer coach at Duxbury High where he has been involved in the program for 27 years and had a record of 369-23-35.

"Bill is a fellow coach," said Wilhelm's friend, former Norwell High athletic director and football coach Dave Walsh. "When you do the math, he's won 95 percent of his game. He's also broadcasted over a 1,000 games."

Wilhelm said he received a phone call from the Duxbury High athletic department asking him what time practice was before he even took the job.

"I never even applied for the job," said Wilhelm. "I called Frosty (Cass) and he said to get a whistle, arrive at 2:30 p.m. and look like a coach. It's been a fun ride for me."

Wilhelm said he frequently tells Marsha, who keeps everything together, that "this year" is going to be his last of coaching, but once fall rolls around, he's back on the sideline, working with kids.

And he'll be back in the broadcast booth again as usual.

" This is great," said Wilhelm. "The people I work with make it great. You get to see great games all the time. Every Friday night, there are great games to go to. You get to go to Rockland and have great hot dogs."

Like George Bailey, Wilhelm has found the best place to be is where his friends are.

(Mike Hardman is also a co-host of WATD's Sports Exchange.)

A mixed bag for Mother's Day

Cohasset youth laxers net two wins, three losses and two ties

Mother's Day saw Cohasset Youth Lacrosse taking all of its teams — and most of the players' Moms — on the road, playing seven games in three different towns to mixed results.

The Cohasset **10-U** (3rd & 4th grade) **White** team took its unblemished record to Duxbury, where it faced a 4-1 Duxbury Gold squad.

The outcome was the team's best game of the season, featuring a dominant defensive performance from the midfielders, defensemen and goalies Ian Quinlan and Kevin O'Connell. John Kearney and Brendan Doonan handled the scoring, each netting three goals, as Cohasset raced to a 6-0 halftime lead.

Brendan Horrigan added his first goal of the season, followed by Chris Walsh as the lead expanded to 8-0 after three. In the fourth quarter, Taylor McQuade moved from defense to attack and took advantage, scoring two goals to make the final 10-0.

The unbeaten Cohasset **12-U** (5th and 6th grade) **White** team played next in Duxbury, where it doubled up a well-respected Duxbury Green team by a final of 12-6

Duxbury jumped out to an early lead, but two early saves from Wes Ulmer — who had 10 stops on the day — kept Duxbury in check until Peter Oswald could knot things up. Mark Flibotte and Peter Ernst then staked Cohasset to a 3-1 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Cohasset began to dominate play in all three areas of the field during the second quarter. Strong defense led by Jonny Wade, Kyle Pinkus, Frank Wheelwright and James Riechardt limited Duxbury to just one goal for the quarter, allowing Cohasset to stretch its lead to 6-2 behind goals from Oswald, Flibotte and Charlie Czerkawski, who converted a feed from Flibotte.

Attackman T.J. Kennedy finished a feed from Oswald before Oswald and Flibotte each netted their third of the day, stretching the lead to 9-4 entering the final stanza. The fourth quarter saw some fine back and forth play between the two teams with Oswald netting his fourth goal on a nice fast-break feed from midfielder Evan Deutsch, Kennedy scoring his second on a pass from Oswald and Oswald closing out the day by converting Kyle Pinkus' end-to-end rush.

The **14-U** (7th and 8th grade) **boys** played twice last week, first squaring off on Tuesday, May 7 against Marshfield in a game that was never in doubt. Led by the hitting of Chris Davis, the defense of Jared Dick, Mike Barnes, Hunter Sease and Robert Silvia, Cohasset shut out Marshfield 12-0.

Corey Chase led the scoring with three goals and two assists. Trevor Brady, Mike Pecca and Ryan Kucinski each added two goals — Brady's first on the season after returning from injury — while Aidan Buick posted a goal and an assist. Davis and Dan Trendowicz added single goals, while Jared Kinch and Corbin Faber each picked up an assist.

The challenge was much bigger on Sunday the 12th, as the team traveled to Duxbury. There, the team jumped out to a quick lead, with the first goal coming on a great feed from Mike Bunstein to Dan Trendowicz. Aidan Buick intercepted a clearing pass for a quick score. Trendowicz closed out the first-half scoring, and a defense led by Mike Barnes, Jeff Brown and goalie Ben Libby limited Duxbury to two goals.

The defense came out strong in the second half, led by , including several key stops by Libby, including one stuff right on the crease. Jared Kinch increased the lead to 4-2, converting a loose ball in front of the Duxbury crease, before Duxbury came back with two scores to knot things up.

Mike Martone gave Cohasset the lead again, and a Bunstein-to-Corey Chase-to-Buick made it a two goal margin, only to see Duxbury tie the score just before the end of regulation. From there, the two teams played a scoreless overtime period and called it a day, with a 6-6- tie and a promise to try to schedule an additional contest before the season ends in June. With the tie, the 14-U boys record moved to 5-0-1 on the season.

The boys teams that didn't go to Duxbury were in Scituate, where the **10-U Blue** team opened the day with a tie and the **12-U Blue** team lost for the first time all year in a thriller.

The **10-U Blue** team played a technically solid game at both ends of the field, winning the majority of face-offs and controlling the groundballs. Noteworthy midfield performances included Andrew Whitney on ground balls, Alex Kinnealey starting a fast break, while Chris Brown, Will Lynner and Sam Leahy were strong in the defensive end. The second half saw Cohasset move its defenders to attack and midfield — and move some of its offensive players to the defensive zone — as Cohasset stayed in the game while giving its players a chance to try out new things during a close game.

Austin Meyers opened the scoring on a feed from Jake Wheelwright. After Scituate tied the score, Meyers fed Dean Driscoll to recapture the lead. Another Scituate goal was answered by a Justin Yeager-from-Conor Queenan connection, and the first period ended with Cohasset holding a 3-2 lead. A Max Shipp goal gave Cohasset a 4-2 halftime lead.

Scituate opened the second-half scoring, only to be answered by a by Driscoll converting a feed from Shipp. Scituate closed the gap to 5-4 before Wheelwright answered to close the third- quarter at 6-4. In the fourth quarter, Scituate tied the game, which ended in a 6-6 deadlock.

In the **12-U** game, Scituate came out aggressively and dominated the action, keeping possession for most of the first period and jumping out to a 3-0 lead by the end of the first quarter. A goaltending change and two quick goals by Chris Rose and Mike Grimm helped to narrow the gap. Logan Chase made several key saves to keep things close, and the two teams traded goals — with Grimm netting his second for Cohasset — to go to the half with Scituate leading 4-3.

As the rain continued to come down, the Cohasset team came out tough in the second half on the strong midfield play of Matt Burgess and Chris Mills who dominated the face-offs, as well as Justin Connors, Nathan Porter and Andrew Smith, who began to dominate ground balls and possessions. Alex Shipp answered a Scituate goal by converting a behind-the-cage feed from Chris Rose. After another Scituate score, Cohasset's Chris Mills won the face-off, drove to the cage, and dished off to Grimm to make it a one-goal game again. Aggressive defensive play by Mike Bilodeau, Justin Hollis, and Sam DeGiacomo stopped several Scituate fast breaks and Chase — who ended the day with 12 saves — helped keep the margin there as the game went into the final period with Scituate up 6-5.

Cohasset evened the score on Grimm's fourth goal of the day off of a laser-like pass from Teddy Galligan. Scituate regained the lead before Rose snuck around from behind the cage and rifled the ball into the net from a seemingly impossible angle with two minutes left to play. But a Cohasset penalty gave Scituate an extra-man opportunity, which they converted; from there, they desperately held on as Cohasset couldn't capitalize on its final scoring chances to let Scituate slip away by a final of 8-7.

Both girls teams fall

The Cohasset girls youth teams spent Mother's Day battling the cold, rain, officiating and the girls of Braintree. Unfortunately, all of those elements got the best of the Cohasset girls on the day, as both teams fell victim to close losses.

At the **12-U** level, Braintree jumped out to a quick two-goal lead before Gabriella Flibotte single-handedly tied the score. Madeline Leahy then converted a feed from Rebecca Dickinson — the first points of the season for both girls — to give Cohasset a 3-2 lead. Maura Barnes then added a goal — after another Cohasset score was waved off by the game official — before Braintree rallied to make the score 4-3 at the half.

Braintree tied the score quickly in the second half, then took the lead with three more scores, all while Cohasset had two more goals disallowed. Barnes and Flibotte scored to get Cohasset to within one, but the girls couldn't close finish their scoring chances and wound up on the short end of a 7-6 final score. Thomson Jaffe made four saves in the Cohasset net.

The **14-U** team met up with a shorthanded Braintree squad, in a back-and-forth game that, again, saw too many missed opportunities. Aisling Guinee played a brilliant game in the net with 12 saves, five of them coming in the very early stages of the game to keep Braintree from getting a hot start. Braintree's one first-half goal was answered by Kathryn Evans' first goal of the season.

Cohasset took the lead early in the second half as Lisa Spirito finished a feed from Kaleigh Swain, but Braintree was able to break back quickly for two scores, and then slowly padded its lead to 5-2 despite Cohasset dominating play in its offensive zones and through the midfield. Spirito scored again with several minutes left and Cohasset continued to control the action, but couldn't find the net again, falling by a final score of 5-3.

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More room for music at South Shore Conservatory

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The brilliant sunshine on a beautiful spring morning provided just the right setting for South Shore Conservatory trustees and staff as they announced the 30-year-old organization will be able to bring more music and performing arts into the lives of area residents.

The upbeat mood at the press conference on the pristine grounds of the conservatory last Friday — called to unveil an ambitious $3.5 million capital campaign — was buoyed even more by the generosity of another South Shore-based, music-focused organization.

South Shore Playhouse Associates, which supports other non-profit organizations involved in the arts, recreation and education, provided the conservatory capital campaign with a big boost to the tune of $250,000. The Playhouse Associates is the parent of the Music Circus in Cohasset and Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis.

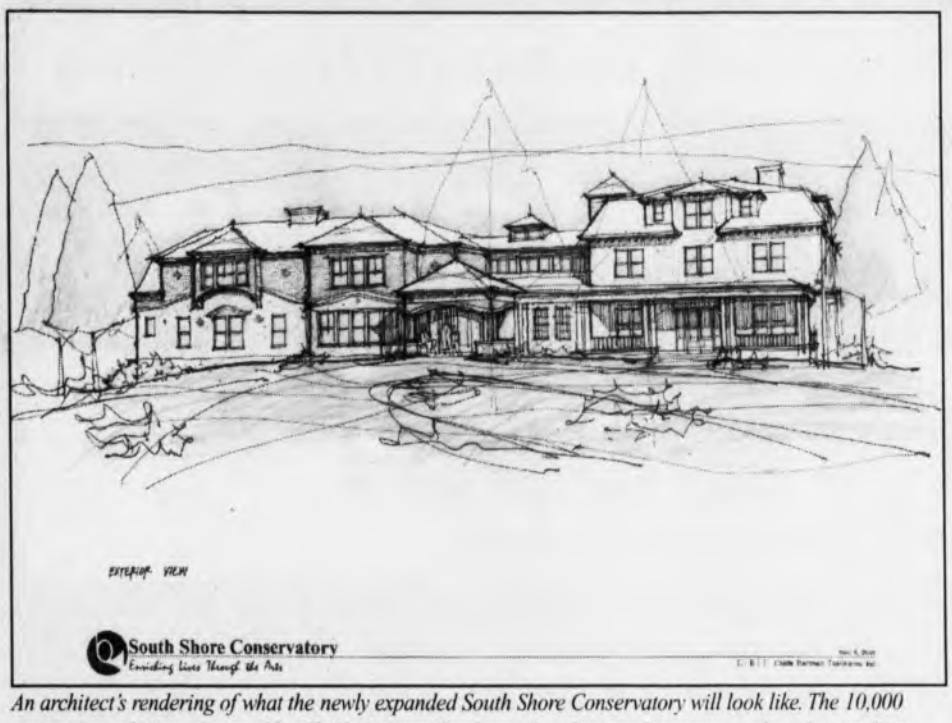
"We are proud to be able to participate in this most noteworthy endeavor."
— Bruce Cameron, South Shore Playhouse Associates

The expansion will double the size of the existing building by adding nine teaching studios, three large classrooms, professional gallery space. The project will allow the Conservatory, whose enrollments have more than doubled in the past 10 years, to continue to grow.

"Since we became aware of the Conservatory's plans for the expansion of the Hingham facility, we have been extremely enthusiastic and are proud to be able to participate in this most noteworthy endeavor," said Bruce Cameron, president of the South Shore Playhouse Associates.

Conservatory officials said $1.2 million has already been raised for the project, and they expect the ground to be broken next spring.

A young conservatory student practices on the cello.



An architect's rendering of what the newly expanded South Shore Conservatory will look like. The 10,000 square foot addition, designed by Childs Bertram Tseckares, Inc. features four piano studios, five teaching studios, three classrooms, a new reception area, an improved multi-purpose concert hall, improved waiting areas, exhibition gallery and public space.

Nelson Ross, president of the Conservatory's Board of Trustees, said he was happy to be able to go public with the Music Circus donation that arrived a year ago. He described the Music Circus as a "great partner" whose gift was the first major commitment to the project.

Capital campaign co-chairmen David Bryan and Barbara Clifford assisted Ross and Cameron in unveiling the architectural model.

Clifford said the project will bring the former military commandant's house where the Conservatory is housed from "a rather homely structure that we've grown to love" into the 21st century and beyond.

Bryan said if past history is a gauge, then the capital campaign would be a hit. He noted the Conservatory's Cox Hall, Carr Amphitheatre, and renovation of a former church in Duxbury into the Ellison Center for the Arts all were accomplished through funds raised locally.

Trumpet faculty members Greg Gettel and Dan Ladslow performed Igor Stravinsky's "Fanfare for a New Theatre" written for the opening of Lincoln Center in New York City to herald the unveiling of the architectural models.

Conservatory Director Jim Simpson provided an overview of Conservatory programs and how they add to the fabric of life on the South Shore, which he described as a "unique, wonderful place to bring up a family."

He explained the expansion would allow the Conservatory to continue its mission of providing "access to quality education in the arts."

The Conservatory offers more than 50 programs. The expansion will enable to the Conservatory to increase its arts-oriented preschool program. The new building will also provide space for an arts therapy program and more ensemble and performance opportunities, among other program improvements.

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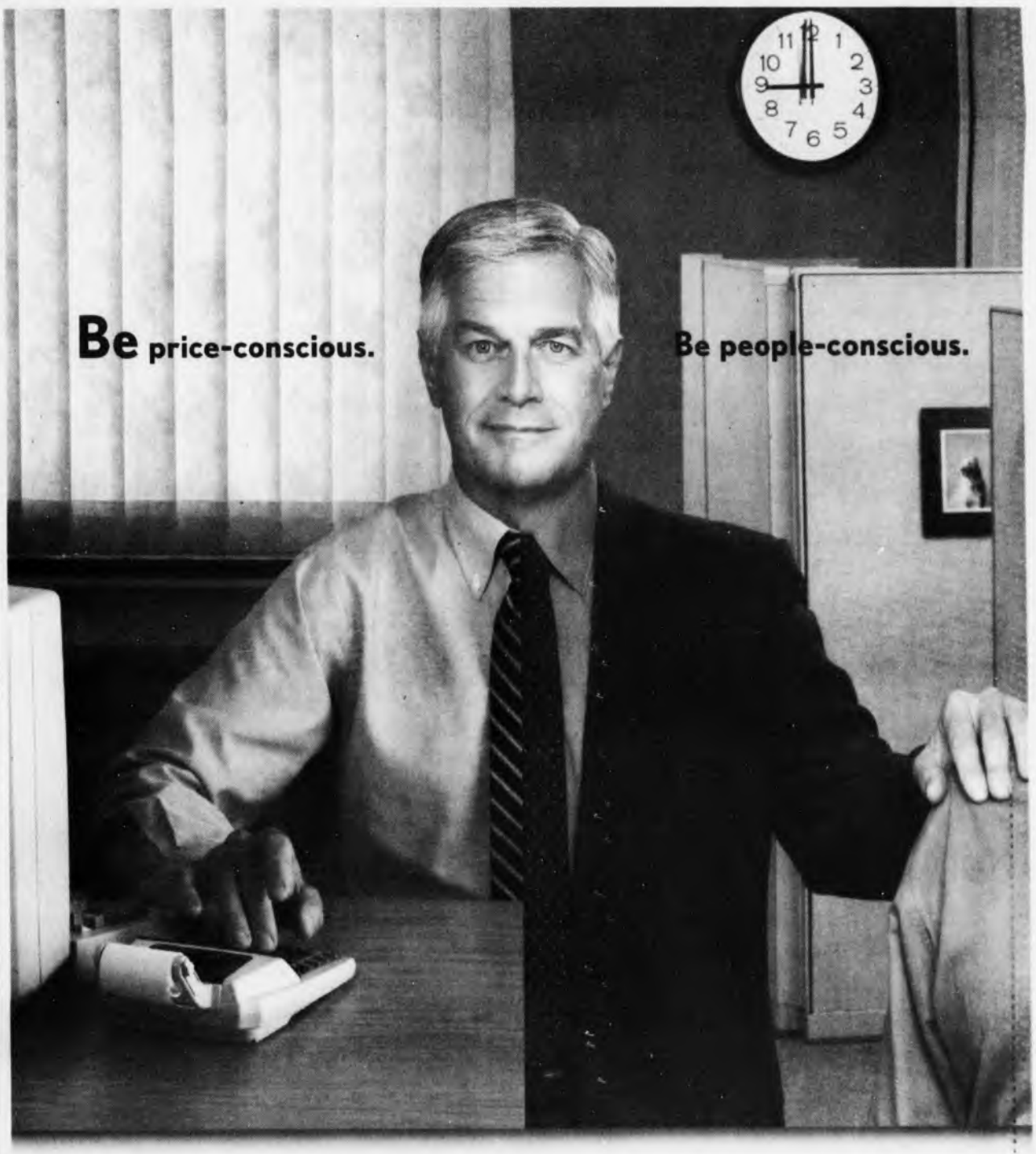

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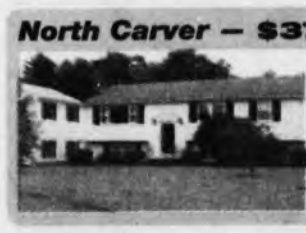
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What happened to the Proprietors of Little Harbor?

By Lou Eaton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The third volume of the Cohasset Town History is scheduled to become available in June of this year and the Committee responsible for publication has thought to publish a few articles, courtesy of the Cohasset Mariner, about local history to stimulate interest in matters historical even though not related to the period of 1950 to 2000 covered by Volume III.

On Jan. 22, 1741, long before Cohasset became a separate town and Hingham was still part of Suffolk County, the 36 owners of a 104-acre tract of salt marsh and flats were authorized by one of His Majesty's Justices to form what we would now call a corporation. It was named "The Proprietors of the Meadows and Flats in the Little Harbor of Cohasset."

I read this information on one of Gilbert Tower's Historical Maps (this one including Little Harbor was made in January, 1962). After I subsequently moved, to our house on Little Harbor in 1967, after 22 years of living at the Cove, I have wondered what had happened to the Proprietors. Well, here is a summary of what happened For those who really don't care, the short answer is that the Great Storm of 1851, which carried away Minot's Lighthouse, washed out Cuba Dam and scoured out the flooded Little Harbor.

The Cohasset Meadows had originally been Common Property and cattle were herded to feed on hay crops upon the marshes, being driven from and to Hingham. However, in the late 1640's as described in pages 131 through 142 of Bigelow in his Narrative History of Cohasset, the division of the meadows into ownership of individual landowners was accomplished. Fences were built, probably of split rails to keep the cattle off when bay was growing and to keep the owners cattle in after the hay had been scythed. Over the years nearly half of the marshes originally laid out in private ownership had been drowned out by the subsidence of the coast and the rise in the sea level more than 350 years; so the shape of Little Harbor is today very different from when the Proprietors lands were laid out even without the 1851 storm.

In any event, the Proprietors apparently had the idea of trying to turn the salt marsh area into a fresh or brackish, water marsh by keeping the tidal flow out with a dam and thus furnish better bay for cattle and leaving only small channels (guzzles) for fresh storm water to flow out. So, a dam was built roughly where Cunningham's Bridge is now located between Great Neck and Beach Island in about 1765 called Cuba Dam. (Bigelow says it was probably named in honor of the capture of Havana in 1762 by a British fleet under Lord Albermarle.) The first method tried to keep the salt water tidal flow out was to have flapper valves in pipes through or around the dam. This would allow the water inside to flow out but stop the tidal salt water from flowing in, similar to the ones installed in front of Kimball's draining Jacobs Meadows.

However, this proved to be not good enough. It was decided to try to drain the high water inside off into the ocean by building a small canal or sluice through Sandy Beach to let the inside water out off of the grass-growing flats, since the natural outlet was pretty much shut off by Cuba Dam. They also dug a ditch about 10 feet wide up the harbor. Sounds like a good idea. But, what happened? According to Bigelow, "A violent storm of the heartless northeast variety, packed their sluice full of sand choking the whole scheme in the first winter" (page 331)

Nevertheless, under the leadership of well-to-do Elisha Doane and a Committee of Proprietors in 1804, a major variation of the sluicebox and canal system was constructed at very considerable expense alongside the Dam and water course arranged so that all of the water inside could be let out. As Bigelow says, " nearly 100 acres could be laid bare to the sun and thus transformed from a salt marsh to fresh meadows."

"The result of this dam was more than to reclaim the old marshes of 70 acres. Year by year, this land yielded a steady increase, and the bright green carpet was seen there gleaming in the sun every spring. It was nearly a half-century before the ocean was able to leap over the dam and destroy the meadows. This was done in the terrible storm of 1851, when the old iron lighthouse was carried away. When the salt sea filled Little Harbor at the time the canal was choked up so that no water could go to it was a most furious flood that had leaped over the dam, and it covered the flats so deeply that a rowboat could pass over the fences by the side of Jerusalem Road where that road crosses the flats north of Steep Rocks. It was a bothersome situation, and the town voted an appropriation of $500 to have the dam opened. Through the cut that was made in the dam the water flowed out with such a rush as to clear away its former passage to the sea, and never since that time has the ocean been forbidden its old course (page 333)

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Some local boys parade across the flats during low tide in Little Harbor.

Gilbert Tower says on his 1962 Historical Map that the record took of the Proprietors is "in the Cohasset archives. He made an attempt to show the ownerships on his map but says "the result is disappointing because the old survey cannot be fitted onto this new map."

Nowadays, the ownership of the land adjacent to Little Harbor normally extends to the low tide line. In many instances, is well out on the flats but, any use of it, is severely restricted by the taking of environmental rights, recorded by the Commonwealth relating to Coastal Wetlands on our deeds of record including the Land Court under G.L. c. 130 Sec. 105 on Feb 4, 1974. In addition, there are permits required, from the State and licenses needed from our local zoning authorities for any structure below high water mark including seawalls, breakwaters, and docks.

High tide

High tide in Little Harbor is almost an hour and a half after the outside high water time shown in the Old Farmers Almanac and the range of tidal height seems to be less than that outside except after a period of strong easterly winds. Over the 35 years that I have lived here there have been four occasions when the wind driven storm tides ran between four and five feet above the level of a normal 11 foot tide which occurs about a dozen times a year.

There have been problems with the growth of algae in parts of Little Harbor, particularly inside Cat Dam which many feel should be kept open to regular tidal flow. There are also serious problems regarding failing septic systems and overflowing storm drains plus runoff from fertilizers and toxic lawn weed applications. The town is still under the gun of the Amended Agreement for Judgment entered into some years ago with the Commonwealth committing the town to remedy the situation, presumably by the installation of a sewerage system to service the whole Little Harbor area. The alternative would appear to require individual septic systems, either way, at vast expense.

Meanwhile, the clam beds, which yielded plenty of bait to fish for plentiful flounder, remain closed. A great many of the migratory shore birds that used to stop by to refuel on their paths north in the spring and back south in the fall don't seem to flock through here any more. Maybe the runoff from our lawns doesn't promote the growth of whatever they used to eat at low tide any more., although we do get some lesser yellowlegs, blackbellied. plover and some sanderling still. And we do have many more egrets than we used to, along with too many Canada geese, several varieties of ducks, some swans, comorants, plenty of seagulls, a few terns, frequent great blue herons and an occasional kingfisher.

No more Proprietors, though.

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One project the Committee has undertaken (with the assistance of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club) will be the installation of a new basketball court in the playground behind the renovated Deer Hill School - it is anticipated that it will be completed prior to this fall.

The fund also contributed to the new discus cage on Alumni Field and there will be a Life Fitness Cross Trainer exercise machine donated in his name to the new fitness center at the Cohasset Middle High School. We are hopeful that this new piece of equipment will be available for use when school opens in September.

Finally, the Committee invites all runners and walkers, young and old, to participate in the first annual "Clark's Fund Run" which is scheduled for: Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m. The "Run/Walk" is a 3.5 mile race that begins and ends at the South Shore Music Circus. The registration fee (postmarked by June 1) is $12 and applications may be picked up at Good Sport or at the Cohasset Middle High School. Any questions should be directed to: Debbie Beal, Physical Education Teacher, Cohasset Middle High School. Late registrations (postmarked after June 1) are $15.

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OBITUARIES

Romayne E. Diab

Romayne E. (Smith) Diab, 73, of Cohasset, a retired flight attendant for the former Eastern Airlines died May 11, 2002, at South Shore Hospital.

She had also worked as a receptionist for American Sports Floors in Rockland.

Mrs. Diab was born in Monongahela, Pa., was raised and educated in Carnegie, Pa., and had lived in Cohasset for 45 years.

She leaves two daughters, Kimberly A. Carbone of Hanover and Tara Diab of Roxbury; a sister, Gloria Roach of Idaho, and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hanover. Interment was in Hanover Center Cemetery.

The Sullivan Funeral Home in Hanover handled the arrangements.

John E. Donovan

A funeral Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Weymouth was celebrated for John E. Donovan, Sr., 74, of Hingham, who died April 28, 2002 at South Shore Hospital.

Mr. Donovan was formerly of Cohasset and a retired advertising technical adviser. He worked for Polaroid in Cambridge for more than 45 years, retiring in 1985.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Born in Boston, he attended Boston schools and graduated from Boston English High School in 1944.

Mr. Donovan enjoyed reading and photography.

He leaves his wife, Barbara C. (Flaherty)Donovan of Millis; his four sons, John E. Donovan Jr. of Franklin, Steven B. Donovan of Millis, Michael P. Donovan of Bellingham and Brian M. Donovan of Medfield; his daughter, Barbara A. Meyers of Gilford, N.H.; his brother, Thomas A. Donovan of Weymouth; and his 15 grandchildren.

Following the funeral Mass, interment was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Donations may be made in Mr. Donovan's memory to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Bromfield St., Boston 02108.

Irene D. McArthur

Mrs. Irene D. (Chagnot) McArthur, 69, of Plymouth, formerly of Cohasset and Milton died at the Jordan Hospital in Plymouth on May 12. Born in Quincy, she attended Milton Schools and the Woodward School for Girls in Quincy.

She was a lab technician for the Quincy Medical Laboratory in Quincy. Mrs. McArthur enjoyed her hobbies of knitting, embroidering, and creative crafts.

She and her former late husband, Robert McArthur lived in Cohasset until a debilitating illness required her to move to her sisters' homes and eventually to a nursing home facility.

Mrs. McArthur leaves a brother, Henry F. Chagnot of Minerva, Ohio, two sisters, Muriel L. Watson of Plymouth, and Dorothy K. Bush of Milton; and nine nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Helen M. Hawes of Hingham

A memorial service will be held at Saint John's Church in Newport, Rhode Island at a later date.

The Chapman Cole & Gleason Funeral Home of Milton handled the arrangements.

Mary O. Young

Mary O. (O'Connell) Young, 85, of Cohasset, a retired elementary school teacher, died May 13, 2002, at the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Jamaica Plain after a long illness.

Mrs. Young taught at Memorial School and Lillian Jacobs, School, both in Hull, for 20 years, retiring in 1982. She also taught in Boston Public Schools before World War II.

She was a graduate of Girls Latin School in Boston and a 1939 graduate of the Teachers College of the City of Boston.

Born in Boston, she lived in Brookline before moving to Cohasset 46 years ago.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

Wife of the late Edwin A. Young, she leaves by two sons, Edwin A. Young Jr. of Swampscott and Daniel H. Young of Lima, Peru; two daughters, Jane Y Rainville of Rockland, Md. and Sally Young of Brookline and seven grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony's Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Visiting is 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 10 Summer St., Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the Cohasset Historical Society, 14 Summer St., Cohasset 02025.

Kevin Louis Bailey

Kevin Louis Bailey, 49, of Cohasset and Marshfield, a client at South Shore ARC workshop in North Weymouth for 30 years, died May 13, 2002, after a short illness.

Mr. Bailey was a native of Cohasset and lived in Marshfield at a group home managed by Road to Responsibility. He enjoyed great camaraderie with his fellow residents and staff members.

He enjoyed fishing, bowling, helping in the garden, helping his father split wood and visiting with his family and many friends.

Mr. Bailey leaves his parents, Jean C. (Boyle) and Louis G. Bailey Jr. of Cohasset; a brother, Michael Bailey of Scituate; four sisters, MaryAnne Hansen of Dorchester, Kathleen Bailey of Cohasset, Elizabeth Potter of Danvers and Jean B. Sweet of Cohasset; two aunts, Alice Hall of Cohasset and Mary Boyle of Braintree; and many nephews and nieces.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 16, at St. Anthony's Church, 129 South Main St., Cohasset. Interment will be private.

There are no visiting hours.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes.

Donations may be made to Road to Responsibility, 1831 Ocean St., Marshfield 02050, or Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02184.

WORSHIP NOTES

Mitzvah Day

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham, will celebrate its sixth Annual Social Action Day Sunday, May 19, beginning with bagels, pastry and drinks at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with a community-wide barbecue from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

The event is more familiarly known as Mitzvah Day, because the commandments that require one to give his time, money, efforts and talents to benefit his fellow man are fulfilled. Helping others is among the most fundamental of all Jewish virtues. By being involved in the varied activities available that day, everyone gets an opportunity to express Judaism's most profound belief that actions are greater than words.

If your inclination is to physical activity, you can sign up to clean up a beach or park, help beautify the grounds around the temple or walk over to the Mary Martha Learning Center and help the folks there spruce up for spring. Families can make personal Mezuzot to put up on their children's bedroom doorways. Families can also donate food, litter, blankets and other items to benefit All Paws Rescue. Adults can donate sample sizes of toiletries as well as laundry detergent, dish detergent, face cloths and the like to a battered women's shelter. Adults can sign up to give blood to the Red Cross. Also, adults can visit several senior citizens' homes to help them with house repairs, and families can create wonderful get-well cards for children and adults who are in area hospitals.

All activities originate at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., at 8:30 a.m. Call 781-749-8103 to get more information and/or directions. The temple is wheelchair accessible. Non-members are always welcome.

Karol honored

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St. in Hingham will honor Rabbi Stephen A. Karol on Friday evening, June 7 at a special service beginning at 7:30 p.m. Also on Sunday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be an open house at the Temple to provide the entire community a less-formal opportunity to wish the Karol family all the best on their move to Long Island.

There are other ways you can express your good wishes to Rabbi Karol. Please call the Temple office at 781-749-8103.

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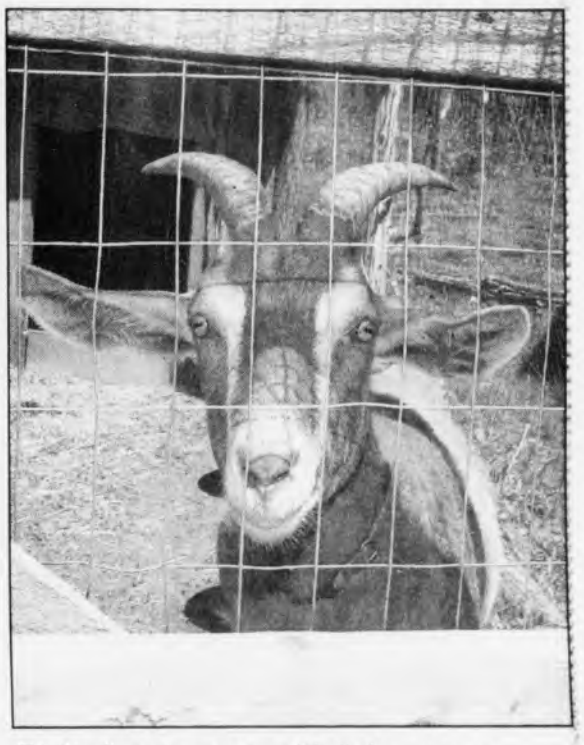
Holly Hill hosts open house

Ed Long chats with Holly Hill Farm manager Tim Ashton in the greenhouse.

Holly Hill Farm manager Kate Sullivan talks about the summer program for young farmers with Priscilla Long.

At left: Ian and Vincent Kennedy enjoy their trip to the farm at 226 Jerusalem Road.



This friendly goat was just one of the lively creatures on Saturday's farm tour. For more information about the farm's programs, call Kate Sullivan at 781-383-1455.

Five historic homes on May 19 tour

A wide range of home styles will be featured on this year's 78th Annual Tour of Historic Homes and Buildings sponsored by the Hingham Historical Society on Sunday, May 19, from noon to 6 p.m. The tour will include a 1720 farmhouse with original woodwork, the 1774 Jacob Thaxter cottage on Main Street and the 1785 Federal home of Samuel Norton.

The 1872 Isaiah Loring home has a beautifully renovated interior, while an early 1900's carriage louse has been imaginatively remodeled into unusual living quarters.

An added attraction on the tour will be the Bare Cove Fire Museum, which displays antique fire fighting apparatus from Hingham. Refreshments will be served in the afternoon. Also open for visitors will be the Old Ordinary, Old Derby Academy and the Hingham Cemetery.

Tickets are $15 in advance and $18 on tour day. They are available at Bowl and Board in Hingham Square and the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt Street. Tickets on tour day will be sold only at the Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln Street after 9 a.m.

For further information call 781-749-1851 or 781-749-8850.

Talk to your angels

Trudy Griswold, co-author of the widely acclaimed Angelspeake: How to Talk with Your Angels, is returning to Cohasset for her third year on Saturday, May 18 to lead an all day workshop.

Griswold will share how discovering our spiritual gifts can affect our over-all happiness and how the principle of "Letting go and letting God" can bring joy and the freedom to awaken our true spiritual power. The workshop will be held at the South Shore Community Center. Registration is $85 and includes lunch. To register call the Second Congregational Church between 9a.m. -1p.m., Mon. - Fri. at 781 -383-0345 or stop by the church office.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, MAY 5

12:05 a.m. King St., general services.

12:07 a.m. Summer St., noise complaint.

12:11 a.m. South Main St., general information.

12:44 a.m. Hull St., family disturbance. Arrest: Rhonda Handley, 35, 203 Hull St, Cohasset. Chrgs. assault and battery.

9 a.m. King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

11:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious person.

11:37 a.m. HQ, general services.

12:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

12:53 p.m. Elm St,. officer wanted.

12:54 p.m. Cedar St,. message delivery.

12:59 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal control.

1:11 p.m. Police HQ, investigation.

1:39 p.m. Cushing Rd., animal control.

2:53 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

3:40 p.m. Fairoaks Ln., animal control.

4:35 p.m. Brook St, disturbance gathering.

5:07 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., disturbance. Arrest: Andrew Foster, 76, 84 Old Pasture Rd., Cohasset. Chrgs. disorderly person.

5:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations.

6:35 p.m. N. Main St, parking complaint.

8:58 p.m. Parker Ave., noise complaint.

9:10 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:18 p.m. Brewster Rd., general services.

9:28 p.m. Parker Ave., noise complaint.

9:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:24 p.m. King St,. medical aid.

11:33 p.m. Parker Ave, noise complaint.

MONDAY, MAY 6

3:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 a.m. Sohier St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd,. general services.

9:53 a.m. Forest Ave,. parking complaint.

10:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

10:51 a.m. Sohier St, motor vehicle stop,

11 a.m. Pleasant St., assist citizen.

11:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, alarm holdup.

11:58 a.m. Bancroft Rd., tree down.

12:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

1:29 p.m. Quincy Court, general services.

1:50 p.m. North Main St,. animal control.

2:20 p.m. Sohier St,. animal control.

4:37 p.m. Cedar St., animal control.

4:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:44 p.m. Summer St. and Border St, fire investigation.

4:55 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, animal control.

4:58 p.m. Diab Lane, officer wanted.

4:59 p.m. Hull St,. serve restraining order.

5:01 p.m. North Main St. and Joy Place, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:16 p.m. Highland Ave., general services.

5:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.

6:14 p.m. South Main St, suspicious.

6:28 p.m. Norfolk Rd., suspicious.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

12:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop,

7:17 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:28 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:32 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person.

10:05 a.m. Fairoaks Ln., animal control.

10:29 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11 a.m. Hull St., serve restraining order.

11 a.m. Reservoir Rd., medical aid.

11:45 a.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

1:30 p.m. Parking Way, vandalism.

1:54 p.m. Cedar St., animal control.

2:07 p.m. South Main S t., noise complaint.

3:01 p.m. Norman Todd Ln., medical aid.

5:18 p.m. Old Pasture Rd, officer wanted.

5:54 p.m. Atlantic Ave, suspicious.

7:29 p.m. S. Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop.

8:56 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

12:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:03 a.m. King St., medical aid.

6:47 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:56 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire inspections.

10:29 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:47 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident.

11:12 a.m. South Main St., and Spring St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:53 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire.

12:34 p.m. Sohier St,. motor vehicle stop. Arrest: William C. Hayes, 35, 34 Bay St., Apt. 1, Hull. Chrgs. 13 warrants.

1:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle violations., traffic citation issued.

2:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:48 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:50 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

4:24 p.m. Headquarters, assist other police dept.

4:33 p.m. S. Main St., and West Gate Ln., verbal warning.

5:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious.

5:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police department.

7:44 p.m. Headquarters, assist other police dept.

9:11 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., disturbance.

10:23 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist citizen.

11:25 p.m. South Main St., and Brook St., general services.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

12:16 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

5:30 a.m. Maple St., general services.

8:52 a.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., fire investigation.

8:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, parking complaint.

10:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations.

11 a.m. Parking Way, threats.

12:53 p.m. South Main St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway illegal dumping.

1:52 p.m. Pond St., fire.

1:58 p.m. North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:33 p.m. Pond St., fire.

3:22 p.m. North Main St., annoying phone calls.

5:08 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire structure.

5:54 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.

6:49 p.m. Elm St., general services.

7 p.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

8:01 p.m. Hillside Dr, general services.

11:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:53 a.m. North Main St., general information.

10:40 a.m. Howe Rd., medical aid.

10:47 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle violations.

12:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:44 p.m. South Main St., general services.

1:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:33 p.m. King St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle violations.

3:16 p.m. Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:24 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Dr. Arrest: George David Proctor, 18, 17 Hillside Dr,. Cohasset. Chrgs. default warrant.

6:20 p.m. South Main St., property lost.

7:34 p.m. King St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:36 p.m. King St., medical aid.

9:03 p.m. South Main St,. parking complaint.

10:07 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

12:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Route 228, assist motorist.

7:48 a.m. Beach St,. medical aid.

9:45 a.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal control.

9:49 a.m. Headquarters, property found.

10:23 a.m. Bancroft Way, parking violation, parking ticket issued.

11:09 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

11:40 a.m. South Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

12:43 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, illegal dumping.

1:36 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

2:28 p.m. South Main St,. assault.

3:12 p.m. Hull St, motor vehicle accident.

5:31 p.m. Parker Ave,. larceny.

5:42 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

7:06 p.m. King St., medical aid.

7:27 p.m. Summer St., road rage.

8:54 p.m. Atlantic Ave, disturbance gathering.

9:41 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

9:41 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave,. motor vehicle violations.

9:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St,. suspicious person.

10:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:27 p.m. Pond St, assist citizen.

10:38 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:07 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

Marshfield man struck by car

By Gregory Mathis
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A 35-year-old Marshfield man was taken by Medflight helicopter to a Boston hospital after sustaining multiple injuries when he was struck by a car Tuesday afternoon at the intersection of Carlton Road and Ireland Road near the Bridgwaye Inn.

Marshfield police issued a citation to Kira Stairs, 17, of Stoneleigh Lane in Cohasset, the driver of the car that hit Raymond K. Gillis of 32 Columbia Road. Stairs will be summonsed to court on charges of operating to endanger, operating a motor vehicle with defective equipment and she was also cited for speeding. A juvenile girl from Marshfield who lives in the area of the accident was a passenger in Stairs' car, according to police.

According to Marshfield Police Lt. Jay Crowley, Gillis was waiting at a bus stop at the intersection of Carlton Road and Ireland Road just after 3 p.m. when Stairs came around the corner from Ireland Road onto Carlton Road and struck him.

Acting Fire Chief Kevin Robinson said the Marshfield ambulance and safety personnel arrived at the scene at 3:12 p.m. and immediately called for a Medflight helicopter. Robinson said Gillis was conscious when Marshfield emergency personnel arrived, but he had received multiple injuries from being struck by the car and a pre-existing condition that warranted the Medflight call. Robinson said Gillis recently had spinal surgery.

The Medflight helicopter landed at the Bridgwaye Inn parking lot and took Gillis to Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston.

At 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, a hospital spokesman said Gillis was still being treated in the emergency room at Brigham & Women's and hospital staff was unable to provide his condition.

Further details concerning the accident were unavailable at press time.

POLICE BRIEFS

Police arrested 13 last month

April was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department.

There were 13 arrests, one for Fugitive from Justice, seven for Outstanding Warrants, two for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, one for Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance, one for Malicious Destruction of Property, and one for Motor Vehicle Violations, chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of April the police department investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents, one of which resulted in personally injury. There were 137 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $5,720.00. Additionally, there were 46 parking tickets issued for $1,325 in fines. There were eight Criminal Complaints issued, Jackson said.

Also in April the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 731 calls for police services, of those 113 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of April there was one breaking and entering of a Residence.

On April 22, the Cohasset Police Department became part of the Boston Area Police Emergency Network (BAPERN). This initiative will provide back up radio communication capabilities in the event of a catastrophic loss of the local communications network. A State Community Policing Grant provided funding for this initiative.

As part of the Executive Office of Public Safety's Anti-Terrorism efforts Cohasset Police, Fire and Emergency management have become part of the Statewide Anti-Terrorism Unified Response Network (SATURN).

The local SATURN team will consist of Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, Police Chief Robert W. Jackson, and Emergency Director Arthur Lehr. SATURN team members will act as point of contact to state and federal counterparts, coordinate Anti-Terrorism training for colleagues, facilitate the active exchange of information and intelligence between all parties, respond to citizens concerns, and act as a recourse to educate the public about the Commonwealth's Anti-Terrorism efforts.

Suspect nabbed after investigation

On May 8, police arrested William C. Hayes, 35, of 34 Bay St. Apt 1 Rear, Hull after a week-long investigation. Hayes had been passing stolen checks for cash and merchandise totaling in the thousands of dollars in several communities including Cohasset, Hingham, Hanover, Milton, and Weymouth. Hayes had been avoiding arrest, but was tracked down by police at a motel in Saugus.

Hayes was arrested and arraigned in Quincy District Court on the following Cohasset charges: Larceny of Property over $250, Receiving Stolen Property under $250. Uttering a Forged Instrument, and Identity Fraud. He also faces charges from several other communities. He is currently being held at the Dedham House of Correction on $2,500 cash bail. He is due back in court on May 23. Detective Garrett Hunt from Cohasset and Detective Robert Mansfield from Hingham headed the investigation.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FLETCHER ESTATE
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P0774EP

In the Estate of WILLIAM M. FLETCHER

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 3, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will and codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that SHERYL FLETCHER of NORTHFIELD in the State of VERMONT be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 5, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, May 3, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#852004
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REARDON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P1192EP

In the Estate of ROSAMOND T. REARDON

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 30, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JOHN P. REARDON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 19, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, May 8, 2002.

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Rating the ratings

Families find the letters and numbers don't always fit the film

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This summer's movie blockbusters are just around the corner but what the season's biggest hits are rated may have little to do with how much money they bring in, as families depend less and less on a rating system that they say too often doesn't tell the whole story.

Jack Valenti, the president of the Motion Picture Association of America, is convinced that parents trust the MPAA's rating system and find it useful in helping them determine what films their children should see.

But others disagree.

"Under our famously flawed rating system, many PG movies include graphic material that would horrify most parents," according to critic Michael Medved.

"Even among those relatively rare releases that draw the purportedly wholesome PG rating (less than 18 percent of Hollywood's overall product), an appalling 60 percent show violent confrontations and fight scenes," Medved wrote. "It is small wonder that so many sensitive parents have given up on the MPAA ratings altogether as any sort of reliable guide to appropriate entertainment for their children."

A mother of two children, interviewed at a Weymouth theater, shares Medved's sentiments.

"I don't pay attention to the ratings any more," she said. "They're not tough enough about language and violence. I ask around about a movie, and if people tell me it's not good for kids, I don't take my kids to see it. I don't want to give them nightmares."

Largely because of widespread complaints about the violence in "Gremlins" and "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," two PG-rated 1984 blockbusters, a PG-13 rating was created which "strongly cautions" parents that some material may not be suitable for viewers under 13.

Ironically, public outcry was responsible for the eventual implementation of the controversial rating system.

The seeds of today's G, PG, PG-13, R, and NC-17 ratings were sown in the 1920s when scandals like the case of comedian Fatty Arbuckle rocked Hollywood, leading to demands from church groups and government agencies for some form of cinematic clean-up.

The film industry decided to compile a "Code to Govern the Making of Motion Pictures" in 1930 and turned it over to former Postmaster General Will Hays for administration.

In this way, studios managed to avoid outside censorship, but at a cost that many filmmakers found absurd.

As Oscar-winning screenwriter James R. Webb put it, "I can recall when you couldn't put a man and a woman into a bedroom even to fix the curtains."

Under the Code, Hollywood prospered until foreign films like Federico Fellini's "La Dolce Vita" began to attract growing audiences in the United States.

The Code was sharply revised in 1966, when the film version of Edward Albee's play "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was approved although its dialogue was a direct violation of the Code's policy on profanity.

"Not only were the teeth of the earlier Code drawn, but also its fingernails and even the toenails until almost anything could be presented on screen," PulitzerPrize-winning novelist James A. Michener observed.

The original Code had been severe in its prohibitions, insisting, "Details of crime must never be shown. There must be no suggestion of excessive brutality. There must be no display of machine guns in the hands of gangsters or other criminals. Complete nudity is never permitted. Obscenity in word, gesture, reference, song, joke, or by suggestion, even when likely to be understood only by part of the audience, is forbidden."

Under these restrictions, of course, such Oscar-winning Best Pictures as "The Godfather" and "Schindler's List" could never have been made.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Local movie fans line up at the Independence Mall Cinema for the opening of "Osmosis Jones" last summer. Judy Roy and daughters, Stephanie and Caitlin had a special interest in the locally shot film — the only PG rated movie at the theatre — as they had roles as extras.

Under the leadership of the MPAA, a rating system was devised, with the National Association of Theater Owners agreeing to abide by the new classifications.

After November 1, 1968, films produced in the United States or imported from abroad were rated either G (general audiences) M (mature audiences), R (restricted to those under 17 unless accompanied by an adult), or X (no one under 17 admitted).

During the first year of the new system, 41 percent of all American releases earned the mildest possible designation: a G rating.

Interestingly, in the past several years, it has been rare when a live action film carries a G rating, although it did happen last summer with "The Princess Diaries" and is happening again with "The Rookie," starring Dennis Quaid.

The scarcity of films for general audiences surprised and disturbed the late Steve Allen, who pointed out that when a team of university economists and statisticians studied bottom line statistics of more than 2,000 films released between 1988 and 1997, G-rated movies showed the highest total profit per film, generating a 78 percent higher rate of return on investment than R-rated films.

The M rating was changed to GP in 1970, but this revised rating didn't last long. Since many people thought that it stood for either "General Public" or "General Patronage," they were disturbed to find mature elements in a GP film. As a result, the rating was changed to PG (parental guidance) in 1972.

When the X rating became synonymous with hard core pornography, the NC-17 rating was created, but studios have come to avoid it just as much as the dreaded X because many newspapers refuse to carry ads for even such critically acclaimed NC-17 films as "Henry & June," starring Uma Thurman and directed by Philip Kaufman of "The Right Stuff" fame.

The development of the NC-17 category has led to several well-publicized battles involving the seven-member rating board.

"The MPAA's Code and Rating Administration is given no power to prohibit or expurgate anything, but the rating board does more than simply label films," critic Stephen Farber wrote. "Films are altered at all stages of production because of the interference of the board."

To cite only three recent examples, Oliver Stone's "Natural Born Killers," Martin Scorsese's "Casino," and the animated musical "South Park" were trimmed before they could be rated the commercially acceptable R, rather than NC-17.

Although Valenti continues to insist that the rating system he helped create over three decades ago is working well, it's a common phenomenon to come out of a theater saying either "Why was that rated PG-13? It was so violent it should have been rated R" or "They rated that R just because of some cursing? I've seen a lot worse in a PG-13."

Funny lady goes far in festival

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

It was no big deal to Annette Pollack that her game effort did not go the distance in the third annual Boston Comedy Festival last week end. The comedienne and Braintree resident has a lot more than her day job as a CPA to fall back on.

Pollack was one of eight semi-finalists appearing in the festival's standup comic competition in the face-off at Boston's Jacob Wirth restaurant and pub last Friday evening, but fell short of advancing to the final round. The semi-finalist winner, Boston-area club comic Matty Blake moved on to the finals at the Comedy Connection in Fanueil Hall the following evening, but lost out to another Hub funnyman, Robbie Prinz. Prinz then highlighted the bill later Saturday at the festival's grand finale show at the Berklee Performance Center, which also featured veteran Boston standup master Lenny Clarke, plus homegrown Comedy Central stars Adam Ferrara, Eddie Brill and many others.

"I was playing at the clubs in Los Angeles last fall, and people kept coming up to me and asking 'Aren't you scared to fly after September 11?'" "And I said" —slipping into female Sam Kinison mode— 'No, I'm afraid of flying to a place where nobody lets you smoke anywhere in the state!'"

But the Boston Comedy Festival is as much an opportunity for meeting and greeting industry insiders and making connections even for also-rans in the top-prize competition. Such was certainly the case for Pollack, who mingled with folks like finale show star and Conan O'Brien Show writer Brian Kiley along with numerous friends and other Boston comedy scene regulars. She also continues to host her well-publicized and regular Comedy Night revue at Braintree's Jimbo's Restaurant on every third Thursday evening, and is currently looking to expand into other area venues, while keeping a steady schedule of Boston and sometimes national club dates.

"I had a great time this weekend," said Pollack, following the grand finale gala late last Saturday. "Naturally, I would have liked to win the competition like everyone else who entered. But it was a great experience just being involved in it. It was very exciting, and I met a lot of great people that I know from around the club scene and a lot of industry and com-

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Braintree comic Annette Pollack performs at the annual Boston Comedy Festival's standup comic competition. Pollack who founded the Comedy Night at Jimbo's restaurant in Braintree was a semi-finalist in this year's competition.

Witherspoon goes Wilde

Feisty actress stars in the 'Importance of Being Earnest'

By Ed Symkus
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Reese Witherspoon has a high forehead, a pointed little nose, a mouth that can effortlessly stretch into dozens of shapes and a slightly nasal voice that still carries a bit of a Tennessee accent. She can bat her eyelashes with the best of them and, even at age 26, she comes off as a sweet little girl.

Best known for her roles as strong-willed young women in the comedies "Election" and "Legally Blonde," she's now donning a perfect English accent in the midst of an otherwise all-British cast in a new film version of Oscar Wilde's comedy of classes, "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Witherspoon plays Cecily, the young niece to one of the film's two title characters (Colin Firth) and the romantic interest of the other one (Rupert Everett). Cecily is pretty much marooned out at the family estate, daydreaming about meeting a man.

Witherspoon spent three months in England making the film, at the same time her husband, Ryan Phillippe, was putting on a Scottish accent for "Gosford Park."

"By the time we left, we were feeling like proper anglophiles," she says, laughing. "My daughter April, particularly, picked up her own English accent. She was saying, 'Mummy, I need to get in my push chair.' And I'm thinking, 'What the hell's a push chair?' "

Witherspoon may be one of the busiest actors around. She's started her own production company, her role in "Sweet Home Alabama" is nearing completion, a script for a follow-up to "Legally Blonde" is coming in any day now, and has the starring role in the film version of the '60s TV show "Honey West" in the wings. But she likes to think of herself of an actor who also happens to be a wife and a mom.

"I still go to the grocery store and stuff," she says. "I think it's important to maintain a certain degree of normalcy and remember where you came from. Sometimes it's a little difficult, but I don't have a whole lot to hide.

"Our marriage is the top priority in our life," she adds. "We talk about things, we work things out. I think every marriage has its ups and downs. It's not all like Hollywood fairy tale romance where everyday it's, 'Oh, honey! Could you get my marabou slippers out of the closet?

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Food & dining

High roast asparagus

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

This is asparagus season and most of us simply steam it and serve it as an unadorned side dish. I wanted to find a cooking method that would enhance its full flavor while adding a quick, light sauce that would complement rather than obscure its subtle taste.

Most vegetables, especially root vegetables, can be cooked in a very hot oven in a roasting pan. I opted for a skillet since I also wanted to throw together a quick pan sauce. Working with a pound and a half of asparagus (enough for 4 to 6 people), I found that a 12-inch skillet was necessary, although they did not fit in one layer. I quickly determined that oven temperature was key. At 400 degrees, it took the asparagus a full 20 minutes or more to cook; at 450 degrees that cooking time was almost halved and the asparagus gained a great deal of flavor. Higher temperature simply dried out the tips. I found it helpful to purchase asparagus that is of a relatively even diameter to promote even cooking. Also, most of my testing was done with moderately thin stalks – neither the hulking tree trunks nor the pencil thin varieties often seen in stores at this time of year.

For the sauce, I wanted to keep it light and simple. I removed the asparagus from the skillet (be VERY careful not to burn yourself – the skillet handle will be EXTREMELY hot), put it on a warmed plate, and then starting cooking. I started with a tablespoon of olive oil and then added 1 1/2 cups of diced tomatoes (about 3 medium). I quickly discovered that it is very important to keep the dice small since they cook faster. For flavorings, I tried vinegar, lemon juice, onion, shallots, and garlic. The only winner was the lemon juice. For herbs, I tested basil, parsley, tarragon, chives, mint, and marjoram with basil and parsley emerging as the only strong candidates.

Now I had the simplest, freshest possible sauce. Add olive oil to the hot skillet over medium heat, sauté the diced tomatoes and a bit of salt for 2 or 3 minutes, remove the skillet from the heat and add lemon juice, basil, pepper and a tablespoon of good olive oil. Check seasonings, pour over the asparagus, and you're done.

Finally, an anchovy/caper/olive combination also worked well. This variation is below.

HIGH ROAST ASPARAGUS WITH FRESH TOMATO/ BASIL SAUCE

Moderately thin stalks are best, neither pencil-thin nor large lumber-size. Keep in mind that the thickness of the asparagus will affect roasting times. Use firm, ripe tomatoes.

1 1/2 pounds asparagus, rinsed and tough ends snapped off
3 tablespoons best quality olive oil
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 1/2 cups seeded, cored and diced (1/2-inch size) tomatoes, about 3 medium
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil or flat leaf parsley
Freshly ground pepper to taste

1. Heat the oven to 450 degrees and warm a serving plate in the oven as it heats up (remove when hot). Place the asparagus in a heavy duty 10- to 12-inch skillet (12 inches preferred). Toss with one tablespoon olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Roast in the oven until the asparagus is just tender, 10 to 15 minutes depending on the thickness of the stalks.

2. Turn the asparagus onto warmed plate and cover to keep warm. Place the skillet over medium heat. Add one tablespoon olive oil and swirl pan to coat the bottom. Add the tomatoes and the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cook, stirring occasionally until the tomatoes have heated through and softened slightly and started to exude juice, about 2 to 3 minutes. Off the heat stir in the lemon juice, basil or parsley, a few grinds of pepper, and remaining tablespoon olive oil. Taste for seasoning adding salt and pepper if needed.

Serves 4 to 6 as a side dish.

Anchovy/Caper/Olive Variation

Add one large or two small chopped anchovies to the pan when adding the initial tablespoon of olive oil in step two. Cook until the anchovies start to break down, about one minute. Omit the salt in step two. Along with the tomatoes add one tablespoon drained capers. Off heat add six coarsely chopped oil cured or Kalamata olives along with the other ingredients.

Witherspoon goes Wilde

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Get your silk pajamas and we'll go have martinis.' We feel very invested in our relationship.

"I love children, and my husband loves children. He's even better with our daughter than I am. You know how they get into those temper tantrums and it's like they're on the edge of a cliff? He knows how to just talk her off the cliff. And his negotiation skills are amazing. He could work for the CIA."

But don't let the sweet talk fool you. Witherspoon is also extremely serious about her career, one that's been very busy over the past decade. Other titles include "American Psycho," "Cruel Intentions" and "Pleasantville," in which she starred opposite then up-and-coming Tobey Maguire.

"I'm very careful with the decisions I make because the amount of work you have to put into a film — 18-20-hour days, 10-12 weeks of shooting — is exhausting," she says. "And you have to be 100 percent passionate about a project. That's what gets you through the 18th or 19th hour of shooting. And you have to say, 'I love this movie and I want people to see this character.' Because I connect with the characters. Sometimes there'll be great directors but the material will be something I just can't connect to."

Or, truth be told, sometimes she'll get so flustered by being around movie stars, she'll flub an audition, like she did when she tried out for the part of Nick Nolte's daughter in "Cape Fear."

"Everybody gets nervous meeting stars," she explains, completely forgetting that she's one. "I know they're just people, but I guess you have this perception of them being larger than life. At the heart of it, I'm just a little girl from Tennessee. When it all comes down to it, your adrenaline gets going and you think of yourself as that little person growing up. I couldn't believe I'd made it to the Oscars this year and was standing there on the stage, giving an award. I was just blown *away* by it. It was *really* exciting."

Witherspoon is momentarily caught up in the Oscar experience, where she was a presenter.

"It was so exciting to meet Annette Bening there," she says. "She's really a role model for me. Here's a woman who's managed to balance a family life. Then, you know, she goes away and has a child and comes back and does a movie like 'American Beauty.' She cares about what she does."

As, obviously, does Witherspoon, who exercises regularly and is in training for her next film, which she'll star in and produce, about women's professional tennis.

"Actually, I've been working with a trainer ever since 'Legally Blonde,' " she says. "Because I had to be in that bikini. The bikini was nice. But the idea of being in a bikini in front of millions and millions of people — I got scared into going to the gym."

But that's just another sign of how she approaches her craft. Oliver Parker, her director in "The Importance of Being Earnest," says he cast her because "it was quite plain after I'd seen 'Election.' Because what I wanted was to have this sweet, innocent face with a bit of a tiger underneath. And Reese is a really strong, feisty character, with very powerful opinions.

"She knows what she wants, and she'll usually get it," he adds with a nervous laugh. Then he brings up what she did with her accent in his film.

"She works like crazy, a real perfectionist," he says. "So she gets the accent, then adds layers of character where, 'Oh there's a bit of country there; ah, and now she's doing a bit of the old fashioned because she sees herself as a slightly old-fashioned gal in the country.' I was intrigued by that. You get a sense that this woman is very determined. She's going to have a fascinating career. No one's going to stop her."

"The Importance of Being Earnest" opens on May 24.

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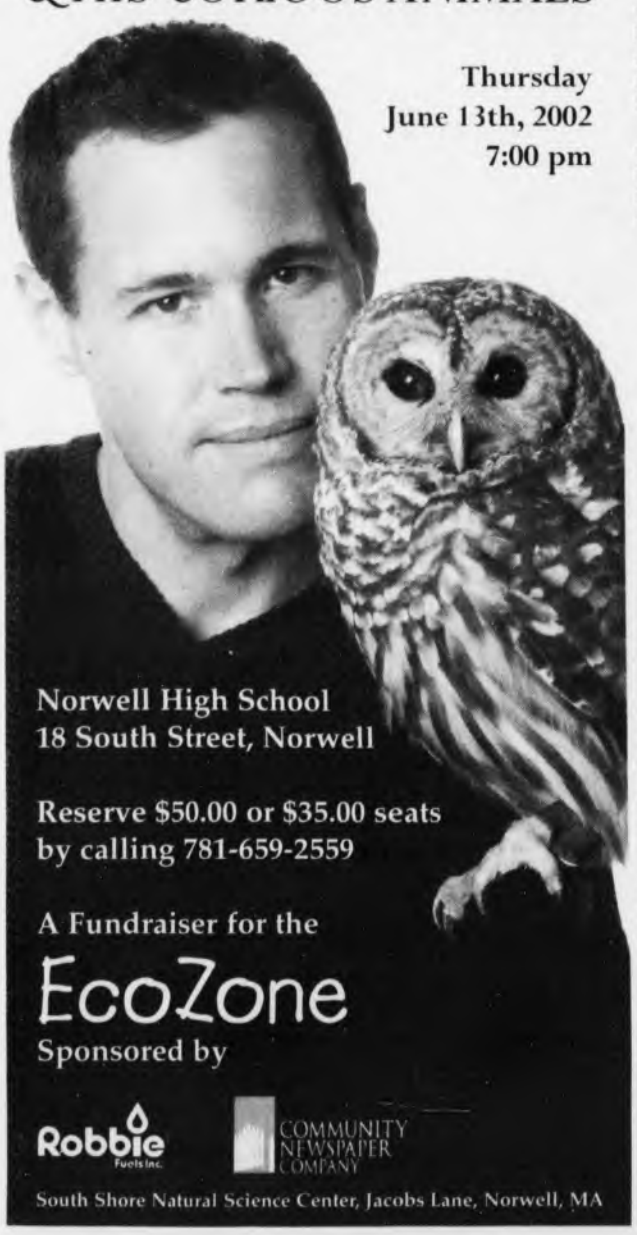
JEFF CORWIN

& HIS CURIOUS ANIMALS



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edy scene folks from out of town for the first time as well."

Pollack, 47, has been a professional standup comic and familiar face on the club scene since 1993, but was a fervent comedy fan and Boston club regular long before that. A decade ago, she decided to give her own brand of standup routines a shot at the encouragement of friends and one Boston club comic chum in particular, moving on to take a six-week workshop course in comedy performance and writing at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education.

Pollack's study and enthusiasm paid off, as soon after completing the course she was landing spots on Boston comedy club bills and then before long was performing in laugh venues up and down the East Coast as well. She also founded the Jimbo's Comedy Night in 1993, and the regular show has gone strong while Pollack has performed numerous benefit shows, colleges and clubs around New England and even extended her talents to a permanent starring role in the area production of Joey and Maria's Italian Comedy Wedding, appearing in local clubs and restaurants from 1995 to 2000.

Friday evening, Pollack engaged a ready Jacob Wirth crowd with an eight-minute set containing her typically cynical, often saucy, views on her life, her family upbringing and the off-kilter world around her, all delivered with a characteristically suburban flair. Views such as these samplings:

"I saw an ad that said 'Puppy free to good home.' I've always liked to adopt dogs, so I answered the ad and the gentleman said 'well, do you come from a good home?' (puzzled pause) "Well, my father used to beat me, my mother used to drink... OK, sorry I called."

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The Comedy Night series continues this Thursday at Jimbo's, with this week's featured guest, Comedy Central and A&E's Evening @ the Improv star Kevin Knox. Coming for the next show (June 6), longtime Boston-grown favorite Chance Langton.

Fertilizer basics

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

A stroll through the garden during the month of May is truly a feast for the senses. As tender young leaves emerge on trees and shrubs, our landscapes are gradually draped with a muted veil of soft yellow-green tones. Against this delicate background, bold splashes of vividly tinted flowers paint a colorful portrait of breathtaking grandeur.

Gentle breezes carry the heavenly perfume of spring blossoms through the garden. Luscious lilacs in shades of pink, lavender, blue, purple, or white produce elegant, sweetly-scented, conical clusters containing a myriad of small, tubular, single or double flowers. Equally intoxicating are the fragrant pink and white flowers of Daphne 'Carol Mackie', its attractive, deep green foliage, with thin white margins persisting well into winter. The Viburnum family offers numerous, marvelously aromatic varieties. Often referred to as the Maybush, the Koreanspice Viburnum (V. carlesii) is widely grown for its strong perfume and attractive foliage. Clusters of white flowers emerge from pink- or red-tinted buds, unveiling their sweet, spicy perfume during May.

To enjoy these spring delights from season to season, our plants require routine maintenance. Deadheading and pruning, watering and mulching, and the periodic addition of amendments to the soil including organic matter and nutrients are essential to the health of our plants if we wish them to thrive year after year.

A well-prepared soil is the first step to healthy, vigorous plants. Heavy clay soils are dense and drain slowly, which may prevent air from reaching plant roots and lead to rot during periods of dampness. Dry, sandy soils drain rapidly demanding constant irrigation and nutrients are quickly swept away each time plants are watered. The presence of organic matter (decomposed plant and animal matter) improves the texture of all soil types and provides beneficial microorganisms that convert nutrients in the organic matter to inorganic nutrients that our plants can use. Over time, even soils once rich in humus become depleted and new sources of organic material in the form of well-decomposed manure, compost, peat moss or shredded leaves must be added.

Plants require more than 15 chemical elements to grow properly. The essential elements of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen are made available through the atmosphere and water. Equally important are the macronutrients of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K). In addition, there are secondary nutrients and micronutrients that are needed for the overall vigor of our plants. The application of organic and inorganic fertilizers is generally recommended to ensure an adequate supply of these elements.

Although not every plant in the landscape needs fertilizer every season, most will benefit from a routine feeding. The need to provide supplemental nutrients is highest for vegetables and lawns, medium for fruits and annuals and less critical for established perennials, trees and shrubs.

Commercial fertilizers list the percentage of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K), in that order, on the outside of the container as these are the elements that plants require in the largest quantities. Liquid soluble fertilizers that are mixed in watering cans or applied with hoses provide a "quick fix" but need to be repeated several times during the growing season for best results. Granular fertilizers have a longer lasting effect as they gradually release their elements into the soil every time water is applied.

Nitrogen is the element that is essential for rapid plant growth and deep green foliage. Too much nitrogen, however, has the potential for burning plants and may result in lush, tender leafy growth making the plants more inviting to insects and more susceptible to diseases while diminishing flower production. Plants grown for their foliage, including lawn grasses, will benefit from a fertilizer high in nitrogen but those grown for their flowers respond better to fertilizers having lower nitrogen content.

Phosphorus promotes root growth and disease resistance and is especially important for plants early in their development when they are forming flowers, seeds and fruits. In order for a plant to absorb phosphorus, the pH of the soil needs to be between pH 6.0 and 7.0. In early spring, cool temperatures further minimize the availability of phosphorus, and because it moves slowly through the soil, it should be mixed into the ground as deeply as possible to make it available to the roots of the plant. The addition of superphosphate to the soil is often helpful in stimulating flowering plants to bloom.

Potassium or potash adds vigor and disease resistance but unlike phosphorus it leaches out of the soil readily. Wood ashes are a good, natural source of potash but too much may alter the pH of the soil significantly and should be used in moderation, especially around acid-loving plants.

Organic fertilizers are valuable for their ability to improve soils structure enabling the soil to hold moisture, air and nutrients more efficiently. These fertilizers generally take longer to work but reduce the possibility of over- fertilizing. Compost, well-decomposed manure, blood meal, bone meal and fish emulsion are all sources of slow-release nutrients. Look for fertilizers produced by Espoma and the Mass. Nurserymen's Association for excellent organic products suitable for all types of plantings.

There are any number of special formulations available for specific groups of plants but a balanced, complete fertilizer like Plant-O-Ganic 8-8-8 provides season long nutrition for nearly all plants in the landscape. Consult your local nurserymen or the County Extension Service for specific recommendations.

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FIFTH ANNUAL JIMMY KENNEDY MEMORIAL RUN FOR ALS will be held on June 8, at Veterans' Memorial Stadium on Hancock St., in Quincy. The five mile run is also know as the New Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. The road race starts at 10 a.m. and will include a 2.5 mile Fitness Walk beginning at 9 a.m. The event includes special children's events and awards in 15 age divisions. The entry fee is $12 before May 31, and $15 after and on race day. For more information call 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets go on sale April 8, for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

Thurs. 16

The Holbrook Public Library presents a **watercolor show** featuring watercolor artist, **Isabella Hoell** through out the month of May. The library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 9 to 5 p.m. The Holbrook Library is located at the intersection of Route 139 and Route 37 in Holbrook Square.

The Braintree Art Association will meet May 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Avenue, Braintree. **Patty Gray** will demonstrate pastel art. The public is invited and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

Jimbo's in Braintree will feature **Kevin Knox** (the Wild Man of comedy returns) **Bill Ford, Louie Winz, Annette Pollack, Joe List, Adam Pearlman and Stephen Smith.** Jimbo's is located at Braintree Five corners. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. for more information call 781-848-0300 or visit www.jimbossouth.com

The Hull Performing Arts announces its production **"West End to Broadway: A Musical Salute"** performed at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Avenue in Hull May 16 to 18 at 8 p.m. tickets are $10 in advance, $9 for seniors and $12 at the door. For ticket sales and information call 781-925-2406.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of **"Art"**. Production dates are May 16, 17, and 18. All shows are at 8 p.m. Call and reserve tickets at 781-356-5113. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

Fri. 17

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull invites you to attend Shavuot/Shabbat Services observing Temple Beth Sholom Religious School's graduation exercises at 7:30 p.m. 9 Hadassah Way, Hull. Rabbi Lefkowitz will officiate. The Religious School will participate in the services. An Oneg Shabbat will be held in the Boyer Auditorium immediately following services. Members, families and friends are invited to attend. For more information call 781-925-0091.

The Friends of Flying Santa presents a 3-day lighthouse tour to the state of Maine. Tour dates are May 17, to May 19. You will visit the worlds biggest "Lighthouse Store" The Lighthouse Depot. Ticket price is $275 per person, includes a luxury tour bus, an on board narrator, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, a Flying Santa t-shirt, a boarding gift, a free raffle of a Harbour Light collectable, and your admittance to all the lighthouses and museums. The lighthouses included on the tour are, Spring Point Light, Bug Light, Portland Head Light, the East and West Cape Elizabeth lights, Doubling Point Range lights, Pemaquid Point light, Marshall Point light, Rockland Breakwater light, Owl's Head light and the Nubble light. Plus a stop at the world famous Shore Village Lighthouse Museum. For tickets and information call 781-925-0783 or visit www.flyingsanta.com All proceeds are used to fund The Friends of Flying Santa Christmas lighthouse tours.

Walk Around the Clock for Cancer – American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Cohasset will take place Friday, May 17, at 3 p.m. until noon on Saturday, May18, at Cohasset High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset. For more information call 1-888-648-4880 press 3 for x229 or 617-770-7989.

SouthCoast Tourist Weekend – May 17 to 19. Visitors are invited to a fun-filled weekend with free and discounted admission to many entertainment venues, restaurants and retailers in the South Coast region of Massachusetts. The Tourist Weekend features 50 places in the SouthCoast communities along the Route I-95 corridor from Seekonk to Wareham, including the hub cities of New Bedford and Fall River. The attractions range from cultural and historical venues to family entertainment shopping and dining sites. For more information visit the SouthCoast Development Partnership web site at www.southcoastdev.org or 888-883-9313.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents coffeehouse, **The Hobohemians, Chris Pahud, Phil Kissinger and Chris Canney**, open mike on May 17. The South Shore Folk Music Club is located at the Beal House on Route 106 in Kingston. $4 members/$5 non-members. For information call 781-831-1052.

Loretta LaRoche will be bringing her irreverent, unconventional, and "Aha" humor to Providence's VMA Arts & Cultural Center on Friday, May 17, for her one-woman show, "Finding the Bless in the Mess". Providence fans will get a special treat as LaRoche shares new material in preparation for a possible Broadway show later this year at the Helen Hayes Theater. Tickets can be obtained through the VMA's Box office at 401-272-4VMA and by contacting Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets are priced at $26.50 and $30.50. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Providence Fire Department's Employee Assistance Programs. Visit LaRoche's website, www.stressed.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St., E. Bridgewater all shows start 7 p.m. Illustrated Man with **Susan Levine** $5. For more information call 508378-1584.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat Wall Jack** on May 17. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Hingham Civic Music Theatre presents its spring production of the musical **"Gypsy."** Show dates are May 17, and 18 at 8 p.m. at the Sanborn Auditorium at Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., (off route 228) in Hingham. Tickets are available at Noble's Camera shop in Hingham Square, Corson's Glass House on Route 53 in Hingham and Buttonwood Books in Hingham Square in Cohasset. For more information call 781-789-4327.

Massachusetts Youth Soccer announces District Select Tryout 2002 District 1 of the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association will hold tryouts for girls' age groups 12 to 19 on May 18 at Grace Ryder Field in Marshfield. All tryouts run from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Players must attend at least two of the sessions and be available to play from July 7 to Aug. 4. For further information visit the Mass Youth Soccer web page http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/districtselecttryouts.html.

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

"The Soprano's Last Supper" The interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel, 275 Tremont St., Boston Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. For ticket information, call 1-800-944-5639.

BEST BET

Boston actress, Robin Lane will portray Eleanor Roosevelt in a one-woman show, "In Her Own Voice: A Visit with Eleanor Roosevelt" May 22 at the Turner Library, North Main Street., Randolph at 7 p.m. The performance is free to the public. For more information call 781-961-0932.

Sat. 18

A giant yard sale to benefit the **Hilltop Humane Society** will be held May 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (raindate May 25) at 71 Forest St., Pembroke.

An annual yard and plant sale will be held at the **High Street United Methodist Church** at the corner of High and Taylor Streets, Duxbury. Featured will be perennials, houseplants, herbs, and shrubs. The Youth Group will have hand

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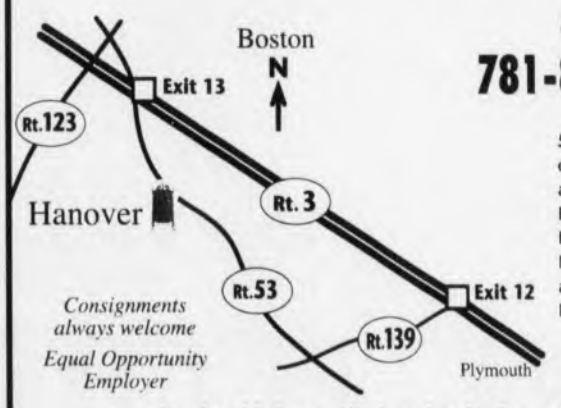

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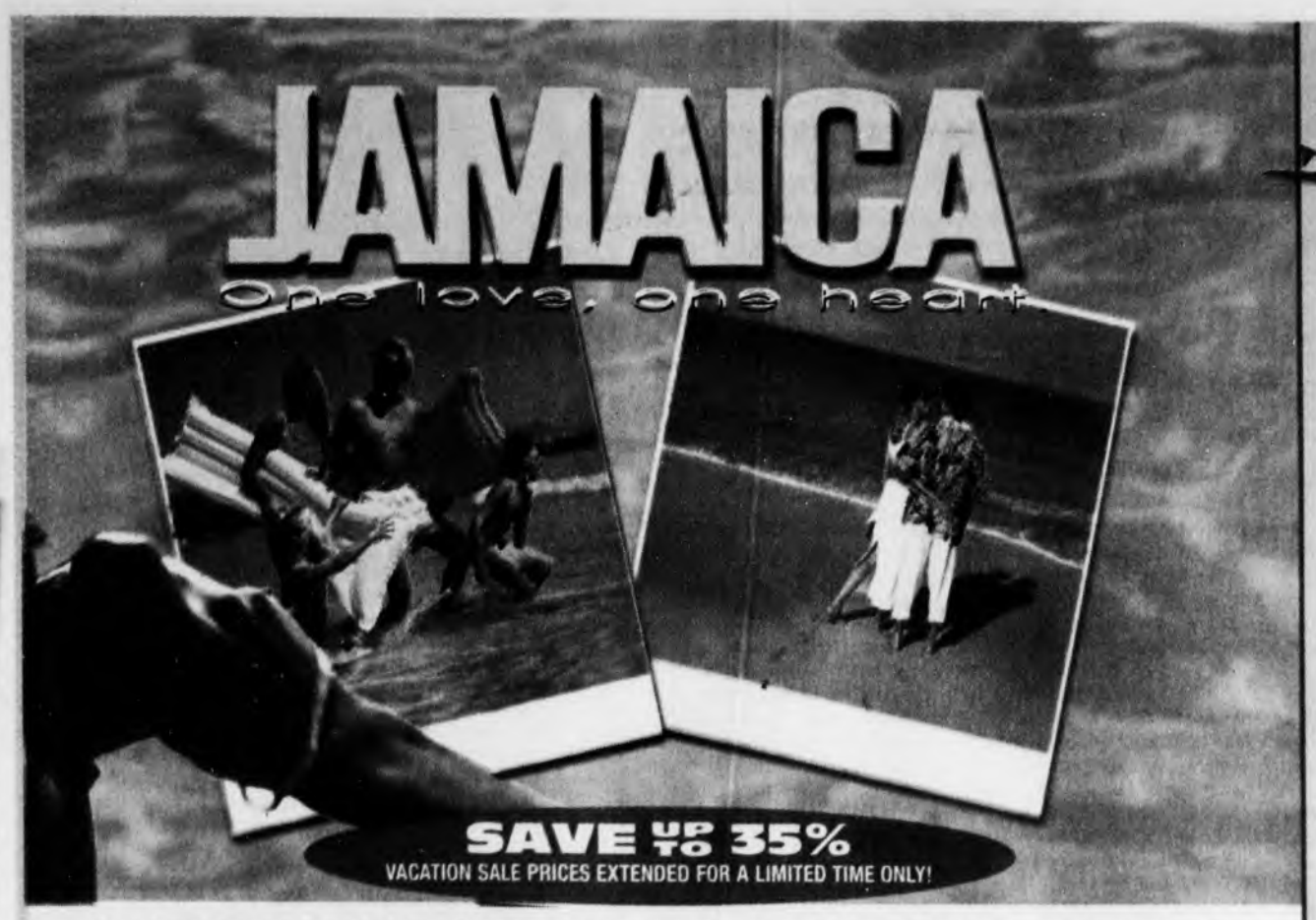

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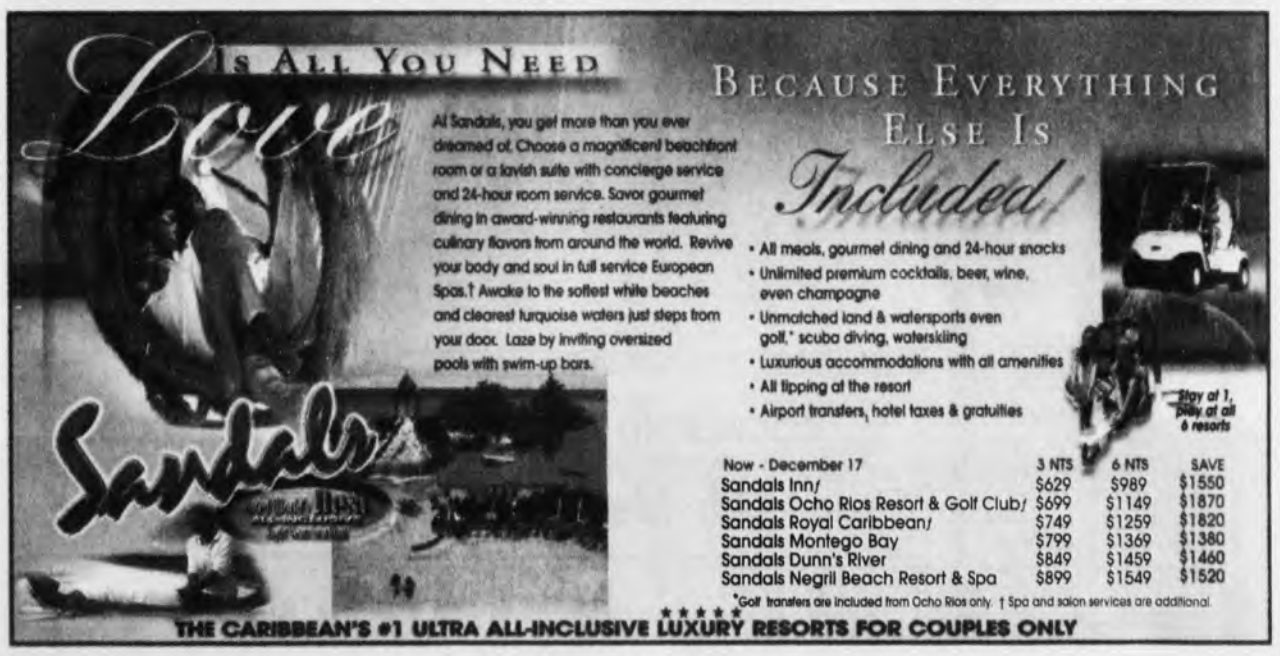

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made chocolate lollipops and baked goods for sale.

Giant yard sale to benefit the **Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc**. will be held at 6 High Street, Pembroke from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 18 and 19. All proceeds raised will benefit the sponsored families of the foundation whose children battle life-threatening illnesses. For more information call 582-2598 or visit www.brittanylambert-foundaiton.org

Multi-family yard sale to benefit the **Hingham High School Robert Weiser Scholarship Fund** will be held at the Hingham Bathing Beach, Route 3A in Hingham, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Rain date May 19).

The Hanover Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale will be held May 18, at the First Congregational Church Hall, Route 139, Hanover, at 9 a.m.

The Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project (Massquilts) and The Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild will sponsor a Documentation Day on May 18, at All About Quilts, 958 Main St., Walpole, during which quilt owners can learn more about their antique quilts and quilted objects. The organizers of this statewide project hope to discover the old quilts that area residents may have tucked away in attics, linen closets, garages and hope chests. Call Maureen Hufnagle at 508-359-5127 for more information.

The Norfolk County Youth Agricultural Fair is May 18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Walpole Agricultural School at the corner of 1A and Fisher Street, Walpole. Activities will include livestock competitions, horse drawn hayrides, sheep shearing demo and dog agility dog show, games pancake breakfast and more. For information call 508-543-5664.

Alice's House, a non-profit center for spiritual renewal in Humarock/Scituate presents a workshop for women. Rhythm of Our Days – an opportunity for reflection and self-renewal in a casual ocean-front setting. Facilitated by Karen Flood, the day is intended to support women of all ages, especially during times of transition and change. Advance registration is required. $99 includes materials and a donation to Alice's House. For more information call 617-479-6831 or email journalguru@yahoo.com

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. May 18, at 1 p.m. Easy walk, mostly level terrain, four miles. Walk along the Neponset River Reservation. Meet at Pope John Paul Park on Gallivan Boulevard in Dorchester. .Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

The Skating Club of Hingham's Annual Show "America: A Tribute to Heroes" will be held May 18, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets $5 can be purchased in advance by calling 781-741-8194. Pilgrim Skating Area, 75 Recreation Park Dr., Hingham.

The Sixth Annual Joshua's Run for the Jimmy Fund is scheduled for May 18, at Peggotty Beach, Scituate. There will be a competitive run and family fun at this three-part event. The event line up begins with the Kid's Fun run (age 10 and under) at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Two-Mile at 9 a.m. and the Four-Mile Road Race at 10 a.m. To register and for more information call 781-545-4642 or visit www.joshuasrun.com or email bblacker@attbi.com

Storytime at Borders in the Independence Mall, Kingston will feature children's programs throughout the month of May. On May 18, at 10:30 a.m. Learn how to make your own dino footprints with sponges. "Dinosaur, Dinosaur", by Byron Barton, with the use of color, shape and composition, brings to life a unique and endearing vision of what the world may have looked like once upon a time. "Whatever Happened to Dinosaurs, by Bernard Most, is a humorous speculation on what really happened to make the dinosaurs disappear. All events are free and wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-582-8100.

The National Park Service sites of Massachusetts Bay invites visitors and locals to "Experience Your America" this summer, beginning with their multi-site **Gateway to Summer Celebration** at the Charlestown navy yard. Festivities will include volunteers, rangers, and interpreters from a wide range of Massachusetts Bay sites sharing the stories of these stirring American landmarks in one place for the first time on May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charlestown Navy Yard. For more information visit www.nps.gov or call 617-242-5616.

Parents without Partners Chapter No. 33 will host its monthly dance at the Braintree DAV, 788 Liberty Street, Braintree from 8:30 to midnight. Cash bar, raffle, and DJ. Proper dress requested. $5 members/$8 non-members. For more details call 781-837-6766.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St., E. Bridgewater all shows start 7 p.m. Illustrated Man with **Mr. Curt Ensemble** $5. For more information call 508378-1584.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Toni Lynn Washington** on May 18. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy, presents **"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"** on May 18, 19. Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show. Tickets $37.50, dinner and how; $17.50 show only. Group rates available for 20 or more. Wheelchair accessible.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces a 40th Anniversary celebration. All members and patrons, past and present to celebrate its history. This spring the final performance will be May 18. $17 ticket includes drinks, hors d'ouevres and historical memorabilia along with the performance of the ART by Yasmina Reza. For information call 781-356-5113. The CCT clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

An evening of Jewish Jazz featuring the **Klezniks** on May 18, at 7:30 p.m., Congregation Shirat Hayam, Duxbury. In a coffee house style atmosphere, with a jazz and big band influence, the Klezniks will be playing an assortment of Yiddish and Hassidic folk songs. The performance will take place at The First Parish Church Universalist Unitarian on Route 3A in Duxbury. Fresh baked pastries; snacks and your favorite beverage will be served. There will be a silent auction as prize raffles. Tickets $10 or $12 day of show. Doors open at 7 p.m. Call 781-582-2700 for information.

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The Holbrook Public Library presents a watercolor show featuring watercolor artist, Isabella Hoeli through out the month of May. The library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 9 to 5 p.m. The Holbrook Library is located at the intersection of Route 139 and Route 37 in Holbrook Square.

Sun. 19

MDC Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites presents its Spring Programs 2002. May 19, Skyline Hike, A rugged eight-mile trek along the Skyline Trail. Must be an avid hiker. Wear sturdy hiking boots, bring a lunch and water bottle. Car pool to starting point. Five to seven hours. All programs are free and open to the public. Dress appropriately wear proper foot gear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or visit www.state.ma.us/mdc

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will host an opening reception for Small Worlds/Art of India on May 19, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The exhibition will feature 400 years of art from India from the museum's own collection. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Accordion Jamboree at The Viking Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Braintree, will be held May 19, from 3 to 7 p.m. Concert program, followed by refreshments served at the tables, dancing. $10 per person. Ticket information call 781-659-2206.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum's year-long celebration of local hero Joshua James continues on May 19, at 9:30 a.m. Guests are invited to Hull cemetery for a ceremony honoring Massachusetts Humane Society, U.W. Life-saving Services, and U.S. Coast Guard buried there, as well as the 200 souls interred at Stranger's Corner. For more information call 781-925-5433 or email hullmuse@chanell.com

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents **Nautical Antiques Appraisal Day** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 19, as part of the museum's annual Joshua James Day celebration. Maritime collector, dealer, and author Jim Claflin of Kenrick Clafin and son Nautical Antiques will be offering appraisals of up to three items per visitor. Appraisals will be verbal only and on a first come, first serve bases. No reservations required. Up to three objects appraised for $15 for members or $20 for non-members. Call 781-925-5433 for information.

Borders in the Independence Mall, Kingston will feature music programs throughout the month of May. on May 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. **Mark Humphreys**. This southern California folk legend performs from his new album "The River Road" All events are free and wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-582-8100.

South Shore YMCA At Mill Pond Road Race The South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond Hanover branch is hosting its first annual 5-Mile road Race, with a 1.5 mile Family fun run/Walk on Sunday, May 19. Rain or shine. The Fun/Walk will be at 9 a.m. and the road race will be at 10 a.m. The cost of the road race will be $12 pre-registration and $15 day of the race. The first 300 registered 5-mile runners will receive free t-shirts. T-shirts will also be available for purchase the day of the race. Applications are available at SS YMCA and can also be downloaded at www.ssymca.org Call Greg Shinney at 781-829-8585 ext. 228 with any questions.

The 78th Annual Tour of Historic Homes sponsored by the **Hingham Historical Society** will be held May 19, from noon to 6 p.m. Featured will be a farmhouse with original woodwork from the 1720's the 1774 Jacob Thaxter cottage, the 1785 Federal home of Samuel Norton, along with the Bare Cove Fire Museum, Old Ordinary, Old Derby Academy and the Hingham Cemetery. Tickets are $15 in advance and $18 on tour day. For more information call 781-749-1851 or 781-749-8850.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Ron Bosse's Pursuance with special guest Bambu Castle** on May 18. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 7 p.m. Jazz, all ages. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. 20

The Grove Manor Estates and the Arthritis Foundation presents an informative program about the prevention, control and treatment of osteoporosis on May 20, from 2 to 3 p.m. Grove Manor is located at 160 Grove St,. Braintree. For information call 781-783-3700.

The Fifth Annual Ellison Center Golf Classic "Fore the Arts" sponsored by BMW Gallery-Norwell will be held at Duxbury Yacht Club on May 20, and limited space is available for sponsors and foursomes. Golfers have a chance to win a BMW SAV for sinking a hole-in-one on the ninth hole of Duxbury's Yacht Club. BMW Gallery-Norwell is sponsoring the one-year lease on a new BMW X5-3.0 for a lucky competitor. In addition golfers will enjoy lunch, snacks, favors, prizes, celebrity guests, and a dinner reception featuring an exciting live auction. The day begins with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 12:45 p.m. Teams compete in a scramble format for the coveted Ellison Center Classic championship cup. The post tourna-

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

At 5:08 a.m. the Gemini moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. A Cancer moon takes over at 7:33 a.m. However, the planet Mercury takes the spotlight today. At 2:50 p.m. Mercury, standing at 10-degrees Gemini, begins retrograde travel until June 8. Signing contracts, launching enterprises or making major commitments, purchases are off limits. You can make gains on an inner, spiritual level rather than in your external, professional world.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

A lunar alignment to Jupiter generates an upbeat mood this morning. The Cancer moon prompts you to focus on domestic issues. Plan a family gathering. Get in touch with people you haven't heard from in a while. This is an ideal time to tackle redecorating, repainting or remodeling projects. Be more nurturing and sensitive to the needs of loved ones.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

At 7:27 a.m. the Cancer moon aligns with the sun and becomes inactive. This is a morning to clean out closets and drawers; get your home or office spic and span. A playful Leo moon takes over at 1:52 p.m. The evening is prime for partying. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

A Leo moon sets the stage for an upbeat, social weekend. This morning a lunar alignment to Neptune can make for a slow start. Don't take on more than you can handle. This influence passes over by midmorning and the remainder of the day rates high for fun and games. Gather with friends and enjoy good food, conversation, music. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Uranus may spark romantic passions. Sail the love boat to exotic ports.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

A 90-degree alignment of the sun and Uranus urges you to unplug from daily routines. This is a wonderful day to try something different. Be more adventurous and spontaneous. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:42 p.m., serving as a reminder that this moon is growing in light. The coming week will be action-packed until the lunar eclipse/full moon culminates on May 26. Today the Leo moon becomes inactive at 4:34 p.m. until 6:01 p.m., when it enters Virgo.

MONDAY, MAY 20

This day has its challenges. Resolve to maintain a positive, easy-going attitude. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants. The moon travels in Mercury-ruled Virgo, forming stressful alignments to Mercury in the morning and Saturn/Pluto in the evening. There are likely to be breakdowns, reversals, unexpected difficulties. Stay busy with projects that need a finishing touch, clean out, redo. Venus moves into the Cancer at 9:27 a.m., remaining there until June 14.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Gear up for another hectic day. The sun enters the sign Gemini at 1:29 a.m. The Virgo moon forms a 90-degree alignment to Mars at 12:53 p.m. and becomes inactive. Read yesterday's advice. Move cautiously in business and romance. Pursue activities that help you to relax and maintain a peaceful, positive attitude. Influences begin to lighten up at 8:19 p.m., when the moon enters Libra.

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ment dinner, awards, and live auction will be held at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. For more information or to request a registration form call Laura Carlton at 781-934-2731 ext. 14. All proceeds benefit educational programs, teacher development and scholarships at South Shore Conservatory and Duxbury Art Association.

Tues. 21

The Easter Seals North River Stroke Support Group will meet at the Norwell Council on Aging, 293 Pine St., Norwell on May 21, at 1 p.m.. Join Dr. Westcott, a specialist in exercise and strength for older adults, as he talks about exercise and strengthening. For more information Pauline Donovan at 781-826-7348 or Stroke Support Coordinator, Sandra Smith-Robbins at 800-244-2756 x1684.

American Medical Response sponsors **EMT Night 2002: "I Remember 9-11."** This event will take place at Lantana's in Randolph from 6 to 9 p.m. The festivities will include food, music and lots of fun. All in attendance will receive a gift bag that includes a free T-shirt. For more information call 1-800-950-9266.

The South Shore Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life will meet from 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House, Fearing Road, Hingham. New members are welcome. Donations may be sent to MCFL, P.O. Box 591, Accord MA 02018. For information call 781-925-5323.

Wed. 22

David Allen Lambert, the Historian and Genealogist of the Ponkapoag Indians and Reference Librarian at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, will lecture on genealogical and historical topics at the Thayer Public Library on May 22, at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Thayer Public Library is located at 708 Washington St., Braintree.

Storytime at Borders in the Independence Mall, Kingston will feature children's programs throughout the month of May. on May 22, at noon. Playground storytime. Play hopscotch in the bookstore. The reading will be "Maisy Goes to the Playground" by Lucy Cousins and "Miffy at the Playground" by Dick Bruna This southern California folk legend performs from his new album "The River Road" All events are free and wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-582-8100.

Boston actress, **Robin Lane** will portray Eleanor Roosevelt in a one-woman show, **"In Her Own Voice: A Visit with Eleanor Roosevelt"** at the Turner Library, North Main St., Randolph at 7 p.m. Free to the public. For information call 781-961-0932.

Thurs. 23

Willow Designs is hosting a design seminar for anyone interested in gaining insight into critical aspects of design. The seminar, "Elements of Design: Lighting and Color" will be held may 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the South Shore Science Center. Tickets are $35. For more information call 781-659-0778.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Tab Benoit** on May 23. Admission $10. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Adam Ainslie** on May 23. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 24

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance May 24, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Blues Alley** on May 24. Admission $6. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Urban Renewal** on May 24. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St., E. Bridgewater all shows start 7 p.m. Illustrated Man with **Jeff Canon with Cousin Artie**$5. For more information call 508378-1584.

Ongoing Events

Braintree Art Association member **Lee Daily** will be displaying her paintings for the month of May at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is pleased to present The Colors of Nature, a collection of paintings by four south shore artists, in their Vine Hall Gallery, May 1 - 30. The artists include **June Angier, Therese Ann Cleaves, Barbara-Jean Guinzali, and Avis Breyan Pinkos**. Working mostly in oil, these artists celebrate nature in landscapes full of color, portraits of animals, vibrant still life pieces, and pastoral settings in a variety of seasons and moods. The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge. Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than a mile from the Route 3 interchange. For more information or directions, please call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Retroformation, an outdoor sculpture exhibition on the grounds of the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St,. Duxbury, features the work of 95 students from five area high school, Hanover H.S., Plymouth North H.S., Rockland H.S., Scituate H.S., and Weymouth H.S. The program is free. For information call 781-934-6634.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents local artist, Betty Burke's "A Splash of Color," an exhibit of acrylic works through May 26. For information call 781-545-6150.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Rita Walsh,** will exhibit her paintings for the month of May at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery presents **"Edges,"** featuring the watercolor paintings of South Shore Art Center artists **Mary Smith and Mary Lizotte** from May 1 through the end of June. The Staircase Gallery is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565, ext. 16.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

The Pembroke Public Library presents **Four Botanical Artists: A-Month-Long Exhibits of Beauty and Calm** featuring **Kay Kopper, Ruth Ann Wetherby-Frattasio, Anne Diaz** and **Peggy Daniels** exhibiting botanical watercolors in a group show.

The North River Arts Society presents **"That was Then...This is Now"** an exhibit of current work by some past Felida "Babe" Cusick scholarship winners May 5 to June 29 at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Artica Gallery presents **"Flowers and Foliage"** featuring photographer **Harold Feinstein.** The exhibit will run from May 4 through June 30. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot Street in Duxbury. Free admission. For more information call 781-934-0640.

The James Library and Center for the Arts will feature artist **Joan Brancale,** a plein air painter and scenic designer from Hingham in the James Gallery during the month of May. The exhibit will be on display from May 3 to 31. For more information call 781-659-7200.

An Exhibit of Art and Poems held at Borders Books, Cambridgeside Galleria, 100 Cambridgeside Place, Cambridge April 27 to May 30. For more information call 617-928-4548.

North Bennet Street School to present "An Education in Craftsmanship," an exhibition of new student work at the Boston Architectural Center at 320 Newbury St., Boston from May 1 to June 2..For more information visit www.nbss.org

South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition enti-

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The South Shore Art Center presents the works of Marshfield watercolor artist Maureen Brookfield on display through June 22 at the Landmark Building in Boston. Brookfield's work can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Landmark Building is located at 160 Federal Street. For more information on the show call the SSAC at (781) 383-2787.

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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents coffeehouse with The Hobohemians, Chris Pahud, Phil Kissinger and Chris Canney, open mike Friday, May 17 at 8 p.m. The South Shore Folk Music Club is located at the Beal House on Route 106 in Kingston. Admission is $4 for members/$5 non-members. For more information call 781-831-1052.

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Common changes looked at

Workshop is May 29

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Situated in the middle of town, the common is often perceived as the heart of Cohasset. It is also one of the most historic areas; its lineage can be traced back to the late 1600s.

While many residents think the common shouldn't be altered in any way — it has actually undergone many changes in its storied history.

The Cohasset Common Landscape Preservation Committee has been developing a new vision for the green. The architectural firm of Carr, Lynch/Denig, Hermann and Sandell, Inc., has been assisting the town in developing a community-supported plan for the common.

The firm hopes to coordinate its project with revitalization of the village to create less chaos due to construction.

"With the changes happening in the village this is a good opportunity to examine the adjacent space

COMMON CHANGES, PAGE 4

Ledge still an issue

Beach St. lawyers argue both sides

By Mary Ford
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It's complicated. But this is Cohasset where residents are either lawyers themselves or don't hesitate to hire them. And like other town boards, the Zoning Board of Appeals more often than not provides an arena for legal jousting.

The issue is a familiar one —"Lot 2" Beach Street — now owned by real estate developer David Walsh, who has drawn up plans for a home to be constructed on a lot overlooking Little Harbor in one of the toniest neighborhoods in town. But it's the access to the proposed house, which, if constructed, would have "mega" views, that is source of the legal wrangling.

The700-foot long driveway that

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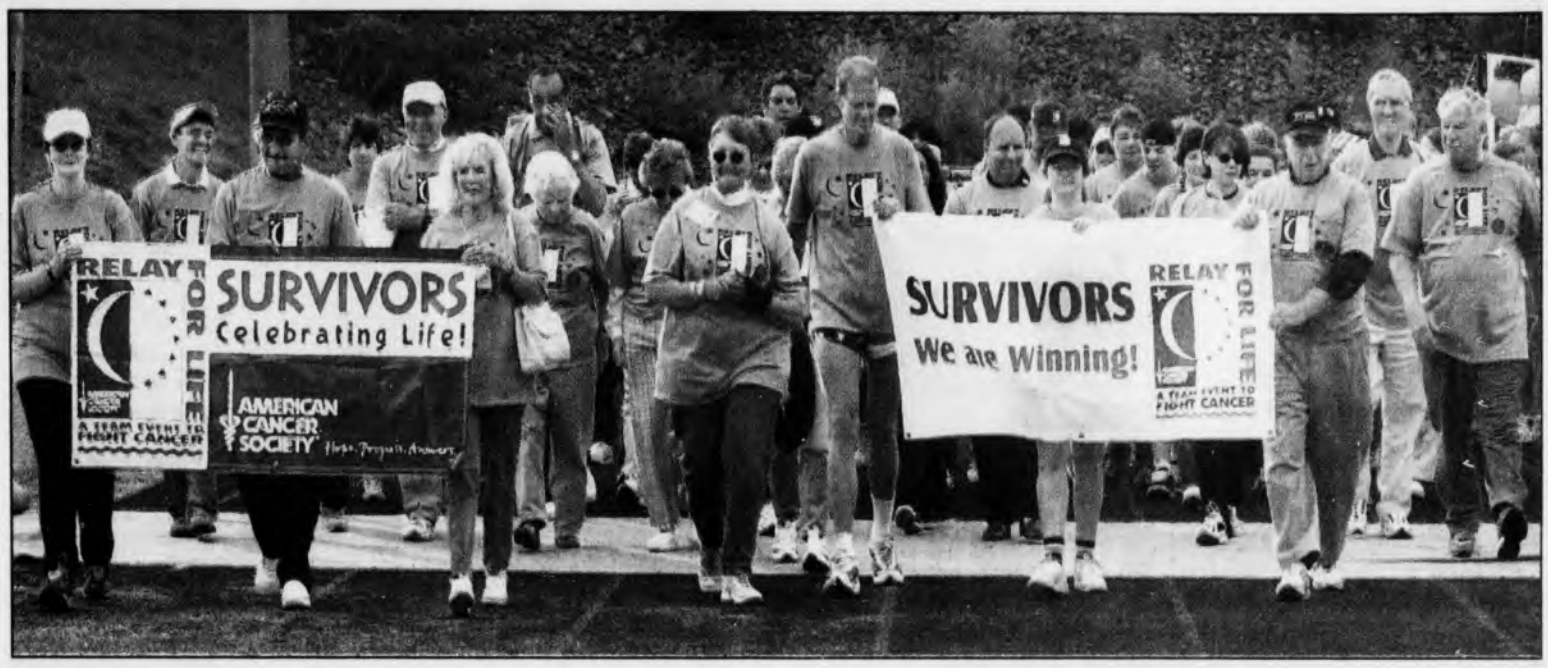

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Dozens of cancer survivors, above, walk around the track for the Survivors' Lap on Friday. At right, Coyle Shropshire fills luminaria bags with sand during Cohasset's Relay For Life.

Making strides against cancer

Relay raises $127K

By Evan Schiff
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It had the feel of a large concert. There were tents sprouting up everywhere, kids playing with soccer balls on the fields, and a band serenading attendees. This was no Woodstock but much like that historic concert — there were plenty of people attending with myriad stories to tell.

Insa Rooney of Hingham served as co-captain of the Glastenbury Abbey team, which boasted almost 50 walkers. She said she became involved with the relay after becoming friends with a co-worker who was diagnosed with cancer.

Rooney, like most at the event, had a positive attitude about the relay and saw it as an affirmation of spirit.

"This is a relay for life," she emphasized. "This is not a relay for cancer."

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life drew more than 700 people last week to Cohasset High School where participants walked around a track all night in an effort to raise awareness and money for the fight against cancer.

Ann Marie Goff, who co-captained Clark's Energizers a team in honor of the late Clark Chatterton, is in her second year of participation with the relay. Her team remembers Chatterton, who was the middle high school's athletic director for many years. In front of the team's tent, there was a lacrosse net adorned with various athletic equipment including a football, soccer ball, hockey stick and numerous jerseys from the school's teams.

"This is a relay for life. This is not a relay for cancer."
— Insa Rooney, team co-captain

Goff, who is also a cancer survivor, said she isn't participating for herself.

"I want to find a cure for my kids and their kids," she said. "I hope we can finally solve this disease."

Another personal story is that of Donna McGee who was on the Mighty McGee's, a team formed for her husband Jim who passed away 18 months ago.

Working in conjunction with Clark's Energizers and joined by her three children and three grandchildren, McGee feels this is a way to commemorate her husband.

"It's a memorial to him," she said. "It's a really nice way we can all get together and remember his life."

While most of the attention of the relay is turned towards the walkers, the volunteers also have stories to tell. Karen Burns, a cancer survivor who had a laryngectomy and now speaks through a mechanical device, worked in the survivor reception area.

Burns signed people up for the Survivors' Lap, a ceremonial first lap around the track walked solely by survivors, that would help them socialize and relax.

"I'm just glad to be here every year," she said. "I'm doing my part to help."

This is the third year of the event in town and more than $127,000 was raised for the cause. The funds will support the cancer society's programs of research, education, advocacy and services for local cancer patients and their families.

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CHS grad makes grade on TV's Survivor

Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien

By Evan Schiff
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There may have been a higher percentage of residents watching the finale of Survivor 4 last weekend than normal. This could be attributed to the fact that one of Cohasset High School's graduates made it to the last episode of the show.

Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien, who graduated high school in 1972, was one of the final three contestants on the show before getting voted off. After living on Tahiti's island of Nuku Hiva in the Marquesas Archipelago in the South Pacific for 38 days, Vavrick-O'Brien said she learned a lot.

"I'm going to change my life by going and asking people what their soul's all about or even just talking to them and making sure they're okay," Vavrick-O'Brien said in a statement on CBS's Web site. "It's the relationships and how you can improve on them that I'm taking away."

While she was understandably impressed with the beauty of the Marquesas and the history of the island, Vavrick-O'Brien said she was stunned by the teamwork on the island.

"What's totally uncanny is that 16 strangers hit this island and the first thing off the bat we're working as a team and we're successfully getting everything done," she said. "The attitude was just hard-working work ethics, and success was always at the pinnacle of everyone's mindset."

Vavrick-O'Brien transferred to Cohasset High School in 1971 and became a cheerleader in her two years in town. In her senior yearbook quotes, she lists "being content in a little house in San Francisco" as her ambition and her favorite expression as "ahhhh – neat." She was also part of the homecoming court in her senior year.

In a previous interview, Vavrick-O'Brien

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In step with tradition

By Mary Ford
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Come Monday, many Cohasset veterans will shake the dust off their old uniforms, breathe deeply as they fasten tired buttons over a little more girth around the middle than they had when they were younger, and don caps that represent the Navy, Air Force, Army, Marines, Merchant Marines or Coast Guard.

Some will practice a salute in the mirror before they head out the door, while others will pause as they pin on each medal and remember the day, the event, and the memories it conjures up.

As they assemble to march through the town cemeteries and down North and South Main streets and Elm Street to Veterans Memorial Park — to the cheers of the crowd and hundreds of children waving small American flags — these soldiers share in a bond that began with the very first Memorial Day nearly 135 years ago.

These Cohasset men and women, many of whom are getting on in years, share the pride of having served their country and the deep humility that only comes with having survived while others have not.

The traditional Memorial Day observances that have become legend in Cohasset continue Monday as they have for years. A band of soldiers will report to the George H. Mealy American Legion Post #118 on Summer Street at 7 a.m. for breakfast and camaraderie before marching to the Paul Pratt Library where they will board a bus to North Cohasset, the first stop in a long morning of remembrances. There they will visit the North Cohasset cemetery and memorial honor roll.

Then it's back on the bus to Woodside Cemetery where the soldiers will march to the new Gold Star Mothers memorial; from

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ZBA: No roadblocks needed for Graham Waste relocation

Zoning board expected to give green light

By Mary Ford
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How do you spell R-E-L-I-E-F?

When it comes to Graham Waste relocating across Route 3A — the answer could be N-O-N-E.

Although members of Zoning Board of Appeals won't vote on their decision until their June 3 meeting, they appear poised to rule the waste services company may not need any relief for construction within the water resources district.

But with the possibility of an appeal looming, board chairman Woody Chittick, who is writing the decision, is covering all bases. The draft decision discussed Monday includes conditions should an appeal result in the need for Graham Waste to have a special permit.

Chittick's judgment to draft a "catch-all" decision was likely prompted by concerns expressed by members of the local group SAFE that opposed expansion of Cohasset Heights Landfill, which is also owned by Paul Barry. Kevin O'Donnell and John McNabb, who is also a water commissioner, attended the public hearing on Graham Waste's application and expressed concern about the proposed facility being in the water resources district.

> **"I don't see any grounds on which they need relief."**
> — ZBA chairman Woody Chittick

Chittick said an opinion from Town Counsel stated Graham Waste, a construction-demolition debris company that supplies roll-off containers to work sites, is not a synonym for a solid waste facility that would be prohibited in the district.

Town Counsel said the proposed use does not come within the meaning of a solid-waste facility because it would not involve the "dumping, incineration, handling and/or transfer of solid waste."

"I don't see any grounds on which they need relief," Chittick said Monday.

Explaining further, Chittick said Graham Waste does not plan to store hazardous material, heating oil, have an on-site sewer, remove too many trees or too much vegetation or cover the area with more than 40 percent imperious matter — any of which would trigger the need for a special permit in the water resources district.

But Chittick included conditions just in case the courts alter the zoning board decision and a special permit is required. Chittick declined to provide the Mariner with a copy of the draft decision, opting to wait until the final decision is approved.

Graham Waste, which must relocate because its current site is being taken by eminent domain by the MBTA to make room for the Cohasset train station as part of the Greenbush restoration, plans to construct at 25,000-square-foot warehouse and 7,000-square-foot office off Crocker Lane. About 60 percent of the warehouse would lie in the water resources district.

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Getting the fever

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Shedding new light

One of the most dangerous intersections in Cohasset, the intersection of Beechwood and Route 3A, will be getting a facelift. Thanks to Rep Garret Bradley, D-Hingham, and Sen. Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth, a new lead/lag light fixture will be installed at the intersection. This will allow for a left-turn arrow for vehicles traveling north on 3A followed by a green signal in both directions, and then a left-turn arrow for those vehicles traveling south on 3A.

Bernard McCourt, the district highway director for MassHighway, said the operation will require the installation of new signal heads and wiring.

He said in a letter that he expects the work to be completed before the summer season.

Sticker time again

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. Beach and RTF permits for the fiscal year will be on sale starting June 3, during normal business hours at the Town Hall and at the DPW garage Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

An "all facilities" sticker will be $35 and for the second vehicle and for seniors is $20. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, as well as include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

Residents who do not utilize the RTF can purchase a beach sticker for $7 and the cost for a senior over 60 is $3. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at various locations throughout the town.

You're encouraged to purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

Water board officers

At its meeting held on Tuesday, April 30, the Board of Water Commissioners reorganized and elected the following officers: John K. McNabb as chairman; Robert E. Kasameyer as vice chairman and Glenn A. Pratt as clerk.

Meeting schedule

All meetings were posted at Town Hall as of May 20.

Government Island Study Committee, May 23, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, May 23, 7:30 p.m. at the high school library

School Building Committee, May 28, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, May 23, 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Zoning Board of Appeals, June 3, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

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Lease opens chapter for children's educational center

By Evan Schiff
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Can't make it to Russia this year? Have to put travel plans to Japan and Europe on hold for awhile? Don't worry, your children can still experience the wonders of these foreign lands without leaving the town's borders.

Our World, a children's global discovery museum, announced its signing of a lease with the town at the selectmen's meeting Tuesday. The museum will occupy a wing of the new library being built at the former Osgood School and will take up approximately 6,000 square feet. Adjacent to the museum will be a state-of-the-art playground, which museum founders are also trying to develop.

"This will be something the town can be proud of."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

"It has a global focus and our aim is bringing a sense of awareness to children that there's a big world out there," said Linda Shropshire a trustee on the board. "It will be focused on unity and love."

The lease with the town is for 10-years at $1 a year and specifies the use of the space for a children's museum.

"We have been working extremely diligently with the museum," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "This will be something the town can be proud of."

The mission of the center is to open a child's mind to the world and his or her place within it as well as promoting world unity through understanding the similarities in cultures. The museum, which is aimed at children ages two to six, also hopes to nurture an enthusiasm for learning.

"Our World will help children understand and appreciate the world around them," stated an information packet handed out at the selectmen's meeting. "It proclaims an attitude of tolerance and stimulates the ability to think of important questions while having fun."

The museum was developed with the help of Howard Gardner, a professor at Harvard, and his "multiple intelligences" theory that promotes using a variety of methods to enhance a child's learning experience. It emphasizes a range of important areas of knowledge including musical, mathematical, linguistic, and inter- and intra-personal relationships.

Shropshire said she hopes to work with area schools, including those in Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Scituate, Hanover, Duxbury, and Norwell to use the museum to supplement the schools' curriculum.

The process began at the annual Town Meeting in 2000 when voters authorized the town to issue the lease. The town will not be held accountable for any of the cost of the project and Our World will hire all of its own engineers.

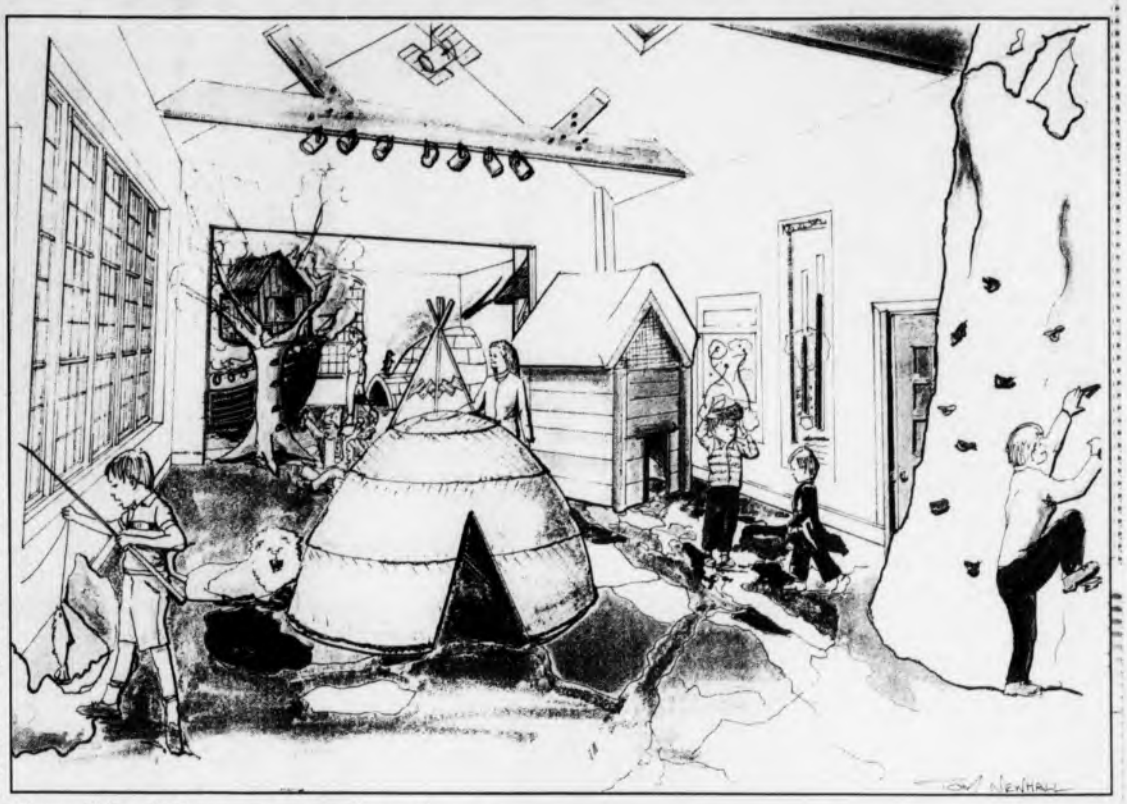
The museum is committed to raising $1 million to create Our World and already has about $300,000.

"We are right on target," Shropshire said.

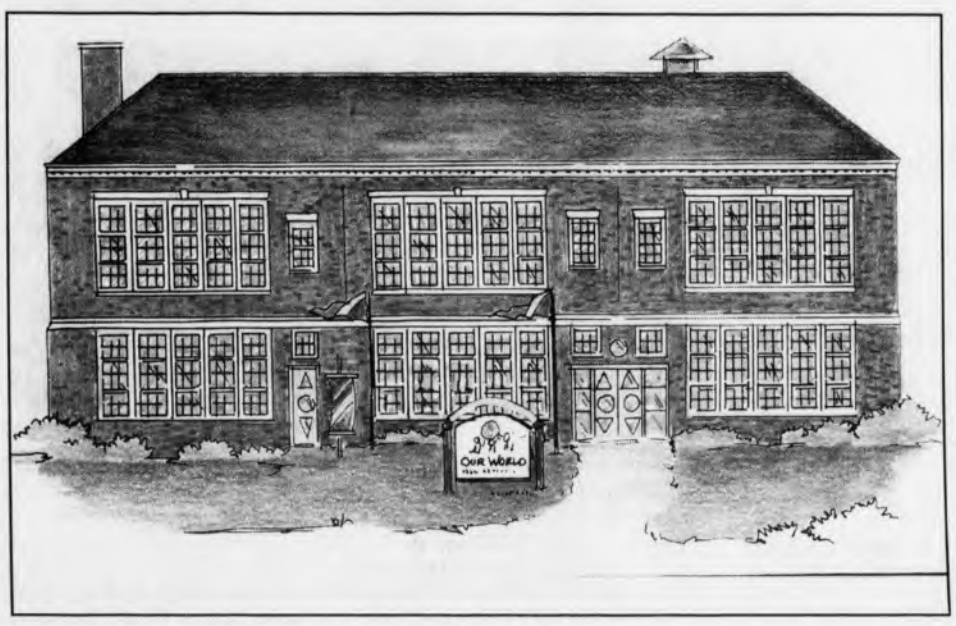
She added that the museum is actually ahead of schedule on fundraising and will now being to move forward on the design and construction phase of the project which includes shaping the programs, activities, and exhibits that will fill the building.

Shropshire said she hopes the museum will open at the same time the new library does, which is slated for the summer of 2003.

If any residents are interested in learning more about the project and the development of the children's playground adjacent to the building, there will be a kick-off meeting for Our World on Monday, June 3 beginning at 10 a.m. The meeting, which centers on the playground not the museum, will be outside at the home of Leah Taylor Roy at 45 Margin St. Museum trustees are seeking the public's input on the play area.



There will be a lot for youngsters to explore in the museum, as depicted in the above illustration.



An architect's rendering of the entrance of "Our World," a children's museum.

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Beach Street lawyers argue both sides

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would wind its up to the house lot would require removing about 4,500 tons of the most outstanding ledge outcroppings in the area.

So worried are abutters and other interested citizens about protecting ledge, which they say gives the town its character, that not once, but twice in the past nine months they have proposed a ledge bylaw at Town Meeting that would make it harder to remove prominent outcroppings in town. Although its efforts fell short, the group did win a commitment from the Community Preservation Committee, charged with making recommendations to spend funds under the Community Preservation Act, which the town adopted last year, for up to $600,000 to buy the lot in question and two others at the site. That effort did past muster at the March Town Meeting.

But even before the stage could be set for arguments over interpretation of the zoning bylaw on Monday night, two members of the Zoning Board — Barbara Power and Mark Dunne — recused themselves because they both live on Beach Street, leaving chairman Woody Chittick, and members Ben Lacy and Anson Whealler in the role of judge and jury.

On one side was attorney Richard Henderson, who is representing another Beach Street abutter Bruce Herzfelder, and on the other side, was the attorney for Walsh, Richard A. Nylen Jr.

Here's where it gets complex. Henderson, on behalf of Herzfelder, 133 Beach St., is appealing inaction by Building Inspector Robert Egan, who failed to respond to Henderson's letter, saying construction of the driveway on the premises would require zoning board approval. Henderson says zoning relief would be needed because the driveway construction would require the removal of more than 10 cubic yards of fill off the site — the maximum allowed under the bylaw. If any more ledge were to be removed, it would require a special permit. The plans, as presented to the Conservation Commission, are silent on the issue of where the ledge is going to go, Henderson said.

He stressed during hearings on the project before the Conservation Commission, it became apparent the developer would have to remove significant ledge from the site to construct the driveway to the proposed house.

But the part of the driveway within the 100-foot buffer zone that falls under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission is relatively small. And Walsh, the developer, has promised the removed fill from that part of the driveway will be crushed and remain on the property.

However, Henderson was undeterred.

"Look at these plans," Henderson said. "There is no evidence the ledge will actually remain on the premises."

He also pointed out if the ledge did remain, it would affect the topography of the site and ultimately the drainage.

Nylan, lawyer for the owner, pointed out the site's engineer has filed an affidavit stating unequivocally that any ledge removed from the part of the proposed driveway under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission would remain on the site. It's not clear if ledge removed for the rest of the driveway would be taken away.

He pointed out the building inspector is charged with the issuance or denial of building permits based on the conformity to the zoning bylaw. The zoning board's power is limited to appeals from actions — and not inaction — of the building inspector.

Chittick said if the material were kept on site then the applicant is "home free."

But the zoning board said it is impossible to appeal an action before it has taken place. Board members said if Walsh starts removing ledge then the building inspector would issue a "Cease & Desist" action stopping the removal in its tracks.

Indicative of the seriousness that Walsh is taking the process, he hired a court reporter to record Monday's public hearing.

There were some uncomfortable moments at the start of the hearing when it wasn't clear if the court reporter could get her recorder to work. Chittick, the chairman, wanted to get underway, but Walsh asked for patience until the kinks could be worked out. At one point, Walsh asked the board not to be rude.

That remark prompted Whealler to comment sarcastically the board didn't need a lesson on proper manners.

Whealler also seemed cynical about how the project would work if the entire amount of ledge removed for the driveway remained on site.

"Is it not too much to ask to see how this miracle is going to happen?" he asked.

Henderson also argued that if the removed ledge changed the topography changed at the site, then the wetlands could be affected.

However, when the Conservation Commission approved in February a variance with conditions that could pave the way for the driveway — the commission said if zoning relief were required, the applicant would have to file for a new Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission.

The Zoning Board closed the public hearing on Henderson's appeal and took the matter under advisement.

Common changes looked at

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and coordinate any changes," said Town Planner Elizabeth Harrington.

After holding a public workshop on the project and developing some thoughts on the project, it presented its initial plans to the selectmen Tuesday night.

The firm understands the plans are not complete and will hold another public design workshop on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m. to further gather community input.

Some of the ideas floated before the selectmen were aimed at bringing the common back to its original state. This would include planting more trees on the edge, opening up the middle to create more of a sprawling feel and reconfiguring the roads that border the common.

Some of the specific recommendations include aligning Jason Road with Depot Court which would not only better traffic flow in the area but would create a larger buffer for the duck pond.

Another idea is to eliminate the turnabout in front of Town Hall and square it off, which would create more green area and additional parking space. This would not only increase parking efficiency but would allow for a larger grassy area in front of Town Hall.

There were also some ideas for the duck pond. Originally a glacial pool, the pond has become the focus of the common. The architectural firm thought creating a stone-seat wall around the pond as well as increasing the roadway buffer would enhance the area.

Selectmen were warm to most of the ideas presented but still had many questions, most of which concerned cost.

"The concepts look great but it's hard to discuss them without having the financial figures in front of us," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan.

During the one-hour presentation, Nancy Denig outlined this history of the common.

In the 1700s, when she described the common as a plain — the area had a few scattered residences on what is now North Main Street but was primarily used as a place for cattle to graze.

During the early 1800s the common saw more structures including the meetinghouse, which is now the Second Congregational Church. During this era Highland Avenue was also established along with a few cow paths that cut from Highland Avenue to Main Street.

In the latter half of the 19th century, there was development on the south end of the common along with a flag pole placed in the area.

In the early 1900s the common experienced significant change including the installation of electric and phone wires in the area, and the construction of Town Hall. The pond also experienced its first makeover when it was paved during these years.

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CMHS students get lesson on diversity

Photography exhibit displayed in library

By Evan Schiff
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Recent tragedies have impressed upon many the importance of tolerance.

From school shootings, to terrorist attacks, to the crisis in the Middle East — many agree that most of these conflicts could be avoided with teaching and understanding at an early age.

Developing a student body, which accepts and is tolerant of all types of people, is something the school administration strives for. To that end, the high school recently hosted a photography exhibit called "A Shared Heart" — portraits of people who are gay, lesbian, or transgender.

The exhibit, which was co-sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee, was displayed in the high school library from May 13 - 17.

Chartis Tebbetts, a member of the School Committee, said the 38 photographs taken by Adam Mastoon serve the purpose of telling the story of the lives of young people, who grew up differently than most. The photos are accompanied with a statement by the subject which tends to be positive and life-affirming but, some detail the struggles one can face as a minority. The common thread among the pictures is how to accept one's sexuality.

"It's important our students learn about all different kinds of diversity," said Tebbetts also a member of the Diversity Committee. "Sexual orientation is a hidden difference and we want to bring it to the forefront."

Dr. Mike Gill, the health education coordinator for the school system, said and creating a comfortable learning environment is of paramount importance for all children, regardless of their sexual orientation.

"We want to help the kids realize that diversity is important," Gill said. "This was just an attempt to further those ideas."

Susan Etkind, chairman of the Diversity Committee which has been around since 1995, said the exhibit worked because the subjects in the pictures looked like any teen one would find in Cohasset High School halls.

"The school has been looking at a way to acknowledge that there is a gay presence at the school for some time," Etkind said. "This (exhibit) is something we are very excited about."

Gill said he has more diversity activities planned including a film program which was initiated by the Diversity Committee. The seventh-grade students will see "Not in Our Town", which is about a town in Montana that comes together in support of its populations experiencing prejudice and hate crimes. The eighth grade will see a movie called "A Place at the Table" about teenagers, who talk informally of their different ethnicity and cultural backgrounds. The two grades are also taking classes on diversity issues this week.

"The overall goal is for every kid to feel safe and secure while at school," Tebbetts said. "We have an opportunity to teach them respect and values and will take advantage of that."

She added this is part of the Diversity Committee's goals to instill programs in the school all year long.

"We're not just dealing with sexual diversity," she said. "We're trying to establish tolerance for racial, ethnic, religious and all kinds of differences."

Etkind said there will also be a storyteller coming to the high school to speak about the Holocaust. Jennifer Justice, a Unitarian minister, will share stories of teenagers of the Holocaust at the high school on June 5 at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

CHS grad on TV's Survivor

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said she fondly remembered her days in Cohasset. She said she most vividly remembers going to the beach, sailing out of the harbor, pool hopping at night and attending shows at the Music Circus.

"I'm so proud of being from Cohasset," she said. "I miss it."

According to CBS's Web site, Vavrick-O'Brien currently works as a real estate agent in her hometown of Burlington, Vt. Before that she was self-employed and ran a small art products store and an event planning business. In 1998, she biked across the United States for the American Lung Association in memory of her father. She is divorced and has one son who had a cameo on the show.

Vavrick-O'Brien was one of 16 people selected out of 50,000 to compete for the $1 million prize.

'Lest we forget...

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there they go to Beechwood Cemetery and then to the Music Circus at 10:30 a.m. where the parade assembles.

Post Commander Steve Wigmore said there are three bands this year, including the Rusty Skippers and middle-high school band. The parade, which also includes Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, marches on to Central Cemetery at Joy Place, the World War I Honor Roll on the Common, the POW/MIA memorial at Depot Court and finally to Veterans Memorial Park in the harbor.

As the soldiers head down Elm Street and reach the bend just before Kimball's, emotions build. The 50 state flags and six service flags, along with the American flag, will be flying high in the wind around the Veterans Park. The grass is so green there and the harbor will be glistening in the background. The crowd also thickens as dozens cheer and applaud the veterans passing by.

At Veterans Park patriotic music will play. Ted Macklin a former Navy Seal will give the keynote speech, and the poem "In Flanders Fields" will be read, once again.

There will be references to Sept. 11, the nation's war on terrorism and to the thousands of new American soldiers in far away places, such as Afghanistan, Kosovo and Bosnia. The night before, for the first time local veterans serving one-hour shifts kept a continuous vigil from dusk to dawn at Veterans Park to honor all soldiers past and present.

Reacting to the speeches, music and setting some soldiers will wipe away tears, while others stare into the distance. Youngsters will gather around on their bicycles – and in awe of the proceedings, some will also salute. Grownups will put their hands over their hearts.

As the observances come to an end, many will make their way up Border Street to Government Island for free soft drinks, hot dogs and hamburgers, courtesy of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation.

Cohasset veterans will visit at the legion post and share old stories.

Later, when they put their uniforms back into the closet for another year, they will be comfortable with the knowledge their town hasn't forgotten what it all means.

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In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
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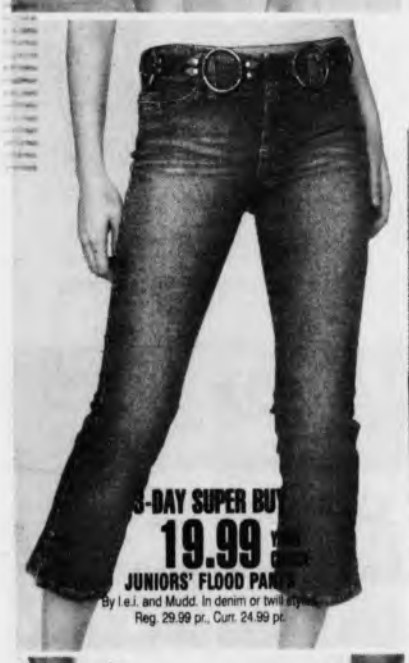

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Cohasset's Elizabeth Rankin receives top Girl Scout award!

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SAINT MICHAEL'S GRAD

Hannah Beggan, daughter of **Robert and Carol Beggan** of Cohasset, earned a bachelor of arts degree in English literature from Saint Michael's College. Hannah is also a Cohasset High School graduate. Saint Michael's is a liberal arts, residential Catholic college near Burlington, Vt. Well done, Hannah!

PRIME TIME SURVIVOR

What does everyone think about **Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien**, the third-place finisher in the show, "Survivor"? She went right to the top and I think that if the luck of the draw didn't keep her out of the top two, she would have been the winner. Wouldn't it be great if she were to come to town for a visit? Her fond memories of Cohasset were so great to hear and I know that she would be happy to see how the town is doing. We will see....

BRYANT GRADUATES

The Bryant College commencement on May 19 included three Cohasset residents. **Lauren Dooley** and **Kathryn L. Whitehouse** were both awarded bachelor of science degrees in business administration with a concentration in management and **Matthew I. O'Connor** was awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. Lauren graduated cum laude. Bryant College is in Smithfield, R.I. Congratulations all!

DEER HILL PSO TO MEET

The Deer Hill PSO would like to invite all parents of current third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students to the first PSO meeting of their school with the new presidents, **Alison Moskow** and **Lisa Pratt**. This meeting will take place on June 4 in the Deer Hill Cafeteria and is a wonderful way for all parents to come and meet the new slate of officers for the 2002-2003 school year, get involved and have a great time with so many! For more information, call **Lisa Pratt** at 781-383-1393 or **Alison Moskow** at 781-383-9242.

SWIM SIGNUPS!

Don't forget to get your Cohasset Swim Center registration in by Friday, May 24 if you want to register for swimming lessons.

REMEMBERING CLARK

The members of the **Clark Chatterton** Memorial Fund Committee would like to thank all the residents of Cohasset who have contributed to the memorial fund established in Clark's memory.

One project the Committee has undertaken (with the assistance of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club) will be the installation of a new basketball court in the playground behind the renovated Deer Hill School — it is anticipated that it will be completed prior to this fall.

The fund also contributed to the new discus cage on Alumni Field and there will be a Life Fitness Cross Trainer exercise machine donated in his name to the new fitness center at the Cohasset Middle High School. We are hopeful that this new piece of equipment will be available for use when school opens in September.

Finally, the Committee invites all runners and walkers, young and old, to participate in the first annual "Clark's Fund Run" which is scheduled for: Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m. The "Run/Walk" is a 3.5 mile race that begins and ends at the South Shore Music Circus. The registration fee (postmarked by June 1) is $12 and applications may be picked up at Good Sport or at the Cohasset Middle High School. Any questions should be directed to: **Debbie Beal**, Physical Education Teacher, Cohasset Middle High School. Late registrations (postmarked after June 1) are $15.

Any individuals or companies that would be interested in being a sponsor for this event should also contact **Debbie** at 781-383-6103.

TOP GIRL SCOUTS

Cohasset Girl Scouts were honored at the recent Patriot's Trail Scout Council annual meeting. **Elizabeth Rankin** received the prestigious Gold Award, the highest award that a Girl Scout can earn and honors scouts who demonstrates an exceptional commitment to their communities and an outstanding dedication to achievement. To earn it, a girl must complete recognitions which will help her explore careers, develop leadership potential, learn new skills, challenge her to give something of herself and make an impact on her community. She must then design and carry out a Girls Scout project. Elizabeth created a training video on how to do water testing. This video is used to train volunteers in testing procedures. The video provides a way for new volunteers to perfect their testing skills to render accurate findings that can be used by professionals and provides a long-lasting procedure that won't be modified as it passes through generations of volunteers. Also honored were graduating seniors, **Brittany Carroll**, **Kerry Long** and **Jessica Stevermer**.

Elizabeth Rankin received the prestigious Gold Award, the highest award that a Girl Scout can earn.

I know that many of us, myself included were very busy this past weekend with the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life walk held here in Cohasset. This was the first year that I was a team captain and I was so impressed by this event from beginning to end.

We have had several friends and family members affected by cancer and our team was in memory of two very special people who lost their battles with cancer and in honor of a very dear friend who is currently battling this dreaded disease. We also had several members of our team who are survivors themselves or have a family member dealing with cancer now.

From beginning to end, this event was done so beautifully and the constant stream of people coming to set up the sites, walk at their scheduled time and support the efforts to raise money was amazing. The opening ceremonies and survivors' lap was a true dedication to the folks who have fought and won. It also made us all think about the friends and family going through treatments right now and hope that next year, they will be walking alongside of all the survivors.

The Luminaria Ceremony held in darkness with the candles lit along the track was so emotional for everyone. It was a true time to walk in silence with your family, friends and strangers and come together in thoughts and prayers. It allowed for memories, hope and emotions to run through one's head without any interruptions whatsoever. For me, it was something I will never forget and it was definitely a walk worth remembering. As the night went on and the rain started slowly and then grew along with the wind, one thing never stopped and that was the string of constant walkers.

My team, "Team 1-4-3" walked for a few more hours before we finally decided at around 3:45 a.m. or so, to lie down for an hour because we were getting(or already got,) quite tired and wet and also because a man made it quite clear that we were a bit too loud for that time of the night. We are so sorry for that, emotions and giddiness took over. Imagine my surprise when I peeked out of our tent at 5:05 a.m. to see people walking, our team members included and more people filtering in with rain gear, umbrellas and smiles! That was all we needed to get us going again and we walked on.

When I was asked why we were still walking, I think my answer was probably the answer of many. No matter how cold or wet we were, no matter how blue my lips were at the time or how uncomfortable our wet, soggy shoes felt, it was nothing in comparison to what people go through when battling Cancer. The emotions, physical pain and day-to-day living that they go through must be so excruciating that the little bit of discomfort we were feeling was nothing. When the event was over and we were able to go home and warm up, the feeling of knowing that all of us involved, whether it was on a team, as a donator, as a behind-the-scenes person or as a walker, worked together and made a difference in the battle to raise enough funds to find a cure was a great feeling.

I know that our team, Team 1-4-3 will be back year after year to participate in such a worthy event. My hats go off to all of the participants and team members, you are all awesome! I also want to commend the walkers in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-day walk that was also held this past weekend. They had to deal with weather stronger and colder than ours and even had snow and sleet! Fantastic job to all who worked so hard!

That is all for this week. Please make sure to get me all your news and information no later than Mondays at noon.

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Audition for 'Twelfth Night'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for "Twelfth Night" May 27 and 28 at 6pm at the Cohasset Town Hall. For more information call Melissa Paradice 781-640-7447. If auditioning for Feste please be prepared to sing a short song a capella.

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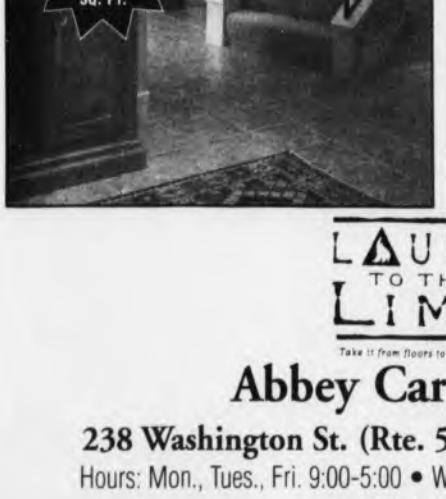

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Former resident features town in his second novel

By Evan Schiff
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Turning the pages one may feel as if they're reading the Narrative History of Cohasset. The protagonist lives on Doane Street and some of the landmarks of Cohasset and Hingham serve as the setting for the book's action. But this is not the non-fiction recollection of the last 50 years in town.

Bob Maki, who lived in Cohasset for 28 years, has penned his second novel titled "The Sea's Lament".

The book follows 1,000 years beginning in the Viking era and continues to bring the reader into the 20th century and the building of submarines, and focuses on the Quincy Naval Yards.

The first part of the book follows a Swedish boat builder and his adventures on the Norway coast where Vikings capture him and his wife.

The second part of the book deals takes the protagonist through a web of espionage and sabotage on undersea vessels.

The sinking of the submarine Thresher in 1963 inspired Maki to research past naval disasters which led him to the age of the Vikings. He said he did months of research of the history of the Vikings and their ships.

Maki, who lives in Gardner after leaving Cohasset about five-years ago, also drew on his knowledge from his work in the shipping industry while writing his book.

He worked in the Navy for 11 years as an architect and designed the deckhouse of the USS Skylark, the submarine rescue boat chronicled in the second half of the book. He then worked six years at the Boston Navy Yard and another six as the chief structural engineer at Fore River Bethlehem Steel Company.

In his work with the Navy, Maki had the responsibility for the instructional integrity for everything that was built.

"It was the most interesting time of my life," Maki said.

He also worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a 23-year period during which he held supervisory engineering positions culminating as a Division Chief.

However, throughout all of his travels Maki credits Cohasset with much of the inspiration for the book.

"Cohasset had quite influence on the book. This town is in a wonderful area."

— Bob Maki, author

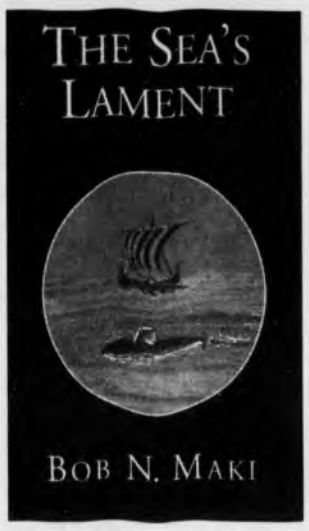
While living in town for almost three decades, Maki served on the Conservation Commission and his two children went through the Cohasset school system. He served as a commissioner for two years in which he dealt with a spectrum of problems relating to coastal and inland wetlands.

"Cohasset had quite influence on the book," he said. "This town is in a wonderful area."

Maki did some technical writing in his career but only recently discovered fiction. He wrote his first book "Briefcase", in 1996 and his current novel was published last year.

"The book is interesting and exciting," he said. "It has all the elements a book should have and has a broad range of appeal."

While Maki prides himself that his readers say they can't put down his book once they pick it up, he has had trouble marketing his novel. He described the publishing world as one of the toughest he's ever been involved with.



Bob Maki's new novel is about two proud shipbuilders separated by a millenium.

"I've had a horrendous time getting the word out," he said. "If I ever had to make my living as an author it would be impossible."

He is currently working with the Internet company Xlibris, which only will publish his work and not market it, so Maki is left to do all the editing and promoting himself.

"There's been a good deal of frustration," he said. "I've spent year after year writing to publishing companies."

"The Sea's Lament" is available at Xlibris: www.xlibris.com/bookstore; by calling 888-795-4274 ext. 276 or Amazon.com; Borders.com; Barnesandnoble.com.

Buttonwood hosts coffee with authors

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Karin Gorman by the sign she painted about the helpful program she is offering.

Program seeks to MAKE a difference

By helping single mothers cope

By Evan Schiff
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Usually it's hard to find someone willing to donate time, money and energy towards a program. Finding volunteers can often prove very difficult.

However, that's not the case with Mothers And Kids Evolving (MAKE).

The program, which pledges help for single mothers and their children whether it be fixing a light bulb or babysitting, is the brainchild of Karin Gorman, the owner of Reflections Antiques on Jerusalem Road in Cohasset.

The program boasts enough support to offer legal help, financial support, and various other services to mothers and their children.

Gorman said she has talked with many who are willing to donate time to her program, and is looking for single mothers to help.

For example, Gorman is currently making bumper stickers that say MAKE a Difference, and after telling the company what the program was about, received a 20 percent discount.

"I have a group of people ready to help someone," she said. "I'm just waiting for people to come to me and tell me they know someone who needs our help."

While it's easy to sympathize with any person experiencing the hurt associated with a divorce, Gorman has first-hand knowledge. Two years ago Gorman discovered her husband was having an affair and knows the pain and depression a divorce can bring.

She was devastated. She said there were moments of helplessness that were frightening.

"I had a year of turmoil that really sent me to the ends of the earth," she said. "But I learned more in that one year about people and how they deal with relationships then I ever had before."

She admitted that when she got walked out on her sense of self worth was gone.

"I used to believe in marriage," she said. "But now I doubt it."

She felt herself occasionally leaving dirty dishes in the sink and discovered other subtle signs that she was upset.

But her pain was compounded when she met a person whose life was in the same type of upheaval. She felt the woman didn't realize how low she had let her life fallen.

"Her life was so saddened," she said. "She had given up."

Gorman said she could relate to the hurt, divorced woman.

"I saw a woman falling apart," she recalled. "I said I'm going to make a difference."

Gorman went over to her new friend's house and painted her walls, and did various household chores to help brighten her spirits.

"She couldn't believe that someone would make that effort," she said.

After thinking about the day, Gorman how much she would have appreciated that kind of support when going through her painful times.

That's what inspired MAKE.

Her vision for the group is a small organization that focuses on one woman at a time. She said she would hope to help 12 women a year.

"We want to try and alleviate their pain," she said. "We can be a shoulder they lean on."

Gorman said MAKE would be a way to not only help mothers land on their feet, but would also focus on the children.

She said while the legal system can provide child support for a family, which is not always paid on time, it fails to provide a moral foundation for the children.

"We sometimes forget that the kids are most important," Gorman said. "They should be watching people around them who are strong and not falling apart."

If you are interested in either supporting MAKE or referring a family to the program, you can reach Gorman at Reflections Antiques at 781-383-6465.

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Party for 80s & 90s crowd

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Clockwise from top left: Seniors hold hands for a spiritual song by the Island Grove Chorus at the CEA 80s and 90s party.

CEA director Kathy Bryanton chats with lifelong resident Christine Curley.

Eileen Suddeth serves John Coe a delicious pasta dish.

Island Grove chorus members Barbara Dillon and Kathleen Antonelli entertain party-goers.

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Seniors offered 'RUOK' program

By Evan Schiff
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Sometimes something as simple as a telephone call can ensure the safety of those in town, especially senior citizens. By assuring that a senior is healthy enough to answer the phone offers a sense of security to their loved ones.

The "Are You OK?" program, sponsored by the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office out of Braintree, is set up to ensure the safety of isolated individuals. It is a voluntary sign-up computer/telephone reassurance system that checks the well-being of senior citizens or people with restrictions.

The program is run in about 23 of the county's 28 towns and recently came to Cohasset. There will be an information session on Friday, May 24 to discuss the benefits of the program and offer applications to those who are interested.

Kathy Bryanton, director of the Council of Elder Affairs in town, said if friends or relatives are concerned about a senior being alone this offers a way to make sure they are safe.

"I absolutely believe people benefit from this program," she said. "It's been proven to be effective."

The "Are You OK?" safety program is run from a computer in Braintree which is constantly monitored. The computer makes calls to the almost 200 people in Norfolk County seven days a week, 365 days a year, on the hour starting at 6 a.m. and continuing until noon.

If no one picks up the phone the computer will call back five minutes later and if there is still no answer the local police department will be notified to send over a cruiser. If the line is busy, the computer will call back up to three times in 15 minutes.

"I absolutely believe people benefit from this program."
— Kathy Bryanton, CEA director

Cheryl Bambery, the deputy sheriff who monitors the computer, said the program has already been responsible for 15 "saves" since it began in April. A save is when a senior doesn't answer the phone because of an illness or injury and is discovered by local safety officials in time to rescue them.

"We never take anything for granted," she said. "We're just trying to make sure seniors are able to get help if they need it."

Bambery, whose voice seniors hear on the 24-second phone call, said the program has been a success but hopes more people will become involved.

"We started with 20 people and now have 10 times that," she said. "But we could accommodate a lot more."

Bambery added many seniors often just want to talk with someone. She said sometimes they won't answer the phone and when she calls them back, they're happy for human contact.

"They can be lonely," she said. "In many cases they've outlived all of their friends and relatives."

Carol Barrett, the outreach coordinator for CEA, said she had looked at installing a similar program just for the town but the equipment was too expensive. When the county initiated it, she jumped on the opportunity.

"It's wonderful if someone is homebound," she said.

The program is funded by the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office and does not cost residents or participants anything. The only requirement is to have a phone and to be willing to fill out a waiver prior to starting the program.

Along with extolling the virtues of "Are You OK?" the breakfast reception this Friday will also address two other programs the CEA is championing. One is called "File of Life" and it encourages older residents to have a small file attached to their refrigerator that includes their medical history.

"That way if there was an emergency the paramedics would have quick, easy access to the information they need," Bryanton said.

The other program is called "Beacon" and offers a flashing bulb to citizens so police or fire vehicles can more quickly locate a home in case of an emergency.

House budget restores money for elder programs

By Evan Schiff
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For the first time in a long time, there is some good news coming from Beacon Hill concerning the budget. The version the House recently approved included an appropriation of $8.5 million to elder services that was not originally in the budget.

Ed Flynn, director of South Shore Elder Services, said his organization was experiencing some bleak times in recent months but is starting to recover.

"It's like night and day from January to now," he said. "We went through a tough time but are turning it around now."

Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, attended the selectmen's meeting on Tuesday to discuss budgetary issues concerning elder affairs. He concurred with Flynn and said the future is looking brighter.

"We were able to put a lot more money in the program," he said. "The Council on Elder Affairs in town is doing such a great job and now should be able to continue to offer great programs."

The CEA and South Shore Elder Services are looking for more money to expand, and create more programs.

"The Council on Elder Affairs in town is doing such a great job and now should be able to continue to offer great programs."
— State Rep. Garrett Bradley

One of its current focuses is on the Community Choices program which tries to provide elders with the option of staying at home rather than being put in a nursing home. It is currently looking at 450 are seniors who are in imminent danger of being sent to nursing homes.

"We want to keep people comfortable as long as possible," Flynn said. "It's beneficial for everyone for seniors to stay at home."

Other programs, including "Are You OK?" (see related story), "File of Life', and "Beacon", will receive extra funding.

Kathy Bryanton, director of CEA in town, said the money comes at a necessary time. She said the organization in town needs more part and full-time help as well as new vans for transporting seniors to and from medical visits. Even if the group is unable to find the manpower to support the programs, Bryanton said it will still continue.

"It's always been the philosophy of Cohasset to provide as much service to our seniors through volunteerism as possible," she said. "That's what we aim to do."

Carol Barrett, outreach coordinator for CEA, said any extra money will help.

"Anything we can get to help defray our costs will be very appreciated," she said.

Bellotti breakfast

Norfolk County Sheriff, Michael Bellotti will celebrate the first anniversary of "Are You OK?" the telephone reassurance program for seniors with an "open breakfast forum" prepared by Anna's Gourmet Club on Friday May 24 at 9 a.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center, South Main and Summer Streets.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

A Memorial Day reflection

One year ago, we were a nation at peace, but not now. A short year ago, Blue Star Service Banners were lost in the memories of a half-century ago, but not now.

On Memorial Day 2002, I see more and more Blue Star Service Banners in front windows of houses and businesses across America. A banner reminds us that a loved one from that family is serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, fighting terrorism in Operation Enduring Freedom and providing homeland defense. Unfortunately, Gold Star Banners are replacing some of the blue.

Today's men and women sent into harm's way differ little from the doughboys who fought in the trenches of France, the GIs who stormed the beaches at Normandy or the troops who bought inches of land with blood at Korea's Chosin Reservoir.

Indeed, they are no different than the millions of men and women who have answered the clarion call throughout American history. As did those before them, today's men and women whom we honor did their duty. Regrettably, we must now add 3,000 more names to the list of our honored dead.

Some of the honored dead were in the Armed Forces, but some were not. Each was on the frontlines of the terrorist assault on America. All lost their lives Sept. 11 or the days following. It is fitting that, as we remember the military men and women who died in service to America, we also — just this once — remember as well the first casualties of the War on Terrorism. They are also American heroes who died in the line of duty. They gave their all in service to their country as surely as if they had been on the frontlines of Afghanistan.

Again, young Americans, wearing the uniforms of our armed forces, are fighting in a war without borders and without clearly identified combatants. Some of them have given the supreme sacrifice for our nation. We are thankful that we are a nation that does not forget…that we are a people who remember and honor the memory of those who died fighting the enemies of the United States — wherever and whenever they threaten.

On this Memorial Day I ask all citizens of this great land to remember the sacrifice of more than one million Americans whose memory we honor today.

— Richard J. Santos

Richard J. Santos of Greenbelt, Md., is the national commander of the American Legion. He represents 2.8 million wartime veterans.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Points about youth sports are disputed

TO THE EDITOR:

It is unclear to me the point of the letter "Big Message, low turnout". Mr. Bell's letter is all over the map with complaints about volunteers, civil engineering, legal documents, Cohasset Youth Sports and presumably youth sports everywhere. The letter does include the minor concession that "the system isn't all bad", however, the overall message of the letter seems to be that desperate improvements are required and the tone implies an axe to grind.

Everyone can always agree that there is room for improvement. However, with two children participating in Cohasset Youth Sports my family's experiences are overwhelmingly positive and my impression is that the system is excellent. Contrary to what Mr. Bell says my children's experiences in youth sports included plenty of "fun" as well as every other emotion, including disappointment. It is after all, sports.

Finally, the "facts" in the letter are hilarious. Who would have thought that tripling the number of fields would triple the number of injuries? Moreover, the 70 percent dropout rate statistic gives as an indication of the creditability of the other points that are made in the letter. It is a meaningless and phony statistic. I would argue that 70 percent of children drop out of whatever they have been doing prior to age 13, not just sports. What is the continuing participation rate for bicycle riding or the Boy Scouts?

Stephen M Oronte
Bound Brook Lane

Hamster houses

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a thank you to the recyclying transfer facility people who have helped me out with my new hamster, Carmel. I have been saving my allowance to buy a hamster for a while. When I told Larry at the dump, he said that he will look for a cage at the boutique for me so that I wouldn't have to spend my money on a new cage. He not only found me a cage but it also had all the supplies I needed to get started. After a few weeks of enjoying Carmel, I noticed she was sleeping a lot. In a day or two, I checked on Carmel, only to find 12 new pink hairless babies cuddling with their mommy.

Well, we eventually needed to get a new cage because my sister, Brigette, wanted to keep a baby. On our way to "Show and Tell" with the 13 hamsters, Carmel, Bill, Amy Snowball, Pearl...., we stopped at the dump to introduce them to Larry and explain our situation. We would like him to be on the lookout for another cage because Brigette wanted to keep Pearl. Brigette's not good about saving her allowance, and didn't have any money for a cage (she's only five).

Larry greeted us and happily said he would be on the lookout. Sure enough, he found Brigette a cage and presented it to her just in time. Now Pearl has a new home. We are grateful for the guys who work so hard at the transfer facility. They are always cheerful and helpful. We love the boutique and come home with treasures after every visit.

Thanks you!!

Michelle (8) and Brigette (5) Berube

Kitchen tour supporters thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

The South Shore Community Center's Sixth Annual Kitchen Tour was a huge success. The five fantastic kitchens plus samplings from each of the caterers were out of this world. A "Special Thanks" to the DeSisto, Scafuri, Deligiannides, Livingstone, and Carpenter families for opening their wonderful homes for us. We would like to thank the following caterers who contributed this year:

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We would also like to thank the following for their assistance on the homes' designs.

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The Center would like to thank the Chairman, coordinators and the many volunteers who helped to make this event possible including:
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Stephanie Church
Program Director

Wrong focus on makeup issue

TO THE EDITOR:

Your May 16 editorial "Girls will be girls," continues to focus the debate on outward appearance as the independent variable responsible for a disrupted learning environment. In the final analysis, whether the feature is form (fashion) or function (to conform or to differentiate), it's not about our differences; it's about respect. Children, even more importantly adults, whether in classrooms, crowded highways, issue-divisive meetings, or sporting events will be more positively affected by observing, acknowledging, and reinforcing mutual respect in all our interactions.

As former Secretary General and Nobel Peace prize winner U Thant stated, "Every human being, of whatever origin, of whatever station, deserves respect. We must each respect others even as we respect ourselves," Or, as Aretha put it, "What you want — baby I got it — What you need — you know I got it — all I'm asking is for a little respect." Either way, let's try to focus less on façade and more on foundation.

Dan Walsh
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Pining for those college summers

TWENTY SOMETHING

EVAN SCHIFF

I used to look forward to this time of year from the day classes began in September.

It was always a period that demanded concentration on one thing — having fun.

Throughout my life summer has been a time to explore and reflect, have new adventures and visit far off lands.

That won't be happening this year.

This year I'll be doing the same thing I've been doing for the last eight-months, researching, interviewing and writing stories. This is in stark contrast to my exploits of previous summers.

I've gone on an outdoor adventure in the Pacific Northwest where I learned the ropes of hiking, white-water rafting and climbing. The following summer I joined another expedition, this time to Alaska, where I honed those skills and added sea kayaking and canoeing to my list of outdoor accomplishments.

After that, I was a counselor at a summer camp for two years, and then trekked cross-country and did a stint in San Diego, where surfing became my life. Then, to cap it all off, I spent almost two months backpacking around Europe learning about various countries, their people, and myself.

I understand I'm more fortunate than most to have had the opportunity to travel to so many places. The incredible adventures, which I've had, account for a different kind of education — one that can't be obtained at any institution of higher learning. I was lucky to meet people from all over the world and experience different cultures.

However, this summer marks the first time I'll be working in a professional environment. I won't be in any exotic locales, I'll be in the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square.

There will be no encounters with black bears, no kids to discipline, no Eiffel Tower sightings, and no cuisine from Italy. There will be no Spanish carnivals, the waves here won't compare to their California counterparts, and there will be no experience quite like Amsterdam.

But there will be plenty of 9-5 days, an abundance of meetings covered and thousands of words written. There will be zoning issues explained, peoples' lives researched and hours spent in front of the computer. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy my job more than most I've had, but the sudden confrontation with the "real world" is shocking.

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I'm starting to feel like growing up coincides with losing one's freedom, putting dreams and hopes on hold, and becoming wildly unentertaining.

I'm sure I'll further my career and expand my portfolio by working diligently through the suffocating heat of the summer, but this can't compare to the lessons learned from the people one meets in a hostel in a remote village in the Swiss Alps.

It makes me wonder, do we stop playing because we become older or do we become older when we stop playing? It's a tough duality to juggle.

As much as I love Bob Dylan, it's tough to believe his "Forever Young" mantra. I'm looking forward to growing older and becoming wiser and eventually raising a family, but at what expense? Why does the carefree nature of youth have to be supplanted by the numbing monotony of adulthood? I'm sure many argue that it doesn't, but as one currently experiencing this transformation I must say it feels that way.

I realize there's no stopping the process of becoming an adult. I also know that with added responsibility eventually comes greater reward.

However, I feel at this stage in life, people should only be beginning to explore the possibilities before them, not settling down on one. If there was ever a time to go for it all and fail, it's now. But that wouldn't be the conventional thing to do.

I'm told I need to put in my time and pay my dues. My parents constantly reinforce the notion that I need to be starting to build my résumé.

But is what I'm going to be losing more valuable than what's gained?

Don't I have the better part of the next 60 years to work on that? Shouldn't I still be frolicking in the Mediterranean or pummeling wayward campers?

I think society has it all backwards — students should be studying hard over the summer, learning all the necessary information they'll need in life — and professionals should be taking three-month holidays in order to recuperate for the coming year.

That way, it would be a reward for those who have worked hard and not an expected break for lackadaisical students.

People would be looking forward to summer and not dreading its arrival.

Evan Schiff is the staff reporter for the Cohasset Mariner.

Rush hour atop Mount Everest

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I am told that there were 54 people on the summit of Mount Everest last Thursday.

And at least one more was on his way, accompanied by a camera crew from National Geographic Magazine, delayed, no doubt, by rush hour traffic on the South Col.

Does Dunkin' Donuts know that there is a place on this earth where 54 people can gather without a coffee machine or glazed honey-dipped in sight?

When I was young, and ice covered most of the earth, the summit of the world's highest mountain was as unattainable as Babe Ruth's record of 60 home runs in one season.

Then came the New Zealand beekeeper Edmund Hillary and Sherpa guide, Tenzing Norkay, who first staggered to the 29,035-foot summit in 1953, took a few pictures and came down.

"Well, we've knocked the (expletive) off!" Hillary told his companions, waiting at Camp 8.

Their feat so captured world acclaim that Hillary was knighted and set off on a lecture tour across the Europe and the United States and Tenzing was awarded a medal and lunch with the king of Nepal.

Tenzing's grandson, Tashi Wangchuk Tenzing, was one of the 54 atop the mountain last week, while Hillary's son, Peter, was trekking to the top over his father's old route with the camera crew in tow.

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It was only part of the job to them, their job being to carry the visiting climbers' sustenance and equipment and keep them from falling into a crevasse on the way.

The 54 who shared the summit last Thursday will be lucky if they don't get a ticket for parking their things at Camp 8 too long while the next commuter train to the top was passing through.

So many parties have climbed to the top of Everest, in fact, that a team of Sherpas, organized last year to clean up the slopes, collected four tons of trash, including tent poles and oxygen bottles left by climbers.

The Nepalese Sherpas, who have lived within sight of the mountain since time began, call it "Chomolungma," or "The Goddess Mother of the World."

But the British colonials who ruled in India named it for one of theirs, George Everest, who never came within 500 feet of the mountain but mapped it for the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India.

He figured it was 29,002 feet, probably the highest in the world. Since then it has either grown or has been recalculated to be 29,035 feet.

The great romantic figure in the story of Mount Everest is George Leigh Mallory, the Brit who was a member of the first three attempts to reach the top in 1921, 1922 and 1924.

It was he who coined the phrase that best describes the sport. Asked why he climbed a mountain, Mallory answered: "Because it's there."

Mallory and a companion, Sandy Irvine, were last seen as two dark dots in the snow, moving within reach of the top; then the weather closed in and they were never seen again alive.

Did they reach the top and lose their lives coming down?

Seventy-five years later, Mallory's body was found where he had fallen. His climbing tools were found, too, all but the vest-pocket camera with film that might have proven he and Irvine were the first to the top.

And now nearly 1,500 have done it, including 54 in one day. Come to think of it, the Babe's record didn't last, either.

HEALTH NOTES

Why hand washing is so critical

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The following is a message which the board passes out at restaurants during regular inspections. The information, for the most part, applies equally well to those at home trying to lessen the transmission of bacterial infection and sickness. Just think about all the things ones hands touch, and what might adhere to them. Here's the message in its entirety:

"Okay, so you've heard it before. But for food handlers, the point can not be made often enough: hand washing is the single-most important means of preventing the spread of infection. Simple acts like blowing your nose, using the toilet or scratching your face can contaminate hands with potentially deadly bacteria. Those germs can be spread to food if you fail to wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. Here's a little refresher course on hand washing requirements for food workers.

When must hands be washed?

- Before preparing foods or putting on gloves
- After touching human body parts (other than clean arms or hands)
- After using the toilet
- After caring for or touching animals
- After coughing, sneezing, using a tissue or handkerchief, using tobacco, eating or drinking
- After engaging in any activities that might contaminate the hands, like taking out garbage, handling soiled utensils or equipment, handling cleaning chemicals
- During food preparation when switching from working with raw to ready-to-eat foods

Where must hands be washed?

If you have to remove a mop or food scraps from the basin in order to wash your hands, you're at the wrong sink. The Food Code unequivocally states that hand washing sinks must be dedicated to the task at hand (so to speak). As of 2001, changes to the Food Code require hand washing posters and stickers to be displayed at sinks and will permit the use of automatic hand-washing devices. What should be used for hand washing?

The Food Code calls for hand washing lavatories to be equipped with liquid, powder or bar soap. Nail brushes and sanitizing solution are also recommended. Hand sanitizes are fine provided they are used after hands are washed, rinsed and dried. Lavatories should also contain disposable or clean cloth towels or heated air blowers."

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

House gives Clean Elections a bath

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of state government for the week ending May 17.

"Gee, I hope we don't get $23 million."

Not a phrase you'd expect to be bandied about much at the Statehouse this week, as advocates for programs and agencies competed in a version of "Survivor" more serious and real than the minutely-edited, focus group-approved version that airs on CBS.

But not implausible, either, given what the representatives got hung up on Wednesday night (May15): a proposal diverting $23 million in the Clean Elections fund to public employee contracts.

In their continuing battle against public campaign financing, House leaders have repeatedly tried to drain money placed in the fund in past years and put it in other accounts. They've never succeeded, just as they have never funded or repealed the law, as ordered to do by the state's highest court. But they keep trying.

Each time, advocates have been in a strange position – wanting their projects funded, but not wanting to be associated with the dismantling of the system voters approved. "It makes them feel very uncomfortable and queasy," said veteran leftie lobbyist Judy Meredith.

In the end, the House did vote 139-12 to raid the Clean Elections fund – a diversion considered unlikely to make it through the Senate, and therefore, another in the long series of symbolic anti-Clean Elections gestures the House has begun taking almost as an institutional compulsion. It remained to be seen how much the raid would undermine the repair Speaker Thomas Finneran had done to the House's image by orchestrating a deliberative, inclusive, democratic process of constructing and considering the budget.

Meanwhile, lurking in the budgetary currents is the knowledge that the Big Dig isn't finished. Sunday's grotesquely organized opening of the Zakim-Bunker Hill bridge was a reminder of why politicians on Beacon Hill are very, very edgy about how the project is being managed and what new overruns they might confront in its final stages.

Signage, personnel and security were all but non-existent during what was supposed to move the public image of the project forward. The result was exactly the type of horrific traffic situation managers of the Big Dig claim they're solving with the project, which has become a national scandal via the kind of construction errors and extra costs that marred the bridge.

Turnpike chairman Matthew Amorello said they expected about 35,000 people to take the Mother's Day tour. About 200,000 did. After the criticism and negative press, the turnpike announced plans for a second open house, seeming to forget the reason so many people came to the first one was that it had been sold as a "once in a lifetime opportunity."

You don't have to look too hard to find a rep or senator who's worried that the next fiscal crisis is going to be about the Central Artery, and this week some of them did something about it. The problem was, they couldn't agree what "something" should look like.

Suburban legislators say a gas tax increase would be a fairer and less painful way to cover the cost of the project than toll hikes that disproportionately hit their constituents. But instead of one bill, they filed two, unable to agree on whether a gas tax hike should be implemented or only studied. The conflicting legislation was a sign that the next chapter in Commonwealth bookkeeping could be as complex and contentious as the current one.

This was mostly a week about money.

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The budget numbers

The House started the week (of May 13) having added $144 million to the $21.8 billion austerity budget released by Ways and Means. By week's end, the House had brought the bottom line back to $22.9 billion, by spending the entire $1.065 billion tax hike approved May 2. A play-by play of the week:

Monday: The House appropriated $456.3 million. In addition to $321.8 million for public education, the House approved $60.1 million for state employee health insurance costs, $42 million for public health programs, $19.4 million for state-subsidized child care, $7.6 million for social services, $3.4 million for state administration, and $2 million for veterans' services, including soldiers' homes.

Tuesday (May 14): Public safety accounts received $86.3 million, local aid $83.3 million, K-12 received another $73 million, higher education $69.3 million, and libraries $3.9 million. In all, another $315.7 million was tacked on to the budget. Wednesday (May 15): The House appropriated approximately $51 million for judicial, transportation and environmental accounts and consumer affairs. Thursday (May 16): The House approved the Clean Elections Fund diversion, and added $67 million to Medicaid.

Lawmakers focused on how much they were restoring to the budget, and understandably made little mention of how much they are cutting to make sure the bottom line on next year's budget is less than $100 million larger than this year's spending blueprint.

Due to soaring fixed costs in some areas, the House agreed to cut more than 30,000 people off Medicaid, cut services to the mentally ill and mentally retarded, reduce early childhood and adult education programs, and increase waiting lists for elder home care. That's just a small sampling of cuts lawmakers made despite the massive tax increase they passed to prevent even deeper spending reductions.

This and that

- Finneran put his members in an unexpected caucus Monday. Observers wondered why, and it turned out he had to talk about new revenue numbers. They were awful: the state collected $170 million less than it expected in the first half of May, and the projected budget deficit for fiscal 2002 – never mind the '03 plan – is now $400 million.
- A few weeks ago – in fact, a few days ago – passage of the $689 million recovery budget that cleared the Senate Thursday would have arguably been considered the end of the fiscal 2002 problem. That changed with the rotten news about May revenues. Still, the legislation's passage did show that Republicans and Democrats, the governor and the Legislature, could work together and fix things. Unfortunately, they keep breaking. The recovery budget takes money out of a variety of rainy day, capital reserve and other set-aside accounts, and slows down the erasure of a long-term deficit in the pension fund for state workers. Leaders say they're dipping deeper into reserves than they'd like, but have few choices.
- After serving three and half years in the House, Reps. Robert Nyman and Walter Timilty got around to their maiden speeches Tuesday. Both spoke on education, with Nyman emphasizing school building assistance, as the House restored funding for local schools.
- Senate President Thomas Birmingham told reporters financial pressure on the turnpike authority, which runs the Big Dig, would be eased if Massport paid for the Ted Williams Tunnel. That could limit toll increases, Birmingham said. But Massport's spokesman said the authority wants to stay focused on running a secure post-9/11 Logan Airport.
- Gun owners testified for legislation subjecting the attorney general's regulatory powers to legislative review. Speaking before the Commerce and Labor Committee Wednesday, pro-gun lobbyists said Massachusetts AG's have been too aggressive using the powers to stem gun sales. But AG Thomas Reilly said the AG's have to use all the legitimate weapons, so to speak, to keep guns out of the hands of kids.
- Story of the week: Passage of the budget, which meant spending the tax increase, and foreshadowing more inter-branch wrangling over Clean Elections.

Craig Sandler writes for the Statehouse News Service.

Annual barbecue on Memorial Day

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation invites everyone for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately following the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, at Bancroft Hall on Government Island.

The non-profit Lightkeepers Corporation was established in 1991 to renovate a former two-family lightkeepers' residence, no longer used as such because of automation of Minot's Light, and convert it into a function room for community use. The building is leased from the town but maintained and operated by the Lightkeepers Corporation.

The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation. Operating and maintenance expenses, and reserves for capital replacements or improvements, are recovered from rental of two apartments on the second floor, and from fees charged to non-residents for use of the function room facilities. Cohasset residents may use the facilities for a nominal fee, and non-profit organizations at no charge.

This will be the sixth year that CLC has hosted Memorial Day attendees in recognition of the generosity of our supporters and we expect to serve over 1000 people again.

Cohasset and the 39th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill

By Lou Eaton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The third volume of the Cohasset Town History is scheduled to become available in June of this year and the Committee responsible for publication has thought to publish a few articles, courtesy of the Cohasset Mariner, about local history to stimulate interest in matters historical even though not related to the period of 1950 to 2000 covered by Volume III.

In June of 1814 there was an episode in the history of Cohasset that many present day residents haven't ever heard about even though it is pretty thoroughly covered in Volume I of the Town History authored by the turn-of- the-20th century pastor of the Second Congregational Church, the Rev. E. Victor Bigelow. So let me tell you a little more about it.

You probably know that the War of 1812 was exceedingly unpopular in New England and was economically disastrous for Cohasset. After the British blockade of American ports took effect in 1813, the total catch from Cohasset's fishing fleet was 451 barrels which was only one tenth of the annual amount in the years preceding the war. By the spring of 1814 a British frigate was "harrying the shores of Massachusetts Bay" burning fishing vessels when they were captured. The coast of Maine, which was then a part of Massachusetts, was similarly raided. According to Bigelow, the Cohasset fishing fleet was unable to stir from harbor and 27 vessels were taken up into the Gulf and scuttled and sunk to prevent them from being burned by the enemy. Several Cape Cod towns paid ransoms to escape destruction of their property - Wellfleet $2,000, Brewster $4,000 and Eastham $1,200, according to Bigelow. Cohasset's fishermen's loss in the summer of 1814 was total and in addition the little packet they sailed to Boston was taken by the British.

In early June 1814, Scituate Harbor was raided by a landing party of British Marines sent in from two warships off shore, described by Bigelow as a "flotilla of barges" and they burned the shipping found in the harbor (a "barge" was a long narrow boat usually rigged for 10 oars and normally carried on the deck of larger men of war). The vessels involved were apparently a 74 gun ship-of-the-line, the Bulwark, and a frigate. Between them, they probably carried about 150 marines.

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A messenger brought word of this to Cohasset's Peter Lothrop, Captain of the Town Militia early in the morning of June 16. "He leaped from his bed and without hat or coat, mounting a horse without a saddle, rode through our village and roused the slumbering inhabitants." His local militia' numbering about 130 were ordered to "repair immediately, armed and equipped to the Cohasset Meeting House to await further orders." They were advised that the British were only awaiting a favorable tide to come in to Cohasset Harbor.

Bigelow had the benefit of having the diary of Thomas Stoddard (1787-1854) a portion of which appears in the Narrative History pages 345 to 349 telling of his participation in the affair. Excerpts from his account will follow:

"At noon of that day, we all assembled at the meeting house at one o'clock, all enrolled men composing one company of militia numbering about 130: Peter Lothrop, Captain; John Beale, 1st Lieut.; Henry Prentice, 2nd Lieut.; every man well equipped with ball, cartridge and provision. We were marched to Hominy Point, where we found a trench dug about two feet deep, the dirt thrown fronting the water. Into this we were marched and ordered to remain ready for action: a miserable defense, truly. Here we all remained until after sunset....About 10 o'clock....men in a boat came for a sloop from Plymouth, which the enemy had driven into Cohasset, having obtained permission of the Commodore to take her to Plymouth. They reported the force intended to attack Cohasset at 400 men in 11 barges, with 10 pieces of artillery.

During the afternoon and evening of this day, there arrived at the head of the harbor, two companies from Hingham, two companies from Weymouth, one company of artillery from Weymouth, one company of artillery from Randolph and the Hingham Rifle Company; which with the Cohasset Company, would number about 600 effective men, all under the command of Colonel Webb of Weymouth. The out-of-town companies were quartered in the best possible manner as circumstances would admit. At dawn of the following day, the cannon awakened those who might be fortunate enough to get some sleep, however, few their number might be. The drums beat the reveille, a hasty breakfast was prepared and at 6 a.m. the whole camp was in marching order for review and inspection. This day was the Sabbath: no church bell rang. This day companies of artillery, infantry, and riflemen were constantly coming in from the neighboring towns. The hills and high rocks around were covered with anxious spectators both male and female. The inhabitants were busily employed cooking for the soldiers and packing up their valuables in readiness in case the enemy should land to destroy the town, which he had threatened in case of resistance.

At 9 a.m. upwards of 1,200 men were stationed at different points of defense near the Cove. It was now high water. The enemy in 11 barges and sloop tender, hove in sight off the Glades. When they had a position so as to look into the Cove, they lay on their oars for observation. They dispatched the tender to the westward to reconnoiter the shore; several officers landed at the Glades from a barge, also to reconnoiter. All was now perfect stillness and anxiety. The officers of each company were encouraging men to fight manfully, and in case they should desert in time of action, they were told they would be immediately shot down. The American flag was displayed from various posts where the troops were stationed At 11 a.m. a signal was made from the Bulwark for the barges to return to the ships. The attack was withdrawn in consequence of their observing such a superior force to oppose them.

"The troops remained at their posts through the day, expecting the barges to return the nest high water. A strong guard was posted at different points. A strong boom had been placed across from Hominy Point to the Bassing Beach and every preparation for defense was complete.

The town presented the appearance of military camp. Several bands of music were occasionally playing, relieved by the drum and fife. The plain around the meeting-house was occupied as the grand parade.

On the morning of the 20th the ships weighed anchor and stood to the eastward. All the troops, excepting one Hingham and one Weymouth company, returned to their respective homes."

Stoddard's diary describes his continued six weeks guard duty at the Cove quartered in the store of Elisha Doane, Esq. on his wharf. He further tells of a draft from Captain Lothrop's company of 10 men to join a force of about a 1,000 militia and two companies of U.S. troops at Fort Independence in Hull; in all 1,200 men in the fall. "Winter closed the campaign at Cohasset; the company of drafted men were disbanded." As Bigelow notes, "The owners (of the 27 fishing vessels) felt fortunate with their escape from depredations when they knew what other towns had lost."

The great good news of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent ending the War of 1812, which was signed on Christmas Day, 1814, reached Cohasset in the middle of January 1815 and was greeted with enormous jubilation. However, "the rigors of winter prevented that activity and stir of business which would have otherwise occurred on the reception of the joyful news "But on Feb. 22," the anniversary of the birthday of the immortal Washington" was combined with the celebration of the return of peace and inhabitants throughout the land observed a day of public rejoicing. That spring "our dismantled vessels were again fitted out for their voyages, as many as possible, and their industry commenced the steady increase which lasted many years." "Cohasset was never so dangerously near to the furies of war as it was on June 17, 1814, When the British frigates lay off our harbor and 11 barges of British soldiers attempted to destroy our town."

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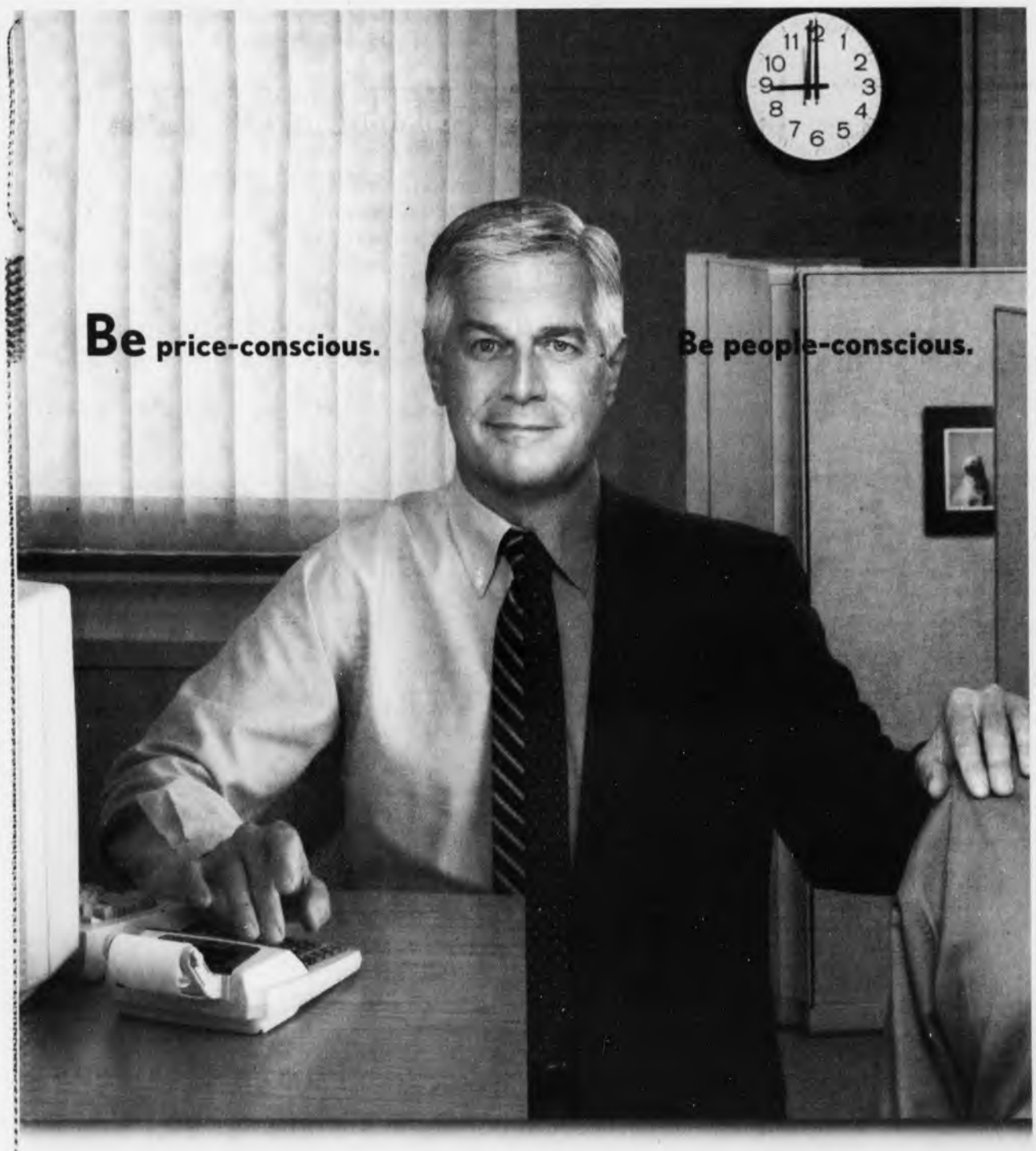

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Police Chief Randy Feola expounds to George Jednick (left) and Ralph Perroncello (right) during breakfast at the Log 'n Line Restaurant (now Bernard's). Feola served as chief from 1967 to 1980 and is remembered as a one-of-a-kind character.

Cohasset history available in June

Copy: Available in less than a month, the Narrative History of Cohasset Volume III brings Cohasset's local history from 1950 up to the year 2000. Read how your friends, neighbors and acquaintances have made Cohasset the town it is today. The volume is 432 pages long including a 20-page color insert and four map pages. There are a total of 244 photographs, more than 50 in full color. The book is well sourced and indexed for easy researching. Any questions, you may call Wigmore Pierson at 781-383-6940.

Jackie Dornitzer has captured the people and the events of the 1970s decade, a time of conflict and celebration.

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Bradley supports MADD summit

As underage drinking continues to threaten the lives of young people and alcohol remains the number one drug problem among youth in America; high school teens from across the state gathered earlier this month to discuss the serious issue of underage drinking and developed solutions to the growing problem at the Massachusetts Youth Summit to Prevent Underage Drinking organized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

The Summit took place May 5-7 at the Waltham Westin Hotel. Supported by Representative Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, the student delegates held a press conference at the Statehouse in Room B1 at 10:30 a.m. on the final day to announce policy recommendations agreed to during the Summit. They then lobbied legislators, such as Bradley, to consider their recommendations as potential changes to Massachusetts' law. The delegates were grouped randomly with teens from different areas of the state into several "action pacts" in which they participated in various activities and discussions that allowed the teens to share commonalties, differences and personal experiences.

The Summit was set up so that the 90 teens gathered together at eight general sessions over the three-day period and then broke up into small action pacts with trained facilitators to further discuss the session topics. Each general session focused on a specific issue relating to underage drinking such as "Power of Youth To Make A Difference" which was the theme of the first general session on the Sunday. At the small group meetings delegates came up with legislative solutions to curb underage drinking and then all delegates voted on a final agenda of proposals that they presented to their legislators at a State House press conference on the Tuesday.

As further testament to the necessity of the summit, MADD cited a number of startling statistics:

- Alcohol is the leading cause of death for those aged 15-20, in traffic crashes, homicide, and suicide.
- 25 percent of Mass children begin drinking alcohol before their 11th birthdays.
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Bureau chairman

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O'Leary serves on the Reward Committee of the Governor's Auto Theft Strike Force in Massachusetts and is a member of the Board of the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud in Washington, D.C. He served as a member of the Attorney General's Fraud Task Force in Alabama, as chairman of the claims committee of the Insurance Commissioner's Workers' Compensation Fraud Task Force in Florida, and a member of the Attorney General's Fraud and Abuse Task Force in Massachusetts.

John O'Leary

O'Leary graduated from Boston College with a bachelor of arts degree and earned an MBA from Northeastern University. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner and is a member of the Insurance Security Association and the International Association of Special Investigation Units.

New top chef at Atlantica

Atlantica Restaurant and The Olde Salt House have hired a new executive chef, Harry Haroutunian.

Haroutunian is a native New Englander from Lincoln, Mass. and now resides in Newton.. He attended the University of Massachusetts majoring in business management.

With 15 years of experience in the restaurant business and a strong culinary background, Haroutunian brings a great deal of expertise to the Atlantica Restaurant and The Olde Salt House on Cohasset Harbor. He is well known for creating Italian cuisine at Sweet Pepper in Lexington Center to specializing in seafood at Legal Seafood. He has opened several Legal Seafood restaurants in Massachusetts and the first in New York. Haroutunian was most recently the executive chef for Jasper White in Cambridge.

Good, simple New England fare is Haroutunian's focus for his new endeavor as the executive chef of Atlantica Restaurant and The Olde Salt House. His vision is to go back to basics – good food at reasonable pricing while enjoying the beautiful views of Cohasset Harbor. The new menu will feature seafood as his specialty as he plans on utilizing the local resources of the area complimented by various dishes of lamb, pork and beef. The children's menu has been expanded to please the younger palette.

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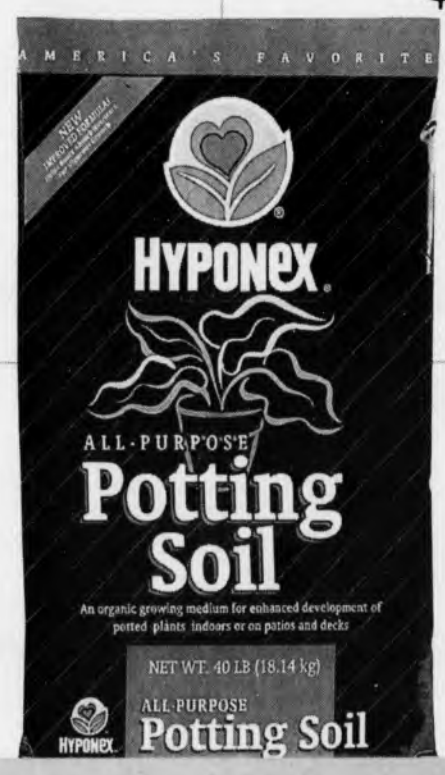

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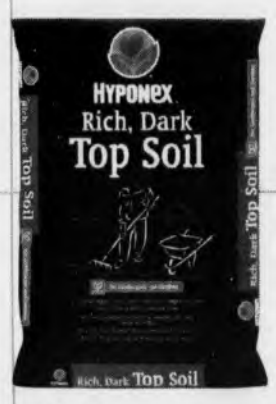

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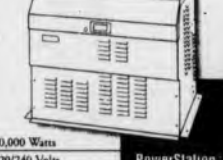

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They're in!

Boys lax squad qualifies for tourney before taking it on chin vs. state's mettle

The Cohasset boys' varsity lacrosse squad reached their first 2002 goal this week, beating Bourne and Marshfield for their 10th and 11th MIAA victories, assuring themselves of a second consecutive trip to the Div. 2 state tourney.

With an 11-7 record (not counting the Milton Academy game) and only a game remaining against Barnstable, the Skippers expected to find out on Friday who their first-round opponent would be. Cohasset will likely host a preliminary round game on Tuesday, May 28.

"While we've had a couple of disappointing losses, we've gutted out a tough schedule," said Coach Kevin Orcutt. "Now we'll see if we can lift our game a bit in the post-season, just as we did a year ago."

In 2001, Cohasset upset the tournament's second and third seeds in the quarter- and semifinals, but fell to Hingham in the state championship showdown.

Hingham beat the Skippers for the second time this season on Sunday night, despite a strong performance by senior net keeper Kyle Weber. Duxbury, currently ranked number-one in Massachusetts and 15th nationally, also took down the Skippers on Monday night.

Duxbury 19, Cohasset 7

Against Duxbury, Cohasset fell behind 6-0, but closed to 9-4 at the half on a pair of goals by Curt Kahn and single scores from Paul Previte and Matt Davis. Despite another heroic performance from Weber in net (19 saves), the Dragons pulled away in the second half, and finished with a 19-7 margin.

Kahn and Previte led the Skippers with three goals and an assist apiece. Matt Davis had a goal and three assists, while Robert Hickey, John Durkin and Jason Moore each had an assist. Kahn leads the team in

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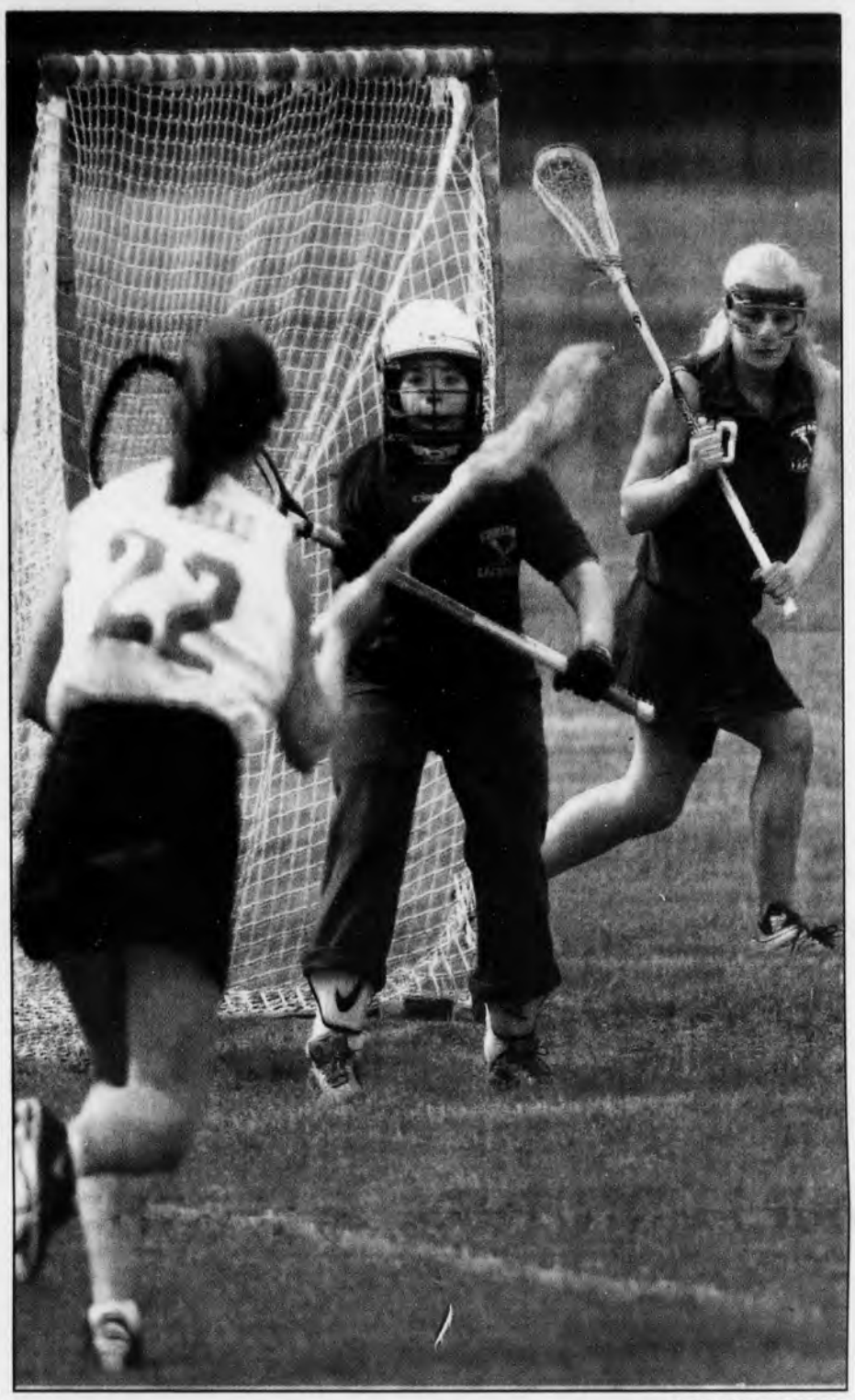

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Cohasset goalie Gia Petrakis keeps an eye on Hingham attacker in action last week, while Carly Carter (far right) covers the weak side.

Girls pull even

Back-to-back comeback wins lift lady laxers to magic .500 mark

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

Torin Sweeney is living, breathing support for that old sports adage that coaching is two-thirds ability to motivate.

For a guy who never coached girls or lacrosse before and proclaimed to know little about the game before this springr, the longtime Cohasset High football, wrestling and golf coach has clearly found a way to compensate. Exhibits 1 and 1A: two come from behind wins to open this week of play that have lifted the Lady Skippers to .500 for the first time since their 2-2 start.

With his Cohasset girls trailing 7-2 to Mansfield shortly before halftime Monday, their record already two games under the magic .500 mark with just five games remaining in the regular season, the rookie lacrosse coach called a timeout, and laid out a dose of reality in his best Knute Rockne-esque manner.

"I just told them that this could well be our season," confided Sweeney. "I talked to them a little, made a few adjustments and then sent them back out there."

THAT produced six unanswered goals over the remainder of the half and first five minutes of the second?!? Must have been one heck of a delivery.

"Coaching is coaching, and athletes are athletes" offered Sweeney, who coached a young and banged up wrestling team to a surprising Pilgrim Conference championship this past winter. "There are a lot of similarities in team sports."

The six goal explosion gave the visiting Skippers their first lead of the game at 8-7. Mansfield answered back, however, with a quick pair of tallies to re-take the lead. This time Sweeney didn't have to say as much.

"The defenders knew what they were doing wrong and the forwards had figured out what they should be doing too," noted the coach, who agreed to take over the girls lax squad on a one year basis to fill in for Kathy Gadiano, out on maternity leave.

The Skippers exploded for four goals in a four minute span to take a 12-9 lead with under five minutes to play.

However, Mansfield, which is also fighting for a tourney berth, bounced right back with two quick goals, the second one with 45 seconds to go to make it 12-11.

The hosts gained control of the ball with approximately 20 seconds to go and made a desperate charge on Cohasset goalie Gia Petrakis, but the junior netminder turned back a hard shot with her stick just before the final buzzer sounded, the last of her 13 saves.

"I breathed a big sigh of relief after Gina got her stick on that one," confessed Sweeney.

Junior Maura McKenney paced the attack with six goals and an assist, while senior captain Kristin Sheerin added four goals and an assist. Nicole Turgiss and Sera Genovese chipped in with a goal and an assist apiece.

The Lady Skippers needed a patented Sweeney refresher the next day at Bourne, as they again fell behind early, 3-1, and still trailed at the half, 5-4.

"I said a lot of the same things at half that I said the day before," confided Sweeney.

Hey, if it ain't broke, why fix it.

The Lady Skippers outscored the Canalwomen, 3-1 over the opening five minutes of the second frame to go up 7-6. Freshman Lauren Rizzotti provided a huge lift off the bench over this stretch. She scored the last goal of he first half, and then scored Cohasset goals number six and seven in a one minute span to give the hosts their first lead of the game.

When Bourne tied the game up again a few minutes later, however, that seemed to provide the final jolt needed by the Cohasset girls, as

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Senior Jay Bertovich has proven indispensable in his first year with the South Shore League champion Cohasset boys track team.

A perfect sports story

Cohasset boys track team completes second consecutive unbeaten season

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It really is just about a perfect sports story.

For the second year in a row, the Cohasset boys track team has taken on and taken down all challengers — all from bigger schools, most with far larger rosters — riding the extraordinary talent and commitment of a handful of athletes.

"All year long we've been asking people to step up and all year one person or another has been coming through with flying colors," said Cohasset track coach Al LaFontain following Monday's South Shore League clinching 77-59 victory over Mashpee that lifted the Skippers to their second straight perfect 7-0 regular season.

Captain Tim Baird is one of many, in coach LaFontain's eyes, who typifies the Skippers spirit. The senior's best event is the 800-meters. That's the one he's qualified in for states, and the one for which he should ideally be using these last few meets to fine tune his performance for this weekend's State Class D race. However, he is also a gifted distance man, and LaFontain asked him on Monday, as he has at other "big meets" this year, to run instead in both the 1-mile and 2-mile races, something you rarely see track athletes attempt.

Not only did Tim attempt the per-

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Glass half full again

Girls tennis team knocks off Norwell to grab share of SSL crown for second year in a row

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

For the second straight year, Norwell and Cohaasset will share the South Shore League girls tennis championship, this thanks to a resounding 5-0 win for the Cohasset girls on Wednesday over Norwell, avenging an early season loss.

"We were anticipating that we would have to play our best to win," noted 11th year coach Sarah Meehan, who watched her team drop a 3-2 decision to the Lady Clippers in the first week of the season.

Junior captain Lindsay Grossman improved to 3-0 in her career against fellow SSL All-Star Sara Bitetti with a nailbiting three set victory.

Bitetti came out firing to win the first set 6-0, but Grossman outsteadied the two-time All-Scholastic player and fought off a triple match point at 3-5 in the second set to take it in two tiebreakers.

"You can't just out-hit Sarah," assessed Meehan, noting the change in game plan Grossman employed after the first set. "She plays a power game. It was really impressive tennis."

At second singles, freshman Elizabeth Stone trounced sophomore Angie Bizzozero in a clash of undefeated All-Stars, 6-0, 6-0. Bizzozero had not lost a match in either her freshman or sophomore year, while Stone has given up multiple games in only one match this

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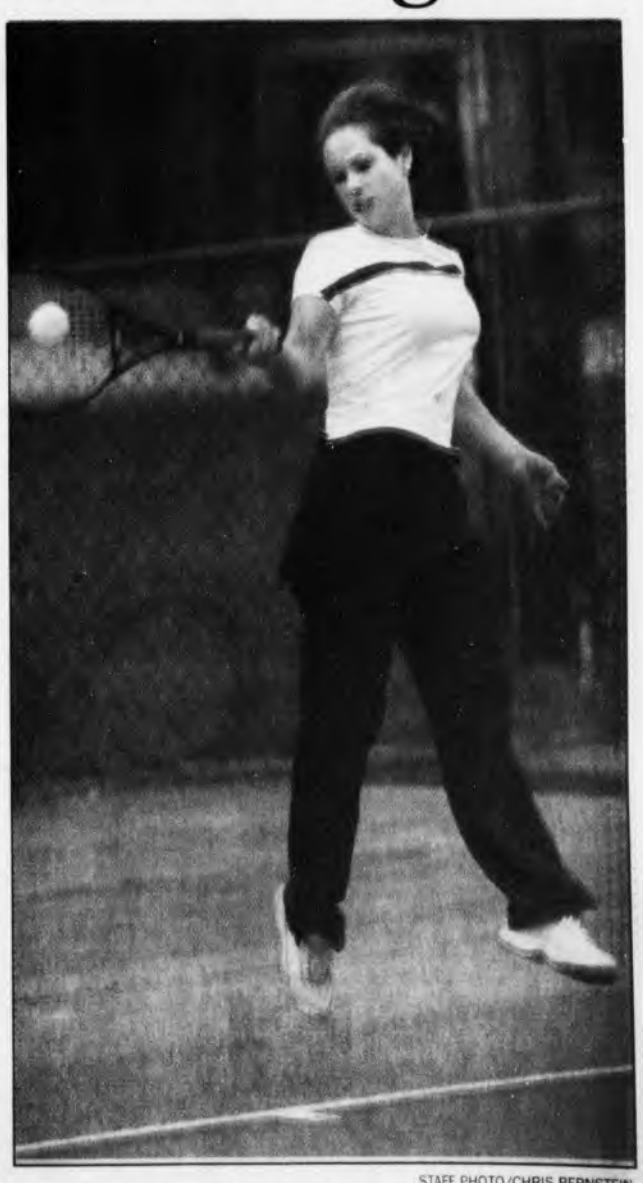

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Cohasset frosh phenom Elizabeth Stone won the battle of unbeaten players decisively in last Wednesday's showdown for the South Shore League crown, taking down Norwell all-star Angie Bizzozero, 6-0, 6-0.

Youth lacrosse teams win nine of 12 for the week

Three Cohasset youth lacrosse squads remained unbeaten last week, with all seven teams combining for a 9-2-1 record on the week.

The Cohasset 10-U White (3rd & 4th grades) team had a great week-end against two area rivals, running its record to 7-0 by beating Norwell 14-7 and topping a once-beaten Hingham team 4-1.

On Friday, May 17, the White team started slowly, falling behind on Friday night against Norwell falling behind for only the second time this year before running off 6 straight goals to lead 6-1 at the end of the 1st quarter. The Cohasset scoring started with great moves from Chris Walsh leading to two individual scores, followed by an Oliver Forrer-from-Eamon Davis connection. Davis then scored himself, before Brendan Doonan closed out the first quarter with two more scores. Walsh and Davis answered a Norwell score to swell the Cohasset lead to 8-2 at the half.

The second half saw the defense and attacks switch positions, with first-time goalie Brendan Horrigan doing a fine job in the cage. John Kearney and David Hernon led a tight defense as Andrew Littauer scored 2 goals and Kevin O'Connell and Thomas Pecca added one each. Ian Quinlan, the first half's goalie, netted two scores to close out the game at 14-7.

Sunday's battle against always-tough Hingham almost was cancelled due to a scheduling mishap, but Cohasset certainly arrived ready to play. Luke Ernst broke the ice in this defensive struggle, scoring first on an athletic, off-balance shot, and then converting a feed from John Kearney, giving Cohasset a 2-0 lead. Eamon Davis made a nice low shot count and Brendan Doonan finished off three dodges with a well-placed shot to make it 4-0 Cohasset. Hingham scored with 2 minutes left in the half after six great saves by goalie Jack Murphy.

Surprisingly, there was no second-half scoring from either side, as Cohasset defended its lead and kept Hingham at bay. The defense, led by Keegan Flynn, Thomas Pecca, Terrance Durkin and Taylor McQuade was great the whole afternoon. Ian Quinlan handled the goaltending the second half and was helped by strong middie defense led by Thomas Flibotte, Jeff Durkin, Phil Galligan, and Sean MacCarthy. Chris Brown and Andrew McKenna also helped out with good all-around performances.

Cohasset's other 10-U squad, the Blue team, opened its weekend Friday with a 4-4 tie against a big, physical Duxbury team. Duxbury scored the only goal of the first half, and their goaltender turned away several good Cohasset scoring chances.

Duxbury scored on a fast break to open the second half, then immediately duplicated the feat, moving to a 3-0 lead, as Cohasset called time-out to re-group. The Blue team did just that, with Dean Driscoll converting a feed from Max Shipp to break the ice. Duxbury led 4-1 heading into the final period, before Will Wise converted a feed from Driscoll, Jake Wheelwright capped a spectacular scoop-and-go from the midfield with an unassisted goal, and Justin Yeager converted a feed from Shipp with just 1:30 to go. Jack Murphy made 11 saves in the net to preserve the tie.

On Sunday, the 10-U Blue team hosted a short-handed Sandwich team and galloped to a 12-3 win. Cohasset raced to a 4-1 first-quarter lead on the strength of goals from Will Wise, Chase Murphy — his first of the season — Conor Queenan and Max Shipp. Shipp and Dean Driscoll picked up assists. The margin doubled in the second period, thanks to two goals from Driscoll — who added another assist as well — a second goal from Murphy and Sam Leahy's first goal of the season. Chris Brown picked up two assists as the game went to the half 8-2.

Justin Yeager scored twice — once off a feed from Queenan — as Cohasset players swapped positions in stretching the lead to 10-3 heading into the final period. Yeager completed the natural hat trick in the fourth quarter, with Sam Leahy adding a second goal, assisted by Alex Kinnealey, to close out the scoring. Jack Murphy and Chris Brown split the goaltending chores, each stopping two-thirds of the shots they faced.

Cohasset's 12-U White (5th and 6th grade) squad took three victories this week, with two close games and one blow-out, while building its record to 8-0.

On Thursday in Quincy, the home team controlled all the face-offs and midfield play and staked itself to a 4-0 lead before Cohasset found some offense. Peter Oswald answered with three goals for Cohasset, one assisted by midfielder Peter Ernst and one from attackman Andrew Bell, but Quincy bounced back to hold a 6-3 lead after one period. Cohasset met Quincy's challenge during the second quarter, as its overall team play improved and the experience of the team's veteran players began to show. The team scored four goals in the second frame, with midfielder John Sturino and T.J. Kennedy both converting feeds from Oswald, Peter Ernst scoring unassisted and then Charlie Czerkawski finishing a feed from Mark Flibotte. Quincy answered with one goal, so the game went to the half tied at 7.

Cohasset regrouped during the break and responded with three third-quarter goals while holding Quincy scoreless. Oswald netted all three goals, while goaltender Wes Ulmer — who finished with 9 saves on the game — kept Quincy at bay. Cohasset put the game away in the fourth quarter, as Ernst and Czerkawski scored unassisted, before Oswald fed Flibotte and Flibotte assisted Czerkawski to close out the Cohasset scoring. Quincy scored two late goals to make the final 14-9.

On Friday, May 17, Norwell opened strong and jumped out to a quick lead that it held almost to the half before Cohasset was able to jump out. Wes Ulmer and a close defense that played with limited substitutes kept the game close.

In the second half, Cohasset took control by dominating the battle for ground balls. Peter Oswald — who finished the day with seven goals and one assist — scored the game-winner with less than two minutes left, and the team celebrated its 11-10 victory in a pile of cleats and sticks when the game was over. Mark Flibotte and Peter Ernst each had a goal and an assist for Cohasset, with Charlie Czerkawski and T.J. Kennedy adding single goals. On Sunday, 12-U White scored off the opening faceoff on a picture-perfect fast break goal started by Peter Ernst, who dished to Peter Oswald who fed Charlie Czerkawski. From there, the floodgates opened, as Cohasset raced to a 7-0 first-quarter lead. Oswald scored three first-quarter goals, Czerkawski added his second and TJ Kennedy and Ramsey Davis tallied once each. Owen Landon and Evan Deutsch had first-period assists.

The second quarter continued to display a dominant Cohasset team that displayed proper sportsmanship, as it worked to ensure that all its players were included in the flow of the game. Cohasset added two goals in the quarter, with Czerkawski getting his third and Oswald netting his fourth. Hanover got on the board with one and the teams went to the half with Cohasset up 9- 1.

The third and fourth quarters saw the continuation of Cohasset's experience, as the team doubled its first half output and ended the day with an 18-2 victory. Goal scorers included: Ian Lyster-Brandt (his first of the season), Oswald's fifth with an assist to Pat Doonan, two from Sean Silvia, Owen Landon from Ramsey Davis, Mark Flibotte from Kennedy, John Sturino from Oswald, Kennedy from Flibotte, and Czerkawski's fourth of the day. Goaltender Wes Ulmer ended the day with four saves.

The 12-U Blue team split its weekend games, topping a developing Weymouth squad and losing a tight one to arch-rival Hingham.

The Friday night Weymouth contest felt more like a scrimmage, as Cohasset jumped out to a 7- 0 lead midway through the first quarter and used the rest of the game to hone passing and playmaking skills, with players swapping positions liberally. This proved to keep the game interesting for both teams as they enjoyed a summer-like afternoon. Chris Rose finished with four goals, Chris Mills and Matt Burgess both had two goals and an assist, Sam DeGiacomo, Logan Chase and defenseman Jake Cuneo — with his first goal of the season — had single scores. Alex Shipp added three assists and Andrew Smith two, as Cohasset ended the day up 11-1. Justin Hollis recorded five saves in the Cohasset nets.

Sunday's road game with Hingham's "A" squad was a different story altogether. Hingham came out strong on dominant face-off play by Kyle Roy — a Cohasset player who crossed the border to play for Hingham — and quickly marked two tallies to put the Cohasset team behind. Despite superb close defense from Jake Cuneo and Mike Bilodeau, Hingham put another two goals in before Chris Rose answered on a fast-break feed from Matt Burgess to close the gap to 4-1 after one period.

A quick Hingham score was answered by a Cohasset time-out, after which the team re-grouped. Burgess, who began to dominate the face-offs, started a fast break finished by Mike Grimm to make it 6 - 2. Chris Rose then weaved his way from behind to make it 6-3 and the momentum started to shift. Goalie Logan Chase kept Hingham at bay with some magical saves, while Andersen Lynner, Chris Kuppens, and Justin Hollis helped create an iron wall to protect him, as the tide started to turn.

Alex Shipp slipped a double-team to find Justin Connors in front of the net to make it 6-4, then Sam DeGiacomo made a Larry Bird-like steal from a Hingham defender and netted the proceeds to make it 6-5. Justin Hollis took a loose ball the length of the field and fed Mike Grimm to tie the score. Hingham scored during a power play to close out the half leading 7 - 6.

Hingham started the second half with two goals, but Cohasset got back on track when Rose found Nathan Porter cutting from the side to make it 9 - 7. New goaltender Chris Mills came up big to stop several Hingham opportunities, before Alex Ship and Chris Rose worked a give-and- go to cut the gap to 9-8. Andrew Smith then picked off a Hingham clear and fed Mike Grimm to again tie the score. Hingham answered with two scores of its own, to close the quarter with an 11-9 lead.

The 4th quarter was probably a defensive war, with both teams determined to keep the other off the scoreboard as they appeared energized on both ends of the field. Hollis made several key checks to stifle fast breaks, Mills made 4 close-in saves, stuffing one Hingham attacker in front of the cage, and Pat Hurley outhustled players twice his size to keep the play even. The teams traded goals with Mike Grimm scoring for Cohasset. The turning point came with 5 minutes left and Cohasset playing with a two-man advantage due to Hingham penalties, when a Hingham defender stole the ball and took it the length of the field for a score. Grimm answered with his fifth goal of the game, but it was all Cohasset could muster, as the final score had Hingham on top 13-11.

Cohasset's unbeaten 14-U team (7th and 8th grades) followed the Blue 12-U team onto the field in Hingham, and a Mike Bunstein-to-Mike Pecca connection gave the team a lead it would not relinquish. Aidan Buick and Jared Kinch followed quickly, as Cohasset jumped out to a 3-1 lead. The teams traded goals until the half, with Pecca scoring again and Kinch — playing with a long-stick on the penalty-killing unit — blasting a feed from Bunstein past Hingham's goalie. Cohasset netminder Ben Libby made 11 saves in the first half.

In the second half, Cohasset quickly extended its lead to 8-4, on goals by Buick, Kinch and Ryan Kucinski. After Hingham run made the score 9-6 — Cohasset's goal coming from Austen Lanzillotti on a feed from Buick — Cohasset clamped down on defense and shut the home team out the rest of the way. Kinch's fourth goal of the game was the only fourth-quarter score. Cohasset's close defense of Mike Barnes, Bobby Meikleham, Patrick Flynn and Robert Silvia — supplemented by Jeff Brown, who split time at midfield — played its best game of the season in support of the offense. The win ran the 14-U team's record to 6-0-1.

In girls action that followed the boys games in Hingham, Cohasset's 12-U team put together its best effort of the season to thoroughly control a talented Hingham team. Cohasset jumped to a quick 4-0 lead behind two goals each from Gabriella Flibotte and Katie Gaumer. Gaumer's goals — and a third one that was waved off by a crease violation — were her first of the season. Katelyn Ryan picked up her first point of the season with an assist on Flibotte's ice-breaker.

In the second half, Cohasset dominated the action, and it paid off in the offensive end with five different goal-scorers. Alexandra Graven, Siobhan Fludder, Maura Barnes, Amy Meikleham and Flibotte each netted a goal, with Meikleham adding an assist, as Cohasset stifled any thoughts at a Hingham rally and closed with a 9-3 win.

McKenna Teague teamed with Caroline McElhinny and Rebecca Evans to lead a dominant defensive performance; Teague was particularly impressive in stopping the Hingham rush and starting Cohasset fast breaks. Thomson Jaffe backstopped Cohasset with four saves.

At the 14-U level, the girls played their third consecutive game in which they dominated play but came out on the wrong end of the score, falling to Hingham, 5-4.

After falling behind 3-0 early, Lisa Spirito and Kathryn Evans put Cohasset back into the game with unassisted goals. Cohasset controlled the action, but missed several opportunities and had three scores waved off for crease violations.

The second half was a scoreless defensive battle for 15 minutes, before Haley Haracz scored her first goal of the season off a feed from Caren Garber. Hingham answered back before Evans scored her second of the game. From there, Cohasset controlled play but had a hard time finishing its shots, missing several times as the final seconds ticked off the clock. Cohasset had so many scores called back and had so controlled play throughout — particularly birthday-girl Tessa Leahy on defense and Mary Previte from the attack — that Hingham's coaches and players actually thought Cohasset had won the game. Aisling Guinee finished with three saves in the net for Cohasset, which fell to 1-4 on the season with the loss.

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Amazing ride continues

Boys tennis team clinches tourney berth, turn sites on second place

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

They say the good teams find a way to win the close ones. That is exactly why the Cohasset boys tennis team is heading back to the State Tournament for the second straight year.

"It is way beyond the expectations we had at the beginning of the season," said first year Cohasset coach Kent Parrot after the team clinched a playoff berth with a 3-2 victory over South Shore League newcomer Harwich.

Cohasset's record now stands at 7-5 overall and 7-4 in the league. With a win today over Carver, a team the Skippers beat for their second win of the season, they would earn second place in the SSL, something that may even earn the team a home playoff match.

"Our goal was to be over .500, and we have achieved that," explained Parrot. "but we have another mini-goal in beating Carver and taking second place."

Of the team's 12 matches this year, eight have been decided by one match, with the Skippers winning an amazing seven of those eight. The only one point loss was to Mashpee, who will also head to the State Tournament next week.

The Skippers most recent "edge out" win was pulled off last Wednesday, the victory coming down in Harwich. One day removed from topping the Rough Ryders 3-2 in Cohasset, the Skippers topped them again to qualify for the post-season.

Sophomore Jesse Brewer continued his extremely solid season by knocking off heavy-hitter Ash Alcorn at third singles for his fourth straight win. Brewer completed the two-day sweep of Alcorn with a 6-0, 7-5 win, by far the quickest match of the day.

Harwich evened the score when sophomore number one Craig Druscella (11-1 in league) knocked off junior captain David Ingber 6-3, 6-3.

Harwich captain Justin Turco then avenged the loss he suffered on Tuesday, beating sophomore Tim Anton in straight sets at second singles.

Down 2-1, Cohasset needed to win both doubles points to take the match, something they had not done all year. But junior Ross Lieb-Lappen and Andrew Wise took second doubles easily to leave it all in the hands of first doubles, who were then 0-11 on the year.

With both squads watching, and heavy winds starting to pick up, junior Scott Faber and Andrew Busk combined for their first varsity win as partners in three sets, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

"All year long, our singles had been the real thrust of our team," appraised Parrot. "But our doubles teams are really coming around, and at the right time too."

The first doubles win in Harwich was only one in a series of pressure-packed, third set wins for the team this year.

Ingber beat Abington's Eric Goldman 6-4 in the third and Mashpee's Matt Langler in a tiebreaker to give Cohasset the win in both matches.

Anton recovered from an 0-6 second set loss to Turco on Tuesday to win his three-setter 6-1 and give the Skippers a victory.

Brewer ended a three and a half hour marathon over Alcorn last week to assure his team the win.

Andrew Wise and Drew Hertig gave Cohasset its first doubles win of the year in a 3-2 decision over Abington to put their team into the win column in the season's first week.

All this, and only two of the team's nine players had ever played team tennis before this year.

"It has just been a great thing with not a lot of depth," noted the coach. "It has been a phenomenal season."

Girls pull even

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they ripped off four unanswered goals over a six minute span to take control of the game for good at 11-7.

The defense did the job from there, holding the desperate and hard charging Canalwomen to just one goal over the last 10 minutes.

McKenney notched four goals and an assist to take over the team lead from Sheerin in scoring, this output raising her totals for the season to 39 goals and 17 assists. Sheerin, who has led the Lady Skippers in scoring each of the last three years and is clearly the focus of all opposing defenses, had a goal and an assist – her 36th and 18th of the year, respectively.

"If teams are going to concentrate on shutting down Kristin, that opens things up some for Maura," appraised Sweeney. "She's really taken it up a few notch in the last few weeks to give the offense a lift. That diversity makes us a much better team."

Turgiss and Genovese again added a goal and assist each, and defender Ashley Faber made a great late rush to pot a very important 11th goal, which "seemed to take the winds of Bourne's sails," according to Sweeney.

The Lady Skippers had four games left after Tuesday's win, and must win two of those to qualify for the state tourney. That run was slated to begin with yesterday's makeup at home versus Marshfield. They then host Norwell today (3:30 start), hoping to avenge a 9-6 loss last month that Sweeney called "our worst game of the year."

A pair of wins here would sew up a tourney berth for the Lady Skippers. This is obviously the scenario Sweeney is eyeing, as the last two games see a very good Martha's Vineyard team and revenge-minded Bourne travelling to Cohasset.

"It would be nice if we could look at those last two games as tune-ups for the tourney, but I'm not banking on anything. Norwell (8-7-1) is still fighting for a playoff spot too."

SPORTS NOTES

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The fee is $30 per month, per person. Registrations are taken at the Fitness Center, Cohasset High School, 43 Pond St. Please enter the high school via the front door located to the right side of the main entrance to CHS.

Speed training Clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department is pleased to announce the return of the Northeast Speed Training Clinic for the summer of 2002 for children ages 8-12 and 13-19

10 two-hour clinics will be held every Monday and Wednesday evening at Milliken Field, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., running June 24 through July 24.

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The fee for this unique program is $85 per person. Registration forms may be found at the Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited, so early registration is advised.

'Field of Greens'

Space is filling up for the annual spring fund-raiser hosted by the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association. This year's event, "Field of Greens," takes place tomorrow (Friday, May 24), and includes both a golf tournament during the day and a separate dinner dance and auction at night.

Golfers of all abilities are invited to tee-off at the Pembroke Country Club at 12:30 p.m. using the very friendly "best ball" format. Lots of prizes will be awarded, including a 2002 Rietzl Audi station wagon — yours to take home if you manage a hole-in-one at a specified par 3. Rusty golfers are especially welcome.

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For more information or to sign up, call Paul Emanuello at 781-383-0746 or e-mail Eman49@aol.com.

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Tracksters complete second unbeaten season

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fecta on Monday, he won both races to provide the Skippers with 10 huge first place points. What is more, teammate and fellow senior Dan Kinchla ran both races and finished second, collecting six more points for the Skippers cause.

"Tim and Dan are just two in a long list of kids who totally sold out for me this year," gushed LaFontain. "Whenever it was a matter of doing what was best for the team or best for themselves, they always chose the team. I tell you I just couldn't be prouder."

Pete Maitland, another senior captain, is arguably the most accomplished member of the team. Last June, he became the first C.H.S. athlete to compete at the New England track and field championships in a decade, his benchmark event: the javelin. LaFontain, again for big meets, usually asks this extraordinary athlete (who is also a league all-star in soccer and basketball). Pete does not like to run it, but he always honors his coach's request. LaFontain chuckles when he passes this information along.

"Its kind of a joke now," he said. "It's a miserable race to Pete, especially with the other things he's doing, but he still does it, and usually wins."

This was the case on Monday, as Pete rang up five points for a victory in the 800 and another five for his win in the javelin.

Ian Kidder and first year trackster Jay Bertovich made it a clean sweep for Cohasset in the javelin, finishing 2-3, respectively. Kidder also won the 200-meter race and took second in the triple jump, while Bertovich ran to a victory in the 100-meter hurdles.

"What a great addition Jay Bertovich has been to our team," said LaFontain of the senior who previously played for the CHS golf team in the spring. "Pleasant surprise doesn't even begin to describe what he's meant to us."

Speaking of pleasant surprises, the return to form of returning league high jump champ Liam Martin after a horrific leg break this past football season has been absolutely huge. Martin has regularly been winning the high jump competitions at duel meets, as he did on Monday, but LaFontain also asked him to run the 300 hurdles, something he's been hesitant to do for most of the season, given the concern of re-injury. On Monday, however, on Monday he didn't feel he had any choice, especially with the Skippers trailing by four points after the field events (where he thought they held an advantage going in).

Martin ran and, despite the rust, captured second place, which helped begin an unlikely comeback.

At the South Shore League meet a week ago Tuesday, Cohasset's Jared Krupczak (100-meter), Kidder (200) and the 4x100 relay team of Krupczak, Kidder, Jason Brown and Eric Belz finished second to their Mashpee counterparts. With their title on the line 13 days later, however, these four Cohasset boys came up with a little something extra to return the favor, taking firsts across the board in these events.

"That was just more of the same," offered a smiling LaFontain. "Kids coming up big when they absolutely had to."

Not to be overlooked were some of the big second and third place points provided by Steve Laney (second in discus), Krupczak (second in long jump), Adrian Batson (second in 400), Belz (third in 200) and Brown (third in 100).

Track Notes

Cohasset boys 73, Abington 63

Not to be lost in the shuffle, the Skippers took down long time rival Abington in an even tighter meet last Wednesday.

Kidder won the 200 and triple jump and ran a leg for the winning 4x100 team, along with Brown, Belz and Krupczak.

Other winners included Krupczak (100), Baird (mile), Maitland (800, javelin), Kinchla (2-mile) and Martin (high jump).

Girls surge to finish

The young Lady Skippers finished off an amazing second half of the season run, winning their fourth meet in a row Monday (Cohasset 71, Mashpee 64) to finish 4-3.

Sophomore Jen Buckey led the way, as usual, with three first place finishes.

Looking ahead

The Skippers will send one of their biggest groups ever to the State Class D meet this Saturday at Norwell High.

Qualifying among the boys were Krupczak (100, 4x100 relay), Baird (800), Maitland (javelin, 4x400), Kidder (triple jump, 200), Martin (high jump), Laney (discus), Belz (4x100), Kinchla (mile), Brown (4x100), Batson (4x400) and Cosimo Cambi (4x400).

For the girls, Buckley (javelin, 400), Gilian Weber (800), freshman Mary Silvia (800) and Nicole Whitney (400) will all be competing individually, and also as a unit for the 4x400 relay. Maura O'Brien will also be there for the high jump and discus.

Through the muck and mire

Cohasset boys track team battles heavy rain and winds to win S.S. Principal's Meet

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Somewhere, Alaska would have made a more conducive track and field setting than Norwell High for Saturday's South Shore Principals meet. At least it would have been dry at the North Pole.

Athletes were treated to a morning of pelting cold rain and chilly winds. Unlike last year's all-state championships where it poured but warm temperatures at least made the soggy conditions bearable. The usually competitive Principals meet turned into a test of attrition. Only one-third of the teams decided to compete and several called it quits before meet's end.

Norwell coach Chuck Martin, the meet director, said he can't remember a year where conditions were anywhere close to what the athletes, priming for this weekend's class meet, faced on Saturday.

"You feel bad for the kids because they're in prime condition and they can't use the meet to get their best time," said Norwell coach and meet director Chuck Martin. "Every year it's 75 degrees and sunny, every year. Mother Nature was going to catch up to us eventually.

"I can't remember one ever being cancelled."

Mother Nature's May storm didn't stop Silver Lake's DaviAnn Brown, the defending New England 400-meter dash champion, from defending her Principals' title. Brown, ran away from the field for the win in 59.7 seconds — an excellent time, given the strong winds, rain and cold.

Scituate's Hilary Birch won the javelin with her 102-6, well ahead of runner-up Rachael Lincoln of Hingham (94-8).

Kayla Halloran of Norwell was an easy winner in the mile with a 5:35 and teammate Lydia Shute's leap of 31-8 clinched first place in the triple jump.

Dan Nastou of Hingham flexed his throwing muscles, winning the shot put with a 44-3 heave and following it up with a victory in the discus with his 110-2 throw.

Cohasset, which won the boys team title, was led by Liam Martin and Tim Baird, who won the high jump (5-8) and 800 meters (2:05), respectively, while teammates Pete Maitland and Jay Bertovich went 1-2 in the javelin with throws of 149-7 and 134.

Sacred Heart won on the girls' side, led by a first-place finish in the 4x800-meter relay.

Silver Lake's Teryn Wiedmann bolted to a 200-meter win in 29.8.

Laxers are in!

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scoring with 66 points (43 goals, 23 assists), while Previte – closing in on his 200th career point – stands second with 31 goals, 16 assists for 47 points.

Hingham 12, Cohasset 4

Playing under the lights at Alumni Field, the Skippers never got their offense untracked against Hingham and lost, 12-4.

Cohasset trailed at the half, 6-0, before cutting the deficit to five on a shot by junior Curt Kahn off a feed from classmate Robert Hickey. But the Skippers would never get closer as Hingham rattled off three more unanswered scores.

Weber had 12 saves in the first half, keeping the game within reach.

Kahn led Cohasset scorers with a pair of goals and an assist. Hickey had a goal and an assist, while Paul Previte had the fourth goal. Eric Libby and Pete Whoriskey each picked up assists.

Cohasset 16, Marshfield 8

The boys varsity won their second in a row, topping Pilgrim rival Marshfield 16-8 last Friday.

Cohasset was led by junior attackman Curt Kahn, who had a career record six goals and two assists. Kahn got great support from seniors Jason Moore (three goals, four assists) and Paul Previte (three goals, two assists).

Cohasset led 9-5 at the half, and extended the lead to 13-6 at the end of three before clearing the bench.

Other Cohasset scorers were Robert Hickey, with a pair of goals and an assist, Matt Davis with a goal and two assists, and Eric Libby with a goal and an assist. John Durkin and David DeVito each had an assist.

Kyle Weber made 14 saves in goal, while his counterpart Todd Faiella had 25 saves.

Cohasset 15, Bourne 2

The Skipperst clinched its trip to the state Div. 2 tournament for the second year in a row, when they beat non-league foe Bourne 15-2 under the lights at Alumni Field on Thursday.

Eleven different players scored for the Skippers, including six members of the varsity hockey team that had been eliminated by the Canalmen in the Division 3 hockey tourney just two months ago.

Curt Kahn led the offense with a hat trick, while Jason Moore (with an assist) and freshman Jake Previte each had a pair of goals. Single goal scorers for the Skippers were Paul Previte (with two assists), Eric Libby, John Durkin (with an assist), defensemen Tom Anderson and Chris Caron (the first goal of his high school career), Robert Hickey, Mike Rasmussen and Mark Davis (his first of the season).

Freshman Jon Grimm and soph JT Oronte each had an assist. Oronte's was the first point of his lacrosse career.

Youth tennis signups

Youth tennis will begin on Monday, June 24, and continue for seven weeks, through Aug. 9. Youth tennis registrations will be held, starting Monday, June 10, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday evening, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is offered for children age 7 through 18 years. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week-session of instruction, two days a week, is $75. Discounts of $10 are available for additional children in a family. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

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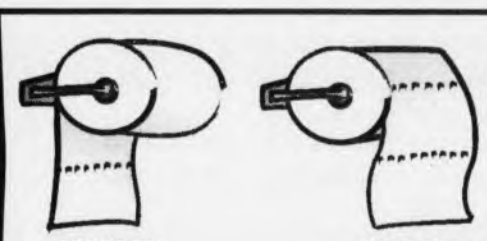

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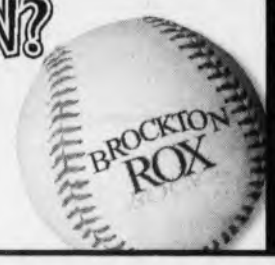

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'SSBC summer baseball camp in Cohasset

HOLBROOK — The South Shore Baseball Club's annual summer camp for boys and girls, 5-12 years of age from any city or town, returns June 24-28 to Miliken Field in Cohasset.

"Cohasset's a great baseball town and we all really enjoy having our camp there every summer," SSBC president/director Frank Niles Jr. said. "Our expert staff of qualified professionals wants these kids to enjoy the great game of baseball, as well as help them improve their skills. Every camper will enjoy a valuable and rewarding experience at any of the SSBC camps this summer."

All campers will be grouped according to age, ability, physical maturity and previous experience. Instructions will range from basic fundamentals to advanced skills. Each camper will play a minimum of one game per day.

Individual attention will be emphasized in all aspects of baseball.

Pitching, catching, defense, base running, and hitting will be featured in special sessions and lectures. Any camper needing specific areas of improvement will receive special attention from SSBC's expert staff of qualified professional coaches.

Cohasset camp sessions will be held Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., rain or shine. Half-day sessions will also be available for 5 through 7 year olds.

SSBC is a full service, year-round club and training facility for baseball and softball players, ages 5 and older, with facilities located in Holbrook and Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its summer camps call 1-800-GO4-HITS/(781) 767-1529 in Holbrook, 1-888-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 in Hingham, or visit SSBC's Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Shore Soccer Camp Ages 8 to 18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's two one-week long Soccer Clinics starting Monday, June 29, through Friday, Aug. 2, and/or Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 9.

Soccer will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for one session is $225 per member. If participating in both sessions, the fee will be $395 per player. There will be a $20 discount for each additional child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Information regarding this year's 4 and 5-year-old and 6 and 7-year-old shorter-day Soccer Clinics will be forth coming shortly. South Shore Soccer Camp will provide both of these soccer programs for younger children this summer.

Mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space available and there are no discounts available for multiple children. All children must be toilet trained.

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Cohasset sophomore Holly Graham held on for a big three set win over Norwell senior Ashley Dye — 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 – in the SSL clash of the titans last Wednesday.

Glass half full again

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entire season.

"[Bizzozero] knew ahead of time that she'd be in for a tough match," asserted Meehan. "Elizabeth clearly wanted to avenge the team's loss."

Sophomore Holly Graham took the third singles point over hard-hitting senior Ashley Dye, who was filling in for the mononucleosis-plagued veteran Meg Kelly. Graham won the three-set decision 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

The Cohasset doubles teams surprised no one in maintaining their undefeated status in league, both with dominating straight set performances.

The All-Star pair of junior Julie Shea and freshman Kate Englander ripped the bumped up second doubles team of Sam Swadish and Kate Mulvaney. At second doubles, senior captain Kelly Stone and sophomore Courtney Caron, another of the SSL's four All-Star selectee pairs, beat Jenna Wright and Christina Jacobson by a score of 6-2, 6-3.

This is the exact same scenario as it was last year with the teams sharing the league title. In both the 2001 and 2002 seasons, Cohasset avenged an early season loss to their rivals with a win at home.

Since season opening losses to Hingham and Norwell, the Lady Skippers have rattled off 12 straight for a 12-2 record. Their most recent win was another 5-0 destruction of neighboring Scituate.

Cohasset beat the Lady Sailors 4-1 a year ago, even though they did not have Grossman leading the way. This much improved team, which took six of the 15 spots on this year's All-Star team, also took the match with ease.

For Norwell, the All-Star selectees included Bitetti, for the third year in a row, and Bizzozero, who has amassed a 13-1 record this year.

With the All-Star selection process and the league title all said and done, both Cohasset and Norwell turn their attention to the playoffs.

With outstanding records, either of them could be contenders for a potential Sectional championship.

"Everyone comes out aggressively because they have confidence in the other people on their team to get their points," reported Meehan. "But you have got to play to win."

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IT'S HAPPENING

Art center awards scholarships

On Friday, June 14 at the opening of the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival on the Common, the four scholarships given annually by the Art Center will be awarded. Three of the scholarships are made to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning for fall. An additional scholarship is awarded to an adult art student.

The winner of the Fred E. Bergfors & Margaret Sandberg Award is: Jacquelyn Anderson, a resident of Abington who attends Abington High School.

The South Shore Art Center Award has been given to Benjamin Zawalich of Hanover, who attends Hanover High School.

Danielle Palmstrom, a senior at Milton High School is the recipient of the MacIvor Reddie Award.

Anne Holden, a resident of Marshfield, is the winner of the Margaret Marshall Dillon Memorial Award, given to a South Shore Art Center member who is returning to a field of visual art after extended interruption.

The Art Center congratulates these four winners for the outstanding quality and creativity of their portfolios. Artwork by the winners will be exhibited at the Art Center's Arts Festival on the Common, June 14-16, on Cohasset Common. Please call the South Shore Art Center, 781-383-2787, for information on Festival and the many opportunities for education and exhibition throughout the year.

Children's author to sign new book

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset is pleased to host author/illustrator Tracy Kane on Sat. June 1 from 1-3 p.m.. Tracy's book "Fairy Houses" is a delightful children's book complete with directions on constructing a fairy house in your own yard. The rules are simple. Only natural materials can be used, and none of nature's materials that are still living can be used or disturbed. Fairies are very careful to preserve our natural environment. Join us to make fairy wands and learn how to build a fairy house, as our planter at the front of the store becomes a home for fairies. Fairy dress is optional! Ms. Kane's second book, "Fairy Boats" is scheduled to be available on that date as well. Come meet Tracy Kane and learn how to build your own fairy house. Call 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Raffle at Community Center

The South Shore Community Center is having a 50/50 Raffle: 50 percent to the community center and 50 percent to the winner. Cost is $25 per ticket or five for $100. Donations are tax-deductible. Drawing will be held Sunday, June 16. Tickets are available at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset 02055; or you may call 781-383-0088.

The community center is also having a Spring Fund-raiser, Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Square Café, 150 North St. in Hingham. Featured fashions courtesy of Crossing Main of Hingham. Seating is limited; tickets are $50 each and available at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset.

For more information call the center at 781-383-0088.

Garage dance

The Youth Resources Committee will hold a dance at the Garage on Friday, May 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Children's drama workshop sign-ups

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces the return of the Children's Drama Workshop (CDW) this summer.

The drama workshop celebrates its 12th anniversary with this summer's production of "Monsters, Inc.," based on the Disney film.

Children between the ages of five and 12 are welcome to participate.

This six-week program will meet three times weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. Rehearsals for "Monsters, Inc." will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 24, 25, 26 and 29.

Tentative performance dates are Tuesday, July 30 at 7 p.m.; Wednesday, July 31 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Thursday, August 1 at 7 p.m.

Registration will be held at Cohasset Town Hall on Monday, June 10 at 9 a.m. Enrollment is limited and early registration is advised. The cost is $340 per cast member. There is a $15 discount given to children participating in the Cohasset Recreation Department's Playground Program.

"Monsters, Inc." will be directed and produced by CDW founders, Elizabeth, Sara and Grace Devaney of Cohasset. Call 781-383-4109 for more information.

Summer registration

Registrations for the 2002 Summer Playground Program, youth tennis and Children's Drama Workshop will be held starting Monday, June 10, through Thursday, June 13, in the Town Hall auditorium.

Registration will be open from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesday evening, registration will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. as well.

Band concerts

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. The South Shore Music Circus donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, in New York City.

Based upon continued South Shore Music Circus funding, the schedule for the 2002 season is Tuesday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m. on the Cohasset Common.

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

Concerts are free of charge and the public is invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available. You may call the recreation office at 383-4109 to check on the status of concerts should you be in doubt as to weather conditions.

Making strides against cancer

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The opening ceremonies for relay featured various speakers including Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham. Bradley addressed the crowd and voiced his wish to eradicate the terrible disease.

"My hope is that one day, I will stand here not to kick off the Survivors' Lap, but the victory lap in the fight against cancer," Bradley said.

After the first lap the team members, who weren't walking, had the opportunity to become involved with a variety of activities. From movies, to marital arts exhibitions, to acoustic guitar concerts, the Relay For Life provided a lot of entertainment.

There was also plenty of food to help fill walkers' appetites as area restaurants including Atlatinca, Red Lion Inn, Windsor Tea Shop, Schooners and The Borrowed Butler donated samplings from their menus. For a $5 donation, participants could enjoy as much food as they desired. The Taste of the Relay raised more than $1900 this year.

However, the most memorable part of the night happened after the sun went down.

After the sunset, more than 4,000 luminaria candles lined the track in honor or in memory of someone who had cancer. It is usually described as the most powerful moment of the relay.

"You haven't experienced the Relay For Life until you see the luminaria," Burns said.

After walking all night and into the day on Saturday, the relay closed a few hours early due to the inclement weather. Anyone still needing to turn in donations may send a check, made payable to the American Cancer Society, to the American Cancer Society, c/o Relay For Life in Cohasset, 1115 West Chestnut St., Brockton, MA 02301.

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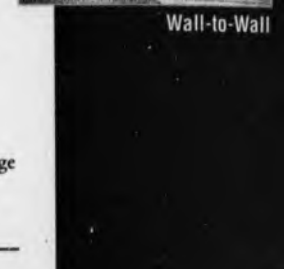

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Emma Quigley makes bubbles at the Kids Activities Tent.

Abby and Tracey Thomas of Cohasset hug one another as the cancer survivors take their lap.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman

Leeanne Devries with the trophy for top fundraiser that her team won last year. When all the pledges are tallied, her team "Leeanne and Deb" is sure to be in the running again.

Fitzy's Fighters, from the Norwell Middle School eighth-grade from left, Margot Littlehale, Victoria Forman, Alicia Deary, Erin Fitzgibbons, Megan Kelly, Michelle Granara and Erin McCarthy.

Deer Hill students Hanna Burgess, Matti Altholtz and Callie Altholtz at the Relay For Life on Alumni Field.

At left: Scituate Dream Team member Gail Anderson holds her grandson Tristen Smith while watching the survivors' lap.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, MAY 12

12:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway general services.

1:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:09 a.m. King St., disturbance gathering.

11:27 a.m. South Main St., and Summer St., suspicious.

11:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., general services.

1:11 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

1:17 p.m. Cohasset Harbor, property found.

3:28 p.m. King St., medical aid.

3:46 p.m. Border St., assist motorist.

7:16 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

7:45 p.m. Hull St., medical aid.

MONDAY, MAY 13

9:18 a.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

10:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Beechwood St., assist other agency.

1:11 p.m. Jerusalem Road, identity fraud.

1:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:19 p.m. Summer St., general services.

4:33 p.m. Stevens Lane, threats to do bodily harm.

5:33 p.m. King St., larceny.

5:35 p.m. Elm St. threats to do bodily harm.

6:03 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:50 p.m. Summer St., threats to do bodily harm.

8:06 p.m. Jerusalem Road, public service.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

6:52 a.m. North Main St. and Rocky Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:27 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:30 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:56 a.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

12:34 p.m. Surry Drive, 209A restraining order, served in hand.

12:43 p.m. White Head Road, fire, investigation.

1:25 p.m. Pond St., disorderly conduct.

2:53 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:41 p.m. Old Pasture Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

5:42 p.m. Braintree Police Department, assist municipal agency.

7:11 p.m. South Main St., property lost.

9:33 p.m. King St., medical aid.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

6:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

7:43 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Hull St., motor vehicle accident.

8:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9 a.m. Pond St., medical aid.

1:38 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

2 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

2:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:31 p.m. Reservoir Road, general services.

9:34 p.m. Hingham, general services.

11:35 p.m. Summer St., officer wanted.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:54 a.m. Pleasant St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

10:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:24 a.m. North Main St., escort, departmental action.

12:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:56 p.m. Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:16 p.m. King St., medical aid, services rendered.

3:38 p.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, traffic complaint, parking ticket issued.

4:02 p.m. Sandy Beach, wires down.

5:07 p.m. Stagecoach Way, fire, investigation.

5:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:35 p.m. Bassins Beach, property found.

6:02 p.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.

9:19 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle, parking ticket issued.

11:52 p.m. Beechwood St., fight.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

2:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:21 a.m. Pond St., animal call or complaint, area search negative.

10:13 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

10:27 a.m. Arrowwood Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:53 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

1:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., loitering.

2:01 p.m. Red Gate Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

3:28 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

3:46 p.m. CVS, assist other police department.

3:58 p.m. Grace Drive, animal call or complaint.

5:35 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Howe Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:55 p.m. North Main St. and Ripley road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:02 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:23 p.m. Norfolk Road and Bancroft Road, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

6:30 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:40 p.m. Doane St., threats (other).

7:16 p.m. Hill St., animal call or complaint.

7:30 p.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, general services, rendered.

7:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services, rendered.

8 p.m. HQ, property lost.

8:02 p.m. King St., general services.

9:30 p.m. Bancroft Road, noise complaint, services rendered.

9:35 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s); 59-year-old Marshfield man taken into Protective Custody.

10:10 p.m. Beach St. and Atlantic Ave., fire, investigation.

10:40 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

11:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

1:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

2:49 a.m. Cushing Road, assist other police department.

5:54 a.m. Pond St., assist motorist.

6:54 a.m. Brook St., parking complaint.

8:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

10:22 a.m. Stockbridge St., tree down.

10:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

10:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

1:07 p.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road, parking complaint, motor vehicle stored/impounded.

1:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

2 p.m. Hill St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

4:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle, area search negative.

5:49 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:42 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., assist motorist.

7:14 p.m. Cohasset Police HQ, assist other agency.

8:02 p.m. South Main St., property found.

9:21 p.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted.

10:27 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

10:40 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., transport, services rendered.

11:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), area search negative.

11:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services, area search negative.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

12:23 a.m. Border St., general services.

1:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s). Arrest of Margaret E. Jennings, 19, of 5 Crooked Meadow Lane, Hingham. Charges: Minor transporting/carrying alcohol; trespassing on land, dwelling, etc.

Arrest of Amy L. Melia, 19, of 8 Myers Farm Road, Hingham. Charges: Minor transporting/carrying alcohol; trespassing on land, dwelling, etc.

3:07 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

5:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

8:50 a.m. Surry Drive, animal call or complaint.

9:06 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:15 a.m. Summer St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:18 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:42 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:02 a.m. Sohier St. and Green St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:20 p.m. Hull St., fire, (miscellaneous).

12:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.

1:06 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

3:11 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

4:22 p.m. Pleasant St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:38 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint, services rendered.

7:58 p.m. Pond St., general disturbance.

8:03 p.m. Cushing Road, animal call or complaint, area search negative.

10:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, suspicious activity/person(s), returned to home or family.

10:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

Police urge all to buckle up

Beefed up patrols on holiday weekend

Chief Robert W. Jackson announced the Cohasset Police Department will join approximately 220 Massachusetts police departments and the State Police in the Operation America Buckles Up Children (ABC) Mobilization through May 27.

Each year during the weeklong Mobilizations in May and November, officers from all 50 states step-up enforcement of traffic laws, in particular those involving state safety belt and child passenger safety laws. More than 10,000 law enforcement agencies are participating nationwide in this up-coming Mobilization. In Massachusetts, the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau (GHSB) coordinates the Mobilizations.

"Throughout this holiday period, we will redouble our enforcement and education efforts to increase safety belt and child safety seat use."

— Police Chief Robert W. Jackson

"We are using this Mobilization to reduce the danger we all face from motor vehicle crashes during the heavily-traveled Memorial Day Weekend," said Chief Jackson. "Throughout this holiday period, we will redouble our enforcement and education efforts to increase safety belt and child safety seat use. GHSB research shows those communities with higher safety belt use rates have fewer motor vehicle-related fatalities and injuries."

The Cohasset Police Department has a GHSB grant for extra traffic enforcement that was awarded this spring and is in effect through September 2002. With these grant funds, the department will have extra traffic enforcement during the Mobilization.

WORSHIP NEWS

Inclusion workshop

On Monday, June 3 from 7-9 p.m., St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Parish on Route 139 in Hanover will host an "Evening of Listening and Dialogue" working toward the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the life of the Church.

The question, "How can the Church serve you better?" will be addressed at this session. The Church is richer and truly the Body of Christ when all are welcome. The South Region of the Archdiocese of Boston will explore more and better ways to include persons with all levels of disabilities in the parish life.

This evening of listening and dialogue is planned to gain input from persons living with all levels of disabilities, their family members, clergy, catechetical leaders, educators, health-care workers, and anyone with an interest in this ministry, especially young people. The questions to be addressed are:

- What are the needs of persons with disabilities?
- What are the needs of their families?
- How can we, as Church, promote programs that enhance spiritual growth and development?
- What gifts are we missing by not including persons with disabilities in the life of the Church?

For more information on this upcoming workshop concerning persons with disabilities, call Marilyn Zedick at 781-829-1229.

Karol honored

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St. in Hingham will honor Rabbi Stephen A. Karol on Friday evening, June 7 at a special service beginning at 7:30 p.m. Also on Sunday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be an open house at the Temple to provide the entire community a less-formal opportunity to wish the Karol family all the best on their move to Long Island.

There are other ways you can express your good wishes to Rabbi Karol. Please call the Temple office at 781-749-8103.

Open house at Sha'aray Shalom

Please join members of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom for a very special evening. Learn about the unique appeal of this Reform Jewish community on the South Shore at our open house on Monday, June 3 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Tours of the building will be conducted and our guests are encouraged to meet with both Rabbi Karol and Nancy Nelson, associate director of education.

Our temple is wheelchair accessible. For information and directions, call 781-749-8103.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P1238EP

In the Estate of PRISCILLA C. DRESSER

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death April 21, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY of BOSTON in the County of SUFFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 26, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, May 14, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#859102
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KEHOE ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P1203GC

In the Matter Of JOSEPH F. KEHOE
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP

To JOSEPH F. KEHOE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, his spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said JOSEPH F. KEHOE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is physically incapacitated and praying that SHIRLEY KEHOE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 25, 2002.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, May 13, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

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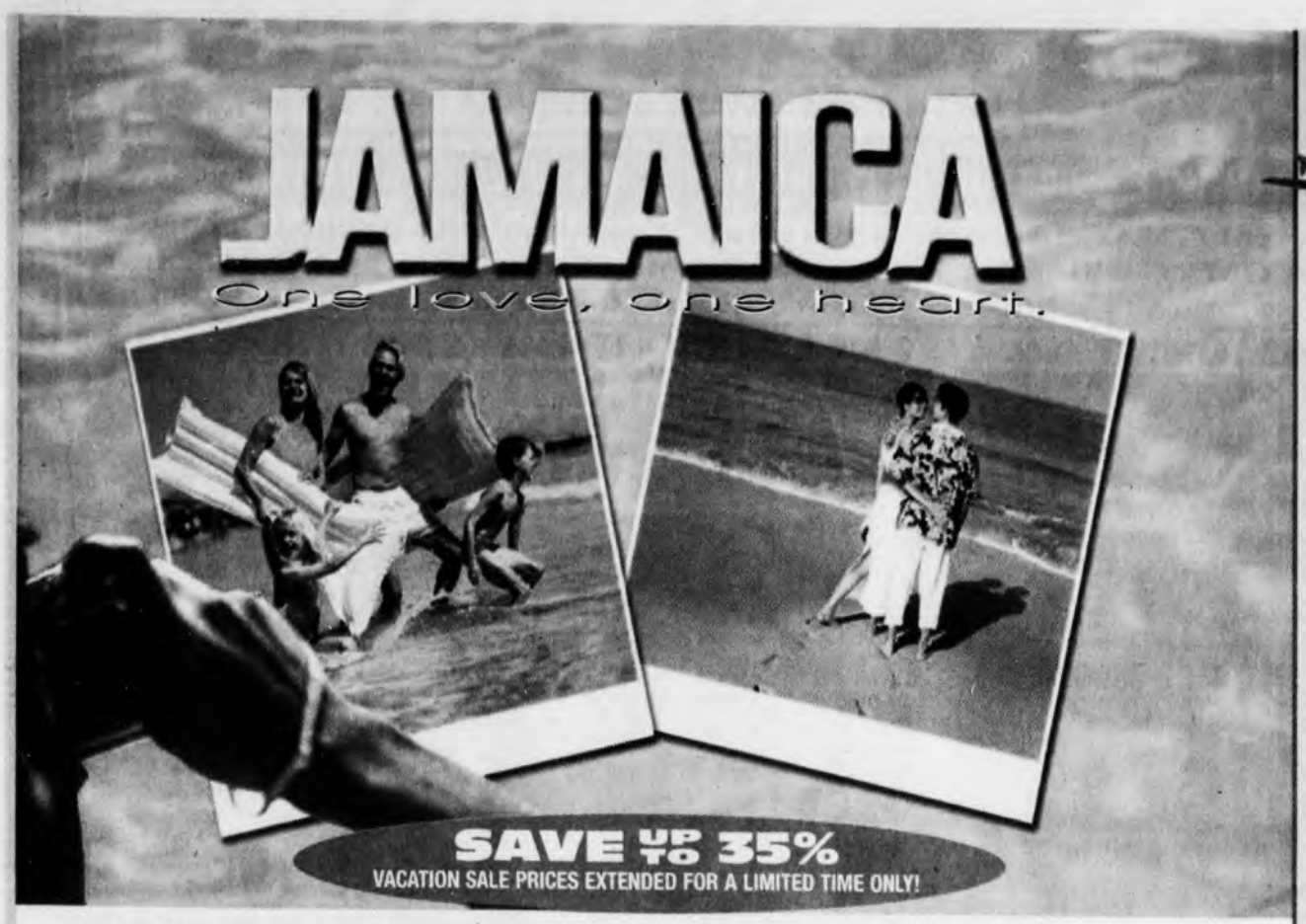

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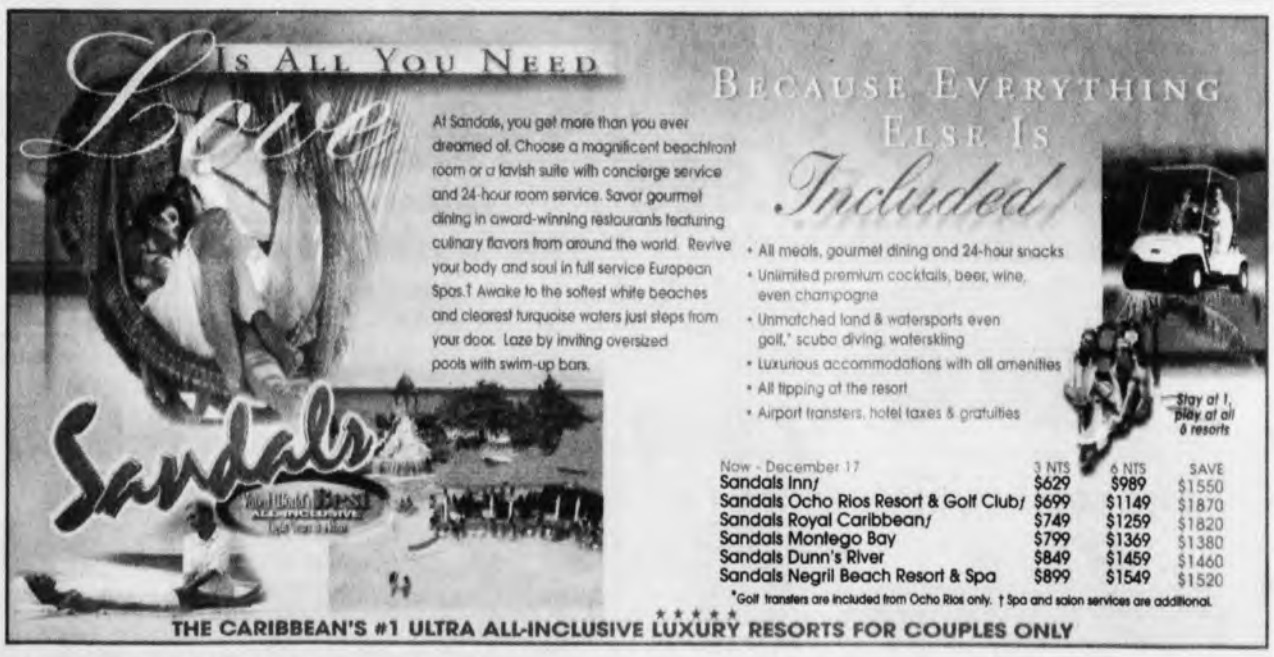

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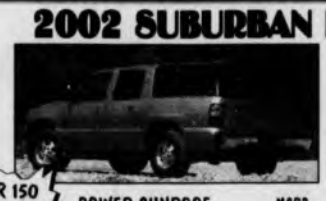

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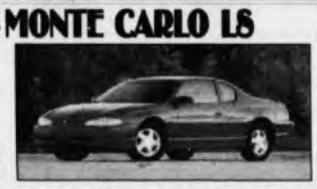

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Humble beauty

Holbrook watercolor artist now showing

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Isabella Hoell captures evening at Holbrook Fire Department Station 1, while her "Memorial Day at Mary Wales Park," offers a timely and timeless patriotic scene of flag-waving parade-watchers. Hoell's watercolor work is on display through the end of the month at the Holbrook Public Library.

Like many of her colleagues, Holbrook painter Isabella Hoell first took up the practice in middle age, taking classes at Brockton's Fuller Museum and at Cohasset's South Shore Art Center and in Duxbury beginning in 1980.

Now 75, Hoell has since gained affiliations with numerous area art organizations, including the North River and Cape Cod Art Associations and others in Randolph, Duxbury, Weymouth and elsewhere. Her work has appeared in a group exhibit at Norwell's South Shore Science Center, a two-person show at Foxboro Library and in the watercolorist's first solo exhibit at Weymouth's Tufts Library, and gathered an assortment of local gallery show awards.

Currently, Hoell enjoys a milestone of sorts with her first solo exhibition in her hometown, where she has lived for some fifty years. Twenty-five of the artist's watercolors are on display in the browsing galleries at Holbrook Public Library through the end of May.

"My painting is an effort to share something of the beauty I perceive in everyday life with others," said Hoell in her artist statement for the Holbrook Library show, which is simply titled "Watercolors." "The extraordinary and intriguing shapes of the long shadows cast by objects in the morning light or by the window in the late afternoon setting sun inspire me to design compositions of humble household objects."

Hoell further describes her ideal desire and aim with her work, to get the viewer to possibly rediscover the world around them, and the artistic appeal of ordinary, often overlooked, items and scenes. Over a diverse selection of fruit and floral still life images, and a pair of snapshot suburban neighborhood scenes, Hoell emphasizes her points with an individualistic flair for bold, striking colors. Thus, her still lifes are certainly never stiff and her floral images are sensitive as expected but not humble.

Standout examples of these qualities include "Red Roses," which illuminates not only its title subjects but also the radiant glow of their white china vase, and "Transparent Yellow Pepper," which depicts its subject in vivid, appetizing form. Other works such as "Yellow Iris," "Moonglow" and "Summer Fruit" follow a similar standard.

Hoell describes florals and still lifes as her specialty, but breaks from that mode with the two neighborhood scenes in the show. These pieces include "Evening at Station One," which lends an intriguing nocturnal feel to Holbrook's main firehouse, and "Memorial Day at Mary Wales Park," offering a timely and timeless patriotic scene of flag-waving parade-watchers.

"Ultimately you have to paint what you enjoy," she said. "I often paint around Holbrook, Norwell and Duxbury, but most of my still life work is done at home. The back lighting in my house always makes great shadows for me to work from."

Don Smith names Moby and the Chemical Brothers as musical influences.

DJ Don rides the digital wave

Randolph musician releases debut CD

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The age of The New Digital Sound has arrived.

And we're not talking about the latest sprout of digital music channel offerings from cable-TV. This New Digital Sound is a possible bold new direction for the music itself.

It's also the name of both the new independent music and production company founded by Randolph musician Don Smith, and the multi-instrumentalist/technophile's debut CD which is his company's first artistic venture.

Smith, known musically and professionally as DJ Don Smith, would like The New Digital Sound to join in the success of breakthrough techno-based artists such as Moby and the Chemical Brothers.

"My objective is to create cutting edge music forms as an artist and producer," said Smith."I formed my own production company two years ago and have worked on the material (for the debut CD) since shortly after that. I love to take the newest technology and create music which is out of the ordinary and original."

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"The New Digital Sound" is more than the title of DJ Don Smith's debut CD, it's also the name of his independent music and production company.

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The Hills are alive with artists and art lovers every Memorial Day Weekend.

Arts festival returns to Marshfield Hills

Artists and art lovers alike will descend upon Marshfield Hills Village this weekend for the 26th Annual Festival of the Arts. Sponsored by the North River Arts Society, the event is free and open to the public. The arts festival gets underway Friday evening, May 24 with a Gala Preview Party from 7 to 10 p.m. a t the GAR Hall on Old Main Street. Admission to the preview event is $10. An award ceremony for the artists will take place at 8 p.m. followed by a raffle drawing at 9:30 p.m. during which time Festival Poster Artist Patricia Gray's pastel work "Golden Cloud Marsh III" will be raffled.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Marshfield artist Susan Raffa works in oils during a past festival.

On Saturday, May 25, and Sunday, May 26 the festival opens to the public at 10 a.m. and will continue through 5 p.m. Artists' winning work can be viewed at the Juried Art and Sculpture exhibit in the GAR Hall featuring more than 100 selected paintings and pieces of sculpture. More than 30 artisans and craftspeople will set up shop at the festival offering everything from jewelry and clothing to plants, paintings and handmade quilts. Matted and framed artwork and photography will be available for purchase at the Art-in-the-Tent exhibit.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the two-day event with dancers, and musicians and a children's tent with activities for young festival-goers.

For more information on the festival contact the North River Arts Society at (781) 837-8091, fax at (781) 837-9576 or email northriverarts@rcn.com or visit the Web site at northriverarts.org

Katzenberg gets animated about 'Spirit'

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

If there weren't already a character called the King of Cartoons on the old TV show "Pee-wee's Playhouse," the moniker could have gone to Jeffrey Katzenberg. Then again, Katzenberg, a small, wiry man who moves fast and speaks quickly — but slows down and waxes eloquent when the subject turns to moviemaking — doesn't really like the word "cartoon." He prefers "animated film."

Katzenberg is the "K" in DreamWorks SKG, the other letters standing for his partners Steven Spielberg and David Geffen. In addition to his live-action blockbusters ("Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Flashdance" and "Pretty Woman"), Katzenberg has a string of animated hits on his resume: "The Little Mermaid," "The Lion King," "The Prince of Egypt," "Chicken Run" and "Shrek."

His newest film as producer is the animated feature "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron," an epic tale of a wild horse in the Old West who is captured and mistreated by soldiers, escapes to live with kind, nature-worshipping Native Americans and

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Food & dining

Homemade granola bars

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Once in a great while I come across something in a bakery that is so good that it reminds me of my first croissant – rich, addictive, and, well, deadly. When I first tasted one of Joanne Chang's fruit-filled granola bars at her bakery, "Flour," in the South End of Boston, I knew that I had hit pay dirt. The filling was rich with flavor but not jammy and the granola layers were moist, chewy, and deeply satisfying. The question was how to adapt her recipe for a home cook.

The basic notion is that dried fruit is hydrated in water and sugar. A filling of flour, oats, nuts, coconut, etc. is made in a food processor. The bottom is prebaked, the filling added, the top crust pressed on top, and the whole thing is then finished in the oven. Simple enough except that the recipe I was given called for 10 pounds of ingredients, enough to provide for a family of 12.

Starting with a 9 by 13-inch pan, I found that 3 1/2 cups of dried fruit did the trick. A mix of dried unsweetened cranberries, apples, and apricots produced an intense flavor when hydrated with sugar and water for about a half hour. The apples are absorbent and soften the filling; the cranberries and apricots provide an intense flavor and plenty of chew. I also tested sweetened cranberries as well as dried blueberries, strawberries, and cherries. The original trio was the winner.

For the dough, I started with flour and oats in equal parts. For the sugar, I tested all kinds and finally settled on light brown. Joanne also adds sweetened coconut flakes (not unsweetened) that add a nice burst of flavor and chew. Nuts are an essential addition to any granola bar and I preferred pecans and almonds to walnuts which were bitter. (Toasting the nuts adds flavor but is not essential.) Sunflower seeds, part of the original recipe, were also good but I preferred to add them with the other dry ingredients instead of pressing them into the bottom crust. Spices quickly became overwhelming but a bit of cinnamon and salt, an ingredient missing from the original recipe, was called for.

Butter and honey were the other two key ingredients. Two and a half sticks of butter was just right – any more and the bars became greasy and any less and they became tough. (And you thought that granola bars were healthy!) Honey added both flavor and moisture and three ounces of honey (a generous third cup) was just right.

The method is simple enough. The dry ingredients are pulsed in a food processor and then the butter and honey are added and the mixture is pulsed again until the butter is about the size of small peas. (Do not overprocess – the dough will bake up greasy and heavy.) This mixture is reserved in a large bowl and then the nuts are pulsed with the coconut. The two mixtures are then combined by hand.

About two thirds of the mixture is baked in the bottom of the pan, the fruit compote is spread on top, and the bars are finished with the leftover dough. The pan is returned to the oven for 20 minutes. Heaven on earth.

GRANOLA BARS WITH FRUIT FILLING

Do not overprocess the flour/oats/butter mixture or the bars will turn out greasy. If you cannot find unsweetened dried cranberries, use sweetened and reduce the sugar to 1/3 cup or you can try substituting dried cherries. Toast the nuts in a 375-degree oven for about eight minutes or until lightly colored and fragrant. Cool completely. If you have a convection oven, you might try it with this recipe but the baking time will be shorter.

For the fruit compote

1 1/4 cup dried apricots, coarsely chopped

1 1/4 cup dried apples, coarsely chopped

1 1/4 cups dried cranberries, unsweetened preferred, see note

1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 1/2 cups water

For the dough

2 cups all purpose flour

2 cups quick cooking oats

1 cup light brown sugar, lightly packed

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

20 tablespoons (two and one-half sticks) cold unsalted butter cut into 1/2-inch pieces

3 ounces honey (1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon)

1 1/2 cups sweetened coconut flakes

1 cup toasted pecans or almonds or a combination of both

1/2 cup sunflower seeds, roasted and salted

1. In a medium saucepan combine all of the ingredients for the fruit compote and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer and cook, until the liquid is absorbed and the fruit is fully hydrated, about 30 minutes. Meanwhile heat the oven to 375 degrees and line the bottom of a 9 x 13-inch pan with parchment.

2. Place the flour, oats, light brown sugar, salt and cinnamon in the bowl of a food processor. Pulse briefly to combine. Add the butter and honey and process until pieces of butter are no larger than a small pea, about twelve one second pulses. (Do not overprocess!) Transfer the mixture to a large mixing bowl. Place the coconut, pecans and/or almonds and the sunflower seeds in the food processor bowl. Process until the nuts are well broken up, about eight one second pulses. Transfer to the large mixing bowl. Using your fingers gently mix the two batches of ingredients together until well combined. When fully incorporated the dough will look like lumpy wet sand.

3. Add about two thirds of the mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan and gently pat down into an even layer. Reserve the remaining portion (about three generous cups) in a cool place until needed. Bake until medium golden brown, about 18 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven and evenly spread the fruit compote over the top. Sprinkle the remaining dough in an even layer over the fruit. Return the pan to the oven and bake for an additional 20 minutes or until the topping is dark golden brown. (Underbaked bars will be damp and greasy.) Cool completely before cutting.

Makes about two dozen 1 x 3 inch bars.

JAM FILLING VARIATION

You may substitute homemade or low sugar jam for the fruit compote but the bars will lose some chewiness.

Sensational salvias

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the sun set on a clear, chilly evening in mid-May, I scurried about gathering up my collection of tender plants lining my walkway to bring them into the warm confines of my sunroom for another night. With a record low temperature set the night before and hints for a potential frost, it seemed prudent to delay planting my delicate treasures until the traditional date of Memorial Day weekend. Despite my best intentions to limit acquisitions this season, a sizeable accumulation of new perennials and annuals mysteriously appeared during the past few weeks.

As a passionate collector of plants, I am always on the lookout for the latest introductions and I consider it my mission to try every new perennial that comes on the market. To support my plant habit, I work at two nurseries which not only helps me to pay for these new acquisitions, but affords me the opportunity to purchase recent arrivals before other plant junkies whisk them away.

Many gardeners begin acquiring plants innocently only to be suddenly overtaken by a need to have one of everything. Eventually, a focus seems to develop with a few plant families taking center stage. Hostas, daylilies, and iris may be chosen for their diversity and ease of culture but there are many others that offer a broad range of opportunity. One genus, the sages or salvias, is less likely to come to mind, but there are hundreds of species including annuals, perennials, biennials and shrubby varieties waiting to be discovered by gardeners who have sunny, well-drained sites. Many salvias exhibit spectacular spikes in a broad range of colors; others provide aromatic foliage and may be used for culinary purposes.

My first experience with this diverse family of plants was years ago when I found time to grow many of my plants from seed and I started vegetables and herbs indoors. Salvia officinalis or the common sage was among my first successes and quickly grew to become a large, gray-green subshrub in my herb garden. I often picked the leaves to use for cooking and its attractive, aromatic foliage and light purple spires were a pleasant addition to the garden. Attracted to the colorful foliage of S. Purpurascens and S. Tricolor, I was disappointed when I found these to be less hardy. More recently, I have added the cultivar S. Berggarten to my perennial borders as a hardy source of gray foliage which persists through the winter.

For a dramatic splash of summer color, few annuals rival the spectacular Salvia splendens or scarlet sage. A popular bedding plant, perhaps best known for its fiery shades of red, new introductions include salmon, pink, burgundy, purple and white. Full sun, regular removal of spent flowers and supplemental moisture during dry spells will produce vivid, bushy displays. Less commonly available but a delightful addition to annual plantings, S. coccinea or the Texas sage offers coral, red or white spires.

The color blue is well represented in the Salvia family and S. farinacea is a popular source of this color for bedding plants and containers. This hardy annual offers slender spikes of deep blue on 20 inch stems that blend well with nearly every annual or it can be used to provide this highly sought color all summer long in the perennial border. Salvia 'Victoria' is the most widely grown blue variety and a white form, S. 'Cirrus', adds a pleasant source of silvery white spires.

Sensational large, soft, woolly, silver leaves are the highlight of Salvia argentea. This biennial sage never fails to attract attention in the garden with its rosette of showy 8-inch scalloped leaves and tall spikes of white flowers. Ideal for hot, dry, sunny locales, if flower stalks are removed immediately after flowering, the plant may rebloom and has a better chance of returning the following season if it is not allowed to go to seed.

Among the perennial sages, Salvia sylvestris 'May Night' is well deserving of its designation as a 'perennial plant of the year'. Dense, deep purple, 2-foot spires above crinkled green foliage bloom for weeks and if removed promptly, blooming may recur. Full sun and well-drained soils produce large, husky plants. Other cultivars include S. Blue Queen and S. Blue Hill demonstrating blue-violet flowers, S. Snow Hill with lovely white spires and S. Rose Queen for shades of rose-pink.

Soft, hairy, wavy leaves characterize the charming Salvia verticillata cultivars. Clusters of lavender or white flowers on arching 12-inch stems bloom throughout the summer if spent flowers are removed. Look for S. Purple Rain and S. alba for a delightful display of long-lasting flowers in full sun and well-drained soil. Salvia lyrata Purple Knockout is my most recent acquisition of the sage family with showy bronze-purple foliage for sun or partial shade.

Container gardens are the ideal showcase for some of the less commonly available sages including the gentian sage, S. patens, and S. guaranitica, both of which exhibit comparatively large, sensational gentian blue flowers. Flowers are borne in fewer numbers but their color is truly alluring.

Perhaps my favorite reason for growing the sages is their ability to attract hummingbirds. Tubular flowers are irresistible to these fascinating, tiny creatures and while red draws them to the garden, all colors of these diverse plants seem equally enticing.

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DJ Don rides digital wave

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Smith's musical ambitions have been supported in part by NDS's other specialty, as one of any number of DJ/entertainment providers for private parties and corporate functions in the local area. Smith has used this business experience, with its values of original concepts in music presentation, to take it a step farther with the CD release of unique, original compositions in his efforts to expand into the music field.

If Smith is optimistic about the potential of techno-based music, and the various means and media at his disposal for its creation, he's also enthusiastic about the fact that the music itself is slowly gaining mainstream visibility. DJ Don is certainly quick to cite Moby and the Chemical Brothers as major influences on his own musical adventures, but his debut disc serves up textures and flavorings that might put listeners in mind of techno-merging-rock acts such as Nine Inch Nails, Tool and Linkin Park as well.

But optimistic is probably one word that won't come to mind when checking out the ambience of the music and disc themselves. The cover of The New Digital Sound features an image of a roomful of broken furniture, paint-peeling walls and other assorted squalor in what looks like a condemned building. The music therein contains voiceover sound-samples describing mass murder, sexual perversion and terminal sickness amidst the dark, eerie, digitally-synthesized sound-scapes.

There are, however, some energizing beats and grooves to be found in the disc's thirteen tracks, which can just as easily be heard as one long, foreboding song or suite. The track, "You," delivers a funky, drum-machine beat beneath simple, melancholy piano chords and melodies, and "Minimal" conveys multi-layered, repeating keyboard lines creating a spooky, celestial effect. While NDS the disc obviously lacks the pop-flavored and radio-friendly hooks of something like Moby's breakthrough album Play, these two DJ Don tracks have been regarded as accessible enough to gain recent regular airplay on RadioBoston.com, an online area outlet for new alternative and experimental music.

"I call it music you can vibe to, generally speaking," Smith said. "I think there's an audience out there for original music that doesn't ever get played on your local radio station with its tight format. And even people who've listened to my disc since it came out, they may think it's a bit bizarre and unusual at first, but then they tell me the more they listen, they more they like it."

Like Moby has done over the last two years, Smith too would like to look into licensing his music to various commercial outlets, such as movies, TV programming and advertising, video games, the internet and anything else conceivable the future might bring. Original film scoring is a field that interests him as well.

"My dream is to turn NDS into a band as well as studio project, and develop a live show," he said. "Once I can put that together, I'll be looking for the chance to land gigs at Boston clubs like the Middle East — downstairs, or the Phoenix Landing. Any club that's willing to take the risk on our kind of music."

Katzenberg gets animated about 'Spirit'

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ends up on a journey of adventure. The film looks like "old school" animation, far, far away from the computer wizardry of "Toy Story" and "Shrek."

"This is the first movie since 'The Lion King' told through the eyes of a four-legged animal," says Katzenberg. "But rather than just follow the cookie cutter [format] that has gotten a little tired and overused, everything about this movie kind of takes its own course. It's told through the eyes of the horse, but the horse doesn't talk. It's a musical, but nobody sings. There are comedic moments in it, but they're not gathered from a sidekick. It takes the sort of standard ways in which animation has worked in the past and gone in a very different direction."

Part of that direction is that, although most of the film has a painterly look, it also boasts a computer-generated kick, a seamless blend of CGI and hand-drawing, all overseen by Katzenberg.

There's a Hollywood legend about Katzenberg's arrival at Disney, a studio that was built on animation, but had been in a long commercial slump. As he was being led around the lot, someone pointed to the animation building and said to him, "That's *your* problem."

"That's exactly true," he recalls. "So you go over to that building and look inside and say how big a problem is it and how do we fix it? Well, it was a big problem, and I didn't know anything about the business, so that was a tremendous learning curve for me. I wasn't a student of animation, I didn't really know anything about it, I didn't understand how these movies were made."

Bottom line: He turned the place around, generating hit after hit. And when he left 10 years later to start DreamWorks, he brought along a lot of expertise, and some new ideas.

"One of the things I really admired about Walt Disney is that he had a very clear mission statement," explains Katzenberg. "Walt said, 'I make movies for children, and the child that exists in each of us.' And that's very true to what and how he made these films. He made them for children, and he then made sure that they appealed to the child in the adult. When I left Disney, I wanted to do something very different, that would be distinctive from that, where we would have our own mission statement, and would find our own style. So if you look at the movies over the years — 'Shrek' is a very irreverent fractured fairy tale. But it was made on a basis to work for an adult audience. And then we made sure that it didn't go over the kids' heads.

"In this day and age, very little goes over kids' heads," he adds. "They're very smart. They're instinctual and sophisticated, they understand nuance and irony and parody and satire. They may not be able to understand what the words, themselves, mean. But they get it in the context of storytelling. So if the goal of 'Shrek' was to make an audience laugh, the goal of 'Spirit' was to make an audience cheer."

Katzenberg has had the chance to cheer his own box office record, with hits like "Three Men and a Baby" and "Beauty and the Beast." But he's also overseen production of dismal performances from films such as "The Road to El Dorado" and "Cabin Boy." Right now, just like every other producer with a film coming out, he's wondering and worrying about how it will do.

"It's always high anxiety, no matter what," he says candidly. " 'Spirit' is a real labor of love. We set out to make something very different, and I think we did. But because it's new and different, it's also riskier. The thing that is remarkable about the movie business is you never know; you could have asked me how I felt this time last year, just before 'Shrek' came out. I might not have had quite the same level of anxiety, because in addition to everything else, you now have 'Spider-Man' and 'Star Wars' sort of vacuuming up the marketplace at the same time. We'll have to compete in a really tough market."

But is Katzenberg concerned about "Lilo & Stitch," the Disney animated feature being released on June 21?

"No, they come out a month after us," he says calmly. "People always ask about the competition, but we don't actually compete. 'Spirit's' success or failure will not be impacted by how well 'Lilo & Stitch' does or doesn't do. And vice versa. So I wish them well. I'm rooting for them."

Katzenberg says it's good news when *any* animated film becomes a blockbuster.

"The more these movies succeed," he says, "the more it expands the market, the more the moviegoers look forward to these films."

"Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron" opens nationally on May 24.

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THE BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL will once again provide outdoor, harborside performances by nationally renowned blues artists during the Fourth Annual Blues Concerts Series. The Blues Barge, a floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. The concert series, sponsored by the Boston Harbor Hotel and House of Blues, begins with an opening night on Thursday, July 4, and will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.bhh.com

THE 12TH ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL at Stonehill College on June 7 to 9 promises to be one of the best festivals ever, with a stellar line-up of musicians, dancers, authors, vendors and more. More than 500 singers, musicians, and dancers performing continuously throughout the three day festival on eight stages, featuring the best in local and international talent. Agricultural Exhibits, Irish Step Dancing Exhibitions, Cultural Exhibits, Authors Tent, Bards in the Round Music Tent, Cumann na Gaeilge, Childrens' Cultural Area, Artists and Crafters Colony, Spirit of Ireland Exhibition, Irish Curragh Exhibit, O'Connell Street Marketplace with more than 70 Irish vendors, Irish Food Court, Kiddie Rides and more. Admission $12. Weekend passes and group rates available. For more information visit www.irishculture.org/festival or call 1-888-GO-IRISH.

FIFTH ANNUAL JIMMY KENNEDY MEMORIAL RUN FOR ALS will be held on June 8, at Veterans' Memorial Stadium on Hancock St., in Quincy. The five mile run is also know as the New Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. The road race starts at 10 a.m. and will include a 2.5 mile Fitness Walk beginning at 9 a.m. The event includes special children's events and awards in 15 age divisions. The entry fee is $12 before May 31, and $15 after and on race day. For more information call 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com

"FRIENDS WITH HOPE" is sponsoring its Third Annual 5K (3.2 miles) Walk to raise money for breast cancer research and health education. This walk will take place June 23, at 9 a.m. (8 a.m. registration) beginning at Pembroke Center. There will be a $15 pre-registration fee - $20 day of the walk. For information call Laurie Griffen 781-982-0960 or Julie Brenton 508-888-5824 or Jennifer Lambert 781-545-7648 or visit the web site at www.geocities.com/friendswithhope.

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets go on sale April 8, for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

"North Adams Barn" and "Diablo Trees" by Jeremy Barnard

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The South Shore Art Center presents Exterior Designs in Photography including the works of photographer Jeremy Barnard through May 26 at its Cohasset galleries. The SSAC is located at 119 Ripley Road. For hours and information call (781) 383-2787 or visit them online at www.ssac.org.

Thurs. 23

Trinity Parish in Canton will host its **spring carnival** May 23 to May 27, One Blue Hill River road, Canton Junction of Route 128 and 138 in Canton. Thursday, 6 to 10 p.m., Friday, 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon to 11 p.m., Monday, noon to 8 p.m. All rides $12 per person per day on Thursday and Friday, wristbands sold until 9 p.m.

The South Shore Yacht Club of Weymouth announces registration for its summer Junior Sailing Program. The South Shore Yacht Club is located within the Abigail Adams Park at the Back River Bridge on route 3A. The Junior Sailing Program is open to the public for ages 8 through 14. The program will be held daily Monday through Friday starting July 8 and running six weeks through Aug. 16. U.S. Sailing Certified Instructors are utilized to teach the lessons. There will be three levels of instruction offered: beginner, Intermediate, and Advance. Limited space is available, early registration is recommended. For further information and applications, call 781-749-3239.

Willow Designs is hosting a design seminar for anyone interested in gaining insight into critical aspects of design. The seminar, "Elements of Design: Lighting and Color" will be held may 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the South Shore Science Center. Tickets are $35. For more information call 781-659-0778.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Tab Benoit** on May 23. Admission $10. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Adam Ainslie** on May 23. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 24

The New England Village's Office of Enrichment Programs is offering a wide variety of classes and fun events this summer to adults with developmental disabilities from surrounding communities. Art classes, including nature painting and drawing, mosaic tile making, and art for the senses; open fitness classes; and gardening classes will be offered. Fun and exciting events like Campfire Sing-a-Longs and an outdoor concert with local band "Jupiter Ray" will also be held. **Registration deadline is May 24.** For more information call 781-293-5461 ext. 119. Or visit www.newenglandvillage.org/v-programs.html (and scroll down)

North River Arts Society located at 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills presents The 26th Annual Festival of the Arts on May 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Preview party will start the weekend off on Friday, May 24, at 7 p.m. with awards announcements from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For a $10 fee at the door. The public is invited.

Singles Executives Club Cocktail Party and Dance will be held May 26, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at The Sheraton Plymouth Hotel, 1801 Water St., Plymouth. Rt. 44 off Rt. 3 (508) 747-4900. Live dance music by the Ron Towers Show. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For singles age 35-55 years old. Proper business attire required. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15 after. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by "Cape Cod's Most Eligible Singles.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance May 24, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Blues Alley** on May 24. Admission $6. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Urban Renewal** on May 24. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St., E. Bridgewater all shows start 7 p.m. Illustrated Man with **Jeff Canon with Cousin Artie**$5. For more information call 508378-1584.

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

Sat. 25

A giant yard sale to benefit the **Hilltop Humane Society** will be held May 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 71 Forest St., Pembroke.

The First Parish Church in Norwell is sponsoring its annual flea market and yard sale on May 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine, at 24 River Street, (just off Route 123 in Norwell Center). Church and private tables, complimentary coffee and tea, snack bar. For information call 781-659-7122.

North River Arts Society located at 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills presents The 26th Annual Festival of the Arts on May 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Preview party will start the weekend off on Friday, May 24, at 7 p.m. with awards announcements from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For a $10 fee at the door. The public is invited. The weekend will include: 32 artisans-craftspeople; a Juried Art and Sculpture exhibit, a Juried Photography Exhibit, Art-in-the Tent, ongoing outdoor free entertainment and a children's tent. For more information, call 781-837-8091.

Borders at the Independence Mall, Kingston presents **Playground Storytime**. Play hopscotch in the bookstore. A reading of Maisy Goes to the Playground, by Lucy Counsins, and at the Playground, by Dick Bruna, will be held at noon.

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. May 25, Moderate walk, some hilly terrain, 2.5 miles. Walk around Tucker Hill on the green dot path. Meet at Houghtons Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will **feature Paul Horton and Emilia Dahlin**, on May 25. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Boogaloo Swamis** on May 25. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse will feature **Alex Charlambides**. Open mic signup at 7:30 p.m. Free admission, pass the hat for feature. For information call 508-279-9952 or www.mothwing.com/dailygrindpoetry.

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

Sun. 26

Borders at the Independence Mall, Kingston presents the **Bela Sarkozy Trio** May 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 978-532-6032.

Cruisin' at the Cruiser will take place at the USS Salem on May 26, at 9 a.m. Memorial Day Weekend. The event includes a car show, awards ceremony, barbecue and tour of ship. This event is a fundraiser for the USS Salem, a non-profit corporation. For additional information, call Michael Condon at the USS Salem at 617-479-7900.

Crafters are wanted for a fair to be held at Congregational Sha'aray Shalom at 112 Main St,. Hingham. The fair will be held on May 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for information or to reserve a table, call 7810740-1345.

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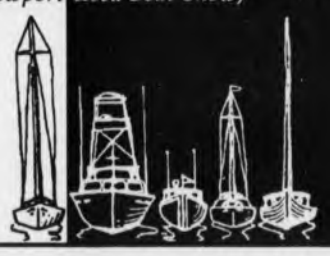

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The Silver Lake Auto Club will hold its **14th Annual Auto Show** on Sunday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine, at the Marshfield Fair grounds on Route 3A. Antique cars and trucks will be featured. Auto fee preregistration is $8, $10 on the day of the show, car corral $8. Call Steve McDonough at 781-826-8216 or Ken Cedarstrom at 7810871-1916. A portion of the proceeds will go to local charities.

Young Virtuoso Debut concert featuring six pianists from the **Sharon Academy of Music** performing at **First Baptist Church of Sharon**, 2 South Main St., Sharon on May 26, at 2 p.m. For tickets call 508-677-2393 Students $8, Seniors $11 ($12 at the door) Adults $13-$15. Tax deductible contributions are still needed to pay the expenses of mounting this concert payable to Chamber Music Society of Easton, 130 Howard St., South Easton, 02375.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth, will host a **Make-A-Wish Benefit** featuring **The Love Dogs, The Cheryl Arena Band, Killer Kane and the Blu FO's, Chris Fitz Band, The Bruce Marshall Group** on May 26, from 5 p.m. until closing. Admission $15. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com Proceeds to benefit Make-Wish Foundation and Project Arts Plymouth.

Mon. 27

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Center will hold its annual Memorial Day book sale on may 27, from 9 a.m. to noon. All proceeds benefit the library's programs. Included in the sale are hard-to-find titles, classics, new bestsellers and children" books. Refreshments. Free. The book sale follows the Norwell Veterans memorial Day parade. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

Tues. 28

The South Shore Women's Business Network Breakfast will be held May 28, at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland at 7:30 a.m. The keynote speaker will be **Paul Cooperstein,** the CEO of Strategic Intervention Associates. Register for this event by calling the South Shore Women's Business Network at 781-749-8883. For more information call 781-749-8883 or visit www.sswbn.org.

"Kiss Me Kate" starring Rex Smith and Rachel York will play at the Wang Theatre May 28 to June 2. Performances are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Wednesday, May 29, (press night) and Sunday, June 2, at 7 p.m. and matinees Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. Tickets are $68.50, $58.50, $48.50 and $28.50 for all performances; all prices include a $1 restoration fee. Tickets are on sale at the Wang Theatre Box Office Tickets are on sale at The Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont St or through Telecharge at 800-447-7400 or www.telecharge.com or at The Wang Theatre Group Sales at 617-350-6000.

Wed. 29

South Shore Art Center will hold the opening reception for **Art Forum**, an exhibition of art created by students from schools on the South Shore on May 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The exhibit will feature the work of students in grades 6, 7, and 8 from 16 South Shore towns. Schools include Abington Jr. High, South and East Middle Schools in Braintree, Deer Hill and the Middle School in Cohasset, Duxbury Middle School, Hanover Middle School, Hingham Middle School, Hull Intermediate School, Pierce Middle School, Goldman School in Norwell, Rising Tide Charter School in Plymouth, Rogers Middle School in Rockland, Williams Middle School in South Bridgewater, Gates Middle School in Scituate, and Abigail Adams Intermediate School, Weymouth. Art Forum will be on display from may 28 to June 3, the gallery hours are Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

South Shore Natural Science Center invites the public to attend its 2002 Annual Meeting held at the Science Center at 7 p.m. The guest speaker, Barbara Devine, will present a pictorial and slide review of the history of the Science Center, starting from its humble beginnings conducting field trips on Flora, a secondhand school bus. Following the presentation, there will be a business meeting, a vote on by-law revisions, and the annual election of officers and trustees. Light refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. For more information call 781-659-2559.

The Kennedy Library and Museum will offer free admission to the Museum through the day on Wednesday, May 29, in celebration of the 85th Anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's birth. The library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and parking is free. Located on Columbia Point in Boston, next to UMass/Boston Campus. Fully handicapped accessible. For more information, call 877-616-4599.

Thurs. 30

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Jam Bone Lewis, Chemical X, Bulkhead, and Dirty Sanchez** on May 30. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 31

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Ongoing Events

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will host Small Worlds/Art of India. The exhibition will feature 400 years of art from India from the museum's own collection The exhibition will run through September 8. For more information call 781-934-6634.

The USS Constitution Museum located in Boston's historic Charlestown Navy Yard, just yards away from the USS Constitution will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Oct. 15.

The Holbrook Public Library presents a **watercolor show** featuring watercolor artist, **Isabella Hoell** through out the month of May. The library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 9 to 5 p.m. The Holbrook Library is located at the intersection of Route 139 and Route 37 in Holbrook Square.

Braintree Art Association member **Lee Daily** will be displaying her paintings for the month of May at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell presents "The Colors of Nature," a collection of paintings by four South Shore artists, in their Vine Hall Gallery, May 1 to 30. The artists include **June Angier, Therese Ann Cleaves, Barbara-Jean Guinzali, and Avis Breyan Pinkos**. Working mostly in oil, these artists celebrate nature in landscapes full of color, portraits of animals, vibrant still life pieces, and pastoral settings in a variety of seasons and moods. The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge. Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than a mile from the Route 3 interchange. For more information or directions, please call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Retroformation, an outdoor sculpture exhibition on the grounds of the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St,. Duxbury, features the work of 95 students from five area high school, Hanover H.S., Plymouth North H.S,, Rockland H.S., Scituate H.S., and Weymouth H.S. The program is free and will run through June 22. For information call 781-934-6634.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents local artist, **Betty Burke's** "A Splash of Color," an exhibit of acrylic works through May 26. For information call 781-545-6150.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Rita Walsh,** will exhibit her paintings for the month of May at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery presents **"Edges,"** featuring the watercolor paintings of South Shore Art Center artists **Mary Smith and Mary Lizotte** from May 1 through the end of June. The Staircase Gallery is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565, ext. 16.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

The Pembroke Public Library presents **Four Botanical Artists: A-Month-Long Exhibits of Beauty and Calm** featuring **Kay Kopper, Ruth Ann Wetherby-Frattasio, Anne Diaz** and **Peggy Daniels** exhibiting botanical watercolors in a group show.

The North River Arts Society presents **"That was Then…This is Now"** an exhibit of current work by some past Felida "Babe" Cusick scholarship winners May 5 to June 29 at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Artica Gallery presents **"Flowers and Foliage"** featuring photographer **Harold Feinstein.** The exhibit will run from May 4 through June 30. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot Street in Duxbury. Free admission. For more information call 781-934-0640.

The James Library and Center for the Arts will feature artist **Joan Brancale,** a plein air painter and scenic designer from Hingham in the James Gallery. The exhibit will be on display from May 3 to 31. For more information call 781-659-7200.

An Exhibit of Art and Poems held at Borders Books, Cambridgeside Galleria, 100 Cambridgeside Place, Cambridge April 27 to May 30. For more information call 617-928-4548.

North Bennet Street School to present "An Education in Craftsmanship," an exhibition of new student work at the Boston Architectural Center at 320 Newbury St., Boston from May 1 to June 2..For more information visit www.nbss.org

South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition entitled Re-figured in the Bancroft Gallery, April 19 to May 26. **Salvatore Scalora**, an Associate Professor of Art and the Director of the William Benton Museum of Art at the University of Connecticut was the juror. Call 781-383-2787 for more information or visit www.ssac.org

Showstoppers Summer Youth Theater organization announces registration for its summer theater program held during the months of June and July. This summer the organization will present the musical "Children of Eden" on July 18, 19, and 20, at 7:30 p.m. Registrations forms can be obtained by call 781-545-3643.for the two programs.

Buttonwood Books and Toys and Buttonwood for Kids are hosting a poetry contest and all middle school students (grades 6, 7, 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month long event to celebrate Poetry Month. Students may submit their entries directly to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset or Buttonwood For Kids, 28 South St., Hingham Square, Hingham. Call 781-383-2665 or 781-749-2665 for rules and more information.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset, presents **Exterior Designs in Photography** April 19 to May 26 gallery artists include Jeremy Barnard, Stephanie Grenadier, Andrew Howard, Maria Lakhman, Susan Scavo Gallagher, Jim Smalley.

The Weymouth Art Association will display work by its members at several locations around the town during the months of April and May. Locations include in the Town Hall the Mayor's office Lorraine Ingenito and Isabel Shamitz will display paintings. In the Treasurer's office Allan Chambers is exhibiting a painting. In the Councilors' office Don Dickinson, Elizabeth Trubia, Jean Doran and Lillian Koe are exhibiting their work. Mildred Costa and Helena Zubrin will display a painting in the auditor's office. Snyder Jewelers will display work of Elizabeth Pohl, Josephine Bottari, Lorretta Haynes and Donna Lucas. Jordan Insurance will display Martha Donavan, Joe Barca, John Dyke, Mary Jackson, Laurie Porter and Anne Porter. Rizzo Insurance will display the work of Don Coole, Denise Graham, William Hallsen and Kate Manning. Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Nancy La Porta. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Yoga with Kezia Bacon Bernstein on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at The Workout Club, Webster Square in Marshfield Center. Call 781-834-1150 for more information. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at The Sanctuary at Alexandra's European Day Spa in Duxbury. Call 781-837-7093 for additional information.

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union Street, Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. The club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

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Talent Search

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for "Twelfth Night" May 27 and 28, at 6 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. for more information, call Melissa Paradice at 781-640-7447. If auditioning for Fests, please be prepared to sing a short song a capella.

THE COMPANY THEATRE, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell announces auditions for "Footloose" on Tuesday, May 28, at 7 p.m. Auditioners are asked to come with a song prepared (preferably from the show) that shows your range and power. Bring shoes and clothing appropriate for a dance audition. We are seeking young people of all ethnic backgrounds with a high school and college age look. Also casting adults for singing and acting roles. All parts are open and there will be a call-back on May 29. Performances are Aug. 2 through Aug. 25. For further information call the theatre at 781-871-2787.

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S SUMMER STRING FESTIVAL 2002 will hold auditions on June 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury, and June 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. at South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. Summer String Festival 2002, which runs from July 8 to July 19, at the Ellison Center for the Arts, is a program for violin, viola, cello, and bass students, ages 8 to 18 to perfect their skills as individual musicians and learn how to blend their instrument with other instruments in a unique chamber music setting. Interested string students call 781-934-2731 ext.10 for an audition time.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S SUMMER VOCAL INSTITUTE for singers ages 13 to 18 will hold auditions May 25, for its program which runs from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9, at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. All auditions will take place at the Ellison Center. Call 781-934-2731 ext. 10 for audition times.

THE LIBERTY BELLE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, is seeking adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. However, you are required to be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and 4-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway show tunes, Rhythm and blues songs, and exciting choreography. Weekly rehearsals every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, (Rte 2 Exit 57). For additional information call: 617-735-9254 or 1-800-369-7400 (toll free in MA only) look us up on the web at: http://libertybellechorus.org, e-mail us at: info@libertybellechorus.org

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY, is looking for a few good men, and women, to add to their already quality program. Spring Concert rehearsals at the Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be asked of all new members, primarily for voice placement. Come and be a part of a grand musical tradition; its fun and a very

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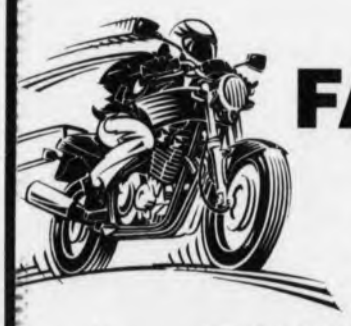
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South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

Special Olympics Offers Free Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at 781-829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at 781-834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns, call 781-843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum program listing: Museum hours Tuesday through Sunday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Fees $3 adults (age 16 - 64), $2 seniors (ages 65 plus) $1.50 children (ages 3 - 15). Free for Massachusetts Audubon Society members with a valid membership card. Weekends programs: 11 a.m. - "Story time", (geared to ages 3 - 6) 1 p.m. "Live Mystery Animal", (geared to all ages) 3 p.m. "Theme of the month", (geared towards ages 6 and up). Located at 1904 Canton Avenue, Milton. For more information call 617-333-0690.

Reunions

PEMBROKE IMPERIALS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS. 25 YEARS AFTER: A reunion is scheduled for June 22, at Anne's Place in East Sandwich. Anyone and everyone who was affiliated with the Jr. and Sr. Imperials are welcomed to attend. This will be an adult function starting at noon. Tickets are $35. If interested, visit the website at www.Masscorpslinks.com/imperials.htm for more information.

MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 REUNION will be held on Friday, evening, Sept. 20, at Double Tree Guests Suits, Waltham. The reunion committee is still looking for some classmates. If you are or know a member of the class of 1952 who has not yet received any mail on this subject, call addresses in to Ed Landry at 781-273-6664 for inclusion in the upcoming mailing of invitations.

XAVERIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, AND 1997 will hold a joint reunion on Saturday, June 1, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 6 p.m. Cocktail reception at 7 p.m. Reunion clambake at 8 p.m. Reservation dateline is May 21. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

MISSION CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL GRAND CLASS REUNION FOR ALL CLASSES FROM 1929 TO 1992 on Saturday, June 15, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 4 p.m. cocktail reception at 5 p.m. Dinner and program at 6 p.m. Reservation deadline: Friday, June 7. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982's 20th reunion is all set. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 5, at the Sheraton Braintree. Organizers are still looking for classmates. Contact Eric Braley by phone at 302-793-2068 or by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

Classes

EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION AT NEWBURY COLLEGE Newbury College's division of continuing education will offer anyone currently employed in the daycare and early childhood education field or thinking about it to take the first step in becoming certified by the Office of Child Care Services. Classes are held in Weymouth and begin the week of May 20. For information call 781-843-8888.

MEDICAL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT NEWBURY COLLEGE'S BRAINTREE/WEYMOUTH CAMPUS Newbury College's division of continuing education will begin its summer semester starting the week of May 20. The following medical programs are available: B.S.. - Health Care Management; A.S. - Medical Assistant; Cert. Medical Assistant. Fore more information call 781-843-8888.

SPRING CLASSES AT THE YWCA-MARSFIELD-Summer Camp Registration Registration has also begun for the YWCA's summer camp program and swimming lessons. Camp begins June 24 and runs through Aug. 16. Call 781-834-8371 for more information.

OPEN DOORS HEALTH CENTER at 361 Washington Street in Braintree, specializing in power yoga done in humid/hotrooms at 90 degrees. Power Yoga classes will be offered day and evening, seven days a week. Other classes will include: Tai chi, Belly Dancing, Drumming, Hatha and Kundalini Yoga, Pilates, and personal weight training with Steve Antonelli. for a schedule call Open Doors at 781-843-8224 or opendoors7.com

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

A full moon is building up and affects this period. Resolve to channel high energy constructively. Although this is not a favorable time for beginning important projects, it is great for catching up on jobs that have been left hanging and finishing them. You may see things in a new light and find fresh inspiration. Go with your creative side; follow your intuition. Plan a romantic evening with the love in your life.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

The Libra moon continues active travel until 7:39 p.m. Partnership issues may take precedence. Instead of establishing new friendships, this is a time to patch up relationships that have broken down. Open the doors to a higher level of communication. Plan a quiet evening. The moon enters Scorpio at 9:38 p.m. Spend time alone. Meditate for inner peace and vision.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Potent planetary influences are in effect throughout the weekend. Stop, look and listen. A Scorpio moon today and tomorrow generates a serious, intense mood. In addition, Saturn opposes Pluto, the planetary ruler of Scorpio. And a lunar eclipse/full moon continues to build. You can make the greatest gains on an inner, spiritual level. Reassess your values and set new goals. Open your heart to higher visions.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Planetary action runs fast and furious. This is a day that can go either way; you can experience dramatic breakthroughs or breakdowns. Stress management is important. Avoid getting caught up in situations you have no control over. Go with the flow. The Scorpio moon becomes inactive at 9:20 p.m., when it aligns with unpredictable Uranus. Saturn opposes Pluto at 10:33 p.m., 17-degrees of Gemini/Sagittarius. The last phase of the full moon buildup begins at 11:20 p.m., when the moon enters Sagittarius.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Wake up in a good mood. Remain calm no matter what is happening around you. The lunar eclipse/full moon culminates at 7:51 a.m., 5-degrees of the sign Sagittarius. The moon also opposes retrograde Mercury at 9:51 a.m. In addition, an alignment of Mars and Uranus urges you to give others plenty of freedom and space. Don't force issues. An applying alignment of the sun and retrograde Mercury may shed new light on situations that have been troubling you.

MONDAY, MAY 27

Storm clouds begin to move out today. Treat yourself to a day of leisure; rest, relax and unwind. The Sagittarius moon urges you to be more optimistic, easygoing. Get back in the swing of favorite sports. Spend quality time with friends and family.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

This is a great day to get things done. Roll up your sleeves and take on a full agenda. Others may be grouchy, pessimistic. Don't waste your time. The Sagittarius moon becomes inactive at 2:39 a.m., when it opposes Mars. At 2:54 a.m. a pragmatic Capricorn moon takes over. Mars moves into Cancer at 7:43 a.m., remaining there until July 13. Plan to work or study late into the evening, especially if it's something you have put off for a while.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

The Capricorn moon opposes Jupiter at 7:46 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. Zero in on jobs that need to be redone, repaired and finish old business. You can be most productive. Although this is not a favorable time for launching new business ventures, it is ideal for researching and reviewing your options.

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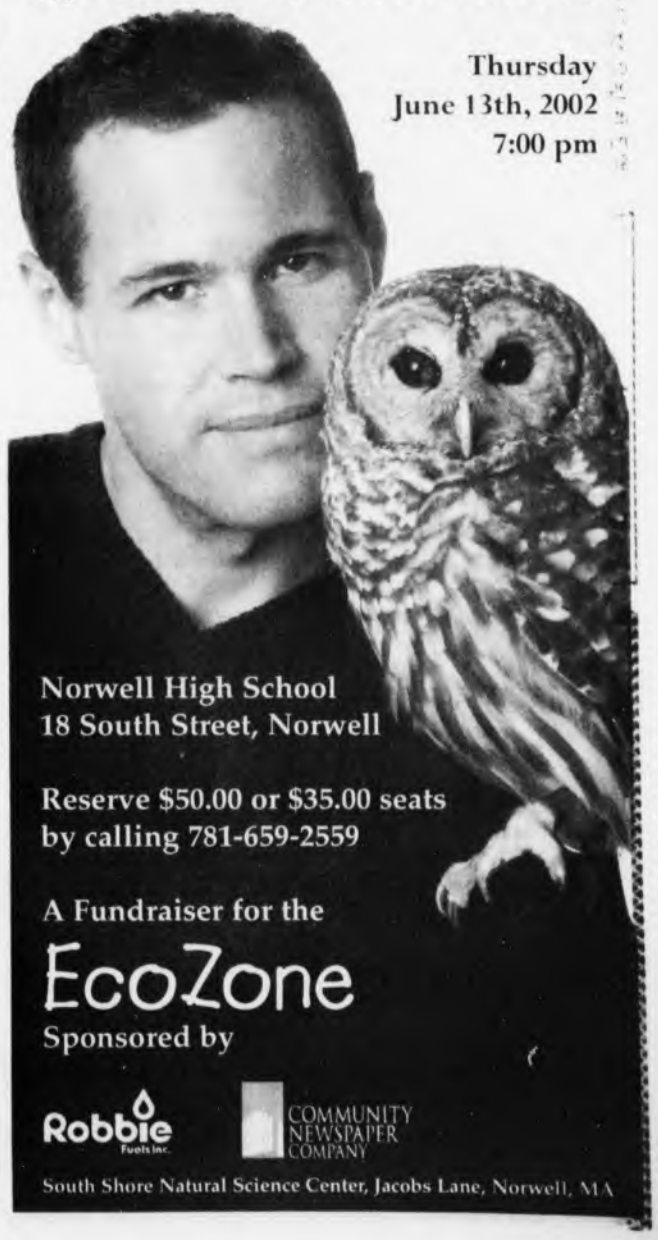

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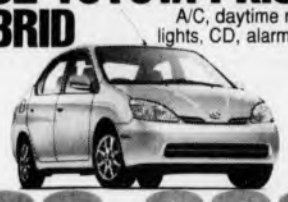

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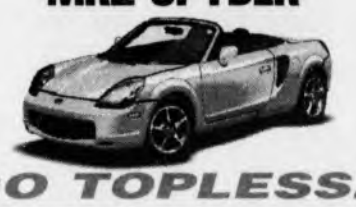

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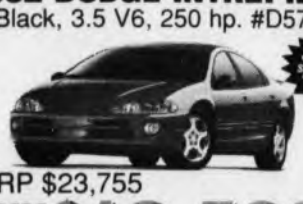

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Skip Day goes awry

By Mary Ford
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If luck is something you can run out of then the Cohasset High School senior class had better watch out.

Two incidents last week could have turned into tragedies, but luckily the youths involved escaped without serious injury or death.

Friday was "Senior Skip Day" — which is not condoned by the school — but, nevertheless, was likely the reason for seniors to celebrate with an underage drinking party at Bassing Beach the night before. Although the sequence of events isn't completely clear, what is clear is one of the occupants of a small boat that capsized in the harbor a few minutes past midnight nearly drowned.

The incident prompted Police Chief Robert Jackson to visit the high school Friday where he told the administration police would arrest any youths involved in alcohol-related incidences through graduation day. (In lieu of arrests, police have the option to issue summonses. In that case the youth must appear in court where he or she is held accountable, but can be put directly into a diversion program without having being arrested and booked at the station).

Then at 1 p.m. Friday, a senior was driving a 1988 Porsche on a

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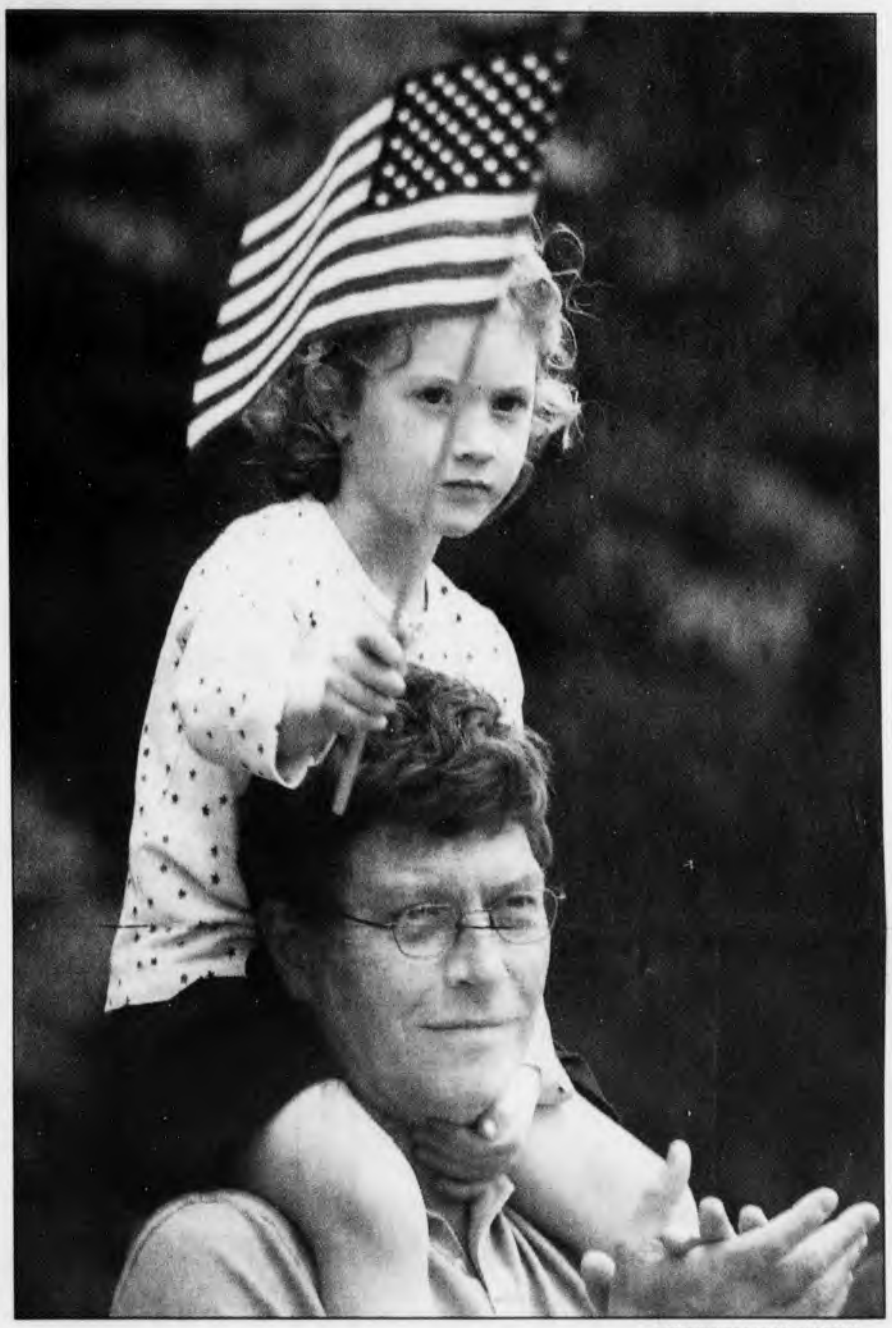
Memorial Day also honors 9-11 heroes



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Above, Maria Elise Waters waves Old Glory along Elm Street from atop her father's shoulders. At right, Lt. Ted Macklin, USN (ret.), addresses ones of the biggest crowds in recent memory at Cohasset's Memorial Day observances at the harbor.

By Mary Ford
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Somewhere between Illinois and Florida – a little seaside town in Massachusetts — heard a message, which explained how Memorial Days will never be the same.

The 50 state flags and one for the District of Columbia, along with Old Glory and the POW/MIA flag form the perimeter around Veterans Memorial Park at the harbor, which was glistening under blue skies on Monday.

But at the podium sandwiched between the flags of the Land of Lincoln and the Sunshine State, after a morning of remembrances at the town cemeteries, one of Cohasset's own – who now makes his home outside Washington, D.C. in Virginia – so eloquently "told it like it is."

"The events of Sept. 11 add a dramatic backdrop and significance to today's solemn remembrance of these American patriots whose names are arrayed on the wall behind me and their selfless service to the armed forces of our country," said CHS 1971 graduate, Lt. Ted Macklin, United States Navy (retired), referring to the veterans honor rolls at the park.

Macklin, now a director of the Office of Domestic Preparedness at

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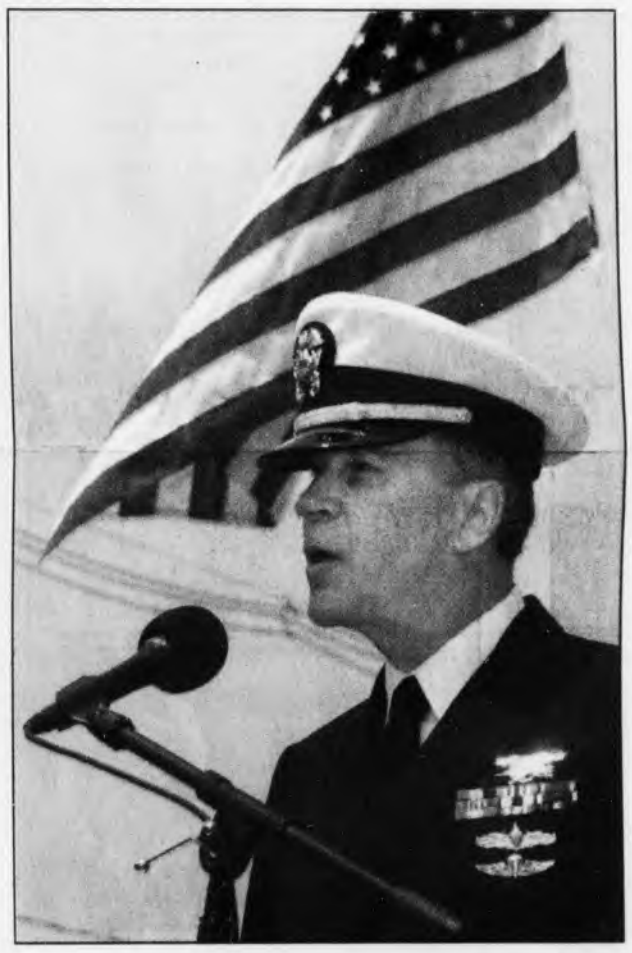

REFLECTION

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Walter Zaremba canoes in Cohasset Harbor in the reflection of Kimball's By the Sea. He took the trip to remember old friends of whom the location reminded him.

Arrows to help traffic at dangerous corner

By Evan Schiff
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There will soon be new light shed on one of the most dangerous intersections in Cohasset.

The intersection of Route 3A and Beechwood Street will be getting a makeover after complaints from town officials prompted MassHighway to examine the issue.

Bernard McCourt, district highway director for MassHighway, said he reviewed the concerns from the town and decided to take action. He said even though the intersection is at the state average for crashes per year — significant worry from the town prompted him to make the necessary changes.

The new light will involve a left turning arrow that McCourt said should reduce any conflict for turning vehicles. The northbound traffic on Route 3A will be allowed to move first with left-turning vehicles being protected under a green arrow. Following that, both north- and southbound traffic will be able to proceed straight through the intersection followed by southbound traffic being granted a left-turning arrow.

"I applaud the state for taking action on this," said Police Chief Robert Jackson. "It's the worst intersection in town and anything we do to address it, is great."

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Selectmen thanked both state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, for their involvement with the process.

"We've needed this for some time," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan.

Hedlund said he talked with the commissioner of MassHighway and asked him to take a look at the intersection.

"Sometimes it comes down to personal

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GOLD STAR MEMORIAL

Ed Brennock gives the convocation at the Gold Star Mothers Memorial. With Brennock, from left, are legion post commander Steve Wigmore, Lt. Ted Macklin US Navy (ret.), VFW post commander Ralph Perroncello, and Sons of the American Legion commander Tom Wigmore. For more photos see page 11.

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Senior Housing Committee, June 5, 9 a.m. the committee will be leaving for Duxbury after a short meeting at Town Hall.

Recycling Committee, June 1, 10 a.m. at the DPW garage

School Committee, June 6, 7:30 p.m. at the high school library

Board of Selectmen, June 4, 7:30 p.m.

Committee on Town History, June 10, 5 p.m. at 123 Atlantic Ave.

Sewer Commission, June 1, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, June 3, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Dedication ceremony

There will be a dedication of Mariner's Park on June 1, at 10 a.m. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Letter signed

The board of selectmen have signed off on a letter to US Congressman William Delahunt that was drafted by the Hingham Board of Selectmen as well as Hull's selectmen. The letter concerns an audit of Massport and consulting firms hired by the company.

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Sun. 2	5:07	9.4	11:29	5:50	8.8	11:49
Mon. 3	6:02	9.1	——	6:42	8.8	12:21
Tues. 4	6:58	8.9	12:45	7:32	9.0	1:12
Wed. 5	7:52	8.8	1:40	8:20	9.2	2:01
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Old establishment, new name

No longer Kimball's

By Evan Schiff
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Cohasset is changing with the times. The village will have a new look in a couple years, and both the common and the harbor could experience a makeover down the road. However, there will be one landmark that will change much sooner.

Kimball's by the Sea has undergone a name change and is now called the Cohasset Harbor Inn. While the signs haven't been replaced yet the new moniker for the complex has already taken effect.

Kathleen Janson, the director of sales and marketing for the resort, said the combination inn and restaurant were well received in Cohasset but were little known outside of town.

"To attract more people we wanted to let people know with our name who we are and where we are located," she said. "This name is much more descriptive."

However at least one group, the Friends of the Harbor, is concerned that any plans to increase tourism in Cohasset will exacerbate the parking situation.

"They said they're going to offer a spot that's less crowded than the Cape," one concerned resident said. "But now Cohasset is going to become just as crowded."

Along with the changing its name, the Cohasset Harbor Resort – that includes the inn — has also added some business partners in town. In an effort to offer more amenities to customers, the resort has partnered with a few local business.

Adamo Day Spa in Cohasset and the Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate are just two entities that also hope to lure out-of-towners.

"We wanted to be involved with all these businesses so our guests can take advantage of the entire area," Janson said.

Joanne Ilacqua, owner of Adamo Day Spa in the village, said she was happy to join forces with the resort. Ilacqua said she already works with other hotels in town and this was a natural fit.

"It's to our advantage to join with the resort," she said. "It will give us an opportunity for more business."

The spa will offer some in-room service including massages and limited body treatment. The spa will also provide bridal make-up for wedding parties.

"We are trying to offer all the services one would find at a resort spa," Ilacqua said. "People who are traveling will find it really fantastic."

Kimball's by the Sea is changing its long-time name, as shown in this 1980s file photo. The inn is now called the Cohasset Harbor Inn and is part of Cohasset Harbor Resort that also includes Atlantica and the Olde Salt House.

The Cohasset Harbor Resort will provide transportation to the spa and once there, guests will be able to enjoy more services including couple's massages and full-body treatment.

> **"To attract more people we wanted to let people know with our name who we are and where we are located."**
> — Kathleen Janson, Cohasset Harbor Resort

Janson added the only on-site facility the resort currently offers is an indoor swimming pool, and felt it needed to add more.

"This way our guests can enjoy a day the spa or a round of golf with transportation provided by us," she said.

The resort will also offer fishing charters arranged for local trolling and deep-sea fishing. Local captains Peter Flaherty and Mike Bartlett will take guests on fishing trips.

Flaherty, owner of Bass is my Business and Business is Good, said he partnered with the resort in order to offer an fishing experience to those who may otherwise not be able to go on a charter. His business boasts both half- and full-day charters and centers around the Minot Light and the rocky ledges of the shore. On his 19-foot boat customers have a chance to fish for striped bass, bluefish, flounder and cod.

"We have a good time out there," he said. "There's a lot of fishing that goes on."

Bartlett, whose Orvis-endorsed fly-fishing business B-Fast Charters runs out of many ports on the South Shore, said he's been recommending the resort to people for six years. He runs six-hour trips for two people.

"It's a great introduction to fly-fishing and also provides a great outing for more accomplished fishermen," Bartlett said.

Cohasset Harbor Resort also offers beach packages to guests for an opportunity to sun on Sandy Beach. As with its other partnerships, the resort will offer transportation to the beach.

The resort includes a 55-room inn, banquet facilities and function rooms all with harbor views accommodating groups from five to 600 people. The complex also has two restaurants, Atlantica and the Olde Salt House.

For more information on Adamo Day Spa or Bass is my Business and Business is Good, visit the Web at www.adamodayspa.com and www.bassismybusiness.com respectively.

Antsy situation shouldn't make parents nervous

By Evan Schiff
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With the school year winding down there are many little annoyances that students associate with the end of the term. There are test to take, papers to write, and final projects to complete. However, the school administration is making sure at least one pesky issue will be eliminated.

The school, which has recently received complaints of ant activity in certain classrooms at the Osgood School, will have the building sprayed the weekend of May 31.

However, Principal Janet Sheehan said this is not a big concern.

"As long as schools have been in existence there have been ants," she said. "This is your common, everyday problem."

> **"As long as schools have been in existence there have been ants. This is your common, everyday problem."**
> — Janet Sheehan, Osgood principal

The school has hired Ecolab. Inc., which will be charged with eliminating the problem. The company plans to spray the exterior of the building along with a procedure called interior baiting, which is a low-exposure application technique. The baits are often used in schools because the treatment does not easily produce any airborne residue because it is enclosed in plastic casing.

"It will be out of reach and out of sight," Sheehan said. "No one will even know they're there."

Because of the Children's Protection Act of 2000, the school is now required to send home a letter to all parents informing them of the application. The Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act requires all parties affiliated with the school to also receive a statement from the Department of Food and Agriculture.

All employees of the Osgood school will also be notified in accordance with regulations. Attached to the letter is a consumer information bulletin and a chemical specific fact sheet.

"Because of the new laws we have certain procedures we have to follow," Sheehan said. "In the past, this wouldn't have been an issue."

The information packet from the DFA addresses various question parents may have concerning the health risks associated with spraying a building.

According to the department, all pesticides must be treated with caution. The chemicals which are designed to target specific pest, whether it be insects or weeds, may also be harmful to humans.

For safety guidelines, the DFA offers various general suggestions that homeowners who are planning pesticide applications might find useful.

For outdoor applications:

- be familiar with the small yellow signs that applicators are required to post when a pesticide is applied outdoors to turf. Stay off the field unit the flags are removed
- if you are sensitive to chemicals, avoid the area of pesticide application for 72 hours.
- ensure that pets are kept away from the area of pesticide application.

For indoor applications:

- cover or refrigerate edible products
- remove or cover toys, clothes, and bedding from areas to be treated
- remove pets including their food and water bowls and toys form the are to be treated
- ventilate as much as possible, during and following an indoor pesticide application
- don't walk on treated areas and carpets until completely dry

For more information about pesticides you can visit the Pesticide Bureau's Web site at www.massdfa.org/pesticides or call at 617-626-1781.

For any questions concerning the treatment at the school Sheehan encourages parents to call 781-383-6117.

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Senior Skip Day goes awry

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dangerous stretch of Jerusalem Road at "a high rate of speed (40-50 mph in a 25 mph zone)," police said. The 18-year-old driver lost control of the two-seat sports car, which left the roadway, flipped over onto its side and crashed into a stone retaining wall after leaving a trail of 80 feet of skid marks. Neither the driver, nor his passenger, were seriously injured although they were transported to South Shore Hospital by ambulance where they were treated and released.

Middle-high school Principal Michael Jones said school officials got wind ahead of time a "skip day" was in the planning and told the seniors they should come to school. But despite that message, only 10-11 seniors came to school Friday out of a possible 81. A few had legitimate excuses, which were followed through with phone calls to parents, he said.

"We made is absolutely clear this is not an acceptable practice," Jones said about skip day.

In the boating mishap, police and firefighters responded to the call which came from a cell phone saying a youth was in trouble near the sailing club at 12:08 a.m. Friday. Apparently six teenagers were on their way back from Bassing Beach when the small boat capsized. One of the male occupants was under the water for a time but was pulled to the dock by the others — one of whom administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Some of the youths smelled of alcohol, and evidence found at the scene the following day also confirmed that an under-age drinking party had occurred, said police who estimate as many as 40 high school students were on Bassing Beach that night.

But Chief Jackson said the officers at the scene were dealing with a medical emergency and not concerned with making arrests at the time. He said police, who were tied up with a missing person case in Wompatuck State Park, did not know about the underage drinking party until the emergency phone call.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE COHASSET POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police say a CHS senior lost control of his Porsche along Jerusalem Road last Friday.

Paramedic Rick Covino said emergency personnel insured the victim an adequate airway and managed his hypothermia. Three other teenagers with signs of hypothermia were also transported to the hospital, where they were treated and released. The drowning victim was admitted to the hospital but was back in school Tuesday.

"There could have easily been six fatalities," Covino said.

Also assisting at the scene were paramedic Lisa Morrison and EMTs Frank Mahoney and James Curley.

Emergency workers also tried to make sure everyone was accounted for. The tide was about half-way out at that time, and students reported of having had to swim ashore.

Chief Jackson said he hopes the weekend is not a sign of things to come.

"Obviously the senior class made some pretty poor decisions over the weekend," he said. "Hopefully, they'll learn from some of their mistakes."

Jones, the middle-high school principal, said the seniors who took Friday off without an excuse will be required to attend school this Thursday (Wednesday was to be the last day) and attend an end-of-school meeting on Friday, instead of Wednesday afternoon as planned. At the end-of-school meeting the graduation schedule is ironed out.

He agreed with Jackson that the seniors made some bad decisions.

"We're very gratified that no one got seriously hurt. There were bad decisions made but I'm told there were also some heroic acts," he said about the seniors who pulled their classmate out of the water and tried to save him.

Jones said the staff would be talking to some individuals and the class about being careful.

"Yes, we'll try that again," he said, adding the school talked to the seniors Thursday when rumors about skip day surfaced. "We'll try to impress upon them to take care of themselves – and to do so safely and responsibly."

Arrows to help traffic at dangerous corner

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relationships in order to get things done," Hedlund said. "I'm glad this intersection will be much safer shortly."

Bradley said he was happy MassHighway decided to undertake the project.

"It was critical to reconfigure the intersection," he said. "It has been a problem for years."

The new operation will require the installation of additional signal heads, more wiring and adjustments to the timing and sequence program in the controller unit.

The Structural Engineering Section of MassHighway conducted an investigation of the equipment and deemed it was structurally sound enough to support a heavier light. There was originally a concern that the existing mast arms — the structures which hold up the light heads — wouldn't be able to handle the additional loading. This turned out to not be the case.

McCourt said the department is currently ordering the necessary materials to make the conversion and expects the change to be completed before the end of the summer.

One of the reasons MassHighway listened to the town's request for a resolution to the precarious intersection was a study conducted by the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization. The study revealed that from 1997-1999, there were 29 accidents at the intersection. This is an average of 9.7 a year or 1.28 per million vehicles, well above the state average of .89 per million vehicles for a signalized intersection.

More than 40 percent of the accidents at the intersection involved personal injury including one fatality in 1997.

"Route 3A carries heavy through volume in both directions; it is difficult for the northbound and southbound left-turning traffic to find a gap," the report stated. "In some cases drivers may miscalculate acceptable gaps and in other times, out of frustration, drivers may try to force themselves into the through traffic."

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Arrows at the lights on 3A at Beechwood Street should make the intersection safer, officials say.

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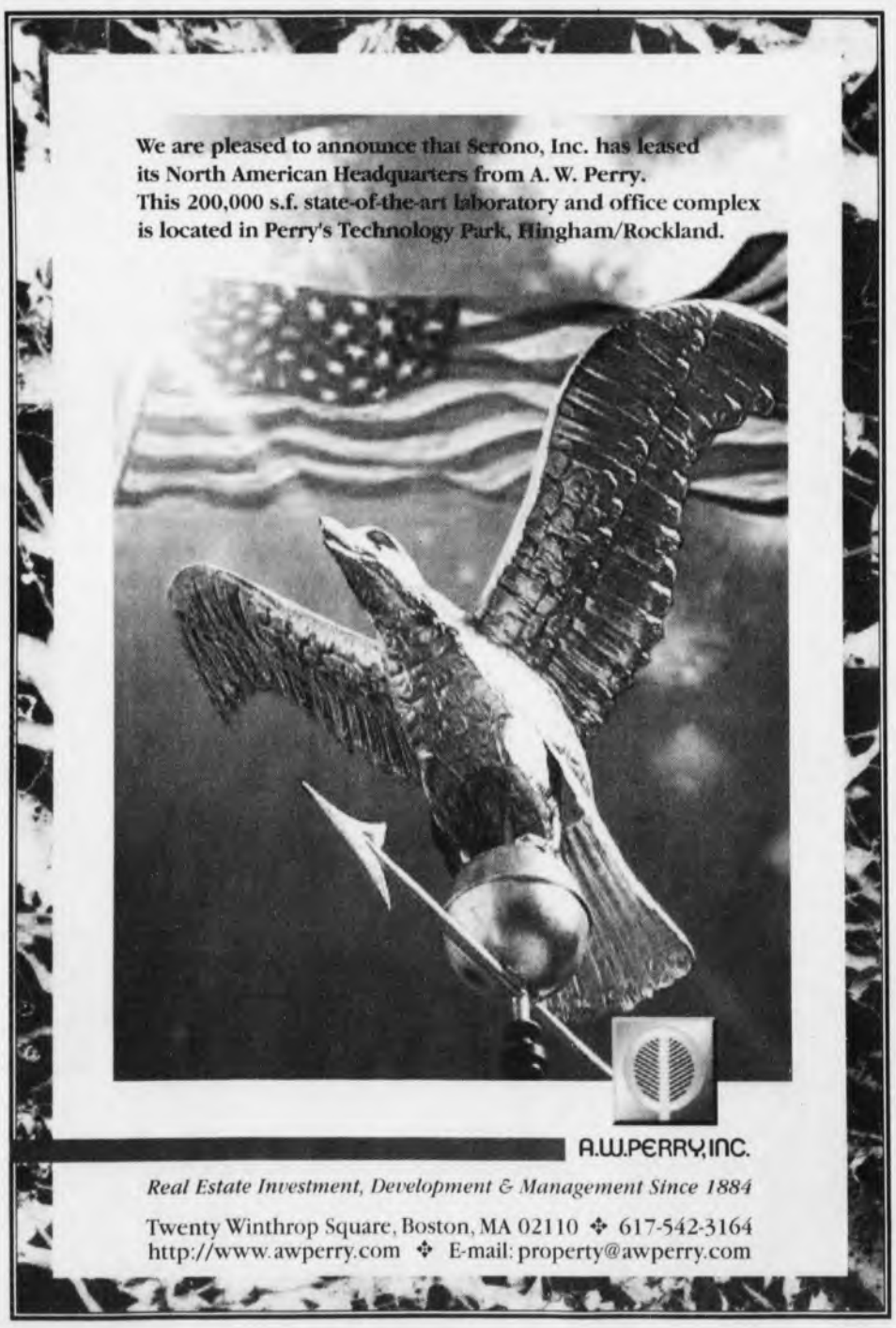

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Collie is on the case of geese elimination

Milliken field is all 'fowled' up

By Evan Schiff
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There's a new enforcer in Cohasset though it doesn't boast a police officer's or firefighter's badge. It doesn't sit on the Board of Selectmen and doesn't offer legal advice to the town.

The newest addition to fighting a foul problem in Cohasset stands barely over two feet tall and weighs about 40 pounds.

Zinger, a border collie living off King Street, has been hired to solve the increasing amount geese feces deposited on a youth playing field.

"You need to make the geese feel they aren't welcomed."
— Judy St. Peter, Zinger's owner

Town Manager Mark Haddad requested Zinger's service to try and eliminate geese, and therefore their excrement, from Milliken field.

Judy St. Peter, owner and trainer of Zinger, said the geese population in Cohasset, which has grown exponentially in the last few years, is out of control. From Milliken Field and the town common to various driveways in town, the effects of the geese can be seen everywhere.

"It doesn't take long to see how horrendous the problem is," St. Peter said.

The animals, which can average one pound of feces per day, have been plaguing the town for some time.

Zinger, who has been trained in the art of herding, visits the field each day at 7 a.m. to chase the animals away. St. Peter said it is a long process.

"You need to make the geese feel they aren't welcomed," she said. "It could take months of going every day but eventually, they'll learn."

Zinger doesn't attack the geese, he simply chases them out of the area. St. Peter said she'll go every morning until she sees the problem eliminated.

Although the problem on Milliken field will no doubt be cleared up by the border collie's efforts, Zinger was purchased in an effort to curb the effects of the geese in the private sector.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Zinger is helping to keep Milliken Field geese free.

St. Peter said her and abutters' driveways were often covered in feces.

"It was disgusting," she said. "We'd step in it, it was tracked into the house, it was everywhere."

After researching solutions to St. Peter came across a Web site that encouraged the use of dogs to chase the pests out of an area.

"We put our heads together and came to the conclusion that we couldn't put up with it any longer," she said. "Something needed to be done."

St. Peter who owns two other dogs, Roxy a Boxer and Xena a Pug, discovered border collies have been employed to stop geese problems on golf courses and public greens in other towns. This type of dog is often used in such situations because it has a high energy level and is quite resilient.

St. Peter bought Zinger, who has a fine lineage, and took the puppy to a farm in Middleboro to train on live stock. She said Zinger had a lot to learn.

"He was very shy and near the bottom of the class when we started," she said. "It was distressing at first."

Four firms, one contract

By Evan Schiff
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One after another, the four groups paraded into the selectmen's office. In an effort to sway the board to hire their firm, the finalists for procuring the contract for Village Improvements Design and Construction Plans presented their cases Tuesday night,

After hearing all of the proposals, a weary board of selectmen decided it needed a few more days before awarding the contract. From Power Point presentations, to engineering designs and streetscape improvements — the selectmen have plenty to think about.

Waterfield Design Group was the first company to take the limelight.

Craig Miller, who would be the project manager for the group, said the company is a small intimate one that operates as a team. He said the two most important aspects of the project were the streetscape designs and the balancing of the various projects the town will be undertaking..

"We see a lot of potential in this project," he said. "There's a real synergy that exists between all the options available to the town."

Miller emphasized the coordination of the projects and presented a detailed plan with how he felt they would come together. There are several different plans the town needs to take care of, ranging from the James Brook Flood Control project, to the village improvements.

"We want to make sure everything flows into one another," Miller said. "Sometimes a project can overwhelm a community and overrun merchants and we'll make sure that doesn't happen."

Waterfield has worked with the MBTA in the past and some felt that gave his firm an edge.

"One of the reasons you're here is because of your relationship with the MBTA," said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Karen Fitzgerald, the chief design architect for the firm, said the material chosen for the village should reflect the pedestrian nature of the area.

"We realize how beautiful the village is and how much character it has," she said. "We aim to keep it that way."

The second firm to make a presentation was Earthtech, Inc. Brian Murray, who would be the program manager and project manager, said when a town is looking at multiple projects it's important to have one person as a point man.

"The biggest construction issue is communication with residents and merchants," he said. "It's very important to us to keep that avenue open."

The group focused on the village improvements and said that's were its concerns lay.

Tamar Zimmerman, the landscape architect for the group, said she wanted to improve the area, but not change its essence.

"Our vision is to make the town a place where the streets are pleasant and safe and clear," she said. "We're not going to inundate the area with new stuff that would hurt its character."

Selectmen Ronnie McMorris liked Earthtech's approach.

"I think they'd be the best for the community," she said. "I like how they looked at the project as being married to the community."

Pressley/Bryan Associates was the third firm to make its bid for the contract. The group was the first to use a Power Point presentation which was quite impressive. The firm showed pictures of the current conditions of the area, then redisplayed them overlay with new sidewalk material and street furniture.

Bill Pressley gave the presentation for the group and explained to the board similar assignments the firm has done in Andover and New Bedford.

"With our experience we are well qualified to take on this project," he said. "We will represent the best interests of the community."

The firm listed its construction issues as minimizing disruptions to merchants, maintaining parking in the village while construction is happening, and controlling dust that can sometimes be a serious problem.

"Our approach is to look into the smallest details and make sure they're important," Pressley said. "We take everything into consideration."

The last firm to present, Coler and Colantonio, concentrated more on the engineering aspects of the project and less on the village improvements. The firm felt the design for the village has already been about 80 percent completed and the most important aspect of the project was now the coordination.

The firm detailed its past accomplishments in Norfolk Town Center which they described as almost an identical project to the Cohasset one.

"I feel like we've already done this," said Ken Caputo, who would be the project manager for the firm.

C and C also had a different approach from the other firms saying it would take 18-24 months to complete the project rather than the 12 months most the others detailed.

"We could do it sooner but it's a bigger headache then it's worth," Caputo said. "The bottom line is we'll keep businesses open and the village functioning."

After hearing the four proposals the selectmen debated the merits of each until it was clear more time was needed. The discussion was tabled till Tuesday because the board felt it needed to organized their thoughts on the matter.

"We really don't know what we want," said Selectmen Merle Brown.

Work on the village could start the spring of 2003. The estimated $2-1/4 million revitalization project could be paid for with no direct cost to Cohasset taxpayers.

The $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development Grant along with the $169,000 transportation enhancement grant, which will be used for the sidewalk on South Main Street in front of St. Stephen's Church, will pick up most of the tab.

The MBTA will pay to reconstruct the town parking lot and the Ripley Road intersection by the South Shore Art Center in the village as part of the Greenbush train restoration project.

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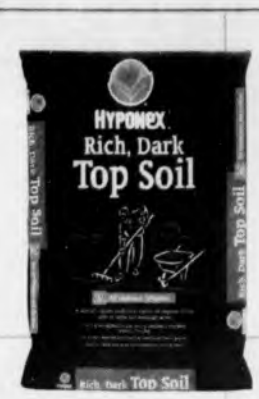

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

NEWSY TIME OF YEAR

It is the time for graduations and ceremonies from nursery school all the way to college age and we want to make sure to recognize everyone who has some news to share. Please send in all of your noteworthy information to be published each week in this column.

BAY STATE COLLEGE

Miss **Jenny Figueiredo** is one such graduate and her family is so proud of her! Jenny graduated from Bay State College with a degree in occupational therapy and also received an award for clinical excellence. Jenny, you already know you are a star in so many people's eyes. Congratulations on a job very well done.

PROVIDENCE GRADUATES

We had some more awesome students from Cohasset who graduated from Providence College on May 19. Our hats off to the following young people and we want all of you to know how great you did and how proud everyone is of you. **Derek Bugley** was awarded a bachelor of science degree in marketing. **Adam Donovan** earned a bachelor of science degree in management. **Colin Kilroy** earned a bachelor of arts in history. Also earning bachelor of science degrees are **Patrick Leahy** who majored in management and **Justin McNamara** who majored in finance. Great job to all of you!

Three generations on Memorial Day. Former state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray is flanked by her son Philip Murray, left, who served as a ranger with the 82nd Airborne, and grandson Kevin Murray, an Army ROTC cadet at Northeastern.

BC ART AWARD

Another fine award to let all of you know about is the one that was earned by **Jacob Morgan**, a senior at BC High. Jacob earned an arts award for his work in engineering graphics at the schools recent art, drama and music award ceremony, "2002 Arts Awards Banquet." This is quite an honor for such a talented young man.

PLYMOUTH STATE GRAD

Hats off to **Matthew David Keefe** who earned his bachelor of science degree at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire on May 18. We wish you the brightest of futures!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

I want to make sure to send out very happy birthday wishes to my youngest, **Cody**. Cody turned seven last Friday and I cannot believe how fast he is growing. Cody, we all love you and hope that you enjoy your year being a big, seven years old!

SWIM/DIVE TEAM ALERT

Attention all Cohasset Swim/Dive Team members! All packets of returning Swim/Dive Team members need to be returned or postmarked no later than June 1 if you plan on participating this summer. If it is not received by June 1, you will need to try out again as a new member at the scheduled try out dates. The Cohasset Swim Center also has registrations out there for the memberships at the Town pool, please make sure to fill them out and return them so that you can use the pool as soon as it opens!

I am hoping that many of you were able to take part in or watch this past Monday's Memorial Day parade and ceremony's. The turnout was amazing at all stops along the route and it truly was touching to see and hear all the speeches and to see even the youngest in our town show their respects. The honor given to all the men and women who have died or fought in honor of our country and to all who continue to do so is huge. As our lives change and the way of living changes on a daily basis, we are comforted in knowing of the strength given to our country by these men and women who defend on a regular basis and to the families of these courageous people, our hearts go out to you.

Here's how to get your news in Around Town:

Cohasset firefighter/paramedic Rick Covino with his son Chris Collins, a Boy Scout on his way to Eagle rank, with Troop 38 of Hanover.

Please make sure to get all of your news, photos and information in to me no later than Mondays at noon. Any photos can be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in an envelope marked, "Attention Around Town, Cohasset Mariner."

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Habu - Bramblett engagement

Mr. Shinya Habu of Rio de Janeiro and Mrs. Kyoko Habu of Tokyo, Japan announce the engagement of their daughter, Juri Habu to Dr. Gregory T. Bramblett, son of Richard and Therese Bramblett of Greensboro, Ga., formerly of Cohasset.

The bride-to-be is a recent graduate of the State University of Rio de Janeiro where she received her degree in civil engineering. She then obtained a specialization in geodesy and geographical information systems from the Brazilian Army Military Institute of Engineering. This past March she submitted her doctoral thesis in urban planning at Kyusyu University in Japan.

She has completed construction projects in many countries and is presently a consultant for the Japanese government.

Her fiancé graduated from Cohasset High School and received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Massachusetts. He earned his Ph.D. in neuropathology from the University of Pennsylvania, and his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He completed his residency in ophthalmology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

He is a captain in the U.S. Army and chief of ophthalmology at McDonald Army Hospital in Fort Eustis, Va.

The couple will be married at Christ Our King and Savior Catholic Church in Greensboro, Ga. June 1., 2002.

Following a wedding trip to Paris, France, the couple will be at home in Williamsburg, Va.

Holly Hill hooks up with community

By Evan Schiff
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Holly Hill Farm, located at 236 Jerusalem Road, boasts 140 acres on which everything from lettuce and onions to carrots and potatoes are grown.

The farm, which also has a variety of animals including two goats, a horse, chickens, dogs and rabbits, has been a part of the White family for generations. Its current owner Frank White is trying to develop a new mission for the place.

"We thought a good way of involving the public was through education," White said. "We want to make it as accessible as possible."

The farm has established itself as a non-profit organization and has stopped selling its produce wholesale. It started the Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. whose mission is "to develop and support educational resources and programs at the farm for use by educational institutions and citizens of Cohasset and surrounding towns."

"They can get connected with the natural world out here in a way they can't in a classroom setting,"
— Kate Sullivan, farm manager

Holly Hill's board of directors also hopes to install some of the values associated with organic farming to schoolchildren. It currently helps educate students from both the South Shore Charter School in Hull and the Deer Hill School about farming, and will be starting a semester program with the high school in the fall.

"They can get connected with the natural world out here in a way they can't in a classroom setting," said Kate Sullivan, farm manager and coordinator of community and education programs. "When the kids come out here you can see it on their faces, they're really excited and curious."

Depending on the age of the children, Sullivan has them work on a variety of projects. From weeding and harvesting to painting and taking care of the animals, the students contribute to almost all aspects of being a farmer.

"We introduce them to farming," Sullivan said.

Along with the student programs, Holly Hill Farm is also attempting to involve local adults. The farm plans to offer workshops for adults including one in July run by the Massachusetts Agricultural in the Classroom program.

"We want the town to see us a big resource," Frank White said. "It's learning about safe food and the environment that produces it."

The Whites also hope to increase community involvement with the farm because given the relative small size of the farm it will struggle to survive financially if it depends solely on vegetable and flower production. The Whites said creating a relationship with the community and "growing" students has proved to be a sound option to for other small farms.

Another change the farm is undergoing is converting to an establishment that grows all of its produce organically.

Tim Ashton, who is one of the managers and program coordinators for the program, said organic farming is much better for both the environment and the consumer. As opposed to current farming practices organic farming concentrates on a diversity of crops and doesn't use pesticides or fertilizers.

"We try to mimic a forest environment," Ashton said. "It's a more pro-active approach and is much more natural."

Jean White, wife of Frank and vice chairman on the board of directors, also lauded organic farming.

"The effects of using chemicals on crops has yet to be seen," she said. "This way a consumer doesn't have to worry about it."

The Whites are encouraging all residents to become "friends" of the farm which they believe will help ensure the farm not only provides vegetables, flowers and herbs to the town but also offers educational programs and activities.

Residents can start sampling the produce grown on the farm on June 8 when the farm stand will open. It will continue to offer fresh crops every Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. For more information, the Whites at 781-383-6965.

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Kate Sullivan tends to some of the many seedlings growing in the Holly Hill Farm greenhouse that await planting by summer youth helpers.

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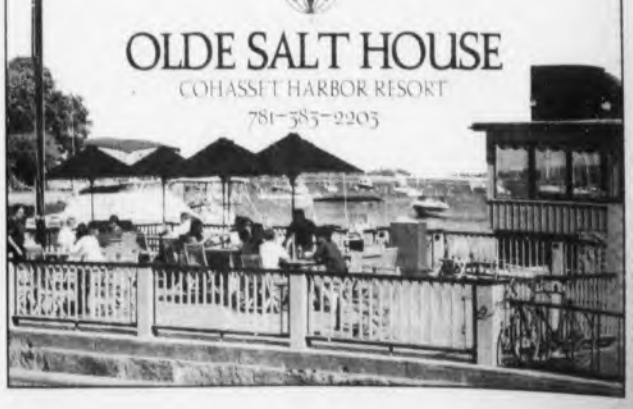

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Remembering 9-11

This Memorial Day we pay tribute to those Cohasset soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom.

Their sacrifice sears even deeper into our souls this year when we think about how their blood spared us from bloodshed on our soil.

Eighty years ago, our doughboys stood shoulder to shoulder, a human chain that stopped the tide of tyranny from touching our shore.

Sixty years ago, Kilroy was there so that war never came here.

Fifty years ago and thirty years ago, they gave their lives on the other side of the world in Korea and Vietnam so that we would never see what we saw September 11.

Long after these brave men were laid to rest, we were attacked by an unseen enemy, and 3,000 civilians were killed on the land they protected with their lives.

What would they think if they looked down and saw the indelible images imprinted on our minds which we will carry forever to remind us of the horror of the September 11 terrorist attack?

What would they think if they saw those two hijacked planes smashing into the World Trade Center in New York City and demolishing it. the third plane tearing into the Pentagon in Washington, and the fourth plummeting into the field in Pennsylvania?

What would they think if they saw how the nation tried to wash off the horror in a sea of red, white, and blue?

What would they think if they saw the smoke on one tower and the fireball on the other as the World Trade Center was hit with jet planes which became flying bombs?

What would they think if they saw the employees slowly snaking their way down the narrow staircase to safety, the rush to freedom by the lucky ones?

The images are indelible.

The muggers in New York jails asking for the Red Cross so they could donate blood.

The police officer who plummeted with the building's 89th floor and walked away.

The cell phone calls from the planes and the World Trade Center.

The son assuring his mother he loved her.

The reporter who called her husband collect to tell him the plane had been hijacked.

The fiancé who told his future wife, "Live for me."

The CEO of the company who lost all 700 employees, including his own brother, and kept stopping survivors on the street asking what floor they were on until the survivors stopped coming.

The group of firefighters who jumped into a subway to escape flying debris, dug themselves out, returned to the Trade Center, and were never heard from again.

The parents who had a child at the World Trade Center and a child at the Pentagon. Both survived.

The mayor of New York on his hands and knees scratching through the rubble for survivors.

The rescue of two firefighters in a crevice. "Good job, jakes," one said.

The passenger who called a family member from the hijacked Philadelphia plane saying that he and two other passengers were going to "do something." They did. The plane slammed into a field, instead of the White House.

The passport of one of the hijackers found intact among the debris.

The public address system in Tower 2 telling people they could go back to work.

The rescue workers caked with soot.

The towers crumbling like sand castles.

The president vowing justice amidst the rubble.

The vice president saying we face a war like no other, which will be fought in dark alleys and mountain caves with our intelligence relying on secrets told to the most unsavory of characters.

The secretary of state saying this war on terrorism will take a long time.

The young father with his wife and child calling his mother from one of the doomed planes.

"Don't worry about us. It's going to be fast," he said.

But not for us.

We now live in terrifying uncertainty.

We appreciate ever so much more this year those heroes of the last century who made sure no blood was shed upon our land.

Send us your news

The Cohasset Mariner welcomes information on local stories The deadline for submitting community copy is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St., sent by fax to 741-2931 or emailed to mford@cnc.com. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Little League thanks Red Lion

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Little League, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Red Lion Inn for providing coffee, juice, bagels, Danish pastries, and an assortment of other delicious breakfast foods to our players, coaches and parents who gathered downtown before the beginning of the Little League Parade to Barnes Field.

As a result of the Red Lion Inn's generosity and demonstration of community spirit, we had a great beginning for our 52nd Annual Little League Parade and Opening Day Ceremonies.

Mark G. DeGiacomo, President
Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association

Red Lion Inn overdevelopment

TO THE EDITOR:

The old Red Lion was an historic structure and consisted of a small dining room and bar with small guestrooms upstairs that shared a bath. It has now more than doubled in size and contains a large dining room, bar, jazz club, and 15 suites with 15 baths. The old Lilac House had a small business located on the first floor, with two apartments above. It too has more than doubled in size and now houses a restaurant, bakery, function hall and an apartment.

The special permit to construct the function hall barn at the Red Lion Inn states that the capacity was to be about 150 people. The reality is that The Red Lion Inn has advertised the barn capacity at 400 people and functions for 400 people have been held there. The function hall in the Lilac House was to be "a small function room for about 80 people," according to the special permit. It has been advertised for 150 people.

Also, because the inn is within 500 feet of the town parking lot, the Inn was not required to provide function parking. There were to be 22 parking spaces, to be reserved for guests of the inn only. The proposed 50 or 60 employees (now approximately 100) would park in "some off street area other than the municipal lot." The permit refers to the municipal lot as having about 330 spaces, while the reality is that the municipal lot has approximately 160 spaces and is for the use of the entire village, not just the guests at the inn.

If a neighbor in a residential area wants to construct parking spaces for more than five cars, they must keep them 25 feet from the lot line. We were not afforded this consideration. Instead of the promised 22 spaces for guests of the inn, there is a large gravel parking lot adjacent to our property, separated only by a fence. We now have boisterous partygoers congregating outside in the parking area, smoking and drinking very late at night. The noise of hundreds of function hall guests leaving the facilities at 1 a.m. is very disturbing. Also, the area in front of our home is used as a loading and delivery area. Trucks frequently double-park or block our driveway. The engines are left idling and the diesel fumes waft into our home.

An additional 36 rooms/suites and baths will only exacerbate these capacity, parking, and noise problems. The plan to put in underground parking is ludicrous. An enormous amount of ledge and trees were removed to accommodate the first expansion. The blasting and jack hammering went on for months. We had a seismograph located outside our kitchen door for weeks. Our house was built in 1755 and cannot bear further punishment. There is no buffer zone between the Red Lion Inn and our home.

We have written letters and had meetings with the Board of Selectmen, planning and zoning boards, the town manager and building inspector regarding these issues, all to no avail.

During the planning process, we attended every meeting and a complete set of plans were never submitted. We are still waiting to see the as-built plans. We understand that the building inspector has received them.

We love the village and have made it our home for 16 years. It was essentially unchanged for centuries. I hope, that other people who want to protect our village from overdevelopment will attend the next planning and zoning board meetings regarding these issues.

Michael and Rena Karp
91 South Main St.

Safe space is needed at CMHS

TO THE EDITOR:

I nearly cried upon reading the article entitled "CMHS students get lesson on diversity." I used to think that the town's Diversity Committee was a joke because for so long, sexual orientation was not included in their agenda.

Educating students about this very sensitive topic is absolutely imperative — especially in a town as ignorant to these issues as I have found Cohasset to be.

I was one of those kids who could have been any face at CHS; however, I never had the courage to accept who I am until I went to college. During my time at CHS, homosexual slurs were commonplace, and I even witnessed a teacher use derogatory language and many others turn a blind eye to such remarks from students.

High school years are certainly not an easy time for teenagers, but being homosexual and in an intolerant and bigoted environment made things much harder and more painful for me. I appreciate the Committee and Dr. Gill's effort to bring sexual orientation out into the open. I only hope that this is merely the beginning of a continuous effort to provide a safe space for current and future students.

I ask that you allow me to remain anonymous, due to the nature of this letter.

A semi-recent CHS grad
(Editor's note: Name withheld by request).

HEALTH NOTES

Little Harbor's algae woes and us

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The board has received its usual complaints about the algae in Upper Little Harbor. These complaints come from many of the same people each year, almost every one of which (including this writer) has in some way contributed to the problem.

There are those who — owning several acres most of which is put in grass — hire a lawn-care company to "clean up the yard" and proceeds to place 80 pounds of fertilizer per acre on the lawn despite the fact that the EPA says that for soils like Cohasset's about 90 percent of the fertilizer is carried away in the ground water and ends up in the nearest water body.

Then, there's the land owner, who according to his neighbor has a straight pipe into a brook which drains into Little Harbor. Also, the homeowner who has been under an order to hook up to a tight tank for four years, and who hasn't because he's waiting for a sewer to come — in five years.

The builder who just tore down a house on Jerusalem Lane is doing his bit also. The next rain will carry all of the residue from his demolition (mostly sediments, and contents of the gardens and cesspool), unless he's broken the mercury ampules in each of the thermostats in the house, in which case, the mercury will get

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'Memorial Day has added significance'

By Lt. Ted Macklin, U.S.N. (Ret.)
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, fellow veterans, citizens of Cohasset. Thank you for coming out today. It's an honor to be here to talk with you about the sacrifices made by those men, those sons of Cohasset, who made the supreme sacrifice as combat veterans of our armed forces in defense of freedom and liberty for the United States.

I want to recognize my fellow veterans, and the organizers of today's parade from the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I'd particularly like to thank Steve Wigmore, Commander of the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 who was kind enough to invite me to speak here today and participate in such a well-turned-out Memorial Day parade.

In the context of my remarks about Memorial Day, I shall talk about the urgent threat of terrorism facing the United States. The events of Sept. 11 add a dramatic backdrop and significance to today's solemn remembrance of these American patriots whose names are arrayed on the wall behind me, and their selfless service to the armed forces of our country.

I too am a son of Cohasset having graduated from Cohasset High School in 1971. Three short months later I was sworn into the U.S. Navy as a midshipman. The Vietnam War was raging during that period and the country was engaged in a great national debate about the efficacy of our nation's policy in southeast Asia—a debate which spread across the land, from Washington D.C. to our nation's college campuses—a debate brought home to all Americans as the entire nation mourned the loss of thousands of America's best and brightest on a faraway battlefield.

It was a terribly sad time, here in close-knit Cohasset as well; as the toll of those killed serving their country seemed to keep climbing. It was very difficult for us at Cohasset High School to grasp the meaning of what seemed like a steady stream of terrible news from the frontlines. We struggled to mourn with the brothers, sisters and cousins, our classmates, of those killed in Vietnam. And we struggled to make sense of their sacrifice. Great anguish spread through the town as we seemed to be honoring more and more military men from Cohasset killed in action. It seemed, at that time, that our hometown was paying a very high price for freedom.

But those courageous patriots, all of those men whose names are emblazoned for eternity on the Memorial War behind me—they knew something we students had yet to learn. They knew what the Cohasset veterans of the Great War and World War II, and the Korean War already knew:

- that when it comes time to defend freedom
- when it comes time to respond to the nation's call-to-arms
- when it comes time to be prepared to lay down your life in defense of the United States, Cohasset men and women are ready to serve, fight and die if necessary, to defend freedom and all that we hold so dear.

So how best to honor the memories of these intrepid men today? We've enjoyed a marvelous parade, the bands have played brilliantly, Old Glory is well turned-out throughout the town, we've placed laurels on the heroes' tombs, and we will remember them as we enjoy, with our friends and family, this beautiful, God-given day whose purpose is to reflect and remember those who have fallen in defense of our nation.

I humbly yet decisively submit for your consideration that we **best honor them** be grasping that Memorial Day will continue to take on added significance since the horrific terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001 and the follow-on bioterrorism anthrax attacks.

Everything changed that day.

The events of 9/11 and the sacrifice of those first responders, those heroic police and firefighters who gave their lives saving others, demand a transformation in our *perception* of warfare and **how and where** it is fought.

This new warfare is unlike the battles fought by the fallen Cohasset warriors whom we honor today. This new war—the war on terrorism—is being waged not only on foreign soil, but also in our own heartland, and in our cities and towns. While the Vietnam War seemed interminable—officially lasting more than 12 years—this new war will be far longer, perhaps even our version of Europe's One-Hundred-Years' War. And most disquieting: this war doesn't just target the military; it targets you, the citizens of America, in order to spread terror throughout the country in the hope of destroying our open, democratic way of life forever.

It also targets our society's critical infrastructure:

- by focusing on the **transpiration** industry—our airlines, trains and shipping
- it exploits our vast **postal system**—by mailing disease-ridden letters to the unsuspecting
- it aims at the heart of our **financial system** and our global trading lifeblood—by attacking the World Trade Center and shutting down Wall Street
- it threatens our **energy supply backbone** by threatening our hydroelectric and nuclear power generation facilities
- and it rattles our vital **retailing industry** with the ongoing threat of suicide bombers in our malls and shopping centers.

Vice-President Cheney calls it an "almost certainty" that we will be attacked again. The Director of the FBI, Robert Meuller says the next attack is "inevitable."

This inevitability is confounded by the strategy of our enemy—militant Islamic fundamentalism—which is characterized by a patient willingness to wait perhaps months and years between attacks, to surprise us when our guard is down and we are lulled into complacency. It is just this complacent attitude that these heroes we honor today would alert us to, and which they would never abide. They would expect us as concerned Americans to soberly accept and swiftly absorb that a "new normalcy" and a "clear and present danger" exists in America today.

We best honor them by preparing America for the coming fight, by actively doing our part as individuals and families by being alert and aware to our ever-changing surroundings and circumstances, and by supporting not only our military, but also our uniformed, civilian first-responders as well. In this way, we can all contribute to the defense of America.

Having been engaged in the war on terrorism for over 20 years, whether in uniform as a Navy Seal Counter-Terrorist Commando, or in my current capacity as a director at the Office for Domestic Preparedness at the Department of Justice. I have learned that the nation cannot remain on "high alert" indefinitely; that we have to guard against paralyzing our freedoms. We must learn swiftly as a nation to strike a balance between the demands for public safety and our inalienable individual liberties.

Preventing or disrupting these attacks *overseas*, or intercepting and neutralizing the terrorists prior to their attacks is the President's number one goal; but if we cannot prevent or interrupt the next attack, we have to be prepared to respond properly in order to minimize loss of life and property. It is the first-responders of our nation—the police, firefighters, hazmat and emergency medical technicians and hospital providers who are on the front lines of this new war. They exemplify many of the same traits—bravery, courage, devotion to duty—as *those we are remembering* today. They too run to the sound of the guns.

As we recognize the sacrifice of these heroes, heroes of both foreign battlefields and the new front-lines in America's heartland, let's reflect on what Francis Scott Key wrote in 1814 at the Battle of Fort McHenry—in a verse of our national anthem:

"Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O're the land of the free
And the home of the brave?"

Francis Scott Key clearly recognized that the United States would continue to be "the land of the free" only so long as it continues to be "the home of the brave."

When the roll is called, these brave men we remember today should now number in their hallowed ranks those 400-strong, first-responders of 9/11 who unselfishly gave their lives in defense of freedom.

It is both our privilege and duty to honor these military and civilian heroes killed on the frontlines of our nation's wars, and acknowledge that the front-lines are unfortunately being transformed to reflect not only overseas battlefields upon which these brave men, *memorialized behind me*, fought and died, and upon which soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines are fighting and dying this very day in the war on terrorism in Afghanistan.

But also the new, emerging battlefields in our homeland, cities and towns upon which our first-responders will surely, heroically and willingly lay down their lives so that others may live in peace.

So indeed, today is a day of solemn remembrance, it's also a day to celebrate their lives and the freedoms they enjoyed, and its a remembrance of the courage of some of America's bravest soldiers and uniformed citizens, and the gift of freedom their sacrifice continues to give us all.

Let me close with a poem by veteran John Maubry that should mean a great deal to all veterans, and which I believe puts voice to the heroes we honor today:

Eulogy For A Veteran

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints in snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight,
I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.

God bless these courageous men and women that we honor here today. God bless all of you. And God bless America.

Who's the real Deep Throat?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Circle Monday, June 17, on your calendar. Lay in a supply of pop corn, nachos and Carlo Rossi paisano. Invite a few friends. Tune your computer to Salon.com.

That's the time and place when John Dean takes another whack at identifying Deep Throat, the insider who blew the whistle on Dick Nixon and his fun-loving gang's adventures in Watergate.

You remember Dean, don't you? He's the husband of the blonde bomber who sat behind him while he testified before Senator Sam Ervin's select committee and helped sink the good ship Nixon.

He's been this way before. Several times, as a matter of fact. The last time he ID'd the Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, as Deep Throat, the Washington Post's spy within the Nixon gang.

The significance of the June 17 date is that it is the 30th anniversary of the night when five men, employees of the Republican Committee to Reelect the President (known as CREEP), were arrested inside the Democratic National Committee office in the Watergate apartments.

Identifying Deep Throat has been a cottage industry in the nation's capital for nigh onto 30 years.

For those of you who came in late, Deep Throat was the name given to the man who fed information to the Post's Bob Woodward during clandestine meetings in a parking garage. Woodward has said he will not identify him until after his death or he gives his permission.

Identifying Deep Throat has been a cottage industry in the nation's capital for nigh onto 30 years but now it seems to be sweeping through the rest of the country.

Also due next month is a report called "A Finder's Guide to Deep Throat," by William Gaines, a journalist/professor who teaches investigative reporting at the University of Illinois.

For the past three years, his students have read every autobiography of everyone involved in Watergate and studied 16,000 pages of FBI reports to come up with seven likely candidates.

And Ron Kessler, in a new book called "Bureau: The Secret History of the FBI," reveals a former deputy director named Mark Felt to be Deep Throat. He's not one of Gaines' seven candidates. Dean says he's not his nominee. Woodward ain't talking.

Perhaps it is time that I, having read Woodward and Carl Bernstein's "All the President's Men," help you too take a crack at revealing the true identity of Deep Throat.

"The man's position in the Executive Branch was extremely sensitive. He had never told Woodward anything that was incorrect. Even the FBI didn't understand what was happening. (He made) veiled references to the CIA and national security which Woodward did not understand."

"Deep Throat was already there, smoking a cigarette." Aha, he smokes!

"Aware of his own weaknesses, he readily conceded his flaws. He was, incongruously, an incurable gossip, careful to label rumor for what it was, but fascinated by it. He knew too much literature too well and let the allurements of the past turn him away from his instincts.

"He could be rowdy, drink too much, overreach. He was not good at concealing his feelings, hardly ideal for a man in his position. Of late, he had expressed fear for the future of the executive branch, which he was in a unique position to observe."

"Deep Throat had access to information from the White House, Justice, the FBI and CRP. What he knew represented an aggregate of hard information flowing in an out of many stations."

And, oh, yes, in his last meeting with Woodward in a bar on the outskirts of Washington, Deep Throat drank scotch.

Now you know as much as I do. Go get 'em, tiger!

Celebrate Biodiversity Days in Massachusetts

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

What is biodiversity? The Ecological Society of America defines it as follows: "Short for biological diversity, biodiversity includes all organisms, species, and populations; the genetic variation among these; and all their complex assemblages of communities and ecosystems. It also refers to the interrelatedness of genes, species, and ecosystems and their interactions with the environment." The word "biodiversity" came into being in 1986 at a National Academy of Sciences meeting.

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Scientists are unsure of the exact number, but it is estimated that there are between 1.5 and 1.8 million species worldwide that have been identified and named. It is also not known how many undiscovered species there are. The ocean floor needs much more exploration, and smaller organisms such as fungi, insects, and microbes are not as fully documented as animals or plants. There are many more field guides available for birds and mammals, or flowers and trees than for ants, lichen, or dragonflies, for instance.

Biodiversity is important because of all the interconnections between living organisms. The food chain connection is just one example. Pollination is another. We humans are dependent on biodiversity for our food, and for materials to keep us warm, and for building shelter. We also need plant diversity for medicines. The greater the variety of genetic material, the better the chance for species and populations to adapt successfully to changes in environmental conditions. Genetic diversity is also necessary for the evolution of new species.

The most serious threats to biodiversity are loss and destruction of habitat and the introduction of non-native species, both plant and animal. Pollution, climate change and improper management practices can also threaten biodiversity. Excesses in hunting and fishing cause declines and the eventual extinction of the species sought after. The majority of these threats are related to human activity. According to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA), Massachusetts is losing 44 acres of open space a day to residential, commercial, or industrial interests. 7 animal species have become extinct in Massachusetts in the past 300 years.

Extinction has always occurred naturally, just as evolution of new species has always occurred. The concern now is that species are becoming extinct at an estimated rate of 100 to 1000 times faster than before the arrival of the human race. To reverse this trend, we need to learn more about the variety of life and its ecosystems. Scientists need to share their knowledge with policy makers and policy makers need to listen. We all need to conserve more and work toward achieving the goal of more sustainable living.

The concept of Biodiversity Days was the brainchild of Peter Alden, a resident of Concord, Mass. He is the principal author of "National Audubon Society Field Guide to New England" and a leader of wildlife tours worldwide. He was well aware that many birders are daft enough to enjoy running around to see how many birds they can see in 24 hours. There are Big Days, Christmas Bird Counts, Bird-a-Thons etc. He thought that perhaps other types of naturalists could be persuaded to do something similar. If a list of all species encountered in a 24-hour period could be created, we would gain useful information about what plant, animal and fungal species are actually in this area. Increased awareness of the world around us is one way to encourage conservation and other practices to slow down destruction.

The first Biodiversity Day was held on July 4, 1998. The area covered was that around Walden Pond in Concord and Lincoln. Experts in all fields were invited, including Edward O. Wilson, a noted entomologist from Harvard University. 100 people in 42 groups looked for and kept lists of all visible (non-microscopic) flora, fauna and fungi. People

Look out your window at home. What do you see? The diversity of life abounds as shown in this composite.

even went into the water to find fish. The hope was to find 1000 species. The tally at the end of the day was 1904. The next day a moose unexpectedly wandered into Concord Center for a brief time, which would have raised the total by one, had it chosen the previous day to visit. The idea was to count numbers of species, not individuals. Any evidence of a species, such as the odor of a skunk, or an animal track, or even a roadkill counted.

That first one-day local event has developed into a multi-day statewide event sponsored by the EOEA in partnership with a variety of non-profit organizations. Biodiversity Days 2002 will be held May 31 - June 3. There are some 15,000 species of plants and animals in Massachusetts that are large enough to see without benefit of a microscope. Coordinators in as many towns as possible have been designated to organize walks. People who are interested in participating should get in touch with the coordinator for their town. Dennis Peacock in Hingham can be reached at Crexcrexx@aol.com. Sally Avery in Cohasset can be reached at 781-383-6043. Results from previous Biodiversity Days can be found at <http://data.massgis.state.ma.us/Biodiversity/BrowsingBiodiv.htm>.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

Little Harbor's algae woes and us

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to the harbor in about three months. Otherwise, the debris will be burned at Rochester, the mercury will enter the air, and eventually end up in the swordfish, mackerel, and other fish on the not so Grand Banks.

Then, there are all the people who pile their grass clippings down by the shore where they will wash away. Since 1960, the Upper Little Harbor shoreline has moved inwards about 30 feet. At such a rate, it will have filled in completely in about 40 years. However the rate of introduction of nutrients into Little Harbor has increased radically, so maybe we'll all have an opportunity to see this interesting phenomenon occur during our lifetimes.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Memorial Day also honors 9-11 heroes

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Jack Curran tosses a flower into Cohasset Harbor to honor those soldiers lost at sea during Monday's Memorial Day observances.

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the Department of Justice in Washington, said the best way to honor fallen heroes is to grasp that Memorial Day will continue to take on added meaning since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 and the anthrax bio-terrorism in the weeks that followed.

He praised the firefighters and police, who gave their lives saving others on that tragic day, and said their sacrifice demanded "a transformation in our perception of warfare and how and where it is fought."

"This new warfare is unlike the battles fought by the fallen Cohasset warriors whom we honor today. This new war, the war on terrorism, is being waged not only on foreign soil but also in our own heartland, and in our cities and towns," he said.

Macklin went on to say most disquieting is the new war doesn't just target the military but American citizens and our society's infrastructure including transportation, postal, energy, retail and financial systems.

The challenge, he explained, is being prepared while striking a balance between the demands of public safety and individual liberties.

Macklin, whose parents live on Atlantic Avenue, said Francis Scott Key got it right when he wrote the "'land of the free' only so long as it continues to be the 'home of the brave.'"

He asked as Americans honor military and civilian heroes, they must acknowledge the front lines are being transformed to reflect not only overseas battlefields like Afghanistan but emerging battlefields in our cities an towns "where first responders will surely, heroically and willingly lay down their lives so that others may live in peace."

Macklin asked all to remember the heroes of Sept. 11 along with the many veterans of the nation's wars.

"When the roll is called, these brave men we remember today should number in their hallowed ranks those 400-strong first responders of 9-11 who unselfishly gave their lives in defense of freedom," he said.

The Cohasset observances drew a record crowd of some 1,500 people at the harbor. More than 100 veterans marched in the parade. Cohasset firefighters, who wore their dress uniforms, also marched. All were joined by members of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion, local bands, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and town officials.

The World War I Honor Roll was completed just in time for the day's events. Soon the names of the 199 Cohasset soldiers who served in the Civil War will be added. Plans are to add the Vietnam and Korean war honor rolls, as well. World War II and Mexican war honor rolls are complete.

American Legion Post Commander Steve Wigmore, who served as emcee at the harbor, said he was proud of every one of the veterans there.

Ralph Perroncello, commander of the VFW post, pointed out veterans of the "Big Deuce" (WWII) were getting on in years and only about a dozen could march this year.

The Rev. John Mulvehill of St. Anthony's Church asked for prayers that those who made the supreme sacrifice did not die in vain.

"(They stand as) silent witness that neither war nor terrorism will cloud this land," he said.

For complete text of Macklin's speech see page 8. Veterans interested in joining the VFW should call Perroncello at 781-383-0879, or the American Legion, 781-383-9657.

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Cohasset salutes its heroes

Cohasset veterans march to the Gold Star Mothers Memorial at Woodside Cemetery, one of several stops Monday.

Sean Mavilia watches the parade from his father's (Sean) shoulders.

George H. Mealy American Legion Post Commander Steve Wigmore stands in front of the some 1,500 veterans and other citizens who turned out Monday.

Father John Mulvehill meditates during the Memorial Day services at the harbor.

Above center, Veteran Rocky Laugelle salutes with his fellow veterans in North Cohasset, where fallen soldiers were also remembered.

Center bottom, Veterans, Donald Staszko and Merle Brown, salute as Old Glory is raised.

Right, Girl Scout Kiki Shipp stands by the Vietnam Memorial.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman

Troop 4783 comes down Elm Street. In keeping with tradition Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts march in the Memorial Day Parade.

US Marine Corps veteran Mary Jeanette Murray, center, is flanked by Vietnam veterans Capt. Jane McCarthy and US Army nurse Price.

What kind of fish is on top of the Paul Pratt Library weathervane (usually) ?

By Lou Eaton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The third volume of the Cohasset Town History is scheduled to become available in June and the Committee responsible for publication has thought to publish a few articles, courtesy of the Cohasset Mariner, about local history to stimulate interest in matters historical even though not related to the period of 1950 to 2000 covered by Volume III.

I thought to start today's vignette on a Cohasset Historical theme by asserting that most of the five or six-year-old kids who frequented the library could answer the question. "What's on top of the weathervane at the library," quickly enough, "A fish!". And then I would ask, "And what kind of a fish?" I bet most of them wouldn't know that the right answer, of course, is "a mackerel." And I wanted to use this as a lead-in to refresh your memories as to why it is a mackerel.

So I went down to the library just to take a look and make sure I was right and discovered that right now there is no fish on top of the weathervane. Not to worry, though. I was told it was safely in storage awaiting transfer to the op of the weathervane at the new library.

Anyhow, for 60 to 70 years in the 19th century, Cohasset was a major mackerel fishing port and at mid century there were up to 500 men and boys employed in the industry, including, as time went by, numerous immigrants from the Azores whose descendants now compromise a sizeable percentage of on present population.

In the 18th century and before, cod fishing, which had been carried on by the French, English and the Portuguese in the waters off the coasts of Northern New England and the Maritimes since the late 16th century, was the major fishing industry from our town. The schooners went to the Grand Banks, the Bay of Chaleur or Prince Edward Island in late April or May and stayed until mid September catching and salting or drying fish.

But according to Bigelow's "Narrative History," by 1837 the mackerel business had taken over and by 1840 cod fishing from Cohasset had dwindled to nearly nothing. The mackerel fishing could be done much nearer home port, needed smaller vessels, awl the ship owners and fisherman could make more money.

The vessels used in the fishing were nearly all built right here in Cohasset giving employment to many shipwrights. Bigelow lists 38 vessels from 42 to 151 tons built at Cohasset from 1789 to 1806. Most of the timber for ship construction was locally felled and sawed. He lists another 27 vessels from 21 to 96 tons built in Cohasset between 1811 and 1819. Amongst the Doane papers surviving, there is an 1819 listing of 39 ships engaged in fishing in that year, (The harbor must have been really crowded when they were all in port).

Bigelow further states that of 75 vessels which were built here from 1789 to 1813, 36 had been lost, were sold, or engaged in other business than fishing.

In Roger A. Leonard's fascinating book, "We Protect, an Historical Account and Social Study of the Portuguese in Cohasset, Massachusetts"(1994), in his chapter on "Mackereling" at page 108, he gives a list of 60 sailing vessels of 20 tons or more belonging to Cohasset in 1850.

What kind of fish is usually atop the weathervane at the library?

When you figure that most fishing schooners went to sea with crew of 8 to 14 seamen, you can see what a large percentage of the population was in the fishing industry. The net profit of a voyage was usually divided one-third or sometimes up to one-half to the ship owner and the remainder equally split among the crew.

In addition to the ship building, the barrels and hogsheads used to contain the salted fish were made from local lumber in coopers' shops of which there were several around the Cove. The salt industry also grew up in support of the fisheries. There were several acres of saltworks at Windmill Point (the windmill was used to pump the salt water into the brine vats), near Sandy Cove and on Beach Island. (See map in Bigelow at page 414).

The mackerel fishing grounds ran from the northern coast of New Jersey in the early spring to the Canadian Maritimes in the late fall and were mostly only 30 to 50 miles off the coast. The fish were processed after the day's fishing - beheaded, gutted, and filleted. They were also graded for inspection, No. 1, Superior quality (worth a good deal more), No. 2, and No.3 (worth quite a bit less). The price varied a good deal from year to year. Also the fatter mackerel taken in August or September (bloaters) usually sold for more.

The all important size of the catch per fishing trip depended a lot on the weather and also a good deal on the knowledge and experience of the skipper. The grading was confirmed by U.S. Customs inspectors stationed herein Cohasset. Our town was one of the 11 Ports of Delivery in Massachusetts until they were all closed down and everything moved to Boston in 1913. Leonard has a list of 14 employees at our Customs House in 1860. (page 118). Nine are described as "graders" and four are "inspectors of fish."

In 1845 Cohasset was the fourth fishing port in Massachusetts, per Bigelow, trailing Gloucester, Boston, and Wellfleet only. Bigelow also says that in 1851 there were 44 vessels and 561 men and boys employed in the mackerel business. A map in Bigelow (page 427) shows the locations of 15 wharves around the Cove "used at the time of the close of our fishing days. In those days and until the turn of the 20th century, there was very little commercial lobster fishing from Cohasset, but the use of the harbor was almost solely commercial with virtually no pleasure boats until the very late 19th century.

Many of the capable Portuguese from the Azores became the skippers of fishing schooners and the crews of many of the vessels were comprised of their fellow Azoreans during the last 20 years of the mackerel fishing. Leonard says that of the 100 families of Azorean lineage who came to Cohasset, 11 men became Master Mariners receiving "Captain's Papers." He gives fascinating anecdotal accounts of these sailors (pages 123-150 of his book), and I heartily recommend it. Cohasset can very proud of its numerous citizens of Azorean descent.

And that's a short sketch of why the fish on the weathervane is a mackerel.

Candidates and Chianti night

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will host a "Candidates and Chianti" evening on Friday, June 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, Highland Avenue, Cohasset Common.

The event is free to the public, although a lasagna dinner will be offered for $20 per person donation at the door, $15 if RSVP by June 5. The dinner will include a glass of Chianti with lasagna, salad, dessert and coffee.

All are welcome to listen to and ask questions of the Republican candidates including Kerry Healey and Jim Rappaport, candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Cohasset's very own Bruce Herzfelder and Nathaniel Palmer, candidates for State Treasurer and State Representative respectively, Dan Grabauskas, candidate for State Treasurer, Senator Robert Hedlund, Lou Gonzaga for U.S. Congress, and Richard Schmidt, Norfolk County Register of Probate.

RSVP for dinner is recommended and can be made by calling Edythe Ford at 781-383-1648 or Heather Palmer at 781-383-3339.

Selectmen meeting preview

Ralph Dormitzer, a resident of S. Main Street, will present his results of a noise study he is conducting for air traffic. At annual Town Meeting, Dormitzer was part of the group that championed the cause of appropriating $30,000 to join a lawsuit with Hull, Hingham and Revere to stop a proposed runway at Logan. He has been conducting noise surveys at various places in town to show the detrimental effects of air traffic on Cohasset.

Also on the selectmen's agenda for Tuesday will be a continued discussion of which firm to hire for the Village Improvements Design and Construction Plans. The four firms came in on Tuesday for interviews but the board did not reach a decision.

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Cher and Michelle Pfeiffer relax between takes for "The Witches of Eastwick," filmed in Cohasset in the summer of 1986.

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You can reserve a copy by sending a check for $32 plus $3.50 for postage payable to the Town of Cohasset and mail to Committee on Town History, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Tougher times ahead for students

School board OKs honor roll changes

By Evan Schiff
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For some students, being on the honor roll has come too easy. While Cohasset has an intelligent group of students in its schools, some feel too many are making the top list.

So now getting on the honor roll at Cohasset High School will be more difficult than it has ever been.

Principal Michael Jones said the faculty was concerned that making the honor roll wasn't challenging enough. In recent years almost 25 percent of the high school was making high honors. Forming a committee of mostly faculty, Jones and company examined the recent trend.

"We felt it's something that merited an examination," he said. "We felt the standards were too attainable."

Jones said he felt the increased number of students on the honor roll reflected both an increased effort on the students' part along with a tendency toward grade inflation.

To that end, the committee proposed changes in the criteria for students being placed on the list which were accepted by the school committee earlier this month.

"We felt the standards were too attainable."
— Principal Michael Jones

The criteria for high honors has shifted from requiring students to have a Grade Point Average of 3.67 and receiving all "A's" and only one "B," to having no GPA requirement and mandating that students must now have no grade lower than an "A minus."

For honors, the requirements were formerly a GPA requirement of 3.20 and a combination of all "A's" and "B's". Now, the school has waived the GPA standard and said to make honors a student can not receive a grade lower than a "B."

For honorable mention, a recognition not previously available, a student can receive no grade lower than a "B minus."

For all of the honors, a student must be enrolled in at least three major courses, and physical education and art classes are weighted more heavily then they were previously. Jones said this was an important part of the changes that will help to emphasize a student being proficient in all aspects of school.

"It's more of a level playing field now," he said. "We think this encourages more of a well rounded education."

Supt. Ted Malvey said he supports the change. He said it's important for a school system to constantly look at its requirements for the honor roll.

"It became an honest issue to take a look at," he said. "The school committee felt it needed to be tightened up."

Malvey said in his opinion the high number of students on the honor roll wasn't a concern.

"We hope our students are internally motivated," he said. "However, it's always nice to have some public recognition for those who go above and beyond in their studies."

Rick Flynn, chairman of the school committee which signed off on the changes, said the presentation made to the board made it seem getting on the honor roll was too easily attainable.

"We know the students in this district work as hard as any," Flynn said. "By tightening the standards for making the honor roll will be viewed as an extra achievement."

Flynn added making the honor roll does not go on a student's transcripts. The only thing the student receives, besides an enormous amount of pride, is a certificate and their name in the Mariner, he said.

Band concerts on the Common

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. The South Shore Music Circus donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, in New York City.

Based upon continued South Shore Music Circus funding, the schedule for the 2002 season is Tuesday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m. on the Cohasset Common.

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

Concerts are free of charge and the public is invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available. You may call the recreation office at 383-4109 to check on the status of concerts should you be in doubt as to weather conditions.

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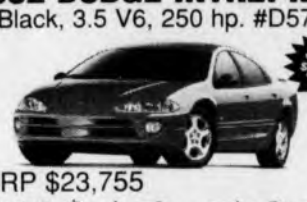

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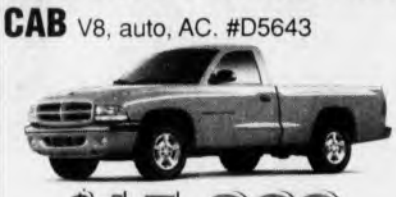

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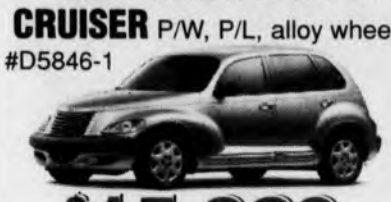

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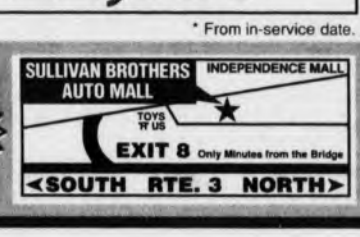

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The senior captain for the boys lacrosse team scored seven goals in the first round state tourney win over Lynn English on Tuesday, 21-4.

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On the South Shore
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Do-or-die

Lady laxers must win today to clinch tourney berth

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High lady laxers came up short this past Tuesday in their bid to clinch a berth in the tournament, placing them in a must win situation for today's regular season finale at home versus Bourne (4 p.m. start).

Girls lacrosse
Bourne at Cohasset
today, 4 p.m.

"It's do or die," said rookie lacrosse coach Torin Sweeney, following Tuesday's 12-6 loss to visiting Martha's Vineyard. "If they want to make the tournament, they have got to win.""

The Cohasset girls knew going in to Tuesday's match-up versus consistently powerful Martha's Vineyard that they would probably be up against it today. The Vineyarders have already qualified for the state tourney, and this game served as a means for them to get a higher seed.

The underdog Lady Skippers jumped out to a 1-0 lead on senior Maggie O'Neill's second goal of the season. Cohasset did hold the visitors scoreless for the first five minutes of the game, with junior Gia Petrakis making a few very impressive saves.

However, the Vineyard attack proved too much, as it eventually responded with four unanswered goals in a span of less than five minutes to take a 4-1 lead. Led by senior captain Emma Lovewell, Martha's Vineyard made it 10-3 by halftime. Lovewell scored four of her game high six goals in the first half.

Using a balanced attack, the Skippers attempted to crawl back into it.

Reminiscent of their 6-goal come-

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Tracksters lap field at Class D meet

Maitland, Baird, Krupczak and 4x1 team advance to all-states

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Local tracksters were busy on Saturday competing for the chance to advance to this weekend's All-State championships at Worcester State. The top-four finishers and the next two fastest individuals in each event at the MIAA Class championships earned themselves a trip to the All-States.

At the Class D meet in Norwell, the 27 points posted by the Cohasset boys earned them seventh place, the best of any team in the area.

Cohasset's **Jared Krupczak** finished a solid fourth in the 100 in 11.64 and teammate **Tim Baird** was second in the 800 with a time of 2:00.54.

Ian Kidder put together a leap of 39-10 in the triple jump for a Cohasset sixth place. The Skippers' **Peter Maitland** garnered second in the javelin with a superb throw of 184-5. This will make the second straight trip to all-states for Maitland in the javelin. Last year, the senior captain finished fourth at all-states to become the first C.H.S. athlete in a decade to advance to the New England Track and Field championships.

The **Skippers** battled Weston and Stoneham to the wire in the **4x100 relay** (Krupczak, Kidder, Jason Brown and Eric Belz). Both Cohasset and Stoneham were clocked in 45.46 with Stoneham getting the nod for second. Weston was a step ahead in 45.45.

Norwell sophomore Tom Kleber was fourth with a 2:00.80. On the girls side, Norwell's Kayla Halloran followed up her fifth-place finish in the Coaches Invitational with a third in the mile at 5:17.23. Teammate Lydia Shute cleared 5 feet in the high jump for fourth and the

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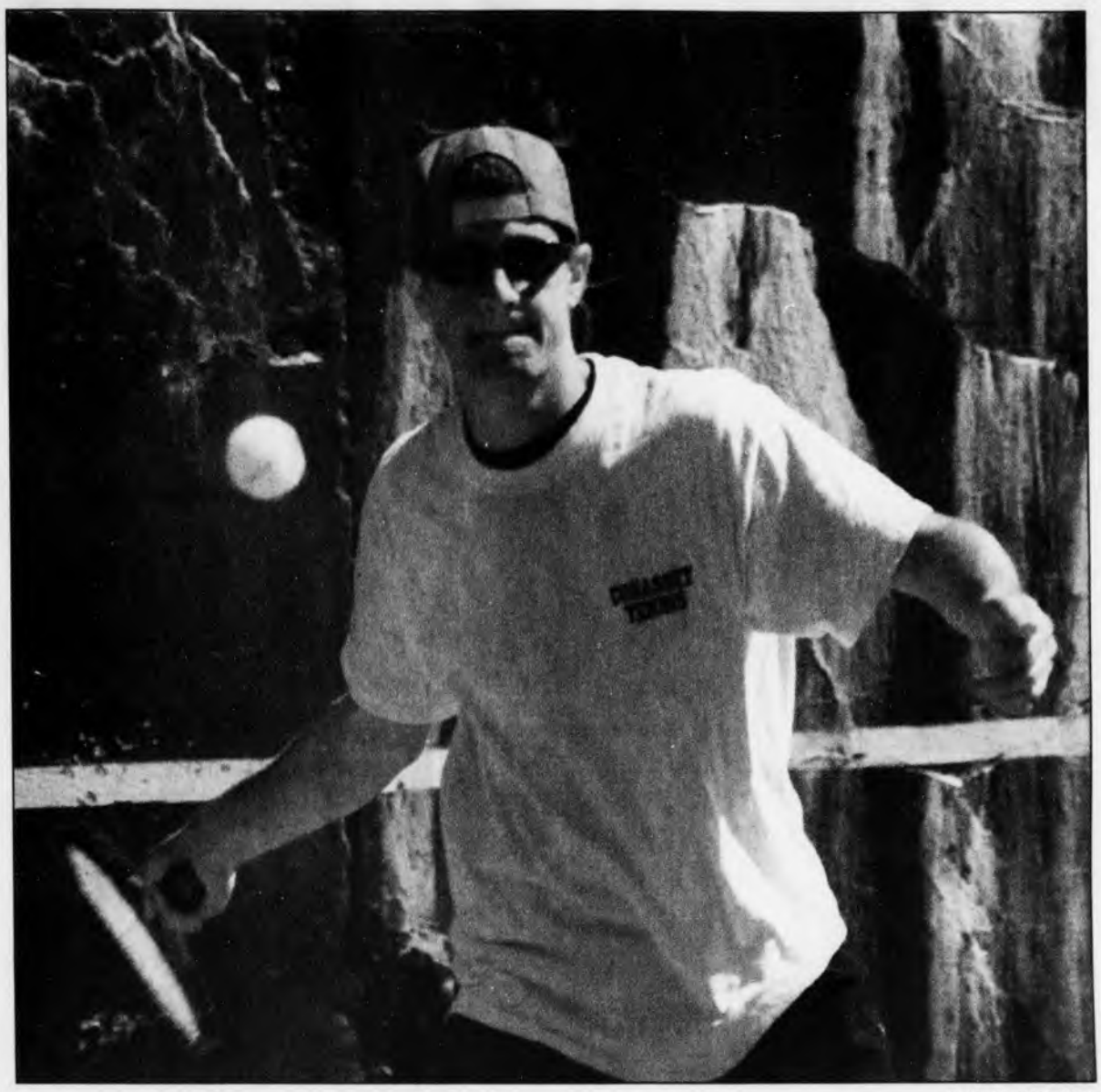

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Dave Ingber, who was named to his second straight SSL all-star team this week, hopes to continue his run of success in first round tourney action today at Medfield.

Tourney bound!

Girls tennis primed to build on last year's run, boys aim to surprise

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Boys tennis tourney action
Cohasset at Medfield today, 3:30 p.m.

If there is any time for a team to be at its best, it is right before the playoffs. That time is now for the Cohasset High boys and girls tennis teams, as both posted their most impressive wins of the spring in their respective regular season finales last week.

The girls wrapped up their regular season with a 4-1 over Hingham in a match-up of two of the top teams for the upcoming South Sectional. The win marked the 13th in a row for the Lady Skippers after season opening losses to league rival Norwell and this same Hingham squad.

The boys closed out their second consecutive tournament campaign with a 5-0 blowout over Carver, after narrowly edging the Crusaders on April 25. Of the Skippers eight wins this year (8-4 in league, 8-6 overall), this was the only one that was not a 3-2 decision.

Word was received just before going to print the boys had been seeded 18th and would be playing a preliminary round game at Medfield (15th seed) today at 3:30. The winner of that match will get SSL champion Norwell (16-1, 12-0 in SSL play) tomorrow at Norwell (also 3:30).

The girls were seeded sixth and slated to host 11th seeded Ursuline.

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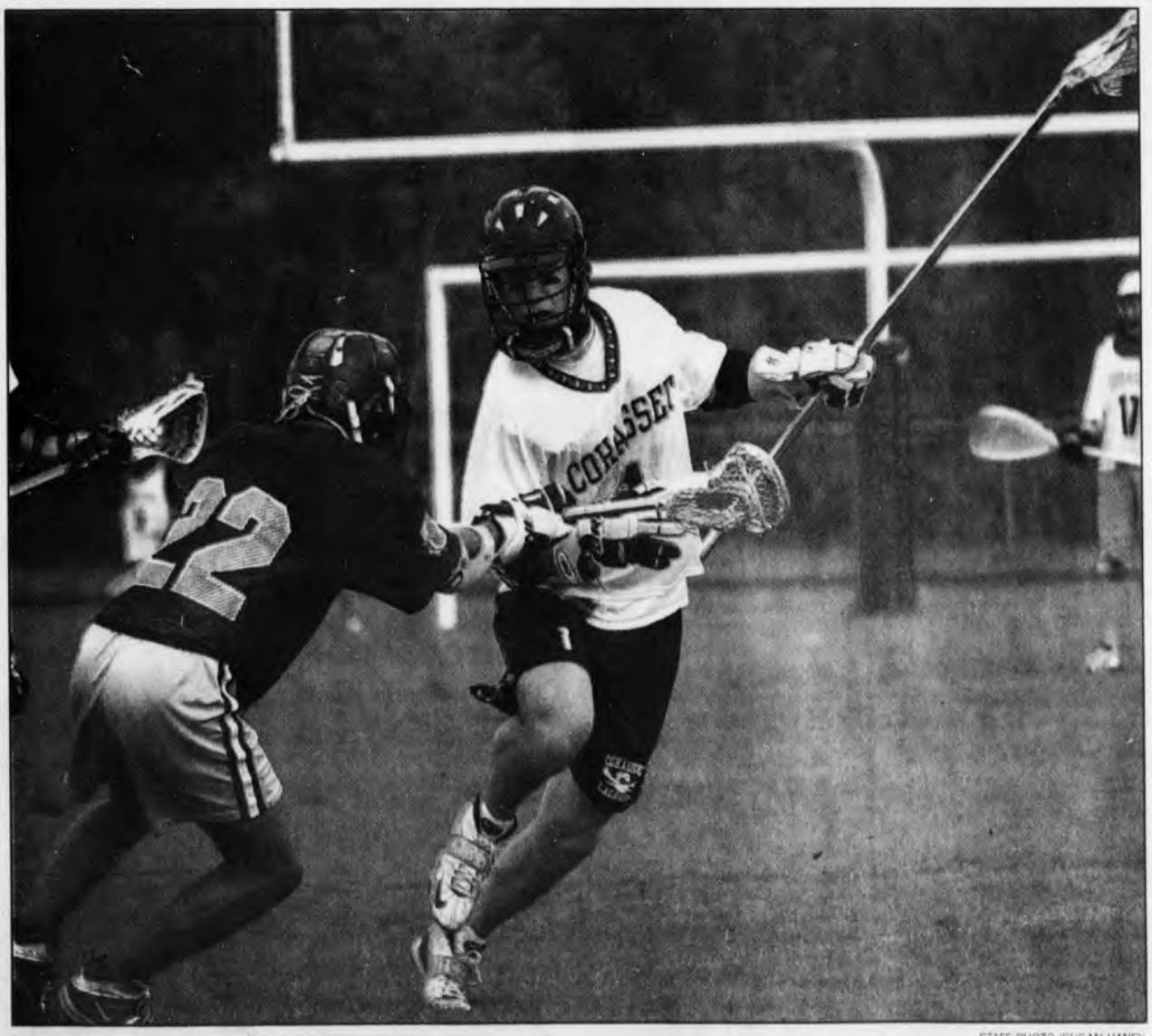

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The Skippers got a "terrific game defensively" from Tom Anderson (white shirt), according to coach Kevin Orcutt.

A grand opening

Previte nets seven in 21-4 first round tourney blowout of Lynn English

Showing the kind of offense that took them to the state championship game a year ago, the Cohasset boys' varsity lacrosse team knocked off Lynn English 21-4 in a preliminary round match-up Tuesday night at Alumni Field.

The Skippers set a school tournament scoring record with the victory, topping their 2001 tourney high of 18 goals versus Ashland. 10 different Cohasset players found the back of the net in the win, led by senior Paul Previte's seven goals and an assist.

"This was exactly the effort we needed," said coach Kevin Orcutt. "Lynn English hadn't played as tough a schedule as ours, but had faced excellent teams in Beverly, Ipswich and North Andover. We knew we had to play well, and we did."

Cohasset scored the first four goals of the game, all in the first six minutes, as Curt Kahn (twice), Previte and Eric Libby all managed to beat their defenders and goalie Nick Connick. But the Bulldogs hung tough, and Cohasset led only 6-2 at the end of the first.

"We had to adjust what we were doing on faceoffs, and extend our defense," said Orcutt. "We did that, kept the ball moving on offense, and got a terrific game from Nick Spirito and Tom Anderson on defense."

Cohasset was up 13-3 at the half, and cleared its bench in the third and fourth quarters. Kahn (five assists) was one of five Skippers with a pair of goals. The others were midfielders Matt Davis (one assist) and Robert Hickey, and Jason Moore (one assist) and Mike Rasmussen. Single goal scorers were Pete Whoriskey, Sean Chase, David DeVito and Dwayne Morris, who collected the first of his varsity career. Senior Eric Libby picked up a single-game career high seven assists.

Boys lax tourney action
Cohasset at Norwell
Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

All three Cohasset goalies saw action. Senior Kyle Weber let in a pair of goals while registering four saves. Soph Nick Murphy gave up a goal while picking up two saves. Freshman Chris Simms had a pair of fourth-quarter saves.

The Skippers will advance to the round of 16 to face fifth-seeded Norwell, a Pilgrim rival they beat 9-5 on the road earlier in the season. They'll travel again to the Clippers on Saturday, probably for a 7 p.m. face-off.

"We have no trouble getting up for Norwell, because they're a solid

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Cohasset's Jason Moore (white shirt), who had seven assists in the tourney opening win, looks to feed a cutter from behind the net.

A grand opening

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team and a worthy opponent," said Orcutt. "This was a great tune-up, and I think we'll be facing them at our best."

In the final game of the regular season, the Skippers knocked off Pilgrim rival Barnstable to finish 13-7, and 7-6 in the Pilgrim Conference. In that game, nine Cohasset players scored, led by Eric Libby's hat trick. Paul Previte, Matt Davis, Jason Moore and Robert Hickey each had a pair of goals.

John Durkin looks for an opening on Tuesday.

Cohasset captain Eric Libby (#18) changes direction quickly to fool Lynn English defender.

Youth laxers sweep light holiday-week

With the Memorial Day holiday, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse took the weekend off. But three of its teams did play in the week leading up to the holiday, and all came away victorious.

On the boys side, it was the **14-U** (7th and 8th grade) boys team staying unbeaten with a 10-1 Wednesday wipeout of Quincy. The boys — many of whom were coming directly from a middle-school game to the Quincy contest, dominated from start to finish in what proved to be an easy victory.

Meanwhile, Cohasset's junior girls teams took to the road on Monday, May 20, finally getting to play games in Norwell that had been rained out twice previously. The games were worth the wait, as Cohasset swept its more-experienced rivals on the afternoon.

The **12-U** team (5th and 6th grades), controlled play early on, and took a 2-0 lead on the strength of goals from Amy Meikleham and Kaley Madge. But four other Cohasset scores were nullified by penalties, and Norwell rallied to tie the game at 2 before halftime.

Cohasset regrouped in the second half, making its shots count as it grabbed a lead it would never relinquish. Gabriella Flibotte scored twice, with Paige Strecker converting a direct-free position and Maura Barnes stretching Cohasset's lead to 4. Norwell then mounted a rally — helped by yet another Cohasset score nullified by penalty — and closed the gap to 6-4. From there, however, Cohasset proved more aggressive, controlling the ball. Meikleham finished the day's scoring with her second goal of the day, as Cohasset won by a 7-4 margin, improving its record to 3-2-1.

Cohasset's **14-U** team (7th & 8th grades) took the field next, and also controlled the action against Norwell. Both teams, however, were stymied by outstanding goaltending for nearly 20 minutes before Haley Haracz finished a fast break with a long rush to the net and a bounce shot that found the mark.

Norwell came out hot in the second half, and would have tied the score early except for five point-blank saves from Aisling Guinee. Guinee, who finished the game with 11 stops, stuffed two shots from the goalmouth, and then three more in quick succession, before triggering the fast break that helped lead to Charlotte Landon's first goal of the season. Kathryn Evans extended the lead to 3-0 and with Cohasset controlling play it looked like the team would coast to victory. Norwell had other plans, however, scoring with four minutes left in the game, and then with two minutes left to draw to within a goal. From there, the action was fast, furious and end-to-end, but Cohasset's defense was able to break up Norwell's offensive thrusts until time ran out.

With the win, the 14-U girls improved their record to 2-4.

Lady laxers must win today to clinch tourney berth

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back win over Mansfield last week, Cohasset got tallies from junior Maura McKenney, sophomore Nicole Turgiss and senior captain Krisitin Sheerin to make the score 10-6.

"I feel like we are in those games," noted Sweeney, who has seen his team beat Mansfield after trailing 7-1, and Bourne after being down 6-1. "We've been down six and won before."

Sweeney elected not to call a time-out with his team down four goals, opting instead to try to tire out the visiting squad, who had only one available sub on the bench. Yet, Vineyard restarted their vicious frontline attack, with Lovewell recording two more goals in the last five minutes to put the game out of reach.

"They were a little more disciplined than us, and their passing was just excellent," observed Sweeney, who also made note of the fact that both the Cohasset and Vineyard teams were missing two of their top players. "They ran some nice plays. They had a very opportunistic offense."

Cohasset did spread the scoring around, with Sheerin the only multiple scorer. O'Neill, McKenney, Turgiss and Genovese all had tallies to round out the offense.

Still, Sweeney felt his team could not get on track, as Vineyard's swarming defense cut off his normally solid transition game.

"They marked really well," he said. "They were doubling (double-teaming) the ball, and we weren't able to adjust to the press."

Cohasset will be playing Bourne on Thursday, a team the Lady Skippers narrowly defeated 11-8 three weeks ago on the road. Sweeney said the main focus will be cutting down on defensive mistakes. The Canalwomen offense had a very effective midfield pick they would set for their scorers, a move more commonly seen on the basketball court, which led to four Bourne goals last time around.

With their record standing at 8-9 after the loss to Martha's Vineyard, Bourne is the Lady Skippers final shot to get to .500 and repeat as a playoff team.

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Youth tennis signups

Youth tennis will begin on Monday, June 24, and continue for seven weeks, through Aug. 9. Youth tennis registrations will be held, starting Monday, June 10, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday evening, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is offered for children age 7 through 18 years. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week-session of instruction, two days a week, is $75. Discounts of $10 are available for additional children in a family. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

Rain Day Policy: If rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are special clinic or tournament or rain make-up days.

Cohasset High School Fitness Center hours

Until 125 members are attained:
Monday- 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
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Thursday- 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
Saturday- 8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

The fee is $30 per month, per person. Registrations are taken at the Fitness Center, Cohasset High School, 43 Pond St. Please enter the high school via the front door located to the right side of the main entrance to CHS.

Speed training Clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department is pleased to announce the return of the Northeast Speed Training Clinic for the summer of 2002 for children ages 8-12 and 13-19

10 two-hour clinics will be held every Monday and Wednesday evening at Milliken Field, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., running June 24 through July 24.

The clinic focuses on balance, coordination, 20 and 40-yard dash, lateral speed, hip speed, three-step explosion, jumping, quick feet and back pedaling. There are over 150 fun, speed and quickness drills designed to improve skill performance in soccer, football, baseball, basketball and lacrosse.

The fee for this unique program is $85 per person. Registration forms may be found at the Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited, so early registration is advised.

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Tracksters lap field at Class D meet

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Clippers' 4x400 relay team was sixth in 4:21.95.IAA Class championships earned themselves a trip to the All-States.

The Cohasset duo of **Gillian Weber** (2:26.04) and **Mary Silvia** (2:26.61) went 5-6 in the girls' 800.

Notre Dame's Kourtney Trainor had a big day by winning the Class B title in Reading, pulling away from the field and crossing the finish line in 44.5 seconds. The Aces took fifth and sixth in the shot put as well with Trainor and Grace Cunningham heaving the shot 34 feet, 6 inches and 33-6-1/2, respectively. Cunningham also finished fourth in the discus with a 105-6 toss.

Trainor was pleased with her 1.2-second win over Dennis-Yarmouth's Marlene Priest (45.7) but disappointed she wasn't able to match the 38-11 effort she turned in at the Coaches Invitational, which garnered second place.

"I felt really good but I was nervous," said Trainor, the Coaches Invitational 300 hurdle champion. "I used that (Coaches Invitational win) as a motivator. I thought, 'I won that race so I should win here'."

Suzanne Timmons raced to a fifth-place 13.3 finish in the 100 dash while teammate Nicole Shirley was third in the 200 (26.7) a half-second behind Marshfield's Ashley Hubbard. The Rams' sophomore was second with a time of 26.2. Notre Dame also picked up fifth in the 4x800 relay in 9:59 and recorded a 4:17.4 in the 4x400 relay to clinch sixth.

In the Class A championships held at St. John's Prep in Danvers, defending 400-meter dash champion DaviAnn Brown, who has been hampered by a groin injury, finished third in 57.83. Freshman Hannah Rapalee continued to run well, taking second behind Framingham's Jen Perry with a stellar 2:19.65. The Lakers also took fourth in the 4x100 relay in 51.08.

Hingham's Chris Orr was the Harbormen's top performer at the Class C meet at chilly Plymouth South. Orr was a strong second in the 300 hurdles, finishing just two-tenths behind Stoughton's Kevin Bright in 39.2. Orr also placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 18-2-1/2. Teammate Kyle Morse's 134-9 heave in the discus earned him fifth place. Rockland's P.J. Welch was sixth with a 129-6 toss. Steve Mills also cracked into the top six for the Harbormen, taking sixth in the shot put with his 47-8-1/4 effort.

Melissa Murphy of Rockland didn't lose any steam after a fine showing at the Coaches Invitational. Murphy battled Pentucket's Ashley Moulton to the finish of the 100-meter dash to take second in 12.6 to Moulton's 12.5. Nicole Christoforo of Rockland was third in the 800 in 2:22.10 and Hingham's Allison Donovan continued her comeback from a leg injury to run 5:29.9 in the mile for third. Scituate's Kiely Cuddihy and Sade Judge finished 2-4 in the shot put with throws of 36-2-3/4 and 34-8-3/4, respectively.

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Yasmine Ashfar (#845), seen here running the 2-mile race at South Shore League meet earlier this month, is one of several underclass Cohasset tracksters who opened eyes on the tracks this spring.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS TENNIS
22 beat at Hingham, 4-1
end of regular season
Tourney starts Thursday

BOYS TENNIS
21 beat Carver, 5-0
end of regular season
Tourney starts Thursday

GIRLS LACROSSE
23 lost to Norwell, 12-5
28 lost to Mar's Vineyard, 12-6
30 Bourne
end of regular season

BOYS LACROSSE
22 beat Barnstable
end of regular season
22 beat Lynn English, 21-4

BASEBALL
23 lost to Millis
end of season

Girls tennis primed to build on last year's run, boys aim to surprise

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Unfortunately, no time or date for this match had been announced at the time this went to print.

"The teams are peaking at the right time," assessed 11th year girls coach Sarah Meehan. "We are ready for this tournament."

Starting the season 0-2, the Cohasset girls team seemed to be lost in the mix of the top teams on the South Shore. This might explain the appearance of greater attention being paid to the likes of Canton, Bourne, Norwell and Hingham by some of the area's bigger newspapers .

Meehan, however, views this as a positive for her team.

"We've almost flown in under the radar," noted the veteran coach, who took her team to the Sectional semi-finals last year for the first time in the program's history. "We just haven't got the same press. We don't think anyone is expecting us to hit them hard, but the teams that have played us know how deadly we are."

Deadly is a good word to describe this team, as six of the team's seven starters in the playoff line-up were selected to the South Shore League All-Star team. Within the past two weeks, Cohasset knocked off Hingham 4-1, and shocked Norwell, 5-0, for a share of the South Shore League crown.

In last year's playoffs, the Lady Skippers trounced Canton (currently 15-0) in the first round.

The match against Hingham was highlighted by another superb performance at second singles by freshman Elizabeth Stone, who eliminated Jen Wassen 6-0, 6-0. Sophomore Holly Graham played her normal consistent game at third singles for a straight set win as well.

Of course the doubles teams were as strong as ever, with Julie Shea and Kate Englander winning 6-3, 7-6 at first doubles. Kelly Stone and Courtney Caron recovered from a shaky start at second doubles to win the third set, 6-1, and give their team the victory.

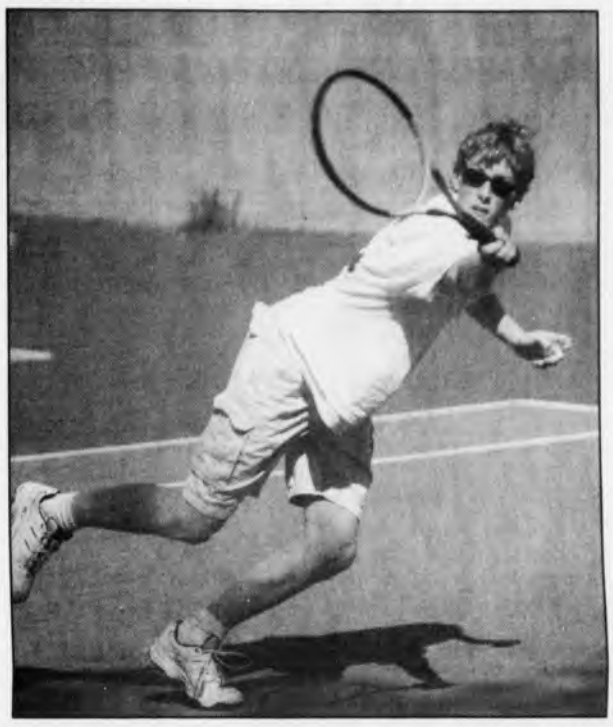
For the boys, they completed the rain make-up match with Carver in just over an hour and a half, giving them their first shut out of the year.

At first singles, junior captain David Ingber, named to the All-Star team for the second year in a row, took down All-Star counterpart DJ Lenahan of Carver 6-2, 6-3.

Tim Anton needed only 25 minutes to dispose of his opponent, 6-0, 6-1, at second singles, and Jessie Brewer's straight set victory went much the same way.

Junior Ross Lieb-Lappen and sophomore Andrew Wise combined to give their team its second consecutive league win at first doubles, and Scott Faber and Andrew Busk easily took the second doubles decision as well.

The seedings for the South Sectional tennis tournaments came out Wednesday morning, with the two rounds being played Thursday and over the weekend.



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Scott Faber (pictured) teamed with Andrew Busk for a win at second doubles last week at Carver to help the Cohasset boys to their first shutout of the season.

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Shore Soccer Camp Ages 8 to 18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's two one-week long Soccer Clinics starting Monday, June 29, through Friday, Aug. 2, and/or Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 9.

Soccer will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for one session is $225 per member. If participating in both sessions, the fee will be $395 per player. There will be a $20 discount for each additional child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Information regarding this year's 4 and 5-year-old and 6 and 7-year-old shorter-day Soccer Clinics will be forth coming shortly. South Shore Soccer Camp will provide both of these soccer programs for younger children this summer.

Mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space available and there are no discounts available for multiple children. All children must be toilet trained.

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Getting a jump start

Coach Knurek preaches need to hit ground running next season

By Mike Spellman
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If this past baseball season had started on May 1 rather than April 1, Cohasset baseball coach Bob Knurek feels things might have been dramatically different for his team.

"By the end of the year, we were doing a lot of things fundamentally that I was looking for from day one, so that was somewhat encouraging," said the fifth year head coach. "By the time we got things going, though, it was really too late to think much about post-season goals or anything like that."

The team did pull off a couple of wins in the second half of the season over state tourney bound teams that helped make the 4-16 finish a little more palatable, knocking off Abington (13-7) on May 9 and Provincetown (11-8) in extra innings last Thursday, 9-8.

Of course, the slow start was not completely unexpected. Knurek's Skippers were already decimated by graduation (all-stars TJ Bilodeau and Doug O'Brien, for starters) and injury (season long loss of pitching ace Nick Bolster to a detached retina) when they opened camp, and it only got worse, as March showers rendered the drainage-poor Milliken Field virtually unusable for most of the pre-season.

This obviously set back all of Cohasset's players, but most notably the younger players Knurek was counting on – specifically freshman Ted Straughn and Louis Blanco, as well as sophomore Mike Dooley and even junior Mike Snowdale.

Each of these players, not all that surprisingly, finished the season on a roll, living up to their coach's expectations over the second half, and in a few cases even exceeding them.

Dooley, who was thrust in to the lead-off spot early on, settled in to the role quickly and wound up batting over .300, while emerging as a top rate table setter for the offense.

After a horrendous start to the season, Snowdale got his average over .290 with a strong closing push.

These two will likely be asked to move up a spot in the rotation next spring and go 1-2 for the Skippers. Snowdale earned half of the Skippers two wins on the mound this season, while Dooley continued to improve throughout the season as a reliever and occasional starter. Both also played middle infield when not pitching.

"We'll be looking to both of those guys to pick right up where they left off this year," said Knurek. "But, really, that's the theme for the whole team next year. That's what I told them all at the end of the season. To come back on day one in shape, and in good baseball shape, and ready to go."

The evolution of Straughn and Blanco followed the course Knurek predicted.

"They were freshman and it took a while for them to adjust to everything being a step or two faster than they were used to, especially the pitching, but by the end of the year they were playing like seasoned sophomores," said Knurek, who estimates both youngsters hit over .300 over the second half of the season. "That's one benefit anyway of giving freshman a lot of playing time. You put them that much further ahead for the next few years."

Among the other players Knurek figures he'll be looking to for greater contributions next year are sophomores John Andrade (pitcher/infield) and John Downing (outfield), as well as juniors Trey Curry and Mark Chapman.

As for losses, the Skippers will three sets of shoes to fill next spring, with the biggest pair by far belonging to SSL all-star Tim Straughn. All Tim did in his senior was run away with virtually every team race offensively, including batting average (.438), home runs (five) and RBIs. He was also far and away the team's best pitcher with two wins and a 2.50 ERA.

"You don't replace a player like Tim Straughn with just one player," assessed Knurek of his team's best pitcher, catcher, infielder and hitter. "It will take several players stepping it up a lot to fill that void. He did it all for us. He was so versatile and talented in so many ways.

"Then, on top of that, he was just a great leader. He never let the kids get down when things weren't going well. The kids all looked up to him. He'll really be missed."

The other two players the team will lose to the caps and gowns are outfielder Matt Ogrodnick and utility infielder Dave Krueger.

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OBITUARIES

Robert M. Thompson

Robert M. Thompson,74, who taught science at Cohasset High School for more than 30 years, died Sunday, May 26, 2002, at home.

Born in Holyoke, Mr. Thompson graduated from American International College and subsequently received a Masters of Education from Boston University as well as a Masters in Science from Syracuse University.

Mr. Thompson served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1956 including duty overseas as a lieutenant during the Korean War.

Those who knew him well commented on his integrity, consideration toward others and gentle sense of humor. In a 1989 Cohasset Mariner article entitled, "The best teacher in CHS history gets set to retire" a former student remarked, "He was a very soft-spoken gentleman, who never raised his voice nor had the need to. He. just seemed the absolute model of integrity. You couldn't imagine cheating or being dishonest in a class of Bob Thompson's."

An active member of the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, he worked as a volunteer at the Cohasset Food Pantry since its inception. He also greatly enjoyed his membership in the "Old Goats Club."

A life long learner, his interests included meteorology, history, hiking and gardening. He had a special

Robert M. Thompson

affection for airplanes and enjoyed flying enough to obtain his private pilot's license.

Mr. Thompson leaves his wife of more than 50 years, Jean; two sons, Robert, Jr. of Westborough, and Douglas of Ashland; a sister, Marion Hayden of Southbury, Conn.; four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a favorite cat, Maggie.

Friends and relatives are invited to a Memorial Service officiated by the Rev. Gary A. Ritts, at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset on Friday, May 31, at 2:30 p.m. Interment at the Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset will be private.

Visiting hours will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer Street, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Cohasset Food Pantry or the Second Congregation Church both located at 43 Highland Street, Cohasset, MA, 02025.

Enna L. Reid

Enna L. (Monteiro) Reid, 93, of Cohasset, an employee at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset, died May 22, 2002, at home.

Mrs. Reid was a lifelong resident of Cohasset.

She retired at the age of 78.

Mrs. Reid enjoyed the beach. She was a lifeguard, taught swimming lessons at Sandy Beach and was a competitive swimmer winning many medals.

She enjoyed gardening and dancing and was an avid Red Sox fan. She mowed her own lawn well into her 80s.

Wife of the late William J. Reid she leaves a son, William J. Reid Jr. of Scituate; a daughter, Sandra Burens of Cohasset; six grandchildren, and 11. great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, 129 S. Main St., Cohasset by Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset handled the arrangements.

Donations may be made to St. Anthony's Parish Center, 10 Summer St., Cohasset 02025.

WORSHIP NOTES

Inclusion workshop

On Monday, June 3 from 7-9 p.m., St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Parish on Route 139 in Hanover will host an "Evening of Listening and Dialogue" working toward the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the life of the Church.

The question, "How can the Church serve you better?" will be addressed at this session. The Church is richer and truly the Body of Christ when all are welcome. The South Region of the Archdiocese of Boston will explore more and better ways to include persons with all levels of disabilities in the parish life.

This evening of listening and dialogue is planned to gain input from persons living with all levels of disabilities, their family members, clergy, catechetical leaders, educators, health-care workers, and anyone with an interest in this ministry, especially young people. The questions to be addressed are:

- What are the needs of persons with disabilities?
- What are the needs of their families?
- How can we, as Church, promote programs that enhance spiritual growth and development?
- What gifts are we missing by not including persons with disabilities in the life of the Church?

For more information on this upcoming workshop concerning persons with disabilities, call Marilyn Zedick at 781-829-1229.

Pray the rosary

Children and families are invited to pray the rosary for respect for life on Friday, June 7, at 3:15 p.m. at St. Anthony Church, 10 Summer St. This devotion is sponsored each First Friday from 3:15 to 3:45. p.m. First Friday services also include: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament front noon to 4:45 p.m., Benediction at 4:45 p.m. and Mass at 5 p.m. In addition, the Respect Life Committee sponsors a rosary for life every Friday morning following the 7 a.m. Mass.

French student exchange trip next fall

Cohasset can expect and influx of French culture in the fall. In October, students from the Lyce´e Jeanne d'Arc in Rouen, France will stay in Cohasset for about two weeks. Cohasset will return the favor in April when students will go to Rouen, France and stay with their French counterparts. The Cohasset students will spend about seven days in Rouen and four days in Paris.

During the time spent in Rouen, the Cohasset students will participate in daily excursions while their host families' kids are in school. Weekends are usually spent with the host family and one day a week is spent at the French High School.

Remembering Clark Chatterton

The members of the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund Committee would like to thank all the residents of Cohasset who have contributed to the memorial fund established in Clark's memory.

One project the Committee has undertaken (with the assistance of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club) will be the installation of a new basketball court in the playground behind the renovated Deer Hill School - it is anticipated that it will be completed prior to this fall.

The fund also contributed to the new discus cage on Alumni Field and there will be a Life Fitness Cross Trainer exercise machine donated in his name to the new fitness center at the Cohasset Middle High School. We are hopeful that this new piece of equipment will be available for use when school opens in September.

Finally, the Committee invites all runners and walkers, young and old, to participate in the first annual "Clark's Fund Run" which is scheduled for: Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m. The "Run/Walk" is a 3.5 mile race that begins and ends at the South Shore Music Circus. The registration fee (postmarked by June 1) is $12 and applications may be picked up at Good Sport or at the Cohasset Middle High School. Any questions should be directed to: Debbie Beal, Physical Education Teacher, Cohasset Middle High School. Late registrations (postmarked after June 1) are $15.

Any individuals or companies that would be interested in being a sponsor for this event should also contact Debbie at 781-383-6103.

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The Jimmy Fund/Variety Children's Charity Theatre Collections Program will run from **June 21 – July 28** in American Movie Cinemas, Hoyts Cinemas, Loew's Cineplex Theatres, and National Amusements Theatres. Volunteers are needed to pass canisters to collect contributions following the playing of a Jimmy Fund appeal trailer.

Volunteers can earn Jimmy Fund T-shirts, movie passes, even tickets to a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park!

For more information, visit **www.jimmyfund.org** or contact Brett Salmonson at (617) 632-6616 or *brett_salmonson@dfci.harvard.edu.*

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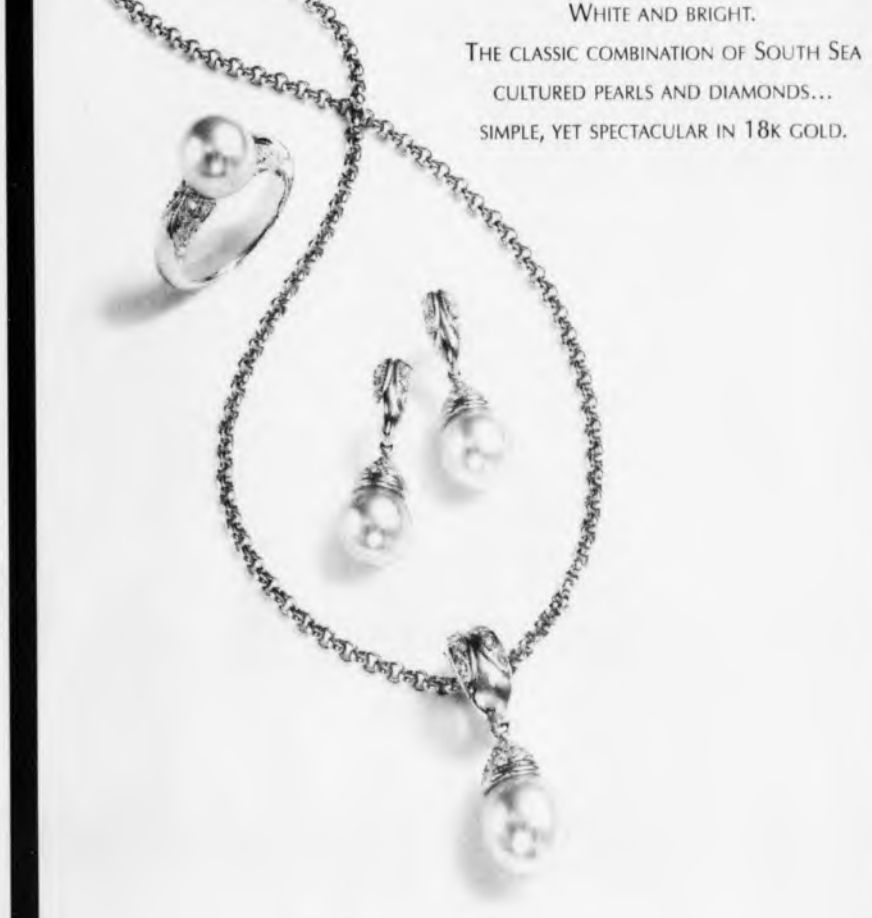

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IT'S HAPPENING

Red Cross blood drive is June 12

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, June 12. The Blood Drive will be at St. Anthony Parish Center at the corner of South Main St. and Summer St. from 1:30-7:30 p.m. As in the past, baby-sitting will be provided from 3-5 p.m. Ample parking is available.

The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors in the Cohasset area to give blood when the bloodmobile comes to Cohasset. According to Cathy Pray, Director, "Only five out of every 100 people give blood, and the number of new donors decreased dramatically last year. First time donors are urgently needed to replace donors who have moved away or become ineligible to donate."

The best way to give blood for the first time is to come with a friend who is experienced in the donation process. New donors usually find the procedure easy and painless and most come back regularly to donate. "The biggest obstacle seems to be overcoming that initial fear," said Pray. "That's why we're counting on our regular donors to help by bringing a friend to this blood drive."

Most people can give blood through the American Red Cross. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

The Red Cross always counts on a good turnout when it visits Cohasset so please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the church, civic, corporate or social organizations calls. New donors are welcome and especially needed. To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have any questions, please call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290. You can also call the Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

'Are you OK?'

Please come to a brief, informational gathering regarding the Cohasset Triad Program and the "Are You OK?" Telephone Reassurance System on Tuesday, June 4 at 9:30 a.m. at 60 Elm St. (Harborview Apartments).

This gathering will help to learn more about the new senior citizens' free Telephone Reassurance Program. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Cheryl Bambery at the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office at 1-866-900-7865.

Sign-ups for summer programs

Registration for the following sports clinics are being accepted at the Cohasset Recreation Department Office on the first floor of the Town Hall.

There is a *baseball camp* the week of June 24, Monday through Friday, ages 5-12.

Soccer camp will be held the weeks of July 29 through Aug. 2, and Aug. 5-9 only.

There is a *speed-training clinic* on Monday and Wednesday evenings from June 24 through July 24 for ages 8-12 and 13-19.

Baseball camp will be offered by SSBC, the soccer camps by SSSC, and the speed-training clinics by Ken Brooks.

Registration for the seven-week *playground program*, for ages 3.5 to 12; the seven-week *youth tennis program* for ages 7 and up; and the *drama workshop/production,* will be held at the Town Hall June 10-13 from 9 a.m. to noon, and from 1-3 p.m.; and on Tuesday, June 11, from 5-7 p.m.

For more information, call 781-383-4109 and ask for the Recreation Department.

Buttonwood hosts coffee with authors

Buttonwood Books & Toys presents its spring Coffee with the Authors on Tuesday, June 4 from 9:45-11:30 a.m. at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset. Featured authors are

Alice Hoffman for "Blue Diary", Stewart O'Nan for "Wish You Were Here" and Dominique Browning for "Around The House And In The Garden". Alice Hoffman weaves a tale in "Blue Diary" involving luck and destiny. Set against the backdrop of a small Massachusetts town, one man's dark secret is revealed, and life is forever changed for all its inhabitants. Stewart O'Nan presents a vivid portrait in "Wish You Were Here" of the interaction among three generations of an American family as they gather for one last visit to their beloved vacation home. Dominique Browning's observations in "Around The House And In The Garden" of the ups and downs of domestic life reveal her warmth, wit and spirit. Advance tickets are required. Call Buttonwood at (781) 383-2665 for more information or to reserve at $13 per person.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 20

8:03 a.m. Pond St., investigation.
8:21 a.m. Ash St., assist other police department.
11:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire.
1:22 p.m. Gunrock area, suspicious person.
1:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire.
2:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
3:06 p.m. South Main St., animal control
3:45 p.m. Town lines, assist other police department.
5:01 p.m. South Main St,. and Depot Ct., property found.
5:34 p.m. Stevens Lane, animal control.
6:06 p.m. Elm St., animal control.
6:39 p.m. Forest Ave., property lost.
7:33 p.m. South Main St., and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

2:17 a.m. Ledgewood Dr., annoying phone calls.
4:12 a.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint.
5:26 a.m. Norwood Police, assist other police department.
7:18 a.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:22 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:39 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:39 a.m. Pond St., general services.
2:39 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.
2:53 p.m. Stevens Lane, animal control.
3:49 p.m. Route 3A, motor vehicle violations.
5:25 p.m. Church St. and Carbone Lane, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Scott F. Loomis, 40, 34 First parish Rd., Norwell. Chrgs. forged inspection sticker, operating a motor vehicle with defective equipment.
5:56 p.m. Lamberts Lane, suspicious auto.
6:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.
6:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.
7:35 p.m. Norfolk Rd., well being check.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

1:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:35 a.m. Stockbridge St,. medical aid, removed to hospital.
9:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations.
11:06 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint.
12:08 p.m. Black Horse Ln., fire.
2:54 p.m. Pond St,. fire
3:29 p.m. King St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:50 p.m. King St,. medical aid.
5:35 p.m. Forest Ave., fire.
5:56 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Hull St., motor vehicle accident.
5:56 p.m. Smith Place, motor vehicle accident.
6:57 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., officer wanted.
7:51 p.m. Stockbridge St,. family disturbance.
9:10 p.m. Doane St., missing person.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

2:08 a.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance.
6 a.m. Doane St, missing person.
7:57 a.m. Ledgewood Dr., annoying phone calls.
8:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire.
8:40 a.m. Red Gate Lane, traffic control.
8:45 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Little Harbor Rd., fire.
10:55 a.m. Ledgewood Dr., assist citizen.
12L55 p.m. Doane St., investigation.
1:16 p.m. Oak St,. motor vehicle accident.
2:49 p.m. North Main St., assist other agency.
2:54 p.m. Town of Carver, missing person.
5:17 p.m. Doane St,. medical aid.
7:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.
8:04 p.m. King St., noise complaint.
10:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd. motor vehicle stop,

FRIDAY, MAY 24

12:08 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.
1:22 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.
2:41 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, general services.
5:39 a.m. Tedeschi Plaza, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:14 a.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint.
8:22 a.m. Meadow lane, officer wanted.
10:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.
10:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, illegal dumping.
11:03 a.m. Bassins Beach, investigation.
12:31 p.m. North Main St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
1:05 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle accident.
1:34 p.m. Pond St,. investigation.
1:52 p.m. Church St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:59 p.m. Forest Ave., medical aid.
3:16 p.m. King St., medical aid.
3:16 p.m. Jerusalem Rd, medical aid.
3:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
3:35 p.m. Sohier St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:03 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
4:15 p.m. South Main St., general services.
4:22 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop,
4:39 p.m. King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
4:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
4:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:05 p.m. Forest Ave., and Heather Dr,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:06 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:18 p.m. North Main St., and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:25 p.m. Cedar Acres Dr,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:39 p.m. North Main St,. and Forest Ave,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:47 p.m. Sohier St,. and Green St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
6 p.m. Ripley Rd. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
6:06 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.
6:07 p.m. South Main St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
6:29 p.m. North Main St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7 p.m. Between Cohasset Village and the Scituate line, lost property.
7:03 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
8:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
8:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
8:59 p.m. Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, road rage.
9:24 p.m. North Main St, and Cedar St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:45 p.m. North Main St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:49 p.m. Beechwood St, annoying phone calls.
9:55 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist motorist.
10:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:04 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:22 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:34 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
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11:07 p.m. Sohier St., and Green St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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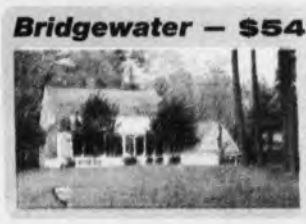
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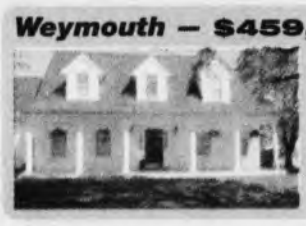
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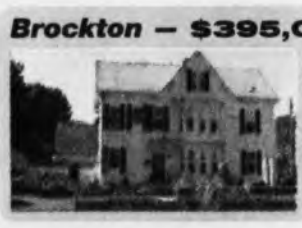
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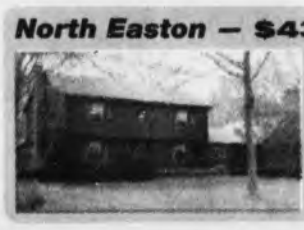
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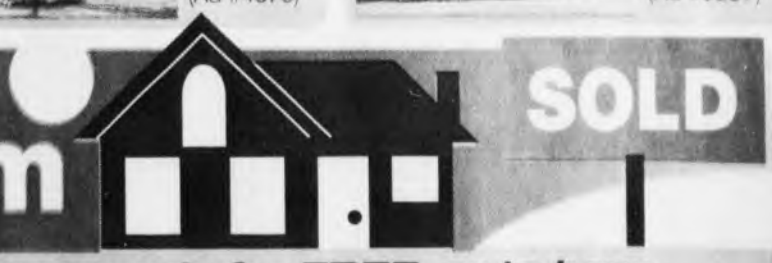

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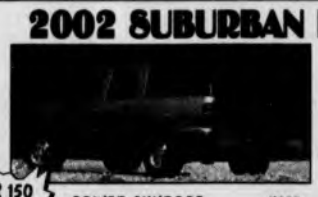

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A LITTLE SHEEPISH
Some of the barns on the upcoming benefit tour for the South Shore Theraputic Riding Program house animals like these miniature sheep.

Bucolic barns

Norwell tour benefits South Shore Theraputic Riding Program

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

This is New England, and there are almost as many lovers of old barns as there are lovers of old homes.

For the children in the South Shore Therapeutic Riding Program based at Pembroke's Riverwind Farm, the barn is a big part of their day. It is where they greet their horses, their horse walkers, and begin the therapy that does so much for them.

It is appropriate, therefore that the June 1 benefit for the South Shore Therapeutic Riding Program is a tour of ten of Norwell's beautiful, elegant, practical and historically significant barns.

Delores Bailey, who came up with the idea of the fundraiser, said she got some varied reactions from the owners of the barns when she proposed the idea to them

"A lot of them asked why anyone would want to see their barn. But the barns we have on the tour are so lovely, so breathtaking, I think a lot of people would want to see inside them. You'd be surprised at how many people really love barns," said Bailey — a barn lover herself.

While some of the barns are large, some small, some on major routes driven everyday and some tucked away, all the barns have something in common, according to Bailey — real-life use.

"Not all of them even have animals in them," said Bailey, who noted some of the barns house cars, apartments, even a stage and a rock-climbing wall.

But of course, many do have animals, including some of the most beloved horses in town. One barn on the tour, built only 15 years, ago, houses a breeding and lay-up facility for race horses. This working barn has four box stalls, a tack room and a shower stall for the horses.

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Barn tour organizer Delores Bailey

Modeled after two other historically significant barns on the tour, a River Street barn built with 1800s style post-and-beam construction is home to a 42-year-old pony, a pet donkey and bunny, and the tour's only celebrity pet, a miniature donkey named Sophia owned by Aerosmith's Brad Whitford. The barn, complete with a globe window, rises to a third floor loft which has views of the North River in the winter months.

Another barn on the tour houses the beloved horse belonging to a girl who benefited from the South Shore Therapeutic Riding Program and went on to become an accomplished rider. The barn, which was designed by the girl's mother and built by her father in 1994, houses Dominic, a 17-year-old Dutch warm blood, an accomplished third level dressage horse. He lives with Kew, an English thoroughbred cross country event horse.

Some of the barns on the tour, like this one that houses a pony and a horse, date back to the 1800s and feature post and bean construction.

A Summer Street barn has no horses, but does boast the "cleanest, most densely populated chicken coop in town," according to Bailey. The barn, built with post-and-beam construction in the mid-1800s by the Ellms family, was almost demolished by Hurricane Gloria, but restored in 1986. The barn now houses a restored '52 Pontiac "woody" station wagon and four sheep, along with the chickens.

On the old Donovan property sits a barn that has an apartment with a view of a backyard pond. The building is finished in Douglas fir, with an old-fashioned vertical grain, and has a foundation made of boulders. The barn also houses miniature sheep and chickens.

One of Norwell's most historic barns, built circa 1840, is also on the tour. The barn was built on the property of shipwright Job Randall, the original owner of the Chittenden Shipyard. The back of the barn is a professional dog-grooming area, where those on the tour may get of a glimpse of some champion Golden Retrievers who live there.

Four barns are within walking distance of Norwell Center. One of them — Florence Cushing's summer home —has three stalls and houses some ponies and horses that have taught many local children to ride.

Across the street is the famous red barn, which underwent extensive restoration in the 1990s and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The architectural features in this 1861 barn include a balloon frame, post-and-beam construction and beveled-edge beams.

Nearby, on the property of an historic Federal-style home, is a barn with an upstairs stage, where family members put on many productions.

Another barn, built in 1845, boasts a globe

See next page

Haybales stand outside the stable stall doors in this horse barn.

Experience Jeff Corwin – *LIVE!*

Jeff Corwin leads a life one can only dream of. Raised in Norwell, he now travels the globe several months each year in search of exotic and endangered animals for his Animal Planet show, The Jeff Corwin Experience. One day he's chasing tigers in Thailand, and the next he's ducking orangutans in Borneo. When you see the finished product on television, it's as if you're right there with him, as he exclaims, "Look at this! Look at this beautiful creature, this gorgeous green eyelash viper!" His excitement is contagious.

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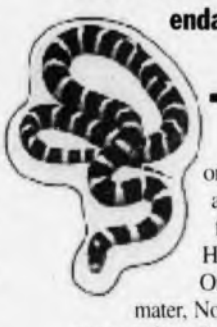

On June 13 at 7 p.m., Jeff will return to his alma mater, Norwell High School, for a special one-time performance to benefit the EcoZone at the South Shore Natural Science Center. "An Evening with Jeff Corwin and His Curious Animals" will feature a live animal presentation, followed by a Meet 'n Greet session with Jeff.

A Jeff Corwin magnet

Conceived by Jeff Corwin, the EcoZone is a multidimensional, interactive live animal habitat exhibit area focusing on the ecosystems of southeastern Massachusetts. It is a recreation of natural habitats complete with water, vegetation and living animals. The EcoZone underscores the rich biodiversity of our region, the North River Watershed, and inspires children and families to experience the wonder of nature in their own back yards. The first exhibits opened in January 2002 to outstanding reviews. Fundraising to complete the vision of the EcoZone is currently underway.

The South Shore Natural Science Center is a non-profit environmental education center serving the entire south shore for the past 40 years. Seating is limited for this special evening. Tickets for the show are $50 and $35, and can be purchased by calling the Science Center at (781) 659-2559.

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Jeff with Hedwig the owl.

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Jeff with a snake.

JEFF CORWIN EXPERIENCE

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

A thriller to stay awake for

Insomnia (B+)

Al Pacino tries to find his way through the almost surreal Alaskan landscape.

For reasons never fully given, a seasoned Los Angeles detective, Will Dormer (Al Pacino), and his partner and friend, Hap Eckhart (Martin Donovan), are sent to Alaska to contend with the murder of a young woman. One of the local cops (Nicky Katt) is resentful, mildly passive aggressive; another, Ellie Burr (Hilary Swank), is in awe of Dormer and yearns to help in every way she can. Dormer's expertise leads him quickly to the dead girl's boyfriend (Jonathan Jackson), handsome, sneering, uncooperative, then to the victim's supposed best friend, then to others, but ultimately to a writer, Walter Finch (Robin Williams), with whom the dead girl seems to have struck up some kind of friendship, maybe sexual, certainly involving mentoring.

Finch is almost certainly the killer, but Dormer has accidentally shot his partner — or *was* it accidental? Hap was about to sing to the Internal Affairs Division, which Dormer knows will bring him down too. Whatever is going on back home in L.A. somehow has to do with jealousies and improper procedures and who knows what else, and the nearly 24 hours of daylight in the Alaskan summer impacts so badly on Dormer he can't sleep, and in his insomnia he grows careless, slightly off-stride, with Hap's death on his conscience.

"Insomnia," based on a Norwegian film of that name by Erik Skjoldbjaerg — pronounce and spell that correctly and you, too, can win a lifetime supply of lutefisk — uses a screenplay shorn of excessive cop-isms and fancy-shmancy theorizing, to explore both the tormented mind of the detective and the seemingly rational but manifestly perverted mind of the writer, Finch. Finch saw what went down when Dormer shot Hap, he knows how to play to Dormer's fear of exposure buried not too far under the brusque professional carapace of his policeman's procedural correctness. In short order the movie becomes not just your standard cat and mouse game, however slick, but something more: It becomes a kind of dance of the egos between two powerful, troubled men, each knowing the most significant fact about each other.

But even undeniable facts — Dormer shot Hap; Finch slaughtered the girl — don't always equate to undeniable truth, and "Insomnia's" fineness is embedded in that lack of absolute certainly. Hilary Swank's Ellie is more skillful than her pretty perkiness suggests, and she plays a decisive role in the climax, which is jolting, intense, but not unexpected.

Al Pacino hasn't been with us as often of late as we might have liked. His work here shows, again, what we miss by those absences. He looks a mess, his character is world-weary to the point of Weltschmerz, and we can't take our eyes off him. Robin Williams, who has spent too much time on screen being cuddly, then countered that with the unfortunate "Death to Smoochy," finds a perfect middle ground here: His Finch seems the soul of normality but is truly a warped monster. Monsters, we should remind ourselves now and then, often seem like your friendly Rotarian neighbor. They probably are rarely troubled by insomnia.

Written by Hillary Seitz; directed by Christopher Nolan. Rated R.

Feathery ferns for the garden

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

The month of May is a magical time in our New England woodlands. As tiny, tender leaves slowly unfurl in the overhead canopy, wonderful woodland wildflowers spring to life and bloom with gusto while the warmth of the sun still filters through the lacy green veil above. Lovely lady slippers, handsome jack-in-the-pulpits, and a diversity of tantalizing trilliums offer the observant wanderer a glimpse of Mother Nature's remarkable handiwork, each flower unique and unforgettable when discovered growing through the moist leaf litter.

I have a special fondness for woodland flora having spent my early childhood in the Catskill Mountains of New York. I would spend hours alongside a meandering stream watching the cool, crystal clear water spill over the mossy rocks. I recall vast expanses of feathery ferns carpeting the forest floor and still delight in the sight of a cluster of furry fiddleheads as they begin to unfurl. Spring often finds me sprawled on the ground with camera in hand attempting to recapture this fond recollection of plump, fuzzy curlicues emerging from the soft, moist earth.

The majority of ferns prefer rich, moist organic soils in part to full shade making them superb companions to nearly all shade-loving plants. Their handsome, lacy foliage provides delightful textural contrast to the broad leaves of hostas, hellebores, epimediums, Solomon's seal, and lungworts. Unfurling fern fronds are quite delicate and can be easily injured requiring that ferns be transplanted in early spring before their fronds begin to expand or after the leaves have fully formed and hardened off later in the spring prior to summer heat.

Our ferns are ancient, primitive plants that do not flower, reproducing instead by spores that form on fertile leaves that may or may not appear the same as the sterile leaves. In some species the fertile leaves are very distinctly different as in our native sensitive fern (Onoclea sensibilis) whose fertile leaves appear as stalks bearing tiny, hard beads which persist as a stiff, dried stems long after the tender sterile leaves have succumbed to the first frost. Cinnamon ferns (Osmunda cinnamomoea) send up their cinnamon-colored fertile fronds from the center of the clump early in the spring, followed later by furry, beige fiddleheads that eventually produce the typical sterile green leaves.

While there are some ferns that will tolerate drier environments once established, their stature will be considerably reduced and shady, moist locales should be provided. Some species will survive even in sunny spots given damp, boggy environments and a stand of royal ferns (Osmunda regalis) is truly elegant alongside a pond.

Although many ferns look similar at first glance, a close inspection will often reveal distinct variations. Some species have fairly simple fronds while others present a very lacy appearance due to multiple divisions of the leaves. A few are reliably evergreen in our area including the handsome Christmas fern (Polystichum acrostichoides), a long-lived deep, rich green fern growing 2 to 3 feet in height. Tolerant of deep shade, the previous year's leaves often sprawl by winter's end, especially in years of abundant snowfall and I usually trim these away when the new growth hardens off.

Our native Lady Fern (Athyrium Filix-femina) has delicately cut, tender, light green fronds in contrast to the dark, firm, almost leathery leaves of the evergreen Male Fern (Dryopteris Filix-mas). Some variations are available in both these species including some rather unique crested types where the tips of the leaflets are split giving the clump an even lacier appearance. Both these ferns are somewhat more tolerant of drier conditions.

For a dense, mat-forming, ground cover fern in sun, shade, wet or dry conditions, the hay-scented fern (Dennstaedtia punctilobula) has no rival. This 18-inch native found its way into my garden many years ago and aggressively spread its tough black rhizomes throughout the garden. An ideal fern for naturalizing in difficult locales, it does best in bright light and should be transplanted in fall like a piece of sod, as small divisions may not survive.

For a dramatic accent in a permanently damp, shady site, the 6-foot tall Ostrich Fern (Matteuccia pensylvanica) is a good choice. The sterile bronze fronds are late to appear in spring and the stiff fertile leaves, which are only half as tall as the earlier sterile leaves, are not likely to appear until the latter half of June.

Perhaps my two favorite ferns for my shady borders are the delicate Maidenhair Fern (Adiantum pedatum) and the Japanese Painted Fern (Athyrium nipponicum 'Pictum'). The wiry black stems of the Maidenhair fern grow to about a foot in height producing soft gray green foliage that become light green as the leaves mature with black midribs. The Japanese Painted Fern furnishes a unique, appealing blend of metallic silver, blue, green and burgundy, its 18-inch fronds appear in mid-May. Truly a star in its own right, I adore it planted among the lovely bronze and purple-tinted leaves of the new strains of coral bells (Heuchera) including H. 'Palace Purple', H. 'Plum Pudding', and H. 'Stormy Seas' and with blue hostas. Both these ferns prefer moist, well-drained soils in dappled shade throughout the day or morning sun and afternoon shade.

Foliage becomes the primary player in the shady garden, especially by midsummer, and few plants add the pattern, texture and delicacy of the lacy ferns.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

The Capricorn moon opposes Jupiter at 7:46 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. Zero in on jobs that need to be redone, repaired and finish old business. You can be most productive. Although this is not a favorable time for launching new business ventures, it is ideal for researching and reviewing your options.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

'Expect the unexpected' is the motto for the next few days. The moon enters Aquarius at 9:35 a.m., traveling there until Saturday evening. Uranus, the planetary ruler of Aquarius, is slowing its rate of motion, preparing for retrograde travel. Keep it light; maintain a sense of humor. This can be a fun period if you are vacationing or don't have much to do. On the other hand, if you are working, and you must be productive, it can be most frustrating.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The Aquarius moon interacts with the sun, Neptune, Pluto and Saturn. In addition, the sun prepares to form a harmonious contact to Neptune, advising you to mellow out, go with the flow. Group-oriented projects get the green light. You can make gains working with others to achieve common goals. Chat, surf, network. Let fun and games top your agenda this evening.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2002

The first ten days of June are action-packed. Uranus turns retrograde June 2; Mercury turns direct June 8, and a solar eclipse/new moon culminates June 10. Mid-June brings an opportunity to rest and regroup before planetary action heats up again, when a lunar eclipse/full moon arrives on June 24. Today the combination of an Aquarius moon and sun/Neptune alignment prompts you to follow your bliss. Take a break from stress, worry; enjoy favorite pastimes, friends. The Aquarius moon becomes inactive at 5:19 p.m. until 7:37 p.m., when it enters Pisces.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

The freedom-loving planet Uranus takes the spotlight today. At 8:12 p.m. Uranus, standing at 29-degrees Aquarius, begins retrograde travel. Expect the unexpected. The moon continues to travel in Pisces, and the last quarter phase occurs at 8:05 p.m. This planetary combination makes for a 'fun and games' kind of day. On the other hand, if you have work projects to accomplish, it can be most frustrating.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

It may be difficult to focus on work and practical matters today. An alignment of Venus and Jupiter continues to generate a fun-loving, freewheeling kind of mood. At 6:58 a.m. the Pisces moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. If you are working, finish old jobs rather than starting new ones. You can make gains developing projects that need moral or financial support from others. Get extra rest tonight.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

The moon enters fiery Aries at 7:51 a.m. Plan to channel high energy constructively. Tackle jobs that have been left hanging and finish them. Others may be impulsive, aggressive, combative. Don't make waves. Slow your pace between 3:42-6:42 p.m., when the moon aligns with Mars. Stay alert and use common sense.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Gear up for a hectic day. The Aries moon forms six major alignments to planets. Stop, look and listen. Move cautiously in business or romance. Pay attention to details in order to avoid making careless errors. Tackle jobs that need redoing, repainting, repair. Keep your nose to the grindstone. Hard work will pay off.

Bucolic barns

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window, a cupola which overlooks all of Norwell Center and a wall that lifts with enormous wooden pulleys and granite counterweights. The family added handholds to this barn to create a rock-climbing wall for their children.

Bailey said all of the barn owners have been very generous in opening their property for the cause. The South Shore Therapeutic Riding Program has given smiles and physical therapy in the firm of horseback riding to hundreds of disabled children.

Tickets for the tour, which runs from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on June 1, are $15 and available at Fitts Mill in Scituate, MugShots in Norwell, Chandler Gas in Marshfield, the Family Pet and Garden Center in Pembroke, the Whole Magdelena and ZuZu's in Hingham and at the Cushing Center in Norwell on the day of the tour. For those that bring children on the tour, animals in the barns are for viewing, not for petting or feeding. For more information, call 781-826-4970.

While some of the barns are large, some small, some on major routes driven everyday and some tucked away, all the barns have something in common, according to Bailey — real-life use.

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"RENT" RETURNS TO BOSTON AT THE WANG THEATRE for one week, June 25 to 30. Tickets are on sale now. Performances are scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sunday evening at 7 p.m. matinees on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Tickets are priced at $65, $45, and $35 for all performances; all ticket prices include a $2 restoration fee. Tickets are on sale at The Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont St or through Telecharge at 800-447-7400 or www.telecharge.com or at The Wang Theatre/Show of the Month Group Sales at 617-350-6000.

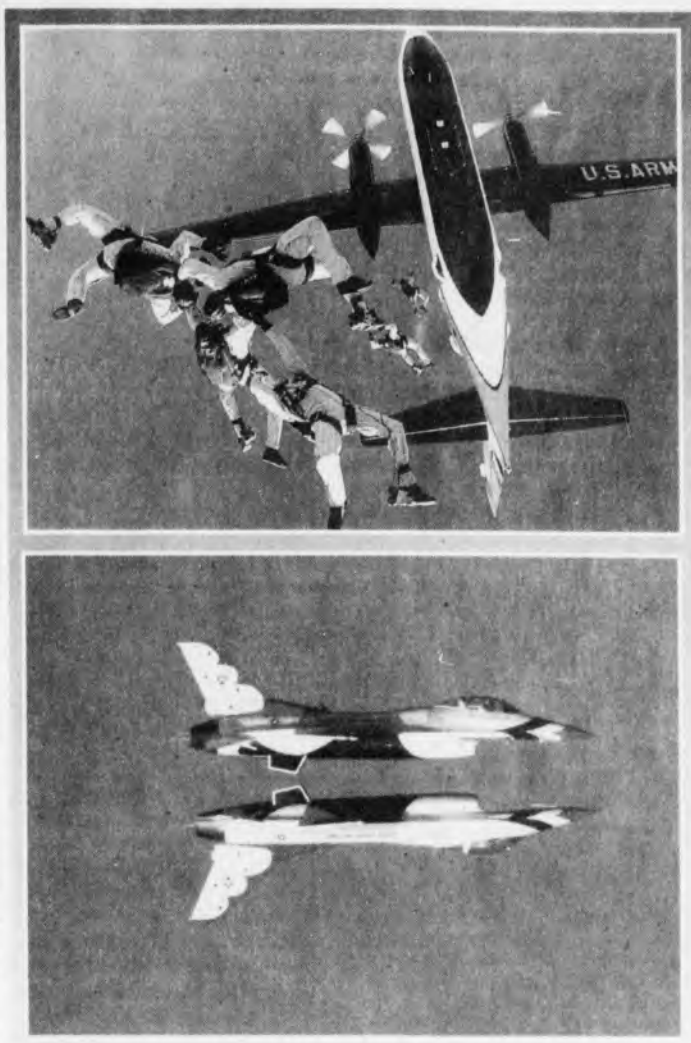
THE BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL will once again provide outdoor, harborside performances by nationally renowned blues artists during the Fourth Annual Blues Concerts Series. The Blues Barge, a floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. The concert series, sponsored by the Boston Harbor Hotel and House of Blues, begins with an opening night on Thursday, July 4, and will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.bhh.com

THE 12TH ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL at Stonehill College on June 7 to 9 promises to be one of the best festivals ever, with a stellar line-up of musicians, dancers, authors, vendors and more. More than 500 singers, musicians, and dancers performing continuously throughout the three day festival on eight stages, featuring the best in local and international talent. Agricultural Exhibits, Irish Step Dancing Exhibitions, Cultural Exhibits, Authors Tent, Bards in the Round Music Tent, Cumann na Gaeilge, Childrens' Cultural Area, Artists and Crafters Colony, Spirit of Ireland Exhibition, Irish Curragh Exhibit, O'Connell Street Marketplace with more than 70 Irish vendors, Irish Food Court, Kiddie Rides and more. Admission $12. Weekend passes and group rates available. For more information visit www.irishculture.org/festival or call 1-888-GO-IRISH.

FIFTH ANNUAL JIMMY KENNEDY MEMORIAL RUN FOR ALS will be held on June 8, at Veterans' Memorial Stadium on Hancock St., in Quincy. The five mile run is also know as the New Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. The road race starts at 10 a.m. and will include a 2.5 mile Fitness Walk beginning at 9 a.m. The event includes special children's events and awards in 15 age divisions. The entry fee is $12 before May 31, and $15 after and on race day. For more information call 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com

"FRIENDS WITH HOPE" is sponsoring its Third Annual 5K (3.2 miles) Walk to raise money for breast cancer research and health education. This walk will take place June 23, at 9 a.m. (8 a.m. registration) beginning at Pembroke Center. There will be a $15 pre-registration fee - $20 day of the walk. For information call Laurie Griffen 781-982-0960 or Julie Brenton 508-888-5824 or Jennifer Lambert 781-545-7648 or visit the web site at www.geocities.com/friendswithhope.

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets go on sale April 8, for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.



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The U.S. Army Golden Knights Precision Parachute Team will open the Hanscom Air Show 2002 on June 1-2.

The Hanscom Air Show 2002 takes off this weekend, June 1-2 at Hanscom Air Force Base. Headlining the show will be the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, with the U.S. Army Golden Knights Precision Parachute Team opening the event. Gates at the base will open to the general public at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Security for the event will be tight and no backpacks, coolers, or large tote bags will be allowed into the air show area. For more information call 781-377-5287 or visit the Web site at www.hansomairshow 2002.com.

Thurs. 30

The Hull Artists Studio Connection announces that **'Studio at the Beach"** is open for the summer. More than 40 artists showcasing affordable, original art for sale at 217 Nantasket Ave., across from the MJM Bathhouse Thursdays through Sundays. Call for hours at 1-800-413-1770.

Walk'n Mass Volkssport Club sponsors **Walk America's Hometown-Plymouth.** Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) walk in historic Plymouth. The route visits sites that include the Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, Jenny Grist Mill and Plymouth harbor where Plymouth Rock and the 'Mayflower II" are located. Additional attractions include the Commonwealth Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrims' life. The walk is seasonal running from April 15 to Nov. 25 during daylight hours. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court St., Plymouth. The walk box is located at the service desk. The walk is rated moderately easy but is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.

Patriot Trail Girl Scout Council will hold spring registration for girls currently not in Girl Scout Troops May 30, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Weymouth United Methodist Church, 747 Broad Street "Weymouth Daisy Tester" an event to introduce kindergarten girls to Girl Scouting. Girls and moms (or other special adult) are welcome. Call 1-800-637-0070 and ask for Nancy or Kristin to register.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Jam Bone Lewis, Chemical X, Bulkhead, and Dirty Sanchez** on May 30. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Susan E. and Bluesliner** on May 30, 8:30 to midnight. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Fri. 31

The South Shore Natural Science Center is participating in the Third annual Massachusetts EOEA (Executive Office of Environmental Affairs) Biodiversity Days Friday, May 31 through Monday, June 3. The purpose of Biodiversity Days is to build a database of all of the plant and animal life found in Massachusetts.

The Science Center will be leading three Biodiversity walks to Black Pond Quaking Bog in Norwell, on Friday, May 31, Saturday, June 1 and Monday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to noon each day. This is a great opportunity to participate in one of the most important natural history data collections ever conceived. The walks are free, and leave from the Science Center. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To reserve a spot, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

South Shore Art Center will hold **Art Forum**, an exhibition of art created by students from schools on the South Shore on May 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The exhibit will feature the work of students in grades 6, 7, and 8 from 16 South Shore towns. Schools include Abington Jr. High, South and East Middle Schools in Braintree, Deer Hill and the Middle School in Cohasset, Duxbury Middle School, Hanover Middle School, Hingham Middle School, Hull Intermediate School, Pierce Middle School, Goldman School in Norwell, Rising Tide Charter School in Plymouth, Rogers Middle School in Rockland, Williams Middle School in South Bridgewater, Gates Middle School in Scituate, and Abigail Adams Intermediate School, Weymouth. Art Forum will be on display from May 28 to June 3, the gallery hours are Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Nicole Nelson Band** on May 31, 9 to 12:30 a.m. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Julia Kelly, Patty Keough and Angela Marseglia** on May 31. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Spurs**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

Sat. 1

The Children's Museum in Easton, 9 Sullivan Avenue, North Easton will host a **Family Camping Day** on June 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. (rain date June 8, from 2 to 4 p.m.) Bring and test out your tent and learn the quick and easy way to set it up. Become familiar with campfire safety, special considerations when camping with kids, and how to make your camping trip an education experience for the whole family with some fun and learning activities. for more information call 508-230-3789.

Barn Tour to benefit The South Shore Therapeutic Riding Program will be held June 1. Ten barns in Norwell will be open on June 1. There working barns with race horses, dressage and eventing horses and backyard ponies, donkeys, miniature sheep and chickens; and beautiful elegant historically significant barns, no longer housing animals. There are well known area barns with features ranging from an apartment to a stage, plus a "barn boutique" and refreshments for sale. if you would like to bring children, all animals are only for viewing, not patting. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at Fitts Mill in Scituate, Mug Shots in Norwell Center, the Family Pet and Garden Center (formerly North River Feed) in Pembroke, the Whole Magdelena and ZuZus in Hingham Center and Chandler Gas on Webster Street in Marshfield. Tickets are also available day of the

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tour at the Cushing Center, Norwell Center, during the tour on June 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by mail with check made out to SSTR, Box 755, Scituate, Ma 02066. Be sure to enclose return address and phone in case of questions.

MDC Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites National Trails Day at Cutler Park, June 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet at Cutler Park Reservation on Kendrick Street in Needham. 9 a.m. to noon Trail Workshop. sign up for the volunteer trailwork project. Tools will be provided. Bring boots and gloves. 1 p.m. Cutler Park Exploration. Discover the beauty of Cutler Park. Join the MDC Rangers as we explore the park by pedal paddle or foot. Search for flora and fauna on a guided four mile Biodiversity Bushwack Hike. Join an eight-mile intermediate mountain bike ride. Must bring your own bike, helmet and water bottle. paddle scenic Kendrick Pond by canoe. Limited canoes and life jackets available. Call 617-698-1802 to sign up or visit www.state.ma.us/mdc All programs are free and open to the public. Dress appropriately wear proper foot gear and carry water on all hikes.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will host an exhibit by the members of The Artists' Circle June 1 to 29, in their Vine Hall Gallery. The Artists' Circle is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Fuller Museum of Art in Brockton. The purpose of the group is to encourage the study and creation of art, and to advance interest and appreciation of a broad spectrum of creative art forms, including watercolor, oil, sculpture, monotype and photography. The exhibit is open free of charge Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 1 to 29. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, June 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Massachusetts Cultivated Blueberry Growers Association will hold their spring meeting on June 1, at John and Carol Peterson's Town Line Farm, 202 West St., Plympton. All blueberry growers or those interested in growing blueberries, whether they are amateur or commercial growers, are invited to attend.

The Garden Club of Hingham is holding a plant sale from 9 a.m. to noon June 1,on the Hingham Common, Route 228, Middle and School streets, Hingham Center. Perennials, annuals, biennials and rare plants, from local gardens.

The Hobomock's Association will hold its **Fifth Annual Antiques on the Common** June 1, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the historical East Bridgewater Town Common, Central St., located off Route 18 in East Bridgewater. Rain or shine. Refreshments will be available, garden club sale, 100 dealers. For more information call 508-378-7388.

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery at the Duxbury Free Library presents "As Ros Sees It" works in acrylic by artist Ros Farbush during the months of June and July. A reception with the artist will be held Thursday, June 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The library is located at 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Island, Inc. present a **Thompson Island Island** on June 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Learn about the islands history from the time of Native Americans to today's educational program. Take a tour with an experienced volunteer or explore on your own. There are 157 acres of fields, woods, marsh, shoreline, spring birds and other wildlife. Bring your own lunch, beverage, and snacks, as no food is available on the island. Bring your camera, binoculars, and dress for the weather. Prices are Adults $8; Seniors $7, members of FBHI $7, Children 3 to 12 $6 and children under 2 are free. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the June 1, cash only. for more information, call 781-740-4290.

The Pilgrim Monument Climb to Fight Multiple Sclerosis - Hundreds of people from Provincetown and beyond will climb the Pilgrim Monument to find a cure for multiple sclerosis and to help preserve the Monument. The festivities will begin Friday evening, May 31, at the Monument between 6 and 9 p.m., where participants can pick up their T-shirts and prizes as they mingle with other "Climbers" listen to music and sample local fare. The Climb will take place on June 1 beginning at 9 a.m. and challenges participants to ascend the tower as many times as they can in an hour. For more information or to register, call 1-800-493-9255.

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset will host author illustrator **Tracy Kane** on June 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. Tracy's book "Fairy Houses" is a children's book complete with directions on constructing a fairy house in your own back yard. Make fairy wands and learn how to build a fairy house. Fairy dress is optional. Her second book "Fairy Boats" is scheduled to be available on that date as well. Call 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **KD Bell Review** on June 1. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Dogtown and Amelia White** on June1. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

Sun. 2

The Weymouth Garden Club is holding a plant sale and bazaar on June 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Abigail Adams Green on North Street in Weymouth. Meet the master gardeners of Weymouth and have your gardening questions answered. Offered for sale are perennials, annuals, arts and crafts, and garden related items. No rain date.

The Fuller Museum of Art Spring Craft Festival is June 2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The outdoor festival features craft vendors, art activities, nature walks, face painting, puppeteers, raffles, music, food entertainment by The Radio Disney Party Patrol and much more. Admission is free. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The Fuller Museum is located at 455 Oak St., Brockton. Call 508-588-6000 for more information.

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. Sunday, June 2, Walk from St. Moritz to the CCC Camp and back. Meet at Shea rink parking lot on Willard Street in Quincy. This is a moderate/difficult walk, hilly terrain, five miles. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

Mon. 3

Braintree Art Association member **Wendy Hale** will be displaying her paintings for the month of June at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, Maureen Hardiman will exhibit her paintings for the month of June at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

The Hingham Public Library will exhibit the paintings and drawings of renowned Boston artist **Polly Thayer** (Starr) in its Dolphin Gallery continuing through June 13. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tues. 4

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor free legal clinics as a public service to the community. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. The evening legal clinics will he held at 6 to 8 p.m. at Quincy District Court June 4.

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset presents its Spring Coffee with authors on June 4, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset. Featured authors are **Alice Hoffman** for "Blue Diary," **Stewart O'Nan** for "Wish You Were Here" and **Dominique Browning** for

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Just for kids

DREAMCHASERS THEATRE ARTS CENTER announces the opening of registration for its Summer Theatre Program. This program is open to all students ages 7 through 18. The Program begins July 8. Classes meet each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. All students take an acting class, a dance and stage movement class and an improvisation class. In addition, each student has elective classes to select from which include choreography, technical theatre, musical theatre, and playwriting. The four week program concludes on Aug. 3, with a performance by the students. For more information call 508-224-4548.

ASIA CAMP, A TWO WEEK DAY CAMP at Duxbury Middle School, is coming again this summer. In Asia Camp, students learn about the many facets of Chinese culture from July 1 to 12..The camp includes workshops on Chinese language, arts and crafts, cooking, martial arts, calligraphy and a variety of interesting cultural exercises. Asia Camp is a one of a kind program, offered only in New England. Asia Camp is for local South Shore girls and boys ages 8-16. Students learn in small groups (broken down by age) under the guidance of Chinese teachers, both from Taiwan and from the local area. For families who host a visiting Taiwanese student during the camp, Asia Camp is FREE for one of their children. That is a two week camp, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, including admission and supervision on afternoon field trips - for free! Students will embark on the afternoon field trips with the Taiwanese students to the MFA, Boston Harbor Cruise, Canoeing, Bowling, Harvard University and much more. Asia Camp is open to all students in the south shore. For more information, contact American Learning Expeditions at 617-696-2081 or visit www.asiacamp.com.

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY presents Summer Art Camp 2002 running for four weeks July 22 to Aug. 16, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon for ages 5 to 16. The fee is $130 for NRAS members and $140 for non-members which includes a $20 materials fee and snack. For an application call 781-837-8091.

THE SOUTH SHORE BASEBALL CLUB'S ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP for boys and girls, 5-12 years of age from any city or town, returns June 24-28 to Hollingsworth Park in Braintree. Braintree camp sessions will be held Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Half-day sessions will also be available for 5 through 7 year olds. SSBC is a full service, year-round club and training facility for baseball and softball players, ages 5 and older, with facilities located in Holbrook and Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its summer camps call 1-800-GO4-HITS/ 781)-767-1529 in Holbrook, 1-888-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 in Hingham, or visit SSBC's Web site at

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TALKING INFORMATION CENTER needs volunteers for radio reading service for the blind. Help others hear what you can see. Opportunities available days, evenings and weekends reading evening newspapers, weekend newspapers books and magazines that are then broadcast to over 20,000 visually impaired listeners in Massachusetts. Talking Information Center for the Visually Handicapped is a non-profit organization that has been broadcasting from its Marshfield studio for almost 25 years providing information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To sign up or for more information call 800-696-9505.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL include The Cottage Shop and The Friendly Shop, Critical Care, Surgery, Patient Registration, Patient Information, Emergency Department, and the Maternity Department. For details about these opportunities, call Rick Pozniak, director of public affairs t 781-340-8564.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH PROGRAM Adult volunteers are currently needed for a couple of hours each month to serve as club leaders for local 4-H clubs. The role of a 4-H volunteer leader is to provide skills from your own area of expertise while developing a meaningful relationship with youth. For more information call 781-293-3541.

FULLER MUSEUM SEEKS VOLUNTEER DOCENTS The Fuller Museum of Art Education Department is searching for volunteers to serve as docents (gallery educators). Docents are responsible for educating adult and student tour groups on exhibitions as well as presenting outreach programs at community sites. volunteers should be willing to commit to the docent program for at least three years, including one year of training. Volunteers should also be available for tours during the week between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. New Docent Training will take place March - May 2002 at the Fuller Museum of Art. For more information call 508-588-6000 x 113 or visit www.fullermuseum.org

VISION COMMUNITY SERVICES (A Division of the Massachusetts Association for the Blind). Did you know that your eyesight can be as valuable to others as it is for you? Vision Community Services needs volunteers to read or shop with a blind neighbor, to help that person maintain independence. Two hours per week and a desire to help is all you need; hours are flexible. We'll provide the training and support. Opportunities are available in Southeastern Mass. Call Holly Heggie at 508-584-1273, or visit our volunteer page at www.mablind.org

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"Around the House and in the Garden." Advance tickets are required. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 for more information or to reserve at $13 per person.

Wed. 5

Patriot Trail Girl Scout Council will hold spring registration for girls currently not in Girl Scout Troops from 3:30 to 5 p.m. June 5, at the Weymouth Scout House, 55 Central Street. "Weymouth Daisy Tester" an event to introduce kindergarten girls to Girl Scouting. Girls and moms (or other special adult) are welcome. Call 1-800-637-0070 and ask for Nancy or Kristin to register.

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation presents **Kennedy Library Forums Series** June 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. **"Defending an Open Society"** Is responding to terrorism on its own shores, how can the U.S. protect the security of its citizens without unduly restricting civil liberties? Join **Anthony Romero**, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, as he leads an examination of the current U.S. response to the terrorist threat in the aftermath of Sept. 11. **Callie Crossley**, news commentator and producer, will moderate this session. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations are required. Reservations guarantee a seat in the building but not the main hall. Doors to the main hall open one hour before the program begins. Call 617-929-4571 for reservations. Speakers' schedules may change, call 617-929-1247 to confirm all forums before coming to the library. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org

Thurs. 6

Parents Without Partners Chapter 33 will host a new member orientation at 7 p.m. at the South Congregational Church, 1075 Washington St., Braintree. For more information call 781-337-6766.

The Hingham High School PTO is sponsoring a Garden Tour on June 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eight gardens most never seen on tours before will be on display. The purpose of the tour is to raise funds to install plants and walkways in the new courtyard that was created by the addition of the Hingham High School. Tickets are available at: The Hingham High School, 17 Union St., The Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., and the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central Street.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Chemically Imbalanced, Fish Bowl, Romerro. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 7

James Library and Center for the Arts will exhibit **"Never Too Old"** a show of recent paintings by **Rockland artist, Hedda** from June 7 to July 3. An opening reception for the public will be held on June 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Massachusetts Historical Records Advisory Board will host the Fifth Annual Community Forum on Historical Records with guest speaker, Thomas O'Connor, author and historian of immigrant research, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 7, at Bridgewater State College, Rondileau Campus Convention Center. Historians, genealogists, librarians, scholars, archivists, educators and citizens will discuss methodologies and tools for the identification, research, preservation and access to Massachusetts' populations and communities that are currently underdocumented, i.e., Gypsies, Arab Americans, Armenians, Cape Verdeans, Portuguese, Brazilians, Asians, Latinos, African Americans, Somalians, Native Americans, Swedish, Lithuanian and others. Cost is $15 includes food, refreshments, workshops and reception.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Racky Thomas Band on June 7. Casual dress, Cover charge $5. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature Ron Israel on June 7. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be **Lucy Kaplansky** The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $16 members/$18 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/ssfolk.shtml

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

Ongoing Events

The South Shore Yacht Club of Weymouth announces registration for its summer Junior Sailing Program. The South Shore Yacht Club is located within the Abigail Adams Park at the Back River Bridge on route 3A. The Junior Sailing Program is open to the public for ages 8 through 14. The program will be held daily Monday through Friday starting July 8 and running six weeks through Aug. 16. U.S. Sailing Certified Instructors are utilized to teach the lessons. There will be three levels of instruction offered: beginner. Intermediate, and Advance. Limited space is available, early registration is recommended. For further information and applications, call 781-749-3239.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will host Small Worlds/Art of India. The exhibition will feature 400 years of art from India from the museum's own collection The exhibition will run through September 8. For more information call 781-934-6634.

The USS Constitution Museum located in Boston's historic Charlestown Navy Yard, just yards away from the USS Constitution will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Oct. 15.

Reunions

ALL FORMER SHIPYARD WORKERS are invited to attend the 75th Long Service Club banquet to be held June 14, at the Rockland Sons of Italy Hall, Market St., Rockland. Call Andy at 781-878-8644 for tickets.

PEMBROKE IMPERIALS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS. 25 YEARS AFTER: A reunion is scheduled for June 22, at Anne's Place in East Sandwich. Anyone and everyone who was affiliated with the Jr. and Sr. Imperials are welcomed to attend. This will be an adult function starting at noon. Tickets are $35. If interested, visit the website at www.Masscorpslinks.com/imperials.htm for more information.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com <mailto:indelicato@attbi.com>.

MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 REUNION will be held on Friday, evening, Sept. 20, at Double Tree Guests Suits, Waltham. The reunion committee is still looking for some classmates. If you are or know a member of the class of 1952 who has not yet received any mail on this subject, call addresses in to Ed Landry at 781-273-6664 for inclusion in the upcoming mailing of invitations.

XAVERIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, AND 1997 will hold a joint reunion on Saturday, June 1, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 6 p.m. Cocktail reception at 7 p.m. Reunion clambake at 8 p.m. Reservation dateline is May 21. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

MISSION CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL GRAND CLASS REUNION FOR ALL CLASSES FROM 1929 TO 1992 on Saturday, June 15, at Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. Liturgy at 4 p.m. cocktail reception at 5 p.m. Dinner and program at 6 p.m. Reservation deadline: Friday, June 7. Contact Jason Springer in the Xaverian Alumni Office at 781-326-6392 or by e-mail jspringer@xbhs.com for information.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982's 20th reunion is all set. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 5, at the Sheraton Braintree. Organizers are still looking for classmates. Contact Eric Braley by phone at 302-793-2068 or by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

Classes

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ART CENTER is now accepting registrations for adult summer classes. Evening classes meet once per week, and include Drawing Studio with Tim Walker, Clay Works with Lauren Buckman and Oil Painting with Dorothy Simone. A Friday morning Watercolor/Watermedia class with Dorothy Simone is also offered. Taught in a well equipped studio our talented instructors limit class size for individual attention. Beginners and advanced students welcome. Call PCAC at 508-746-7222.

INSIGHT EDUCATION CENTER, Bryantville, presents the following workshops during the month of June. **"The Challenging Child....Dealing with a Child Who Really "Pushes Your Buttons"**(all ages) being held at in Canton, June 10, Canton Community Kindergarten; Marshfield, June 12, Children's World Learning Center; Hanover, June 20, First Congregational Church in Hanover. All workshops are from 7 to 9 p.m. Certificates of attendance for teachers, nurses, and child care providers/ $25 per individual; $40 per so-parenting couple; $20 groups of four or more. Pre-registration is required. Call InSight at 781-294-8004.

THE YWCA-MARSFIELD-SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION has begun for the YWCA's summer camp program and swimming lessons. Camp begins June 24 and runs through Aug. 16. Call 781-834-8371 for more information.

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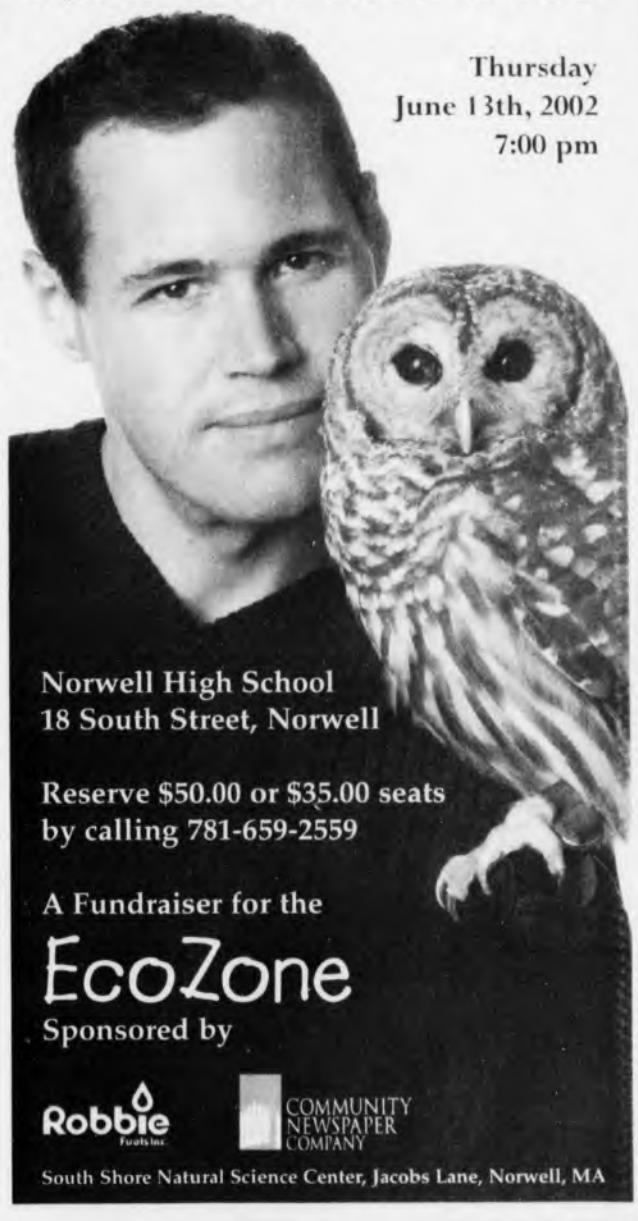

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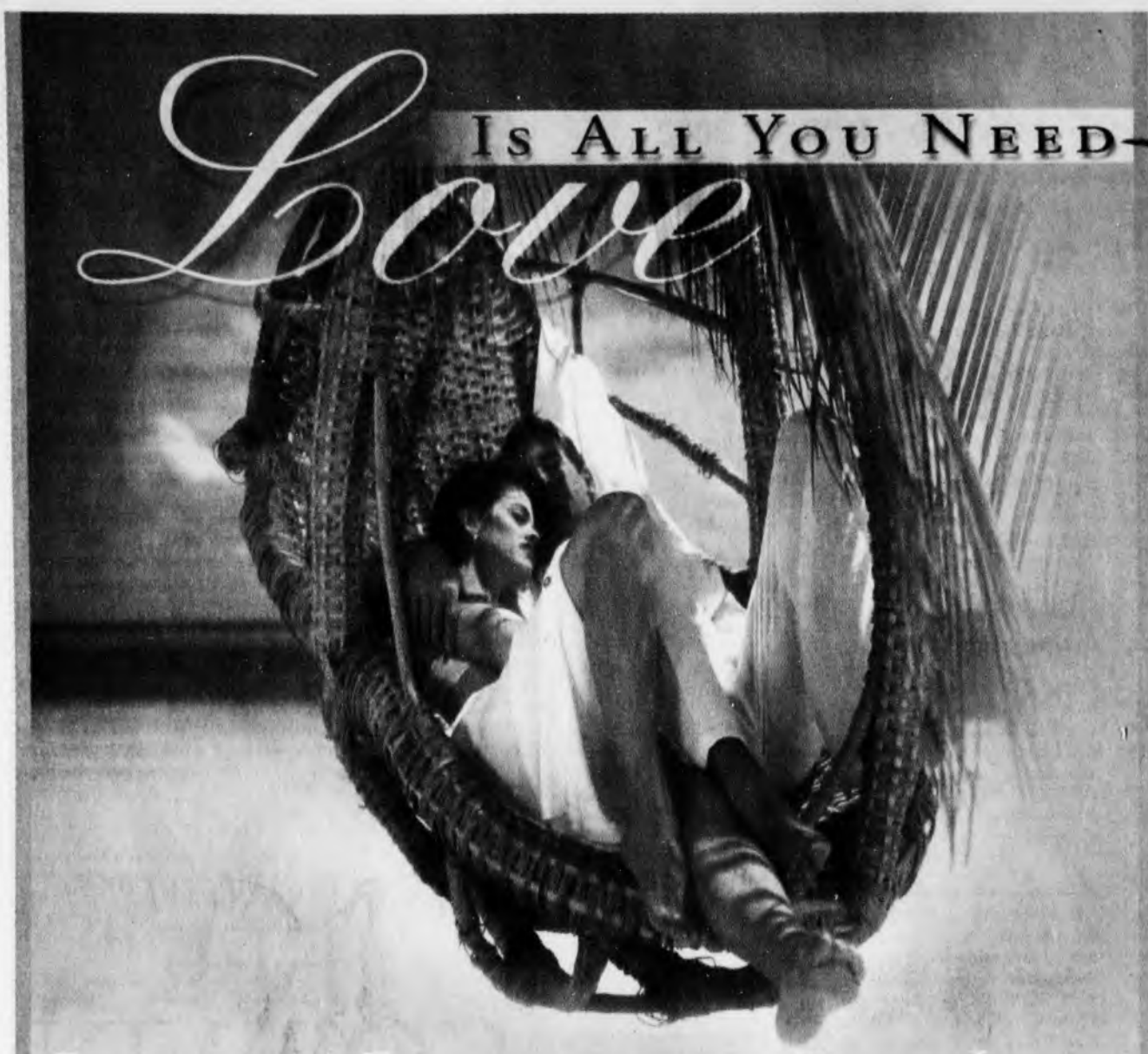

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Tweaking the town common

30 changes outlined

By Evan Schiff
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Realigning Jason Road with Depot Court, moving the Christmas Tree, and changing the driveways at Town Hall were just a few recommendations that won some support at a special common workshop.

The Cohasset Common Landscape Preservation Committee along with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation and the architectural firm of Carr Lynch/Denig Herman and Sandell, Inc., which is recommending a handful of changes to the common, provided residents with a chance to voice their opinions on the suggestions last week.

The results of the workshop survey that are now available demonstrated which areas residents were most concerned with. Based on a scoring system of one being very negative and five being very positive, the group of suggestions which received the highest approval rating was proposed changes to the Town Hall area, with an average score of 4.2.

Some of the recommendations include replacing the road which splits the common with a walkway similar to the others on the common, and replacing the drive-through pull-off in front of Town Hall with a more standard pull-out system which would create more of a green space in front of the area. The focus of these recommendations is to devise a better overall parking situation.

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Survivor star may pay town a visit

By Evan Schiff
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While the Mariner hasn't been contacted by CBS, rumors are flying around town that Survivor 5 could be staged on the rocky terrain of Cohasset or the sandy shore of Bassing Beach. Residents are encouraged to start practicing their survival skills.

Just kidding. But the word is Cohasset could have a visit from a real-life TV survivor. Although Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien finished third in the hit show, she is sure to

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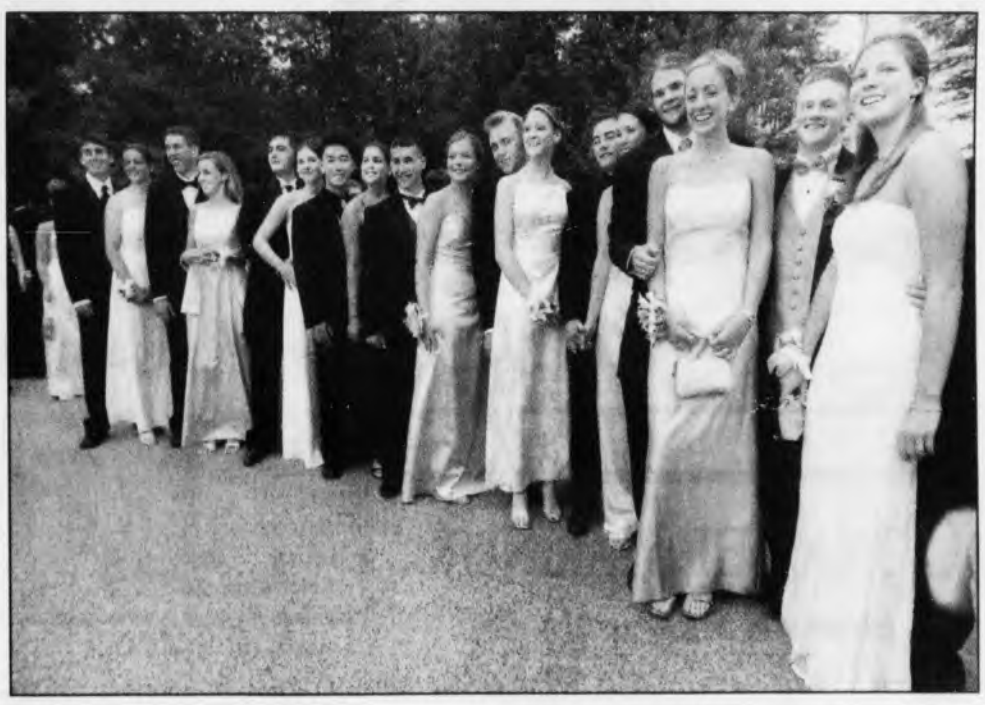
Hooray for Hollywood!



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Above, Kelley Hurley and Bobby Protulis make a handsome couple as they walk along the red carpet at Friday's pre-prom gala. Top right, Jessica O'Connell and Gill Weber pose for the crowd of onlookers. Bottom right, CHS prom-goers are a pretty picture outside the Lightkeepers Residence. For more photos, see pages 20 &21.

Seniors to take next step

By Evan Schiff
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While Saturday may just be another beautiful day for some of the residents of Cohasset — it will have added importance for at least 81 teenagers. Cigars will be lit, flowers will be bought and gifts will be exchanged as the Class of 2002 gets rewarded for four years of hard work.

This year's seniors at Cohasset Middle-High School will get their diplomas on Saturday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Music Circus. The significant event will take place rain or shine as the ceremony will be shielded from the elements by the big tent.

CMHS Principal Michael Jones said he will remember the members of this year's class for their sense of humor, their athleticism and their academic achievements.

"They're just a great bunch of kids," Jones said. "The senior show in particular stands out when they put on a series of skits and performances that showed them to be wonderful comedians."

Along with its humor, Jones said the class excelled in other extra-curricular activities. There were students who made the all-state chorus, and the drama group, which included a number of seniors, qualified for the state finals for the first time.

"They seem to handle themselves very well," Jones said. "They're a lot of fun, I never get tired of them."The graduation, which is expected to last a little over an hour, will feature the first class to walk across the stage at the Music Circus since the events of Sept. 11.

"It was a very eventful year for the world and for these kids," Jones said. "The world they'll be embracing as graduates is very different from the one they entered as freshmen."

Jones added he saw a resurgence of patriotism and civic duty from the senior class as the year progressed.

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Private ways a public issue

Pros, cons to be looked at again

By Evan Schiff
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An issue placed on the back burner for the last couple years is about to make its return. Selectman Merle Brown, who was instrumental in forming the Private Way Committee some eight years ago, said he is talking with Town Planner Liz Harrington on resurrecting the board.

"It's a very slow process," Brown said. "I think we're going into it with better knowledge now."

The public/private way debate centers over a few issues. If a street is determined to be private it loses the chance for town and state funding for its upkeep. The money then comes from a fund the town has created, often significantly less that what the state could provide.

The residents, or sometimes a contractor, on a private way essentially own the street and are responsible for its maintenance. Another aspect concerning private ways is that residents who live on them often complain they pay the same amount of taxes as other residents but see less care taken of their roads.

Public ways fall under the town's domain. The roads are maintained using Chapter 90 funding based on a formula the state has created. Seventy-five percent of the calculation depends on how many miles of accepted roads there are in a town, 12.5 percent is based on population, and the remaining 12.5 percent is based on the number of residents that work in a town.

There are currently about 11 miles of private ways in Cohasset, spanning about 80 streets.

In 1998, the Private Ways Committee recommended 12 roads to be considered for acceptance into public domain. The list included

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Runway will make plane noise worse, Dormizter says

By Evan Schiff
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The airplanes you might have heard in your dreams at night may not be attributed solely to an active imagination.

According to a noise monitor installed on King Street by Massport on April 12, Cohasset is experiencing noise levels well above the FAA standard for acceptable residential noise.

During the first weekend in April the noise monitor was available — it registered 300 noise events above 65 decibels — 25 times louder than normal background levels and above the FAA standard. The following week it registered 500 events. The monitor was placed in an area with low ambient noise and Massport was able to identify the hundreds of events as planes after ruling out other disturbances such as vehicle traffic or lawnmowers.

"It's unbelievable how big this problem is now and how much it could grow," said Ralph Dormitzer, a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, who has been championing the cause for Cohasset.

Dormitzer informed selectmen Tuesday of his current efforts to stop a proposed runway at Logan.

The runway, 14/32, is expected to cause numerous problems for Cohasset residents. According to Dormitzer, the number of flights would increase over Cohasset, from 630 to 970 a day, if runway 14/32 became a reality. He also identified the impacts the runway would have on residents, which includes sleep deprivation, anxiety and a possible loss of property value.

Dormitzer said Massport has refused to provide any additional data about the noise monitoring at this time but have agreed to provide Cohasset with a Sound Exposure Level report in two months.

> **"We need to get anybody and everybody involved in this."**
> — Selectman Merle Brown

"This report will identify the intensity and duration of each noise event by plane type, altitude and by runway in use," he said.

Selectmen agreed that something needed to be done.

"We need to get anybody and everybody involved in this," said Selectman Merle Brown. "This is a serious problem.

The selectmen are planning to invite the town's legislative delegation into a future meeting to discuss the best plan of attack to stop the runway.

"I don't think we're doing enough politically," said Mike Sullivan, chairman of the board. "Let's get Bradley, Hedlund, and Delahunt in here."

Dormitzer also updated the board on the state of the lawsuit Cohasset has joined along with Hull and Hingham to try and stop the runway. The suit alleges deceit on the part of Massport, and said it knowingly filed false information in its environmental impact report. At Town Meeting in March, voters appropriated $30,000 toward the suit which brought Cohasset's involvement to $78,500. (The initial $48,500 was for a review of the environmental impact report on the proposed runway that has become the basis for the lawsuit).

The case goes to trial on Oct. 7, 2002 and discovery, interrogatories and depositions are underway.

Another avenue to pollution council is trying to pursue is diverting the extra planes over the water, therefore limiting their impact on Massachusetts towns. Dormitzer said he recently had discussions with Jane Garvey, the Federal FAA administrator, and was initially optimistic she would support the group's recommendations. However, he recently received a letter from her office referring the suggestions back to the interim regional director of the FAA in Burlington.

"This is not good news," he said. "The director has not been in favor of this plan in the past."

Dormitzer said the poilution council has also joined with Boston, Chelsea, Somerville, and Winthrop in a lawsuit to keep a 1976 injunction against Logan expansion in place. The group has prevailed against Massport's motion to dismiss the injunction and the trial for that case is set for Jan. 9, 2003.

This week in **COHASSET**

Sticker time again

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. Beach and RTF permits for the fiscal year will be on sale starting June 3, during normal business hours at the Town Hall and at the DPW garage Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

An "all facilities" sticker will be $35 and for the second vehicle and for seniors is $20. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, as well as include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

Residents who do not utilize the RTF can purchase a beach sticker for $7 and the cost for a senior over 60 is $3. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at various locations throughout the town.

You're encouraged to purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, June 3.

Growth and Development Committee, June 13, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Advisory Committee, June 11, 6 p.m.

Democratic Town Committee, June 8, 9 a.m.

School Committee, June 6, 7:30 p.m. at the high school library

Water Commission, June 6, 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Town History Committee, June 10, 5 p.m. at 123 Atlantic Ave.

Zoning Board of Appeals, June 17, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted

WWI memorial on the common

Now that the Veterans Committee has completed the new World War I Memorial in the Cove, selectmen are considering removing the temporary World War I Memorial on the common.

Selectmen welcome any public input on this matter before they take action. Should selectmen decide to remove it, the memorial will be archived and stored in an appropriate facility.

Interested citizens can share their comments by mail to the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., or by calling 781-383-4105.

Brush chipping

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Mon. 10	11:48	9.1	5:35	11:52	10.5	5:41
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Sewer rate raise is coming soon

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Residents, who are connected to the sewer system, can expect a letter in their mailboxes from the Sewer Commission in the coming days.

The letter serves to inform those residents that effective July 1, the rates for sewer use will increase due to the Sewer Enterprise Fund as established by the spring Town Meeting of 2001.

Although the rate change is to begin at the start of next month, residents won't see a change in their bills until October.

The average household will see a increase in their bill of a little more than $100.

The intent of the fund is to put future operation and investments in the municipal sewer into more of a self-sustaining "Pay as you Use" mode.

Currently, the commission goes before Town Meeting for the appropriation of any money, which can include small maintenance issues.

"Normally when work is done on the system we'd have to get approval from Town Meeting which would always put the burden on all taxpayers," said Sewer Commission Chairman Gary Vanderweil. "Now the money will be kept in a separate account and will have the opportunity to gain interest."

The money from the Enterprise fund will also be derived solely from users of the system and will not have an effect on the entire town.

The difference in the old and new rate structure is that the new rates include a depreciation allowance to partially account for the aging of the system and foreseeable component replacements. The annual depreciation allowance for fiscal year 2003 amounts to approximately $111 per dwelling in the Central Cohasset District and about $103 in the North district. In other words, the average household will see a increase in their bill of a little more than $100.

A typical residence is estimated to have total annual sewer use charges of approximately $634 in central Cohasset and $663 for north Cohasset.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said creating the enterprise fund allows the commission to be self-sufficient.

"It allows them to set aside 'x' amount of dollars every years so they already have the money when they need it," he said.

Haddad added the Sewer Commission will still have to go before Town Meeting to get approval to take money from the fund.

Zoning proposals sought by July 8

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) will accept proposed zoning amendments for analysis and recommendation to the Planning Board until July 8. Please submit a brief description of your zoning change and/or draft language by fax 781-383-7087; email: ebhtownplanner@aol.com; or mail to the Planning Board at Town Hall.

The purpose of the ZAC is to study and report periodically to the Planning Board to recommend updates to the zoning bylaw and zoning map. Given the level of interest from various boards, commissions and individuals regarding possible zoning changes, the ZAC will place an annual call for zoning proposals. A submission deadline several months in advance of town meeting enables the ZAC adequate time to provide thoughtful recommendations to the Planning Board for possible town meeting action.

The ZAC is an ad-hoc committee of the Planning Board consisting of the following members: Al Moore, Planning Board; Ben Lacy, Zoning Board;; Merle Brown, Board of Selectmen; Veneta Roebuck, Conservation Commission; Rich Henderson, Citizen Member; Mark DeGiacomo, Citizen Member; Liz Harrington, Town Planner; and Bob Egan, Building Commissioner.

Relay recognizes team effort

By Evan Schiff
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The tents are down, the music has stopped, and the walkers are no longer pacing around the track — but Cohasset's Relay For Life is still going strong.

At a recent wrapup meeting, awards were presented to the following Cohasset-based teams:

- highest overall fundraising, presented to Lee Anne and Deb's Team which raised $25,235
- the highest individual fundraiser, presented to Kari O'Donnell who raised $3,030
- best decorated campsite went to Team 1-4-3.

"It's really great to see people unite for a cause as important as this."

— Kate Langstone, American Cancer Society

The Beach Bums of Hull were awarded Most Team Spirit and the Highest Team Member Average Award went to Dave's Team of Hingham. Members of this team raised an average of $534.18.

"This event is so succesful because of the enthusiasm of those who participate in it," said Kate Langstone, regional executive for communications for the American Cancer Society. "It's really great to see people unite for a cause as important as this."

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life brought together 30 teams of families, friends, students, churches, neighborhoods, and businesses from Cohasset and surrounding towns on May 17 through 18 at the Cohasset High School track. The event drew almost 700 people to the high school.

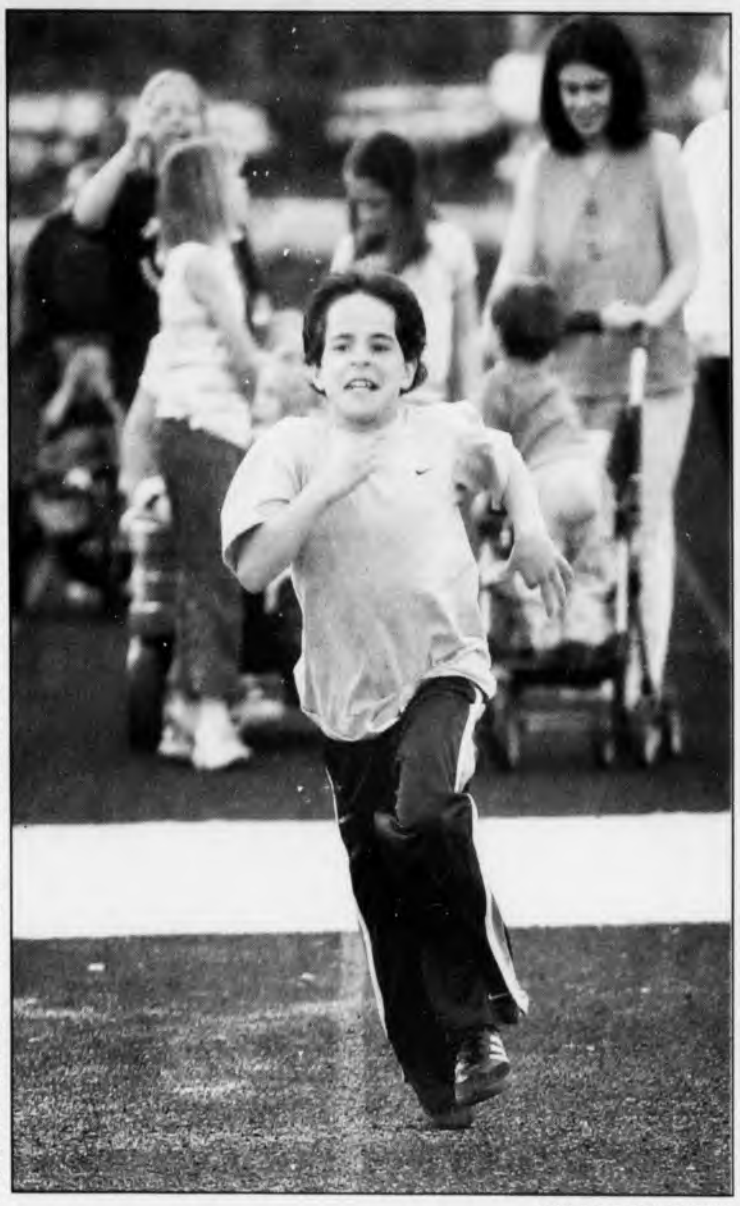
Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's largest signature event as well as the most successful national fundraiser. Each team keeps a continuous presence on the track throughout the day and night, walking in shifts.

More than $131,000 has been raised for this year's event thus far for American Cancer Society programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services.

While the society is a nationwide organization it does offer local services. They include transportation for cancer patients to treatments through Road to Recovery, a one-on-one support for women with breast cancer through Reach to Recovery, and cosmetologist consultations for women being treated for cancer through the Look Good, Feel Better program.

The American Cancer Society is the community-based non-profit health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing the disease, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information about Relay For Life or to find out how to volunteer for the 2003 Planning Committee, please call Mary Shepherd at the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880 and press 3 for ext. 229 or email at Mary.Shepherd@cancer.org.



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Jodi Rosano does a lap at full gallop at Cohasset's Relay For Life last month. The event raised in excess of $130,000.

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Tweaking the town common

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Dean Rizzo, the executive director for the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, said the response from residents will be given to the Common Historic District Commission which will review the comments.

"I was surprised to see the Jason Road realignment got so much support," Rizzo said. "With the village improvements coming it may be something we could do in the near future."

Those suggestions include realigning Jason Road with Depot Court, clearing some rocky ledge in the area and relocating or redesigning the bus shelter on North Main Street.

Rizzo added that the recommendations have no timetable and could be completed in a couple years to 20 years.

While the Jason Road changes received a lot of support, other suggested improvements to the common garnered little. Residents gave the ideas of a brick sidewalk around the area, pedestrian-scale post lighting and a stone seating wall around the pond an average rank of 3.3 on the five-point scale.

However the single most popular recommendation was relocating the Christmas tree which stands in the center of the common.

These results were obtained in a workshop conducted last Wednesday, when about 30 residents listened to a presentation and then completed the survey, which asked them to rank various recommendations.

The meeting began with Nancy Sandell taking residents through the history of the common from the 18th century, to the present.

In the 1700s, when the common was a plain — the area had a few scattered residences on what is now North Main Street but was primarily used as a place for cattle to graze.

"I was surprised to see the Jason Road realignment got so much support."

— Dean Rizzo, CRC director

During the early 1800s the common saw more structures including the construction of a meetinghouse, which is now the Second Congregational Church. During this era, Highland Avenue was also established along with a few cow paths that cut from Highland Avenue to Main Street.

In the latter half of the 19th century, there was development on the south end of the common along with a flag pole placed in the area.

In the early 1900s the common experienced significant change including the installation of electric and phone wires in the area, and the construction of Town Hall. The pond also experienced its first makeover when it was paved during these years.

It wasn't until the second half of the 1900s when the roadways around the common were paved and the Revolutionary War memorial was established on the south end.

Changes in recent years include the addition of private driveways off the common and the installation of the bus stop on North Main Street.

The theme of the presentation was a simple one, that the common has undergone changes in the past and this may be a time to alter the area again.

"We've lost a degree of simplicity on the common over the years," Sandell said. "The changes seem pretty benign while they're happening but they really add up."

After the historical look at the common, Sandell outlined the almost 30 improvements for the area and offered them up for discussion. The positive feedback on the surveys didn't necessarily reflect the opinions some expressed during the meeting.

"We could debate this for hours and hours and just run in circles," said Susan O'Brien. "Why are we changing the common? The common is wonderful."

Another concerned resident said she wants the changes to be accommodating to all the people in town.

Private ways a public issue

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Bates Lane, Forest Notch, Lantern Lane, Locust Road, Norfolk Road, Reservoir Road, Riverview Drive, Rocky Lane, Short Street, Whitney Woods Lane, and Norman Todd Road. Of those, five of them, Forest Notch, Norfolk Road, Reservoir Road, Short Street and Rocky Lane were accepted at Special Town Meeting in 1998.

The problems that plagued the former private ways committee ran the gamut. From zoning issues to concerned residents, the hard working board faced many obstacles.

Planning Board chairman Al Moore, said changing roads from private to public could create more problems than it solves. He said the disadvantage of declaring a street public is that development could more easily take place. For any subdivisions or development, frontage is required on an accepted public way. While it is still possible to develop on a private way, it is significantly more difficult.

"As a practical matter it doesn't make a huge difference between the two," Moore said. "But there are a lot of little issues that could bite you if you aren't real careful with this."

Accepting private ways from public ones is a fairly lengthy process.

"There are a lot of little issues that could bite you if you aren't real careful with this."

— Al Moore, Planning Board

First, the road under consideration must be surveyed and then thoroughly researched to determine who owns the road..

Then, the Planning Board must hold a hearing on the suitability of the road in question followed by a selectmen's hearing to determine whether the road serves the public's interest.

Next, town meeting must approve money to acquire the property.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said some of the private ways in town don't meet established standards and would benefit from becoming public ways. Although the Department of Public Works is required to plow any road with three or more houses for safety purposes, the town is not responsible for its maintenance. However, it has been Cohasset's practice to at least hot-top (putting a layer of asphalt on troubled roads) private ways.

Sturdy added boosting the mileage of accepted public roads would make the town eligible for more state aid and enable the town to use state funds for repaying these roads but converting too many private roads to public ones could open the door for unwanted development.

"The town is responsible for all public ways but maintains the private ways as well," Sturdy said

Brown said enough time has passed and enough information has come forth to start examining this issue again.

"I want to get involved with this and look at some of the roads that shouldn't pose a problem to convert," he said.

Survivor star may pay town a visit

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finish first in Cohasset.

The Survivor star, who outsmarted and outlasted 13 other contestants, is a CHS graduate and has preliminary plans to come to town the weekend of June 28.

Jennifer Piepenbrink, the Cohasset Mariner around town reporter, has been communicating with Vavrick-O'Brien for some time now and recently received an e-mail in which Vavrick-O'Brien said she and her son would be coming to town.

Vavrick-O'Brien wants to be involved in a charity event and initial speculation is she would help the Sailing Club raise funds. There is also the possibility that she and her son would stay at the Red Lion Inn, but nothing is confirmed.

Would she take a group of Cohasset survivors to Bassing Beach to participate in an immunity challenge? Maybe she'll oversee a raft building contest off of Sandy Beach. Or maybe she'll teach shelter building on the rocky ledge on the south side of the common.

But everyone hopes she won't host a rodent-eating challenge or an endurance test in which residents would have to stand in the same position for hours at a time.

Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien

Whatever the eventual event is, Vavrick-O'Brien's return to Cohasset should exciting. Not since the feature film "House Sitter" that starred Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn has the town gotten so close to a well-known celebrity.

Vavrick-O'Brien transferred to Cohasset High School in 1971 and was a cheerleader for her two years in high school here. In her senior yearbook quotes, she lists "being content in a little house in San Francisco" as her ambition and her favorite expression as "ahhhh - neat." She was also part of the homecoming court in her senior year.

In a previous interview, Vavrick-O'Brien said she fondly remembered her days in Cohasset. She said she most vividly remembers going to the beach, sailing out of the harbor, pool hopping at night and attending shows at the Music Circus.

"I'm so proud of being from Cohasset," she said. "I miss it."

According to CBS's Web site, Vavrick-O'Brien currently works as a real estate agent in her hometown of Burlington, Vt.

Before that she was self-employed and ran a small art products store and an event planning business. In 1998, she biked across the United States for the American Lung Association in memory of her father. She is divorced and has one son who had a cameo on the show.

Vavrick-O'Brien was one of 16 people selected out of 50,000 to compete for the $1 million prize.

Seniors to take next step Saturday

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He said the seniors handled the tragedy as well as they possibly could and set an example for the younger grades.

Along with Jones, there will be four other speakers. Class president Robin Murphy will speak along with valedictorian Katharine Marie-Grimm, salutatorian Megen Laura McCain and Supt. Edward Malvey.

Malvey said he's looking forward to graduation day.

"It's a great group of students we're graduating," he said. "They've distinguished themselves both academically and in extra-curricular endeavors."

He is also pleased such a high percentage of the class is pursuing education beyond high school.

"The world they'll be embracing as graduates is very different from the one they entered as freshmen."

— Principal Michael Jones

"It's always nice to see students want to continue their education," Malvey said. "It's a credit to our teachers as well as the kids."

Murphy, the class president, said his class has defined itself through academic achievements and athletic accomplishments.

"Just look at the schools we've gotten into and scores we've gotten on both the MCAS and SATs," Murphy said. "We've had post-season success in seven sports."

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, who will attend his first graduation as chairman and will hand the diplomas to the students, said he knows several of the students personally and feels it's a great class.

"It's good to seem them go through the system," Flynn said. "It's nice to keep things moving."

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Rabbi Karol leaving Hingham temple after 20 years

By Susan Hagstrom
CORRESPONDENT

After two decades of service, Rabbi Stephen Karol will say *shalom*, to his friends, neighbors, colleagues and congregation. Karol has been the Rabbi at Hingham's Congregation Sha'aray Shalom since 1981. Karol, wife Mary and daughter Samantha are excited about a move to Stony Brook, N.Y. but will leave Hingham with many happy memories and a sense of accomplishment.

Karol, 51, received a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Wisconsin and then went on to study in Jerusalem and at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati before being ordained in 1977. After spending four years in Buffalo, N.Y. as an assistant rabbi and then an associate rabbi, Karol went on a vacation to Cape Cod.

"I had decided that it was time to look for a new congregation," Karol explained. "Mary and I came to the Cape and we loved it. We spent some time in Boston and when I returned to Buffalo, a placement newsletter was waiting for me. It had information about a congregation on the South Shore of Boston looking for a rabbi. It was an opportunity for me to be a head rabbi; that's what I had been training to do. It was exactly what I wanted."

In 1981, Congregation Sha'aray Shalom had about 130 families. As the new rabbi, Karol was busy performing all of the required tasks. He led weekly services, worked with the lay leaders of the congregation and officiated at life cycle events. Unlike some other rabbis, he also served as principal of the religious school, taught Hebrew class and tutored students who were preparing to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

During Karol's tenure, he was active in a project that brought a Soviet family to America. He also originated a Human Resources Inventory to help those in crisis and established Shasty, the teen youth group.

"The word *Rabbi* means teacher and we've all had the opportunity to learn what a great teacher Steve is."

—The Rev. Ken Read-Brown, friend and colleague

Karol acted as a representative of the congregation in the larger religious community and became an active member in the Hingham/Hull Religious Leaders Association. The group provides a forum for leaders of different religions to plan events and discuss ways to enhance mutual respect. The group is responsible for events such as the annual Community Thanksgiving Service and Interfaith Seder.

"It seemed natural for me to do interfaith work," Karol said. "We try to reach out to other communities and emphasize what we have in common. The group is a great example of how mutual respect has a positive effect on people."

Karol's friends and colleagues in the group say he was a wonderful asset to the group and his participation will be sorely missed.

"The word *Rabbi* means teacher and we've all had the opportunity to learn what a great teacher he (Karol) is," said the Reverend Ken Read-Brown, minister at Hingham's Old Ship Church. "Steve is both a teacher and an advocate. He speaks the truth clearly and invites others to be brought in instead of drawing a line and shutting people out. He'll be missed greatly.

"In a profound sense, although his congregation will find another rabbi, you can't replace a person," Read-Brown said. "He has developed deep roots in our community and those will not quickly be replaced. I'll miss him as person and as a friend. He was always someone I could count on and we, our whole community, are better for his having been here."

Over the past 21 years, Karol said he has developed with the members of the congregation. The number of families grew to nearly 300 and Karol made it his goal to know each member's name. He taught adult education classes, was involved in outreach and social action. Even after a full-time director of education was hired, Rabbi Karol remained active in the religious school. He taught the Confirmation class and took them on an annual trip to New York City. Because he has been there so long, he has had the opportunity to watch many students grow and mature; some, all the way from infancy to adulthood.

"One of the reasons that I decided to become a rabbi is that I wanted to do something that I felt made a positive difference in people's lives. Over the years, I've been fortunate to have had that feeling a lot," Karol smiled. "It's great. It's like a dream come true. Kids have come back to me when they graduate from college or wanting me to officiate at their wedding. I may not have been the major influence in their life but it has been a privilege to have been an influence at all."

One of the families influenced by the rabbi is the Carr family of Hingham. Joan Carr has been a temple member since 1974 and served as the director of education from 1988 until this past year. Carr said that Karol brought many strengths to his position, including his sense of commitment to adult education, and she will miss that and much more.

"I have been blessed to have had a multi-faceted relationship with Rabbi Karol," Carr said. "He has been my rabbi, teacher, colleague, supervisor and friend. I will miss him on all those levels. Since he has been here for over 20 years, he knows my immediate and extended family very well. He watched my children grow up, has officiated at or otherwise participated in a myriad of life cycle events involving my family and has been there when we have had family crises. I will miss having a close relationship with a rabbi who has been an integral part of our family history."

Karol will begin his duties at Temple Isiah in July. He is excited about having the opportunity to lead a congregation of 400 families and get his family settled. Congregation Sha'aray Shalom will spend this year with an interim rabbi, and will continue the search for a permanent replacement. Until then, the congregation will say good bye and *Mazel Tov* to Karol and his family.

"When you leave a place that you've been for over two decades, you have to leave some things behind and that's hard to do," Karol reflected. "I'll miss the people. You can't take all of your friends with you but I'll keep all of the good memories with me. I'm confident that we'll keep in touch with people here and that we have a nice group of new friends waiting for us."

Karol honored

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St. in Hingham will honor Rabbi Stephen A. Karol on Friday evening, June 7 at a special service beginning at 7:30 p.m. Also on Sunday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be an open house at the Temple to provide the entire community a less-formal opportunity to wish the Karol family all the best on their move to Long Island.

There are other ways you can express your good wishes to Rabbi Karol. Please call the Temple office at 781-749-8103.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Rabbi Stephen Karol is leaving Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham after more than 20 years. He and has family are relocating to Stony Brook, N.Y. where he will lead Temple Isiah.

Leo Fiori Sr. is Cohasset's newest octogenarian!

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

JOHNSON & WALES

Let's start right off the bat by congratulating **Britt Covell**, daughter of **John and Jill Covell**, who was awarded a bachelor of science degree from Johnson & Wales University in Providence on May 18. Britt majored in retail marketing and management.

MASSASOIT GRADS

Two students from Massasoit Community College are from here in Cohasset, **Deborah M. Casey** and **Michael C. Coates.** Great work to both of you.

COLBY-SAWYER

J. Robert Buckley, who majored in psychology, graduated from Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H. with a bachelor of arts degree.

RELAY FOR LIFE

I was able to attend two events last week, both of which were equally impressive. The first was the closing ceremony of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. The amazing work done by everyone involved with this organization and event is tremendous and because of the hard work put forward by team members and organizers, the total raised so far is $131,370! Any further donations may be sent to: The American Cancer Society, c/o Relay For Life in Cohasset, 1115 W. Chestnut Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

AFTER-PROM PARTY

The second event that was just unbelievable was the Senior Class "After Prom Party." This event is put on each year for the prom-goers to come to after the prom is over. The decorations, activities and excitement is all done by volunteers and let me tell you, it is a sight to behold. I was able to take part in the "Casino" and had so much fun talking with the kids and hearing about their magical evening and spend some time with them as they relaxed and enjoyed the night. My hats go off to all of the organizers and the hard work that was put into making this night spectacular. It was truly that and then some.

STRAWBERRY FEST, YUM!

Strawberry Season is here and the Second Congregational Church is busy preparing for its 14th Annual Strawberry Festival held alongside the South Shore Art Center's Festival On The Common, Friday June 14 through Sunday, June 16. This year's Strawberry Festival will include an outdoor cafe and nursery on the church grounds where Arts Festival visitors can rest and enjoy a menu including grilled chicken salads, hot dogs, fresh pastries and cold drinks. Just be sure to save room for the churches famous Strawberry Shortcake made with fresh local strawberries and whipped cream heaped over a delicious buttermilk biscuit. The Second Congregational Church will also hold a plant sale on Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the front of the church. All proceeds from this Strawberry Festival cafe and plant sale will support local charities.

SPECIAL DAY

I would like to wish my mom, **Joann Egan** a very happy birthday! All of us; myself, **Bob, Daniel, Callie** and **Cody, Matthew** and **Kristen** and the dogs, **Lily, Molly** and **Liberty** hope that you have a fantastic and happy day! We love you!

Leo Fiori, who just turned 80 years young, is flanked by state Sen. Robert Hedlund, left, and state Rep. Garretty Bradley at special party in Fiori's honor.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LEO!

Recently, the children of **Leo Fiori, Sr.** of Fiori's Exxon in Cohasset, held an 80th birthday party in his honor! Leo was thrilled and surprised to be surrounded by 120 friends and family at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, March 11, 2002. Presentations were given by Cohasset **Selectman Fred Koed**, State Representative **Garrett Bradley**, State Senator **Bob Hedlund**, and former Red Sox announcer **Ken Coleman**. A great time was had by all who attended!

Leo has owned the business located at the corner of Rte. 3A and Beechwood Street for the past 39 years, and though he has passed proprietorship onto his youngest son **Bob**, he still works there six days a week. He really enjoys the people that pass through everyday. Many locals stop by daily for their newspaper and coffee and to chat about the latest sports results. The proud party goers included; **Bob and Arlene Fiori**, **Paul Fiori** and **Jay Fiori**, all of Cohasset; and **Leo and Dotty Fiori, Jr.** and **John and Tina(Fiori) Danielson** of Scituate. What an honor for a wonderful man!

TALENTED MUSICIANS

This year's Spring Concert at the New England Conservatory in Boston featured two of Cohasset's talented young musicians. **Mark Lehmann**, a graduating senior at Cohasset High School played the violin for the last time with the String Chamber Orchestra. Mark has been studying and performing at NEC's Preparatory School throughout his High School career.

Just beginning her vocal studies at the New England Conservatory is sophomore, **Marisa Mello**. Marisa has been performing with the NEC Youth Chorale for just two years. Both students have toured with these amazing NEC Youth Ensembles. Mark has played in Europe and Marisa sang in Cuba last June.

This summer as Mark gets ready to head off to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Marisa will be touring Italy for ten days with the Youth Chorale of Greater Boston. Good luck to both of these creative young musicians.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Any parent who has a child currently or not currently on an IEP through the Cohasset Schools are asked to contact the Cohasset SPED Office at 781-383-6104 and request a Parent SPED Survey. This survey can be filled out anonymously and returned to P.O. Box 186. It is very important for all parents to take the time to do this so that your valuable input on Special Needs Services can be read! The South Shore Art Center will kick-off its 47th Arts Festival on the Common with a festive party featuring music by Tom Boyer, a limited auction with Cohasset's own celebrity guest **Anthony Everett**, and hors d' oeuvres by **Lorraine Bachman** of On The Rocks catering. Festival offCommon will take place Friday, June 14, 8 p.m. in the Bancroft Gallery of the South Shore Arts Center. Tickets are $25, $20 for members. For reservations or more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

BEST WISHES

I would like to join **Jeff, Jake** and **Abbey** in wishing a very happy birthday to **Debbie Johnson** of Cohasset. Although we won't tell the age she is turning, it is a great age to be from what I hear! Happy Birthday to a great friend, unbelievable mom and a very "awesome" wife! Enjoy those lobsters!

CLASS OF 1986 REUNION

The Cohasset High School class of 1986 is having its 15th(16th) year reunion at Kimballs, Saturday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $30 per person. Please contact **Ginni and John Froio** via email at Ginnifro@aol.com or **Collette(Ford) McElninney** at (781)383-1383 for more details. Hope to hear from you soon!

Graduations, Proms and excited children as they near the end of this school year! It is a very busy and fun-filled time for all. Please make sure to send in all of your news to me as we all want to help in congratulating the graduates!

That is all for this week. Please make sure to get me all of your news, photos and information no later than noon on Mondays.

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Tony Lanier can capture people just as they are

Artist awarded cultural grant

By Evan Schiff
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Have you ever been sitting on a bench in Boston Common, or been window shopping in Downtown Crossing, or just been walking the streets of Beacon Hill and seen someone taking your picture? Chances are, it could have been Anthony W. "Tony" Lanier.

Lanier likes to capture poses of everyday folk in natural states and then transfers the image from a print to a graphite drawing. His black and white drawings range from the more abstract, like the posturing of a ballerina, to the dead on, like his portrait of three firefighters.

The resident of South Main Street, recently received at $12,500 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Center in its Artist Grant Program for his work.

"It's something I've been doing for some years now," he said. "I always knew this is something I wanted to do.."

Lanier, whose drawings are usually done on an 11 by 14-in. canvas, said he looks for certain gestures in a person from the way they are standing. He said he can take up to eight rolls of photographs in one day and has amassed tens of thousands of them over the years.

"I try to avoid engaging a person while I'm taking their picture," Lanier said. "When people act naturally you get some incredible stuff, it's so quick, but it's there."

Lanier often has to resort to composite drawings of his subjects, closing their mouths when it may have been open, or raising an arm to accentuate a pose. He also drops the background, deeming it unimportant in what he is trying to accomplish.

"That's when the artist part of me takes over, it's what makes me a drawer and not a photographer," Lanier said.

The Massachusetts Cultural Center saw the promise in his work and rewarded Lanier with the grant.

"We are committed to funding individual artists and maintain that the core of a vibrant, healthy society lies in the often-unheralded work artist perform day after day," the center stated in a letter to Lanier. "We wish you the very best in your future endeavors."

Lanier said it was really special to be recognized.

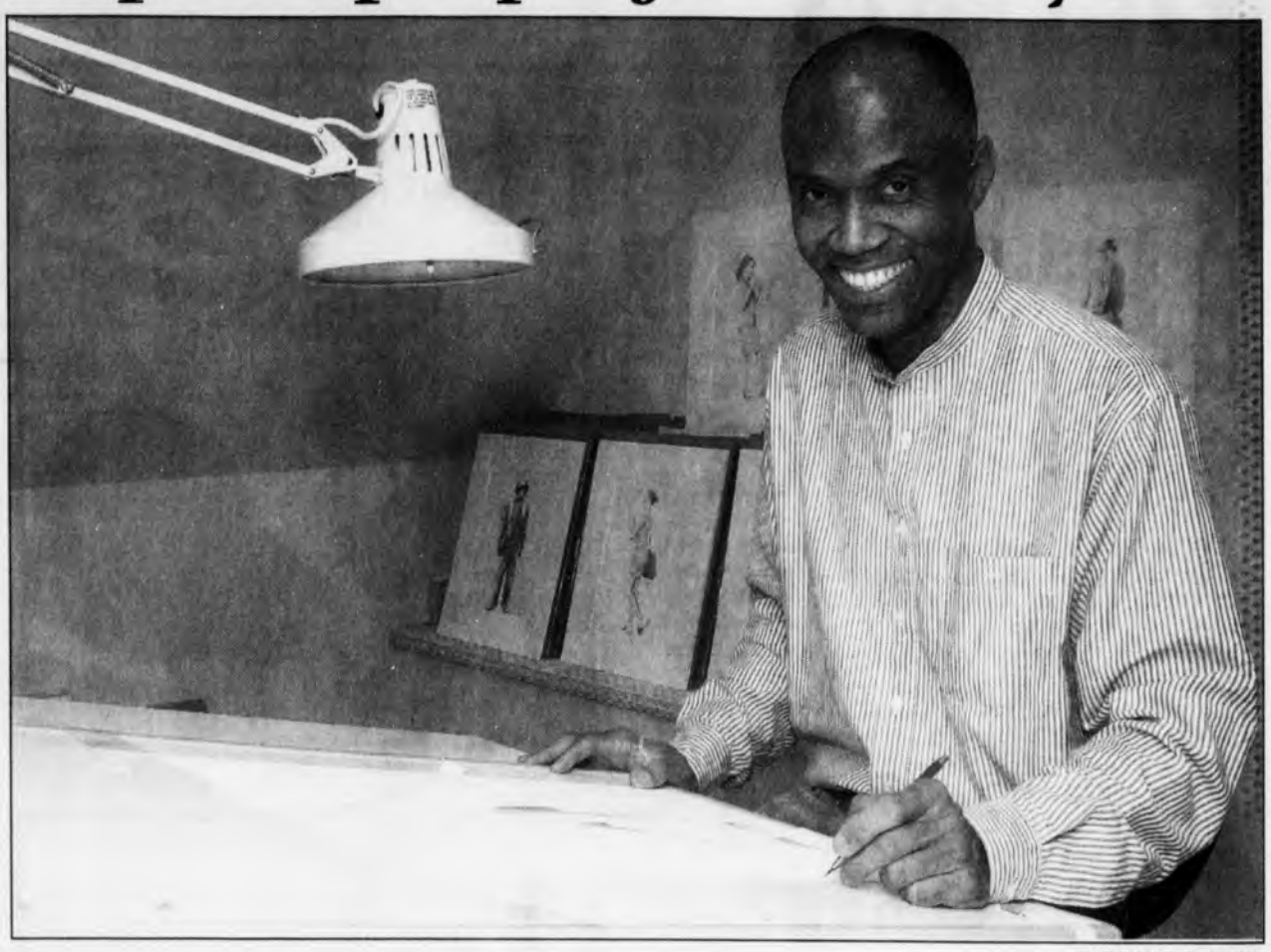
"It says you've made a contribution to the art world," he said. "I'll probably use the money to publish my drawings or investing in new supplies."

Lanier has dozens of portraits in his studio and plenty more adorning his walls most depicting women in various poses. He said that women, on average, have more interesting clothes with usually express themselves more subtlety then men.

"It's everything with women," he said. "The curves and folds and shadows are very unique."

After drawing all his life, Lanier said he still has room to improve on his techniques.

"Drawing is very pure and totally exposes you for who you are," he said. "With painting and other artistic expressions you can cover up what you do but with drawing you don't have that luxury."



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Local artist Tony Lanier at the drawing board in his Cohasset studio.

Lanier often spends 30-50 hours on a drawing and said if he were to try to do them in color, that number could easily multiply.

"The one thing I'm really good at," he said. "Is making a drawing that I took days on look like it took me only 15 minutes."

Lanier said he has also become very adept at noticing a shot from far away. He has spent so much time examining people over the last four years, that he knows what he wants

"I want to capture people when they are unguarded," he said. "I want to try and get a picture of them when they are expressing their true selves."

Old Cohasset as seen in postcards

Cohasset Historical Society member John Connell and historian David Wadsworth will present a very special projection display and discussion of "Postcards of Old Cohasset" on Thursday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers' Residence.

The event is free and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 781-383-1434.

Lighthouse lovers lecture is June 13

Hull Lifesaving Museum For Lighthouse Lovers June Slideshow — Lecture "New England Lighthouses" is Thursday, June 13, 7p.m. at the Lifesaving Museum $3 members, $5 non-members

Please join guest speaker William Patton for an entertaining and informative evening of armchair exploration. The lighthouses that stand sentry along the New England coast have witnessed raging storms and terrible tragedies. Some have also been the sites of heroic deeds, such as the 1846 rescue off the Maine coast of young John Fitzgerald, future Mayor of Boston and grandfather of John F. Kennedy. Patton will regale us with this and many other fascinating lighthouse tales during the lecture, which accompanies the museum's current exhibit, Beacons of Boston Harbor. Light refreshments will be available. For more information please contact Museum Educator, Victoria Stevens, at the museum, 781-925-5433.

Studio at the Beach opens for summer

The Hull Artists Studio Connection has opened its sixth season, of The Studio at the Beach. The Studio at the Beach features the original art and craft of more than 45 local artists including paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, jewelry, greeting cards, children's books, wooden puzzles, designs from natural shells, pottery and woodcrafts.

The Studio at the Beach, at 217 Nantasket Ave., across from the Mary Jeannette Murray Bathhouse, is open Thursdays and Fridays from 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will be open through Sept. 8.

For additional information, call 1-800-413-1770. The Hull Artists Studio Connection is a non-profit artists' organization.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A history lesson for the Class of 2002

The Class of 2002 will never forget Sept. 11, an event that has seared the consciousness of an entire younger generation. For older people, it was the Great Depression that formed how they view the world. For them, the fear of poverty, joblessness and deprivation guided many of the decisions they made in their lives.

Then there was what has been called "the greatest generation," those young men and women who fought in World War II, many of whom gave their lives in the fight against totalitarianism. Pearl Harbor and the unleashing of the atomic bomb on Japan were defining historical moments for them.

For those young people who came of age only a few years later, the Korean War marked the end of their youthful innocence.

In the 1960s, the attitudes of the younger generation were informed by the political assassinations of idealistic leaders, and the civil unrest brought on by the Vietnam War.

The '70s generation faced high unemployment, inflation, the disillusionment of the Watergate scandal and a country that seemed adrift.

The 1980s and '90s were a kind of euphoric bubble of prosperity for the country, interrupted briefly by a recession a decade ago that was quickly forgotten with the booming stock market that followed.

For today's young people, Sept. 11 must have come as a terrific shock, as it did to the rest of the nation. Nothing in their young lives could have prepared them for the reality that thousands of innocent civilians died in a surprise terrorist attack right here on American soil.

Listen to the graduation speeches that will be delivered in the next couple of weeks and you will hear this sense of total shock expressed over and over again.

The Class of 2002 will always remember exactly where they were and what they were doing the moment the planes hit their intended targets on Sept. 11. For them Sept. 11 is their Pearl Harbor and carries the same horror as the day almost 40 years ago that President John F. Kennedy was shot in Dallas.

If you listen to the words of these young people, Sept. 11 has stirred not only shock and horror, but a profound sense of gratitude for a democratic system of government that strives to protect human freedom and equal rights for all individuals.

The Class of 2002 has been made to realize how lucky they are to live in a country that values freedom and many of them are resolved to fight for those democratic ideals, just as generations before them have done.

For those who do not join the military, there is a quiet determination not to let terrorist enemies around the globe win this battle, a battle that could take years.

They are resolved to be courageous and go about living their lives in peace and freedom, keeping an open mind about other cultures and other ways of doing things.

They are determined to do their part to make the world a better, safer place. They do not give any indication of yielding to those who would destroy freedom and human dignity and who would kill innocent people for the sake of religion or any other reason.

The Class of 2002 has seen the future on Sept. 11, and they are prepared to meet the challenges just as their parents and grandparents have done before them.

Good luck to the Class of 2002. You are about to make history.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Curb concerns

TO THE EDITOR:

One of the rare and wonderful benefits of raising a family in Cohasset is that our young people can ride bikes with fairly predictable safety to their many activities: Scouts, Sailing Club, Yacht Club, Swim Center, ball fields, Community Center, library, schools, churches, doing paper routes, etc. And in good weather it appears that Cohasset is an all ages bike-riding town as well.

Cohasset does have some dangerous traffic on our two-lane streets: gravel trucks, moving vans, utility and delivery vehicles, oil trucks, cement mixers, "honey wagons", fire engines, speeding commuters. At present bike riders can escape danger by riding onto grassy shoulders, low-rise asphalt sidewalks, and over low curbs.

With the CRC proposals for sidewalks with layers of supporting structure and, as I read the specifications, for at least 6-inch granite curbs, and a couple of streets, including Elm Street, made narrower, and with emphasis on more parking spaces, I believe bike riders will be at greater risk. Should they attempt to jump the curbs (as boys are likely to do), run into a parked car, or skid against the curb and fall, they could be badly hurt or even thrown into the traffic path.

Mothers and others pushing strollers would also have a tougher time negotiating all the curbs.

CRC should be commended for initiating planning, which we certainly do need. And now, fortunately, serious official town planning is under way by impressively competent people. Both groups of planners have solicited citizen suggestions, questions, and comments. My comment is that sometimes well-intentioned improvements have unintended consequences. I hope my question of high curbs and narrower streets as safety hazards (that might affect our lifestyle) can be addressed.

Jacqueline Whipple
N. Main Street

Fundraiser was a great success

TO THE EDITOR:

The Carriage House Nursery School's gala fundraiser "Their First Steps To The Future" held Saturday, May 4 was a tremendous success. We raised over $30,000 – more than twice our goal.

Our success would not have been possible without the generosity and support of parents, friends and alumni/ae throughout the process. Many thanks go to you for contributing to this event thus allowing us to raise money for the children of the Carriage House Nursery School. You may already know that the event's proceeds will be used to purchase educational and playground equipment for the school.

A special "thank you" goes to many of the local businesses and individuals who supported the fundraising efforts and auction through donations and auction booklet advertisements: Adrian Morris Salon, Atlantica Restaurant & the Peter Roy Family, Barefoot Rugs, BayState Equipment, Bay Tower Room, Bernard's Restaurant, Borrowed Butler, Bridgeman's Restaurant, Buttonwood Books, Cohasset Collision Center, Cohasset Greenery, Deep Run Legal, Dependable Cleaners, Duxbury Bay Maritime School, Edison Light Beer, Farsh Oriental Rugs, Fitness First Plus, Global Travel, Grapevine Caterers, Homegoods/TJX Companies, Horizon Foods, Jacob Wirth Restaurant, John Cavanaro Consulting, Kerry Brett Hurley Photography, King Jewelers, Lapis Tree, Lily's Closet, Lisa Johnson Photography, Oasis Environmental Contracting Services, North River Framing, Paperscapes, ParTee Golf, Red Lion Inn, RPG (Really Great Pizza), Saparito's Florence Café, Siro's Beachside Restaurant, South Shore Music Circus, The Dazz, The Law Offices of Judith Kaplan, The Park Plaza Hotel, Vinette Day Spa, and many more.

I, along with the Parent Board, am thrilled at the support and generosity of the community of caring people like yourself who choose to make a difference in the lives of present and future students. Thank you once again for assisting us in educating the children on their path "to the future".

Georgie Gladdys
Director
Carriage House Nursery School

Volunteers thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

The Community Relations Committee of the Cohasset PSO would like to thank all of the volunteers who drove the Senior Shuttle this past year. Pat Sargent, who took the time to train all of the volunteers collectively, was also thanked and appreciated through a donation made in honor of her grandson, Jesse Sargent who passed away earlier this year. Pat sent a thank you note to all saying, "Dear Friends, I was so touched by your generous gift. You women are so kind and thoughtful. Thank you one and all." Love, Pat.

Thank you to the following ladies for the contribution given to the Shuttle Bus Service as drivers. Mary Goodwin, Nancy Teague, Shelanne Durkin, Mary Kay Richardson, Nancy Froio, Vicky Neaves, Sallyann Quebec, and Joanne Higgins.

Vicky Neaves for
The Community Relations Committee of the
Cohasset PSO

Wrong direction of baseball diamonds

TO THE EDITOR:

For those who are seemingly critical of the points in my last letter, I received many positive responses regarding my point of view of the direction of the proposed baseball diamonds. In one, similar to many, Selectman Koed told me about witnessing a player blinded by the sun trying to catch a fly ball, then being hit in the mouth, the ball careening 10 feet in the air. Nice. Glad it wasn't my kid.

The letter was also about our community, which, like many, have sports programs which are taken over by self-appointed people. Many of these people were reportedly called by good-meaning folks to tell them about Bigelow's seminar, and, said they would attend. As stated, few, if any, showed. Those not there are your kids coaches, and their apathy is a big deal. For many this is the only education coaches get. Not attending belittled the well-meaning efforts of the PSO, Social Service League, and Bigelow himself. They knew it was important and spent time putting the event together.

The letter was also about the baseball diamonds which are going to be built in a way which will cause sun blindness to players. Is anybody influential on this project a qualified child care person with credentials placed on the line if there are faults? Who is trained and who is liable for bad design? Most codes and need for certifications resulted from faults found *after* accidents. Do we need one to understand this? Perhaps in the fundraising activities for the new diamonds, somebody will contribute brains and do what it takes to position the fields to minimize the known and predictable risk factor called the sun.

Focusing on the subject of baseball, other problems are apparent, too, to which I'd like to add additional data and further suggestion.

Last year I was told that use of the "F" word was used in the coaching of 12-year-olds in baseball. It must be community acceptable if those who exercise/allow such standards maintain coaching/administrative positions, as it certainly isn't recommended by Little League. The Little League has a set of rules, which seem to be quoted as convenient by league officials. The first page of rules states the Board should be elected by league membership. Cohasset's absence of elections is a problem. Ask the league. (eastregion@littleleague.org) Ask other experts on the subject. The league rules were established because the lack of rules did not carry out league ideals created by people qualified by some sort of certified recreational education. If you throw away expert guidance you are left with those who pick and choose the rules they want, and will eventually repeat the mistakes experts know to avoid. Unfortunately, this happens in many communities. We have a Recreational Department with an educated director and elected representatives. Maybe it's time to get our "money's worth" from them. I believe the field and language issues indicate that it's time for the self-appointed baseball hierarchy to be governed.

Remember, play serves the kids, but competition, architectural mumbo jumbo, and politics, serve the adults. The level and quality of adult involvement typifies the balance. You could have learned that from Bigelow, or from reading the books about the problems. For information on the real structure of Little League, go to www.littleleague.org. Don't want to offend your "friends" by citing rules? Would a friend hit or pitch balls to your kid with the sun in his/her eyes and swear to him/her?

I hope the "points" of my letter and the additional data may hit home with some people. Many state their kids have fun in sports. I'm glad. In fact, I'm looking to protect that interest. If people want to keep beating the messenger, the only wake-up will be a serious incident. Whose kid will it be? League members, those who sign their kid(s) up, can try to reform the system by insisting it operate by design, protecting the kids, or simply pray it won't be their kid whose mouth the ball bounces 10 feet off of, a scenario for which the position of the new fields is setting the stage to repeat.

Mark Bell
460 King St.

Don't be a lone ranger and do it all yourself

GOOD VIBES

BOB WHITNEY

"Oh well, I'll do it myself." The words of an unappreciated mom, an exasperated teacher, or an overworked employee; sound familiar? — we have all been there and have experienced the frustration of this "abandoned" feeling. On the other hand, working in tandem with others, gives you the opportunity to share a common passion, take a risk, share a laugh or tear.

For an acquaintance of mine, John, the past few years have been very trying. He has experienced peaks and valleys unlike ever before in his life. John felt alone and disconnected from his friends. (Much like Tom Hanks in the movie, "Cast Away," marooned and alone on an island for many years.) However, even in John's darkest moments there was one friend that remained as his constant companion and source of hope, trust and courage. That friend for John was his spiritual partner — his higher power, good spirit, ray of hope, or his God—whatever you choose to call it.

What is most important is that you draw upon the power and energy of your spiritual partner and make it a part of your daily-living diet. Not just a place to find comfort or solace during those temporary moments of mental highs or deep dark lows, but a living partnership of positive possibilities filled with energy, hope and joy! *This is the one permanent relationship that is so secure that it will set you free for healthier relationships.*

...working in tandem with others, gives you the opportunity to share a common passion, take a risk, share a laugh or tear.

Here are a few simple steps for you to consider:

- Listen to your intuition (inner-voice) and draw upon your unique gifts that will best allow you to make a difference
- Prepare your own personal mission-statement which reflects these unique gifts and how you intend to best use them
- Make a commitment to continuous learning: attend courses offered for credit, workshops and seminars; mental exercise will renew and refresh
- Take action: allow and use your spiritual partner to monitor your progress, otherwise a year from now, you will find yourself in the same spot as today
- Take care of yourself: exercise, eat, sleep well, and find the time to help others achieve their dreams and goals.

So don't be a lone ranger and do things all alone! Start today and align yourself with your real spiritual partner and use that alliance to take positive and purposeful action. The journey is very long and tedious and it requires a bunch of persistence, focus and hard work. It becomes more enjoyable, more rewarding, and more meaningful when you have a partner to help you along the way.

Bob Whitney of Stagecoach Road is currently a senior vice president at Trigen Boston Energy. He is a member of The National Speakers' Association and speaks often to business, civic, teen and non-profit organizations on a variety of motivational, leadership and spiritual topics.

Vermont cows are on parade

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

You've heard of the annual "Running of the Bulls" in Pamplona, Spain, of course.

Now get ready for the first annual "Strolling of the Heifers." It's happening this coming weekend in Brattleboro, Vermont.

Well, haven't they always said there are more cows than people in Vermont?

Brattleboro being the home of the Holstein Association, the strollers will be 30 Holstein cows in a parade led by Putney School students followed by the Black and White Heifer Ball.

I'm not sure who dances with who at the Heifer Ball. Do the people dance with cows or do cows dance with people?

I'm heartened to find that Vermont, after years of being known as the outback of New England, has decided to join the rest of us in promoting one of its outstanding tourist attractions.

Most of the folks that I know think of Vermont as miles and miles of ski run which you visit briefly and then go home with a broken leg or a jug of maple syrup, whichever comes first.

Vermont does have some things going for it besides cows, ski chalets and woods. For one thing, it's the birthplace of two presidents, both of whom fled the state almost as soon as they reached the age of reason.

Most of the folks that I know think of Vermont as miles and miles of ski run which you visit briefly and then go home with a broken leg or a jug of maple syrup.

Chester Arthur, the vice president who succeeded the unfortunate James Garfield, was born in North Fairfield, so close to the Canadian border that his political opponents spread the rumor he was born in Canada and thus ineligible for the presidency. He became a New Yorker.

His philosophy of the presidency would have served well a later president known by the initials B.C. "I may be president of the United States," Arthur said, "but my private life is nobody's damned business."

Calvin Coolidge, the vice president who succeeded the unfortunate Warren Harding, was born in Plymouth, but he chose to practice law in Northampton, Mass., and he stayed long enough to become governor of his adopted state.

He wasn't like most Bay State governors, though. Returning from church one Sunday, his wife, Grace, inquired as to the subject of the preacher's sermon. "Sin," said Cal. "What did he say about sin?" she asked. "He was agin it," said Cal. But I digress . . .

Vermont is the only New England state which lays claim to a Civil War battlefield of its very own. In fact, folks in St. Albans have been known to clean up on barroom bets by asking the questions: "What is the farthest north battle of the Civil War?" Their answer: "St. Albans."

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1864, a band of 25 Confederate soldiers under Lt. Bennett Young descended on the town of St. Albans from Canada, 15 miles away, killed one Vermonter, wounded several others, and slipped back in Canada with $200,000 stolen from three banks.

I hate to spoil it for Vermont's barroom bettors, but actually the farthest north battle of the Civil War was the naval engagement between the USS Kearsarge and the Confederate raider Alabama in the harbor of Cherbourg, France.

But they'll always have their cows.

HEALTH NOTES

West Nile Virus detected in state on May 21

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On May 24, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) announced that an adult dead crow tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) at the State Laboratory Institute. The bird was found May 21 in Wakefield.

A representative of the MDPH stated, "Although WNV has been found early in the 2002 season, a single WNV-positive bird is not a prediction of the nature of the encephalitis season that will occur in Massachusetts. The MDPH Field Surveillance Team collects specimens regularly and MDPH will provide an early warning to the public should the risk of human disease arise this year."

The finding of WNV in Massachusetts this year is expected, although the infection of this single bird is earlier than the first indication of WNV activity last year. In 2001, a WNV-infected crow was found on July 8 in Andover. This year WNV activity already has been reported from other states with infected birds found in New York (1 crow), Pennsylvania (1 crow), District of Columbia (1 crow), Virginia (2 crows) and Florida (1 crow and 3 other species). The WNV-infected crow from Albany, N.Y. was found on May 1, and there have been no other infected birds found to date in New York.

The MDPH Mosquito-Borne Disease Surveillance Program (MDSP) field activities began a few days ago and mosquitoes and additional birds from the Wakefield area will be tested next week. There may not be many additional birds found with infections in late May and early June, but MDPH will be testing appropriate samples to identify virus activity wherever it may arise, and keep the public informed. The purpose of the MDSP is to provide early warning of the risk of human infection, and provide advisories on how to reduce the risk of infection.

Risk of human disease is low before the later summer season.

The Mass. Dept. of Public Health will provide an early warning to the public should the risk of human disease arise this year.

There are steps that the public can take now to reduce their risk of disease.

- Check window and door screens to assure they are in good repair.
- Remove standing water near homes, clean gutters and drains, change water in birdbaths every several days and properly maintain swimming pools.
- Take precautions to limit exposure to mosquitoes:
- Limit your time outdoors when you notice high levels of mosquito activity (biting); or if you remain outdoors, wear clothing that provides more coverage of your skin (such as long pants instead of shorts).
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET. Follow label instructions for repellents, do not overuse (repeat applications should be limited to label recommendations) and use appropriate low concentration products for children. Repellents should not be used on infants.
- Mosquito netting can be used to cover carriages and playpens and sleeping areas.

In Massachusetts during 2001, the first indication of WNV activity occurred on July 8 when a crow found in Andover tested positive for the virus. The first isolation of WNV from mosquitoes was Aug. 17 from mosquitoes collected from Andover and Lowell. In all, a total of 1,104 dead birds and 25 mosquito pools tested positive for WNV in 2001.

There were three human cases of WNV encephalitis (in Acushnet, Dartmouth, Woburn), including one death of a 70-year-old Woburn man, all occurring in October or later. Additionally, an outbreak WNV infections in horses occurred in southeastern Massachusetts with 45 horses having laboratory confirmed WNV infection.

The 1,104 WNV positive dead birds were found in 153 of the state's 351 cities and towns and in nine of Massachusetts' 14 counties. A total of 1,339 birds and 6,340 mosquito pools representing nearly 84,000 mosquitoes were tested. And there was one human case of eastern equine encephalitis, another mosquito-borne viral disease, found in August in a young girl who was most likely exposed in southeastern Massachusetts, the endemic area for this disease. The child has since recovered.

For other information on EEE and WNV encephalitis see the MDPH Web site from a link on the MDPH homepage at http://www.state. ma.us/dph. or call the Cohasset Board of Health.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Ted LeClair kicks off state senate run

Ted LeClair formally launches his campaign for the Plymouth-Norfolk District of the Massachusetts State Senate on Thursday, June 6, at the Elks Lodge in Weymouth.

"It's an honor to be officially announcing my State Senate candidacy for the Plymouth-Norfolk district," said LeClair. "I am running for this seat because I know that we can do more. Now more than ever, our district needs a Senator who is committed to changing the way our state government conducts the people's business. I believe that we can do more for working families, more for our senior citizens, and more for our youth. I will spend the coming months meeting with voters across the district to discuss their issues and why I am running for this office."

LeClair, a Scituate naive and current Marshfield resident, is a Democratic candidate for the Plymouth-Norfolk District of the Massachusetts State Senate. LeClair, a graduate of Scituate Public Schools, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Villanova University and is a graduate degree candidate in government at Harvard University School of Extension.

As a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, LeClair served on the USS Callaghan, a guided missile destroyer, in the Persian Gulf between 1993-1994 and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal. Currently, Lieutenant LeClair serves on Battle Group Staff 2, which is the reserve component that serves aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington and supports the George Washington Battle Group command.

Following his national service, LeClair returned home, founded LeClair Brothers Cranberry Company in Norwell and also became part owner of Webster Cranberry, Inc. In addition, LeClair sat on the Board of Directors of the Cape Cod Cranberry Grower's Association. He recently took a leave of absence as a health-care executive to campaign around the district full-time.

Ted LeClair

It's official: Nathaniel Palmer to run for state rep

Nathaniel Palmer, a Cohasset businessman and active member of the South Shore community for many years, formally announces his candidacy for State Representative, Third Plymouth district, having exceeded all state filing requirements. The official kick-off began this morning with a successful rally at the Hingham Shipyard and includes a number of activities throughout the month of June, with a community-wide reception held the evening of June 29 at the Hingham Community Center.

"I was both humbled and inspired by the number of friends and community activists who approached me over the last few months and asked me to consider running for this seat," Palmer explains. "After much contemplation and a long conversation with my wife Heather, we visited with literally hundreds of constituents in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate and asked their opinions on my candidacy."

"The response was completely positive and very encouraging," he says. "We spoke with Independents, Republicans, Democrats, and Libertarians. In every case the message was consistent and clear - 'Absolutely run, it's time for a change!' we heard that message over and over again."

The voters of the South Shore voiced their growing concern over the increasingly autocratic and out-of-control one-party system that has monopolized activities on Beacon Hill, a problem clearly illustrated by the recent budget fiasco. Palmer found in the voters of his district a wellspring of support for his fight to restore balance within the State House and strengthen representation for the South Shore.

"The one-party system on Beacon Hill has run without check for too long, and now we are all suffering the consequences," he says. "We need a state representative who can work with our governor to ensure that out-of-control spending is reigned in, that taxes are fair, equitable, and voter-approved. We need a Rep who ensures the concerns of the South Shore are no longer taken for granted."

Palmer pledges to work hard on the critical issues facing this district, including the need for strong, well-funded schools; the preservation of open spaces; above all that the South Shore has the ability to control our own destiny, to ensure that the quality of life which makes this area so attractive is not jeopardized by misplaced good intentions nor overzealous development.

Nathaniel Palmer waves to commuters. Palmer is joined by fellow Republicans, Martha Gjesteby, Peter Guild, Mary Anne McKenna, David Farrag, and Paul Alciere.

"Right now we have far too many reminders of what happens when bureaucracy goes unchecked, as has happened with the current one-party system. We all have the right to the quiet enjoyment of our home, yet today this right is threatened by Beacon Hill and Washington D.C. bureaucrats who believe they know better than we do what's best for our district," he says. "I pledge to restore our rights and representation on such critical issues to our quality of life as the expansion of transportation, local control over commercial development and education choices. "

LIBRARY CORNER

Video contest

Attention all directors, actors, and producers! The South Shore Video Contest is underway. It is a project for students in grades seven to 12 and is sponsored by the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and AT&T Broadband. Teens are invited to produce a video as a group or as an individual. Videos should be approximately 20 minutes long. Deadline for entries is Aug. 2. "Oscar Night of Stars" is Friday, Aug. 23.

Brochures are available at the Cohasset Middle/High School library and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. For further information contact Sharon Moody, Children's Librarian at 781-383-1348.

Needs assessment

Stop by the library and fill out one of the new "Needs Assessment" forms. The library's aim is to make sure it is meeting the community needs, supplying the types of materials and formats that Cohasset residents would most use.

The library is also looking for your guidance in planning programs and activities that it might sponsor when it moves into its spacious new building. Please take this opportunity to let the library know how to serve your better.

Hopeful news on school building reimbursement

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, sponsored an amendment that restored more than $20 million to the School Building Assistance line item for the Department of Education to reimburse communities for the projects that came off the wait list in FY'03. Bradley had fought for level funding from last year at about $51 million but was unsuccessful. The House Ways and Means budget had zero funded this program until the amendment was passed.

The reduction in funding, over the objection Bradley and others, may force some districts to postpone school building projects or seek alternative ways to cover costs as they await state money. However, this amendment also included a safeguard for cities and towns across the Commonwealth, to protect them financially until the state is able to begin reimbursement.

Currently, a city or town may be approved for a short-term loan for a period of five years, pursuant to state law for a school building project. Municipalities initially pay for these projects with borrowed money in anticipation of state reimbursement. During that waiting period, the communities pay the interest on the loan. A problem may arise when the waiting period for reimbursement exceeds five years, the community must pay the interest and the principal on the loan, which could create a serious financial problem for the city or town. Consequently, local taxpayers could have to pay hefty payments on construction projects while the community waits for state money.

This amendment will change the current law to allow municipalities to borrow money for up to seven years.

Until now, school districts have been able to anticipate state money arriving within three to five years from the start of a project. However, with the state facing an estimated $3 billion deficit for Fiscal Year 2003, state education officials are predicting that the interval between commencement of the project and reimbursement may stretch to six or seven years.

This amendment will change the current law to allow municipalities to borrow money for up to seven years, therefore safeguarding them if the state does not begin reimbursing within five years.

"This legislation will ensure that cities and towns that are borrowing money for school construction projects are protected for an additional two years," Bradley said. "Therefore, if the state is unable to reimburse within five years, the municipalities will be not have to start paying the principal on the loan for another two years.

"Many communities in my district are planning school construction projects and this budget amendment will ensure that taxpayers in these communities are not left to pay for expensive school renovation and construction projects."

Bradley also co-sponsored another amendment relative to the School Building Assistance Program, which will ensure that projects on the priority list will not be re-ranked. This amendment was adopted and provides that the school building assistance board provides funding in the order of placement in the list.

The Senate will develop its own budget, debate it, amend it and pass their version. Bradley hopes his amendment will be included in the Senate budget and final FY'03 state budget.

Movie night at the Garage

There will be a Movie Night at the Teen Garage on Saturday, June 15. This is a free event and everyone in grades six and up is welcome. The movie will begin at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be sold as well.

Please note that the Garage will open as scheduled at 5 p.m. even though the movie will not begin until 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Cohasset Recreation Commission at 781-383-4109.

Support for parents

Parenting Group: How to empower your children to make healthy choices and realize the consequences; Monday 7p.m., at St. Stephens Church. Free, ongoing, and confidential. For more information, call 781-383-0771

Vietnam, Korea veterans memorials are planned

The Veterans Memorial Committee announced it has begun planning for a Korean and Vietnam Memorial. The memorial will be at Veterans Park, Cohasset Harbor. Veterans Park was dedicated in the mid-1960s at the height of the Vietnam War.

The committee added the first memorial wall in 1970 remembering the men who gave their lives in the wars of the 20th-century. Recently, memorial walls have been constructed listing all those from Cohasset who served during World War I, World War II, and panels have been prepared for the names of the 199 Cohasset men who served in the Civil War.

The committee plans to design the new memorial to enhance the beauty of the park on the harbor, said Chairman Glenn A. Pratt. The Korea-Vietnam Memorial will have the names of all those Cohasset men and women who served. Nearly 175 served during the Korean War—America's Forgotten War—all but one returned. The number who served in America's longest war, Vietnam, is expected to approach the 435 who served in World War II. Cohasset sacrificed eight of its young men during the Vietnam conflict—five in 1969 alone.

Work on assembling the names of all who served will be time consuming and require input from the community, according to Pratt. Records kept by the state appear to be very accurate for Korea; original documents are on file at the military records center in Boston. Records for the Vietnam years are incomplete at the state records center, Pratt said. The committee plans a number of efforts over the next few months to solicit information from the community to compile a complete list of those who served.

Conceptual design work is expected to be completed this year and a funding request will be present at the 2003 town meeting.

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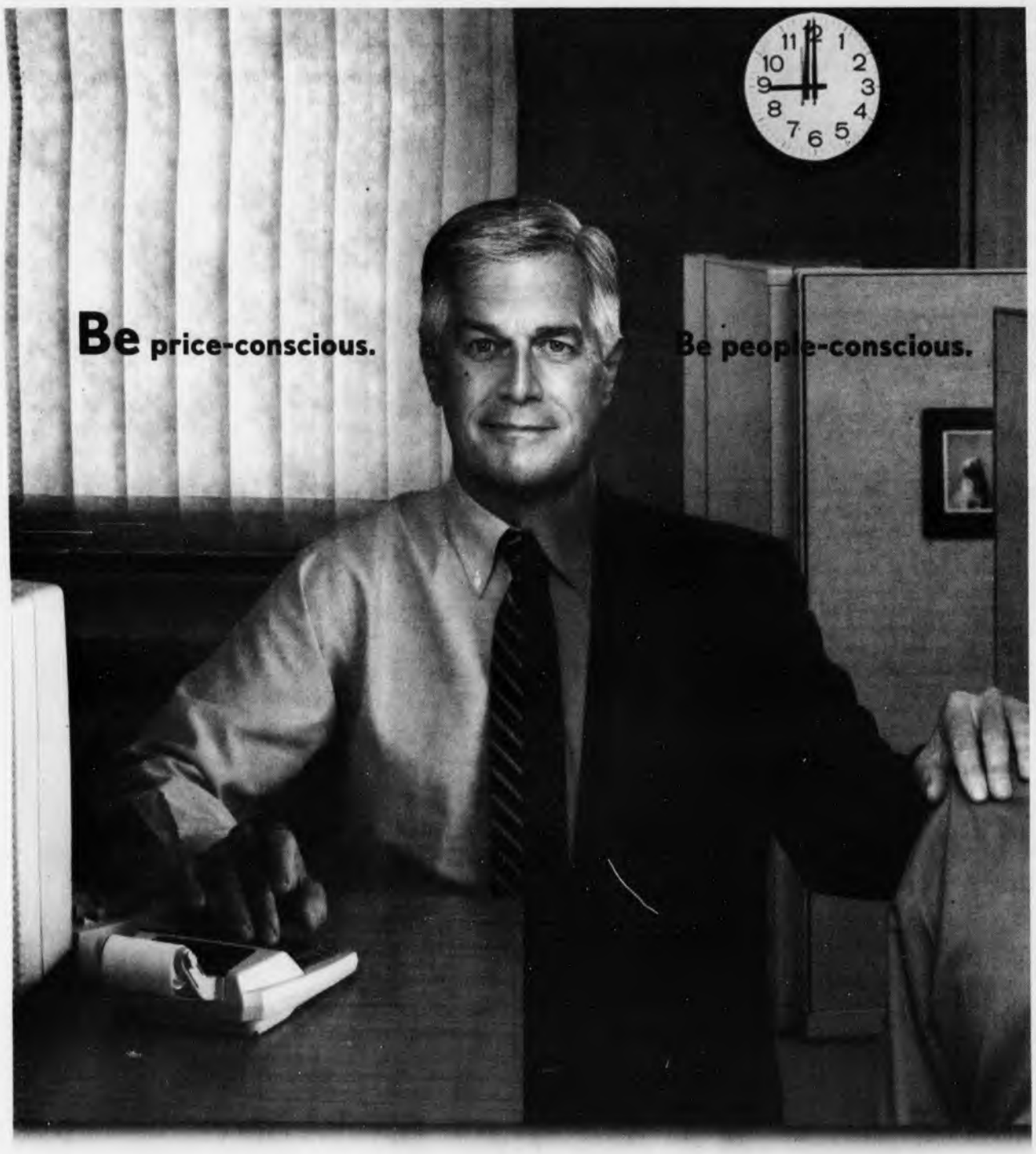

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Honoring the 'Greatest Generation'

The Community Relations Committee of the Cohasset PSO recently held the "Greatest Generation Celebration" at the Joseph Osgood School. The children of different grades sang patriotic songs, Blanche Thompson played the piano and several of the third-grade students took part as greeters. This was a wonderful day in which young children were joined by many senior citizens from here in town and the event was enjoyed by all. A special thanks goes out to all who attended and also, to Maggie's Corner for providing wonderful breakfast breads and Atlantic Bagel for providing the coffee.

Vicky Neaves, left, and Sally Sisson Game, members of the PSO Community Relations Committee.

Red Cross blood drive is June 12

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, June 12. The Blood Drive will be at St. Anthony Parish Center at the corner of South Main St. and Summer St. from 1:30-7:30 p.m. As in the past, baby-sitting will be provided from 3-5 p.m. Ample parking is available.

Most people can give blood through the American Red Cross. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have any questions, please call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290. You can also call the Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

Yard sale benefit

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee is holding a giant yard sale to raise money for the Joseph F. Walsh 3rd Scholarship, which has been awarded annually since 1978 to a Cohasset High School graduating senior. The sale will be held on Saturday, June 15 at 85 Linden Drive.

The Town Committee is seeking items to sell and volunteers who want to have a good time and work for a worthy cause. Committee Chairman Agnes McCann is looking forward to a large turnout.

"We are very proud of our scholarship recipients," she said, "and we are optimistic that we can depend upon the generosity and support of our community to make this day a success. This is the perfect opportunity for guilt-free yard sale shopping and an ideal way to find a great Father's Day present."

All proceeds will go directly to the scholarship fund. To make arrangements to drop off your items, to schedule a pick-up or to volunteer for an hour or two of fun, please call McCann at 383-0222 or Susan Kent at 383-2490.

PSO a good partner with schools

By Evan Schiff
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Even with the school year winding down, there is still a lot of activity for some involved with the district. The Parent School Organization, a parent led group that works with the schools in an effort to improve all facets of the institutions, is still working to help the schools.

The PSO is a relatively new organization, prior to 1981 there were "communication councils" that worked with school administrators to try to improve the children's education. However, parents realized they would be better able to accomplish their goals if they were unified.

This year marks the first time that the PSO is de-centralized, meaning all three schools have separate organizations, and is governed by an executive board.

Jane Pescatore, a member of the School Committee and former chairman of the PSO, said having separate groups for each school creates an opportunity for parents to more closely interact with the school their child is attending. "The more parent involvement the better the organization is," she said. "More communication equals less misunderstanding and if the parents see what's happening in the schools they can reinforce it with their children."

Pescatore added the PSO acts as a support group and does not have a political agenda like the Parent Teachers Association, a national group. She said there are too many requirements and restrictions in the PTA while the PSO allows parents more freedom to work with the teachers and in the classrooms.

"Cohasset is such a small school system that it is beneficial not to be affiliated with a national organization," she said. "Because the PSO is not involved with salary negotiations, we work with the teachers as teachers, not as employees."

Supt. Edward Malvey said he believes Cohasset has a model PSO which other districts should take note of and try to duplicate.

"It's an outstanding support group on all levels of the district," he said. "I think they are a very positive voice for education in the community."

Malvey added there has always been a good deal of stability in the PSO and it has always been focused on what's right for the students. Malvey meets with the members of the organization on a monthly basis.

"The parents are often the ones that are more in tune with the issues facing the schools," he said. "The PSO has done some wonderful things."

All three of the schools, the Deer Hill School, Joseph Osgood School and the Cohasset Middle-High School, all boast PSOs with different presidents. Once a month, there is a presidents' council in which all the boards meet to discuss what's happening in their particular schools.

"It's a way for everyone to remain informed of the what's going on at each level of the school district," Pescatore said.

The PSO acts as both a support and fundraising group for the schools. It is focused a lot on curriculum enrichment programs as well as the libraries in all of the schools.

On its Web site, for example, the Deer Hill PSO lists some of its accomplishments from the current year.

The PSO has managed to amass 45 books, 23 books on tape and 33 videos for the library and still has a list of well over 100 books on its wish list. It has also purchased a set of six swings, venetian glass for the sixth-grade mosaic project and has helped bring a variety of programs into the classrooms.

"The PSO is always looking to channel as much money as it can into buying books for the schools," Pescatore said.

Rick Flynn, chairman of the school committee, said his board and the PSO have always had a good relationship. He said while the parent organization is not required to report to the committee, they often bring issues in front the board.

"We compliment each other very well," he said. "We've always had a good relationship."

Flynn said the PSO has a lot of value to the school system. He added its ability to raise funds and introduce parents to the district is something the School Committee greatly appreciates.

"It really gives a lot of people an opportunity to become involved with the schools who may not otherwise do so," he said.

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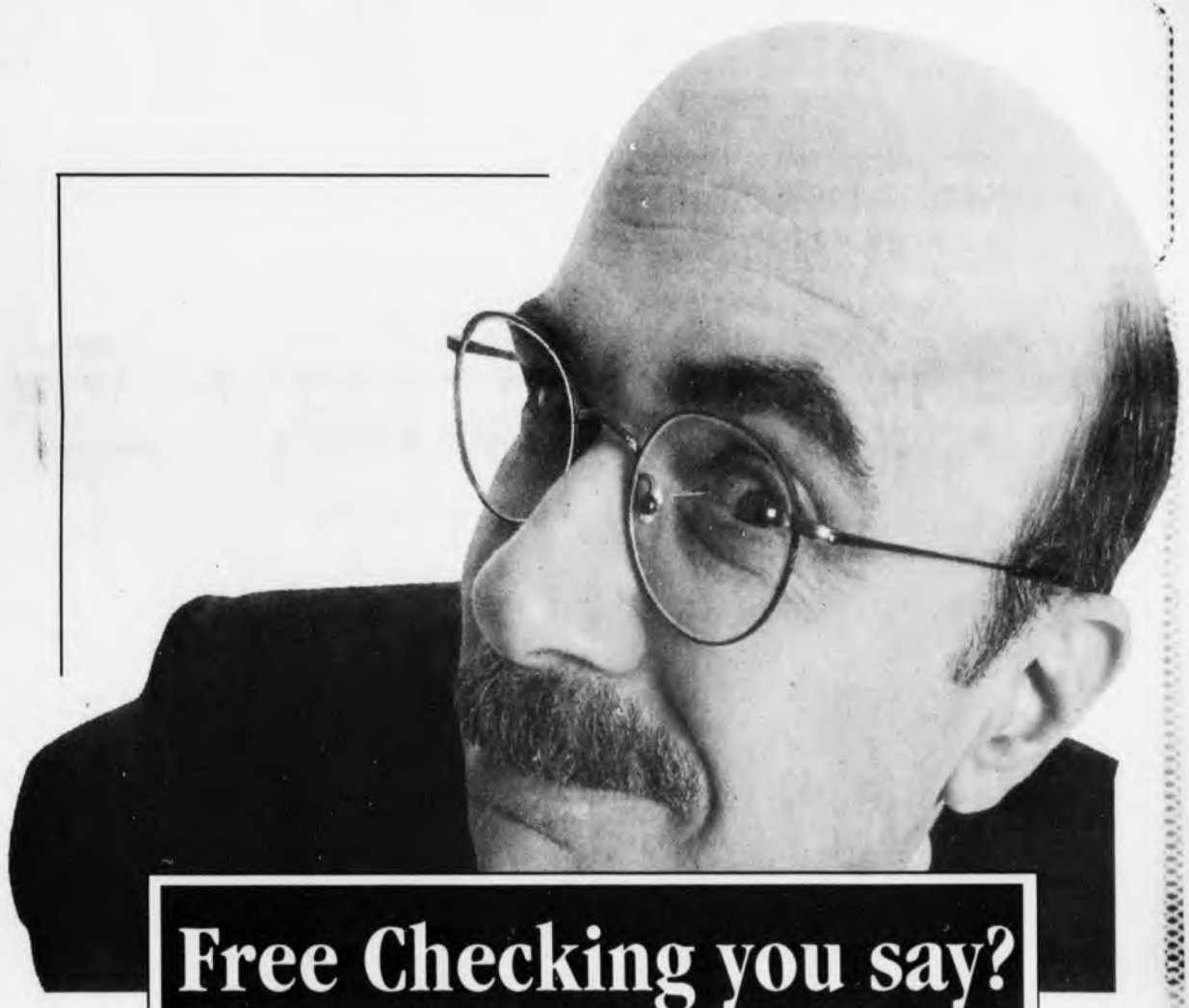

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Let's imagine making the first cruise on a mackerel schooner in 1836

Text by E. Victor Bigelow and Recounted by Isaiah Lincoln Compiled by L.F. Eaton

About the only part of the "Narrative History of Cohasset" (1898) that is a section described by someone other than the author E. Victor Bigelow, is an account of a fishing voyage164 years ago in 1836, as recounted by Mr. Isaiah Lincoln. It is so detailed and so different from our lives that I couldn't resist sharing it as a follow-up to last week's vignette about the mackerel fishing industry.

We will imagine ourselves in the year 1836 as described by Isaiah Lincoln, making a first cruise on a mackerel schooner.

On some spring day at the close of April, we get permission of Abraham Hobart Tower or of James Cutler Doane or John Bates or of some other vessel owner to join the crew of 10 fishermen in one of their schooners. That means a chance to fish from the deck of the schooner alongside of the others, upon the understanding that we are to get our share of the profits according to the number of fish that each of us may catch.

The share of the profit going to the owner of the schooner is to be about one-third. The first days' work is to heave aboard ballast and butts and salt. Twenty or 30 hogsheads or butts are rolled into the hold and placed at convenient positions under the hatches. These are to hold the fish we catch.

Into the spaces between these butts, we next throw about 20 tons of ballast, consisting of field stones that the old glacier left in our drumlins, and which "Uncle Job Cushing" or some other farmer hauls down to the wharf at one dollar per ton. These stones hold down the keel and keep the hogsheads in place, besides leaving room in the fields for better farming.

Salt is next put in, perhaps 20 hogsheads of it. The salt room in a pinky was aft against the cabin, while in a "square stern" it was abreast the "coal hole," which hole had two bunks and a locker for clothes. Some of the salt used was made upon our own beaches, as we shall see, but it had to be supplemented by Liverpool salt bought in Boston.

With aching backs, and hands well-roughed by our stevedoring, we crowd into the owner's store to get a new tarpaulin hat and leather boots, charged to our accounts as prospective partners in the fishing cruise. The men who have families get in addition to hat and boots, a long strip of salt pork weighing 10 or 15 pounds, with which to feed their families while the men are off at sea. As we make our way homeward, the neighbors are sure to see the big yellow tarpaulin upon our heads and to talk about our fishing venture.

Thus the vessel, having been fitted out, the next day the men get their outfit. A little firkin of tea, a box of "hard bread," two gallons of vinegar, a keg of rum holding three or four gallons, and three or four bushels of potatoes at 35 cents per bushel, are dealt out and put aboard for the crew to own in common. These items are charged as "small general" account to be paid by the crew while the ballast and hogsheads and salt, etc. were "great general" charges to be paid for by owners and crew together.

Besides these items, there are private supplies according to the taste and poverty of each man. Two pounds of butter in a box, three to five pounds of pork, one gallon of molasses (no sugar), perhaps three or four pounds of rice, seven to 14 pounds of Ohio flour (not very white, but costing $7 or $8 a barrel), a little box of corn meal (three or four pounds), and possibly some raisins,—these constitute the commissary outfit for a trip. The total bill for the whole summer in the case of an economical lad will be only about $14. Some men are so mean as to steal from another's pittance, so that each keeps guard of his own. Besides food, each must buy two dozen hooks of various sizes and a half-dozen skeins of fish line.

With aching backs, and hands well-roughed by our stevedoring, we crowd into the owner's store to get a new tarpaulin hat and leather boots...

At about the first of May, having attended to the affairs at home and having outfitted for a two or three months' cruise, we all get aboard the schooner at about the full tide and hoist the sails; off we float past Bassing Beach and White Head and through the ledges. Minot's Lighthouse is not yet built, not even the old iron one; but our skipper knows every rock as well as a person knows his own fingers by feeling.

Cape May, N.J.

This is the first fare of the summer and we are bound for a more southerly coast; say, off Cape May, N.J. If the wind is a raw one from the east, we shall beat out slowly past Provincetown, but from there down on the outside of the Cape we can make a good run to the fishing ground in three days. During that time, we are busy getting the bait and the jigs ready for fish. We have jig molds for running a little melted lead about the shaft of each hook, so that hood and sinker are one. Each jig is tied to the end of a line and sometimes another hood is fastened a few inches above the jig.

Bait boxes holding two buckets each are made with a fixture to hang them upon the outside of the schooner's rail, three on one side. The bait consists of three or four barrels of pogies, menhaden (something like herring), and the same amount of clams. The fish for bait are ground up in a mill somewhat like a huge coffee mill standing upon the deck. A half-bushel may be ground in five or 10 minutes, and a few clams are mixed into them. This makes good provender for mackerel, and is put into the bait boxes to be strewn upon the water where schools of the fish may be enticed.

Having arrived off Cape May, according to the captain's reckoning or his guess, the vessel sets herself to fish from the broadside. The captain shouts: "Hook on the main boom tackle on the port side!" "Haul down the jib!" "Ease off the main sheet!" "Haul the tackle forward!" "Haul taut and make fast!" "Let off the fore sheet!"

Then the captain — we ought to say "skipper" — goes to the bait box in the middle of the windward side of the schooner and throws a paddleful of ground bait into the water towards the bow, and another paddleful towards the stern, scattering it as broadly as possible. Then he watches with his mackerel line baited in the water. After drifting 30 or 50 feet, he throws more bait, feeling again at his line to get the first bite.

Meanwhile the crew are idling in any way they choose, until suddenly they hear a "bang" into the bottom of a tub, and then the quick flipping of a shiny mackerel which the skipper has "landed." This is the signal for all hands to get their fish lines into the water. They fix little bits of tough pork rind upon the barbed hooks and cast out two lines apiece, 30 feet long off the side of the schooner. They are all fishing from one side, the skipper in the best place, just abaft the mainmast, and all 10 arranged upon either side of him.

The hooks hang about four or six feet under water, and if the school of mackerel is a vigorous one, they bite as soon as the baited hood strikes the water. The bite is a strong grab and then a shoot to one side; but you pull the shiny victim hand-over-hand to the side of the vessel, and reaching down your right hand, you catch the line over the rail. One sharp slat and he is thrown into your fish tub or barrel by a jerk that tears the hood out of his jaw and hurls the hook out again with its tough bait into the water for its next victim.

Meantime perhaps your other line has caught a fish, and you must pull him in at once or he will swim across the other lines and bring some indelicate remarks upon you from your fishermates. If the fishing is good, every man is pulling first one of his lines and then the other as fast as his hands can fly.

When 10 fishermen are all thus busy snapping up the fish over the sides of the vessel, it is a spectacle never to be forgotten. A constant stream of mackerel, with their silver sides gleaming like so many snowflakes, fall over the ship's rail into the fish tubs of dying companions. Such biting lasts for two hours sometimes, when perhaps a shark comes along, tearing hooks and lines which have caught in his skin, and terrorizing the school of mackerel so that not one is left near the vessel.

30 barrels-full

Perhaps we have caught 30 "wash" barrels-full, some of the fish measuring 15 inches in length. These have to be dressed while the vessel is sailing back again to her fishing ground, for she has drifted broadside about three miles an hour. The skipper orders his men: "Haul aft the fore sheet!" "Hoist the jib!" "Slack the boom tackle!" "Haul aft the main sheet!" "Right the helm!" "Unhook the boom tackle!"

The vessel gets underway and then is brought around upon another tack towards the place where the fish began to bite. The skipper gets the schooner well balanced on her course, gauging the helm lashed while he joins the crew in dressing up their 30 barrels of fish.

Two men work at each barrel, the splitter and the gibber. The splitter has a board across the top of his barrel, and reaching down into the barrel with his left hand, he places a fish upon the board. With one stroke of the knife the back of the fish is laid open from nose to tail along one side of the backbone and the fish is pushed off into the gibber's tub. This gibber, with a deft movement of thumb and fingers, tears out the entrails and gills; then he throws the fish into another barrel having two pailfuls of water to soak out the blood preparatory to the salting-down process.

When the vessel is back again, the fish are not found very plentiful; but the skipper throws out bait now and then or the men throw it out, while a few fish are hauled in at intervals. When it gets dusk, no more fishing for that day is possible. The sails are furled and the boom is crotched and a lantern is hung in the main peak halyards; thus she floats for the

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night. All hands go down into the cabin to drink a cup of strong cold tea and to munch some hard bread or to eat the hard bread crumbed into water sweetened with molasses. No cooking is done to-night, for the fishing has been so good that no one would "knock off" to build a fire. In a few minutes all are on deck again to finish dressing their fish.

Then comes the salting. Each splitter takes a candle and an old two-tined fork down into the hold. He makes a candlestick of the fork by jabbing it into the inside of the hogshead halfway up the staves, holding the candle between the tines of the fork. This gives light upon the fish as they are packed into the bottom of the hogshead. Getting his salt tub ready, the splitter shouts to his gibber above at the hatch, "Fish ho!" The gibber empties a wash barrel of split fish upon the deck beside the hatch, and begins to drop the fish, two at a time, lying skin against flesh, into a tub of salt in the hold. The splitter, now become salter, takes one fish in each hand, rubbing them flesh-downward into the salt; and then placing them together again as they were, skin against flesh, he packs them into the bottom of the big hogshead in the light of the candle, skin-up in plenty of salt.

After salting down, the decks are washed, the oil trousers are taken off, and faces and hands are bathed in salt water. The scratched hands sting with the salt, but fresh water is too scarce for such use.

The watch is set and the rest of the crew go below to sleep. The two boys of the crew take the first watch, one at the bow, the other at the stern. It is about 11 o'clock and all are tired out. The five hours until four o'clock in the morning are divided into eight watches, so that no one has to keep awake very long.

The second hand or mate takes the morning watch and at four o'clock, just as the first gray streak of day is breaking the night off from the eastern rim of the ocean, he steps to the companion way and stamps upon the deck three times saying, "All hands ahoy! Up mainsail!"

The crew turns out, all stiff and the chilly air strikes to the bones and marrow. Now, if ever, a good warm breakfast would be welcome; but think what an apology we must have. There is no stove, only an old-fashioned fireplace in the little cabin. If the fire is lost it must be made in the clumsy tinder-box fashion, for friction matches were not introduced here till 1838.

The tinder is some black burnt linen kept dry in a horn. A piece of flint is struck with an old steel file until a spark falls into the tinder. This spark lights the tinder and burns until a sliver of wood with a sulphur tip is ignited by it, when the tinder spark is crushed out and the burning sulphur match lights a fire of charcoal in the fireplace.

Every one has to cook for himself, and the one who makes the fire is rewarded by having the first chance to cook his breakfast. If there are any fish biting, the crew attends first to the business of catching them.

Pot of tea

A pot of tea for all hangs over the fire. The first cook stirs some flour into molasses with a pinch of saleratus and salt, and this batter is cooked in a frying pan greased with a bit of salt pork. The name of this fried batter is "flapjacks" or "flippers," and they constitute the fisherman's luxury. In about five minutes these are cooked, and the man above hear the welcome shout from the cabin, "Clear fire!" Then the skipper comes with a handful of spawns saved from the mackerel, and fries them while the fire building is eating his two flippers with his mug of tea. Each has his own yellow earthenware mug, his knife, spoon and fork.

When the skipper has cooked his spawn he shouts, "Clear fire!" Perhaps two fishermen jump at once for the gangway, one with potatoes and the other with mackerel. The man who first places his uncooked food upon a chest at the foot of the stairs and shouts, "chested" has his turn at the fire. These two struggle to get down first, but the potatoes and mackerel are badly mashed or even hurled upon the floor, and the men themselves, perhaps are bruised a good deal, before one may shout, "chested!" The same frying pan does for all. The same rough fare is endured by all. The fishing business is no soft sinecure; it is rough and tough, and the men are earning what they get.

After several weeks of good and bad luck, the vessel works along towards the north and east to the neighborhood of Block Island towards home. If the catch has amounted to 150 or 200 barrels of fish and the biting seems poor, and a good strong southwest wind springs up urging the vessel homeward, the skipper orders the men to stop the fishing. "Hoist the jib!" "Set the colors!" "Give her the whole of the mainsheet, boys!" "Away with her about northeast and we'll see how nigh we can hit Gay Head!"

We are off for home, where families and friends await us and where the owners of the vessel are anxious to know whether we have brought back enough fish to pay for their investment. A couple of days' sailing gets us into Massachusetts Bay, and perhaps we come creeping back into old Cohasset Harbor before daylight some June morning. With the return of the fishing vessels from this first trip, there is bound up the good fortune of many Cohasset small boys.

Fishermen's luck kept having its ups and downs, but during the six years beginning with 1820, the total catch of Cohasset steadily gained until in 1825, the whole annual amount was $17,520 barrels. These fish, at the moderate price of $5 a barrel for all grades, brought nearly $90,000.

One can easily see that our population of about 1,200 must have been very much concerned in the fish business, and must have felt very widely the profit of a successful year. At least 300 out of the 1,200 were actual fishermen, while a score of boys in addition were employed to pack the fish, and many more laborers in cooper shops and salt works and shipyards were attached to the business indirectly. The homes of Beechwood, in particular, furnished a very large force of fishermen; and so completely was that community bereft of men and boys during the fishing season that not a dozen able-bodied men could be gathered by an emergency like a house on fire."

The third volume of the Cohasset Town History is scheduled to become available in June of this year and the Committee responsible for publication has thought to publish a few articles, courtesy of the Cohasset Mariner, about local history to stimulate interest in matters historical even though not related to the period of 1950 to 2000 covered by Volume III.

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At right: Tuxedo shorts were "in" in 1992. Dave Cullinane, Matt Marks, and Ollie Nivaud prepare to board a corporate yacht for their senior prom.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Curt Kahn and Matt Davis

These two juniors paced the offensive attack – with five and three goals, respectively – to help lead the Cohasset High boys lacrosse team past Norwell in Saturday's thrilling 11-8 quarterfinals win.

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On the South Shore
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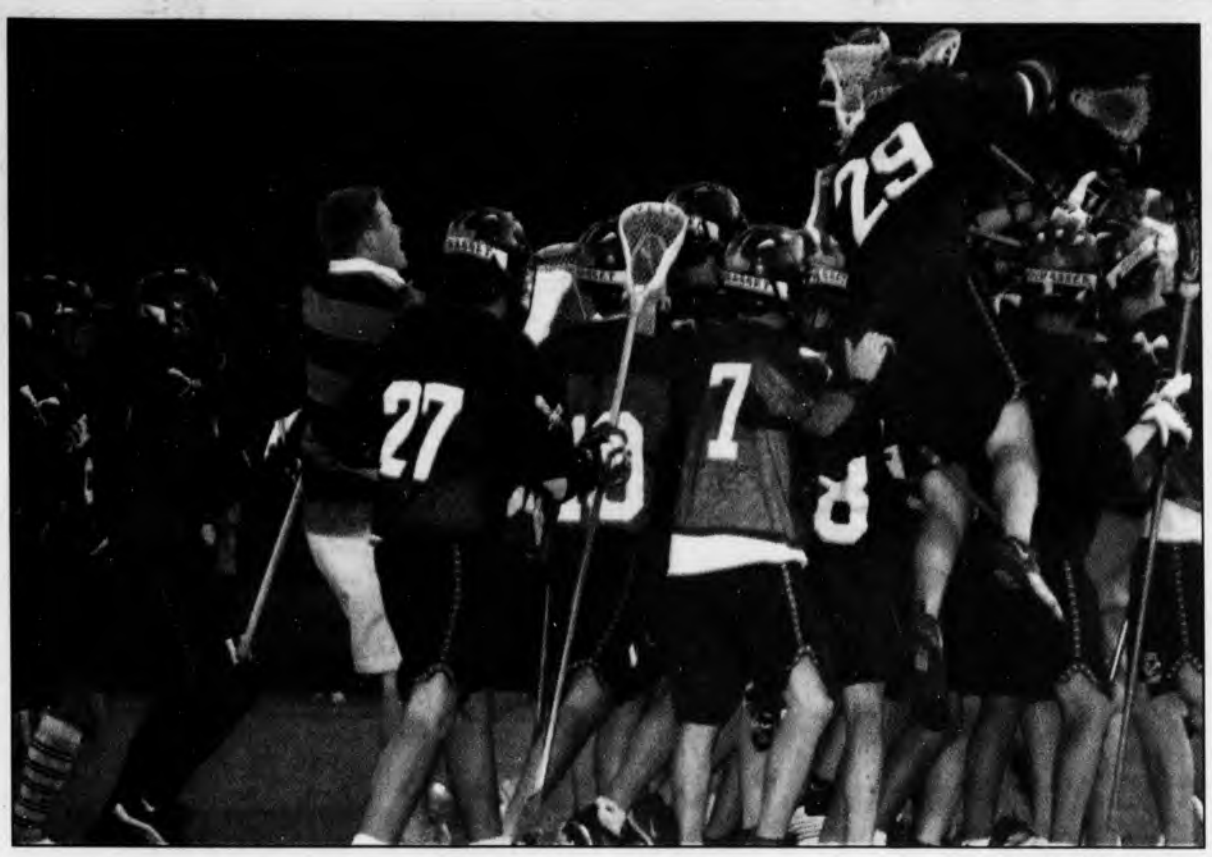

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Cohasset players swarm goalie Kyle Weber following Saturday's thrilling quarterfinals win over Norwell.

Be careful what you wish for

Cohasset laxmen clip Norwell to advance to quarterfinals showdown with Hingham

"Be Careful What You Wish For" read the prominent headline on the front page of the Norwell Mariner sports section last week.

The fifth-ranked Clippers had said their season's goal was to beat Cohasset, and that they were happy to get a second chance when the luck of the draw found the two Pilgrim rivals facing each other in the round of 16 in the Division 2 state tournament.

The Mariner seemed prescient, as Cohasset stormed back from a 3-1 first quarter deficit, and knocked off Norwell 11-8 to advance to the quarterfinals.

The Skippers were led by junior attackman Curt Kahn's five goals, including four in a row over a 12:36 span between the end of the second period and the start of the fourth.

"Curt Kahn was the difference in this game, as far as I'm concerned," noted Norwell coach Frank Granara. "He was a lefty shot, and we hadn't seen too many of those this season, and none that we saw compared to him. He was hitting shots from all kinds of tough angles. He had a great, quick shot that was just incredibly accurate, and we didn't have an answer for it."

During the aforementioned four goal span, Kahn twice answered Norwell scores that brought the Clippers even, and gave the Skippers the final lead that they never relinquished.

"Curt led a junior class that played their best game of the season," said Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt. "Matt Davis with three goals, Tom Anderson, John Durkin, Nick Spirito and Robert Hickey all showed the future is now."

Cohasset was handicapped by the fact that both the prom and SATs had been held in the previous 24 hours. Nevertheless, the Skippers showed the best sustained intensity of the season. Leading 7-6 entering the fourth quarter, Cohasset raised the level of its play. With senior goalie Kyle

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Head northwest, young man

Cohasset star Weber picks education ahead of lacrosse

By Mike Spellman
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Needless to say, all of the members of the Cohasset boys lacrosse team have some powerful motivation to keep this post-season run going as long as possible, the seniors in particular…obviously.

Arguably none, however, have any greater motivation to stretch this out than Kyle Weber, a player who is clearly capable of playing lacrosse at the college level but has opted not to.

Kyle, Cohasset's two time Pilgrim Conference all-star goalie, appeared all set to play Div. 2 lacrosse at Colorado College next year. The coaches from that school actively recruited him, and all signs were this winter that this is where he would be headed. However, he changed field earlier this spring and decided to attend Northwestern University, which has no lacrosse program.

"It was the best decision for me," was all Weber would say of the decision that had several area lacrosse coaches shaking their heads. "I'm going to school to get an education, and lacrosse can become all consuming. I want to concentrate on grades first."

Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt was one of those shaking his head somewhat . He'd been told by college coaches that Kyle had a legitimate shot of playing Div. I lacrosse, and figured originally that Colorado College might well serve as a launching pad to a bigger opportunity. The last thing the Cohasset coach would ever do, however, is question his young goaltender's priorities.

"Kyle is a smart kid and you know he's thinking first about his education," said the second year Cohasset coach who played college hockey and lacrosse at Merrimack College. "He probably wants to make sure he settles in OK at college."

Orcutt does surmise, though,

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset stars Kyle Weber (left) and Paul Previte. Previte is taking his lacrosse game to the next level this fall at Trinity College, while Weber has chosen to put the sport he loves on the backburner for now.

Semi-sweet loss for girls tennis

'Learning' tourney run ends with 3-2 heartbreaker to Westwood

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

This year's run to the semifinals for the Cohasset High girls tennis team was a great learning experience. All challengers should be forewarned that the Lady Skippers—who return six of seven starting team members – will start cashing in on that experience next spring.

Boys tennis falls as well
See page 18 for details

This year's "earning" run for the Cohasset girls finally ended on Tuesday with a heartbreaking 3-2 loss to top seeded Westwood (18-0), a perennial powerhouse in girls tennis.

The fourth match ended Tuesday to tie the team match score at 2-2, placing all of the pressure squarely on the last two Cohasset players standing, senior Kelly Stone and junior Courtney Caron, who were already down a set (3-6).

Knowing the entire season was on the line, the Cohasset veterans picked it up a notch against the formidable Westwood duo of Molly Hock and Kate Gold to take a 6-5 lead in set two. However, Hoc and

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Classic backhand form on display from Cohasset's top singles player Lindsay Grossman.

No shame in defeat

Cohasset lady laxers' 'historic' season comes to a close

By Mike Spellman
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OK, so the Cohasset girls lacrosse team saw its season come to a close with a 21-9 defeat at the hands of powerhouse Westwood in the second round of the state tourney on Monday…barely puts a dent in what was a great season, as far as first year head coach Torin Sweeney is concerned.

"I couldn't be any happier about what these girls accomplished this year," said the rookie lax coach but longtime wrestling and football mentor. "I really enjoyed the whole experience, and the girls should feel really good about themselves.

"We should talk about the whole week, not just the loss to Westwood."

Alrighty.

Many of the more noteworthy achievements in the Cohasset High lady laxers 2002 campaign were notched this past week, beginning with last Thursday's impressive 9-4 win over Bourne that qualified the Skippers for the state tourney with a 9-9 record.

The Skippers edged the Canalwomen a week earlier south of the Bourne Bridge, 11-8, charging back from an early 6-1 deficit to pull out the first of two "must wins."

"Every game we played down the stretch felt like a playoff game, and we knew the second one with Bourne was going to be a real pressure cooker, but our girls really came through," said Sweeney, who agreed to take over the head coaching reigns this spring on an interim basis for Kathy Gadiano (maternity leave).

Junior Sera Genovese paced the Skippers attack in the regular season finale with four goals and an assist, while senior captain Kristin Sheerin added two goals and two helpers. Junior goalie Gia Petrakis also came up huge between the pipes, making 12 saves, including a handful of the

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Coming up short

Cohasset's Baird, Maitland, 4x100 team fail to qualify for New Englands

By Mike Spellman
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Advancing three athletes plus a relay team to this past weekend's All-State meet at Worcester State College has to be considered quite an accomplishment for a school the size of Cohasset High, and sending even one on from there to the New England Track and Field championships would have made the spring. Unfortunately, it was not to be.

Last spring, Pete Maitland became the first Cohasset High trackster in five years to qualify for New Englands when he finished fifth in the javelin with a throw of 178-feet-6-inches at All-States. Maitland could not duplicate that effort as a senior, as he topped out at 163-feet-4 inches this past Saturday on the soggy Worcester State field, which was good for 13th place.

Fellow senior Tim Baird was also well off the necessary top six pace in the 800-meter run, finishing 15th with time of 2:02:22. The 4x100 meter team of seniors Jason Brown and Steve Laney and juniors Ian Kidder and Jared Krupczak likewise finished 15th with a run of 45:17.

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Youth lacrosse goes 10-0-1 for the week

Back from the long holiday layoff and preparing for the massive, season-ending Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse Jamboree, the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse teams shook off its rust to win 10 of the 11 games it played on the week.

Even the tie, which came in girls action, felt like something of a victory, given a big comeback that was completed in the final seconds.

The youngest boys teams started the weekend's action with Friday night games that were played in a race against the weather. The Cohasset Blue squads stayed home, while the unbeaten White teams went to Scituate.

The one game that was completed before the rains came was the 12-U White team's convincing team victory over Scituate. Cohasset controlled the tempo from the outset, jumping out to a 3-0 first-quarter lead on the strength of goals from Charlie Czerkawski, John Sturino and Pat Doonan. All three goals were assisted, with Peter Oswald, Owen Landon and Mark Flibotte recording helpers.

Goaltender Wes Ulmer had the answer to seemingly every Scituate counter-attack. Czerkawski scored on an assist from T.J. Kennedy and then returned the favor to Kennedy before Flibotte closed out the first-half's scoring to put Cohasset in control, 6-1.

Danny Brady set up Peter Oswald as the two teams traded single scores in the third period, before Cohasset put on a fourth-quarter clinic about team offense and defense. Kennedy netted two goals on feeds from Oswald and Landon, and Flibotte assisted Pete Ernst and Ramsey Davis to close out the scoring and give Cohasset the 11-2 final edge.

Cohasset's 10-U White team (grades 3 and 4) next took the field in Scituate. Brendan Doonan gave Cohasset a 1-0 lead and Chris Walsh answered a Scituate score to make it 2-1 after the first quarter.

The second quarter saw good play by Enrico Teruzzi, Patrick Cantillon and Geoff Evans to keep pressure on the Scituate goalie, before Oliver Forrer broke through on a nice feed from Eamon Davis. Andrew McKenna made it 4-1 on a nice three-dodge play, and Jack Murphy made it stand up in the net, stopping six Scituate shots and curtailing a Scituate run that closed the game to 4-3 at the half. At that point, however, the weather stepped in, shutting down the scorers and ending the contest in a Cohasset victory.

At Milliken Field Friday night, it was the Cohasset Blue 12-U program (grades 5 and 6) squaring off against Marshfield, and spending most of their time trying to remember what NOT to do. The result was a penalty-filled first half that had players, coaches and fans shaking their heads in disbelief as the home team seemed to be man-down for most of the short-lived game.

Fortunately, there were a few bright spots on the field, as Sam DeGiacomo hustled courageously throughout and managed to come up with just about every ground ball he came near. The attack group of Alex Shipp, Conor Murphy and Chris Rose also showed that they remembered how to play the game, with excellent ball movement on offense. Mike Grimm's hat trick was enough to secure the win, with Justin Hollis and the defense making it stand up. Logan Chase added one goal and Teddy Galligan and Matt Burgess each had an assist to Grimm.

The undisputed winner, however, was Mother Nature, who stepped in to end the game just 5:35 into the third quarter, giving Cohasset a rain-soaked, lightning-shortened 4-1 victory.

The Cohasset Blue 10-U squad (grades 3 and 4) played what amounted to a modified scrimmage against a young Weymouth team that arrived with no goaltender. In a great gesture of sportsmanship, the two sides agreed to turn the goals upside-down and play without netminders.

Despite this, the score was not outlandish. Max Shipp opened the scoring unassisted, followed by a Jake Wheelwright-to-Conor Queenan hook-up. From there, it was Will Wise by himself, and Dean Driscoll converting a feed from Shipp as Cohasset raced to a 4-1 lead after one period. Driscoll finished a pass from Wise, who then scored his second of the game of a feed from Andrew Whitney (Whitney's first point of the season) to give the local squad a 6-2 halftime lead. In the rain-shortened third-quarter, Justin Yeager finished an Austin Meyers pass before Driscoll completed both his hat trick and the day's scoring, giving Cohasset an 8-3 final edge.

The weather was much more cooperative Sunday, when most of Cohasset's boys squads were home against teams from Martha's Vineyard.

The action started with the 12-U Blue squad, which was inspired by a rousing Saturday practice that reminded the team what Cohasset lacrosse is all about and which came out firing on all cylinders and put on a dazzling performance, dominating the Vineyard Silver team in all aspects of the game.

Mike Grimm started where he had left off Friday and quickly netted two scores, first finishing a Jake Cuneo feed on a fast break and then a no-look pass from Sam DeGiacomo. Alex Shipp then lit up the cage on a give-and-go from Chris Rose, and Nathan Porter proved that the man-ball drills were not wasted as he scooped and shot for another score from in front of the goal as the 1st period came to an end with Cohasset in front 4-0.

Justin Connors opened the second quarter with a fine unassisted score before Grimm completed his second hat trick of the weekend off a feed from Shipp. Grimm returned the favor and fed Shipp less than two minutes later.

DeGiacomo next converted a laser-like feed from Chris Rose, who followed with a goal of his own set up by a great stick fake-and-feed from Grimm.

The first half ended with Cohasset in command 9-0, thanks in large part to the phenomenal goaltending of Wes Ulmer (14 saves on the day) and the solid play of Mike Bilodeau and Justin Hollis, who led an overpowering defensive effort.

Derek St. Peter made a solid impact at both the midfield and defensive ends of the field, while David Crawford, Eric MacCarthy, and Charlie Mushin continued in their fine supporting roles to keep the offensive juggernaut moving forward.

With the game well in hand, the second half gave all the players the opportunity to play some new positions which evened up the contest and kept it competitively challenging for all. The defense continued its fine play, but Martha's Vineyard put two goals on the board through some fine ball movement of its own. Cohasset answered again with a goal from Teddy Galligan finishing a feed from Grimm, who had moved to defense. As the game moved into the fourth quarter, the play was back and forth as both teams showed some heat fatigue. Grimm put a nice cap on an outstanding day of play by adding two more goals both on fast breaks from the midfield and defensive zones to close out the game with a 12-2 final.

Next, it was the 12-U White team against a Vineyard Black squad that presented White with its toughest competition of the year. The teams traded goals through the first quarter, with Mark Flibotte scoring twice and Andrew Bell finishing off a Charlie Czerkawski feed as the period ended knotted at 3. Outstanding goaltending on both sides kept the game close up to the half. Czerkawski and Flibotte scored unassisted goals, with Peter Ernst finishing a Peter Oswald pass as Cohasset went into halftime with a 6-5 lead.

The boys came out for the third frame ready for action and dominated play. Czerkawski ripped his second, third and fourth goals of the game, with Pat Doonan and Mark Flibotte adding assists, as Cohasset's lead stretched to 9-6 heading into the final break. The fourth quarter saw the hometown team show how to play with and hold onto a lead, using solid team defense and ball control. Czerkawski's fifth on the day, assisted by Bell, created a four-goal edge. The Vineyard team added two goals in the last minute of play, but Cohasset got the final possession and ran out the clock with a 10-8 edge on the scoreboard.

In action at the 14-U level, Cohasset's unbeaten team fell behind Martha's Vineyard early before coming back strong. Aidan Buick led the charge with five goals and an assist. Michael Pecca added two goals, with Corey Chase, Trevor Brady and Parker Berg scoring one each. The goal for Berg was his first on the season.

Jared Kinch and Mike Bunstein contributed three assists each, with Chase and Buick each adding one helper of their own. Eric Libby made 10 saves in the nets, backstopping a solid defense of Jeff Brown, Bobby Meikleham, Robert Silvia, Dan MacCarthy, Colin Smith and Hunter Sease. MacCarthy, in particular, played his best defensive game of the season, and he and Dan Trendowicz made some body checks that were so big the noise was probably audible in Edgartown.

Sunday's final home games at Milliken featured two unbeaten teams, as the 10-U White squad hosted Plymouth for what proved to be a hard-hitting game. Cohasset kept its cool and out-hustled a physical — and oft-penalized — Plymouth team.

Brendan Doonan again started the scoring, followed by a John Kearney goal for a 2-0 lead. With Cohasset ahead 2-1 and 10 seconds left in the half, Kearney took the ball out behind the net and made a nifty move and shot to make it 3-1 with three seconds left to spare.

Luke Ernst started the second half with a strong shot to make it 4-1,and Brendan Horrigan answered a Plymouth score by burying a goal as he was falling down. Cohasset led 5-3 at the start of the final quarter, with tough defense by Andrew Cantillon, Sean MacCarthy, Kevin O'Connell, Thomas Pecca and Taylor McQuade keeping Plymouth at bay. Goalies Jack Murphy and Ian Quinlan both had fantastic saves and played their best games of the year.

The very physical fourth quarter was started by Phil Galligan's goal and a multi-dodge play by Murphy, who moved to the midfield, to give Cohasset a well-deserved, solid 7-3 win. The whole team jumped on goalie Ian Quinlan to celebrate the team's victory at the end of the game.

Playing in just their second home games of the season, Cohasset's girls programs faced Hingham's Red teams at the Deer Hill School and again played close, tough games against their closest rivals.

At the 12-U level, Cohasset fell behind quickly, but then took control of the game with two goals from Gabriella Flibotte, the second coming on a direct-free position. Paige Strecker then scored from her knees, before Isabelle Franklin picked up her first point of the season with an assist to Flibotte. After another Hingham goal, Flibotte quickly retaliated and the game was 5-2 in favor of Cohasset. From there, the teams traded goals to the half, with Betsy Crawford scoring his first goal of the year for Cohasset on a strong individual effort, and Maura Barnes converting a loose ball.

Cohasset quickly took control in the second half, with Alexandra Graven twice charging from behind the net to convert scoring opportunities. Amy Meikleham netted a floater and Flibotte scored her fifth of the day.

Despite the 11-7 final score, the game was closer than it appeared, with Thomson Jaffe recording 16 saves in the nets for Cohasset and consistently thwarting Hingham's best scoring chances. Rebecca Evans and McKenna Teague led a defensive effort that turned Hingham misses into Cohasset opportunities.

At the 14-U level, Cohasset controlled the ball early, but it was Hingham that took the lead, jumping out 2-0 before Kaleigh Swain drove from behind the goal to break the ice for Cohasset. Hingham scored the next three goals, and it appeared the rout was on, but Michelle Madge netted a direct-free position, Lisa Spirito scored on a well-placed bounce shot and Caren Garber converted a hard-driving run from the side of the net to make it a 5-4 game at the half.

Hingham scored two quick goals to make it 7-4 and the second half was nearly gone when Mary Previte drove the Hingham net, drew a foul and was able to convert a direct-free position for her first goal of the season.

Spirito followed with her second goal of the game, and Aisling Guinee came up with four big saves down the stretch, allowing Cohasset to make one final run. Lisa Spirito netted the tying goal with 40 seconds left, and the two teams finished knotted at 7.

Jamie Genovese, Haley Haracz — who normally plays midfield – and Rebecca Evans, who moved up from the 12-U team to bolster a shorthanded defense, played a great game in front of Guinee, who finished with 6 saves.

The Blue 12-U team and the girls teams have games in Quincy this week, with all seven teams headed to Fort Devens for the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League Jamboree on June 9.

Week 6 Cohasset Youth Soccer results

GU12		Cohasset1, 0	Scituate1, 4
Cohasset1, 0	Kingston1, 0	Cohasset2, 1	Carver1, 2
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Cohasset2, 0	Duxbury3, 3	BU12	
Cohasset3, 1	Scituate7, 6	Cohasset1, 0	Marshfield2, 1
GU14		Cohasset2, 1	Pembroke2, 0
Cohasset1, 2	Carver1, 0	BU14	
Cohasset2, 7	Plymouth4, 0	Cohasset1, 6	Plymouth 0
Cohasset2, 2	Scituate3, 0	Cohasset2, 3	Norwell2, 0
GU16		BU16	

Pete and Pete on national lacrosse stage

Cohasset's Peter Ernst (left) and Peter Oswald (right) have been selected to the New England Lacrosse All Star Team that will compete at the annual U.S. Lacrosse National Youth Festival later this month.

Congratulations to Peter Ernst and Peter Oswald for being selected to the New England Lacrosse All Star Team and for representing our town at the U.S. Lacrosse National Youth Festival.

Every year, the U.S. Lacrosse organization sponsors a three-day youth competition to showcase the best and brightest players from around the country and once again, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will be well represented by these two outstanding athletes and individuals.

To earn this honor, the "two Petes" had to go through multiple try-outs and were part of a group of only seven players from Cohasset's youth programs that made the South Regional All Star Team. From there, they went on to the final competition that was held at Dean College where the best youth players from around the state came together to compete in a full day of spirited round-robin contests.

With more than 200 players competing for the final team rosters, the depth and character of youth lacrosse in Massachusetts was at its finest and Cohasset was well represented in this select mix. As standouts on both their Youth and Thayer Academy Lacrosse Teams, "Pete and Pete" have consistently provided team leadership and an individual commitment to the game that was clearly on display as the coaches made their final selections. The entire Cohasset lacrosse community wishes them the best of luck in this exciting new chapter in their athletic endeavors.

The festival will be held at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst the weekend of June 28-30 and will be attended by youth all-star teams from around the country that will represent the very best of youth lacrosse in the United States.

Head northwest, young man

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that once this happens Kyle may well be bit by the lacrosse bug again.

"I've seen it happen to a few kids over the years," Orcutt noted. "A season goes by and they realize how much they miss it. I'm sure Kyle will do what's best for him, though."

Weber intends to major in either Psychology or Sociology at Northwestern, a Big 10 School just outside Chicago, and, for starters, play club lacrosse.

"I can't give up lacrosse cold turkey," said the slightly built netminder who makes up for his lake of size with catlike quickness and startling intuition. "There is some pretty competitive club play out there from what I've been told, so I'll still keep hand in."

What seems odd about the decision is that Weber sacrificed so much for the sport. Once a standout on the basketball court for C.H.S. as well as a very good soccer player, Weber decided after his sophomore year to concentrate his athletic energies solely on lacrosse. He played in indoor leagues in the winter and fall, and attended several prominent camps in the summer. He also backstopped the gold medal effort for the Southeast team at the annual Bay State Games this summer.

"I've had a ball playing high school lacrosse, and I want it to last as long as possible," he said. "It's going to seem weird not being together with this group of guys next spring."

And that won't be the only shock to the system. Going from a high school that is home to just over 300 students, grades 9-12, to one that is home to nearly 16,000, never mind going from a sleepy little town like Cohasset to the outskirts of Chicago, will probably be replete with more than a few eye opening experiences.

"Yeah, there'll probably be a period of adjustment," he concedes with a chuckle. "But there were a lot of things pointing this way for me. I see going to Northwestern as a great opportunity for me."

Weber posted an outstanding 72 percent save ratio as a junior last season to earn first team all-star honors in the powerhouse Pilgrim Conference, leading the Skippers to the state Div. 2 championship game against Hingham. He followed that up with a solid senior campaign that saw him stop 65.4 percent of the shots on net, while playing in front of several first year defenders.

"Cohasset has had a tradition over the past 14 years of developing outstanding, technically-sound goalies capable of playing at the next level, and Kyle has certainly upheld that tradition," lauded team assistant coach Terry Kahn. "His body positioning is superb, and his passing skills as good as any I've seen in Massachusetts high school ball. He's a vocal, positive leader, a great guy, and lifts his game for the best opponents."

At the time of this writing, Weber and the Skippers were slated to get another shot at Hingham yesterday in the Div. 2 quarterfinals. Weber came up with 20 big saves in the second round win over Pilgrim Conference rival Norwell on Saturday, 11-8.

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Laxmen clip Norwell to advance

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Weber (18 saves) stopping the outside shots of Norwell's midfield-oriented attack, and defensemen Spirito, senior Chris Caron, soph Steven Davis and senior longstick middie Dave Devito shutting down the inside feeds and dodges, Cohasset extended its lead to 11-7.

Key to the run were goals by senior co-captains Eric Libby and Paul Previte, whose scores in the final three-and-a-half minutes put the game out of reach.

"For our seniors to have been up all night at the prom, and then come out this evening with this kind of effort is testament to their love of and commitment to the game of lacrosse," said coach Orcutt. "Norwell is a fine team, which has grown over the course of the season, and was prepared to put everything on the line to win this game. We just wouldn't let them."

Kahn's five goals give him 51 on the season, along with 31 assists. Davis now has 23 goals and 50 points. Other Cohasset scorers were Paul Previte (with an assist), Eric Libby (and an assist), and John Durkin (also an assist). Tom Anderson and Robert Hickey each had assists.

The Skippers expected to play the quarterfinal game on Wednesday, June 5, against either Hingham or Sandwich, both Pilgrim rivals who hold regular-season wins over Cohasset.

The host Clippers were kept in the game by the Grier brothers. Junior Jason, a second team Pilgrim Conference all-star, scored three first half goals. Senior brother Adam, Norwell's lone P.C. first teamer, matched that output in the second half to keep his team in the game.

Norwell senior Pete Donovan started the back and forth first half with a tally just 57 seconds after the opening face-off, but Kahn netted the equalizer just two minutes later.

Jason Grier scored the next two goals three minutes apart to make it a 3-1 game. Cohasset answered back with three unanswered goals, Durkin sandwiching a pretty underhanded tally between Davis' first two scores.

Jason Grier knotted things back up at 4-4 less than a minute later when he beat Cohasset goalie Kyle Weber on a break in.

Kahn put his team up at the break, though, netting his second of the night 15 seconds before the horn.

The offensive story of the third quarter went A. Grier, Kahn, Kahn, A Grier. Adam's secodn tally came just before the buzzer sounded to pull the Clippers back within one at 7-6.

It took Kahn just 21 seconds in to the final frame to slip one past Norwell goalie Brendan MacDonald for an 8-6 Skippers lead, but Norwell attacker Ryan Murphy cut the deficit once again to one four minutes later, finishing on a beautiful pass from Donovan.

Davis' third goal of the game near the midpoint of the fourth started the decisive 3-0 run for the Skippers. Libby punched home a killer goal to make it 10-7 with 3:35 remaining, and Previte added the real back breaker just 42 seconds later.

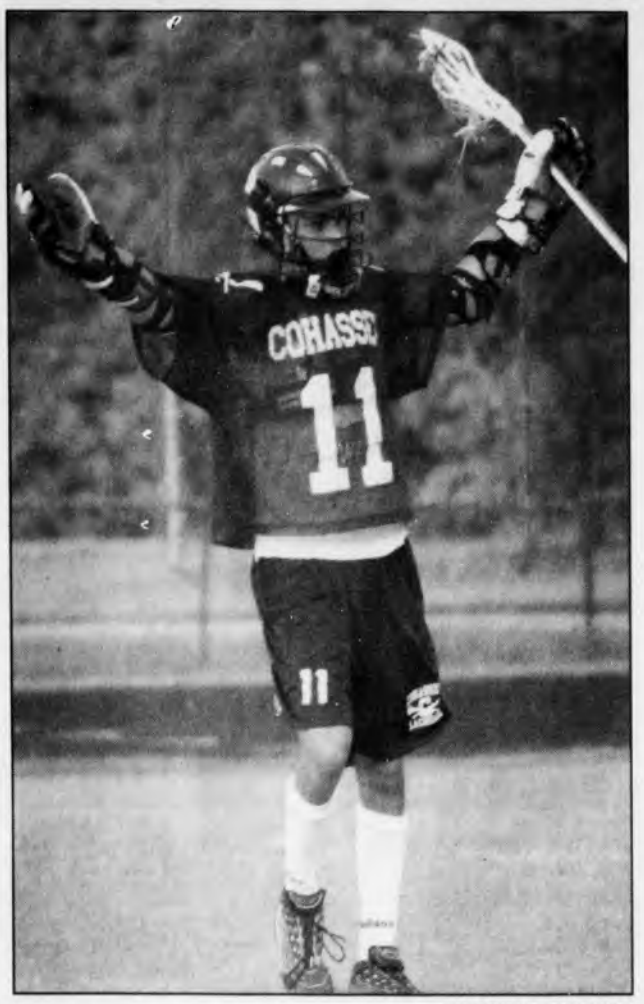
"Our guys wanted it, but it just seemed like Cohasset wanted it a little bit more at the end" said Norwell's coach Granara. "They just seemed to have more energy than us in the in the fourth quarter."

The Norwell coach felt the nine day layoff between the regular season finale and Saturday's post-season opener might well have worked against his team. Conversely, he felt Cohasset was helped by their preliminary round laugher over Lynn English on Tuesday, 21-4.

"You can work your hardest in practice, but there's just no way to duplicate the intensity of a real game, and that counts double or triple when it comes to the tourney," Granara appraised.

On the flip side of that coin, Cohasset's coach Orcutt is thrilled by the way his team has turned it up a notch for the post-season, and was obviously hoping that would carry over into yesterday's scheduled showdown with Hingham, the team that defeated the Skippers in the Div. 2 state championship game last spring.

"We're playing with more intensity now," offered Orcutt following the Norwell game before finding out whether his team would be playing Hingham or Sandwich. "Either opponent is a big challenge, but we can recall what happened a year ago, and understand that the regular season is history. We're ready to make some noise again."



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Curt Kahn celebrates on of his five goals in Saturday's 11-8 win over Norwell.

Semi-sweet loss for girls tennis

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Gold rallied to win the 12th set, forcing things to a tiebreaker. The slugfest went back and forth, but the Westwood pair was finally able to net consecutive points to escape with set, match and MATCH.

The Cohasset wins were delivered by frosh phenom Kate Stone, who swept her second singles match, 6-0 and 6-0, and the first doubles team of Julie Shea and Kate Englander, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4. At the time, that put the Lady Skippers up, 2-0.

Sophomore Holly Graham fell at third singles to a more seasoned Kara Kouri, 4-6, 3-6.

Top singles player Lindsey Grossman, a junior, renewed acquaintances with old rival Melissa White. Grossman beat the Westwood senior in a previous three set thriller, but White returned the favor Tuesday, splitting the first two sets, 6-4, 5-7, and then taking the third, 6-1

The Lady Skippers made this triumphant return to the South Sectional bracket's Final Four with a 4-1 win just 24 hours earlier over previously undefeated Canton.

The Lady Skippers qualified for the Sectional Semi-finals for the second year in a row, to earn their second banner for the new gymnasium, which will open this fall. The win marked Cohasset's 15th in a row, including the final 3 of the regular season, and tournament wins over Ursuline and Canton.

Canton, which went 15-0 in the regular season to receive the number 3 seed in the tourney, a preliminary round bye and quarterfinal home match, was eliminated from the playoffs by Cohasset for the second straight year.

Cohasset took down Canton, 5-0, in Cohasset last year to advance to the semis.

Leading the way for her team was junior captain Grossman, who edged Marie Sakolovsky in a close 'battle of the teams' aces, 6-4, 6-4.

Grossman beat Sakolovsky in the 2001 post-season, 6-0, 6-3, and held off the talented underclassman this time around, despite falling behind 2-0 in the second set.

Freshman Elizabeth Stone, who was not really tested at second singles in league play, showed her dominance over the number two of one of the area's best teams with a 6-0, 6-0 decision.

Cohasset's first doubles pair of Kate Englander and Julie Shea held off Canton's talented duo 6-3, 6-3, and the second doubles team of Kelly Stone and Courtney Caron followed their lead, taking their point with a 6-4, 6-4 win.

At third singles, sophomore Holly Graham was the only Lady Skipper to lose on the day, getting bested 6-2, 6-2.

Unfortunately for Cohasset, bumping off the third seed meant only that second seeded Westwood stood between the Lady Skipper and their first

Last Friday, Cohasset defeated 12-4 Ursuline in the preliminary match-up, which was given a 1 p.m. start to accomodate the high number of prom-goers on the Cohasset team. Despite the earliness of the match, Cohasset did get a relatively high fan base for the match, which helped propel the team to an easy 5-0 win.

Ursuline's four losses for the year were at the hands of Notre Dame, who won the Christian Academy league, and non-league Mansfield. Ursuline came in to the match riding high after wins over the strong programs of Brockton, Austin Prep, and Mount Alvernia.

However, one of their first doubles players, Kayleigh McDonald, got into a car accident on the way to the match. Although she was okay, seventh grader Linda Donohugh was forced to fill in, throwing off a good deal of the team's chemistry, according to long time Ursuline coach Patricia Hornblower.

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Upstart boys' season closed out

Surprising young CHS tennis squad no match for veteran Medfield

By David Ingber
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The boys tennis team's unexpectedly successful season came to a close last Thursday in the first round of the South Sectional tournament. The Skippers were taken down 5-0 by a very strong Medfield squad, as the Eagles moved on to a quarterfinal match-up against 16-1 Norwell.

Medfield went 11-4 overall this year, including 9-3 in the Tri-Valley League, good enough for second place behind Westwood, who drew a top seed in the Sectional bracket. Medfield, making the tournament for the 10th straight year, was led by five seniors, all starters, including Tri-Valley All-Stars in their number one and number two singles players.

"They had varsity experience across the board," assessed first year Cohasset coach Kent Parrot. "It is something we would like to have in the next few years."

The All-Stars led the way for the Eagles, as Medfield became the first team to shut out the Skippers since Norwell did it on April 8th.

Senior Greg Zaia, the number one for Medfield, had trouble with his SSL All-Star counterpart, captain David Ingber in the first set, edging the junior 7-5. However, he recovered to take the second set 6-1 in a straight set match that took almost two hours.

Senior Pete O'Brien handed sophomore Tim Anton his fourth loss of the year, with a 6-0, 6-1 performance. His tough serve and quick hands at the net kept the pace of the game in his favor.

"Their number one and number two can play with any one and two in the area," noted Parrot. "This was a very tough team."

Cohasset sophomore Jessie Brewer's consistency game did not have its normal wearing effect on his powerful senior opponent, as he lost 6-1, 6-1.

First doubles went the same way, as junior Ross Lieb-Lappen and sophomore Andrew Wise, who only started playing together a few weeks ago, lost to a tandem with four years experience together.

The second doubles team of junior Scott Faber and Andrew Busk lost the first set 6-1, and the match was cut short because the team outcome had already been decided.

Cohasset entered the tournament at 8-6, including an 8-4 record in the South Shore League, good enough for second place behind powerhouse Norwell.

The two non-league losses, both to high seeded Div. 1 team Hingham, probably kept Cohasset out of a first round home match against a much more manageable opponent.

However, when the scheduling occurred, nobody thought the boys tennis team would come close to a return trip to the playoffs. Only two players from last year's squad came out for the team this year, Ingber and Brewer.

All seven other players either did not do a spring sport or were recruited from baseball or track.

"We have completely exceeded my preseason expectations," reported Parrot after his team ended the season with a 5-0 win over Carver to clinch second place in the league. "I am very happy with the way our team performed."

Next year, the team should be much improved, as no one will be lost to graduation, and the squad receive some extra firepower from the upcoming freshman class.

No shame in defeat

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spectacular variety.

So, on Saturday, the Cohasset girls, earning the 18th seed, began post-season play for the second time in the four year history of the program with a preliminary match on the road against 15th seeded Hopkinton.

It was a fast start that propelled the Lady Skippers to their first-ever playoff win, as they took a 3-0 lead on first period goals by Sheerin, Genovese and team leading scorer Maura McKenney, and never relinquished it. There were, however, some anxious moments down the stretch, as the host Hillers rallied for two goals in the final four minutes to close to 7-6.

The hard pressing Hopkinton squad was then able to draw a penalty at the top of the fan with approximately 20 seconds remaining, but Petrakis was able to flash out her right foot at the last second for the kick save on the ensuing free shot for her 12th and final save of the game, and Cohasset defenders corralled the rebound and ran out the clock.

"We had the prom the night before and I think the girls were dragging a little bit there at the end," conceded Sweeney. "But they fought hard, and pulled out a big win for this program that we can build on."

Hopkinton closed to 4-2 at half, and got as close as 4-3 with an early third quarter tally, but Cohasset went on a 3-1 run to open up another three goal lead midway through the fourth, with McKenney netting two of her game high four goals over that stretch.

"These girls really knew how to respond under pressure," Sweeney lauded on his charges. "With all of the close games we had with teams like Bourne and Scituate and Sandwich, we became a very tough team mentally. These Cohasset girls didn't get flustered. They played smart, as well as hard."

This historic win set the stage for Monday's clash with second seeded Westwood, the team that handed three seed Hingham (16-1-1) its only loss of the season. Hingham, of course, had defeated Cohasset in Pilgrim Conference play 22-1 just a few weeks earlier.

So what was Sweeney's reaction to the 21-9 loss?

"Nothing but highlights for us, as far as I'm concerned," gushed the rookie head coach, who plans to remain involved with the team in some capacity next year. "If you consider what (Westwood) did to Hingham, and what Hingham did to us, you can see how far the girls came as a team, and how hard they fought in this game."

To the surprise and consternation of the hometown Westwood fans, the visiting Lady Skippers kept the game within three goals in to the late stages of the first half. Unfortunately, the host Wolverines potted a pair in the final minute before the horn to go in to the break with an 8-3 edge.

The second half opened with both teams going full bore offensively. Cohasset again stunned the partisan crowd by going toe-to-toe with the explosive Wolverines. At the midpoint of the third quarter, this was a 12-7 game.

"When we got the ball, we scored," explained Sweeney. "They really couldn't do much about the Kristin and Maura. I think those two girls really surprised them."

Sheerin and McKenney each finished the game with four goals and an assist.

The problem was the Skippers couldn't gain control often enough against the slick-passing Wolverines attack, and that became the tale of the second half, the hosts settling in to become more deliberate with their passes as the Skippers understandably became more desperate in their defensive maneuverings.

"Once they got the lead up to six or seven, they just played keep away," said Sweeney. "They just waited for us to over-commit or make mistakes. They definitely had the talent to pull that off."

Lacrosse Notes

The first of Sheerin's four goals on the day gave her 150 for her career, which makes her one of only a handful of South Shore laxers to reach this total. Cohasset's all-time leading scorer finished her senior season with 47 goals and 21 assists for 68 points.

This was actually the first season of her four that Sheerin did not lead the team in scoring. McKenney, a junior, claimed that honor, finishing with 75 points (53 goals, 22 assists).

Genovese added a goal and an assist in the Westwood game, raising her season's total to 26 goals and 38 points. This was the second consecutive 25 goals season for the junior, who missed four games this season due to injury.

Sweeney figures these two girls, along with sophomore Nicole Turgiss (22 goals, 20 assists) and "extremely promising" freshman Lauren Rizzotti (six goals, five assists) will all be able to take it up a notch next year to help compensate for the loss to the caps and gowns of Sheerin.

Sweeney also said he is excited to return seven of his top eight defensive players (with only Carlie Carter being lost to graduation), all of whom he says came a long way this season in their understanding of the game and the system he tried to put in place.

- The coach also had high praise for senior Maggie O'Neill. Sweeney recruited O'Neill, a standout soccer player, to the team this season, and rotated her quite a bit between offense and defense.

"Maggie was a big piece of the puzzle for us this season," said Sweeney. "You need girls like that who are athletic and flexible. She did a lot of things for us that didn't necessarily show up in the score book, but that made us a better team."

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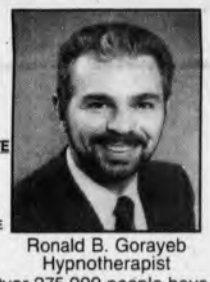

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NDA graduates told they can expect the unexpected

Storm didn't dampen traditional ceremony

By Mary Ford
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The 135 members of the Notre Dame Academy Class of 2002 learned life can be unpredictable, as the girls — wearing the traditional full-length white gowns — stoically endured a smorgasbord from Mother Nature on Sunday.

But no doubt with the help of prayers from Sr. Barbara S. Barry, a squall that plummeted the temperature some 20 degrees and uprooted umbrellas mid-way through the conferral of diplomas – soon went away as mysteriously as it arrived.

"Let's pray the clouds go away for the next half hour," the Catholic girls' school principal told the gathering of family and graduates seated without shelter from the gusts and pelting rain on the field hockey field.

The traditional graduation ceremony got underway at 1 p.m. under Technicolor skies, as the graduates proceeded onto the field to the whir of camcorders and click of cameras. Grandmothers and grandfathers dressed in their finest, along with parents, siblings and friends rose from their seats to applaud the processional on what was one of the most important days in the girls' young lives.

The weather seemed to take a role in the program, as keynote speaker Sr. Catherine Fleming, who is leaving NDA to accept a leadership position in the order of the Sisters of Notre Dame, told the graduates their lives will be full of uncertainty.

"You have been given the gifts, the talents, the skills to be successful," she said. "It won't be easy. Every generation has had to deal with crisis and uncertainty — Sept. 11 and the crisis in the church have complicated your world in a way that never could have been imagined."

But Fleming said the school had prepared the girls well.

"You are women of great courage, great intellect and great faith," the assistant principal said. "Now go out there and make a difference!"

And trained the graduates are — not only spiritually, but in the academic, sports and arts arenas. A sign heralding the NDA state championship golf team hangs over the front door of the high school off Main Street (Rte. 228) in Hingham. Senior awards included those for students, who excelled in theology and a range of academic subjects, the fine arts, and sports. And the class received more than $7 million in scholarships and grants from colleges, and corporate and community sponsors. An impressive array of colleges accepting the graduates ranged from Harvard and Georgetown universities to Colby and Dartmouth colleges.

Valedictorian Michelle Sonia of Hansen, who won the oratory contest sponsored by the American Legion, told her classmates to take chances and follow their dreams.

"Don't ever forsake your dreams. Don't ever let a chance escape you without giving it all of your heart and soul," she said. "You have to be willing to take that leap and step into the unknown."

In a very literary speech, salutatorian Kaitlin Burek of Norwell used the poem "Ithaka" by Constantine Cavafy, as a metaphor for life.

"The poem stresses that a person's final destination is not nearly as important as the means by which one attains her ultimate destiny," Kaitlin said, adding the class should make choices so they prove to be wise investments later on.

One of the afternoon's highlights was the senior class gift presented by class president Caitlin Murphy of Hingham.

The class has not only paid for, but tackled the red tape at the state level to have a highway sign installed on Route 3 indicating which exit to take to reach the school that draws from some 26 area communities.

The clouds darkened and wind picked up several times during the ceremony only to give way to blue skies. But as the conferral of diplomas got underway, a brief storm took over the beginning of the alphabet only to subside mid-way through the list. The girls, who, in keeping with tradition, were each handed a single red rose as they left the stage, made the best of it all. Sr. Fleming read each name proudly and no one was rushed along.

Warmth and sun soon returned and Fleming declared to thunderous applause and cheers:

"I present to you the still beautiful, but a little wet, Class of 2002!"

Cohasset NDA graduates included: Brittany Carroll, Amanda Cellucci, Siobhan Hart, Ashley Leahy, Sarah Motley, Anna Roche and Elizabeth Smoot..

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Elizabeth Smoot receives her diploma under threatening skies on Sunday.

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Cohasset Notre Dame Academy graduates from left, are: Anna Roche, Siobhan Hart, Sarah Motley, Amanda Cellucci, Ashley Leahy, Brittany Carroll and Elizabeth Smoot.

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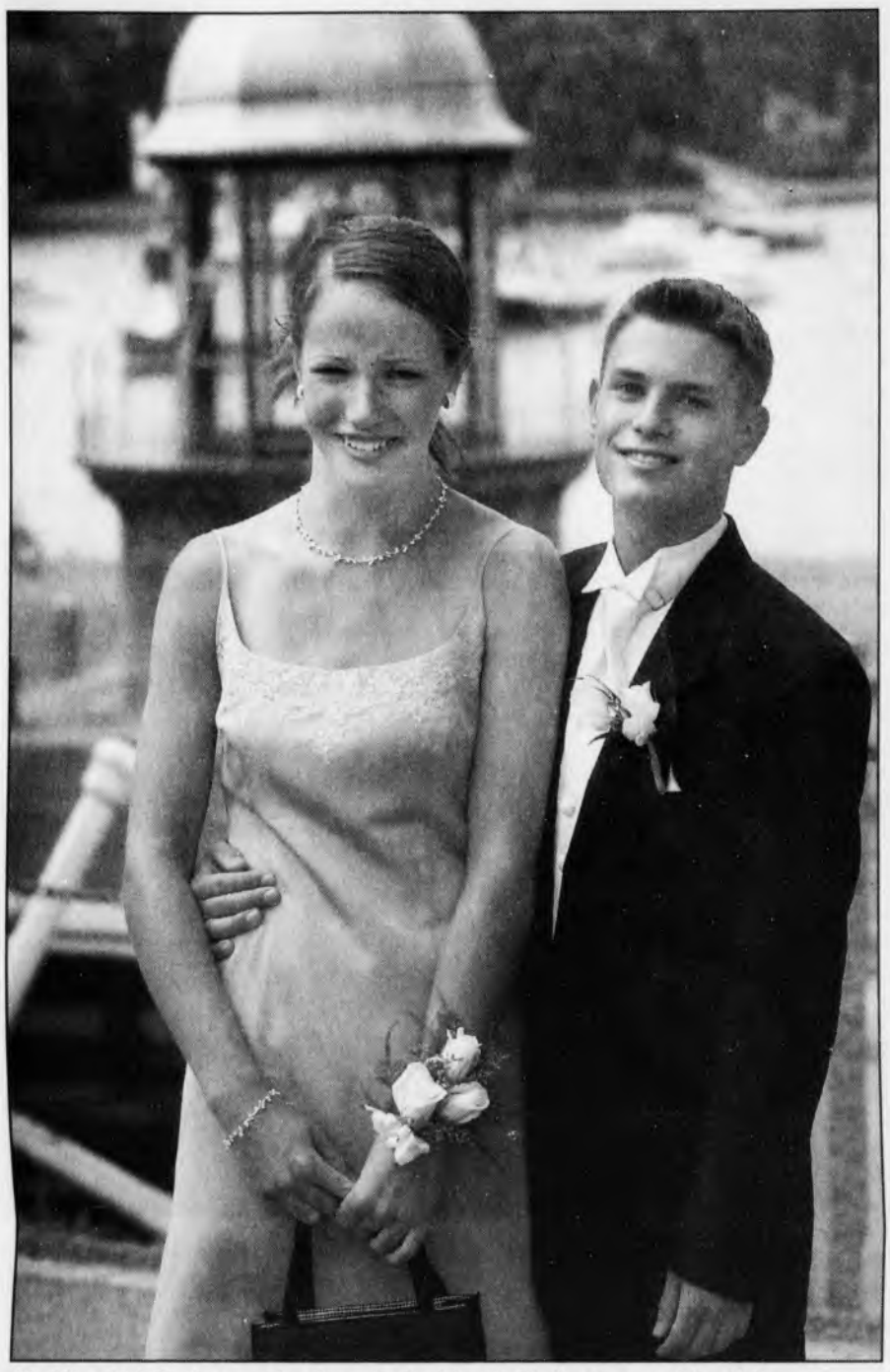

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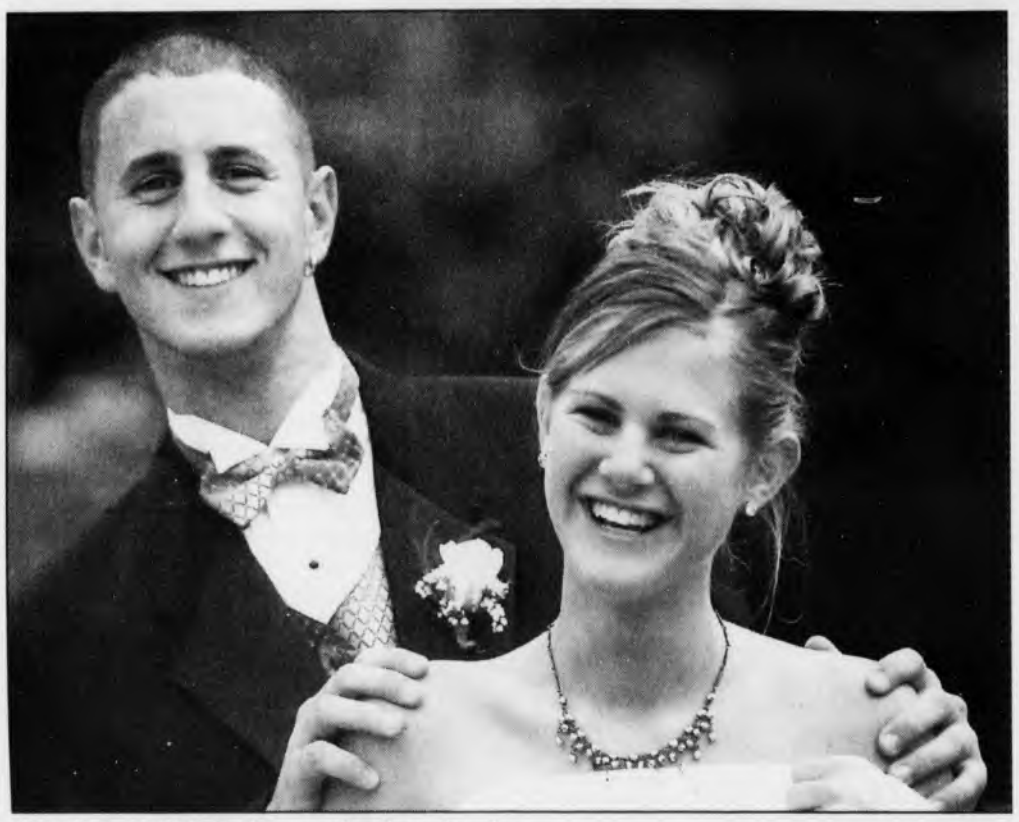

Mark Musco and Julie Scribner are all smiles at the gala.

Kyle Weber gets a laugh from Katherine Coyne at the gala.

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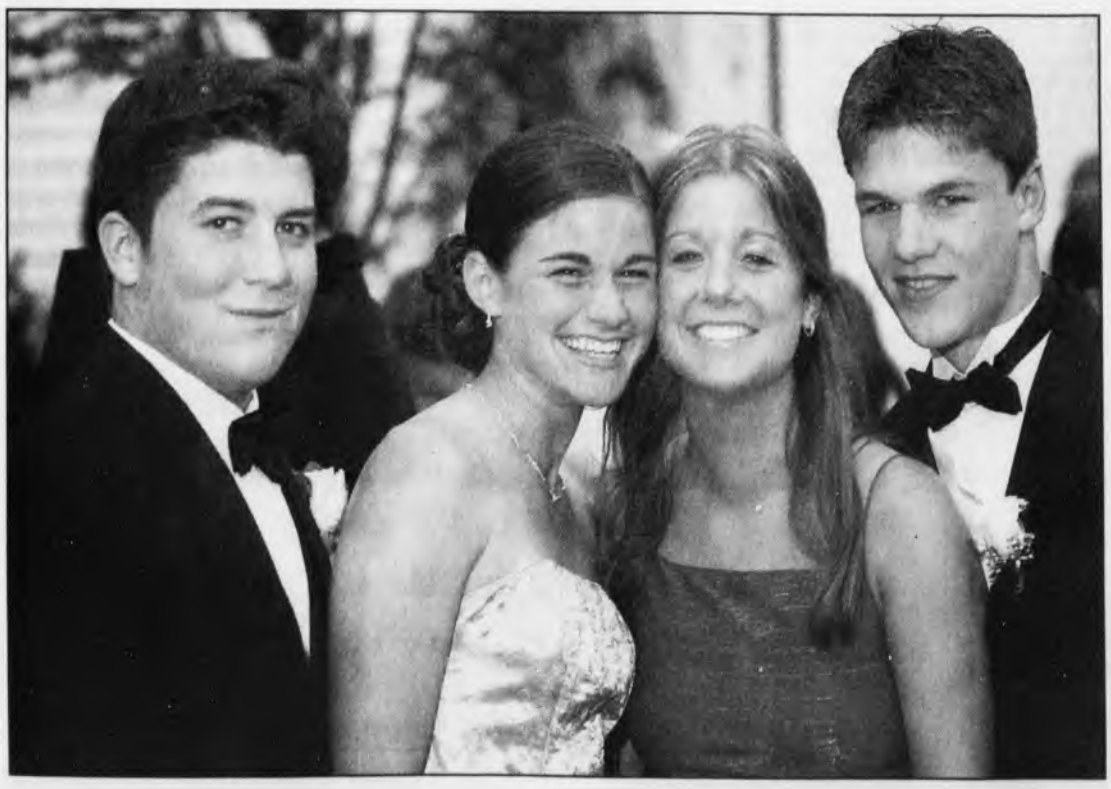
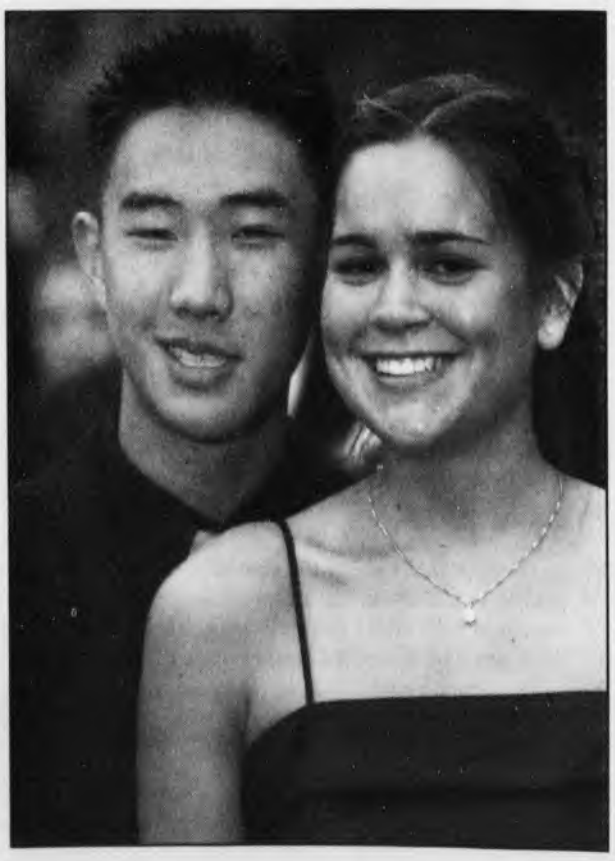


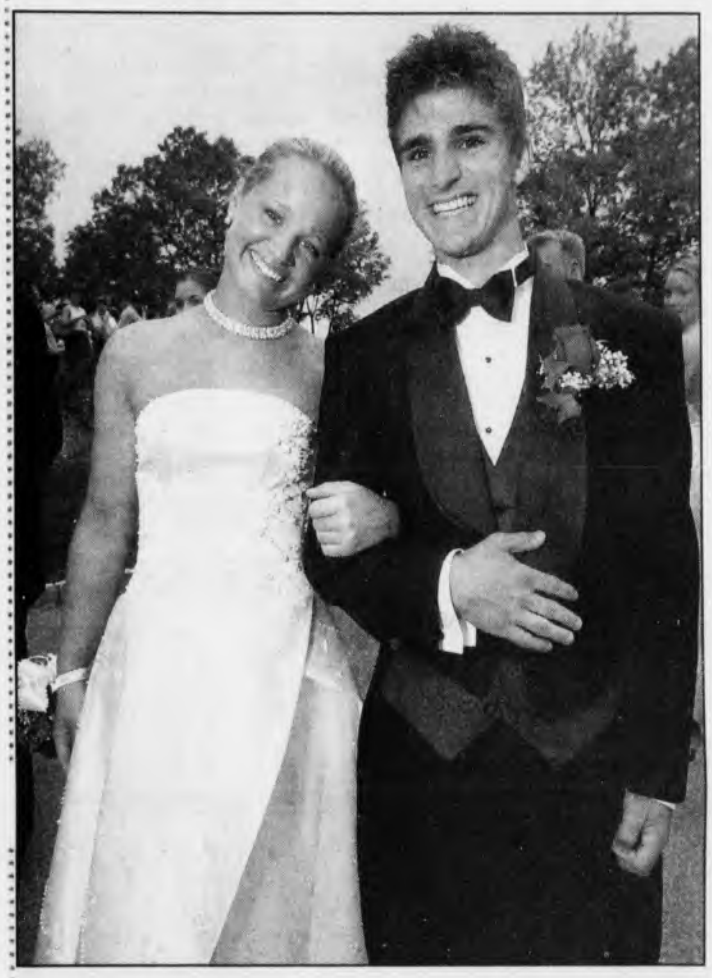
At left: Chris Caron, Nicole Turgis, Kelly Devine and Eric Libby at the pre-prom gala.

At right: Kevin Chang and Nicole Needle smile for the camera.



Maura O'Brien and Jay Bertovich make the perfect couple.

Kerry Long, Rachel Quigley, Samantha Mortland, Courtney Anton and Liza Parker shown off their prom gowns.



Above left: Kelly Stone and Tim Baird look fantastic.

Above right: Jeff Garber, Ali Earon, Dan Williams, Amanda Watts, Connor Avery, Megan McCain, Becca MacPherson and Will Arthur pose for the camera.

At left: Maggie O'Neill and Dan Littauer smile for family and friends at the pre-prom gala Friday.

Bottom left; Pete Maitland, Sara Braun, Dave Bouchard, Kelly Holway, Tim Straughan and Rachel Smith outside the Lightkeepers Residence.

Bottom right: Matt Bilodeau and Molly Flanagan stop along the red carpet for a photograph.

OBITUARIES

Jeanne M. Sullivan

Jeanne M. (McGowan) Sullivan, of Cohasset, died June 4, 2002, at the age of 75, after a brief illness at the South Shore Hospital.

Born and raised in Central Park West New York, she was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. John James McGowan MD. She graduated from Notre Dame High School, Central Park West, New York, and Dean Junior College, Franklin.

Mrs. Sullivan was an advertising executive with the New York Post. She moved to Cohasset in 1952. She was married 49 years to Ernest "Hot" Sullivan.

She was an active member of the Cohasset Senior Center as well as the Cohasset Swim Club,

She leaves her children Maureen E. and her husband, Dean W. Harrold of Cohasset and John Michael Sullivan and his wife, Darlene, of Kingston; and one granddaughter, Hannah Mae Sullivan. She was the sister of the late Margaret Carton.

A funeral mass will be celebrated in St. Anthony's Church of Cohasset, Saturday, June 8, at 10 am. Relatives and friends invited.

Internment will be at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Visiting hours will be held at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St, Cohasset, Ma, on. Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Contributions may be made to the St. Anthony's Church Building Fund, 129 South Main St. Cohasset, MA, 02025.

Thomas R. Donelin

Attorney Thomas R. Donelin, 82, of Westwood, died Monday, May 27, 2002 at his home.

Born in Dorchester, Mr. Donelin was the son the late Michael and Catherine (Manning) Donelin. He graduated from Boston College High School in 1937. He received his B.A. from Boston College in 1941 and his J.D. from Boston College Law School in 1948: a Triple Eagle.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in World War II.

He was the brother-in-law of the Rev. John R. Mulvehill, the Pastor of St. Anthony Church in Cohasset.

Mr. Donelin lived in Quincy and was a communicant at St. Ann's Church in Wollaston for 42 years before moving to Westwood in 1988. He was a member of St. Ann's Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and was active in the Boston Catholic Boys Guidance Center.

Mr. Donelin was a Boston College sports fan, a Boston team sports fan and an avid bowler.

He leaves his wife, Mary C. (Mulvehill) Donelin; his son Thomas R. Donelin, Jr. of Westwood; his three daughters, Patricia A. Donelin of Norwood, Kathryn Donelin of Westwood and Clare (Donelin) Mazza of Quincy; a sister Mary C. Donelin of Quincy; his three granddaughters, Bridget, Emily and Grace Mazza of Quincy; a son-in-law, Kevin Mazza of Quincy; his brother-in-law, Rev. John Mulvehill of Cohasset; and eight nieces and nephews and their families.

He was also the brother of the late Rev. John M. Donelin, Joseph J. Donelin, and the Rev. Msgr. Paul F. Donelin.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 3 at St. Denis Church in Westwood. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in West Roxbury.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Holden, Dunnirvine and Lawler Funeral Home of Westwood.

Donations may be made in Mr. Donelin's memory to St. Ann's School, c/o St. Ann Rectory, 757 Hancock St., Quincy 02170.

Geraldine Farwell

Geraldine (McLaughlin) Farwell, 65, died June 1, 2002 at the Hingham Bay Nursing Home, following a long illness.

Born in Boston, she was raised and educated in Cohasset. She had been a Marshfield resident for the past five years but spent 30 years in Cohasset.

She was a secretary at Farwell & Sons Builders of the South Shore for 25 years, retiring in 1995..

Mrs. Farwell was active in the Cohasset Women's Club and loved bowling, square dancing and camping.

She leaves her husband, Richard N. Farwell, Sr.; her three sons, Richard N., Jr., Michael R. and Daniel N. Farwell, all of Scituate; her daughter, Deborah Ann Farwell of Plymouth; a sister, Cecelia McLaughlin of Arizona; a brother, Edward McLaughlin of Weymouth.

A funeral Mass was held June 5 at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset.

Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association of Mass., 330 Congress St., Boston 02210.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, MAY 24

11:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:30 p.m. Cedar St,. motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Robert F. Mulhall, 17, 1 Franklin Rogers Rd., Hingham. Chrgs. minor transporting/carrying alcohol beverage.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

12:21 a.m. Pond St, noise complaint.

12:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:24 a.m. Beechwood St,. noise complaint.

1:39 a.m. Summer St,. lost property.

5:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:05 p.m. Spring St., motor vehicle accident.

7:28 p.m. Elm St., general services.

10:15 p.m. Margin Ct., James L. Figueiredo, 19, 8 Margin Ct., Cohasset. Chrgs. Assault and battery.

noon Out of town, animal control.

1:12 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

1:17 p.m. North Main St,. motor vehicle accident.

1:31 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

2:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle accident.

2:45 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

3:15 p.m. King St., assist motorist.

3:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:51 p.m. North Main St., general services.

5:23 p.m. Fernway, animal control.

5:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic citation issued.

8:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic citation issued.

8:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

10:51 a.m. King St., vandalism.

11:43 p.m. Ash St, found property.

1:29 p.m. Jerusalem Rd,. animal control.

2:11 p.m. Old Coach Rd, animal control.

2:52 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

4:20 p.m. Jerusalem Rd,. vandalism.

4:51 p.m. Border St., disorderly conduct.

6:52 p.m. Headquarters, assist other police dept.

8:26 p.m. Pond St., general services.

8:50 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:04 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop,

9:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St, traffic citation issued.

9:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway,motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:32 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

9:33 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:41 p.m. King St., disorderly conduct.

9:45 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

9:47 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:22 p.m. Ash St., disturbance.

10:35 p.m. Atlantic Ave., and Howard Gleason Rd., suspicious person.

MONDAY, MAY 27

8:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

10:03 a.m. Spring St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

12:08 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident.

1:02 p.m. Elm St., parking complaint.

2:58 p.m. Old Pasture Road, animal call or complaint.

3:51 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:01 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

9:28 p.m. Windy Hill Road, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle, services rendered.

9:48 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle accident, traffic citation issued.

9:55 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen, returned to home or family.

11:20 p.m. Buttonwood Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

6:05 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:11 a.m. Doane St., fire, investigation, extinguished.

11:29 a.m. Lamberts Lane, property lost.

1:41 p.m. North Main St., property lost.

2:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:14 p.m. Rustic Drive., animal call or complaint.

3:26 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Crocker Lane, road rage, verbal warning.

4:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., assist municipal agency, services rendered.

7:06 p.m. Surry Drive, animal call or complaint.

7:23 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

8:38 p.m. Otis Ave., wires down.

10:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle violation.

10:23 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

4:46 a.m. Black Horse Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s); 18-year-old Milton man in protective custody.

5:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:21 a.m. Otis Ave., wires down.

8:18 a.m. South Main St., general services.

9:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., escorted, services rendered.

11:13 a.m. South Main St., burglary/breaking and entering.

11:35 a.m. Bancroft Road, vandalism.

11:45 a.m. Grace Drive, animal call or complaint.

11:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic safety inspection.

12:39 p.m. Duxbury Police, assist other PD.

12:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.

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Docket No. 02P1237GM

In the Matter Of KEVIN J. CLEVERLY
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MINOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned matter, a petition has been presented praying that VIVIAN CLEVERLY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed or some other suitable person be appointed guardian of the person and the estate of KEVIN J. CLEVERLY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, a minor child, to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 26, 2002.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, May 14, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#869928
Cohasset Mariner 6/6/02

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, June 17, 2002 at **7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and a Variance pursuant to 7.3 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Frank A. Plotner, **DeNero's Restaurant** seeks to extend a non-conforming structure and realign the parking lot at **235 Hull St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-05-28.

AD#864957
Cohasset Mariner 5/30, 6/6/02

ZBA/276 NORTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, June 17, 2002, at **7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and a **Variance** pursuant to 5.3.1 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Sally Atkinson,** seeks to construct a second story at **276 North Main St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-04-30.

AD#862059
Cohasset Mariner 5/30, 6/6/02

ZBA/419 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, June 17, 2002 at **7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **LPK: Armf Nominee Trust Project,** seeks to demolish/reconstruct a dwelling at **419 Jerusalem Rd.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-05-24.

AD#864955
Cohasset Mariner 5/30, 6/6/02

ZBA/49 NORMAN TODD RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, June 17, 2002, at **7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7 & 12.4 and a **Variance** pursuant to 5.2.9, 5.3 & 12.5 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Mary Ann Higgins, Executrix, seeks to alter property lines at **49 Norman Todd Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-05-17.

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JUNE 5 - JUNE 7, 2002

East comes *west*

Duxbury museum hosts The Art of India

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

"Small Worlds/The Art of India," this summer's major exhibit at Duxbury's Art Complex Museum, suggests a certain need or desire to find common ground between the distant cultures of the East and the West.

The title concept could be seen that way, and the ideal of bridging cultures may become even more urgent by the fact that India in the current times is as much swept up in the horrors and politics of international terrorism as any other nation on the globe. The museum's Senior Curator Catherine Mayes admits such notions might occur to some viewers of the show, but explains that the exhibit's title mainly describes the nature of Indian art itself — its classic traditions of smaller-subject painting, sculpture, jewelry and jade and eye for finer line and shade and more up-close, intimate detail than most traditional Western art.

These definitive qualities are on display in fine splendor at the Art Complex Museum through Sept. 8. The exhibit showcases more than 400 years of India's art culture, from classic works by its traditional masters to contemporary interpretations of present-day artists.

"The essence of the Indian art tradition is that the paintings and drawings are conceived within smaller frames and the details are meant to be fine and intimate," said Mayes. "The reason for this is that all of the traditional pictures were originally parts of books of various types and meant to be viewed while being held in one's hand. For this purpose the pictures were also always kept in very pristine condition. The smaller images would really draw the viewers in and give them a very intimate relationship with the subjects."

Mayes noted the exhibit may have a certain timely quality in the world of post-September 11, but also mentioned that the show has been 2-1/2 years in the planning. The total of 45 paintings and drawings, twelve sculptures and eight jewelry items in the show were chosen from more than 400 pieces from the museum's own private Indian art collection dating back even several years before the museum first opened in 1971. Choices were made with the consultation of scholars from Boston's Museum of Fine Arts and the University of Vermont.

The traditional paintings and drawings, dating from the 15th through 19th centuries, fill out the main gallery, along with the odd sculpture and jewelry piece. Instead of a staid chronological order, the pictures are arranged in a more creative set of five categories by theme — Gods and Deities, Love, History, Portraiture and Heroes/Battles/Hunt.

A variety of ancient Indian traditions come into play and interplay throughout these series of pictures, from the major Indian religions of Hindu and Jain to the two most time-honored painting traditions. One, known as Rajput, is more focused on religious themes and often fantastic imagery and mythology surely esoteric to most Western viewers and painted in a native, bold, flat color style. The other, Mughal, is mainly concerned with portraiture by court artists and influences by Persian styles of more color varieties and even greater attention to detail. The Rajput pieces represent all of the major Hindu deities, including Brahma, Vishnu (who in his incarnation of Krishna is well focused with his mythical girlfriend Radha in the Love series), Shiva and Durga.

One of the most intriguing of these works is also among the exhibit organizers' own favorites. *Rama, Lakshmana, Hanuman and Jambavan Attack Ravana*, an early 19th century painting included in the Heroes/Battles/Hunt series, depicts all of the major heroic figures of Indian mythology, from Vishnu's warrior incarnation (Rama) and his brother (Lakshmana), the allied leaders of the tribal monkeys (Hanuman) and bears (Jambavan) to their enemy in battle, Ravana, a fearsome, ten-headed, fifteen-armed demon who has abducted Rama's wife. The piece is alive with vibrant color and intense action.

The Contemporary Responses half of the exhibit is featured in the museum's middle hall, and showcases modern artist works in the tradition of Indian miniature painting well represented in the main gallery. The five current-generation artists spotlighted include both Indians and Americans who have devoted time and study in both countries, and some of whom favor larger images and canvases than their traditional predecessors.

Among the most impressive items in this section is the painting series by Pakistan-born, now Boston-based artist Ambreen Butt titled *Vicious Cycle from the Home and World Series, 2002*, which is actually a direct address to the post-September 11 international crisis, rich with symbolic imagery and deadly irony. Other works are by artists Sukanya Rahman, John Lavertu, Pamela Murphy and Pamela Singh and cover a range from paintings and drawings to mixed media as well as wildly inventive blends of Indian and American images.

The Art Complex Museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information on the exhibit and gallery hours call (781) 934-6634.

The Partridge Family made him famous in the 1970s, but when he performs July 21, David Cassidy will be featuring new songs from his chart-climbing album "Then and Now."

Shawn Colvin will be on stage Aug. 11.

Travis Tritt comes to the Music Circus July 12.

Music Circus raises tent on 51st season

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

There are few more sure signs of summer on the South Shore than the raising of the tent at the South Shore Music Circus (SSMC) in Cohasset. That familiar ritual will happen later this month when the Music Circus opens its 51st season. This summer will see change, too, both on-stage and off.

"We open on June 15 with 'Blues Traveler,' a great live show for us to begin our season," says Music Circus spokesperson Chris Conway. "We're expanding in a lot of ways this year. Irish Tenor Ronan Tynan (July 20) is with us for the first time and that show has already sold out. Huey Lewis & The News (August 8-9) will also be back for the first time in eight years. David Cassidy (July 21), a music sensation in the 1970s, joins us in support of his chart-climbing new album "Then and Now." We're also pleased to again be presenting Pat Benatar (August 13) who stands as one of the top female rock singers of all time."

If early signs are any indication, interest in the season will be strong. For the first time in 51 years, SSMC has completely sold outs its "Inner Circle" memberships for

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The Temptations perform Aug. 23.

Pat Benetar will rock the Circus Aug. 13.

'Fears' factor

Ben Affleck becomes Jack Ryan III

By Stephen Schaefer
BOSTON HERALD

Ben Affleck stepped into Harrison Ford's shoes last weekend to play Jack Ryan, novelist Tom Clancy's CIA super-op who served Ford so well in "Clear and Present Danger" and "Patriot Games." Yet when Affleck talks about taking on the role, he doesn't mention it was his idea.

"When they first called me about it, I thought, 'Well, how is this going to work? This is impossible. This can't work,' " the actor says, referring to the fact that he is much younger than Clancy's fictional hero.

Producer Mace Neufeld tells a different story. Neufeld, who began the film series with Alec Baldwin as Ryan in "The Hunt for Red October," credits Affleck with solving his casting dilemma after Ford bowed out.

"We worked for a year-and-a-half on developing a screenplay," he says. "In the public's mind, Harrison had gone from CIA analyst to deputy director to president (in 'Air Force One') and when we couldn't come up with a script for 'Sum of All Fears,' Harrison said, 'I'm going to make 'K-19: The Widowmaker,' and I was left holding the Ryan bag.

"A week later Ben's agent called and said Ben would love to do Jack Ryan. And he was 28. I thought 15 minutes and called him back."

By ignoring continuity, substantially revising Clancy's mammoth 800-page bestseller and getting the author's approval on Affleck, Neufeld and Paramount Pictures hope to rejuvenate their franchise.

"The Sum of All Fears" is now not only the story of a president (played by James Cromwell) facing a nefarious plot to bring the world to nuclear destruction but also of Ryan's parallel rise in the CIA from Russian desk analyst to the James Bond-style secret operative Ford so easily embodied. Morgan Freeman co-stars as Ryan's mentor.

At a recent press conference in Los Angeles where he's currently filming the latest Marvel Comics' superhero adventure, "Daredevil," Affleck is in high spirits.

"I'm a huge fan of the books — I've read all of the Jack Ryan books," he says.

The former Cambridge resident insists he wouldn't have taken the role unless it was re-styled for someone his age.

"What I thought was interesting was taking it back to showing this guy when he was a little unsure of himself and making sort of mistakes — before he polished himself up; when he was a little rough and a little uncertain and halting and wearing the wrong clothes to work and being admonished for that. That is something Harrison Ford would never do."

Affleck laughs. "I felt that I can play a guy who is learning on the job and still figuring it out. I can't play an icon. And I certainly can't follow one up."

Does he feel pressure from the previous films' success?

"I would hate to be the guy that screwed up the Jack Ryan franchise, because they'll put that on my tombstone," he says, laughing. "You know what I mean?

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Food & dining

Balsamic chicken

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

There is nothing new about combining balsamic vinegar with chicken. Both Lidia Bastianich and Lynn Rosetto Casper offer recipes with this simple marriage of flavors. My goal was a simple, midweek chicken dinner that was based on this modest culinary pairing

Chicken thighs are the best bet for this type of recipe since they are juicier and more flavorful than breasts. Skinless thighs were best since I was planning to cook them in liquid rather than roasting. I started by seasoning the thighs and then sautéing them in an oil/butter combination

This, I hoped, would provide a good fond (browned bits) at the bottom of the pan on which I could build a simple sauce

Next, I removed the browned chicken and sautéed one large sliced onion.

Its sweetness would prove a nice counterpoint to the vinegar. As for the vinegar itself, I started with a 1/4 cup of balsamic but also tested red wine and white balsamic vinegar but they were both too acidic. I now wanted to balance the vinegar with sugar and preferred 2 tablespoons light brown sugar. Now I had a sweet/sour combination that made the dish a lot more interesting. Next up was the addition of some tomato and Muir Glen diced tomato was best. (You can use any brand as long as it is packed in juice, not purée, although Muir Glen is my favorite based on a taste test.) Two tablespoons of capers added an extra dimension and some fresh basil added just before serving rounded out the dish. Other herbs fought with the main ingredients

The dish itself is simple enough. The chicken thighs are browned and removed, the onion is softened, and then the pan is deglazed with chicken stock. After about a minute the tomato, vinegar, sugar, capers and the chicken are added. Once the ingredients are brought to a boil the pan is covered and left to simmer for 10 minutes. The chicken is flipped over and cooked for 10 minutes longer. To finish I stirred in the chopped basil. It0s a simple, quick but bold enough to even satisfy company

BALSAMIC CHICKEN WITH VINEGAR, TOMATOES, AND CAPERS

Only use diced tomatoes packed in juice, not purée. If you cannot find diced tomatoes, use whole tomatoes packed in juice and dice them yourself. Be sure to drain off and use some of the juice along with the tomatoes

8 chicken thighs, skin removed rinsed and patted dry

Salt and pepper

1 tablespoon plus one teaspoon olive oil

1 tablespoon plus one teaspoon butter

1 large onion, peeled, halved and cut into 1/4 inch slices

1/2 cup chicken stock, low sodium or homemade preferred

1 cup diced tomato along with their juice, Muir Glen preferred

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

2 tablespoons light brown sugar

2 tablespoons capers, drained

1 tablespoons fresh basil, thinly sliced

1. Liberally season chicken thighs with salt and pepper on both sides

Heat a large heavy-duty skillet with a cover over medium high heat. When hot add one tablespoon each olive oil and butter. Once the butter has stopped foaming swirl pan to evenly coat the bottom with olive oil/butter mixture

Add the chicken and brown well on both sides, about eight minutes. Remove chicken pieces and set aside. Pour off any accumulated fat from the skillet and reduce heat to medium

2. Add the remaining one teaspoon each olive oil and butter to the skillet

Once the butter has stopped foaming swirl to evenly coat the bottom of the pan. Add the onion and cook, stirring frequently until softened and translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the chicken stock and scrape up any browned bits stuck to the bottom of the pan using a wooden spoon or spatula

Add the tomato, vinegar, sugar, and capers to the pan and stir to combine

Arrange the chicken pieces in one layer. Bring the liquid to a boil and reduce heat to maintain a simmer. Cover and cook for 10 minutes. Turn chicken pieces over, cover and cook for an additional 10 minutes or until the chicken is firm to the touch, the juice run clear and the interior temperature is 165 degrees. If the sauce is very thin you may increase the heat and boil to thicken for one to two minutes. Stir in basil. Taste for seasonings and adjust with salt and pepper if needed. Serve immediately

Serves 4

The Battle of the bugs

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Among the pendulous branches of a stately weeping cherry, a gregarious catbird cheerfully chirps its varied melody while systematically devouring tiny green caterpillars one after another. Despite the continuous efforts of a diversity of feathered visitors, the delicate, emerging leaves of this and many other ornamental trees and shrubs in my garden have become shredded and lacy as a result of another infestation of spring canker worms. Maples, apples, cherries, crabapples and roses are only of few of the woody plants that have been nearly defoliated in recent years by these voracious pests. Dangling by thin silky strands, it often appears as if the little green inchworms are an invasion of miniature paratroopers as they lower themselves to the gardens below, stripping the tender leaves of columbines and turning the spotted leaves of lungworts into Swiss cheese.

From the day we turn over our first bit of earth and plant our first tree, lawn, shrub, vegetable garden or flowerbed, the forces of nature suddenly take on new meaning. Bugs, slugs, grubs and critters seem to materialize overnight, attacking precious acquisitions at every turn and many a garage becomes an arsenal of chemical warfare.

Many of these intruders do their ravaging under the cover of darkness, making it difficult to determine the source of the damage. Clever or cowardly, depending upon your perspective, slugs, snails, caterpillars and furry creatures munch away while we sleep, disappearing by dawn's early light. Other invaders like spider mites or chinch bugs are so tiny that gardeners may not realize their presence until much of the damage has been done. Still others, like the incredibly grotesque tomato hornworm or the green cabbage worms are so perfectly camouflaged that they go undetected until they reach gargantuan proportions or leave the plants riddled with holes.

For most passionate gardeners, our interaction with nature evolves over the years to become a love-hate relationship. At one moment we delight in the sighting of bunnies playfully hopping about the lawn, only to curse their very existence hours later when we discover our tulips decapitated and perennials stripped of their leaves. We smile as we witness the fragile beauty of a colorful butterfly floating from flower to flower, yet become aggravated when voracious caterpillars defoliate our treasured plants. To garden is to engage in a never-ending tug-of-war with the good, the bad and the ugly.

Having spent substantial funds over the years to support my plant habit, I feel compelled to protect my investment in plant material, but as a lover of birds, butterflies and wildlife, I have come to doubt the safety and wisdom of using potent chemicals. In years past, every time I witnessed an intruder, I grabbed a bottle off the shelf, mixed up a foul-smelling magic potion and whacked the little varmints. Unfortunately, I quickly discovered that the more I sprayed, the more I had to spray as secondary problem pests quickly appeared.

In recent years I have pursued the latest trend in dealing with garden intruders known as integrated pest management (IPM). This common sense approach promotes prevention first through the selection of pest and disease resistant varieties and the provision of optimum growing conditions for these plants including proper light, moisture and nutrients. Healthy plants are considerably less susceptible to pests and diseases. Sound cultural practices should begin with proper soil preparation, which for many plants involves enriching sandy or clay soils with organic material that will retain moisture and nutrients but promote drainage. Deep watering once or twice a week, when permitted, will promote deep root systems making plants less vulnerable to drought stress. Mulches help to retain valuable moisture and keep down competitive weeds. Slow release fertilizers with a low percentage of nitrogen will strengthen root systems and promote growth without encouraging lush foliage that attracts a wealth of insect intruders.

Regular observation and monitoring of the landscape is also a key factor in IPM's success. Identification of the source of damage is an essential starting point. I have acquired several handy references over the years to assist in recognizing my pests including guides on garden insects and caterpillars. I welcome the larvae of butterflies and acquire many plants specifically to attract these caterpillars while handpicking and squishing the annoying worms that belong to destructive moths. Chemical controls include Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis), which may be used for caterpillars in the early stages and as a last resort, the chemical Sevin. It should be noted that Sevin is harmful to bees, butterflies, birds and wildlife and should be applied very early or late in the day when many of these creatures are not active.

The key word is balance, and caution should be used when applying pesticides as many of these broad-spectrum chemicals harm the good guys as well as the targeted pests. When the natural controls of beneficial insects, spiders and birds are reduced or removed, a host of other pests or problems are likely to appear.

Early detection of problems will minimize the need for drastic action. Gardeners must determine their own level of tolerance. When the damage exceeds your threshold or threatens the ultimate survival of a plant, seek the least hazardous method of control by employing physical and cultural controls first, then biological controls, and as a last resort, chemical controls.

Music Circus raises tent on 51st season

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2002. Memberships provide access to seats before they go on sale to the general public, discounts on selected shows, and reduced handling fees. "The memberships clubs — including the comparable "Gold Circle" at the companion Cape Cod Melody Tent — are unique to us, something we can offer because we are an independent venue."

In addition to concerts by pop and rock acts, the SSMC will try something a little different this year when it presents "Stars of 'Days of Our Lives'," (July 6) featuring five cast members from NBC-TV's top-rated daytime drama. Two of the soap's perennial leading men Drake Hogestyn ("John Black") and Peter Reckell ("Bo Brady") will be among the troupe of actors in a show that features Matt Cedeno ("Brandon Walker") as master of ceremonies.

"The actors will provide first hand accounts of their work in daytime television and even reenact favorite scenes from the show. They will also take questions from the audience," explains Conway.

Even amidst the changes, Conway promises that longtime SSMC patrons will have plenty of familiar favorites to choose from, including Anne Murray (June 23), Johnny Mathis (Aug. 17), and Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme (Aug. 25).

Although they still haven't found a way to air condition the tent, some audience members will find themselves more comfortable this year.

"Not only do we have a new tent, but we've also added some new state-of-the-art seats in our premium seating area. They are roomier and even offer more leg room," says Conway.

It's back to the 80s with Huey Lewis & the News performing two shows Aug. 8 & 9.

SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS SCHEDULE 2002

Blues Traveler, June 15, 8 p.m. $40.50/31.50

Anne Murray, June 23, 7:30 p.m. $42

"Reggae Festival" w/Steel Pulse, Inner Circle, Reincarnation, July 3, 7:30 p.m. $26.50

Stars of "Days of Our Lives", July 6, 8 p.m. $48.50/39.50

Travis Tritt, July 12, 8 p.m. $47.50/38.50

Kevin James, July 13, 9 p.m. $37

John Hiatt w/Loudon Wainwright III, July 14, 8 p.m. $36.50/27.50

Little Feat w/Jimmie Vaughan, July 18, 8 p.m. $34/25

Loretta LaRoche, July 19, 8 p.m. $25

Ronan Tynan of the Irish Tenors, July 20, 8 p.m. SOLD OUT

David Cassidy, July 21, 7:30 p.m. $41.50/32.50

Nickelodeon's Little Bear, July 24 (two shows) $12.50

An Evening with Bruce Hornsby & His Band, July 25 $28

The Robert Cray Band, Aug. 1, 8 p.m. $39/30

The Hollies w/the Lovin' Spoonful, Aug. 3, 8 p.m. $35.50/26.50

The Beach Boys, August 4 (two shows), 5 p.m. & 9pm $48/39

Huey Lewis & the News, Aug. 8 & 9, 8 p.m. $52.50/43.50

Kenny Rogers, Aug. 10, 8 p.m. $44.50

Shawn Colvin, Aug. 11, 8 p.m. $36/27

Pat Benatar, Aug. 13, 8 p.m. $27.50

The Righteous Brothers, Aug. 15, 8 p.m. $45/36

Judy Collins "Wildflower Festival" w/Arlo Guthrie& guests, Aug. 16, 8 p.m. $39/30

Johnny Mathis, Aug. 17 (8 p.m.) & Aug. 18 (7:30 p.m.) $56.50/47.50

The Temptations, Aug. 23, 8 p.m. $39.50/30.50

An Evening with Tony Bennett, Aug. 24, 8 p.m. $62

An Evening with Steve Lawrence & Eydie Gorme, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. $44.50/35.50

Buddy Guy, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. $38.50/29.50

John Michael Montgomery w/special guest Steve Azar, Aug. 30, 8 p.m. $45.50/36.50

The Guess Who, Aug. 31, 8 p.m. $46/37

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'Fears' factor

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Clancy fans would come and throw tomatoes at my grave: 'We hate you, Affleck, you buried us!' "

Affleck has a surprise spring hit — and the best reviews of his career — with "Changing Lanes," but he also is well aware of the fickleness of his profession. "The reality is, like any movie, Hollywood is basically success-driven," he says. "If the movie does well, and people go see it, then they'll want to do another one. If it doesn't, they'll be going" — Affleck lets loose with a few sobs — " 'Why? Why, Lord, why did we go with Affleck?' "

This witty, self-deprecating Affleck isn't much different than the pre-rehab Affleck of last year. But, as he faces his 30th birthday in August, the actor is reflective about what the future holds.

"I'm really not that fired up about [turning 30]," he says. "I take it to mean that all my friends are like sorta getting married and having kids, and I think, 'Oh, that's the point after which if you're not starting to think of marriage and having kids, you're not fun.' In your 20s, you're immature; and in your 30s, you have a Peter Pan complex."

Yet marriage and kids, even without a Mrs. Affleck on the horizon, do seem to be on the actor's mind. "I would like that; I think that would be so much more satisfying and interesting for me, personally in my life, than just to continue to make movies," he says. "I mean, there's a whole other step of life, which is family and children."

Not that he's dissatisfied with the way things are going. "I like the path that I'm on," he says. "And my happiness also doesn't hinge on whether people like 'The Sum of All Fears.' I couldn't always say that before."

But can he really say that now?

"I say that now," he says, laughing. "But if you guys write bad things about me, I'll be in the bathroom, hanging by a wire."

That's not likely. As Neufeld says, "There's a new Tom Clancy-Jack Ryan book in August and we have first option. That deals with a young Jack Ryan. I wonder why Tom did that?"

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JUNE 6 - JUNE 14 , 2002

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"RENT" RETURNS TO BOSTON AT THE WANG THEATRE for one week, June 25 to 30. Tickets are on sale now. Performances are scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sunday evening at 7 p.m. matinees on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Tickets are priced at $65, $45, and $35 for all performances; all ticket prices include a $2 restoration fee. Tickets are on sale at The Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont St or through Telecharge at 800-447-7400 or www.telecharge.com or at The Wang Theatre/Show of the Month Group Sales at 617-350-6000.

THE BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL will once again provide outdoor, harborside performances by nationally renowned blues artists during the Fourth Annual Blues Concerts Series. The Blues Barge, a floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. The concert series, sponsored by the Boston Harbor Hotel and House of Blues, begins with an opening night on Thursday, July 4, and will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.bhh.com

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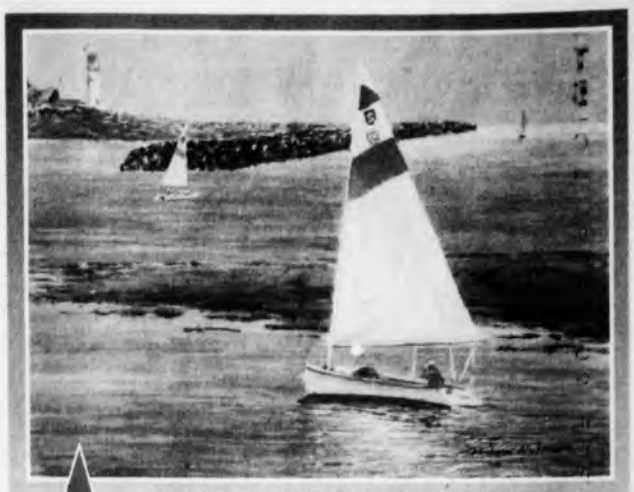
FIFTH ANNUAL JIMMY KENNEDY MEMORIAL RUN FOR ALS will be held on June 8, at Veterans' Memorial Stadium on Hancock St., in Quincy. The five mile run is also know as the New Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. The road race starts at 10 a.m. and will include a 2.5 mile Fitness Walk beginning at 9 a.m. The event includes special children's events and awards in 15 age divisions. The entry fee is $12 before May 31, and $15 after and on race day. For more information call 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com

"FRIENDS WITH HOPE" is sponsoring its Third Annual 5K (3.2 miles) Walk to raise money for breast cancer research and health education. This walk will take place June 23, at 9 a.m. (8 a.m. registration) beginning at Pembroke Center. There will be a $15 pre-registration fee - $20 day of the walk. For information call Laurie Griffen 781-982-0960 or Julie Brenton 508-888-5824 or Jennifer Lambert 781-545-7648 or visit the web site at www.geocities.com/friendswithhope.

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets go on sale April 8, for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.



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The Scituate Art Gallery, 132 Front St., Scituate will feature oil and watercolor paintings by Scituate Gallery Artist, Theodore Nystrom through June 30. This exhibit will include scenes of the Scituate shore, the New England coast, and the coast of Portugal. For gallery hours and information call (781) 545-6150.

WBZ-TV's Scott Whalen emcees a Barbershop Quartet Extravaganza, Sunday June 9 at 3 p.m. to benefit the Batten Disease Support and Research Association at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham. Featured Quartets include The South Shore Men of Harmony and Sweet Adelines International, Four Acres Quartet, Spindrift Quartet, The South Shore Men of harmony chorus, The Lighthouse Four Quartet, The Harborside Harmonizers Quartet, The Sandpipers Quartet, The Cape Cod Surftones Chorus and The Combined SSMH and Surftones Choruses. General admission is $15. Students and seniors $10. Raffle tickets as well as tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call 781-749-1746.

Thurs. 6

Author, Mimi Schwartz will be at the Barnes & Nobel Booksellers, 150 Granite St,. Braintree, on June 6, at 7:30 p.m. Schwartz, a professor of writing at Richard Stockton college of New Jersey, will discuss and sign her latest book, "thoughts From a queen-Sized Bed. For more information call 781-380-4129.

Plaster Play, 263 Washington St., Norwell presents Children's Workshops on June 6, "Apple for the Teacher," and on June 14, "Father's Day Workshop." Call to register. 781-659-0011.

Star Creations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center will present the teen company in "Interrupted" on June 6, 7, 8, 13, and 14, at 7 p.m. and June 16, at 4:30 p.m., at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill No. 3, lower level. Tickets are adults $8, child $5. For reservations or more information call 508-747-1234.

Parents Without Partners Chapter 33 will host a new member orientation at 7 p.m. at the South Congregational Church, 1075 Washington St., Braintree. For more information call 781-337-6766.

The Hingham High School PTO is sponsoring a **Garden Tour** on June 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eight gardens most never seen on tours before will be on display. The purpose of the tour is to raise funds to install plants and walkways in the new courtyard that was created by the addition of the Hingham High School. Tickets are available at: The Hingham High School, 17 Union St., The Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., and the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central Street.

Jimbo's Comedy Show June 6, at 8:30 p.m. with **Chance Langton, Annette Pollack, Andy Wasif, Stephen Leach, Eric Cannon, Tommy Young and Stephen Holda.** For reservations call 781-848-0300.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Chemically Imbalanced, Fish Bowl, Romerro**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 7

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center will host a show of paintings by local artist **Hedda** during the month of June. The show, "Never Too Old" will be on view from June 7 to July 3. The opening reception open to the public will be June 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for information.

The Art of Music Chamber Players presents the first of three summer concerts at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. The first concert of the series on June 7, at 8 p.m. will feature three works for String Quartet. Mozart's Quartet in C, K.465 "The Dissonant," Tchaikovsky's Quartet No. 1 in D, Op. 11 and Debussy's Quartet in G minor Op. 10 Performing artists are Piotr Buczek and Christine Vitale violins, Katherine Kadarauch viola and artistic director and cellist Timothy Roberts. 64 St. George St., Duxbury. For tickets and information call 781-837-2705. The two remaining concerts will be July 12, and Aug. 10 at 8 p.m.

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Single Executives Club cocktail social and dance, June 7, at the Dedham Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom, 25 Allied Drive, Dedham, Exit 14, East St., off Rte. 128. Free door prizes, and dance music by DJ Brian Milligan, 8:30 12:30 a.m. Suitable for all singles and couples 35 to 55 years old. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Proper business attire is required. Call 781-446-0234 for information. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and thing Single CEO's Cub.

The Massachusetts Historical Records Advisory Board will host the Fifth Annual Community Forum on Historical Records with guest speaker, Thomas O'Connor, author and historian of immigrant research, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 7, at Bridgewater State College, Rondileau Campus Convention Center. Historians, genealogists, librarians, scholars, archivists, educators and citizens will discuss methodologies and tools for the identification, research, preservation and access to Massachusetts' populations and communities that are currently underdocumented, i.e., Gypsies, Arab Americans, Armenians, Cape Verdeans, Portuguese, Brazilians, Asians, Latinos, African Americans, Somalians, Native Americans, Swedish, Lithuanian and others. Cost is $15 includes food, refreshments, workshops and reception.

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The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature Ron Israel on June 7. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be **Lucy Kaplansky** The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $16 members/$18 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/ssfolk.shtml

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

Sat. 8

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. On June 8, at 1 p.m. join in on an easy walk, two miles. Loop around Houghton's Pond and old Route 128. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton.Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

Blue Hills by Mountain Bike Spring Ride Series – Join volunteers from the MDC Blue Hills TrailWatch crew on guided rides throughout the Blue Hills. June 8, beginner - ride four to six miles, two hours. Bring your own bike. Helmet required. Eye protection, gloves and water bottle recommended. All rides meet at 9 a.m. Call 617-698-1802 to register and for meeting location.

The Boylston Schul-Verein will sponsor its annual **Sommerfest** June 8, from noon to 11 p.m. and June 9 from noon to 6 p.m. Enjoy authentic German food, drink and Gematlichkeit. Music by the Matt Lebar Ensemble.. Dancing in the Pavillion, pony rides/face painting and game for the children, shooting range, German vendor booths and more. $5 donation per person, children under 15 free. Located on Route 109, Walpole (4.1 miles from Route 128, exit 16B).

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc., presents **Plymouth Lighthouse Expeditions**. A lighthouse lovers delight. A cruise to get up close to a number of lighthouses including Boston Light, Minot's and many others. In Plymouth you will have one and a half hours to enjoy lunch or explore the waterfront. The cruise leaves, Boston Harbor Cruises, Long wharf Boston, near Aquarium T stop at 10:30 a.m. returning at 5:30 p.m. Drinks and snacks are available on the boat. Paid reservations are strongly advised, send your check and a self-addressed envelope to FBHI 349 Lincoln St., Bldg. 45, Hingham, MA 02043-1601. Adults $37, seniors $35, members of FBHI $33, children 3 to 12 $20. Children 2 and under free. For information call 781-740-4290 Any available tickets will be sold dockside beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 8. Cash only.

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The 32th Annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College June 7 - 9, promises to be one of the best festivals ever, with a stellar line-up of musicians, dancers, authors, vendors and more. More than 500 singers, musicians, and dancers performing continuously throughout the three day festival on eight stages, featuring the best in local and international talent. Agricultural Exhibits, Irish Step Dancing Exhibitions, Cultural Exhibits, Authors Tent, Bards in the Round Music Tent, Cumann na Gaelige, Childrens' Cultural Area, Artists and Crafters Colony, Spirit of Ireland Exhibition, Irish Curragh Exhibit, O'Connell Street Marketplace with more than 70 Irish vendors, Irish Food Court, Kiddie Rides and more. Admission $12. Weekend passes and group rates available. For more information visit www.irishculture.org/festival or call 1-888-GO-IRISH.

Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop, Spring Fling shows may be seen at the Wollaston Congregational Church, 48 Winthrop Ave., (off Beal) Wollaston. **The Stars,** ages 9 to 18 years and up, will perform "Commotion in Clown Castle" on June 8, 7 p.m. and "King Me!" June 9, 7 p.m.. **The Hot Shots,** ages 4 to 8 years will perform "**Camp Chippewa Capers!**" on June 9, 1:30 p.m. and "The Bedraggled Dragon!" June 9, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults and $6 for seniors/children under 12 at the door. For more information call 617-472-9233 or email fluffatoo@aol.com

The students of Maria Wood's Fashion Focus Modeling & Finishing Program located at the Personal Best Salon in Pembroke presents its semi-annual graduation fashion show to honor the 85 students currently enrolled in the program. The show will take place June 8, at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt. 139 Pembroke. All proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to the Julia Kopper Memorial Scholarship Fund. There will be a $15 donation and tickets will be available prior to the show. For more information call 781-826-0241. Tickets are limited. If you would like to make a donation directly to the scholarship, you may do so at any Abington Savings Bank location.

Fifth Annual Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Run For ALS will be held on June 8, at Veterans' Memorial Stadium on Hancock St., in Quincy. The five mile run is also know as the New Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. The road race starts at 10 a.m. and will include a 2.5 mile Fitness Walk beginning at 9 a.m. The event includes special children's events and awards in 15 age divisions. The entry fee is $12 before May 31, and $15 after and on race day. For more information call 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Chuck Ochs**, on June 8.. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Sugar Ray and Bluetones** on June 8. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Barrence Whitfield** and **The Savages** on June 8. Casual dress, Cover charge $7. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Romance on the Water, Singles Cruise and Dance, June 8, Rowes Wharf, Boston, 7 to 10 p.m., Bon Voyage Party with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Cruise and dancing on ship 7 to 10 p.m. with complimentary food and desserts provided onboard. Music will be provided by Brian Milligan. Limited to 375 single professionals 35 to 55 years old. Casual attire acceptable. Cost is $40. Call 781-283-0400 for reservations. Sponsored by The Singles Executives Club and The Young Professionals Club.

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The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center will host a show of paintings by local artist Hedda during the month of June. The show, "Never Too Old" will be on view from June 7 to July 3. The opening reception open to the public will be June 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for information.

Sun. 9

Marshfield Community Blood Drive sponsored by St. Ann by the Sea, will be held June 9, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the St. Ann by the Sea, Parish Center, 591 Ocean St., Rte. 139, Marshfield. To schedule an appointment, call the American Red Cross at 1`-800-give life (800-448-3543.

Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites: Hard Core Hike on June 9 at 9 a.m. Test your stamina on this thriller coaster of a hike. Join MDC Rangers as we link together some of the steepest, roughest, rockiest trails the Blue Hills has to offer. Sturdy boots proper clothing, food and water are required. Five to six hours. Call 617-698-1802 www.state.ma.us/mdc for pre registration and meeting place.

WBZ-TV's Scott Whalen emcees Barbershop Quartet Extravaganza to benefit the **Batten Disease Support and Research Association** at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham, June 9, at 3 p.m.. Featured Quartets include The South Shore Men of Harmony and Sweet Adelines International, Four Acres Quartet, Spindrift Quartet, The South Shore Men of harmony chorus, The Lighthouse Four Quartet, The Harborside Harmonizers Quartet, The Sandpipers Quartet, The Cape Cod Surftones Chorus and The Combined SSMH and Surftones Choruses. General admission is $15. Students and seniors $10. Raffle tickets as well as tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call 781-749-1746.

"Earthtunes" will present a blend of music and education at the Thayer Public Library June 9, at 3 p.m. The program uses piano, guitar, mandolin, viola and singer, **Barbara Herson,** to inspire children and adults to take an active role in caring for their environment. Free and open to the pubic. Logan Auditorium, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Call 781-

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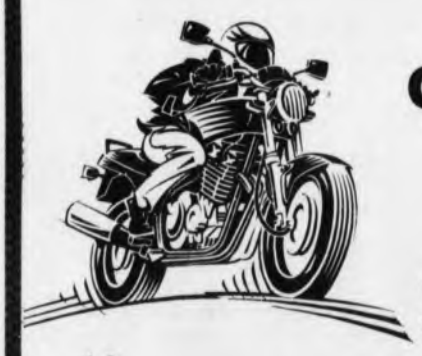

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Mon. 10

The Scituate Art Gallery, 132 Front St., Scituate will feature oil and watercolor paintings by Scituate Gallery Artist, **Theodore Nystrom**. This exhibit will include scenes of the Scituate shore, the New England coast, and the coast of Portugal.

Tues. 11

Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands – On June 11, depart from Fan Pier (Moakley Courthouse) at 6 p.m.. Cruise to Thompson Island.. Finish off with spectacular views over the Boston skyline as the boat returns to the city at 9:45 p.m. Adults $16 Seniors $14 members $12, children 3 to 12 $9, children 2 and under free. For more information call 781-740-4290 or www.fbhi.org

"The Scene of the Crime" Sheraton Plymouth to host **Leslie Wheeler,** author of "Murder at Plimoth Plantation." June 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Plymouth, located at 180 Water St., Plymouth. Light refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. For more information call 508-747-4900.

Thurs. 13

The South Shore Science Center in Norwell announces an **"Evening with Jeff Corwin and His Curious Animals"** at Norwell High School on June 13 at 7 p.m. The event will include a live animal presentation by Corwin, host of the Animal Planet's "The Jeff Corwin Experience," and meet n greet session with Jeff immediately following the show. All proceeds of the show will benefit the Ecozone, a multidemensional exhibit area focusing on the ecosystems of southeastern Massachusetts at the South Shore Science Center. Tickets for the event are $50 and $35 and may be purchased by call 781-659-2559.

The Art of Music Chamber Players presents the first of three summer concerts at the Eldon Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. The first concert of the series on June 7, at 8 p.m. will feature three works for String Quartet. Mozart's Quartet in C, K.465 "The Dissonant," Tchaikovsky's Quartet No. 1 in D, Op. 11 and Debussy's Quartet in G minor Op. 10 Performing artists are Piotr Buczek and Christine Vitale violins, Katherine Kadarauch viola and artistic director and cellist Timothy Roberts. 64 St. George St., Duxbury. For tickets and information call 781-837-2705. The two remaining concerts will be July 12, and Aug. 10 at 8 p.m.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "as Ros sees it" works in acrylic by **Ros Farbush** during June and July. A reception will be held June 13, 6 to 7 p.m. in Merry meeting Room downstairs at The Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St, Duxbury. Call 781-934-2721 for information.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Elevator, Pony, Tidal Wave** on June 13. Casual dress, Cover charge. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 14

Maria's Bachelorette Party, the original interactive dinner theatre show, a spoof on an **"Italian Bridal Shower"** June 14, at the **Tremont Playhouse**, 275 Tremont Street, Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40.95, includes dinner and show. Call 1-800-944-5639 for tickets.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Euphoria,** on June 14. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

Just for kids

KIDSPOT'S SUMMER CAMP 2002 – Registration is underway. This year's production is the musical "Peter Pan". Students age 7 to 14 will receive instruction in acting, singing and dance, as well as have a chance to work on the set, costumes and props. Every student who enrolls will perform in the production. Classes begin June 27 and run through July 25, a four week program. All classes are held at the Marshfield Methodist Church on Route 139 from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays through Thursdays. Performances are on Friday and Saturday July 26 and 27, at the Duxbury High School. Tuition is $300 and space -is limited. For a registration form and more information call 781-837-8990.

DREAMCHASERS THEATRE ARTS CENTER announces the opening of registration for its Summer Theatre Program. This program is open to all students ages 7 through 18. The Program begins July 8. Classes meet each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. All students take an acting class, a dance and stage movement class and an improvisation class. In addition, each student has elective classes to select from which include choreography, technical theatre, musical theatre, and playwriting. The four week program concludes on Aug. 3, with a performance by the students. For more information call 508-224-4548.

DIANE PURDY'S CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOP will hold its 2002 two week Summer Theatre Session. Rehearsals July 15 through July 26 Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Show July 26, at 7 p.m. $330 tuition includes daily training, dress rehearsal, the show, professional direction, creative costumes, no auditions, all super roles, group photo. Show and rehearsals: Wollaston congregational Church, 48 Winthrop Avenue, Quincy, Wollaston section off of Beal Street. For more information call 617-472-9233 or fluffatoo@aol.com

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents Lucy Kaplansky at the Beal House Friday, June 7 at 8 p.m. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $16 members/$18 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. The Beal House is located at Route 106 in Kingston. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/ssfolk.shtml

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Gear up for a hectic day. The Aries moon forms six major alignments to planets. Stop, look and listen. Move cautiously in business or romance. Pay attention to details in order to avoid making careless errors. Tackle jobs that need redoing, repainting, repair. Keep your nose to the grindstone. Hard work will pay off.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The Aries moon continues to generate a quick pace. Carefully organize your time so that you can be productive. At 5:47 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. A Taurus moon takes over at 8:07 p.m. An applying polarity of the sun and Pluto may bring up old wounds or hidden resentments. Take extra quiet time for yourself. Forgive and forget; leave the past behind.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

A lunar alignment to Mars at 9:10 a.m. urges you to get an early start to this day. You can be most productive in the morning. Influences turn around completely in the afternoon. The Taurus moon forms a 90-degree contact to Neptune at 5:26 p.m., bringing a lull period, when energy is deflated. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

At 11:12 a.m. the planet Mercury, standing at the first degree of Gemini, begins to travel in direct motion. The next Mercury retrograde period will occur in September. The Taurus moon forms easy aspects to Jupiter in the morning and Venus in the afternoon. Gardening, arts and crafts get the green light today. Pursue activities that help you to relax and unwind.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

The Taurus moon aligns with Uranus at 4:14 a.m. and becomes inactive. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 6:29 a.m., when the moon enters Gemini. An alignment of the sun and Saturn generates a serious mood. Spend time alone. Reflect on and learn from past experiences. Let go of situations that are beyond your control.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Wake up in a good mood. The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect. This new moon is intensified by a solar eclipse. People may be temperamental and difficult to get along with. Open the doors to a higher level of communication. This is a day to clean out, let go and prepare the way for new activities. The Gemini moon forms potentially stressful contacts to Pluto at 12:53 p.m. and Saturn at 5:26 p.m. The solar eclipse/new moon culminates at 7:46 p.m., 20-degrees Gemini.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

The green light for new starts is on this morning. Influences are prime for new beginnings across the board. Signs contract, promote ideas, launch ventures before 12:04 p.m., when the Gemini moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. At 2:15 p.m. the moon enters emotional Cancer, placing the focus on home, family and domestic responsibilities. Share a special dinner with family and close friends this evening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

A lunar alignment to Mars can make for a rough start to this day. Drive with care. Be more diplomatic. Give others plenty of space. Storm clouds move out by 9:00 a.m., and the remainder of the day rates high for getting things done. New starts in your business or personal life are recommended.

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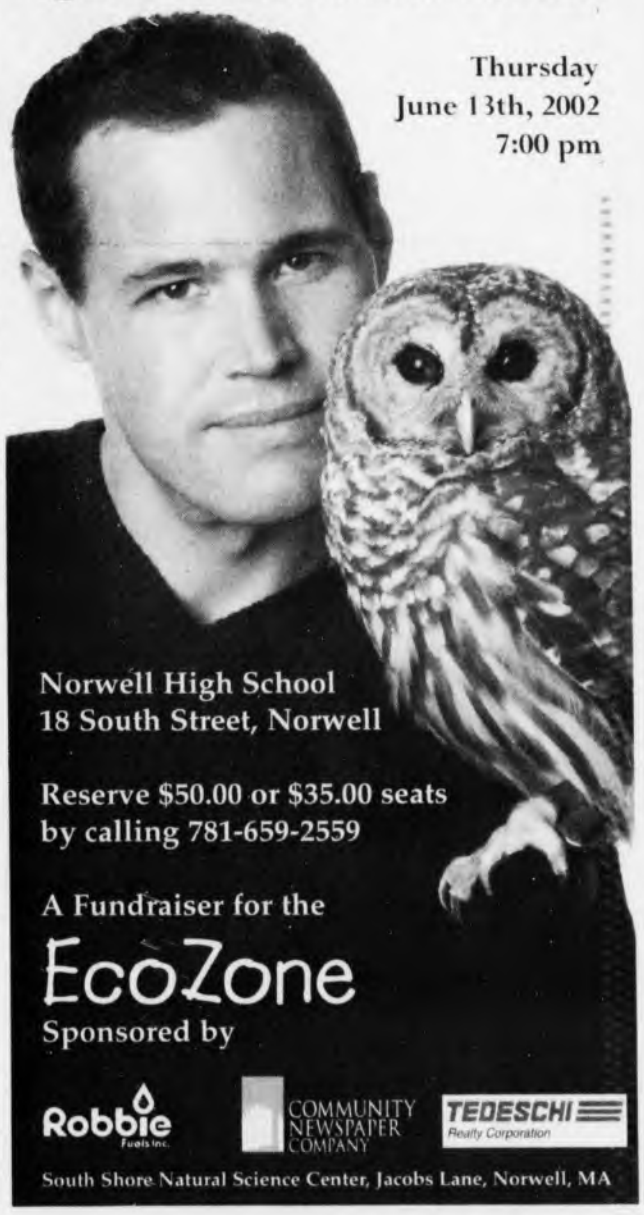

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As flames break through the roof at 83 Summer St., Cohasset firefighters scale the aerial ladder to attack the blaze. More than 5,000 gallons of water a minute were used to douse the fire. At right: Two firefighters pause by a fire truck that has a reminder of Sept. 11 in the window. Some 70 firefighters were called in to knock down Tuesday's attic fire.

Four alarms for raging attic fire

PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

Blaze destroys antique Summer Street house

By Evan Schiff
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As orange flames soared high above the house and the smell of smoke choked the harbor, hundreds watched in horror as the house at 83 Summer St. burned Tuesday afternoon. With water cascading out of the second floor porch and windows, some 70 firefighters from seven South Shore towns attacked the blaze.

Helicopters hovered overhead and streams of water flowed down the street as spectators huddled together.

A sea of red fire engines dominated the view on the street which was cordoned off to prevent vehicle access. Residents who walked, or ran to the scene, stood with hands covering their mouths and eyes red with the irritation of smoke, and tears.

"I'm just stunned," said Mardi Wood, a neighbor who lives two houses down. "I've never seen anything like it."

Similar sentiments were expressed by many who watched the Federalist-style house burn.

"I feel terrible for the family," said Peggy Soltesz, who lives around the corner or Border Street. "They're so nice and for this to happen is just awful."

"We then went into a defensive mode and brought in the heavy artillery."
— Fire Capt. Mark Trask

The gutters and shingles, which were once affixed to the roof, systematically popped off as firefighters turned their powerful hoses on the area.

The four-alarm fire, which began in the attic, was the largest in Cohasset in years and took rescue crews more than three hours to extinguish. Liane Seppala and her daughter Dagmar were the only ones home at the time and fortunately, were able to get out of the house unscathed. Her husband James was at work in Boston when he got the call and Axel, their son who turns seven on Monday, was at school.

James Seppala said the house, which was built in the 1830s, needed plenty of renovations when his family moved in three years ago. He said the attic was empty except for some boxes and presents hidden there for his son's birthday party on Monday.

Seppala, whose family is from Duxbury, said the house had been through inspections and had fire detectors installed. Although a friend came up to him on Tuesday and offered him a fully furnished house to rent

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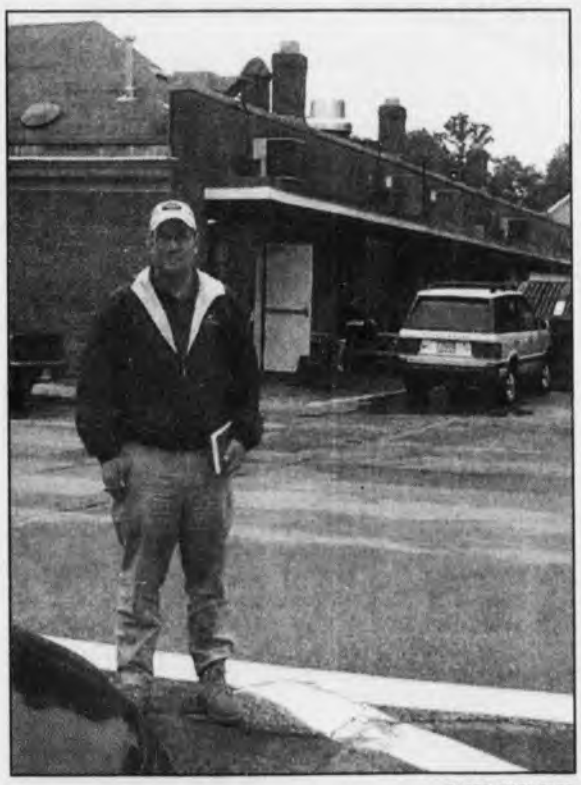
There's a new train man in town



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Tom Carroll, who stands on the abandoned rail bed in Hingham Square, says he will become a familiar face to residents and businesses along the Greenbush Line.

Will work to mitigate effects of construction

By Mary Ford
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If clothes are a gauge that the Greenbush project is entering a new phase, then the baseball cap and work boots worn by the project's new community liaison surely mean times are changing.

"There are certain things that come along with construction. We try to minimize those."
— Tom Carroll, Cashman Balfour Beatty

Exit the business suits worn by MBTA's consultants from Sverdrup Corporation, which drafted the environmental feasibility studies on restoring the train from Weymouth to Scituate that went on for years.

Enter the casually dressed Tom Carroll, who works for Cashman Construction of Boston that is partnering with Balfour Beatty, an international company, to build the train infrastructure.

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CHS grads look to the future

PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

Abby Coakley and Will Pendergast outside the Big Top at the Music Circus on Saturday.

By Evan Schiff
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With the band playing Pomp and Circumstance and teary eyed parents looking on, members of the Cohasset High School Class of 2002 received their diplomas Saturday.

The hour and a half ceremony featured speeches by both school administrators and class officials and ended with a big cheer when Principal Michael Jones announced the students' names.

"In a few years we will be the generation entrusted with power."
— Robin Murphy, class president

"At this time, I certify that these members of the Class of 2002 have satisfied the requirements for graduation from Cohasset High School as established by the Cohasset School Committee and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," Jones said.

Students, some who adorned patriotic sashes and others who wore gold cords signifying they graduated with honors, hugged one another and lamented the loss of their high school years while

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Correction

A page one story on proposed changes to the Town Common in last week's Mariner incorrectly stated Nancy Sandell made a presentation on history of the common to workshop participants. The story should have said Nancy Denig of the architectural firm, Carr Lynch/Denig Herman and Sandell, made the presentation. The Mariner regrets the error and apologizes for any embarrassment it may have caused.

Meeting schedule

Cohasset Conservation Commission, June 13, 7:30 p.m.

Growth and Development, June 13, 7:30 p.m.

Gravel Pit Study Committee, June 18, 6 p.m.

Deer Hill School Council, June 13, 3:15 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, June 18, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, June 20, 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

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Zoning Board of Appeals, June 17, 7:30 p.m.

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"We invite citizen participation in the development of this important plan," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "Our public drinking water supply is a precious resource that needs to be carefully protected from contamination."

The Cohasset Water Commission is preparing a Surface Water Supply Protection Plan, under a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Plan is being developed by the Water Commission's watershed consultants, the Norfolk RAM Group LLC.

The Draft Plan has undergone the first round of public comment and the revised Draft Plan will be discussed one last time at this public meeting. The Final Plan will be completed and distributed by June 28.

Copies of the revised Plan are available for review at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.

Input sought

Dean Rizzo, executive director for the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, is encouraging all residents to vote for the type of sidewalk material and light fixtures to be used in the village improvements. Samples are displayed in the village near the gas station and a survey is also available at the site. Rizzo has received more than 200 forms but would like more.

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Mon. 17	4:43	10.4	11:07	5:25	9.9	11:32
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Tiny house in legal debate

Widow wants to move next door

By Mary Ford
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PHOTO/MARY FORD

The owner of 457 Jerusalem Road, at right, would like to add a second floor to the one-bedroom house.

A Jerusalem Road widow would like to move from her large home into the one-bedroom house next door on a lot that she also owns.

But the small house at 457 Jerusalem Road that sits on the corner of the yard less than two feet from one of the most prestigious streets in town needs considerable upgrading. Part of the proposed upgrades would include expanding the size of the house by about 25 percent that would allow the sole bedroom to be relocated to a proposed, enlarged second floor.

"Mrs. (Barbara) Chase is finding the large house is too much and would like to live in something more manageable," her attorney James Toomey said.

Sounds simple enough.

But enter the Zoning Board of Appeals, which must consider whether to issue a special permit because the addition would expand a non-conforming use, and two lawyers — Toomey representing the homeowner, and the attorney for the neighbor across the street. The house is non-conforming because it's set back only 1.9 feet from the road and 3.4 feet from a side lot line, both far less than required under current zoning.

However, Gareth Orsmond, the attorney for the neighbor across the street – who is concerned about the expansion in height would have on water views – argued two variances could be required. The tests for variances are much steeper than those for special permits, making the zoning relief considerably harder to obtain.

Orsmond of the law firm Mackemann, Sawyer & Brewster, who is representing Ann Fitzgerald of 450 Jerusalem Road, said there is no proof the small structure at 457 Jerusalem Road – that could have been a carriage house at one time — was used as a single family home prior to 1955 when the town adopted zoning laws. It would have had to been used as such prior to that date to qualify for grandfathered status as a non-conforming use.

This brainteaser also includes an interesting wrinkle that came as a surprise to the zoning board

Orsmond says under state law, the two lots owned by Barbara Chase — 447 and 449 Jerusalem Road — have "morfed" into one lot. That's because state law says two adjacent non-conforming lots that come under common ownership automatically merge into one lot. The lots are non-conforming because they have less than the required square-footage in that residential district.

Hence, a "use" variance would also be needed because the zoning bylaw allows just one house per lot, Orsmond explained later in a telephone interview.

But Toomey of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, representing the applicant, said the house is positioned in such a way that it doesn't affect Fitzgerald's view at all. He warned the ZBA there would be nothing stopping Chase from tearing the existing structure down and building a new one in the center of the lot – with setbacks that conform to zoning laws.

"The (new) house could be located in the middle of the lot, plunk in the middle of the view," said Toomey, who did not buy the "morfing" argument.

There was also some discussion about why the existing structure was constructed on the corner of the lot with speculation that the topography that includes ledge made that spot likely the easiest place to build.

Also the two lots, now owned by Chase, were one parcel before they were subdivided by the prior owner in 1977. About that time, Orsmond contends the small structure was converted into a residence; soon thereafter the then owner sold off the parcel with the large house to the Chases and moved into the small house. The Chases bought the smaller lot in 1983. Then in 1985 or so, the town increased the minimum lot requirements in that district from 25,000 to 35,000 square feet. Neither of Mrs. Chase's lots now conforms so when the town adopted new minimum lot sizes for the area — the two lots would have merged into one, Orsmond said.

The Chases rented out the small house for many years but with the death of Mr. Chase, Barbara Chase wants to renovate the structure and make her home there.

What concerns Chase's neighbor Fitzgerald, Orsmond said, is the view factor and the crowding factor of having a taller building encroaching on the road. He also explained if the structure is recognized as a preexisting, nonconforming dwelling that might allow someone at a later date to make more changes.

"We're thinking of the future of the neighborhood," Orsmond said.

The zoning board considers whether changes are more detrimental to the neighborhood in its decision whether to issue a special permit.

Toomey pointed out the plans conform to height regulations, "it's just where the height is" (within the setbacks).

Zoning board members were intrigued by the debate and took the issue under advisement.

"You gentlemen have presented us with a lot of interesting homework," member Barbara Power said.

And not surprisingly, chairman Woody Chittick said he "had a lot of noodling to do."

Avalon Bay to file for permit

By Mary Ford
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Plans for the town's first large-scale apartment complex will start to make their way through town boards in July.

Michael J. Roberts, senior acquisitions director, with AvalonBay Communities, said the company expects to formally file for a comprehensive permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals in about six weeks.

AvalonBay plans to build a 254-unit luxury apartment complex at the 62-acre former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor site off Rte. 3A (across from Atlantic Bagel).

The size and scope of AvalonBay and the fact it will be built on one of the few remaining tracts of industrially zoned land in town make it controversial.

The Virginia-based developer is proposing building 23, two-to-three story wood-frame buildings with one, two- and three-bedroom units. Avalon will seek a comprehensive permit for the $43 million project under the state's "Anti-snob Zoning Act" that renders many of the town's zoning regulations inapplicable in exchange for setting aside 20-25 percent units for affordable housing.

The statute — Mass. General Laws Chapter 40B — sets a 10 percent goal of affordable housing for each community. Cohasset has about 3 percent or about 76 units of affordable housing in town.

The project with heated pool, spa, exercise facility and clubhouse is geared toward "empty-nesters" and young professionals with no kids although Avalon estimates the project would add an additional 30 schoolchildren to Cohasset. However, Superintendent of Schools Edward Malvey has gone on record saying that number could be much higher.

AvalonBay first came to town about 10 months ago and met informally with town officials at that time.

Roberts said the reason for the holdup has been determining how to handle wastewater from the site. AvalonBay had considered buying sewer capacity from the Hull Treatment Plant, but Roberts said that is now off the table because of the infrastructure needed to pipe the effluent 2-1/2 miles to Hull. Instead, Avalon plans to build an on-site sewer treatment plant. He said there's plenty of room at the site because the complex will only use about 1/3 of the acreage.

"We're at a point now that we're prepared for a comprehensive permit to be filed," Roberts said. "We've ironed out the sewer situation. We wanted to have our homework done before we proceeded."

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> — Michael Roberts, AvalonBay

Before Avalon files for the comprehensive permit, the company plans to notify all "the appropriate boards in town to give them plenty of lead time," he said.

He explained Avalon has gone through a lot of preliminary design analysis on the on-site sewer system and is now comfortable enough to proceed.

Market rents for the units will range from about $1,600-$2,000 per month depending on the apartment type. The affordable units will rent from $600-$1100, Roberts said.

AvalonBay has a luxury apartment complex in Hull that Cohasset residents can look at to get an idea of what type of architecture and buildings to expect. The Hull complex was not built with a comprehensive permit, however.

But AvalonBay is well versed in the process. The company about a dozen projects that are either developed or underway in the state under comprehensive permits.

"It's a process that we're very familiar with," Roberts said.

However, the project is not a "done deal" because the Zoning Board can set conditions as long as they don't hurt the economic viability of the project and the board also has the authority to deny the comprehensive permit. Avalon can appeal a denial to the state although the state expects a fairly rigorous process at the local level.

The process can be complex . The ZBA attended a course on Chapter 40B; town counsel also provided the board with a refresher on the law earlier this year. Neighboring Hingham hired consultants who are experts on the law to help its ZBA through two large projects.

The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency has given the AvalonBay project site approval meaning the project meets the criteria for the state housing subsidy program.

Roberts said traffic issues and engineering the entrance to the site are not insurmountable and will be resolved with the town.

"The sewer technology issue took us a while to get there," he said.

Negotiations must start within 30 days of Avalon's filing for a comprehensive permit. Plans are to conduct the AvalonBay hearings in the selectmen's office which has better acoustics than the Town Hall auditorium and the room can accommodate about 30 people.

The Planning Board is concerned with the potential loss of valuable commercial property in Cohasset, which is 93 percent residentially zoned.

Of the total 384 acres zoned for commercial development in town, 171 remain undeveloped. The proposed complex would eat up 38 percent of that.

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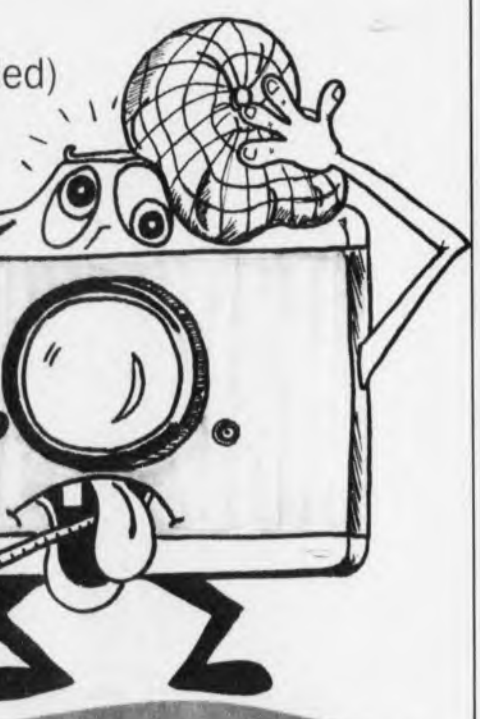

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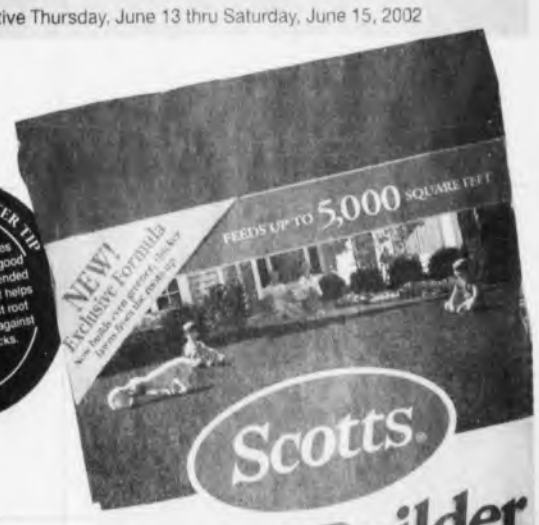

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Blaze destroys antique Summer Street house

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he said he doesn't know were the family is going to relocate.

"We lost everything and a lot of memories," he said.

At 2 p.m. on Tuesday, the Cohasset Fire Department received a call indicating smoke coming from the roof of the residence. Within minutes, the 911 dispatch was flooded with similar warnings. The firefighters, whose station is around the corner on Elm Street, were at the fire within minutes and soon thereafter Fire Chief Roger Lincoln sounded a second alarm. Each alarm indicates additional resources that are needed at the scene.

According to Cohasset Fire Captain Mark Trask, the rescue workers were initially in an attack mode but access to the building was extremely difficult. Trask described their initial strategy as a surgical strike, where the firefighters were attempting to douse the blaze from the inside.

However the fire, which started in the attic, had already charred the staircases that led to the highest level of the house.

"After and hour of an offensive attack we realized it wasn't working," Trask said. "We then went into a defensive mode and brought in the heavy artillery."

It was at that point that four ladder trucks surrounded the house and firefighters scaled the ladders to turn their hoses loose. Up to 5,000 gallons of water was poured into the house every minute. Trask said this was a prime example of how mutual aid, the practice of neighboring fire departments assisting one another, works.

"Without those other stations we'd still be fighting the fire," he said.

Hanover and Scituate covered Cohasset's headquarters and Scituate along with Norwell, Marshfield, Hull, Hingham provided engines and equipment at the fire. All of Cohasset's resources were deployed.

Police Chief Bob Jackson, whose department controlled the perimeter of the area to and made sure the fire department had access to the building, said the cause doesn't appear to be suspicious. At the time the Mariner went to press, the Fire Marshall was still investigating the fire.

While Trask said it was too early to estimate the damage to the house, he did say it would be significant.

The property, assessed at close to $500,000 and the house at almost $315,000, suffered serious water damage along with the heat, smoke, and fire which enveloped the house for some time.

"The main thing is that no one was hurt," said Howie Altholtz, who lives across the street. "It's just sad because they're a great family and great neighbors."

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Mutual aid from area towns including Hingham was called in during Tuesday's four-alarm house fire.

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Fire Capt. Mark Trask's helmet rests on a fence post. The helmet shield depicts two speaking trumpets that were used years ago to call out to the men.

Top: Spectators watched as flames break through the roof at 83 Summer St.

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There's a new train man in town

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Carroll, 38, of Quincy is no stranger to the South Shore, although he admits to not being as knowledgeable about Greenbush as many of the residents he talks to.

But Carroll should not be underestimated. He comes off four years of "community outreach" work for Cashman on the part of Boston's Central Artery-Third Harbor Tunnel project — dubbed the "Big Dig," that runs through the congested North End of Boston — with an "A," he says, for keeping the locals informed.

In fact, information is the key, says Carroll.

"My goal is not to have anyone be surprised," he says. To that end, Carroll will conduct community meetings with businesses, abutters, town officials and other interested parties — not to debate whether the train should come, but how to best mitigate construction impacts.

Carroll's office is opening in the former bowling alley building at 1580 Commercial St. in Weymouth's Jackson Square. He shares the building with representatives from the MBTA and Cashman Balfour Beatty's project designer, STV Inc.

Carroll, who has been with Cashman for 14 years, jokes he represents "everybody's bad day."

"There are certain things that come along with construction," he says. "We try to minimize those. People's lives go on and the quality of their lives should not stop because construction is going on."

The MBTA awarded the $252 million construction project to Cashman Balfour Beatty in April. As it stands now, South Shore commuters can expect to ride the 17-mile Greenbush train to work by late 2005, according to the state transportation office.

Construction, which includes an underpass in Weymouth Landing and a tunnel under Hingham Square, involves the design-build method which can help expedite a project because construction can go forward as the design unfolds in another area.

Carroll, whose wife comes from Braintree, said he's prepared for whatever questions and concerns residents and businesses along the train line want to send his way. He's already spending time getting to know the towns, including attending Hingham's Memorial Day parade with his daughter.

The Cashman office in Jackson Square is planning at barbecue at 2 p.m., June 13 (Thursday) for area businesses and residents.

As was his philosophy in the North End, Carroll won't pass the buck, so to speak.

"One thing people do not want to hear is 'it's not my fault,'" he says, adding his office will have a 24-hour-hotline available. "I will do what I can to help them with a problem.

"The residents live their lives here, pay their taxes and pay a lot for their homes," he says. "I owe them the best effort I can to address the issues."

Although actual construction is still some time off, small signs that Greenbush is coming are starting to surface. Surveyors have been walking the rail bed in Scituate and other towns, and in Hingham Square where the tunnel will be dug, special wells are being installed to determine tidal influences underground.

"We don't want people to think we're building the tunnel now," Cashman explains about the monitoring wells in Hingham Square. "But that can happen with a lack of communication."

Carroll points out that during his time in the North End, during Cashman's spot checks of the construction site for proper signage, cleanliness, aesthetics and other factors, his lowest grade was an "A-".

Unflappable, Carroll is unfazed about dealing with area communities which have fought the train. His experience working with the North End Waterfront Central Artery Committee, dubbed NEWCAC, made up of North End businesses and residents that had many demands such as limiting construction between certain hours with pre-approval, is good training, he said.

Carroll said just the way helmets and safety glasses are second nature to workers, so is making construction as least intrusive as possible to Cashman.

For example, Carroll says from his talks with Hingham Square merchants parking is a huge issue, which needs to be addressed especially if cars that now use the right of way move onto the street, reducing available parking for customers.

"At Andrew Zona Studio (on South Street), customers want to relax while they have facials, we have to see what steps we can take during construction to make sure that is still relaxing for them," he said. "The Computer Nerd has different issues.

"We're going to get everyone together to find out what their concerns are and take care of them," Carroll said.

At 10 a.m. Friday (June 14) in the St. Paul School gymnasium off Fearing Road in Hingham Square, Carroll and representatives from the MBTA will meet with Hingham residents, businesses and property owners to discuss the tunnel.

It's the first of what Carroll says will be many meetings in the months and years ahead.

"We make noise and dust for a living," he says. "But how we can do it with the least impact is what matters."

DeNiro's Keno request nixed

Not in residential area, officials say

By Evan Schiff
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The idea of sanctioned gambling in residential neighborhood did not appeal to the selectmen. To that end, the board voted unanimously to object to the installation of Keno at De Niro's Restaurant on Hull Street. The selectmen had 21 days to respond to the application and the case will now go before the Massachusetts Lottery Commission, which still has the authority to allow the game.

"I don't think gambling is necessary in a residential zone," said Selectman Merle Brown. "Adding this to the neighborhood would just create more problems."

Even though De Niro's is a business, it is currently located in a residential zone because it was situated in the site before zoning laws. Its owner, Frank Plotner, said Keno would not have been a distraction.

"It would have been done very tastefully," he said. "It would have been for the convenience of our customers."

However, at least one abutter to the restaurant feared the lure of Keno could draw an excessive amount of traffic into the area. Maria Plante, a resident of Jerusalem Road, said with all of the families in the vicinity of West Corner, the game would not be appropriate.

"I strongly suggest that this application is denied," she said.

Another issue selectmen had a problem with was the proposed expansion of the restaurant. The building, which currently houses enough seats for 70 people will be before the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 17 looking for an addition of 23 seats. The plans also call for a 20-foot extension to the footprint of the building extending it further into the parking lot.

"I don't think gambling is necessary in a residential zone."

— Selectman Merle Brown

"One issue has nothing to do with the other, it's purely coincidence they're coming at the same time," said Greg Sullivan, Plotner's attorney. "Let's concentrate on the issue at hand."

Greg Sullivan estimated the game would have generated almost $2,000 worth of revenue a week for the restaurant and assured selectmen the game would be presented tastefully.

"It would be one, ten-inch screen at the bar," he said. "This operation is a matter of amusement for patrons waiting for a table."

Greg Sullivan said Plotner, who used to own Hingham Bay Club which had Keno, has demonstrated his responsibility with the game.

"He's been in the restaurant business for a long time and never given the board any reason to think he wouldn't handle this professionally," he said.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris assured Plotner that the board was not attacking his business, only his application for a gambling license.

"I think you've done a great job over there and I eat there quite frequently," she said. "I just am not in support of Keno in a residential neighborhood."

Keno, sanctioned by the lottery commission, is a game akin to Bingo. Players are given a sheet of numbers and asked to mark anywhere from one to 12 spots and can wager up to $20 on each sheet. The winning numbers are then displayed on the screen and prizes are given out based on the number of picks the player picked correctly. A new game is displayed on the Keno screen every five minutes.

Police Chief Bob Jackson said gambling could cause problems.

"The addition of Keno may increase the need for more police presence in the area in order to keep the peace," he wrote in a letter to selectmen. "For that reason I suggest the board not vote in favor of the application."

There is currently one Keno screen in town located at the Cohasset Food Mart at 3A. The gambling screen was allowed because it was set up before town boards were given the authority to object to its installation.

"If this was going to be another site set up on 3A I'd be more inclined to approve it," said Selectman Fred Koed. "But I just don't think it belongs in that neighborhood."

Sailing club cruises into season

The children's program for the Cohasset Sailing Club opens its 42nd season on June 27 with tremendous momentum.

"We have re-engineered the curriculum and carefully chosen our instructors," says Sandy Crough, vice commodore responsible for children's sailing.

The instructor lineup reflects much experience in sailing instruction.

The instructor lineup reflects much experience in sailing instruction. Long-time Cohasset teacher Torin Sweeney will oversee the instructors. According to Sweeney, many of the staff are veterans with excellent sailing backgrounds. Matt McLaughlin will be head Instructor.

This year's flagship group, the Master's Class, has more than quadrupled in size over last year's. Commodore Bob Deutsch attributes this increase to an energized level of volunteerism among the members, upgraded equipment, staff stability, and greater organizational visibility.

He also cited five members in particular who aided Crough during the winter months in planning the season's activities. Tom and Dianne Shipp surveyed the entire membership to find out how the program could become more user friendly. Ann Musto assisted in the time-consuming hiring process. Emily Malone contributed her extensive instructional background to revisions in the curriculum. Lucia Flibotte organized the planning for special events.

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Amanda Gontarz named to Who's Who among college students

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MISSING CAT

I had a heartfelt request sent to me and hope that someone out there can help. **Anne Rowland**, of Bancroft Road has a sweet, missing cat. This is an orange tabby cat, medium size that is two years in age with short hair. The cat may be stuck in a shed or garage and has been missing since June 3 around the Bancroft Road area. If anyone has any information, please call 781-383-1202. A $50 reward is being offered.

THAYER GRADUATE

Thayer Academy announced a Cohasset graduate, Miss **Leigh-Anne Walsh** who is going to attend Suffolk University in September. Congratulations.

THANKS, MARY KATE

Mary Kate McKenna of Cohasset was recently left off a thank you for all the Senior Shuttle drivers here in town. Mary Kate has been driving for two years and your help was greatly appreciated by all.

SWIM, DIVE TEAM TRYOUTS

The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team would like to announce try-outs for both programs this coming Monday, June 17 at the Cohasset Swim Center. There are limited openings in all age groups for both Swim team and Dive team. The Swim Team try-outs are from 4-6 p.m., and the Dive Team try-outs are from 7-8 p.m. Put on your suits and come on down ready to put your best stroke forward!

HISTORY MAJOR

Congratulations are in order for the following graduates from Cohasset. **Garrick J. Towle**, the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Towle Jr.** was awarded a bachelor of arts degree at Roanoke College in Salem, Va. on May 4. Garrick majored in history and is bound to go on to wonderful things. Great job!

EDUCATION AWARD

Carolyn M. Pratt received a bachelor of arts in psychology from the School of Education at Roger Williams University in Briston, R.I. on May 18. This young lady also received the School of Education Service Award.

CLARK GRADUATE

William L. Atherton received a bachelor of arts in psychology on May 19 at Clark Universtiy in Worcester.

DEAN'S LIST

Matthew Keefe has been named to the Dean's List at Plymouth State College in Plymouth, NH. Matthew had to work hard to maintain his grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the spring semester to achieve this honor.

OFF TO YALE

Kara Gaughen, daughter of **Robert Gaughen and Margaret Corrigan**, was one of 303 Philips Academy seniors who graduated June 2. While at Phillips, which is also known as Andover, Kara was a member of the varsity crew, cum laude society, and community service program. She will attend Yale University where she plans to study English and the classics.

UMASS BOSTON GRADS

The following group of Cohasset students were awarded bachelor of arts degrees at UMass Boston on June 1. **Candyce Carragher, Catherine E. Campbell, Denee Marie Hammonds, Jeremy Williams** and **Joseph M. Ryan**. Hats off to all of you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The Beechwood Church Sunday School performed the entire service last Sunday allowing **Pastor Fish** to sit on the other side of the pulpit! **Alicia, Dominique** and **Sam Asnault**; **Michael** and **Amy Mitchell**; **Dave** and **Michael Snowdale** all took part in the Liturgy. In place of a sermon, the entire Sunday School participated in a play entitled, Splash Kingdom with **Sophia** and **Olivia Arnold**, **Natalie Buekers**, as well as **Laura** and **Rebecca Clifford**. Special thanks to **Barbara Fish** and **Rachel Howard** for their help with the music and **Ed Hettstrom** for his technology support. Assistants included teacher **Beverly Asnault, Ethan Arnold, Helen Arnold** and **Holly Clifford**. **Amy Mitchell** received special recognition for her graduation from high school and **Beverly Asnault** was honored for her dedicated service to the children of the church as she turns over her teaching role to Holly Clifford.

Amanda Gontarz

WITH HONORS

Amanda Gontarz, daughter of **Robert and Donna Gontarz**, graduated with honors from Lehigh University on Sunday, June 2 in Bethlehem, Penn.. Amanda, a journalism major, was editor in chief of The Brown and White, Lehigh's student newspaper. She was also named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Great work, Amanda.

THANKS, GEORGE

You may have seen the Cohasset High School Baseball players around town with their new baseball jackets! This fine young team, along with the coaches, played and worked hard all season. So give them a high five when you see them! Finally, behind every team their are supporters. The Baseball Boosters would like to acknowledge and thank **George Roukounakis** at Olympic Citco, downtown for his generous and gracious help to the Boosters this Spring. Not only does George run his business, but he makes the time and space to set up car washes as fundraisers to benefit the baseball team. George, the team, coaches and parents thank you and wish you a prosperous year!

'OUR WORLD' BENEFIT

Cohasset's own celebrity chef, **Tony Ambrose**, will concoct a wonderful dinner on July 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Atlantica on Border Street. Proceeds benefit Our World, the children's global discovery museum and playground to open in a wing of the old Osgood School in the Fall of 2003. Tickets are $125 each, $250 per couple. Don't delay because the cutoff for reservations is June 21. To reserve, call 781-383-0030.

TOP COOKIE SELLER

Well, the Girl Scout Cookie Sale is long gone for this year but we wanted recognition made of the top seller here in town and to congratulate all girls on a job well done. **Marie Gilman**, for the second consecutive year, has been the top seller of Girl Scout cookies here in town. This year, she sold more than360 boxes of cookies, door-to-door! Marie is a brownie in Patriots Trail Troop 4776 and is finishing up second grade in **Miss Murphy's** class at the Osgood. Congratulations to Marie and all the girls who sold cookies this year, you all did great!

CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

A mention last week of **Leo Fiori's** 80th B-Day celebration was in the paper however, the party was on May 11, not March 11 as stated. Sorry for the mistake, Leo!

PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM

Alex Berg, a student at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood is attending the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program through June 15 in Washington, D.C. The Presidential Classroom gives top high school students an introduction to how the federal government works. Alex will have a chance to visit Senator Edward Kennedy's and Congressman William Delahunt's offices and observe congressional meetings. He'll also attend a CIA briefing, and participate in a mock presidential election with student candidates. Alex will take part in seminars presented by leaders representing each branch of government, the military and the media. He'll participate in small group workshops and debate current issue such as the role of the media in American politics. This is an unbelievable opportunity for you Alex, please let us know about it when you come back.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

I have a few birthdays to announce this week for some very special boys. The first special wish goes out to our son, **Daniel** as he turns 12 years old on June 15. It does not seem possible and I am sure that this is the last time he will let me put this in the paper so here goes. Happy Birthday Daniel, we love you so much and hope that your day is fantastic.

Another boy who is celebrating a birthday is **David Burke** who turned two years old yesterday. Happy Birthday Davie, everyone loves you a great big bunch, especially Mom, Dad, big sister **Kyle** and little sister, **Bridget**! We hope you had a fun and special day yesterday!

SAFE SUMMER, PAC SURVEYS

I would like to wish all the children who will be heading out of school next week to have a fun, safe and enjoyable summer and to all of the Sixth graders a super graduation day on Wednesday, June 19!

A reminder to all parents of children who are currently on an IEP or were taken off of one this year in the Cohasset Schools to make sure and send in your PAC survey no later than Friday, June 14! This survey can be done anonymously and can be sent to P.O Box 186.

FARMERS MARKET

I hope that everyone is going to try to make it to the Farmers Market this afternoon on Cohasset Common. This weekly event is held every Thursday afternoon from now through early October and has something in store for everyone.

FESTIVAL ON THE COMMON

Also coming this weekend is the Annual Arts Festival on the Common. This wonderful tradition brings art, music, food and friendship to town each year and is sure to be a fantastic way to start off the summer. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and be ready to have an awesome time.

SAILING CLUB EVENT

The Cohasset Sailing Club would like to invite all adult members and especially all *new* members, to a "Music Under the Stars" Party to be held at the Sailing Club on Saturday evening, June 29th, starting at 7 p.m. The "cost of admission" for A-L (first letter of your last name) is to bring a dessert and for M-Z to bring an appetizer. Come join the fun as the "Grateful Dads" serenade you under the Stars! Questions? Call **Lucia Flibotte** at 781-383-2792. Hope to "sea" you there!

FAREWELL, FRIENDS

The time has come for Cohasset to say good-bye to **Louis, Nancy, Patrick, Peter and Claire Herlin** as they head on out to the state of Texas! The Herlin family has brought many a smile to friends here in Cohasset and are going to be missed by everyone here. We wish you all the best as you settle into your new home and town. Please send stories, photos and updates as we will all look forward to hearing about your new home and state. Best of luck to all!

Congratulations to all graduates everywhere, including the CHS Class of 2002!

That is all for this week. PLEASE make sure to have all your news, photos and information in to me no later than Mondays at noon!

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Festival on the Common schedule of activities

Friday, June 14 Festival Open 2-7 p.m.

2-7 p.m. Juried art exhibitions, members' art exhibition, young artists exhibition, 80 juried crafters, artists' demonstrations, children's art exhibition and activity tent, food court, Strawberry Festival, $5 donation requested

Ana, who also plays the trombone in the school band, said she enjoys both singing and playing the guitar.

3-5 p.m. Kidstent —Young artists' exhibition and free children's art activities

3:30-5 p.m. Dawna Hammers family concert

5:15 p.m. Art Awards Ceremony – Festival Stage

7 p.m. Festival on the Common closes

8 p.m. Festival offCommon kickoff party and silent auction with music, festive libations and celebrity guest auctioneer Anthony Everett, WCVB-TV News Anchor. South Shore Art Center, 19 Ripley Road, Cohasset, $25 ($20 SSAC members). Call 781-383-2787

Saturday, June 15 Festival Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

10 a.m.-7 p.m.: Juried art exhibitions, members' art exhibition, young artists' exhibition, 80 juried fine art crafters, artists demonstrations, children's art activity tent, community art project, food court, Strawberry Festival, trolley service, $5 donation requested

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Cohasset Common Musicians' Gathering A day of regional performing artists including Cohasset's Rusty Skippers at 10 a.m., and Watson Reid & Americana at 1 p.m.

12-5 p.m. Kidstent — young artists' exhibition and free children's art activities

12 p.m. Sailing of replica boats by the Marine Modeler's Association of NE, Meeting House Pond

7 p.m. Festival closes

8 p.m. Gospel Choir Concert, First Parish Church, Cohasset Common

Sunday, June 16 Festival Open 12-6 p.m.

12-6 p.m. Juried art exhibitions, members' art exhibition, young artists exhibition, 80 juried fine art crafters, artists' demonstrations, children's art activity tent, community art project, food court, Strawberry Festival, free trolley service, $5 donation requested

12-5 p.m. Kidstent Young Artists' Exhibition and free children's art activities

12 -5 p.m. Cohasset Common Musicians Gathering — An afternoon of instrumental music featuring the South Shore Bay Band, Hingham High School Jazz Ensemble, and the Choral Art Society. Also a performance of the St. Stephen's Carillon by Sally Slade Warner.

6 p.m. Festival Closes

Festival off Common party at Art Center

The South Shore Art Center will kick-off its 47th Arts Festival on the Common with a festive party featuring music by Tom Boyer, a limited auction with celebrity guest Anthony Everett, and hors d' oeuvres by Lorraine Bachman of On the Rocks catering. Festival offCommon will take place Friday, June 14, 8 p.m. in the Bancroft Gallery of the South Shore Art Center. Tickets are $25, $20 for Art Center members.

WCVB-TV news anchorman Anthony Everett will auction off a pastel painting by national award-winning artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan. Haywood-Sullivan's painting, Union Street Pines features a beautiful vista of the North River. For reservations or for more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Fifth-grader to take the stage

Festival encourages many young artists

By Evan Schiff
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Ana Buckley is hardly nervous about her upcoming gig and why should she be? She's been playing the guitar for four years and singing since she was just a toddler.

But for Ana that was not too long ago.

The Deer Hill fifth-grade student will perform seven songs in her half-hour time slot on Saturday during the South Shore Arts Center Festival on the Common. Ana, who created a tape of her songs when she was in second grade, likes listening to folk music and her selections reflect her interest. She said being on stage is not as easy as she has once imagined.

"Sometimes it's hard because I'm concentrating too much on singing or playing and not on both," she said.

The already accomplished musician has performed at various other functions including the North River Arts Festival in Marshfield and at the Hingham Newcomer's Club.

"I get nervous when I'm on stage," she admitted. "But that's why I practice so much."

The 11-year-old has four guitars, including an ukulele, and is currently trying to play a steel-string guitar rather than the softer nylon-strung guitars she normally strums. Steel-string guitars project louder than their nylon counterparts but tend to be harder on the fingers.

Ana, who also plays the trombone in the school band, said she enjoys both singing and playing the guitar but it's the latter she most enjoys.

"Nobody I know really plays the guitar," she said. "It's special to know I have a talent."

Ana's teacher, Joe Armstrong, has been asking her to writer her own material and Ana said she's attempting her hand at poetry.

Her mother, Emilia Buckley, said she encouraged all of her children to play an instrument.

"It's a different kind of education for them," she said. "I think it's important to be musical."

Along with Ana's concert, there will be many children featured at the festival. Mary Foley, who has coordinated the Young Artists' Exhibition for six years, is once again organizing the event.

She agrees with Emilia on the importance of art for children.

"It helps creatively," she said. "In the last few years there has been so many cut backs in art departments but the festival is a way for students to continue to express themselves."

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Ana Buckley, who will be on stage this weekend at the Festival on the Common, practices on her guitar.

Foley continued to say that when children see their art hung on a wall it provides them with a sense of accomplishment.

To get all the artwork, Foley contacts the schools in the South Shore and asks for students' artwork.

"The students can submit anything they want," she said. "We get everything from crayon drawings to oil paintings."

All of the art work will be displayed in its own tent which will be up the entire festival. Foley said the young artist tent is one of the biggest attractions at the event.

"It's just awesome," she said. "It's very colorful and always gets a great response."

Foley anticipates receiving hundreds of submissions this year and she said it will be difficult to determine the award winners. The prizes are distributed by age group.

The South Shore Art Center Art Festival will be held all weekend on the common. On Friday, June 14, the festival will be open from 2 - 7 p.m., on Saturday it will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sunday, its final day it will be running from noon - 6 p.m.

The festival will feature more than 80 juried craft and fine artists on the common, a young artists' show, kids' art activities, a performance stage, artist demonstrations and free parking and trolley service from the South Shore Music Circus.

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Upset over band teacher's leaving

By Evan Schiff
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With the Cohasset senior class graduating last weekend there was cause for celebration all over town.

However, the mood was starkly different at last week's School Committee meeting where several angry students voiced their displeasure with the administration's decision not to keep a popular teacher.

Principal Michael Jones said Greg Lessard's contract is not being renewed. He was the full-time band director.

A handful of students showed up at the meeting and two read letters they had written to both the School Committee and Jones.

"Not only have you overlooked Mr. Lessard's accomplishments, but you have also overlooked his ability to connect with the students in the program," wrote Andrew Jerz, a student at the high school. "Mr. Lessard has done more for the music program for both the middle and high school in the last two years than what has been accomplished over quite some time."

Lessard, in his second year with the school, was a provisional teacher meaning his contract was renewed on a yearly basis. This is the practice with all the teachers in the school until they reach their fourth year in Cohasset and achieve a professional status.

According to Jones, at that point it is more difficult to let a teacher go.

"The standard is much different for provisional and professional teachers," Jones said.

Jones added he didn't want to specifically talk about Lessard's situation but wanted to assure the school community the music program will not suffer because of this decision.

"We are very committed to both the band and the music program as a whole," Jones said. "It will not disappear."

However, there have been rumors circulating around town that because of the MCAS, a test which emphasizes students knowledge in math, science and English — the art department took a hit.

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— Principal Michael Jones

Eric Oddleifson, who plays with the Rusty Skippers and was part of the Memorial Day celebration in which Lessard led the band, feels the school district has treated the its music department terribly.

"The principal has shown us were his priorities are," he said. "The school finally has a solid music program and it's going to be thrown into disarray again."

However, Jones said that's not the case. He's been actively pursuing Lessard's replacement and the position will continue to be full-time. Jones, whose daughter was a music major at Boston University, said the goal is to improve the program.

"I appreciate very much what Lessard did for our program and wish him the best of luck," Jones said. "We're just going to move in a different direction."

All the students at the School Committee meeting detailed Lessard's commitment to the music program. Lessard has reinstated the pep band at the school which plays at the Skippers football games. The band also played in the Memorial Day Parade, and was the only group representing the school on the day. Lessard also led the middle school band to a music festival in New Hampshire, where it received an "Excellent" ranking. One year later, Lessard led the high school band to a first-place trophy at the all-star festival in New York.

"Most importantly, Mr. Lessard helped us grow as students, as band members and as individuals," wrote a concerned student. "This is not only because he is good at what he does but because he really cares about what he does and not all teachers today care about their class in such a way Mr. Lessard does."

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn thanked the students for coming but said it was outside the board's jurisdiction. The School Committee is mostly a policy setting board and, apart from hiring the superintendent, is not involved with decisions over whether to retain teachers.

"We strongly support all of the programs at the schools," Flynn said. "We have faith in our administration and while the decisions they make may not always be the popular ones, we support them 100 percent."

Bryan Marks, the choral director for the school and teacher in Cohasset for 25 years, said Lessard was one of the best teachers he has ever worked with. Marks said Lessard was well respected by his colleagues and adored by the students.

"We're losing a really great teacher," Marks said. "Our loss is someone else's substantial gain."

Marks continued to say one of his biggest concerns is the current state of the music program. The school has had four different band directors in the past four years and he's worried the position won't be easy to fill.

"It's kind of like a used car," Marks said. "It could be the best car in the world but if it's had four different owners in four years it's going to be hard to convince someone to buy it again."

William McArthur, a senior at the school, agreed with Marks and felt finding Lessard's replacement will prove very difficult.

"I challenge you to find another instructor with the heart, drive, and determination of Greg Lessard, who will sacrifice so much to see his program, school and students excel," wrote McArthur in a letter to the School Committee. "In all my years in the Cohasset band program I have never witnessed a teacher who could install the confidence and bring out the talent of his students or was so liked by them."

Lessard was not available for comment.

Vietnam, Korea veterans memorials are planned

The Veterans Memorial Committee announced it has begun planning for a Korean and Vietnam Memorial. The memorial will be at Veterans Park, Cohasset Harbor. Veterans Park was dedicated in the mid-1960s at the height of the Vietnam War.

The committee added the first memorial wall in 1970 remembering the men who gave their lives in the wars of the 20th-century. Recently, memorial walls have been constructed listing all those from Cohasset who served during World War I, World War II, and panels have been prepared for the names of the 199 Cohasset men who served in the Civil War.

The committee plans to design the new memorial to enhance the beauty of the park on the harbor, said Chairman Glenn A. Pratt. The Korea-Vietnam Memorial will have the names of all those Cohasset men and women who served. Nearly 175 served during the Korean War—America's Forgotten War—all but one returned. The number who served in America's longest war, Vietnam, is expected to approach the 435 who served in World War II. Cohasset sacrificed eight of its young men during the Vietnam conflict—five in 1969 alone.

Work on assembling the names of all who served will be time consuming and require input from the community, according to Pratt. Records kept by the state appear to be very accurate for Korea; original documents are on file at the military records center in Boston. Records for the Vietnam years are incomplete at the state records center, Pratt said. The committee plans a number of efforts over the next few months to solicit information from the community to compile a complete list of those who served.

Conceptual design work is expected to be completed this year and a funding request will be present at the 2003 town meeting.

WWI memorial on the common

Now that the Veterans Committee has completed the new World War I Memorial in the Cove, selectmen are considering removing the temporary World War I Memorial on the common.

Selectmen welcome any public input on this matter before they take action. Should selectmen decide to remove it, the memorial will be archived and stored in an appropriate facility.

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Some town employees may get chance to retire soon

By Evan Schiff
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It is everyone's dream to retire at an early age and for some town employees, it may become a reality. The board of selectmen is debating adopting an early retirement incentive that would allow qualified employees to step down.

The law, which was recently signed by the governor, gives people the ability to add 5 years of age or 5 years of service to their length of service, or a combination of the two.

> **"This needs to be looked at very closely."**
> — Mark Haddad, Town Manager

This would help employees reach the maximum pension of 80 percent of their pay and to do that, an employee must be at least 55-years-old and have been working for at least 30 years. For example, an employee who is 53 with 27 years service, could add two years to their age and, three years to their service to qualify. *(For how it would affect specific workers see sidebar).*

The board needs to decide whether to adopt this statute in Cohasset by June 30 and will need to determine which employees it will offer the incentive to by Dec. 31, 2002 because after that, the program is no longer valid. The board has total discretionary power over the incentive.

The law states, "the executive authority in a town (the selectmen) may limit the amount of additional credit for service or age or a combination of both. It may limit the total number of employees for whom it will approve a retirement calculated under this act."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the board has some work to do.

"This needs to be looked at very closely," he said.

The program would apply to the Class 1 and the Class 4 employees of the town. Class 1 workers are public work employees such as Haddad and clerical staff. Class 4 employees are safety officials, like police and firefighters. There are no Class 2 or 3 employees in Cohasset.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan felt the board needed to identify its priorities.

"We need to look at what the value and cost of changing the workforce would be," he said. "Because that's what we're really talking about here."

Haddad said the benefit to the town would be two fold. It would be a way to let people leave in a beneficial manner to the employee, and a way to incorporate a different set of skills in town. For example, a tenured firefighter could take advantage of this program and a paramedic could take his or her place. However, Haddad said he is still ambivalent about the program.

"Until I see the finaancial impact of this program I can't offer a firm opinion on it," he said. "If we can improve the workforce then it's probably a good thing, if it is a financial burden to the town it's obviously not."

Michael Buckley, the town accountant, said he thinks this is something to town should look into. He said he would recommend offering the incentive to from 1 to 3 employees.

"If the board wanted to change the workforce then this is a good program," he said.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she would like to see more information on the subject before she makes a decision.

"We need a detailed memo on this explaining exactly what the benefits and drawbacks would be with each employee," she said.

Haddad the board must make a decision by June 30.

The impact of the early retirement incentive on five actual employees who are eligible for the program.

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Editors note...the current rate refers to the current percentage of a pension plan an employee has earned and correlates with the dollar amount of their current pension. The new rate refers to the percentage of the pension plan an employee would be eligible for if enrolled in the early retirement incentive program and correlates to the dollar amount in the new pension..

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Zoning proposals sought by July 8

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) will accept proposed zoning amendments for analysis and recommendation to the Planning Board until July 8. Please submit a brief description of your zoning change and/or draft language by fax 781-383-7087; email: ebhtownplanner@aol.com; or mail to the Planning Board at Town Hall.

The purpose of the ZAC is to study and report periodically to the Planning Board to recommend updates to the zoning bylaw and zoning map. Given the level of interest from various boards, commissions and individuals regarding possible zoning changes, the ZAC will place an annual call for zoning proposals. A submission deadline several months in advance of town meeting enables the ZAC adequate time to provide thoughtful recommendations to the Planning Board for possible town meeting action.

The ZAC is an ad-hoc committee of the Planning Board consisting of the following members: Al Moore, Planning Board; Ben Lacy, Zoning Board;; Merle Brown, Board of Selectmen; Veneta Roebuck, Conservation Commission; Rich Henderson, Citizen Member; Mark DeGiacomo, Citizen Member; Liz Harrington, Town Planner; and Bob Egan, Building Commissioner.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the neighborhood

Old habits are hard to break. We've been writing about Greenbush and the MBTA, and key players from state secretaries to T spokesmen, for so long in the same paragraph that it's going to feel a little awkward getting used to some new names.

The new "train" guy on the block is Tom Carroll. He comes to town with 14 years with his company Cashman Construction, which has partnered with Balfour Beatty to build the train.. Most recently Mr. Carroll served as the community liaison for Cashman in the North End, where the Big Dig has had a major impact.

Those are good credentials – ones he'll need in dealing with the anti-train folk along the rail line.

In an interview last week, we tried to warn Mr. Carroll that despite successfully dealing with neighbors and businesses in one of Boston's oldest and most charming neighborhoods – he ain't seen nothing yet. After a drive through Boston, not many motorists would oppose the Central Artery-Third Harbor Tunnel project. The Big Dig has its problems, but the alternative of doing nothing isn't an option.

There's no such case with Greenbush., which some say is the worst alternative for the traffic snarled South Shore. Unfortunately, in our view, too many area residents are still committed to opposing to the project, including our two legislators. They are holding on to the belief that a combination of boats and buses can end our traffic nightmare.

So to Greenbush opponents, Mr. Carroll not only represents "dust and disruption" he is also a clear sign the "awful" train might actually come.

Nevertheless we give Cashman Construction high marks for sending Mr. Carroll, who is going to be on-site and available for all questions and concerns related to construction. He says he's a good listener and will do his best to mitigate the intrusion that train construction is going to mean. His office will have a 24-hour-hotline and promises to respond to all calls.

Even though actual construction is a ways off, Cashman is wasting no time.

Today, there's an open house at the new regional office at 1058 Commercial St. in Weymouth's Jackson Square.

And at 10 a.m. Friday is the first of what is promised to be many meetings with local citizens, town officials, businesses and other interested parties when tunnel construction will be discussed at St. Paul's School.

The unflappable Mr. Carroll is both congenial and laid back – useful traits as he opens the Greenbush chapter of his career.

There's also a good chance he'll be able to make all our lives easier when the backhoes and construction trucks come to town.

Mutual aid

"Mutual aid" have to be two of the most beautiful words in the English language.

There was a move afoot about 10 years ago to develop regional fire protection service. After many months, a study was generated, one that is no doubt sitting on a shelf somewhere in one of the area towns. Changing the culture of having local fire service here in parochial Massachusetts was not something likely to occur.

But Tuesday when dozens of firefighters from several towns fought a four-alarm blaze here in Cohasset, it was clear that mutual aid, which provides backup for our local police and fire departments, works well. The extended ladders from four aerial ladder trucks were a wonder to behold.

It may not be perfect, but mutual aid allows our towns to maintain their own fire and police departments while at the same time getting help from outside when needed. Mutual aid provided invaluable help Tuesday, and we're grateful to all the firefighters and fire departments that pitched in.

— Mary Ford
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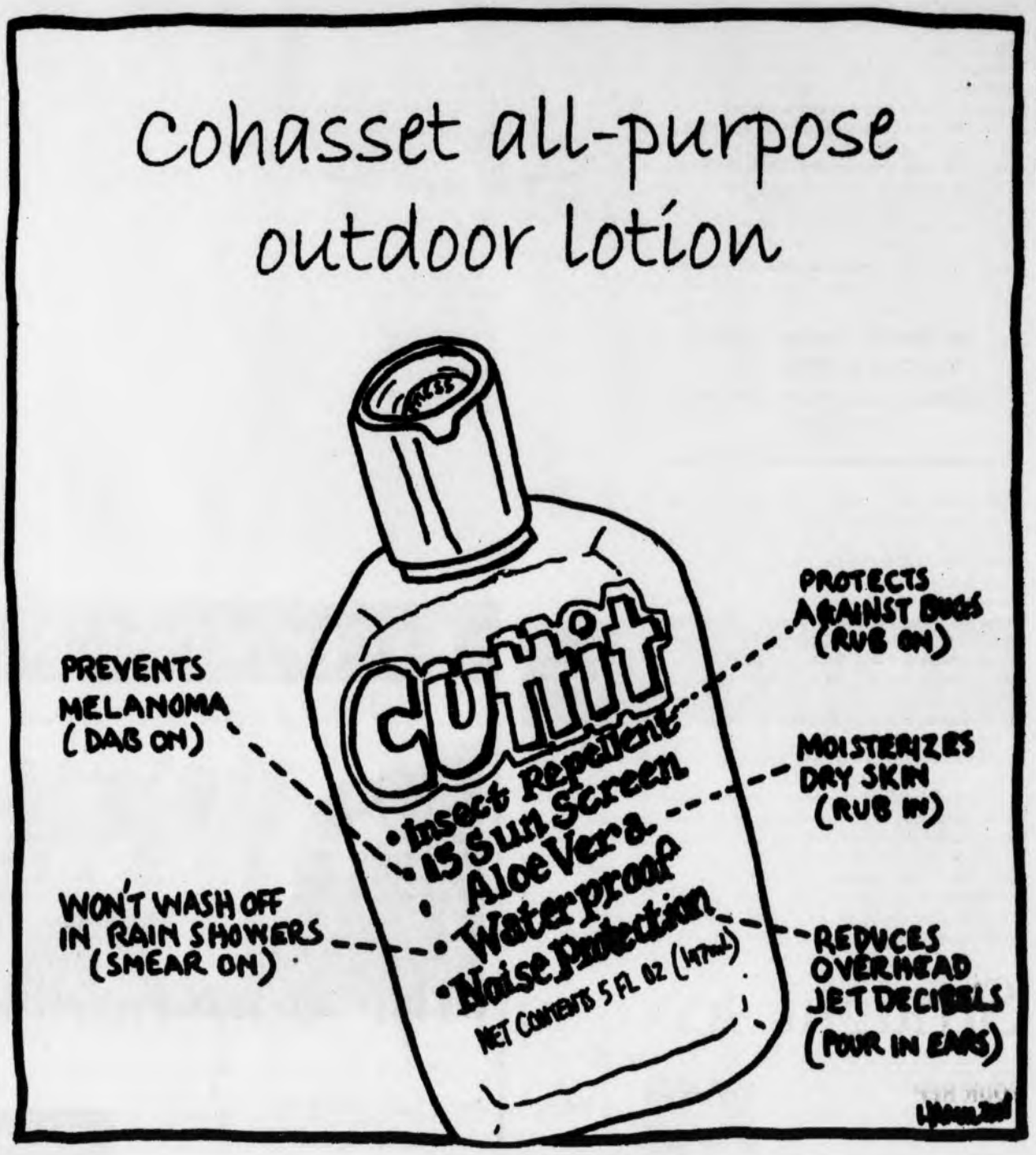

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Setting the record straight

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Mr. and Mrs. Karps' letter, I would like to set the record straight. The Red Lion Inn, before reconstruction, was a structure which had been run down beyond repair. The barn has a legal capacity of 340 people. Except one fund-raiser, most functions in the barn during the last 12 months have been between 125 and 180 persons. On the insistence of the town, the Red Lion Inn has provided more parking spaces on its own property. The employees work day or evening shifts so that there are never more than 40 percent of the staff at the inn at one time.

The inn has accommodated the Karps in every possible way, building a fence, planting trees, and installing sound-measurement systems. The inn has also helped to revitalize the town and has contributed $50,000 to the Revitalization Corporation, a $10,000 Cohasset High School Scholarship and another $50,000 toward the construction of the Little League Baseball field. The inn has been a good "Cohasset citizen."

The proposed addition of 34 rooms is for wedding guests who are on the property anyway. The underground garage requires practically no blasting. The landfill, which was deposited there from the original construction, has to be removed again. The neighbors should welcome this because there would be fewer cars leaving, the guest are staying on the property and the business community will benefit as well.

We're getting many compliments about the tasteful design and structure of the inn. We will try to accommodate our neighbors and the citizens of Cohasset.

We employ many Cohasset residents and now many of those families' children. However, there are a few who will never agree with needed changes although they bought property adjacent to a business zone.

We would also like the parents, employees and in general, the silent majority, to attend future meetings.

Michael Hayes, President
Red Lion Inn
71 South Main St.

Public safety on sidewalks

Mr. Mark Haddad, Town Manager
Chief Robert Jackson, Chief of Police

I am very concerned about a public safety issue for all Cohasset residents. By allowing cars to parallel park over sidewalks, pedestrians, strollers, young bikers, wheelchairs, and runners are forced to walk into busy town streets to pass these vehicles. I recognize that Cohasset is short on parking spaces, however, by allowing vehicles to block sidewalks the town is compromising the safety of our citizens.

Please don't allow an accident to happen before the laws, which are intended to protect our citizens, are properly enforce.

Kari O'Donnell
11 Beach St.

Editor's note: Mrs. O'Donnell provided The Mariner with a copy of her letter.

Band teacher should stay

TO THE EDITOR:

My classmates and I have learned that the Middle/High School Band Teacher, Mr. Lessard will no longer be the band teacher next year. The reason that his contract is not being renewed is because he is against the idea of the band rehearsing after school rather than during the school day. He feels that by having the rehearsals after school it would be the death of the band.

The Cohasset School Band *does not want* Mr. Lessard to be let go because we believe that he is an amazing band teacher and has really brought the band together. We respectfully disagree with the School Board and the Superintendent and request that they reconsider. If band is after school, it will compete with other activities, such as sports.

We *really enjoy playing our instruments* and like the idea of it being scheduled into our day rather than having it compete with other activities. Some of us have already started signing petitions in Mr. Lessard's support. We are hoping that this can be changed and we students (that this decision now affects) have a voice in this matter.

We, the band don't want to lose the best band teacher that Cohasset Middle/High School has seen in a long time.

Ryan McLellan, 13
Charles Miller, 12; John Coffy, 13
Kyle Dattola, 13; Tristram Norman, 13
Chris Donze, 13; Sam Kusek, 14

Relay For Life

TO THE EDITOR:

As Regional Executive for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset this year, I would like to thank the people of Cohasset and the surrounding towns for their continued generosity and support. Relay For Life brought together teams of families, friends, students, churches, neighborhoods and businesses all with the same goal of curing cancer in the new millennium. We have raised more than $133,000 to date, to help the American Cancer Society fund research, education, information and guidance to cancer patients, advocacy and patient service programs such as transportation to treatment and one-on-one support for women with breast cancer.

I would also like to congratulate the planning committee for working so diligently to make this year's event a tremendous success. Their incredible support and determination proves we can make a difference in the fight against cancer when we work together.

Although cancer continues to touch so many lives, Relay For Life is an emphatic statement of our hope that this disease will one day be conquered. The rain may have ended our event early, but it could not dampen the spirit that is Relay For Life.

Mary Shepherd
Regional Executive for Development
American Cancer Society

Lamp posts

TO THE EDITOR:

One can get an idea of the suitability of black iron lamp posts that look something like Victorian gas lights by visiting the business district of Hingham.

We don't need to emulate Hingham, of course, but it is worth noting that it is slightly older than Cohasset, has many more "period" buildings, and strong views about preservation and historic authenticity.

Because Cohasset is not a museum dedicated to replicating or preserving any particular era, and already is a smorgasbord of styles, surely our best course is to pick lights that are effective and attractive. Most lamp post styles are unappealing and seem intended to light gas stations; the attractive ones are patterned after classics of the past (e.g. Victorian gas lamps).

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Furniture sale

The Cohasset School Department will conduct a sale of various furnishings at both the Deer Hill School and the Middle/High School on Saturday, June 22 between the hours of 8 and 11 a.m. Items available for sale include, student desks, teachers' desks, tables and cabinets. All items are cash-and-carry as there will be no items stored on site. Proceeds from the sale of this furnishing will be used to offset the debt service for the school construction project. For information, call the school superintendent's office at 781-383-6111.

HEALTH NOTES

Students report on water quality issues

By Steve Bobo

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This year on May 23 at the Lightkeepers building on the waterfront, students made a formal presentation to the Board of Health of the work they had done over the last several years. The work was funded by grants, from various sources, and not from the school budget.

The first grant was given in 1999 by the DEP's office of volunteer support, and was, for the most part, turned over to the high school to fund volunteer activities in Dave Magnusen's science department which included work by biology teacher Patty McGrail, and kids who joined Jack Buckley's new Maritime Institute. The work the kids did, beginning in the summer of 1998 was to assess water quality issues in town.

First, in support of Camp Dresser & McKee's town-

The student volunteers' reports have been or will be used by Cohasset in grant requests totaling $150,000.

funded, water quality study of Little Harbor, and later in assessment of the impact of additional fresh water entering Cohasset Cove and its effect on the lobster population in the harbor. The reports were titled "Testing Levels of Fecal Coliform at Cat Dam," Kelly Stone, May 2002, and Salinity and "Dissolved Oxygen Study Cohasset Harbor Summer, 2001," Charlie Anderson, Jesse Brewer, Matthew Davis, Ross Leib-Lappin.

Future work is being funded by grants from other sources including MIT, Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Department, etc. According to Steve Ivas, an environmental activist chairman of Norwell's Water Commission and one of the 30 or so attendees, the work represented college-level quality. Copies of these reports are available at the Board of Health.

As students become more proficient in their monitoring efforts, the quality of their work improves and becomes more reliable. The student volunteers' reports have been or will be used by Cohasset in grant requests totaling $150,000. If these grants are received, it will be in large part because of Cohasset's student volunteer program.

Use of volunteers has become a part of a town strategy to deflect the DEP assessment of Cohasset as non-responsive to environmental concerns. We have a letter from Dave Ferris of the DEP, the state's overseer of environmental issues within the town, so stating. The student volunteer effort has now become embedded in the curriculum of the school system and benefits the town, the students and teachers without touching town tax revenues.

The student volunteer program under high school auspices provides several major benefits to the town without even considering obvious benefits to students: First there will be reduced funding pressure on the school system to provide science (chemical and biological environmental) electives, since funding for such volunteer programs comes from grants and other sources. Teachers have a venue within town with which to obtain summer continuing education and other career incentives, and the town receives data of vital importance to maintaining its state-mandated environmental goals. These benefits are available through a self-sustaining organism with our requiring support from tax revenues.

For the future, the town plans assessments of water-quality improvement in all of its estuaries including the Gulf, (nutrients and fecal coliform) main harbor (salinity), Little Harbor (fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen, DO, and nutrients), and Straits Pond (salinity, DO, flushing studies, bathymetry). We will not be able to accomplish this program without support from highly skilled and properly trained volunteer monitors which the town's school system provides.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

From left, CHS students Jesse Brewer, Matt Davis, Steve Laney, Robert Hickey, Ross Lieb-Lappen and Charlie Anderson and Tonya, a UNH student from Scituate, comprised the group that did the salinity study at the harbor. CHS teacher Ann Thomae led the project.

Straight scoop on the state budget

YOUR REP

GARRETT BRADLEY

I believe we should have started the process by looking for ways to eliminate waste wherever possible

As the budget process in the House of Representatives draws to a close, I want to provide you with an update on the Commonwealth's fiscal situation and how it will impact our local schools, public safety and town services.

Massachusetts faces a $2 billion budget deficit. If you have been watching the debate about tax increases and budget cuts, you may share my frustration with the knee-jerk reaction of the legislature to increase taxes without looking at other options to raise revenue. Let me be clear at the start: I did not support the House tax package which included, among other things, freezing the tax roll back. The residents of Massachusetts voted overwhelmingly for the tax cut, and just as I have supported the Clean Elections law for the same reason, I will not override the will of the voters and their clear intentions on these issues.

Instead, I supported a mix of budget cuts and targeted increases in revenue. With a $21.8 billion budget that has doubled within the last 10 years, I believe we should have started the process by looking for ways to eliminate waste wherever possible. I sponsored a plan that would have generated over $1 billion to help close the budget gap and protect our local schools, public safety, and town services without raising arbitrary taxes. This plan would have utilized the unused portion of this year's tobacco fund settlement, provided more local aid by reducing the payouts from the Lottery, implemented a tax amnesty program for the state to secure delinquent taxes, and explored placing video gaming machines at the state's four existing race tracks. These solutions would have closed the budget gap without breaking our promise to the voters to reduce the income tax.

Unfortunately, a majority of representatives chose a different option. I want you to know that I fought hard for my plan and that I will continue to work hard to keep taxes low while providing essential services. I will also continue to ensure that our district has a strong, independent voice fighting for our interests on Beacon Hill. Toward that goal, I was able to help increase funds for the school building assistance program, public education, law enforcement and local aid. This means that our communities, while still making some cuts, will have the resources they need to continue to provide quality services for all residents.

Since being elected in 2000, I have worked hard to make sure that the communities of Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull have a strong advocate in the State Legislature. With the addition of a portion of Scituate to the district in 2003, I look forward to continuing to work with local residents and community leaders to improve the quality of life in our communities.

State Representative Garrett Bradley represents the Third Plymouth District.

POLITICAL NOTES

Ted LeClair draws a crowd

More than 450 South Shore residents and elected officials filled the Elks Lodge in Weymouth last week to help Democrat Ted LeClair kick-off his campaign for the Plymouth-Norfolk District of the Massachusetts State Senate.

"I believe that we can do more to help educate our kids, I believe that we can do more to provide quality health care, I believe that we can do more to improve our economy and improve the quality of our public transportation, and most importantly I believe – very passionately – that we can do more to improve the trust all of you have in our government," LeClair told the crowd. "That is why I am running and that is what keeps me going every day: to every meeting, to every door, to every phone call."

LeClair will face incumbent state Sen. Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth, in November's election.

Palmer kickoff party includes fireworks

Nathaniel Palmer, candidate for State Representative for the Third Plymouth district, announces the official campaign launch party on Saturday, June 29, from 5-8p.m., at the Hingham Community Center on 70 South St. in Hingham.

"After several successful rallies this month, our message is really resonating within our district," Palmer says. "The voters of the South Shore know that it's time for a change, and on the 29th we will show our district that change is here!"

Senator Bob Hedlund, the ranking Republican for the South Shore whose district includes Palmer's Third Plymouth, will serve as the event's emcee. Other honored guests will include former state Representative Mary Jeanette Murray, Republican State Party Vice Chairwoman Polly Logan, and several elected officials from the towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate.

Immediately following the event, participants will attend the Hingham 4th of July Fireworks Celebration over Hingham Harbor. For more information about the event contact Mary Anne McKenna (781-749-5004), or Julie Guild (781-383-6443).

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

CANIDATES AND CHIANTI

Cohasset's Bruce Herzfelder, a Republican candidate for state treasurer, chats with Heather Hedlund, sister of state Sen. Robert Hedlund, and James Rappaport, son of Republican lieutenant governor candidate Jim Rappaport at the Republican "Candidates and Chianti" night Friday at the Second Congregational Church.

Vineyard tried to leave state

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

The Vineyard Gazette, that weekly record of life on Martha's Vineyard, reminds us that this is the 25th anniversary of the last time the Vineyard and Nantucket tried to secede from Massachusetts.

I say it's the last time because the restless population of thrifty Yankees seems to have tried several times before to escape the free-spending pols who inhabit the state Legislature in faraway Boston.

Perhaps it's a good time to raise the flag of secession in these days of multi-billion dollar deficits and legislators who view the will of the people as expressed in referenda at the ballot box as something to be ignored.

The gripe among the islanders 25 years ago was that, in trimming the House of Representatives from 240 to 160 members, the Legislature was lumping the men and women of the islands and off-islanders from the outer Cape towns together with one state rep.

The islands had each been guaranteed a representative of its own since 1692, when the islands seceded from New York.

The movement began when the Vineyard's All Island Selectmen's Association voted to withdraw from Massachusetts and form the 51st state. They also invited Nantucket to join them.

They even set up a ruling civilian junta — "until free elections can be held" — consisting of selectmen from Oak Bluffs (which got two), Chilmark, Edgartown, and West Tisbury.

And a cabinet made up of secretaries of state, defense, labor, interior, navy, agriculture, and health, education and welfare. A secretary of the treasury was not thought to be necessary, but it turned out to be more necessary than defense.

The first letter offering financial support and a check for $1 came from a Hingham man.

"Here's my donation to help you get started," he wrote. "Please feel free to contact me if you start selling national bonds. P.S. — If you don't secede from the state, please send my check back."

The secessionist movement soon had a support group, the Martha's Vineyard Statehood Support Committee "to draw attention to the gerrymandering disaster which has linked Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket with the outer arm of Cape Cod."

And a flag of its own was unfurled in the Hall of Flags at the State House — a white gull in flight against an orange sun, all on a field of deep blue. A Declaration of Independence was read at a State House press conference.

A neighboring state smelled an opportunity. Gov. Meldrum Thompson of New Hampshire, with 400 members of its House, wired the selectmen of Nantucket and Chilmark:

"New Hampshire stands ready to begin negotiations immediately to provide the benefits of our excellent tax climate (no sales or income tax) and seven representatives in our House. I am prepared to meet with your officials in your town or at our State House in Concord."

Gov. Richard Snelling of Vermont appointed a special ambassador to visit the islands and discuss possible annexation. Gov. Ella Grasso of Connecticut also put in a bid, but she wasn't serious.

"At first everyone thought of it as a lark," said an aide to Gov. Michael Dukakis.

They changed their tune when the results of a referendum came in from Nantucket. It was 1,725 for secession, 32 votes against.

Eventually, cooler legislative heads prevailed, and Martha's Vineyard remained in Massachusetts just in time to entertain Bill, Hillary, Chelsea, and all the gang.

LIBRARY CORNER

Summer reading

"A Star*Spangled*Summer* at Your Library" is this year's statewide summer reading program. Registration will be held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in the Children's Room beginning the week of June 30. Registration hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays; and from 1-8 p.m. on Tuesdays.

At the time of registration, adults will [illegible] to be given a summer reading [illegible] to record their summer reading. Throughout the summer, people should bring their logs to the library to be stamped. At the completion of the summer program, we will have a celebration and a "Star Spangled" T-shirt will be awarded to those participants who met or exceeded their goals.

The library will present a series of free Tuesday evening programs for families and children of all ages. The events will begin on Tuesday, July 9 and will end on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Families that read together provide the strongest model for future readers. Research has shown that young children from families that visit the library at least monthly show significantly more signs of emerging literacy than children whose families aren't library users.

For more information, call Sharon, the children's librarian at 781-383-1348.

Class of 2002 closes CHS chapter

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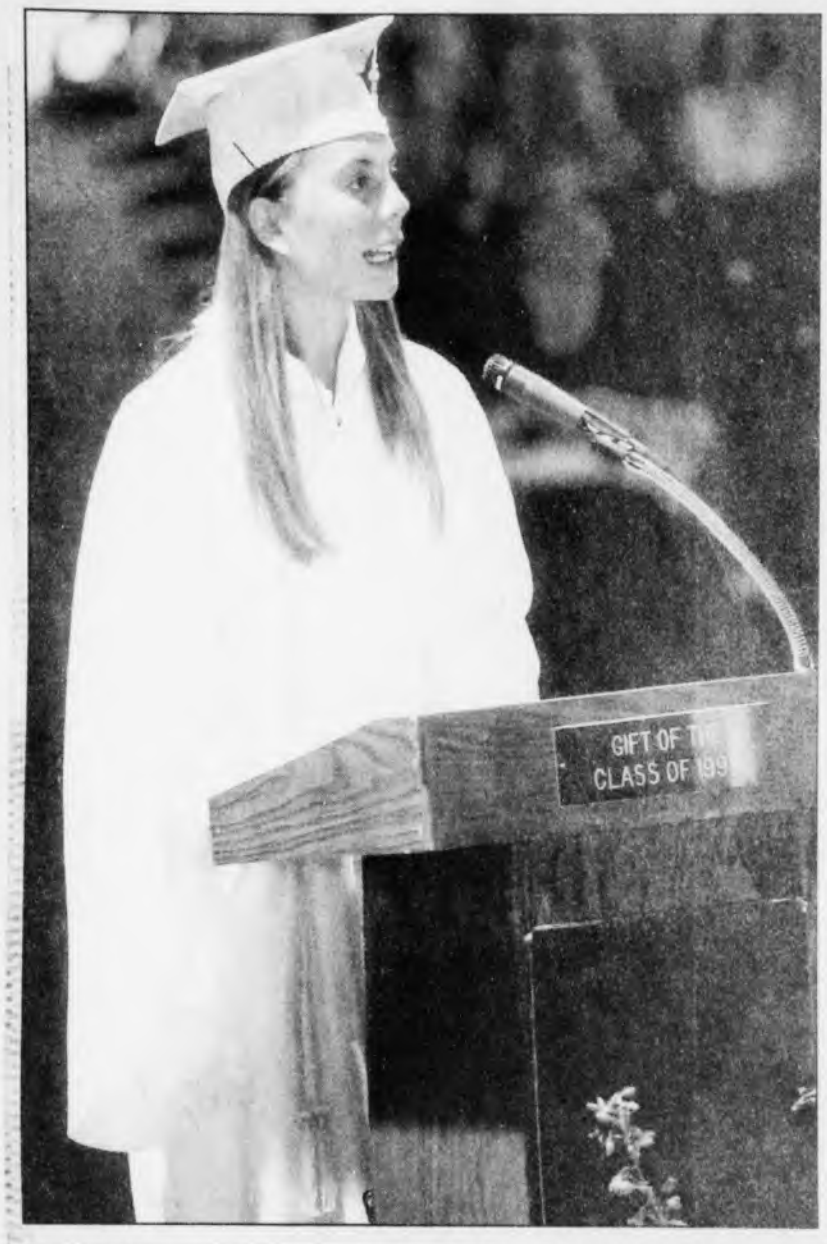
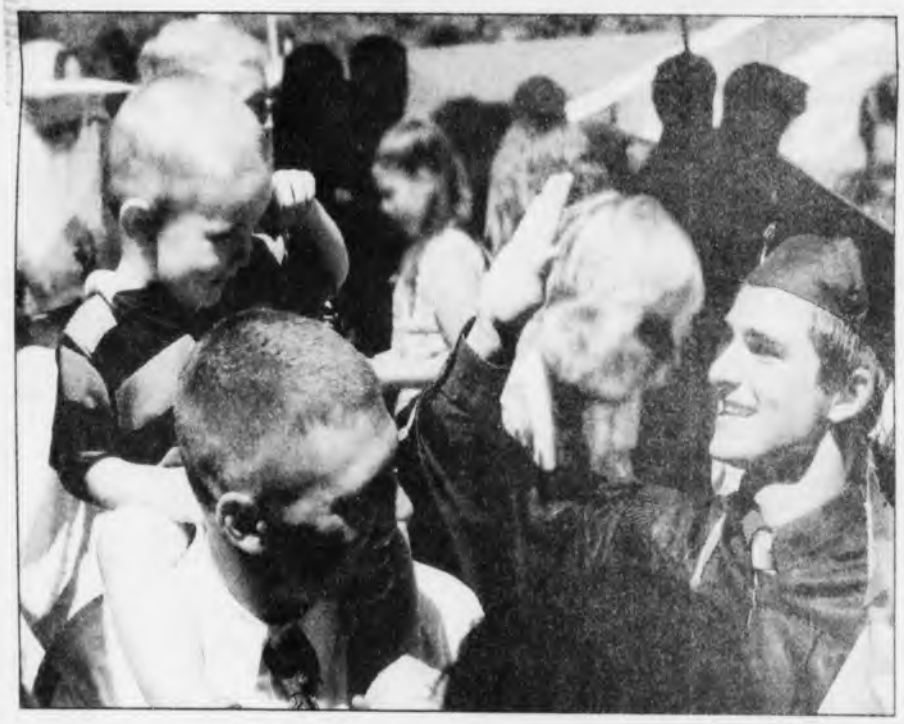


Alex Schmidt, Shane Dewar and Nick Laas are all smiles.

Valedictorian Kate Grimm talks to the audience under the Big Top.

Dan Littauer gets a congratulatory hug.

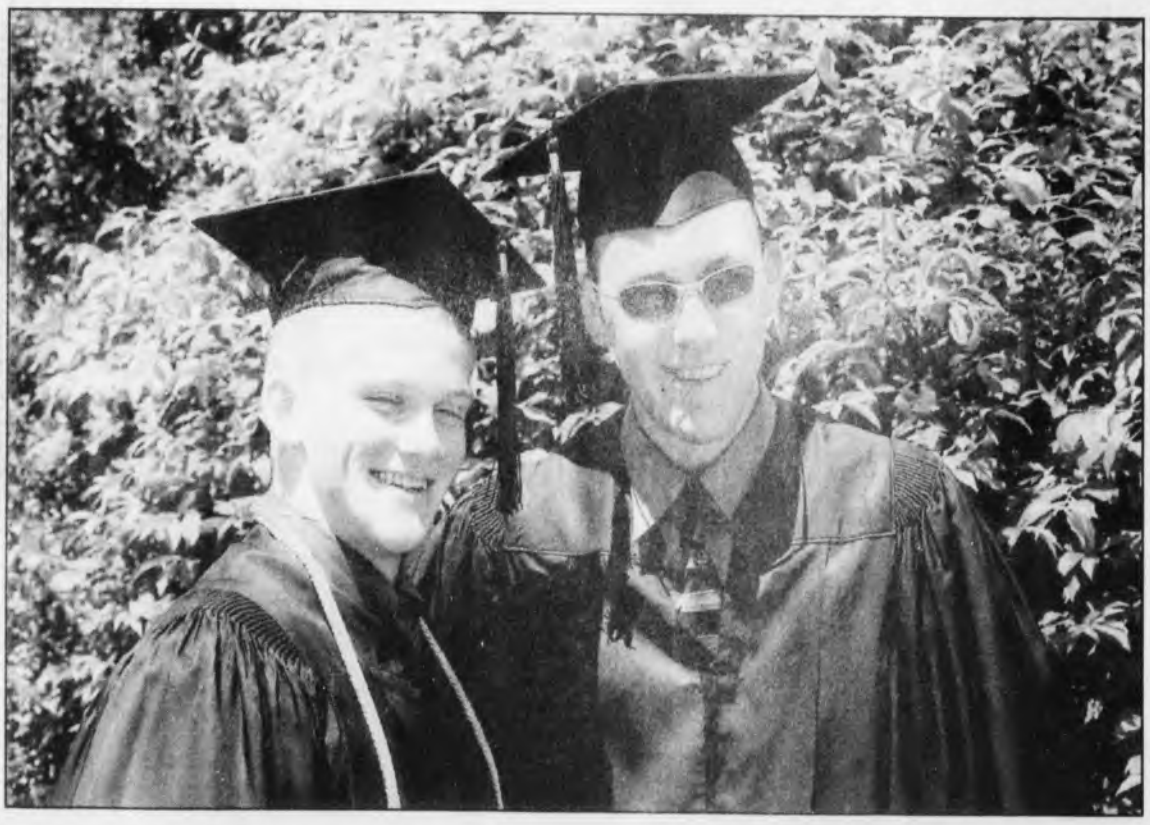


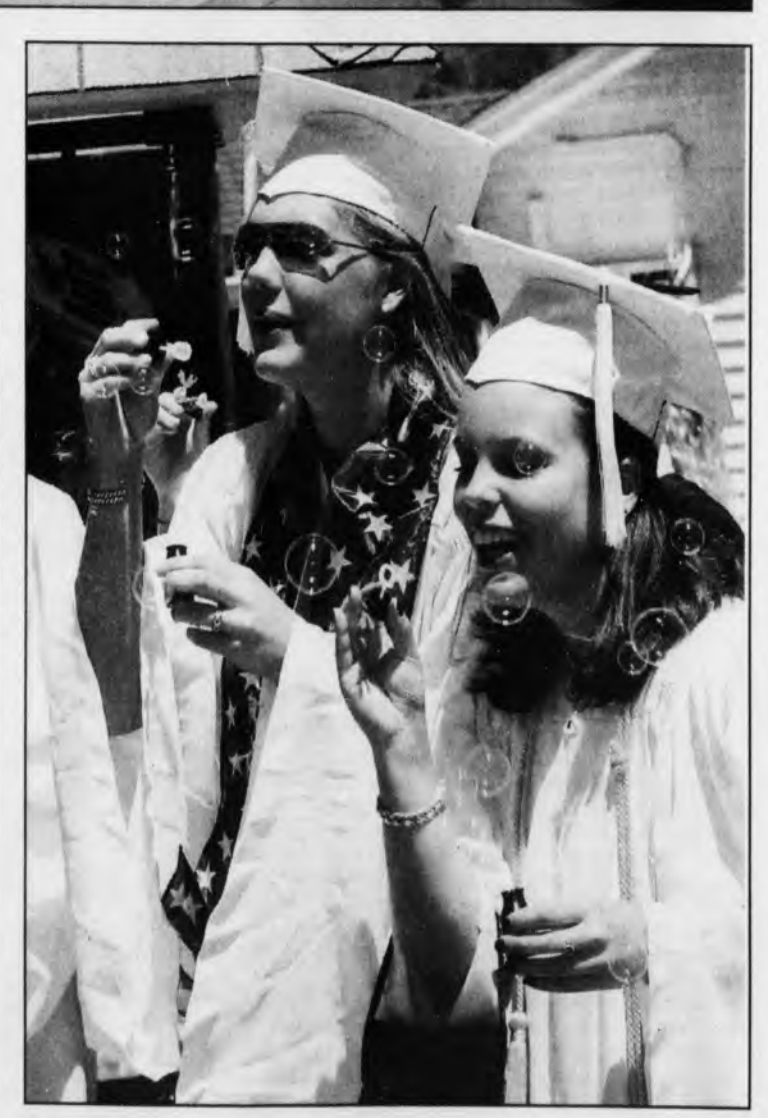
Above left: Tim Baird gives a "high five" outside the Big Top at the Music Circus

Above right: CHS health director Mike Gill congratulates Chris Caron.

At right: Ashley Ulmer and Courtney Anton celebrate with bubbles.

Below: Buddies, John Littauer and Jay Bertovich.





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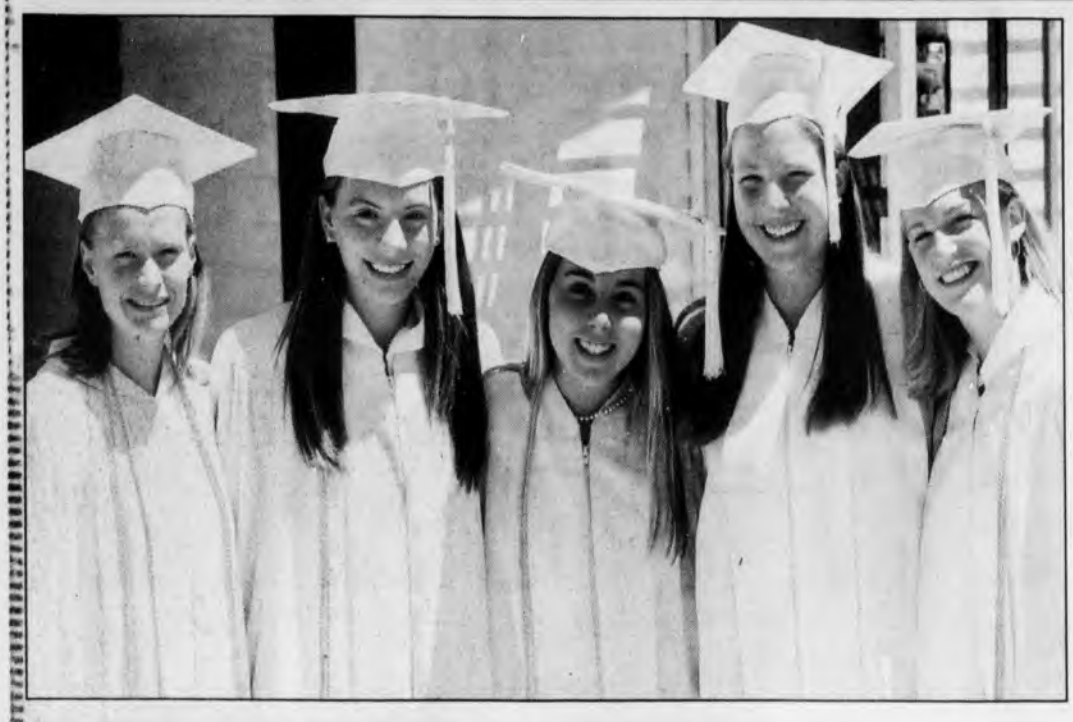

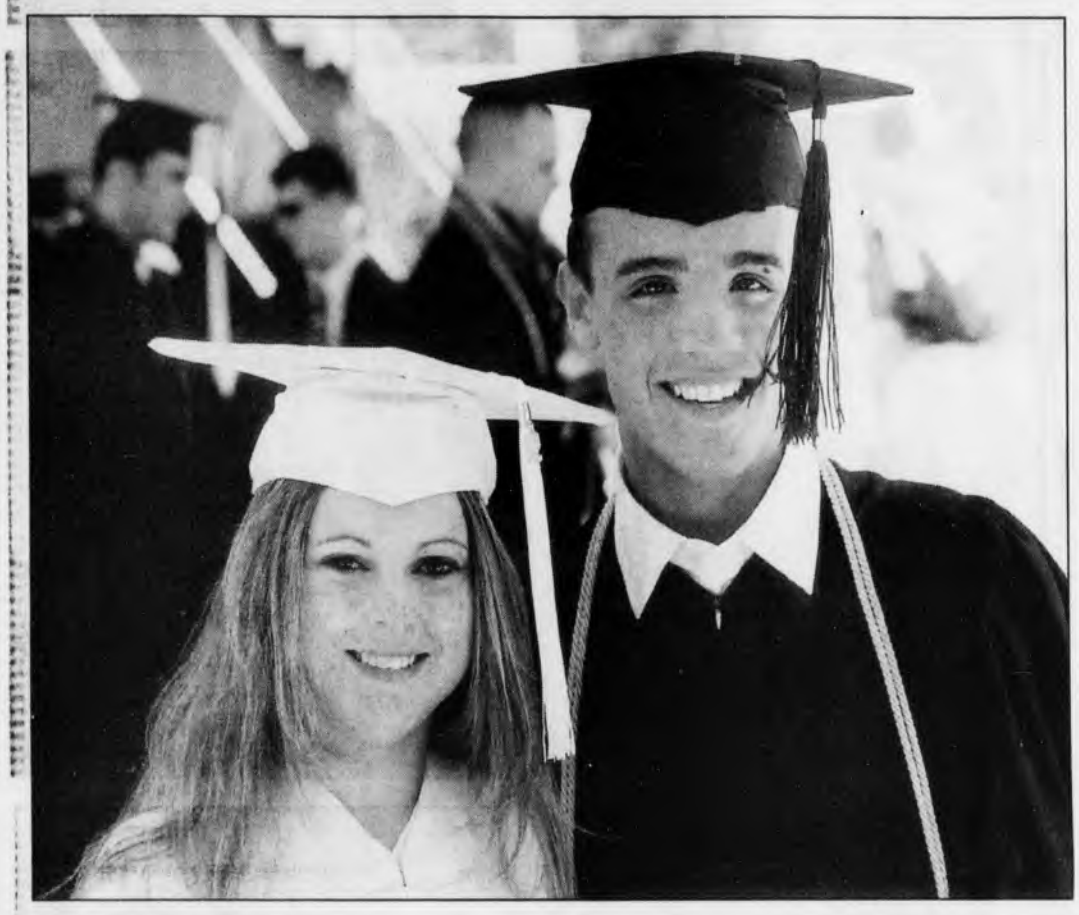

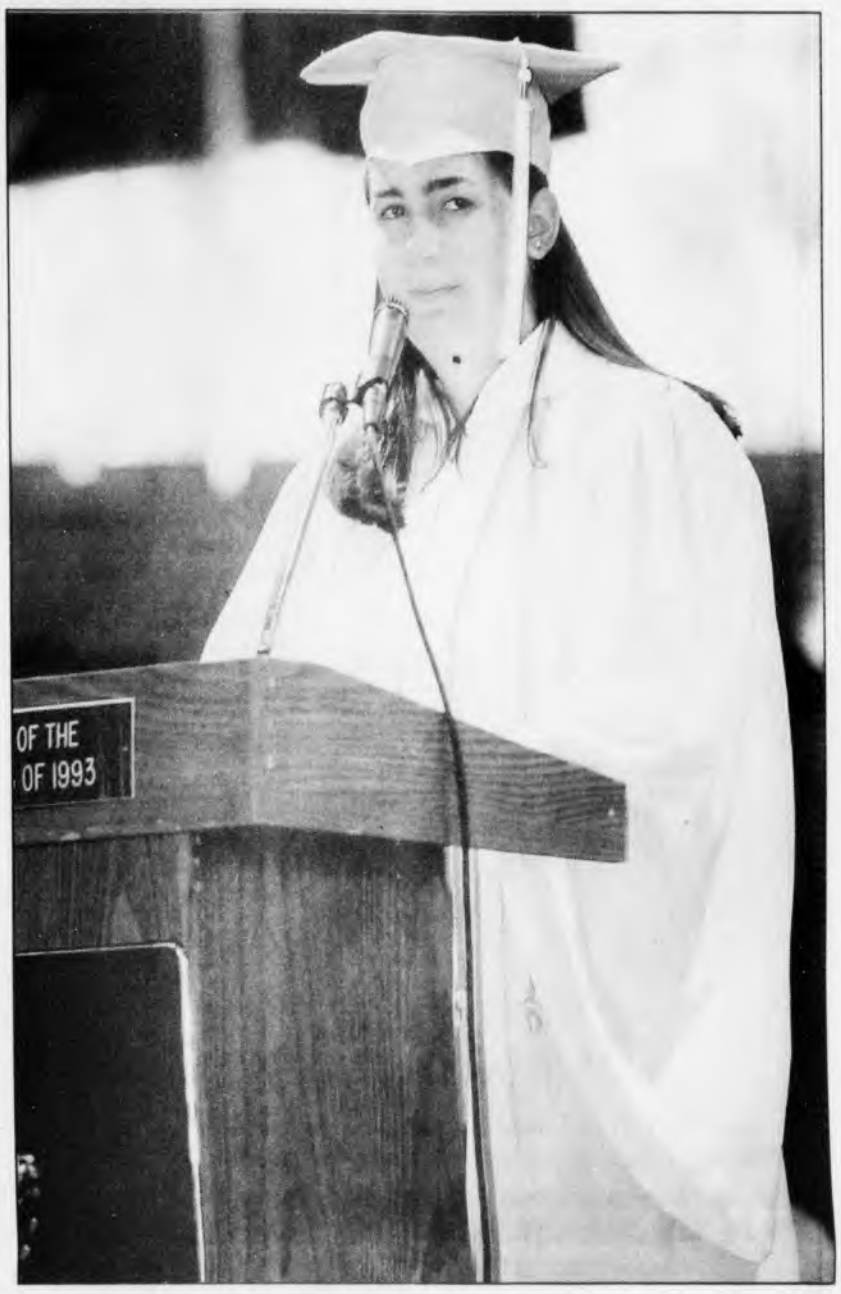

Top left: Graduates, Emma Gardner, Kate Grimm, Suzanne Lynner, Maggie O'Neill and Corey Sullivan.

Above left: Lisa Marks and Bobby Protulis pose for the Mariner.

Above: Salutatorian Megan McCain addresses family, friends and fellow graduates.

At left: Tim Straughn, Jari Martin, Pete Maitland, Kevin Chang, Liam Martin, Charlie Anderson and Jay Bertovich.

Below left: Kathyn Hines waits to walk up to the stage.

Below right: Rebecca Manning, Lisa Marks and Jessica Grosman outside the tent at the Music Circus.

CHS Class of 2002 awards

Margaret Mary Hardy Scholarship: Connor R. Avery, Brian Lewis, Timothy E. Straughn

Alice and Walter Shuebruk Scholarship: Matthew T.G. Bilodeau, Caroline E. Carter, Kevin B. Chang, Liam R. Martin, Megan L. McCain, Robinson O. Murphy, Corey E. Sullivan

Malcolm H. and Helen C. Stevens Scholarship: Nicolas P. Bolster, John D.W. Hussey

American Legion Auxiliary: Amanda D. Watts, Nancy E. Winters

American Legion - George H. Mealy Post #118: Brendan R. Goff, William H. McArthur III, Robert F. Protulis, Jr., Amanda D. Watts, Nancy E. Winters

Sons of American Legion: Brendan R. Goff, Amanda D. Watts

Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars, #9146 The William T. Barnes, Jr., Memorial Scholarship: Peter J. Maitland, Rachel A. Quigley

Barbara Pape Memorial Scholarship Troop 28 – Boy Scouts of America: Connor R. Avery, Kerry M. Long, William H. McArthur III, Alexander R.R. Schmidt

Coach Dennis Walsh Hockey Scholarship, Cohasset Hockey Boosters: Timothy E. Straughn

Cohasset Teachers Association Scholarships: Matthew T.G.Bilodeau, David K. Bouchard, Jaime Dugan, Katherine McGrath

Loretta Quinlan Scholarships: Katharine Grimm, Megan McCain

Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association: William H., McArthur III, Robert F. Protulis, Jr.

Cohasset Permanent Firefighters Scholarship: Thomas P. Bilodeau, Robert F. Protulis, Jr.

Cohasset Gridiron Club: Nicolas P. Bolster, Jason R. Brown, John D.W. Hussey, Jari R. Martin, William R. Prendergast

Cohasset Lightkeeper's Corporation: Justin M. MacInnis, Nancy E. Winters

C.H.S. METCO Awards: Marenda M. Brown, Jessica S. Guzman

C.H.S. Performing Arts Awards: Jessica A. Stevermer, Amanda D. Watts

C.H.S. Student Council Scholarship: Nancy E. Winters

Cohasset Policemen's Association: Amanda D. Watts, Nancy E. Winters

Cohasset Soccer & Boosters Club Scholarships: Timothy F. Baird, Maggie O'Neil

Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship: Cara A. Foley, Katharine M. Grimm, Alexander Etkind

Cohasset Wrestling Boosters Scholarship: John D.W. Hussey, Daniel B. Littauer

Cohasset Youth Baseball Association Scholarship: Nicolas P. Bolster

Community Garden Club of Cohasset: Timothy F. Baird, Stephen G. Laney, Kelly E. Stone

Bourke L. Corcoran Memorial Scholarship: Timothy F. Baird, Kelly E. Stone

D.A.R. Good Citizen Award: Daniel B. Littauer

Robert A. Goyette Memorial Scholarship: Sam D. Dolph, Kerry M. Long, Nancy E. Winters

Jean F. Higgins Community Service Award: Nancy E. Winters

Major William Arthur: Mark M. Lehmann

MA Amateur Sports Foundation Scholarship: Timothy F. Baird

Catherine W. Mulcahy Scholarship: Kyle S. Weber

Musical Excellence Awards: William H. McArthur III, Stephen P. Murray, Amanda D. Watts

Nichols Fund: .Katharine M. Grimm

Outstanding Achievement in Science Awards: Charles L.Anderson, Timothy F. Baird, Emma L. Gardner, Stephen G. Laney, Mary E. Parker, Kelly E. Stone, Kyle S. Weber

Robert S. Pape Charitable Trust: Sam D. Dolph, Alexander R.R. Schmidt, Amanda D. Watts

Burtram J. Pratt Memorial: Katherine M. Flynn

The Red Lion Inn Scholarships: Jeffrey D. Garber, John D.W. Hussey

Republican Town Committee: Daniel B. Littauer, Nancy E. Winters

Rotary Club of Cohasset, Valedictorian Award: Katharine M. Grimm; **Salutatorian Award**, .Megan L. McCain, Connor R. Avery, Timothy F. Baird, Nicolas P. Bolster, Sam D. Dolph, John D.W. Hussey, Daniel P. Kinchla, William H. McArthur III, Timothy E. Straughn, Amanda D. Watts

Scott Sandblom Memorial Scholarship: Caroline E. Carter

Social Service League of Cohasset Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship: Sarah Pease, Anna Roche

Stanton Family Scholarship: David K. Bouchard, William H. McArthur III, Robert F. Protulis, Jr., Nancy E. Winters

James M. Staunton Memorial: Vincent P. Gratta

Student Council Award: Daniel B. Littauer

Fred Troy Memorial Scholarship: Caroline E. Carter

Joseph F. Walsh, III, Memorial Scholarship Democratic Town Committee: Daniel P. Kinchla

Jennifer Wing Baird Citizenship Award: Megan L. McCain

Dorothea O. Casey Memorial: Sam D. Dolph

Chanticleers Scholarship: Nancy E. Winters

Cohasset Mariner Scholarship: Daniel R.J. Golyn

Rosemarie Mercurio Memorial: Amanda D. Watts

The Mohegan Tribe Scholarship: Katharine A. Silvia

Principal's Leadership Award: Timothy F. Baird

Noel Ripley Scholarship: Katherine M. Flynn, William E. Moody

Rockland Trust Company Scholarship: Mark M. Lehmann

Class of 2003 awards:

Bausch & Lomb Science Award: Ross Lieb-Lappen

Dartmouth Book Club Award: Elizabeth Reynolds

Harvard Book Award: Ross Lieb-Lappen

Holy Cross Book Award: Kimberly Ulmer

Rensselaer Award: Elizabeth Reynolds

Smith Club Book Award: Laura Genello

Wellesley Book Award: Allison Moje

Williams Book Award: David Ingber

The "Golden Apple" Award: David Magnussen, Science Dept. Chairman

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

"I see myself in California."
— Allison Scott

"I want to be in California, too."
— Katharine Silvia

"I'll be in Colorado making money."
— Connor Avery

"A fashion designer."
— Abbey Coakley

"A CEO."
— Bobby Protulis

"I'll have been ruler of the world for nine years."
— Alex Schmidt

"Happy and making a difference."
— Nick Lesniewski-Lass

"A navy fighter pilot."
— Kate Hines

"I'll be in the Olympics."
— Rachel Quigley

"I hope to be involved in social work."
— Courtney Anton

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"Owning a law firm."
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Will Prendergast proudly holds up his diploma at Cohasset High's commencement Saturday.

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CHS grads look to future

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embracing the challenges ahead.

Robin Murphy, the president of the class, spoke to his peers about the future.

"Even though we are leaving behind both memories and friends we have the rest of our lives in front of us," he said. "In a few years we will be the generation entrusted with power."

Referring to a line from the recently released Spiderman movie in which the antagonist assured Spiderman that with great power comes great responsibility, Murphy encouraged his class to follow their dreams.

"It's been such a pleasure to walk the halls of CHS with all of you," he said. "You all better show up for the reunion."

Supt. Edward Malvey followed Murphy and said in the wake of Sept. 11, the class is heading to an uncertain world.

"We are sending you off into a world we can't control," he said. "We have faith that you can change that world and make it safer. We wish you only the best, a safe life, a safe journey, and that your dreams come true."

Megan McCain, the salutatorian of the class, joined the school in her sophomore year after moving from the midwest. She spoke of how difficult it can be to be uprooted and replanted in a different location.

"It's been such a pleasure to walk the halls of CHS with all of you. You all better show up for the reunion."

— Robin Murphy, class president

"We all need to keep an open mind and keep our thoughts positive as we move on," she said. "Change can be scary but it's something we should embrace."

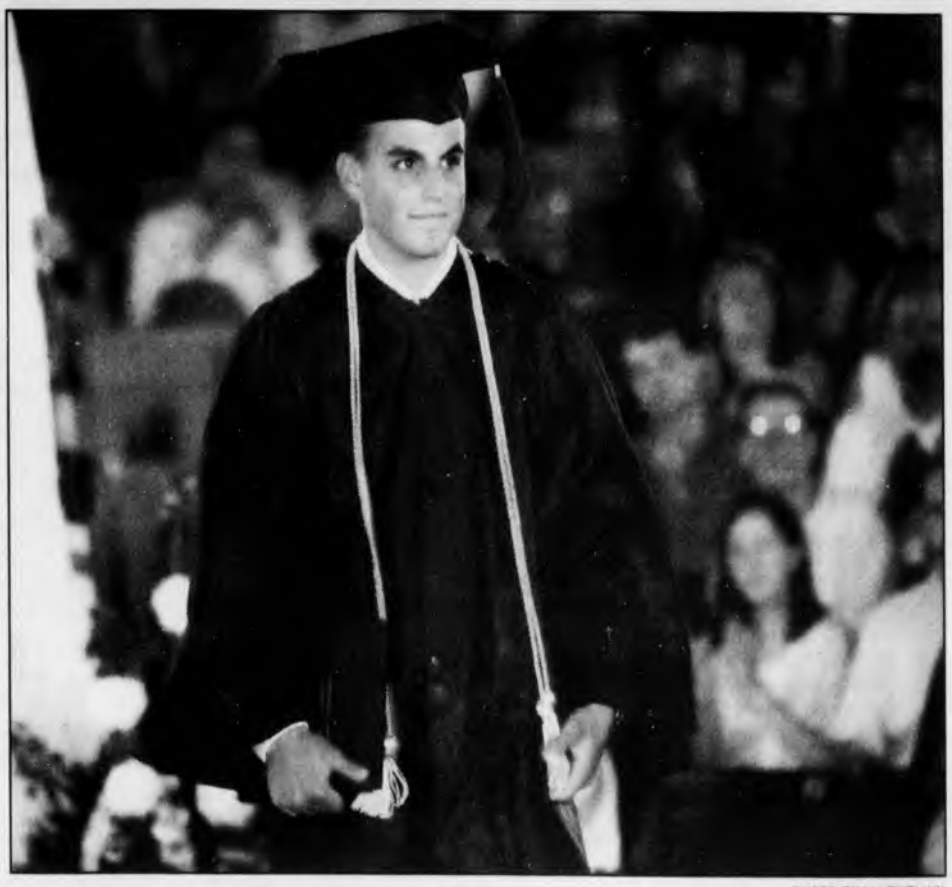
Katharine Grimm, the valedictorian, said her class emerged as a talented and creative group of individuals. She continued by saying the senior class of 2002 has shown maturity and the ability to work together which will serve them well in the future.

"As we move into the next phase of our life we may feel unprepared," she said. "But we all received a strong foundation from this school which should serve us well. Let us be motivated by the challenges ahead."

Along with the students, four teachers, who are retiring from the district, were recognized. They were asked to join the graduating class as a recognition of their contributions to the lives of the students and for inspiring and enriching the children of Cohasset.

Susan Bauch, a teacher at the Osgood school for 33 years was honored along with Larry Shultz who has worked at Deer Hill since 1967. Paul Hogan, who began teaching mathematics at the high school in 1967 and coached basketball, and Joseph Federico who started to teach in 1968 and instituted the Spanish advanced placement course at the high school in the 70s and has been the only teacher of the course since were also honored.

"We express our heartfelt thanks to these four teachers and wish them Godspeed in all their future endeavors," Jones said.



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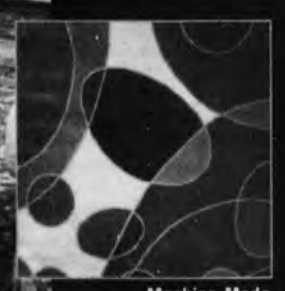

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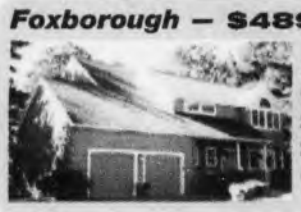
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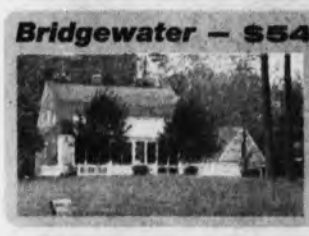
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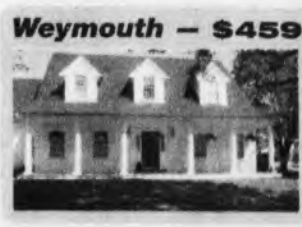
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Up, up & away

Girls tennis team expected to improve on this year's semifinal run

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

When the girls tennis program qualifies for post-season play in 11 consecutive seasons and works its way to the Sectional Semi-finals for the past two, it becomes hard not to expect great things.

Indeed, it's almost difficult not to imagine next year's team improving on their Southeastern Massachusetts Final Four finish, and possibly even make a run at a state title.

"The semis was the furthest we had ever gone as a team," noted coach Sarah Meehan, who has been at the helm of the team for all 11 of its playoff appearances. "But we certainly have the team to do it (win a state title)."

The only loss to graduation for the team will be the sad departure of senior captain Kelly Stone, a force for the second doubles team this year. Stone, one of the few CHS athletes left who can claim six full varsity seasons of any sport, closed out her fine career with her best season, getting named to the South Shore League all-star team with her sophomore partner Courtney Caron.

After Stone, this team will remain

GIRLS TENNIS, PAGE 20

Ditto for lads

With full cast returning, boys tennis squad eyes SSL crown in '03

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

All signs are pointing up for the Cohasset High boys tennis program.

After an 8-6 regular season campaign that landed the squad in the South Sectional tournament for the second straight year, the Skippers now stand in a position where the team can only get better and their schedule can only get easier.

The benefit of not having any seniors on the squad is that all nine players should return with a good deal of varsity experience. One thing that hurt the squad all throughout the 2002 season was the abundance of rookies — seven to be exact.

However, the Skippers should be loaded up with upperclassmen next year, with at least four seniors and five juniors. A few more may also come out for the team after converting from a different spring sport, something that happened with four starters on this year's team.

The seniors for next year's team, all of whom started this year, will be Ross Lieb-Lappen, Scott Faber, Bryan Bilton and David Ingber.

Lieb-Lappen and Faber, both tall and gifted athletes, began the sea-

BOYS TENNIS, PAGE 18

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Jason Moore (#23) is surrounded on all sides by Hingham players as he attempts to get to bouncing ball in last Wednesday's quarterfinals loss.

Same old, same old...darn it!

Cohasset Falls to Hingham in D2 Quarterfinals

The Cohasset boys' varsity lacrosse team finished its season in the same place 2001 had concluded: the home field of the Hingham Harbormen.

This time around, the Skippers bowed out in the state Division 2 quarterfinals, losing to the defending state champs 12-5. With the loss, Cohasset – which entered the tourney as the 12th seed despite being the 2001 finalist – finishes at 15-8, with an upset of fifth-seeded Norwell in the second round standing as the season's highlight.

"This was an up and down year for us," said head coach Kevin Orcutt. "We lost some close games, and struggled through several injuries to key players. But we hung together pretty well, and saved our best for last with our win against Norwell. Our seniors can feel very proud of the past two years and the legacy those seasons represent."

Against Hingham, the Skippers never got untracked. The Harbormen scored twice in the first three minutes, and led 6-0 at the end of the first quarter. By the time senior midfielder Pete Whoriskey collected a feed from junior Matt Davis and whipped the ball by Hingham goalie Nate Hammond, there were less than three minutes left in the half, and Cohasset was trailing 8-0.

"We played Hingham three times this year," said Orcutt, "and each time they'd improved offensively over the previous game. Their speed and ball skills are outstanding, and Conor Fitzgerald is a great playmaker. I'm just glad we won't see him, Petrick Lenhart and Greg Sowyrda again."

Hingham graduating three superstars is just one good piece of news for the 2003 team.

"Next year, eastern Massachusetts will go to three divisions for tournament play," reported Orcutt. "I'm not sure how it'll break down exactly, but Hingham will stay in D2, while we, and most likely Norwell, will drop to D3. If Duxbury stays in D1, it'll be a situation where the Pilgrim Conference will have leading contenders for all three state titles."

The Skippers fared better in the

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Lindsay Grossman is one of several top players returnign for the Cohasset High tennis teams next spring.

Hard driven

Cohasset's Brown ultra-motivated to succeed at next level

By Mike Spellman
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Jason Brown will be joining some pretty select company tomorrow night when he takes to the football field at Bentley College for the annual Massachusetts school boy North-South Shrine Football Classic.

Only two Cohasset High gridders have ever taken part in the state's premier high school football showcase, and number one came 16 years ago in the person of Bob Durkin.

"I've been really excited since they contacted me," said Jason, who graduated from Cohasset High on Saturday. "It's a great honor for me and Cohasset High, and it's a great opportunity for me too."

Folks will have to forgive Jason for seeming, at least at this time, a little more focussed on the second portion of that equation.

Jason has dreamed of playing major college football for as far back as he can recall, and he is fully aware that this game could be a big step on the path to realizing that dream.

Jason was arguably the key figure in leading Cohasset High to a 9-1 season and the South Shore League championship this past fall, a feat that shocked area football pundits. Brown had been the Skippers starting quarterback his sophomore and junior years, running an option attack, but made the move to halfback as a senior, and rushed for a league best 1,400 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also moved in to the starting defensive backfield for the first time this fall, and earned all-league accolades there as well.

Cohasset High head football coach Tony Rolfe told this reporter off the record prior to this season that Jason was going to "explode on the scene big time," but the coach conceded at the end of the season that the 5-10, 185-pound speedster flew past even his lofty expectations.

"It was definitely Jason's total commitment to the team that made him special," noted the fourth year head coach. "He had to learn a new position on the fly, and play defense for the first time too, and he turned out to be huge in both roles."

Not to go over the top with cliches or anything, but Jason's middle name might as well be "commitment".

He has been training year-round with local fitness guru Joe Hayes – a former Scituate High football and track superstar who now owns and operates Hayes Sports Performance in Cohasset Village — at least three days a week since his sophomore year, transforming his once willowy frame into 185-pounds of sculpted muscle.

The first of what Jason hopes will be many post-high school payoffs was a "nice package" from St. Anselm College to play football there next fall. Offers came from schools with far larger football programs – including from Div. I-AA coaches at UNH, the University of Maine and Central Connecticut – but Brown jumped at the promise from St. A's that he'd get the chance to compete for a starting job as a

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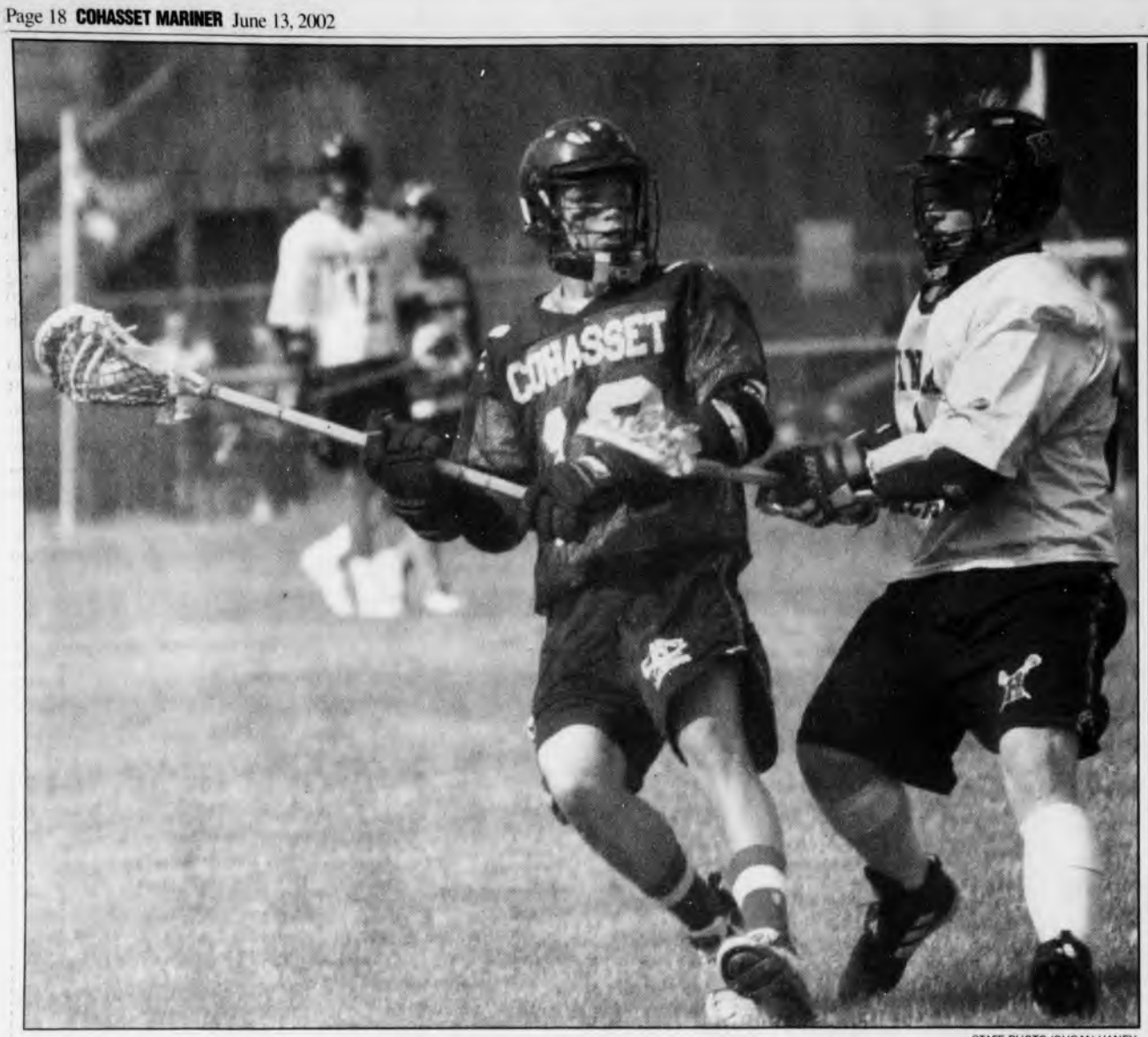

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Cohasset's Eric Libby (dark jersey), who played both midfield and attack this season, finished as the Skippers' third highest scorer with 54 points (26 goals, 28 assists). He has been recruited to play lacrosse at St. Michael's in Vermont.

Cohasset Falls to Hingham in D2 Quarterfinals

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second half of the quarterfinal game, outscoring Hingham 4-1 over the final 20 minutes. Seniors Paul Previte, Eric Libby and Jason Moore all collected goals in their final game, with Davis scoring the other tally. Curt Kahn picked up an assist.

Senior goalie Kyle Weber, in his last game, had 10 saves. Also playing well in their final contests in blue and white were midfielder Sean Chase, defenseman Chris Caron and longstick midfielder David DeVito.

Skippers Collect All-Star Honors

Weber, Previte and Libby were three of six Cohasset players to receive all-conference honors. Senior co-captain Libby, a two-year starter after transferring from Xaverian, was named to the Pilgrim First Team all-stars as a midfielder, joining Falmouth's Jason Cleary, Norwell's Adam Grier, Duxbury's Brendan Pitt and Ben Fuchs, and Hingham's Greg Paul. Libby, who played both midfield and attack this season, finished as the Skippers' third highest scorer with 54 points (26 goals, 28 assists). He has been recruited to play lacrosse at St. Michael's in Vermont.

"Eric had an outstanding senior year," said coach Orcutt. "He was his class' best athlete, and his endurance would drive defenders crazy. He had a terrifically positive attitude, and was a great teammate and leader."

Receiving First Team Honorable Mention was senior co-captain Paul Previte, who finished behind Hingham's Fitzgerald and Lenhart, and Duxbury All-American John Sisto in the attackman balloting. Previte was hampered by a bone fracture just below his wrist for most of the season, yet still managed to finish second in team scoring with 63 points (42 goals, 21 assists). Over his four-year varsity career, Previte scored a remarkable 194 points, including 125 goals. Previte has been recruited to play for Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, a member of the NESCAC conference that includes NCAA Division 3 national champion Middlebury.

"Paul played in pain for most of the season," said coach Orcutt, "and rarely complained, even though the other teams would still put their best defender on him. His career highlight happened a year ago, in the state tourney, when he carried us on his back to the state final. Paul is a gamer, in the best sense, and should be able to find the back of the net at the next level as well."

Second Team honors went to co-captain Kyle Weber, co-captain Nick Spirito, Curt Kahn and Robert Hickey.

Weber, who had also earned All-Conference honors in 2001, was one of three goalies – the others being Sandwich's Ron Westgate and Marshfield's Todd Faiella – cited by league coaches. Weber finished the season with 270 saves and a save percentage of .635. Over a three-year career, Weber had more than 600 saves, and this spring started all 23 games. He turned down opportunities to play college lacrosse at Colorado and Colby, and will attend Northwestern University, a Big Ten school that does not participate in the sport at the NCAA level.

"Kyle was our defensive backbone," said Orcutt. "He's a mentally tough athlete, and an inspirational leader. His presence will be the most difficult thing for us to replace next season."

Spirito, Kahn and Hickey are all members of a talented junior class that will, on paper, make Cohasset a pre-season contender for state title honors. Spirito, a Bay State Games gold medalist in 2001, started every game for the Skippers on defense, after playing most of 2001 as a longstick midfielder. Kahn, also a 2001 BSG gold medalist, led Cohasset in scoring with 83 points (51 goals, 32 assists) and had a six-goal game versus Marshfield, and two five-goal games against Norwell, including the tournament win. Midfielder Hickey (16 goals, six assists) was injured for three weeks early in the season, but came on strong at the end, and demonstrated the face-off prowess that made him a key factor a year ago in the run to the state championship game.

"The junior class has the chance to be something really special," said Orcutt. "Besides Nick, Curt and Robert, we've got Matt Davis, who played at an all-star level this year, John Durkin, Tom Anderson, Evan Pestone and Ben Lynner. These guys are all great athletes and potential leaders. If our freshmen and sophomores make the same kind of commitment the juniors have made, we'll be very, very tough in 2003."

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Matt Davis (#4) set up the Skippers first goal last Wednesday at Hingham and helped lead a strong second half attack. Ultimately, however, this was not enough, as Cohasset fell in the quarterfinal showdown, 12-5.

Fitz gives Milton fits

Lefty bedazzles in season opening win for Cohasset-Scituate Legion squad

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The Scituate-Cohasset Legion baseball team won its season opener on Monday, 3-1, over longtime rival Milton, kicking off what coach Scott Arnold believes could well be the best ever season for the Post-118 team.

"We're loaded," stated the eighth year head coach matter-of-factly. "We've got some great pitching, and nice depth up and down the order. The biggest problem might be finding playing time for everybody."

This week's Scituate High grads Jesse Cole, Jason Connelly and Greg Levin — fresh of leading the charge for the S.H.S. baseball team's run to the Div. 2 south sectional championship game (a heartbreaking 4-3 to King Phillip on Saturday) — are back for one last hurrah with the Post 118 squad, along with fellow class of 2002 alums Tom Fitzgerald, of B.C. High, and Tim Straughn, Cohasset High's main man the last few seasons.

Scituate High standout third baseman Mike Gulinello is also back with the team, as is versatile Cohasset High junior Mike Snowdale.

All of these players were overshadowed on Monday night (at least offensively), however, by 14-year old Ted Straughn, Tim's 14-year old brother. The Cohasset High freshman started in right field, went 2-for-4 and plated two of Post 188's three runs. One of his RBI belts was a 380-foot bomb that would have easily cleared the fence at Scituate High (where the team will play most of its games).

"I didn't even know Timmy had a little brother who played baseball," admitted coach Arnold with a chuckle. "What a ballplayer he's going to be, and what a nice surprise for us."

The 3-1 score on Cohasset's fenceless Milliken Field was not indicative of Post 118's offensive explosiveness, according to Arnold.

"We had four or five shots that would have been out of Scituate High's field, but they were long outs or long doubles or triples here," reported the coach. "I'm not worried about the offense."

Doesn't look like he needs to be worried much about the pitching either.

Fitzgerald, a regular in the B.C. High rotation, went the distance on Monday, allowing just two hits and one walk while striking out 10.

"Fitzy was just a master out there," Arnold lauded. "He had that curveball snapping, and had (Milton hitters) buckling and swinging at air all night."

Fitzgerald will be followed in the rotation by twin Scituate High aces Cole (coming off a 6-2, 1.17 ERA season) and Connelly (Patriot League MVP and author of two no-hitters this season) – the same rotation as last year.

All three hurlers will be pitching at the college level next spring. Cole has accepted a full Div. 1 scholarship from Wofford College. Jason chose Western New England College over a few larger universities because of a promise from coaches to get a shot at playing every day.

Cohasset High aces Tim Straughn (with a 90 mile per hour fastball) and Snowdale are among those expected to help provide relief and pitching depth.

"We've got pitching and hitting pretty well covered, and our defense looks pretty good too," concludes Arnold. "That's all you need in baseball last I checked."

Ditto for boys tennis

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son together as a doubles team, but eventually split to partner with sophomores Andrew Wise and Andrew Busk, respectively. Those tandems, should they remain intact next year, really came together at the end of the season, winning pivotal doubles points in close matches.

Bilton was sidelined for parts of the season due to outside conflicts, but proved to be a valuable doubles player for the squad, and was one of the most improved players on the team.

This team's sole captain, Ingber, hopes to be a part of a third consecutive season above that magic .500 record. However, with the new talent coming up into the freshman ranks, he will be hard-pressed to maintain his spot as the number one singles player.

The team looks forward to gaining at least four players who could potentially step into starting roles on the team in 2003. There are even two who will likely be battling Ingber for the top spot.

Also in that battle will be sophomore Tim Anton, who broke out with a rookie season in which he compiled 10 wins in 14 matches at second singles. Should he remain at that position, he has the ability to go undefeated, as all three of the players he lost to this year have recently graduated from Norwell, Harwich and Hingham high schools.

Sophomore Jessie Brewer also had an excellent season, his second as a member of the varsity team. Brewer recorded the deciding point in five of the team's eight wins this year, as he became the only Cohasset player to beat his counterparts from both Norwell and Hingham.

With a more experienced and talented team, the Skippers will have the benefit of taking on an even more watered down version of this year's South Shore League. Norwell again will be the team to beat as they cruised to yet another SSL crown this year, and they lose only their number two singles standout, Mike Wiltshire.

After that, though, the league stands to be quite weak. Mashpee, who downed Cohasset in the first week of the season 3-2, graduates their number one, two and three singles players, and one member of their first doubles team. Norton, who handed Cohasset its only other SSL loss this year, will lose their foreign exchange ace singles player and both teammates of their first doubles pair.

In addition, the two non-league matches Cohasset had against the juggernaut Harbormen will likely be adjusted to a more manageable opponent in Scituate and/or Rockland.

Either way, with the tremendous success the girls team has had, along with the clearly bright future of the boys, Cohasset seems to have reestablished itself as a double-gender tennis town.

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Youth lacrosse goes 14-6-1 at lacrosse jamboree

All seven Cohasset youth lacrosse teams traveled to Fort Devens on Sunday, June 9 to square off in three games a piece in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League Jamboree.

The Jamboree is the largest youth lacrosse event in America, and the Cohasset children — and their parents — participated to the fullest, enjoying the food and festivities and some fine lacrosse.

Three of Cohasset's teams entered the day with unbeaten records and two of them came away with those records still in tact. In all, Cohasset finished 14-6-1 on the day.

Here is the recap of Jamboree action:

14-U Boys (grades 7-8):

Cohasset's oldest boys team finished an unbeaten season by sweeping three games to close at 11-0-1. Cohasset started the day against Needham and got all of its goals from their midfield in a 5-2 win. Jared Kinch scored twice and Mike Pecca, Dan Trendowicz, and Zach Etkind got single tallies. Goalie Ben Libby and the defense of Mike Barnes, Jared Dick, Bobby Meikleham, Robert Sylvia, Patrick Flynn and Dan McCarthy set the tone for the day by allowing Needham few good scoring chances and providing fast, efficient clears.

In the second contest, Cohasset faced a tough Topsfield squad and played a nearly flawless game in winning 8-1. Corey Chase began what would be an outstanding two-game stretch by scoring five goals and adding two assists. Aidan Buick and Austen Lanzillotti both had a goal and an assist, and Pecca added his second goal of the day to finish the scoring. Topsfield got very physical in the second half and Cohasset responded by delivering hard, clean checks and controlling the game. Trevor Brady, Dan Trendowicz and Ryan Kucinski all had big hits and seemed to gobble up nearly every ground ball.

After the physical Topsfield game Cohasset started its third game against Malden slowly, falling behind 1-0 before turning it up a notch and pulling away for a 10-3 win. Chase finished with three goals and three assists, while Trendowicz punched home two goals and Buick, Etkind, Kucinski, Mike Bunstein and Mike Martone all scored once. Eric Libby finished the day with 19 saves, as Cohasset gave up an average of just two goals for its three Jamboree games.

12-U Boys White (grades 5-6):

Cohasset White put its unbeaten record on the line in games against Topsfield, Wayland and Billerica, and Topsfield used a ball-control offense to jump ahead. Cohasset closed the lead to 4- 3 at the half on the strength of Sean Silvia, Peter Oswald and Mark Flibotte, who finished a give-and-go play with Charlie Czerkawski. Topsfield extended its lead as the second half opened. Flibotte, Czerkawski and Peter Ernst brought Cohasset close, but they could never get all the way back and the team suffered its first defeat, 8-6.

The White team quickly got back to its dominating ways in the second game against Wayland, jumping out to a lead and never letting up en route to an 8-3 win. Peter Oswald scored a hat trick, while Mike Grimm added two goals. Mark Flibotte, Ramsey Davis and Peter Ernst added single goals. Grimm added two assists, with Sean Silvia and Flibotte adding one apiece.

The White's last game was against Billerica in another one-sided effort that saw the Cohasset team put on a defensive and offensive clinic on their way to shutting out their opponent in an 8 - 0 victory. The attack group took full advantage of great midfield play by Owen Landon, Danny Brady, Sean Silvia, Ramsey Davis, and Ian Lyster-Brandt who saw to it that the offense had the ball for most of the game. Peter Oswald netted three more goals and an assist, and Charlie Czerkawski added a hat trick of his own. Mike Grim and Kyle Pinkus — who took the ball coast- to-coast on a defensive rush — completed the scoring. Wes Ulmer was spectacular in the rare shutout and throughout the day, stopping not only shots but blocking many Billerica passes. Kenny Muir, Jonny Wade, and Kyle Pinkus led a shorthanded defensive unit that was able to keep things close and get the ball to Cohasset's potent offense.

12-U Boys Blue (grades 5-6):

The Blue team opened against Medford and kept the ball moving en route to a 6-2 win. All six goals were assisted. Mike Grimm and Chris Rose each had a goal and assist. Nathan Porter, Alex Shipp, Teddy Galligan and Matt Burgess added single goals, with Justin Connors, Logan Chase, Sam DeGiacomo and Chris Mills picking up helpers.

Next up for the Blue was a physical, well-coached Topsfield team, sister squad to the team that handed Cohasset White its only loss of the year. This game was a defensive contest as each team proved to be able to turn back repeated offensive threats. The first half ended at 2-2, with Matt Burgess and Alex Shipp responsible for the goals, and Conor Murphy picking up an assist. The teams traded two more goals in the second half, with Teddy Galligan feeding Mike Grimm and Chris Rose finishing a fast-break clear as the game ended in a 4-4 tie.

The Blue team lost some players to a soccer playoff game by the time the third game rolled around against Wayland. After several delays that shortened the game even more than the jamboree format already created, the defensive unit seemed to get a little weak in the knees, allowing several quick goals and falling into a three-goal hole that they couldn't get out of. The game ended as an 8-4 Wayland win. Chris Mills scored on a feed from Peter Ernst, Sean Silvia had a solo score and Mike Grimm scored two goals, one off a feed from Ernst, the other coming on a pass from Rose.

The defense of Jake Cuneo, Mike Bilodeau, Chris Kuppens, Andersen Lynner, and David Crawford held its own for most of the day and provided a solid backbone to the strong play of the team overall. Like his counterpart, Justin Hollis was strong in the goal for all three games and created a number of scoring opportunities on his full field clears and precision passes to initiate fast breaks. The midfield also provided some great action as John McKenna, Logan Chase, Andrew Smith, Derek St. Peter, Sam DeGiacomo, Charlie Mushin, and Phil Schlawinski consistently repelled opposition threats while opening up numerous playmaking opportunities.

10-U Boys White (grades 3-4):

The 10-U White team put the cap on an undefeated season with three dominant wins at Fort Devens. Cohasset's 8 a.m. game against Wayland provided a quick wake-up call, as Wayland jumped out to a 1-0 lead. In the end, that was one of just two goals the White team would surrender all day, and the boys came roaring back to go to the half leading 4-1. Chris Walsh scored twice, John Kearney netted a Luke Ernst feed and Eamon Davis added a single tally. The second half was all Cohasset, with Geoff Evans putting up his first goal of the season on an assist from Brendan Doonan. Doonan then scored unassisted, before Kearney converted a Davis feed. Goalie Ian Quinlan closed out the scoring by taking the ball end-to-end for a breath-taking goal.

Next up was Malden, and Cohasset raced to a 6-0 lead. Eamon Davis and Brendan Doonan each scored twice, with Geoff Evans converting a John Kearney feed and Luke Ernst adding a solo goal. Ollie Forrer scored from the ground to open the second half, with Evans adding his second and Chris Walsh notching a solo score as Cohasset completed a 9-1 win that also featured outstanding net play from goalie Brendan Horrigan, who finished with eight saves.

The final game of the day was against a tough-checking Billerica team, and the White squad raced to a 3-0 halftime lead on the strength of three assisted goals: It was Forrer from Andrew Graham, Walsh from Kearney and David Hernon finalizing an Enrico Teruzzi pass. Cohasset doubled its edge in the second half, with goals from Kearney, Ernst and avis accounting for the final 6-0 margin. Ian Quinlan again was outstanding in the goal making 10 saves and starting several fast breaks, backstopping the solid defense of Terrance Durkin, Keegan Flynn and Kevin O'Connell played well all day.

10-U Boys Blue: (grades 3-4):

Cohasset Blue opened its Jamboree day with a close 4-3 win over Grafton, keyed by some great saves by goaltender Jack Murphy and a midfield that headmanned the fast break. Justin Yeager, Will Wise, Max Shipp and Sam Leahy accounted for Cohasset's goals.

Next, the Blue team squared off with Topsfield. Just as Topsfield's older boys gave Cohasset strong games, so did its youngest, with good passing skills and quick shots. Cohasset's defense, however, pressured Topsfield into some poor shots, which could then be turned into offensive chances. Down 2-1 early, Cohasset came back and eventually held on for a 6-5 win. Jack Murphy and Justin Yeager each scored two first-half goals, with Dean Driscoll and Austin Meyers scoring in the second half.

The third game saw the Blue team face an unbeaten Marblehead team, and the action was close the entire game. Despite the low score, the first half of action was clearly the best that Cohasset Blue had all year, with the team generating quality shots and using smarts and teamwork to match up to the aggressive play of a big, physical Marblehead team. Tied at 1-1 in the second half on the strength of a Jake Wheelwright goal and eight first-half saves by goalie Chris Brown, Cohasset eventually surrendered two scores and lost the game 3-1.

12-U Girls (grades 4, 5 and 6):

The Cohasset girls 12-U team played three back-and-forth games at the Jamboree, and needed its coffee in the eye-opener against Billerica. Cohasset fell behind 3-1 in the first half, then got things into gear in the second, tying the game at 5 before succumbing on a late score. Gabriella Flibotte scored twice for Cohasset, with Alexandra Graven, Maura Barnes and Madeline Leahy adding single goals. Thomson Jaffe stopped 6 Billerica shots.

In their second game, the 12-U girls again fell behind, this time to Marblehead, trailing 4-3 at the half. This time, however, the second-half comeback was more than sufficient, as Cohasset quickly captured a lead it never relinquished, finished with a 7-6 game. Flibotte scored a hat trick, with Graven adding two goals. Isabelle Franklin scored her first of the season, and Amy Meikleham also scored a single goal. Kenzie Durkin, playing her first game of the season at defense, helped Cohasset stop Marblehead's potent fast break to hang on to the win.

The young girls closed out their season playing against a Holliston team that was just starting its Jamboree day. The fresh legs showed as Holliston raced out to a 5-3 halftime lead, backed by solid goaltending. The game ended with Holliston in front 8-5. Five separate Cohasset players had single goals: Maura Barnes, Alexandra Graven, Madeline Leahy, Samantha Fortin and Gabriella Flibotte. For Fortin, the score was her first on the year.

The 12-U girls finished their season with a 5-4-1 record, remarkable for a first-year program that was one-third made of fourth-graders. Flibotte was the team's leading scorer with 26 goals, Maura Barnes added 10 points and Alexandra Graven 9. Goalie Thomson Jaffe finished the season with 56 saves and 43 goals against for a .565 save percentage.

14-U Girls (grades 7-8):

The 14-U girls also opened their Jamboree with an early-morning game against Billerica. Several of the girls showed up at the fields still in pajamas, and most of the team was sleep- walking through the first half, as Billerica jumped out to a 5-1 halftime lead. From there, Cohasset got back into the game, but it was too little too late, as Billerica held on to an 8-4 win. Kathryn Evans, Mary Previte, Kristen Dooley and Kaleigh Swain scored for Cohasset, with Dooley's goal being her first of the year. Previte added an assist.

The girls bounced back against Marblehead and controlled the action from start to finish, racing to a 3-0 halftime lead and holding on a Marblehead made a second-half run. Swain, Previte and Evans scored in the first half, with Emily Coggins netting her first of the year to ice the game in the second half, with the score Cohasset 4, Marblehead 2.

The 14-U team closed out its season against North Middlesex, falling behind 3-0 early before goals two goals from Kaleigh Swain and one from Kathryn Evans tied the game before the half. When Evans had to leave the game early, Cohasset was playing a team comprised entirely of seventh graders, and the enthusiastic bunch took control in the second half. Emily Coggins, who alternated from being sick to scoring goals, gave Cohasset the lead with a long dash to the net and a sweet backhanded shot. Michelle Madge blasted one home moments later and Lindsay Durkin closed out the scoring. Aisling Guinee made seven saves, most of them painful, to backstop the team. She got tremendous support from Elizabeth Landon, who was dominant from the coverpoint position, and Alyssa Campbell, who chased down the ground balls and started the transitions that led to Cohasset's 6-4 win.

The older girls finished their season at 4-5-1, and with nearly the entire team returning next year, the girls have reason to expect big things. Kaleigh Swain led the 14-U scoring with 8 goals and 2 assists for 10 points. Lisa Spirito added eight goals and Kathryn Evans six.

"For the girls teams to combine to finish with a .500 record in their first year is fantastic," said Chuck Jaffe, head coach of both teams and coordinator of the youth lacrosse program. "We have every reason to expect the girls program will grow and become as successful as the boys."

While the girls' season has ended, the Cohasset boys finish their season with Famil Day festivities at Milliken Field on Sunday, June 16. The Blue and White teams at the 10- and 12-year-old level will square off, while the 14-U team gets a rematch against a Duxbury squad that is responsible for the only blemish on an otherwise perfect record. Games start at 1 p.m.

LACROSSE NOTES

Family Lax Day

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will hold its annual "Family Lax Day" this Sunday, June 16, from 12 noon-5 p.m. at Milliken Field.

Town championship games will be played and there will be a barbecue feast. The event is free and open to anyone.

Redfield Honored at Banquet

Cohasset was scheduled to have both the boys' and girls' varsities break-up dinner tonight (Thursday) at the Atlantica restaurant. At the dinner, the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters announced that 1995 Cohasset High graduate Ben Redfield was the recipient of the 2002 Founders' Award, given to a former lacrosse player who continued to find success in the game. Redfield graduated from Roger Williams University in 1999, where he was captain, a two-time all-conference and All-East selection as a midfielder, and selected for the New England East-West Senior all-star game. Since graduation, he has continued to be an active club lacrosse player. The award was to be presented by Ken Ekberg, the founder of the Cohasset lacrosse program and the head coach of the boys' varsity for the first ten years of its existence. Redfield is the third recipient, and joins 1996 CHS grad Kenneth Leahy, the career scoring leader at Providence College, and 1997 CHS grad Matt Belson, captain of the 2001 Lafayette College team and an Patriot League all-star long-stick midfielder.

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Brown ultra-motivated to succeed at next level

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freshman. That chance will likely come at defensive back and returning kicks/punts, as the Hawks are deep in veteran talent in the offensive backfield.

"Getting a chance to play right away and show what I could do was real important to me," Jason explained. "Coming from a smaller school like Cohasset, I wanted to prove myself right away. I'm definitely looking to play halfback in college, though, but I know I might have to wait a season or so."

It won't be an easy wait, however. Let's just say "Patience" would not be a good middle name for Jason.

This brings us to tomorrow night's Shriner's Game, and the reason Jason is so anxious to show well. He's hoping to catch the eye of a college scout or 20, and hopefully parlay his performance here in to a bigger and better situation.

"I'm committed to St. Anselm right now, but if something better should come along…well, I'd have to cross that bridge when I got to it," he said.

"He'd go for it," confirmed father Richard Brown a bit less diplomatically. "Don't get me wrong, Jason is happy at St. Anselm, but if he can get a better opportunity, he'll take it. Jason is very serious about football."

Jason is a very serous athlete period.

"Jason definitely trains harder than anyone I know," confirmed Brown's 2001 CHS football co-captain, Will Prendergast. "He loves to play. He gives it his all every time out."

For Jason, the work hardly seems unnatural; it simply comes with the territory in which he aspires to dwell.

"I love to train," said the senior. "I really enjoy working hard. If you work hard, you will have success. It is a lot, but I like to do it."

Last summer Jason and Joe Hayes would power lift three days a week, and work on agility and speed the other three. This summer's regimen has been even more militaristic to date, according to Richard Brown.

All this extra work helped Jason squeeze out every ounce of athletic potential possible. Not only did it turn him in to an all-state caliber football talent, it also made him a star for the Cohasset High track team. Among his many feats with the unbeaten CHS track squad the past two seasons, Brown has been the anchor man for the 4x100 relay team that qualified each of these two seasons for the Massachusetts All-State championships.

He's also recorded times of 4.5 in the 40-yard dash, which puts him on a par with several Div. 1 collegiate halfbacks…in other words, right where he wants to be, at least on that front.

"My work isn't done, though," Jason concludes. "I still have a lot I want to accomplish, and the only way I'm going to get where I want to be is with more hard work."

Few who know Jason well would bet against him.

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Jason Brown (far right) might have been a standout in track too, but his clear first love is football. Pictured here with Jason are his 4x100 relay teammates that took third place at the Class D state track championships: (L - R) junior Ian Kidder, junior Jared Krupczak and senior Steve Laney.

Up, up & away

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relatively the same as it has been for the past two years. The Lady Skippers went 14-2 in 2001, and lost only one senior; the same holds true for this year's 15-2 squad.

Junior captain Lindsay Grossman, who was named to the SSL All-Star team for the third consecutive year, posted an impressive year at the number one spot. She bumped off fellow All-Scholastic Sara Bitetti for the third time in her career, took care of Canton's talented Marie Sakolovsky in the quarterfinals, and played even with Chelsea Mills, the number two ranked player at the State Individuals.

Freshman Elizabeth Stone burst onto the varsity scene to give Cohasset the most frightening 1-2 punch in the league. Going undefeated in match play without giving up so much as a set the entire year, Stone did not just beat her opponents. Even against the best teams in EMass, (Canton, Hingham, Norwell, Westwood), Stone posted 6-0, 6-0 decisions against players who had not lost to anyone else all year.

At third singles, two sophomores, Holly Graham and Emily Sullivan, both proved themselves to be formidable threats. Meehan even noted that on many teams in the area, either one of them could play number one but they are sometimes sidelined because of the staggering depth of her lineup.

Possibly the most shocking asset to this team is its depth. For a school Cohasset's size, facing schools with student bodies two, three and even four times larger, the number of talented players the Lady Skippers could put in and get wins from is startling.

Players such as juniors Molly Flanagan, Taylor O'Brien and Nicole Needle, who did not start regularly, could almost always be counted on to step in and win second doubles if needed.

Cohasset should receive even more talent from the Middle School next year, as the younger sisters of all-stars Grossman and junior Julie Shea will be joining the team.

The Lady Skippers had six all-stars: not bad considering 14 total players are named. They decimated SSL co-Champions Norwell, 5-0, and Patriot League champs Hingham, 4-1, in the same week. They beat 15-0 Canton on the road to advance in the tourney this year. And next year's team will be better than the one the Skipper faithful saw this year.

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SPORTS NOTES

Shore Soccer Camp Ages 8 to 18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's two one-week long Soccer Clinics starting Monday, June 29, through Friday, Aug. 2, and/or Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 9.

Soccer will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for one session is $225 per member. If participating in both sessions, the fee will be $395 per player. There will be a $20 discount for each additional child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Information regarding this year's 4 and 5-year-old and 6 and 7-year-old shorter-day Soccer Clinics will be forth coming shortly. South Shore Soccer Camp will provide both of these soccer programs for younger children this summer.

Mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space available and there are no discounts available for multiple children. All children must be toilet trained.

Programs

5 to 12 year olds, Full day program - Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

5 to 7 year old Program - Osgood School 8 to 12 year old Program - Osgood School

Pre-school 3 to 5 year old, 1/2 day Program Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Born: Jan. 1, 1996 through March 1, 1998 to qualify.

Speed training Clinic returns

The Cohasset Recreation Department is pleased to announce the return of the Northeast Speed Training Clinic for the summer of 2002 for children ages 8-12 and 13-19

10 two-hour clinics will be held every Monday and Wednesday evening at Milliken Field, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., running June 24 through July 24.

The clinic focuses on balance, coordination, 20 and 40-yard dash, lateral speed, hip speed, three-step explosion, jumping, quick feet and back pedaling. There are over 150 fun, speed and quickness drills designed to improve skill performance in soccer, football, baseball, basketball and lacrosse.

The fee for this unique program is $85 per person. Registration forms may be found at the Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited, so early registration is advised.

SSBC summer baseball camp in Cohasset

HOLBROOK — The South Shore Baseball Club's annual summer camp for boys and girls, 5-12 years of age from any city or town, returns June 24-28 to Miliken Field in Cohasset.

"Cohasset's a great baseball town and we all really enjoy having our camp there every summer," SSBC president/director Frank Niles Jr. said. "Our expert staff of qualified professionals wants these kids to enjoy the great game of baseball, as well as help them improve their skills. Every camper will enjoy a valuable and rewarding experience at any of the SSBC camps this summer."

All campers will be grouped according to age, ability, physical maturity and previous experience. Instructions will range from basic fundamentals to advanced skills. Each camper will play a minimum of one game per day.

Individual attention will be emphasized in all aspects of baseball.

Pitching, catching, defense, base running, and hitting will be featured in special sessions and lectures. Any camper needing specific areas of improvement will receive special attention from SSBC's expert staff of qualified professional coaches.

Cohasset camp sessions will be held Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., rain or shine. Half-day sessions will also be available for 5 through 7 year olds.

SSBC is a full service, year-round club and training facility for baseball and softball players, ages 5 and older, with facilities located in Holbrook and Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its summer camps call 1-800-GO4-HITS/(781) 767-1529 in Holbrook, 1-888-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 in Hingham, or visit SSBC's Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Youth tennis signups July 7

Youth tennis will begin on Monday, July 7, and continue for seven weeks, through Aug. 15 Youth tennis registrations will be held, starting Monday, June 10, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday evening, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is offered for children age 7 through 18 years. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week-session of instruction, two days a week, is $75. Discounts of $10 are available for additional children in a family. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

Rain Day Policy: If rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are special clinic or tournament or rain make-up days.

4th Clancy-Darling race set for Sunday

The 4th annual Clancy-Darling Road Race will be held on June 16 in Pembroke and Kingston. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Clancy & Darling Scholarship Funds, Pembroke Recreation, Pembroke Library and Pembroke Boys and Girls Club.

The first 1,000 runners/walkers will be guaranteed a race T-shirt and awards will be given in all divisions. Raffles and prizes, too.

Five-mile run starts at 11 a.m. at the Silver Lake Senior High School in Kingston.

Two-mile run/walk starts at 10:30 a.m. at the Hobomock Elementary School on Learning Lane in Pembroke.

One-mile run/walk starts at 10 a.m. start at Oliveira's Restaurant in Pembroke.

Registration fees: $10 if pre-registration is postmarked by June 1, $12 if registration is postmarked by June 8, $15 for post-registration on June 15, $15 for day of race registration on June 16

For more information, directions, exact race routes, or to download a registration form, visit the race website at *www.clancy-darlingroadrace.org*

Additional questions? E-mail: *ndatrackxc@yahoo.com* or call (781) 749-5930, ext. 417

Cohasset High School Fitness Center hours

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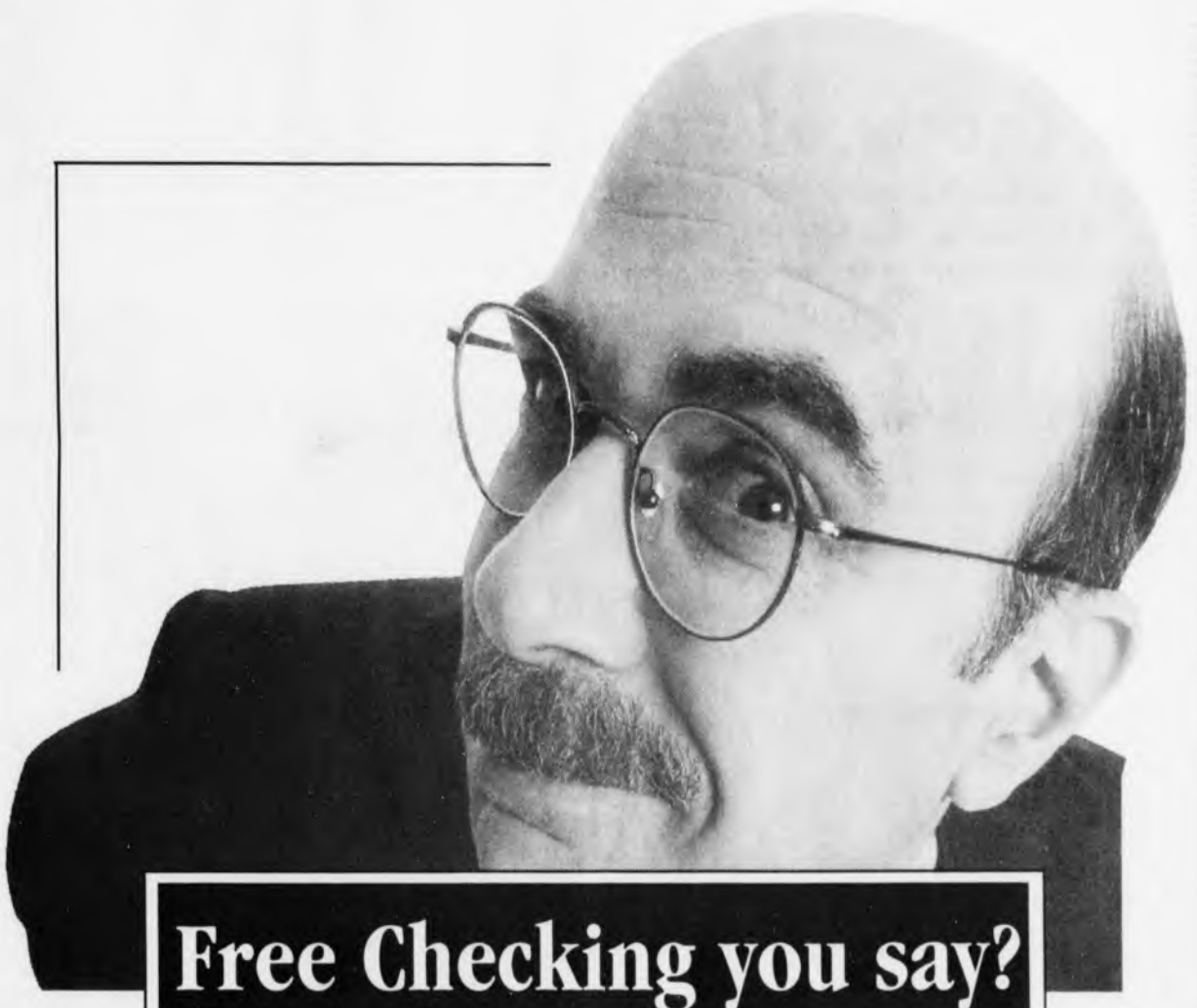

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Don't miss annual Strawberry fest

Be sure to save your appetite for Cohasset's 14th Annual Strawberry Festival, held in conjunction with the South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common, Friday through Sunday.

This year more than 100 volunteers will transform Cohasset's Second Congregational Church grounds (next to Town Hall) into an outdoor café and nursery where Arts Festival visitors can rest and enjoy lunch or dinner capped off by a delicious Strawberry Shortcake made with fresh local strawberries and whipped cream heaped over a fresh buttermilk biscuit. The café will also serve fresh salads with various toppings including barbecue chicken, as well as hot dogs, fresh pastries, and a full range of beverages.

Fresh baked goods, fruit cups and beverages will also be available "to go" for those who wish to enjoy their treats as they explore the more than 80 exhibits and attractions of the Arts Festival on the Common.

The church's Strawberry Shortcakes have been a popular tradition in Cohasset for more than a dozen years. More than 2400 shortcakes are expected to be served over the three day Festival beginning Friday from 2-7 p.m., and continuing Saturday (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Sunday (noon to 6 p.m.).

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The Strawberry Festival at the Second Congregational Church is always a hit. Here Jacqui Blake digs into a dish of strawberry shortcake at last year's Festival on the Common.

The Second Congregational Church will also hold a plant sale on Saturday, June 15 from 10am to 2 p.m. at the front of the church on Highland Avenue. All proceeds from the Strawberry Festival café and plant sale will support local charities.

For more information, please call the Second Congregational Church office at 383-0345.

IT'S HAPPENING

Benefit dinner for discovery museum

Celebrity Chef Anthony Ambrose is creating a special dinner menu to benefit Our World, the new children's discovery museum set to open in Cohasset in the fall of 2003.

The dinner will be held July 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border Street, Cohasset. Tickets are $125 each with a portion of the proceeds going to the non-profit Our World Inc. Reservations are required at 781-383-0030. The deadline for reservations is June 21.

Ambrose, a Cohasset resident, is chef-owner of Ambrosia on Huntington in Boston. He and his wife, Dorene, are parents of two small children and vitally interested in the museum project.

Leah Taylor Roy and Mary Larson are in the midst of a $1 million fundraising campaign to construct the museum and an associated global-themed playground in a two story wing of the former Joseph Osgood School. The two Cohasset residents view the project as a way to bring cultural diversity to the area.

The town's new library will occupy the rest of the former school building, which is located at the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street. Roy and Larson believe the museum will be the perfect tie-in for the library.

Yard sale benefit

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee is holding a giant yard sale to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh 3rd Scholarship, which has been awarded annually since 1978 to a Cohasset High School graduating senior. The sale will be on Saturday, June 15 at 85 Linden Drive (off Jerusalem Road). Hours are 8 a.m.-noon (no early-birds). To donate items, call 383-0222.

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Old Cohasset as seen in postcards

Cohasset Historical Society member John Connell and historian David Wadsworth will present a very special projection display and discussion of "Postcards of Old Cohasset" on Thursday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers' Residence.

The event is free and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 781-383-1434.

Lighthouse lovers lecture is June 13

Hull Lifesaving Museum For Lighthouse Lovers June Slideshow — Lecture "New England Lighthouses" is Thursday, June 13, 7p.m. at the Lifesaving Museum $3 members, $5 non-members

Please join guest speaker William Patton for an entertaining and informative evening of armchair exploration. The lighthouses that stand sentry along the New England coast have witnessed raging storms and terrible tragedies. Some have also been the sites of heroic deeds, such as the 1846 rescue off the Maine coast of young John Fitzgerald, future Mayor of Boston and grandfather of John F. Kennedy. Patton will regale us with this and many other fascinating lighthouse tales during the lecture, which accompanies the museum's current exhibit, Beacons of Boston Harbor. Light refreshments will be available. For more information please contact Museum Educator, Victoria Stevens, at the museum, 781-925-5433.

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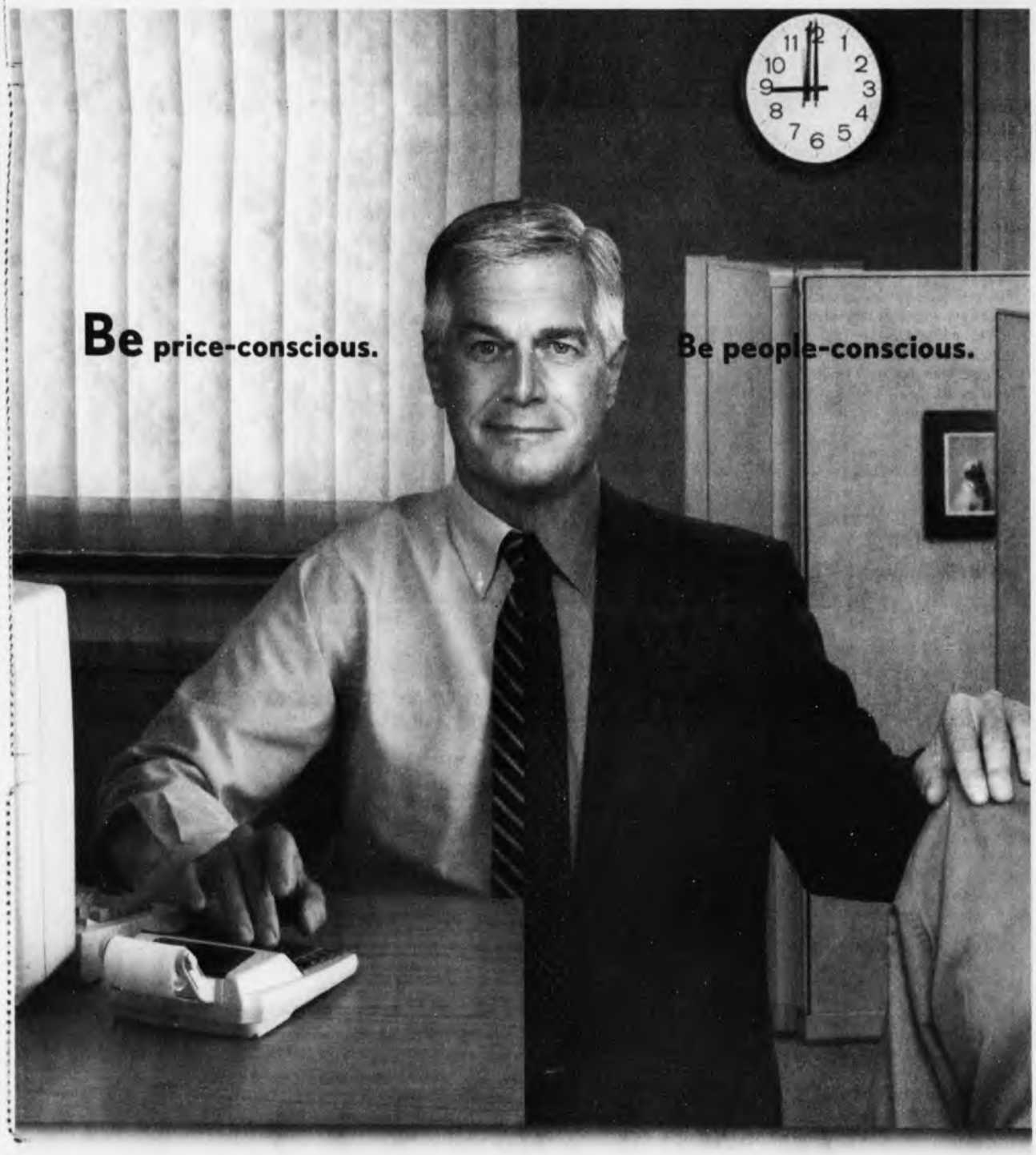

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Third-grade class knows what it means to recycle

By Mary Ford
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The three Rs usually mean "reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic."

But Maureen Wolcott's third-graders learned Monday the three Rs can also mean "recycle, reuse and refuse."

Selectman Merle Brown, who also sits on the recycling committee, and his fellow committee member Allan MacDonald paid the class a visit to talk about recycling and to have a look at the new recycling bins the pupils purchased with money they earned. The kids also decorated the bins with a new logo they designed themselves.

"You are teaching everyone you come in contact with the importance of recycling,"
— Allan MacDonald, recycling committee

Wolcott's classes have led the effort to recycle paper at the Kindergarten through grade 3 school for the past three years. The class had been using cardboard boxes to collect the paper; but Wolcott said those boxes could be hard to come by so it was time to find something more permanent.

So with a project that involved a little marketing, mathematics and economics, the class organized a "snack sale" during which they sold snacks for 25 cents apiece. Class members contacted all the teachers to find out when each class had snack time. They also signed up to bring snacks for the sale and figured out how many they had to sell to make $100.

Then each child in Wolcott's class designed a logo that represented recycling. The designs were incorporated into the final logo: a map of the world with an "R" in the middle that was painted on both sides of the 25 blue plastic recycling bins, enough for the entire school. The class purchased blue bins because they match the blue tile in the school.

MacDonald said he was very proud of the class.

"You are teaching everyone you come in contact with the importance of recycling," he told the youngsters, explaining that the United States is the most wasteful country in the world.

"We use a lot of nature's resources and waste many, we hope you can help stop that," MacDonald said.

Brown explained how not recycling costs the town a lot of money. He said the town pays $100 a ton to have trash hauled away, but far less for recyclable materials like paper and newspaper, which is remade into more newspaper, paper towels or napkins, for example. Recycling is also good for the environment, he said.

MacDonald and Brown talked about the "RTF" which used to be the "dump," a word that is no longer accurate because everything at the RTF is hauled away. When Brown asked what RTF stood for, the kids had no trouble guessing Recycling; but the word Transfer proved a little more difficult. Facility was the toughest with one student guessing "plantation" and another "foundation."

But names aside, the most important lesson of the project is to recycle, reuse and refuse, Brown said.

Brown explained "refuse" by saying he bought two loaves of bread and refused to take the bag at Shaw's; and then bought a card at Walgreen's and refused to take the bag there.

He told the students their teacher may not have a big "green heart" but she has a big concern for the environment.

MacDonald said recycling is really about values.

"Bless Maureen (Wolcott) for seeing this as a means of teaching values," he said.

Wolcott said parent Sheila Sinclair has been invaluable. Sinclair volunteers to bring the students around to the different classrooms to collect and empty the bins, so Wolcott can stay with the rest of the class.

Top left: Callie Altholtz and Emily Toomey work together to make sure the logo is positioned just right.

Above: Clockwise from top left, Peter Herlin, Charlie Cofman, Dan McQuade and Max Reel work as a team as they get ready to paint the logo on their recycling bin.

At left: Maureen Wolcott's class, with Merle Brown and Allan MacDonald of the recycling committee in the back row, show off one of the recycling bins with the new logo.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

The Garage fifth grade party

There will be a party for everyone who has just finished fifth grade and is about to enter sixth grade at the Teen Garage on Friday, June 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in the new sixth grade is welcome; however, The Garage is closed to all other grades on this night. Everyone in the new sixth grade is welcome, however, the Garage is closed to all other grades on this night. This is a free event to welcome and introduce the new sixth grade to The Garage. Refreshments will be for sale.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 for more information.

Barnyard tours at Weir River Farm

Barnyard tours at Weir River Farm in Hingham are: Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.; Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., June 22 - Oct. 13.

Members of The Trustees of Reservations: free; Non-members: $2.

Bring your family and friends to Weir River Farm and spend an afternoon with the barnyard animals. Farm staff is on-hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Park in lot at end of Turkey Hill Lane off Leavitt Street. Follow path through the forest to the farm.

BC High awards

On Friday, May 31, Boston College High School held an award ceremony for undergraduates.

Freshman Christopher Barber received an award for excellence in Biology I.

Freshman Andrew Flynn received awards for excellence in Geometry Honors and Modern World History. Andrew was also a recipient of the Stephen J. Collins Award for excellence and enthusiasm in French.

Junior David Crowley-Buck received awards for excellence in Pre-Calculus and Spanish IV Honors. David was also honored with the Rutgers University Collegiate Book Award, the Eagle Award for his contribution to the school newspaper, The Integritas Project Award for his involvement with the creation of the Integritas Honor Council, and his leadership abilities earned him the Model United Nations Award. The final award of the ceremony, the Richard D. Reardon Award which is given to a junior who through his life and activities has demonstrated a commitment to service and a concern for the well-being of all people was bestowed upon David. Congratulations to these young men.

Movie night at the Garage

There will be a Movie Night at the Teen Garage on Saturday, June 15. This is a free event and everyone in grades six and up is welcome. The movie will begin at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be sold as well.

Please note that the Garage will open as scheduled at 5 p.m. even though the movie will not begin until 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Cohasset Recreation Commission at 781-383-4109.

Support for parents offered

Parenting Group: How to empower your children to make healthy choices and realize the consequences; Monday 7p.m., at St. Stephens Church. Free, ongoing, and confidential. For more information, call 781-383-0771

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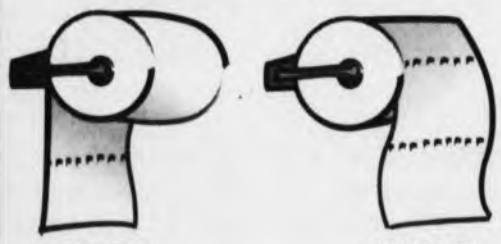

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

12:44 p.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

3:11 p.m. Elm St., general services.

3:18 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., motor vehicle violation.

3:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

4:25 p.m. Elm St., harassing/annoying phone calls.

5:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:21 p.m. Beechwood St., harassing/annoying phone calls.

7 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

7:36 p.m. Border St., vandalism.

8:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

7:17 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:37 a.m. Locust Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:08 a.m. Old Pasture Road, medical aid.

10:30 a.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

10:57 a.m. Summer St., escorted, services rendered.

11:17 p.m. South Main St., wires down.

11:28 a.m. Elm St., general services.

11:32 p.m. Black Horse Lane, property damage.

4:11 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed.

4:19 p.m. Norfolk Road, animal call or complaint.

5:45 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

6:15 p.m. King St., noise complaint.

8:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., harassing/annoying phone calls.

8:10 p.m. Cushing Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:41 p.m. King St., medical aid.

8:49 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:11 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:45 p.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint, dispersed gathering.

11:05 p.m. Beechwood St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

11:56 p.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint, departmental action.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

12:54 a.m. Hull St., assist other police department.

6:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

8:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

8:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:39 a.m. North Main St. and Highland Ave., motor vehicle accident.

10:08 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, inspections.

10:09 a.m. Rocky Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

10:52 a.m. Nichols Road, property lost.

11:04 a.m. Atlantic Ave. and Meadow Lane, assist motorist.

11:40 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:58 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:26 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

4:16 p.m. Norfolk Road, tree down, services rendered.

4:24 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:36 p.m. Forest Ave., tree down.

6:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

9:07 p.m. Ledgewood Drive, general services.

9:38 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:57 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

10:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Sally Ann Bizzell, 46, of 1 Elba Terrace, Apt. 1, Dorchester. Charge: Warrant—default.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

12:29 a.m. Black Horse Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:32 a.m. Hobart Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:40 a.m. Pond St. and Clay Spring Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:02 a.m. Atlantic Ave., missing person.

1:42 a.m. Sohier St., general services.

1:55 a.m. King St. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop.

1:58 a.m. Gannett Road, animal call or complaint.

3:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:57 a.m. Pond St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:50 a.m. Locust Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:38 a.m. All over town, a power outage.

8:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:40 a.m. Cedar Acres Lane, missing person.

10:16 a.m. Church St., animal call or complaint.

10:20 a.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint.

10:59 a.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Drive., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:19 a.m. Hill St., larceny.

12:53 p.m. Fernway, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:01 p.m. Border St., fire, investigation.

5:07 p.m. Border St., parking violation, ticket issued.

5:08 p.m. Border St., general services rendered.

5:13 p.m. South Main St. and Castle Road, motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Mark R. Roden, 40, of 61 Arborway Drive, Scituate. Charges: Operating motor vehicle after license was suspended/revoked; operating motor vehicle with defective equipment; improper display of license plate.

5:20 p.m. Border St., fire, misc.

5:28 p.m. Border St., fire, misc., log entry.

5:40 p.m. Border St., general services, rendered.

7 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., assist other police department, area search negative.

7 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., assist other police department, area search negative.

7:51 p.m. Beechwood St., animal call or complaint.

8:09 p.m. North Main St., illegal dumping, area search negative.

8:33 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

8:50 p.m. Sohier St., general services, area search negative.

9:18 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Jerusalem Road, assist other police department.

9:40 p.m. Pond St., assist other police department.

10:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:37 p.m. Summer St. and South Main St., disorderly conduct.

10:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate & Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 176738T5
Notice Of Fiduciary's Account

To all persons interested in the estate of Mary C. Bremer, late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk:

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the First thru Fifth accounts of John M. Cornish (appointed 1/31/92) and Wisner P. Kinne as Trustees U/W of Mary C. Bremer, late of Cohasset, MA F/B/O Barbara B. Kinne have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before the **Tenth day of July, 2002,** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this ThirtyFirst day of May, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#873779
Cohasset Mariner 6/13/02

JANITSCHKE ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PROBATE and FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK, SS. - 01P1257GC

To all persons interested in the estate of Christine Janitschke of Cohasset in said County, a person under guardianship.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said CHRISTINE JANITSCHKE, which is situated in New Brunswick, Canada, in the county of Queens, in accordance with the offer set out in said petition, for her maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **twenty-sixth day of June, 2002,** the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this Twenty-second day of May, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt, Register.

AD#874868
Cohasset Mariner 6/13/02

SCHUCHARD ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P1391EP

In the Estate of WALTER F. SCHUCHARD

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 11, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that PETER SCHUCHARD of HULL in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 17, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, June 4, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

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PUBLIC MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, June 19, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Town Hall Auditorium,
41 Highland Ave., Cohasset

WHAT: Review the Draft ***Surface Water Supply Protection Plan for Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir***

WHO: All residents of Cohasset are invited

The Cohasset Water Commission is preparing a *Surface Water Supply Protection Plan*, under a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Plan is being developed by the Water Commission's watershed consultants, the Norfolk RAM Group LLC.

"We invite citizen participation in the development of this important plan," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. *"Our public drinking water supply is a precious resource that needs to be carefully protected from contamination."*

The Draft Plan has undergone the first round of public comment and the revised Draft Plan will be discussed one last time at this public meeting. The Final Plan will be completed and distributed by June 28, 2002, when it must be submitted to the DEP.

Copies of the revised Plan are available for review after June 12, 2002 at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant. Please call Water Commission Chairman John McNabb at 781-383-6202 if you have any questions.

Summer programs offered by the Recreation Department

Late registration for the Summer Playground Program and Youth Tennis will be Monday, June 17 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, June 18 from 2:30-6:30 p.m.

Please register your children at the Cohasset Recreation Department Office on the first floor of Town Hall. Call 781-383-4109 for more information.

Registration for the sports clinics are still being accepted at the Cohasset Recreation Department Office. Register your children for the sports clinics at anytime.

Important phone numbers for summer programs

Recreation Department (Town Hall)	383-4109
Beach and RTF Stickers (Town Clerk)	383-4100
Cohasset Swim Center June to Sept.	383-9463
Cohasset Sailing Club the Club at Gov. Island	Inquires t

South Shore Baseball Club Baseball Clinic ages 5 to 7 and 7 to12

Ages 7 to 12 - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Ages 5 to 7 - 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The fee for the full day, age 7 to 12 clinic is $160 per player. The fee for SSBC members is $130 per member. The age 5 to 7 program is $95 per participant. This program will be run by Frank Niles and South Shore Baseball Club.

To register, complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Northeast Speed Training Clinic Ages 8 to 12 and 13 to 19

Ten, two-hour clinics will be held every Monday and Wednesday evening at Milliken field, from 6 to 8 p.m. starting June 24, through July 24.

The clinic focuses on balance, coordination, 20 and 40 yard dash, lateral speed, hip speed, three step explosion, jumping, quick feet, reaction techniques, and back pedaling. Over 150 fun, speed and quickness drills to improve skill performance in soccer, football, baseball basketball and lacrosse. The program fee is $85 per person.

Girls' Grade 5 to 9 Field Hockey Clinic: Held at Milliken Field, Tuesday/Thursday, Aug. 13 to 15, 9 a.m. to noon $85 per player. Registration: Call Debbie Bostwick (781) 826-5165.

Soccer Squirts - South Shore Soccer Camp: Held at Alumni Field at CHS on Monday, Aug. 5, and Friday, Aug. 9,

Soccer ABC's - Ages 4 and 5: 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Cost $65

Half day Program - Ages 6 and 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost $95. Price includes ball and camp shirt

South Shore Soccer Camp: Held at Milliken Field Monday, July 29, and Friday, Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, and Friday, Aug. 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Boys and Girls ages 8 to 18: Price $225 ($20 discount for second child, $40 discount for third child and $395 for both weeks per child) - Price includes a camp shirt Directed by: SSSC Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz.

All programs have individual application forms, call the Recreation office at 383-4109, or stop by the office, first floor, Town Hall. Programs are limited in size. To insure acceptance into a program, register as soon as possible. Family discounts are available for most programs. Sports Camps are scheduled to meet regardless of weather conditions in most cases and should it be necessary to move into the High School, you will be notified at drop-off time as our status that day.

South Shore Basketball School - Ages 8 to 15 Due to school construction, Basketball cannot be accommodated this summer, but will be offered again during the summer of 2003. Also, watch local news media regarding various school year Basketball programs and clinics.

Lacrosse: Girls Clinic and Lacrosse Boys Clinic: Due to extenuating circumstances relevant to this summer, Lacrosse Clinics will not be available this year, but will return the summer of 2003. Should any change in this occur, we will notify you via local news media.

Youth Tennis will begin on Monday, June 24, continue for seven weeks, through Aug. 9. Youth tennis registrations will be held, starting Monday, June 10, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday evening, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is offered for children ages 7 through 18.

The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven week session of instruction, two days a week, is $75. $10 discounts are available for additional children in a family. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

Rain Day Policy: If it rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays an: special clinic or tournament or rain make-up days.

Adult Tennis

Tennis classes for beginner and intermediate tennis players, will be offered continuously throughout the summer on various evenings. The classes are one hour long and a session is four weeks in duration. New sessions will begin approximately every four weeks.

Beginner classes meet various evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. and the intermediate classes will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Advanced (tournament level instruction) classes meet Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., and advanced beginner will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays. Classes will be limited in size. Additional classes will be formed should demand dictate. All classes will meet at the Recreation Commission Tennis Courts at the top of Norfolk Road, next to Milliken Field.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Assistant choreographer Caroline Carr leads the water lilies in a rehearsal of "The Little Mermaid," produced by last summer's Children's Drama Workshop.

To register, call the Recreation Department office at 383-4109. The fee for the four-week program is $40 per person. Payable by check to the "Town of Cohasset." Each participant will need a racquet. Classes do not meet if the weather is inclement, and should you be in doubt, due to weather conditions, call Recreation office prior to class time.

Band Concerts

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. Each June the Board of Directors of the South Shore Music Circus take under consideration the request of the Recreation Commission, for concert funding, hence, certainty of concert are not absolute until mid-June, each season. The SSMC donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, N.Y.C.

Based upon continued SSMC funding, the schedule for the 2002 season is as follows:

Tuesday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Performances will be by the 30 piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Richard P. Whitmarsh. Concerts are held on the Cohasset Common, are free of charge and the public is cordially invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available. You may call the Recreation office at 383-4109 to check on the status of concerts should you be in doubt as to weather conditions.

Children's Drama Workshop Monsters, Inc.

CDW celebrates its 120th anniversary in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department. This summer's production will be Monster's, Inc. based on the Disney film.

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 are welcome to participate.

This six week program will meet three times weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. Rehearsals for Monsters, Inc. will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 24, 25, 26, and 29. Tentative performance dates are as follows: Tuesday, July 30, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 31, at 1 and 7 p.m., and Thursday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m.

Registration for this production of Monsters, Inc. will be held at Town Hall at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 10. The cost is $340 per cast member. There is a $15 discount given to children participating in the Cohasset Recreation Department's Playground Program.

Enrollment is limited. Early registration is advised.

Monsters, Inc. will be directed and produced by CDW founders, Elizabeth, Sara and Grace Devaney of Cohasset.

Summer Playground Program 2002

Mrs. Martha Equi will again be the director of the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3 1/2 to 12. Registration will be held the week of June 10.

The fee charges for the 2002 Playground Program will remain the same as the 2001 Program as follows:

5 to 12-year-olds: $175. for first child ($300 non-residents)

3 to 5-year-olds: $150. for first child Discounts for second and subsequent children are $20.

Activity Fee: A $50 first child, $45 second child, and a $40 third and subsequent children.

A mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space available basis and there are no discounts available for multiple children. All children must be toilet trained.

5 to 12 year olds: Full day program Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

5 to 7 year old Program - Osgood School

8 to 12 year old Program - Osgood School

Pre-school 3 to 5-year-old - half day program Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Born: Jan 1, 1996 through March 1, 1998 to qualify.

South Shore Music Circus Registrations

Children's Show registrations will be open to **children in the playground programs**. We will be attending the 10:30 a.m. performances on Thursdays at a group rate. Registrations must be made two weeks prior to the show date. No late registrations can be accepted. Payments of $6 must be made at the Recreation office, Tuesdays between 9 a.m. and noon, or between 5 and 7 p.m. on the dates indicated below.

July 11, Mother Goose, payment due by June 25; July 18, Snow White, payment due by July 2; July 25, Pinocchio, payment due by July 9; Aug. 1, Cinderella payment due by July 16; Aug. 8, The Emperor's New Clothes, payment due by July 23.

The Music Circus is optional regular Playground program activities will continue for those who do not attend. On rain days: see Martha regarding pick-up and drop-off routine. Programs are subject to change by S.S.M.C.

CHS Recreation Fitness Center

It is the intent of the School and Recreation Departments to keep the Fitness Center open and available to residents during the summer months. the fee is $30 per person, per month and there will be a two month minimum registration necessary for June and July 2002. The intent is to make this facility available as often and as many ours as possible, however, the exact hours of operation will be dictated by the number of residents registered for any given month(s). The Fitness Center is located on the first floor of Cohasset High School - enter at the front of the school via the door to the right side of the main entrance. During the summer the Fitness Center will be relocated to a new facility at CHS, improving our capabilities of serving you.

Cohasset Teen Garage

The Cohasset Youth Resources Committee announces the opening and operation of the new Teen Garage for Cohasset youth.

Located in the Old Town Highway Garage, directly behind the Red Lion Inn, the Teen Garage was completely renovated during 1999 and opened on Jan. 7, 2002.

The Youth Resources Committee hag engaged a part-time Youth Resources Coordinator in the person of Ms. Kate Daley, who will oversee the operation and programming of the Garage.

To allow Ms. Daley more freedom of her time applied to youth functions, the recreation director will continue to assume the administrative responsibilities of the operation and the nine-member Youth Resources Committee will continue to provide leadership direction and policy making decisions.

The Garage is specifically designed for Cohasset youth, grade 6 and over.

While special activities and dances will be frequently offered for various age groups, the facility sports video games, pool table, large screen TV, lounge area, snack bar area, and an assortment of other electronic and non-electronic games.

Youth Resources are indebted to the many residents, businesses, and civic groups and organizations that provided the financial support to renovate the Garage. Approximately $40,000 was privately raised to renovate the Garage.

The Garage is available for rental for $75 for two-hour time slots for birthday parties and or other private functions. Should you be interested in renting the Garage, call the recreation department office at 781-383-4109.

Residents are invited to stop in any time we are open to have a look at the new Teen Garage.

Dog Obedience Classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously, throughout the summer, offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy - Dog Training School.

Second session classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, June 24, for Obedience with Distractions at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. for beginners. For all classes the fee is $90 for the five week, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every five weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

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Lorna Luft live

Judy Garland's daughter performs at Copley Theatre

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Entertainment legend Judy Garland died in London on June 22, 1969, at age 47. This year, on the 33rd anniversary of her mother's passing, Garland's youngest daughter, Lorna Luft, will be in Boston for a concert at the Copley Theatre.

"I don't dwell on that date when I remember my mother," Luft explained by telephone last week from her Los Angeles home. "I think about it, of course, but then I go out and do my show."

This year, the show will be "An Evening with Lorna Luft," presented in Boston by the Quincy-based J. M. Productions. Accompanied by a four-piece band, under the direction of her husband, Colin Freeman, Luft will perform a program of songs by Jerry Herman, Burt Bacharach, and the late Peter Allen.

"I've decided to do a show featuring the music of these three men, because I know and respect them so much. They are each extremely gifted," Luft says. "As part of the show, I'll be sharing personal stories about each of them. They are three men who are very important to me."

Indeed, one was even related to Luft for a time. The late Australian composer and performer Peter Allen was the first husband of Luft's older half-sister, Liza Minnelli. One time family members or not, Luft has strong feelings about all three men.

"Jerry Herman ("Hello, Dolly!", "Mame," "La Cage Aux Folles") is such a good friend. I'll probably do the songs that Jerry likes me to do from his best-known Broadway musicals. With Burt Bacharach ("Say A Little Prayer," "Do You Know the Way to San Jose" "Message to Michael), there is also a tremendous wealth of great material. Burt also did the music for my first Broadway show, "Promises, Promises," so he is very special to me. And Peter Allen ("I Honestly Love You" and "Don't Cry Out Loud") was such an incredible songwriter, too."

Garland fans shouldn't feel left out either. "I will probably be doing some of my mother's music, too, although it is hard to do much of it without a full orchestra. I'm not sure yet, exactly what I'll sing. When it comes to my mother's songs, I never choose a favorite. I love them all."

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Lorna Luft

Born to the "world's greatest entertainer," Judy Garland, and her third husband, producer Sidney Luft, on November 21, 1952, Luft made her professional debut at age 11 on the 1963 Christmas episode of her mother's CBS-TV variety series, "The Judy Garland Show." In 1967, at the age of 15, Luft once again shared the stage with her mother and younger brother, Joey Luft, in a summer concert tour. The highlight of the tour was the legendary one-month engagement on Broadway at the Palace Theatre.

More recently, Luft has appeared in the national tours of the musicals "They're Playing Our Song" and "Guys and Dolls." She has also given concerts all over the world. Her film appearances include "Grease 2" and "Where The Boys Are '84." On television, Luft was a series regular on "Trapper John MD" In addition to her Boston engagement, Luft will open for Don Rickles later this month at the Stardust Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Lorna Luft will sing the music of Jerry Herman, Burt Bacharach and the late Peter Allen June 22 at Boston's Copley Theatre.

The singer, actress and author feels very lucky to have learned about show business from one of its brightest stars.

"My mother took her work very seriously," Luft recalls. "My feeling has always been that she made us step up to the plate, because she was used to working with the best people. She was incredibly giving, but you had to be up to her standard. She was just one of the best entertainers there ever was or will be."

Garland's entertainment industry status is seldom questioned, but her personal life — which included five marriages, frequent money troubles, and alleged dependencies on prescription drugs and alcohol — has been the subject of endless debate and speculation. Luft is quick to address what she believes may be the most common misconception.

"My mother wasn't a tragic figure. She had tragedy in her life, for sure, but she was not a sad person," Luft explains. My mother was a truly funny and warm human being."

Her own 1998 autobiography, "Me and My Shadows: Living with the Legacy of Judy Garland" gave Luft the chance to tell the story of her mother's life as she knew it. The book enjoyed a long stint on "The New York Times" bestseller list and was made into a two-part, four-hour ABC-TV miniseries which Luft co-executive produced. Starring Judy Davis as Judy Garland, the mini-series earned high ratings and went on to become one of the most honored programs of the 2001 television season. It earned five Emmy awards among its many

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Beyond the Byrds

60s rocker Roger McGuinn melds music and storytelling

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Believe it or not, Roger McGuinn, the one-time leader of 1960s folk-rock legends the Byrds and the wistful voice on that band's classic singles such as "Mr. Tambourine Man," "Eight Miles High," and "Turn! Turn! Turn!" is about to turn 60 next month.

The good news, besides McGuinn staying around long enough to hit 60, is that he is still out performing regularly and with as much energy, vitality and even youthful excitement as ever. His live shows these days, which are almost always solo-acoustic, are fond, storyteller-style career retrospectives which musically touch upon even more eras than the singer himself has been walking the planet.

A typical set might take listeners from McGuinn's roots in traditional Irish folk songs and ballads by his idol, Pete Seeger (who wrote "Turn! Turn! Turn!" and another Byrds standard "The Bells of Rhymney"), through the classic Dylan-meets the Beatles song craft of the Byrds, straight up to the more current sounds influenced by the likes of Tom Petty, country rockers Wilco, the Jayhawks and others.

Roger McGuinn comes to the Company Theatre June 15.

Local fans can expect all this and musical points in between when McGuinn appears in concert at Norwell's Company Theatre Saturday, June 15 at 8 p.m.

"I like to blend telling stories and singing songs when I play live, and create a very relaxed, intimate atmosphere," said McGuinn. "This is the type of show I like to do nowadays and have been doing for quite awhile actually. A lot of people at the shows tell me it's like the kind of show that Pete Seeger used to do, with the same character and flavor. That's actually true because Pete (Seeger) was always a major inspiration to me in many areas of my own performing. I usually write my set list just before I go on for the show, and maybe shuffle around with the songs I'm going to play to work the crowd. I'm always sensitive to the direction my set is taking and the feeling of the audience at any given time."

Two of McGuinn's most recent solo CDs can offer fans an idea of what to expect at Saturday's Norwell show. 2000's *Live From Mars* is a showcase of the singer's current solo-acoustic/storytelling show, where McGuinn updates Byrds classics such as those mentioned plus "Chestnut Mare," "So You Want To Be a Rock 'n' Roll Star" and others in versions unplugged but still with that familiar, ringing 12-string Rickenbacker sound of the band's heyday. He also rocks out acoustically with Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel" as well as renderings of overlooked gems such as 60s folkster Don Gibson's "Daddy Roll 'Em." Much of this is interspersed with humorous recollections of the singer's earliest days playing at the Gate of Horn folk club in his native Chicago, touring with his first folk bands the Limeliters and the Chad Mitchell Trio, writing the hit "You Showed Me" for the Turtles and crafting the magical "Mr Tambourine Man."

The other recent disc of note is last year's *Treasures From the Folk Den*, part of a project that is close to McGuinn's heart as a folk musician and Ian Folk Den originated as an internet venture on the singer's Web site at www.mcguinn.com <http://www.mcguinn.com> where beginning in 1994, McGuinn began posting his own recordings of traditional folk songs — from America, the British Isles, Europe and Australia and all eras of the last century — for free MP3 download once a month. His motivation for the project was a desire to preserve folk's rich traditional heritage, which he believed was being buried nearly into extinction by modern, mass-marketed musical trends.

The periodic online posting finally evolved into a full CD endeavor after seven years. The Folk Den disc features McGuinn interpreting and modernizing "rootsy" folk styles from Celtic ballads and sea chantys to field and mountain hymns and Delta-style blues, with prominent help from such folk-legend friends as Joan Baez, Tommy Makem, Judy Collins, Odetta, Seeger and others. Most of the

Callanan celebrates Clooney

Weymouth cabaret singer pays tribute to legendary songstress

By Matt Whorf
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Mary Callanan is a Weymouth actress/cabaret singer with a long and impressive list of credits behind her.

A cabaret fellow member of the Eugene O'Neill symposium, Callanan's career her also taken her to all the key cabaret circuit stops in Boston and New York and on national tours with productions of *Big*, *Damn Yankees*, *The Sound of Music* and Rogers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* along with numerous stage appearances throughout Boston and New England.

But before stepping onto theatre and cabaret stages, Callanan performed as a big-band singer, owing partly to a musical genre which in her day still maintained a solid core circuit and following although long past its prime. It was here that the singer nurtured certain tastes that she has more recently combined in enterprising form with her theatre experience. Teaming with her musical director and accompanist, Brian Patton, of Boston, Callanan has lately staged her own personalized tribute shows to cabaret-friendly artists from the big-band era as well as contemporary pop, such as "It's a Good Day," a musical homage to Peggy Lee, and a similar production dedicated to Burt Bacharach and Carole King.

In what is arguably a further step up in musical sophistication and artistry, Callanan's latest project in this venture takes on Rosemary Clooney, who the singer describes as one of the leading interpreters of the American songbook. Callanan and her partner Patton will perform "Hey There," celebrating Clooney's music and career, at Quincy's Raffael's Restaurant over two weeks this month, with evening shows on Wednesdays and Thursdays, June 19 & 20, 26 & 27 at 7:30 p.m. and afternoon matinees added on Wednesdays.

"Rosemary Clooney has been an idol and inspiration to me for a long time," said Callanan. "When I worked as a big band singer, I sang or first became familiar with a lot of her signature songs. And I always noticed and admired the way her material could go from one song that sounded like hillbilly roots to another that was a heart-wrenching ballad. Her versatility was just amazing to me. Plus she was a fantastic storyteller onstage and I really got to admire her style and humor as a performer."

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Weymouth cabaret singer Mary Callanan

For this fan, Clooney is obviously far more than the aunt of the former *ER* star — George Clooney. Rosemary Clooney's fame in her day more than rivaled that currently enjoyed by her nephew. The singer notched up 24 Top 40 hits during her prime era recording for Columbia Records from 1951-54.

Callanan doesn't forget Clooney's renown and accomplishments of yesteryear. Nor does she overlook the controversies that surrounded the singer's career in her tribute show. Clooney's numerous chart hits included the sophisticated jazz ballads that were her true forte and artistic priority — songs like "Hey There" and "You'll Never Know" — but also, for better or worse, fluffy novelty tunes at the insistent demand of producer Mitch Miller for attempts at mass pop appeal, such as "Doggie In the Window" and "Come On-A My House."

Naturally, it was the latter form of material that proved by far the biggest seller in the cultural atmosphere of the early 50s. But even as her commercial career soared, the dilemma of integrity versus success left Clooney frustrated as a singer and artist. Other hardships followed as the 50s went on. The rock 'n' roll explosion pushed Clooney's style of music off the charts and her career into obscurity. Marital troubles along with increasing dependencies on drugs and alcohol also took their toll, leading to a disastrous climax at a resort performance in Reno in 1968, when the singer broke down and began screaming and cursing violently at the audience. Clooney was taken from the stage in restraints and spent four years in a psychiatric ward before recovering and beginning a career comeback in the 1970s.

Musically and biographically, Callanan's tribute show covers it all, from the good to the bad to the ugly.

"We show all the sides of Rosemary (Clooney) musically in the show," Callanan said. "We naturally put an emphasis on the really classy material like 'Hey There,' 'Blues In the Night' and 'Do You Miss New York.' But we also perform the songs like 'Come On-A My House' and 'Botch-a-Me' as important parts of Rosemary's career. These songs were, after all, some of her biggest hits, and though she may not have enjoyed them, she certainly did well by them. They made her famous and probably gave her more freedom as an artist later on. The way we look at it, if she hadn't sung these songs, she might have never sung something like 'Tenderly,' which I think is the quintessential Rosemary Clooney song."

Weymouth singer Mary Callanan performs "Hey There" a celebration of Rosemary Clooney's music this month at Raffael's in Quincy.

"Our show is what we call a sentimental journey, covering Rosemary's two separate careers, from her initial stardom to her comeback. The tribute is both chronological and thematic, which I think in this case go hand in hand."

In between weeks at Raffael's, Callanan and Patton will also be appearing at Boston's Copley Theatre on June 22, opening for singer and Liza Minelli half-sister Lorna Luft in her show "An Evening With Lorna Luft."

Food & dining

Goat cheese soufflé

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

For many home cooks, this recipe has two strikes against it: it uses goat cheese and it is a soufflé. Give me just a moment to sell you on this concept. It is simple to put together, cooks in just 23 minutes, and is an easy way to bring the elegance of restaurant dining home.

The idea for this recipe came from the London chef Sally Clarke who, in turn, was inspired by Alice Waters. Although I loved Ms. Clarke's recipe, it was too rich for my taste, using a superabundance of cheese and cream. A few bites was enough to send one running for a health club. The soufflés were also supposed to be baked in shallow soup plates, a notion that is best suited for a restaurant, not a home, setting.

The first step was to lighten the load by severely reducing the quantities of cheese. The Parmesan went from a whopping 2 1/4 cups to 1 cup and the goat cheese was reduced from 14 ounces to eight! I was not in Weight Watchers territory but things were moving in the right direction. Light cream did not work as well as the heavy cream called for by Ms. Clarke. I took the eggs down a notch to five from six but the real breakthrough occurred when I added a bit of cream of tartar to the egg whites before beating them. (I always do this when making soufflés. Cream of tartar is an acid that helps to create a more stable foam.) This made the whites more elastic, easier to fold, and also higher rising. Other ingredients included salt, pepper, and chopped fresh thyme. Now I had a very good soufflé but I wanted to make the recipe as friendly as possible for the home cook.

The first trick was to beat the whites first (the cream of tartar stabilizes the whites so that they can be held a few minutes) so I could use the same beaters for the yolks. (If the whites are beaten last, they must be cleaned first to remove any traces of yolk.) I found that instead of simply beating the yolks until smooth, if I beat them a couple of minutes it further lightened the final texture of the soufflé. It also made the folding of the egg white and yolk mixtures that much easier.

The original recipe called for using soup plates as baking dishes. I have done this at home but most folks don't have the right type of plate (they have to be shallow) nor the oven space to bake six or eight plates at one time. I tried a soufflé dish but this was a failure – the top was dry and the inside was runny. However, an oval casserole dish (1 1/2 quart or about 10 x 7 inches) worked nicely when the soufflé was baked at 400 degrees for about 23 minutes. (Other oven temperatures were less successful.) I prepped the baking dish with butter and Parmesan per the original recipe which made the soufflé release nicely and taste great. This recipe also works well in custard cups or ramekins. The variation below is designed to be used with 3/4 cup containers and the baking time is then reduced to a mere 15 minutes.

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

GOAT CHEESE SOUFFLE WITH THYME AND PARMESAN

The recipe will also accommodate eight single servings prepared in 3/4 cup custard cups or ramekins, which is a common size. Be absolutely sure that your oven is calibrated properly for this recipe. Many ovens are off by 50 degrees or more. Do not used aged goat cheese. Instead, use the logs of fresh goat cheese that have a relatively light texture.

1 teaspoon unsalted butter
1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
5 large eggs at room temperature, separated
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
8 ounces fresh goat cheese (not aged)
1/2 cup heavy cream
3/4 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt

1. Heat the oven to 400 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Butter the inside of a 1 1/2 quart oval baking dish and dust with two tablespoons of the Parmesan cheese.

2. Add the egg whites and cream of tartar to a large mixing bowl. Using an electric mixer and beat on medium low speed until combined. Increase speed to medium high and beat until whites form soft billowy peaks, about two minutes, being careful not to overbeat in which case they will look dry and lumpy. Set aside. Place the yolks in a medium mixing bowl and beat on medium high until they are thickened and lemon colored, about two minutes. Add the goat cheese and beat on low to incorporate. Increase the speed to medium and continue beating until the mixture is smooth, about one minute. Add the cream, 2/3-cup Parmesan, thyme, salt and pepper and mix on medium until well-combined, about thirty seconds longer.

3. Add the yolk mixture to the whites and fold together using a rubber spatula until homogeneous. Pour into the prepared baking dish and sprinkle with remaining Parmesan. Bake until the soufflé is dark golden brown, puffed about 1 1/2 inches above the rim of the dish, and barely jiggles in the center when shaken, about 20 to 25 minutes. Serve immediately.

Serves 6 to 8

INDIVIDUAL SERVINGS VARIATION

Increase the butter to two teaspoons and the grated Parmesan to one cup plus two tablespoons. Prepare eight 3/4-cup ramekins or custard cups in place of the baking dish using 1/4 cup Parmesan for dusting. Place them on a baking sheet large enough to hold them without touching. Evenly distribute the soufflé batter into the cups; sprinkle with the remaining Parmesan and bake until dark golden brown and very puffy, about 15 minutes. Serve immediately.

Serves 8

The Battle of the bugs

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

A dazzling array of showy blossoms brightens our home landscapes during the month of June as the spring season comes to a close. Small, starry, cream-colored blooms appear on Korean dogwoods (Cornus kousa) eventually covering the upright branches of these attractive ornamental trees with long-lasting, glistening white flowers. A profusion of tubular red or pink blooms clothe the branches of Weigela and the sweet perfume of snow white mock oranges (Philadelphus) fills the air. Regal rhododendrons display their majestic trusses of pink, white, lavender, red and purple.

Sadly, our recent monsoons have taken their toll on many of these dramatic blossoms. An experienced gardener quickly learns that torrential downpours are inevitable during early June coinciding with the blooming of many of our more spectacular perennials and shrubs. Nearly every season, the fragile, tissue-paper blossoms of Oriental poppies, elegant bearded iris and the impressive double-flowered peonies fall victim to storms causing these voluptuous blooms to sprawl on the ground before we are fully able to enjoy their splendor.

Regrettably, the heavy rains of the past week did little to wash away the innumerable creepy, crawly pests that infest our gardens. Slugs and snails are thriving this season chewing holes in hosta leaves and devouring our tender young annual and vegetable transplants. Caterpillars have defoliated many of our trees and shrubs. Aphids seem particularly prolific this year and the Asiatic lily leaf beetle continues to spread and decimate our lilies.

Homeowners are flocking to nurseries seeking relief, hoping to zap the intruders with any means available as long as it acts immediately and they can see the little varmints lying on their backs with their feet up in the air. Unfortunately, this often leads to the use of toxic pesticides that disrupt the natural balance. Often, the more you spray, the more you have to spray. Most pesticides are harmful to our beneficial bug controllers including birds, spiders, ladybugs, and a host of other good guys.

Controlling beetle grubs in the lawn is one of the most common concerns during the spring and fall seasons. As crows and skunks forage for these tasty morsels, they shred the turf leaving an unsightly mess While a few of the C-shaped, white larva per square foot of turf are normal and not a threat to the viability of the lawn, larger numbers can decimate the root system of the grasses creating large brown patches that lift off in lifeless mats.

Immediate action with a grub control product containing Dylox will eliminate the existing population but it is only effective for a week or two and should only be used when and where grubs are actively feeding. Copious quantities of water (3/4 to 1 inch of water) must be applied to activate the chemical and disperse it into the soil. By June, the grubs are no longer feeding and soon beetles will begin to hatch.

To prevent a similar infestation this fall, a grub control containing Merit should be applied this month. This chemical works systemically and is absorbed by the roots of the grass plants so that when the tiny grubs begin feeding in August, they ingest the chemical and succumb. It takes several weeks for the product to be absorbed which is why application should be done in mid-June. It should be noted that there are a number of different beetles that lay their eggs in turf including Japanese beetles and European chafers. Not all grub control products contain Merit, which seems to be one of the most effective means of dealing with many types of grubs and apparently a variety of other pests currently plaguing our plants, including the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Merit is available in both liquid and granular forms at local nurseries. If your lawn has not experienced significant grub damage in the past, preventive chemicals may not be warranted and a healthy, well-maintained lawn will often be reasonably grub-free.

Be sure to monitor your true lilies for lily leaf beetle, a Chinese lacquer red, elongated beetle that feeds on lily foliage. Adult beetles hibernate in the soil through the winter, emerge in early spring, and begin decimating all parts of the lily as they multiply at an alarming rate. Rows of crimson-colored eggs are laid on the underside of the leaves. Larvae encase themselves in their excrement appearing as tiny globs of gray goo on the foliage. Manual removal is tedious; the adults move quickly and fall to the ground and the gooey larvae are disgusting. An application of Merit around lily bulbs in early spring has shown some success in reducing the devastating effects of this recent scourge. Sevin dust sprinkled on the leaves early in the season before bees are actively gathering pollen is also effective. Neem products may be helpful when larva first begin chewing. Sevin and a variety of other toxic, systemic chemicals including Orthene and Isotox may be tried as a last resort later in the season. This pest effects primarily lilies that grow from bulbs, not daylilies, which are fibrous-rooted perennials.

Monitor your plantings regularly and select plants that are less prone to disease and insect problems if you wish to minimize your use of toxic chemicals. Patience, tolerance and research are essential for gardeners and apply to all aspects of this rewarding hobby especially pest control.

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achievements.

For Luft, the acclaim affirmed her own decision to take on the project. "I can't say enough about how pleased I have been with the success. My mother deserved her story to be told this way." Although the book and mini-series met with the approval of Luft's brother, the same could not be said for their father who is now in his 80s.

"My father was very bitter, mean and nasty about this entire matter," Luft says. "He always said he wanted to write the book, because he feels he knew my mother better than anyone. He wanted to write the book for years, but he never did anything about it. It's very sad to me that he wasn't willing to support his child on something as big as this."

Luft may be estranged from her father, but she is quick to dispel similar rumors concerning her relationship with half-sister Liza Minnelli. When the latter married producer David Gest this March in a lavish Manhattan ceremony, Luft was not in attendance.

"I was already booked to perform for former President Clinton in Australia on the same date that they chose for the wedding. My absence was about nothing more than a scheduling conflict. I haven't met my sister's new husband yet, but if he makes her happy then he's fine with me."

What makes Luft happiest is her own family, which includes her husband and her two children from an earlier marriage, Jesse, 18, and Vanessa, 11. She has made sure that they are aware that they are the current generation of one of the most famous show business families of all time.

"My children have a sense of their heritage. My son read my book and they both know as much as they want to know. They have seen many of my mother's movies, including 'The Wizard of Oz' more times than I can count. It's hard thing for them to fully understand who Judy Garland was, because to them she is their grandmother. They are both wonderful children, though, and I am very proud of them. My son will be a freshman at San Francisco State this fall, which makes me very happy. I want them both to go to college."

Like many parents, Luft doesn't always understand her children's choices in music. "They listen to all types of music, including some classic rock from my generation. I've listened to a lot of it with them, but I draw the line at rap music. I tell my son to pull over and let me out of the car when that stuff comes on the radio."

In other instances, however, entertainment choices are made by the entire family. "We stop everything in our house to watch "The Osbournes" on MTV."

("An Evening with Lorna Luft" with Weymouth's own Mary Callanan as the opening act will be presented at the Copley Theatre, 505 Boylston Street, Boston, on June 22. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2000, or visit www.allaboutjmproductions.com.)

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disc's songs are also available on the Web site's MP3 page, which interestingly enough, also contains a pair of timely patriotic turns with McGuinn's renditions of a Henry Van Dyk poem, "America For Me," and a soulful "Star Spangled Banner" which strikes a Byrds-like, "Turn! Turn! Turn!" vibe.

"I'm into keeping up with the latest technology, and I'm also into a lot of good free stuff on the Internet," McGuinn said. "So I'm combining those two energies with the deep interest I have in preserving the traditional songs. The idea for this came about around 1992, when I thought that the music business in general had just gone so one-dimensional, focusing on only the current trends in music."

McGuinn said things have improved somewhat noting the recognition of more traditional music with the success of the "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou," soundtrack.

"But ten years ago, things looked pretty bleak as far as preserving that kind of music was concerned. hope my efforts have helped in improving the situation," he added.

McGuinn's future plans for Folk Den include more monthly internet posting, plus a second CD volume of *Treasures* for possible release next year, this time supported by younger musicians and collaborators such as Wilco member Jeff Tweedy. "Mainly younger players who are more sympathetic with traditional music," the singer said. "Our motivation is to keep the folk heritage going."

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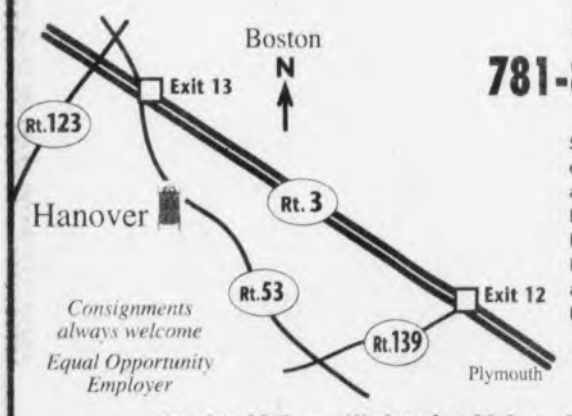

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THE BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL will once again provide outdoor, harborside performances by nationally renowned blues artists during the Fourth Annual Blues Concerts Series. The Blues Barge, a floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. The concert series, sponsored by the Boston Harbor Hotel and House of Blues, begins with an opening night on Thursday, July 4, and will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.bhh.com

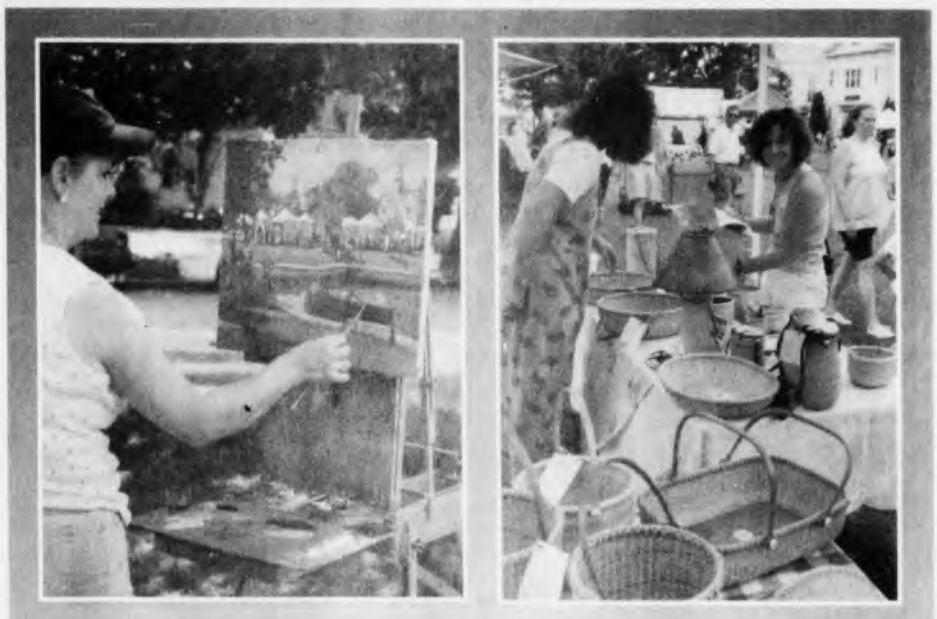
"FRIENDS WITH HOPE" is sponsoring its Third Annual 5K (3.2 miles) Walk to raise money for breast cancer research and health education. This walk will take place June 23, at 9 a.m. (8 a.m. registration) beginning at Pembroke Center. There will be a $15 pre-registration fee - $20 day of the walk. For information call Laurie Griffen 781-982-0960 or Julie Brenton 508-888-5824 or Jennifer Lambert 781-545-7648 or visit the web site at www.geocities.com/friendswithhope.

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets go on sale April 8, for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL-SCITUATE VNA SPONSOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT honoring Jean Snow of Norwell. South Shore residents are invited to sign up for organization's fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Aug. 5, at the Marshfield Country Club, located at 515 Moraine St. Marshfield. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. with registration at noon. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club. There will be a silent auction following the awards ceremony. Tickets are $175 per person. For more information call 781-659-2342.

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL AMERICAN RED CROSS GOLF CLASSIC, to be held at South Shore Country Cub in Hingham on July 22, will seek participation from golfers and non-golfers alike in its aim to make this year's event the most successful yet. The day-long event will feature a live and silent auction, raffles, a poker rally, a box lunch and dinner. New England Cable News sports personality Jimmy Young will serve as master of Ceremonies. For more information call 617-770-2600.

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.



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Thurs. 13

Grove Manor Estates welcomes **Dr. Steven A. Nielsen of The Lambert-Nielsen Eye Center** to speak on "The Aging Eye" Dr. Nielsen will discuss eye health for seniors: the latest advancements in diagnosing, treating diseases of the eye, glaucoma, cataracts and macula degeneration. Followed by a free vision screening for cataracts and glaucoma on June 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. For scheduling call Mary Baillie by 781-843-3700.

The South Shore Science Center in Norwell announces an **"Evening with Jeff Corwin and His Curious Animals"** at Norwell High School on June 13 at 7 p.m. The event will include a live animal presentation by Corwin, host of the Animal Planet's "The Jeff Corwin Experience," and a meet n greet session with Jeff immediately following the show. All proceeds of the show will benefit the Ecozone, a multi-demensional exhibit area focusing on the ecosystems of southeastern Massachusetts at the South Shore Science Center. Tickets for the event are $50 and $35 and may be purchased by call 781-659-2559.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents a lecture and slide show: **New England Lighthouses** held at the museum, 117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. The lighthouses stand sentry along the New England coast have witnessed raging storms and dramatic rescues. Some of the region's lighthouses have stood watch over scenes of heroism, such as the rescue of a small boy from a ship off the coast of Portland in 1846 that may have even altered the course of history. William Patton, retired General Manager of the New England Press Association will enthrall you with the story of John Fitzgerald, the boy rescued off Portland who became Mayor of Boston and grandfather to John F. Kennedy as well as many fascinating stories of New England Lighthouses. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 781-925-5433.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "as Ros sees it" works in acrylic by **Ros Farbush** during June and July. A reception will be held June 13, 6 to 7 p.m. in Merry meeting Room downstairs at The Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St, Duxbury. Call 781-934-2721 for information.

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Star Creations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center will present the teen company in **"Interrupted"** on June 13, and 14, at 7 p.m. and June 16, at 4:30 p.m., at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill No. 3, lower level. Tickets are adults $8, child $5. For reservations or more information call 508-747-1234.

Fri. 14

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"Jake's Women" will be presented by the **Bay Players** at The Ellison Center, 64 St. George St, Duxbury. This autobiographical Neil Simon comedy will be held June 14, 15, and June 20, 21, and 22, at 8 p.m. Wheelchair accessible. Tickets $11 students/seniors, $13 general. Call for reservations at 800-290-6825 and go to www.bayplayers.org for more information.

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The Festival will also feature artwork of the recipients of the South Shore Art Center scholarships June 14 to 16, on Cohasset Common. The scholarships were awarded to **Jacquelyn Anderson, Abington High School; Benjamin Zawalich, Hanover High School; Danielle Palmstrom, Milton High school; and Anne Holden of Marshfield**. Call the South shore Art Center at 781-383-2787 for more information.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance June 14, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required: no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Maria's Bachelorette Party, the original interactive dinner theatre show, a spoof on an **"Italian Bridal Shower"** June 14, at the **Tremont Playhouse**, 275 Tremont Street, Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40.95, includes dinner and show. Call 1-800-944-5639 for tickets.

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Sat. 15

The Lewis Family Chiropractic will host a Wellness Festival from 1 to 4 p.m. at 175 Old Oaken Bucket Rd., Scituate. Free spinal screenings, free raffles, door prizes, children's entertainment. RSVP 781-545-6644.

The Cobb Library on Union St., in Pembroke is hosting its 10th annual Garden Walk. This is an opportunity to visit local gardens and enjoy the late spring outdoor show of flowers and shrubs. The gardens this year are in the towns of Pembroke and Hanson. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased at the Cobb Library in Bryantville, Bryantville Deli, across from the library, and at Wyman's Garden Center on Route 58 in Hanson.

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. On June 15, at 1 p.m., there will be a moderate walk, some hilly terrain, four miles. St. Moritz green dot loop. Meet at Shea Rink parking lot on Willard St. in Quincy. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites presents Blue Hill Tail Work Day. Meet at Houghtons Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Join the Blues Hills trail crew to shape up the trails for summer. You supply the energy and they will supply the tools. Bring gloves and boots. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

Heifer International "Fill the Ark" program sponsored by Heritage United Methodist in Braintree, Harbor Methodist in Scituate, Marshfield Methodist, and Church Hill Methodist in Norwell will host a victory dinner June 15, at Church Hill in Norwell. All four churches worked together and within their congregations to raise funds by performing plays, giving suppers, brunches, and children collecting pennies, recycling bottles, and other fundraising activities toward the goal of $5,000. Member will share their experiences. Also attending the dinner will be Mari Kler of Guatemala and Surya Bayacharya of Nepal. They will speak on the Heifer International projects in their country.

The 152nd annual First Parish Church Fair will take place June 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 842 Tremont St., next to Town hall in Duxbury. Food games, and bargains provide something of interest for all ages. High lights include an auction at 11 a.m. thousands of books, antiques, children's activities such as face painting and a moonwalk, a kayak raffle, musical entertainment, plus Father's Day gifts, crafts, jewelry, plants, white elephants, collectibles, snacks, baked goods and strawberry shortcake. Admission is free. Rain or shine. For more information call 781-934-6532.

The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Cohasset in conjunction with the South Shore Art Center's annual festival on the Common is sponsoring a program of traditional and contemporary gospel songs on June 15, at 8 p.m. in the First Parish Meetinghouse on Cohasset Common. Wrap up your day at the Festival with the sounds of the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus from Mattapan. Tickets are $10. Call 781-383-1100 for information and tickets.

Eastern Mountain Sports Dedham will be conducting its First Annual Women's Outdoor Skills Workshop on June 15 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Hale Reservation in Westwood. The workshop topics will include Women's health and Hygiene in the Backcountry, Map and Compass, Packs 101, Leave No Trace, Trip Planning and several other topics. Rock Climbing 101 will be available throughout the day courtesy of Urban Adventures mobile rock climbing wall. The cost is $35 which includes all workshops sessions, coffee/tea in the morning and dinner. There is a limit of 40 participants for the event. Call 781-461-0160 for more information.

Denim and Diamonds Country/Western barbecue and auction to benefit **the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** education and outreach at Plymouth Cordage, 377 Court St., Plymouth. Silent auction and entertainment by DJ Laurie Grant and "Music by Steve C" at 5:30 p.m. All you can eat Texas-style barbecue by Tex's BBQ Express at 6:30 p.m. Live auction conducted by John Terrio at 7:30 p.m. Reservations required. Call 508-746-8008.

Roger McGuinn, former guitarist and lead singer of **The Byrds** will appear at the Company Theatre in Norwell June 15, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $25 in advance , $28 the day of the show. A limited number of VIP seats are available at $50, which includes the best seats and a reception with Roger McGuinn. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box office, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, or by calling 781-271-2787. Visit the website at www.thecompanytheatre.com

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The Bridgewaye Inn, Ferry St., Marshfield presents **Golden "Oldies" Show** featuring classic songs you love, swing, doo wop and rock and roll. June 15 at 8 p.m. Tickets $10. Dinner reservations accepted beginning at 6 p.m. Call 781-834-9486.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

A lunar alignment to Mars can make for a rough start to this day. Drive with care. Be more diplomatic. Give others plenty of space. Storm clouds move out by 9:00 a.m., and the remainder of the day rates high for getting things done. New starts in your business or personal life are recommended.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

This is a wonderful day to tackle projects around your home, like making major improvements, purchasing appliances or spending extra time in the kitchen or garden. Today's influences are also favorable for initiating the purchase or sale of land or property. The Cancer moon aligns with Venus at 5:44 p.m. and becomes inactive. A Leo moon takes over at 7:39 p.m., setting the stage for a fun evening.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

It may be difficult to focus on work projects today. Be sure to have a clear plan of action, if you must be productive. The moon travels in playful Leo and opposes Neptune at 2:17 p.m. On the other hand, all creative and artistic endeavors get the green light. Planetary influences may spark new ideas and fresh inspiration. Venus also enters Leo at 4:16 p.m., remaining there until July 10. The evening is prime for social or romantic activities.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

A Leo moon continues to generate an upbeat mood. Plan to get work projects out of the way before 1:55 p.m., when the sun and moon align. A lunar opposition to Uranus may disrupt the flow of the evening. Avoid rigid time schedules. Spur of the moment ideas can be the most successful. The Leo moon becomes inactive at 9:17 p.m. until 11:23 p.m., when it enters Virgo.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Organization and efficiency become principal themes today and tomorrow, as the moon travels in practical Virgo. Tackle jobs you have been putting off and get them out of the way. Others may be feeling stressed out, anxious. Compliments will work better than criticism. Repay debts, fulfill promises. Keep your mind and hands busy.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

A lunar alignment to Saturn can make for a challenging morning. Sidestep worries, fears, self-doubts; focus on the positives. The best way to channel this energy is to plan a busy schedule. You can be most productive. Get back on track with diets and physical fitness programs. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 8:29 p.m., when the Virgo moon becomes inactive. A lunar eclipse/full moon is building and will culminate next Monday, June 24.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

The moon enters Libra at 2:11 a.m. It forms harmonious contacts to Venus and Mercury this morning and Neptune this evening. That means that this day is ideal for all sorts of people-related activities. The green light for new beginnings is on, particularly in your personal life. Plan a lunch date with friends and colleagues. Initiate new relationships, make new acquaintances. Chat, surf, network. Love is the name of the game this evening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

A Libra moon continues to place the focus on relationship matters. In addition, applying alignments of the sun/Uranus and Mercury/Venus affect the day. Influences continue to top the charts for launching new activities, making decisions and promoting your ideas. Keep an open mind. Go with your first impression. Don't be a hermit tonight. Gather with friends and enjoy the good things in life.

Sun. 16

Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites presents Father's Day Ponkapoag Paddle. Bring Dad on this early morning paddle on Ponkapoag Pond. Previous canoeing experience required for this program. Must be 12 years or older. 1.5 hours. Pre-registration required. Call 617-698-1802 to sign up or visit www.state.ma.us/mdc. Space is limited.

The Fourth Annual Clancy-Darling Road Race to benefit the Clancy and Darling Scholarship Funds, Pembroke Recreation, The Pembroke Library and The Pembroke Boys and Girls Clubs will be held June 16. Post Registration and number pickup will be at Pembroke Library, 100 Center St., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Race Day Registration and number pickup at Pembroke Community Center, 100 Center, June 16, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. For more information visit www.clancydarlingroadrace.org email ndatrackxc@yahoo.com or call 781-749-5930.

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Tues. 18

The Weymouth Art Association will display work by members at several locations around town for June and July. In the Town Hall the Mayor's off ice, Anet Paglierani and Gail Coyle will display paintings. In the Treasurer's office Jeanne Mulligan is exhibiting a painting. In the Councilors' office, Jack Morris, Robert Shapiro, John Shaw, Helen Shaw and Bill Sawyer are exhibiting their work. Mary Mainiero will display a painting in the Auditor's office. Snyder Jewelers is displaying the work of Ed McCormack, Joseph Nover, Kaye O'Brien and Joyce Olsen. Jordan Insurance is displaying paintings by Claire Spano, Arlene Watson, Reva Gordon, Maggie Lee Gosselin and Bob Weikel. Rizzo Insurance is displaying the work of Arnold Turner and Isabella Hoell. Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Joseph MacFarlane. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Wed. 19

Dinner Theatre at Raffael's at the Skyline Room at Raffael's Restaurant, 1 Enterprise Drive, N. Quincy presents "So Kaye" the songs of Danny Kaye starring John O'Neil and Sarah DeLima The show includes songs, stories and monologues from Mr. Kay's illustrious career. June 19, 20, 26 and 27. For ticket information, call 617-328-1600.

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. will sponsor a program for caregivers and professionals who work with dementia victims with Carolyn Housman, LICSW on June 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham. For more information call 781-749-1823. Respite care available call 781-749-4474.

Thurs. 20

Fontbonne Academy will host the **Ninth Annual Bob Devin Memorial Golf Tournament** at the Norton Country Club. Participants will register and enjoy a box lunch at noon, followed by a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start for the scramble format tournament, special on-course events, and a dinner/awards banquet that evening. Donation to participate is $150/per person; a wide range of sponsorship opportunities are available as well.

Lily's Apothecary, 6 Main St., Plymouth, invites the public to a Ladies Night (however, men are welcome) of skin care consultations and makeovers. Featured will be a skin care specialist from the Mario Badescu skin care line of New York City. Free skin care consultations and product demonstrations on June 20, from 3 to 9 p.m. For more information call 508-747-SKIN (7546)

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Fri. 21

The New Art Forum of Kingston will hold its Sixth Annual Exhibit: "Windows on the World." An opening party will be held June 21, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Yellow Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. The exhibit may also be seen Saturdays and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. through June 30, and Tuesday, June 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Call 781-585-5622 for more information.

The Bruce Pettersen Orchestra with vocalist Andrea Bates, covering six decades of big band music will perform at the North River Community Club, 513 River St., Norwell, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission $12, cash bar. For information call 781-826-4325.

P.M. By the Sea, Sandy Neck Beach, Route 6A, Sandwich presents Campfire Music 7 to 10:30 p.m. Open talent invited to perform to all of these family fun campfire circles. Bring wood, instruments, non-alcohol beverage, marshmallows. Rain location at Four Winds Soulstice Center, 41 Meetinghouse Lane, North Sagamore. Call 508-771-8298 for more information.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will **feature Lynn Deeves and Colleen Sexton,** on June 21. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is $12. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

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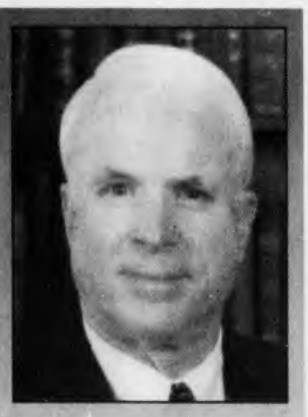
The Museum of Fine Arts Boston presents "The Poetry of Everyday Life: Dutch Paintings in Boston Collections" from June 12 through Sept. 15.The MFA is located at 465 Huntington Ave. Boston. For more information visit the Web site at www.mfa.org.

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation presents Kennedy Library Forums Spring 2002 June 17, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. "Ask what you can do for your country: National Summit on Service. Join Senators John McCain and Evan Batyh as they lead a town meeting on national service and their pending legislation to create more service opportunities for Americans through an expansion of Americorps and changes in college work-study, GI Bill benefits, and enlistment procedures for those wishing to join the military. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations are required. Reservations guarantee a seat in the building but not the main hall. Doors to the main hall open one hour before the program begins. Call 617-929-4571 for reservations. Speakers' schedules may change, call 617-929-1247 to confirm all forums before coming to the library. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org



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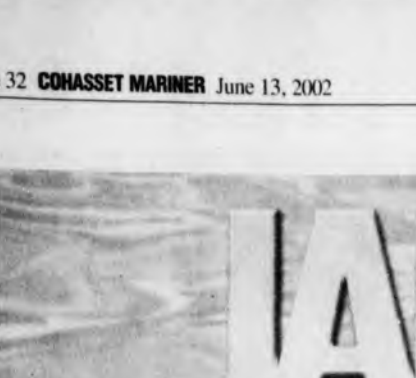

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History books all set

Will be shipped to town next week

By Mary Ford
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There's nothing like a little delay to increase anticipation.

So the fact the third volume of Cohasset's town history is a few days late is only adding to the excitement of the new book that promises to be chockablock with facts, photos and maps about the past 50 years.

"We're excited about it, it's been a labor of love."

— Wigmore Pierson, history book committee

"It has 430 pages, 250 photos — 50 in color, — four, color maps; it's a work of artistry my dear friends," book committee chairman Wigmore Pierson told selectmen Tuesday.

Pierson explained some technical problems held the book up two weeks and joked the book would arrive soon "with state trooper escort."

A book signing with author Jackie Dormizter is planned for 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday June 29, at the American Legion post on Summer Street.

"We're excited about it, it's been a labor of love," Pierson said about the committee that took up the charge of compiling the third volume of town history back in January 1997.

Book committee member Jim Hamilton showed the dust jacket

HISTORY BOOKS, PAGE 3

Volunteers are key to success

By Steven Profaizer
CORRESPONDENT

A cold wind carrying the sounds of music and the scent of popcorn blew steadily across Cohasset this weekend. Those familiar with the community event knew that it marked the return of the 47th annual Festival on the Common.

The three-day event encircled the First Parish Meeting House and marked the culmination of months of preparations.

"We start doing actual work towards the festival in October," said Diane Kennedy, festival coordinator. "That's when we start sending out brochures to potential exhibitors."

The festival is put together and run largely by a group of about 150 volunteers working in league with the event's sponsor, The South Shore Art Center.

"The many volunteers are absolutely essential to the festival's success,"

FESTIVAL, PAGE 21

Brightening a wet weekend

Festival shines despite weather

PHOTOS/TIM LLEWELLYN

Top left, Sara and Stephen O'Connor, 3-1/2 year old twins, take cover from the rain at the Festival on the Common. At left, Scott Boyers of Boston Poppers serves up a ton of fresh popcorn. Above, Margaret McWethy paints the still-life seen in the background.

Neighbors don't want big house to block ocean view

By Mary Ford
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Noted American architect Royal Barry Wills, whose specialty was designing small houses, would be out of fashion today as big houses are becoming the norm.

In fact one of Wills' houses at 419 Jerusalem Road could succumb to the wrecking ball if its owners have their way.

Lisa and Leonard Kupsc want to raze the Royal Barry Wills colonial, which looks like a ranch from the street, and replace it with a much larger and taller, shingle-style home that their architect says would blend with other grand homes along the so-called Cohasset gold coast.

The Kupscs' architect Jim Sandell said the site, which is on the ocean side of Jerusalem Road across from Deep Run, has spectacular, panoramic views of both Minot Light and the Boston skyline.

What is planned is a new structure with a very classic style that would fit in and look like it has already been there, he said.

"You move to or near the ocean for the effect of the ocean. Otherwise you might as well move inland."

— Robert Rechner, 401 Jerusalem Road

However, abutters to the property say they value their views, which they claim would be obstructed or partially obstructed by the new house that would be higher and more "voluminous" than the existing structure.

They claim loss of ocean view would hurt their property values.

"You move to or near the ocean for the effect of the ocean," said Robert Rechner, 401 Jerusalem Road. "Otherwise you might as well move inland."

The Kupscs have applied for a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to expand a nonconforming use because the existing house, which was built in 1960, doesn't meet side setback requirements. The new 5,800-square-foot house, that would have a second floor and hip roof, would fit within the existing footprint. A new garage, that would face the proposed courtyard in front of the house, would also be added.

But Zoning Board of Appeals member Ben Lacy said a variance might be required. According to his reading of the bylaw, if a house is razed it could lose its grand-

NEIGHBORS, PAGE 4

Abutter wants to tame Red Lion Inn complex

Planning Board takes issue up again June 26

By Evan Schiff and Mary Ford
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For close to 300 years, the Red Lion Inn has stood in the village. It's had many owners since 1704 and no doubt has seen countless changes to South Main Street in its storied history.

But few changes can compare to those at the inn itself.

For several years before Gerd Ordelheide, the inn's current owner, made a substantial investment in the site — the venerable old inn was looking increasingly dilapidated and unloved, with few giving it much chance to survive.

Thanks to Ordelheide, the "old" inn became history with a new luxury complex has taken its place.

The Red Lion with its inn, restaurant, Lilac House, bar and barn, is now a thriving establishment that attracts innumerable weddings and other functions.

But while the town benefits from having a viable business — no one has been more profoundly affected by the inn's expansion than Michael and Rena Karp, who live next door, at 91 South Main St.

The Karps and Red Lion Inn have both sent letters to the Mariner this spring, with one side saying the inn has not been a good neighbor, and the other side saying it has.

The Karps say no one is holding the Inn's "feet to the fire," so to speak, to make the establishment live up to conditions spelled out by the Zoning Board of Appeals, which issued a special permit for the project.

To that end Michael Karp was back before the Planning Board last week for an informal discussion.

"I've been here for years outlining the problems we've had with the Red Lion and nothing has been done," he said. "We just want to see some changes."

Due to a miscommunication, the Planning Board did not think the Karps could make last week's meeting. So the Red Lion Inn is on the Planning Board's June 26 agenda when the board hopes to meet with both sides to resolve any outstanding issues regarding the current "as-built" plans. As-built plans show was has actually been built as compared with what was proposed on the site plan. For example, a parking lot with 20 spaces laid out is on the original plan with landscaping, but the lot is pea-stone, according to Building Inspector Bob Egan.

It is not clear if the inn's expansion plans that would add an additional 36 rooms will also be discussed informally at next week's Planning Board

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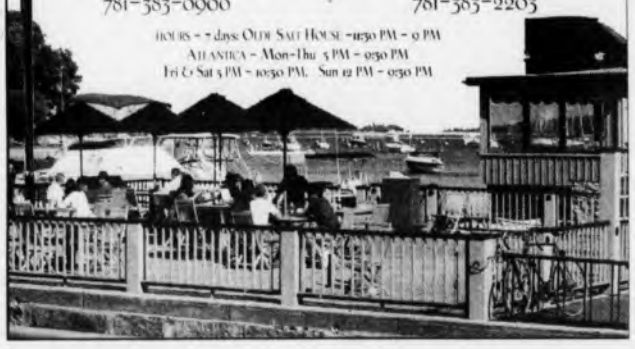

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Alex Schmidt at CHS graduation June 8.

Graduation question

In last week's Mariner, several graduates were asked "Where do you see yourself in 10 years?" The wrong reply was attributed to Alex Schmidt. Alex was the one who said, "Happy and making a difference." The Mariner regrets the error.

Recycling story

Apologies to Maureen Alcott whose name was misspelled Wolcott in a story about the recycling effort led by her third-grade class at the Osgood School in last week's Mariner.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, June 17:

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., June 20 at the high school library

Water Commission, 7:30 p.m., June 20 at the King Street plant

Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., June 26 at Town Hall

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., July 1 at Town Hall

Committee vacancies

Vacancies currently exist on the Cultural Council, Council of Elder Affairs, Harbor Committee and Drug and Alcohol Committee. Anyone interested in serving on one of those committees, should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105, or stop by the office on the second floor of Town Hall.

Reprint bylaws

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Woody Chittick thinks it's time to undertake a full-scale reprinting of Town's bylaws. He said the last revision was done in November 1995.

"In the intervening years six-plus years, we've had many, many amendments and additions," he wrote to selectmen. "Recently we've had cases where applicants are applying for relief (or are challenging decisions) based on outmoded wording."

Chittick said his personal copy of the bylaws has some 30 annotations and taped-in excerpts from various town meetings.

"I'm not certain I've captured all changes from March 1996 forward," he said.

Chittick said zoning board members also find themselves in the awkward position of correcting each other, based on whose booklet is the most up-to-date for a particular section.

"And of course, this does not address Town Counsel's critical need to reference a definitive version when rendering opinions and preparing litigation."

Selectmen said Tuesday they support Chittick's request. Town Manager Mark Haddad said reprinting the bylaws would cost "maybe $1,000." Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan suggested Chittick review the draft before it's printed.

Making water bills more user-friendly

The Cohasset Water Commission is looking for public comment on how to improve their water bills.

"We want to see how to make our water bills more informative, more useful, and more user-friendly," said chairman John McNabb.

The Water Commission is looking for any and all comments from their customers on how their bills can be improved, including suggestions on what additional information needs to be in the bill, how to make the bills easier to read and to understand, and any other ideas that Cohasset residents may have.

Cohasset residents are invited to send their suggestions, in writing, to the Water Commission no later than June 30. Comments may be faxed to the Water Department at 781-383-2906, mailed to 339 King St., Cohasset, or emailed to McNabb at mcnabbj@mindspring.com.

Tree chairman

Virginia A. Norman, 26 Atlantic Ave., is the new chairman of the Tree Advisory Committee of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. Norman will serve in the post for two years.

Outgoing chairman Phyllis Peck, 63 Windy Hill Road, said she has enjoyed working with Town Manager Mark Haddad and the selectmen for the past two years.

"I know you will enjoy working with Ginny," Peck wrote in a letter to Haddad.

Train ombudsman

The town will hire an ombudsman to look out for the town's best interests during construction of the Greenbush Line that could get underway next spring. As part of the town's mitigation agreement with the MBTA, Cohasset has $200,000 to pay for the position that would be contracted out.

Town Manager Mark Haddad will write a job description so the position can be advertised. He explained Town Meeting would have to appropriate the money that would be reimbursed by the MBTA.

Village, flood projects

Selectmen are considering awarding the contract for both the village revitalization and James Brook flood control projects to the same company, Waterfield Group of Winchester. While they agreed to hire Waterfield for the village, they held off on the flood control contract to see if Town Manager Mark Haddad can negotiate any economies of scale since the same company would do both projects.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris wasn't comfortable with having the same company do both, but Selectman Merle Brown said it didn't make sense to do otherwise.

Brown was particularly vocal about the pluses of having one company over both projects because the projects are somewhat intertwined. Drainage in the village is part of the flood control project.

The village revitalization is being paid for by a $1.5 million state grant and the James Brook project will cost about $1 million, which will be reimbursed by the MBTA as part of the town's mitigation agreement on the Greenbush project. Because the projects were offered through Request for Proposals, and not put out to bid, the town can negotiate the price.

Retirement incentive

Selectmen are grappling with the issue of offering an early retirement incentive, under a new state program, to eligible employees in town. There are two firefighters, who are interested in retiring, according to Jay Fiori, head of the firefighters union. The town could save money if the firefighters retired because paramedics would be hired to replace them. More paramedics means less reliance on the paramedic service offered by South Shore Hospital – less reliance on that service is not only good for the town but increases revenue. If Cohasset runs basic life support and South Shore's paramedics come, the money for the ambulance run goes to South Shore Hospital and not the town, Fiori said.

The incentive that adds five years of to their length of service and five years of age is offered in order of seniority and the next in line after the firefighter is a police officer.

Town Manager Mark Haddad suggested selectmen only offer the incentive to the firefighter, who is now first on the list. If the police officer, who is second on the list, were to opt to retire, it would cost the town money in overtime, Haddad said. The department has three new officers who will attend the police academy in the fall, which means other officers will fill their shifts on overtime. Adding a fourth new police officer, to replace the one who wants to retire early, would present a huge liability, Haddad said.

Selectmen are mulling the matter over and will revisit it at their July 9 meeting.

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Tunnel team hosts train get-together in Hingham

Square stores worry about the bottom line

By Mary Ford
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It started out as a host's worst fear: The table was set for a dozen people and about 60 showed up.

And although there was plenty of coffee, sweet rolls and Danish pastry on hand — few of the guests had an appetite for breakfast as they prepared to hear "tunnel talk."

"It's very appropriate to hold the meeting in a church," said rail-bed abutter Ann Collins of 166 North St., as she arrived. "I'm hoping that some miracle can stop the train."

Representatives from the MBTA, Cashman Construction, and the design firm STV Inc. hosted a workshop last Friday morning at the St Paul School gym off Fearing Road to put a face on the team that will design and build the $40 million tunnel that will run some 800 feet under the square.

Although the meeting was open to anyone, the agenda was targeted to those who will be most affected during tunnel construction.

"There's no doubt about it, this is a serious piece of construction," said Will Spielvogel, project manager for Cashman Construction that will build the train infrastructure for the restoration of the Greenbush Line from Weymouth to Scituate. "It's not deep or wide, but it is a narrow corridor. It's going to take a lot of coordination with you folks."

Some buildings in the Square, several of which date back 100 years or more, are only feet from the tracks. Coming from Weymouth, the 800-foot gradual slope to the 40-foot-deep tunnel will start near West Street, a stone's throw from the entrance to the South Shore Country Club. The west portal to the tunnel will be near Walsh & Packard and the east portal will be off South Street past Buttonwood, where a southbound train would gradually climb for 800 feet reaching at-grade near Water Street. Construction is expected to start next March at the latest. It's not clear how long tunnel construction will take.

The crowd demanded the speakers use the microphone, and Tom Carroll, who is community liaison for Cashman, left briefly to find some Scotch tape so the tunnel map that had been lying on the table could be put up on a portable school blackboard in the gym for everyone to see. Organizers had imagined a small group powwow around the table that had about 12 chairs. However, there were extra chairs stacked up in the gym so everyone, who wanted to, could take a seat.

> **"How are we going to continue our businesses? What if people won't come?"**
> — Annette Bithoney, Annette's Hair Salon

Spielvogel briefly went over engineering and construction decisions, such as whether the "slurry wall" method would be used. Apart from "goo" and "messy," the words he used to describe the slurry itself and other alternatives to dig and install a "cut and cover" tunnel went over nearly everyone's head.

But what was of paramount concern to the merchants and business people in attendance was how they will be able to keep their doors open when the backhoes come to town.

Annette Bithoney of Annette's Hair Salon, 93 South St., said the type of tunnel construction is not what she's concerned about.

"Who will want to come to our businesses?" she asked. "How are we going to continue our businesses? What if people won't come?"

Spielvogel explained the construction team that opened an office in Weymouth's Jackson Square last week, will have a Web site and 24-hour hotline, will not be turning "our shoulder" to the concerns of those affected by the construction.

He and Mark Pelletier of STV, Inc., the design firm, touted the benefits of the "design-build" method that means the project can be designed as it goes along. So far only 15 percent of the design is complete, which gives the team a lot of flexibility. Spielvogel, who explained Cashman built a tunnel in the heart of Boston's North End as part of the "Big Dig," said design-build also allows abutters to be involved early in the process. The construction-design team of Cashman Balfour Beatty (a joint venture that was awarded the $252 million Greenbush construction contract in April) and STV Inc. have been on the job about eight weeks.

"We're here to introduce ourselves and find out what the issues are," Pelletier said.

He said issues such as, exhaust analysis, ventilation, and emergency stairs have not yet been worked out.

Harry Shaw, an accountant with an office on Station Street, asked about using the Station Street parking lot as a staging area.

"We'll put a construction staging plan together and try to maximize parking as best we can," Spielvogel said. "The page is open right now on how to create the most effective plan to work with."

The audience was told that traffic would be closed in certain areas for short periods of time, an issue that was of great concern to the merchants.

Spielvogel said if traffic was maintained all the time, then it would take two-to-three times as long to get through the street; if they can work 24 hours, for example, they can get the work done in half the time.

Patty Kane of The Square Café asked if businesses had to close down, how would they be compensated.

Speilvogel said no businesses would have to close.

"We've never closed down a business, we keep them up and running and work with the people," he said.

Carroll, the community liaison for Cashman, described the construction team and businesses as "partners."

"My job is to let you know what is going on," he said. "You can go on living life during construction."

Bob Falvey of Bel Air Road praised the construction team for wanting to be flexible but said Town Hall has to be in the loop.

"You're saying 'whatever Joe wants, he'll get,' but that could be chaos unless there is some government control," he said.

The Cashman team and the MBTA had set the goal for the meeting as setting up an abutters' committee.

But as it turns out, Hingham has a coordinated team in place that includes the Hingham Industrial Development Commission that has been looking at how best to use the tunnel cap and enhance the Station Street area post construction, the public safety committee, Town Administrator Charles Cristello and the selectmen, and town Greenbush coordinator Alexander Macmillan.

Hingham Selectman Mathew MacIver told those in attendance a meeting with representatives from the town groups and the Cashman team would be set up this week.

"This is new to a number of us," MacIver said. "We will work with Town Hall to set up an organizational structure so all of us can work together."

Macmillan said the town has laid a lot of the groundwork in anticipation of the train that will also include the complex process of working with the utilities.

"We have some ideas about how to work effectively, how to keep everyone informed and give everyone the chance to have input," Macmillan said after the meeting.

"Our feeling is we've been ready for sometime but (the train) didn't have this group of people in place," he said, pointing out the contract for construction was awarded this spring.

Although the merchants seemed pleased with efforts to communicate, they cannot afford to lose business.

Ellen Nally Brown of Hingham Greenery of South Street, which "is right in the middle of everything," she said, is concerned about potential loss of revenue.

"The response from Cashman has been great," she said. "But my concern is how much will this affect my bottom line."

PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

During a meeting with abutters last week, Tom Carroll, community liaison for Cashman Construction, fields questions about the impact of tunnel construction.

History books all set

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that features an aerial photograph of the town. He also displayed the green hardcover that matches those for the town's two prior histories.

"Wait till you see what's between the covers," Hamilton said. He said the book is printed, the covers are stamped and ready to go, and the pages are being collated and sewn this week.

Shipping will start Tuesday, he said.

Thanks to the new town history, interest has picked up in the two previous volumes, the history from 1900-1950 by Burt Pratt, and Bigelow's history that covers the glacial period to 1900.

Hamilton explained those books could be reprinted in smaller lots using a scanning method (not offset printing) that would be relatively inexpensive. The finished product would look virtually the same.

Plans are to reprint the two prior volumes with a new preamble and dust jackets for a total cost of less than $5,000.

Proceeds from the sale of the new books would be used to print the old books.

The town appropriated a total of $65,000 for the new history. Pierson said the committee still has $500 of that original amount, and from contributions and book presales they have $40,000 on hand.

There is also a move afoot to incorporate the town history into the school curriculum. History book committee member Lou Harvey said he was working with curriculum director Ruth Fennessey on that program.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he remembered when the first discussions about the new town history took place.

"It's fabulous you all stuck with it and got the final result," he said. "Thank you for your effort."

Pierson said the committee would be back before selectmen in July with the books.

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Neighbors don't want big house to block ocean view

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fathered status as "preexisting, non-conforming."

The tests for zoning relief for a variance are much more difficult to meet than those for special permits. Among other conditions, the applicant must show substantial hardship if zoning relief weren't granted.

"The point of (this section of the bylaw) is someone has to have an existing building to add onto," Lacy explained. He said plans to leave part of the existing foundation "may not be enough" to qualify.

Malcolm Onwood, 404 Jerusalem Road, said Royal Barry Wills designed houses in the area, so they would all have a view of the sea. He said when neighbors have added on, they've tried to keep their additions low so the surrounding homes maintain their view and value.

According to the assessors' office, 419 Jerusalem Road has a total value of $1,284,500 with the existing house valued at $412,000. The lot is 30,100 square feet or about two-thirds of an acre.

Attorney John Amendolare, representing Richard and Kathy Sears, 17 Deep Run, said he will research the potential of restrictive covenants at the site. There was some discussion that Royal Barry Wills may have placed a restriction on the property at one time.

Richard Sears said he has a clear view of Massachusetts Bay, 75-80 percent of which would be taken away by the proposed house.

"There would be an economic detrimental effect to my property as well," he said.

Sears said he doesn't care about the type of house that is built there as long as "it is not taller and more voluminous than the current structure is."

The Zoning Board also told Sandell, the architect, the height of the house is measured from the existing topography. Although the zoning bylaw doesn't spell that out, the board has consistently measured height that way. Sandell, who said plans are to add fill at the front of the house for the courtyard, which will house a state-of-the-art septic system, took the height measurements from the courtyard that is a few feet higher than the existing grade. Although specific height measurements weren't clear at the Zoning Board hearing Monday, board members thought the roof might be a foot or so over the height limit. The bylaw limits height to 35 feet but the consensus of the board was the height issue was "resolvable."

But chairman Woody Chittick said detrimentally of the increased height to the neighbors is one major issue that has to be considered.

Sandell described the house, which is in poor condition, as "not one of Royal Barry Wills' finest projects." He said the house did not have historical value and the proposed house would not be detrimental to Jerusalem Road.

He also said the proposed house would not be blocking, but adding to the view.

The Zoning Board may seek Town Counsel's help to determine if razing the house cancels out the preexisting non-conforming use, and puts the applicant in a "variance situation."

The board continued the hearing until July 15.

Chittick said board members have a lot to think about.

"I suggest any restrictive covenants out there be uncovered," he said.

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Neighbors of 419 Jerusalem Road, shown here, are upset about plans to tear the house down and build a much bigger home at the ocean-front site.

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Abutter wants to tame Red Lion

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meeting.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore is confident the inn and Karps will be able to live together.

The Karps' complaints concern both noise and lighting. For example, there is a large construction-style light on a tree, which shines into their house.

There aren't enough trees screening the inn, said Michael Karp, adding car lights and the reflection of the sun off of vehicles continually disrupts his home.

"It's very bothersome and it does affect us," Karp said. "We see everything through that fence. We appreciate everything he's done but it's just not enough."

The Karps have also complained about boisterous guests in the parking lot late at night.

The Feb. 7, 2000 Zoning Board decision spells out five conditions of the special permit including lighting in the on-site parking area being kept to the minimum height and intensity, and installation of a six-foot fence and non-deciduous shrubbery to shield residential abutters from headlight glare.

The decision also talks about the noise of patrons leaving late at night as a concern, setting a midnight curfew entertainment and music.

Moore said he understands some of the problems such as plantings and paving the driveway could not have been fixed in the winter but feels now is the time to attack them.

"The board is running out of patience," he said. "It's time to get a move on."

Egan, the building inspector, said a three-bay carport would serve to screen the Karp's home from the Inn.

"We've only just talked about it but it's something that may be worth looking into," Egan said. "It could help everyone out."

Egan explained this week the inn has to construct a shed for irrigation pumps at the site, so constructing a carport for three cars might help solve the problem, in addition to providing more parking. The carport would have to go before the Planning Board because it is not in the original plans, he said.

Karp also mentioned his concern with delivery trucks parking in front of his driveway on South Main Street. He said the dust the trucks kick up, along with noise, is very bothersome.

"It's a heavy residential neighborhood and it's not safe for those big trucks to be pulling in and out like that," he said.

However, Moore said the Planning Board does not have authority over parking enforcement.

"That's more of a police or selectmen issue," Moore said. "But there are some other very real issues here and we can put pressure on the Inn to correct."

A public hearing before the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday to alter the inn's liquor license was postponed because abutters had not been notified as required. The inn wants add tables to a room near the bar and put some tables outside, according to reports.

Art center eyes Hagerty House

By Evan Schiff
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The Hagerty House on Parker Avenue is a step closer to having a tenant.

The Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research, formerly called the Coastal Maritime Institute, is pursuing the building and may have a fellow occupant.

According to Sarah Hannan, the executive director of the South Shore Art Center, if the selectmen were to approve the art center's proposal, it would lease the second and third floors of the property as artist studio space. She said the estimated $1200 a month the art center would pay could be used toward building renovations and upkeep.

"Artists are always asking us if we have an available studio space and currently, we don't," Hannan said. "This is a beautiful space that we thought we could use."

She continued to say the center would look forward to providing space to artists and faculty to enhance the cultural growth of the community. She said the coastal location would be ideal for landscape painters, sculptors, printmakers and environmental artists.

Jack Buckley, head of the student research center proposed for the Hagerty House, approached the art center months ago inquiring if it would be interested.

"Buckley came to us with the idea and we thought it could work," Hannan said. "They didn't need the entire building and thought a collaborative effort could work better."

Stephen Bobo said the art center's proposal could help move plans for a research center at the site forward, and then both groups could benefit. Bobo has been a supporter of a student research center at the Hagerty House from when the idea first came forward as the Lobster Lab.

Bobo, who is chairman of the Board of Health, recently served as emcee at a special CHS student presentation on water quality in town. Efforts that he points out are paying off in important ways.

"As students become more proficient in their monitoring efforts, the quality of their work improves and becomes more reliable," he said. "This year's presentation of student volunteers' reports to the town have been or will be used in grant requests totaling $150,000."

Bobo said if Hagerty House space was made available, the high school would also benefit. He said there would be reduced pressure on the school to provide science electives, teachers would have a venue in town in which to continuing summer education classes, and the town will receive data of vital importance to maintaining its state mandated environmental goals.

"These will all be available through a self-sustaining organism without requiring support from taxpayers," he said.

In March, Buckley outlined for selectmen the efforts the center has made to be suitable tenants in the space. He said the organization has worked with students who created harbor study reports.

"This represents our model in action, collecting, analyzing, reporting, and presenting quality data to the town," Buckley wrote in a letter to the Mariner. "This is the primary purpose of utilizing the Hagerty building as an educational facility."

The center has also secured various grants and equipment, including 12 computers for its initiative

But Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, who was initially lukewarm to Buckley's proposal, said he still had some questions for the research center.

"There are a lot of things we need to consider here," Sullivan said. "There's the parking issue, renovations that need to be done and I still wonder how it's going to be sustained?"

The Hagerty property has been in limbo for some time. The site was leased to the Lobster Lab, which was unable to realize its potential in the space. Selectmen recently terminated the Lab's lease of the building because the non-profit organization did not meet the conditions of the lease in terms of building upkeep and fund-raising.

POLITICAL NOTES

Palmer says voters worry about rising cost of retirement

Nathaniel Palmer, candidate for state representative of the Third Plymouth district, spent the week visiting with voters within the communities of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

"It is great to meet with so many supportive voters, who share my goal for restoring balance on Beacon Hill," says Palmer. "Throughout the week we met with a number of families, business owners, and retirees who expressed their support for our campaign."

Of particular interest among the voters is the rising cost of retirement, an issue compounded by raising taxes on both the state and local level.

"We are seeing the impact of a vicious cycle emerging from the State's failure to make good on past commitments, such as local aid and school building assistance, resulting in higher property taxes to fund local initiatives," Palmer says. "Unfortunately this hits hardest those who can least afford it, yet to make matters worse Beacon Hill has laid at the foot of seniors one of the largest and most progressive tax increases in history."

A recent tax increase passed in the House and Senate budgets directly targets seniors on fixed-incomes who live in private nursing homes is expected to cost each senior an average of $3,300 per year.

"This is one of worst yet examples of what happens with an out of balance political process, dominated by a single ruling party," Palmer says. "The additional tax burden will consume a large portion of what little money that is left, for many seniors who spend the majority of their fixed incomes on housing and medical expenses. What's worse, it will likely force many into the Medicaid program, further compounding the problem it was intended to address."

Choices for local elderly citizens

State Representative Bradley announces the House of Representatives included a new initiative in the Fiscal Year 2003 budget called "Community Choices," which will provide elders at imminent risk of nursing home placement with an enhanced package of services designed to keep them living independently in the community. The "choices" amendment gives elders more of a realistic choice of remaining at home.

For the first time, elders will be able to get up to 50 percent of the median monthly per capita cost of a nursing home, which comes to $1,512 a month. Currently, such community services are averaging around $507 per month, so the new program triples how much an elder could expect to receive-but is still only half the cost of a nursing home. Community services will include such care as homemakers, home health aides and nursing services, day care, personal care attendant, transportation, and other priority services.

"Community Choices" will affect seniors on Medicaid who are close to entering a nursing home, but who could be diverted to the community instead.

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DERBY NEWS

Derby Day Ceremonies were held on June 6 and Book Awards were given in recognition of having earned an A- or above in all academic subjects for the entire year. Cohasset recipients were: **Katharine Kuppens**, **Jenna Larson** and **Margaret Pilczak**. The Class of 2002 Headmaster Edward R. Foley awarded diplomas to the Class of 2002 and Board of Trustees President Bruce H. Minevitz presented them to the following Cohasset students. **Jenna Larson, John Roth** and **Sam Steele**. Certificates were given to the following students who are leaving Derby for secondary school in the fall. They are; **Katharine Kuppens, Hans Kristoffer Noering, Margaret Pilczak** and **Samantha Zildjian**. Fantastic news to hear about all of you.

Also receiving an award from Derby are the following three students. **Anna Blanken, Christopher Kuppens** and **Margaret Pilczak** have been honored by the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Program. Each year, Johns Hopkins University sponsors this program, aimed at identifying and acknowledging student achievement in the categories of verbal and mathematics.

BC HIGH AWARDS

BC High held an award ceremony on Friday, May 31 for undergraduates and we had several Cohasset students who received awards. Freshman **Christopher Barber** received an award for excellence in Biology I. Freshman **Andrew Flynn** received awards for excellence in Geometry Honors and Modern World History. Andrew was also a recipient of the Stephen J. Collins Award for excellence and enthusiasm in French.

Junior **David Crowley-Buck** received awards for excellence in Pre-Calculus and Spanish IV Honors. David was also honored with the Rutgers University Collegiate Book Award, the Eagle Award for his contribution to the school newspaper. The Integritas Project Award for his involvement with the creation of the Integritas Honor Council, and his leadership abilities earned him the Model United Nations Award. The final award of the ceremony, the Richard D. Reardon Award which is given to a junior who through his life and activities has demonstrated a commitment to service and a concern for the well-being of all people was bestowed upon David. These young men are all very talented and deserve a huge congratulations!

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Ninth-graders graduating from Derby Academy are, front row from left, Teresa Mancuso, Jenna Larson, Rhusha Spears, Sarah Graves, Amanda Aigler and Alana Chin. In the back row are: Sam Steele, Rebecca Harris, John Roth, Elizabeth Sadler, Tristan Cary, Lilly Mulcahy and Dan Zailskas. Jenna, John and Sam are from Cohasset.

WITH HONORS

Elisabeth Kidder, daughter of **Ralph Kidder and Linda Keller**, graduated with honors from Oberlin College on Monday, May 27 in Oberlin, Ohio. Elisabeth, who completed two majors in English, and Law and Society, was captain of the Equestrian Team and president of Oberlin Stray Rescue. Elisabeth will attend William and Mary School of Law in the fall.

WITH DISTINCTION

Cohasset's **Torrey S. Androski**, daughter of **Peter Androski** of Providence, received a bachelor of arts degree from Kenyon College in Ohio on May 18. Torrey majored in sociology and earned distinction on her senior exercise.

BROWN GRADUATE

Gregory Mark Bilton, son of **Mr. and Mrs. King Bilton**, received a bachelor of arts degree from Brown University in Providence, on May 27. Greg majored in political science.

BOSTON COLLEGE DEGREES

Cohasset residents, **Patrick J. Hurley, Maura K. MacLeod** and **Kelly Tufts** all graduated from Boston College recently. Patrick received a bachelor of arts in political science, Maura in environmental geoscience and philosophy and Kelly in psychology. Congratulations.

DEAN'S LIST AT COLBY

Colby College in Waterville, Maine announced **Caitlin Slodden**, daughter of **Henry and Karen Slodden**, made dean's list. Caitlin is in the class of 2004 with an anthropology major and women's studies and science, technology and society are her minors. Caitlin is a Thayer Academy graduate. This young lady is very ambitious, great work.

TOP DOCTOR

David L. Keefe, son of **Louise Keefe**, was recently named one of the best doctors for families in the Northeast by Ladies Home Journal. David, who is medical director of the Tufts New England Medical Center Reproductive Unit and director of the Division of Reproductive Medicine and Infertility at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, was named one of the best doctors in his specialty, reproductive endocrinology. David, a CHS graduate also graduated from Harvard College and Georgetown Medical School. He completed a residency and research training at Harvard and Yale and is currently serving as president of the Boston Fertility Society. All amazing accomplishments!

COLLEGIATE SCHOLAR

Morgan W. Pierson will be inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars this fall at George Washington University. The society recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically. Morgan is the son of **Wigmore Pierson**, here in Cohasset.

30-YEAR REUNION!

Get ready to party, Class of 1972. The Class of 1972 is planning on having their 30th class reunion July 26 & 27. A reception will be held on the Friday night at the Light Keepers Cottage with cocktails and light Hors D' oeuvres. On the Saturday, a Texas Barbecue/pool party is planned at the home of **Glenn Pratt**, (**Vaughan**'s gracious brother). If anyone knows of a classmate that has not yet been contacted, please call: Vaughan Pratt@1-808-523-0140 or email him at vpratt@marine.org. You may also contact **Nick Anderson** at 781-383-2503 or **Pam Prendergast** at 781-383-1496.

Tom Koncius, shown here way back when, is turning 40! Happy Birthday, Tom!

FORTY & SPORTY

Tom Koncius of Atlantic Valuation Group at 9 Depot Court is wished a happy 40th birthday by his family, friends and coworkers. He'll be celebrating his big day by doing what he does best — fishing out of Cohasset Harbor! Happy 40th and many more, Tom!

ART WINNERS

Congratulations to all the Art Winners at the 47th Arts Festival on the Common. Cohasset residents were:

Joe Ryan, 1st Prize Watercolor; **Roger Hill**, 2nd Prize in Mixed Media; **Janis Mattox**, 3rd Prize in Mixed Media; **James Marten**, Honorable Mention in Sunrise; **Elise Quebec**, **Alix Flannery** and **Maria Buckley**, all students at the Osgood School who receive a prize in the Young Artists Exhibition. Congratulations to you all.

HOORAY, SCHOOL IS OUT! The summer is here and I know that I am ready for nice weather, the pool and beach and a little bit of relaxing thrown in for good measure. Have a safe and happy summer and make sure to enjoy all of the "little things!" We had a lot of amazing students to talk about this week, it is so great to write about so many.

Although this past weekend was rather wet, the Festival On The Common was quite busy. I hope that many of you were able to take part in all of the festivities.

That is all for this week. Make sure to have all your news and events to me no later than Monday at noon.

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Van donated to Sailing Club

Peter Capozzoli, owner of Cohasset Imports, recently made the largest in-kind gift to the Cohasset Sailing Club in the club's 40-year history, by donating a late-model Ford Windstar van to be used by the sailing club's racing team.

In past years the club has jury-rigged arrangements to transport its sailors to regattas. "This extraordinary contribution truly energizes our racing program," says Commodore Bob Deutsch. "Our teenage sailors are the big winners. Peter's generosity makes the clubís overall effort more potent on the racing circuit."

Capozzoli found the contribution an easy one to make.

"We have lived in Cohasset for many years. We always thought the Sailing Club represents the essence of the Cohasset community," Capozzoli said. "When Bob approached me about the need for the van, I thought it made perfect sense to donate a vehicle that fit the need."

The van will not only serve the Sailing Club's junior racers, but will also trailer the new boats just added to the fleet of existing boats.

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Cohasset Imports serves Cohasset, the South Shore, and the nation in the high quality auto market. The Capozzoli family opened the business in 1984.

Peter Capozzoli, left, of Cohasset Imports and Bob Deutsch, commodore of the Cohasset Sailing Club, celebrate the donation of a van for the club's racing team.

Local teachers earn awards

Mr. Shultz receives top honors

Several Cohasset teachers were honored with awards at the recent Plymouth County Educators' Association Annual Awards Banquet. The PCEA is an organization of teachers from 25 communities around the Plymouth County area. Its mission is to provide professional development opportunities to teachers and to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding teachers.

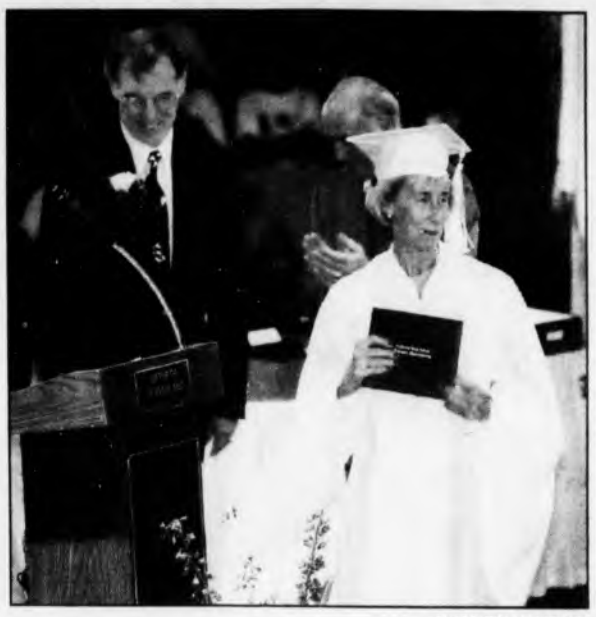
Mr. Shultz was honored for his many contributions to education in Cohasset.

At the recent banquet Deer Hill teacher Larry Schultz received the highest honor bestowed by the PCEA, the Loretta Quinlan Award. Mr. Schultz was chosen as this year's PCEA member who best exemplifies the association's objectives of excellence, leadership, and service to the teaching profession, the association, and the community. In honor of this award Mr. Schultz will have the privilege of bestowing the PCEA's $2,000 college scholarship upon a deserving Cohasset High School student graduating in June, 2002.

Larry Schultz received the highest honor from the PCEA.

As a prerequisite to winning the Loretta Quinlan Award, Mr. Schultz received a Citation Award for his outstanding service to the teaching profession, the association, and the community. He was honored for his many contributions to education in Cohasset. Some examples of his leadership and excellence cited include: his enthusiasm and passion for teaching, the time and effort he has devoted to outdoor education programs like Camp Bournedale, the math enrichment programs he has developed such as Deer Hill's team in the New England Math League, his committee work on behalf of his colleagues in order to improve their work environment and conditions, and his many years of contributions to youth sports programs in Cohasset. In addition, Mr. Schultz earned a Professional Service Award for his 35 years of service as a teacher and a Retirement Certificate. Mr. Schultz was accompanied to the Awards Banquet by family, friends, colleagues who were eager to extend their congratulations for this well-deserved honor.

Also receiving a Citation Award was Joseph Osgood teacher Elizabeth Owens-Rigby. Mrs. Owens-Rigby was honored for her excellence in teaching and differentiating instruction. Other areas noted in her award were her leadership in curriculum development, committee work, support for her colleagues, and mentoring new teachers. Finally, she was recognized for her community service work, such as directing her students in a used book drive that provided over 2,000 books to needy children.



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Osgood teacher Susan Baush, who is retiring, is recognized during CHS commencement June 8. Baush was also honored recently by the Plymouth County Educators' Association.

Cohasset High School teachers Ed Leary and Joe Federico each won an Honor Award for significant service to the teaching profession and both were recognized for their teaching service as they retire from the profession.

Several other teachers were recognized with awards:

〈 Cohasset High School Teacher Joe Bouchard received the Professional Service Award for 35 years of teaching.

〈 Cohasset High School teacher Paul Hogan received a Retirement Certificate.

• Cohasset High School teacher Paul Narkiewicz received the Distinguished Professional Service Award in recognition of forty years of teaching.

〈 Deer Hill/Osgood teacher Jack MacInnis and Deer Hill teachers Joan Cassiani and Ray Levine were recognized for their thirty years of teaching.

〈 Osgood teacher Sue Baush received the Professional Service Award for 35 years of teaching and a Retirement Certificate.

The teachers who received these honors were both humbled and gratified to be recognized by their colleagues. Mr. Schultz was particularly surprised by the magnitude of the award he received and said "I could never receive a greater honor than being recognized by my peers."

Many Cohasset teachers and several administrators attended the awards in order to congratulate the winners.

Contributors to the article were Elizabeth Cisneros, Ed Leonard, Joanne Magoun, and Elizabeth Owens-Rigby

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The noblest of professions

The last day of school, our students explode out the door of our schools like pop corn in a pop corn machine. It is also the last day of school for four retiring teachers in Cohasset. All together they represent dozens years of service to Cohasset schoolchildren.

After the children burst out the door and our teachers are left in their classrooms, alone, listening to the silence, what do they think about?

What do they think about if it is the last day of the year?

What do they think about if it is the last day of their career?

Do they realize the miracles they have performed this year, whether helping a Harvard-bound physics wizard unlock the mystery of a mind-boggling equation or nudging a struggling first-grader trying to keep up with his classmates like the last skater in the ice show line.

In either case, and all that is in between, teachers have chosen the noblest of professions.

A teacher is so much more than what a test can gauge.

A teacher is a counselor, a nurse, a healer of broken hearts.

A teacher is a police officer watching out for our children's safety.

A teacher is a locksmith unlocking a wonderful world of knowledge.

A teacher is a guide in the adventure of learning.

A teacher is a straight man, a comedian, an actor, a storyteller, a puppeteer.

A teacher is a carpenter with a bulletin board, a bookbinder with Scotch tape, a sanitation worker with the waste basket.

A teacher is a banker keeping track of lunch money, ice cream money and milk money.

A teacher is a salesman. The product is knowledge.

A teacher is a hair stylist when a pony tail falls down, a dentist when a tooth falls out, a fix-it man when the pencil sharpener falls apart.

A teacher is a waitress at snack time, a referee at recess time, a doorkeeper at dismissal time.

A teacher is a press agent, a proofreader, a peace-maker, a playmate.

A teacher is a detective searching for clues, a lawyer settling disputes, a judge making decisions.

A teacher is a coach, a caretaker, a cheerleader.

A teacher is a psychiatrist fostering self esteem, an optometrist helping children see clearly, a neurologist soothing frayed nervous systems.

A teacher is a wizard squeezing small shoes into smaller boots.

A teacher is an X-ray technician reading minds, a publisher at the Xerox machine, a partner with parents in the adventure of education.

A teacher is a miracle worker taking straight and curved lines and making them into letters, taking letters and making them into words, and taking works and making them into ideas.

A teacher must guide a guide through cyberspace making sure that students are not trapped by the computer mouse or lost in the Internet's web.

A teacher was the person with our children on that fateful Tuesday morning Sept. 11, only five days after school opened. It was a teacher who either told our youngsters of the horrific events of that terrible morning or had the burden of withholding the information until the final bell.

A teacher is the first one to take the tiny hand of the frightened kindergartner and the last one to shake the proud hand of the high school graduate.

God-bless our teachers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop Avalon Bay

TO THE EDITOR:

I share with many residents of Cohasset, great concern about the future of our town given the ongoing development activity of Avalon Bay and their shameless exploitation of the Massachusetts 40B Law.

Masked as 'affordable housing' their proposed project of 254 luxury rental units would increase the number of housing units in Cohasset by 10 percent in a single blow. It would put a huge burden our infrastructure and tax our fragile water and environmental resources. Bear in mind that Cohasset has not grown that much in 30 years!

In addition, it would rezone and remove from the market, one of the last remaining large commercially viable sites, thereby depriving the town of much needed commercial tax revenue.

Avalon Bay is a very profitable, Virginia-based REIT that has come to Massachusetts to exploit a well-intentioned but poorly written state law enabling them to increase profits and influence throughout the state to the detriment of the communities they develop in.

I would like suggest that those reading this consider three things:

1. Contact your state reps: Garrett Bradley and Bob Hedlund to let them know that the Avalon project is a dangerous exploitation of a well-intentioned, but poorly written law (40B) that will damage Cohasset irreversibly and needs immediate attention.

2. Bring forward to town management, relevant, realistic and sustainable affordable housing options (especially senior housing) that truly meet town needs, not just profit targets.

3. Let me know if you, or anyone you know is interested in joining a concerned citizens group to do whatever is necessary to stop Avalon and get Cohasset the real kind of affordable housing it truly needs.

Michael Westcott
2 River Road

Support of gala event appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Social Service League of Cohasset would like to extend our sincere thanks to all those who helped make our 90th Anniversary Gala a complete success and a truly wonderful evening. We would like to mention the generous management and staff at the Atlantica Restaurant that provided a wonderful atmosphere that contributed to a festive night enjoyed by a wide cross section of not only the Cohasset community, but also the surrounding towns.

To all those who attended and to all those who could not, but sent a donation in lieu of your presence, we are extremely grateful for your support to enable us to continue to offer services and programs to the community at large. Also, I would be remiss if I did not thank all the volunteers on the board of trustees who worked behind the scenes for months to organize our special evening on May 3. This evening was a testament to a town contributing and working together to improve the social health of their own community.

And we at the Social Service League, plan to work diligently to provide whatever services and programs we can offer to continue our legacy of helping those in need.

Donald J. Ivas
Administrative Director

Renew CHS band leader's contract

TO THE EDITOR:

I gather from the students' letter last week that Band Director Greg Lessard's contract is not being renewed because he wants rehearsal time for the Middle/High School Band during the school day, rather than after school. Students are now lobbying to have music scheduled as part of the core curriculum.

Principal Michael Jones claims he is committed to the band and the music program as a whole. However, in treating music as extracurricular his actions do not support his words. He apparently views music not only as unrelated to the real business of schooling, which is perceived by many as getting high SAT scores and entry into good colleges, but unworthy of respect as the major educational discipline it is.

For the past 12 years I have been studying the impact education in and through the arts (music, visual arts, theatre, dance and creative writing) has on student development. There is solid evidence that arts education improves students' academic learning. Additionally, when treated as serious disciplines in their own right the arts create a school-wide culture of high standards — in behavior, and achievement, for teachers as well as students. .

The arts reach out to students' multiple intelligences. Michael Jones is encouraged to support, through his scheduling practices, the Linguistic, and Logical-Mathematical intelligences, because that is what passing the MCAS requires. Yet Harvard's Howard Gardner has identified five others — Visual/Spatial, Musical, Bodily-Kinesthetic, and Personal Intelligences, both sense of self, and awareness of others, or Interpersonal Intelligence —all of which are served by the arts. It is impossible to educate the whole person without serious, focussed attention on arts instruction as part of the core curriculum.

The arts build intellectual character, those habits of discipline and mind which carry over beyond the formal school experience to help kids succeed in life. Intellectual character is dependent, not on innate cognitive ability, but on learning dispositions, or patterns of behavior. How a student goes about learning, and how teachers teach, is more important than innate ability. In offering a dispositional view of intelligence, rather than an abilities based view, Harvard's Ron Ritchhart identifies six dispositions as central to intelligence. He believes a person must be curious, open minded, reflective, strategic, and should search for truth and understanding.

All of these dispositions are fostered through practice in the arts, taught as serious disciplines to high standards. Cultivating these habits of mind prepares one for a lifetime of learning, problem solving and decision making.

Thanks to student lobbying, Dr. Jones, as well as the Superintendent and the School Board now have an opportunity to reconsider their position on arts instruction. Rather than being treated as extracurricular, the arts should become part of the Master Schedule, from kindergarten through 12th grade, taught by qualified professionals like Greg Lessard. Renewing his contract can be a start to bringing Cohasset's schools to a new level of excellence.

Yet the School Committee, headed by Chairman Rick Flynn, suggests that this decision is not within its jurisdiction, being primarily a policy setting Board. I respectfully suggest that this issue — providing time in the Master Schedule — is one of the most important policy decisions any Board can possibly make. It deserves the Committee's full, and careful attention. One way to address the issue is to establish a sub-committee of the Board, to gather data, review precedent, and assess the experience of other schools across the country. I would be happy to assist this effort in any way I can.

The Norwell program may offer an acceptable model. Half the kids in Norwell Middle School rehearse three or four times per week with one of three bands, by showing up — willingly and enthusiastically — at 6:30 or 7 in the morning.

In the meantime, I urge Dr. Jones to renew Mr. Lessard's contract for another year, while this issue is resolved.

Eric Oddleifson
25 River Road

Koyoto eco-nonsense

TO THE EDITOR:

The Koyoto Treaty is supposed to counter global warming by reducing the world's output of carbon dioxide, produced mostly by the burning of fossil fuels in electricity generating plants, heating plants and vehicles .

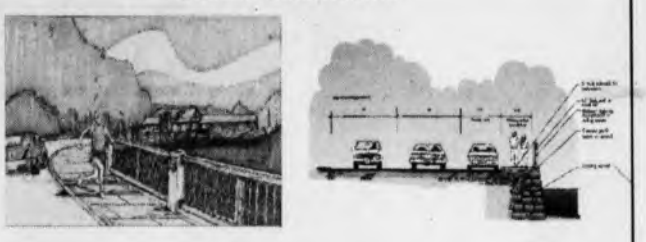
But instead of practical address to the problem, the Treaty has been contorted into a parking place for the ideological quirks of misguided and extremist environmentalists. For example, the ecocrats have inserted language requiring nations to refrain from taking credit for reduction of carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the use of nuclear energy. That's nonsensical, considering that about 15 percent of the world's electricity is generated by nuclear energy, electricity that otherwise would be generated by burning fossil fuels.

The Koyoto Treaty needs be replaced by something that is a realistic and common-sensical address to the problem of global warming, rather than a hodgepodge of such nonsense. Then maybe our Senate won't reject it again, 95 to 0, and more than 2 or 3 nations then might accept it.. Let us hope that the delegates to the next world conference on global warming are practical and knowledgeable realists, rather than idealists with a firm grip on their ideological agenda but a tenuous grasp of facts and scant interest in real solutions.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

What should happen in the harbor?

MODERATE IMPROVEMENTS



Scope of Work

Moderate Improvements consist of the reconstruction and widening as necessary existing sidewalks **to provide a 5' - 5'6" minimum walking area;** application of a scored concrete or similar type sidewalk surface material ; **installation of vertical granite curbing to clearly separate sidewalks from parallel parking** ; new lighting as appropriate (removal of overhead utility lines is not currently part of this approach); tree planting; installation of new wood or steel railing system as required under Massachusetts design and safety standards to meet grant funding guidelines; and minor repairs of existing seawalls as needed.

Cost of Work

Estimated Project Costs	**$ 1,129,275**
Grant Funding Opportunities (May pay up to 90% of Project)	**1,016,347**
Private and Municipal Funding Required to Undertake Project	**$ 112,928**

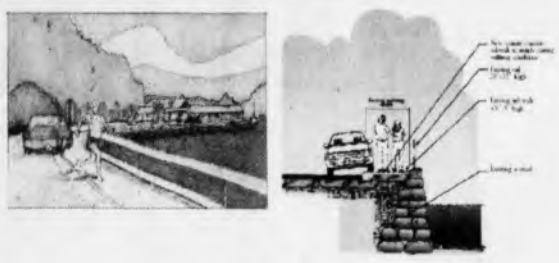
Funding Note

Since this approach effectively addresses public safety and access deficiencies it will quality for state and federal grant funding. However, there are no guarantees on the dollar amount and the time-frame in which the town could receive grant funding. If grant funding does not materialize as suggested, the Town will still have the option to adjust the project scope as deemed appropriate.

Level of Safety and Access Improvements

This approach provides the highest level of public safety and access improvements. Establishing curbs and sidewalks that control vehicle parking, installing a child-safe railing system, improving walkway lighting and enhancing the linkages among the public waterfront properties will provide long-term solutions to current infrastructure deficiencies.

MINIMUM IMPROVEMENTS



Scope of Work

Minimum Improvements consist primarily of replacing existing asphalt sidewalk surfaces (**which vary in width from 3' - 4'6" depending on parking encroachments**) with a new scored concrete or asphalt surface material. A rollover curbing system could be installed to separate sidewalk from parallel parking, though vehicles would still be allowed to park on the sidewalks in certain areas along Border Street. **No lighting, railing, sidewalk width or road width changes are incorporated in this approach.**

Cost of Work

Estimated Project Costs	**$ 313,875**
Grant Funding Opportunities	**$0**
Private and Municipal Funding Required to Undertake Project	**$ 313,875**

Funding Note

The improvements suggested under this approach do not sufficiently address public access and safety conditions in the area and would be considered a municipal maintenance project by state and federal funding agencies. Therefore, grant funding triggered by public access and pedestrian safety improvements would not be applicable under this improvement approach. The cost burden to undertake the improvements described in this approach would become the Town's responsibility.

Level of Safety and Access Improvements

This approach will improve the surface conditions of the sidewalks, but does not address safety issues associated with vehicles parking on the walkway areas, open design of the existing railing system, and broken linkages among the public waterfront properties.

NO IMPROVEMENTS

Scope of Work

The No Improvement approach will undertake no changes to the waterfront area, with the exception of new asphalt patching to fill reoccurring potholes. Existing walkway and infrastructure conditions will remain as they are today.

Cost of Work

Estimated Project Costs	**$ 0**
Private and Municipal Funding Required to Undertake Project	**$ 0**

Funding Note

Since no improvements are implemented under this approach there is no short-term cost to the Town.

Level of Safety and Access Improvements

This approach does not address safety issues associated with irregular and narrow sidewalk surfaces, vehicles parking on walkway areas, open design of the existing railing system and general infrastructure disrepair within the waterfront area.

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation is sponsoring a public planning process to help the community address public infrastructure, safety and access deficiencies around the harbor area, CRC director Dean Rizzo said.

"The CRC believes that implementing walkway improvements to establish clear delineation between walking, biking, parking and vehicle travel will create a safer and more accessible environment for all users in the waterfront area," Rizzo said.

To that end, and after community review and comment, the CRC has identified three distinct walkway improvement approaches for consideration by the town. The Summary of Proposed Improvement Approaches shown here, provides a brief overview of the three opportunities under consideration, Rizzo said.

The CRC is asking residents and town officials to review each approach and vote on their preference.

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If you would like to review the information and vote on the approach you feel would be in the best interests of the community, contact the CRC office at 781-383-2449 and a packet will be mailed to you. Responses should be returned by the end of June.

The results will be presented to selectmen to determine which improvement approach the CRC should help the community proceed with, Rizzo said.

Some sample questions from the survey

1. Do you support widening Margin Street at Wheelwright Landing to create a five-foot wide sidewalk with granite curbing, two 12-foot wide travel lanes, and a dedicated parking lane along the harbor side of the roadway?

2. Do you support the creation of a traffic island at the intersection of Summer and Border streets to create a safer intersection for vehicles, walkers and bikers?

3. Do you support the widening of the roadway in front of the Atlantica parking area to create a 28-foot wide travel lane for improved bicycle access, a five-foot wide sidewalk, and about seven additional parking spaces?

High-priced collectibles

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Don't tell anybody, but I have in my possession a baseball autographed by every member of the 1959 Keokuk Cardinals, a baseball team in the Class D Midwest League.

I urge you to keep quiet about it because if word got out I fear I might be besieged by a host of wild-eyed collectors seeking to press in my hot little hands enough cash to wipe out the state's budget deficit for fiscal year 2003.

Don't laugh; I tell you it's coming to that.

I thought I had seen everything until the other day when I learned that Internet bidding for three bean-size bone fragments taken from the pitching elbow of Jeff Nelson, a relief pitcher for the Seattle Mariners, had reached $23,600.

The bidding might have gone higher had the online auction firm of eBay not withdrawn them from the block, citing a policy against selling body parts.

The policy must have been discovered late in the game because only the day before, eBay had been promoting the sale with some enthusiasm — "Now is your chance to own not only a piece of the game but a piece of a player!"

The most expensive card of them all, the Holy Grail of sports collection, is a 1910 Honus Wagner...

What do you do with three bone chips taken from Jeff Nelson's elbow? Probably the same thing the collector who paid $10,000 did with the wad of chewing gum personally masticated and discarded by Luis Gonzalez of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Before the Nelson and Gonzalez collectibles came along, I thought the most bizarre purchase was the $7,475 that Karen Shemonsky of Clarks Summit, Pa. paid for former Detroit outfielder Ty Cobb's false teeth at Sotheby's, a prominent New York auction house.

Or the $15,000 that was expected to be the top bid for one-time owner of the Cleveland Indians and Suffolk Downs Bill Veeck's wooden leg, which leads to the question inquiring minds want to know: are false teeth and wooden legs to be considered body parts?

The Veeck family protested the sale, but the seller, Brian Marren of Oak Brook, Ill., defended it, noting that Bill himself, a promoter of some repute, "would get a real kick out of it."

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, baseball cards were the big collectibles. I distinctly remember negotiating with Bob Parlee the sale of a Billy Urbanski card for a nickel. Today, a Billy Urbanski might go for four or five figures.

For you kids who think baseball started with Nomar and Pedro, Billy Urbanski was a shortstop for the Braves while they still played in Boston.

I feel secure in my estimate of the value of a Urbanski card because an Alex Rodriguez, issued in 1994, recently went for $9,451 at auction, and a Roberto Clemente cost the successful bidder $39,999.

The most expensive card of them all, the Holy Grail of sports collection, is a 1910 Honus Wagner, which sold for $640,500 in 1996 and resold for more than a million dollars four years later.

Like I say, anybody interested in a baseball signed by every member of the 1959 Keokuk Cardinals?

Dilemma: Development or preservation of open space

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY

To develop or not to develop, that is the question. Building more houses in Cohasset is a thorny issue.

Several Cohasset groups exist solely to protect natural land. The Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private non-profit, was formed to preserve Cohasset's beauty by acquiring and managing natural and scenic parcels. The Open Space Advisory Committee works to advise the Town on open space policy and to select key properties most worthy of preservation. The Cohasset Conservation Commission protects wetlands from development, and owns conservation lands. A group was formed to protect unique land with granite ledge outcroppings on Beach Street. The list goes on to include The Gulf Association, Inc., The Trustees of Reservations, the Department of Environmental Management, and more.

Some individual owners want to preserve undeveloped Cohasset land. The young owners of a large wooded tract would rather sell to the Town than to a developer. Elder owners of a property near an unbuilt area would prefer selling to the Town for preservation rather than to land speculators. Numerous owners have donated land to the preservation groups listed above.

These folks obviously believe there is significant value in preserving parts of Cohasset the way God made it. They believe there is *something* about natural land that is vital to the wholeness of the human experience. They feel it is right to protect natural land, and by definition, wrong to develop it, at least certain natural land. A moral-ecological stance, if you will.

Joanna Macy speaks of our living in the "Time of the Great Turning." It is now as people turn from an industrial growth society toward a life-sustaining society. Joanna writes about three dimensions of this turning. The first dimension is holding actions. For land preservationists, this means struggling to protect natural land in response to immanent threats.

Cohasset now has an excellent opportunity to examine its policies of land use, having hired a planning consultant to create a master plan.

But some owners and developers want to build more houses. David Walsh wants to develop land on Beach Street. A committee of residents wants to develop a pristine nine-acre Town-owned wooded area into a senior housing project. Avalon Bay Communities is interested in building more than 200 apartments on the 60-acre former Norfolk Conveyor site. Real estate firms in Cohasset regularly offer up more unbuilt land for development. These folks argue that the land is zoned for development, that as owners it is their right to do as they wish with the land, that land development is the American way, that it will increase the tax base, etc.

Development proponents point out that that 20 percent of Cohasset land is already protected. They mention Wompatuck State Park, Whitney & Thayer Woods, Wheelwright Park, etc. and conclude that more than enough land, certainly a higher percentage than in neighboring towns, is protected. However, this ignores the questions: How much is enough? Do parks-as-tree-museums provide the nurture from nature humans need? [The question of zoning nature into parks while we do something unnatural to the rest of the land, where we live, will be the topic of a future column.]

One approach to preserving natural land is to buy it and protect it with permanent deed restrictions. Turkey Hill, part Cohasset and part Hingham, was purchased by a coalition of conservation groups. In 2001 Cohasset adopted the Community Preservation Act, taxing residents 1.5 percent to preserve land by buying it. (Among other eligible projects.) If funding is available this method works well, since it accepts existing social structures — market economics, property rights, and so on. It sidesteps the moral-ecological questions. But the discouraging limitation of this approach is obvious: neither the Town, nor state, nor preservation groups have enough money to protect more than a tiny fraction of the land they feel should be protected.

A 1999 Buildout Analysis by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for Cohasset showed 1551 developable acres. Some feel this number is debatable. At $100,000 per one-acre house lot, that totals $151 million dollars. What I find surprising about this number is not how high it is but how low it is. I expected the number to be at least billions or trillions of dollars. If some Cohasset philanthropist wanted to do something really big for their town, rather than protect an isolated parcel or two, they could protect all undeveloped land in Cohasset with one not-so-big land trust fund. Imagine that!

If it is wrong to develop all the remaining natural land in Cohasset, then our social structures are failing us badly. Joanna's second dimension is analysis of structural causes and creation of alternative institutions. Cohasset now has an excellent opportunity to examine its policies of land use, having hired a planning consultant to create a master plan. The Growth and Development Committee survey showed very strong support for protection of natural land. It remains to be seen whether the planning consultant will deal with these issues.

The third, most basic, dimension is a fundamental shift in worldview and values. This shift occurs on all levels: intellectual, emotional, and spiritual.

"Now, in our time, these three rivers — anguish for our world, scientific breakthroughs, and ancestral teachings — flow together. From the confluence of these rivers we drink. We awaken to what we once knew: we are alive in a living Earth, source of all we are and can achieve. Despite our conditioning by the industrial society of the last two centuries, we want to name, once again, this world as holy." *"Coming Back To Life, Practices to Reconnect Our Lives, Our World," by Joanna Macy and Molly Young Brown, New Society, 1998. p. 21.*

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Festival suits all tastes

Has art, music, crafts and food galore!

Above: Henry Greentree of Cohasset inside the Kids Tent.

At left: From left, Fletcher Smazel, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Cam Cunningham and Colby Smalzel show off their henna tattoos.

Above: Nancy Connelly admires the art.

At left: Roella Hobbs, Melissa Alves and Abigail Alves take donations.

Below left: Madeline Ronzoni and Emma Humphrey, both 2, give the strawberry shortcake high marks.

Below: Amy Silvia portrays "Strawberry Shortcake" at the Strawberry Festival.

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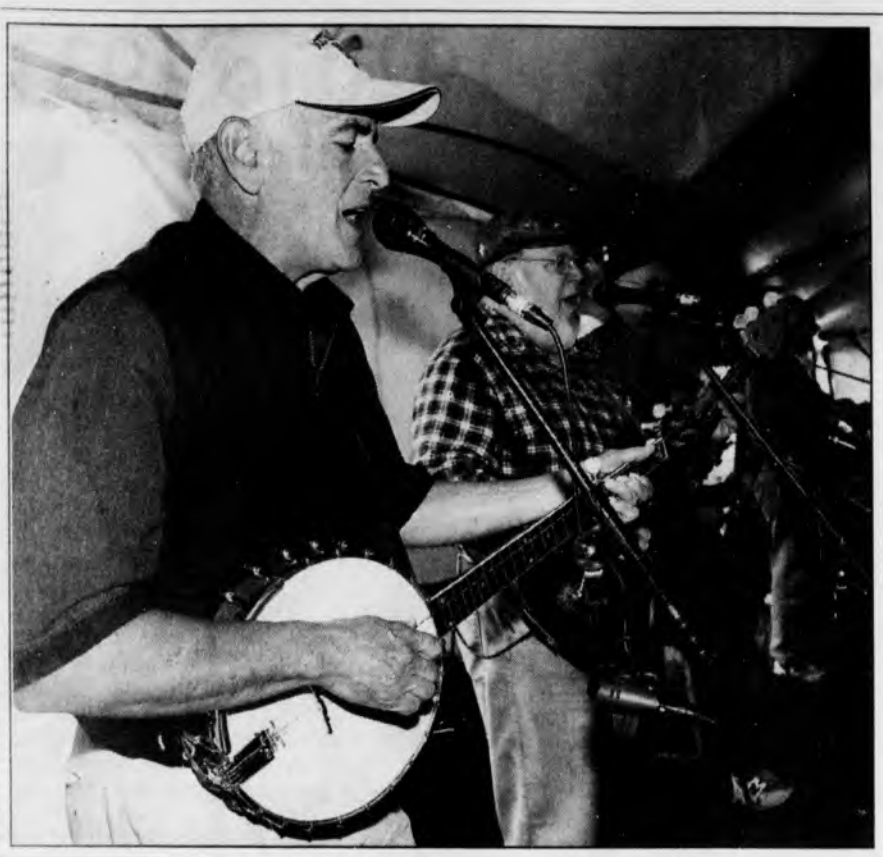
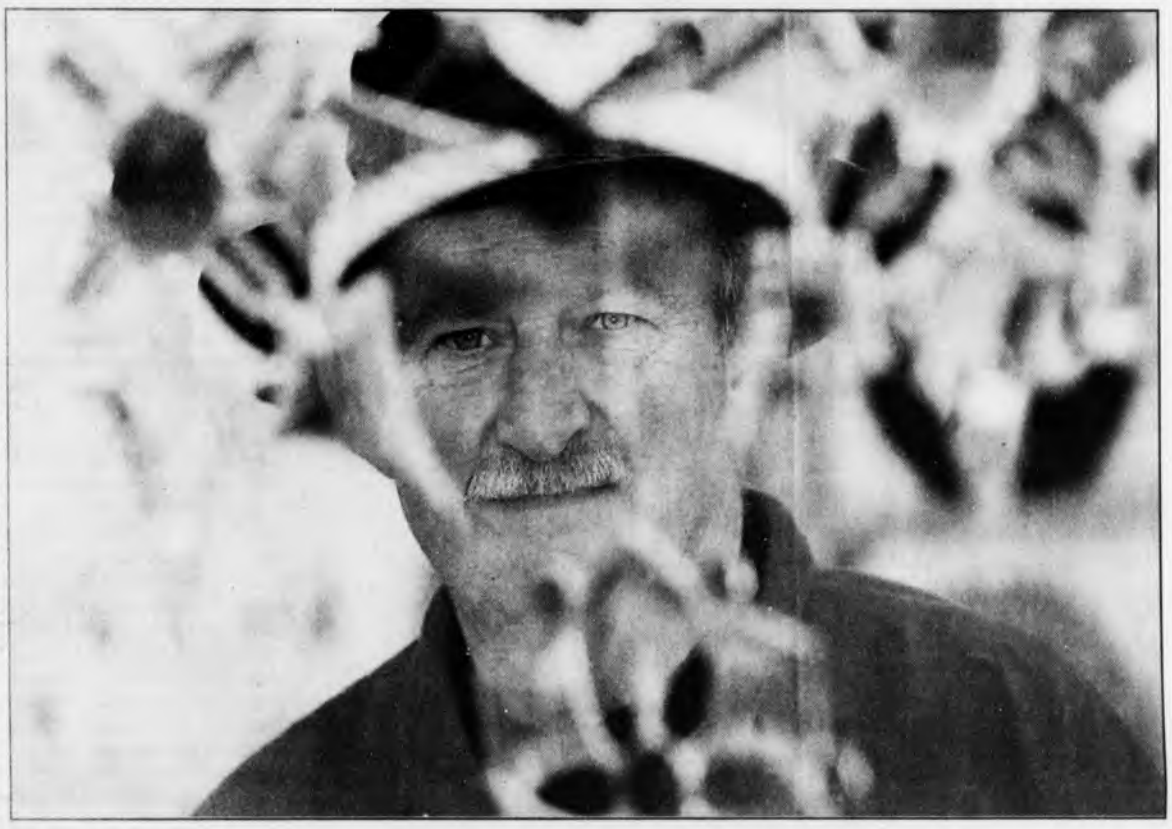
At left: Tyler Toomey of Hingham, at right, plays his guitar at the festival, at left is Pat Kracunas, also of Hingham.

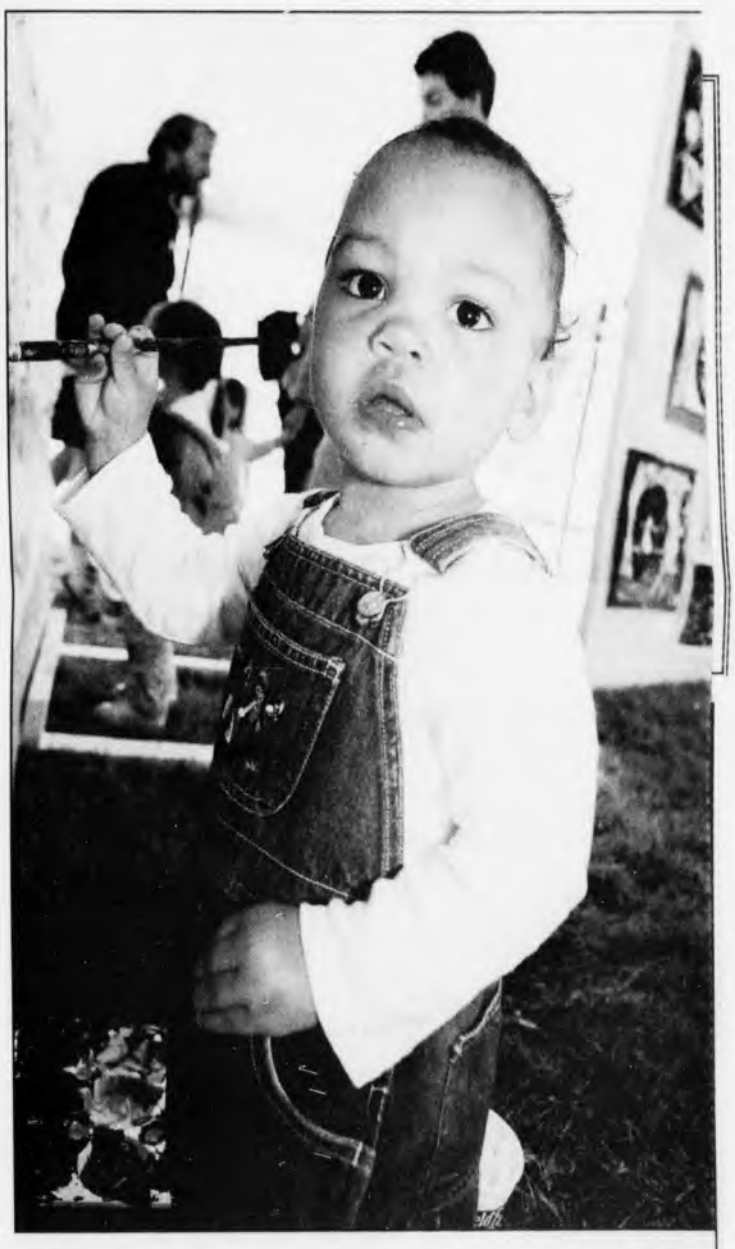




Top left: A band plays Irish folk songs inside the art tent.

Top right: Marjorie Hanlon and Jean Simms work a table in the art tent.

At left: Bob Cory, a stained-glass artist, sells his work.



At left: Tim Timmerman of Norwell holds his daughter Allison while they wait for a silhouette.

At right: Abigail James of Quincy paints inside the Kids Tent.

Below left: Greg and Sally Tucker take it all in from the hill overlooking the duck pond during the Festival on the Common. Rainy weather over the weekend didn't deter thousands from attending the annual event.

Below right: Allison Palmer of Plymouth has a view of the goings on from her stroller.

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Cohasset and the 18th Amendment, 1920 to 1933

By Lou Eaton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The third volume of the Cohasset Town History is scheduled to become available soon and the Committee responsible for publication has thought to publish a few articles, courtesy of the Cohasset Mariner, about local history to stimulate interest in matters historical even though not related to the period of 1950 to 2000 covered by Volume III.

In this last of my vignettes somehow related to Cohasset History, there is one big difference between the others and this one. These are the only events that took place during my own lifetime. That makes it the only subject that I have written about that I do know something about from personal experience and observation and the only one that has people I knew as town officers during my residence in town since February 1946.

More of you, like myself, probably didn't realize that in the absence of organized sports and facilities for public amusement and recreation, the use of intoxicants in this country during the 17th and 18 centuries was well-nigh universal—and understandably so. However, beginning in the early 19th century, there began to be societies organized pledged to total abstinence from spirits.

The State of Maine in 1846 passed the first Prohibition Law in American history. Hockett's "Political and Social Growth of the United States" says that by the end of 1856, thirteen states in the north and midwest had taken definite action for the abolition of the sale of alcoholic stimulants, but that in most of these states, the laws were later repealed or modified. He does note that Vermont and New Hampshire remained "dry" until 1904 and that Maine did until the 18th Amendment.

In 1869, a National Prohibition Party was organized and though it never got very many votes for its candidates, its cause prospered. By 1917, 32 of the 48 states were dry, according to Beard & Beard's "History of the United States." So when the 18th Amendment was submitted to the states, ratification was swift and the law went into effect one year later on Jan. 19, 1920.

There was at least one notorious speakeasy, The Breadencheese Club off Forest Avenue which took its unusual name for the nearby Bread and Cheese Swamp.

During the early 20th century, Massachusetts had a local license system allowing each city and town at annual election to vote yes or no to permit the licensed sale of intoxicating beverages for the next year. Cohasset voted No every year from 1914 through 1918 in which the vote was 220 Yes and 298 No.

So when the 18th Amendment went into effect, so far as at least half our population was concerned, not much was different.

But there was a big difference in the distribution of alcoholic products on what might be called a more wholesale basis. Rumrunners and bootleggers flourished locally. I have talked with several local residents who remember shots being fired and hijacking or attempted hijacking of loads of contraband being landed in the early 20s. There was at least one notorious speakeasy, The Breadencheese Club off Forest Avenue which took its unusual name for the nearby Bread and Cheese Swamp.

Burt Pratt in his Volume 2 of our town history, in his chapter on 1920s says that "The Cohasset shoreline was a natural landing place for illicit cargo being smuggled into the country, and that Cohasset folks, who made their living from the sea, were logical candidates for the job of rumrunning." He recites how the runners went out in small craft with large-cargo area and high-speed engines to load contraband and outrun the Coast Guard to land at the foot of Parker Avenue at Sandy Cove; or in the off-season, at various waterfront estates. The goods were quickly moved to temporary hiding places from whence they were transferred to a bootlegger. There are numerous tales of high-speed, shallow-draft rumrunners picking the right tides to speed over or between rocks and ledges that the pursuing Coast Guard dared not chance running aground on, or in one case, did.

The existence of the Breadencheese Club was a major focal point in the town political campaign in 1922 but the incumbent who was blamed for the selectmen's alleged failure to cope with the noise and alleged liquor law violations (Harry Mapes) was easily re-elected over Eugene N. Tower. The problem became moot when the place was destroyed by fire.

The excitement of the first years of prohibition in town, described by Pratt as "the muffled throb of high-powered marine engines; hidden contraband in cellars and barns; small arms fire in the dead of night; all of these and more" changed considerably in 1927. Chief of Police McArthur resigned and the selectmen appointed a 24-year-old corporal form the State Police Force to be chief—Hector J. Pelletier.

He believed in strict law enforcement (tempered by a commitment "to remedy and correct the minor transgressions of youngsters without recourse to the courts").

As Pratt says, "His officers became more familiar with every nook and cranny of the rocks and coves of Cohasset than were many of the bootleggers themselves. Every driveway and footpath along the shore was patrolled. In one raid, 375 cases of whiskey were captured on McElwain's Beach. He installed a system of having four officers on duty at night with roving patrols from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.

In his first printed Annual Report in the Town Report, he writes, "We have had but little trouble in enforcing the laws against gaming and liquor violations owing to the fact that both have received strict attention, neither has become commercialized or secured a foothold here. We believe in the strict enforcement of these laws."

There is only one arrest shown in his report for the subsequent year for keeping and exposing liquor for sale. His published reports covering the years 1929 to 1932 reflect more problems with stolen cars, traffic, thefts and fires and there is no mention of the bootlegging problem. The 1931 "Arrests" compilation does show 50 drunks (two female) and 18 driving under the influence, but the chief's written report assures us the 95 percent of these offenders were non-residents of Cohasset.

In short, due in large measure to Chief Pelletier, the prohibition period, or at least the second half of it, was not as exciting and lawbreaking as it was in some other towns in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. And, of course, the country had had enough of the racketeering, big-city gang warfare and the organization of crime and the disrespect for the law engendered by prohibition and did away with it. The 18th Amendment was repealed by the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, passed in January 1933 and ratified by the states in December 1933.

In the Town of Cohasset, the Town Meeting in 1933 voted for delegates to the sate convention considering repeal. The vote was 145, 128, and 137 for the three delegates pledged to vote against repeal; and 666, 655 and 656 for the three delegates pledged to vote for repeal. The vote on whether to grant local licenses in the event of repeal was 445 Yes and 187 No. Quite a change from the five years, 1914-1918 when the Nos prevailed for all five years.

I think we can safely say, contrary to what I thought before I read through many of the Town Reports of the selectmen and the chief of police covering the prohibition period, that there were many other local issues of much more importance in our town during the roaring 20s than the passage of the 18th Amendment and its repeal by the 21st Amendment.

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Josefina Vasquez Suckins

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Josefina Vasques Suckins unexpectedly passed away on Monday June 10, four days after abdominal surgery. She was a world class athlete, a naturalized US citizen and an International Flight Attendant for Tower Air and most recently Delta Airlines. She competed for her native Columbia in the 1972 Munich Olympics in both the 100 meter dash and the 110 meter high hurdles. Upon her return to Colombia, she became renowned as one of Colombia's first black fashion models. In 1974 she moved to the US to continue her career and obtained an associate degree in accounting from Barnard Baruch College in Manhattan. She was extremely proud of her US citizenship and always considered herself a true New Yorker. She was always recognized for her beauty and style but remembered more for her infinite warmth and infectious personality. She leaves her brothers and sisters, Nery, Griselda, Maximilliano, and Orlando Vasquez-Diaz in Cali,,Colombia, one sister Esmeralda Vasquez-Diaz in Caracas and her fiancé Charlie De Santis, formerly of Cohasset, now of Newtown, Conn.. A memorial and reunion for Josefina is planned in the New York Botanical Gardens, Bronx for Friday July 12.

Winifred K. Kuhn

Winifred K. "Winnie" (Grazier) Kuhn, age 62, of Cohasset, died June 14, 2002 at home.

Born and raised in the Bronx section of New York City, Mrs. Kuhn moved first to Norwood, then lived in Cohasset for many years. She was a homemaker and raised her four sons in Cohasset.

Mrs. Kuhn loved to entertain and was an excellent cook. She will be remembered for her great sense of humor.

She leaves her four sons, John Kuhn of Norwell, Christopher Kuhn of Dorchester, Matthew Kuhn of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Andrew Kuhn of South Boston; and her two grandchildren.

A memorial gathering will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 20 at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Interment will be private. There will be no visiting hours.

Donations may be made in Mrs. Kuhn's memory to the American Diabetes Association, Massachusetts Chapter, P.O. Box 3160, Hartford, Conn. 06150.

Andrew L. Foster

Andrew L. Foster, 76, of Cohasset, a mechanical and nuclear engineer, died June 14, 2002 from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

Mr. Foster worked as a mechanical engineer until 1964 when he moved to Cohasset and began working at Stone and Webster. With them, he designed nuclear power plants in Japan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and across the United States. After leaving Stone and Webster, he started his own consulting firm and did work for Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Penn., he lived in Cohasset for 38 years. He graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a bachelor's degree. In 1945, he became a professional engineer and in 1970, became a nuclear engineer.

Mr. Foster was a World War II veteran and served with the U.S. Navy.

He leaves his wife of 48 years, Eileen (Wright) Foster; his two daughters, Cheryl Bifulco of Falmouth, Maine and Melissa Schinner of Brookfield, Wis.; and his eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held this Friday, June 21 at 12 noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., in Cohasset. Interment will be private.

There will be no visiting hours.

Funeral arrangements made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mr. Foster's memory to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset 02025.

Lucy T. West

Lucy T. (Casella) West, age 82, of Cohasset, a retired newspaper library clerk, died June 15, 2002 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born and raised in New York City, Mrs. West was a graduate of Hunter College in New York. She moved to Huntington, N.Y. 54 years ago and to Cohasset last year.

She worked for Newsday, a Long Island newspaper for 18 years. She retired 12 years ago.

Mrs. West volunteered at the Heckscher Museum of Art on Long Island for many years.

She leaves her loving daughter, Pamela West Winters of Hingham; and her two cherished grandchildren, Robyn and Randall Winters, both of Boston.

A private memorial Mass will be held in Cohasset.

Interment is private. There are no visiting hours.

Funeral arrangements by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mrs. West's memory to the Heckscher Museum of Art, 2 Prime Ave., Huntington, N.Y. 11743.

Nicholas (Spinzola) Spencer

Nicholas (Spinzola) Spencer, 74, of Cohasset, a retired refrigeration specialist, died June 1, 2002.

He worked for the McMannas Co., and Mitchell Food Co. for many years. He was a member of the Teamsters Union.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a seaman second class.

Born in Scituate, he lived in Cohasset for many years.

He leaves three sons, Steven Spencer, Christopher Spencer and David Spencer; a daughter, Judith Messina; many grandchildren, nieces and nephews and his former wife, Shirley Spencer Hansen.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, 128 South Main St., Cohasset. Interment was in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive , Braintree 02184.

Cohasset Carillon concerts begin June 30

The 78th Annual Series of Summer Carillon Recitals will be given on the 57-bell carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, on eight successive Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., beginning June 30, and continuing through Aug. 18, The public is invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic suppers to Cohasset Common or to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Printed programs will be available in a stand by the courtyard, and will also be distributed on the common, In case of rain, listen from your parked cars, The concerts are free of charge. A tower tour and carillon demonstration will be offered after each program for those interested in viewing the instrument,

The first program on June 30 will be given by Jeff Davis, Carillonneur of the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Davis will play carillon compositions by Ronald Barnes, John Courter and Gary White, as well as transcriptions of music by Anton Diabelli, Felix Lopez, and Robert deVisee. Carillonneurs for the remainder of the series are as follows: July 7, Gijsbert Kok of Weesp, The Netherlands; July 14, Marcel Siebers of Cuijk. The Netherlands; July 21, Amy Heebner of the City Hall Carillon, Albany, N.Y. July 28, George Leggiero of Cleveland, Ohio; Aug. 4, Daniel Kerry Kehoe of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.; Aug. 11, Andrea McCrady of St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, Spokane, Wash. The final recital will be played on Aug. 18, by Sally Slade Warner, Carillonneur of St. Stephen's Church, and will include requests made by listeners at previous concerts. For more information, and to make requests for the Aug. 18, concert, phone Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, or the Church office, 781-393-1083, or Mary Kennedy, Assistant Carillonneur, 781-383-9599.

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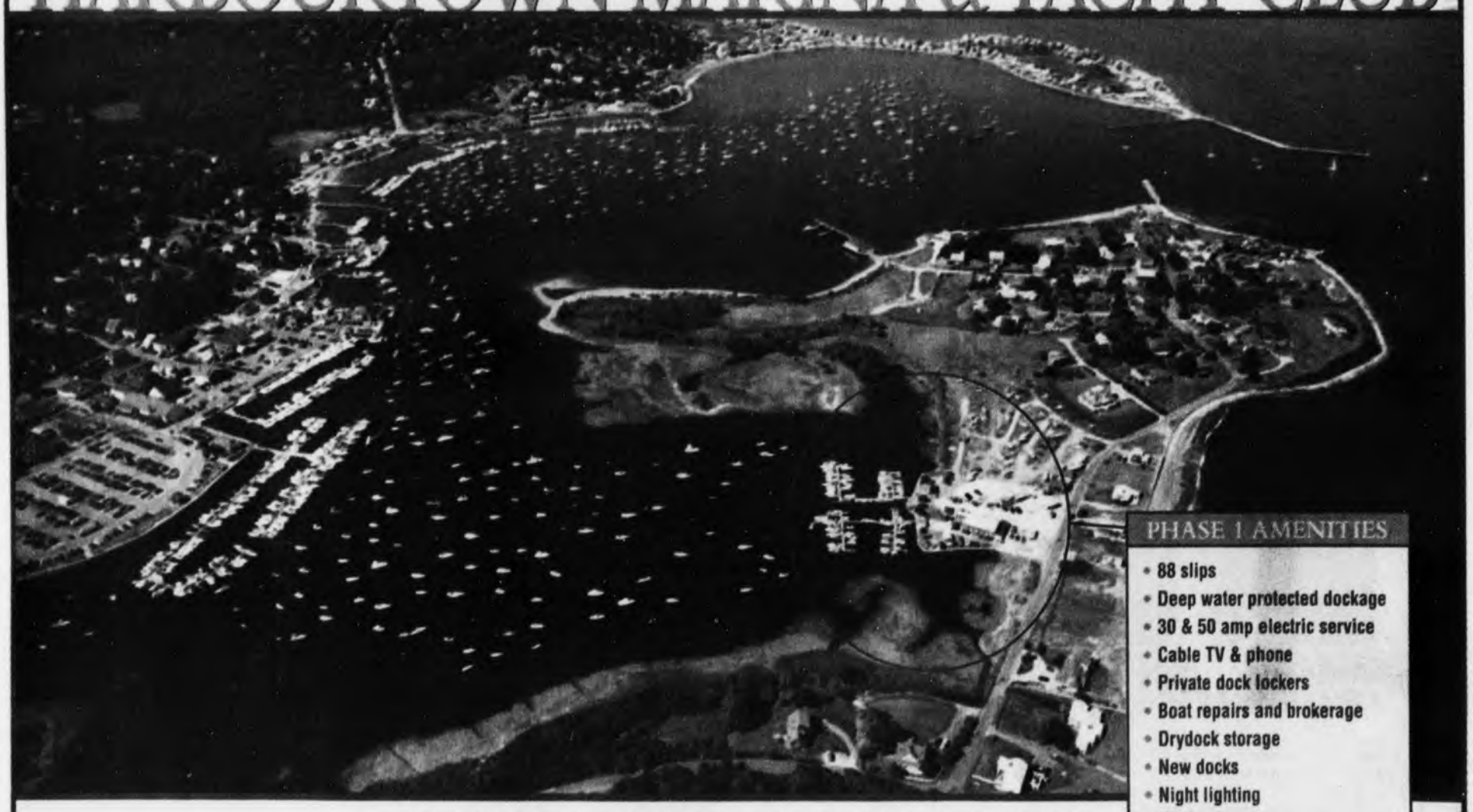

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SPORTS

Star of the Week

Tim Baird

The 2002 Cohasset High graduate and long time track star won the first ever Clark's Fund Run in Cohasset on Saturday.

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Lady laxers look back, ahead

Losses of Sheerin and Carter hurt, but core remains strong for '03

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

For the second year in a row, the Cohasset girls lacrosse team qualified for the state playoffs. And next year's squad should have the talent to make yet another return trip to the postseason, something that would establish Cohasset as one of the area's top programs.

The Lady Skippers will be led by a number of athletic seniors, all of whom made great contributions on the teams of the past two seasons. With the small number of seniors the last few seasons, the underclassmen have gained valuable experience at the varsity level.

Junior Maura McKenney was one of the leaders on the scoring attack with quick hands and a steady shot. Playing in all 17 of Cohasset's games, McKenney led the team in assists with 22 and in points with 65.

Junior Sera Genovese, who missed the opening four games of the year with an injury, took no time to work herself back into a starting role to be amongst the team leaders in goals. In her first three games, Genovese tallied eight goals, and had 17 through her first nine. Next year, playing a full season may well give her the chance to make a serious run at the SSL scoring crown.

Sophomore Nicole Turgiss played sparingly her freshman year, but had a breakout season as sophomore with 24 goals and 20 assists. Turgiss was instrumental in the comeback win over Mansfield this year, scoring four goals in a game that was pivotal in allowing the Lady Skippers to qualify for postseason play.

Juniors Rachel Smith and Sarah Brady had quiet success on the front line this year, as they both specialized in setting up their teammates, and averaged more than an assist per game each.

Despite all the talent and experience on offense next year, there will of course be one gaping hole left by the graduation of captain Kristin Sheerin. A remarkably fast and shifty playmaker, Sheerin was unquestionably the leader of the offense, playing the role of what first year coach Torin Sweeney described as both a point guard and a quarterback.

Sheerin became only the second Cohasset lacrosse player to top 100 goals for a career, going over the milestone as a junior. Despite defens-

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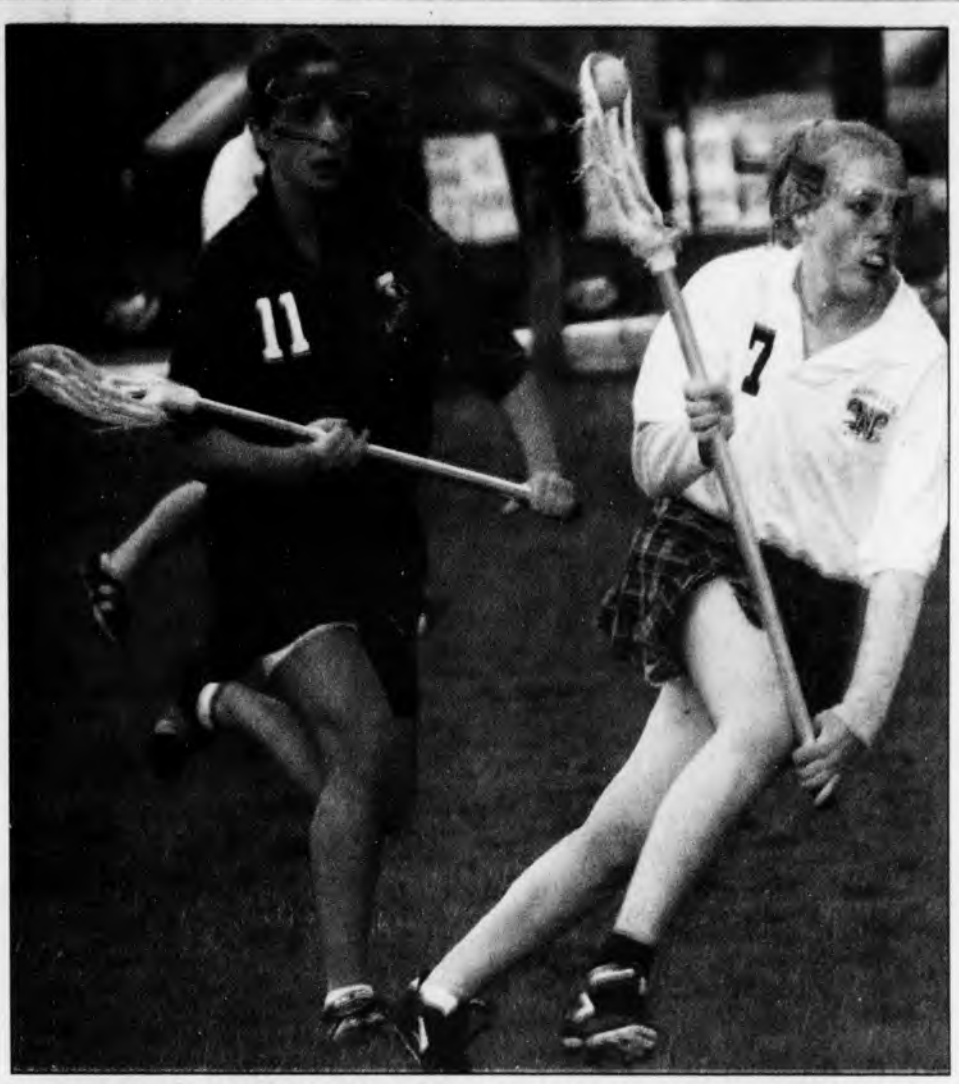

Maura McKenney (dark shirt) was one of the leaders on the scoring attack, and paced in assists with 22 and points with 65. The junior will be counted on even more heavily in 2002.

Positive signs abound

With a new division, league additions and JV program, boys lax squad primed for '03

By Terry Kahn
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A restructuring of Eastern Massachusetts boys' lacrosse into three divisions for 2003 means that a Cohasset boys' lacrosse team that returns seven starters and 15 lettermen should be, on paper, one of the favorites for the first Div. 3 state title next spring.

Further aiding the cause will be a league restructuring, with the Pilgrim Conference expanding from 10 to at least 12 teams, and each member playing the others only once. The new members are expected to be New Bedford, Nauset and possibly either one of the Plymouth high schools or North Quincy.

The biggest cause for optimism Cohasset will have in 2003 is a superb senior class. Five of its eight members have been picked as co-captains, and all are capable of all-star performances. Leading that

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Tracking success

Graduating senior tracksters established lofty legacy

By Mike Spellman
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Al LaFontain felt he had an exceptional group of freshmen when he took over the Cohasset High track program four years ago, but with no prior head coaching experience at the high school level, he wasn't completely sure of just how exceptional. Now he is.

"A lot of coaches who do it for many years will probably never see another group as good as that one," said LaFontain. "I'm just hoping I'm lucky enough to have a group that comes close to measuring up to these guys."

Indeed, future Cohasset High tracksters now have quite a legacy to live up to. Pete Maitland, Tim Baird, Steve Laney, Jason Brown, Liam Martin and Dan Kinchla formed the core of a team that compiled a 27-2 record over the last four years, including these last two consecutive perfect seasons in South Shore League competition. These were, incidentally, the first two track titles Cohasset High had won after a 28-year dry spell,.

Clearly, this is a feat that would be remarkable for any school team, but that literally goes double for a school the size of C.H.S., as several of the rival SSL school's are literally twice its size.

What is more, not only is Cohasset by far the smallest school in the SSL, with a student body of just over 300, but it offers more spring athletic programs than all of the league's teams except Norwell. To be more specific, Mashpee, Harwich, Norton, Carver and Hull do not have lacrosse programs. We all know what a big draw lacrosse is in Cohasset, right?

"Lightning struck a couple of times for us with the kids we've had run track," noted Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford. "We've just had unbelievable luck with the talent we've had, but that includes the coach too. Al LaFontain has done an amazing job with the kids he's had."

This year's boys squad of 22 was the biggest ever for LaFontain, but it was still far smaller in number than most of their opponents. In years past, the rosters of Carver and Norton were often triple the size of Cohasset's. However, what this team has wanted for in quantity it has obviously more than made up for in quality.

Maitland, Baird and Laney began competing with the varsity squad as eighth graders when LaFontain was an assistant coach. He knew he had

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Tim Baird has had quite a run of success lately. He led the Cohasset boys track team to its second consecutive unbeaten season, graduated from Cohasset High last weekend, and then won the first ever Clark's Fund Run in Cohasset on Saturday.

PHOTO/JAMES BEAL

GO! The start of the first ever Clark's Fund Run on Saturday

Clark's Run makes splash

Cohasset High's Baird and Buckley win first-ever race under stormy skies, sloppy conditions

By Mike Spellman
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A total of 87 hearty souls braved the worst Mother Nature had to dish out Saturday morning in order to remember the life of one of Cohasset's most beloved citizens, Clark Chatterton, and raise money in his name for a worthy cause.

The inaugural "Clark's Fund Run" took place in Cohasset Saturday morning despite torrential downpours and a soggy course, with all proceeds going to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund, which benefits youth sports activities in town.

The 3.5-mile race, which began and ended at the South Shore Music Circus on Sohier Street, was organized by friends of the late Chatterton, the former Cohasset High athletic director who succumbed in his battle to cancer in the summer of 2000.

Fittingly, the race was won by Cohasset High 2002 graduate, Tim Baird, a top track athlete at the school for several years who actually grew up next door to the Chattertons and held Clark in extremely high regard. Tim covered the slick and sloppy route in 20:06, a blistering mile pace of 5:45, made all the more impressive considering the conditions.

"Clark was a great guy," said Tim, who had Chatterton as a phys ed teacher as well as an athletic director. "I really wanted to win this race, and it feels real special that I was able to."

The 3.5-mile course actually took Tim and the rest of the field right past his own home and the Chattertons' home on Red Gate Lane, and Tim admitted that he felt a surge of emotion as he ran through his neighborhood.

"Those were probably the worst conditions I've ever run in, but I was thinking a lot about Clark during the run," confided Tim, who still has a "Red Gate Clan" T-shirt Clark printed up for him as a child.

"The rain was bad, but fortunately it wasn't too cold," added Tim, who will defer admission to the University of Richmond a year in order to spend a year volunteering with Americore in Charleston, South Carolina.

Tim finished just seven seconds ahead of Roslindale's Kevin Coyle (20:13) and 20 seconds better than top local runner, Joe Kelly (20:26), of Pembroke. Cohasset's Mike Kearney finished fourth (21:54) and Scituate's Ted Coyle (22:02) rounded out the top five overall.

Cohasset High junior-to-be Jenn Buckley, another star high school trackster, was the first female runner to break the tape, finishing 10th overall in 24:34. She finished comfortably ahead of Mary Kate Colbert (26:27), of Hyde Park, and fellow CHS lady trackster Yasmine Afshar (28:38).

"We really have to thank everyone who turned out for this, and for the spirit they all showed," said Fund Committee Member Ron Ford, who succeeded Chatterton as athletic director. "I thought the spirit was great and I'm hoping this kicked off a nice tradition in Cohasset that will help keep Clark's memory alive."

Among the 87 runners and many volunteers were several current and former Cohasset High students who knew Chatter ton well. Clark's widow and family were also on

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Cohasset Youth Soccer hosts 50 U-10 teams in youth jamboree

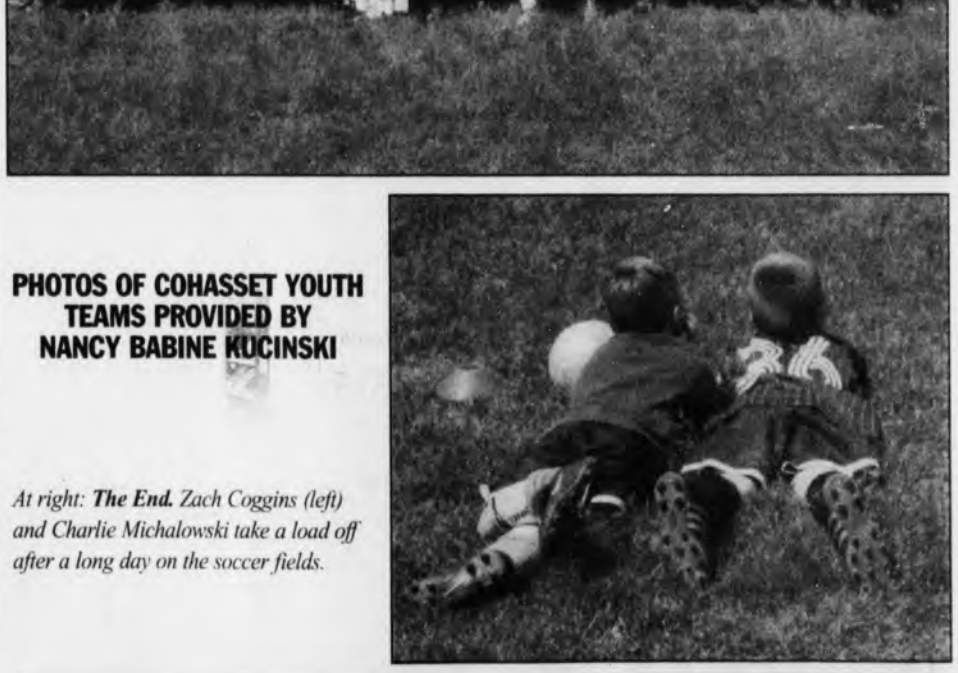
Milliken field was the hub of soccer activity Saturday June 1,2002. Fifty U10 soccer teams played in a youth Jamboree. Cohasset hosted Marshfield and Scituate in the six hour Soccer Jamboree. For many of the players this was the first time they opposed an out of town team. The adrenaline ran high and the kids played their hearts out under a beautiful, yet windy, blue sky. Scituate sent 12 boys teams to challenge Cohassets 8 boy's teams. The games, 30 minutes in duration, were played on 8 fields lined specifically for 6 on 6 play. After 2 hours of fierce competition, the boys, all walked away tired, happy and committed to meeting again next year. The girl's competition began next. Thirty teams came to play, 12 from Scituate, 10 from Marshfield, and 8 Cohasset. Each team played a minimum of 3 highly competitive skillful games. By 2pm the sun, heat and hours of playing were starting to show but the girls continued until the final whistle blew.

The players, referees and fans had a great time.

For the in town soccer program Saturday was also the last day of the season. All players received trophies for a great effort and smiled willingly for the camera. The Cohasset youth soccer program has over 700 players. The in town program begins with the Kinder Kickers and continues through U10 or 4th grade. Travel teams start in the U12 program and continue in the U14 and U16 leagues. Cohasset has become a force to reckon with over the years and a program envied by other communities. Once again Cohasset's U12 girls and U12 boys team as well as the U14 girls and U14 boys team made it to the Coastal League Playoffs. Congratulations to all the players involved in a great season!

Going down on right side: the Under-6 girls team, the Under-8 girls team, and the Under-10 girls team.

Going down on left side: the Under-6 boys team, the Under-8 boys team, and the Under-10 boys team.



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*At right: **The End.** Zach Coggins (left) and Charlie Michalowski take a load off after a long day on the soccer fields.*

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We are the Champions! The Cohasset U-12 girls soccer team. Front row (L-R): Alicia Asnault, Gabriella Flibotte, Kristin Monaco, Anna Haggerty, Sarah Coggins, Maggie McGoldrick, Meg Anderson, Samantha Fortin. Back row (L-R): Johanna Brophy, Samantha Lehr, Coach Joe Coggins, Sally Meehan, Ellie Casey, Torey Hart, Rachel McMorris, Coach George McGoldrick, Caitlin Mahoney, McKenna Teague. Missing: Gina Giuggio)

U-12 girls capture Coastal League soccer crown

Booters to play in state championships in Amherst this weekend

When the rains finally ceased and the winds swept the last clouds from the sky, the Cohasset Girl's Under 12 Soccer team prevailed in their quest to become the Coastal Youth Soccer League Division 2 Champions. This past weekend tested both the skills of the players and the resolve of their parents as Mother Nature did all she could to disrupt the league playoffs.

Oblivious to incessant downpours, Cohasset took the field at 8:30 Saturday morning at Duxbury's Coppin Field to face undefeated Scituate. With an impressive record of 9 wins, 0 losses, and 3 ties, Scituate was clearly the toughest test our girls had faced to date. With first possession, Scituate immediately went on the attack, demonstrating brilliant passing skills and outstanding speed, quickly asserting itself as a dominant offensive threat. Cohasset, calm and confident, fought off the initial onslaught and worked systematically to turn the tide. As they had done so many times before, Cohasset Full Backs Anna Hagerty, and Samantha Fortin shut the gates down tight, turning away persistent Scituate attackers. At sweeper and stopper positions, Ellie Casey and Sammi Lehr roamed sideline to sideline supporting Sammie Fortin and Anna Hagerty in their classic "contain" defense. Any shot fortunate enough to penetrate this defense was quickly swallowed up by goalie Johanna Brophy.

Utilizing the entire field, Cohasset midfielders, Gina Giuggio, Meg Anderson, and Caitlin Mahoney were first to every ball, maneuvering play to the sidelines and up the field. Although outsized, Rachel McMorris, Kristin Monaco and Alicia Asnault proved themselves to be the explosive offensive weapons determined to deliver the ball to the Attack. Center Midfielders Sarah Coggins, McKenna Teague and Gabriella Flibotte controlled the middle of the field, perfectly placing passes to the attacking forwards. Relentlessly, Maggie McGoldrick and Torey Hart peppered the opposing goalkeeper from all angles, sapping the strength form the opposing defense. This offensive pressure opened the door for Sammie Fortin to bury a top right corner goal, her second goal of the day, putting Cohasset on top to stay. Cohasset's 2 to 1 victory over Scituate set the stage for the Championship game against undefeated Plymouth on Sunday.

Sunday dawned with a more optimistic forecast and promise for fast play conditions. Plymouth presented a formidable challenge fielding a larger team with prolific scoring skill. Straight away, Cohasset launched the attack. Smaller in stature, Cohasset used their speed and passing skills to advance upon the Plymouth goal. Solid mid field play and defense produced a balanced attack that soon saw a pinpoint pass from Sarah Coggins to Maggie McGoldrick drawing first blood with a beautiful goal early in the first half. Plymouth immediately responded with a counterattack tying the game three minutes later. Undaunted, Cohasset tightened up and returned to their disciplined style. Strong midfield play from Sally Meehan and Caitlin Mahoney kept the field wide and accessible. With the middle of the field wide open, stopper Sammi Lehr delivered a perfect pass to left attacker Torey Hart who took the ball directly to goal, beating the Plymouth goalie, giving Cohasset a 2-1 advantage. Never giving in, Plymouth tied the game once again to head into the half knotted at 2 apiece.

The season finale came down to a 30 minute half. Win, and Cohasset would be League Champions with an invitation to participate in the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions, lose, and the successful season would end with a terrific team effort. Either way these girls had proven to their coaches, their parents and themselves that they embraced and understood the benefit of hard work and dedication to their teammates. This soccer field played host to two teams full of good athletes, good sports, and great kids.

Tired but tenacious, Cohasset pressed the offense, dominating the play. The Plymouth team fought admirably against the constant assault, turning away attack after attack. With 5 minutes remaining in the game, the pressure proved too much. A cross from Torey Hart to Maggie McGoldrick presented an open net that Maggie promptly filled for the game winning goal and the Coastal League championship.

The Cohasset Girls U12 team will represent the Coastal Youth Soccer League in Amherst MA this weekend. Good Luck Ladies, we're very proud of you.

Senior tracksters established legacy

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something special in the three of them, but Baird really caught his eye when he ran the mile in under five minutes.

"That was just unheard of for someone that young," recalled the coach. "But he acted like it was nothing big. I knew I was looking at a lot of first places in the mile events for several years to come."

And that was just the proverbial tip of the iceberg.

Baird often competed and placed in multiple events. The mile was his specialty, but he also volunteered to go longer (2-mile) and shorter (800-meters) in order to earn much-needed points for his undermanned team. In some meets, he even ran in all three events – something that is probably even more unheard of than eighth graders running five minute miles.

"We had great leadership from all of my senior captains: Tim, Pete (Maitland), Jason (Brown) and Steve (Laney)," noted LaFontain. "They set an example for work ethic, and the others followed."

More to the point, all of these young men often competed, like Baird, in the maximum number of allotted events per meet, this while most rival tracksters were able to hone and specialize their skills in one of two events.

Liam Martin, who missed all of the fall sports season (football) and most of the winter season (basketball) with a broken leg, bounced back in the spring and returned to form as one of the area's top high jumper. He also took a key second place in a late season 300-meter hurdles race, eschewing the risk of well known re-injury in order to help the team.

Kinchla, like Baird, would often run in both the mile and 2-mile, and frequently notched points. These two going 1-2 in both events in the SSL title-clinching Mashpee win last month is something Coach LaFontain will probably be talking about for many years to come.

This is not to suggest this was a six- or seven-man team. Cohasset High has produced several top male tracksters in recent years. In fact, there were several key contributors lost to the caps and gowns last year, among them two-time Class D state 200-meter champion Brian Krupczak.

But Cohasset track keeps finding ways to buck the odds and come up with high-end replacements. This year, seniors Jay Bertovich and Jari Martin came out for track for the first time ever and contributed vital depth in events such as the hurdles and throwing sports (javelin, discus).

LaFontain joked about having to constantly replenish his supply of hurdles in shop class because of a penchant by Martin, who looks more like a defensive lineman (which in fact he was for the SSL champion Skippers this fall) at 6-foot-1, 200 pounds than a hurdler, to run through them rather than over them.

"But Jari helped a lot, and so did Jay," said the coach. "We would have been in big trouble without them."

Underclassmen such as Jared Krupczak (Brian's brother) and Ian Kidder showed improvement LaFontain called "remarkable," providing consistent points in areas the coach had concerns with going in to the season.

"Brian (Krupczak) came down to a practice late in the season and was just shocked by what he saw from his brother," reported LaFontain. "He said 'Wow, where did that come from.'

"Jared really looks like he wants to fill his brother's shoes and the way he's going, it wouldn't be shocking to see that happen."

Junior Braun Goodson (throwing) and Eric Belz (sprints) also came on strong over the course of the season to provide essential dual meet placings.

LaFontain had all kinds of stories he was anxious to share. Unfortunately, we have space limitations.

"It's amazing how we've been able to replace certain kids you think are irreplaceable," he said in summation. "I guess no one is irreplaceable."

Of course, he concedes that theory may be placed to a pretty extreme test next spring, with Baird, Maitland, Laney, Brown, Kinchla, Bertovich and the Martins all headed off to college.

"Yeah, this will be a pretty good challenge," noted the coach. "I just hope the example they set carries over. Jared (Krupczak), Ian (Kidder) and Eric (Belz) are just a few of the guys who are capable of taking a big step up next year. Hopefully, there'll be a few more pleasant surprises."

Girls wrap up

Don't look now, but the Cohasset girls appear as if they may be ready for a little of this action.

The team's top four athletes are all underclassmen. The Cohasset lady tracksters finished the season with four straight wins to wrap up their first +.500 season in several years, and the way was led by sophomores Jen Buckley and Gillian Weber, and freshmen Mary Silvia and Nicole Whitney.

These four girls competed well in individual events as well as together in the 4x800 relay.

"I think these girls all have a real good shot at getting to all-states next year, and who knows after that," noted LaFontain. "They all work hard now. If that continues, we could be talking about the girls the same way we are about the boys."

The coach added: "Honestly, I think that's one of the things that drives them. They've seen all of the attention the boys have gotten, and I think they want their day in the sun too."

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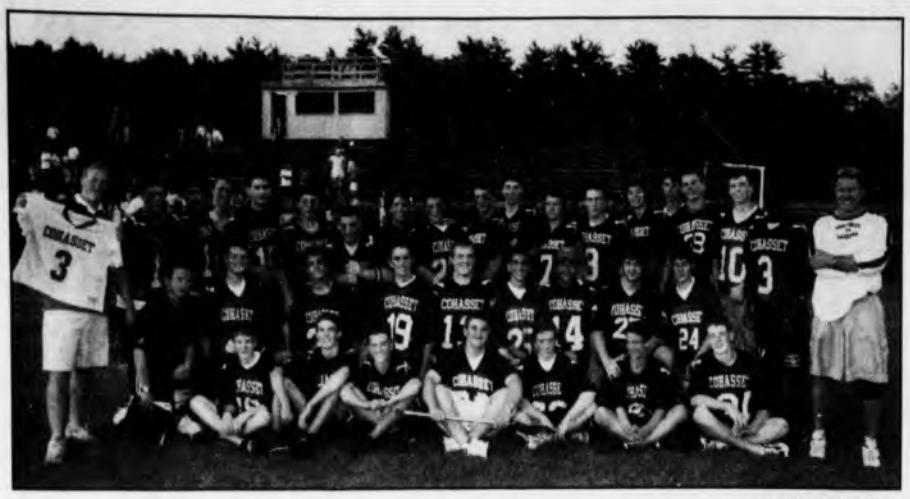

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The Cohasset boys varsity lacrosse team. Front row (L-R) Colin Regan, Casey Coleman, Jon Grimm, Matt Baroudi, Mark Donovan, Jake Previte, Chris Simms. Middle Row: Coach Terry Kahn, Matt Davis, Mike Devine, Nick Murphy, Steve Davis, Mike Hajjar, J.T. Oronte, Dan Roth, Mark Davis. Back Row: Ben Lynner, Eric Libby, Curt Kahn, David DeVito, Pete Whoriskey, John Durkin, Tom Anderson, Paul Previte, Chris Caron, Nick Spirito, Jason Moore, Sean Chase, Robert Hickey, Evan Pestone, Conor Buick, Mike Rasmussen, Kyle Weber, Dwayne Morris, coach Kevin Orcutt.

Positive signs abound for laxmen

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pack are second-year captain Nick Spirito, a defenseman who's started since his freshman year, and attackman Curt Kahn, the Skippers' 2002 leading scorer with 51 goals and 83 points. Spirito, a Bay State Games gold medalist in 2001 and a second-team all-conference selection this year, is a hard-nosed one-on-one defender with excellent stick skills who will anchor an experienced close defense unit. Kahn, who will have 143 career points going into his senior season, also won a BSG gold medal in 2001, was an all-conference selection, and emerged this spring as one of the league's most accurate shooters.

The other three captains – Matt Davis, Robert Hickey and Tom Anderson – all saw most of their playing time at midfield, although Anderson took over a defense slot for several games late in the year and Davis filled in successfully at attack on several occasions. Davis, one of the team's best dodgers, finished with 24 goals and 52 points, his second consecutive 20-goal season. An all-conference selection in 2001, he could take over a starting attack job in 2003, or be a member of one of the state's top midfield units. Anderson, perhaps the best athlete in the class, demonstrated that he could be a stand-out with either a long or short stick. He finished with 13 goals, following a 16-goal season in 2001, and will likely see most of his time at midfield in 2003. Hickey, the team's face-off specialist, an all-conference selection and possessor of one of the Skippers' hardest shots, should be one of the state's best at taking draws.

The remaining seniors – midfielders John Durkin and Evan Pestone, and defenseman Ben Lynner – all project to have outstanding 2003 seasons. Like Hickey, Durkin has a powerful shot and could easily emerge as a 15-20 goal scorer in 2003. Lynner, in his first year of high school play, quickly became a starter. A three-sport athlete, his size gives Cohasset a daunting physical presence around the crease. Pestone, perhaps the fastest player on the team, polished his skills over the course of this season and could emerge as a difference-maker in 2003.

"Our seniors next year will be our greatest asset," said Coach Kevin Orcutt. "With a schedule that allows us more choice in who we play, and the new D3 tournament, this will be an exciting season for Cohasset lacrosse."

Cohasset's junior class will feature several starters, and a lot of potential as well. Defenseman Steve Davis, the most intimidating defender on the squad, became a starter late in the season and had a solid performance, particularly against Norwell in the tourney. He'll join Lynner and Spirito around the crease. Conor Buick, a two-year letterman, will also figure into the defensive rotation. Dan Roth, another good-sized defender with excellent stick skills, is expected to see plenty of playing time.

Mark Davis, Mike Hajjar and Dwayne Morris should move onto the first two midfields, all having excellent stick skills. Morris' speed will present a tough challenge for defenders, while both Davis and Hajjar are good shooters. JT Oronte, another middie with blazing speed, will also see action.

Longstick midfielder Mike Devine, a starter for most of 2002 and an attackman as a freshman, could play at either a long- or short-stick position – defense, midfield or attack. Wherever he's put, he's expected to start. Mike Rasmussen, who saw action at attack and midfield, will be given the opportunity to prove himself as a starting attackman. With his size and strength, he could quickly become a 20-goal scorer.

Goalie Nick Murphy, who backed up Kyle Weber for two years, will be the most closely-watched member of this class. Seeing action in 10 games this season, Murphy had 22 saves while allowing 18 goals. A year ago, he got into nine games and started one, amassing 37 saves while giving up 14 goals.

"Nick will have some pressure on him, and we've asked him to do a lot of work in the off-season," said Coach Orcutt. "He needs to find games to play in this summer – as do all our juniors – and he needs to work next fall and winter. But we believe in him, and will give him the chance to do the job."

Several sophomores are also expected to make significant contributions. At the top of the list are attackman Jake Previte and defenseman Casey Coleman. Previte, who had nine goals this season, could work his way into the starting attack. Coleman has great potential as a longstick midfielder, particularly if Devine shifts his position. Other sophs who will make a contribution are attackman Jon Grimm, midfielders Mark Donovan and Colin Regan, defenseman Matt Baroudi and goalie Chris Simms.

"Another piece of good news for 2003 is that we're planning to have a junior varsity with a full-time coach," said coach Orcutt. "That will give all our sophomores and freshman plenty of game play, which you really need to get better. With a JV schedule of eight-to-ten games, you're really going to see our young guys come along quickly."

New division, new schedule, JV team, returning stars…what's not to like about the 2003 prospects for Skippers' lacrosse?

Alumni Game Draws large crowd

Even Years team edges Odds, 4-3

A turnout of 20-plus alums staged a spirited contest in the second annual Cohasset Alumni Game, held to benefit the Bourke Corcoran Scholarship Fund.

The two teams, coached informally by Cohasset Lacrosse founders Ken Ekberg and Terry Kahn, were evenly matched despite being arbitrarily split into odd and even graduation years.

The Evens, featuring a powerful attack line of Providence College scoring record holder Ken Leahy, Cohasset season scoring record holder Jamie Buick, and just-graduated Eric Libby, edged the Odds, who were led on defense by former Lafayette College captain Matt Belson and ex-Harvard goalie Ely Kahn. The final score was 4-3.

Participants included David Leahy (1995), Ken Leahy, Kevin Smith, Ed Hamilton (1996), Ely Kahn, Matt Belson, Matt O'Connor, Bob Stansell (1997), Jamie Buick, Adam Donovan, Pat Leahy, Ted Reardon (1998), Ted Goff, Jay Whoriskey, (1999), Kevin DeVito, Brad Powell (2000), Geoff McWilliams, Ronan Buick, Lane Forrer (2001), and Eric Libby, Kyle Weber, Sean Chase, Pete Whoriskey and Chris Caron (2002). Head coach Kevin Orcutt also saw some playing time, scoring the final goal of the game on a shot that spectators agreed was "magical."

Referee for the game was Chuck Jaffe.

"Chuck's carrying a few extra pounds these days," remarked coach Kahn, "so he seemed a bit fatigued at the end. But, like the trooper he is, he gutted it out."

Proceeds from the game go to the Bourke Corcoran Scholarship, named after a former Cohasset lacrosse stand-out who passed away just after his senior season. His parents, Bourke and Merlyn, attended the game, and joined players and parents at a post-game picnic hosted by the Lacrosse Boosters and David and Barbara Leahy.

Lady laxers look back, ahead

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es clamping down on her with double and triple teams much of the time in the offensive end, Sheerin managed over 40 goals for the fourth consecutive year.

On defense, the story is quite the same as that of the offense: a host of experienced players will come back, but the graduation of a key senior leaves room for a few more to step up.

Juniors Katherine Coyne and Julie Lordan helped lead a solid defense for Cohasset, and also pitched in with a combined six goals and eight assists. Along with sophomores Ashley Faber and Megan Marr, who both did fine jobs as substitutes on defense, Coyne and Lordan should again be able to lead a fast-improving transition game.

Nevertheless, the loss of senior captain Carlie Carter will hurt. Carter missed her senior year of soccer and gymnastics, recovering from knee surgery. Though she was not at 100 percent in terms of speed or ability this spring on the lacrosse field, Carter maintained her position as a fearsome attacking defender.

Behind the defense will be Gia Petrakis, the veteran goalie who will be the starter for all of her four years. Petrakis went over 500 career saves this year, a benchmark which has been equated with scoring 1,000 points in basketball. Recording an outstanding save percentage of .630, Petrakis has improved her game every year.

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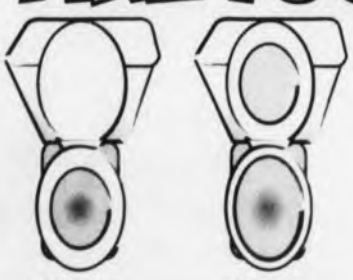

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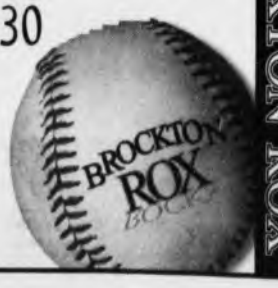

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Middle School third-quarter honor roll

GRADE 7
HIGH HONORS

Barber, Kevin; Breslow, Austin; Campedelli, Laura; Coggins, Emily; Dattola-Harris, Kyle; Dickinson, Donald; Englander, Elizabeth; Fewsmith, Stephanie; Garber, Caren; Hunt. Alexander; Ingram, Ryan; Murray, Zachhary; Novak. Lara; Richardson, Colleen; Smith, Adam; Spofford, Virginia; Stevenson, Owen; Strazzulla, Lauren; Swain, Kiersten; Tangherlini, Alida; Thompson, Amanda; Wilcox, Kara.

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HONORS

Alexander, Justin; Barrett, Caroline; Brady, Robert; Collins-Wooley, Myles; Daly, Brent; Dally, Shalea; Dick, Jared; Dulkin, Lindsay; Evans, Meredith; Flynn, Patrick; Gallagher, Molly; Guinee, Aisling; Hertig, Robert; Hurley, Caitlin; Kucinski, Ryan; Lanzillotti, Austen; Leahy, Tessa; Masotta, Benjamin; McCarthy, John; Meikleham, Robert; Morin, Charles; Previte, Mary; Reel, Charlotte; Sida, Nick; Smalzel, Fletcher; Smith, Timothy; St. John, Robert; Tehranian, Roxanne; Toomey, Timothy; Wise, Ellen; Zappolo, Nicholas.

GRADE 8
HIGH HONORS

Allen, Brooke; Bell, Kelsey; Evans. Kathryn; Faulkner, Amanda; Flint, Jacqueline; Grossman, Chelsea; Lee, Remy; Lieb-Lappen, Mia; McBride, Kate; Muir. Carolyn; Muir, Christine; Musto, Lisa; Nash, Emily; O'Connell, Caitlin; Ofsthun, Christopher; Rosano, Cassie; Sceery, Nils; Sida, Charlotte; Smith, Brandon; Trisler, Molly; Weston, Emma.

GRADE 8
HONORS

Bouchard, Mark; Bertolami, Isabelle, Buick, Aiden; Busk, Prescott; Carpenter, Rita; Curry, Susan; Daley, Amanda; Daley, Amanda; DeWaal, Kathleen; Dugan, Nicole; Etkind, Zachary; Evans, Marissa; Fithian, Matthew; Fortunato, Aileen; Gavaza, Victoria; Horigan, Patrick; James, Kaitlin; Keniley, John; Krupczak, Alison; MacDonald, Samuel; Martone, Michael; McCarthy, Daniel; Needle, Nathan; Plante, Vanessa; Reardon, Katrina; Reynolds, Christopher; Savage, Emily; Schiepers, John; Schwantner, Alex; Shea, Emilie; Spirito, Lisa; Tarpey; Ellen; Trahon, Molly; Watts, James; Wheelwright, Jessica; Whoriskey, Katherine.

High School third-quarter honor roll

GRADE 9
HIGH HONORS

Asnault, Dominique; Bunstein, Peter; Carroll, Jack; Casey, Matthew; Condos, Elizabeth; Daley, Jeannette; Englander, Katherine; Garber, Rachel; Gardner, Lucy; Grimm, Jonathan; Hajjar, Danielle; Jerz, Andrew; Kennedy, Lindsey; Lanzillotti, Miranda; Norman, Toby; Ross, Thomas; Silvia, Mary; Stone, Elizabeth; Strazzulla, Domenic.

GRADE 9
HONORS

Allen, Dan; Anderson, Casey; Chapman, Cecelia; Dean, Allison; DeWaal John; Fludder Alison; Gratta, Vanessa; Haracz, Adam; Holway, Mackenzie; Hurley, Courtney; Littauer, Jonathan; Lovallo, Andrew; Lovallo, Christine; Murray, Jennifer; Ogrodnik, Molly; St. Pierre, Christina; Pilczak, Timothy; Straughn, Edward.

GRADE 10
HIGH HONORS

Belz, Erik; Bilodeau, Christopher; Buckley, Jennifer; Busk, Andrew; Connolly, Sean; Davis, Mark; Downing, Jonathan; Doyle. Rachel; Earon, Allison; Faber, Ashley; Foley, Tess; Guild, Jessie; Meikleham, Elizabeth; Musto, Andrew; Ninde-Jerome, Elisa; Novak, Brittany; Ofsthun, Ryan; Pinkus, Danielle; Sanchez, Alicia; Simmons, Emily; Strazzulla, Phillip; Sturino, Carling; Tarpey, Daniel; Turgiss, Nicole.

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HONORS

Barrett, Jefferson; Berger, Jake; Bilodeau, Holly; Brewer, Jesse; Buick, Conor; Carpenter, Robert; Carter, Shelley; Clark, Chris; Condon, Caitlin; Connolly, Sean; Devine, Michael; Durant, Nicole; Evans, Corey; Hurley, Kathleen; Laugelle, Craig; Lowe, Jenna; Marr, Meghan; McMorris, Leah; McMorris, Sarah; Noble, Sarah; O'Keeffe, Andrew; Oronte, John; Regan, Delia; Scribner, Julia; Sullivan, Emilie; Trahon, John; Watts, Kristen; Weber, Gillian.

GRADE 11
HIGH HONORS

Bigley, Deirdre; Brown, Deanna; Coyne, Katherine; Dean, Emily; Dennis, Sarah; Genello, Laura; Grossman, Lindsay; Hassan, Sarah; Holway, Kelly; Ingber, David; Kahn, Curtis; Kidder, Ian; Lieb-Lappen, Ross; Moje, Allison; Needle, Nicole; Nie, Shan Shan; O'Brien, Gregory; O'Brien, Taylor; O'Connell, Gregory; Reynolds, Elizabeth; Rohrer, Kaitlin; Shea Julie; Smith, Rachel; Ulmre, Kimberly.

GRADE 11
HONORS

Anderson, Thomas; Barber, Anne; Bilton, Bryan; Bixby, Meredith; Brady, Sarah; Brewer, Nell; Bugley, Alexis; Cambi, Cosimo; Chapman, Mark; Curry, David; Dinsmore, Holly; Faber, Scott; Flanagan, Mary; Genovese, Sera; Maynard, Amanda; Nash, Ben; O'Brien, Matthew; Peraino, Heather; Pescatore, Noah; Reardon, Patrick; Sullivan, Shawna.

GRADE 12
HIGH HONORS

Anderson, Charlie; Avery, Connor; Baird. Timothy; Bilodeau, Matthew; Carter, Caroline; Chang, Kevin; Cochran, Angela; Downing, Sarah; Cara Foley; Garber, Jeffrey; Goines, Jacqueline; Grimm, Katharine; Hines, Kathryn; Laney, Stephen; Littauer, Daniel; Lynner, Suzanne; Martin, Liam; McCain, Megan; Mortland, Samantha; Murphy, Robinson; Ogrodnik, Matthew; Parker, Mary; Protulis, Robert; Silvia, Katharine; Stone, Kelly; Sullivan, Corey; Weber, Kyle.

GRADE 12
HONORS

Anton, Courtney; Bolster, Nicolas; Bouchard, David; Brown, Jason; Coakley, Abigail; Gardner, Emma; Hussey, John; Lehmann, Mark; Marks, Lisa; Martin, Jan; Murray, Stephen; O'Neil. Maggie; Ross, Rebecca; Schmidt, Alexander; Stevermer, Jessica; Straughn, Timothy; Watts, Amanda; Winters, Nancy.

Summer Institute course still open

Enrollment for Summer Institute courses is still open. Both the sail aboard the Ernestina (Maritime Studies class) and the field study class in Nova Scotia have space for students interested in these exciting courses. Enrollment is also open for students interested in working as a research scientist any of the following harbor study projects- The Gulf River Water Quality Analysis Project, Cohasset Harbor Salinity and Effluent Study, and the Little Harbor Fecal Coliform Monitoring project. Student and parents interested in learning more about these courses or projects should call CHS at 383-6100 and speak with either Mr. Buckley (Maritime Studies), Ms. McGrail (Nova Scotia / Little Harbor), or Dr. Thomae (Gulf River / Salinity Study).

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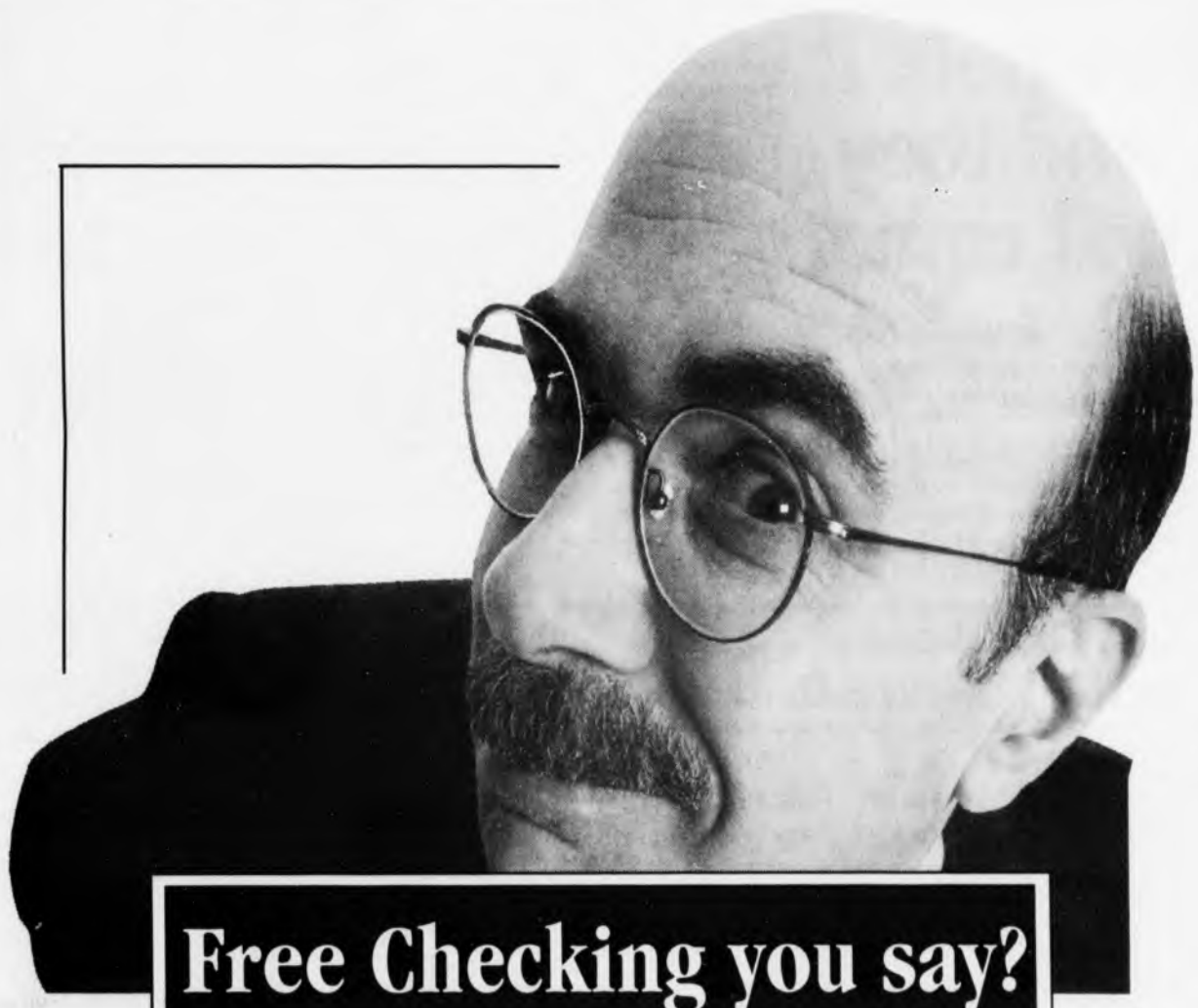

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Cause of crash under investigation

On Friday, June 14 at about 3:15pm, officers from the Cohasset Police Department were called the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident in the parking lot of Tedeschi Plaza, 772 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A). The report of the accident was called in via police radio by an on-duty Cohasset Police Detective Garrett Hunt. Hunt said an elderly male driver at a very high rate of speed had just crashed head-on into a five-foot tall concrete retaining wall in the parking lot.

This shopping plaza is home to Fleet Bank, Victoria's Pizza, Curtis Liquors, Nobles Camera Shop, and other stores. Hunt was conducting a follow-up on a breaking and entering investigation when he witnessed the crash.

Hunt rushed towards the wreckage and administered first aid to the driver. As other police officers arrived, the victim's condition deteriorated, to the point where the victim lost his pulse and stopped breathing. Sgt. William Quigley and Hunt started emergency CPR at the scene. Officers continued CPR until members of the Cohasset Fire Department arrived. Care of the victim was taken over by Cohasset Fire and he was transported to South Shore Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 4:25pm.

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An elderly Cohasset man died from injuries sustained when his Ford Explorer hit a retaining wall in Tedeschi Plaza last week.

The victim was identified as Andrew Foster, 76, of 84 Old Pasture Road. The cause of death was multiple traumatic injuries.

The 1993 Ford Explorer Foster was driving was totaled in the collision. The cause of the accident remains under investigation by Quigley and Officer Christy Tarantino. Witnesses, including Hunt, estimate the Ford Explorer's speed at greater than 50mph before impact with the concrete wall. The interior of the Explorer also sustained heavy damage. No seatbelt was worn and the vehicle was not equipped with an airbag.

Questions regarding this accident can be directed to Sgt. John Conte (781) 383-1055 or Sgt. Quigley (781) 387-7244.

POLICE LOG

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

1:06 a.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle accident.

1:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police dept.

4:07 a.m. Lantern Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:58 a.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

9:56 a.m. Highland Ave., fire, log entry.

10 a.m. Jerusalem Road, harbor enforcement/services.

10:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

11:47 a.m. South Main St., burglary/breaking and entering.

11:56 a.m. Norfolk Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:56 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

12:10 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

12:10 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

12:39 p.m. Pleasant St., illegal dumping.

2:05 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:11 p.m. Black Rock Road, missing person.

3:06 p.m. Elm St., missing person, returned to home/family.

4:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:40 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

6:16 p.m. South Main St., general services.

6:37 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

6:40 p.m. Pond St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

4:49 p.m. Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint, area search negative.

6:59 p.m. Cushing Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:13 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:18 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:07 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

10:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

1:02 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle complaint.

7:39 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:46 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

9:17 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:23 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle violation.

11:31 a.m. Rocky Lane, motor vehicle accident.

11:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services rendered.

12:40 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

1:06 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

3:15 p.m. Cedar St., animal call or complaint.

7:04 p.m. Elm St., assist municipal agency.

8:02 p.m. White Head Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

9:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:41 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

11:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of David W. Brennion, 23, of 17 Delta, Scituate. Charge: Illegal possession of a Class D substance.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

2:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Tony Duane Sikes, 33 of 128 Foster Ave., Marshfield. Charges: Operating motor vehicle after license was suspended/revoked; speeding in violation of special regulations.

8:20 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

3 p.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, inspection.

3:54 p.m. Reservoir Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:40 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

5:45 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:11 p.m. Elm Court, noise complaint.

6:22 p.m. Summer St. and Black Horse Lane, parking complaint.

10:30 p.m. Howe Road, family/general disturbance.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

1:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:39 a.m. Pond St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:02 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:54 p.m. Norfolk Road and Bancroft Road, noise complaint.

10:45 Summer St., escort.

11:05 a.m. Jerusalem Road, larceny.

11:38 a.m. Beechwood St., larceny.

12:23 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation.

3:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:24 p.m. South Main St., investigation.

5:11 p.m. HQ, call for general services.

5:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

5:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:29 p.m. Pond St., vandalism.

7:10 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:59 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

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Introductions

HAPPENINGS

Benefit dinner for discovery museum

Celebrity Chef Anthony Ambrose is creating a special dinner menu to benefit Our World, the new children's discovery museum set to open in Cohasset in the fall of 2003.

The dinner will be held July 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St.. Tickets are $125 each with a portion of the proceeds going to the non-profit Our World Inc. Reservations are required at 781-383-0300.

Ambrose, a Cohasset resident, is chef-owner of Ambrosia on Huntington in Boston. He and his wife, Dorene, are parents of two small children and vitally interested in the museum project.

Leah Taylor Roy and Mary Larson are in the midst of a $1 million fundraising campaign to construct the museum and an associated global-themed playground in a two story wing of the former Joseph Osgood School. The two Cohasset residents view the project as a way to bring cultural diversity to the area.

The town's new library will occupy the rest of the former school building, which is located at the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street. Roy and Larson believe the museum will be the perfect tie-in for the library.

Class of '72 reunion

The Class of 1972 is planning on having its 30th class reunion July 26-27. A reception will be held on the Friday night at the Lightkeepers Cottage with cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres. On the Saturday, a Texas Barbecue / pool party is planned at the home of Glenn Pratt (Vaughan's gracious brother).

If anyone knows of a classmate that has not yet been contacted please call: Vaughan Pratt @ 1-808-523-0140 or 383-0143 or by email vpratt@marine.org; Nick Anderson @ 383-2503 or Pam Prendergast @ 383-1496

Keep well clinics

The remaining Cohasset Board of Health monthly keep-well clinic for June with Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N., P.H.N. and Corinne Cahill, R.N. is Thursday June 27 at 1- 3 p.m. at Harborview Senior Housing – Elm Street (behind the police station).

Keep well clinics are for all town residents regardless of age!

Wrestling on cable

Come watch "King of the Ring" at the Teen Garage on Sunday, June 23. This WWF Pay-Per-View wrestling match starts at 8 p.m. and The Garage doors open at 7:45 p.m.

The cost is $5 per person and everyone in grades six-and-up is welcome. Refreshments will be for sale as well.

Rained-out benefit yard sale, June 22

Because of a rain-out last week, the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has re-scheduled its giant yard sale to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh 3rd Scholarship. The sale will be on Saturday, June 22 at 85 Linden Drive (off Jerusalem Road). Hours are 8a.m.-Noon. For information, call 383-0222.

Rusty Skippers on the common

Cohasset's own Rusty Skippers Band will be playing on Cohasset Common on Tuesday June 25. The Band will feature some of its marching music around the duck pond at 7:15 and then play on the north side of First Parish from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.. In the event of rain, the band will play inside Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church.

A special feature for this concert: the name of a child age 13 and under will be drawn for the opportunity to conduct the band in the Liberty Bell March. So come early, bring the lawn chair and bug repellent. Do not miss this concert, the last of the band's Spring 2002 tour!

Festival brightens up a wet weekend

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said Monica McKenney, development and PR director for the event. "This weekend they could be found all over the common — greeting newcomers, requesting donations, and helping the venders. We couldn't run this event successfully without them."

For much of the weekend, the weather was far less than ideal for an outside event, but the faithful art lovers from around the area still showed up.

"Overall the weather didn't hold back the crowds. Friday and Saturday's weather was terrible, but Sunday's was terrific," McKenney said. "It seems like every year we're dealing with at least one day of rain or downpour- unfortunately it's part of being an outside event this time of year."

On Friday and Saturday, the stark contrast to the outside world was immediately apparent to all those entering the main tent. While outside the cold wind whipped across the common and the steady rain chilled visitors to the bone, inside the tent people seemed almost oblivious to what was happening outside.

It was jammed with art admirers of all ages smiling and enjoying the displays of incredible artistic talent while The O'Reillys and many other bands filled the tent with music.

Sunday proved to be the best weather day and therefore the day with the largest turnout. The live music was moved back outside and people crowed onto the common to take part in the event.

"Sunday we were as busy as we've ever been," McKenny said. "There were points where I'd look down on the common and almost not be able to see the grass for all the people."

The main tent housed local art of numerous varieties. From hooked rugs to watercolors and photographs, the wide range of artistic medias was apparent in the displays.

A sense of recently renewed patriotism and echoes of September 11 rang out in much of the artwork. Paintings such as "Those Bastards!" by Dan McCole commemorated the event.

In McCole's work, two firefighters kneel in the foreground mourning a fallen comrade, while others behind them raise the American Flag in front of the fallen Twin Towers.

The displayed art was divided into two main categories — public art and art created by members of the South Shore Art Center. The two groups were then judged separately by a panel who collectively reviewed the pieces.

Every member of the Art Center was entitled to display one piece of their work at the festival, but not every piece submitted by the public was admitted.

"We received about 400 pieces of art from the community," said Kennedy. "In the end 140 were displayed in this year's festival."

Prizes for the public art display included categories such as oil/acrylic, watercolor, black and white photography, color photography, drawing/pastel, mixed media, and printmaking.

The Best in Show award went to the astoundingly detailed watercolor, "Sconset Porch," created by Marla Greenfield of Wayland.

While the official awards were on display, everyone had their own opinion on their favorite piece of art.

PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

Will Castro views all the festival goings-on from the crest of the hill by the duck pond.

"Can we get this one? It's only $3,995," Abbie Newkirk, 12, said to her father in regards to her personal favorite, "North Scituate Emporium" — an oil painting by Robert Beauloeu.

"*Only* $3,995?" replied her father, Scott Newkirk.

After seeing the artwork in the main tent, visitors were able to walk around the common and explore the 85 smaller vender tents where they could purchase everything from hand-blown hummingbird feeders to jewelry and amateur art.

"One of the most amazing things about the festival this year was the quality and commitment of the vendors," Kennedy said. "We spent a lot of extra time to ensure the highest vender quality and it really paid off."

Among the art venders' tents, there were also many places set up that offered everything from light snack, like kettle corn and Italian ice, to places specializing in more complete meals, such as pizza and even one place selling Greek food.

Across the street from the common, many people seeking sanctuary from the cold and a delicious snack went inside of the Second Congregational Church to attend the Strawberry Festival annually hosted there. The Strawberry Festival's main focus is their freshly prepared strawberry shortcake.

Four dollars got customers a heaping bowlful of the delicious desert. By the time many had finished the shortcake, it had single-handedly insured their return to next year's festival.

Despite Mother Nature's attempt to stifle the success of this year's festival, it once again proved to be an enormous success.

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Anne Murray comes to Norwell's Company Theatre June 23.

On the road again

A new tour and a new album for Anne Murray

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When the topic of her new album comes up during a telephone interview to promote her Sunday appearance at the South Shore Music Circus, Anne Murray wastes no time in wrapping her familiar alto around a few bars of "Make the World Go Away."

By turning to song, Murray quickly charms her audience of one in the same way she has captivated concert-goers for more than three decades. The song snippet also makes it easy to understand why the four-time Grammy Award winner continues to be in-demand as both a recording artist and live performer.

Murray's thirty-third album, "Country Croonin'" (EMI Canada, Sparrow Records in the US), won't be released until Nov. 5, but after spending the past two months in a Toronto recording studio, the Canadian songbird is eager to discuss the project.

"The new album is a real labor of love. It may even be my best work, because of the freedom I have now. I'm no longer governed by radio," explains Murray whose first album "What About Me" was released in 1968. "I don't have to come up with hit records like I did earlier in my career. The pressure is gone. Now, I just have to come up with the best album I can."

On "Country Croonin,'" Murray offers new versions of familiar songs like "Me and Bobby McGee," "Bye Bye Love," and "Help Me Make It Through The Night" and other crossover music made famous by everyone from Eddy Arnold and Jim Reeves to Elvis Presley.

"These songs are proven. We already know they are great," says Murray. "What's nice is that I have this opportunity to offer my own interpretations of them."

As she did with her platinum-selling 1998 release, "What A Wonderful World," Murray will rely on television to spread the word about the new album.

"Television commercials let people know you're still around," the veteran entertainer points out. "They not only sell albums, but they also give you a high profile. They let people know you're still out there and working."

Thanks to a heavy touring schedule this summer, Murray — who turns 57 June 20 — will have no trouble making it clear that she is definitely still working.

"You know, before you go out on the road, you say "Oh, God. But once I get out there then I just have a ball. My group has been with me for years, too. They're really like my family. We really love what we do," says Murray.

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Anne Murray

What they do this summer, however, won't include music from "Country Croonin'"

"I'll wait to perform that material until after the album comes out. I like people to be able to buy an album of mine, before I do music from it in my concerts."

With material from 32 previous albums, and hits like "Snowbird," "You Needed Me," and" Could I Have This Dance," to call upon, Murray won't have any trouble compiling a song list. And before too long, she'll probably be touring again in support of the new album.

"I took the year 2000 off and at that time I was thinking that might be the end of it, but after the success of the last album and then with the new one still ahead, I think 'Well, OK, I'll go on the road again.'"

(Anne Murray will appear at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on Sunday, June 23, at 8 p.m For tickets and information, call 781/383-1400.)

A *real* alternative: The Matt Chase Band

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

On one track, "Let Yourself Go," from the newly released inde pendent CD by his Scituate-based, self-named band, Matt Chase sings, "Here I am now/Offering a way out/So come on take my hand/Let me show you how."

It's not typical rock songwriting bombast, as the song's lyrics in general are more of a personal, reflective nature than the average over-hyped, heavy-message rock anthem. But the Matt Chase Group is not a typical band in the current music scene, and the lines do suggest something fresh, original and different that the band is offering to Boston area club-goers. It's something for those looking for a way out of the hipper-than-thou musical trends of alterna-pop, punk/metal, rap/hip-hop and dance music or any combinations within now saturating both the clubs and the airwaves.

What the Matt Chase Group is offering seems to be a genuine alternative these days, a fusion of rock, funk, Latin and jazz that draws from past practitioners such as Steely Dan and Earth Wind & Fire and present genre-blenders like Sting, the Dave Matthews Band and Phish to craft a sound the band believes might point a direction to the future.

The Scituate-based Matt Chase Group will host a CD release party for the band's new album "Middle of A Mystery," Friday night at Copperfield's in Boston.

The official release party for the Chase Group's debut disc, titled *Middle of a Mystery*, takes place this Friday evening, June 22 at Copperfield's — a club located in Boston's Fenway where the band also plays a regular monthly gig.

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"The band members met and came together about two years ago, when we were all still at Berklee College of Music in Boston and playing in different ensembles together," said Chase. "From the beginning, we've all been interested in playing a style of music that's different from most of what we've been hearing on the radio and in clubs in the last few years. We all liked certain jazz-influenced rock and R&B from the 1970s, such as Steely Dan and Earth Wind & Fire, and newer bands that like to blend the jazz and world music influences like the Dave Matthews Band and Phish. Plus I had songwriting material built up that I was looking for an outlet for in this type of music."

The experience of meeting at Berklee, which draws students from around the globe, afforded Chase, who grew up in the Minot area of Scituate, the opportunity to make his band a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural union. The Chase Group's lead guitarist, Ryan Ackerman, is a Quincy native with similar musical tastes whom Chase met at the college. In the ensemble groups the two eventually met and began rehearsing with bassist Fernando Mainer and pianist Pancho Burgos, both from Spain, and drummer Mauricio Zottarelli, from Brazil.

The Latin players bring a combined wealth of experience and diversity to the band. Mainer had previously recorded seven CDs and been in Spain's Top 30 with one of the country's successful pop bands, Taco, while Burgos has toured extensively throughout Spain and Zotarelli is already known and respected as a session player and one of the top players at Berklee.

"We're looking to break through with the college-age audience, the crowd that pretty much made big names of the Dave Matthews Band and Phish," Chase said. "The college crowd generally tends to be more open to new and different things. Our plan as a band is to play the sort of clubs that attracts this clientele and build our audience with the reputation from our live shows. It also helps now that we've got the product of this new CD to promote.

The *Middle of a Mystery* CD is chock full of the kinds of 70s-style, jazz-meets-rock beats, rhythms and harmonics that has the band getting the label "retro" thrown at them often. But the crafty musicianship of songs like the track, "Falling Stars" and even a taste for shuffling, barroom blues on "That's All" combine well with Chase's

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Disney and 'Lilo' make odd couple

A new animated feature shakes things up at studio

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It's a pleasant surprise when a film studio known for one type of product takes a big risk by going in a different direction — and it pays off. That's the case with Disney's newest animated feature, "Lilo & Stitch." On the surface, it may appear to be a typical Disney film — painstakingly drawn sequences, cute characters doing funny things, and some emotional baggage to complicate the story. But this Disney item is anything but typical.

First of all, Stitch is a creature from another world, a dangerous genetic experiment gone awry that has managed to escape and find refuge on Earth. And second, the humans that Stitch eventually moves in with — orphaned Nani (voice of Tia Carrere) and her little sister Lilo (voice of Daveigh Chase) — are wrapped up in real, very recognizable personal issues.

Chris Sanders (left) and Clark Spencer have a laugh over the creation of their little monster Stitch.

Little Lilo educates Stitch about her favorite music man.

Chris Sanders, one of the co-directors (along with Dean Deblois), who made the film over the past four years, knew from the start that he and his team were setting up a challenge for themselves.

"The word 'Disney' on a film makes a promise to be a broad audience film," he says. "But we made a bigger promise on this one — that we would make a film that was everything Disney, and was really nothing Disney of recent years. We made it one of our choices to break conventions on this film. We threw out the ideas of heroes and villains, we threw out the ideas of good and bad. And by throwing those out and making a very bold story, I feel like we got back to Disney of old. I was always impressed with 'Bambi,' which had such a beautiful, friendly look, but is really a very powerful, gutsy film. We wanted to do the same thing."

One of the ways that was accomplished

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Food & dining

Strawberries plain and simple

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

In the new cookbook by Alice Waters, "Chez Panisse Fruit", she has a wonderful recipe for strawberries and orange segments served with a light syrup infused with the flavor of orange zest. Since strawberry season is in high gear, I turned to this recipe for its elegance and simplicity, being far easier to make than a cobbler, shortcake, or pie. As usual, I wondered if I could make it either better or simpler.

I quickly gave up on the "better" half of the equation – it's a simple and refreshing dessert as long as the fruit is good. However, Alice calls for simmering the sugar syrup for 30 minutes plus segmenting oranges, another step, is not the easiest thing for most home cooks. So I decided to stick to strawberries and simplify the syrup.

The recipe calls for 1/2 cup of sugar to one cup of water and a long simmering time to extract the flavor of the orange peel. I tested shorter cooking times, from five to 30 minutes, and found that the flavor was no less intense with a quick simmer. The other benefit of the longer cooking time was a thicker syrup but by reducing the amounts and changing the proportions (to 1/4 cup sugar and 1/3 cup water) the syrup was plenty thick in record time. I also tested lemon instead of orange zest but was unimpressed with the flavor. Other flavors such as basil, thyme, lemongrass, and mint were less well suited than orange. However, I did like a bit of liqueur and Cointreau came up a winner. It cut down on the sweetness and added another dimension to the syrup while maintaining a light, clean finish.

As for the berries, I tested adding them to a hot syrup but they lost their fresh flavor and texture. As a result, I allowed the syrup to cool before adding the berries. (Alice also tosses the berries with granulated sugar but I found this step unnecessary.) I also discovered that this dish should be made at the last minute for best results. (This way, the fresh berries will glisten with a thin coat of clear, sweet, orange syrup.) If left to sit in the refrigerator, the strawberries will macerate and their juice will combine with the syrup resulting in something less elegant.

These berries are great with panna cotta, vanilla ice cream, zabaglione, whipped cream, shortcake, pancakes or waffles. I also loved them combined with blueberries. For a crowd the amounts can be doubled.

STRAWBERRIES WITH ORANGE-INFUSED SYRUP

Use a very light hand in zesting the orange. Any trace of the white pith and the syrup will have bitter undertones. A rasp or fine grater works best. Don't make this recipe unless the strawberries are first-rate. If you like, combine the strawberries with segmented oranges.

1/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup water
Finely grated zest of one orange
1 tablespoon Cointreau or orange liqueur of your choice
1 quart strawberries, rinsed and dried

Combine the sugar, water and zest in a small saucepan. Stir to combine and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Reduce heat to maintain simmer and cook for five minutes or until syrupy. Off heat add the Cointreau. Transfer to a small bowl or jar and refrigerate until cold, the syrup will thicken further as it cools. Meanwhile cut the berries into small bite sized pieces. Immediately before serving add the syrup to the berries and toss gently to combine. Spoon into glasses and serve.

Serves 4 to 6

BLUEBERRY VARIATION

Replace one pint of strawberries with one pint of blueberries.

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thoughtful, reflective lyrics to create a sound that's as much forward-looking as past-inspired.

The Matt Chase Group also appears monthly at the Blackhorse Tavern, in Durgin Park at Faneuil Hall in Boston, and the CD is currently available at the live shows and also soon online at www.mattchasegroup.com <http://www.mattchasegroup.com>. South Shore listeners can catch the band in a free show at Scituate Harbor on Saturday, July 6.

Disney and 'Lilo' make odd couple

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was by making Stitch — a six-armed creature with very sharp teeth who somehow passes for a dog, at least in the eyes of lonely Lilo — scary early on, then much more accessible as the film progresses. A good deal of that was accomplished in the film's inventive marketing campaign — on TV, theatrical trailers and sides of busses — for the past few months.

"Part of the film's marketing has been showing Stitch invading other films," says producer Clark Spencer, of the little monster appearing in redone footage from other Disney classics. "It's the idea of getting kids to know who he is before they see the film. Because if you went into the film without any understanding of this character or who he can be, you could say, 'Oh my gosh, where is this film going?' and be a little nervous about how your child may react. But I think once they have that association and get a sense that he's this mischievous character and he's funny, they'll start at a different point."

"We pitched the idea for the ad campaign," says Sanders. "We were talking about how to make people aware of the character, and I put out the idea that it's weird that this little guy we invented — that's so *not* a Disney character — will, in a few years, join this Disney lineup of very elite characters. It was very exciting, but in a way he's about to invade the Disney universe. And I thought, what if we just did the whole beginning of 'The Lion King' and instead of Simba, Stitch was there, and everybody in the film freaked out and ran away. And that made us laugh. And when we pitched it at our first meeting, everybody else laughed. And they said let's go further with this."

The campaign eventually also included scenes from "Beauty and the Beast," "Aladdin" and "The Little Mermaid."

The characters of Stitch and the two sisters are indirectly tied together in that none of them has parents. He doesn't really know what a family is, they are trying to bring him in to what is left of theirs. His arrival may lead to saving and repairing their damaged family.

"We wanted to portray characters with flaws and characters with great aspects in them," adds Spencer. "All of the characters in the film have both; no one is perfect. It's better to portray that as your image than to go in and try to show the perfect fairy tale world that doesn't really exist."

Unfortunately, there's also a sometimes cruel and unpleasant world that does exist. Late last summer, when production was wrapping, the film boasted a funny climactic scene in which a reformed Stitch commandeers a 747 to rescue little Lilo. Then came 9/11.

"We didn't really even have a meeting about it," says Sanders. "It was a thing that everybody just immediately felt, and we all called each other within a few hours. Even Roy Disney called in with concern and said, 'What are you guys going to do?'

"It was a rescue sequence and we thought it was exciting that people laughed at it in test screenings," he adds. "But we realized that now it would take people out of the movie. So we all just spontaneously said let's make a little adjustment. And it was accomplished very quickly. We took our digital files and sort of pounded the shape of the plane into a space ship, and we conveniently *had* a space ship. We were lucky that we had never shown Stitch arrive on Earth. So we had a space ship sitting out in the forest and we used it. Everybody had to work hard, but nobody was upset. Everyone said let's just make the change."

"Lilo & Stitch" opens nationally on June 21.

The battle of the bugs

Green thumbs up

Part 3

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

With an extended period of damp, dreary weather and unseasonably chilly temperatures, South Shore gardeners have all but forgotten this season's earlier concerns about drought. Suddenly, mold and rot have taken center stage as we look skyward for sunlight, not showers, and pray for summertime warmth. Many of our annual and vegetable transplants sit languishing in cold, soggy soils with an unhealthy reddish tinge to their leaves, typical of early springtime planting. Once again, Mother Nature is performing her balancing act, replenishing our water supplies and slowing down this year's accelerated growing season as the official arrival of the summertime approaches.

Like the weather, pests in the garden seem to follow a rollercoaster ride of highs and lows. Gypsy moths, tent caterpillars or spring canker worms may totally decimate our plants one season but may prove to be only a minor nuisance in subsequent years. In dry years, slugs and snails tend to be scarce in all but the shadiest spots, but when plentiful moisture arrives, these slimy creatures may devour everything in sight. No matter where you live, nature runs in cycles with extremes from season to season and what is "normal" is merely an average of the all these extremes over time.

It should be noted that many of our most annoying intruders have found their way to our gardens from other parts of the world and, once introduced, having no natural predatory controls, they reproduce at will. Birds, bugs and wild plants from all over the world have disrupted the natural order in the Americas over the centuries. Starlings, house sparrows, purple loosestrife, lily leaf beetle and an alarming number of other invaders have become a source of concern and constant irritation causing even the most mild-mannered, environmentally conscious nature-lover to consider toxic controls to combat these scourges. Each of us must determine our own level of tolerance and choose a course of action, hopefully seeking the least hazardous method of control first.

Many of the insects that invade our gardens do their damage by sucking the vitality out of our plants. Aphids, mealy bugs, scale and spider mites are often difficult to detect until plants begin to show signs of stress including wilting or yellow leaves. These telltale symptoms could also be the result of too little or too much water, nutrient deficiency or excess fertilization, or may indicate the presence of disease. Consider each possible scenario, especially current weather conditions, before grabbing a bottle of toxic chemicals. An inexpensive hand lens will often assist you in spotting some of your tiny insect intruders. Early detection is essential.

Aphids are one of the most common and easiest pests to eradicate. Numerous species are present in our gardens in a variety of colors including green, brown, black, or pink and are generally found on soft new growth. Symptoms include distorted leaves that may be puckered or curled. In addition, aphids exude a sugary secretion known as honeydew that may lead to the formation of an unattractive dusty black growth on the foliage of your plants known as sooty mold.

Mealy bugs and scale may also be present on houseplants or in the garden and often produce honeydew resulting in the appearance of sooty mold on the surrounding foliage of plants infected with these pests. Mealy bugs resemble tiny dots of cotton and scale insects are strange little intruders that hide beneath a shell and look like little bumps along the stems of woody plants that can easily be scraped off with your fingernail.

Spider mites are more difficult to detect and eliminate. They tend to be most prevalent during hot, dry weather, generally during the latter part of the summer and their telltale webs are often only visible once the infestation has become severe. Houseplants are prone to mites during the winter months in dry indoor environments.

A vigorous water spray on a routine basis is often sufficient to remove aphids and break the webs of spider mites. An application of soapy water or insecticidal soap will be slightly more potent. My preferred means of control is the application of a light horticultural oil spray, which I have found to be one of the safest and most effective means of dealing with the majority of these sucking insects. Care should be taken not to spray beneficial insects including our ladybugs that devour aphids, as they are equally vulnerable to the oil, which acts by clogging the pores of the insects thereby suffocating them.

Beetles are more troublesome pests. Their grubs devour our turf and the adults skeletonize our roses, hollyhocks, grapes, raspberries and many other trees, shrubs and perennials. Handpicking is a tedious means of eradicating some of these intruders but other controls tend to be more toxic and generally require direct contact with the beetles. Controlling grubs in the lawn with Merit will reduce their numbers but will not prevent these flying insects from traveling to your garden from other areas.

Several references are currently available that offer plant by plant information on commonly occurring problems for particular plant species. When in doubt, consult your local county extension service or bring a small sample to your local nursery in a sealed plastic bag. Creating a wildlife habitat will encourage many natural predators that will assist you in your battle against the bugs.

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Creature feature

Photos clockwise starting at top: Jeff Corwin, who was recently named on of People magazines 50 most beautiful people, gives Nicholas Hodges and Molly Murphy an up close look at a lizard.

Michael Raibousky shows the crowd a massive snapping turtle. Checking it out are Caitlyn Malloy, Keith Caruso and Johnny Malloy.

Jeff Corwin answers questions from the sell out crowd.

Hannah Sinclair poses a question to Corwin.

Belinda Bowering is a brave soul as she closes her eyes at Corwin's request before he wraps an albino boa around here.

Jeff Corwin, Norwell native and star of his own Animal Planet show, demonstrates how an albino python might eat Belinda Bowering. Corwin hosted a benefit show at Norwell High School last Thursday for some 500 people with proceeds benefiting the South Shore Natural Science Center's new Ecozone exhibit.

Ally Detwiller checks out a toad and discovers it doesn't have claws. The toad was one of a number of creatures featured in Corwin's show. Proceeds benefited the new Ecozone exhibit under construction at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. Prior to the show, Science Center officials announced a Marshfield couple had donated $50,000 to the Ecozone effort as long as the center matched that amount in fundraising. The couple upped the ante last week by offering another $50,000 grant if the center can raise its $50,000 by the end of July. Officials said they need about $18,000 to hit that goal. PHOTOS/DAVE GORDON

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'JAZZ BY THE BEACH' concert returns July 6. Road to Responsibility's Jazz by the Beach, will be returning to the shores of Rexhame Beach July 6, from 2 to 6 p.m. WATD's Ed Perry to receive Road to Responsibility's 'Man of the Year". Several other South Shore residents also will be receiving awards including Polly Pyne, of Scituate, Scott Seamans of Carver, and Lorraine France of Marshfield and Clem Smith of East Wareham and South Attleboro. Performers include Donna Byrne and her husband, Marshall Wood (bass), Dick Johnson, Joe Barbado, Jim Gwinn, Kenny Wenzel and Arnie Krawkowski. Serving as guest host will be Ron Della Chiesa of WGBH and WPLM. A silent auction will also be part of the festivities. Tickets are $70, table of 10 for $650. Call 781-834-1300 ext. 237 for information.

BENEFIT DINNER FOR OUR WORLD, CHILDREN'S GLOBAL DISCOVER MUSEUM will be held July 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset. Celebrity chef Anthony Ambrose owner of Ambrosia on Huntington Avenue in Boston, is creating the dinner menu Tickets are $125 each with a portion of the proceeds going to the non-profit Our world Inc. Reservations are required at 781-383-0030. Deadline for reservations is June 21.

THE BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL will once again provide outdoor, harborside performances by nationally renowned blues artists during the Fourth Annual Blues Concerts Series. The Blues Barge, a floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. The concert series, sponsored by the Boston Harbor Hotel and House of Blues, begins with an opening night on Thursday, July 4, and will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.bhh.com

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets go on sale April 8, for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL-SCITUATE VNA SPONSOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT honoring Jean Snow of Norwell. South Shore residents are invited to sign up for organization's fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Aug. 5, at the Marshfield Country Club, located at 515 Moraine St. Marshfield. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. with registration at noon. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club. There will be a silent auction following the awards ceremony. Tickets are $175 per person. For more information call 781-659-2342.

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL AMERICAN RED CROSS GOLF CLASSIC, to be held at South Shore Country Cub in Hingham on July 22, will seek participation from golfers and non-golfers alike in its aim to make this year's event the most successful yet. The day-long event will feature a live and silent auction, raffles, a poker rally, a box lunch and dinner. New England Cable News sports personality Jimmy Young will serve as master of Ceremonies. For more information call 617-770-2600.

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Community Club, 513 River St., Norwell, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission $12, cash bar. For information call 781-826-4325.

P.M. By the Sea, Sandy Neck Beach, Route 6A, Sandwich presents Campfire Music 7 to 10:30 p.m. Open talent invited to perform to all of these family fun campfire circles. Bring wood, instruments, non-alcohol beverage, marshmallows. Rain location at Four Winds Soulstice Center, 41 Meetinghouse Lane, North Sagamore. Call 508-771-8298 for more information.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will **feature Lynn Deeves and Colleen Sexton,** on June 21. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is $12. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Six of One** on June 21. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Chris Fitz Blues** on June 21. Casual dress, Cover charge. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

The Soprano's Last Supper" The interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel, 275 Tremont St., Boston. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. For ticket information call 1-800-944-5639.

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The Sparrow House Museum will hold a trunk show "Jewelry by Echo of the Dreamer" from June 20-25. Featuring rare stones, sculptural, contemporary, one-of-a-kind, art to wear. The Sparrow House is located at 42 Summer Street in Plymouth and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday evening until 9 p.m. For more information call (508) 747-1240.

Plimoth Plantation's Wampanoag Interpretation Program presents the annual Patuxet Strawberry thanksgiving. The first fruit of the season, strawberries were the focus of one of the many thanksgiving celebrations native people held through the year. The day includes dancing, singing, games and a reenactment of a summer feast. The weekend's events are free with your admission to the museum. Call 508-746-1622 for more information.

Blue Hills by Mountain Bike Spring Ride Series – Join volunteers from the MDC Blue Hills TrailWatch crew on guided rides throughout the Blue Hills. June 22, advanced beginner, six to eight miles, two hours. Bring your own bike. Helmet required. Eye protection, gloves and water bottle recommended. All rides meet at 9 a.m. Call 617-698-1802 to register and for meeting location.

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. On June 22, at 1 p.m. this will be a moderate walk, some hilly terrain, three miles. Green dot loop in Great blue Hill section. Meet at Trailside Museum nofth parking lot on Rte. 138 in Milton. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

Plymouth Antiquarian Socie presents its Ninth Annual Spinni Bee to be held at the Harlow O Fort House in Plymouth from a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine. Spinne of all ages and skill levels will cor pete with each other during this ol fashioned concert, spinners will u a variety of hand-held spindles, hi wheels, and treadle-operated whee to spin wool and cotton fiber. Priz will be awarded at different age le els. $2 entry fee to compete. C 508-746-0012 for information.

Boston to P'Town Cyclir Getaway raises money to fig Multiple Sclerosis. More than 1,3 cyclists ranging from competiti riders to ordinary families will ride 150-mile route from Marina Bay Provincetown on June 22 to 23 benefit local programs and resear for people with MS. Each cycl commits to a $350 minimum cont bution. More than 400 volunteers a needed for route support, rest stop registration, first aid, etc. Individu and family or corporate teams c register or volunteer online www.manewengland.org, or by ca ing the chapter office at 1-800-49 9255.

The First Annual Silver Ci Summer Music Festival featuri New England's Women in Folk wi special guest host Laney Goodm from 91.9 WUMB Folk Radi Featured artists include B.P.C. Kids, Chris and Meredi Thompson, Cheryl Hoenemeye Anni Clark, Shawna Carol a GAIA, Les Sampou at the histo

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"Jake's Women" will be presented by the **Bay Players** at The Ellison Center, 64 St. George St, Duxbury. This autobiographical Neil Simon comedy will be held June 20, 21, and 22, at 8 p.m. Wheelchair accessible. Tickets $11 students/seniors, $13 general. Call for reservations at 800-290-6825 and go to www.bayplayers.org for more information.

Dinner Theatre at Raffael's at the Skyline Room at Raffael's Restaurant, 1 Enterprise Drive, N. Quincy presents "So Kaye" the songs of Danny Kaye starring John O'Neil and Sarah DeLima The show includes songs, stories and monologues from Mr. Kay's illustrious career. June 19, 20, 26 and 27. For ticket information, call 617-328-1600.

Fontbonne Academy will host the **Ninth Annual Bob Devin Memorial Golf Tournament** at the Norton Country Club. Participants will register and enjoy a box lunch at noon, followed by a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start for the scramble format tournament, special on-course events, and a dinner/awards banquet that evening. Donation to participate is $150/per person; a wide range of sponsorship opportunities are available as well.

Lily's Apothecary, 6 Main St., Plymouth, invites the public to a Ladies Night (however, men are welcome) of skin care consultations and makeovers. Featured will be a skin care specialist from the Mario Badescu skin care line of New York City. Free skin care consultations and product demonstrations on June 20, from 3 to 9 p.m. For more information call 508-747-SKIN (7546)

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Timetations** on June 20. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Felix Brown; Dirty Sanchez** on June 20. Casual dress, Cover charge. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 21

The Plymouth Harbor Pumpout Boat Dedication in celebration of National Clean Boating Day will be held June 21, from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. at Plymouth Town Wharf. Reception to follow at Wood's Seafood Restaurant.

The New Art Forum of Kingston will hold its Sixth Annual Exhibit: "Windows on the World." An opening party will be held June 21, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Yellow Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. The exhibit may also be seen Saturdays and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. through June 30, and Tuesday, June 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Call 781-585-5622 for more information.

The Bruce Pettersen Orchestra with vocalist Andrea Bates, covering six decades of big band music will perform at the North River

Sat. 22

The Nathan Gallery presents **"Filling Walls"** featuring aspiring and established artists June 22 through July 18, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Opening reception June 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

Retroformation, an outdoor sculpture exhibition on the grounds of the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, features the work of 95 students from five area high school, Hanover H.S., Plymouth North H.S., Rockland H.S., Scituate H.S., and Weymouth H.S. The program is free and will run through June 22. For information call 781-934-6634.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

A Libra moon continues to place the focus on relationship matters. In addition, applying alignments of the sun/Uranus and Mercury/Venus affect the day. Influences continue to top the charts for launching new activities, making decisions and promoting your ideas. Keep an open mind. Go with your first impression. Don't be a hermit tonight. Gather with friends and enjoy the good things in life.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Planetary influences turn around completely today. The Libra moon becomes inactive at 2:38 a.m. until 4:42 a.m., when it enters Scorpio. The best way to channel today's influences is to stay busy with practical projects. Zero in on jobs that need mental focus and problem-solving. You can work out the glitches and find new solutions. A lunar alignment to Neptune prompts you to plan a quiet evening. Meditate for inner peace and vision.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

The Summer Solstice arrives at 9:24 a.m., when the sun enters the sign Cancer. The moon continues to travel in Scorpio, generating a serious mood. Others may be hypersensitive, difficult to please. Choose your words carefully. Roll up your sleeves and take on a full agenda. You can be most productive. Initiate new activities before 4:12 p.m., when the moon forms an easy contact to expansive Jupiter.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

A lunar alignment to Uranus may spark emotional thunderstorms in the early morning hours. The Scorpio moon becomes inactive at 5:26 a.m. until 7:42 a.m., when it enters Sagittarius. A full moon buildup impacts this weekend. It can go either way. Don't take on more than you can handle. Keep it light. Kick back, relax, unwind; enjoy favorite leisure activities.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

The combination of a Sagittariu moon and Venus/Neptune oppositio urges you to maintain a peacefu easygoing demeanor. This day is n without its pitfalls. The moon form stressful contacts to Pluto in the morn ing and Saturn in the evening. addition, a full moon buildup gene ates intense energy, volatile emotion Don't get caught up in situations yo have no control over. Avoid takin chances or doing anything risky.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

Energy and emotions run hig today. Stop, look and listen. Stre management is important. Th Sagittarius moon becomes inactive 9:38 a.m., when it aligns with Uranu The moon enters Capricorn at 12:0 p.m. The lunar eclipse/full moon cu minates at 5:42 p.m., 3-degree Capricorn. Take on a full agenda; yo can be most productive. It is okay t burn the midnight oil catching up o work or study projects.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Hard work and commitment ar principal themes today and tomorrow The moon continues to travel in amb tious Capricorn, prompting to kee your nose to the grindstone. You ca cut through obstacles and clear o projects that have been troublesom Slow down and sidestep argument between 7:40-10:40 p.m., when th moon opposes Mars.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

The Capricorn moon oppose Jupiter at 3:37 a.m. and becomes ina tive. This is a day to finish old bus ness, clean, reorganize and prepare f new starts. Tackle jobs that have bee left hanging and follow through Influences turn around at 6:36 p.m when the moon enters Aquarius. Th is a great evening to socialize. Gath with friends and enjoy the good thing in life.

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First Parish Church, Taunton from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets $12 or $15 day of show available at Whttenton hardware or call 508-824-4143 or visit www.thedessertclub.com

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association presents **The North River Pontoon Boat Tour** on June 22, (rain date June 23) beginning at 11 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m., the one hour boat tours leave every 20 minutes. Cost is $30 per member ($40 non-member; includes one year membership.)The proceeds will fund river protection activities. No children under 12. For reservations, call NSRWA at 781-659-8168 or email NSRAPB@aol.com

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse will feature **Ron Goba, Larry Jaffe**. Open mic signup at 7:30 p.m. Free admission, pass the hat for feature. For information call 508-279-9952 or www.mothwing.com/dailygrindpoetry.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Jeff Pitchell & Texas Flood** on June 22. Casual dress, Cover charge $8. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote

Sun. 23

Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Wilson Mountain Ramble - June 23, at 1 p.m., meet at the Wilson Mountain Reservation parking lot on Route 135 in Dedham. Take exit 17 off route 128 and head east on route 135. Wilson Mountain is fi mile ahead on the right. Explore a little know MDC jewel, Wilson Mountain Reservation. Join an MDC ranger as we hike through beautiful hemlock stands, over rocky hilltops and past thickets of rhododendron and mountain laurel, 1 fi hours. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

A Free ecumenical concert "Praise on the Parkway" will be held June 23, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Cole Parkway Bandstand in Scituate harbor. This event is being sponsored by Harvest Baptist Church in Norwell. The Rev. Mark Minervino will be master of ceremonies. For more information call Emily Robinson at 781-545-7272.

"Friends With Hope" is sponsoring its Third Annual 5K (3.2 miles) Walk to raise money for breast cancer research and health education. This walk will take place June 23, at 9 a.m. (8 a.m. registration) beginning at Pembroke Center. There will be a $15 pre-registration fee - $20 day of the walk. For information call Laurie Griffen 781-982-0960 or Julie Brenton 508-888-5824 or Jennifer Lambert 781-545-7648 or visit the web site at www.geocities.com/friendswithhope.

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held June 23, from 7 to 11 p.m., at the Pembroke Country Club, W. Elm St., Pembroke. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. For single professionals age 35-55 years old. Proper business attire is required. Admission is $10 before 7:30 p.m., $15, thereafter. Co-sponsored by the Single Executives Club and the single golfers of New England.

Clyde Beauty Cole Bros. Circus will donate The Pachyderm Painting - Tina the Asian Elephant painting, for a charitable cause. The Pachyderm painting can be viewed at the Independence Mall from June 18 through June 25. The bidding starts June 17, after Tina finishes her masterpiece. The auction will be sealed bids only. The winner also receives four tickets to any show in Plymouth.

Tues. 25

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Island, Inc. present Peddock's Island Sunset Cruise on June 25, at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Long Wharf, Boston, Aquarium T stop. Learn about Peddock's island by taking a tour . Bring your own picnic supper, beverages and snacks are available on the boat. Also bring your camera, binoculars, and dress for the weather. Tickets $16 Adults; $14 Seniors; Members of FBHI $12; children 3 to 12 49 children 2 and under free. Call 781-740-4290 for more information.

"Rent" Returns To Boston at The Wang Theatre for one week, June 25 to 30. Tickets are on sale now. Performances are scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sunday evening at 7 p.m. matinees on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Tickets are priced at $65, $45, and $35 for all performances; all ticket prices include a $2 restoration fee. Tickets are on sale at The Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont St or through Telecharge at 800-447-7400 or www.telecharge.com or at The Wang Theatre/Show of the Month Group Sales at 617-350-6000.

South Shore ARC will host its 15th Annual Lou Bailey Golf Tournament, to be held at Lakeville Country Club on June 25. For more information call 781-335-3023, ext. 120.

Wed. 26

Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree Five corners presents the comedy of **John Turco, Cal Verdulchi, Annette Polack, Mike O'Neill, Mindy Fay and Mike Flynn**. Call 781-843-0300 for reservations and tickets.

The Friends of South Shore Hospital will conduct's its annual meeting and luncheon on June 26, at 11 a.m. at Barker Tavern in Scituate. The speaker will be "Boston Globe" columnist and author Brian McGrory. New members welcome. Call 781-340-8520 for tickets.

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Fri. 28

Clyde Beatty Cole Bros Circus sponsored by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club. will be held at Plymouth Airport June 28 through June 30 Tent raising will begin at 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on June 28. Advance tickets on sale at Independence Mall Food Court, Stop and Shop, Rt. 44 in Plymouth, Noah's Ark, Carver, Plymouth Trophy and Award and online at www.tickets.com or call 1-888-3325600.

Mayflower II – Providence, Rhode Island Sail (weather permitting) In celebration of Independence Day, Mayflower II will make a first ever voyage to Providence. The ship will leave Plymouth June 28 and travel down the coastline to Newport where she will dock overnight. She'll sail up Narragansett Bay and dock at India Point park in Providence on June 30.

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Karen Bresnahan accompanied by Sonny Dwight will perform at the "Praise on the Parkway" concert June 23. **A free ecumenical concert "Praise on the Parkway" will be held June 23, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Cole Parkway Bandstand in Scituate Harbor. This event is being sponsored by Harvest Baptist Church in Norwell. The Rev. Mark Minervino will be master of ceremonies. For more information call Emily Robinson at 781-545-7272.**

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Reunions

PEMBROKE IMPERIALS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS. 25 YEARS AFTER: A reunion is scheduled for June 22, at Anne's Place in East Sandwich. Anyone and everyone who was affiliated with the Jr. and Sr. Imperials are welcomed to attend. This will be an adult function starting at noon. Tickets are $35. Walk-ins welcome. If interested, visit the website at www.Masscorpslinks.com/imperials.htm for more information.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com <mailto:indelicato@attbi.com>.

MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 REUNION will be held on Friday, evening, Sept. 20, at Double Tree Guests Suits, Waltham. The reunion committee is still looking for some classmates. If you are or know a member of the class of 1952 who has not yet received any mail on this subject, call addresses in to Ed Landry at 781-273-6664 for inclusion in the upcoming mailing of invitations.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982's 20th reunion is all set. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 5, at the Sheraton Braintree. Organizers are still looking for classmates. Contact Eric Braley by phone at 302-793-2068 or by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

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ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Tall Richard** on June 28. Admission $8. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Swinging Steaks** on June 28. Casual dress. Cover charge $8. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance June 28 with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

Ongoing Events

The Weymouth Art Association will display work by members at several locations around town for June and July. In the Town Hall the Mayor's office, Anet Paglierani and Gail Coyle will display paintings. In the Treasurer's office Jeanne Mulligan is exhibiting a painting. In the Councilors' office, Jack Morris, Robert Shapiro, John Shaw, Helen Shaw and Bill Sawyer are exhibiting their work. Mary Mainiero will display a painting in the Auditor's office. Snyder Jewelers is displaying the work of Ed McCormack, Joseph Nover, Kaye O'Brien and Joyce Olsen. Jordan Insurance is displaying paintings by Claire Spano, Arlene Watson, Reva Gordon, Maggie Lee Gosselin and Bob Weikel. Rizzo Insurance is displaying the work of Arnold Turner and Isabella Hoell. Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Joseph MacFarlane. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

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Colleen Sexton

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café presents Lynn Deeves and Colleen Sexton June 21. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is $12. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café is located at 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater. For more information call 508-378-1584.

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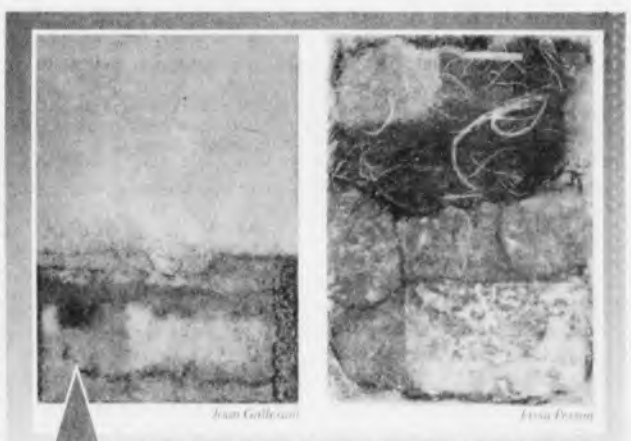
(On stage in "The Full Monty" Cleavant Derricks, Robert Westenberg, Christian Anderson, Christopher J. Hanke (kneeling in front) Geoffrey Nauffts and Michael J. Todaro).

617/931-2787.

The smash hit Broadway musical "The Full Monty" is being presented at Boston's Colonial Theatre, through June 30. Based on the 1997 Academy Award-winning film of the same name, "The Full Monty" is the funny and heartfelt story of six unemployed steelworkers who get together to make some money and help out a friend in trouble. When a local male strip show — whose dancers venture down to G-strings — is a hit with the women, the financially strapped steelworkers figure they can cash in big time if they go "The Full Monty." For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787.



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The Sparrow House Museum presents "Lissa Person, Joan Gallerani : Monotypes" from June 21 through July 21. An opening reception will be held Friday, June 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Sparrow House is located at 42 Summer Street in Plymouth. For more information (508) 747-1240.

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Runway plan causes a stir

By Carol Britton Meyer
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A controversial plan to build a new runway at Logan Airport has moved a step closer to becoming a reality.

Massport wants to expand Logan, because it says doing so will reduce delays.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is supporting a "compromise" plan that would limit the runway's use to days when winds from the northwest cause delays on other Logan runways, project opponents still fear the worst.

"We will continue to fight against the runway," said State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham. "The project would be detrimental, tripling flights over the South Shore. This is a short-sighted approach to a regional transportation project."

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— State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham

While the final decision isn't expected to be announced until Friday by the FAA, Bradley said it's "clear the FAA is signing off on the runway in some shape or form."

Runway opponent Thomas Maloney is disturbed the runway plan appears to be moving forward.

"It's a shame for the town," he said. "Time is running out, and people need to get involved."

The South Shore Jet Pollution Council and Hingham's Jet Noise Task Force are two such avenues.

"The impacts on Hingham, regardless of what form a new runway takes, will be tremendous," Maloney said. "Over-Hingham will become the preferred route. Areas of town not affected now by jet

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MARKET DAY

Gillian Mehigan and her mother Anne Marie enjoy the Cohasset Farmers Market, which is held from 2:30-6:30 p.m. every Thursday on the town common and features fresh produce, plants and activities. For more photos see page 24.

CMHS food court slated

New lunch concept starts in September

By Mary Ford
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When the new, state-of-the-a middle-high school cafeteria com on line in September, it's going look more like a food court at a upscale shopping mall or airpo than a typical cafeteria.

Gone are the days of waiting the same long line with tray in har for a limited number of choices.

Today's youngsters hav demanding palates. Their taste bu have been honed on a huge range foods including ethnic varieties.

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SHINING MOMENT

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Sally Meehan, 11, of Cohasset, enjoys the company of a live monarch butterfly during graduation ceremonies at the Montessori Community School in Scituate where she will be entering the seventh grade. Pictured at left, in yellow raincoat is her cousin, William Marsden, 6, also of Cohasset.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE COHASSET POLICE DEPARTMEN

Cohasset police officers Jeffrey Trainor, left, and Garrett Hunt fire at targets to test their accuracy at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club off Route 3A.

Sure-fire through target practice

Police complete weapons training

By Evan Schiff
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They hope they never have to use their weapons and in a small town like Cohasset, a situation rarely arises which would necessitate the need of a gun. But the Cohasset police officers are still thoroughly trained in how to fire both shotguns and hand-held firearms.

"With the times we live in it's important that an officer be able to handle himself in dangerous situations," Police Chief Robert Jackson said. "I don't think we could put an officer on the street if we didn't give them a gun."

Many of the 20 full-time and four part-time officers were recently re-certified on their weapons at a qualifying session. The certification is necessary in order for the officers to be able to carry a firearm while on duty and is required for every person on the force once a year.

The officers go to the Scituate Rod and Gun Club off Route 3A for the test which is administered the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. Before their tes the officers participate in two training ses sions throughout the year.

According to Jackson, there are no grant available for the training, which the depart ment pays for. The cost is approximatel $1200 per shoot which covers the cost c ammunition for all 24 officers.

Officer Christy Tarantino, who has bee on the force for six years and is one of th two local trainers on the force, said the offi cers will normally fire 500-1000 rounds, c bullets, during their weapons test. The offi cers will also get refresher courses in gu

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Town passes the water-quality test

The Cohasset Water Commission will soon release its 2002 Water Quality Report, which will be mailed to all Cohasset residents by July 1. EPA requires all water suppliers to prepare and distribute this report by this date each year.

"We are pleased to report, again, that Cohasset drinking water is in compliance with all applicable water quality standards," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission.

"We have taken many significant steps in the past year in the past year to preserve and protect the quality of Cohasset's public drinking water," McNabb said, "including the cleaning of the Bear Hill water storage tank, the flushing of the distribution system, the rehabilitation of just over 2 miles of water mains by replacing undersized mains and by cleaning and lining others, the replacement of the flocculation and sedimentation basins at the Lily Pond Treatment Plant, and the development of a long range plan, just completed, for protection of the quality of our surface water supplies."

EPA regulations require all water suppliers to report all regulated contaminants which are detected in the drinking water. During calendar year 2001, the following contaminants were detected, all within compliance of applicable water quality regulations:

Barium – detected at 0.014 parts per million (ppm), less than the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 2.0.

Fluoride – Added to the water to promote strong teeth; detected at a maximum of 1.11 ppm, less than the MCL of 4 ppm.

Chlorine – Added to disinfect water to prevent disease from microorganisms. While chlorine is required to be added to the water for public health reasons, it is important to keep chlorine levels as low as possible. "We detected a maximum of 1.95 ppm of chlorine, which is lower than the 4.0 ppm Maximum Residual Disinfection Level recommended by EPA," said McNabb.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) – Byproduct from chlorination and reaction of chlorine with sediment in water mains. TTHM's were detected in the distribution system for an average of 66 ppb; which is below the MCL of 100 ppb. "Note that the MCL for TTHM's does not apply for small systems, said McNabb. "We are voluntarily testing for HAC's and TTHM's," said McNabb. "Because we are concerned about these levels and are taking steps to reduce them to provide the maximum possible protection to the people of Cohasset," said McNabb. "Since HAC's and TTHM's are caused by the reaction of chlorine and sediment in water, we expect that the flushing of the water pipes, the cleaning out of the Bear Hill tank, and the recent improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment plant will continue to educe the levels of HAC's and TTHM's."

Total Haloacetic Acids (HAC) – A byproduct from chlorination of water. "While HAC's were detected at 65 ppb, and the MCL is 60 ppb, this is not a violation because the MCL does not apply to small systems, under 10,000 populations, like Cohasset.

"The Water Commission is taking action to reduce HAC levels, by regular flushing of the water distribution system and by changes to the operation of the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant," McNabb said.

Lead – out of 20 locations tested in the water distribution system, only 2 of them were detected above the action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb), which is in compliance with the regulatory limit for lead.

Turbidity – a measure of the amount of sediment in the water. From daily testing, which is an overall measure of water quality, the highest turbidity detected was 0.09 NTU, lower than the regulatory limit of 5 NTU.

Copper – out of 20 locations tested, none had copper levels above the Action Level of 1.3 ppm, which is in compliance with the regulatory limit for copper.

Sodium. Detected 29.7 ppm. There is no MCL for sodium, but it is recommended that people on salt restricted diets consult with their physicians when the level is over 20 ppm. "We are taking steps to identify the sources of sodium and to reduce these levels in the future."

Sulfate. Detected 26.3 ppm. There is no MCL for sulfate, which is unregulated but which we are required to include in our regular annual tests.

"The Water Commission's consultants have just completed a is in the process of completing a comprehensive Surface Water Supply Protection Plan which will recommend a long-range plan for protection of our surface water supplies ," McNabb said.

Copies of the 2002 Water Quality Report are available at Town Hall, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.

This week in **COHASSET**

Church says no to Keno

The Reverend John Maheras, who presides over the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church on Jerusalem Road, has written a letter to the selectmen outlining his concerns with the proposed installation of a Keno game in De Niro's restaurant.

Maheras' main concern relate to the Church's plans to erect a community center adjacent to the Church building. The community center would be a gathering place for families.

"We would expect it to be a focal point for elderly, for families planning family events where they would need a hall," he wrote.

Maheras wrote that any additional cars and traffic would add to an ever increasing burden to the traffic situation in North Cohasset.

"It is to be noted that at peak times, parking for De Niro's already spills over to Jerusalem Road and Route 228," he wrote. "If the expansion is allowed at De Niro's, it would obviously take form the limited parking they now have. This would mean that patrons would have to park either on the street, in front of the homes of the residents or in the parking area of other businesses."

Maheras continued to say that the Church also opposes the granting of Keno in De Niro's for its stated policy on the inherent dangers of gambling.

Keno, sanctioned by the lottery commission, is a game akin to Bingo. Players are given a sheet of numbers and asked to mark anywhere from one to 12 spots and can wager up to $20 on each sheet. The winning numbers are then displayed on the screen and prizes are given out based on the number of picks the player picked correctly. A new game is displayed on the Keno screen every five minutes.

The idea of sanctioned gambling in residential neighborhood did not appeal to the selectmen. The board voted unanimously to object to the installation of Keno at De Niro's Restaurant on Hull Street two weeks ago. The selectmen had 21 days to respond to the application and the case will now go before the Massachusetts Lottery Commission, which still has the authority to allow the game.

Beechwood fields

Thomas and Debbie Murphy, residents of Beechwood Street, wrote a letter to Town Manager Mark Haddad outlining their concerns about the Beechwood ball fields. Their issues center around two areas parking and lighting.

The Murphys said cars parking on both sides of the street restrict their access to their driveway. They also claimed that many cars turn in to their driveway which causes damage to both the pavement and their garden.

"When cars are parked on both sides of the street access is very difficult," the couple wrote. "Our other concern is an emergency vehicle would not be able to fit down the street when cars are parked on both sides."

There is also the lights on the basketball courts which has the Murphys upset. They wrote that people turn on the light and play at all hours and they have been forced to call the police many times.

"We have had people playing as late as 1 a.m.," they wrote. "We would request that there be no light at the courts and a restriction of its use after 10 p.m."

Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, June 24.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, June 27, 7:30 p.m.

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Sewer Commission, July 2, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, July 18, 7:30 p.m.

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Sun. 30	3:42	9.8	10:02	4:20	9.1	10:19
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School bus service back on the block

By Mary Ford
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The bus company that got high marks from the school department is pulling out of Cohasset.

Although Joseph Ingle Bus Service Inc. will still provide the runs for school athletics and some field trips, the regular bus routes could go back in-house or be provided by another company.

Stephen Ingle, who heads Hanover-based Ingle Bus Service, would stay in Cohasset if he could use his own buses., he said in a telephone interview.

"That way I have control," Ingle said referring to maintenance and insurance issues he has had with the Cohasset fleet over the past two years.

Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey said the school department offered Ingle a third year with a financial adjustment, including a review of insurance provisions and replacement of vehicles, but disposing of the fleet that includes two 1999 buses was not a viable option at this time.

Malvey said providing school transportation including athletics and a special education bus runs about $200,000 a year. Plans are to put the service out to bid, however bringing it in-house again is an option.

Now the school department has a full-time business manager, Malvey said in-house service would have better management than in past years and possibly be cheaper than contracting it out. Two years ago, the school department opted to hire a contractor to provide bus service using the Cohasset-owned fleet and awarded the bid to Ingle.

Malvey said any outstanding issues with Ingle have "always been amicably resolved."

Plans are to put the service out to bid, however bringing it in-house again is an option.

But Ingle, who offered the Cohasset drivers jobs when he came on board two years ago, is concerned about liability because the buses aren't his. He is also frustrated because he says he's never had an official contract, just the bid documents that he signed.

"I never got an agreement saying they accepted my offer," he said.

Malvey described the flap as a "non issue." He explained the bid document is a contract. There was also a problem when the paperwork for a student van that was left off the master list as the insurance was renewed last year, but the situation was immediately rectified as soon as the oversight was discovered. Malvey noted the town, not the school department, takes care of the insurance and registration on all school and town vehicles.

But, nevertheless, Ingle wasn't comfortable with the answers he received.

"I do not wish to continue to operate their vehicles when over two years, I haven't been able to get required documents," he said, adding if something happened, he wasn't sure who would be liable.

Malvey described Ingle's protestations as a "smokescreen" saying for business reasons, he want's his own vehicles and that's the issue.

Nevertheless both the school department and Ingle had positive things to say.

The transportation subcommittee that examined the busing issue and is made up of members of the School Committee and school administration wrote to Ingle, "The committee is most anxious to continue your services as we are all pleased with the quality of your service.

Ingle, who provides bus service to Hanover and Rockland public schools and several private schools, said he's had a good experience in Cohasset. He said ridership was way up and the company had a great relationship with the parents.

"But I have plenty of work to do here," he said about his business. " It's enough to keep me busy."

Private trash haulers may have to recycle

By Mary Ford
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About 400 of the 3,000 households in town don't use the Recycling Transfer Facility, dubbed the RTF, but hire private haulers to remove their trash.

But the Recycling Committee would like to require the six private haulers in town to recycle.

"It would mean more state grant money for the town for recycling," said Selectman Merle Brown, who is also a member of the Recycling Committee. "And they should be doing it anyway."

A year ago, the town started the Pay As You Throw system where residents have to pay for special blue trash bags. The theory behind "buck-a-bag" is that people will use fewer bags and recycle more. The program is working and recycling is way up, Brown said. Tonnage sent to SEMASS, the incinerator in Rochester, Mass., is down some 10,000 pounds a month.

So the next logical step, for Brown and the Recycling Committee, is to get everyone in town to recycle.

Haulers would be required to submit weight slips on a regular basis that showed a minimum recycling effort of 20 percent.

John McNabb, a water commissioner and Recycling Committee member, pointed out at last week's selectmen's meeting with more recycling in the state there would be less need for landfills.

His remarks followed questions by Selectman Ronnie McMorris who wasn't sure what the town's interest would be in requiring private haulers to recycle. They don't use the RTF but take the trash out of town.

The Board of Health issues permits the private haulers, but the selectmen would be charged with enforcement of recycling regulations.

Brown said the haulers would be required to submit weight slips on a regular basis that showed a minimum recycling effort of 20 percent. At the RTF, residents recycle 45-50 percent of their trash, he said.

Recycling would be a condition of the permit, which could be pulled if the hauler does not recycle, McNabb explained.

Plans are to invite the private haulers to a selectmen's meeting later this summer to discuss making recycling mandatory. If selectmen go with the requirement, private haulers would have several months to comply and come up with a plan showing how they would handle recycling with their customers.

Water restrictions for North Cohasset

Based upon the extremely dry period in late April and may and the continued high water demands, the Massachusetts-American Water Company, which serves 600 customers in North Cohasset, is advising its customers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset to continue to use water wisely and efficiently during this upcoming summer season and is implementing mandatory odd-even outside watering restrictions. Outside water use is now limited to between 5 and 9 a.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. on an odd/even schedule consistent with street address number.

Eileen Commane, Operations Manager for the Company said "Recent rainfall has helped curb demand but the 30 plus days of little or no rainfall in late April and May has caused water demands to remain higher than normal. As such, it is especially important that customers use water as efficiently as possible and manage outside water use consistent with the mandatory odd/even schedule."

Zoning proposals sought by July 8

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The ZAC is an ad-hoc committee of the Planning Board consisting of the following members: Al Moore, Planning Board; Ben Lacy, Zoning Board;; Merle Brown, Board of Selectmen; Veneta Roebuck, Conservation Commission; Rich Henderson, Citizen Member; Mark DeGiacomo, Citizen Member; Liz Harrington, Town Planner; and Bob Egan, Building Commissioner.

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New Logan Airport runway plan causes a stir

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noise and pollution will be affected by both landings and take-offs."

Referring to lawsuits filed against the proposed runway, Bradley thinks it's unfortunate that the issue will be decided through the court system rather than the public policy arena.

One lawsuit was filed in Suffolk Superior Court to lift a 1976 injunction blocking construction of a new runway and another lawsuit filed in Plymouth County by Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, and Revere challenging Massport's environmental findings.

Cohasset voters appropriated $30,000 toward the runway lawsuit at their annual Town Meeting in March, bringing that town's total for the runway fight to $78,500.

In April, Hingham Town Meeting voters supported a warrant article calling for appropriating an additional $100,000 to fight the project, bringing its total to $178,500.

While project opponents are hopeful they'll win in the end, Massport spokeswoman Barbara Platt recently told the Hingham Journal she believes the project "will stand on its own merits."

While the FAA claims air traffic congestion would be relieved by the construction of a new runway, opponents cite noise and air pollution as key reasons to stop the project from moving forward.

There are other concerns as well.

"With no public oversight, what is the enforcement mechanism which will hold Massport to its word (once a final decision is made regarding the runway)?" Bradley asks. "The FAA and Massport will decide how it will be used once the ground is broken, and I have no faith that if they say it will only be used under certain conditions that that will be how the runway is actually used."

Project opponent Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, shares Bradley's concerns.

"I thought all along we would end up with a runway in some form despite opposition to it," he said. "It almost seems that because of the other issues the FAA appears to be addressing, including peak pricing and limiting runway use based on the wind's direction, that there's a recognition of the impacts. It appears the FAA is looking for a political middle ground, but I don't believe there is such a thing in this case. The FAA shouldn't be making a political decision, and to a degree, that may be what's happening."

Hedlund, like Bradley, plans to continue opposing the runway.

"There's a nice coalition of political leaders in a number of communities who are together on this, and I think they'll hang tough," he said.

Bradley thinks the $100 million allocated to the project should be put instead toward increasing capacity at another regional airport as well as airport security.

"We need to look at a major airport in the Worcester/Springfield area," he said. "Why would anyone want to put a runway in an airport that's already at capacity (referring to Logan)?"

Besides, notes Bradley, issues related to security have taken precedence over ones surrounding delays since the events of September 11.

"It can take an hour to get through security, and rightly so," Bradley said.

CMHS food court slated

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No one understands that better than officials at Chartwells School Dining Services, a North Carolina-based company that has had the food-service contract in Cohasset for about a dozen years.

The price of a full school meal will go up about 15 cents next fall to $2.15 for students and $2.40 for teachers, but Chartwell officials think hungry students and faculty will ante up for the new fare.

"Our customers have become much more sophisticated in the past several years," the Chartwells' "Profiles in Good Taste" brochure states. "People are dining out more and eating at home less.

"In this new environment, school lunch is endlessly compared to the retail food marketplace and inspires all of us to compete."

Thanks to the school building project, which is underway, the middle-high school cafeteria will be brand-new in the fall, a factor that will facilitate the introduction of the new concept in school lunches.

Chartwells is restructuring the traditional "straight" hot lunch line into unique "stations" that include Fresh Grille for hamburgers, chicken sandwiches and the like; Trattoria for classic Italian fare including homemade pizza and calzones; Origins, for a traditional hot lunch with casseroles and vegetables; Sandwich Central and OutTakes for deli sandwiches and wraps and Components for entree accompaniments such as tossed salad, fruit and rolls.

The goal is to bring a more professional and retail look by focusing on food quality and presentation, Chartwells officials say.

The meals will all have the various components and food groups required by the federal government for schools, Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey said.

"No matter what station you go to, the meal is still in compliance," he said.

The price hike will help pay for more part-time helpers needed for the new stations, Malvey said.

He explained the new offerings will "trickle down" to the Deer Hill and Osgood schools because all the food is prepared at the middle-high school and shipped to the elementary schools.

Malvey said he's confident the new menu will be a hit with faculty and students alike.

"The hope is that few will brown bag it," he said. The other big change is elimination of the open campus for seniors. Seniors had been allowed to leave the high school during lunch.

"That concept has seen its day," Malvey said. "There were no glaring problems with it – and the change is not punitive." He said the School Committee was in total agreement about eliminating the practice of allowing seniors off campus during lunch.

"There's no need for it, we're not a college campus," Malvey said.

Chartwells showed the school department "before and after" photographs of the cafeteria at Lexington High School where the food service company's "Profiles in Good Taste" has been launched. Attractive wall-mounted signs identify each station in the food court.

Chartwells served 127,622 meals in Cohasset schools last year for total revenue of $261,350. It expects to serve 133,562 meals next school year with revenue projections of $304,484. The company reported a small profit of $600 this past school year.

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Cohasset Harbor 'Friends' group hopes to make a splash

By Steven Profaizer
CORRESPONDENT

To a relatively new grassroots group in town, having a user-friendly harbor means keeping it just the way it is.

To that end, the Friends of Cohasset Harbor that formed earlier this year hosted a meeting last week at the Lightkeepers' Residence – which has one of the most spectacular harbor views in town – to garner support for its cause.

The Friends members say they are in an ongoing struggle with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, which numbers wealthy businessman Peter Roy among its backers. Roy owns Kimballs by the Sea, the Olde Salt House, Atlantica and the Mill River Marine Railway, all harbor businesses.

The Friends say the CRC is intent on making certain renovations to harbor in order to make it more aesthetically pleasing to the growing number of tourists, who visit Cohasset each year. In fact, Atlantica, Kimballs and the Old Salt House are now being marketed as the Cohasset Harbor Resort.

The major issues of the "Friends" meeting revolved around new parking arrangements, lampposts, sidewalks, and fences proposed by CRC.

"Some sidewalks and other pieces of town property do have problems," said Sam Knox, co-founder of "Friends". "There does need to be some maintenance performed, but maintenance is the key word.

"There are some things which need improvement in the harbor," he said. "But there is just no demand for the revitalization CRC is proposing."

The "Friends" say CRC should produce a definitive agenda and to place it into public forums for discussion.

"The community generously pays many town officials to run the town how the townspeople want it to be run – not how someone who can gather enough funds wants it to be run," Knox said.

During the course of the meeting, many said CRC was uninterested in their opinions regarding the matters at hand.

"When [CRC] asks the public's opinion on an issue, they develop a menu of choices and that's what we have to pick from," Knox said. "We have nothing to do with the making of the menu; we're stuck with what they give us."

Dean Rizzo, CRC director, did not attend the meeting but said in a later interview, while Roy is one of the primary supporters of the non-profit group, several other residents and businesses have contributed large sums of money to the harbor effort.

"It's true that Peter Roy owns a majority of the harbor-area businesses," Rizzo said. "Personally, I would rather have this situation where the owner lives in the community and is generously investing in the community rather than an absentee landlord that cares very little about his property, nor the public infrastructure around it."

Rizzo said the fear of rising tourism because of infrastructure improvements is unfounded.

"The natural beauty, character and history of the harbor environment, as well as the availability of quality goods and services by local businesses are what people have been coming to Cohasset for decades to enjoy," he said. "More people will not start to come in greater numbers simply because the community improves pedestrian safety and access conditions around the harbor."

Rizzo also defended the CRC's improvement options and design information packets that were developed with public input. He said the goal was to distill all the various comments into three distinct and clear improvement approaches to be considered.

Towards the end of the "Friends' meeting, the focus shifted towards what each person could do as an individual to support preserving the harbor. A list of 11 phone numbers belonging to key people in the decision-making process regarding the issues at hand was distributed to all those in attendance.

"I implore each of you to contact these people to express you feelings," Richard Karoff, co-founder of "Friends," said. "They've all heard from me; they need to hear from new people."

The "Friends" group says a little attention is all the harbor needs.

"We're not looking to be controversial," said Sandy Manzella of the Friends. "We're all for sprucing up the town a little, but we're not looking to spend millions doing it."

Friends' members say they will continue to meet on a regular basis.

"We just want to maintain the quality of life that is now in the Cohasset harbor," Knox said. "It is a nice place to live and raise children; that's why we moved here and that's how we want it to stay."

For more information regarding the Friends of Cohasset's mission or opportunities to become involved contact Sam Knox at fch143@hotmail.com.

Editor Mary Ford also contributed to this report.

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Book signing is Saturday

Author Jacqueline Dormitzer will sign copies of "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III" at Veterans Park Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Because there will not be enough time before this first signing to mail books to those who have ordered them in advance, the town history committee will have extra books on hand.

For those who do not attend the signing, the committee intends to mail books next week to all those who have ordered and paid for them. There will be additional opportunities to get the book signed, including July 10 from 7-9 p.m. at Buttonwood Books.

Buttonwood hosts Dormitzer signing

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Jacqueline M. Dormitzer who will sign her book the "Narrative History of Cohasset", Volume III on Wednesday, July 10 from 7-9 p.m. in Cohasset. This book chronicles Cohasset history from 1950 to 2000 and is packed with the people, pictures and events that made Cohasset history. The newly released Volume III of Cohasset history is a wonderful keepsake for family and friends. It is filled with vivid images of the postwar, Vietnam and Gulf War periods as well the individuals and stories that shaped the last half-century. $32.

Author Dormitzer knows Cohasset well, both as a 35 year-old resident and as an involved citizen. She grew up in Chicago and graduated from Wellesley College, where she majored in French. Dormitzer and her husband, Ralph, moved to Cohasset in 1967 and raised two sons. Reservations are requested for seating and refreshment planning. Please call 781-383-2665 to reserve or to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Cohasset sixth-graders' posters 'clear the air'

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

SPECIAL WISHES

A very special happy birthday wish goes out this week to a very fine man. Mr. **Fred Piepenbrink** is celebrating his birthday and his family would like for him to know that they all wish him the best on his special day. Happy Birthday, Papa!

DEAN'S LIST

Jeffrey Scribner, a Bryant College student in his freshman year, made this springs dean's list. Jeffrey is a finance major and his parents are extremely proud of him. Great work.

Gregory A. Boyne was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the UMass Lowell. Greg had to maintain at least 3.0 with no grade lower than a B. Greg is a music major. Great work.

Amanda Gontarz was named to the dean's list at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn. for the spring semester. Amanda had to maintain at least a 3.5 gpa on a 4 point scale. Great job, Amanda.

GOOD-BYE PARTY

A farewell party is in the works for **Chris and Jen Peterson**, former owners of RGP Pizza and you are invited to attend. Those wonderful people who brought the restaurant to town are moving to Durango, Colo. Yes, Chris and Jen and their daughters are heading west. They have all made many friends here and a bon voyage cookout will be held in their honor. Please join in this celebration at St. Stephen's Walton Roger Hall, Sunday, July 7, from 4-7 p.m. to wish Chris, Jen, **Hannah** and **Julia** a special Cohasset send off. Call **Kelly Dickson** at 383-9162 to RSVP.

CHS 25TH REUNION

Classmates and teachers are invited to attend the CHS Class of 1977 25th Reunion to be held on Aug. 3, 2002! The fee for this is $55 for the catered reception being held at the Red Lion Inn.

For more information, please contact **Kathy (Donahue) Anderson** at 781-383-2503. Hope to see you there.

PSO CALENDAR

Attention all community organizations, PSO members, social organizations and more! The Cohasset PSO is in the process of preparing the 2002-2003 Cohasset PSO Calendar and your information on all events, fundraisers, meetings and contact information with names, phone numbers and emails is needed no later than July 31. Please forward all information to psocalendar@yahoo.com or call 781-383-0143.

MATH AWARD

During the "Last Chapel" at Derby Academy, **Maggie Pilczak** was awarded the "Francis J. Ranieri Award" in mathematics. This award is presented to the eighth or ninth grader selected by the faculty in recognition of special aptitude for and a high level of proficiency and interest in mathematics. Mr. Ranieri was in attendance at the Last Chapel to present this award with members of the Mathematics Department. Congratulations to Maggie for such outstanding achievement.

XAVERIAN GRAD

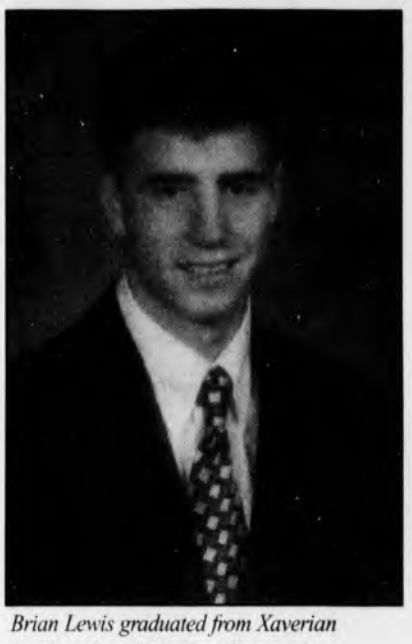
Brian F. Lewis, son of **Kevin and Margaret Lewis**, graduated from Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood on May 19, 2002. Xaverian is a private, Catholic secondary school for boys.

UVM BOUND

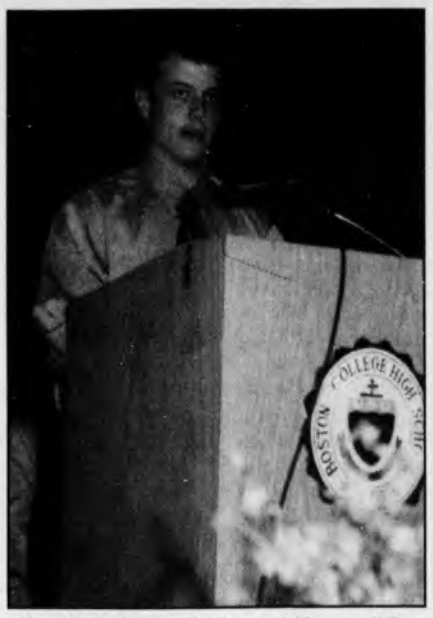
Emily Larson graduated from Dana Hall School in Wellesley on June 9. Emily is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Larson**. She will attend the University of Vermont. Dana Hall is an independent, boarding and day school for girls in grades 6-12.

HONOR ROLL

Kara Gaughen, daughter of **Robert and Margaret Gaughen**, earned honor roll status for the spring term at Phillips Academy, also known as Andover. Kara maintained at least a 5-point average on a 6-point scale.



Brian Lewis graduated from Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood.



Chris Carr delivers the Senior Address at BC High's Senior Class Night.

Dana Hall graduate Emily Larson plans to attend the University of Vermont.

POSTER WINNERS

Three Cohasset sixth-graders won recognition for poster designs illustrating the theme, "Let's Clear the Air of Secondhand Smoke." The first-place winner was **Emerson Oronte**; the second place went to **Claire McCarthy** and third place went to **Samantha Fortin**. The South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative, of which Cohasset is a member, sponsored the contest. The posters were displayed in town and the first-place poster will be featured in a 2003 smoke-free calendar.

All winning posters will be displayed on the collaboratives web site: www.smokefreenews.com.

OFF TO MIDDLEBURY

Kristen T. Deane was among the students to receive diplomas at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. Kristen, who plans to attend Middlebury College, was an active member of the Missionary Society(the school's community service organization), volunteering at a local daycare center that serves "at risk" children. She was also an honors student and participated in a student-exchange program at Yokohama, Japan. Kristen's proud parents are **Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Deane**. Kristen received her diploma with distinction in modern language.

MASTER'S EARNED

Michael A. Peraino who is Hingam's D.A.R.E officer, received a master of education from Curry College on May 19. Super news.

BC HIGH AWARDS

Christopher J. Carr and **Benjamin J. Kinch**, 2002 graduates of B.C. High, recently won special awards at Senior Class Night, an evening set aside to celebrate and reward the school's seniors. Christopher delivered the Senior Address, was among the top 10 ranking seniors, won the excellence award in three subjects: Latin V AP, English literature AP, faith & justice, won a commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Program, a maxima cum laude in the National Test of Economic Literacy, and a summa cum laude gold medal in the National Latin Exam. Ben won the Lawrence E. O'Rourke English Award. What an amazing list of accomplishments, congratulations to both of you.

UVM SCHOLAR

The University of Vermont, College of Arts and Sciences announced that **Corinna Noering**, Class of 2005 has been accepted into the sophomore class of the John Dewey Honors Program. John Dewey Scholars participate in seminars with other academically committed honor students, who seek an especially challenging and creative undergraduate experience. Corinna is also a member of the UVM Varsity Lacrosse team and contributed to the Division 1 teams first appearance in the America East semi-finals since 1996. Super news, Corinna.

'SEA' YOU THERE

The Cohasset Sailing Club would like to invite all adult members especially, all *new* members to a "Music Under the Stars" Party to be held this Saturday evening, June 29, beginning at 7p.m. at the Sailing Club. The "cost of admission" for letters A-L(the first letter of your last name) is to bring a dessert, letters M-Z are to bring an appetizer. Please also plan to bring your own beverage. Come join the fun as the "Grateful Dads" serenade you under the Stars! The "Dads are playing for "free" but donations are welcome to thank them for the entertainment. Hope to "sea" you there!

I just want to say, summer is here! The weather is super and it is so nice to be enjoying the sunshine. Make sure to send in all your news and plans for the Fourth Of July!

I wish for everyone to have a fun, safe and enjoyable Fourth of July no matter where you are or what you spend your day doing.

That is all for this week. Please Cohasset remember that if you don't send me your news, I cannot print it! Make sure to get all your news, events and photos NO LATER THAN MONDAYS AT NOON! This is not my only job and it is very difficult for me to try and rush something in at the last minute.

Thank you for this cooperation.

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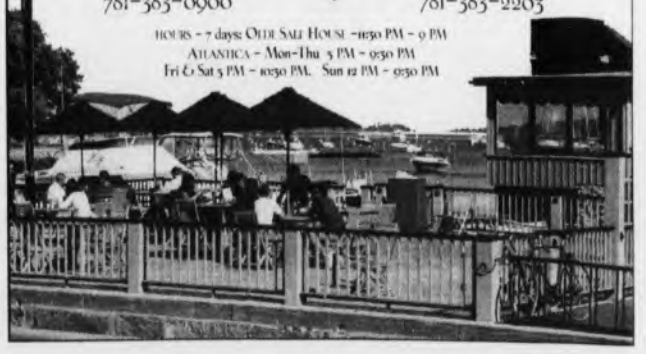

Summer fun at Community Center

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Gymnastics

Session I - July classes

Tuesdays 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Beg/Int girls and boys ages 5 to 8

July 9, 16, 23, and 30

$36 members/$40 non-members

Sports for kids ages 4 to 6

Wednesdays 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Kickball, Bowling, Hockey, Lacrosse, Softee Baseball, Scoopball, Gymnastics and much more. Bring sneakers and sunscreen just in case we go out on the common.

July 10, 17, 24, and 31

$36 members/$40 non-members

Limited sign-up.

Thursdays 3:30 to 4:30 beg/int. girls gymnastics age 7 to 11

July 11, 18, 25, and Aug. 1

$36 members/$40 non-members

Summer Fun Week with Mary Brennock

Ages 3 to 6

Children enjoy nature walks and explore outdoors (weather permitting,) simple cooking, science projects. Bring snack.

Aug. 6, 7, 8, from 9 a.m. to noon

$80 member/$85 non-member

Circus Camp with Mary Brennock

Ages 3 to 6

Aug. 13, 14, 15, and Aug. 20, 21, 22 from 9 a.m. to noon

Children will act out a circus performance for parents and friends the last class. Games, stories, crafts and more. Bring snack.

Teddy Bear Review with Mary Brennock

Ages 3 to 6

Aug. 27, 28, 29 from 9 a.m. to noon

$80 members/$85 non-members

Bring a favorite teddy/stuffed animal. We'll make teddy bear crafts, cookies and a teddy bear picnic and parade.

Camp for Boys and Girls with Susie O'Brien and Ellen Burke

Ages 4 to 9 (Children will be grouped by age)

Session I - Aug. 12 to 15

Session II - Aug. 19 to 22

Session III - Aug. 26 to 29

8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. each session $112 second sibling $99

Join in the fun with sports, crafts, bowling, cooking, water fun, and games. Bring snack and lunch.

Benefit dinner for discovery museum

Celebrity Chef Anthony Ambrose is creating a special dinner menu to benefit Our World, the new children's discovery museum set to open in Cohasset in the fall of 2003.

The dinner will be held July 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St.. Tickets are $125 each with a portion of the proceeds going to the non-profit Our World Inc. Reservations are required at 781-383-0300.

Ambrose, a Cohasset resident, is chef-owner of Ambrosia on Huntington in Boston. He and his wife, Dorene, are parents of two small children and vitally interested in the museum project.

Leah Taylor Roy and Mary Larson are in the midst of a $1 million fundraising campaign to construct the museum and an associated global-themed playground in a two story wing of the former Joseph Osgood School. The two Cohasset residents view the project as a way to bring cultural diversity to the area.

The town's new library will occupy the rest of the former school building, which is located at the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street. Roy and Larson believe the museum will be the perfect tie-in for the library.

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Chernobyl benefit dance a hit

By Evan Schiff
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For many, the only apparent similarity between Cohasset and Russia is that they both have "a" in the spelling of their names. But soon the two destinations though thousands of miles apart on the map, will share more than a letter.

Cohasset will soon welcome two Russian teenagers, who will come to town for a month as part of the Chernobyl Children project.

"After learning about the disaster they really wanted to help in anyway they could."

— Sharon Chase

Though the two teens haven't arrived yet, they've already made an impact on at least one group in town. A seventh-grade class at the Deer Hill School, led by special education teacher Sharon Chase, organized a dance for the project and is donating all proceeds for the cause. It costs about $1300 to bring one child over to America for a month and this year the project will be shuttling 130 kids to the New England area.

The dance, held Tuesday night at St. Anthony's Church, featured a large sundae bar for the kids to gorge on followed by entertainment provide by DJ Scott Ripatrazone. The seventh-grade class secured the ice cream and various toppings from the generous donations of local restaurants such as Stop 'N Shop, Papa Ginos, French Memories and Strawberry Parfait, and also procured the dance space and the DJ for free.

"The kids came up with the idea for the dance, they were so enthusiastic about it," Sharon said. "After learning about the disaster they really wanted to help in anyway they could."

Sharon brought in speakers to talk about the meltdown and has conducted several of lessons on it which has piqued the students interest.

"They always asking me questions about it," she said. "I was really amazed about how into it they were."

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From left, Mary Ann Chase, Aisling Guinee, Colin Smith and Sharon Chase get ready to serve sundaes at Tuesday's dance that raised money for the Chernobyl project.

Sharon added the students are very excited to eventually meet the children who they're helping.

"It's one thing to just give some money to a charity," she said. "It's another to see the fruits of your labor."

The 1986 disaster has left a legacy of radiation-related illnesses for this generation and generations to come. While accurate statistics are impossible to come by in Russia, the former Soviet government claimed the Chernobyl death toll is 41, some estimates have that number as high as 15,000 and thousands more are battling a variety of cancers from radiation exposure.

The radiation impact to the region surrounding the nuclear plant was equivalent to the detonation of 20 atomic bombs and it isn't going away anytime soon.

That's one of the reasons the Chernobyl Children project was formed. Started in 1991, the project gives children raised in that region a respite in America where they can receive world-class medical care in Boston and live free of the radiation that is so deadly to them.

To take part in the program, all of the children in the project have a high level of radiation detected in their bodies and nearly all have been sick. Some receive treatment in Boston hospitals, most notably the floating hospital, and others who are now in remission may just have routine check ups from local physicians and dentists.

Through the program Chernobyl children form lasting ties with their American families and are instilled with new hope for the future.

That's the hope of Mary Ann Chase, mother-in-law of Sharon and the soon-to-be host of the two teenage boys.

Mary Ann read an article about the project in an area newspaper and was profoundly affected.

"It just hit me," she said. "It felt like it was the right thing to do."

The visiting kids, who have been characterized as the "forgotten children", almost all suffer from a different type of cancer and most notably, thyroid cancer. Mary Ann, who is a pediatric occupational therapist, said that for many of the children, this could be their last summer.

"It's really quite sad," she said. "I just wanted to do something, anything to help."

Mary Ann, whose four children with range in age from 32 to 41 and left the house sometime ago, said she is a bit anxious about the children's arrival.

"The biggest barrier is going to be language," she said. "We don't speak any Russian and they don't speak any English, it's definitely going to be a struggle."

She added she has been listening to Russian tapes to try and pick up the difficult language, but its proved to be futile.

"I haven't accomplished a thing," she admitted.

However, the Chernobyl Children project does provide a interpreter for the family which is available 24-hours a day. However, Mary Ann said she has been practicing her charades.

"I just don't want them to be bored," she said. "I think I'm going to have to borrow a Nintendo or something."

The children's project does extensive research on the kids and also provides them with plenty of activities to participate in during their stay. There are a harbor cruise, a trip to Landsdowne Street, tickets to a Revolution soccer game along with various social functions and dinners.

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AT&T may not be best answer for school Web connection

By Evan Schiff
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AT&T Broadband is just waiting for the call. The company, which recently celebrated connecting its 1,000 New England school to the Internet for free, said it will happily connect Cohasset once the school renovation projects are completed.

AT&T Broadband, which has provided cable television to the schools for the last 12 years, originally hooked up the schools to a high-speed Internet connection three years ago but offered only two connections, one in the library and one in the superintendent's office. The wires were cut in the ensuing construction projects.

"We will absolutely offer the reconnect the service after the buildings are done."
— Lou Russo, AT&T Broadband

"We will absolutely offer the reconnect the service after the buildings are done," said Lou Russo, manager of government affairs for AT&T Broadband. "When they say they're ready, we'll be there."

This issue of internet access in schools has been something AT&T Broadband has looked into for some time.

"We realize the technology we provide is a valuable resource for the teachers and children of Cohasset," a press release stated. "We offer to connect them to a world of educational content that enriches the learning experience."

The "Cable in the Classroom" program, which has been a part of Cohasset schools for more than a decade, offers commercial free cable programs from stations such as CNN, TLC, the History Channel and others to participating schools. This program was the impetus for AT&T's current program "Education Connections" which offers free Internet service.

However, Ken Cisneros, technology director for the middle-high school, said he doesn't think the school will sign up for AT&T Broadband's service once the construction projects are completed.

"I don't think AT&T is as reliable as our system," he said.

All three Cohasset schools currently run on a T1 connection, which is faster than a dial-up modem but is not the highest available speed for Internet connection. Cisneros said once the renovations are completed, he hopes all of the schools will be hooked up to fiber-optic cables, the optimum speed for Internet connections.

One of the reasons Cisneros is happy with the current system is that the Cohasset school district currently runs its Internet connection through the South Shore Collaborative, a group of schools located south of Boston. While Cisneros admitted that this sometimes causes a delay in the server, having to bounce emails to the collaborative and back, the technical assistance it provides is crucial.

"We can have a tech guy here whenever we need it," he said. "You have to wait forever with AT&T."

Currently, the schools only have the capacity to send data over computers but Cisneros hopes in a few years that will change. He hopes to be able to send voice and video streams over the Cohasset lines in a few years.

"Teachers will be able to conduct lectures on-line if they want," he said. "It will be a great tool."

Another technological advance that Cisneros is investigating is a program called "I-Pass'. This would allow parents to log into the school's server and determine attendance records, grades and even which class their child is sitting in.

At the new schools, there will be seven computer labs boasting about 20-30 computers each. Every classroom will also have a connection.

"It's important for the teachers to be able to jump on-line," Cisneros said. "It's a huge educational tool."

Along with the I-Pass program for parents, Cisneros envisions teachers being able to go to a Web based grading system.

"Eventually, all homework will be on there as well," he said.

New school Web sites have come on line

By Evan Schiff
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Even though Cohasset students have left the halls of the town's three schools for the summer, there is still a way they can keep up on their respective institutions.

Ken Cisneros, the technology director of the school system, has been working diligently on Web sites for the schools which can now be accessed online. The site has been up and running for about two weeks now.

Each school has its own interface and each offers a variety of amenities to the user.

Cisneros said the process started about four years ago when a student took the initiative and starting creating a page for the high school. After she graduated, Cisneros kept up her page and began exploring the possibility of creating a larger database for the school system.

"I've had a lot of people who have called me up in the past asking about where they could find information about our schools," he said. "In this day and age to not have a working Web site is really a disadvantage."

Cisneros, who has been working on various Internet sites for close to a decade, said he has spent countless hours on the schools' site. He visited other school Web pages for ideas of what to include and found some guidelines for how to build a successful school page.

"You want something that's easy to navigate," he said. "People should be able to find what they want quickly."

Cisneros also wanted to put information on the site which would prove to be useful to prospective teachers and students such as directions to the school, updated staff lists, and other such luxuries.

"It will make communication between the schools and the students and parents much easier."
— School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn

He said in the near future he hopes there will be a teacher in each school who is in charge of keeping their respective Internet pages updates. He added it's important to have the site looking professional.

"Some of these schools have Web pages that look like their years old," he said. "It just doesn't reflect on the school that well."

Rick Flynn, chairman of the school committee, thinks its terrific that Cisneros has dedicated so much time to the Web pages and feels he has done a great job. He hopes in the future the pages can become even more interactive with teachers and students easily communicating online.

"People have become so dependant on the Internet that it's almost necessary to have our own site," he said. "It will make communication between the schools and the students and parents much easier."

Starting on the main page for Cohasset Public Schools, an Internet surfer will find a grouping of pictures of the schools and a menu listing 17 different options from which to choose. From job openings, to policies, to a link for the superintendent, the page has enough information for even the diehard Cohasset school fan.

The Joseph Osgood School boasts its mission on its front page which states, "through a supportive learning community which values each learner as an individual, we encourage maximum achievement. We strive to honor good citizenship, ethical and responsible behavior and the love of learning."

The Osgood page has more than 20 different links on its home page. It has links for the principal, the schedule, the newsletter and handbook, links for each department including art, physical education, music, special education and technology. Browsing the page you can click on the button for the curriculum or supplies and each grade, including the kindergarten, has its own separate Web site.

The Deer Hill School also has more than 20 different options on its initial site including links to the lunch menu, student services, and the school nurse. Each grade also has its own page.

The middle-high school has many of the same options as the other two schools but also has a list of the course offering students can choose from. It also has links to its philosophy, support services and school newspaper.

The address for the Web page is www.ssec.org/cohasset/default.htm.

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Teen garage summer hours

The Teen Garage will be open throughout the summer on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. Fridays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of every month from 5 to 10 p.m.

During these times, The Garage is open to all teens in Grades 6 and up. It is free of charge; however, snacks and drinks do have to be paid for.

Special activities and events will be planned during the summer. Please stay tuned for the particulars of these events.

The Garage is also available for rentals at $75 for two hours. It is a great space, especially for parties. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 for more information.

Band concerts on the Common

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. The South Shore Music Circus donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, in New York City.

Based upon continued South Shore Music Circus funding, the schedule for the 2002 season is Tuesday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m. on the Cohasset Common.

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

Concerts are free of charge and the public is invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available. You may call the recreation office at 383-4109 to check on the status of concerts should you be in doubt as to weather conditions.

Studio at the Beach opens for summer

The Hull Artists Studio Connection has opened for its sixth season, of The Studio at the Beach. The Studio at the Beach features the original art and craft of more than 45 local artists including paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, jewelry, greeting cards, children's books, wooden puzzles, designs from natural shells, pottery and woodcrafts.

The Studio at the Beach, at 217 Nantasket Ave., across from the Mary Jeannette Murray Bathhouse, is open Thursdays and Fridays from 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will be open through Sept. 8.

For additional information, call 1-800-413-1770. The Hull Artists Studio Connection is a non-profit artists' organization.

Police sharpen weapon skills at target practice

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safety and cleaning.

"We don't want the officers to be afraid of their guns," Tarantino said. "They should feel comfortable with their weapons."

The members on Cohasset's police force are required to receive a minimum score of 80 on their test, which translates into hitting a target with 80 percent of the rounds they fire. The officers are trained in the handling of both their side arm, a 40-caliber handgun and a shotgun.

"Most of the officers will only need the handgun training," Jackson said. "But we offer the shotgun certification just so our officers have some advanced knowledge of weaponry."

Tarantino said while the requirements from the Massachusetts council promote accurate shooting from both the kneeling and standing positions, it does not teach officers to deal with the pressure of a dangerous situation. Tarantino participated in an Active Shooter program conducted by the State Police in which the officers were put in such a predicament.

Local law enforcement officers were presented with a scenario in which a school was held hostage. Going up, officers were instructed to "free the hostages" while being fired at with regular guns loaded with paint balls.

"I was so sore after that and had so many welts on my body," Tarantino said. "It was the best training exercise I've ever been through, I hope the whole force can go through it sometime soon.

Chief Jackson said he hope to start training his force in non-lethal weapons sometime in September or October.

The Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council serves the various communities in the Commonwealth by providing formal training and personal development programs to municipal police offers. The mission of the MCJTC is to develop and deliver training, to set and enforce training standards, and to provide record keeping services regarding training to the local police departments.

The council recognizes that police work has become more advanced and realizes that officers are asked to handle some of societies difficult problems.

"If law enforcement officers in Massachusetts are to be able to work on solving these problems, they will need to have the most sophisticated training," states the council on its Web site. "The training will have to provide strategies for solving these and the MCJTC is committed to raising the quality of the training course delivered."

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Officer Christy Tarantino, inspects a gun during police weapons testing. Top right: Officer Jeffrey Trainor takes aim at a target at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club where police conduct weapons training. Bottom right: Officer Rick Grassie, left, talks to Officer Lisa Matos about shotgun training.

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OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

History book is a great read

In 1950, Cohasset was a semi-rural working village of 3,700 people with a fancy fringe of well-to-do summer residents and a median family income 26 percent lower than the state median.

By the end of the 1990s, Cohasset was a picture postcard commuter suburb of 7,300 year-round residents with a median family income 68 percent higher than the state's.

How we got from there to here is a fascinating tale full of interesting and outspoken characters.

That tale has been well researched and beautifully set down by Jacqueline Dormitzer in the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III," often in the very voice of those characters.

The story has everything — action, intrigue, conflict, humor, show business, politics and even an occasional whiff of scandal. And it's coming to a bookstore near you this week.

The main character, Cohasset, seems like a good looking, down to earth farm girl who becomes prettier, richer, better dressed and better educated as the story progresses.

Sure, things get lost along the way and many in town rightly mourn them. Innocence, of course, but everybody's lost that.

You will see the Grange along with most of the old neighborhood and ethnic social clubs decline and disappear through the years, then watch a myriad of athletic, artistic and civic organizations spring up to fill that sociable void.

You will observe how voters adapt and expand town government as the world becomes an increasingly complex, regulated and litigious place.

You will be riveted as divisive issues set neighbor against neighbor, newcomer against "townie" — zoning, sewers, Vietnam, schools, sewers, charters, development, landfills, trains, sewers. (In fact, there's probably not a piece of turf in Cohasset that hasn't been fought over at one time or another.)

But after each dustup is resolved one way or another, you will see rifts somehow heal, people start talking to each other again and the town progress.

You will see the train disappear near the beginning of the story and then head on back toward the end.

The town history committee has been working toward this week for the past five and a half years and it is with great joy that we present the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III" to the people of Cohasset. It is our fondest wish that you will buy it, read it, enjoy it and perhaps learn from it.

For the town history committee,
— Molly Hochkeppel Pierson

Making water bills user-friendly

The Cohasset Water Commission is looking for public comment on how to improve their water bills.

"We want to see how to make our water bills more informative, more useful, and more user-friendly," said chairman John McNabb.

The Water Commission is looking for any and all comments from their customers on how their bills can be improved, including suggestions on what additional information needs to be in the bill, how to make the bills easier to read and to understand, and any other ideas that Cohasset residents may have.

Cohasset residents are invited to send their suggestions, in writing, to the Water Commission no later than June 30. Comments may be faxed to the Water Department at 781-383-2906, mailed to 339 King St., Cohasset, or emailed to McNabb at mcnabbj@mindspring.com.

Early deadline next week

Due to the July 4th holiday, the Cohasset Mariner will go to press a day earlier next week. That means all copy for next week's edition must arrive by noon, Monday, July 1. Press releases may be dropped off at the Cohasset Mariner office, 73 South St., in Hingham Square or sent by email to mford@cnc.com. Call editor Mary Ford, 781-741-2933 with questions.

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HEALTH NOTES

Making homes and yards safer

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Environmental Awareness Committee of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts has put out an interesting booklet. It's called "WE CARE, Handbook and Suggestions for Daily Pollution Prevention.." In it, there are numerous suggestions for making life in our suburban homes and yards safer and healthier.

For example the book quotes the Boston Globe's Carol Stoker: "By trying to make our lawns look like a putting green, we've turned them into invalids under expensive life support." But more important, pesticides in fertilizers and other maintenance products can kill beneficial as well as harmful insects, and be dangerous to your health.

These artificially maintained lawns put at risk children who play on them, squirrels, chipmunks, and other wildlife which use them, and the birds which land on them and pick their food from them. It makes no sense to have a lawn which is more expensive, dangerous and less attractive than the natural alternative. According to WE CARE, it makes sense to prioritize your property and care for (by watering) high value plantings including trees and shrubs which have taken years to develop. Next would come perennials and newer shrubs, and finally will come the lawn, which, even if it doesn't get water, goes dormant and springs back to life as soon as it rains. I find that the two things that can take care of themselves with minimum maintenance, are the lawn, and the rocks.

It makes no sense to have a lawn which is more expensive, dangerous and less attractive than the natural alternative.

Indoors

Many of the suggestions continued in this thin booklet, we ignore at our peril. For example, the book says that our exposure to toxic pollutants is between 10 and 50 times higher indoors than it is outdoors. Look at those chemicals under your sink. Regulators impose the following guidelines for labels:

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CARPETS - are harbingers for all kinds of pollutants. Apparently only frequent rigorous vacuuming (with a power head) can reduce the pollutants entering the air from carpets.

PETS - We purchase and apply a vast array of chemicals to kill ticks and fleas, and take our pets to the vet to be dipped in chemicals. Many of the chemicals used to kill insects can have the same effect on the nervous system of children and the pets themselves. It is vital to use no more than the minimum required to control the specific pest. Generally, the use of chemicals can be reduced considerably by frequent bathing and brushing.

Children are especially vulnerable to many of the toxins in sprays and insecticides used in the garden and on your pets, and which are brought indoors to your carpets. A child's nervous system is under development, and their daily activities bring them into close contact with lawns, pets, carpets.

We do many things in ignorance which contribute unknowingly to our problems.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many thanks for Festival support

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the South Shore Art Center, we would like to thank the hundreds of people who made the 47th annual Arts Festival on the Common such a success. In spite of the weather challenges on the first two days, Festival ended with thousands of people on the Cohasset Common enjoying art, craft, music, and sunshine.

While we can't thank everyone in this note, there are a number of people who lift us up and make our jobs a lot easier. These individuals, we can't thank enough: Beverly Bielewicz, our volunteer coordinator, who coordinated over 200 volunteer hours; Mary Foley, who with little guidance handles most of the details of the Young Artists' Exhibition; Beth Myers West of Springbrook Kids; Vince Longo, South Shore Music Circus; Mark Haddad, Ellen Wynne, and Dr. Godzik at Town Hall; Chief Jackson and the Cohasset Police Department; Chief Lincoln and the Cohasset Fire Department; Rod Hobson and the First Parish Church; Supt. Ted Malvey and Paul Callahan; Carl Sestito and the Cohasset DPW; Dan Belz, Atlantic Bagel; Anthony and Lydia Everett; David Hassan; Glenn Pratt; Pat Cannon; Sarah Roche; Susan McNamara; Tina Watson; Ronnie Goodwin, Goodwin Graphics; Graham Waste Services; and Chris Draves and the Scituate Boy Scouts, Troop 5. The Art Center's gallery artists and faculty keep the "art" in all we do throughout the year; thanks to Liz Heywood Sullivan for her extraordinary involvement in Festival 2002 and to Jeanne Replogle, Margaret McWethy, and many others.

Special thanks to our event sponsors: Debbie and John Flanagan, Edward Jones Investments; Eliot and Carole Siegel, Macy's Beachway Liquors; Joe and Andrea Kinnealey, Kinnealey Meats; Lorraine Bachman, On The Rocks Catering; Hingham Institution for Savings; South Shore Hospital; Image Resolutions; Broughton Charitable Foundation; Megan, Caroline and Chris Pratt; Peacock Press; and Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

We have received many compliments on the wonderful music that entertained us all throughout the weekend—bravo and thank you to Joe Armstrong, Ana Buckley and her family, Howie Altholtz and friends, the Choral Art Society, Hingham High School Jazz Ensemble, Sally Slade Warner, and Mary Kennedy.

The Festival principal sponsors—Fleet and Community Newspaper Company — make it possible for the Art Center to present one of the premier outdoor Festivals in the northeast and raise money to support the ongoing education and exhibition programs at the Center.

Thanks again to everyone — is it too early to place an order for 3 days of sunshine, June 13, 14, 15, 2003?

Diane Kennedy Festival Coordinator
Sarah Hannan Executive Director, SSAC
Monica McKenney Director of Development & Public Relations, SSAC

Jason Road

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my opposition to changing Robert E. Jason Road to a walkway.

Bob Jason was one of the first men from this town to lose his life in the service. His mother, father and sister were so proud to have a road named in his honor.

His mother and father both spent their entire lives in Cohasset. His grandfather was highway superintendent for many years.

I am very disappointed that many people who did not know him or his family are suggesting that his road be changed to a walkway.

Thomas M. Healy
49 Cushing Road

Support bill for fire prevention

TO THE EDITOR:

Cigarette-ignited fires are the leading cause of fatal home fires in the United States. Annually, 900-1,000 people in the U.S., including more than 100 children die from cigarette-ignited fires and an additional 2,500-3,000 are injured, often severely. During the 1990s in Massachusetts, there were 178 deaths, 763 civilian injuries, and more than $75 million in property damage. Unfortunately, many victims of these fires are people who do not smoke—children and other innocent bystanders.

Cigarettes are designed to continue burning when left unattended. The typical scenario is the delayed ignition of a sofa, chair or mattress that is forgotten or dropped by a smoker. Designing cigarettes that are less likely to start a fire is not difficult and is already available.

There has been an ongoing national and state effort to establish legislation to create cigarette fire-safety standards. The term, "fire safe" refers to a cigarette with reduced propensity for starting a fire when dropped or left unattended. This knowledge has been available or 10 years. In 2000, legislation was enacted in New York mandating all cigarettes sold or offered for sale meet a fire-safety standard. Studies show that making cigarettes fire-safe would not affect taste, cost or health hazards associated with smoking.

In 1980, long-term advocate, the late Joseph Moakley first introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives a bill focusing directly on cigarette fire-safety. At the present time, we are close to making our state safer with Senate Bill 1916 (The Moakley Bill). This bill is stuck in committee and will die there unless concerned citizens of Massachusetts take a stand.

This is not an anti-smoking bill but a fire-prevention effort!

Please encourage your state representative to support Senate Bill 1916 (The Moakley Bill).

Marion Douglas
— burn survivor
404 Beechwood St.

Generous grant

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again, the South Shore Playhouse Associates have granted the Cohasset High School Arts Boosters a generous grant of $1,000. This grant will help to fund our operating expenses for the upcoming school year. The money raised by Arts Boosters goes directly to the students in the form of enriching the arts curriculum with extra supplies, paying entry fees for drama competitions, and granting requests from the teachers for special events or projects which are not included in the school budget This grant will enable us to begin the year on a sound financial basis.

The South Shore Playhouse Associates and the South Shore Music Circus are true assets to the town of Cohasset. The faculty, students and parents of Cohasset High School thank them for their generosity and sincerely hope that the 2002 season will be a huge success.

Donna O'Donnell, president
Cohasset Arts Boosters

So what's in a name? Plenty!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Voters in the 1954 state election, surveying their ballots for the first time, were mildly surprised to learn that John F. Kennedy was running for state treasurer. They thought all along that he was a United States senator from Massachusetts. Why would he want to take on another job that paid less and would keep him away from Washington?

But, what the hell, he was a Kennedy who could do no wrong in Massachusetts, so they voted for him, and that's how John Francis Kennedy, the foreman in a razor blade factory, was elected state treasurer.

The strength of his name was such that he was reelected three times, survived a challenge by John M. Kennedy, and was even mentioned prominently for governor in 1960.

It's things like that that concern Tim Cahill, the Norfolk County treasurer, as he campaigns for the Democratic nomination for state treasurer against three others, including one Michael Cahill.

"It would be more advantageous for me to be the only Cahill in the race," said Tim, in masterful understatement. Besides, M. Cahill would precede T. Cahill on the alphabetical ballot.

That's why a Tim Cahill supporter filed a challenge to Mike Cahill's qualifying signatures.

"I thought that Michael Cahill got in a little late and took advantage of the name," said Grace Carr.

Cashing in on a name is an old and honored ploy in Massachusetts politics. For all I know, there was an Irving Bradford on the same ballot when William Bradford was elected governor of Plymouth colony.

We saw it happen on the South Shore not too long ago when Brian Donnelly ran successfully for the congressional seat held for so long by the retiring Jimmy Burke.

Brian's chief opponent in the primary was Pat McDonough, a Boston city councilman. It wasn't long before the name of Joe McDonough, an obscure lawyer, joined them magically on the ballot.

When you asked Brian how come, he used to smile knowingly and change the subject.

I know it will come as a shock to most of you, but no less a figure than John F. Kennedy (John Fitzgerald, not John Francis) used the trick himself while winning his first term in Congress.

There were nine Democrats in that primary race in 1948, including Michael Neville, the mayor of Cambridge, and Joseph Russo, a Boston city councilman, who were Kennedy's main challengers.

Strictly by coincidence, of course, the ninth candidate was also named Joe Russo, who trained for Congress as a janitor and was "talked" into running by Joe Kane, a Kennedy cousin.

"They gave me favors," said Joe the Janitor. "Whatever I wanted. I could have gone in the housing project if I wanted. If I wanted an apartment, I could have got the favor. You know?"

He and his votes really weren't needed. Joe the Councilman got 5,661 votes. Joe the Janitor got 999. The future President Kennedy won handily with 22,183.

But no one ever accused Jack Kennedy of leaving a loose end around untended.

Just some of the people who made Cohasset history in the past half-century

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HAMILTON

Senate boosts taxes, but won't cut waste

HEDLUND REPORT

ROBERT HEDLUND

In a budget session marked by the absence of any substantive debate, the Senate refused to consider any alternative to the $1.4 billion tax package that was passed as part of the Fiscal Year 2003 budget. This package, which may be the largest in the Commonwealth's history, included a retroactive hike to the tax rate on capital gains, a 25 percent reduction in personal exemptions, a future hike in the voter approved income tax rate to 5.3 percent, an immediate increase in taxes on all tobacco products, and an elimination of the voter approved charitable deduction. By refusing to consider any alternative, the Senate ultimately passed the burden for years of wasteful spending onto the hardworking taxpayers of Massachusetts.

Over the three-day long debate on the FY 2003 budget, I continuously fought to eliminate tax increases. Specifically, I offered the following:

〈 An amendment to eliminate the increase on Capital Gains

• An amendment to eliminate the retroactivity of the increase on Capital Gains

• An amendment to reinstate the voter approved charitable deduction

• An amendment to eliminate the cut in Personal Exemptions

• An amendment to maintain the voter approved Income Tax Rollback as well as Charitable Deduction and eliminate the cut in Personal Exemptions

For the last eight years, I have been the leading proponent in the Senate to return the Income Tax rate to 5.0 percent — this has not changed. I also offered or supported a number of initiatives and amendments that would have significantly cut spending. Unfortunately for the taxpayers of Massachusetts, the Senate's leadership decided in a closed-door caucus that there would be nothing, but cosmetic changes to their budget recommendations. On the floor, most Senators followed leadership's instructions and voted against all of the above amendments.

Watching the Senate push through this tax hike, I was in complete amazement of the lack of compassion on behalf of my fellow Senators. While many working families are feeling the negative effects of our current economic downturn, the Senate decided it is going to take more money out of their pockets. Because the Senate has refused to curtail its addiction to bloated and waste filled budgets, it will once again pass the problem along to the working families of the Commonwealth. For many Senators, the revenue generated by raising taxes is just another set of budget numbers; however, I am keenly aware of the real life impact these increased taxes will have on Massachusetts families.

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During this budget debate, the Senate leadership said time and time again that they had no choice but to raise taxes; however, there were alternatives. An alternative revenue package that I put forward would have maintained the voter approved income tax rollback and charitable deduction, while eliminating the reduction in personal exemptions. This would have been offset by changing the lottery pay-out ratio and permitting the installation of 1,500 slot machines at each of the Commonwealth's four current racetracks. Combined, these items would have generated $615 million – similar to the amount generated by the above tax hikes. Sadly, a vast majority of Senators again took their cue from leadership, and refused to even consider any alternative to raising taxes.

As debate came to a close, I decided to ultimately cast my vote for passage of the final budget version as it included a number of items that I worked hard to secure, including: level funding of education monies; funding to the local Councils on Aging; restoration of funding for the Talking Information Center in Marshfield and our local D.A.R.E. programs; funding for the Tri-Town Development Corporation for continued work on the airbase reuse plan; and school building assistance funding for numerous school projects on the South Shore. The budget also contains implementation of a program I co-sponsored called "Community Choice Initiatives," which will enable seniors to receive home care for short-term rehabilitative services through Medicaid.

While the vote has been taken to pass the budget in the Senate, there are more steps along the way before the budget is ultimately signed by the Governor. First, the House and Senate will meet in Conference Committee to address and reconcile the differences between their budget recommendations. After both bodies agree to a final joint version, it goes to the Governor's desk. When it finally does reach her desk, Governor Swift has promised to veto most or all of the increases passed in the budget. I stand with her, and will vote to uphold her veto and strike these burdensome tax increases from the budget. While the House and Senate leadership are firm in their resolve to balance this budget on the backs of Massachusetts taxpayers, I will continue to fight to achieve the best solution to our current budget situation.

Bob Hedlund represents the Plymouth-Norfolk senatorial district that includes Cohasset.

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Issues take a back seat

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

News analysis and recap of state government for the week ending June 21.

Is Mitt the issue, or is running the government the issue?

Romney himself raised the question as hearings proceeded last week into whether he has been a resident of Massachusetts for seven years, the constitutional requirement to run for governor in this state. Democrats have formally challenged the Republican's residency status before the Ballot Law Commission; the commission has the power to remove Romney from the ballot if it finds he didn't truly maintain residence here.

The hearings have constituted a huge distraction, and Democrats like it that way. They filed their challenge almost immediately after Romney put forward his first serious policy proposal of the campaign, an education approach seeking to hold school systems and teachers more accountable for performance and to limit bilingual education.

It should have been bigger news than it was, but the Democrats succeeded in their mission to take the public's focus off Romney's ideas and message of change — still not too well articulated — and on to the question of whether he's a truthful person. He gave them ammunition, not so much by living in Utah — John Adams and John Volpe and Bill Weld all lived out of state like Romney — but by dissembling about how he handled his residency for tax purposes.

The Democrats pounced, seeking to "mess up Romney's hair," as the saying goes at the Statehouse. Everybody on Beacon Hill is having fun postulating about the effect of the challenge on Romney's reputation.

In the meantime, the House and Senate began negotiating over differences in their budgets for next year, deciding the fate of the Clean Elections law and deciding which mix of major tax hikes are going to be imposed this year to limit the amount that must be cut from programs and services. This process began in the context of an announcement from the acting governor that revenues are off projections by yet another $540 million — and neither branch has proposed a plan to raises taxes, cut services or spend reserves to make up the difference.

Nor have any of the candidates, with the focus this week largely on a judicial proceeding few Democrats expect will be decided in their favor. But many Democrats expect it will do damage to Romney via journalistic seepage — the sort of fine mist of news we live in nowadays, not concentrating on a lot of details but still receiving the takeaway points — like, "Is Romney running legitimately? Democrats say no."

On Wednesday (June 19) Romney tried to redirect the information fog machine, proposing reforms to the management of the Big Dig and sale of the Hynes Convention Center as a way to begin addressing the project's cost. On Thursday (June 20), he came right to the Statehouse to talk to the press corps about the budget. Still, Democrats made enough noise about Romney's residency that another one of their gubernatorial candidates, Robert Reich, said last week that his party should knock it off and get serious about the issues again.

Whether you're a fan of politics or policy, there was some of both this week.

• Knowing that a proposed amendment to define marriage as between one man and one woman was likely to advance in Constitutional Convention, Senate President Thomas Birmingham recessed the House-Senate joint session without considering the measure. The tactic outraged opponents of gay marriage who've collected tens of thousands of signatures to move the question forward. The "ConCon" is next slated to meet July 17, with no assurance of any action on the amendment.

• The Office of Campaign and Political Finance last week ruled the anti-bilingual education campaign headed by California businessman Ron Unz did not violate finance laws against collecting money from out of state sources. The campaign can keep the $98,000 being questioned by bilingual supporters and will face no sanctions.

• After the Herald put the immortal headline "Bacon Hill" on E. Beardsley's story about earmarking in the environmental bond bill, the process of passing the already-delayed measure slowed way down. Members wanted to carve out their own slices of the $424 million in play, and some thought too many Finneran lieutenants were being favored. So after ordering the bill to a third reading, the House put off further action until Tuesday (June 25); amendments were due by noon Monday (june 24).

• Acting Gov. Swift named John Quelch, a professor at Harvard Business School, to chair the Massport board, ending the time-honored tradition of appointing people to head the board whose political credentials were more impressive than their aviation or harbor experience.

• A retired Newton lawyer is asking the state Board of Bar Overseers to consider disbarring House Speaker Thomas Finneran and 24 other representatives he says have violated their professional and legislative oaths in refusing to fund the state's Clean Elections Law. Jerome Medalie, a 50-year member of the bar, and a Clean Elections supporter, says by asking the board to consider action against the lawmakers, he is upholding his duty to report unethical behavior among fellow lawyers. "You can't tell the SJC to go to hell with impunity," he told the News Service. Finneran had no comment.

• Jeffrey Ryan of Reading Memorial High School was honored by state education officials for his energy, community involvement and ability to connect with his students, many of whom came to the State House to cheer as he received Teacher of the Year honors.

• The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority twice asked to delay a legislative hearing on alternatives to the scheduled turnpike and airport tunnel toll hikes, saying they needed more time to review authority finances and develop a plan. But not only did the board show up to the June 20 Transportation Committee hearing without a unified plan, they spend the majority of their time squabbling amongst each other. The performance drew the ire of committee chairmen Sen. Robert Havern (D-Arlington) and Rep. Joseph Sullivan (D-Braintree), with Havern saying the board has a month to pull its act together or face possible legislative repercussions. The board then met at its downtown headquarters and reached an initial agreement that would give Fast Lane users a 50 percent rebate on money spent on the toll hikes.

Craig Sandler writes for the Statehouse News Service.

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POLITICAL NOTES

Murray honorary chair of Palmer's rep. campaign

Mary Jeanette Murray, who served as state representative for the towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate, joins the Committee to Elect Nathaniel Palmer as the campaign's Honorary Chairman. Palmer is running for the seat she vacated last January, following her decision not to seek another term. Murray served in the legislature across three decades, and today remains one of the most respected figures in Massachusetts politics.

"We are proud and honored to have Mary Jeanette Murray join our campaign," says Palmer. "Our campaign is foremost about community advocacy, and no one has been a stronger voice for our community than Mary Jeanette."

Throughout her career as the district's state representative, Murray was well known for her support and assistance to the communities she served. She was also a vocal and active legislator on Beacon Hill, sponsoring several bills

Nathaniel Palmer is flanked by Mary Jeanette Murray, left, and his wife Heather at Cohasset's Memorial Day observances.

focused on issues such as restoring local control on education and development.

"While in the legislature Mary Jeanette served as a tireless advocate for the issues central to our campaign, such as the need for cities and towns to control local zoning and planning, and protecting the rights of small business owners," says Palmer. "Mary Jeanette presented an unbroken continuity of representation across her three decades in the Statehouse. My hope is to restore that continuity by bringing a new perspective to Beacon Hill, serving as the point of balance that Mary Jeanette had faithfully provided for so long."

Murray will work with Palmer throughout the towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate, lending her broad base of experience in those communities, helping to reinforce the campaign's fight to restore balance within the State house and strengthen representation for the South Shore

Local GOP activities

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee has been busy with many events. Since its last mailing in the fall, more than 35 new associate members have joined the committee. Additionally, there are a few events and happenings:

- State Committeewoman Polly Logan became the Interim Chairwoman of the Massachusetts Republican Party after Kerry Healey vacated the position to run for lieutenant governor.
- Town Committee member and Cohasset resident, Bruce Herzfelder is running for state treasurer. A graduate of Harvard and the University of Chicago Law School, Herzfelder has had experience as a Wall Street banker. Mark your calendar for a clambake for him on Sunday, July 21 from 5-9 p.m. at the home of Peter and Leah Roy.

Please call Bruce's campaign office at 617-638-3030 for more information.

- Town Committee member and Cohasset resident, Nathaniel Palmer is running for state representative. Palmer is a graduate of Bentley College and has a degree in Computer Information Systems. He is an entrepreneur and chief analyst for a computer consulting company. On Saturday, June 30, from 5-9 p.m., Rick Doherty is having a cookout for Palmer at his home at 83 Summer St., Hingham. All are welcome.
- The Town Committee has created the Annual Scholarship Fund for Cohasset High School graduates. If you would like further information, please call Ray Kasperowicz at 781-383-9158. All contributions are greatly appreciated.
- The annual Spring Lasagna Dinner which was held June 7 featured republican candidates for state and local office.
- Mark your calendar for the Annual Summer Republican Picnic at the seaside home of the Guilds on Sunday, Aug. 25.

Koch to run for county treasurer

Thomas P. Koch of Quincy, a Democrat, recently announced his candidacy for Norfolk County Treasurer before a crowd of 400 supporters.

In making his announcement, Koch cited his 10 years of service as a member of the Norfolk County Financial Advisory Board. During his time on the Financial Advisory Board, Norfolk County was recognized as one of the best managed counties in the state.

Norfolk County, which provides services to its 28 cities and towns, has a budget of approximately $24 million. The County owns and manages the Superior Courthouse and several district courthouses throughout the County. It owns and operates the President's Golf Course and the Norfolk County Agricultural School, as well as the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. Its Engineering Department provides engineering services to the cities and town in the County.

As Treasurer, Koch would serve as the Chairman of the Retirement Board, which has assets of approximately $390 million. The source of those funds includes deductions from the pay of employees of the various towns and payments from the towns themselves.

Koch began a career in government when he was appointed in 1988 to serve as the Director of the Council on Aging for the City of Quincy. He held that position for two years, and in 1990 was appointed Executive Secretary to the Mayor. During his nearly five years as Executive Secretary, he was responsible for the implementation of mayoral initiatives, executive oversight of the $120 million municipal budget, and daily management of the City's twenty-two department heads. In 1995, Koch was appointed the Executive Director of the Park, Forestry and Cemetery Departments for the City of Quincy, responsible for the management of 43 employees.

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CHS Class of 2002 college acceptances

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Baird, Tim: University of Richmond, University of Colorado/Boulder, Colgate University, University of California/Santa Barbara, Americorps; **Bertovich, Jay**: Syracuse University, Pratt Institute; **Bilodeau, Matt**: Williams College; **Bilodeau, Tom:** Roger Williams, Nichols College, Salem State College, Westfield State, Keene State, Plymouth State, Endicott; **Bolster, Nick:** Providence College, Boston University, University of Florida, U. Mass/Amherst; **Bouchard, David**: Marist College, Norwich University, Salem State, St. John's University; **Brown, Jason:** St. Anselm College, Assumption, Springfield College;

Caron, Chris: Merrimack College, Lynn University, Roanoke College, Assumption College; **Carter, Caroline:** Boston College, Boston University, Providence College, U. Mass/Amherst, Stonehill; **Chang, Kevin** Boston College; **Chase, Sean:** Quinnipiac College; **Coakley, Abigail:** Lasell College, Mass College of Art, Art Institute of Boston;

DeVito, David: Tilton Academy; **Dewar, Shane:** U. Mass/Amherst; **Dolph, Sam:** Franklin Pierce, Vermont Tech, Rhode Island College;

Fludder, Brendan: Providence College; **Flynn, Kate:** New Hampton School; **Foley, Kara:** Boston College;

Garber, Jeff: Trinity College; **Gardner, Emma:** UNH, Skidmore College, University of Delaware, Fordham

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Down on the boardwalk

Ramp built at Sandy Beach

By Evan Schiff
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There are two new additions to Sandy Beach this summer, thanks to a carpentry class at South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School in Hanover.

The regional high school, dubbed South Shore Vo-Tech for short, offers training in an array of trades and partnered with the Sandy Beach Association to replace a handicapped-accessible ramp and lifeguard stand.

Vo-Tech teacher Derek Mariani said his students reproduced what was originally at the site but did so with more environmentally friendly materials. The pressure-treated wood used for the walkway contains no arsenic, a potentially harmful chemical.

The students, who scouted the beach and took photographs earlier in the year, have been working on the project for a few months as part of their carpentry class. They took the pictures and the measurements back to their shop at the high school and built the pieces they needed.

The ramp contains close to 100 wooden boards.

"This really teaches the kids some responsibility," Mariani said. "We leave the school every day at about 8 a.m. and put in a full day of work. That's how it's going to be for them when they graduate."

PHOTOS/EVAN SCHIFF

Vo-Tech teacher Derek Mariani supervises as students Courtney Citrano and Pat McBrine, both from Rockland, put the final touches on the boardwalk at Sandy Beach.

Patricia Murphy, a trustee of the Sandy Beach Association that manages the beach, gave Vo-Tech high marks for the project. The association provided the materials and Vo-Tech supplied labor and installation for free.

"They were wonderful," she said.

Murphy explained the old ramp and lifeguard stand were built by the shop class at Cohasset High School but shop is no longer offered at CHS.

This is Mariani's fifth year at Vo-Tech. His class also built a two-story garage and a porch deck for the Whitman Counsel of Aging this year.

"The toughest thing for the kids is realizing how long the day is and staying organized throughout the process," Mariani said. "They have to focus on one project for a significant period of time and that can be difficult."

Julie Dobson, the beach manager at Sandy Beach, is grateful the students were able to make the beach both more attractive and accessible. She said all her lifeguards would really appreciate the new lifeguard chair.

"The old one was getting pretty beat up," she said. "When they start to wear down like that they can get dangerous, we didn't want anyone falling off."

Laura Kondrat, a lifeguard at the beach, was busy helping the students paint the chair. She said the walkway and the stand are something the beach needed.

"This new stand already looks a lot better than the old one," Kondrat said.

Vo-Tech draws from eight towns on the South Shore including Abington, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate, Whitman and Cohasset. Whitman and Rockland routinely supply the most students and Cohasset usually sends the least.

Vo-Tech offers 14 specialty areas including auto bodywork, automotive work, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, drafting, electronics, graphic arts, health careers, heating and air conditioning, industrial electronics, industrial technology machine shop, and metal fabrication.

The students are immersed in their specialty area. Over the four years, they will spend 1,500 hours in a shop along with their regular studies. The school has a working auto body shop, restaurant, beauty salon and welding shop to name a few of the working classrooms.

From left, Vo-Tech students William Sylvester of Rockland, Mark Sheppard of Abington, Matt Fisher of Rockland, and Shawn McGarry of Rockland and Cohasset lifeguard Laura Kondrat stand by the new lifeguard stand.

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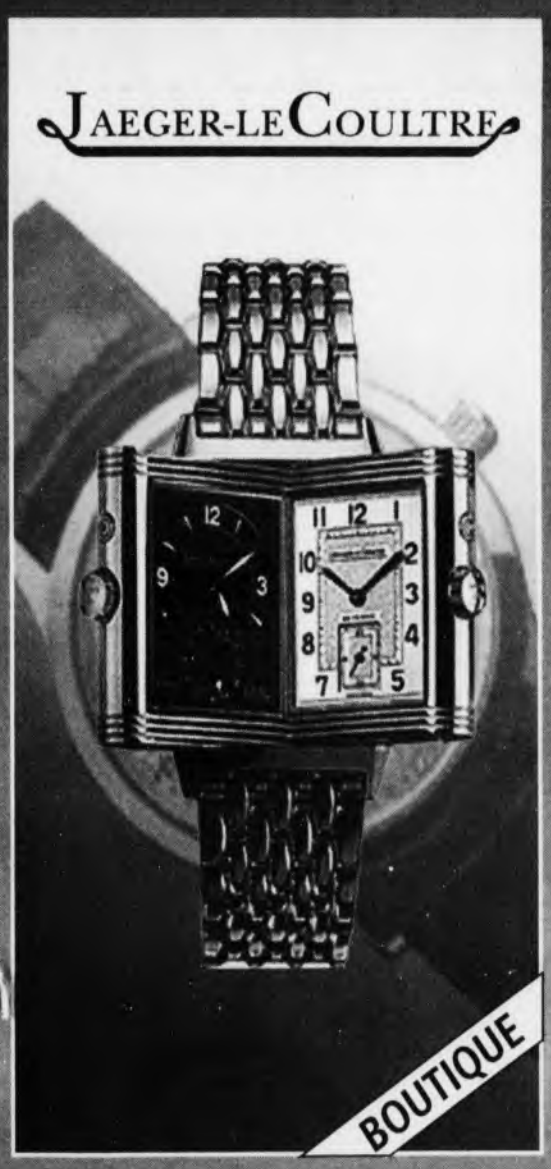

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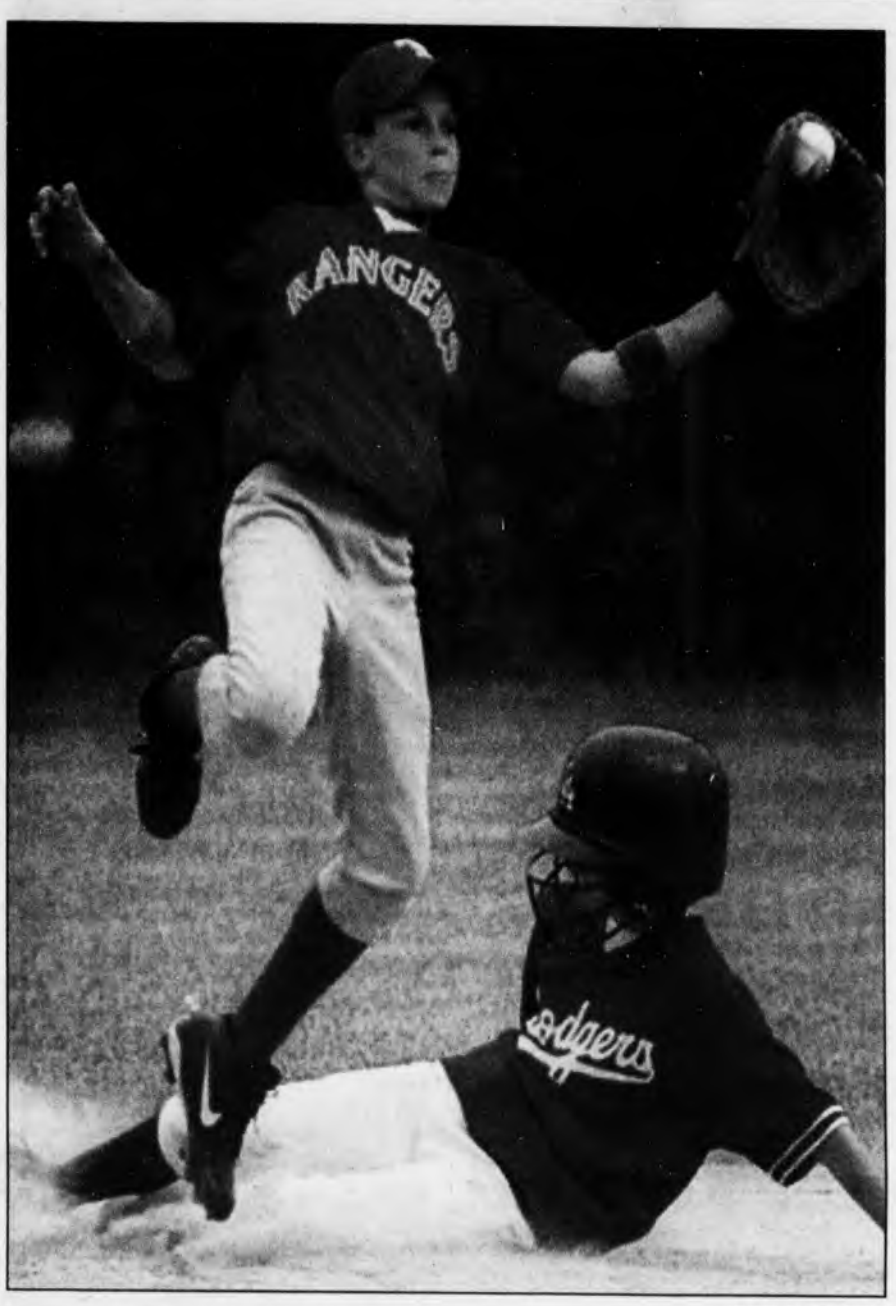

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Rangers shortstop Tom Chase takes high throw as Dodgers Chris Rose slides in safe at second in Saturday's Little League Majors championship game. The Dodgers took the crown in thrilling fashion, 6-5, with Sam DeGiacomo driving in Ryan Daley with the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Long term fix

Former Thayer and Blue Hills assistant hired as new C.H.S. hockey coach

By Mike Spellman
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Ron Ford expressed the hope when he started his search for a successor to Dennis Walsh as hockey coach that he'd find someone who could "grow with the program long term."

Well, the Cohasset High Athletic Director thinks he's struck gold in 28-year old John Blake, a highly recommended former assistant coach at the Thayer Academy and Blue Hills Regional hockey factories.

"We're extremely excited to have someone like John coming aboard," said the third year AD. "We had a pretty extensive search, with some excellent candidates, but John really stood out. He's energetic, enthusiastic and comes from a really strong background. We like the fact he can give a long term commitment to the program. To be honest, we just liked everything about him."

It appears the feeling is mutual.

To take this job, Blake leaves his position on the staff of Blue Hills, the team that won the state sectional championship this past winter. He claimed, quite frankly, that he wouldn't have left that post for too many head coaching jobs. So, obviously, something about the Cohasset High job appealed strongly to him.

"I think from what I've seen of Cohasset they can be a top 10 Div. 3 team (in the state) next year," said Blake, who actually scouted the Skippers last year when Blue Hills was one round away from meeting them in the state tourney. "They're a good skating team and they have some good skill players. I'm looking forward to working with them"

After going 19-0-1 in the 2001-'02 regular season, the Skippers received the number one seed in the south section of the Div. 3 state tourney, but won only one game in the post-season before falling to Bourne, the team Blue Hills beat in the south sectional championship game.

Blake feels that disappointing end for Cohasset may well have been the result of the team's weak league and non-league schedules. Not surprisingly, he plans to fill out as much of the non-league portion of this year's schedule with as many perennial powers as possible. Bourne and Blue Hills are two of new dates he's already added to the slate.

"That 19-0-1 record might have been a little deceiving last year," noted Blake. "The way I see it, a tougher non-league schedule might have helped Cohasset come tourney time last year, and I think it will help this year too."

He notes that he likes the speed and quickness of what remains of the Cohasset team – not surprising considering the return of forwards such as Matt Davis, Tom Anderson, John Durkin and Rob Carpenter — which should play well in to his preference for an aggressive offen-

NEW BLOOD, PAGE 2

Cohasset laxmen lead BSG team

Four Cohasset High lacrosse standouts, and a pair of local coaches, will lead the 2002 Southeast squad in this summer's boys' scholastic division of the Bay State Games.

After three days of tryouts on Milliken Field, Cohasset coaches Terry Kahn and Kevin Orcutt – aided by Emerson College head coach Stu Curran, Medfield Hing coach Bob Aronson and Weymouth High coach John Daley – selected a team of 24 public and private school players to defend the gold medal the Southeast won a year ago.

Fifty-eight players participated in the tryouts, including nine from Cohasset – the largest number of any town.

"We want to thank Town Manager Mark Haddad, recreation director Jack Worley, and athletic director Ron Ford for working together to allow Cohasset Lacrosse and its coaches to once again host the regional team," said coach Terry Kahn. "This is a critically important program for the sport in our town, because it lets a large number of our players participate both in the tryouts and the Games. The exposure helps all of our players, and we deeply appreciate the town's support."

Four Cohasset juniors – Nick Spirito, Curt Kahn, Matt Davis and Robert Hickey – were named to the team. For defenseman Spirito and attackman Kahn, it was the second year they've been so honored. Davis and Hickey, both midfielders, will be making their first appearance. All four are co-captains of the 2003 Skipper squad.

"Four is the maximum allowed from any one school," noted coach Kevin Orcutt, "but had that not been the case, we probably could have added one or two more Cohasset players, based on their

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A minor bump in the road

Post 118 coach not discouraged as winless streak reaches three games

By Mike Spellman
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You'd think a coach coming off a three game winless streak would be at least somewhat discouraged.

If you jumped to this conclusion about Cohasset Post 118 baseball coach Scott Arnold, however, you would be dead wrong.

With several of his top players out of town, Arnold's Cohasset and Scituate charges fell twice this week by a total of two runs to the perceived powers of District 6, Quincy and Braintree, and sandwiched this around a tie with Stoughton that ended on a controversial ruling by umpires.

"I haven't seen anything so far that makes me believe we can't beat any team in this league," said the eighth year head coach, whose team fell to 3-2-1 with these setbacks. "The way I look at it, if we have our full lineup for these games, we're probably 6-0 right now."

Gone from the lineup right now is starting centerfielder and leadoff hitter Greg Levin (on family vacation in Australia), as well as starting left

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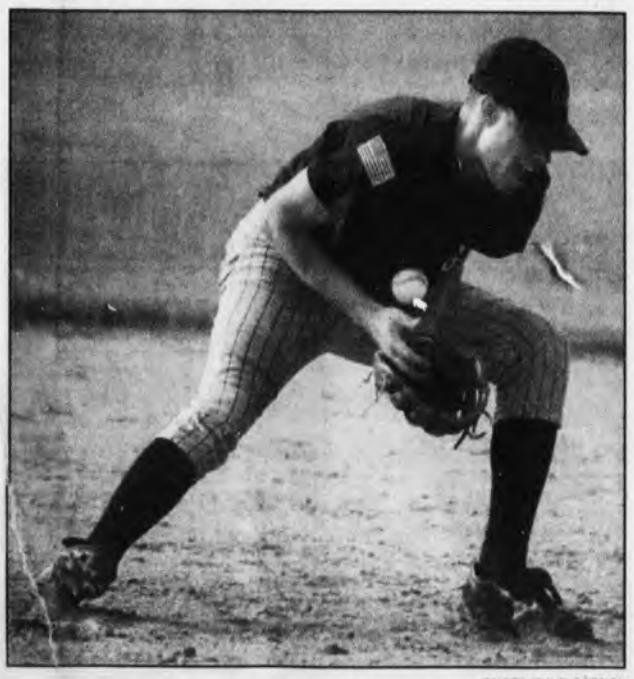

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Whoops! Post 118 shortstop tries to corral bad hop in Sunday's showdown with District 6 rival Stoughton at Scituate High. The game ended in a 6-6 tie, dropping the Cohasset-Scituate team's record on the season to 3-2-1.

All-Scholastic girls track team

Cohasset's Buckley named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed here as "Honorable Mentions" received serous consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

After consulting with area coaches, however, we feel secure that we chose the top 14 female athletes and two relay teams in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Jenn Buckley- Sophomore (Capt.)
Mile/Javelin - Cohasset

Jenn Buckley

This sophomore was one of the Lady Skippers unquestioned team leaders, as well as their most accomplished and versatile athlete…in fact, coach Al LaFontain noted her off-track leadership was as important to the team as her on-track heroics…regularly took two or three first places in South Shore League dual meet action to lead the Lady Skippers to their first plus-.500 season in several years on the track…often ran both the 1-mile and 2-mile race for the Lady Skippers at dual meets…was named to her second consecutive South Shore League all-star team this spring…qualified for states in the mile, javelin and as a member of the 4x400 relay team…finished a very respectable seventh at the state Class D meet in the mile with a time of 5:28.08…her career best in the mile is 5:27…career best in javelin is 98-feet-7-inches… took 17th at the class meet in the javelin (91'02")…also a standout soccer and basketball player at Cohasset High... Cohasset track coach Al LaFontain: "Jenn is just a great athlete, leader and team member. You didn't have to tell her to do things She just did them. She'd grab someone before a race to get them ready and she really kept the team together."

Ashley Hubbard - Sophomore
200 meters/LJ - Marshfield

Ashley Hubbard

While her Marshfield team (1-7) had trouble adjusting to competition in the Old Colony League, Hubbard certainly did not…The sophomore sprinter was the OCL All-League Meet champion in both the 200 meters and long jump…She went unbeaten in-league in both events this season…Hubbard then took her 200-meter talents all the way to the New England Championships this year, where she finished 14th (26.6)…A week prior, Hubbard recorded a second-place finish in the 200 at the All-State Championships, running a personal best time of 25.06, which was one of the fastest times in the state…At this year's State Class B Meet, Hubbard took second in both the 200 (26.2) and long jump (16'10")…The sophomore set a new MHS record in the long jump with 17' 5 3/4"…Hubbard was the anchor of last year's record-setting 4x100-meter relay team, which finished fourth at 2001 New England Championships and earned her a spot on last year's Mariner All-Scholastic team…Hubbard competes indoors for Marshfield during the winter season and plays field hockey for MHS in the fall…She will be among the top returnees for the Lady Rams next season. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "Ashley works very hard, listens, and tries new things. It's only her third season competing in track and she can only get better. She has tremendous athletic ability."

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STAFF PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset's Jenn Buckley was the Lady Skippers top point scorer by far and an unquestioned team leader, making her an easy selection for All-Scholastic honors.

All-Scholastic girls track team

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Joanne Gueverra - Sophomore
High Jump - Marshfield

Joanne Gueverra

Overcame an injury sustained late in the winter season to absolutely dominate the high jump outdoors… Was the Old Colony League All-League Meet Champion in the high jump (5'2")…She twice cleared 5'2" this season for the 1-7 Lady Rams…Gueverra went unbeaten in the event against OCL competitors and traded leads at the beginning of the season with teammate Christine Fay…Was a dominant force for Marshfield during the indoor season in both the 600 meters and high jump, and was essential to the team finishing second in the OCL…Though her leg injury prevented her from running her usual 400-meter and 800-meter events outdoors, Gueverra did run a leg on the 4x100-meter relay this season…Just a sophomore, Gueverra is also a standout midfielder on the MHS soccer squad and was named an honorable mention to the Mariner All-Scholastic team last season…She will be among the top returning athletes next season. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "She was our top middle distance runner but she had trouble with a leg injury. It still bothered her outdoors, so she was not at 100 percent. Still, she managed to be our top high jumper this season and ran a leg on the relay. She likes the high jump and wants to work at it more. She too can only get better."

Melissa Murphy - Junior
100 meters - Rockland

Melissa Murphy

Arguably one of the Patriot League's best athletes, Murphy won her third-straight PL title in the 100 meters…The junior speedster went unbeaten in the 100 and 200 in the Patriot League and also consistently scored big for Rockland in the long jump, and triple jump and was often a quadruple winner…Her performance in all of these events helped lead the Lady Bulldogs to their second-straight Patriot League title…She owned the league's best times in both the 100 (12.6) and 200 (26.5)…Murphy took second in the 100 and ninth in the triple jump at this year's State Class C Meet…She advanced to the All-State Championships in the 100 where she finished seventh (12.5), just one place short of a trip to the New England Championships…Perhaps better known for her basketball skills, Murphy has been the team's starting point-guard for the last two seasons, aiding in Rockland's Div. 3 State Championship in 2000…Murphy also competes on the Lady Bulldog cheerleading squad, which won a Div. 3 title last fall…Murphy is a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in both basketball and track…She will captain the basketball team next year. Rockland coach Peter Woodward: "Melissa is a fierce competitor. She steps to the line and wants to win. She ran a great race at All-states and missed New Englands by a hair. She's really matured as a runner and an athlete."

Nicole Christoforo - Junior (Capt.)
800 meters/Mile - Rockland

Was a standout performer for the two-time Patriot League champions, owning the league's best 800 meter time and was the All-League meet champion in the event and anchored home Rockland's winning 4x400-meter relay…She went unbeaten in the 800 in the Patriot League…Christoforo finished third at this year's State Class C Meet with a personal best 2:22…She advanced to the All-State Championships where she took 11th and ran even faster in 2:21, nearly qualifying for the New England Championships…Still a junior, Christoforo defeated long-time rival and fellow All-Scholastic Emily Tansey, of Scituate, in the mile in the final dual meet of the season and finished with the PL's best mile time (5:33)…Christoforo is making her second appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic squad, as she made our cross country team last fall…She is a three-time PL All-star in cross country and finished second at the All-Patriot League Meet…Christoforo will captain the cross country and track teams next year. Rockland coach Peter Woodward: "Nicole is the epitome of a gutsy distance runner. She loves to win. She was a captain as a junior, which I very rarely do, but she had all the qualities you'd expect from a captain. She's a great leader and is a hard worker at practice."

Nicole Christoforo

Laura Kemp - Freshman
Hurdles - Rockland

Laura Kemp

Although just a freshman, Kemp is already making an impact in the Patriot League…In a shift from the 800 meters last season, Kemp's consistent performances in the 100 and 300- meter hurdling events helped the Lady Bulldogs win their second-straight Patriot League title…Kemp took third in the 300-meter hurdles at this year's All-League Meet and also ran a leg on the winning 4x400-meter relay team…In addition to competing in both hurdling events, Kemp was also a top high jumper on the team, clearing 5-feet, and was often a triple winner in dual meets…Also got up to 31-feet in the triple jump this season…Kemp owned the PL's best 300-meter hurdle time of 52.1…The freshman competed in the State Class C Meet…Kemp is making her second appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic squad as she was also named to our cross country team last fall…Kemp still has a long running career ahead of her at RHS. Rockland coach Peter Woodward: "Laura is one of the most coordinated athletes I've ever coached. She made a difficult jump to the hurdles this season and was excellent at both. She's built like an ideal track girl. She's a wonderful kid."

Allison Donovan - Senior (Capt.)
Mile - Hingham

Allison Donovan

Had a solid outdoor season for the Harborwomen after missing the entire fall cross country and winter indoor seasons due to an injury… Donovan finished third in the mile at this year's State Class C Meet (5:29)…She advanced to the All-State Championships and finished 15th (5:31)…Donovan was also the Patriot League All-League Meet champion in the mile…One of the most dominating female distance runners ever to grace the track at Hingham High, Donovan is a three-time Patriot League All-star who traditionally competed in both the one- and two-mile events…Donovan has won three-straight titles at Hingham's annual 4th of July Road Race, but was unable to run last season because of the injury…Donovan is also a three-time PL all-star in cross country…Donovan won the two-mile at the 2001 South Shore Principal's Meet, breaking the meet record in 11:39.2…She was also undefeated in PL competition that same year in the two-mile…Donovan plans to attend UMass Lowell next fall where she will continue her running career. Hingham coach Livvy Kates: "She's a very hard working individual. Even when she was injured she would come find me everyday to keep me posted. It was very frustrating for her not to be able to run but she demonstrated a great deal of patience. She was able to hold on and really come through in the end."

Kayla Halloran- Senior
Mile - Norwell

Kayla Halloran

Has now been named to three consecutive Mariner All-Scholastic track teams…suffered through a series of illnesses and injuries through much of her junior and senior years, and never seemed to completely regain the form of her sensational sophomore year, but still enjoyed an excellent senior spring campaign, capping it off with a third place finish at the state Class D meet with her best time of the season (5:17.23)…ran her career best outdoor mile of 5:10 as a sophomore… ran a 5:11.4 to win last spring's Class D mile…finished eighth in the mile at the All-State meet, two spots shy of qualifying for the New England track and field championship…went a perfect 7-0 running the mile in South Shore League dual meet competition this season, helping to lead the Lady Clippers to their second straight SSL title…also won six of seven 800-meter races this season… was part of the 4x400 relay team that finished sixth at the Class D meet and was also named to the Mariner All-Scholastic team… finished second in the 800 at the Weston Twilight Classic this spring with a run 2:22…finished fifth in the indoor 1,600-meter race as a sophomore at the New England's with a career best 5:08…also ran her career best 11:39 in the 2-mile during her sophomore year…will run track and major in Biology at Bucknell…Norwell coach Coach Chuck Martin: "Kayla is just an exceptionally dedicated runner. She runs year-round full-time, which you don't see from that many high school runners. And she loves to compete."

Lydia Shute - Senior
High Jump - Norwell

Lydia Shute

The Lady Clippers jack-of-all-trades, Lydia regularly won first place points in three or four events in dual meet competition this spring, helping the team to its second consecutive South Shore League title…advanced to the All-State meet this spring by finishing fourth in the state Class D meet high jump (5-feet)…also qualified for the Class meet in the 100-meter high hurdles…finished first in the high jump competition in all seven SSL dual meets this spring…also too six first places and one second place in both the triple jump and 100-meter hurdles, and four firsts and three seconds in the 300-meter hurdles…named to the South Shore League all-star team all three track seasons in her senior year…top high jump this season was 5-feet-1-inch... top triple jump was 33-feet…top long jump of 14-feet-8-inches was recorded at Notre Dame Heptathlon…finished fifth in the high jump at this winter's indoor Class D meet…was also a Mariner All-Scholastic in cross country this fall…sister Margaret (Norwell Class of 2001), who is now at the University of Chicago, was a High Honorable Mention for last spring's Mariner All-Scholastic girls track team…also has a younger sister at Norwell High, McKenzie, who plays tennis and field hockey…Lydia will attend the University of Massachusetts –Amherst this fall… Norwell coach Coach Chuck Martin: "Lydia has always had the kind of potential, and she really stepped up this year."

Aquila Williams Judge - Senior
Long Jump/Hurdles - Scituate

Aquila Williams Judge

Many feel Aquila may have been the best female track athlete in New England these past two years… due to a knee injury suffered midway through her senior year, Aquila was unable to defend her state 100-meter hurdles crown…also wiped out by the injury was her chance to improve on her second place finishes last spring in the all-state long jump competition, as well as the New England long jump and 100-meter hurdles…was slowed in these events by a hamstring pull…won the indoor all-state 55-meter hurdles and long jump championships this winter… followed that up with her only New England championship, winning the long jump…also finished second in the 55-meter hurdles at this event… recorded the state's all-time indoor long jump mark this winter with a leap of 19-feet-4 inches, which was also the top female leap recorded in the U.S. this year… holds the state's second all-time best time in the 55-meter hurdles (8.24 seconds)…posted the second most points ever by a Massachusetts athlete in the national Nike Classic Pentathlon this winter (3,421), which was good for third place…also finished second in last year's Nike Classic with 3,185 points…won the Massachusetts pentathlon last summer (3,073 points)…named an All-American for indoor track in both 2001 and '02…two-time Boston Globe Track Athlete of the Year (spring '01 and winter '02)…named Patriot League's Outstanding Athlete for indoor track all four years at Scituate High…holds 12 all-time Scituate High records: six outdoor (100-meter-12.1 seconds, 200-meter-24.1, 100-meter hurdles- 14.8, long jump-18' 7-1/2", triple jump- 38,4", heptathlon-4,097 points) and six indoor (55-meter hurdles-8.24 seconds, 60 meter hurdles-9.0, 300-meters- 41.74, 400 meters- 59.8, long jump 19'4-1/2" and pentathlon-3,421 points)… also holds many Patriot League titles and records…was actively recruited by several Div. 1 track coaches, but has decided to attend Wheaton College…aspires to run in the 2004 Olympics for either the Jamaican National team (she has dual citizenship)… Scituate girls track coach Bill Smith: "Aquila will never be replaced. She is easily the greatest female trackster to ever represent Scituate High, and she's a great person too."

Emily Tansey - Senior
Mile - Scituate

Emily Tansey

Emily earned her near unprecedented 11th Patriot League All-Star selection this spring despite missing the tail end of the season and state meets… a standout middle and long distance runner who shone in cross country and on both the indoor and outdoor tracks…had multiple first place finishes in five of six versus dual meets this spring…her only loss in the mile this spring came to Nicole Christoforo (another Mariner All-Scholastic), which was also her first loss in three years in the event…won every indoor mile race her last three years…wrapped up her high school career with 92 career first place and 14 second place finishes in Patriot League competition…was named Patriot League Athlete of the Year for the fall of 2001…Scituate High record holder in indoor 1-mile (5:21.8), 1,000-meters (3:05.68) and 800 (2:23.6)…won the state Class C indoor 1-mile this winter…a National Honors Society student with a grade point average of 3.74…had a combined SAT score of 1,370…Editor of the school Newspaper, SCITUATION…will run Div. 1 collegiate track for Colgate University…Scituate girls track coach Bill Smith: "Emily was a great leader, a great person and a great athlete. She was easily the hardest worker on the team."

Kiely Cuddihy - Senior
Discus/Shot Put - Scituate

Kiely Cuddihy

Capped off her outstanding four year career as a thrower for Scituate High by finishing second at the state Class C meet in the shot put with a throw of 36-feet-2 fl -inches…this earned Kiely her fourth career trip to the all-state meet…finished 13th at all-states, her throw of 34' 1 fi " leaving her 17 inches shy of what would have been her first ever qualification for the New England championships…recorded her career best of 36' 11" just a few weeks prior, which would have put her in the New England's…in six seasons of tossing the shot put (four outdoor, two indoor), Kiely finished first in all but two dual meets, taking second to teammates in both cases…also finished first of second in all six post-season Patriot League meets…finished first or second throwing the discus in every dual meet over her four outdoor seasons…finished eighth in the discus at this spring's Class C meet with a throw of 88'11"…top career discus throw was 95-feet…a National Honors Society student…graduated with class rank of 17 in class of 194…a volunteer for the Scituate Recreation Department…sister of Scituate High sophomore basketball star Tom Cuddihy…wants to be a teacher…will major in Elementary Education and compete as a member of the track team at Bridgewater State College beginning this spring…Scituate field coach Charlie Leverone: "Kiely obviously has a lot of natural ability, and she's worked hard to improve over the years. Her big thing is her consistency, though. She hardly ever had a bad meet or performance."

DaviAnn Brown - Senior
400 meters - Silver Lake

DaviAnn Brown

Opted to attend her high school graduation this spring rather than the All-State meet, thereby relinquishing the chance to defend her state and New England 400-meter championship…also won the state and New England 600-meter championship this winter…finished third in the 400 at the Class A meet this spring with a time of 57.83…drove out to Worcester State College following Silver Lake's graduation to run with 4x100 team at All-State's, but the quartet missed by just .02 seconds of qualifying for New England's… missed three spring meets due to a muscle pull injury…went unbeaten running the 400 and 800 this spring for the Lady Lakers…eight time Old Colony League All-Star (four indoor, four outdoor)…holds seven individual school records (300-meter, 300-yards, 400-meter, 600-yard, 600-yards, 1,000-meter, 1,000-yards) and was part of four school relay team records…school school record in both the 400 (56.9 seconds) and indoor 600-meter…ran cross country for Silver Lake the last two years to improve conditioning, and emerged as a solid number two or three placer…honor roll student…has a full track scholarship from Northeastern University, where she will begin studying nursing this fall…Silver Lake girls track coach Joe Darche: "What else can be said about DaviAnn. You just don't see too many athletes like that over the course of your lifetime. Not only is she very talented, but she's an exceptional worker and extremely focussed, and just a terrific kid."

Hannah Rapalee- Freshman
800 meters - Silver Lake

Hannah Rapalee

Talk about a bright future, you can't have a much better freshman year than this young lady had…was the only member of her team to advance to the New England track and field championships this spring, and finished a very respectable eighth in the 800-meter race field dominated by cream of the crop upperclassmen…advanced to the New England's by shaving two seconds off her personal best in the 800 with a 2:17.40 to finish fifth at the All-State meet, also shattering the 21-year old SL record (2:18.04)…this was a week after she finished second at the state Class A meet (2:19.65)…undefeated in Old Colony League dual meet competition in the 800 this spring…OCL all-star…also had one of the fastest outdoor miles ever run by an SL freshman (5:26), and coach Joe Darche figures she'll make a run at that school record (5:05) as well before it's all said and done…was also a member of the 4x100 relay team that missed by just .02 seconds of qualifying for New England's…was a top 600-meter (top time of 1:39.4) and 300-meter racer for Lady Lakers this winter, earning OCL all-star honors here as well…also a standout soccer player who made the SL varsity starting lineup as a freshman, and plays year round as a member of the South Shore Select club team…Silver Lake coach Joe Darche: "Keep in mind she's just a freshman, and has a lot of running ahead of her. She's very focussed for her age, so it really looks like she has a bright future…Once she concentrates on the mile, she'll probably own that (school) mark as well. Every time she ran the mile, she knew she was also scheduled to run another event, so she never really cut loose."

Relays

4x100 Relay Team - Silver Lake
Jill Scanlon, DaviAnn Brown, Hannah Rapalee, Teryn Wiedermann

This quartet finished fourth at the state Class A state meet this spring with a time of 51.08 to qualify for the All-State track and field championship…finished seventh at the All-State meet, just .02 seconds off the sixth and final qualifying time for the New England championships…This team actually came together midway through the season because of injuries to Michelle Woodford and Megan Dart…Silver Lake coach Joe Darche: "We kind of pooled our talent on this team with the injuries to others, and they didn't let me down."

4x400 Relay Team - Norwell
Jenna Zarrick, Jenn Guiney, Samantha Genatasio, Kayla Halloran

These four Norwell runners finished sixth at the state Class D Meet with a time of 4:21.95, narrowly missing out on qualifying for all-states…this quartet also went unbeaten in South Shore League dual meet competition to help lead the Lady Clippers to a second consecutive league championship.

Honorable Mention:

Maura O'Brien- Jr.- High jump /Discus - Cohasset
Gilian Weber- Soph. -Cohasset
Mary Silvia- Fr.- Cohasset
Nicole Whitney- Fr.- Cohasset
Sade Judge - Fr. - Shotput - Scituate
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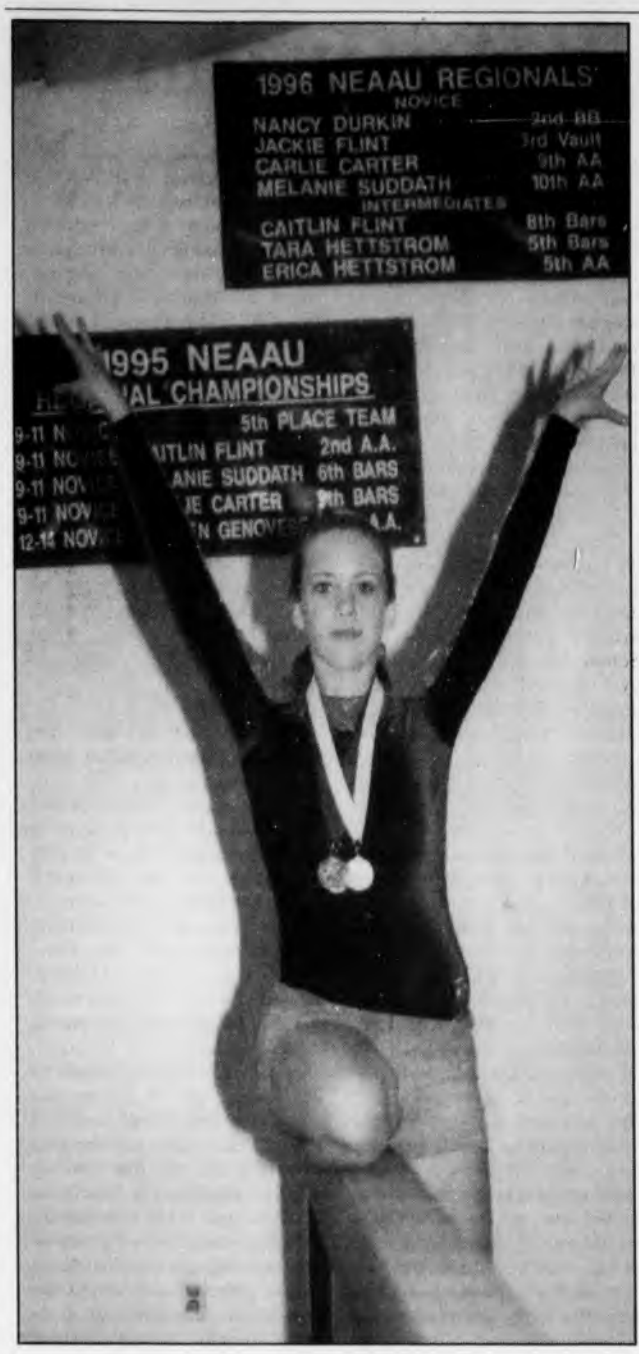


Local gymnasts compete in regional gymnastics championships

Four gymnasts from the South Shore Community Center, "Gymnast in Motion" team program traveled to Swansea for the recent AAU Regional Championships.

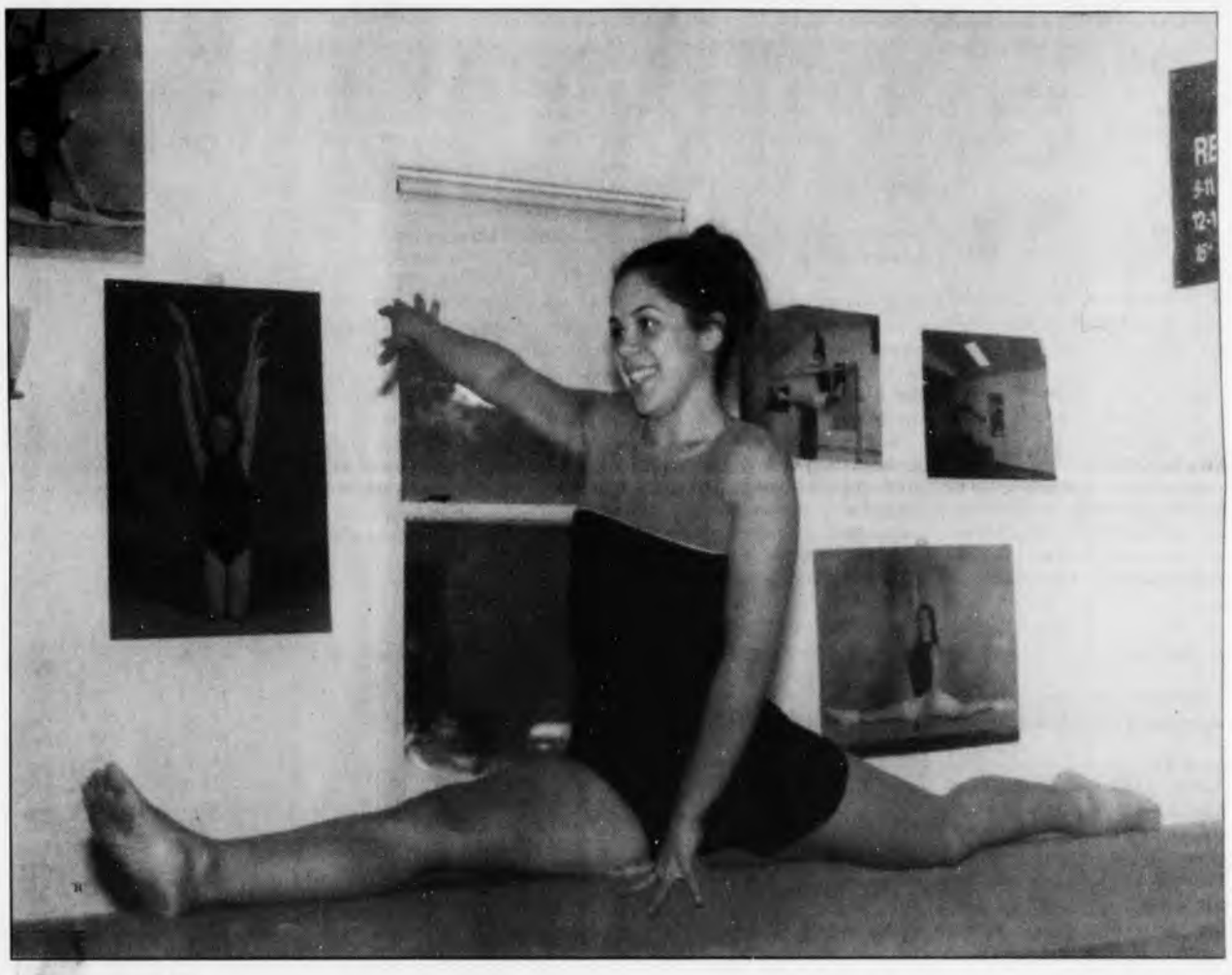
Jr. Novice: Caitlin Sanchez, Kate Carpenter, and Lisa Spirito took home the fourth place team trophy. Caitlin Sanchez medaled on three events,. beam: 8.65, floor: 8.50, and bars: 7.55. Teammate Kate Carpenter took ninth in the all around and medaled on beam: 8.6, floor: 8.7, vault: 7.3, and bars: 7.40. Lisa Spirito was the first placed all around champion and also placed first on bars and floor: 9.10, and also medaled on beam: 8.50, and vault: 8.0.

Nancy Durkin who competed in the intermediate division medaled on all four events. With an 8.0 on the vault, 8.20 on bars, 8.15 on the beam, and a 8.80 on the floor exercises.

The girls are now practicing new skills to get ready for the Cohasset/Norwell varsity gymnastics team.

Bay State games

Coaches Megan Pratt and Lindsay Kay are also busy working out in the gym getting ready for the Bay State Games held in Danvers in July under the direction of Ruthann Ardizzoni coaching director for gymnast in motion.



Clockwise from top left:
- Caitlin Sanchez placed eighth on beam, 10th on floor and eighth on bars.
- South Shore Community Center gymnasts (from left) Caitlin Sanchez, Kate Carpenter, and Lisa Spirito, and (front) Nancy Durkin show off their awards.
- Junior Novice Champion Lisa Spirito finished first in the all-around competition, as well as on the floor exercise (9.1) and uneven bars (9.1), to go along with solid showings on the vault (fourth) and beam (10th).
- Nancy Durkin placed eighth on bars, 12th on floor, 13th on beam and 14th on vault.
- Kate Carpenter placed ninth I nthe all-around, ninth on beam, sixth on floor, 10th on bars and 18th on vault in the Junior Novice division.

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A minor bump in the road

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fielder and cleanup hitter Tim Straughn and two other regulars in the outfield rotation, Eric Demahowski and Chris Carr. The latter three players are in Kentucky until Monday working with the Apalachia Project.

In both the 3-2 loss to Quincy on Friday and 2-1 loss to Braintree on Monday, the lack of defensive experience in the outfield wound up biting the Post 118 team. In each game, the winning run was put on base because of an outfield misplay.

"I'm not blaming the kids who were out there, because they weren't really used to playing out there," said Arnold. "But more experienced outfielders probably make those plays."

Monday's loss to Braintree, which features several of the players from the Braintree High team that just lost in the Div. 1 Eastern Mass championship game to St. Johns, squandered what Arnold termed a "great, great effort" from starting pitcher Tom Fitzgerald.

The recent B.C. High grad surrendered just three hits and struck out eight while going the distance on the mound. One of those hits was a blooper off the bat of Braintree third baseman Jimmy Pierce to open the bottom of the seventh that was misplayed in to a hit.

Just moments after Cohasset centerfielder Ted Straughn (Tim's freshman brother) gunned out what would have been the winning run at home, Pierce raced home on a passed ball.

"It's a tough way to lose a game, but against a team like Braintree, every mistake could be huge, and that was the case here," noted Arnold.

Braintree's Ken Downey matched Fitzgerald virtually pitch-for-pitch, also striking out eight while surrendering just three hits.

Braintree broke the scoring ice early, as designated hitter Nick Angelini doubled home Pierce in the first to make it 1-0.

Post 118 finally got on the board in the sixth when third baseman Mike Gulinello worked a walk to lead things off, stole second and then moved to third on a nice piece of hitting by Straughn. The Cohasset High freshman put a tough pitch on the ground to the right side to advance Gulinello, who would then score on a wild pitch.

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Post 118 pitcher Jesse Cole brings the heat in Sunday's showdown with District 6 rival Stoughton.

The baseball rarity, a tie, came on Sunday when umpires would not allow Stoughton and host Scituate to start a ninth inning after 7:50 p.m. and the score tied at 6-6.

"We probably had another 45 minutes of daylight, and I had the top of my order coming up," bemoaned Arnold. "I couldn't believe they call it when they did."

Still, in the grand scheme of things, the veteran coach sees this as but a minor speed bump. Five of eight teams in District 6 will qualify for the post-season, and Arnold sounds convinced his team will be one of those, and get back in to the playoffs after a one year absence.

"I really believe we can beat anyone," appraised Arnold. "The kids still need to come together and play the way they're capable of playing and get the 10 or so wins we need. If they can't do that, they don't deserve to be in the playoffs."

Long term fix

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sive attack.

"I don't like to have my teams lay back and wait for their offensive opportunities," offered Blake, who has already met with team captains.

Other than that, Blake appears to enter the job with a pretty open mind. He says he intends to let what he sees in practice determine to a large degree what type of game plan he'll adopt.

In general, though, Blake says he aspires to put a "smart, well conditioned and disciplined team" on the ice.

"I want hard working, disciplined and motivated student athletes," said Blake, "and I stress 'student-athlete'. If the players aren't going to do it in the classroom, they're not going to play hockey. That's where it all starts for me. I want kids who are going to represent their school and town in the right way."

Blake, 28, starred for Canton High in hockey, graduating in 1992. He then moved on to Plymouth State in New Hampshire to play hockey and major in Education. He gave up on hockey after his sophomore year to concentrate more fully on academics and graduated in 1996 with a degree in Education. He has just recently earned his Master's Degree in Education from Cambridge College.

He was hired in the fall of 1996 as a Phys Ed and Health Teacher at the Duxbury Middle School. He has also been Duxbury High's freshman boys soccer coach the last few years, and this past school year took on the additional job as Spring Faculty Manager at D.H.S. – becoming, in essence, an assistant Athletic Director.

Hockey remains Blake's first athletic love, though. He worked his first two years out of college as an assistant at Thayer before moving on to Blue Hills in 1998, learning at the feet of two of the most celebrated coaches in Massachusetts school boy circles: Jack Foley at Thayer and Steve Woods at Blue Hills. Those coaches helped instill in him many qualities essential to the success of a head coach, not the least of which appears to be confidence.

"I've learned from some great guys and great coaches, but when you're an assistant there are always things you'd like to try your own way," he said. "Now it looks like I'll get that chance to implement a few of my own ideas. I'm looking forward to the challenge."

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Just killing time here talking a little baseball until my Red Sox minor league contract comes in.

Hey, if John Henry Williams rates one, why not yours truly, the nephew of a longtime season ticket holder? The Kid's kid might have more favorable baseball bloodline and a coupla years on me, but I can be real scrappy.

Speaking of which, if the Sox send "scrappy" Lou Merloni back to Pawtucket in favor of keeping Jose Offerman on the active roster, I'll be boycotting the All-Star game. Mr. "Awfulman" is older, slower, a far less flexible and effective defensive player than Framingham's Merloni, and he's hitting 60 points lower than him to boot. Other than that, he's a hell of an addition to the team. It seems twisted to think the only thing Jose has going for him over Merloni is that multi-million-dollar rotten egg the Sox front office doesn't want to eat. The way I look at it is that unpleasant morsel is being consumed anyway, and it seems it would be a lot more palatable going down in one big gulp rather than one small bite at a time. In other words, if Jose stinks as a ballplayer like a rotten egg and he's not helping the team, why wait to get rid of him? He's gone after this season anyway. Hold your nose and swallow hard, I say.

Speaking of talk of an All-Star game boycott by the players, with all of the money the Major League Players Union pulls in, there's no excuse for there not being a professionally trained team of dope slappers. John Burkett certainly deserved to have his bell rung last week when he made the comment about boycotting the All-Star game.

In lieu of the dope slappers, you'd think Donald Fehr would at least send out instructions to all union members spelling out their only real two responsibilities for maximizing their earning potential: 1) be the best baseball player you can be, 2) don't do anything that's going to further antagonize the fan base. Not too complicated, I'd say. With an eight-figure salary as incentive, I could probably follow that directive pretty easily.

Call me naïve, but I say the next shut down of Major League Baseball is the one that finally does irreparable harm to the industry. The fans have reached their tolerance saturation point, something that has more than a little to do with the events of Sept. 11 and the resultant way in which all of our perceptions have been forever altered. More than ever before, we realize baseball is just a game. If the billionaires and multi-millionaires can't find a way to work things out, screw 'em. I'll take my kids to a New England Revolution, Boston Breakers or Boston Cannons game in the summer, or perhaps a Cape Cod League or Legion baseball game, and I'm guessing there are an awful lot of like-minded people out there. A lot of younger folks are tiring of large ticket baseball anyway. My guess is it won't take much of a nudge to start pushing 'em away in droves for good.

There are four or five franchises that simply won't survive a work stoppage, and even traditional seemingly Teflon-clad teams such as the Red Sox and Braves will feel this one.

Wish I could say the same for the Yanks, but with that local TV contract in place, a work stoppage would probably only help create an even greater imbalance.

And speaking of that, here's hoping the small market owners stick to their guns regarding a truly significant luxury tax. I'm guessing many more players out there than the Union would like to admit are willing to bend on this front. Sure, there are those players who will profess the party line about how un-American it is to interfere with wanton profiteering until their dying breath (or at least until the repo men come looking for their "back up" Ferrari), but common sense tells me there must be a healthy majority out there who see the eminent wisdom of the hard luxury tax. Certainly, if things continue as they are for the Yankees, it won't be long before the eight to 10 teams that are now playing the role of slightly glorified Washington Generals increases in to the twenties.

Closer to home

Congratulations to two *Marinerland* products who became first round NHL draft picks on Saturday.

Ryan Whitney, the Scituate native and Thayer Academy grad, was taken fifth overall by the Pittsburgh Penguins. The 6-foot-3, 200 pound defenseman may well return for his sophomore year at Boston University next winter, but he remains property of the Penguins.

Mike Morris, of Braintree and St. Sebastian's Academy, is scheduled to begin his freshman year at Northeastern this fall on a hockey scholarship, but the San Jose Sharks surprised a few NHL scouts by making the 6-foot-1, 185 pound winger their first selection with the 27th overall pick.

Well wishes also go out to Pembroke's **Peter Metcalf**, the recent University of Maine graduate who the Bruins signed as a free agent to a two-year contract a few weeks back.

Metcalf, a defenseman, played high school hockey at Cushing Academy and moved on to play four years for the University Maine, graduating this spring.

"Peter is an offensive defenseman who plays with some bite," said Bruins General Manager Mike O'Connell. "We feel he's an excellent prospect for this organization."

Metcalf, 23, finished second on the Black Bears in scoring this winter with 9 goals and 41 assists in 44 games. He also lead the team in penalty minutes (66) and +/- (+29), and was third in the team in shots on goal (115). The 6-foot, 200-pound bluliner is the son of Judy and Peter Metcalf. His sister Erin played defense for Northeastern University's nationally ranked women's team (1996–00). He was a business major.

Metcalf was originally drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Kudos likewise to former Norwell High baseball star **Mark Woodworth**. The 1990 NHS grad was named this week as head coach at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. He was actually named as interim head coach prior to this season after the retirement of the school's long-time coach, but school administrators elected to drop the "interim" label this week.

Mark played Little League baseball in Norwell as well. The Woodworth Field in Norwell (across from Jacobs Pond) is named in honor of his father, Al Woodworth, a long-time Little League coach and official who died in 1984.

First annual family lax day a great success

This past Sunday, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse celebrated the end of another fantastic season with their inaugural Family Lax Day which featured "grudge matches" between the "White" and "Blue" teams at the U10, U12, and U14 levels of the boys program to determine who got the town bragging rights for the coming year. The Lacrosse Boosters also sponsored a fantastic BBQ and picnic for over 125 families that are involved in the Youth program with a buffet that included the normal grilled fare along with "chowdah" from The Red Lion, sausages with peppers and onions (a crowd favorite), and desserts that were donated by the families of the players. In addition, we also had a surprise visit from the Boston Cannons who came to Cohasset to help support our program and to give the boys some "tips from the pros" on lacrosse, teamwork, and the benefits of a positive attitude.

Throughout the day we had over 200 people participate to cheer on their favorite players and with Mother Nature throwing in some late afternoon sunshine to add to the festivities, it turned out to be a great Fathers Day for everyone in attendance. In addition, through generous donations received during the day, the Boosters will also be able to shore up their support for next year's new Boys and Girls Junior Varsity programs that will be launched at the High School. It was full day of fun for everyone and for those that were keeping track (and the kids certainly were), the "White" teams swept the competition in closely contested games at each age level to earn the distinction of Family Lax Day Champions (you will probably see them wearing their winning t-shirts around town.

In addition to the Boosters who sponsored the event, we would also like to thank the following businesses for their support in making it a special day: Adrian Morris Salons, The Village Butcher, The Red Lion Inn, The Boston Cannons, Shaws, Cohasset Soccer and Little League, South Shore Embroidery, The Good Sport, and Commonwealth Lacrosse. We would also like to acknowledge all of the volunteers that staffed the event and in particular, the volunteer committee of Millie Oswald, Sarah Murphy, Patty Connors, and Maria Mills; without whose tireless efforts, the day would never have come together as the great event it turned out to be.

Lastly, the Boosters would like to extend their appreciation and gratitude to all of the parents and players within the youth program for making it another successful year for the players, the coaches, and the Town of Cohasset. Based on the level of support that you continue to provide to our program, it is clear that lacrosse is alive and well and will continue to offer our kids a great athletic, personal, and recreational experience for many years to come.

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Here, the Cohasset Under-12 girls pose after receiving their third place medals in the Mass State Championships. Front row from left: Alicia Asnault, Sarah Coggins,Rachel McMorris, Samantha Fortin, Kristin Monaco, Gabriella Flibotte, Caitlin Mahoney. Top row from left: Johanna Brophy, Torey Hart, Coach Joe Coggins, Ellie Casey, Anna Haggerty, Gina Giuggio, Sally Meehan,Meg Anderson, Maggie McGoldrick, Samantha Lehr, McKenna Teague,Coach George McGoldrick.

So close and yet...

U12 girls soccer team falls in semis after historic run, great experiences

Disregarding the ninety-degree temperatures, Cohasset took the field at the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions to face the best soccer teams in the state. Confident in their ability, trusting in their teammates, the CYSL Girls U12 League Champions turned a blind eye to the tournament's overwhelming atmosphere and set quickly to work.

Around them teams from all over the state, all champions representing their respective leagues, were scattered across 21 fields in their pursuit of a State Championship. For two days these fields would host games on the hour, as teams competed within their brackets to achieve the best record and a chance to proceed to Sunday, the final four in each division.

Cohasset proved well suited to the challenge. The opening game Friday morning against Shrewsbury saw strong attack play by Meg Anderson, Sammy Fortin, Gabriella Flibotte and Gina Guiggio that kept the opponents on their heels. Sarah Coggins, Tory Hart and Maggie McGoldrick owned the middle of the field, controlling the mid play and supporting the attack. Defensive standouts Ellie Casey, Sammie Lehr, Caitlin Mahoney and Anna Hagerty turned back each attempt to goal. With goals by Maggie McGoldrick and Gabriella Flibotte, Cohasset defeated Shrewsbury 2-1 to open the tourney on the right foot.

Second up was a strong team from Fall River. Skilled and blessed with fantastic speed, Fall River tested the Cohasset team, dominating play with sharp passing and footwork. Adjusting to the strong ball control skills, Cohasset midfielders concentrated on turning the momentum. While Sally Meehan, Alicia Asnault , Rachel McMorris, and Kristin Monaco fought to bring pressure into the offensive zone, McKenna Teague was single handedly shutting down Fall Rivers' most productive attacker.

With less than a minute to play, Cohasset's final attack started with a booming kick from the foot of goalie Johanna Brophy. Down the field roared the Cohasset attack with Gabriella Flibotte racing towards the goal. Unstoppable, Gabriella netted the tying goal with less than thirty seconds left in the game. Deflated, Fall River had to settle for a tie while Cohasset celebrated a come-from-behind effort that kept them atop the standings.

Refreshed from a good night's sleep, Cohasset returned to the field to face Burlington, a big team looking for its first tournament win. The teams locked horns from the start with both exhibiting strong skills and clean aggressive play. But, as in so many past games, different players stepped up and made the plays for Cohasset. Late in the first half, Meg Anderson collected a perfect pass from midfield and sprinted towards the goal, netting the only score of the game. Cohasset remained unbeaten within the bracket, assuring themselves a spot in the final four.

Not since the 1986 boys high school team coached by Larry Shultz had a Cohasset team made it to the semifinal round at the state level. More than 600 teams from across the state started the season early in the spring and now only four remained. Cohasset was among the best of the best.

The draw pitted Cohasset against a tough Abington team comprised totally of solid players with club experience. Cohasset mounted an early attack that put the Abington girls back on their heels. Abington responded with counterattacks of their own as both teams vigorously intensified their offensive pressure. Ellie Casey was relentless as she tracked down and stopped each opposing striker.

In goal for Cohasset, Johanna Brophy was immense, stopping bombs launched from every direction. Midway through the first half Cohasset struck. Stopping another Abington drive, Johanna Brophy booted the ball far down the field. Sarah Coggins controlled the kick and placed a perfect pass up field to Gabriella Flibotte who beat the Abington goalie at the far post to take the lead into the second half 1-0.

The Abington team came out of halftime with a ferocious attack that proved too much for Cohasset to handle and which ultimately provided two goals.

Abington successfully ended a phenomenal tournament run by our Cohasset team. Immediately following the last whistle, our ladies, on their own initiative, gave Abington a congratulatory cheer and wished them luck in the finals, which Abington won 3-0 against Fall River.

After the game, both players and parents realized that something really special had happened in Amherst. Due to the girls' hard work and love of the game, families took three days off from daily routines to share in the great accomplishments of this team. New friendships were built between families as they enjoyed each other's company away from the household chores and cell phones. This event helped bring out much of what is best about youth sports.

Every member of the team worked hard, played brilliantly, and contributed to the team success. More importantly, these young athletes have an experience that they will remember forever. Few make the Tournament of Champions and fewer still make the Final Four. Our girls should take great pride in what they achieved. The ambassadors from Cohasset represented our town with great passion, sportsmanship, and fair play. Congratulations girls, we are proud of you.

Cohasset laxmen lead BSG team

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outstanding play over the three days."

Only one other school – Div 2 state champion Hingham – also had four players named to the team. Boston College High and Weymouth each have three squad members, while Medfield and Marshfield each have a pair. Milton HS, Milton Academy, Deerfield Academy, Braintree HS, Catholic Memorial and Scituate HS have one member apiece.

Players are eligible if they live or go to school in one of the towns that make up the Southeast region for the Games. Three Scituate-based players – Steve Williams (a former Norwell HS standout) of Deerfield, Ryan Flannery of BC High, and Jarret Dawson – made the squad, as did the first-ever Hull player, Garrett Curran of Catholic Memorial.

The team will have five local practices before the Games begin on Thursday, July 11 at Wentworth Institute in Boston. The Games conclude on Sunday, July 14 with bronze- and gold-medal games.

Cohasset lacrosse players received other recognition this week as well. Nick Spirito was selected to play the Eastern Massachusetts Underclassmen All-Star game, held last Saturday in Lowell. His teammate Curt Kahn was picked as an alternate for the game.

Bay State Games South roster:

M- Mike Aylward, Braintree HS
D- Rory Baldini, Milton Academy
M-Joe Camillo, Weymouth HS
M- Pat Canty, BC HS
M/A- Shea Coakley, Marshfield HS
M- Garett Curran, Cath. Memorial
M/A- Matt Davis, Cohasset HS
M- Jarrett Dawson, Scituate HS
D- Gerard Dhooge, Milton HS
D- Nicholas Doherty, BC HS
G- Todd Faiella, Marshfield HS
M- Ryan Flannery, BC HS
G- Nate Hammond, Hingham HS
M- Robert Hickey, Cohasset HS
A- Curtis Kahn, Cohasset HS
D- Andrew Keefe, Weymouth HS
A- Brendan Lynch, Medfield HS
A- Matt Murray, Weymouth HS
M- Greg Paul, Hingham HS
D- Andrew Pepin, Medfield HS
A- Ben Prime, Hingham HS
A- Drew Sowyrda, Hingham HS
D- Nick Spirito, Cohasset HS
M- Steve Williams, Deerfield Acad

STAFF PHOTO/MIKE SPELLMAN

Cohasset High laxers at Bay State Games tryouts last week (from left): Matt Davis, Curt Kahn, Mike Rasmussen and Nick Spirito.

Shore Soccer Camp Ages 8 to 18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's two one-week long Soccer Clinics starting Monday, June 29, through Friday, Aug. 2, and/or Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 9.

Soccer will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for one session is $225 per member. If participating in both sessions, the fee will be $395 per player. There will be a $20 discount for each additional child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Information regarding this year's 4 and 5-year-old and 6 and 7-year-old shorter-day Soccer Clinics will be forth coming shortly. South Shore Soccer Camp will provide both of these soccer programs for younger children this summer.

Mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space available and there are no discounts available for multiple children. All children must be toilet trained.

Programs

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WORSHIP NEWS

Petition supports Right to Know bill

Parishioners at St. Anthony Church will collect signatures after all Masses on June 29 to 30 on a petition in support of the Woman's Right to Know bill. The bill, sponsored by Mass. Citizens for Life, provides women with full access to information so they can make an informed choice prior to an abortion decision.

The parish also invites those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church to register for the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA), which will begin in the fall. RCIA is a sacramental process of formation that prepares individuals to live as Catholic Christians. For information, call the religious education office, 781-383-0630, or the rectory office, 383-0219.

Teachers of religious education are needed for the fall, and parishioners are encouraged to volunteer.

Volunteer at the CEA

During the summer months, some of the people who give the Cohasset Elder Affair's (CEA) programs such good support throughout the year are not as available during the summer months. The CEA would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who is interested in joining the volunteer list.

Drivers are needed! Volunteer applications are still being accepted for the summer months to help with the local driving program. Drivers are needed in one-to-three-hour shifts, once a month, mornings or afternoons.

If you enjoy working with people and are interested in helping the seniors in your community, this is the opportunity for you. Trips involve picking up seniors and taking them to local stores, shops, post office, town hall or library, and then returning them to their homes. This could be a great way for college students to do community work, or a person on vacation who might have a few hours to spare.

Others help in serving the lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CEA's greatest need is for Tuesday and Wednesday. Volunteers can set-up, dish-up the plates, serve on trays, or clean up. If you can help or might be interested, please drop in and see how the CEA handles the luncheons.

Receptionists in the office are all volunteers. If interested in occasionally filling-in for someone on vacation or having a day off, please let CEA know. Several people work with the Outreach Worker, Carol Barrett to serve as respite workers or friendly visitors. Whichever opportunity you accept, you will make a great contribution to others' lives and will work in the company of others who are equally dedicated.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

5:52 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:49 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:58 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, animal call or complaint.

7:10 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:20 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:46 a.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:11 a.m. Linden Drive, harassing/annoying phone calls.

8:34 a.m. Lower King St., animal call or complaint.

11:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., tree down.

12:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., rehabilitation facility, sex offences.

12:35 p.m. Pond St., tree down.

2:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

3:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

5:08 p.m. Jerusalem Road, property, found.

5:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

8:16 p.m. Summer St. and Black Horse Lane, parking complaint, ticket issued.

9:16 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

10:54 p.m. Lamberts Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

9:27 a.m. Mill Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:19 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, services rendered.

1:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., summons service delivered.

1:40 p.m. Hingham Town Square, assist municipal agency.

2:51 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

3:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

5:14 p.m. Reservoir Road, motor vehicle violation.

5:18 p.m. Bow St., assist municipal agency.

5:30 p.m. Bow St., civil offenses.

6:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:18 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:36 p.m. Parking Way, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:06 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:44 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Gregory F. Smith, 18, of 8 Flintlock Ridge Road, Cohasset. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; drinking alcohol from open container in motor vehicle.

Arrest of Matthew August Cross, 18, of 47 Robinson Creek Road, Pembroke. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; drinking alcohol from open container in motor vehicle.

Arrest of Kate S. Berman, 18, of 36 Heritage Drive, North Easton. Charge: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage.

Juvenile Arrest, of 16-year-old. Charge: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

2:14 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle accident.

9:39 a.m. Summer St., escort, services rendered.

10:10 a.m. Black Horse Lane, parking complaint.

10:33 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:18 a.m. Ripley Road, parking complaint.

12:11 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:06 p.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:50 p.m. Beechwood St. and King St., motor vehicle violation, area search negative.

2:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:18 p.m. Beechwood St., trespassing.

2:22 p.m. Forest Ave., lost property.

2:24 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, stored/impounded.

2:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:35 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, animal call or complaint.

4:22 p.m. Lamberts Lane, animal call or complaint.

4:49 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

8:31 p.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:07 p.m. Bassin Beach, harbor enforcement services.

9:43 p.m. South Main St., drug/narcotic violations.

10:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:01 p.m. Beach St., assist citizen.

11:14 p.m. King St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

11:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Ridge Top Road, motor vehicle stop, stored/impounded.

11:25 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

12:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:55 a.m. Forest Ave., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s). Juvenile, 16, taken into protective custody.

1:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Jennifer F. McNeil, 28, of 132 South St., Quincy. Charges: OUI; operating under influence of drugs; failure to stay within marked lanes.

Protective Custody of a 30-year-old.

11 a.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

12:12 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:37 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

2:30 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

2:43 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:20 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:45 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

6:44 p.m. Scituate Police, assist municipal agency.

6:58 p.m. Nichols Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:17 p.m. Spring St. and Pond St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

11:04 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

1:15 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

7:29 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

7:34 Beechwood St., assist citizen.

7:34 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:35 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:34 a.m. Border St., animal call or complaint.

10:15 a.m. Reservoir Road, motor vehicle violation.

10:24 a.m. King St., larceny.

11:19 a.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

2:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle accident.

7:37 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

8:46 p.m. Beechwood St., investigation.

9:11 p.m. Elm Court, barking dog.

10:34 p.m. Hull St., missing person, returned to home/family.

10:54 p.m. Lamberts Lane, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), area search negative.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

6:34 a.m. Cedar St., vandalism.

6:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:23 a.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:33 a.m. Jerusalem Lane, fire, log entry.

7:49 a.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

10:10 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:30 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:54 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint.

2 p.m. Summer St., fire, structure, extinguished.

2:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

4:52 p.m. Smith Place, animal call or complaint.

5:37 p.m. King St., animal call or complaint.

6:20 p.m. Joy Place and Summer St., transport.

6:31 p.m. HQ, general services.

6:42 p.m. Sohier St., property, found.

7:35 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, services rendered.

11:44 p.m. Lamberts Lane, vandalism.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

1:42 a.m. HQ parking lot, assist citizen.

1:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry info.

8:56 a.m. Elm St., violation of 209A restraining order.

9:09 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., pubic service (other).

9:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:59 p.m. Brook St., parking complaint ticket issued.

1:14 p.m. Howe Road, officer wanted.

5:09 p.m. Tupelo Road, medical aid, ambulance call/transported to hospital.

6:15 p.m. Marshfield Police, notification, departmental action.

8:37 p.m. Pond St., animal call or complaint.

10:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

1:45 a.m. Kendall Village, assist other agency, services rendered.

8:49 a.m. Nichols Road, fire, inspections.

9:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:45 a.m. King St., animal call or complaint.

11:08 a.m. West Corner, motor vehicle accident, canceled before arrival.

11:30 a.m. Black Horse Lane, animal call or complaint.

11:44 a.m. King St., medical aid, ambulance call/transported to hospital.

12:50 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

1:24 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

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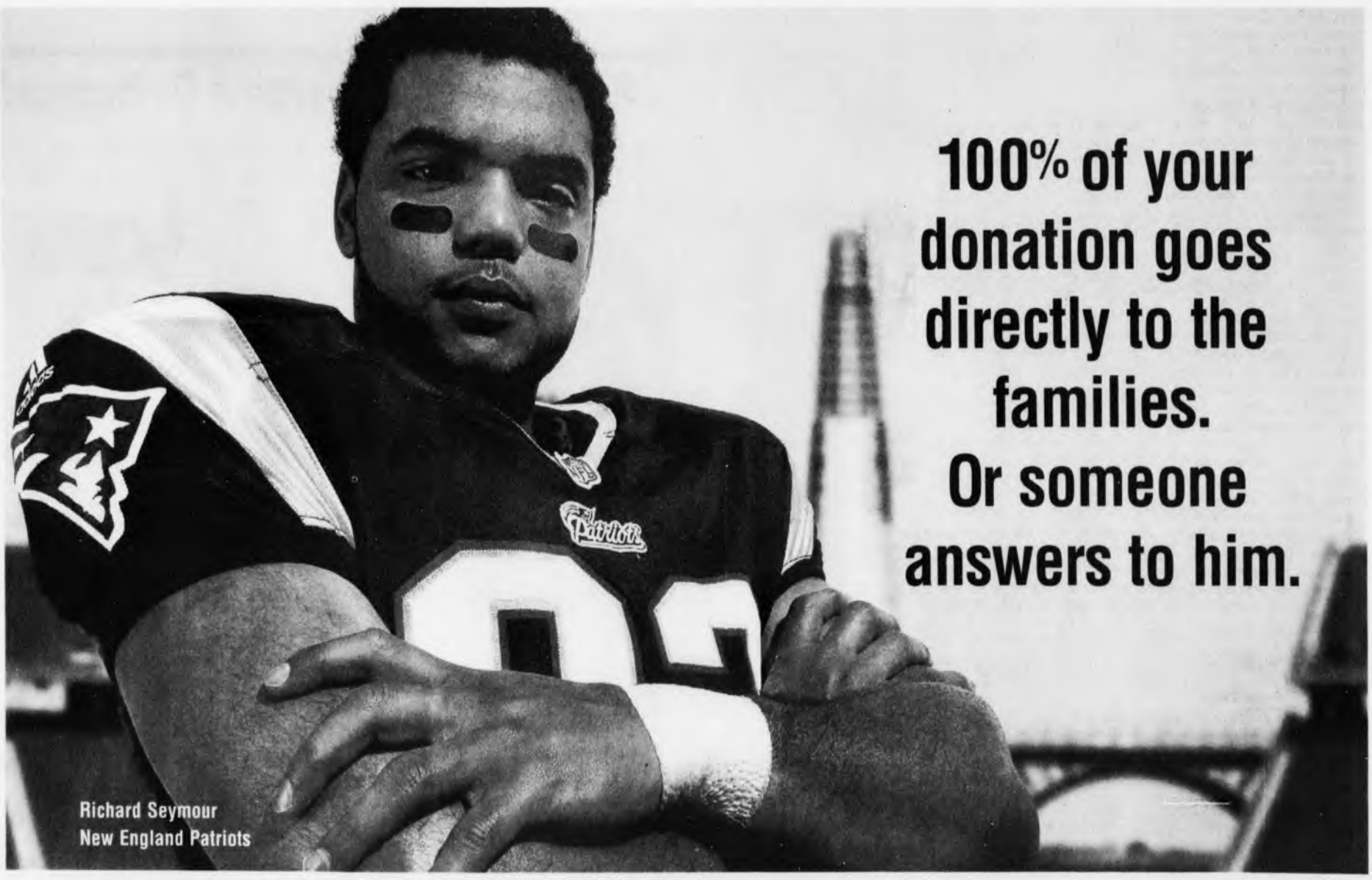

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Family passes

Summer is fast approaching and your children will be looking for ways to spend their vacation time. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library offers many choices of passes to several area museums, a theatre and a walking tour. The following is a list of the passes available to Cohasset residents: The Children's Museum, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, The Harvard Museum of Natural History, The John F. Kennedy Library & Museum, The Museum of Fine Arts, The Museum of Science, The New England Aquarium (not available during July and August), Plimoth Plantation; U.S.S. Constitution, The Wheelock Family Theatre, and Boston By Foot.

The Wheelock Family Theatre, located in Boston, is a family friendly, non-profit, professional theatre committed to making theatre accessible to people of all backgrounds. Each season they produce three plays geared for varied age ranges with many adaptations from literature. The pass allows for one free admission for weekend-only performances.

Boston By Foot, Boston's oldest walking tour company, is a non-profit educational corporation established in 1976. Its mission is to promote public awareness of Boston's rich architectural heritage. The regularly scheduled tours are open to the public from May to October. Walks last 90 minutes and include: The Heart of the Freedom Trail, Beacon Hill, Victorian Back Bay, The North End, The Waterfront, Boston Underground, and Boston By Little Feet. The library pass admits one group of four to any scheduled tour, rain or shine.

The Harvard Museum of Natural History in Cambridge provides an exciting exploration of science and nature through exhibitions and educational programs for the entire family Visitors can explore halls of animals where they can get up-close to many exotic and familiar animals from around the world. Others may wander through a garden of more than 3,000 glass flowers complete with glass insects hand-crafted over 50 years by a father and son. This pass admits up to two adults and two children (ages 3 to 18) with a small admission fee of $1 per person. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All Museum Passes are funded by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Start reserving your passes now and enjoy a fun summer of educational entertainment. Come in to sign up or call the library at 781-383-1348.

World's End welcomes season

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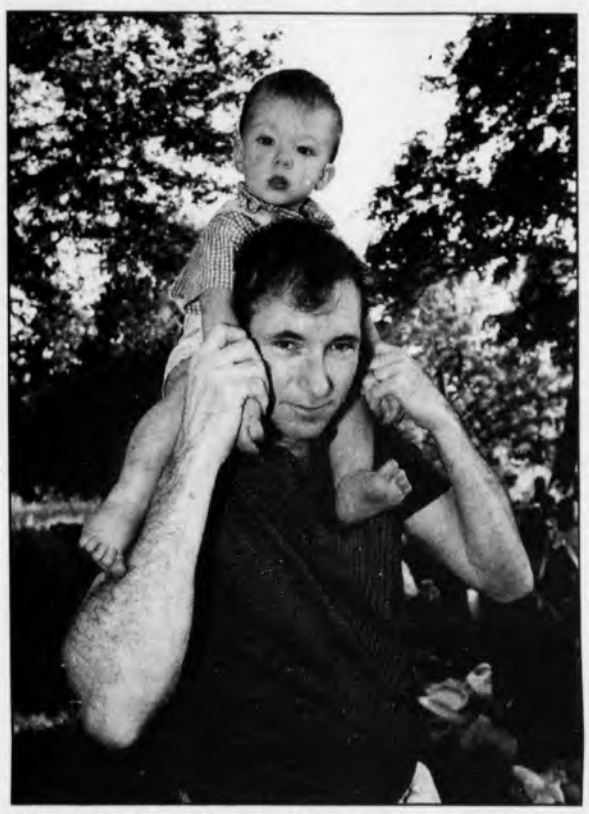
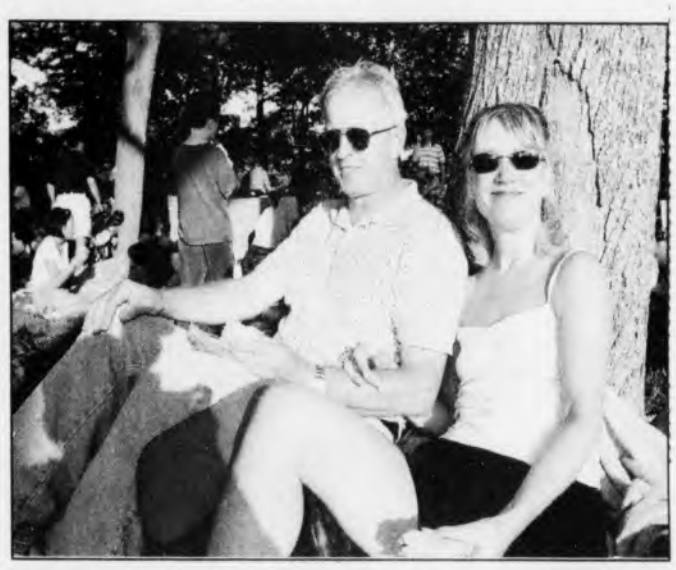
Conner Ahern gets acquainted with Moses the dog.

Above: The sun starts to set over Hingham Bay.
Below: Bob Martin and Margaret Smith enjoy the longest day of the year on Friday.





Above: Little AJ Cataldo gets a bird's eye view of the events from his father's (Alex) shoulders.
At right: Roberto Cachimuel of the band Yarina sings and plays the guitar for the hundreds attending the Summer Solstice celebration Friday.
Below left: Emma Groskind and Karen Kayser enjoy a snack atop Planter's Hill.
Below right: George Clifford sits on his father's (Bob) lap. The family event included music and hayrides.

IT'S HAPPENING

Cohasset Carillon concerts to begin

The 78th Annual Series of Summer Carillon Recitals will be given on the 57-bell carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, on eight successive Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., beginning June 30, and continuing through Aug. 18, The public is invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic suppers to Cohasset Common or to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Printed programs will be available in a stand by the courtyard, and will also be distributed on the common, In case of rain, listen from your parked cars, The concerts are free of charge. A tower tour and carillon demonstration will be offered after each program for those interested in viewing the instrument,

The first program on June 30 will be given by Jeff Davis, Carillonneur of the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Davis will play carillon compositions by Ronald Barnes, John Courter and Gary White, as well as transcriptions of music by Anton Diabelli, Felix Lopez, and Robert deVisee. Carillonneurs for the remainder of the series are as follows: July 7, Gijsbert Kok of Weesp, The Netherlands; July 14, Marcel Siebers of Cuijk. The Netherlands; July 21, Amy Heebner of the City Hall Carillon, Albany, N.Y. July 28, George Leggiero of Cleveland, Ohio; Aug. 4, Daniel Kerry Kehoe of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.; Aug. 11, Andrea McCrady of St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, Spokane, Wash. The final recital will be played on Aug. 18, by Sally Slade Warner, Carillonneur of St. Stephen's Church, and will include requests made by listeners at previous concerts. For more information, and to make requests for the Aug. 18, concert, phone Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, or the Church office, 781-393-1083, or Mary Kennedy, Assistant Carillonneur, 781-383-9599.

Class of '72 reunion

The Class of 1972 is planning on having its 30th class reunion July 26-27. A reception will be held on the Friday night at the Lightkeepers Cottage with cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres. On the Saturday, a Texas Barbecue / pool party is planned at the home of Glenn Pratt (Vaughan's gracious brother).

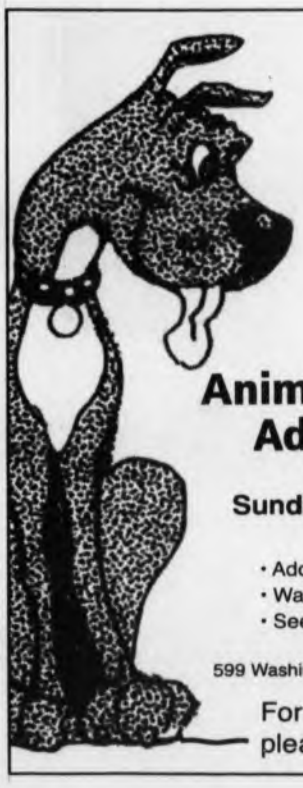
If anyone knows of a classmate that has not yet been contacted please call: Vaughan Pratt @ 1-808-523-0140 or 383-0143 or by email vpratt@marine.org; Nick Anderson @ 383-2503 or Pam Prendergast @ 383-1496

Snow White at Music Circus

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct a Music Circus Registration for "Snow White" on Tuesday, July 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. and again from 5 to 7 p.m. at the recreation office in the Town Hall.

Music Circus registrations for children involved in The Playground Program are held every Tuesday at the Recreation office from 9 a.m. to noon and from 5 to 7 p.m. for the remaining three performances.

Music Circus registrations are held two weeks prior to the actual date of the show. Hence, registration on July 2, for "Snow White" for the performance that is on Thursday, July 18. Consult your summer fliers or The Playground Program Activity Brochure for details.



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Sign of the season

Farmers Market opens for business

Above: Beryl Joyce of Brookside Farm in Marshfield sits with her plants at the Cohasset Farmers Market, which is now open every Thursday afternoon on the common. At right: Sofia Whetstone and Caroline Cooper, both of Cohasset, dance in front of the music tent at the farmers market.

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At left: Steve Klies of Duxbury makes his first sale ever to Bob Gibbons of Cohasset.

At right: Organic vegetables are offered every Thursday at the Cohasset Farmers Market on the town common.

At left: Dorothy Cate and her dog ZuZu, visit with Betty Jewell at the farmers market.

At right: Jesse Gardner of Rockland gets a tattoo from Laurie Micarelli of Skin Art in Hingham on opening day at the farmers market two weeks ago.

Above: Officer John Small directs traffic at the Cohasset Farmers Market. At left: From left, Katie and Kerry McCabe make cards for Cohasset police and firefighters, who were honored on the farmers market opening day.

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Bright fireworks illuminate the huge crowd gathered on Abington's Memorial Field for last year's night before the Fourth festivities.

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Weymouth's Wessagusett Beach is aglow during last year's Fourth of July fireworks display.

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Uncle Sam (Al Carpenter) is a familiar figure at Hingham's annual Fourth of July Parade.

Fabulous Fourth

Patriotism is at an all time high this year which means local Fourth of July celebrations are certain to be some of the most festive and well attended in recent history. South Shore residents need not venture far to find fantastic fireworks displays, colorful carnivals and parades in honor of America's 226th birthday! Here's some of the holiday highlights;

June 29, Braintree

—Braintree gets a jump on the Fourth of July planning its fireworks display the weekend prior to the holiday. More than 20,000 residents and visitors alike will ascend upon Braintree High School's fields on Saturday, June 29 for the South Shore's largest Independence Day gala. Free to the public, live musical entertainment will perform on stage from 4-10:30 p.m. Atlas fireworks will light the sky with several thousand shells all choreographed for visual effect. The annual public safety equipment parade with sirens blaring will visit the site at 6:15 p.m. Numerous special feature activities will be held throughout the celebration. North American Amusements will have rides and games for young and old alike. Local non-profit groups and organizations will be hosting their food and beverage booths to feed the crowds their varied tasty delights. Braintree's Independence Day celebration remains the largest free people party on the South Shore each summertime.

June 29, Hanover

This year's annual big Fourth of July Bon Fire put on by the Hanover Call Firefighters Association has been moved back to be held in conjunction with Hanover's 275th Anniversary celebration Saturday, June 29. The bon fire will be ignited at 9 p.m. behind the Sylvester Middle School in Hanover Center.

Before the big blaze, the town's chamber of commerce has planned a day-long anniversary celebration featuring a 5K road race stepping off at 9 a.m. from Sylvester field and finishing next to St. Mary's church. The entry fee is $15 in advance, $20 on race day. Applications are available at Conway Insurance, 183 Columbia Road; or at Healthtrax Fitness & Wellness,

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Food & dining

Nachos at home

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Nachos are a great idea but usually executed so badly that they have become a self-parody. The chips are soggy, the cheese is overwhelming, and the guacamole and salsa have all the earmarks of canned, supermarket convenience, completely lacking in fresh flavor. But one can make nachos at home and make them well – at least that was my goal as I set out to create my own homemade version of this restaurant/convenience store classic.

The first question was which chips to use. A "Cook's Illustrated" tortilla chip tasting ranked Doritos Toasted Corn Tortilla Chips in first place. Unfortunately, I could not find them in this part of the country so I grabbed as many bags as I could find in the local supermarket and did a blind tasting. (Chips were tasted with a coating of melted cheese to simulate nachos.) Miguels (crispy with a nice toasted corn flavor) came out on top followed by Santitas. The losers were Bearitos (very thick and tough), Newman's Own and Tostitos became a bit soggy from the cheese, and Cape Cod had little flavor but good texture.

The Salsa

Jarred salsas are universally third-rate when compared to the real thing but I didn't have the patience for a complicated recipe. I began with a couple of medium-sized ripe tomatoes and added ingredients from there. Instead of using raw onion I added one large shallot. One small garlic clove proved to be plenty. I really like the smoky taste of chipotle chile in salsa but if you don't have any on hand jalapenos will do. I found using about one quarter of a medium chile gives the salsa a bit of heat but is family friendly. A couple tablespoons of cilantro added a burst of freshness. To round out flavor, lime juice (one tablespoon) and salt (1/4 teaspoon) were added. The easiest way to make the salsa is to add all of the ingredients except the tomato and pulse until very finely chopped. Then the tomatoes can be pulsed until chopped but still a bit chunky. You can substitute drained canned diced tomato for fresh in the instance that fresh tomatoes are not ripe and juicy. (Only use tomatoes packed in their own juices, not in a purée.)

The Guacamole

Ripe avocado, jalapeno, onion, garlic, cilantro, and lime juice are the usual players and I wanted to make it myself since a tasting of commercial guacamoles determined that the "winner" was barely edible. The secret is ripe avocados and a light hand in mashing since the guacamole should still have texture. I prefer using chopped shallot to onion — one tablespoon is just right – and a bit of minced garlic is also worth the effort. I used a modest tablespoon of fresh cilantro and a couple teaspoons lime juice and 1/4 teaspoon salt.

The Beans

These are optional but I wanted a recipe that started with canned beans to make this nacho recipe a 30 minute or less proposition. Canned refried beans are pretty tasteless so my hope was to take a can of pinto beans and transform them into refried beans without too much effort. I simply plopped the can liquid and all into a skillet and used a potato masher to break the beans down until they were mashed but still chunky. Before adding the beans to the skillet I sautéed a small garlic clove in a bit of oil for added flavor. All that was left was a bit of salt and I had refried beans that completely outclassed the canned variety. You can use the beans of your choice—red kidney, pinto, or black although I best liked the pinto.

Cheese and The Oven

I liked the flavor of the cheddar but the creaminess of jack. (Other cheese I tried—Havarti, Muenster, and American—were greasy, bland and/or stringy.) In equal parts you get the flavor or the cheddar and the smooth creaminess of the jack working together. I also found about one half pound of chips and four cups of cheese was about right for four to six folks. (The recipe also works well when using a seven-ounce bag of Miguel's chips—don't fret the extra ounce.) This amount does fit nicely onto a 9 x 13-inch oven-proof baking dish. If you happen not to have an oven proof baking dish large enough to accommodate the chips they can be built onto a cookie sheet or jellyroll pan. Once baked they can easily be slid onto your platter. It seems like common sense, but the chips and cheese do need to be layered so all chips are cloaked in cheese, not just the top. Four hundred degrees was the right oven temperature: above 400 and the chips began to brown on the edges before the cheese was fully melted; lower temperatures simply increased the baking time with no benefit.

NACHOS AT HOME

The beans are optional but easy to make. The right chips and the right cheese are the key to this simple recipe. Forget about supermarket salsa and guacamole – blind tastings discovered that they are poor substitutes for the real thing.

7 to 8 ounces tortilla chips: Doritos, Miguels, Santitas, or the chips of your choice
1 recipe refried beans (optional)
8 ounces sharp cheddar, grated, about two cups
8 ounces jack cheese, grated, about two cups
2 large jalapeno chiles, very thinly sliced (optional)
2 scallions, thinly sliced (optional)
1 recipe salsa (see above)
1 recipe guacamole (see above)
1/2 cup sour cream

Heat oven to 400 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Spread half of the chips in an even layer on a 9 x 13-inch ovenproof platter. Alternatively you may use a lightly oiled cookie sheet and the nachos once baked can be slid onto a platter. If using the optional beans drop small dollops onto the chips using about half. Sprinkle half of the cheddar and jack cheeses over the layer of chips and beans. Evenly add half of the sliced jalapenos. Repeat with the remaining chips, beans, cheese and jalapenos. Place in the hot oven and bake until the cheese is melted, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle with the scallions, if using, and serve immediately with the salsa, guacamole and sour cream.

Serves 4 to 6

For the Beans

1 tablespoon vegetable or olive oil
1 small garlic clove, pressed or minced
1 15.5 ounce can pinto, red kidney or black beans
1/4 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper

Place a skillet over medium heat. When hot add the oil and the garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds or until the garlic is fragrant and just starting to color. Add the beans and their liquid and use a potato masher to mash until the beans are broken down with some chunks remaining. Simmer until the beans have thickened and darkened slightly, about five minutes. Add 1/4-teaspoon salt and pepper to taste.

For the Salsa

1/4 medium chipotle chile in adobo sauce or medium jalapeno chile or to taste
1 large shallot or 1/4 small red or white onion, coarsely chopped
1 small garlic clove, coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves
2 medium ripe fresh tomatoes, coarsely chopped or one 14-ounce can diced tomatoes, drained
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1/4 teaspoon salt

Add the chile, shallot, garlic and cilantro to the bowl of a food processor. Pulse until finely minced four or five 1-second pulses. Add the tomato, lime juice and salt and pulse two or three more times or until coarsely chopped.

For the Guacamole

2 ripe avocados, preferably Haas
1 tablespoon minced shallot or red onion
1 small garlic clove, pressed or minced
1 teaspoon very finely chopped jalapeno chile or to taste (optional)
1 tablespoon chopped cilantro leaves
2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
1/4 teaspoon salt

Halve and pit the avocados. Using a spoon, scoop the flesh into a medium bowl. Using a potato masher or fork mash lightly leaving some chunks. Add remaining ingredients and combine gently with a fork.

Fabulous Fourth

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20 East Street. or you can download the form by accessing www.hanovermas.com\ chamber. Other 275th anniversary events sponsored by the chamber include tethered balloon rides, historical society tours of the Stetson House, and a parade through Hanover center beginning at noon. The Hanover Bandstand will be rockin' from 1 to 9 p.m. with a full menu of musical entertainment. For more information call (781) 826-7511.

June 29, Hingham

Fireworks are part of Hingham's rich Fourth of July tradition, and this year is no exception.

An even bigger display than last year's is planned by Hingham Lion's Club for Saturday, June 29, launched from Button Island in Hingham Harbor beginning at 9 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, June 30.

Prior to the pyrotechnics, a concert by a local rock and roll band is scheduled from 6 to 7:15 p.m., followed by a performance by the famous 1950s Bo Whittaker orchestra — straight from the Park Plaza Hotel — featuring swing music.

July 2-3, Abington

Abington does its celebrating the nights before the Fourth of July as well. The annual carnival at Memorial Field featuring rides, games, and food demonstrations opens Tuesday, July 2 from 6 to 10 p.m.. The carnival is open again Wednesday, July 3 at 4 p.m. and features a children's parade, road race, band concert and a fireworks display beginning at 9:30 p.m. All Abington events take place Memorial Field off Washington Street. Rain date is July 5.

July 3, Weymouth

Weymouth's Wessagusset Beach will be aglow again this year with a dazzling fireworks display set for Wednesday, July 3. Events at the North Weymouth beach begin at 5 p.m. and promise to be family oriented and fun-filled for all ages. Kiddie rides, novelties, food and refreshment concessions and musical entertainment is planned. The fireworks show goes off at 9:30 p.m. Free bus transportation will be offered from St. Jerome's church parking lot, the Whipple Senior Center and the Hingham Commuter Boat parking lot. For more information call the 4th of July hotline is 781-340-2133.

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Diane and Armand Jacob enjoy Burgers and fries during last year's day before the Fourth of July festivities in Abington.

July 4, Hingham

Early risers love the recreation department's annual July 4th Road Race which gets underway from Hingham Middle School at 7 a.m. Race day registration begins at 5 a.m. The 4.7-mile route down Main Street takes runners through historic districts ending at the landmark Loring Theatre. There are no dogs, in-line skaters or baby joggers allowed in this race. The entry fee for the race is $18. For more information call (781) 741-1464.

And the road race runners won't be the only ones making their way down Main Street. This year's 90-minute Independence Day Parade will honor "America's Heroes." The colorful procession steps off from Hingham High School Thursday, July 4 at 10 a.m. and will feature a variety of floats, antique cars and musical entertainers winding their way down Main Street and ending at the Station Street Parking lot in Hingham Square. Hingham's parade is a tradition dating back to the 1800s and planners say more parade-goers and participants are expected this for this year's event than ever before. The Hingham Police Department recommends arriving early and avoiding parking along the parade route.

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A potpourri of garden treasures

Green thumbs up

Fabulous foliages for the shady border

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Warmth and humidity marked the official arrival of summertime as gardeners bid a grateful adieu to the cool damp weather of recent weeks. At long last, the annual and vegetable transplants that managed to survive the deluges, slugs and chilly temperatures seem to be doubling in size overnight. It saddens me to realize that the longest day of the year has passed and that there will be a little less time each evening to plant, weed, and cultivate but I welcome the lazy, hazy days of summer. Besides, a banner crop of mosquitoes has emerged making evening activities most unpleasant and nonproductive.

Throughout the growing season, the beautiful blossoms of perennials come and go, some lasting for only a few days, others persisting for more than a month. Although there are many star performers to be found in the well-planned perennial border, foliage is always the predominant player, especially in the shady garden. The color, texture and overall appearance of a plant's leaves should be paramount when selecting plant material for a perennial border as the foliage is likely to be prominent for six months or more.

Tremendous strides have been made in creating plants whose tinted foliages offer a colorful alternative to our reliance on flowers for a dramatic, long-lasting display. Dozens of familiar plants now boast splashy, variegated cultivars with leaves of green, white and yellow. Diverse shimmering, silver-gray plants unify our borders while dazzling yellows and golds, blues, and handsome, deeply hued bronze, purple or burgundy foliages are readily available to paint a colorful tapestry even when flowers have faded.

The family of coral bells (Heuchera spp.) has been extensively hybridized to produce dozens of handsome purple- and bronze-leafed varieties. Delectable cultivars include 'Chocolate Ruffles', 'Plum Pudding', 'Cherries Jubilee', 'Stormy Seas', 'Velvet Night', and 'Autumn Haze'. One of the most unusual additions is this year's new introduction, H. 'Amber Waves', a truly unique blend of gold and amber ruffled leaves topped by pale rose-tinted flowers. Originally grown primarily for the foliage, many of the newer cultivars have equally lovely flowers that attract hummingbirds. These handsome perennials offer the additional bonus of foliage that persists through the winter months. I prefer to grow these bronze beauties in part shade to provide the moisture-retentive soils they prefer and to maintain their deep, lustrous color and find Japanese painted ferns to be a particularly attractive companion.

From May to frost, low-maintenance hostas provide an elegant display of glorious foliage that cannot be surpassed for their diversity of leaf color and shape, plant habit, size and texture. Hundreds of hosta cultivars have been introduced in recent years with foliage color ranging from vibrant gold, yellow-green and lime-green to deep, dark, green, to shades of blue-green with every conceivable combination of variegation possible in white, cream or gold. Just a few of my personal favorites include Tokudama Aureonebulosa, Montana 'Aureomarginata', 'Great Expectations', 'Daybreak', 'Regal Splendor', 'Northern Exposure, 'Hadspen Blue', 'On Stage', 'June' and a darling miniature, 'Pandora's Box.

The deeply divided, richly colored, purple-bronze leaves of bugbanes (Cimicifuga) provide sensational contrast to the symmetrical mounds of handsome hostas. Cimicifuga 'Brunette' and 'Hillside Black Beauty' are elegant recent selections adorned with tall stems in late summer featuring fragrant, feathery, creamy colored bottlebrush flowers that sway in the breeze. Moisture-retentive soils are a must for robust, stately clumps to form.

A stunning contrast to the purple leafed bugbanes is the majestic foliage of Fallopia japonica 'Variegata', commonly called Japanese Fleece Flower. Four-foot reddish stems exhibit striking creamy white leaves splashed with pink and green speckles. Somewhat reminiscent of the dreaded, so-called Japanese bamboo, to which it is related, this Polygonum relative has been extremely well behaved in my garden for the past few years gradually forming a larger clump each season. Similar in appearance, Persicaria 'Painter's Palette' offers a tropical look to the shady garden with its variegated foliage highlighted by rusty red chevrons topped with slender bright red flower spikes in autumn. Occasionally a nuisance as this plant readily seeds about, I welcome its offspring and move them about or share them with gardening friends. A relatively new introduction, Persicaria 'Red Dragon' combines a unique blend of silver, mint green, red and burgundy that changes throughout the season with fluctuations in light and temperature.

Silver and gray foliage plants tend to be sun lovers but in recent years several new plants now furnish that wonderful soft colored foliage that helps to unify all other plants. Japanese painted ferns reign supreme with tints of burgundy interspersed on their elegant leaves. A new cross of painted fern with lady fern has produced a cultivar named 'Ghost' that is particularly gray. Several lungworts (Pulmonaria) provide silvery leaves as they mature including P. 'Excalibur' and P. 'Majeste'. A new favorite is Brunnera 'Jack Frost' with large metallic heart-shaped leaves and sprays of tiny blue forget-me-nots in springtime.

As the month of June draws to a close, ribbons of impatiens and begonias provide splashes of color and fantastic coleus cultivars add dramatic, multicolored accents. Add the splendor of astilbes, which begin to bloom this month with their handsome foliage and showy feathery plumes of white, red or pink, and the shady garden becomes a kaleidoscope of unequaled beauty, offering a welcome retreat from summertime heat.

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"COBY'S RUN" Pvt. Coby M. Cutler, United States Marine Corps., Seventh Annual Memorial Road Race will be held Aug. 25. 10K Race, 5K Race, 5K Walk and Fun Run. The course starts at Gates School in Scituate Center and follows along the scenic Scituate coastline. Awards will be given to the top three finishers of the 10K Race and 5K Race in each division including USMC Division. T-shirts to the first 300 pre-registered entries. Proceeds to benefit the Pvt. Coby M. Cutler Memorial Fitness Center at Scituate High School. Refreshments, raffles and rock and roll warm-up to the Fun Run. Fee $12 by Aug. 4 $15 after Aug. 4. For more information call 781-545-7116 or fax 781-544-6086.

'JAZZ BY THE BEACH' concert returns July 6. Road to Responsibility's Jazz by the Beach, will be returning to the shores of Rexhame Beach July 6, from 2 to 6 p.m. WATD's Ed Perry to receive Road to Responsibility's 'Man of the Year". Several other South Shore residents also will be receiving awards including Polly Pyne, of Scituate, Scott Seamans of Carver, and Lorraine France of Marshfield and Clem Smith of East Wareham and South Attleboro. Performers include Donna Byrne and her husband, Marshall Wood (bass), Dick Johnson, Joe Barbado, Jim Gwinn, Kenny Wenzel and Arnie Krawkowski. Serving as guest host will be Ron Della Chiesa of WGBH and WPLM. A silent auction will also be part of the festivities. Tickets are $70, table of 10 for $650. Call 781-834-1300 ext. 237 for information.

THE BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL will once again provide outdoor, harborside performances by nationally renowned blues artists during the Fourth Annual Blues Concerts Series. The Blues Barge, a floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. The concert series, sponsored by the Boston Harbor Hotel and House of Blues, begins with an opening night on Thursday, July 4, and will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.bhh.com

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets go on sale April 8, for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL-SCITUATE VNA SPONSOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT honoring Jean Snow of Norwell. South Shore residents are invited to sign up for organization's fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Aug. 5, at the Marshfield Country Club, located at 515 Moraine St. Marshfield. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. with registration at noon. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club. There will be a silent auction following the awards ceremony. Tickets are $175 per person. For more information call 781-659-2342.

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL AMERICAN RED CROSS GOLF CLASSIC, to be held at South Shore Country Cub in Hingham on July 22, will seek participation from golfers and non-golfers alike in its aim to make this year's event the most successful yet. The day-long event will feature a live and silent auction, raffles, a poker rally, a box lunch and dinner. New England Cable News sports personality Jimmy Young will serve as master of Ceremonies. For more information call 617-770-2600.

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

Thurs. 27

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Jupiter Ray** on June 27. Admission $8. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Adam Ainslie** on June 27. Casual dress, Cover charge $8. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote

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Fri. 28

Clyde Beatty Cole Bros. Circus sponsored by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club. will be held at Plymouth Airport June 28 through June 30 Tent raising will begin at 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on June 28. Advance tickets on sale at Independence Mall Food Court, Stop and Shop, Rt. 44 in Plymouth, Noah's Ark, Carver, Plymouth Trophy and Award and online at www.tickets.com or call 1-888-3325600.

Mayflower II – Providence, Rhode Island Sail (weather permitting) In celebration of Independence Day, Mayflower II will make a first ever voyage to Providence. The ship will leave Plymouth June 28 and travel down the coastline to Newport where she will dock overnight. She'll sail up Narragansett Bay and dock at India Point park in Providence on June 30. Once in port, Mayflower II will be open to the public, where visitors will be treated to a tour of the beautifully handcrafted ship and an interactive history of the first passage to America.

Pendarvis Boxing Promotions presents a six-bout professional boxing event June 28, at the Roseland Ballroom in Taunton, featuring Tonton "The Swedish Hammer" Semakala and Toommy Attardo in the main event on "The Impact" pro boxing card. Tickets are $60, gold ringside; $40 ringside, and $25 general admission. For more information call 617-825-3283.

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held June 28, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom. 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. For single professionals age 35-55 years old. Proper business attire is required. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Sponsored by the Single Executives Club and the Young Professionals Club.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center will hold a youth dance at The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center for ages 9 to 13 on June 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $6 per person. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Tall Richard** on June 28. Admission $8. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Swinging Steaks** on June 28. Casual dress, Cover charge $8. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance June 28 with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding, Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont St., Boston. The original interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse in the Tremont Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $49 dinner and show. The show will run every Friday and Saturday from April to June. For Tickets call 1-800-944-5639.

Sat. 29

The Blue Hills Reservation and South Region Sites presents **Insect Safari**. Meet at Brookwood Farm on Blue Hill river road in Canton. Join the insect safari as they get up close and personal with the butterflies, beetles and bugs of Brookwood Farm. We'll bring the nets and bug boxes. You bring the energy to catch and release a variety of six-legged wonders. 1.5 hours. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands presents **Boston Light Cruise,** June 29, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. leaving from Long Wharf, Boston Aquarium T Stop. Boston Light is the oldest lighthouse site in North America, come climb the 76 steps for a breathtaking view of Boston Harbor. (children must be 8-years-old or 50 inches tall to climb the stairs.) Bring your own picnic lunch, beverages and snacks re available on the boat. Also, your camera, binoculars, and dress for the weather. Adults $29,seniors, $26 and members of FNHI, $24. Children ages 3 to 12, $17. Children under 2 free. Tickets may also be purchased dockside beginning at 11 a.m.; cash only. Call 781-7404290 for more information.

South Shore Housing is hosting an open house at **The Woodlands,** a newly completed affordably housing development for the elderly on June 29, from 10 a.m. to noon. Congressman Barney Frank will be guest speaker. The public is invited t attend and tour the new facility. For information call 781-422-4245.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will **feature Mindy Jostyn** at 8 p.m. Admission $12. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Paul Richell and Anne Raines Electric Band___ on June 29. Casual dress, cover charge $7. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Sun. 30

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. The walk on June 30, is a moderate walk, hilly terrain, four miles. Loop around the Houghton's Pond section. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

The Art Complex at Duxbury will present a glimpse of Japanese culture with the first in a series of three public tea ceremonies on June 30, at 2 p.m. The program is conducted in "Shofan." Wind in the Pines Hut, one of the very few such tea huts in New England. Aiko Rogers, who is trained by the School of Tea will present the tea ceremony. She will explain the ceremony and answer questions. Utensils used for the tea and exquisite and span four centuries. The ceremony, itself, is a quiet, simple ritual based on hospitality. Admission is free. Call 781-934-6634 for information.

Mon. 1

Art on the Avenue, Hull announces its schedule of exhibitors for the summer of 2002. Featured artists are: Lenore Schneider, Richard Friberg, Leslie P. Cutler, Gloria Robertson, Julie Schmitt Sullivan and Joanne Donnelly. The gallery/open studio at 1037 Nantasket Ave, Hull is open on weekends 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Benefit Dinner For Our World, Children's Global Discover Museum will be held July 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset. Celebrity chef Anthony Ambrose owner of Ambrosia on Huntington Avenue in Boston, is creating the dinner menu Tickets are $125 each with a portion of the proceeds going to the non-profit Our world Inc. Reservations are required at 781-383-0030. Deadline for reservations is June 21.

The North River Arts Society will present **A Study of Gurnet Point and Saquish** with artist Jill Capodanno. June 30 to Aug. 24 at the Ventress Library Gallery. An opening reception will be held at the Ventress Library Gallery on July 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit northriverarts.org

Tues. 2

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor a free legal clinic on July 2, at Quincy District Court, 1 Dennis Ryan Parkway, Quincy, from 6 to 8 p.m. Attorneys will be available for a private one on one confidential consultation to discuss any legal issues or concerns you may have. No appointment is necessary, first come first serve. For

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Steel Pulse with special guest Inner Circle will perform at the South Shore Music Circus for its Reggae festival Wednesday, July 3 at 7:30 p.m. The show also features local favorites Reincarnation. For tickets and information call the SSMC box office at (781) 383-9860 or visit ticketmaster online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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Wed. 3

Projects of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank free summer concert series. July 3, **Oldies Night with Dale and the Duds, It's My Party, Avenue X**. Classic cars will be on display. Hosted by WATD's Ed and George from "Yesterdays Memories."

Thurs. 4

Projects of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank free summer concert series. July 3, American's Hometown Celebration Parade followed by the Jay Place Band (R&B), Jupiter Ray (pop and original) and Ace in the Hole (R&B) The **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** will perform a free public concert at The Plymouth Waterfront, at 7:30 p.m. Immediately after the concert, a fireworks display will start at 9:15 p.m. the Plymouth Waterfront is wheelchair accessible.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Rainshine, The Roadies, Bulkhead, Fishbowl, Level Ride and Untranquil** on July 4. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Show start at 7 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 5

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Edaville USA Summer Season opens July 5. Guests will be able to enjoy all of Edaville attractions many are new for the season from July 5 to Aug. 23 on Friday, Saturdays and Sundays. Cool off at the new beach, cruise the waves by paddle boat, and discover a new summer destination of New England families. Tickets are $15 each. For more information call 877-Edaville or visit the Edaville USA website at www.edaville.com Edaville USA is located off route 58 on Rochester Road in Carver.

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Ongoing Events

Art on the Avenue 1037 Nantasket Avenue, Hull featuring photography, playbooks, oil and acrylic paintings by Lenore Schneider as well as pottery, painted furniture, watercolor paintings and wood turnings by guest artists is open weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 1. For more information, 781-925-5619.

"Rent" Returns To Boston at The Wang Theatre for one week, June 25 to 30. Tickets are on sale now. Performances are scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sunday evening at 7 p.m. matinees on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Tickets are priced at $65, $45, and $35 for all performances; all ticket prices include a $2 restoration fee. Tickets are on sale at The Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont St or through Telecharge at 800-447-7400 or www.telecharge.com or at The Wang Theatre/Show of the Month Group Sales at 617-350-6000.

The Nathan Gallery presents **"Filling Walls"** featuring aspiring and established artists June 22 through July 18, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

The New Art Forum of Kingston will hold its Sixth Annual Exhibit: "Windows on the World." at the Yellow Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. The exhibit may also be seen Saturdays and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. through June 30. Call 781-585-5622 for more information.

The North River Arts Society presents **Italian Mostly by Jack Haran** June 15 through Aug. 2 at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org

The Weymouth Art Association will display work by members at several locations around town for June and July. In the Town Hall the Mayor's office, Anet Paglierani and Gail Coyle will display paintings. In the Treasurer's office Jeanne Mulligan is exhibiting a painting. In the Councilors' office, Jack Morris, Robert Shapiro, John Shaw, Helen Shaw and Bill Sawyer are exhibiting their work. Mary Mainiero will display a painting in the Auditor's office. Snyder Jewelers is displaying the work of Ed McCormack, Joseph Nover, Kaye O'Brien and Joyce Olsen. Jordan Insurance is displaying paintings by Claire Spano, Arlene Watson, Reva Gordon, Maggie Lee Gosselin and Bob Weikel. Rizzo Insurance is displaying the work of Arnold Turner and Isabella Hoell. Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Joseph MacFarlane. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "as Ros sees it" works in acrylic by **Ros Farbush** during June and July. at The Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St, Duxbury. Call 781-934-2721 for information.

The Scituate Art Gallery, 132 Front St., Scituate will feature oil and watercolor paintings by Scituate Gallery Artist, **Theodore Nystrom**. This exhibit will include scenes of the Scituate shore, the New England coast, and the coast of Portugal.

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center will host a show of paintings by local artist **Hedda** during the month of June. The show, "Never Too Old" will be on view from June 7 to July 3. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for information.

Braintree Art Association member **Wendy Hale** will be displaying her paintings for the month of June at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, Maureen Hardiman will exhibit her paintings for the month of June at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will host an exhibit by the members of The Artists' Circle June 1 to 29, in their Vine Hall Gallery. The Artists' Circle is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Fuller Museum of Art in Brockton. The purpose of the group is to encourage the study and creation of art, and to advance interest and appreciation of a broad spectrum of creative art forms, including watercolor, oil, sculpture, monotype and photography. The exhibit is open free of charge Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 1 to 29. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, June 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The South Shore Yacht Club of Weymouth announces registration for its summer Junior Sailing Program. The South Shore Yacht Club is located within the Abigail Adams Park at the Back River Bridge on route 3A. The Junior Sailing Program is open to the public for ages 8 through 14. The program will be held daily Monday through Friday starting July 8 and running six weeks through Aug. 16. U.S. Sailing Certified Instructors are utilized to teach the lessons. There will be three levels of instruction offered: beginner, Intermediate, and Advance. Limited space is available, early registration is recommended. For further information and applications, call 781-749-3239.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will host Small Worlds/Art of India. The exhibition will feature 400 years of art from India from the museum's own collection The exhibition will run through Sept. 8. For more information call 781-934-6634.

The USS Constitution Museum located in Boston's historic Charlestown Navy Yard, just yards away from the USS Constitution will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Oct. 15.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery presents **"Edges,"** featuring the watercolor paintings of South Shore Art Center artists **Mary Smith and Mary Lizotte** from May 1 through the end of June. The Staircase Gallery is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565, ext. 16.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

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The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature Mindy Jostyn at 8 p.m. Admission is $12. The concert is presented by the New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

BEST BET

Lenore Schneider of Art on the Avenue, Hull, surrounded by her ORB Series of abstract paintings. The gallery/open studio at 1037 Nantasket Ave, Hull is open on weekends 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

The Capricorn moon opposes Jupiter at 3:37 a.m. and becomes inactive. This is a day to finish old business, clean, reorganize and prepare for new starts. Tackle jobs that have been left hanging and follow through. Influences turn around at 6:36 p.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. This is a great evening to socialize. Gather with friends and enjoy the good things in life.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

An Aquarius moon today and tomorrow places the focus on group activities, community endeavors, team sports. You can make gains working with others to achieve common goals. However, an applying opposition of Mercury and Pluto places important decisions or signings off limits. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Thoughtless, insensitive remarks may come back to haunt you. Think before you speak.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Take it slow and easy this morning. Read yesterday's advice. Mercury forms a 180-degree alignment to Pluto at 11:36 a.m. Allow extra time for unexpected delays, breakdowns, distractions. People may be late for appointments. Things won't go as planned. Storm clouds move out this afternoon, and the remainder of the day rates high across the board. Forget your troubles and go for the good times this evening.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

The Aquarius moon aligns with Uranus at 1:12 a.m. and becomes inactive until 4:00 a.m., when a laidback Pisces moon takes over. Planetary influences offer an opportunity to rest and recharge your batteries this weekend. It is best to initiate new activities before 6:15 p.m., when Mercury forms a harmonious contact to Venus. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

This day is not without its challenges. Resolve to start off with an upbeat, optimistic attitude. Although the moon travels in easygoing Pisces, it forms stressful alignments to Pluto in the morning, Mercury in the afternoon and Saturn in the evening. Stay alert and use common sense. Others may be hypersensitive and moody. Don't rock the boat. Spend time alone; enjoy favorite leisure activities, hobbies.

MONDAY, JULY 1

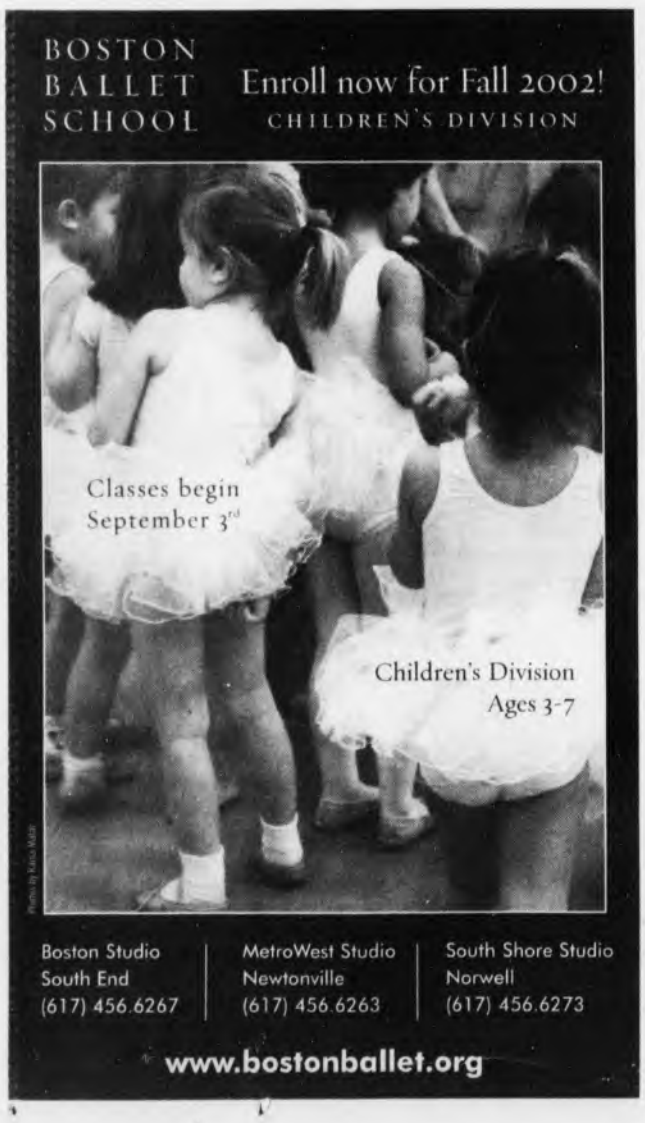
A flurry of planetary activity greets us during the first three days of July. Influences calm down considerably after that, and the rest of the month rates high for vacationing, partying. It may take a while for the morning fog to burn off today. The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 1:43 a.m. and travels at the tail end of the zodiac until 3:49 p.m., when it enters Aries. An applying alignment of Mercury/Saturn prompts you to count your blessings rather than getting caught up in negative thinking. Meditate for peace of mind.

TUESDAY, JULY 2

Mercury and Saturn conjoin at 7:34 a.m., 22-degrees Gemini. Sidestep morning hassles or the blues. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. You can get a lot accomplished. Zero in on jobs that require physical labor and exertion. Get back on track with physical fitness workouts. Take better care of yourself. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 1:19 p.m. This month's new moon culminates July 10. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Saturn prompts you to spend quality time with loved ones this evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

The combination of a Mars/Jupiter alignment and Aries moon makes for a fast-paced day. If you are working, be sure to have a clear plan of action. You can be most productive. If you are vacationing, this is a great day to enjoy favorite sports or spend extra time exercising. The moon forms challenging contacts to Mars and Jupiter this afternoon, warning you to slow down. Don't overdo or take risks.



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The Pembroke Public Library presents **Four Botanical Artists: A-Month-Long Exhibits of Beauty and Calm** featuring **Kay Kopper, Ruth Ann Wetherby-Frattasio, Anne Diaz** and **Peggy Daniels** exhibiting botanical watercolors in a group show.

The North River Arts Society presents **"That was Then...This is Now"** an exhibit of current work by some past Felida "Babe" Cusick scholarship winners May 5 to June 29 at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Artica Gallery presents **"Flowers and Foliage"** featuring photographer **Harold Feinstein.** The exhibit will run through June 30. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot Street in Duxbury. Free admission. For more information call 781-934-0640.

Showstoppers Summer Youth Theater organization announces registration for its summer theater program held during the months of June and July. This summer the organization will present the musical "Children of Eden" on July 18, 19, and 20, at 7:30 p.m. Registrations forms can be obtained by call 781-545-3643.for the two programs.

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union Street, Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. The club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

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The Clyde Beatty Cole Bros. Circus sponsored by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club will be held at Plymouth Airport June 28 through June 30 Tent raising will begin at 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on June 28. Advance tickets on sale at Independence Mall Food Court, Stop and Shop, Rt. 44 in Plymouth, Noah's Ark, Carver, Plymouth Trophy and Award and online at www.tickets.com or call 1-888-3325600.

Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

Special Olympics Offers Free Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Talent Search

THE STARCREATIONS THEATER from the South Shore Arts Recreation Center will hold auditions for summer Theater Camp, ages 8 to 13 for the production of "America's Tallest Tales" on Friday, July 5, from 1 to 3 p.m.. Camp will run for two weeks, Monday through Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 508-747-1234 by June 27, to register.

THE CHORAL ART SOCIETY OF SCITUATE is conducting a search to recruit singers for a special concert on Sept. 7 to commemorate those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 tragedy. All interested singers on the South Shore are invited to join in rehearsals over the summer for the world premiere of Ferruccio Germani's "Requieum for Sept. 11" to be performed Sept. 7 at Scituate High School. Music Director Dr. Richard Bunbury will conduct seven rehearsals to prepare the piece composed by Germani, who is the society's composer in residence. Rehearsals are scheduled for July 1, 22, 29, Aug. 12, 26, Sept. 4, and 6. At St. Luke's Church Route 3A in Scituate. No audition is required, just bring your voice. Visit www.choralartsociety.org for more details. Interested singers call Nancy 781-535-8295 to obtain the rehearsal tapes.

THE DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION (DAA) is accepting applications from artisans for the 30th Annual Juried Craft Showcase and Sale. The show will take place on Nov. 23 and 24, at Duxbury High School. Interested artisans should submit an official entry form with examples of craft, slides and/or photos by July 12.

THE LIBERTY BELLE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, is seeking adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. However, you are required to be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and 4-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway show tunes, Rhythm and blues songs, and exciting choreography. Weekly rehearsals every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, (Rte 2 Exit 57). For additional information call: 617-735-9254 or 1-800-369-7400 (toll free in MA only) lor visit http://libertybellechorus.org, e-mail us at: info@libertybellechorus.org

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY, is looking for a few good men, and women, to add to their already quality program. Spring Concert rehearsals at the Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be asked of all new members, primarily for voice placement. Come and be a part of a grand musical tradition; its fun and a very rewarding experience.

ISLAND GROVE WOMEN'S CHORUS – looking for women, 18 years old and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Rt. 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audio tape. For more information, call Cory at 781-294-1880.

SOUTH SHORE BAY BAND a non-profit organization dedicated to giving musicians the opportunity to play and perform concert band music. Current members are from Marshfield, Plymouth, Duxbury and surrounding towns. All sections are open to new members. For more information or directions call 508-747-6460 or write to South Shore Bay Band, P.O. Box 139, Marshfield MA 02050.

ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR VINE HALL GALLERY. The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking artists and/or photographers interested in exhibiting their work in Vine Hall Gallery during the upcoming year. Exhibits run on a monthly basis, with a percentage of the sales benefiting the Science Center. Proposals for exhibits must reflect a natural theme, and should be directed to Joan Reid, c/o SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061.

TOGETHER AGAIN IN HARMONY - The all male a cappella chorus is seeking singers through 7:30 to 10 p.m. open rehearsals, Thursday evenings in South Weymouth, Route 18, next to the Weymouth Air Base. Call 508-378-3553 for more information.

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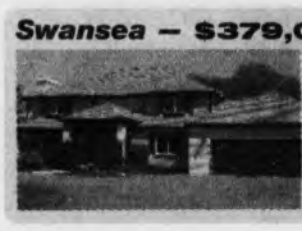
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Folks flock to buy new town history

Book signing held at harbor

By Mary Ford
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It's an American story, so patriotic music on the pre-July 4th weekend was the perfect accompaniment for the unveiling of volume III of Cohasset's history.

The past 50 years are chronicled in a new book that has come to fruition thanks to one of the liveliest and most dedicated volunteer committees in town. The book that is relentlessly local also provides perspective by showing how this seaside town marched through the Eisenhower, Vietnam, Reagan and Clinton eras.

Wigmore Pierson, who receives mention in the book for his 10-year-long, cable-TV talk show that featured the politics, issues and people that shaped the town and

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PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN
Jackie Dormitzer signs a copy of the new town history.

Program helps kids deal with stress, anger

By Evan Schiff
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Returning to school can often be a stressful time in a youngsters life. After a relaxing summer spent at Sandy Beach and Fenway Park, the shock of tests, homework and papers is often a tough adjustment for students to make. However, at the Osgood school it may not be such a problem.

As part of a school improvement plan, the Osgood school has adopted a character education program and will begin teaching it this coming school year. The recently purchased program, which was bought with the help of a health grant, will attempt to supply students at the school with guidelines for problem solving, anger management, and emotional issues.

The program, called Second Step, recently received an "exemplary" rating from the U.S. Department of Education's Expert Panel on Safe and Drug-Free Schools. Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan said she is excited about the character education program.

"Any opportunity we have to teach social skills is something we look to take advantage of," she said. "It's very popular among teachers and should be very easy to integrate into the curriculum."

The Second Step program, which costs about $250 per kit,

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New light at tricky corner

By Evan Schiff
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One of the most dangerous corners in Cohasset is apparently under control. MassHighway recently installed a new traffic light at the intersection of Route 3A and Beechwood Street after studies showed it to be hazardous.

The new light, installed last Wednesday, features a left-turning arrow that is supposed to reduce any conflict for oncoming traffic. The northbound traffic on Route 3A is now allowed to move first with left-turning vehicles being protected under a green arrow. Following that, both north and southbound traffic proceed straight through the intersection, followed by southbound traffic being granted a left-turning arrow.

Police Chief Bob Jackson said he hasn't received any complaints about the light since its installation. He said there has been one accident at the site since the light went up but it occurred when a car exited the Exxon station. He doesn't attribute it do the revamped intersection.

"We're hoping this is going to make it a safer place to drive,"

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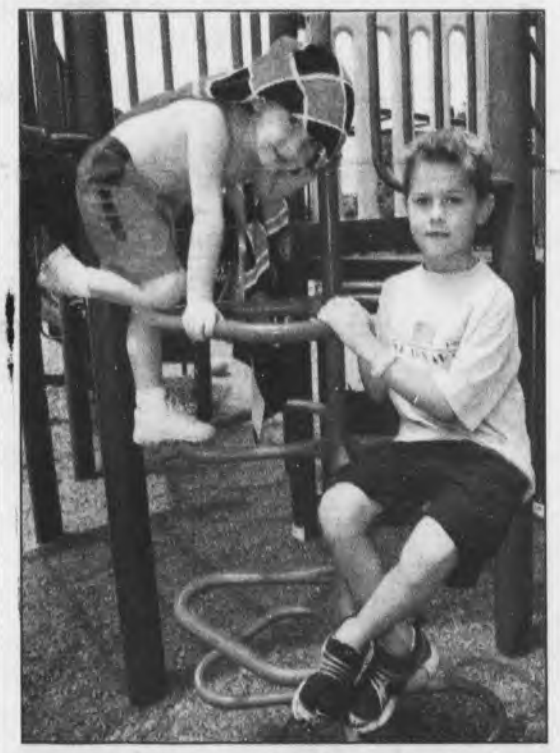

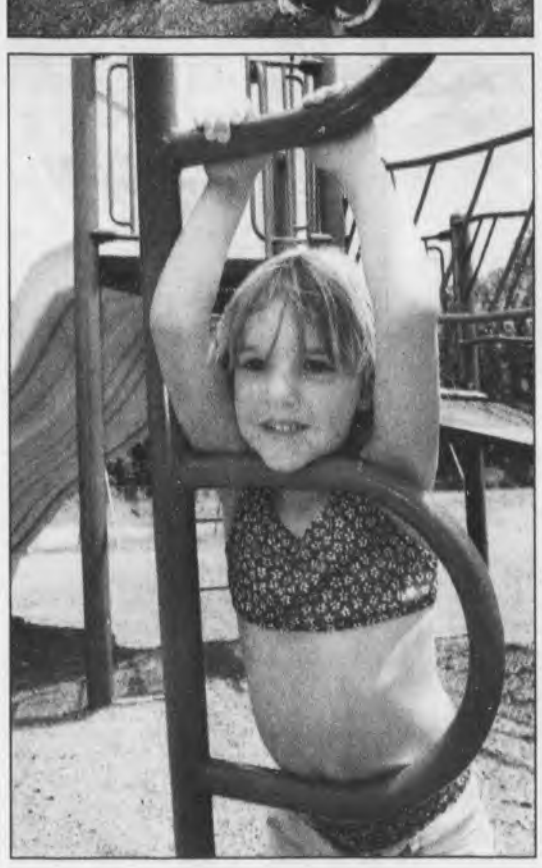

Summer Playground is a hit with local kids

Tim Llewellyn photos

Top: Sammy Mushin and Malia Grain at the Summer Playground program sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department at the Osgood School. At left: Ricky Whiten and Trevor Tedeschi climb on the Osgood playground equipment. Below left: Isabella McCarthy holds onto the jungle gym. Below: Jonathon Venture and Dennis Rivera head to the Swim Center. At bottom: Clockwise from top, Isabella Cross, Lilly McCarthy and Dianna Bestwick play "Ring Around the Rosy."

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This week in COHASSET

Silvia graduates from preservation course at UMass

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs announces the graduation of Rich Silvia of Cohasset from the Community Preservation Institute (CPI) at the University of Massachusetts.

The Community Preservation Institute is an extension of Secretary Durand's Community Preservation Act initiative.

"It was designed to nourish students in a variety of integrated topics that communities are addressing as they continue to develop, evolve and deal with sprawl. By exploring land, water and natural resource protection, historic preservation, housing and transportation issues, graduate are better able to assist their communities," said Priscilla Geigis, director of Community Preservation.

Silvia has served on numerous committees including the Community Preservation Committee, Housing Authority, local and regional School Committees, the School Facilities Committee and the Departments of Energy's New England Energy Task Force. He is a graduate of Bridgewater State College and attended the Federal Executive MPA program at Northeastern University. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force (Strategic Air Command) and a former manager for both the General Motors Corporation and IBM.

From left, Secretary of Environmental Affairs Bob Durand; Director of Community Preservation Priscilla Geigis and Rich Silvia of the Community Preservation Committee.

Silvia was also congratulated by his wife, Marsha (Ford) and their three children, Matthew, Daniel and Amy Mae.

The CPI reception was held at historic Gore Place in Waltham where graduates, past graduates, institute instructors and others from the UMass/EOEA partnership gathered to discuss goals and future direction.

Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, July 1.

Elder Affairs, July 15, 9:30 a.m. at 3 N. Main St.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, July 11, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, July 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library

Planning Board, July 17, 7:30 p.m.

School Building Committee, July 10, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, July 11, 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Board of Selectmen, July 9, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, July 18, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

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RTF and beach permits will be available on weekends through July 14 at the DPW building from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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Committee vacancies

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Sun. 7	9:43	8.6	3:31	9:52	10.1	3:38
Mon. 8	10:32	8.8	4:19	10:38	10.4	4:25
Tues. 9	11:19	9.0	5:06	11:24	10.7	5:12
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Thurs. 11	12:10	11.0	6:38	12:52	9.5	6:47

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Beloved benefactress dies

Jane Bancroft Cook leaves of generosity

The Lightkeepers' Residence and the Town of Cohassetlost one of its most prominent benefactors Monday.

Jane Cook, an heir to her family company of Dow Jones & Co., died at her home on Sohier Street Monday morning. She was 90.

Mrs. Cook was instrumental in the building of the Lightkeepers Residence and its first president, Joe McElroy said the project wouldn't have happened without her.

"I guarantee there wouldn't be the Lightkeepers' Residence today with her," he said. "She clearly loved the community and loved supporting it."

McElroy said the old Lightkeepers' Residence was dilapidated and the project to restore the historic structure was in danger of failing due to fiscal restraints. He said he called Mrs. Cook and before he knew it, was scaling the half-completed steps of the site with her, when she was more than 80-years-old.

"That's just the type of person she was," McElroy said. "She deserves her reputation of being incredibly generous and sensible."

On May 15, 1994, Mrs. Cook cut the ribbon at the dedication of the Lightkeepers' Residence calling the occasion "one of the most wonderful moments in my life." It marked Cook's 82 birthday. The residence's Bancroft Hall, which hosts innumerable weddings and town events, is named after her.

According to the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III", Mrs. Cook was fortunate to survive her birth. She weighed only three pounds at birth and her incubator was a warming oven near the family's big stove. The home remedy was a success.

Mrs. Cook was not only a generous supporter of the Lightkeepers' Residence but also the Swim Center, the expansion of the Community Center, and the reconstruction of Minot's Light watch room, among other worthy projects and causes.

The Rev. Clifford Cutler, Rector of St. Stephen's where Mrs. Cook was a life-long member, said her wealth was not in money but in the love and friendship she received from others.

Mrs. Cook was the last of three children of Jane W.W. Bancroft, the stepdaughter of Clarence W. Barron, who bought Dow Jones from its founders in 1902. At his death, Barron left the company to his stepdaughter. One descendant of each of Bancroft's children now serves on the board.

Mrs. Cook served on the board of Dow Jones from 1949 to 1985 when its flagship newspaper, The Wall Street Journal, grew to wield international influence and the company evolved into a publicly traded, $4 billion media empire.

Mrs. Cook was 90 and had been in failing health for a decade, she was the largest family shareholder at Dow Jones.

Mrs. Cook leaves three daughters, Martha Robes, Jean Stevenson and Elizabeth Steele; six stepchildren; eight grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Naming rights and harbor plans on selectmen's agenda

By Evan Schiff
ESCHIFF@CNC.COM

After a two-week absence, the selectmen will be meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and have a couple key issues on their agenda.

Highlighting the meeting will be Dean Rizzo, who will be in to present selectmen with the latest updates of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation's harbor improvement plans, and Mark DeGiacomo who will come in to discuss the naming rights of the new fields which are being constructed at the old Gravel Pits off North Main Street.

Rizzo, the director of the CRC, a private entity working on village and harbor improvements with the town, has sponsored a public planning process over the last few months to help the community address public infrastructure, safety and access deficiencies around the harbor area.

The CRC has asked residents and town officials to review three approaches proposed for the harbor area and vote on their preference.

The three options include "no improvements," an approach which will undertake no changes to the waterfront area save new asphalt patching to fill reoccurring potholes. Existing walkway and infrastructure conditions would remain the same.

Another option "minimum improvements" consists of primarily replacing the existing asphalt sidewalk with a new scored concrete or asphalt surface material. A rollover curbing system could be installed but no lighting, railing, sidewalk width or road width changes are incorporated in this approach.

The other option is "moderate improvements" which would reconstruct and widen the existing sidewalks along with an application of scored concrete. There would also be an installation of vertical granite curbing, new lighting as appropriate, tree planting, a new wood or steel railing system and minor repairs of the seawalls as needed.

Rizzo has been presenting the options to various boards and public workshops for months. His hope was to garner positive recommendations from the committees so when he goes before the selectmen to present the plans, the CRC will have some support. He asked each board to make a formal recommendation before his meeting with the selectmen next week.

The results of the survey, and the boards' recommendations, will be presented to selectmen on Tuesday to determine which improvement approach the CRC should help the community proceed with.

Another item on the board's agenda is how to determine the naming rights for the two new ball fields at the Gravel Pits.

The fields of dreams became a reality in the spring when Town Meeting appropriated $200,000 to the cause. Along with the money that was spent by the Town Meeting article, the Community Preservation Committee recommended spending $100,000 on the fields and Little League will raise $150,000 for the fields.

The naming rights for the fields could significantly contribute to the money Little League needs to raise.

The current Little League field, Barnes field was named after Harold Barnes who was a strong supporter of youth-oriented activities according to the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III". Assisted by Richard Potter, Barnes built both the bleachers and the fence surrounding the field. The field itself was owned by the town and leased to Little League for one dollar a year. For about 40 years the field remained unchanged until the mid-1990s when Little League raised funds and brought the field up to modern standards which included adding new bleachers, an electronic scoreboard and on-deck cages for batters.

Police crackdown on driving drunk

Nationally the crime of drunk driving kills every 32 minutes. There were 218 people killed in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes in Massachusetts in 2000. These facts are why the Cohasset Police Department is participating in the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's (GHSB) "You Drink & Drive. You Lose. Mobilization" through July 7.

As part of a $4,000 GHSB grant that runs through September 2002, the Cohasset Department will conduct extra traffic enforcement and OUI patrols during this mobilization.

Impaired driving is a violent crime that could cost you your freedom, your job, your license, and kill or injure you and innocent people.

"We ask the public to help us during the 'You Drink & Drive. You Lose' mobilization by staying sober behind the wheel, buckling up, obeying posted speed limits, and reporting suspected drunk drivers," said Chief Robert W. Jackson. "Also, don't let alcoholic beverages become the focus of holiday gatherings, offer non-alcoholic beverages, select beforehand a sober designated driver or use public transportation, and take a zero-tolerance position towards underage drinking."

There were eight people killed in motor vehicle crashes over the July 4th holiday in Massachusetts in 2000. Two of those crashes were alcohol-related. Alcohol-related fatalities involving motor vehicles increased 7 percent in Massachusetts between 1999 and 2000. "July 4th brings a lot of carefree times with family and friends, but everyone needs to keep their guard up against the dangers of drunk driving," said Nancy J. Luther, Executive Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau.

"We ask everyone on the roadways this holiday period to buckle up, obey posted speed limits, drive sober and alert, and allow plenty of travel time for traffic and emergencies. Remember, your best defense against a drunk driver is to always wear your safety belt," she said.

Impaired driving is a violent crime that could cost you your freedom, your job, your license, and kill or injure you and innocent people. To prevent, as well as apprehend drunk drivers, the GHSB currently has traffic and alcohol enforcement grant programs with state and local police and the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission totaling $1.3 million. Approximately 16,000 people are arrested annually for drunk driving in

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Forest Avenue sidewalk update

The proposed sidewalk on Forest Avenue — the street that has long been described as "Roller-Coaster Road" — is moving ahead. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the bids for the sidewalk construction are out and will be returned on July 11. The bids will be for the entire sidewalk, so depending at what the bids come in at may dictate how much of the sidewalk can be installed before going back before Town Meeting for more money, Haddad said.

The town has already appropriated $190,000 for the construction of the sidewalk.

The Norfolk County commissioners approved the selectmen's request for the Norfolk County Engineers to provide engineering assistance at no cost. The engineers have long provided such services to county towns as part of the county's community service.

"They've done a great job," Haddad said about the engineers. "The street will be much safer now."

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Folks flock to buy new town history

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region through the late '80s to mid-90s, competently headed the group.

Pierson, surrounded by the flags of the 50 states at Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday for the first book signing, said it was a great day for Cohasset.

"It feels extremely good and we're extremely happy to have the baby that has been born after a labor of six years," said Pierson, who lives on Atlantic Avenue.

It was a project the town and selectmen backed early on. Town Meeting voted in October 1996, October 1998 and then again in December 1999 to fund the project. The collective votes provided $65,000 of which the committee still has $500 not including proceeds from pre-publication sales and new sales, plus private donations totaling some $35,000. About 800 copies of the new history out of the 3,000 printed were sold before publication.

Barbara Maynard, whose husband Herman was born in town 76 years ago and served as a call firefighter for more than 40 years, was in line Saturday to pick up her copy.

"The other two volumes are so well worn," the King Street resident said about the Pratt and Bigelow histories that brought Cohasset up to 1950. She and her husband have been looking forward to this book, Maynard said.

The book's author, Jacqueline Dormitzer, busily signed copies and chatted with the residents who came to the signing in the park complete with background music that included patriotic favorites thanks to a stereo system provided by the American Legion post across the street.

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— Wigmore Pierson, committee chairman

"This is a very happy time," Dormitzer said. "The book looks beautiful and we're very pleased with people's response."

The book's dust jacket features a photograph of an aerial view of Cohasset; the cover is green with gold lettering, so it matches the town's previous two histories, and the pages are full of text and photographs of an era that is still fresh in many minds. Sewer sagas, Prop. 2-1/2 and Hollywood feature films are all included among countless other issues, happenings and local characters.

Norbert Reardon, who was born in 1953, thinks a lot will sound familiar.

"I've seen a lot (of what's in this book)," he said, pointing out that in the '50s it was possible to know everyone in town.

Former selectman Diane Sullivan, who moved to Plymouth two years ago, served as the liaison between selectmen and the book committee. She was pitching in Saturday at the book-signing table.

"It was probably one of the best committees that I ever had the pleasure of serving with," she said about the book committee. "The book is more than a history — it's about the people you know and the issues and places you're familiar with."

Although the committee has wrapped up the past 50 years, it isn't going to disband. With the selectmen's blessing, the committee is working with the school department to develop a curriculum on the town history to be taught in the schools. The group is also planning to orchestrate the reprinting of the prior two volumes of the town history complete with new forwards and dusk jackets. Proceeds from the book sales of the Dormitzer history will be used to pay for that project, the committee said.

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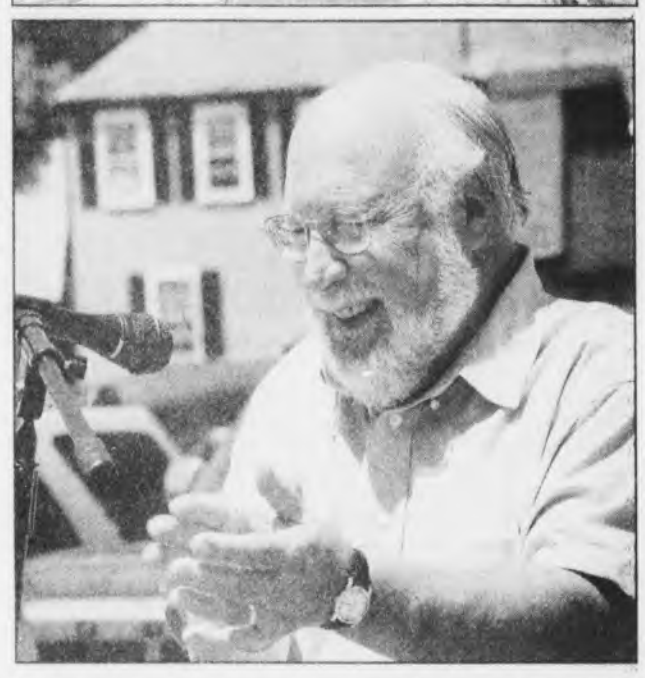
Author Jackie Dormitzer signs a copy of the Narrative History of Cohasset Vol. III for Heather Jason Dauphinee.

Top: Diane Sullivan, right, hands a copy of the Narrative History of Cohasset to Barbara Maynard of King Stree.

At right: Wigmore Pierson, chairman of the history book committee, makes some remarks at Saturday's book signing.



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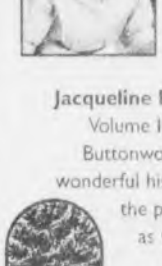

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Program helps kids deal with stress, anger

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teaches a variety of social and emotional skills including empathy, impulse control, problem solving and anger management. In its kit provided for Kindergarten classrooms, Second Step includes 28 photo-lessons cards which depict a social situation for children to discuss, two puppets for role-playing games, a sing-along tape, take-home activity sheets and a laminated classroom poster with erasable pen. For the older grades, one through five, the kits remain basically the same except for different photos, and they include homework sheets.

"The aim is to teach social competency skills," Sheehan said. "We're expected to provide a framework for social values for our students and that's something that's very important to us."

The lessons in Second Step run anywhere from 15-minutes to half an hour and will probably be used one to two times a week. Sheehan said teachers will also be able to incorporate the lessons learned in the program in their everyday curriculum."

Superintendent Edward Malvey said in this day and age, character education is critical.

"It's an important ingredient to have in our school system," he said. "The Second Step program really touches on a number of issues."

Malvey said while Cohasset schools have always excelled in teaching their students academics, it needs to bring its social education to the same standards.

"We're going to start in the earlier grades and work with all of the children," he said. "We need to be attentive to all aspects of a child's learning experience especially the social and emotional ones."

The program was introduced to the School Committee last month when Sheehan presented Osgood's school improvement plan to the board. The improvement plan is a requirement for all schools in the Commonwealth and is written with the help of the School Council which is comprised of teachers, parents, the principal of the school and a community representative.

This year, along with the character education program, the Osgood improvement plan addressed academic excellence, communication and technology.

For the academic excellence aspect of the plan, the Osgood school has set its sights on analyzing MCAS results and implementing a plan to improve performance, continuing to review and revise existing curriculum so that it's consistent with established frameworks, and continuing to develop benchmarks for Kindergarten through third grade with a focus on language arts. The school also hopes to promote professional development opportunities for staff members and establish a task force to review the feasibility of implementing a full-day Kindergarten program.

"Any opportunity we have to teach social skills is something we look to take advantage of."

— Janet Sheehan, Osgood principal

The communication segment of the improvement plan highlights several issues. The school wants to promote diversity awareness and respect for human differences among the school community, mentor new Osgood families and students, update the student and teacher handbooks and continue "Curriculum Coffees" and "Family Math and Science Nights".

For technological improvements the school hopes to increase the number of computer presentation stations, collaborate with the technology coordinator to establish long-term goals for maintaining and upgrading equipment in the classrooms, and provide professional development for staff in the integration of technology in the curriculum.

"Those are the four main areas we really wanted to address," Sheehan said. "We will work hard towards the goals throughout the year."

New light at tricky corner

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Jackson said. "It's something we definitely needed."

Jackson said the Police Department will continue to monitor the intersection closely for the next six months. He said if a problem still exists at that time he'll ask the state to reexamine the intersection and look at the possibility of creating turning lanes.

"This should solve the problem," he said. "If not, we'll do what we can to try and alleviate the dangers of the situation."

Town Manager Mark Haddad thanked the town's state legislators, Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, along with Bernard McCourt from MassHighway for resolving the situation.

"We're hoping this is going to make it a safer place to drive."

— Police Chief Bob Jackson

"The response to our selectmen's concerns is much appreciated," Haddad said. "I think this entire process worked very well."

One of the reasons MassHighway listened to the town's request for a resolution to the precarious intersection was a study conducted by the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization. The study revealed that from 1997-1999 there were 29 accidents at the intersection. This is an average of 9.7 a year or 1.28 accidents per million vehicles, well above the state average of .89 accidents per million vehicles for a signalized intersection.

More than 40 percent of the accidents at the intersection involved personal injury including one fatality in 1997.

"Route 3A carries heavy traffic through volume in both directions; it is difficult for the northbound and southbound left-turning traffic to find a gap," the report stated. "In some cases drivers may miscalculate acceptable gaps and in other times, out of frustration, drivers may try to force themselves through traffic."

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Jennifer Noon graduates from Dartmouth with medical degree

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MASTER'S DEGREE

Congratulations to **Erin Sutherland**, daughter of **Ted and Sue Cox** of Cohasset and **George and Peggy Sutherland** of Harwich. Erin received her masters of education degree at the commencement exercises for the University of Massachusetts held on June 1 at The Bayside Exposition Center. Erin, who also received her undergraduate degree at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, currently teaches history at Marshfield High School.

BUTMANS SEND NEWS

I had some great news from **Georgine and Bruce Butman** about their daughter **Amelia** last week. Amelia was accepted to the Gould Academy Young Scholars Program in Bethel Maine this summer. Amelia received an academic scholarship for math.

Amelia was also one of the chosen to go to the Young Women's Health Summit that will be held in Washington, DC the first week of August. Once there, she will meet girls from all over the USA to discuss young women's health issues and what they can do to help others. Out of 450 applicants, only 89 were chosen from around the United States!

Georgine has opened an Art Center in Greenville with a different theme each week. Anyone who comes to the Moosehead Lake Region can come to the Art Center and take part in it. Great job to both of you and Cohasset wishes you all the best.

DEAN'S LIST AT WENTWORTH

Michael Sanchez, a freshman at Wentworth Institute of Technology, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Michael had to maintain at least a 3.25 GPA for this honor. He is majoring in Computer Engineering. Fantastic work, Michael. Your family is very proud of your accomplishments.

XAVERIAN HONORS

Mark Lewis is in the news this week. He is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Kevin F. Lewis** and made second honors for the fourth marking period at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood. Students who earn grades of 80 or above in all courses make second honors. Great news to share.

AT BRYANT COLLEGE

The spring semester dean's list at Bryant College includes some Cohasset residents. Congratulations to **Lauren N. Dooley, Kathryn L. Whitehouse** and **Jeffrey R. Scribner**. Lauren and Kathryn, both seniors, have a concentration in management at the business college in Smithfield, R.I. Jeffrey is a sophomore and is undeclared.

HIGH HONORS

Christopher P. Barber, Class of '05 and **Andrew J. Flynn**, Class of '05 of Cohasset each received High Honors for the fourth quarter at Boston College High School. For honors, a student must have at least a 3.8 quality point average. Great job to both of you boys.

PUZZLE CLUB

All Deer Hill Students are invited to come join **Mrs. Murphy** at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Monday evenings beginning on July 8 for the very popular "Puzzle Club" from 7-8:45 p.m. No pre-registration is required.

Jessica Stevens, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Stevens** has been named to the dean's list at Assumption College in Worcester for the spring semester. Jessica has done a super job and is a member of the Class of 2003.

PSO CALENDAR

Please make sure to send all of your events, happenings, contact information, Web site addresses, phone numbers and contact names for the upcoming Cohasset PSO 2002-2003 Calendar in no later than July 31! This calendar is for the community as well as the schools to share their important fundraiser information, scheduled meeting dates and all relevant information with the families of the Cohasset Schools.

You may go to the following Web site to view the calendar as well as send in information to be included for the upcoming year at www.cohassetpso.org. To send information, please use the following email address: psocalendar@yahoo.com. If you have any other questions or do not have use of a computer, please call 781-383-0143.

KOROPEY AT QMC

Quincy Medical Center recently announced the addition of **Andrew Koropey, MD**, of Cohasset to the medical center's anesthesiology department. Dr. Koropey rejoins the medical center, where he served as a staff anesthesiologist from 1993 through 1999.

Board-certified in anesthesia, Dr. Koropey specializes in the management of acute post-surgical pain as well as the management of chronic pain. He helped establish a Pain Management Clinic at QMC and served as director of pain management services at Brockton Hospital before rejoining QMC.

Dr. Koropey received his medical degree from the St. Louis School of Medicine. He interned in the medical-surgical transitional program at the Brown University Program in Medicine and completed his residency in the department of anesthesiology at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston.

CLASS OF '72 REUNION

The Class of 1972 is planning on having its 30th class reunion July 26-27. A reception will be held on the Friday night at the Lightkeepers Cottage with cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres. On the Saturday, a Texas Barbecue / pool party is planned at the home of Glenn Pratt (Vaughan's gracious brother).

If anyone knows of a classmate that has not yet been contacted please call: Vaughan Pratt @ 1-808-523-0140 or 383-0143 or by email vpratt@marine.org; Nick Anderson @ 383-2503 or Pam Prendergast @ 383-1496.

VOLUNTEER AT THE CEA

During the summer months, some of the people who give the Cohasset Elder Affair's (CEA) programs such good support throughout the year are not as available during the summer months. The CEA would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who is interested in joining the volunteer list.

Drivers are needed! Volunteer applications are still being accepted for the summer months to help with the local driving program. Drivers are needed in one-to-three-hour shifts, once a month, mornings or afternoons.

If you enjoy working with people and are interested in helping the seniors in your community, this is the opportunity for you. Trips involve picking up seniors and taking them to local stores, shops, post office, town hall or library, and then returning them to their homes. This could be a great way for college students to do community work, or a person on vacation who might have a few hours to spare.

Others help in serving the lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CEA's greatest need is for Tuesday and Wednesday. Volunteers can set-up, dish-up the plates, serve on trays, or clean up. If you can help or might be interested, please drop in and see how the CEA handles the luncheons.

Receptionists in the office are all volunteers. If interested in occasionally filling-in for someone on vacation or having a day off, please let CEA know. Several people work with the Outreach Worker, **Carol Barrett** to serve as respite workers or friendly visitors. Whichever opportunity you accept, you will make a great contribution to others' lives and will work in the company of others who are equally dedicated. Please call 781-383-9112.

Jennifer Noon graduated with honors from Dartmouth Medical School.

NEW MEDICAL DOCTOR

Jennifer Carlton Noon, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Noon**, graduated with honors from Dartmouth Medical School on June 9. President of the Dartmouth chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Society and a Rolf C. Syvertson Scholar, Jennifer was also the recipient of the Saul Blatman Award for Excellence in Maternal and Child Health, The New England Pediatric Society Award and the Janet M. Glasgow Achievement Citation for the highest ranking woman medical student. Dr. Noon has begun a Pediatric Residency program at Children's Hospital in Boston. What amazing accomplishments, Jennifer.

Happy Fourth of July to all of you! Please stay safe, happy and enjoy the holiday with family and friends.

That is all for this week. Enjoy the holiday week and make sure to send me all of your news, vacation happenings, photos and more no later than Mondays at noon.

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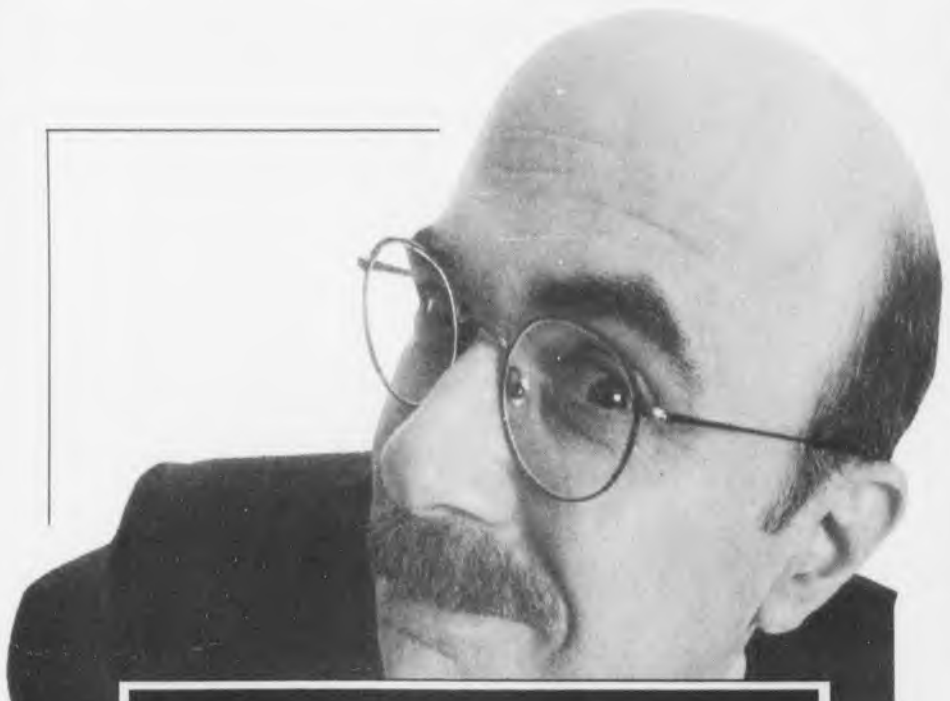

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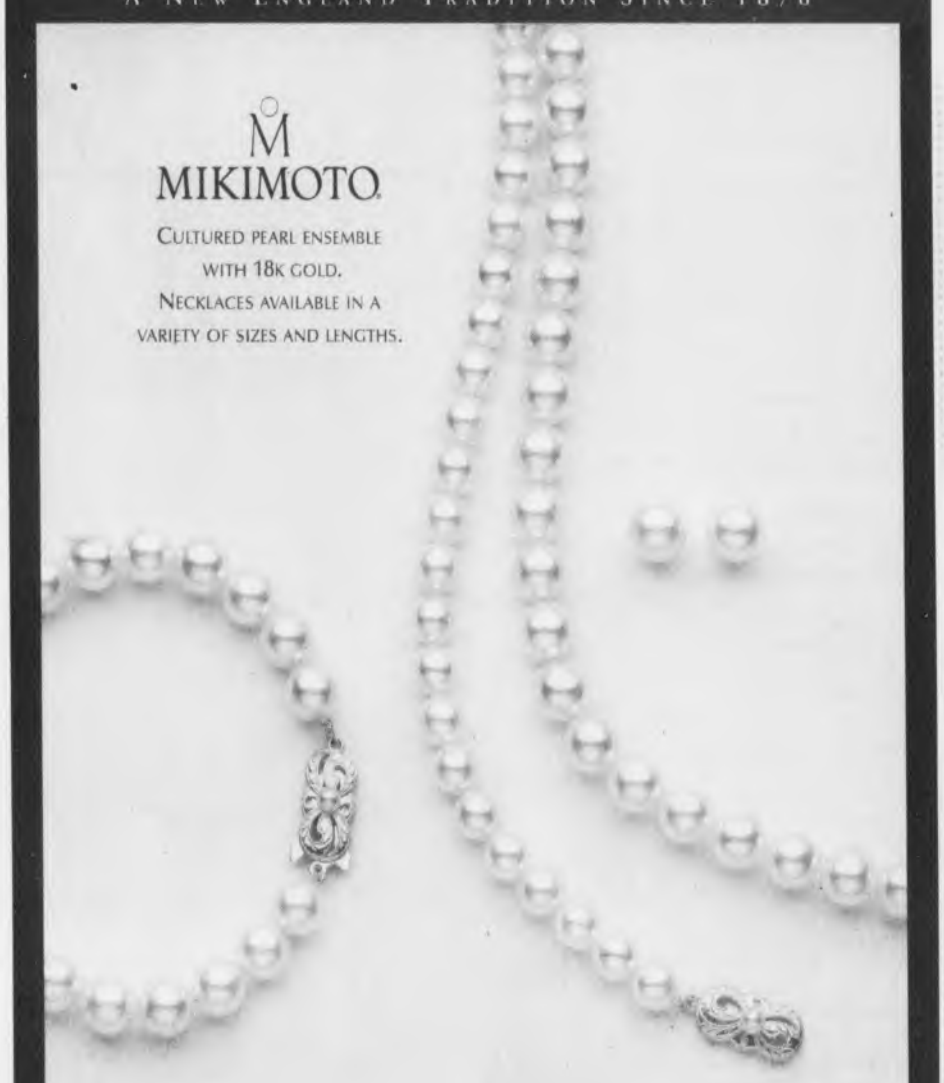

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

MacQuarrie - Stern

Kristin MacQuarrie and Ken Stern

Jane and Christopher Kyricos of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Kelly MacQuarrie, to Christopher Kenneth (Ken) Stern, the son of Jonathan and Sydney Ladensohn Stern of Scarsdale, New York.

Kristin is a marketing manager for General Electric's Corporate Initiatives group. She holds an MBA from the Stern School of Business at New York University, and a BA with honors in Geography from the University of Washington in Seattle. She also attended Cohasset High School and Phillips Andover Academy.

Ken is a project manager at Avatar Technology, an Internet design and consulting company in New York City, and will be attending the Columbia Graduate School of Business in the fall. He holds a BA with honors from Yale University.

The couple, who live in Brooklyn, N.Y., will be married in Cohasset on Aug. 4.

Fitzgerald is Haddad's right-hand (wo)man

By Evan Schiff
ESCHIFF@CNC.COM

"You're looking for the Department of Public Works, that's 383-0273."

"Mark's on vacation this week, he'll be back on Monday."

In between phone calls, faxes, and visits from all of the town employees to collect their paychecks, Christine Fitzgerald, 35, sits above the fray. Her desk, though thoroughly organized, is piled high with paperwork, pictures and even a stuffed animal.

As the executive assistant in the Board of Selectmen's office, Fitzgerald acts as an extension of Town Manager Mark Haddad as well as handling the payroll for all town employees. She sits in the corner the selectmen's office, one of the most important rooms in Town Hall.

"She's terrific with the public and keeps them very happy."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

After knowing very little about town government when she begun, Fitzgerald has come to learn quite a bit. After presiding over, and taking the minutes of, almost every selectmen's meeting in the past three years, Fitzgerald knows the ins and outs of the town.

She admits that she was never into politics and didn't vote on a regular basis for sometime, but now that's all changed.

"It's amazing what community involvement can do," she said. "Sometimes it's good, and sometimes it's bad, but people can always make a difference."

Fitzgerald has also seen the benefit to a town of having a good Board of Selectmen.

"Good selectmen have to have the ability to listen what people are saying," she said. "They have to walk a fine line between being a resident of the town and being a voice that people listen to."

Fitzgerald, who lives in Whitman and is engaged to be married, said after seeing all hard work and stress associated with being a selectman feels she would never be a productive member of the board. She said the ability to separate her head with her heart has never been easy for her and thinks that's one of the qualities a good selectman exhibits.

"They sometimes have to make unpopular decisions based on what they think is best for the town, even though people may think otherwise," she said. "I think the current board has done an excellent job of that."

Over her three years in Cohasset, Fitzgerald has developed a close relationship with her boss, Haddad. She described the two as having similar personalities which can both be positive and negative.

"His wife and I joke that she's wife number one and I'm wife number two," Fitzgerald said laughing. "We are so similar, sometimes it is great and sometimes it's not."

She continued to say how much she admired Haddad's work ethic.

"He's the hardest working person I've ever met," she said. "He's juggling 100 balls at a time and they never hit the ground."

PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

Christine Fitzgerald manages to handle myriad duties in the selectmen's office at Town Hall.

Fitzgerald said Haddad has taught her a lot and credits him, along with her previous work experience as why she is so capable in her job. Before coming to Cohasset, Fitzgerald worked with Brewster Wall Covering Company in Randolph.

Haddad said Fitzgerald is a hard worker who has done a great job for the town.

"She's great at handling a lot of responsibility," he said. "She's terrific with the public and keeps them very happy."

Haddad said Fitzgerald and Ellen Winn, who has been working in the town for more than 15 years and handles licensing, mail, and civil service issues, make a great team.

"The two of them are great," he said. "The town couldn't run so smoothly without them."

Linda Greenlaw to sign 'Lobster Chronicles' at Buttonwood Books

Buttonwood Books and Toys will host Linda Greenlaw, author of "The Hungry Ocean: A Swordboat Captain's Journey", for a return appearance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset on Wed., July 17 from 1 – 3 p.m.. Greenlaw's first book published in 1999, detailed her life as a swordfish captain. Although she had been fishing commercially for more than 18 years, she has recently become famous for her part in "The Perfect Storm" by Sebastian Junger. Junger describes Greenlaw as "one of the best captains, period, on the entire East Coast".

Her new book, "The Lobster Chronicles: Life on a Very Small Island" (Hyperion, $22.95), describes one lobster season and is filled with stories about the eclectic group of islanders who call Isle au Haut home, personal reflections and details about lobstering as a profession. Greenlaw began her career as a cook and deckhand aboard a swordboat during her summer breaks from college. She worked her way into the captain's chair by 1986 and has skippered boats from Newfoundland to Brazil. Raised and educated in Maine, Greenlaw graduated from Colby College in 1983 where she majored in English. Reservations requested for seating and refreshment planning. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve or to order your signed copy if unable to attend. Free.

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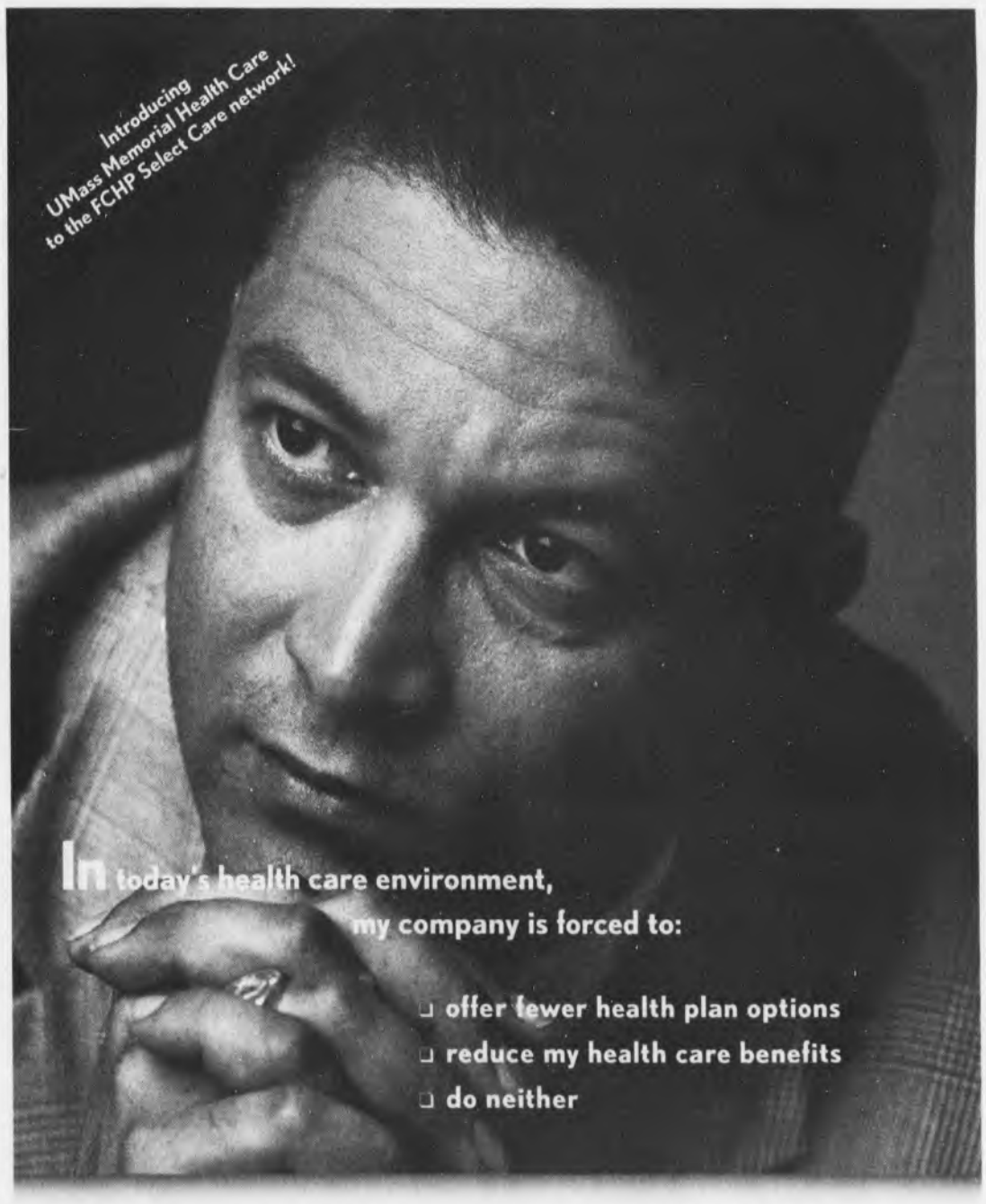

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Practically perfect

If there is near perfection anywhere on earth — then World's End next door in Hingham is close to the top of the list. So why does anyone travel far and wide searching for great views of the water and to commune with nature?

That's what many were asking themselves at the annual "Summer Solstice" celebration at World's End June 21.

Spring rain has turned the 251-acres green, the magnificent canopies of the trees were in full splendor and the waters of Hingham harbor and the Weir River glistened as hundreds trekked up Planter's Hill to celebrate the beginning of summer. Carefree youngsters danced to the sweet sounds of Yarina, an Ecuadorian group, as their parents unfolded blankets and spread out picnics in the cool evening air. Tractor-drawn hayrides furnished an abundance of "Norman Rockwell-esque" nostalgia for simpler times.

And yes, the golden, setting sun, leaving its sparkling reflection on Hingham Bay as sailboats floated peacefully by, provided all with a combination of wonderment and serenity.

At times like these, we are so grateful to be able to enjoy the peaceful beauty of a nature preserve right in our own backyard. It's hard to believe a world away – war rages on several fronts and here at home we're fighting a battle with terrorism.

Ironically, World's End was once considered for the site of peace-making when back in 1945, then Gov. Maurice Tobin was charged with finding a place to house the United Nations.

Well before that, World's End was a farm owned by John R. Brewer who hired renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted in the 1890s to design the winding, tree-lined carriage paths and landscaping for a proposed163-home subdivision.

And back in the 1960s, World's End was eyed for a nuclear power plant.

The United Nations went to New York; the power plant went to Plymouth and the subdivision never came to fruition. And through an extraordinary effort in the late 1960s through which $450,000 was raised, the Trustees of Reservations that dates back to 1891, was able to purchase the land from Brewer's descendants for all of us to enjoy.

On one side of the peninsula that consists of two glacial drumlins, is a spectacular view of the Boston skyline and on the other side, one can see Hull across the Weir River, and the Atlantic Ocean beyond.

Planter's Hill on that Friday was like a patchwork quilt of blankets and lawn chairs as hundreds of families that included infants to grandparents jockeyed for a spot to spread out and take in all the evening had to offer.

It was crowded, but no one seemed to mind. At World's End Summer Solstice – which is the longest day of the year — it was a time to leave all the worldly pressures and irritations behind. It's so important today that we grab opportunities like these for ourselves and our families.

If you missed the event, not to worry. You can visit World's End anytime. Hours are 8 a.m. to sunset, year-round. Admission is free for Trustees' members; non-members are $4.50; children under-12 are free. Contact the Regional Office of the Trustees of Reservations at 781-821-2977 for directions and event information; and the ranger station at World's End at 781-740-6665 for weather conditions and other questions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Friends or foes of the harbor?

TO THE EDITOR:

As far as I can tell, not many people are favorably impressed with the apparent agenda of the Friends of Cohasset Harbor. The essence of their agenda seems to be to ensure that no changes be made to make the harbor area more enjoyable for fear that improvements might benefit Peter Roy's waterfront businesses.. They seem to visualize the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation as a sinister plot to foist unneeded improvements on an innocent and helpless citizenry, and make the ludicrous claim that public input to CRC is ignored. .This despite the CRC's constant pleas for more public participation, and the substantial revisions resulting from that participation.

Part of the Friends' mantra is that we should rely on our elected and appointed officials, and shun initiative by others. Perhaps because most of them are relative newcomers, or have not much contributed to town activities, they may not realize that much of what makes Cohasset a superior place is attributable to the initiative, energy, imagination, financial support and follow-through execution by groups of private citizens. Often that initiative has been backed by residents of above-average means, but few have the bad taste to criticize the efforts on that account. Our elected and appointed officials are primarily regulators, and not usually expected to do much initiating. Similarly, town meeting doesn't initiate; it votes on initiatives presented to it, and so is also essentially regulatory.

We should be happy that our waterfront businesses are owned by a resident, rather than by chain motels and restaurants with no personal interest or involvement in improving the enjoyability of the area. Sure, scarcity of parking creates conflict between harbor businesses and residents, but the town is better off overall with well run and prosperous local businesses.

It is noted that CRC has invited and made use of input from a wide range of residents, but the Friends seem interested in attracting only those who share their narrow and essentially negative vision.

Let us see if the response reinforces the current image, or reveals a more constructive attitude than I have charged.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Feed the beast — a piece of cake? Or major indigestion?

GREENBUSH VIEW

MARTHA A. R. BEWICK

(Questions of the day: If Greenbush will cost so much, that no other MBTA transit expansion project can be constructed for 10 years, why is it being built? If Massachusetts social service, medical and education programs are being cut in these days of fiscal crisis, why is Greenbush being built? If more than 50 percent of Cohasset's commuters to downtown Boston already take transit (1990 census), why is Greenbush being built? If Massachusetts Taxpayers and the Pioneer Institute warn that the MBTA can't afford Greenbush, why is it being built? If the state threw out 80 percent federal funding, and is paying $454,000,000 to move 1700 new transit riders out of their cars, why is Greenbush being built? If the Greenbush line will have a $6-9 million operating deficit each year, why is it being built? If trains have a negative impact on water quality, and the habitats along the track, and the T hasn't completed its environmental work, nor filed its permits with the federal Army Corps of Engineers, why is it being built? If Roxbury's minority residents need and want light rail, why is Greenbush being built in the name of "transit equity?" "It's a done deal," they've always said, "it's a done deal.")

Finally, the official MBTA planning office is open in Jackson Square in East Weymouth, and the sign is up. There were lots of hotdogs grilled last two weeks ago at the great opening. If we'd known about it, we would have lined up for a hotdog too, while we waved a sign saying "This is a really stupid project."

At last we know. This isn't a transit project, it's a jobs project. Look at the MBTA sign in Weymouth. The first line reads: "Creating jobs for today." But, what jobs? In moving into that space, employees from Restoration Furniture were displaced. Hingham employs 11,000 people already, more than 1000 in Hingham Square alone. Unemployment is only 1.2 percent. There are 25 women's owned businesses in Hingham Square. All of *our* Hingham Square jobs are threatened by Greenbush construction, *their* jobs, and parking and traffic issues.

Let's be honest about this, at long last. The "jobs for today" are construction jobs, for all those Big Dig and Mass. Water Resources guys who are moving on. The Big Dig is beginning to wind down, and MWRA construction is complete. Where will all that equipment go? Where are the jobs? Guess what? They're here! The $14 billion poured into Big Dig contracts and the $4 billion spent at Deer Island has created a large construction beast, and we must "Feed the Beast." It's our patriotic duty! Wave the flags, thump the tubs, and cook more hotdogs!

For a long time now, Greenbush opponents have said "If the Big Dig is the main meal, then we must be dessert." When they talked about inviting us to the "mitigation table," that meant that our towns sat passively and sweetly on platters like plump chickens while state and industry officials talked about how to carve us up. Yum yum.

The day after the hotdogs, the Big Dig construction team appeared on the Greenbush doorstep for a meeting with the Hingham Square merchants. They were surprised that 60 people showed up. Several of the attractive and articulate Cashman construction team announced that they had just left the Big Dig to move over to Greenbush. One of the coordinators said, that by comparison to the Big Dig, "Greenbush is a piece of cake." So, it's confirmed at last: "The Big Dig was the main meal, and we *are* dessert!"

It may be "cake" to the contracting team, but Greenbush has triggered high anxiety among the many merchants, who are concerned about their businesses, and their customers, and among the many residents immediately adjacent to the tracks, whose lives will be interrupted not only by construction, but by a lifetime of noise, vibration and diesel emissions. Marilyn Yorke (who doesn't yet know whether her home with its eight chimneys and five fireplaces will have to be moved into Torrent Crossing, as it shows on the plans) exclaimed: "Talk about indigestion!! Talk about heartburn!!" Talk about nightmares, and sleepless nights!! One man's cake is another man's poison.

In the midst of the smiles, and promises of cooperation while the hot dogs are grilling and amiable meetings are taking place, designs are moving beyond the 15 percemt stage — plans are in motion for the saws to hit the trees, for rock drills to blast the ledge behind Hingham Wines, and for bulldozers to chew up the corridor. "It won't be a big 'kaboom,' " we were advised when we asked about the impact of rock blasting on the Square, "but a series of small explosions."

In the midst of the smiles, and announcement of the advancing construction plans, a telling comment was made by one of the contractor's spokesmen: 'We assume that all the permits will be in hand." The battle against Greenbush today is being fought over the permits, in the courts, and in the law offices, in the state environmental agencies, and in the conservation commissions. Advocates for Transportation Alternatives still argues that the Greenbush diesel rail project is a dangerous, grossly expensive, unnecessary, unsafe, environmentally unsound project, and that there are far better transit alternatives for this region. What transit money there is should be spent in Roxbury where it's needed. We will continue to make these arguments, even over hotdogs, if we are invited.

AfTA is continuing the battle for less invasive transit alternatives that will cost a lot less — better ferry services, and better express buses. Greenbush, and the $454,000,000 of state bond money which should be invested where it's needed, is nothing more nor less than welfare for construction industry, for the MBTA unions, for Amtrak commuter rail managers, and for the legislators and gubernatorial candidates who receive construction lobbyists' contributions. Take a look at the Secretary of State's contribution lists, which are now on the Web, and you can trace the string of contributions. Call Mitt Romney's new hotline, at 1-888-END-PORK, and tell him that you want him to invest your tax dollars, not in a deficit-ridden slop-bucket (Greenbush) for construction porkers and their beneficiaries, but where the investments make sense, and achieve real transit equity. Call AfTA if you want to continue the fight at 781-740-1613.

Martha A. R. Bewick of Hingham is a member of AfTA.

HEALTH NOTES

Robbins Garage, Maxwell and saving a lot of precious land

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Every fall, I drain the oil from the engine of my sailboat, replace it, and take the old oil to Robbins Garage for disposal. Wayne or his brother takes the oil and calls to one of the mechanics to pour it down a floor drain, knowing that I'm on the Board of Health and hoping to get a rise from me, since we both know that the floor drains have been closed since the law banning th m was enacted years ago. The stories about Wayne's garage are many, but here's one you probably don't know.

What then about Wayne's Maxwell Conservation Trust? Well, Maxwell is Cynde's (Wayne's wife's) dog. I heard this from Wayne about two years ago when he had started buying up land and putting it into a conservation restricted status. I understand Maxwell is a very environmentally conscious dog, and, now, Maxwell has considerable environmentally restricted land in the trust.

Wayne, (and Maxwell's) most recent effort is important to the two towns with which Wayne has a long connection. It deals with the headwaters of the system of streams, creeks, tributaries and rivers which supply drinking water to both towns. We've all heard about the Herring Brooks(first and second), and the Aaron River and its reservoir, Lily Pond and the other streams, vernal pools and meanders which make our woods and wild places so attractive.

If the purchase the Maxwell Trust intends to make, does not materialize, a developer plans to build more than 50 homes in the area.

Their attractiveness is both an asset, and a danger. Cohasset's, and, even more so, Scituate's natural resources have been under increasing development pressure in recent years, and are presently at greater risk than ever. Large scale development in the area has accelerated the loss of open space. If the purchase the Maxwell Trust intends to make, does not materialize, a developer plans to build more than 50 homes in the area; a threat to Scituate's already burdened water resources, school system and infrastructure. And, since Scituate has weak regulations protecting the adjacent ponds from nutrients, the septic systems and lawns in the area will broadcast nitrogen into the streams going to both town's water supplies. Soon, the streams entering our respective water supplies will bring nutrients and algae, pond scum, to these vital ponds.

We have an opportunity in 2002 to save a key parcel of unprotected open space in the West End of Scituate, bordering Cohasset. This 76-acre property, currently under purchase and sale agreement, is part of the largest, unfragmented forest (450 acres) remaining in Scituate . It is also adjacent to town-owned conservation land. These lands also contribute to the protection of Scituate and Cohasset's drinking water supply and provide excellent habitat for native wildlife, including species listed by the State as rare and endangered. This property is the focus of the Maxwell Trust's current fundraising efforts.

So, next time you stop at Robbins Garage and one of the mechanics asks you if you need to dispose of engine oil, tell him you'd also like to contribute to the Maxwell Trust.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Yes, I'm a California dreamer

TWENTY-SOMETHING

EVAN SCHIFF

The lure of the West Coast is often difficult to explain to those hugging the eastern shores. However, not being one to shy away from a challenge, I've decided to give it a try.

I recently came back from a week of vacation in San Diego where among other things, I did well, nothing. I baked on the beach, caught some waves (yes, I may be the only Jewish surfer in Boston), reconnected with old friends, cheered at a Padres game, and munched fish tacos drowned in Cholula (a high-class hot sauce). This seemingly nothing of an adventure cemented my desire to eventually move westward.

Defining the phenomenon in which many a young person leave their friends, families and comfortable lives behind for an unknown life is quite a quandary.

Now I'm sure surfing is a draw for some and the "I-wish-they-all-could-be-California-girls" is certainly a factor, but one must search beneath the tanned bodies and skimpy bathing suits to find the powerful magnet that draws everyone from Jack Kerouac and John Steinbeck, to the gold prospectors to California.

To say the attraction lies in a different type of attitude that Californians may posses about life seems too simplistic. I don't care where you were born; it has been my experience that people have similar character traits around the world. Not all Californians are surfer-dudes and not all New Yorker's are pushy, entitled, and in your face. Well, at least not all Bostonians are that way.

While it may be to elementary to call California easygoing there is certainly evidence to suggest that is that case. Two summers ago, on the first day of my internship at a main-stream television station, I showed up in a suit and my boss was wearing cut-off shorts and flip-flops.

Residents of Boston will consistently run at a full tilt to catch the "T" while Californians hardly know the benefits of public transportation. Plans are made, and kept in Boston while it's not uncommon for a friend to be waiting on your doorstep when you wake up in San Diego, the same one you made plans with 12 hours earlier.

I recently came back from a week of vacation in San Diego where among other things, I did well, nothing.

However, to characterize the entire state as slothful insults many of the hardworking people who call it home. Thriving cities such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara wouldn't flourish without the effort of many of these people, even the surfers.

I think it comes down to one thing, and bear with me here...it's the sun, that blessed fire that roars millions of miles overhead and provides us with scientific wonders such as photosynthesis and tanning.

Sure we have it "back East," and for that matter, everywhere on the planet, but there's no sun quite like the one that smiles on southern California.

Just picture this scenario, you've had a bad day of work and your favorite dinner spot has closed early. Disgusted, you drag yourself up to your apartment, only to find that the air conditioner is busted. If I were in Boston, I would seek comfort outside but suffer miserably in the suffocating heavy heat of the day, maybe watch a couple ambulances roar by my apartment, and try to find a puddle to frolic in.

In San Diego, however, I would seek my solace on the beach, lay there for hours letting the sound of the waves lull me into a sweet sleep, and then wake up to the sun setting on the Pacific. I would realize the night was coming and the air was cooling so I didn't need air conditioning anyway.

But don't get me wrong, I love Boston.

Returning home, a friend and I decided to spend all day on the Commons. There is simply no equivalent to that in California. We laughed under the weeping willows, chased geese in the duck pond and took pictures of tourists photographing their families. The history and character of the East Coast cities I've visited is unmatched by the cities out West.

But the simple pleasure of going to the beach while the air slowly cools to a reasonable temperature cannot be duplicated in the Bay State. The waning California sun melts away disappointments gradually and imperceptibly. Maybe it's because standing in front of the Pacific Ocean watching the sun playing hide-and-seek with the horizon tends to put the day's annoyances into their rightful perspective.

There's no magic formula that the West is hiding from us, no fairy dust that makes people seem to enjoy life just a tad more. Just miles of beaches, many of which remain so sparsely populated that solitude is easy to find.

And maybe, it's just the lingo.

"Yo! Bro! Let's go grab a burrito," my California friend said to me on the last night of my vacation as we watched the sun drop behind the water. "That was so gnarly."

Gnarly indeed, good buddy, gnarly indeed.

Evan Schiff is the staff reporter for the Cohasset Mariner.

Prothonotary Warbler — a rare visitor to the area

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

In the world of birds Prothonotary Warblers (*Protonotaria citrea*) are small songbirds with golden heads and breasts, olive-green backs, blue-gray wings, and prominent black eyes and bills. In the world of humans, prothonotaries are principal law clerks or notaries, the first having been appointed in the Byzantine court. Prothonotaries in the Catholic Church are members of the College of Prothonotaries Apostolic that is charged with recording canonization of saints and signing Papal Bulls. Court systems around the world use prothonotaries, especially in England. Some but not all of the United States have prothonotaries. The golden cowl worn by some prothonotaries is thought to have suggested this warbler's name.

It was first reported on May 10 or 11 and was singing and carrying nesting material into a hole in a snag at the northeastern end of the pond.

The word "prothonotary" is a corruption of the word "protonotary", which has the accent on "no", as in notary, rather than on "thon". The Latin word protonotarius means first notary or scribe. Arthur Cleveland Bent is one noted ornithologist who was upset with this corruption. In his "Life Histories of North American Birds", he quotes Bagg and Eliot to express his own sentiments. "What a name to saddle on the Golden Swamp-bird! Wrongly compounded in the first place, wrongly spelled, wrongly pronounced!...Here, certainly is a bothersome name fit only to be eschewed!"

Prothonotary Warblers are primarily birds of southern swampland, flooded bottomland and wet woodland. According to Veit and Petersen, they breed "from western Iowa, southwestern Minnesota, southwestern Ontario, and Long Island, New York, south to eastern Texas and central Florida." They are not often seen in New England, with only one definite and two probable breeding records in Massachusetts. This made the recent appearance of a Prothonotary Warbler at Triphammer Pond in Hingham an exciting one. It was first reported on May 10 or 11 and was singing and carrying nesting material into a hole in a snag at the northeastern end of the pond. It was still singing and going in and out of the hole on June 3. I did not see or hear it on two separate visits after that. Interestingly, there was also a report of a singing male prothonotary in Connecticut at about the same time.

Prothonotary Warbler

The Prothonotary Warbler is the only warbler in eastern North America that nests in cavities. (The other cavity nesting warbler is Lucy's Warbler, found only in the southwest.) They will use man-made cavities such as milk cartons, coffee cans, or mailboxes, and birdhouses, not just natural cavities. Males usually arrive before females on the breeding ground and begin to put moss in a suitable cavity, or perhaps in several. When the female arrives later, she chooses the best from his efforts and finishes the nest. Most often these cavities are in dead trees near water. The snag at Triphammer was in the water, but near the shore. Baby prothonotaries can swim short distances if their first flight out of the hole isn't strong enough to make it all the way to land. Prothonotary Warblers are quite susceptible to parasitism by Brown-headed Cowbirds who usually leave cavity nesters alone.

Strange as it may seem, the Prothonotary Warbler figured rather prominently in the Alger Hiss case in 1948-49. Whittaker Chambers, an ex-Communist, accused Hiss, a respected government official, of being a Communist spy. Although Chambers claimed to know Hiss well, Hiss denied knowing Chambers. In preliminary hearings before the House Un-American Activities Committee, a congressman named Richard Nixon set out to determine whether Chambers did indeed know Hiss. To do this, he asked many questions requiring detailed information about Hiss' private life. When asked about Hiss' hobbies, Chambers replied that both Hiss and his wife were amateur birdwatchers, and recalled how excited Hiss had been when he had sighted a rare Prothonotary Warbler. In his book, "Witness", Whittaker Chambers states, "It was that beautiful bird...that first clinched the Committee's conviction that I must have known Alger Hiss. A mind might figure out...how I might have known the answer to the other questions. But not the prothonotary warbler." As it turned out, a Congressman McDowell on the Committee was also a bird watcher who understood the thrill of seeing a Prothonotary Warbler.

The Prothonotary Warbler was listed as endangered in Canada in 1996, and in the United States is on the watch list of Partners in Flight, being considered moderately vulnerable. Although the bird at Triphammer sang his "tsweeet-tsweeet-tsweeet-tsweeet-tsweeet" song valiantly for several weeks, I am afraid his efforts to attract a female were in vain. He certainly gave a lot of pleasure to local birders while he was trying.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

Firecrackers are no more

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

For the past couple of weeks I have been unable to shake the uneasy feeling that all is not right, that this is simply Thursday, July 4 and not that holiest of American holies, the Fourth of July.

I was busy scratching the dangerous phrase, "under God," from the pledge of allegiance and hoping some of the red, white and blue might rub off on me the other day, when the answer hit me.

There's no noise. I haven't heard the sound a firecracker going off since I got stuck in traffic on Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan and those Uzis and AK47s weren't really fireworks, they only sounded like them.

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, every year by July 3 our neighborhood in East Braintree sounded like D-Day in Normandy and smelled like the remains of an unlucky munitions factory.

Now, I see where Michael Hartman of Randolph was arrested for storing some 100 boxes of fireworks worth more than $50,000 with the intent to sell and could get at least a year in jail and a $500 fine.

Your average red-blooded American boy in the 1930s used to shoot that much off every night. Or at least it seemed that way to someone who was trying to sleep or coax a badly frightened cat out of a tree.

I also read that a billboard company, Clear Channel Outdoor, got so many complaints that they removed two billboard directing Massachusetts residents to fireworks stores in New Hampshire.

One of the stores is called "Three-Finger Eddie's," which may explain to you why fireworks were banned in Massachusetts in the first place — so that more of us could have a full complement of five fingers on each hand.

It's a shame that the urge to protect youth from itself has deprived the kids of today of some of the simple, if a trifle risky, pleasures of yesterday, like jumping ice cakes in the Fore River or reciting the pledge to the flag at the Watson School.

In those days, the Fourth of July would begin for the kids two or three weeks before the Fourth when a long-vacant neighborhood store front would suddenly blossom with activity.

Soon, it would be filled to the ceiling with boxes emblazoned with yellow and red Chinese characters and enough English to tell you that they contained "Black Cat" or "Red Dragon" firecrackers.

They came in strings of 50 and, if you had the dough, you could shoot them off all at once or, since this was the Depression, you didn't have the dough, you carefully unstrung them and shot them off one at a time.

The weakest were called "ladyfingers" and, when you touched them off with a piece of slow-burning "punk," they went "poof!" The strongest were "cherry bombs," which you lit and ran like heck before the sound knocked you over.

But the most popular fireworks were called "salutes," and the best way to handle them was to cover them with an empty can, touch your "punk" to the wick and see how high you could blow the can.

The next best thing was to stick a salute into one of those holes in telephone poles where the linemen put their climbing spikes and let fly. On July 5, in our neighborhood, the poles looked like a war zone.

Every now and then . . . Hold it! . . . What was that? . . .A firework? . . . Naw . . . It was just the kid down the street with his Uzi . . .

Where was I?

POLITICAL NOTES

Joyce runs for country treasurer

Michael J. Joyce

Democrat Michael J. Joyce, 418 Elm St., Braintree has announced his candidacy for the office of Norfolk County Treasurer.

A reception was held Tuesday, June 18, by the Committee to Elect Michael J. Joyce at the VFW on Washington Street in Braintree.

Joyce has been Braintree Town Treasurer since 1988. As a resident of Braintree for the past 31 years, he has taken an active role in civic and political events. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Braintree Men's Club, the American Legion Post #86, and a charter Treasurer of the Braintree Lodge of Elks. He is a graduate of Northeastern University with a degree in accounting. He and his wife Catherine (Ruddy) will celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary next spring. They have one daughter, Michele who is married to Mark Blair, and two grandchildren, 7-year-old Alexandra Catherine and 3-year-old Cameron James.

In December 1992, Joyce was awarded the Certified Massachusetts Municipal Treasurer (CMMT) certificate from the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association. He was the first Treasurer in Braintree's history to be awarded this credential and has been recertified for the past 10 years.

For information contact the Committee to Elect Michael J. Joyce treasurer, 781-848-5397.

Political chicken and other governmental menu items

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week ending June 28 in state government.

The Romney decision – yes, yes, he can appear on the ballot – was pretty much an anticlimax by the time it occurred, so the time is right to discuss what was in large part a political week around state government. And with the warm weather finally here it also seems appropriate to indulge in a modest picnic of political items:

• Any good picnic needs chicken. The best thing that happened last week is that one of Shannon O'Brien's campaign assistants gave the Mitt Romney chicken the finger. The chicken – actually a college student in a chicken suit, not a real chicken – has been following O'Brien around to suggest that the state treasurer supported the residency challenge against Romney. One could understand why this would irritate the campaign staffers who travel with O'Brien – but not why one of them would flip the bird the bird, in full view of a television camera.

• Around the Statehouse, the most common conversation this political year is probably the Tom Birmingham one. People who don't like the Senate president say it's no surprise he's gone from 13 percent in the polls in January to, well, 13 percent in June. But a lot of people do like him, and they're surprised that campaign's made so little motion. "He's been up on TV!" the exclamation goes. "TWICE!" is often the response. (Cool political guys say "up on TV;" one "goes up" with political ads.) There's an expectation that ads are magic; the voting public must respond if the candidate goes up with ads, the common understanding goes. Often ads do work, studies show, and Birmingham's got $3 million to run them. But nothing to show for it. Maybe he really doesn't come across as likable; maybe it's the budget crisis; maybe it's because he runs half the Legislature. Simply trailing O'Brien would not be a head-scratcher; politics is tough. But Birmingham's absolute lack of progress with the voters remains a mystery much talked about under the Dome this summer.

By no means was the news only, or merely, political last week.

• For years, the Senate had not bothered to observe a rule on its books saying sessions should open with the pledge of allegiance. But with the issue suddenly much in the news – and with the News Service inquiring as to whether the Senate was going to follow its rule – the Upper Branch dutifully recited the creed before last Thursday's session.

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• With no governance plan in place after years of dispute, Acting Gov. Swift and House Speaker Thomas Finneran concurred publicly Wednesday (June 26) that legislation establishing a board to oversee management and financial support for the swath of green above the Central Artery needs to be passed now. The pair, and other key leaders such as House Transportation Chairman Joseph Sullivan (D-Braintree), agreed on a July 10 target date for a plan. The idea has been discussed publicly extensively, but activists are warning against back-room deals and calling for additional public input.

• The business-backed watchdog group MTF said that even after extensively raising taxes, cutting programs and raiding reserve funds, House and Senate budget negotiators have not addressed a $650 million shortfall in the budgets approved for the fiscal year that began Monday. MTF said leadership is not fully addressing just how bad the black hole of revenue decline really is. And the state is not embracing a host of savings initiatives, including scaling back bonuses for police who earn higher education degrees, eliminating retirement system abuses, and passing reforms to make public construction less expensive.

• Complaints have been heard lately that Massachusetts has not passed a single piece of legislation to address terrorism since the attacks of Sept. 11. Acting Gov. Swift moved to address that last Thursday, filing a package of five bills that would "criminalize" the carrying of concealed weapons in airports and near planes; toughen strictures on substances such as false anthrax; make it a specific crime to possess and use weapons of mass destruction; make public records such as floor plans harder to obtain; and require new permits for the storage of explosives for legitimate use.

• House leadership offered members a few days to file amendments to what started as a $475 million bond bill. File them they did, and when the bill passed the House Tuesday (June 25) , its bottom line was $645 million. Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, made a speech – the only significant one during the session – decrying the loading up of the measure. But it passed 123-18. The bill's formulation was the latest example of what has become the norm on Beacon Hill – laws are written in private and passed after pro forma debate.

• Several months after the Lottery had 13 vehicles taken for auction by Clean Elections system supporters, the Lottery bought a new one for almost $28,000. The Lottery says it needs the SUV to get up a mountainside to service data-transmission antennas.

• Warren Tolman will very likely receive an infusion of $2.5 million in taxpayer campaign funding before all is said and done this election year, in addition to the $740,000 in public campaign finance he's already received. That would give him $1 million for each percentage point he registered in a recent Herald poll of likely voters.. Tolman hopes that woebegone status may be transformed once he starts spending the auction proceeds currently funding Clean Elections. In Lakeville, community leaders are concerned about the impact of the impending auction of the old Lakeville Hospital site.

STORY OF THE WEEK

Romney's in; the Democrats wish they'd never brought it up.

Craig Sandler writes for the Statehouse News Service.

Buttonwood hosts Dormitzer signing July 10

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Jacqueline M. Dormitzer who will sign her book the "Narrative History of Cohasset", Volume III on Wednesday, July 10 from 7-9 p.m. in Cohasset. This book chronicles Cohasset history from 1950 to 2000 and is packed with the people, pictures and events that made Cohasset history. The newly released Volume III of Cohasset history is a wonderful keepsake for family and friends. It is filled with vivid images of the postwar, Vietnam and Gulf War periods as well the individuals and stories that shaped the last half-century. $32.

Author Dormitzer knows Cohasset well, both as a 35 year-old resident and as an involved citizen. She grew up in Chicago and graduated from Wellesley College, where she majored in French. Dormitzer and her husband, Ralph, moved to Cohasset in 1967 and raised two sons. Reservations are requested for seating and refreshment planning. Please call 781-383-2665 to reserve or to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

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Zoning proposals sought by July 8

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) will accept proposed zoning amendments for analysis and recommendation to the Planning Board until July 8. Please submit a brief description of your zoning change and/or draft language by fax 781-383-7087; email: ebhtownplanner@aol.com; or mail to the Planning Board at Town Hall.

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The ZAC is an ad-hoc committee of the Planning Board consisting of the following members: Al Moore, Planning Board; Ben Lacy, Zoning Board;; Merle Brown, Board of Selectmen; Veneta Roebuck, Conservation Commission; Rich Henderson, Citizen Member; Mark DeGiacomo, Citizen Member; Liz Harrington, Town Planner; and Bob Egan, Building Commissioner.

'Home Run Derby'

Come watch "The Home Run Derby" on the big screen the Garage on Monday, July 8. This event starts at 7 p.m. The cost will be $2 per person, and that includes hotdogs and a chance to win prizes during baseball trivia. Other snacks and refreshments will be for sale as well. Everyone in grades 6 and up are welcome.

St. Anthony's news

St. Anthony Parish will hold First Friday devotions on Friday, July 5, at 7 a.m. Mass; 7:30 a.m. pro-life rosary; noon to 4:45 p.m. Adoration; 3:15 p.m. children's pro-life rosary; 4:45 p.m. Benediction; 5 p.m.

Dutch Carillonneur to play

The second program in the 78th Season of Summer Carillon Recitals on the Cohasset Carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Church on Sunday evening, July 7, by Gijsbert Kok, Carillonneur of the cities of Weesp, Voorschoten and Zoetemeer in The Netherlands. Kok's program will feature original music for carillon by Ronald Barnes, as well as transcriptions of works for other musical media by Van Noordt, Haydn, Gade, Pre'vert, and Hellmesberger. He will also improvise on a folksong.

The recital begins at 6 p.m., is free of charge, and will take place regardless of weather conditions. Printed programs will be distributed on the Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a program stand on Highland Avenue extension by the church courtyard. Listeners are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers to the common or the courtyard. In case of rain, the bells may be heard from your parked car. Following the recital there will be an "open tower" tour and carillon demonstration for those who wish to climb the tower's 45 stairs.

For further information, telephone St. Stephen's Church, 781-383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon, or the Church Carillonneurs, Sally Slade Warner, at 978-475-2599, or the Assistant Carillonneur, Mary Kennedy, at 781-383-9599.

Band concerts on the Common

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. The South Shore Music Circus donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, in New York City.

Based upon continued South Shore Music Circus funding, the schedule for the 2002 season is Tuesday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m. on the Cohasset Common.

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

Concerts are free of charge and the public is invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available. You may call the recreation office at 383-4109 to check on the status of concerts should you be in doubt as to weather conditions.

OBITUARY

Thomas A. Quigley

Major Thomas A. Quigley, 83, of Guilford, Conn., died June 24, 2002, at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, Conn., after a period of failing health.

He served as an ordnance officer during World War II on Guam, as well as during the Korean War. He retired from the Army in 1962 and worked at the Boston Army Base as a contracting specialist until he retired in 1983.

Born, raised and educated in Coatsville, Pa., he lived in Cohasset for many years and wintered in Stuart, Florida.

Mr. Quigley leaves his wife, Edith Belle Quigley; three sons Donald A. Quigley of Old Lyme, Conn., T. Richard Quigley of Duxbury and Drew L. Quigley of Cohasset and seven grandchildren.

He was the husband of the late Rebecca Hunsicker Quigley.

A private graveside service was held at Cohasset Central Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 179 Gallivan Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset handled the arrangements.

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FIRST PLACE: Age Group: 6-8
A.J. Feehan, Age 7
Plymouth, MA

Lots of years ago people fought for us to be free. We get to do things we want to do because brave people fought a war for us. We still have brave people who help us like firemen and policemen. Our country's military are very brave people too. They keep us safe. Other countries like Israel and Palestine scary right now. People are being hurt. On the 4th of July we will have fun and watch fireworks. We will watch a parade and have cookouts. I'll have fun with my friends but I'll still think about the other countries that don't have freedom. Hopefully some day they will.

FIRST PLACE: Age Group: 9-12
Samantha Lawyer, Age 10
Scituate, MA

This year July 4th will touch every America's heart. We all know how devastating September 11th was. For months our country was filled with sorrowful hearts. Although, together we all pulled through to make our country a free place once again. No we truly know how strong America can be. We have realized that there and bad people in the world but if we act as one strong country we can get through any bad situation together. Every act of kindness makes all the difference. People have started donating to charities, going to church more often, being kind to people they don't even know. Also, everyone has been showing red, white and blue. Whether it is on their car, their clothes, or even a flag hanging from their doorway, we are all working together. They can dent the walls of the World Trade Center but they can't dent the walls of America. That is why July 4th is going to be a very special day.

FIRST PLACE: Age Group: 13-15
Shawna Sinnott, Age 14
Hyde Park, MA

When the Fourth of July comes around, I feel a sense of pride and deep admiration for my country. I remember the story of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which created a nation made for and linked to us all. "For the people and by the people." It's important to know of America's connection to our lives. I, for example, feel a very important connection to that founding day in 1776. I attend Boston Latin School, the first school in America, founded in 1635. Five signers of the Declaration of Independence also attended Latin: John Hancock, Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, William Hooper and Robert Treat Pane. Independence Day makes me realize how my school molded the minds of our founding fathers. I experience what they experienced, studying many of the same subjects and sharing a bond between myself and those great leaders. The Fourth of July reminds us of our historical roots. We celebrate our patriotism and common American heritage, no matter what country we originated from. We're reminded of how we're all connected to that celebration, of being a unity, of being individuals, of being free.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

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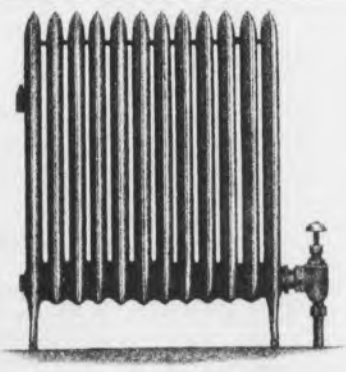

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Cohasset Mariner

SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Pete Maitland, Tim Baird, Jared Krupczak, Ian Kidder, and the relay team of Jason Brown, Steve Laney, Krupczak and Kidder

Cohasset tracksters deservedly dominated the Mariner All-Scholastic Boys Track team this week. The Skippers put a *Marinerland* best four athletes on

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At a loss

Post 118's losing streak reaches six

By Mike Spellman
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Scott Arnold is at a loss...just like his team.

He feels he has one of the most talented baseball teams top to bottom in the American Legion's District 6, and nothing will change his mind, not even the six losses in a row it has suffered.

"We're just not playing good baseball right now, and it's gotten contagious," said the longtime Cohasset Post 118 Legion coach following the 8-2 loss to Canton that dropped his team to 3-6-1 Monday night. "We made five errors last night (in an 8-2 loss to Weymouth) and eight tonight. What's happening right now is just unbelievable. Kids at this level are supposed to make these plays"

Starting Post 118 pitcher Chris Carr pitched well enough to win Monday night, according to Arnold, but the errors proved devastating to his cause, as did the three balks he committed himself in trying to prevent Canton players from continually stealing on him.

The problems the team has been having of late have been complicated by the absence of several top players. Monday's was Carr's first

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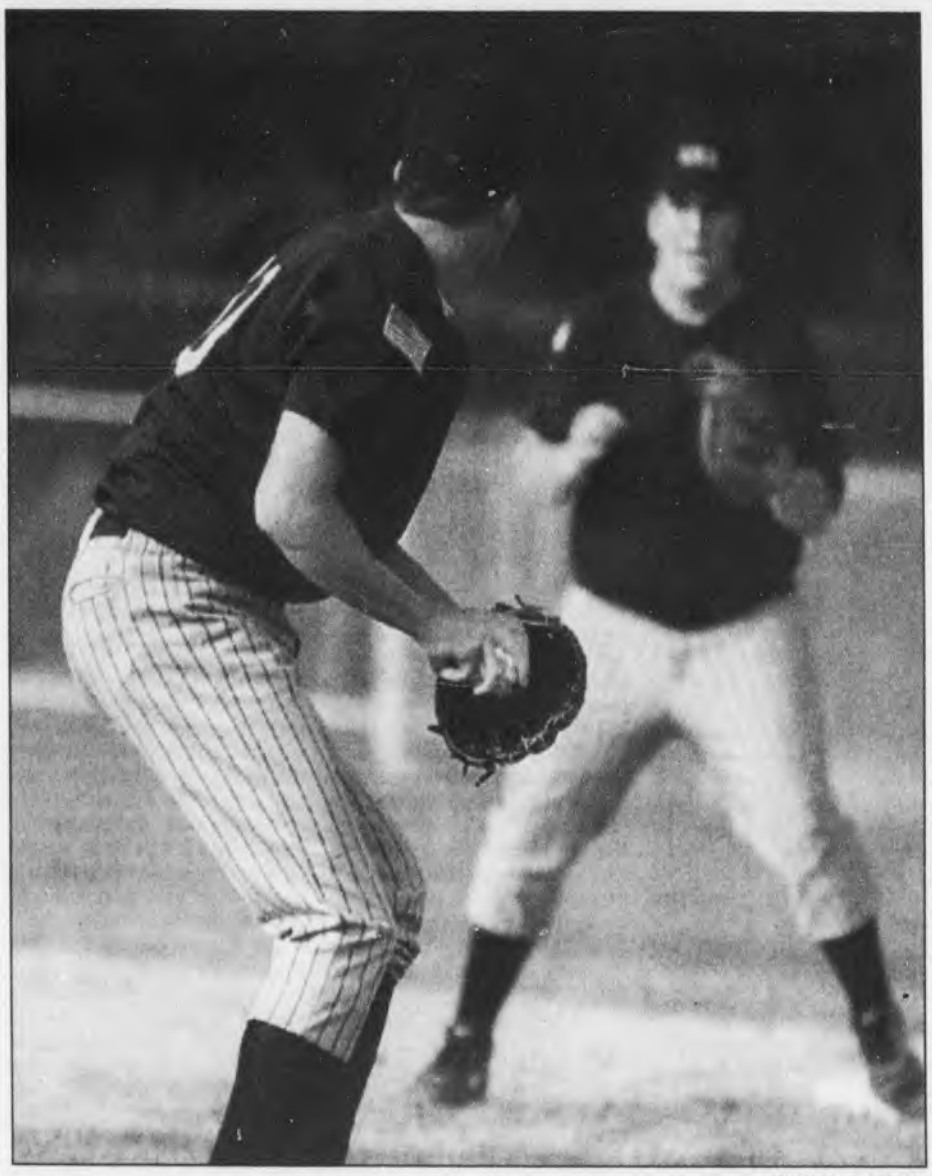

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Post 118 pitcher Jesse Cole (foreground) prepares to fire to first baseman Brian Woods after fielding a come backer in action last week. The Cohasset-Scituate Legion squad has lost six games in a row to fall to 3-6-1 on the season.

Mr. Versatile

Maitland moves on to BU after marvelous high school sports career

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

This summer, Cohasset will say farewell to the top performing athlete during the 2001-2002 school year. His three-sport four-year career can stack up with any other standout from the area and his senior year with anyone in the state. That senior of course is Pete Maitland.

Anyone close to Pete knows how modest he is when it comes to his achievements. But that did not stop him from being named to the South Shore League All-Star team five times amongst his three sports: soccer, basketball and track.

Maitland rounded out his tenure as a Skipper athlete with his best sport, track and field, making another impressive run back to All-States. As a junior, Maitland became the first Cohasset athlete to advance to the New England meet for track since the early 1980's, finishing there17th in the javelin.

This year, serving as a captain for the second straight year, Maitland helped lead the track team to its second consecutive undefeated South Shore League season, earning the final banner for Sullivan Gym.

Maitland consistently blew out the competition in the javelin in dual meets, averaging 175 to 180 feet per throw. He also scored critical points with a 5'10" high jump that was good for second in the league and a 2:10 time in the 800-meter that won the event in the tight matches against Mashpee and Abington.

At the Class D State Meet, Maitland rose to the challenge set for him by coach Al LaFountain by throwing a personal best 184 feet. The throw easily qualified him for second place and a berth in the All-State Meet.

However, at All-States, Maitland's normal javelin, the one he had grown accustomed to all year, weighed in one tenth of an ounce under the 800 gram minimum at the pre-meet inspection. Maitland was forced to spend the valuable warm-up time searching for a friendly face

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All-Scholastic boys track team

Baird, Kidder, Krupczak, Maitland, 4x1 team named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed here as "Honorable Mentions" received serous consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

After consulting with area coaches, however, we feel secure that we chose the top 14 male athletes and two relay teams in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Pete Maitland

Pete Maitland – Senior (Capt.)
Javelin — Cohasset

Last spring, became the first Cohasset High trackster in at least five years to advance to the New England Track and Field championships by finishing fifth at the All-State meet in the javelin with a throw of 178-feet, 6-inches...fell short of that this year, but still had a very solid season and finished it up by taking second at the state Class D meet with a throw of 184'5" (re-setting his own school record), followed by a 13th at All-States (163'04")...was unbeaten in the javelin in dual meet competition, and also won the South Shore League meet, setting a new meet record (179' 3")...an SSL All-Star...also finished second in the league meet in the high jump...regularly placed in the 800-meter race, as well as with the 4x400 relay team... always competed in maximum of four events, generally placing in all four to help the Skippers to consecutive unbeaten seasons in South Shore League competition...Cohasset went 27-2 over his four year career...a five year member of the varsity track team, as Cohasset eighth graders were once allowed to compete at the high school level...also a standout soccer and basketball player in his time at Cohasset High, earning SSL all-star berths as a senior in both these sports as well, and a spot on the Eastern Mass. All-Star team in the former sport...Pete will attend in the fall...Cohasset track coach Al Lafontain: "Pete is just a super competitor. Sometimes he seems cool on the outside, and you don't even know if he's excited to be going to State's or New England's, or whatever, but he rises to the occasion, so you know he's got a fire burning. He had real high expectations for himself."

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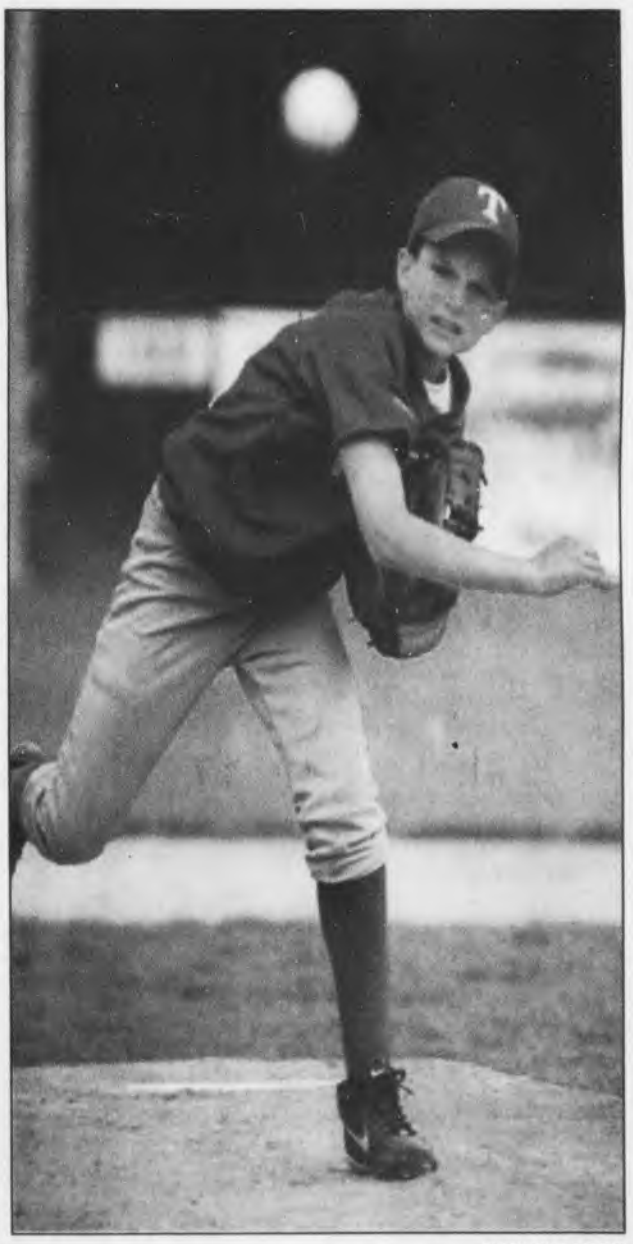
PHOTO/HEIDI MAITLAND

Cohasset's Pete Maitland prepares to let fly. Pete ended his brilliant five year varsity track career in style, making it to his second straight All-State meet and earning his second straight Mariner All-Scholastic selection.



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Eamon Davis, of the Cohasset Little League Major Division Rangers, brings the heat in championship game action last weekend.

Royals wear AL crown

Sliding catch by Bell preserves championship win

Cohasset Youth Baseball concluded its American League season on Saturday, June 24, with a spectacular season-ending championship playoff game between the Royals and the Mariners.

This was the rubber game of a best two-out-of-three series between these two evenly matched teams. The squads had split the previous two games, with the Mariners taking game one 5-4 and the Royals forcing a game three with a 13-6 win in the second game of the series. Play during the first two games was marked by tremendous hustle on both sides, with some fine offensive and defensive play.

Game three lived up to fans' expectations, as both teams continued to display fine baseball. The Royals jumped out to an early lead and had stretched the lead to 8-4 during the middle innings. However, the Mariners showed great determination and pride as they stormed back to close the gap to 8-7 after five innings.

The final inning was filled with memories that will live on. Mariner hitters were determined to make a final run. Royals fielders were ready to make the plays. After the first two Mariner batters reached base, Royals pitcher, Paul Guinee, reached back for something special. He struck out the next two Mariner batters, bringing the game to its climatic moment.

With fans on both sides rooting their players on, both sides dug in. What happened next was magical. The Mariners Gabriel

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All-Scholastic boys track team

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Tim Baird – Senior (Capt.)
800 – Cohasset

Tim Baird

Tim wrapped up a brilliant high school track career finishing second at the state Class D meet in the 800 with a time of 2:00.54…he slipped to 15th with a time of 2:02.22 the following week at the All-State meet in Worcester…always competed in the maximum allotted four events, generally placing in all four to help the Skippers to consecutive unbeaten seasons in the South Shore League… broke the magic two minute mark in the 800 for the first time at the Weston Twilight Invitational…set a new SSL meet record to with the 800 in 1:59:12… also regularly ran the mile and 2-mile… Cohasset went 27-2 over his last four years…a five year member of the varsity track team, as Cohasset eighth graders were once allowed to compete at the high school level…also a standout soccer player for C.H.S….has deferred his freshman year at the University of Richmond in order to perform volunteer service with Americore…intends to run track in college, and has been in contact with Richmond coach…Cohasset track coach Al Lafontain: "Tim is just an all around natural athlete. Sometimes it doesn't even see m like he was working that hard, but he is. He's a great competitor and he always expected a lot of himself."

Ian Kidder — Junior
Triple Jump — Cohasset

Ian Kidder

A jack of all trades for the Skippers, Ian played a huge part in each of their back-to-back unbeaten seasons…regularly placed in sprints (200), jumps (the triple being his specialty), on the field (javelin) and in relays (a member of the 4x100 team)…the 4x100 relay team qualified for All-States by finishing third at the Class D meet, and 15th at All-States (45.17)… barely missed out on qualifying for All-States individually in the triple jump, his leap of 39-feet-10-inches good for sixth place…won the triple jump competition at the SSL meet…also played soccer and basketball for Cohasset High… Cohasset track coach Al Lafontain: "Ian came a long way this year. He got a little bit of speed behind him, tried a new event (triple jump) and things started clicking. He seemed to really fall in love with track this year and totally sold out to it. Of course, it helps when you're winning, so that just fed on itself. He's worked extremely hard."

Jared Krupczak – Junior
100 — Cohasset

Jared Krupczak

Ain't sibling rivalries grand?… Jared seems determined to climb out from the shadow of big brother Brian (CHS, class of 2001), the two time Class D 200-meter champion…emerged this spring as a force in the 100, capping things off with a second place finish at the state Class D meet (11.64)…he then reached the semifinals at All-States, but fell short of cracking the top six that moved on to New Englands'…also qualified for All-States as a member of the 4x100 relay team that qualified for the event by finishing third at the Class D meet…the squad finished 15th at All-States (45.17)…also a standout for the CHS squad in the long jump, finishing first in dual meet competition several times this season…also played varsity basketball for CHS this year…Cohasset track coach Al Lafontain: "Jared really came out of no where this year, which is a testament to all of the work he put in in the off-season. It just goes to show you what can be accomplished with hard work."

Chris Orr - Senior (Capt.)
300 Hurdles - Hingham

Chris Orr

A no-brainer here…Orr was the New England Champion in the 300-meter hurdles this year, winning the meet in school record-breaking time (38.53)…One week earlier, Orr won the All-State Championship in the same event, running a then personal best 38.74…Ironically, Orr was second at the State Class C Meet…The senior also won the State Coaches Invitational this year (38.72)…A three-time Patriot League All-star, Orr led the Harbormen to a second-place finish in the league (5-1)…Orr went undefeated in the Patriot League in the 300 lows for the past two seasons, winning All-League titles both times…Although most well known for the 300's, Orr also consistently scored points for Hingham in the long jump (20'4"), 100-meter hurdles (15.7), and high jump (5'9")…Orr finished fourth in the long jump at the Class Meet (18'2")…Orr will attend Trinity College next fall where he will continue his running career. Hingham coach Fred Jewett: "The coaches in Patriot League said that if they gave an MVP award, Chris would be the recipient. A lot of kids don't have the dedication it takes to reach this level, but Chris does. He has a tremendous work ethic and has the sense and confidence to do what he knows he can do."

Dan Nastou - Senior
Discus - Hingham

A breakout season for the Hingham senior, Nastou took second in the discus at this year's State Class C Meet (140'9")…He went on to the All-State Championships and finished 14th (130'11")…Nastou won the discus (110'2") and shotput (44'3") events at this year's South Shore Principal's Meet…A two-time Patriot League All-star, Nastou's consistent performance in the field helped lead the Harbormen to a second place finish in the league (5-1)…Nastou threw a league-best 52'10" in the shotput in a win over Rockland…Formerly a wrestler, an ankle injury prevented him from competing last winter so instead, he competed in indoor track…There he was named the Patriot League's Scholar Athlete…A PL All-star, Nastau was one member of Hingham's second-place discus relay team at the Class C Relays…Nastou plans to attend college and may continue his track career. Hingham coach Fred Jewett: "Dan's a hard working kid. He and the other guys worked together all the time. When the others went home, they'd be out there practicing. He made my job a lot easier."

Steve Mills - Senior
Discus - Hingham

Had a breakout season in the throws for the Patriot League runners up Hingham…Mills became one of the best discus and shot put throwers in the league and was a third of Hingham's second-place discus relay at the Class C Relays…Individually, Mills was fifth at the State Class C Meet in the event, just missing a trip to the All-State Championships…Mills also recorded the league's best discus throw in a meet against Rockland…Threw about 118' last year…Recently won the South trials in the shotput at the Bay State Games with 46'…His best throw this spring was 47'8" after throwing 38' last year…A Patriot League All-star, Mills volunteered teaching youngsters how to throw the discus and shotput at the Hingham Junior High School…Mills will be off to college in the fall and may continue his track career. Hingham coach Fred Jewett: "He's a very active person. He's an excellent student and a great kid. To see how far he's come as an athlete in just one year is amazing. I knew he was talented, but had no idea he was capable of this."

P.J. Welch - Junior (Capt.)
Discus - Rockland

Still just a junior, Welch was among the Patriot League's top discus throwers and until the last meet of the season against Hingham, had the league's best throw (130'9")…Welch finished second in the discus at the Patriot League All-League Meet and was fourth in the shot put (43'11")…Welch qualified for the State Class C Meet in both events and placed sixth at the meet in the discus, just two places away from a trip to All-States…A Patriot League All-star, Welch serves as an unofficial assistant throws coach for head coach Tim Owens, who also honored Welch with as a junior captain…Also a talented sprinter, Welch ran in a few 100-meter races this spring as well…Welch is also a tackle on the RHS football team and will again captain the track team next spring. Rockland coach Tim Owens: "PJ. is very smart and is the nicest kid I've ever coached. I made him captain as a junior because that's the type of leader he is. He's a very hard worker."

Nick Rogers - Sophomore
200 meters - Rockland

One of a slew of talented Rockland sprinters, Rogers emerged from the pack as the frontrunner…The sophomore sprinted to a second-place finish in the 200 meters at the Patriot League All-League Meet this season…Rogers also ran a leg on the Patriot League champion and RHS record-setting 4x100 team (along with Graham Parnaby, Mark Crawford, and Nick Lamborghini) with a time of 46.2…Rogers only lost one 200-meter race all season long and qualified for the State Class C Meet in the event…A Patriot League All-star, Rogers is also a talented 100-meter runner…Rogers also plays soccer for RHS in the fall and will return to the track next spring as one of the team's top sprinters. Rockland coach Tim Owens: "Nick was a pleasant surprise for us this year. We knew he was a competitive athlete, but couldn't have imagined the success he had this season as a sophomore. He's one of the best sprinters we have."

Dennis Hologitas - Sophomore
110-meter hurdles - Rockland

Was a standout hurdler on the Bulldog track team this season…Seen by many as the Patriot League's best 110-meter hurdler, Hologitas suffered a hardship in the finals of the event at the PL All-League meet as a fall left him in sixth…Entering the race, Hologitas had recorded the fastest time of the preliminary heats…Just a sophomore, Hologitas set a new school record in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.3…He was also a consistent scorer in the 300-meter hurdles for the Bulldogs…In addition to track and field, Hologitas is also competes on the RHS football team in the fall and basketball team in the winter…He will be among the top returning athletes to the track team next spring. Rockland coach Tim Owens: "He's the best hurdler I've ever had in my nine years as coach at Rockland. He's only a sophomore and already is well on his way. He had the best time in the preliminaries (at the PL Meet) and he would have won the race."

Paul Maniscalco - Sophomore
Multiple events - Hanover

In just his first season of track and field, Maniscalco emerged as the Hanover boys' leading point-getter this season…A multiple event athlete, Maniscalco excelled in the 100 meters, 200 meters, long jump, and high jump…Was voted the sole Patriot League All-star for the Indians (3-4-1) this season…His performance in each event was instrumental in turning the Hanover High boys track program around this season after going 0-6 in contests last year…At this year's All-League Meet, Maniscalco finished fifth in both the 100 and long jump, and ran a leg on the fifth-place 4x100-meter relay…The sophomore qualified for the State Class D Meet in the 100 meters (11.5) and long jump (19' 3 1/2") but was unable to attend…Mansicalco has run 24.9 in the 200 and cleared 5'6" in the high jump…Also a talented soccer player, Maniscalco was the starting goalie on the HHS boys squad last fall. Hanover coach Brett Johnson: "This was Paul's first year doing track and he ended up being a God sent. After going winless last year and losing two top athletes, I didn't have great expectations for this season. But Paul filled up the holes on the team quite nicely. He's a sponge. He wants to learn and takes everything in."

Jeff Alexandre – Senior (Capt.)
100 – Scituate

Went unbeaten in dual meet competition in the 100-meter race…finished second on a lean at the tape to East Bridgewater's James Gambee at the Patriot League meet (who he'd beaten earlier in dual meet competition)…finished fifth at state Class C meet (11.9), 2-10ths of a second behind the fourth and final qualifier for the All-State meet…actually ran an 11.4 in the first of two races at the class meet, but only the second run counted…his top time on the season of 11.1 would have placed him first in this race…always competed in the maximum allotted four events at dual meets (100, 200, long jump, triple jump), and was easily the team's top point producer, finishing several meets with over 20 points…played SHS football all four years, and was a member of the school wrestling team his freshman and sophomore years before deciding to run indoor track the last two winters…also involved with high school chorus…will attend Valencia University in Orlando, Fla. and major in Business Management…Scituate boys track coach Bob Keefe: "I don't know where we would have been without him this year. Obviously, he was a huge part of our team accomplishments. Just as important, though, he was a great leader by example. The other kids on the team all looked up to him so much. He's a fierce competitor, but he's also soft spoken. He kept things loose when he wasn't competing, which was important to a lot of younger guys we had. Jeff is just a class act all the way."

Ted Hughes – Senior (Capt.)
200 — Norwell

Ted Hughes

Ted was the ultimate team guy for the Norwell boys spring track team these last two years… this versatile athlete competed in the maximum of four events at every league meet this year, though only rarely were they the same four events...he'd compete in the 100, 200, 400, 4x4 relay, long jump, shot put and/or high jump, depending on the team's greatest need on that particular day…also a standout football and basketball player for Norwell High…qualified for states in the 100, 200 and 400, his top teams in these events, respectively, 11.5, 23.8 and 52.5 seconds…opted to run the 200 at the Class D meet, and finished 11th overall in an extremely strong field…also excelled in the shot put in dual meet competition, topping out at 39' 9"…a standout as well in basketball and football these last two years at Norwell High…attended B.C. High his freshman and sophomore years…has been recruited to play football (as a wideout) at St. Anselm, and will begin classes there this fall…the 6-foot-4 speedsters is also considering trying his luck as a walk on in basketball…Norwell track coach Mike Murray: "Teddy is an exceptionally gifted and versatile athlete who would do anything you asked of him for the good of the team. He's just a great kid and a great competitor."

Tom Kleber – Sophomore
800 – Norwell

Tom Kleber

This sophomore has already made three South Shore League all-star teams in five seasons of running (indoor in '01 and '02, and cross country in '01)…was edged out for the honor the last two springs by Cohasset's senior 800-meter champion Tim Baird, who edged Tom out at the SSL meet both times…Tom ran his best time ever at this spring's SSL meet (1:59.9), but Baird edged him with a meet record 1:59:12…got a little bit of revenge by beating Baird for the first time at the All-State meet with a run of 2:00.91, good for 12th place overall, which was the second best time among all sophomores in the state at the event…advanced to All-States by finishing fourth at the state Class D meet the week previous (2:00.8)…this was second year in a row he qualified for all-states…played football his freshman year, but opted to run cross country this past fall to work on his conditioning… Norwell track coach Mike Murray: "Tom obviously has a lot of natural ability and talent, and you can see he's starting to develop that work ethic he needs to push him over the top."

Bill Mulrain- Sophomore
Mile/two-mile- Silver Lake

Bill Mulrain

Mulrain emerged as a force this spring for the rebuilding SL track team, and wound up easily leading the team in points…qualified for states in the mile with his career best 4:43, but did not compete due to a paperwork mixup…also regularly competed in the 800 and 2-mile races for the Lakers, and topped out at 2:11 and 10:27 in those events, respectively…finished third in the mile at the Old Colony League meet, and was a member of the 4x800 team that finished second at this venue…the lone member of the SL squad named to the OCL All-Star team…has played JV soccer and basketball the last two years, but says he is considering becoming a full-time SL trackster (fall cross country and winter indoor track) as a junior…Silver Lake boys track coach Fred Watson: "(Assistant coach) Gary Moore really kept challenging Bill this year to step up, and he kept responding. He was setting new personal bests all the time, blowing past our expectations and I think even his own. He's going to be a force to be reckoned with the next few years."

Ben Melville - Junior
300 Hurdles/HJ - Abington

A standout in both events for Abington, Melville also qualified for both at this year's State Class D Meet…Was a South Shore League All-star and will captain the team next season…In addition to track, Melville also plays soccer and basketball at AHS…He is a member of the National Honor Society. Abington coach Bob Hayes: "Ben has worked very hard to accomplish what he has as a junior and we expect good things from him next season."

Mbela Kabongo - Senior (Capt.)
100/Triple jump - Abington

Was a top performer in the South Shore League in the 100 meters and triple jump…An SSL All-star, Kabongo qualified for the State Class D Meet in both events…In addition to track, Kabongo also played football for AHS…A captain last fall, Kabongo's work as a running back and defensive back helped Abington capture a second-place finish in the SSL football standings. Abington coach Bob Hayes: "Bela was an excellent leader and was a dedicated, hard worker. He would always rise to the occasion when we needed him to."

Cohasset 4x100 relay team
Ian Kidder- junior, Jared Krupczak- junior
Steve Laney- senior, Jason Brown- senior

After going unbeaten in South Shore League competition this spring for the first place Skippers, this group finished third at the state Class D meet (45.46 seconds) and then 15th at the All-State meet (45.17).

Norwell 4x400 relay team
Ted Hughes- senior, Tom Kleber- sophomore
Chris Coldwell- junior, Ryan Henry- sophomore

If not for an injury, this team would have likely had a strong shot at competing for a run at All-States…in one of this quartet's few opportunities to run together, it took a third place at the State coaches relays just a week prior to the Class meets with an excellent time of 3:36…only Hughes will be lost from this group to graduation. Kleber and Coldwell (the lose SSL all-star from the Norwell team) are sophomores, and Henry a junior…Norwell track coach Mike Murray: "Ah, what could have been. I think you would have seen the best from this team if they'd been able to go at the state meet. You're talking about four really top notch runners here. It's just a shame they didn't get that chance."

Honorable Mention:

Chris Coldwell – Soph. - 100 - Norwell
Tom Cuddihy – Soph. - javelin - Scituate
Geoff Anderson – Soph. - 800 - Scituate
Steve Laney- Sr. (Capt) - discus - Cohasset
Jason Brown - Sr. - 200 - Cohasset
Tim Kinchla - Sr. - 2-mile - Cohasset
Jay Bertovich - Sr. - hurdles - Cohasset
Liam Martin - Sr. - high jump - Cohasset
Tim Anderson - Sr. - 200- Silver Lake
Pat Gorman - Soph. - discus - Silver Lake
Sean Clark - Jr. - 400 - Silver Lake
Pat Hussey - Sr. - 200 meters - Rockland
Kyle Lynch - Soph. - Javelin - Rockland
Chris Berry - Jr. - Discus - Abington
David Ross - Jr. - Javelin - Abington
Josh Diorio - Sr. - 200 meters - Hingham
Kyle Morse - Soph. - Discus - Hingham
Dan McDonald - Sr. - High jump - Marshfield
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452	Breaking Wind	Staszko	Cohasset	8	4	4	2	13	31	1
435	Agincourt	Hebb	Cohasset	4	2	3	4	OCS	32	2
402	Impetuous	Murray	Cohasset	12	3	5	7	5	32	3
459		Milan	So. Boston	7	9	1	14	2	32.75	4
450	Grace	Roth	Gloucester	2	8	10	12	1	35	5
447	Pear Tree Too	Partridge	Hingham	5	13	7	6	4	35	6
444	4	Henry	Cohasset	6	1	2	13	OCS	40.75	7
460	In the Hunt	Babel	Gull Lake, Mich.	1	DNF	DNS	5	3	42.75	8
367	Toucan	Durant	Cohasset	10	5	9	3	OCS	46	9
458	Windy.calm	Reis	Hingham	3	6	DNS	1	OCS	48	10
441	String Trio	Robinson	Hingham	13	10	8	11	8	50	11
237		O'Leary	S. Boston	11	DNF	6	9	6	50	12
431	Relentless II	Sullivan	Hingham	9	11	14	8	9	51	13
445	Mac Lir	Sweeney	Cohasset	14	7	11	10	DNS	61	14
392	Gezgo	Tierney	Cohasset	15	12	12	18	10	67	15
397	Firewood	Richter	Cohasset	18	15	15	15	7	70	16
419	Robot	Fox	Cohasset	17	14	13	17	11	72	17
432	Sorcerer	Keniley	Cohasset	16	DNS	DNS	16	12	78	18

Mr. Versatile, Pete Maitland

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who would let him borrow a javelin for the competition.

Luckily, Maitland met up with Obi Aduba, the Medfield sensation who cruised to a Class D Championship with a remarkable throw of 197 feet. Despite his lack of familiarity with the new javelin, wet conditions on the runway and extreme exhaustion (All-States were the night after the Cohasset senior prom), Maitland threw a respectable 163 feet to close out his Skipper career.

Next year, Maitland hopes to compete in all three of his track and field events at Boston University, which he chose for a combination of athletics and academics. Maitland was leaning toward BU anyway, having a desire to major in engineering, but talking to the school's track coach really helped him nail the decision down. Maitland turned down acceptances to the University of Rhode Island and UMass-Amherst in deference to both educational and potential athletic opportunities both with the Terrier tracksters and the BU soccer team.

As a sophomore and junior, Maitland led the backline of the soccer team's defense as a very fast and agile sweeper with excellent reflexes. As a senior, he dominated the backfield, leading the team to the sectional quarterfinals for the third year in a row. For the second year, he was an easy decision for the SSL coaches to make when they selected their All-Star teams.

Maitland made an even longer leap from his junior year to his senior year in the winter, one that would have had Bob Beamon scratching his head. Maitland was a second stringer, a JV swing guard who saw limited varsity minutes as an 11th grader.

But, as a senior, after being named a tri-captain, Maitland emerged as a starter who was first on the team in rebounds and three-point percentage, and second on the team in points, assists, and steals. Maitland was one of two seniors from Cohasset, along with co-captain Matt Bilodeau (who also was named to the soccer All-Star team with Maitland), to be named to the elite SSL versus Patriot League All-Star basketball game.

Even off the field/court/track, Maitland excelled. He was one of five Cohasset singers to be named to the Southeast Massachusetts District Chorus.

Despite all his achievements, the ever-humble Maitland could only manage a frustrated sentence or two about not repeating his trip to New Englands when asked about a look-back on his four tremendous years.

Still, he mentioned, he was very grateful for the time he had at Cohasset High School, as grateful as the Skipper faithful were to have him on our side.

"To all my teammates who will still be here when I'm gone," began the future Terrier, "just work hard and try as hard as you can because it will be over before you know it."

Post 118's losing streak reaches six

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game in more than a week. Ditto for cleanup hitter Ted Straughn. Both players were in Kentucky working as volunteers in the Apalachia Project. A third Post 118 player, Paul Demahowski, was also on the trip and is still away.

Leadoff hitter and center fielder Greg Levin has likewise been away for over a week, vacationing with his family in Australia, and catcher/first baseman Brian Signorelli has been sidelined by a sprained ankle.

Manager Ralph Berry has also been out of town the last two weeks.

Arnold does not want to use these absences as excuses, however, insisting his team still has enough talent to compete with most of the teams in the District.

"The kids we have here are capable of playing much better than they have," said the coach. "That's the bottom line."

The coach hasn't had much in the way of specifics (i.e. names or numbers) to add to his game reports of late.

The most upbeat thing he has to say is there is still time to turn things around. There are 10 games remaining in the season, and he still believes, as alluded on top, that his team can rip off six in a row just as easily as it has dropped the last six to get back in the playoff hunt.

"It's frustrating right now," Arnold sums up. "We're not hitting the way we can. The defense has been awful and we've had problems with our pitching rotation. If we can get one of those things straightened out, maybe it will start to turn the tide. It wouldn't surprise me at all to see that happen."

Red Cross golf tourney set for July 22

The 17th Annual American Red Cross Golf Classic, to be held at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham on July 22 will seek participation from golfers and non-golfers alike in its aim to make this year's event the most successful yet.

In addition tot he golf tournament, the day-long event will feature a live and silent auction, raffles, a poker rally, a box lunch and dinner. New England Cable News sports personality, Jimmy Young will serve as master of ceremonies.

The tournament is a major fund-raising event for the South Area Council of the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay. The Red Cross golf committee says it would like to attract close to 140 golfers, in addition to sponsors and donors, to help make the event a success.

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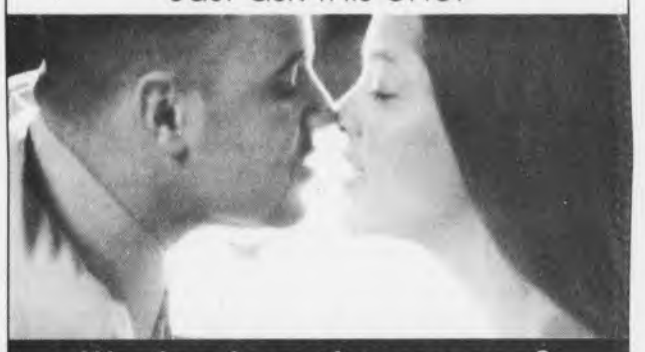
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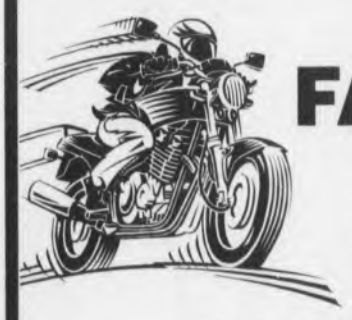
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Cohasset swimmers scuttle Duxbury Aqua Dux in opener

By Eileen McBride
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Once again Cohasset Swim Team got off to a great start, opening its season on June 28 with a substantial win over the visiting Duxbury Aqua Dux. Under rather ominous skies, the home team turned out in strength to end the day with more than a 300 point margin over their rivals (Cohasset 459, Duxbury 100).

The afternoon began with the 100 yard medleys and, the eight and under boys and girls swam unchallenged to take first, second and third places in each of their races (boys, 8 and under, 100 yards medley relay: 1st: Salerno; Faber; Mahoney; Durkin. 2nd: Culhane; McCarthy, M.; MacCormack, Murphy. 3rd: Berube; Kennedy; Kissick; McCarthy, R.; girls, 8 and under, 100 yards medley relay: 1st: Kissick, Seraikas, Farren, Donohue. 2nd: Haber; Farren, N.; Berube; Buckley. 3rd: McCunney, Gibbons; Carrier, Teague).

The ten and under boys matched their younger teammates with first, second and third place finishes (1st: Doonan: Porter; Kissick; Carrier; 2nd: Queenan, Yeager, Shipp; Ofsthun; 3rd: Murphy; Buckley; Durkin; Plante) and the girls were close behind, just missing the win, but taking second and third places (2nd: Culhane; Teague; Musto; Murphy; 3rd: Regan; Donohue; McBride; Dickinson).

The twelve and under boys again swam unchallenged into first, second and third places (1st: Doonan; Drybanski; Cunningham; Hunt; 2nd: Porter; Shipp; Ulmer; Hurley; 3rd: Daly; DeGiacomo; Kuppens; McCarthy, E.) and the girls followed suit with first, second and third place finishes (1st: Hernan; Fortin, Mahoney; Meehan; 2nd: Teague; Coggins; Sacks; Lehr; 3rd: McCarthy, M.; Hurd; Dunn; Anderson).

The medleys finished with wins for both the girls and boys leaving Cohasset with 60 points to Duxbury's 20 (boys: 1st: Blackburn; Roach; Conway, Faber; girls: 1st: Daley; Anderson; Durkin; O'Brien; 2nd: Englander; Swain; Musto; Previte; 3rd: Plante; Lieb-Lappen; Ogrodnik; Richardson).

Performances in the fifty frees kept up the pace with a win for the ten and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Kissick, J.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; 3rd: Carrier, J.; girls: 1st: Lehr, V.; 5th: Zappolo, C.; 6th: Musto, E.). The twelve and under boys started strong but were edged out of first place literally by a split second to finish second, third and fourth (2nd: Hunt, A.; 3rd: Shipp, A.; 4th: Hurley, P.). The girls took first place in their heat, missed second but claimed third and fourth positions (1st: Hernan, E.; 3rd: Lehr, S.; Baumgarten, E.).

At the fourteen and under level, both boys and girls again produced a win and the seventeen and unders continued the effort, with unchallenged first place finishes to take Cohasset ahead a further twenty points (boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Conway, C.; girls, fourteen and under: 1st: Daley, M.; 3rd: Harrington, K.; 4th: Lieb-Lappen, M.; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Tehranian, K., girls, seventeen and under: 1st: O'Brien, K.; 2nd: Harrington, B.).

In the 25 yard freestyle the eight and under boys got off to a great start with first, second and third place finishes (1st: Durkin, J.; 2nd: Mahoney, R.; 3rd: Kissick, C.). And the girls were close behind with second, third and fifth places (2nd: Donohue, M.; 3rd: Farren, A.; 5th: Seraikas, A.). The ten and unders kept the pace with an unchallenged win for the boys and a successful shut out for the girls (boys: 1st: Doonan, B.; 2nd: Porter, L.; 3rd: Buckley, T.; girls: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 2nd: Karski, E.; Culhane, C.).

In the 50 yard event the twelve and under boys were denied a win but came up with second, third and fourth places (2nd: Drybanski, J.; 3rd: Cunningham, C.; 4th: Ulmer, W.), while the girls, once again, swept the board (1st: Meehan, S.; 2nd: Teague, M.; 3rd: Mahoney, C.). The fourteen and under boys and girls claimed two further first place finishes (boys: 1st: Conway, C.; 3rd: Gammon, B.; 4th: Faber, C.; girls: 1st: Durkin, L.; 2nd Musto, L.; 3rd: Previte, M.) and the event rounded off with unchallenged seventeen and under races (1st: McCarthy, D.; 2nd: Flynn, C.; 3rd: Blackburn, C.; girls: 1st: O'Brien, K.; 2nd: Anderson, C.; 3rd: Ogrodnik, M). Cohasset now led Duxbury by 121 points.

The home team continued to dominate in the butterfly event, winning all but the boys, twelve and under race. In the eight and under and ten and under events, the boys raced unopposed, and the girls placed first in both their races (boys, eight and under: 1st: Mahoney, R.; 2nd: MacCormack, P.; 3rd: Kissick, C.; girls, eight and under: 1st: Kissick, H.; 3rd: Berube, M.; 5th: Haber, A.; boys, ten and under: 1st: Kissick, J.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; 3rd: Shipp, M.; girls, ten and under: 1st: Lehr, V.; 2nd: Mahoney, M.; boys, twelve and under: 2nd: Doonan, P.; 3rd: Cunningham, C.; 4th Kuppens, C.; girls, twelve and under: 1st: Sacks, M.; 2nd: Mahoney, C.; 3rd: Campbell, A.;).

In the 50 yard butterfly, Duxbury were unable to field swimmers, so Cohasset raced unopposed once again (boys fourteen and under: 1st: Conway, C.; girls, fourteen and under: 1st: Daley, M.; 2nd: Englander, E.; 3rd: Shea, E.; boys, seventeen and under, 1st: Flynn, C.; girls, seventeen and under: 1st: O.Brien, K.; 2nd: Ogrodnik, M.; 3rd: Previte, M.). The event finished with Cohasset 179 points ahead of the visitors.

The breaststroke was up next and Cohasset's youngest swimmers put in a series of excellent performances to win all four of the 25 yard events (boys, eight and under: 1st: McCarthy, M.; 2nd: Culhane, E.J.; 3rd: Faber, J.; girls, eight and under: 1st: Haber, A.; 2nd: Seraikas, A.; 3rd: Berube, M.; boys, ten and under: 1st: Porter, L.; 2nd: Yeager, J.; 3rd: Shipp, M.; girls, ten and under: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 3rd: Zappolo, C.; 5th: Teague, K.).

In the 50 yard heats Cohasset won each of their six events, although the twelve and under and seventeen and under boys swam unopposed (boys, twelve and under: 1st: Hunt, A.; 2nd: Ulmer, W.; 3rd: Shipp, A.; girls, twelve and under: 1st: Lehr, S.; 2nd: Fortin, S.; 6th: Coggins, S.; boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Zappolo, N.; 3rd: Gammon, B.; 4th: Faber, C.; girls, fourteen and under: 1st: Durkin, L.; 2nd: Swain, K.; 3rd: Shea, E.; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Roach, K.; 2nd: Blackburn, C.; girls, seventeen and under: 1st Anderson, C.; 2nd: Whoriskey, K.; 3rd: Lieb-Lappen, M.).

In the backstroke Cohasset continued to put in excellent performances, with or without competition. The eight and under boys worked hard to take first, second and fourth places in their event (1st: Salerno, J.; 2nd: MacCormack, D.; 4th: Culhane, E.J.). The eight and under girls and ten and under boys competed alone, while the ten and under girls had some competition but still managed to chock up another win (girls, eight and under: 1st: Kissick, H.; 2nd: Farren, A.; 3rd: Donohue, M.; boys, ten and under: 1st: Doonan, B.; 2nd: Carrier, J.; 3rd: Queenan, C.; girls, ten and under: 1st: Mahoney, M.; 4th: Culhane, C.; 6th: Murphy, O.). The twelve and under boys again went unopposed but the girls had some competition and still managed to secure first, second and third places (boys: 1st: Doonan, P.; 2nd: Drybanski, J.; 3rd: Porter, N., girls: 1st: Hernan, E.; 2nd: Meehan, S.; 3rd: Teague, M.).

In the 50 yard event only the twelve and under and fourteen and under girls had some competition and in both groups the Cohasset girls took the three top slots (girls, twelve and under: 1st: Hernan, E.; 2nd: Meehan, S.; 3rd: Teague, M.; girls, fourteen and under: 1st Daley, M.; 2nd: Englander, E.; 3rd: Musto, L.). The twelve and under boys, the fourteen and under boys and the girls and boys in the seventeen and under age group, threw themselves into some healthy competition with their team mates and turned in a series of great performances (boys, twelve and under: 1st: Doonan, P.; 2nd Drybanski, J.; 3rd: Porter, N.; boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Zappolo, N.; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Tehranian, K.; 2nd: McCarthy, D.; girls, seventeen and under: 1st: Harrington, B.; 2nd: Harrington, K.).

In the last event of the afternoon, the 100 yard free relays continued the pattern of the individual events, with gaps in the competition in three out of six races. The ten and under boys and girls and the twelve and under girls had some opposition and still managed to claim first place in each of their races, producing six out of six wins for the home team (boys, eight and under: 1st: Mahoney; Kissick; Durkin; Salerno; 2nd: Culhane; Kennedy; Murphy, McCarthy, M.; 3rd; Faber.; McCarthy, R,; Berube; MacCormack; girls, eight and under: 1st: Farren, A.; Donohue; Seraikas; Kissick; 2nd: Buckley, Carrier, Gibbons, Berube; 3rd: Bodner, Farren, V.; Axelson, Caron; boys, ten and under: 1st: Doonan; Porter; Carrier; Kissick; 2nd: Buckley; Murphy; Ofsthun; Queenan; 3rd: Durkin, J.; MacCormack, Leahy, Whitney; girls, ten and under: 1st: Michalowski, Mahoney, Karski, Lehr; 4th: Regan; Kucinski, Donohue, Axelson; 5th: Adkins, Gaumer, Fortin, Kelly, K.; boys, twelve and under: 1st: Drybanski; Doonan; Ulmer; Hunt; 2nd: Hurley; Porter; Shipp; Cunningham; 3rd: Connors; Daly; DeGiacomo, Yeager; girls, twelve and under: 1st: Meehan; Mahoney; Lehr; Hernan; 2nd: Buckley; Foley; McElhinny; McCarthy, C.; 4th: Gaumer; Kearns; Masotta, Salerno).

The meet ended with the 200 yard free relay and, reflecting the pattern of the afternoon, the seventeen and girls swam against the visitors, while the boys swam alone. Cohasset secured two final victories and the meet was over (boys: 1st: Flynn, McCarthy, Zappolo, Tehranian; 2nd: Blackburn; Faber; Gammon; Roach; girls: 1st: Anderson, Previte, Harrington, K.; Durkin; 2nd: Shea; Ogrodnik; Whoriskey; Harrington, B.; 3rd: Daly; Guinee; James; Plante).

Congratulations to the Cohasset squad for a wonderful start to the 2002 season - and congratulations to Duxbury for a great effort against formidable odds. The imbalance in squad size was clearly a serious disadvantage. Cohasset's victory once again reflects the consistently high quality performances that have become the team's hallmark. It also underlines the importance of building the level of commitment that brings swimmers back year after year. Congratulations to Alison Ryan and Ted Hughes on their first win of the season. We're all looking forward to another strong season from this impressive squad. Well done Cohasset!

Royals wear AL crown

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Seksay unloaded on a pitch and drove the ball towards the right-center field gap. The ball had base hit and RBI written all over it when Royals centerfielder Chase Stebbins came sliding across the outfield to make a tremendous shoestring catch to win the championship for the Royals.

The Royals road to the championship was marked by a stellar regular season record of 11-2, with the two losses coming at the hands of a skilled Angels team. The Royals/Angels rivalry has highlighted in a playoff semi-final game on June 15th, when the Royals prevailed in an exciting 2-1 extra inning victory.

The Royals season was testament to overall team baseball. The team had outstanding veteran leadership and play from its fifth-graders, Adam Berger, Nick Savage, and Andrew Bell.

In addition, the 4th grade contingent of Jeff Charles, Chase Stebbins and Paul Guinee provided numerous contributions to the team's success throughout the season. The third graders were instrumental in securing the championship and offer a bright future for the Royals. Ben Campbell, Jack Carrier, Luke Ernst, Andrew Fewsmith, P.J. Pergola, Colin Tarpey and Sam Richardson were all key actors to the teams overall success.

Special recognition goes to the coaching staff for the Royals. Aaron Berger, Joe Campbell and Bob Stebbins provided the squad with solid baseball teaching and leadership, but most importantly, demonstrated through their words and actions, solid sportsmanship. The loyal Royal fans would like to acknowledge their appreciation for the coaches' efforts.

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Wife Sabina (left) says Dick is an excellent cart driver.

Near miss for Noering

Cohasset man barely misses putt for $10,000

After a grueling three days of play in the Ross Cup International at Cohasset Country Club, held June 20-23, Dick Noering still had not had enough golf. Earlier in the tournament, Dick had hit the green on hole 15 to enter him in to an elite group out of which only one would be chosen to putt on 18 for $10,000.

When Dick hit the green, the winds was blowing at approximately 60 miles per hour. His caddy said "most people wouldn't even attempt to eat a donut in this kind of weather."

When the time came for the putting contest, Dick looked for some advice, but his wife, son and partner were nowhere to be found So he reportedly called the Dali Lama, who gave him words of encouragement.

Approximately 40 of the 144 players in the tournament qualified for the contest. After a process of elimination. Dick was the only one left on 18. He was surrounded by a crowd as he lined up a 60-foot putt, which missed by only a few feet.

Dick was handed a check for $200 by the club pro, George Dietz, who said : "We all knew Dick was a great player,. He just never showed it before."

The Ross Cup is an annual event at the Cohasset Country Club featuring 64 teams. There are traditional 9-hole matches in Flights of eight by handicap – 18 holes Friday, 27 holes Saturday and 18 holes Sunday.

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Ages 8 to 18

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Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department -office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Ages 4-7

The week long "Squirts" clinic will run from Monday, Aug. 5, through Friday, Aug. 9.

Soccer ABCs for ages 4 and 5 will meet every day from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and the fee is $65 per participant.

The half day program for ages 6 and 7 will meet each day from 9:30 to 12:30, and the fee is $95 per participant.

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Youth tennis will begin on Monday, July 7, and continue for seven weeks, through Aug. 15 Youth tennis registrations will be held, starting Monday, June 10, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday evening, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is offered for children age 7 through 18 years. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week-session of instruction, two days a week, is $75. Discounts of $10 are available for additional children in a family. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

Rain Day Policy: If rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are special clinic or tournament or rain make-up days.

Adult tennis lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Dept. will now accept telephone registrations for adult tennis lessons for Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Beginner levels of instruction.

Sessions are four weeks in duration, with the first session starting on July 8, meeting one hour weekly. The cost in $40 for the four week session. Those interested will be placed in a class as soon as possible.

Beginner classes will be held on either Mondays or Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m.. The Intermediate class will be held on Mondays from 7-8 p.m.. The Advanced Beginner class will be held on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m..

Bryan Bilton, of the Recreation Dept. tennis staff, will be teaching. To register, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

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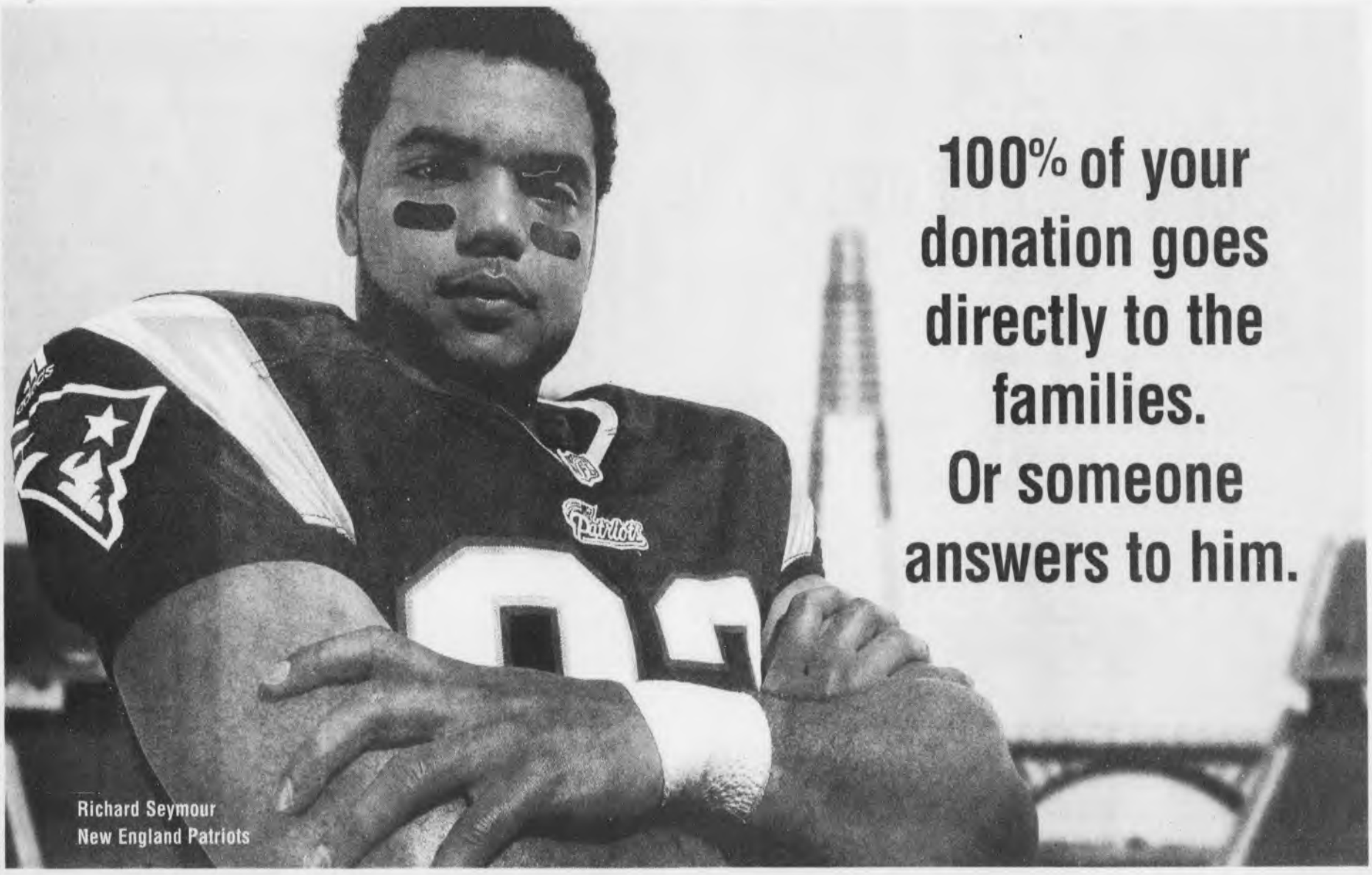

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POLICE BRIEFS

Teens arrested after 'boat stop'

Police have charged three Cohasset teenagers, who just graduated from the high school, with minor transport alcohol following a "boat stop" by the harbormaster Friday night.

Police said the harbormaster stopped a boat being driven by Sean Chase, 19, of 17 Highland Court, because it was operating without "running lights."

Further investigation found that Chase and his two passengers, Paul R. Previte, 18, of 38 Summer St., and Kyle S. Weber, 18, of 20 Oak St., were in possession of alcohol.

Chase was also charged with operating a motorboat without having his running lights on.

The teens were arraigned on the charges Monday in Quincy District Court. Police prosecutor Rick Grassie said the charges of minor in possession were continued without a finding for six months, meaning if the teens stay out of trouble the charges will be dismissed at that time. The teens are also required to pay a $50 fee to MADD and attend a four-hour alcohol and drug awareness program.

Chase was found "not responsible" on the boat running lights charge, Grassie said, meaning that charge was dropped.

Burglaries are being investigated

Police are still investigating two village burglaries that were reported early Saturday morning (June 22).

An undetermined amount of cash was taken from Cohasset Hardware on South Main Street and Grape Vine Caterers on Stagecoach Way. The thief or thieves broke a window to get in, Police Chief Robert Jackson said. No merchandise was taken, he said.

Anyone with information should call Det. Garrett Hunt at 781-383-1055.

Police recover stolen property

Cohasset police have charged a Plymouth man with selling stolen property to a Brockton pawnshop.

The construction-related equipment was stolen in two houses break in Cohasset, according to police Det. Garrett Hunt. Daron Gaeta, 35, of 22 Stagecoach Circle, Plymouth allegedly sold the stolen items to the pawnshop. The houses, which are under construction, were not occupied at the time of the burglaries, Hunt said.

He said the owner of the stolen property called the pawn shop because he needed to replace his items, but after hearing the description, realized the items offered for sale might be his.

After further investigation police were able to obtain a warrant and arrested Gaeta on June 27. He was charged with three counts of receiving stolen property over $250; and one count of receiving stolen property under $250. The property recovered is worth more than $2,000, Hunt said.

Gaeta was arraigned on the charges in Quincy District Court and is due to return to court Aug. 13. Although Gaeta is suspected of also committing the breaks, he hasn't been charged with that at this time. The break-ins are still under investigation, Hunt said.

POLICE LOG

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

9:25 p.m. North Main St., public service/other. Arrest of Juanita Kovach, 37, of 166 Glades Road, Scituate. Charges: Indecent exposure; operating under the influence of liquor.

11:18 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering, area search negative.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

2:11 a.m. Virginia Lane, fire, investigation, good-intent call.

6:34 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

7:16 a.m. South Main St. and Brook St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:23 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

10 a.m. Town line, assist other police department.

10:47 a.m. Howe Road, officer wanted, services rendered.

11:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic control.

11:30 a.m. South Main St., larceny.

12:04 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, peace restored.

12:45 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:04 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:15 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, assist other agency, services rendered.

1:19 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:11 p.m. Pond St. and Virginia Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:44 p.m. Pond St., transport, services rendered.

2:48 p.m. Surry Drive, animal call or complaint.

2:57 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

3:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, ambulance call/transported to hospital.

4:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, ambulance call/transported to hospital.

6:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., 209A restraining order, served.

6:10 p.m. Surry Drive, reported death, report taken.

9:29 p.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.

10:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:25 p.m. Forest Notch, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

11:57 p.m. Brook St., open door/window.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

8:41 a.m. Pond St., suspicious activity/person(s), auto, services rendered.

9:40 a.m. Border St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

10:14 p.m. Elm St., burglary/breaking and entering, investigated.

11:23 a.m. Lafayette Road, animal call or complaint.

11:46 a.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

2:05 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:43 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:50 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:52 p.m. Stockbridge St., misc., fire, investigated/report taken.

3:23 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., motor vehicle accident.

5:05 p.m. Parking Way, parking complaint, area search negative.

6:36 p.m. Parking Way, parking complaint.

10:35 p.m. Norfolk Road, family disturbance.

11:28 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop; 52-year-old Braintree man taken into Protective Custody.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

12:58 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:14 a.m. Sohier St., assist citizen.

1:21 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

1:36 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

1:40 a.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:57 a.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

10:16 a.m. South Main St., property damage.

12:05 p.m. Pond St., vandalism.

12:35 p.m. Beechwood St., property lost.

4:55 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:06 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:26 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, gathering dispersed.

5:34 p.m. South Main St., vandalism.

7:45 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint, area search negative.

9:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), auto.

9:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:28 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:41 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:49 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:37 p.m. Pond St., open door/window.

11:37 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

6:53 a.m. HQ, general information.

8:32 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

11:04 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., notification.

11:30 a.m. Wheelwright Park, assist citizen.

12:07 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

1:06 p.m. Summer St., fire, investigation.

2:48 p.m. Beechwood St., animal call or complaint.

4:27 p.m. North Main St., general disturbance.

4:51 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

5:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., notification.

8:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:26 p.m. King St., general information.

9:26 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:48 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

1:30 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

3:57 a.m. South Main St., medical aid, services rendered.

4:42 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:10 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Windy Hill Road, motor vehicle accident.

8:51 a.m. Cedar St. and Hull St., general information.

9:22 a.m. Ripley Road, fire, inspections.

9:44 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle complaint.

10:49 a.m. Beach St., animal call or complaint.

12 p.m. North Main St., general info.

1:49 p.m. Elm St., general info.

2:18 P.M. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle complaint.

2:30 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop.

2:41 p.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

3:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

3:48 p.m. James Lane. A 63-year-old Hull male taken into protective custody.

6:05 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

6:19 p.m. Church St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:42 p.m. Parker Ave., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle, verbal warning.

9:50 p.m. Parker Ave, general disturbance/gathering.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

9:24 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, misc.

10:29 a.m. Parker Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:37 a.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

10:58 a.m. Pond St., fire, inspections.

12:05 p.m. Wood Way, 209A restraining order violation.

12:55 p.m. Church St., general information.

2:55 p.m. Elm St., general information.

3:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

6:48 p.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint, ticket issued.

6:57 p.m. Red Gate Lane, general disturbance.

6:13 p.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

6:48 p.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint, ticket issued.

6:57 p.m. Red Gate Lane, general disturbance.

8:13 p.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted, services rendered.

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Garden getaway

Science center hosts annual 'Through the Garden Gate' tour

By Diana Goldman
CORRESPONDENT

Summertime is gardening season.

For many of us this means digging in and working in our own gardens, while for others it simply means admiring the dazzling array of sights and scents of the many spectacular gardens on the South Shore.

Whether you are a gardener or just wish you had a green thumb, you won't want to miss the South Shore Natural Science Center's 21st annual "Through the Garden Gate Tour featuring eight of the most spectacular gardens in the towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Norwell and Hanson. This year's tour steps off Wednesday, July 10. Visitors may tour the gardens from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The science center will furnish tour-goers with a detailed description of all of the gardens on the tour along with directions to each location. There will be a hostess and a tour guide at each garden and the owners of the gardens have also placed labels on the different plants to help guide the way.

The popular annual event is a great way for garden lovers to learn about new plants and arrangements, and it can be a good way to get some new ideas for your own garden in coming seasons.

The tour includes a variety of large and small gardens, because not everyone has a large property to plant on, notes the science center's director of public relations, Joan Reid.

"The garden tour is a perennial favorite of people in this region because of its reputation for fantastic gardens. People really look forward to it." said Reid.

Some of the spectacular sites awaiting Through the Garden Gate tour-goers July 10.

Without giving too much away, Reid said this year's event features a wide array of gardens from seaside varieties to gardens with more hardy, woody plants. Each garden has distinct qualities with unique plants. One garden on the tour includes more than 1,200 different species of plants, while another includes a rock garden and a rose garden that contains 67 shrub and hybrid varieties.

Another attraction on the tour is at the science center itself, which serves as a midpoint for the day's tours. At the center, viewers will see butterfly, herb, wildflower and raised sensory gardens. The center is an air-conditioned facility and will be serving cool lemonade and cookies as well.

Serving the entire South Shore, the Norwell-based, non-profit environmental education center is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. All of the proceeds from the "Through the Garden Gate" tour will go towards the educational programming at the center. The center offers nature classes throughout the year for students at the pre-school level to the adult level. There is a preschool on the center's site and a summer day camp.

If purchased in advance tickets are $15 for the tour, and $25 for the tour with a box lunch. On the day of the tour tickets are $22.

For tickets or more information you can call the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, at (781) 659-2559 or visit their Web site at www.ssnsc.org.

It's daytime at night

'Days of Our Lives' stars on stage at Music Circus' Soap Opera Festival

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Actor Matt Cedeno knows firsthand that soap opera fans are a breed apart. In his four years as Brandon Walker on NBC-TV's top-rated daytime drama, "Days Of Our Lives," Cedeno has seen the viewer's devotion to their favorite characters and storylines up close thanks not only to large volumes of fan mail, but also to the reaction he and his fellow actors elicit at personal appearances.

Days of Our Lives star Matt Cedeno will serve as master of ceremonies at the July 6 Soap Opera Festival at the South Shore Music Circus.

"It is a real kick to appear live before the fans," Cedeno explained in a telephone interview last week from his Burbank dressing room. "You feel like you're in a boy band."

On July 6, Cedeno will have more reason to empathize with The Back Street Boys, when he joins four of his castmates for a "Days Of Our Lives" Soap Opera Festival at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset. Drake Hogestyn ("John Black"), Peter Reckell ("Bo Brady"), Alison Sweeney ("Sami Brady"), Jason Cook ("Shawn-Douglas Brady") will join Master of Ceremonies Cedeno for a behind the scenes look at the long-running soap. The actors will also take questions from the audience.

One subject that may come up for leading man Cedeno is his inclusion in this year's People Magazine list of "The 50 Most Beautiful People." In its May 13, 2002 edition, the weekly magazine posed the question: "Why is it that women turn to Jell-O when Matt Cedeno loses his shirt?" The publication turned to one of the actor's castmates for an explanation.

"That body is pure muscle," said his "Days" co-star Renee Jones. "One day Matt had been washing his face, and his shirt was off. I told him, 'I'm sorry, but I can't rehearse. Please put your shirt on so I can focus.'"

Cedeno, 27, takes the all the attention in stride. A native of Moses Lake, Washington, and the son of African-Cuban and Irish-American parents, Cedeno was a high school football star. When an injury ended his professional football hopes, Cedeno turned to modeling. By age 21, he was working for Versace.

"The People Magazine coverage was great publicity for me. It was very cool and, of course, very flattering," Cedeno admits. "My fellow cast members kid me a lot about it, but that's okay, too."

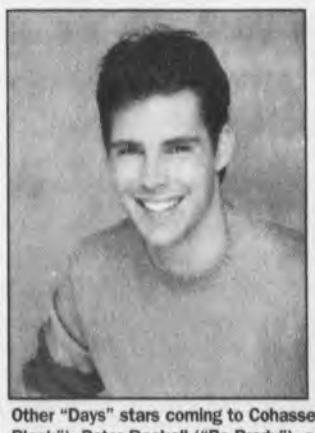
In addition to the soap, Cedeno's credits include appearances in the feature films "The Price of Glory," with Jimmy Smits, and "The Suburbans," with Ben Stiller and Jennifer Love Hewitt. While many young actors depart daytime at the first whiff of fame, Cedeno has no such immediate plans.

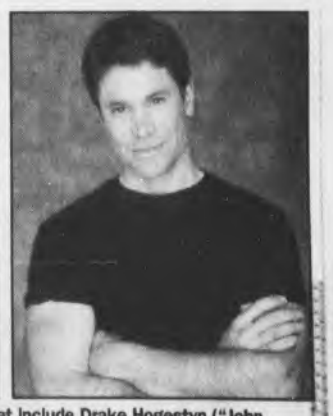
"I love the show and I really enjoy my co-workers. In daytime television, everything moves at a very quick pace. You handle a lot of material in just one day's taping. It is a pretty intense experience for an actor, but it is also excellent training."

It is also a good way for an actor to build a loyal fan following. To that end, Cedeno promises "Days" viewers a lot to watch for this summer.

"My character, Brandon, is a young man with a troubled past. He grew up in a very abusive home and has come to town to find his real father. Brandon can be very volatile when provoked. Viewers can expect almost equal doses of both vengeance and romance from me in the months ahead. Brandon faults Abe Carver for his troubled childhood and really believes that Abe is evil. To get back at him, Brandon will romance Abe's estranged wife, Lexie, while also still pursuing Sami. With all he has going on, Brandon will be a very busy man."

(Matt Cedeno will appear in the "Days Of Our Lives" Soap Opera Festival on July 6 at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset. For tickets and information, call 781-383-1400.)





Other "Days" stars coming to Cohasset include Drake Hogestyn ("John Black"), Peter Reckell ("Bo Brady"), and Jason Cook ("Shawn-Douglas Brady").

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

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The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys (B+)

Take your mind off the headlines and relax: This has nothing to do with clerics who let their fingers do the stalking. And injustice-collecting paranoids take a deep breath: The only priest here is a nice guy, albeit a smoker (call in the Purity Police). This isn't about abuse of kids by clergymen, but, rather, about spunky boys with more brains than common sense impressing one another, one getting his first girl friend and a great deal more anguish than he ever expected, and a reiteration of that hard-learned lesson: Actions have consequences. There's sexual abuse here, but it's where in reality it mainly is: smack dab midst the family.

Based on a semi-autobiographical story by the late Chris Fuhrman, this is situated in the 1970s in Savannah, though nobody has an inkling of what Georgians sound like and the place looks like Anywhere, USA, a misstep in a movie that has only one other, its melodramatic climax. Gratifyingly written with the care found on TV of late only in the much lamented (and swiftly canceled) "Freaks and Geeks," the film's boys talk the way boys talk, no "Dawson's Creek" precociousness, no beyond-their-years philosophizing. Its lead performances — Emile Hirsch as Francis, the follower and romantic; Kieran Culkin (you-know-who's bro) as Tim, the disaffected, bored to tedium impresario of his pals' pranks — are faultless; these are cute but not gorgeous boys, gawky, not sleek, not knowing, who react as we did when we were 14.

The film juxtaposes live-action with well-drawn comic book animation reflecting on the film's doings, elaborating on the fearsome (but not evil) headmistress, one-legged, thin-lipped Sister Assumpta (Jodie Foster, who also produced), and on the priest-coach, Father Casey (Vincent D'Onofrio), apotheosizing the lovely

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Living

Food & dining

Pasta and shrimp

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

For many of us, the challenge is coming up with yet another simple pasta dish that is interesting and worthy of a substantial main course. Shrimp immediately comes to mind since pasta and seafood are a classic combination. The problem is that most pasta/shrimp dishes end up with rubbery, overcooked shrimp, a dull sauce, and pasta that serves as nothing more than a flavorless bed of starch.

The first step was to decide how to cook the shrimp. Poaching was the clear winner in my tests since it had more flavor than boiling and one could control the cooking time more easily than when sautéing. In fact, I found that poaching the shrimp off the heat in a hot liquid was the best method. It takes about 6 minutes and it is easy to pinpoint the exact moment when the shrimp is done since they cook slowly. Next, I wondered what type of poaching liquid would be best.

Since I had shells from the shrimp (jumbo 16/20 size shrimp are easiest to shell quickly since there are so few of them), I made a quick stock with 2 cups of water, the shells, and 20 minutes of simmering. I then discarded the shells and added a few flavoring ingredients — wine, bay, shallot, parsley, tarragon and peppercorns – simmered the liquid another 2 minutes, and popped the shrimp into the pot off the heat for a gentle poach. Now I had juicy, well-flavored shrimp but, borrowing a technique from Marcella Hazan, I then placed the hot, poached shrimp into a 1/4 cup of high quality olive oil. The oil absorbed the flavors of the shrimp, making this dish even more deeply flavored. Finally, thinking that the poaching liquid would also work well as a sauce, I strained it and reserved it for later use.

For the sauce, I started with olive oil and garlic. (I also tested onion and shallot but the garlic won hands down.) Four cloves were cooked until blond-colored, a step that tempered their harsh bite. Next, I added two cups of the reduced broth and cooked it until it was reduced about half—a few minutes. Now the dish came together quickly. I added the pasta which had been cooked to within 2 minutes of al dente. (This way it soaks up the garlicky shrimp broth and each strand of spaghetti is nicely flavored.) To finish the dish, I added the shrimp and olive oil mixture and a healthy dose of fresh herbs and toasted pine nuts. As for the herbs I tried basil, parsley, tarragon and arugula and settled on basil. I tried tossing in a couple of chopped ripe tomatoes but their bright acidity didn't work. I tried adding a pinch of red pepper but the dish lost many of its delicate undertones.

SPAGHETTI WITH SHRIMP, BASIL, AND PINE NUTS

Use jumbo shrimp which are called 16/20s since there are 16 to 20 of them per pound. This will save a lot of time peeling although they are more expensive. Once shelled, the shrimp should be cut in half crosswise so that they are half as thick and therefore quicker cooking.

For The Shrimp

1 pound extra large shrimp, peeled, deveined, and cut in half crosswise, shells reserved
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 small bay leaf
1 shallot, quartered
2 sprigs parsley
1 sprig tarragon
2-3 peppercorns
1/4 cup best quality extra-virgin olive oil

For The Sauce and Pasta

3 tablespoons pine nuts
2 tablespoons olive oil
4 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
2 cups reserved shrimp stock
1 pound spaghetti
1 recipe shrimp steeped in olive oil
1/2 cup thinly sliced basil leaves

1. Bring the reserved shells, two cups water, and salt to a boil in a medium saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to maintain simmer, cover, and cook for 20 minutes. Strain, pressing on the shells to extract all liquid.

2. Return the shrimp stock to the pan and add the wine, bay leaf, shallot, parsley, tarragon and peppercorns. Place over high heat and boil for two minutes. Extinguish the heat and stir in the shrimp. Steep for six minutes. Strain, reserving liquid. Pick the shrimp clean of herbs and spices and place in a small bowl. Add the olive oil, stir to coat the shrimp and loosely cover. Let sit at least fifteen minutes or up to an hour. Alternatively this step may be done ahead and the shrimp refrigerated for several hours or overnight but should be allowed to sit out about fifteen minutes before combining them in the finished dish.

3. Place a large skillet over medium heat. Add the pine nuts and toast until golden brown, about two to three minutes, shaking the pan frequently to promote even browning. Remove nuts and set aside. Place the olive oil in the pan and swirl to evenly coat the bottom of the pan. Add the garlic and cook until very fragrant and slightly blond. Increase heat to high and add the shrimp stock. Boil for about 3 minutes or until the mixture is reduced by half. Meanwhile place a large pot of salted water over high heat. When boiling add the spaghetti and cook to within two minutes of the al dente package directions.

2. Drain the pasta and add it to the skillet. (If your skillet is not large enough to hold the spaghetti you may add the reduced stock and spaghetti back into the now empty pasta cooking pot.) Cook over medium low heat until most of the liquid has been absorbed by the spaghetti. Add the shrimp (including the oil) and basil and toss until heated through and evenly distributed. Serve immediately sprinkled with the toasted pine nuts.

Serves 4

Student Kieran Culkin and teacher Jodie Foster just can't seem to get along.

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girl (Jena Malone) Francis yearns for and who has a terrible secret she bears with great pain.

Some delinquency arises out of stupid kids' inability to cope; others, like here, come from bright kids' need to show off, often with disastrous results. The movie is comic, shrewd and wise about clever kids, irreverent but not cruel about churchly authority figures — Sister Assumpta is Miss Tough-Love, yes, but she has these youths' souls to fret about — scrupulous about getting most details right on the money, and insightful in showing that while kids may seem to take in stride the turmoil in their families, they churn inside and act out in ways that appear to have little to do with what ails them. This film will, I think, satisfy thoughtful child experts in its presentation of characterizations and motivations.

I can't speak for girls but for guys this is an exercise in memory reawakening: We get, at least I got, flashbacks to mid-teenage bumbling, goofing off, elaborate plotting and merciless baiting of our pals about their non-existent sex lives, their dorkiness, our coolness. If you can handle another bit of "Tyger! Tyger! burning bright" (William Blake lives here) and aren't going to weep too sloppily when things go very sour, you'll find this honest, modest, sobering film rewarding. You'll love these boys, admire the clerical figures and think about it after it's over.

Written by Jeff Stockwell, directed by Peter Care. Rated R

A potpourri of garden treasures

Green thumbs up

Sensational new sun lovers

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As summertime gets underway, many gardeners settle into the weed, water and maintenance mode for their backyard plots. The spring planting season has passed and thoughts turn to family vacations and other recreational activities. During the next few months, many are content to relax and enjoy the fruits of their springtime labor. For the plantaholic, however, a week without a visit to a nursery is sheer torture. I have been accused of never meeting a plant I didn't like and I have been known to comment that nearly every plant is "my favorite". As a compulsive collector, I have made it my mission to grow one of every perennial on the market. Many containers of recent acquisitions line my back walkway; still others await discovery.

Summer visits to our local garden centers often reveal unexpected treasures. While many perennial gardens feature predominantly spring bloom, July is the highpoint of my blooming season. Daylilies are the primary players but many companion plants add a diversity of bloom. Numerous new summer-blooming plants have made their way into my gardens during the past two seasons. A few died or barely survived, others were disappointing and some were even better than advertised.

One of the most promising new perennials on the market this season, Coreopsis 'Limerock Ruby', was developed in nearby Rhode Island. Released this year as a new "Blooms of Bressingham" introduction, this coreopsis boasts fine-textured foliage similar in appearance to the fabulous, extended blooming Coreopsis 'Moonbeam". Dozens of 1-1/2-inch, ruby red, daisy-like flowers are reported to bloom all summer long above the 20-inch foliage.

Last season, the Blooms of Bressingham introduced Coreopsis 'Sweet Dreams'. This new gem features delicate threadleaf foliage and unique, little daisies blushed deep pink and highlighted by deep rosy purple centers. It took weeks for me to find it a home but it was eventually planted alongside a tall garden phlox that demonstrated similar color tones of the central blotch. I find all the threadleaf-types of coreopsis perform best when provided with a sunny locale and consistent moisture. During the latter half of the summer, a light shearing of these plants will encourage another flourish of bloom.

The perennial geraniums are a charming, diverse family of hardy perennials that provide an extended season of bloom, terrific foliage and delightful single or double blossoms. High on my list of favorite new perennials is Geranium 'Rozanne', another Blooms' offering. It has been a terrific performer since I planted it last season. Attractive lobed leaves are slightly marbled and looked great all summer. Similar to many of the larger-leafed perennial geraniums, the flowering stems gradually elongate over the season giving the appearance of knitting surrounding companion plants together. Beginning in June, dozens of saucer-shaped blossoms are produced above an expanding 20-inch mound. The pleasing, 2-inch flowers continue until frost appearing deep blue with white centers during the cooler times of the day and fading to a paler shade of lavender when exposed to full sun and midday heat. I was so enchanted with the plant's long bloom season, its habit and charming flowers, that I added half a dozen new plants at season's end to accent the front edge of gardens devoted primarily to daylily cultivars.

Several other new geraniums have found their way into my garden in recent seasons and seem to thrive in my moisture-retentive soils. Geranium phaeum 'Samobor' exhibits clusters of small, burgundy-tinted flowers on 2-foot stems but its most outstanding feature is its unique foliage that displays striking burgundy patches.It is planted alongside Heuchera 'Plum Pudding' to accentuate its handsome coloring. Another new favorite is Geranium pratense 'Midnight Reiter' with sensational, deep purple foliage topped by lilac-colored blossoms. Planted in a sunny spot along the front of a predominantly shady border, companion plants include dusty miller and Japanese painted ferns.

For color during the latter half of the summer, few perennials rival the tall garden phloxes. In recent years, hybridization has produced cultivars that demonstrate greater resistance to mildew, impressive flower heads with exceptionally large pips and several varieties with sensational variegated leaves. Phlox 'Norah Leigh' was added to my borders many years ago when it first became available. Heavily variegated green and white leaves have never shown evidence of mildew and the softly tinted lavender-pink flowers are a pleasant complement to the foliage. My latest love affair is for Phlox 'Becky Towe', a spectacular new introduction described in one catalog as offering "broad golden leaf edges which pale to butter-cream at flowering time" topped by "sweetly scented salmon-carmine rose flowers with a darker magenta eye." I could not possibly describe it any better except to add that the emerging foliage has sunset tones and every aspect of the plant since last season has been a winner.

Visit your local nurseries this month to find summer-blooming treasures. To witness these beauties and view the splendor of daylilies and their companions during their peak bloom this month, I welcome you to tour my gardens on Brookwood Rd. in Hanover. I am open to the public throughout the month of July, dawn to dusk. Although the gardens have been somewhat neglected this season after hosting a national convention last year, visitors are always welcome to view the weeds and our vast collection of perennials.

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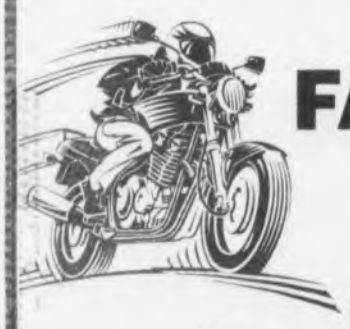
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THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION presents "BIKE FOR HEALTHY LUNGS" THE 18TH ANNUAL AUTUMN ESCAPE BIKE TREK, Sept. 20-22. This 160-mile bike trek takes participants from Plymouth to Provincetown with fully supported rest stops along the way. Both two and three-day options are available but accommodations for the first night are limited so register early. This event is for cyclists of all levels. Call 1-800-LUNGYSA for details or visit the website at www.lungusa.org/massachusetts/special.html

THE BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL will once again provide outdoor, harborside performances by nationally renowned blues artists during the Fourth Annual Blues Concerts Series. The Blues Barge, a floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. The concert series, sponsored by the Boston Harbor Hotel and House of Blues, begins with an opening night on Thursday, July 4, and will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.bhh.com

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets on sale now $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL-SCITUATE VNA SPONSOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT honoring Jean Snow of Norwell. South Shore residents are invited to sign up for organization's fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Aug. 5, at the Marshfield Country Club, located at 515 Moraine St. Marshfield. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. with registration at noon. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club. There will be a silent auction following the awards ceremony. Tickets are $175 per person. For more information call 781-659-2342.

THE 17th ANNUAL AMERICAN RED CROSS GOLF CLASSIC, to be held at South Shore Country Cub in Hingham on July 22, will seek participation from golfers and non-golfers alike in its aim to make this year's event the most successful yet. The day-long event will feature a live and silent auction, raffles, a poker rally, a box lunch and dinner. New England Cable News sports personality Jimmy Young will serve as master of ceremonies. For more information call 617-770-2600.

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

Thurs. 4

Projects of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank free summer concert series. July 4, American's Hometown Celebration Parade followed by the Jay Place Band (R&B), Jupiter Ray (pop and original) and Ace in the Hole (R&B) The **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** will perform a free public concert at The Plymouth Waterfront, at 7:30 p.m. Immediately after the concert, a fireworks display will start at 9:15 p.m. the Plymouth Waterfront is wheelchair accessible.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Rainshine, The Roadies, Bulkhead, Fishbowl, Level Ride and Untranquil** on July 4. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Show start at 7 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 5

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held July 5, at the Dedham Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom, 25 Allied Drive, Dedham. Exit 14, East St,. off Route 128. Free door prizes, and dance music by DJ Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Suitable for all singles and couples ages 35 to 55 years old. Proper business attire is required. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and the Single CEO's Club. Call 781-446-0234 for information.

Edaville USA Summer Season opens July 5. Guests will be able to enjoy all of Edaville attractions many are new for the season from July 5 to Aug. 23 on Friday, Saturdays and Sundays. Cool off at the new beach, cruise the waves by paddle boat, and discover a new summer destination of New England families. Tickets are $15 each. For more information call 877-Edaville or visit the Edaville USA website at www.edaville.com Edaville USA is located off route 58 on Rochester Road in Carver.

South Shore Arts & Recreation Center will hold a youth dance at The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center for ages 9 to 13 on July 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $6 per person. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

Classes

THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM will host the Massachusetts College of Art in offering a full three-credit course. The course, "Illustrating Children's Books" explores all aspects of illustrating children's books from conceptualization to marketing. The course is scheduled for Monday through Friday July 8 to 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Undergraduate and non-credit graduate course fee, $560 graduate course fee, $845. For more information call 617-879-7200.

THE INSIGHT EDUCATION CENTER presents two workshops. Raising Confident Girls ages 2 to 12 being held at the Children's World Learning Center in Marshfield on July 17, and First Congregational Church of Hanover, July 25. All workshops are from 7 to 9 p.m. $25 pr individual $40 per co-parenting couple, $20 groups of 4 or more. Call to pre-register at 781-294-8004.

MASSACHUSETTS BOATING BASICS CLASSES will be held July 15, 16, 17, 22. 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pembroke Public Library, Center St,. Pembroke. Youth 12 to 15 years of age, who successfully complete the course, will be issued a safety certificate allowing them to operate a motor boat without adult supervision, as required by state law. Pre-registration is required with Boat and RV Safety Bureau at 508-790-9360 or 617-727-8760

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ART CENTER is now accepting registrations for adult summer classes. Evening classes meet once per week, and include Drawing Studio with Tim Walker, Clay Works with Lauren Buckman and Oil Painting with Dorothy Simone. A Friday morning Watercolor/Watermedia class with Dorothy Simone is also offered. Taught in a well equipped studio our talented instructors limit class size for individual attention. Beginners and advanced students welcome. Call PCAC at 508-746-7222.

OPEN DOORS HEALTH CENTER at 361 Washington Street in Braintree, specializing in power yoga done in humid/hotrooms at 90 degrees. Power Yoga classes will be offered day and evening, seven days a week. Other classes will include: Tai chi, Belly Dancing, Drumming, Hatha and Kundalini Yoga, Pilates, and personal weight training with Steve Antonelli. for a schedule call Open Doors at 781-843-8224 or opendoors7.com

COHASSET SWIM CENTER is accepting applications for lifeguards and water safety instructors for the 2002 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Programs to become a certified lifeguard will also be offered throughout the region. Lifeguard applicants must be 15 years of age. Call 781-383-1988 for information.

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY will hold Adult, Child and Infant CPR and First Aid Classes. For more information call 617-770-2600.

"South River Marsh"

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The Artica Gallery in Duxbury presents the works of pastel artist Donna Rossetti-Bailey on display from July 13 through Aug. 31. An opening reception will be held Thursday, July 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot Street off Hall's Corner in Duxbury. For information and gallery hours call (781) 934-0640.

"Tuscan Hillside"

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents _**Fat City** on July 5. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Ricky King Russell** on July 5. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Sat. 6

Borders in Kingston presents a series of children's events. On July 6, at noon **"The Snowman Storytime"** What can cool you down better than hearing chilly stories, from Raymond Briggs' The Snowman? Bring your camera for a photo with the snowman.

'Jazz By The Beach' concert returns July 6. Road to Responsibility's Jazz by the Beach, will be returning to the shores of Rexhame Beach July 6, from 2 to 6 p.m. WATD's Ed Perry to receive Road to Responsibility's 'Man of the Year". Several other South Shore residents also will be receiving awards including Polly Pyne, of Scituate, Scott Seamans of Carver, and Lorraine France of Marshfield and Clem Smith of East Wareham and South Attleboro. Performers include Donna Byrne and her husband, Marshall Wood (bass), Dick Johnson, Joe Barbado, Jim Gwinn, Kenny Wenzel and Arnie Krawkowski. Serving as guest host will be Ron Della Chiesa of WGBH and WPLM. A silent auction will also be part of the festivities. Tickets are $70, table of 10 for $650. Call 781-834-1300 ext. 237 for information.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **South Shore Poets and Slams** on July 6. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is $3. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen**__ on July 6. Casual dress, cover charge $10 advance $12 day of show. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Bruce Marshall** on July 6.. Admission For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Sun. 7

The Plymouth Antiquarian Society presents the 69th Pilgrim Breakfast. Costumed servers will dish up cod cakes, baked beans, corn bread and scrambled eggs at the 60th annual Pilgrim Breakfast on July 7, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The traditional meal will be served at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House located at 119 Sandwich St., Route 3A, Plymouth. Tickets are a donation of $8 per adult, $5 for children or $22 pr family (2 adults and two children). For more information call 508-746-0012.

"Marine and Local Scenes," an exhibit featuring works by the **Gallery Artists of the Scituate Arts Association.** Watercolor, oil and acrylic works will be on display. This exhibit will run July 2 to Sept. 1, with new paintings added periodically. Opening reception is Sunday July 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Scituate Art Gallery at 132 Front St., in Scituate harbor. For more information call 781-545-6150.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **The Reasonators** on July 7, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

"Fishing Boats" by T. Nickolas Phakos

"Scituate Harbor Panorama" by John F.Comacchio

"Scituate Harbor" by Judy Listernick

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An exhibit featuring the works by the Gallery Artists of the Scituate Arts Association will take place July 2 to Sept. 1. The "Marine and Local Scenes" exhibit includes watercolors, oils and acrylics with new paintings added periodically. An opening reception will be held Sunday, July 7 from 2-5 p.m. at the Scituate Art Gallery, 132 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Throughout the summer the gallery will have extended hours on Friday evenings from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Mon. 8

The South Shore Yacht Club of Weymouth announces registration for its summer Junior Sailing Program. The South Shore Yacht Club is located within the Abigail Adams Park at the Back River Bridge on route 3A. The Junior Sailing Program is open to the public for ages 8 through 14. The program will be held daily Monday through Friday starting July 8 and running six weeks through Aug. 16. U.S. Sailing Certified Instructors are utilized to teach the lessons. There will be three levels of instruction offered: beginner, Intermediate, and Advance. Limited space is available, early registration is recommended. For further information and applications, call 781-749-3239.

Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater presents **"Fully Committed"** Becky Mode's mocking whirlwhind about the rich and famous, the desperate and daring, who relentlessly try to get a reservation at Manhattan's trendiest restaurant. Each character, including the esteemed chef, who prefers the phrase "we're fully committed" to "we're all booked up" is played by a frazzled out of work actor. "Time" named the show one of the Top 10 theatrical events of 2000. Robert DeNiro is turning the play into an ABC series. "Fully Committed" opened in June and will continue every Monday and Tuesday at 8 p.m. during July and August. No performances July 29 and July 30. There will be one 4 p.m. matinee on Aug. 20; this performance is in addition to the evening show. Tickets for all performances are $21 (1/2 price student standby) and may be reserved by calling (508) 349-6835. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.what.org

Tues. 9

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, **Josephine Bottari** will exhibit her painting for the month of July at the tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

Wed. 10

Borders in Kingston presents a series of children's events. July 10, at 10:30 a.m. **Dolphin Storytime.**

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This week's theme is dolphins which means stories and a craft all about dolphins. This event will also take place on July 13, at noon.

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host **Jacqueline M. Dormitzer**, who will be signing her book the **"Narrative History of Cohasset,"** Volume III on July 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Cohasset. Reservations are requested for seating and refreshment planning. Call 781-383-2665 to reserve or to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The 21st annual "Through the Garden Gate" garden tour to benefit the **South Shore Natural Science Center** will take place on July 10, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eight gardens in Scituate, Cohasset, Norwell and Hanson are included in the tour which has become a perennial favorite with gardeners across the South Shore. Tickets for the garden tour and box lunch are available in advance for $25 ($20 members) Tickets the day of the tour (lunch not available) will be $22. To purchase tickets, call the Center at 781-659-2559 or stop in during normal business hours, Monday to Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Projects of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank free summer concert series. "Local Music Night" with PT109, The Legends, and The Moonlighters, Plymouth Waterfront (South Water Street) July 10, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Open Mike** from 9 p.m. to closing on July 12 and every Wednesday. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Thurs. 11

Barbara Lauterbach, author of "Potato Salad; Fifty Favorite Recipes" will be signing copies of her cookbook at the Front Street Book Shop in Scituate harbor on July 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. She will offer tips and techniques for making potato salads, as well as tastings of some of the 50 recipes. Books may be reserved by calling the book shop at 781-545-5011.

The Artica Gallery presents" **"There Are Places I Remember..."** featuring South Shore **artist Donna Rossetti-Bailey.** The exhibit will run from July 13 through Aug. 31. An opening reception with the artist will be held July 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot St., Duxbury. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free. Two steps at the entry.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **_Tootsie and Guest** on July 11. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **4 Past Midnight** on July 11. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Fri. 12

The Art of Music Chamber Players, under the artistic direction of Timothy Roberts, along with Piotr Buczek, violin; Christine Vitale, violin; Don Krishnaswami, viola; and Timothy Robert, cello will perform at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury on July 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15, $12, $8. Call 781-837 2705 for more information.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will present the **musical "Willy Wonka"** on July 12, 13, 19, 29, 26, and 27 at 7 p.m. held at Cordage Park Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. For reservations or more information call 508-747-1234

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance July12, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Singles Executives Club Cocktail Party and Dance will be held July 12, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.. at the Sheraton Plymouth Hotel, 1801 Water St,. Plymouth. Exit 6 to Route 44 off route 3. Dance music by a DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. For single professionals age 35-55 years old. Proper business attire is required. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 for information. Co-sponsored by Cape Cod's Most Eligible Singles

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **_Funky White Honkies** on July 12. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Killer Kane and Blue FO's** on July 12. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Just for kids

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON'S summer hours from June 21 to Aug. 31, are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Drop in Days feature hands-on-arts, crafts and science activities are held in the Museum's outdoor space. Activities such as Ice Cream making, Tie Dye T-shirts, socks, or boxers (bring your own white or buy a t-shirt and paper making with natural materials run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. No registration is required.

CIINIC FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SEEKS APPLICANTS The Children's Physical Developmental Clinic at Bridgewater State College is now accepting applications for participation in the fall 2002 semester. The clinic is open to children ages 18 months through 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. For more information call 508-531-1776.

THE RISING STAR BASKETBALL SCHOOL for boys ages 8 to 18 will be held at Stonehill College. There are two sessions running Aug. 5 to 9 and Aug. 12 to 16. Call 508-565-1390 for details.

HOCKEY SKILLS WORKSHOP – Hockey Skills Development Workshops is offering High Speed skills programs for High School, Mites, Squirts, and Pee Wee's this summer. In addition, there is a new separate Goalies Only Program. All are skating evenings once a week at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham for eight weeks. High School is on Sunday, others on Wednesday or Thursday. Directed by experienced college and high school coaches that truly believe Skill development is a craft. All programs feature a positive learning environment, limited class sizes, and are focused toward skills actually used in playing the game. For further details, call 781-769-7783.

DREAMCHASERS THEATRE ARTS CENTER announces the opening of registration for its Summer Theatre Program. This program is open to all students ages 7 through 18. The Program begins July 8. Classes meet each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. All students take an acting class, a dance and stage movement class and an improvisation class. In addition, each student has elective classes to select from which include choreography, technical theatre, musical theatre, and playwriting. The four week program concludes on Aug. 3, with a performance by the students. For more information call 508-224-4548.

DIANE PURDY'S CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOP will hold its 2002 two week Summer Theatre Session. Rehearsals July 15 through July 26 Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Show July 26, at 7 p.m. $330 tuition includes daily training, dress rehearsal, the show, professional direction, creative costumes, no auditions, all super roles, group photo. Show and rehearsals: Wollaston congregational Church, 48 Winthrop Avenue, Quincy, Wollaston section off of Beal Street. For more information call 617-472-9233 or fluffatoo@aol.com

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY presents Summer Art Camp 2002 running for four weeks July 22 to Aug. 16, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon for ages 5 to 16. The fee is $130 for NRAS members and $140 for non-members which -includes a $20 materials fee and snack. For an application call 781-837-8091.

THE SOUTH SHORE BASEBALL CLUB'S annual Summer Baseball Camp, offering four one-week sessions for players age 5 to 18, will be held July 8, to Aug. 3 at Hingham High School. The camp is not restricted to Hingham residents. The weeklong camp sessions will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and a special half-day session 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. will be available for players age 5 to 8. Each camper will be placed on a team designed to provide a comfortable yet challenging level of play. Campers may attend as few as one or as many as four weeklong sessions and play in a minimum of one game

BEST BET

Barbara Lauterbach, author of "Potato Salad; Fifty Favorite Recipes" will sign copies of her cookbook at the Front Street Book Shop in Scituate harbor on July 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. She will offer tips and techniques for making potato salads, as well as tastings of some of the 50 recipes. Books may be reserved by calling the book shop at 781-545-5011.

Ongoing Events

The North River Arts Society will present **A Study of Gurnet Point and Saquish** with artist Jill Capodanno. June 30 to Aug. 24 at the Ventress Library Gallery. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit northriverarts.org

Art on the Avenue, Hull announces its schedule of exhibitors for the summer of 2002. Featured artists are: Lenore Schneider, Richard Friberg, Leslie P. Cutler, Gloria Robertson, Julie Schmitt Sullivan and Joanne Donnelly. The gallery/open studio at 1037 Nantasket Ave, Hull is open on weekends 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Art on the Avenue 1037 Nantasket Avenue, Hull featuring photography, playbooks, oil and acrylic paintings by Lenore Schneider as well as pottery, painted furniture, watercolor paintings and wood turnings by guest artists is open weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 1. For more information, 781-925-5619.

The Nathan Gallery presents **"Filling Walls"** featuring aspiring and established artists June 22 through July 18, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

The North River Arts Society presents **Italian Mostly by Jack Haran** June 15 through Aug. 2 at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org

The Weymouth Art Association will display work by members at several locations around town for the month of July. In the Town Hall the Mayor's office, Anet Paglierani and Gail Coyle will display paintings. In the Treasurer's office Jeanne Mulligan is exhibiting a painting. In the Councilors' office, Jack Morris, Robert Shapiro, John Shaw, Helen Shaw and Bill Sawyer are exhibiting their work. Mary Mainiero will display a painting in the Auditor's office. Snyder Jewelers is displaying the work of Ed McCormack, Joseph Nover, Kaye O'Brien and Joyce Olsen. Jordan Insurance is displaying paintings by Claire Spano, Arlene Watson, Reva Gordon, Maggie Lee Gosselin and Bob Weikel. Rizzo Insurance is displaying the work of Arnold Turner and Isabella Hoell. Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Joseph MacFarlane. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "as Ros sees it" works in acrylic by **Ros Farbush** during June and July. at The Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St, Duxbury. Call 781-934-2721 for information.

The Scituate Art Gallery, 132 Front St., Scituate will feature oil and watercolor paintings by Scituate Gallery Artist, **Theodore Nystrom**. This exhibit will include scenes of the Scituate shore, the New England coast, and the coast of Portugal.

CALENDAR, see next page

Reunions

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982's 20th reunion is all set. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 5, at the Sheraton Braintree. Organizers are still looking for classmates. Contact Eric Braley by phone at 302-793-2068 or by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidham) at 781-294-4162.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com <mailto:indelicato@attbi.com>.

MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 REUNION will be held on Friday, evening, Sept. 20, at Double Tree Guests Suits, Waltham. The reunion committee is still looking for some classmates. If you are or know a member of the class of 1952 who has not yet received any mail on this subject, call addresses in to Ed Landry at 781-273-6664 for inclusion in the upcoming mailing of invitations.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

Talent Search

THE STARCREATIONS THEATER from the South Shore Arts Recreation Center will hold auditions for summer Theater Camp, ages 8 to 13 for the production of "America's Tallest Tales" on Friday, July 5, from 1 to 3 p.m.. Camp will run for two weeks, Monday through Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 508-747-1234 by June 27, to register.

THE CHORAL ART SOCIETY OF SCITUATE is conducting a search to recruit singers for a special concert on Sept. 7 to commemorate those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 tragedy. All interested singers on the South Shore are invited to join in rehearsals over the summer for the world premiere of Ferruccio Germani's "Requieum for Sept. 11" to be performed Sept. 7 at Scituate High School. Music Director Dr. Richard Bunbury will conduct seven rehearsals to prepare the piece composed by Germani, who is the society's composer in residence. Rehearsals are scheduled for July 1, 22, 29, Aug. 12, 26, Sept. 4, and 6. At St. Luke's Church Route 3A in Scituate. No audition is required, just bring your voice. Visit www.choralartsociety.org for more details. Interested singers call Nancy 781-535-8295 to obtain the rehearsal tapes.

THE DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION (DAA) is accepting applications from artisans for the 30th Annual Juried Craft Showcase and Sale. The show will take place on Nov. 23 and 24, at Duxbury High School. Interested artisans should submit an official entry form with examples of craft, slides and/or photos by July 12.

THE LIBERTY BELLE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, is seeking adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. However, you are required to be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and 4-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway show tunes, Rhythm and blues songs, and exciting choreography. Weekly rehearsals every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, (Rte 2 Exit 57). For additional information call: 617-735-9254 or 1-800-369-7400 (toll free in MA only) lor visit http://libertybellechorus.org, e-mail us at: info@libertybellechorus.org

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY, is looking for a few good men, and women, to add to their already quality program. Spring Concert rehearsals at the Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be asked of all new members, primarily for voice placement. Come and be a part of a grand musical tradition; its fun and a very rewarding experience.

ISLAND GROVE WOMEN'S CHORUS – looking for women, 18 years old and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Rt. 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audio tape. For more information, call Cory at 781-294-1880.

SOUTH SHORE BAY BAND a non-profit organization dedicated to giving musicians the opportunity to play and perform concert band music. Current members are from Marshfield, Plymouth, Duxbury and surrounding towns. All sections are open to new members. For more information or directions call 508-747-6460 or write to South Shore Bay Band, P.O. Box 139, Marshfield MA 02050.

ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR VINE HALL GALLERY. The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking artists and/or photographers interested in exhibiting their work in Vine Hall Gallery during the upcoming year. Exhibits run on a monthly basis, with a percentage of the sales benefiting the Science Center. Proposals for exhibits must reflect a natural theme, and should be directed to Joan Reid, c/o SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061.

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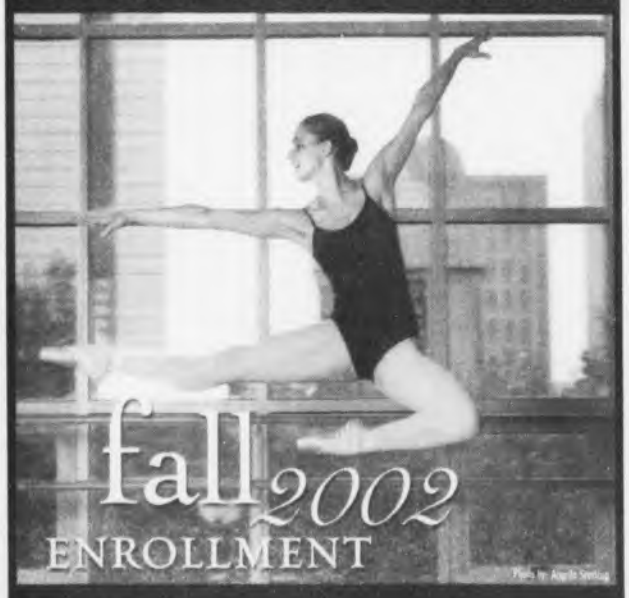

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Ages 13-20: Wednesday, July 24, 5:30-7:30 pm
Ages 8-14: Thursday, August 8, 5:30-7:30 pm

METROWEST STUDIO: 863 Washington St. Newtonville, MA 617.456.6263
Ages 8-12: Wednesday, July 10, 6:00-7:00 pm
Ages 13-20: Wednesday, July 10, 7:00-8:30 pm

SOUTH SHORE STUDIO: 34 Accord Park Dr. Norwell, MA 781.871.7468
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The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will host Small Worlds/Art of India. The exhibition will feature 400 years of art from India from the museum's own collection The exhibition will run through Sept. 8. For more information call 781-934-6634.

The USS Constitution Museum located in Boston's historic Charlestown Navy Yard, just yards away from the USS Constitution will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Oct. 15.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union Street, Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. The club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Meetings

MOTHERS & MORE: South Shore Chapter. If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about MOTHERS & MORE! Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers", those who have altered their career paths to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women to choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street, Hingham. Contact Sue Chaisson at 781-545-1043 for more information.

PARENTAL SUPPORT GROUP Do you have a child who has been referred to as "difficult," "intense," "over the top," "challenging," "explosive" (ADD, ADHD, Sensory Integration) or something along these lines? You are not alone. Share your experiences, good and bad, easy and hard, with other parents who are also struggling to make sense of what's going on in their lives. This is an informal gathering. of parents looking for and sharing ideas, support, empathy and reassurance held the first Thursday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Route 123, Norwell. For more information call 781-659-7320.

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP: Meets every second Tuesday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Arc of Greater Plymouth, 4 Main St., Kingston, for more information, contact Janice Stephen at 781-585-1310.

Lend a hand

THE MARSHFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING has an immediate need for volunteers one or two hours a week. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels drivers to deliver hot meals to homebound and to help serve lunch to 20 to 40 seniors weekdays at the senior center in Marshfield. Call 781-834-5581

BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS Offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office, 1458 Hancock St., and weekly ones at the Boston office. An informational session will be held July 15, from noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. in Quincy. Call 617-328-1061 or 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is seeking volunteers to help out at blood drives. Help register donors or provide refreshments. Duties are light and we will train. Daytime volunteers needed. Cal 781-461-2086.

TALKING INFORMATION CENTER needs volunteers for radio reading service for the blind. Help others hear what you can see. Opportunities available days, evenings and weekends reading evening newspapers, weekend newspapers books and magazines that are then broadcast to over 20,000 visually impaired listeners in Massachusetts. Talking Information Center for the Visually Handicapped is a non-profit organization that has been broadcasting from its Marshfield studio for almost 25 years providing information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To sign up or for more information call 800-696-9505.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL include The Cottage Shop and The Friendly Shop, Critical Care, Surgery, Patient Registration, Patient Information, Emergency Department, and the Maternity Department. For details about these opportunities, call Rick Pozniak, director of public affairs t 781-340-8564.

HOST FAMILY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED World Heritage is seeking families, couples or single parents (with or without children at home) who are adventurous, fun-loving, responsible, and most of all caring who are interested in hosting a high-school-aged foreign exchange student. By hosting a student from another country, your entire family will discover a world of fun and enlightening adventure. Students who spend a semester or year in the US are fulfilling a lifetime dream. American culture plays an important role all over the world; the English language is the international language of our times. Share your home for a year; enjoy a friendship for a lifetime. Call 1-800-888-9040 or visit www.world-heritage.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH PROGRAM Adult volunteers are currently needed for a couple of hours each month to serve as club leaders for local 4-H clubs. The role of a 4-H volunteer leader is to provide skills from your own area of expertise while developing a meaningful relationship with youth. For more information call 781-293-3541.

FULLER MUSEUM SEEKS VOLUNTEER DOCENTS The Fuller Museum of Art Education Department is searching for volunteers to serve as docents (gallery educators). Docents are responsible for educating adult and student tour groups on exhibitions as well as presenting outreach programs at community sites. volunteers should be willing to commit to the docent program for at least three years, including one year of training. Volunteers should also be available for tours during the week between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. New Docent Training will take place March - May 2002 at the Fuller Museum of Art. For more information call 508-588-6000 x 113 or visit www.fullermuseum.org

VISION COMMUNITY SERVICES (A Division of the Massachusetts Association for the Blind). Did you know that your eyesight can be as valuable to others as it is for you? Vision Community Services needs volunteers to read or shop with a blind neighbor, to help that person maintain independence. Two hours per week and a desire to help is all you need; hours are flexible. We'll provide the training and support. Opportunities are available in Southeastern Mass. Call Holly Heggie at 508-584-1273, or visit our volunteer page at www.mablind.org

THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM, 189 Alden St., Duxbury has several openings for volunteers. Many help out at receptions, tea ceremonies, concerts and educational programs for both adults and visiting school groups. Many other benefits include reading groups and art related field trips. A popular tradition is the volunteer dinners held to introduce new exhibitions and the artists responsible for them. Information available by calling 781-934-6634 ext. 16.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

The combination of a Mars/Jupiter alignment and Aries moon makes for a fast-paced day. If you are working, be sure to have a clear plan of action. You can be most productive. If you are vacationing, this is a great day to enjoy favorite sports or spend extra time exercising. The moon forms challenging contacts to Mars and Jupiter this afternoon, warning you to slow down. Don't overdo or take risks.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

The Aries moon forms its final contact to a planet at 1:11 a.m. and becomes inactive. A Taurus moon takes over at 4:16 a.m., generating a relaxed mood. This a wonderful day to gather with friends and enjoy life to the fullest.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

Planetary influences continue to rate high across the board. The Taurus moon highlights social and romantic activities. An applying alignment of Mercury and Uranus stimulates thinking and communication. This is a great time for promoting new ideas, announcing intentions. New starts in your business or personal life are recommended.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

The morning continues to rate high for communications of all kinds. Send letters, e-mails, packages. Creative projects also get the green light, especially writing. Mercury aligns with Uranus at 9:41 a.m. The moon aligns with Uranus at 11:57 a.m. and becomes inactive. Fun and games are back in the picture at 3:01 p.m., when the moon enters lively Gemini. Gather with friends and let the good times roll.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Mercury enters the sign Cancer at 6:35 a.m., remaining there until July 21. The Gemini moon makes this day prime for parties, picnics, family gatherings. Put domestic or career worries on the back burner; enjoy favorite sports, hobbies, friends. There is a rough spot in effect between 6:09-9:09 p.m., when the moon opposes Pluto. Slow down and think before you say or do something you will later regret.

MONDAY, JULY 8

A lunar alignment to Saturn can make for a difficult morning. Allow extra time to get where you are going. Don't get caught up in worries, self-doubts, fears. Storm clouds move out midday. The afternoon and evening rate high for vacationing, partying, socializing. The Gemini moon becomes inactive at 7:37 p.m. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 10:36 p.m., when the moon enters the sign Cancer.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

A polarity of Venus and Uranus may spark romantic or emotional thunderstorms in the early morning hours. The dark side of a new moon brings a time for cleaning out, letting go and clearing the way for new activities. Spend time alone. Reflect on and learn from past experiences. Meditate for inner clarity and vision.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

The new moon culminates at 6:26 a.m., when the sun and moon align at 18-degrees Cancer. At this time the green light goes on for new beginnings across the board. Influences are favorable until 6:48 p.m., when the moon and Jupiter conjoin. Venus enters Virgo at 5:09 p.m., remaining there until August 7.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

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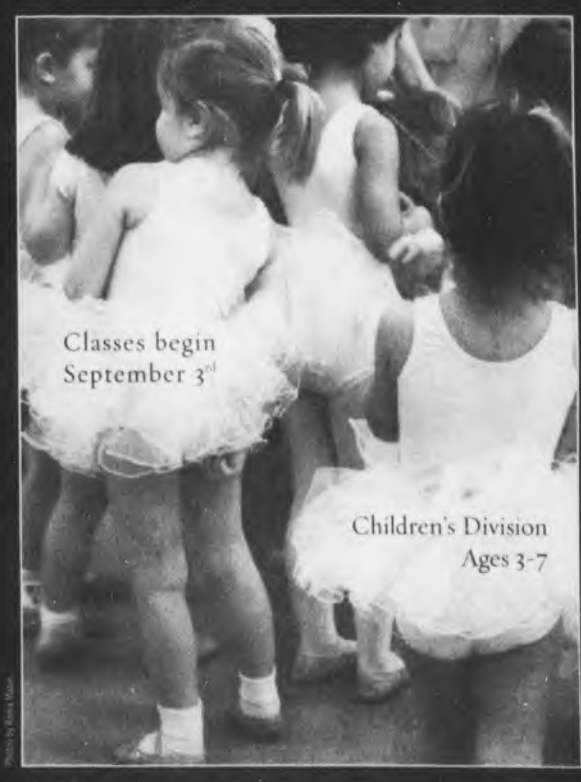
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Friends expect Logan to bounce back

Assailant(s) could face attempted murder charge

By Mary Ford
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She stands no more than 5 feet tall and weighs about 100 pounds. She's a cancer survivor and underwent a heart valve replacement a few years back.

But none of that has stopped Polly Logan, 77, a well-known Republican activist, from getting back into the fray.

Within days after her hospital stays, she could be seen around town visiting the Cohasset Consignment Shop, which she wholeheartedly supports, or organizing a fundraiser or two for local GOP candidates.

"She has a tremendous will to live," says her daughter, Martha Logan.

It's that iron will that her many friends are counting on to help Logan bounce back from an apparent home invasion that left her a prisoner for 36 hours in an upstairs bedroom with no air flow during one of the most oppressive heat waves in recent memory.

"There aren't enough positive words to do justice to this remarkable woman," said long-time friend, Julie Guild of Cohasset. "Her incredible courage, fortitude and optimistic outlook pulled her through an almost certain death in spite of her diminutive size and recent illnesses."

"She will return with her same old vigor, enthusiasm and love of life to inspire us all."
— Julie Guild, long-time friend

Cohasset Police Chief Robert Jackson said the assailant or assailants could face the charge of assault with attempt to murder.

Jim Claypoole of Hingham supports an attempted murder charge. Describing the assailants as "the worst kind of animal," he said what happened to his friend of 30 years was horrific.

"It's the most heinous crime a person can commit, to put another human being in an environment where they will die, a slow, painful death," he said..

Logan was robbed with her hands and feet bound with duct

LOGAN, PAGE 5

Polly Logan in a Bachrach portrait that was part of a recent traveling exhibition sponsored by the Women's Education and Industrial Union of women who used their position or resources for the benefit of others.

Board balks at ball field name plan

By Evan Schiff
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It's apparent the board of selectmen is not going to get caught up with the current trend of naming rights.

Mark DeGiacomo, a resident of Beach Street and president of the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association, sought selectmen's approval Tuesday to call the new ball fields the names proposed by large donors.

The selectmen were having none of it.

"People want to see the fields named after people who have made a significant contribution to this town over a long time," said Selectman Merle Brown. "Not someone who can just cut a $25,000 check."

The board felt selling the names of the fields to the highest bidder undermined some quintessential Cohasset values.

"So many people have given so much without asking for anything in return," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris. "We've never done something like this."

McMorris continued to say naming the fields after someone who has contributed a large amount of money to the fields may diminish the other honors residents have been bestowed. The Department of Public Works building was recently named the Harold W. Litchfield building and the high-school athletic complex named after Clark Chatterton.

"To say we're insulting everyone who has had something named after them is wrong," DeGiacomo said.

However, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan agreed with McMorris.

"I have some concerns that it's been this town's practice to name things for people who have made contributions through effort, not through money," he said. "I think we should stick by that."

As part of the $150,000 that Little League has raised for the $450,000 project, $100,000 was pledged on a "naming rights" commitment.

The Red Lion Inn contributed

BALL FIELD, PAGE 4

Tuition follows students from their home districts

By Mary Ford
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For more about the South Shore Charter School see page 4

For Hingham and Cohasset school systems, the effect of the South Shore Charter School on their respective school budgets isn't hard to live with.

But for towns like Scituate, Weymouth, Marshfield and Hull – which send considerably more students to the charter school based in Hull, the impact is significant.

Tuition for public charter schools, which are allowed under the 1993 state Education Reform Act, comes off the top of state Chapter 70 monies (state aid) that go to the sending district. In other words – at about $8,000 a student – 10 students headed to the charter school would cost the sending district $80,000 in state aid.

The actual tuition rate varies somewhat from town to town, depending on how much the "sending district" spends per pupil educating its own students and the number of students from that district attending the charter school, explains Hadley Cabral, research analyst for the state Department of Education.

During Governor William Weld's tenure on Beacon Hill, one of the reasons charter schools were created was to provide competition with the public schools.

But Hingham School Supt. Dr. Dorothy Galo doesn't think it's turned out that way.

"For a small number of parents who are looking for a different experience, the charter school provides an alternative," she says.

Galo said some of the Hingham students who have opted for the charter school have come from a home-school background and were looking for something different.

The charter school also offers an all-day kindergarten, which isn't available in Hingham.

"We thought, 'oh boy,'" she said about the possibility of losing students to that program. "But that has not been the case."

About 20 Hingham students went to the charter school its first year in 1995, but that number has leveled off to an average of six annually. Seven from Hingham and nine from Cohasset are set to attend next year, according to state figures.

Cohasset Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey views charter schools as providing alternatives for parents who are either disenchanted with the public schools or don't want to go the private route.

"I view them as an alternative that people can pursue whatever their personal reasons are," he said.

However, Malvey said he wished the state used a different funding mechanism for charter schools so the sending districts weren't negatively affected.

The South Shore Charter School's enrollment averages around 350 students. The school conducts a public enrollment lottery in February of each year that is advertised in the radio and in local newspapers. Siblings are given preference and drawn first, followed by students applying from the charter school's region that includes: Abington, Boston, Braintree, Brockton, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Quincy, Randolph, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth and Whitman.

Students, who are not siblings and not part of the school's region, are drawn last.

Turnover in the school varies. In the 2001 school year, 24 students left the school and another 32 said they would not return the following year. Reasons provided included transportation, wanted sports program, moving, not a match, wanting to be with old friends and getting their GED (high school diploma equivalent).

The school employs about 36 full- and part-time teachers with an overall student-faculty ratio of about 9-1/2 to one, according to the charter school's annual report. The school is in compliance with state special education requirements and offers a full-inclusion program for those with special needs.

Projected cost to sending district

Town	Students	Tuition	Town	Students	Tuition
Abington	4	$27,428	Marshfield	36	$249,550
Braintree	5	$40,535	Norwell	6	49,140
Cohasset	9	$71,856	Pembroke	4	$25,820
Hanover	4	$34,048	Rockland	8	$42,024
Hingham	7	$60,347	Scituate	26	$184,496
Holbrook	6	$44,826	Silver Lake	15	$104,205
Hull	193	$1,763,820	Weymouth	40	$279,160
Kingston	4	$21,704			

Amounts are for fiscal year 2003. Towns listed are in the CNC-South coverage area.

LITTLE SLUGGER

PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

Colin Walsh plays ball with his mother (not shown) at Milliken Field while his brother takes part in the South Shore Baseball Summer Camp. For more photos, see page 28.

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Calm settles in at harbor hearing

Consensus reached over improvements

By Evan Schiff
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"The consensus seems to be that something needs to be done."
— Selectman Ronnie McMorris

Maybe it was the rain that cooled the air around town Tuesday night, subduing the crowd in the selectmen's office. Whatever it was, the highly anticipated, contentious confrontation between the Friends of the Harbor, a group formed to protect the historic area, and the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private entity that is pursuing design ideas for the revitalization of the harbor, did not live up to the hype.

More than two dozen residents showed up for Dean Rizzo's presentation to selectmen about CRC's harbor plans. Rizzo, executive director of the CRC, has been attending various board and committee meetings over the past few months seeking input about his plans. He has also sent out close to 400 surveys asking residents for feedback about three different approaches the CRC envisions for the area.

The three options include "no improvements," an approach which will undertake no changes to the waterfront area, save new asphalt patching to fill reoccurring potholes. Existing walkway and infrastructure conditions would remain the same.

Another option, "minimum improvements," consists of primarily replacing the existing asphalt sidewalk with a new scored concrete or asphalt surface material. A rollover curbing system could be installed but no lighting, railing, sidewalk-width or road-width changes are incorporated in this approach.

The other option is "moderate improvements" which would reconstruct and widen the existing sidewalks along with an application of scored concrete. There would also be an installation of vertical granite curbing, new lighting as appropriate, tree planting, a new wood or steel railing system and minor repairs of the seawalls as needed.

Most at the selectmen's meeting on Tuesday agreed the moderate improvement plan may be the way to go, however, there was one sticking point — the fence.

The fence that lines the harbor has been there for more than 150 years and the moderate improvement plan would replace the fence with a safer guardrail. In order to trigger state and federal grants that the moderate improvement option would count on, the town would have to show that it is going to make the area significantly safer which would mean replacing the fence.

"For those of us who live on Border Street we want that fence to stay," said once concerned resident. "To replace it with another one would significantly impact our view of the harbor."

Selectmen urged residents to start looking at what kinds of fences they would feel fit into the area.

"The consensus seems to be that something needs to be done," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris. "We can no longer leave the harbor in the condition it is in."

The CRC survey results seem to support McMorris' idea.

For the 182 harbor-area residents who were mailed the survey, 41 percent, or 75 people responded. Of those, 61 percent felt the "moderate improvements" option was the best action to pursue. Rizzo sent out 192 surveys to various other community households which consisted of residents who expressed an interest in the harbor project and/or attended a harbor workshop. Of the 82 surveys which were returned, 82 percent were in favor of the moderate approach .

Rizzo has also given his presentation to boards and committees around town. He said the Design and Review Board, Conservation Commission and the Department of Public Works superintendent expressed support in concept of various aspects of the moderate approach.

"We've gotten the sense that this is the avenue we should pursue," Rizzo said.

This week in COHASSET

Meeting schedule

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, July 8.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, July 11, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, July 11, 8 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, July 16, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, July 15, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Contract awarded

Town Manager Mark Haddad awarded the James Brook Drainage project to the Waterfield Design Group, the same company which was awarded the village revitalization project. Haddad said with the same company doing both projects it should make coordination easier.

The design group is planning a public forum in late July or early August to get some input from residents.

Name Change

Joan Wilson, who recently purchased the Strawberry Parfait, told selectmen Tuesday she has changed the name of the restaurant. The new name is the Pleasant Street Parfait. Selectmen wished her luck.

Committee vacancies

Vacancies currently exist on the Cultural Council, Council of Elder Affairs, Harbor Committee and Drug and Alcohol Committee. Anyone interested in serving on one of those committees, should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105, or stop by the office on the second floor of Town Hall.

Volunteer at the CEA

During the summer months, some of the people who give the Cohasset Elder Affair's (CEA) programs such good support throughout the year are not as available during the summer months. The CEA would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who is interested in joining the volunteer list.

Drivers are needed! Volunteer applications are still being accepted for the summer months to help with the local driving program. Drivers are needed in one-to-three-hour shifts, once a month, mornings or afternoons.

If you enjoy working with people and are interested in helping the seniors in your community, this is the opportunity for you. Trips involve picking up seniors and taking them to local stores, shops, post office, town hall or library, and then returning them to their homes. This could be a great way for college students to do community work, or a person on vacation who might have a few hours to spare.

Others help in serving the lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CEA's greatest need is for Tuesday and Wednesday. Volunteers can set-up, dish-up the plates, serve on trays, or clean up. If you can help or might be interested, please drop in and see how the CEA handles the luncheons.

Receptionists in the office are all volunteers. If interested in occasionally filling-in for someone on vacation or having a day off, please let CEA know. Several people work with the Outreach Worker, Carol Barrett to serve as respite workers or friendly visitors. Whichever opportunity you accept, you will make a great contribution to others' lives and will work in the company of others who are equally dedicated.

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Parking issues

Selectmen wish to send a notice to all residents that they have asked police to become more diligent on ticketing cars which are parked on sidewalks.

"This is something we want to enforce," Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said. "We hope people will start taking notice and stop parking on the sidewalks."

BOSTON TIDES
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

July 2002	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 11	12:10	11.0	6:38	12:52	9.5	6:47
Fri. 12	12:50	11.2	7:25	1:39	9.8	7:36
Sat. 13	1:47	11.3	8:13	2:28	10.0	8:27
Sun. 14	2:38	11.2	9:02	3:18	10.2	9:20
Mon. 15	3:32	11.0	9:52	4:09	10.4	10:16
Tues. 16	4:28	10.6	10:45	5:03	10.5	11:15
Wed. 17	5:27	10.2	11:40	5:59	10.6	——
Thurs. 18	6:29	9.8	12:16	6:57	10.7	12:37

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Fans, pool, beach – ways to beat heat, high humidity

By Brian Lohnes
CORRESPONDENT

When the weather gets hot, it's not uncommon to hear someone mutter the expression, "It's not the heat, it's the humidity." Last week in Cohasset, it was both.

With the nearly 100 degree temperatures, the high humidity, and last Wednesday's power outage Cohasset residents were seeking any method they could find to cool off.

The power outage, began at approximately 12:20 p.m. (July 3) according to a representative of National Grid (parent company of Mass. Electric). National Grid workers patrolled the lines looking for the source of the outage, but none could be found so workers re-energized the lines at 2:30 p.m. National Grid estimates that 2,000 homes in Cohasset were without power during the outage.

Geoff Potter of Joseph's Hardware on route 3A said, "Any cooling products we have are flying off of the shelves. Fans, inflatable pools, and small rigid pools for pets are the big sellers right now."

According to Potter, Joseph's just received a new shipment of fans and has plenty in stock. About those inflatable pools though, Potter expressed some skepticism about who was actually using them, "People come in and buy the small blow-up pools and say that their kids are going to use them, but when they come in there are no kids around."

Joseph's is equipped with an emergency generator, so they were one of the few businesses that managed to keep up with customers when the blackout began.

The sales looked much the same at Cohasset Hardware where owner Tina Watson was manning the counter, "We've had the normal amount of customers. People are buying a lot of beach stuff, coolers and grills are selling fast and we've sold out of charcoal."

"Fans, inflatable pools, and small rigid pools for pets are the big sellers right now."
— Geoff Potter, Joseph's Hardware

If the heat wasn't enough to get to Watson, the fact that Cohasset Hardware was burglarized on June 20 was. "They broke in through the office window and stole all the money out of the registers, the pet shelter donation box, and they took some crow bars and tool boxes. I have a real problem when people steal from the animals."

Watson's business is just one of several that have been victimized by burglars who have started a mini-crime wave in the midst of a heat wave. On Wednesday, Watson was ready to close up the store early because the lack of power translated to a lack of a fan and the heat was getting to be too much. Luckily, the power company was able to restore electricity before Watson packed up for the day.

Poolside

If a fan, or inflatable pool was not going to satisfy the cooling needs of Cohasset residents, the community pool at the Cohasset Swim Center was the place to be. Pool director Darlene Koetsch said that there had been a marked increase of people stopping for a dip in the pool over the last two weeks.

"We normally see several hundred people per day," Koetsch said. "When it gets hot, more people come to the pool." The pool hours are broken down into adult and free swim times so adults can have a peaceful and relaxing swim.

Pool usage is not just limited to Cohasset residents.

"We are a multi-community pool," Koetsch said. "We have camps, senior aerobics, swim lessons, and a swim team. Memberships to the pool are available but, it is important to note that non-members can use the pool by paying a small fee per usage."

The hours open for adult swimming are 7-8 a.m., 12-2 p.m., and 5:30-6:30 p.m.. The open swim times where all kids are allowed to come into the pool are 2-5:30 p.m., and 6:30-dusk (which now is about 8 p.m..). The swimming lessons program, which is a standard Red Cross course, is open to all people including non-members. To safely run the pool, a small army of life guards stand watch. Koetsch oversees a staff of 18 guards in total. She staffs four guards at a time who are always supervised by herself or the assistant director. For questions call 383-9463.

At the beach

Residents, who wanted to take at dip in nature's community pool, the ocean, headed in droves to Sandy Beach. Several hundred people were frolicking in the relatively calm Atlantic ocean last week. Beach manager Julie Dobson noticed that people's beach habits change as the temperature gets hotter and hotter.

"When it wasn't as hot people would come for an hour or two, take a quick dip and enjoy the sun," she said.. "Now they come and get in the water and they just stay in there."

The beach was noticeably more comfortable that inland spots with a gentle breeze providing a hint of natural air-conditioning. The crowd on Wednesday seemed to be primarily smaller kids with their parents. Dobson added, "It's a good way to get the little kids out of the house and let them play in the water. We have seen a big jump in the number of people here since the power outage started. It's much cooler down here than up in the houses."

Kevin Lewis, 13, of Cohasset is a beach maintenance worker and has been for three years. Kevin (a certified beach bum) noticed, "It's wicked hot here." The water temps were in the 67 degree range, very comfortable to New England beach goers."

Mary Anne, Tom and Emma Rose enjoy the shade on the common.

Senior citizens

"The heat makes most of us uncomfortable, but can pose a serious health risk for the elderly. Heat-related maladies often strike elder members of the community during these hot summer spells and Carol Barrett of the Council on Elder Affairs is working hard to help. The CEA provides several important services for community elders during the summer months.

"We make sure to run a story on how to deal with the heat in our newsletter," she said. "We give the elders tips on how to stay hydrated and not to exert themselves.

""The elders that live in the community for the most part know to stay out of the sun and not to over do it," Barrett said. "They know what they are supposed to do."

As a service to those elders that do not have the luxury of air conditioning, the CEA opens up its main dining area every day for residents to come an cool off inside.

"We turn the air conditioning on at 8 a.m.. and people are welcome to come in at 8:30 until we close at 3:30," Barrett said. The CEA (also known as the Senior Center) is at 3 North Main St.

The CEA also provides a food shopping service and a medicine pick-up service for elders who do not think they are up to the task of getting out in the heat.

"Currently we call 18 elders in the community who are home bound and we food shop for them. We also make a group shopping trip one a week," she said. The service is open to the public. For more information call the CEA at 383-9112.

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Vasily Won, and Clare and Trevor Galvin stayed cool on Sunday by building a sandcastle with a water-filled moat at Sandy Beach.

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South Shore Charter School has non-traditional approach

By Steve Profazier
CORRESPONDENT

When reflecting on your school years, you probably don't remember traveling to other countries, participating in internship programs, and community service.

But if you're a graduate of the South Shore Charter School in Hull – those are exactly the memories you'll take with you to college and beyond.

The school's curriculum is often very different than traditional classroom instruction and is very much project-based, according to teacher Rick Small of Scituate..

"We try to use practical applications of knowledge to connect students to the real world and better prepare them for life after graduation," he said.

Founded in 1993 under the state Education Reformation Act, the South Shore Charter School is open to local public school students. The school spans all grades from kindergarten through high school and is divided into a separate primary, middle, and high school – each housed in a separate building in Hull.

South Shore Charter School students participate in a variety of programs, such as local internships. The school also tries to give students a wider and more accurate view of the world through several international experiences.

This past school year, some high school students traveled to Italy to study classical guitar under the tutorship of Aldo Minella, a man who is world renown for his classical guitar abilities.

In the 2000-2001 school year, students traveled to El Salvador and assisted Habitat For Humanity by spending a week helping to build homes for the needy there. This trip encompassed both an international experience and another of the school's focuses, community service. Besides the trip to El Salvador, one of the graduation requirements is to complete 75 hours of community service over two years.

Students must also participate in a senior debate held in front of the school, prove proficiency in Microsoft programs, create their résumé, assemble a portfolio, as well as be accepted to a college or military branch, even if they do not plan to attend.

"The extra graduation requirements, made for a more different senior year than most people have," said Alex Etkind, 2002 graduate from Cohasset. "Most seniors have a relaxed second half to their year, but we had to keep working till the end."

The school's extra requirements and non-traditional teaching methods are intended to teach personal responsibility. The school's classes involve a lot of independent work and student accountability.

"I learned how to be more motivated and more responsible for myself during my two years [at the school,]" Etkind said. "The teachers don't baby-sit you at all; you're mostly responsible for yourself and for your own work."

The school's track record has proven very impressive in the years since its opening. Many of the graduating students have been accepted to top schools all around the country. Several graduating students in the past have received full scholarships to the University of Massachusetts, and this year alone saw three of the graduates being accepted to St. John's College in Maryland.

With several successful academic years completed, the school has come to be regarded by some as competition for local public schools.

"We are no threat to the public school system," Small said. "We just can't handle the numbers that they can. All we're trying to be is another option for students who may be able to benefit more from the instruction style we offer."

South Shore Charter School has a student body of about 350.. The limited available space aids in keeping the classes to a comfortable size and allows for more personal interaction between teachers and students.

"I liked having small classes," Etkind said. "I really enjoyed getting to know the teachers on a more personal level; I got to know them as people and not just as instructors."

Hagerty Committee irked over park project changes

By Evan Schiff
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Temperatures soared during last week's heat wave, but they were mild in comparison with the amount of heat being generated by the Hagerty Committee.

The long-standing committee, formed eight years ago to create a public park at the two-plus acre site at the foot of Parker Avenue, is hot about actions at Town Hall. Members claim the selectmen's office overstepped its bounds when it comes to construction at the site and use of monies from the Hagerty fund.

But Town Manager Mark Haddad says it's much ado about nothing.

"There are no problems with the project," he said. "There were some changes that had to be made and we made them, it looks great now."

The committee claims engineering plans were changed on the fly without its input and selectmen authorized Hagerty property money for work on the boathouse, which is leased to the Cohasset Maritime Institute. According to Hagerty Committee chairman Russ Bonetti, in 1995 almost $5,000 from the fund was provided to CMI.

The committee also asserts the gangway to the floating docks is attached to the pier in such a way that it cannot be removed without disassembling the entire railing. Members also say the location of the floating docks in incorrect, asserting they should be farther out.

The town originally bought the property from Mary Hagerty in 1993. After the town bought the former Cohasset Colonial Furniture site, the Hagerty committee endured a permitting process with the Army Corps of Engineers that lasted years.

> **"The project has not been done to the specifications we agreed on."**
> — Hagerty Committee member Paul Pattison

The entire restoration project at the site cost about $265,000 to complete. Town Meeting approved $200,000 for the project in the fall of 2000, but had to approve another $75,000 in the spring, when project bids came in much higher than anticipated.

The Hagerty Committee has also taken issue with CMI, a program created by Jack Buckley which schools students in maritime education, claiming boat storage by CMI near the boathouse in unacceptable. The boats take up scarce parking spaces in the newly named Mariners Park at the site. Lastly, the committee is concerned that benches have not been provided as promised

"The project has not been done to the specifications we agreed on," said Hagerty Committee member Paul Pattison. "The selectmen deviated from the original plan."

Committee members were irate at their last meeting about the lack of attention to their concerns.

"The basic problem is out of the five selectmen maybe one of them understands what's going on," said Vee Roebuck, another committee member. "We need to go to Town Counsel and figure out what's happened."

While the committee is entitled to seek the opinion of Town Counsel, Town Manager Mark Haddad said, that's unnecessary. He said the project has been completed, and in his opinion looks great and was finished correctly.

He admitted changes were made while construction was being done but said that happens with every project.

"With any project you do things that come up during the construction phase which are unforeseen," Haddad said. "We made the changes because of design flaws and went on."

Haddad said he met a few of the committee members along with a couple selectmen at the site to discuss the problems. Haddad said he iterated to the group that once the committee completed the design phase, it was up to him to make sure the project was completed.

"The project is done, it's completed," he said. "This shouldn't be an issue."

Haddad also said Town Meeting appropriated funds to be used for improvements to the Hagerty site He explained the article allowed the selectmen to make the appropriation to CMI because it improved the area.

"Selectmen we're totally within their jurisdiction," he said. "There's no question about that."

Haddad praised the committee, which he said did a "fantastic job" planning a passive, recreational park.

"We should not lose sight of the fact that the committee did a great job and I really appreciate all the hard work put in by the members," he said.

Board balks at ball field name plan

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$50,000 to the fields and asked for the right to name the three field complex through community input and possibly a contest.

William Allard, a fairly new resident to town donated $25,000 to CYBSA and asked the baseball field be named "Allard Field" in honor of his father, a long time supporter of Little League.

Finally, Shellanne and John Durkin, contributed $25,000 to the fields and asked the softball field be named "Freedom Field" in honor of their friend who died at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

The fields are funded by a partnership between Little League and the town. At Town Meeting in March, residents appropriated $300,000 — $100,000 of which came from the Community Preservation Fund, to go along with the $150,000 donated by Little League.

"A major part of our fundraising effort has been in connection with these naming rights," DeGiacomo said. "These people have been very generous."

Agnes McCann, a resident of Doane Street, said she was offended DeGiacomo presumed these names would be acceptable to the town. It was her feeling that the town, and possibly Town Meeting, should decide the names of the fields.

"I think it's shocking that we would sell names like this," she said. "The town contributed more money to this than any other entity and should be empowered with this decision."

Selectman Tom Callahan agreed and said the ability to write a $25,000 check should not be synonymous with naming rights.

"I don't like this whole naming rights trend," Callahan said. "I want to make sure more people have a voice in this decision."

A decision on the fields was tabled and will be discussed at the board's next meeting on July 23.

Assailant(s) could face attempted murder charge

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tape sometime Monday night (July 1) and left in her upstairs bedroom in her Nichols Road home until a handyman, who is an off-and-on tenant at Logan's property, found her and called 9-1-1 at 1:53 p.m. Wednesday (July 3). Neighbors last reported seeing Logan around 5 p.m., that Monday, police said.

Jackson said the bedroom was sweltering with attic-like temperature that may have reached 110 degrees. Logan, who was wearing a nightgown, was found on the floor near the door, making it difficult for police to enter the bedroom. She was treated for dehydration and taken to South Shore Hospital where she was expected to remain until late this week. Jackson said she was not gagged.

"It was absolutely stifling in that room," Jackson said, saying the door and windows were shut. "She is fortunate to be alive."

Jackson said jewelry, some of which was taken from Logan's person, and some silver items were stolen along with Logan's black 1994 Ford Escort wagon that was recovered last at about 7:45 p.m. Thursday (July 4) on St. Mark's Road in Dorchester. Neighbors in the area reported seeing the wagon, which has a vanity plate that says "S 2."

Police have interviewed Logan several times and are trying to piece together the facts surrounding the case. They have not yet been able to determine how many people were involved in the robbery.

In addition to attempted murder, Jackson said the assailant or assailants could face an array of other serious charges including assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (duct tape) on a person 65 years or older and burglary and assault in a dwelling.

Dan Adams, the handyman, who has been in interviewed at length, is not a considered a suspect and has been cooperating with police.

But Jackson added, "we are not ruling anyone in and we are not ruling anyone out."

Friends say Logan has taken Adams, who has lived at various addresses around town including an apartment at the Community Center, "under her wing" and helped him get involved in local Republican affairs.

Logan, the vice chairman of the state Republican Party, was still out and about helping candidates in the days and hours before her ordeal. She attended the kick-off event for Republican Nathaniel Palmer, who is running for state representative, Saturday June 29 at the Hingham Community Center. And Monday, July 1, despite the 90-plus degree temperatures, Logan ventured upstairs to the Hingham Journal-Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square to drop off an announcement of a fund-raiser for Kerry Healey, a Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, to be held July 28 at the South Shore Country Club.

Guild says Logan is an inspiration to many.

"We are most fortunate to have her still with us," she said. "She will return with her same old vigor, enthusiasm and love of life to inspire us all."

Claypoole described Logan as always having a smile on her face.

"She's always been an invigorating woman who was involved to the fullest extent in the political process," he said. "She works diligently for the core beliefs she has and I'm confident she has the resiliency to snap back from this."

Police say the robbery is not connected to recent break-ins in Cohasset Village and another in a strip-mall on Route 3A. They also do not think it is related to two robberies in Yarmouth where elderly homeowners were tied up and robbed before the assailants fled.

Jackson also said he believes the attack on Logan is an isolated incident and that other Cohasset residents are not at risk. He declined to elaborate because of the investigation.

"The public's need to know and the needs of the investigation have to be balanced," he said.

Jackson said this type of crime is not common in town.

"In my 23 years, I can't recall anything like this," he said.

Police are asking citizens who saw anything or anyone at Logan's house after 5 p.m. Monday July 1 through 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, to call the station at 781-383-1055.

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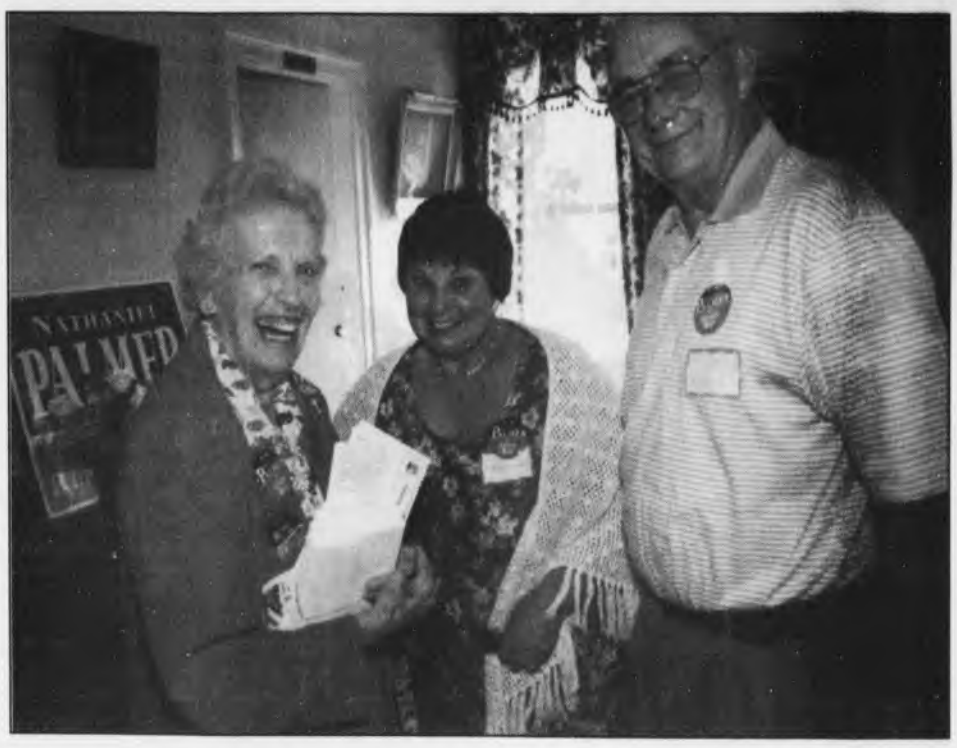
Polly Logan's car known for its "S 2" vanity plate at the Cohasset Police Station after it was recovered in Dorchester.



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Polly Logan, left, chats with Barbara and Robert Bowman of Cohasset at the June 29 kick-off party at the Hingham Community Center for Republican Nathaniel Palmer, who is running for state representative.

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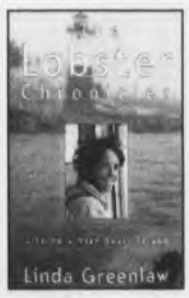

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TURNING FOUR

Happy birthday goes out this week to **Miss Kyle Burke** who is turning four-years-old on Monday, July 15. Kyle will have a lot of fun celebrating the day with her family and friends, especially her little brother **Dave** and little sister **Bridget**, along with her mom and dad. Happy birthday little Miss Burke-a-ronio!

NOBLES HONORS

Kayvon Michael Tehranian, a sophomore, achieved academic honors for his second semester at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham. Kayvon is the son of **Reza and Susan Tehranian**.

MIDDLEBURY GRADUATE

Theodore Woods Noon III, son of **Mr. and Mrs Nicholas Noon** received a bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude with highest honors in history from Middlebury College on May 26. Ted was a college major in economics and history and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was awarded the Maude Violet Graybar prize for his outstanding work in American history and the William B. Catton Prize for best honors thesis in American History. He has accepted a job with Private Equity Group of Deutsche Bank Alex Brown in Boston. Great job, Theodore.

COLBY DEAN'S LIST

The spring dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine includes some outstanding Cohasset residents. Earning honors are: **Ashley K. Mihos**, daughter of **Christy and Argeros Mihos**; **Caitlin E. Slodden**, daughter of **Henry and Karen Slodden**; **Lauren Smith**, daughter of **William and Maureen Smith** and **Jessie L. Zerendow**, daughter of **Donald and Victoria Zerendow**. Ashley, a St. Georges School graduate, is majoring in sociology. Thayer Academy graduates, Caitlin and Lauren, are majoring in women's studies and English, respectively. And CHS graduate, Jessie is majoring in anthropology. A very talented group of young ladies indeed.

ECONOMICS MAJOR

Ian Simons, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simons**, graduated with great distinction from McGill University, Montreal on June 17. Ian earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics. He spent his junior year studying at the London School of Economics, London England. What a great experience for you Ian!\

LIBRARY FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

Looking for something fun, entertaining and free to do on a Tuesday evening? **Steve Rudolph** will be performing his "Red, White and Blue Magic Show" at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Tuesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. The show is just one of the free performances offered on Tuesday evenings. These performances are generously sponsored by the "Friends of the Cohasset Library." No registration is required. Fun for all and a wonderful way to end a warm summer day.

YOUNG SAILORS EXCEL

Andrew Flynn, age 15, has just returned from the U.S. Sailing National Youth Championships in San Diego. Andrew competed in the Doublehanded Division, sailing a Club 420 as crew for **David Siegal**, a recent graduate of Tabor Academy from South Dartmouth. After four days of racing in a field of 45 boats the pair took fifth place and came home with medals. On July 8, Andrew and Dave left for Tavira, Portugal where they will be competing in the International 420 World Championships. They will be joining six other American sailors representing the U.S. against some of the best sailors in the world. I cannot wait to hear the stories and results from this amazing and talented duo; please keep us posted!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Several weeks ago, I placed a notice from a very sad cat owner who was looking so hard to find her beloved pet. Unfortunately, **Anne Rowland's** cat has yet to be found but she wanted to thank everyone who called with an "orange cat siting." Anne is very grateful to the many people who took the time and effort to call her. There are obviously a lot of caring people around our town, and it's not limited to cat lovers! This is so helpful to know when you have lost a loved pet!

WELCOME HOME, ILENE

Guess who has come back to town? The very popular, former Osgood School secretary **Ilene Colwill** has returned to Massachusetts. Ilene looks forward to seeing all her friends and would appreciate any leads for interesting administrative positions either on the South Shore or in Boston. Until she is able to take up residence in her home on Hull Street again, she can be reached by email at Icolwill1202@aol.com or a message can be left for her at 781-383-6862. Welcome home Ilene! I know that Cohasset will welcome you with open arms, ready to give you a hug whenever it is needed and even when it is not.

PSO CALENDAR

Please continue to send in all information, contact news and event information for the Cohasset PSO's upcoming calendar for the 2002-2003 school year. You may send it to psocalendar@yahoo.com or phone the information in to 781-383-0143. All items must be received no later than July 31, 2002!

FARMERS MARKET

Don't forget to head down to the weekly Farmers Market held every Thursday afternoon on Cohasset Common. This wonderful event features local artists, musicians and wonderful fresh fruit, veggies and more.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July weekend and stayed somewhat cool and safe. It is so amazing to me how fast it all goes making the saying "time flies when you are having fun" so true!

I want to send continued get-well wishes out to ***Polly Logan*** *as she recovers from her terrible ordeal last week.*

That is all for this week. Make sure to have all your news and events to me no later than Mondays at noon.

Here's how to get your news into around town:

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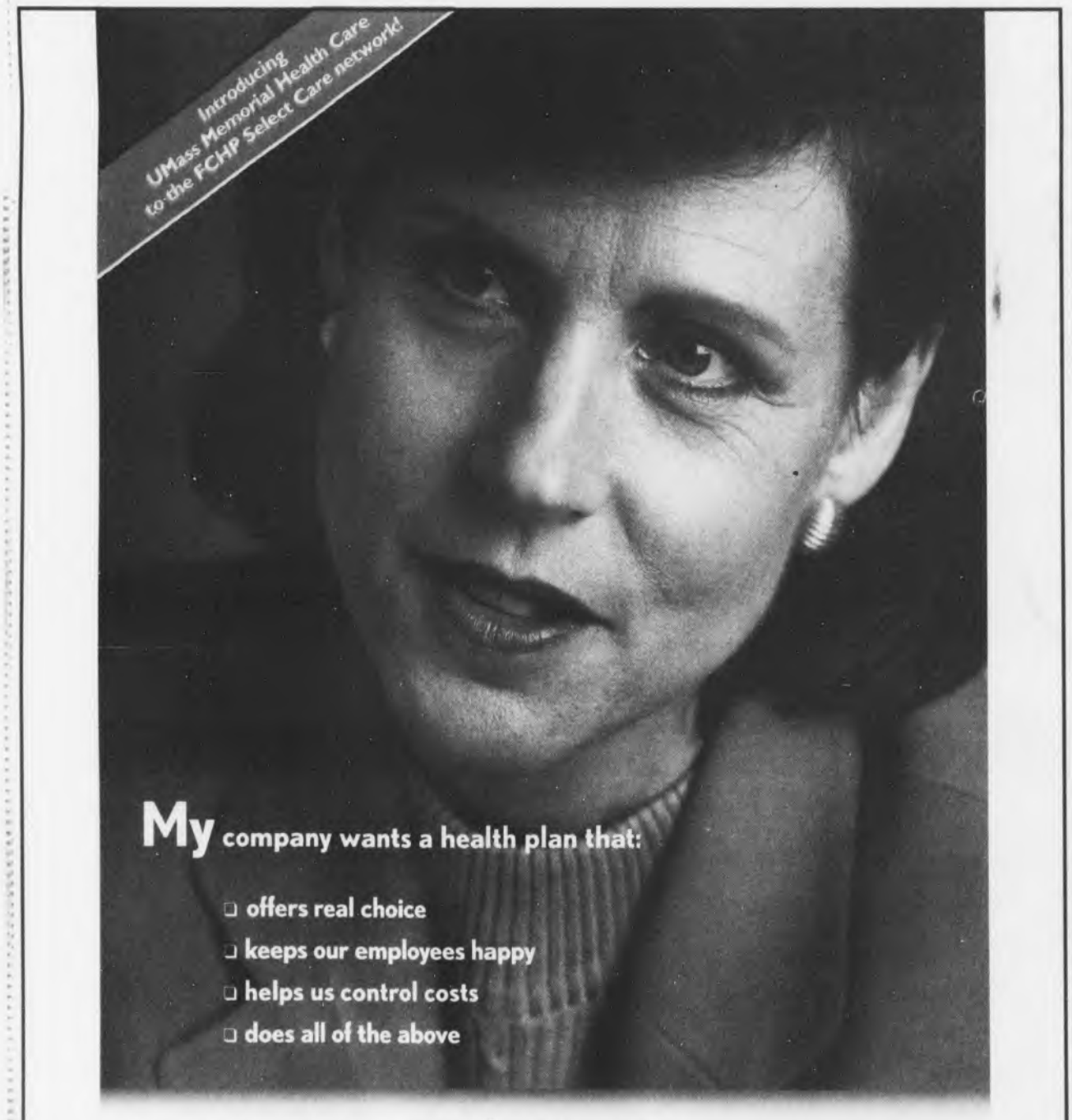
IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Jonathan Fowler, 3, gets to take the controls during "Touch a Truck," a fundraiser sponsored by the Cohasset Firemen's Association recently. Proceeds from the event, held at 223 CJC Highway, go to scholarships and charities.



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This summer, each of the 3,600 riders will commit to raising at least $2,000 to be considered a member of the PMC team. The majority of PMC participants, however, exceed the minimum contribution. They actually raise more than twice the amount required, raising an average of $4,600 each.

This summer, each of the 3,600 riders will commit to raising at least $2,000 to be considered a member of the PMC team.

The event offers six routes taking riders through 44 Massachusetts towns: four are two-day rides and two are for one day. Two-day riders have their choice of. the original 192-mile Sturbridge to Provincetown, or 186-mile Sturbridge-Bourne-Wellesley; 169-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Provincetown; or 166-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Wellesley route. One-day riders may cycle the 108-mile Sturbridge-Bourne, or the 89-mile Wellesley-Bourne.

Registration is full. To become a volunteer, a virtual rider, or make a financial contribution, visit www.pmc.org or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Checks can be made payable to PMC, 77 Fourth Ave., Needham, MA 02492.

Teachers workshop at Holly Hill Farm

Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom is sponsoring a workshop for teachers at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset, on Wednesday, July 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. titled "Keeping Your Classroom Fresh and Growing. The workshop will focus on Organic Farming, Farmland Preservation and Designing Farm Equipment. The $30 fee includes lunch and all materials. Ten professional development points are provided with accompanying classroom activity.

The morning will be spent learning about organic farming from several different farms that grow vegetables and small fruits traditionally as well as organically. The difference between the two kinds of farming will be explained. Following a farm lunch, owner Frank White will offer a tour of the organic farm field on this 140-acre farm, most of which is woodland protected by a conservation trust. Remnants of the equine sculpture and unique farm equipment created by the former generation is part of the history.

For more information contact Debi Hogan 508-336-4426, Massachusetts Agriculture in the classroom, P.O. Box 345, Seekonk, MA 02771, web site at www.agin-classroom.org

Meet Atlantica's new executive chef

By Evan Schiff
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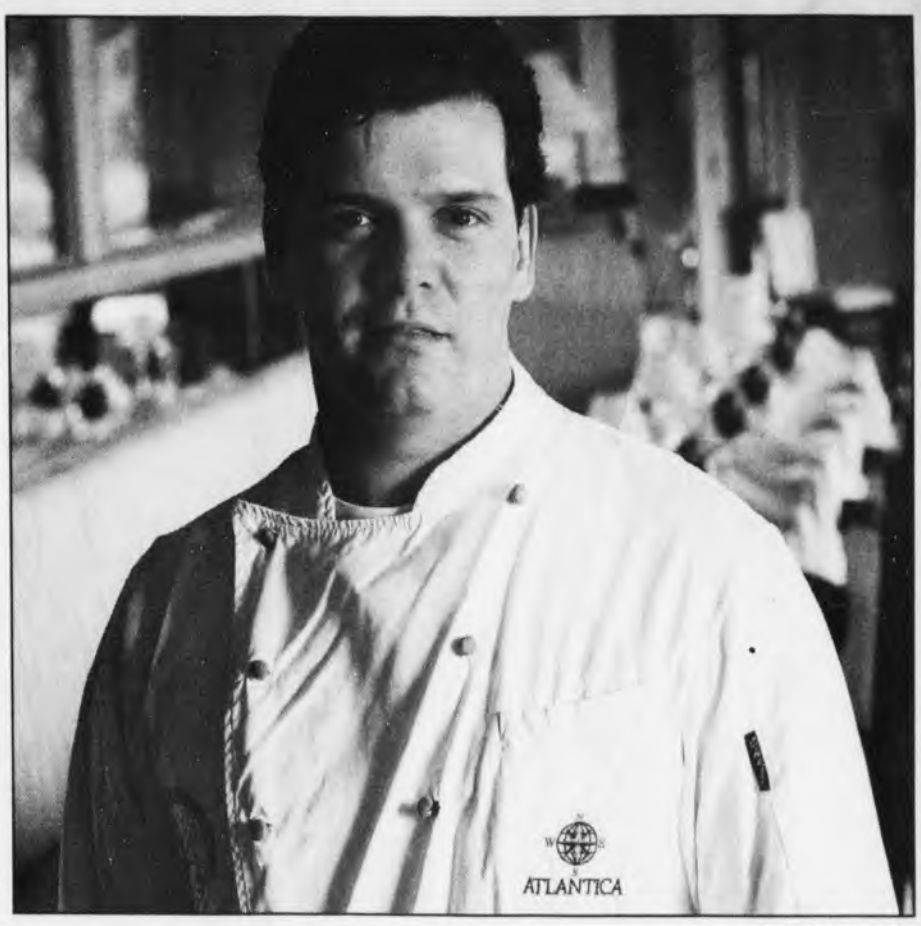
The harbor improvements have already started. No, not the ones that have been publicly debated on for months, but Atlantica has hired a new executive chef.

Harry Haroutonian, who recently moved into a house in Sandwich, is a native New Englander and has strong background in New England fare.

He has 15 years experience in the restaurant business including a stint at Legal Seafood and Jasper White's Summer Shack.

"I just loved cooking so much that I stayed in the field."

— Harry Haroutonian, executive chef at Atlantica



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Harry Haroutonian, the new executive chef at Atlantica, comes with 15 years experience in the restaurant business,

"Good, simple New England fare in Harry's (Haroutonian) focus for his new endeavor here at Atlantica," said Kathleen Janson, public relations director for the Cohasset Harbor Inn. "His vision is to go back to the basics, good food at reasonable prices while enjoying beautiful views of Cohasset Harbor."

Haroutonian, who was hired by Joe Campbell, director of operations at Atlantica, said he brings leadership and a strong culinary knowledge of New England food to the restaurant.

He said he started cooking while in high school but never attended a culinary college. He credits Jasper White, a famous chef who owns restaurants in the state including the Summer Shack, for developing his talent.

"I just loved cooking so much that I stayed in the field," he said. "I learned a lot about classic cooking from Jasper (White)."

Haroutonian feels he was brought in to bring Atlantica back to its roots, a fine dining experience that's attractive to local connoisseurs. He said he realizes Cohasset is a very close-knit community and wants to make sure he pleases local consumers.

"Our relationship with the town has been rocky the last couple years," he said. "I'm hoping to change all that and make Atlantica the jewel of the South Shore it once was."

Haroutonian said he has a couple menu changes on the horizon including introducing some vegetarian options, a braised lamb fillet and Miso glazed halibut. The new menu will feature many different seafood options, Haroutonian's specialty, as well as various dishes of lamb, pork and beef. The children's menu has also been expanded.

"I want to make it more of accessible experience," he said. "People should come in to enjoy the food and the view."

Haroutonian said he enjoys being surrounded by the vast natural resources Cohasset offers and tries to do business with local merchants whenever possible.

"We try to be as local as possible," he said. "We get our lobsters from the Cohasset Lobster Pound and much of our fish from Scituate, we're heading in the right direction and want residents to be excited about Atlantica."

Campbell said having worked with Haroutonian in the past, he knew Atlantica would be a good fit for the chef. The two worked together at Legal Seafood.

"We want to take the restaurant from fine dining to more of a casual experience with maintaining our emphasis on quality, fancy food," Campbell said. "We wanted to do something more local, more New England and try to get back to our former glory."

Campbell continued to say that the restaurant incorporates to of the best aspects of Cohasset, a great location and fresh seafood.

Janson said she is looking forward to Haroutonian coming aboard.

"He holds a vision for a culinary change at Atlantica to provide families with simple food, done right," she said. "It should be a great environment for people to dine."

Atlantica restaurant has private dining rooms accommodating from 10 to 110 people and harbor view function rooms which can fit up to 300 people.

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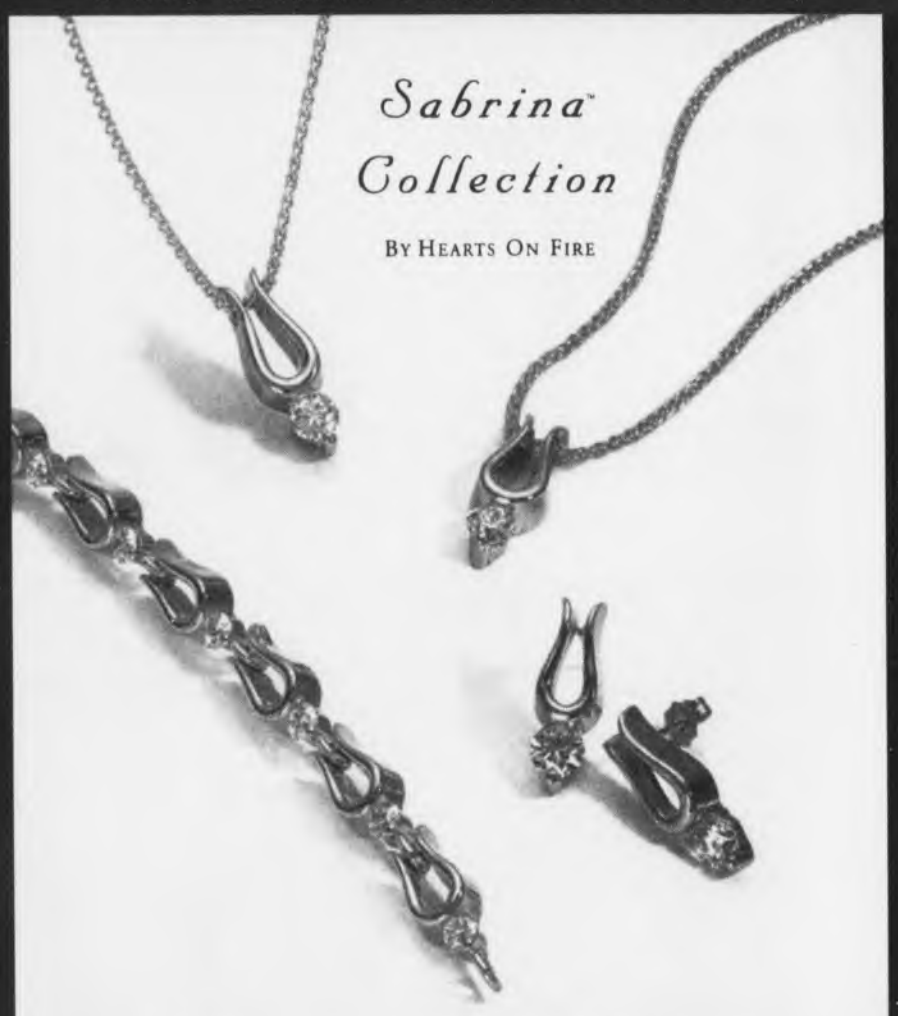

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EDITORIAL

Eyes and ears

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we're regulars at the police department. We call to follow up on activity that comes across our police scanner and we visit the station once a week to pick up the log.

Over the years, this contact has provided us with an inside look at how police operate and the challenges the department faces.

Much of what police officers do is perceived as negative. They are out to catch the "bad guys and gals" whose difficulties can range from speeding, drunk driving and road rage – to drug dealing, assault and worse.

We've also found that police officers themselves are not negative. The vast majority entered the profession, which is in large part a thankless one, to make a difference and to protect the public. They believe in what they are doing and at times, have to endure considerable abuse from a rowdy or dangerous suspect.

Cohasset and its immediate neighbors are still "small towns" but are not immune to big-time crime or very bad people. Just last week, a parole violator was apprehended in Wompatuck State Park after he allegedly beat up his girlfriend. As it turned out, the parolee had history of violent crime, but thanks to the cooperative effort of Hingham police and State Police, the man was apprehended without incident.

The assailant who fatally stabbed a man at the basketball courts at Nantasket Beach two weeks ago was tracked down and captured in Hingham and two men who tried to rob a strip mall on Route 3A in Cohasset, took off, crashed their bikes in Hingham, and fled into the woods and neighborhoods.

And what happened here in Cohasset to Polly Logan was horrific. The wonderful woman, who at 77, doesn't weigh 100 pounds, was robbed in her own home, bound with duct tape and apparently left to die.

If we've learned anything from Sept. 11, it was to start paying more attention to our surroundings, to get to know our neighbors and to look out for one another.

Here in New England, we're largely a private lot and we like it that way. We're more likely than our counterparts in other regions to ignore strangers, or something out-of-place or different, preferring not to get involved for fear of being nosy.

And we enjoy our neighbors, but on our own terms, and aren't always known for neighborhood block parties to get acquainted. We tend to mind our own business.

However, that being said, we need to be the eyes and ears of the police, who cannot be everywhere all the time. For example, an incident at Wompatuck pulls police officers off their regular beat.

If we see something or someone that is suspicious, we need to alert the police. We also need to be good witnesses. If we're in a drug store, for example, during an OxyContin robbery, and get a look at the suspect, we should be able to describe him to police.

None of us should have to think about crime or becoming a victim. But, alas, it isn't a perfect world and here in Cohasset we are not immune to the ills of society.

— Mary Ford
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Greenbush 24-hour hotline

The MBTA/CBB 24-hour Greenbush, telephone hotline is 781-682-6350.

Residents will receive a prompt return call regarding their Greenbush-related problem or query, Greenbush officials say.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Donna McGee and Margy Charles pack up after the Democratic Town Committee yard sale on Linden Drive.

DTC yard sale funds scholarship

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee wants to thank the many people who helped make its recent yard sale so successful. With all proceeds dedicated in advance to the Committee's annual scholarship fund, Cohasset folks just lined up to give, bring, tag, move, drive, lift, buy and sell great stuff at easy prices and had fun doing it.

The Committee enjoyed enormous support for the June 22 event, from hard-working members and a generous community, in spite of a one-week rain delay. The biggest winner will be the Cohasset High graduating senior who becomes next year's recipient of the annual Joseph F. Walsh, III Memorial Scholarship for which over $500 was raised.

Thank you one and all.

Agnes McCann, Chairperson
Cohasset Democratic Town Committee

Special thanks to Legion Post

TO THE EDITOR:

The Committee on Town History wishes to express its grateful appreciation and thanks to the George Mealy American Legion Post for sponsoring the first official author signing of the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III, 1950-2000" by Jacqueline M. Dormitzer.

The Commander, Steve Wigmore, and Vice Commander Robert Jackson did a superb job in planning and organizing the first official signing on June 29, 2002.

They and their colleagues were most helpful in having the flags flying, music playing and refreshments on hand for the more than 100 people who stopped by to have their books autographed by Jackie Dormitzer.

During brief remarks, it was especially moving to hear Vice Commander Jackson intone the names of the nine Cohasset citizens who lost their lives in the Korean conflict(1) and the war in Vietnam (8).

This book is dedicated to their sacrifice made so that we who live in this beautiful and very special community and throughout the country might have another chance to live in peace and liberty.

And finally, the committee wishes to thank the entire community for its six-year commitment to this project. Nearly 800 books were sold pre-publication.

As of Tuesday, July 9, all books ordered pre-publication were either mailed or delivered.

Wigmore A. Pierson
Chairman, Committee on Town History

CRC is not validity-tested

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading Murray Campbell's Letter to the Editor of July 4, I had to think, "What's wrong with this picture?"

Surely citizens' initiatives—like the new library, the art center, the community center, the Conservation Trust, Little League fields and the CEES initiative for Little Harbor—have been a critical asset to our town's development. Each encapsulated a deeply felt need and a strategy with grass roots support. They each required substantial intellectual and financial support beyond what elected officials and town resources could accommodate.

So why isn't the CRC accorded the same respect?

The fundamental reason is that CRC, unlike other citizen initiatives, has not been validity-tested. No person or group of persons, other than those who founded CRC and hired and paid for its full-time staff, has ever submitted to public review the issue of validity. Mr. Campbell states that the CRC "has initiated and made use of input from a wide range of residents," but the issue upon which invitations for input has been centered is the light posts, curb stones and sidewalks for the way to Cohasset Harbor, not the issue of whether anyone who lives, let's say, on Elm Street, wishes it redesigned.

This citizen (who is neither a newcomer nor one who has refrained from contributing to town activities) says "show me" why the CRC has a valid purpose. I don't think the title "revitalization" is self-sustaining. I think it has a Madison Avenue flavor—an avenue most residents of Cohasset eschew. The reason that the "Friends" I assume reject the CRC is its purpose has never been validated by those residents who will be most affected by its environmental impact.

It is argumentative for Mr. Campbell to assume that the response to CRC's initiative will be positive. For me, CRC has never asked the critical question: Is Cohasset vital or does it need "revitalization"? For one who has moved from the "vital" suburb of Newton, I believe Cohasset's tranquility is just the right prescription. I would love it to remain Boston's best kept secret!

David L. Weltman
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Rec. Dept. thanks Playhouse Assoc.

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Recreation Commission and the Youth Resources Committee, I would like to express our appreciation for the South Shore Playhouse Associates and its very generous donations and interest in our community.

The South Shore Playhouse Associates has provided half of the funding, a generous sum of $1,000 for the Recreation Commission's two summer band concerts on the Common. Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh. These concerts are on the Cohasset Common at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23 (the first was on July 9), and are open to the public and free of charge.

The American Federation of Musicians, N.Y.C. contributes the other half of the funding for these concerts on a matching-fund basis.

The South Shore Playhouse Associates has also thoughtfully donated $1,000 toward operations at the Cohasset Youth Resources Teen Garage. This very kind donation will allow us to provide Cohasset teens with a variety of special activities and events along with extended hours of operation at the Teen Garage.

The commissioners, the Playhouse Associates and staff of the Recreation Department and Youth Resources Committee appreciate the continued interest in and concern for our community and its residents. I believe that I am able to speak for the residents who attend the performances, and youngsters who attend the Garage in thanking the South Shore Playhouse Associates on their behalf as well.

I hope you will join me in wishing them a successful 2002 season, both in Cohasset and Hyannis.

John M. Worley, Director
Recreation Commission

Donations for Sandy Beach

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for the recent article on Sandy Beach which included our new handicapped ramp and lifeguard stand. It was good to see the South Shore VoTech receive the publicity for their excellent job and contribution to our beach.

We need to let people know that the labor was donated, but that the cost of the materials was not. When the original walk was installed, the fund raising was done by David Chittim, a trustee at the time. David's death was a real loss to our entire community, and in a special way to the Sandy Beach Board. If he were here, we know he would be asking those same generous people to help us once again. It would be nice to think of donations being made in David's name and memory by those friends. Others might also wish to donate in honor of family or friends who will be using the walk. Perhaps some of our former lifeguards or their families would like to make a donation for the new lifeguard stand.

Patricia Murphy for
The Board of Trustees
of the Sandy Beach Association

HEALTH NOTES

Protecting yourself from rabies

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Several recent incidences of rabies exposure on the South Shore have prompted this article on the threat and what you can do about it. Although the town has had no reports of rabid animals, we have had a few reports of animals acting strangely; not unusual, since we also sometimes get reports of people acting strangely. Each year about 500 animals test positive for rabies at the state's laboratory, and over 2,500 humans are exposed to rabid or potentially rabid animals. Exposure to a rabid or potentially rabid animal can cost an individual over $2500 to receive post-exposure prophylaxis (rabies shots).

What is rabies?

Rabies is a disease of the brain and spinal cord and is caused by a virus. Rabies is a fatal disease. Rabies in humans is very rare in the U.S., but rabies in certain animals, especially wildlife, is common in many parts of Massachusetts.

How is rabies spread?

The rabies virus lives in the saliva (spit) and nervous tissues of infected animals and is spread when they bite or scratch. The virus may also be spread if saliva from an infected animal touches broken skin, open wounds or the lining of the mouth, nose, or eyes. In caves crowded with many bats, it may be possible to inhale the virus floating on bat saliva in the air.

What kinds of animals spread rabies?

The rabies virus can infect any mammal (if it has hair or fur, it is a mammal), but is more common among certain ones like bats, skunks, foxes, and raccoons. Cats, dogs, and livestock can also get rabies and spread it to their owners if they do not have special shots to protect them. Rabies is very rare among small rodents like squirrels, rats, mice, and chipmunks. Fish, reptiles (such as snakes, turtles and lizards), amphibians (such as frogs and salamanders), and insects cannot get or spread rabies.

How common is animal rabies in Massachusetts?

Rabies in raccoons first appeared in Massachusetts in 1992. Since then, raccoon rabies has been found in almost all cities and towns in the state, with the exception of Cape Cod and the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Rabies in bats has been a problem throughout Massachusetts at least since it was first found in 1961.

How can you tell if an animal is rabid?

Rabid animals often behave strangely after the virus attacks their brains. Rabid animals may attack people or other animals for no reason, or they may lose their fear of people and seem to be unnaturally friendly. Not all rabid animals act in these ways, however, so you should avoid all wild animals, especially bats, skunks, foxes, and raccoons. Also, you should not feed or touch stray cats and dogs.

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What should you do if you think you've been exposed to rabies?

If you have been bitten or scratched by a stray or wild animal, or by a pet or farm animal that has been behaving oddly, follow these steps:

1. Wash the wound with soap and water right away for at least ten minutes.
2. Call your health care provider and local board of health as soon as you finish washing. They will help you decide if you need to be treated for rabies. It is important to follow their instructions exactly.
3. Contact your local animal control officer to catch or find the animal that scratched or bit you. The Board of Health can tell you how to have it tested by the State Rabies Lab.

If your pet has been bitten or scratched by an animal that you think may be rabid, put on gloves before touching your pet. Follow the steps above but call your pet's veterinarian.

What is the treatment for people exposed to rabies?

The treatment for people exposed to rabies involves two medications. One, called rabies immune globulin (or RIG), contains antibodies to fight the virus and is given once. The other medication is rabies vaccine, which ensures long-lasting protection, and is given as five shots over the course of a month. (Rabies shots are no longer given in the stomach.) People who received the full series of rabies shots in the past need only two rabies vaccine shots. To work best, the medications should begin as soon as possible after the bite or scratch. However, if the animal has been caught and will be tested for rabies, you can wait for the test results to see if the shots are necessary.

How can you prevent rabies?

- Avoid wild animals, especially bats, skunks, foxes, and raccoons. Do not feed or pet strays. Avoid any animal or pet that you do not know. Report any animal that behaves oddly to your local animal control official.
- Teach your children to avoid wildlife, strays, and all other animals they do not know well.
- Do not handle dead, sick, or injured wild animals yourself, call the police or animal control officer. If you must handle the animal, use heavy gloves, sticks or other tools to avoid direct contact.
- Make sure your pets are vaccinated against rabies and that their shots are up-to-date. By law, all dogs, cats and ferrets must be vaccinated against rabies.
- Feed pets indoors and keep them indoors at night. If they are outside during the day, keep them on a leash or fenced in so they cannot wander. It is possible for vaccinated pets to get rabies. Pets allowed to roam freely are more likely to get rabies and possibly expose people and other pets in your home.
- Fasten trash can lids tightly. Garbage attracts animals (like skunks, raccoons, and strays) looking for an easy meal.
- It is against state law to keep wild animals such as skunks or raccoons as pets. There are no rabies vaccines for most wild species.
- Cap your chimney with screens and block openings in attics, cellars, and porches to keep wild animals like bats and raccoons out of your home.
- If you have bats in your house, talk to a professional about bat-proofing your home.

Where can you get more information?

- Your doctor, nurse or health center
- The Board Of Health
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Epidemiology and Immunization at (617) 9836800 or toll-free at 1-888-658-2850 or on the MDPH website at http://www.state.ma.us/dph/

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

The not-so Splendid Splinter

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I wish I could say something nice about the late Ted Williams. Everybody else is. But I can't.

I met him face-to-face only once. It was on one of my rare business visits to the Red Sox dressing room. Ted was in what might best be called a surly mood. I wanted to ask him a question. He didn't want to answer it. He proposed that I perform an unlikely physical action upon my own person. He had nice teeth.

I saw him in action a few times but one sticks in my mind. It was a beautiful day in the spring of '49 or '50 so I and a classmate named Jim Courtney skipped school one afternoon and, since our campus, Boston University, was only a few blocks from Fenway Park, we decided to take in the ball game.

Jimmy was a character in his own right. When he learned in science class that atoms (or was it molecules?) were made up of little solar systems, he was the guy who suggested that our big solar system was a molecule in a cheese sandwich and someone was about to take a big bite of it. He later became a priest, which probably doesn't mean anything.

For the next week or so the debate raged whether he was gesturing at the fans in the stands or the sportswriters in the press box.

But I digress . . .

If I recall right, the Sox were playing the Tigers that day 50 years ago and Ted hit one of his 521 home runs. As he touched home plate, he looked up in the stands, hooked his left hand inside his right elbow and made a gesture that was more international than Esperanto.

For the next week or so the debate raged whether he was gesturing at the fans in the stands or the sportswriters in the press box with whom he was constantly feuding. He called them "the Knight of the Keyboard," usually accompanied by a rousing guffaw.

Some 20 years later, I learned the origin of that feud, or at least I was told it was the origin.

In the late '60s or early '70s, I was sent out to Worcester or thereabouts to interview Eldon Auker, who was a big wig in a national manufacturers group. Auker was better known as a pretty fair pitcher whose long career included one year with the Red Sox. That happened to be 1939, Ted's first year with the team.

The acknowledged king of the Boston sports writing fraternity in those days was Bill Cunningham of the Post. One fall day, Bill announced that he was so fed up with college football in these parts that he was going to cover a high school game instead. That may have been the only time that a Brockton-Weymouth game ever led the paper.

But again I digress . . .

As Auker recalled it, Bill was covering the Red Sox in spring training in 1939 when he was introduced to Ted. "I can't talk to you now," Auker quoted Bill as saying. "But don't worry, I'll make you famous later on." "Who the hell was that?" asked Ted and a feud was born.

Hey, maybe that was something nice!

Treasure the memories...

GOOD VIBES

BOB WHITNEY

In the last few weeks, I have had a truly wonderful experience. I received a phone call from the principal of my high school in Western New York with the news that after 35 years I was being nominated to my alma maters sports Hall of Fame, a proud moment indeed that brought back some stories, favorite memories, and anecdotes from my high school days. Those who most influenced me in my early life obviously my mom and dad but also, teammates, teachers, archrivals, and last but not least my coaches. My mind and thoughts quickly shifted to my elementary school gym teacher who later became my high school baseball and basketball coach. Thinking about him after 35 years was remarkably moving for me and suddenly my most cherished memories became freshly present. He instilled in me the core values, which made many things possible - hard work, discipline, perseverance, and courage. Most importantly, he gave me the encouragement and confidence to take advantage of my God given talents and abilities. It also reminded me how sometimes the most powerful action we can take is to reconnect with those special people from our past.

Here are some of the reasons why you may want to consider this as well:

- You will gain a. new sense of gratitude for those people you valued in your past. What a great feeling it is to recall the contribution that someone made in your life.
- You will literally reach into your past and feel those spontaneously related stories and how far you have grown in your life.
- When you reconnect you will give a magical gift to that special person. How can you possibly measure the emotional and spiritual significance of this meeting after 10, 20, 30 years?
- What an example to set for your own children or other members of the younger generation about real-life, face-to-face role models rather than fantasy action heroes, athletic superstars, MTV, or musical rock stars.
- You will treasure the memories and some of the best moments of your life. Quite honestly, I can't wait for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony in October and the chance to reconnect and reminisce with the man who was so responsible for what I stand for and what I have accomplished in my life. Take some time to find that person from your past and spread the (legacy of the power off real life, positive role models. Treasure the memories...

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No evidence state's tax free fall is ending

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL P. NORTON

Recap and analysis of the week in state government ending July 5.

This was supposed to have been a celebratory week.

After taking a political licking for raising taxes and cutting popular government programs, like education, zoos, and health care, lawmakers hoped to head home last week at least being able to say they'd finally balanced the state budget on time and prepared a shaken state government for a return to fiscal stability.

But the fiscal year started on July 1 with state government again spending more than it can afford. House and Senate negotiators spent the week trying to reconcile $23 billion budget proposals that are somewhere between $500 million and $700 million out of balance.

Those gaps are on top of a $150 million budget deficit left over from fiscal 2002. And that red ink remained on the state's ledgers despite the use of $2 billion of the $3 billion in reserves state officials had on hand when tax collections began to plummet in July 2001.

But the most troubling news is what's not happening. Lawmakers and Acting Gov. Jane Swift have been budgeting with the expectation, based on the advice of experts that the economy, and thus tax receipts, would begin to grow this summer. It isn't. There are a few encouraging economic indicators, but there's no evidence that the state's tax revenue free fall is ending.

June tax receipts were down 31 percent from last June, a $304 million decline. "That's kind of like, to my perspective, a scary number," said state revenue commissioner Alan LeBovidge.

Sales tax receipts are down too, but have outperformed the income tax. "That's a big item. It's pretty indicative of how the wage and salary demographic looks," added Swift's budget chief, administration and finance (A&F) secretary Kevin Sullivan. "If you're not performing in personal income – capital gains, stock options, and bonuses – then nothing in the sales tax is going to make up for that."

And with spreading news of major corporate scandals filling the newspapers and airwaves, economic researchers at University of Massachusetts' Donahue Institute issued a bulletin suggesting the state economy will remain flat through November. Consumers are still keeping the economy afloat, and recoveries in the health, education and real estate sectors have been offset by continuing trouble in the high tech market and in state government itself, UMass Professor Alan Clayton-Matthews said.

The job of compiling fiscal year-end tax collection figures is more difficult this year because layoffs at the Department of Revenue mean 400,000 taxpayers still await tax refunds that they normally would receive in March or April. Collectively, the state owes them $265 million, officials believe. "That's a risk factor," said LeBovidge. "Until you open the envelopes and process them, we positively won't know."

The state did fiscal somersaults to ensure delivery of a fiscal year-ending $1.1 billion local aid payment to cities and towns, and to make sure it had enough cash on hand to meet its debt service obligations. There was little cash left in the till, not enough to pay all of those refunds. State officials said they've been managing the state's cash with the expectation that the refunds would be delivered in July and August.

But the fiscal year started on July 1 with state government again spending more than it can afford.

But state finance officials do have a rough estimate of the state's fiscal 2002 tax take. They offered it just before the close of business June 28, the best time of the week to break bad news. For the fiscal year, receipts are off a record $2.5 billion, a historic and precipitous drop that none of the experts predicted.

"We don't have the market cornered on forecasting obviously," said Sullivan. "I don't think anybody is going to accuse A&F or the House and Senate of hiding Nostradamus on our payroll."

Inside the building, you'd never know there was a fiscal crisis. Budget conferees were said to be meeting, but would not even identify the location of those meetings, much less talk about progress or issues. Swift was on vacation, having signed a $2 billion interim budget to keep government running. And lawmakers were back home, awaiting signals from the secret budget talks.

Senate Minority Leader Brian Lees said a meeting of top Swift administration and legislative leaders is needed to find common ground on major changes to the budget proposals. But Lees said he didn't expect that type of meeting to occur for another two or three weeks. It's possible, Lees said, that lawmakers will again empower budget conferees to fashion a response to the new $540 million budget shortfall.

Sullivan said agreement on the scope of the problem is needed before solutions can be discussed. Like most others, he wasn't around Friday (July 5) to say whether any agreement had been reached.

But private sector leaders are not encouraging the Swift administration to expect any economic miracles. Sullivan said officials from the retail, utilities, housing and high tech industries recently offered briefings.

"We had them all here," he said recently. "Basically they were saying that stock options are something that they're either not offering or if they're offering, people are not exercising. Bonuses have been linked to performance. A lot of the performance of these companies is down. Profits are down. Real estate's performing okay but a lot of people who have come out of the stock market are now speculating in real estate, which doesn't bode well for that industry because that could be artificially high right now."

The numbers and economic assessments are dry but critical - tax receipts to a large extent drive the policy and spending agendas on Beacon Hill. When the budget is so far out of balance, it becomes the paramount concern, pushing other legislative initiatives aside. That's the dynamic here these days.

- The House on July 1 gave initial approval to legislation changing the way the state delivers education services to students learning English. The bill was pitched as an alternative to a ballot question limiting bilingual students to one year of transitional classes, and proposals to preserve the core of the present system. The legislation is designed to limit the amount of

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No evidence state's tax free fall is ending

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time students remain in bilingual classes, introduce more accountability for student achievement and retain local decision-making.

• Senate panel suggests regulation of credit counselors. They're supposed to help people out from under crushing debt problems. But consumers say some credit counselors are scam artists and the Senate Post Audit Committee this week recommended more regulation of the growing industry.

• Individual MCAS results circulated to school districts. State education officials mailed results to school administrators indicating how individual students fared on MCAS multiple choice questions. The goal is to fine-tune instruction and help thousands of students at risk of not graduating next year unless they pass the math and English MCAS exams.

• Cutting popular government programs and raising taxes is supposed to generate public outrage and spawn political challenges. At least in theory anyways. But not in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Money and Politics Project reported that three of every four House and Senate members will not face a major party opponent this fall. Democratic voters in only 21 percent of House districts will have a choice in September. And only 4 percent of Republican primaries this fall will have more than one candidate. Project officials say competition at the ballot box has declined every election year since 1990.

Rising campaigning costs and one-party dominance are diminishing competition, the report said. In the last election cycle, the average cost of a winning House campaign was $44,000, up 58 percent in the last three cycles, and $128,000 for the average winning Senate campaign, up 44 percent. Project officials say redistricting favors incumbents, as well as the dominance of Democrats in the Legislature and the rise in off-election year spending aimed at shoring up the standing of incumbents. Officials also said Republicans and third party candidates are not to blame because they face serious fundraising obstacles.

Michael P. Norton writes for the State House News Service.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Palmer kickoff draws a crowd

Nathaniel Palmer, running for State Representative for the towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and North Scituate, held his campaign kick-off at the Hingham Community Center on Saturday, June 29. In attendance where more than 100 South Shore residents, including local political matriarch Polly Logan, Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz, and the district's state Senator Bob Hedlund, who served as the event's emcee.

"I have gotten to know Nathaniel Palmer very well and believe strongly in his candidacy," Hedlund said. "I am impressed by his wealth of life experiences and strong business background. He will bring a invaluable wisdom and experience to the state Legislature."

Palmer addressed his candidacy and his motivations for running as "I am running for the very simple reason that we need a real challenge to the tired tax-and-spend mentality on Beacon Hill — and for all the consequences we face in its absence."

"The decisions made on Beacon Hill deeply affect this community and impact all of us personally," Palmer said. " It us and us alone who should decide how our schools are run, whether a train should run through our town, and whether or not we want planes flying overhead night after night."

Palmer also expressed concern about how Beacon Hill's current fiscal policies will effect the next generation about to enter the work force.

"Think of the generation born the year Bill Weld was elected Governor," he said. "At the rate we are spending now, that generation will face budget of over $50 Billion dollars when they enter the work force less than a decade from now. We owe to that generation and we owe to ourselves to do better."

Recognizing the state's long history of technology leadership and innovation, Nathaniel expressed his commitment to seeing that Massachusetts and the South Shore benefit from the coming economic boom in the area of life sciences.

"We just entered the decade of the human genome, and the next wave innovation will be not about Dot-Coms but about science, medicine and medical technology — Massachusetts has the chance to lead the world into a new era," he said.

Healey comes to Hingham

Candidate for Lieutenant Governor endorsed by Mitt Romney, Kerry Healey will be honored by South Shore GOP leaders and voters Sunday, July 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Shore Country Club, 274 South St., Hingham.

The brunch is open to the public but reservations are required.

You can RSVP to Michelle McCarthy 617-491-9110, ext. 249

Healey was chair of State GOP Party; teacher of public policy and criminal justice at UMASS Lowell, Endicott College; appointed by Gov. Cellucci to MA criminal history systems board; 10 years experience developing criminal justice policy for U.S. Dept. Justice with policy consulting firm.

Healey is graduate of Harvard College, Ph.D. from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, in law and political science.

Healey lives in Beverly with her husband of 16 years and two school aged children.

Business climate concerns Herzfelder

Bruce Herzfelder, Republican candidate for State Treasurer, raised questions about the nation's business climate and the risky investments being made with the state's $30 billion pension fund.

Under the current treasurer, the pension fund has lost money for two years in a row for the first time in modern history, including almost $50 million in risky investments on Enron and WorldCom.

"The next State Treasurer will play a key role in how that pension money is invested, "Herzfelder said. "And after what we have seen the last few years, it is vital to elect someone who has the experience to know how markets work, how secure investments are made and why it is so necessary to make proper judgements about each of the investments that are chosen," he said.

Former Winter Olympics chief and gubernatorial candidate, Mitt Romney highlighted ways in which the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (PRIM) could establish stricter guidelines for the companies in which they invest the state's retirement dollars. If elected State Treasurer, Herzfelder would oversee the PRIM Board.

"Mitt's proposals make a good deal of sense," Herzfelder said. "From years of experience in law and finance, I have the training and know-how to enforce greater transparency in the affairs of the businesses in which our state invests."

In addition to the reforms proposed by Romney, Herzfelder believes corporate executives who cash out on stock options based on fraudulent accounting or other misleading information disseminated by the company, should have to repay the money made off the stock sale.

Bruce Herzfelder has had a successful career working in banking, on Wall Street in investments and as an entrepreneur. A graduate of Harvard University, Herzfelder also earned his MBA and law degrees at the University of Chicago. He lives in Cohasset with his wife and two children.

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Berman is Teen Ink's teacher of the year

Will teach English at CHS this fall

By Amy Lambiaso
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When Christine Berman sees her students from this year at Scituate High School, she will hug them. And she probably will for years to come.

These students were special, she said.

Berman taught English at SHS for 29 years, and in the last months of her tenure there she received a thank you from her students in the best way they knew how — Berman was named Educator of the Year by Teen Ink magazine — a national magazine written by students.

But receiving the award isn't what Berman will remember most from her final year at SHS. She originally resigned from SHS in February and planned to finish the year teaching at Hull, but the students kept her from leaving.

She'll remember the T-shirt campaign started by sophomore Sarah Meyrick — the same student who wrote the winning essay for Teen Ink — giving out T-shirts that said, "SHS Loves Mrs. Berman — Don't Leave."

She'll remember the petition signed by nearly 150 SHS students to convince Berman to stay the full year.

And she'll remember the more than 50 students that wrote essays to Teen Ink about why Berman should be named Educator of the Year. The same essays that still bring tears to Berman's eyes.

"I always loved school growing up," Berman said. "And that's all I ever wanted for my students too — for them to love school and to love learning.

My job is not only to be a teacher, but a nurturer."

And Berman's students said she fits that role perfectly. Calling her an educator, a mentor and a friend, students from SHS rallied together to keep Berman — the most influential teacher some say they've ever had — in Scituate.

"We didn't want to let her go," Sarah said. "We couldn't imagine the rest of the year, or any year without her."

But despite their endless efforts, Berman will be teaching English at Cohasset High School in the fall — one of the toughest decisions she's ever had to make.

"As sad as it is to leave Scituate, and leave all my students there," she said. "I'm excited to start at a new school and bring some new things to them now."

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SHS teacher Christine Berman

One thing Berman will bring to Cohasset is a school newspaper. Berman has been the advisor to the Scituation — the student-run newspaper at SHS — since its first year in 1992. As an award-winning newspaper for the last seven years, the Scituation was recently named best school newspaper for a small school in the 30th Annual High School Newspaper Competition sponsored by Suffolk University.

But Berman's involvement and awards don't end with the school newspaper. She was named the Teacher Who Most Inspires by the students this year, as well as in 1993 — a recognition she said is most thrilling because it is an honor by the students.

Berman has also been named in Who's Who Among American High School Teachers five out of the last seven years. And most recently she was nominated for American Disney Educator of the Year by an anonymous student at SHS.

"I always taught my students to go after fame and glory," she said. "So I guess that's what they're doing for me."

Of the 30 nominees for Disney Educator of the Year, one winner receives $25,000, and $10,000 goes to the teacher's school. And although she admits it is a cliché, Berman said it truly was such an honor just to be nominated for such a prestigious award.

But Berman truly measures her success as a teacher by her students, she said. And Sarah is the perfect example.

Sarah admits to hating English before her freshman year at SHS. But part-way through the school year when she moved to Berman's honors English class, she fell in love with the subject.

"I was told I could write about anything I wanted, and challenge anything I wanted," she said. "I couldn't believe it — and I just fell in love."

But it was more than that, Sarah said. It was the atmosphere Berman created in her classroom and during her classes that was most effective. It was the "open door" policy to Berman's room at all times, inviting anyone in who needed an ear, Sarah said.

"I was given a voice of my own for the first time through writing," Sarah said, adding in her winning essay that she had complete freedom of expression in Berman's class to challenge everything and to say anything.

And when Sarah wrote to Teen Ink nominating Berman, she most of all wanted to thank her. She wanted to thank her for being the motivation to do something she really loves, and something positive in the world — writing.

Sarah now dreams of being a political journalist some day, and plans on taking the classes Berman began at SHS, despite her absence.

"I don't think there is any other teacher in the building that would sacrifice their own personal time to help students in the way she did every day," Sarah said.

But Berman remains modest about her teaching methods, crediting her incredible students and the environment of the classroom for her success.

"It's not really me," she said. "It's the environment you create for the kids that means the most."

And the overwhelming number of essays nominating Berman for Educator of the Year for Teen Ink is proof that she in fact does mean so much to both past and present students. Teen Ink said it had never received so many nominations for one teacher award, and had a difficult time choosing a winner.

Berman still cries when she reads the essays, several months later. And she said she probably always will.

PHOTO BY SEAN MASON

Christine Berman shows-off one of her decorated classroom walls for her students. Berman was known at Scituate High School for her walls filled with playbills, magazine covers and past student pictures. She is going to teach in Cohasset in the fall.

"It has been a very emotionally difficult time for me to leave these students," she said. "But it's something that I have to do."

And regardless of where she is, Berman wants to bring the programs and curriculum, reaching as many students as possible.

"I could teach on a playground if I had to," Berman said. "All I need is a bunch of interested kids."

'Pinocchio' sign-ups

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct a Music Circus registration for "Pinocchio" on Tuesday, July 9 from 9 a.m. to noon, and again, from 5-7 p.m. at the recreation office in the Cohasset Town Hall.

Music Circus registrations for children involved in the Playground Program are held every Tuesday at the recreation office from 9 a.m. to noon, and again from 5-7 p.m. for the remaining two performances.

Music Circus registrations are held two weeks prior to the actual date of the show; for instance, registration on July 9 for "Pinocchio" is for the performance that will be performed on Thursday, July 25. Please consult your summer fliers or the Playground Program Activity brochure for details.

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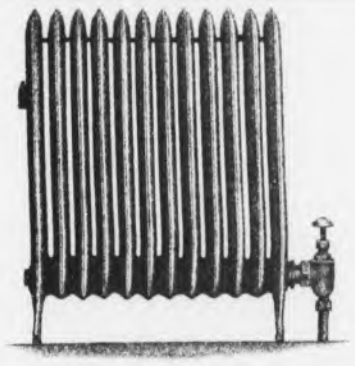
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Survivor star set for reunion

By Evan Schiff
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After months of speculation, the rumors have been confirmed. Survivor 4 star, Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien, who attended high school in Cohasset for two years, will be coming back for her 30th reunion July 26-27.

Vavrick-O'Brien said she'll be coming in for the weekend though she doesn't yet know where she'll be staying. However, one thing she is sure of is that she'd like to use her popularity for a good cause.

"I'd like to support an organization while I'm in town," she said. "I'm trying to raise money for as many different causes as I can."

While she mentioned the Relay For Life and the Sailing Club as two organizations she would like to help out, she said she is open to suggestions.

"I haven't really decided what I want to do yet," she said.

Nick Anderson, a classmate of Vavrick-O'Brien in high school, said he wasn't surprised by her success on the game show.

"Kathy was always positive and has a very live, adventurous spirit," he said. "She was a 'hot ticket'".

Kathy Vavrick-O'Brien

Anderson added he was glad she decided to come back, saying it must reflect the positive experience she had while in town.

"It'll be fun to see her," she said.

Vavrick-O'Brien's return to Cohasset should be exciting. Not since the feature film "House Sitter" that starred Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn has the town gotten so close to a well-known celebrity.

Vavrick-O'Brien transferred to Cohasset High School in 1971 and was a cheerleader for her two years in high school here. In her senior yearbook quotes, she lists "being content in a little house in San Francisco" as her ambition and her favorite expression as "ahhhh - neat." She was also part of the homecoming court in her senior year.

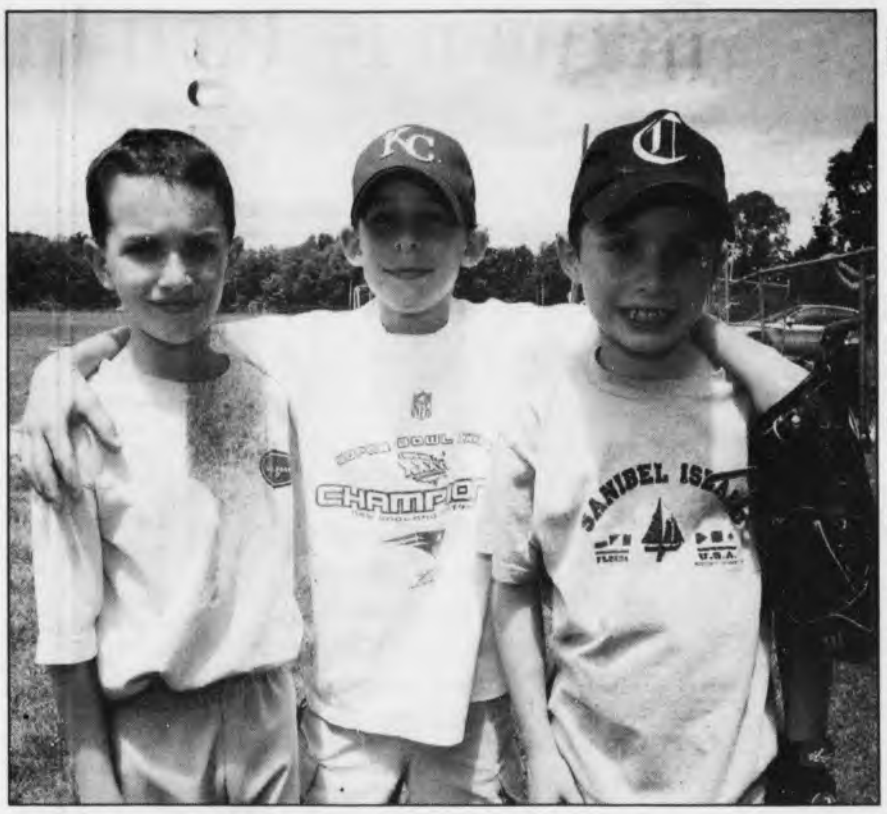
In a previous interview, Vavrick-O'Brien said she fondly remembered her days in Cohasset. She said she most vividly remembers going to the beach, sailing out of the harbor, pool hopping at night and attending shows at the Music Circus.

"I'm so proud of being from Cohasset," she said. "I miss it."

Vavrick-O'Brien currently works as a real estate agent in her hometown of Burlington, Vt.

Before that she was self-employed and ran a small art products store and an event planning business. In 1998, she biked across the United States for the American Lung Association in memory of her father. She is divorced and has one son who had a cameo on the show.

Vavrick-O'Brien was one of 16 people selected out of 50,000 to compete for the $1 million prize.



CAMPERS DIG BASEBALL

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Above: Baseball buddies, Taylor Golz, Andrew Fewsmith and Mitchell McNary. For more photos, see page 28.

At left: Michael Bulman can't wait to get a hot dog at the South Shore Baseball Club Cohasset Summer Camp on Milliken Field.

HAPPENINGS

Dutch artist on carillon

Marcel Siebers, the City Carillonneur of Venlo and Cuijk, The Netherlands, will be the featured artist for the third in the current series of eight summer recitals on the 57-bell Taylor carillon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset on Sunday, July 14 from 6-7 p.m. Siebers will play a varied program, including pieces originally composed for carillon by Leen 't Hart and Jos Lerinckx; transcriptions of works by Albinoni, Mozart, Grieg, and Franck; and arrangements of tunes by Gershwin, Bernstein, John Williams and Ferdinand "Jelly Roll" Morton.

The recital will take place rain or shine. Bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic suppers. Printed programs, concert schedules and carillon brochures will be available in a program stand by the church courtyard on Highland Avenue, and will also be distributed on Cohasset Common. Following the recital, listeners are invited to meet the artist, climb the tower and watch a demonstration of the carillon being played.

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Chernobyl teens get a taste of Cohasset

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They're just two ordinary teenagers.

They like riding bikes, playing soccer and listening to music. When not participating in any particular activity, Dmitry Ulezko and Ilya Ahalana, like to veg-out in front of the television. However, unlike most teenagers in Cohasset, Dima and Ilya can't understand what they're watching.

But that's not the only difference that 16-year-old Dima and 13-year-old Ilya have with their Cohasset counterparts. The Russian youths are visiting from Chernobyl as part of the Chernobyl Children's project.

The project was formed in 1991 and gives children raised in that region a respite in America where they can receive world-class medical care in Boston and live free of the radiation that is so deadly.

The two kids have already had their respective visits to the dentist's office, where it Ilya received four fillings, and Dima has been to the doctor while Ilya anxiously awaits his turn in the next week.

The teens arrived last week and are staying at the home of Mary Ann Chase, a resident of 100 Pond St. They will be leaving on July 24.

"These kids are unbelievable," Chase said. "They wake up every morning and make their beds, they open doors and never let me carry a thing. They're truly affectionate and outgoing and appreciative, it's a breath of fresh air."

The two teens, who speak very little English and are only able to communicate with their host family through an interpreter, seem to be enjoying the country.

"Everything has been good," Dima said. "We've been having fun."

Chase said the language barrier has been the biggest difficulty thus far and says she has done a lot of pointing and charade playing in the past week. She recently was trying to convey to the kids that they had a choice, whether to go to a dance or a barbecue, but was unsuccessful.

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— Mary Ann Chase

"It can be real tough sometimes," she admitted.

The Chases can have an interpreter on hand at all hours of the day over the phone, a service that the program provides. But Mrs. Chase doesn't want to bother the interpreter about simple things like asking the youths what they want to do.

"I just don't want them to be bored," Chase said. "It's been a while since I had teenagers in the house so I've forgotten that sometimes they just like to do nothing."

While the program has provide the kids ample opportunity to become involved with various activities in the Boston area, Chase wishes more of Cohasset's teens would come over to help entertain Dima and Ilya.

"It would be nice if some kids would come over to take them on a bike ride, or to the beach, or just hang out," she said. "

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Ilya Ahalana, 13, and Dmitry Ulezko, 16, cool off in the Chases' backyard.

Chase's adopted children for the month are some of the older kids involved with the project this year. There are 130 children visiting the South Shore from Chernobyl this summer and most are under the age of 10.

The 1986 nuclear disaster has left a legacy of radiation-related illnesses for this generation and generations to come. While accurate statistics are nearly impossible to come by in Russia, the former Soviet government claimed the Chernobyl death toll is 41, some estimates have that number as high as 15,000 and thousands more are battling a variety of cancers from radiation exposure.

The radiation impact to the region surrounding the nuclear plant was equivalent of 20 atomic bombs and isn't going away anytime soon.

Dima, who is in relatively good health compared to some of his counterparts, has already had a tumor removed from his brain and has a prosthetic eye. Ilya has had multiple surgeries to remove tumors and suffers from various cancer-related illnesses.

"It's sad to think of all these kids have had to go through," Chase said.

Movie night at The Garage

There will be a "Movie Night" at the Teen Garage on Saturday, July 20. This event will cost $2 per person, and everyone in grades 6 and up is welcome. The movie will begin at 8 p.m. Popcorn will be served free of charge, but other snacks and refreshments will have to be purchased. Please note that The Garage will open as scheduled at 5 p.m. even though the movie will not begin until 8 p.m.

Band concert

The Cohasset Recreation Department's second and final concert on the common for the 2002 season is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m. on the Cohasset Common.

Performing will be the 30 piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Richard P. Whitmarsh.

You may bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellant is a good item to have on hand.

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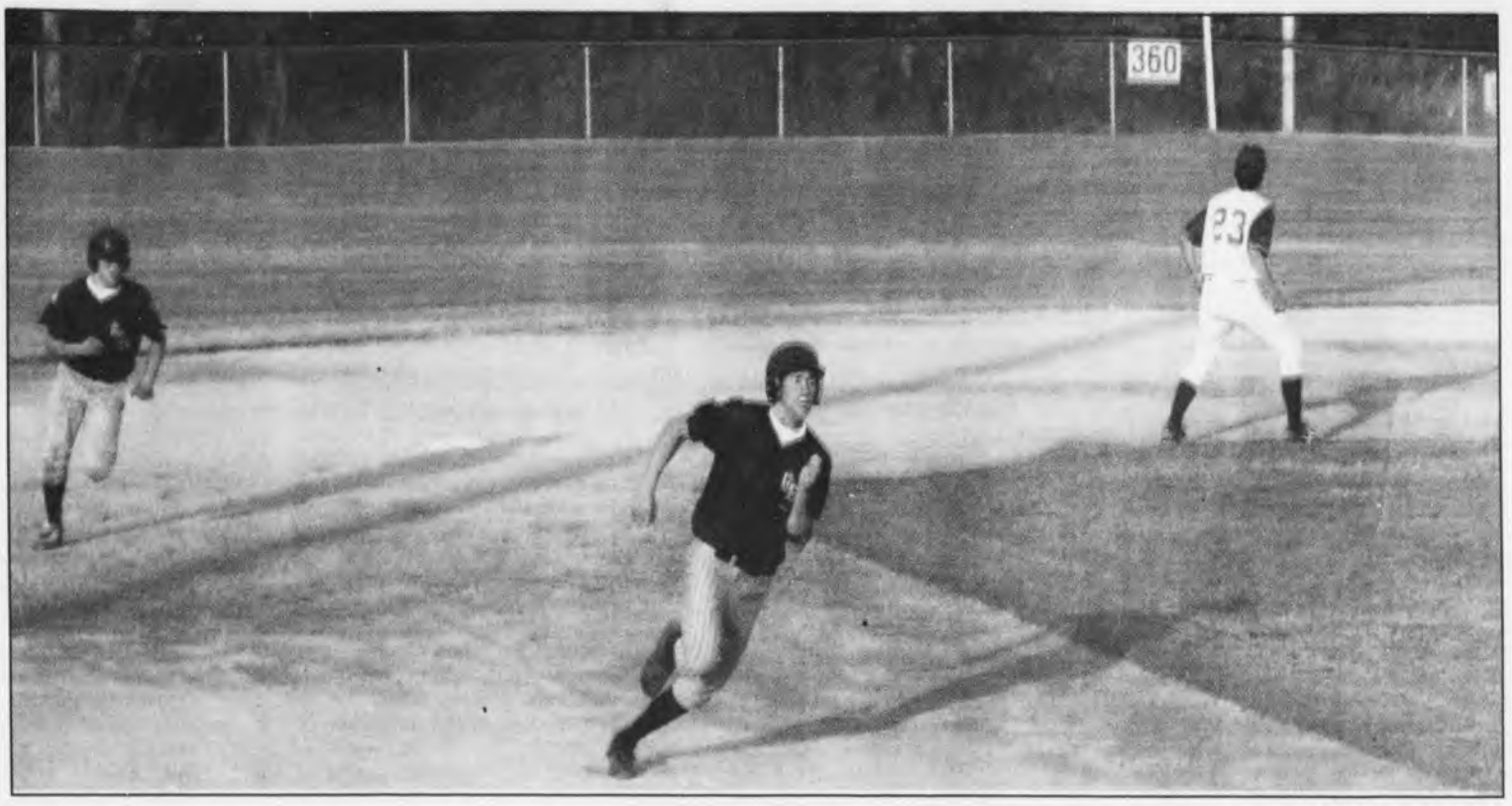

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Post 118's Ted Straughn (foreground) races toward third base ahead of Mike Gulinello (rear), who attempts here to leg out a triple in action versus District 6 rival Braintree last week.

Down to the wire

Post 118 Legion squad in need of wins to stay in playoff hunt

By Mike Spellman
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Scott Arnold is not what you'd call a numbers man.

The Cohasset-Scituate Legion baseball coach knows what his own team's record is (5-8-1), but he truly has no idea what's going on with the teams around him fighting for the last few playoff spots in District 10.

"We need to win, that's all I need to know," said the veteran coach on Tuesday. "We have just six games left and people are worried about the playoff possibilities. Please. If we don't start winning, why should we even want to make the playoffs."

Whether Arnold knows it or not, his team, by winning two of its last four games — a 4-3 thriller over Quincy last Wednesday and a 12-4 blowout of Stoughton on Monday — has kept itself in the thick of the playoff hunt.

Braintree Post 86 (14-0-1) is running away with the league title, and playoff berths for Milton Post 116 (10-5) and West Roxbury Post 78 (9-4-1) also seem relatively assured. The final two playoff spots, however, still appeared well up in the air entering Wednesday night's action.

Morrisette stood in fourth place at 8-7, followed by Weymouth (6-5-2) and then Cohasset in sixth. Cohasset was scheduled to meet Morrisette Tuesday night in what loomed as a huge game for both teams, but that game was postponed due to rain. At the time of this writing, it was unclear when that postponement between these two teams — who were already scheduled to play another game on Saturday night at Quincy's Adams Field — would be made up.

Even coach Arnold acknowledged how big these two remaining games with Morrisette probably are for his team's playoff hopes.

"We probably would need to win both of our games over Morrisette to get in to the playoffs," he noted.

Before the Saturday tilt, Post 118 was scheduled to meet first place Braintree at home yesterday and second place Milton on the road tomorrow. The team will make it a twofer on the weekend, as it hosts last place Stoughton Post 89 on Sunday afternoon. That just leaves the season finale in Weymouth on Tuesday.

Realistically, the Cohasset-Scituate team would likely have a fair shot if it swept Morrisette, Weymouth and Stoughton. Not surprisingly, however, Arnold is

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Getting his hands dirty

Cohasset's Baird defers first year of college to join AmeriCorps

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The vast majority of incoming college freshmen fall in to one of two categories: those who are excited to be there, and those who aren't but are going anyway because, for the most part, either A) can't think of anything else to do or B) are afraid of how their family and friends will react.

Then there are those like Tim Baird, who is excited about college but not quite ready to go and has found something else to do that no one could possibly denounce: he's agreed to serve a 10-month stint with AmeriCorps, a national equivalent to the Peace Corps.

Tim, a sensational soccer player and trackster during his just-concluded four years at Cohasset High, has arranged to defer his freshman year at the University of Richmond to the fall of 2003. He has also squared this with Richmond's track coach, who recruited him as a distance runner.

"I just didn't feel like I was ready for college," explained Tim, who qualified for the Massachusetts all-state meet each of the past two years, and helped lead the Cohasset

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All-Scholastic girls tennis team

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset freshman phenom Elizabeth Stone was a no-brainer for this team after going unbeaten this season without dropping a single set.

Cohasset's Grossman, Stone, Shea and Englander named among area's elite

It should come as a surprise to no one that Cohasset High sees four girls selected for this honor after the team lost just three times all season, captured its second consecutive South Shore League co-championship and advanced to the semifinals in the south sectionals of the state tourney.

On the whole, though, as is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed here as "Honorable Mentions" received serous consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

After consulting with area coaches, however, we feel secure that we chose the top 10 singles players and top four doubles teams in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Singles

Lindsay Grossman – Junior
First singles – Cohasset

Lindsay Grossman

By Lindsay's standards, 9-3 was a bad season, as these were the first three losses of her high school career…her losses all came to fellow Mariner All-Scholastic selectees: Norwell's Angie Bizzozero once in league play and Hingham Megan Doyle twice in non-league play…helped the Lady Skippers to their second straight league co-championship with Norwell and a run in to the final four of the Southeastern Mass. sectionals…now 31-3 for her varsity career…has earned SSL all-star honors each of her three years…made it three-for-three this spring in her career over Norwell High superstar Sara Bitetti (who is off to try her luck next year with the Providence College tennis team), with a thrilling come-from-behind victory that saw her rally from a 6-0, 5-2 deficit…knocked off Canton's talented Marie Sakolovsky in the sectional quarterfinals…will play in various summer tourneys, looking to finish her high school career with a flourish and hopefully draw some college interest…considering playing tennis in college and is looking at Tulane, Colgate and NYU, among others…father Jeff played number one singles for Colgate University…played on a virtual par with Chelsea Mills, Massachusetts' number two ranked player, at the State Individuals….also a Mariner All-Scholastic in basketball, as well as a standout with the CHS field hockey team in the fall.

Elizabeth Stone – Freshman
Second singles – Cohasset

Elizabeth Stone

Burst on to the varsity scene to give Cohasset the most frightening 1-2 punch in the South Shore League (along with fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Lindsay Grossman)… went undefeated in match play without giving up so much as a set the entire year, helping the Lady Skippers to their second straight South Shore League co-championship…remarkably, lost only four games in regular season play…posted a 6-0, 6-0 win over fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Angie Bizzozero, the first ever regular season loss for the Norwell star against 31 wins…also recorded huge wins

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PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Rangers catcher Ian Cundell tries to no avail to hold the plate, as Chris Rose of the Dodgers slides in safely. Summer baseball is in full swing in Cohasset, with all-star teams at every age level representing the town in travel leagues. Coaches and parents: don't be shy about sending us photos or information on your teams.

Cohasset swimmers blow Aqua Dux out of water

Last Wednesday, the Cohasset Swim team faced an impressive Duxbury Yacht Club squad and brought home their second victory of the season. In their first away meet of the year, Cohasset took an early lead and, despite punishing temperatures and Duxbury's best efforts, they stayed ahead of the competition to win with a 184 point margin.

The morning began with the 100 yard medleys and, the eight and under boys and girls took off with their usual energy to produce wins in each of their events (boys: 1st: Salerno; Culhane; Mahoney; Durkin; 2nd: Fontaine; McCarthy, M.; Adkins; Kennedy; 3rd: Kissick; Faber; MacCormack; Murphy; girls: 1st: Farren, A.; Haber; Berube; Donohue; 3rd: Buckley; Farren, N.; Caron; Gibbons). The ten and under boys kept the pace with first, second and third positions (1st: Carrier; Porter; Shipp; Doonan; 2nd: Ofsthun; Leahy; Durkin, T.; Durkin, J.; 3rd: Queenan; Yeager; Buckley; Murphy) and the girls just missed the win but placed second, third and fifth (2nd: Mahoney; Zappolo; Lehr; Michalowski; 3rd: Culhane; Teague; Musto; Karski; 5th: Regan; Fortin; McBride; Kucinski).

The twelve and under boys again just missed their win, but took second, third and fourth places, while the girls pushed back to finish first in their event (boys: 2nd: Doonan; Hunt; Cunningham; Drybanski; 3rd: Porter; Kelly, T. Yeager, Daly; 4th: Connors; DeGiacomo; Kuppens; Harper; girls: 1st: Hernan; Lehr; Mahoney; Meehan; 3rd: Teague; Fortin; Campbell; Anderson; 4th: Ryan, Salerno; Sacks; Leahy). With wins in both the boys and girls seventeen and under races, success in the medleys gave Cohasset a head start and a 20 point lead (boys: 1st: Tehranian; Zappolo; Conway; Lehr; 2nd: Blackburn; Daly; Berg; McCarthy; girls: 1st: Durkin; Anderson; Daly; Lehr; 3rd: Englander; Previte; Swain; Musto; 4th: Jerome; Whoriskey; Ogrodnik; Regan).

The ten and under fifty frees were up next and, once again, Cohasset took the win in both the boys and girls events (boys: 1st: Doonan; B.; 3rd: Ofsthun, C.; 4th: Buckley, T.; girls: 1st: Lehr, V.; 2nd: Culhane, C.; 3rd: Teague, K.).

In the individual medleys, the

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in matches against perennial powers Canton, Hingham and Westwood…went 3-0 in Cohasset's post-season run to sectional semifinals…SSL All-Star…lost in the South Sectional Individual tournament to number one seed Katrina Elder-Bush…has represented the USTA of New England on both the Zonal and Super National teams…the high honors student also play soccer and golf, and enjoys skiing…this summer, she will work as a tennis instructor and spend time performing community service in Utah and Arizona…sister of Kelly Stone, a 2001 Cohasset High grad who starred as a doubles player.

Meaghan Doyle - Freshman
First singles - Hingham

Meaghan Doyle

A freshman phenom, Doyle proved invaluable for Hingham at the No. 1 spot…The newcomer went 14-2 this season to help lead the Harborwomen to its second-straight Patriot League title (Hingham shared the honor with Duxbury, both at 11-1)…Her steady performance on the court helped Hingham advance to the Div. 1 South Sectional quarterfinals, where they fell to eventual state champion Westwood…A highlight of the season for Doyle was when she twice defeated fellow All-Scholastic Lindsey Grossman, of Cohasset…The youngster also took Duxbury's talented Laura Groezinger to three sets in their first meeting…Just a freshman, Doyle still has a lot of tennis to play at HHS. Hingham coach Deb Boles: "She had a great couple of wins this year and played very well against tough opponents. I think with a little more experience and a little more tournament play, she's going to be a real contender."

Sara Bitetti – Senior
First singles - Norwell

Sara Bitetti

Wrapped up her outstanding four year singles career for the Lady Clippers with a record of 51-14, including 39-3 in South Shore League play…this power hitter finished her final regular season playing first singles at 16-1, playing a huge role in the Lady Clippers second straight league co-championship…went 2-1 in the post-season to help the Norwell girls in to the state sectional semifinals…also reached the quarterfinals of the state individual tourney…all three of her career SSL losses came to fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Lindsay Grossman (Cohasset)…a four year South Shore League tennis all-star…two time Mariner All-Scholastic…also an outstanding distance runner for Norwell High who earned league all-star honors for winter track once, and in cross country all three years she competed (freshman through junior)…the sister of NHS senior to be Sam Bitetti, a top 10 New England ranked player…Sara will attend Providence College with an eye toward engineering, and try to make that school's tennis team as a walk-on…she has been in contact with PC's head tennis coach…Norwell girls tennis coach Derek Sulc: "Sara is just an extremely talented player who hits the ball hard and consistently. She has a great baseline game and serve and is extremely sound technically. She can put opponents away with winners, which you don't always see at this level."

Angie Bizzozero - Sophomore
Second singles – Norwell

Angie Bizzozero

The Soph. sensation followed up her unbeaten 15-0 freshman season at third singles with a stellar 16-1 season at second singles, helping the Lady Clippers to their second straight South Shore League co-championship…went 3-0 in the post-season to lead the Norwell girls in to the state sectional semifinals…two time SSL all-star…only loss came to fellow Mariner All-Scholastic selection Elizabeth Stone (who went unbeaten this season)…Angie is also plays soccer and basketball for Norwell High…plays summer league softball…enjoys surfing and snowboarding… Norwell girls tennis coach Derek Sulc: "Angie is such an incredibly energetic player. She plays with a lot of heart and is just fierce emotionally. You combine that natural athleticism with that kind of fire and desire to win, and you've got something special."

Meghan Duffy - Junior
Second singles - Marshfield

Made the difficult jump from second doubles to second singles this year and had much success at it…Duffy went 15-3 as a singles player this season, earning her recognition as an Old Colony League All-star…Her solid performance at the No. 2 spot helped Marshfield finish third (10-4, 14-5 overall) in the highly-competitive OCL behind champs Barnstable, an EMass finalist, and runners up Falmouth… Duffy also recorded two wins for the Marshfield team in two Div. 1 South Sectional matches…Duffy teamed with junior Erin Stanton last year at second doubles and earned All-star recognition from the Atlantic Coast League…The junior is a standout on two other MHS sports teams, playing field hockey in the fall and basketball in the winter…Duffy is making her second appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic squad as she was named to our girls hoop team this winter.,.Duffy will captain all three teams next year. Marshfield coach Roberta Daniele: "Meghan had a wonderful year. She worked hard all season to improve and really developed into a fine singles player. She covers the court so well."

Meghan Duffy

Claire Karoff - Junior
Second/Third singles - Hingham

Claire Karoff

Was the gem of the Patriot League co-champion Harborwomen team, consistently recording solid performances at the No. 3 and No. 2 spots…A two-year varsity player and first-time starter and PL All-star, Karoff went 13-3 this season for Hingham (13-5), who tied Duxbury for the PL title at 11-1…Karoff was the only Hingham player to have won both of her matches against Duxbury, which helped ice the 3-2 win that led to a share of the PL crown…She also clinched the match-winning point in the team's 3-2 first-round match against Medfield in this year's Div. 1 South Sectional tourney…Her patience on the court was her greatest attribute, consistently hitting the extra shot for a point…Karoff will return to the singles scene next season for HHS. Hingham coach Deb Boles: "You can tell Claire worked a lot in the off-season. She came in and wanted to be a regular participant and she proved to be more than deserving of the role. She's very patient and smart player, and knows how to wear her opponent down."

Heather Haggerty - Freshman
Second singles - Hanover

Heather Haggerty

In just her first varsity year of tennis for Hanover, Haggerty impressed coaches in the Patriot League so much that she received All-star recognition…A solid find for the Lady Indians at the No. 2 spot, Haggerty dropped only two matches, while winning 13…Came up big in matches against Scituate and Rockland, which helped Hanover finish a solid third in the newly realigned Patriot League with a 7-5 record…The team was 7-8 overall, just missing qualifying for the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney for the second-straight season…Haggerty filled in for No. 1 singles player Katheryn Cummings twice this season and won both matches…Just a freshman, Haggerty still has a long tennis career ahead of her at HHS and will battle for the top spot next season. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "She was our most consistent performer and had a great freshman season. She's a strong player who doesn't get frazzled if she gets behind a game or a point. She doesn't let it bother her. She's also a great third set player. It will be interesting to see the battle for the top next year."

Katy McCleary - Senior (Capt.)
Second singles - Abington

A two-year starter at the No. 2 spot, McCleary enjoyed another solid spring tennis campaign for the ever-improving Abington Green Wave… McCleary went 15-3 in matches this season, helping to lead Abington to its best-ever finish in the South Shore League (second, 8-4)…Only SSL co-champions Norwell and Cohasset were able to battle the Green Wave…McCleary's solid skills also helped Abington qualify for the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, where the team advanced to the quarterfinals and finished with a 15-5 overall mark…A first-time SSL All-star and three-year team MVP selection, McCleary was a co-captain of the team for the second-straight year…McCleary plans to attend college and may continue her tennis career. Abington coach Marc Liberatore: "Katy is a great baseline player. She's a very patient player out there and takes a long time to get her points. She's a kid that plays to improve and has always been a great leader. She's very mentally tough."

Danielle Spencer - Junior
Third singles - Abington

A two-time South Shore League All-star and Mariner All-Scholastic for the Green Wave, Spencer had yet another solid season from the No. 3 spot…Spencer went 14-4 on the year and was instrumental in helping Abington record one of its best-ever seasons at 15-5 and an impressive second-place finish in the SSL behind co-champs Norwell and Cohasset…Spencer played tennis only recreationally before earning a spot on Abington's varsity squad last year…She made an immediate impact that season, going 17-2…This year, she helped lead the Green Wave to the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…Received the team's "Heart Award" for playing a Rockland match with a broken pinky…With two seniors graduating from the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spots, Spencer will be the top solo prospect next season and will co-captain the team…The junior also plays basketball for AHS. Abington coach Marc Liberatore: "She's a much more aggressive player and goes right after the first serve. She hits hard and is able to mix it up. She has a good tennis personality and is always herself on the court."

Doubles

Katie Ryan/Lauren Benbenek
First Doubles - Marshfield

Katie Ryan

Lauren Benbenek

One of the most dominating doubles teams on the South Shore, Ryan and Benbenek went 15-4 this season, earning them a spot on the Old Colony League All-star team…This was the duo's second season together… Ryan, a senior captain, and Benbenek, a junior, were Atlantic Coast League All-stars last season…The pair's combination of strength and consistency on the court proved invaluable this season, helping to lead Marshfield to a third-place finish in the OCL behind Barnstable and Falmouth…The duo also advanced to the quarterfinals of the South Sectional Individual Championships this season…Ryan will play Div. 3 tennis at Suffolk University next year, while Benbenek will return to MHS as a co-captain. Marshfield coach Roberta Daniele: "Katie began playing year round and developed into a very strong all-around player. Lauren probably has the best tennis skills of anyone on the team."

Jess Purcell/Meghan Slater
First Doubles - Hingham

Meghan Slater

Playing for the second time this season this talented duo went 10-6 for the Patriot League co-champion Harborwomen (who tied with Duxbury at 11-1)…Battled some of the toughest doubles talent on the South Shore in Duxbury, Cohasset, and Notre Dame, often taking those opponents to three sets…Both two-year PL All-stars, Slater, a senior, provided solid overall court coverage, while Purcell, a junior, was the team's force at the net…The duo's consistency on the court helped lead the 13-5 Hingham team to the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…The team also played well in the State Individual tournament…Honorable mentions to the Mariner All-Scholastic team last year as a second doubles team, the duo is making their first appearance on our squad…A 2002 grad, Slater will be off to college in the fall, while Purcell will return as a senior next season. Hingham coach Deb Boles: "This was their second year together and you could see that they really gelled well. Their style of play complimented each other and created good karma on the court."

Ashley Dye/Megan Kelly
First Doubles - Norwell

Ashley Dye

Megan Kelly

Really showed their talent in the post-season, going 3-0 to help lead the Lady Clippers in to the south sectional semifinals, including clutch three set wins over gifted pairs from Bourne and Old Rochester… Dye, a senior, and Kelly, a junior, only got the chance to play together four times during the regular season (winning all four times) due to injuries, sickness and subsequent jumbled lineups, but still were unanimously selected as South Shore League all-stars…helped Lady Clippers to second straight SSL co-championship…beat Cohasset's talented first doubles pairing of Holly Gramm and Julie Shea (a fellow Mariner All-Scholastic), 6-3, 6-2, in early season win that helped assure second consecutive SSL co-champi-

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Two time Mariner All-Scholastic selectee Lindsay Grossman went 9-3, losing her first three regular season matches ever this year, but was still a lock for this team. All three of her setbacks came to fellow All-Scholastic team members Meaghan Doyle (twice) and Angie Bizzozero.

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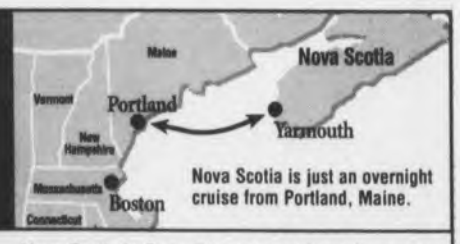

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All-Scholastic girls tennis team

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onship with Cohasset…Kelly was ill with mononucleosis in the second go-round, which Cohasset won, 5-0…Ashley, who also played field hockey for four years at NHS, will attend the University of South Carolina this fall…Megan also plays high school soccer…Norwell girls tennis coach Derek Sulc: "Ashley and Megan simply know how to play doubles tennis. They're both strong singles players, but they shine as doubles. They just clicked as a team. They know each other's strengths, and they played to those very well play to those."

Julie Shea/Kate Englander
First Doubles - Cohasset

Julie Shea

This veteran singles player (Shea) and freshman newcomer (Englander) played like veteran partners, rarely feeling much challenge on their way to a 12-0 season together… also went 3-0 in Lady Skippers post-season run to sectional semifinals…twice beat Hingham's talented first pair in non-league play…lost in state individual tourney to Notre Dame doubles pair that won the regional championship…Julie, a junior, is also a member of the high school soccer and swim teams, and the sister of former CHS three sport star Erik Shea (Class of 2001, soccer, basketball, tennis), who now plays soccer at Bowdoin… Kate plays soccer year round. She made the CHS varsity squad as a freshman and also plays in spring and winter indoor leagues.

Kate Englander

Honorable Mention

Singles

Kate Schmuttenmaer – Jr. -First singles – Silver Lake

Jackie Ouelette - Sr.- First Singles- Scituate

Sarah Abbott - Sr. (Capt.) - First singles - Marshfield

Flavia Giai Miniet - First singles - Rockland

Katheryn Cummings - Jr. (Capt.)- First singles - Hanover

Kate Abbatangelo - Sr. (Capt.) - First singles - Abington

Morgan Mueller - Soph. - Third singles - Hanover

Annie Hable - Sr. (Capt.) - Third singles - Marshfield

Doubles

Kelly Stone (Sr.)/Courtney Caron (Soph.) - Cohasset

Hallie Scott (Jr.)/Melissa Horton (Jr.) - Silver Lake

Jesse DeSieno (Sr.)/Sue Donovan - First Doubles - Abington

Dee Wheeler (Jr.)/Rachel Arnold (Sr.) - First doubles - Hanover

Emily Corbett (Sr.)/Erin Stanton (Jr.) - Second doubles - Marshfield

Getting his hands dirty

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High spring track team to consecutive unbeaten seasons in the South Shore League. "I don't feel like I've experienced a lot so far in my life, and I wanted to get out there and do something before I started school again."

Tim stumbled upon the AmeriCorps Web site (www.americorps.org) a few months back on a weekend quest to find something worthwhile to do before beginning his college life. He'd originally considered the Peace Corps, but had some understandable reservations about leaving the U.S. in light of recent world and national events.

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Tim Baird is postponing his collegiate academic and athletic careers for one year.

AmeriCorps struck his fancy almost immediately, and the more he read, the more convinced he became this was for him.

"It seemed to have everything I wanted," he said. "I contacted them almost immediately, did all of the paperwork, and was accepted in to the program."

Readers can dismiss the thought that this might be some sort of rationalization for eschewing academia. Tim is an excellent student. In fact, he was president of Cohasset High's National Honors Society chapter.

In point of fact, the maturity illustrated in his rationale for this decision seems to belie his age.

"I've been a little sheltered growing up in Cohasset," Tim concedes. "I'm sure I'm going to have some eye-opening experiences with AmeriCorps, but I'm excited about that. I think I'm going to grow a little bit from this."

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs that engage more than 50,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

Tim will be leaving for South Carolina to begin his AmeriCorps service in September, shortly after the vast majority of his fellow 2002 alums have left for college. He is uncertain at this time of precisely what his responsibilities will entail. He has been told he will likely be involved in three or four different "projects."

"It looks like I'll get a variety of experiences," Tim reports. "I could be in the inter city one day, and out in the woods the next, and then somewhere else completely different after that."

One of the possibilities he seems most excited about is being trained as a forest firefighter, as it would give him a chance to study the environment up close and personal before he begins studying it in the classroom a year from now.

"I want to get my hands dirty," he says chuckling, pun obviously intended. "I'm planning to major in biology or something else that relates to the environment. If I can take something from this (AmeriCorps) experience that helps me there, that'll be a nice bonus."

AmeriCorps members serve through more than 2,100 nonprofits, public agencies, and faith-based organizations. They tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, and help communities respond to disasters. Created in 1993, AmeriCorps is part of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which also oversees Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America. Together these programs engage more than two million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service each year.

Since 1994, more than 250,000 men and women have served in AmeriCorps, providing needed assistance to millions of Americans. AmeriCorps provides trained, dedicated people to help non-profits accomplish more and make more effective use of volunteers. President Bush has asked AmeriCorps to expand its work in public safety, public health, and disaster relief to assist in homeland security. The President has also proposed expanding AmeriCorps as part of his USA Freedom Corps initiative. Those interested in obtainign more information on AmeriCorps can visit its website (www.americorps.org).

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Swimmers blow Dux out of water

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twelve and under boys led off, fighting the now oppressive heat, to finish in second and third place (2nd: Hunt, A.; 3rd: Ulmer, W.). The twelve and under girls came right back with a win, and a third and fourth place finish (1st: Herman, E.; 3rd: Lehr, S.; 4th: Fortin, S.). At the fourteen and under level both the boys and girls finished in first place (boys: 1st: Berg, P.; 3rd: Zappolo, N.; 4th: Daly, B.; girls: 1st: Durkin, L.; 3rd: Daley, M.), and the seventeen and unders rounded off the event with the boys and girls taking second and third places (boys: 2nd: Roach; 3rd: Blackburn; girls: 2nd: Regan, D.; 3rd: Anderson, C.). Cohasset had now accumulated 97 points to Duxbury's 64.

The eight and under boys kicked off the 25 yard freestyles with first, second and third place finishes and the girls followed close behind with another win, a second and a fourth place (boys: 1st: Mahoney, R.; 2nd: Durkin, J.; 3rd: Murphy, C.; girls: 1st: Donohue, M.; 2nd: Haber, A.; 4th Farren, N.). The ten and unders produced an almost identical result with the boys finishing first, second and fourth and the girls placing first, third and fourth (boys: 1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Porter, I.; 4th: Murphy, J.; girls: 1st: Lehr, V.; 3rd: Michalowski, A.; 4th: Karski, E.).

In the 50 yard event the twelve and under boys again managed to secure a win, then took third and sixth places (1st: Drybanski, J.; 3rd: Cunningham, C.; 6th: Porter, N.), while the girls, finished second, fourth and sixth (2nd: Meehan, S.; 4th Mahoney, C.; 6th: Teague, M.). The fourteen and under boys again just missed the win, but finished second, third and fourth (2nd: Conway, C.; 3rd: Roach, K.; 4th: Gammon, B.), and the girls pushed back with a first place finish (girls: 1st: Englander, E.; 2nd: Musto, L.; 5th: Lieb-Lappen, M.).

The seventeen and unders rounded off the freestyles with a shut out from the girls and second, third and fourth places for the boys (girls: 1st: Jerome, E.; 2nd: Lehr, R.; 3rd: Ogrodnik, M.; boys: 2nd: Lehr, R.; 3rd: McCarthy, D.; 4th: Blackburn, C.). Cohasset had now secured a 69 point advantage.

Almost half way through the meet, with the temperature now in the high 90's the teams launched into the butterfly. Cohasset started well with first, second and third place finishes in the boys, eight and under event (1st: Mahoney, R.; 2nd: MacCormack, P.; 3rd: Kissick, C.). The girls fell behind slightly, but still managed to take second, third and sixth places (2nd: Farren, A.; 3rd: Berube, M.; 6th: Gibbons, E.). The ten and under boys again took the win while in the girls race Duxbury came out strong to force the visitors into third, fourth and fifth positions (boys: 1st: Doonan, B.; 2nd: Shipp, M.; 3rd: Buckley, T.; girls: 3rd: Mahoney, M.; 4th: Musto, E.; 5th: Karski, E.). The 25 yard races were rounded off with wins for both the twelve and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Doonan, P.; 3rd: Ulmer, W.; 5th: Cunningham, C.; girls: 1st: Sacks, M.; 2nd: Mahoney, C.; 4th: Meehan, S.).

In the 50 yard butterfly, Cohasset was unable to field a swimmer for the fourteen and under boy's race, but Mamme Daly, swimming alone in her event, managed to bring home a win for the girls. The seventeen and under boys rounded off the butterflies with a second, while the girls finished in second, third and fifth places (boys: Tehranian, K.; girls: 2nd: Jerome, E.; 3rd: Regan, D.; 5th: Ogrodnik, M.).

The breaststroke was up next and the eight and unders once again upped the pace to win both the girls and the boys events (boys: 1st: Durkin, J.; 2nd: Culhane, E.J.; 4th: Murphy, C.; girls: 1st: Haber, A.; 2nd: Berube: M.; 5th: Caron, C.). The ten and under boys, again swimming 25 yards, managed another win, but the girls were forced into third, fourth and sixth places (boys: 1st: Yeager, J.; 2nd: Porter, I.; 4th: Leahy, S.; girls: 3rd: Michalowski, A.; 4th: Teague, K.; 6th: Zappolo, C.).

In the 50 yard breaststroke, the Cohasset squad was dominant in each of the six races, finishing with a win at each age level (boys, twelve and under: 1st: Hunt, A.; 3rd: Kelly, T; 5th: Kuppens, C.; girls, twelve and under: 1st: Lehr, S.; 3rd: Fortin, S.; 4th: Campbell, A.; boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Conway, C.; 2nd: Roach, K.; 3rd: Daly, B.; girls, fourteen and under: 1st: Durkin, L.; 3rd: Lieb-Lappen, M.; 5th: Whoriskey, K.; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Lehr, R.; 3rd: Gammon, B.; girls, seventeen and under: 1st: Anderson, C.; 2nd: Regan, D.). Cohasset now led Duxbury by 119 points.

The backstroke began with the usual heroic effort by the eight and under boys, who finished first, second and fourth (1st: MacCormack, R.; 2nd: Salerno, J.; 4th: Carpenter, C.) and although the girls missed the win, they placed second, third and fourth (2nd: Donohue, M; 3rd: Farren, A.; 4th: Farren, N.). The ten and unders came up with the similar results with a win for the boys and second, fourth and fifth for the girls (boys: 1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Queenan, C.; 5th: Murphy, J.; girls: 2nd: Mahoney, M.; 4th: Culhane, C.; 5th: Musto, E.).

In the 50 yard event, the twelve and under boys again produced a win, and the girls held the pace with first, second and fifth place finishes (boys: 1st: Drybanski, J.; 2nd: Doonan, P.; 4th: Daly, R.; girls: 1st: Herman, E.; 2nd: Teague, M.; 5th: Ryan, K.). The fourteen and under boys and girls matched their younger team mates with wins in both their races, and the event finished with a win for the seventeen and under girls and second and third places for the boys (boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Zappolo, N.; 3rd: Gammon, B.; 4th: Roach, K.; girls: 1st Daley, M.; 2nd: Englander, E.; 4th: Musto, L.; boys, seventeen and under: 2nd: Tehranian, K.; 3rd: McCarthy, D.; girls, seventeen and under: 1st: Jerome, E.; 2nd: Lehr, R.).

The meet concluded with the 100 and 200 yard free relays. The temperature was still punishing but spirits remained high and performances were first rate. Cohasset, particularly, were in fighting form and finished the meet with wins in all but one of the final relay events (boys, eight and under: 1st: Mahoney; Murphy; Carpenter; Durkin; 2nd: Kennedy; Kissick; McCarthy, M.; Salerno; 4th: Adkins, Berube; Fontaine; McCarthy, R.; girls, eight and under: 1st: Donohue; Berube; Farren, A.; Haber; 3rd: Farren, N.; Teague; McCunney; Gibbons; boys, ten and under: 1st: Carrier; Buckley; Porter; Doonan; 2nd: Campbell; Durkin, T.; Leahy; Shipp; 3rd: Durkin, J.;

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True greatness

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

I was blessed with the opportunity to watch true athletic greatness up close and over an extended period of time in the persons of Larry Bird and Bobby Orr. My father and many from his generation have often told me, though, that I've never seen anything to compare with Ted Williams.

I always figured this assertion was, to some extent, one of those "my generation is better than your generation" type deals.

This long held notion of mine began to quickly lose steam, however, following the July 5 passing of Ted Williams, as I listened to caller after caller on WEEI call to echo what my father had said to me so many times before.

As near as I can recall, the retirement of Larry Bird was met with but a fraction of this kind of outpouring in the days that followed. Now, granted, there's no way you can compare the end of an athletic career to the end of a life. Bare in mind, though, we're also talking about an individual here, in Ted Williams, who most of WEEI's "core audience" never even saw play.

Maybe my father really did know what he was talking about. It's amazing how often I have to make that admission these days.

There have been a handful of "hitters for average" who have deservedly been mentioned in the same breath with the Splendid Splinter over the years, and probably even more "hitters for power" who can enjoy the comparison, but clearly none before, during or since his time have put both offensive elements together as wondrously.

We've heard and read many classic lines from Teddy Ballgame over the last week or so, but none more than this:

"I wanted to be the greatest hitter who ever lived. A man has to have goals and that was mine, to have people say, 'There goes the greatest hitter who ever lived.'"

Damned it I'm going to argue with that.

There goes the greatest hitter who ever lived.

Parting shot

Sadly, much of the fond and reverent recollections of Ted Williams have been overshadowed in recent days by the stranger than fiction exploits of his son, John Henry Williams.

The debate about over the character of The Kid's kid seems moot at this point. The only dividing point in the deliberation seems to be immorality versus amorality. Whichever side of the fence any of us happen to be on, though, it seems fair to say that all of us are beyond the point of being shocked by any act committed by this gluttonous little twerp.

Of course, the thing most seem angered over where John Henry is concerned is the potential damage he might do to the image of his father, a bigger than life American Hero if ever there was one.

The debate over who was the greatest baseball player ever might well be as academic today as who was the greatest basketball player ever (thanks for that too, Mr. Jordan) if Ted had not given up five years in the prime of his career to serve his country in the armed services. Of course, in many ways, that only added to the Legend.

In the final analysis, at least in my mind, it seems silly to suggest someone as big as Ted Williams could have his reputation sullied by someone so small as John Henry Williams. Indeed, regardless of how big his bank account grows off his father's name and legend, his stature, ironically, seems destined to remain frozen forever more.

Shorter shots

Well done, Boston fans! Though I felt somewhat for Jim Thome, it sure was great to see justice prevail when Johnny Damon was voted in by the fans for the 30th and final spot on the AL all-star team, his first ever selection. I found myself dwelling on this matter quite a bit last Tuesday before the announcement, and must admit I was troubled for a bit following the afternoon announcement that Al Gore had declared himself the winner

Wah! Wah! Wah! Sometimes I don't know who annoys me more: the baseball players who don't respect the game enough or the fans who feel it is their sacred duty to protect it. Yeah, I was annoyed too with the decision to end the All-Star game, but I certainly could understand the reasoning behind it. Given the huge investment the MLB has in its stars, both financial and in terms of marketing, there's no way a pitcher was going to be overextended in this exhibition game. It just seems these "protectors of the game" look for any excuse they can to draw harsh comparisons between the game of today and the game of their youth, and they were out in force Wednesday morning. One fellow even said to me with fervor and a straight face that Ted Williams was "rolling over in his metal tube."

Puh-leaze! Wake up, folks! The game of your youth died nearly 30 years ago when Andy Messersmith was allowed to become the first free agent. Deal with it! All you're protecting is a long dead corpse. Baseball's still a great game, but a lot of your perspectives need to change. If you can't handle it, find a new passion.

Down to the wire

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not looking at it that way.

"We want to win every game," he said. "I'd love to go in and steal one from Braintree or Milton, and if we've got our full lineup, I wouldn't be the least bit surprised to see that happen. I still say I'd put my best nine against anyone's top nine in the district."

Of course, this has been the problem for the Post 118 team. It started the season 3-0, but then went on a seven game winless streak, as several members of the team became unavailable due to vacation, injury or other commitments (the Appalachia Project alone stripping the team of four key players for over a week).

Fortunately, it appears a very real possibility that Arnold may be able to put the starting lineup he envisioned on Day One in the field for the last few contests, as a few players return from injury and regular leadoff hitter Greg Levin returns from a two week family vacation in Australia.

Post 118 finally pulled out long sought win number four last Wednesday, taking down Quincy, 4-3, on a solid complete game pitching effort from Jesse Cole (five hits, five walks, seven strikeouts).

Leadoff hitter Alex Knight legged out a pair of infield hits in the game, coming around to score after the first one and knocking home run number four with the second. The other two Scituate runs scored on a big two-run blast off the bat of Tim Straughn that easily cleared the right center field fences in the fourth inning.

Post 118 followed that up on Friday, nearly becoming the first team this season to knock off Braintree. A late inning misplay of a fly ball in the outfield led to the tying and game winning runs for Braintree, thereby squandering a great complete game pitching effort from Tom Fitzgerald, and a couple of hits and RBIs from third baseman Mike Gulinello.

Things completely fell apart on Sunday against West Roxbury, as Post 118 fell 16-3 to the playoff bound Post 78ers. With his shortest bench yet this year, Arnold was forced to let relief man Mike Snowdale start the game on the mound. The heavy hitting West Roxbury reached him for eight runs in the first inning, rendering the remaining 6-1/2 frames pretty much academic.

The Cohasset and Scituate boys bounced back with a much needed win on Monday, however, as they took out their frustrations on Stoughton, winning 12-4.

Chris Carr went most of the way on the mound to pick up the win.

"Chris did an excellent job of keeping the ball down, and getting us ground ball outs," said Arnold. "That kept the kids in the game defensively, and we had a few big plays in there too. Mike Gulinello made a few incredible stops at third base."

Eric Demahowski, Jesse Cole, Brian Woods and Jason Connelly all had multiple hit games with at least one extra base hit and RBI apiece.

"Everybody swung the bat well in that game," reported Arnold. "Even a lot of the outs were loud. Hopefully, this is the start of something we can build on."

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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 01P1707EP
Notice Of Fiduciary's Account

To all persons interested in the estate of Mary J. Jason, late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk:

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the First and Final accounts of Beverly M. Gauquier as Executrix (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before the **Thirty-first day of July, 2002,** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this Seventeenth day of June, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#898405
Cohasset Mariner 7/11/02

SCHOOL BUS BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
School Bus Transportation

Sealed bids for furnishing School Bus Transportation to the Cohasset Public Schools will be received at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025, until 10:00 A.M. on July 24, 2002, at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

School Bus Transportation **specifications and bid forms** may be obtained at the Cohasset Public School Superintendent's Office, 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025, telephone number (781) 383-6111.

Bids shall be submitted on the forms furnished, or on company letterhead and placed in a **sealed envelope marked on the outside "SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION BID PROPOSAL"** and shall indicate the **bidder's name, address and telephone number.**

The Cohasset Public School Committee reserves up to forty-five (45) days, the right to accept any bid in whole or in any part, and to reject any or all bids if it be deemed in the best interests of the Town. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Dr. Edward M. Malvey
Superintendent of Schools
for the Cohasset School Committee

AD#895242
Cohasset Mariner 7/11/02

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, July 15, 2002 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Linda & Peter Klier,** seek an addition at **21 Ripley Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-06-17.

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SPORTS NOTES

Shore Soccer Camp

Ages 8 to 18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's two one-week long Soccer Clinics starting Monday, June 29, through Friday, Aug. 2, and/or Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 9.

Soccer will meet each day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for one session is $225 per member. If participating in both sessions, the fee will be $395 per player. There will be a $20 discount for each additional child.

Complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, First floor, Town Hall to register. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Ages 4-7

The week long "Squirts" clinic will run from Monday, Aug. 5, through Friday, Aug. 9.

Soccer ABCs for ages 4 and 5 will meet every day from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and the fee is $65 per participant.

The half day program for ages 6 and 7 will meet each day from 9:30 to 12:30, and the fee is $95 per participant.

The fee includes a camp shirt and appropriated-size soccer ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp.

Please complete an application form at the Cohasset Recreation Dept. office, first floor, town hall. Space is limited, so early registration is advised.

Programs

5 to 12 year olds, Full day program - Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

5 to 7 year old Program - Osgood School 8 to 12 year old Program - Osgood School

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Cohasset Swim Center offers Lifeguard training

Lifeguard Training will be conducted from Monday, July 29th thru Thursday, August 1st from 9am-5pm. All classes are mandatory. Rain date will be Friday, August 2nd. Participants must be at least 15 years of age.

Water Safety Instruction Course

Are you interested in teaching children how to swim? Become a water safety instructor! A W.S.I. class will be held Monday, August 19th thru Friday, August 23rd from 9am-5pm each day. All classes are mandatory. Participants must be at least 17 years of age. Please speak to the Director for details: Darleen Koetsch at the Cohasset Swim Center, 781-383-9463. If you are interested in being placed on our mailing list for future course opportunities in the south shore area - please e-mail your contact information to cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football equiment handouts

Scituate/Cohasset youth football will hold equipment handouts Wednesday, Aug 7, through Friday, Aug. 9, at the store-it storage facility next to the Driftway tennis center on old Driftway in Scituate.

In order to receive equipment, insurance regulations require every child to be accompanied by parent or legal guardian.

Cheerleading handouts will not take place on these dates.

Bring a $100 equipment deposit check made out to "SCYFC." This check will not be deposited, but rather returned to you when equipment is returned at end of season.

Handout times

MIDGETS "A" TEAM 7th & 8th grades Wednesday, August 7th 5:00-7:00pm

PEEWEES "B" TEAM 5th & 6th grades Thursday, August 8th 5:00-7:00pm

MITES "C" TEAM 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades Friday, August 9th 5:00-7:00pm

All questions should be directed to Joe Obert at (781) 545-0854.

Cohasset Swim Center offers water aerobics

Water Aerobics geared for seniors, starts the week of July 8th through the end of August. The group meets three times a week: Monday, 1:15 - 2:00; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 - 1:15. If you would like to join us or come and see what this beneficial exercise is all about please show up at the swim center 10 minutes prior to the class start time and speak to the Director, Darleen Koetsch. The class is taught by a AEA & Hydro-Fit Water Aerobics Certified Instructor. The drop-in charge is $3.00. Cohasset Swim Center's phone number is 781-383-9463 and located of off Sohier Street.

Booster Soccer camp

The Cohasset Youth Soccer Club and the Hingham Soccer Boosters are holding a High School Soccer Summer Camp August 12 - 16, 2002 at Milliken Field. Tentative time is 5:30 - 8:30 PM. The camp is open to all public and private high school students. This camp replaces the summer boot camp held the past three years. Registration is $100.00 which includes a T-shirt, ball, and MYSA supplemental insurance. Registration deadline is Friday July 19, 2002. Additional registration forms are available at the Recreation office in town hall. If you have questions call Brad or Melinda Murray, 781-383-7017.

Adult tennis lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Dept. will now accept telephone registrations for adult tennis lessons for Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Beginner levels of instruction.

Sessions are four weeks in duration, with the first session starting on July 8, meeting one hour weekly. The cost in $40 for the four week session. Those interested will be placed in a class as soon as possible.

Beginner classes will be held on either Mondays or Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m.. The Intermediate class will be held on Mondays from 7-8 p.m.. The Advanced Beginner class will be held on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m..

Bryan Bilton, of the Recreation Dept. tennis staff, will be teaching. To register, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

Swimmers blow Dux out of water

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MacCormack, T.; Whitney; Yeager; girls, ten and under: 1st: Michalowski; Culhane; Mahoney; Lehr; 3rd: Fontaine; Kelly, M.; Kucinski; Zappolo; 6th: Adkins, Musto; Fortin, Kelly, K.; boys, twelve and under: 1st: Drybanski; Ulmer; Doonan; Hunt; 3rd: Daly; Kuppens; McCarthy; DeGiacomo; girls, twelve and under: 1st: Meehan; Mahoney; Teague; Hernan; 3rd: Baumgarten; Campbell; Hunt; Sacks; 5th: Buckley; McElhinny; Durkin; Dunn; boys, seventeen and under: 2nd: Zappolo, Tehranian; Conway; Lehr; 3rd: Berg, Daly; Blackburn; McCarthy; girls: 1st: Anderson, Englander; Lehr; Durkin; 3rd: Musto; Swain; Whoriskey; Sacks; 5th: Daly; Guinee; James; Lieb-Lappen).

Congratulations to the Cohasset squad on their second win of the season. Their early performances echo last year's successful start and augur well for another great year. Well done also to the coaches Alison Ryan, Ted Hughes and Garet Jacobucci, who bring out the best in this squad and an enormous thank you to all the volunteers who score, co-ordinate, record times, run concession stands, and make the swim meet possible. We look forward to another great outing next Friday at Eel River.

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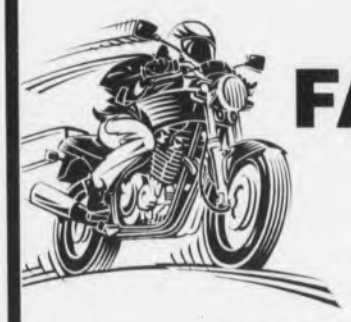

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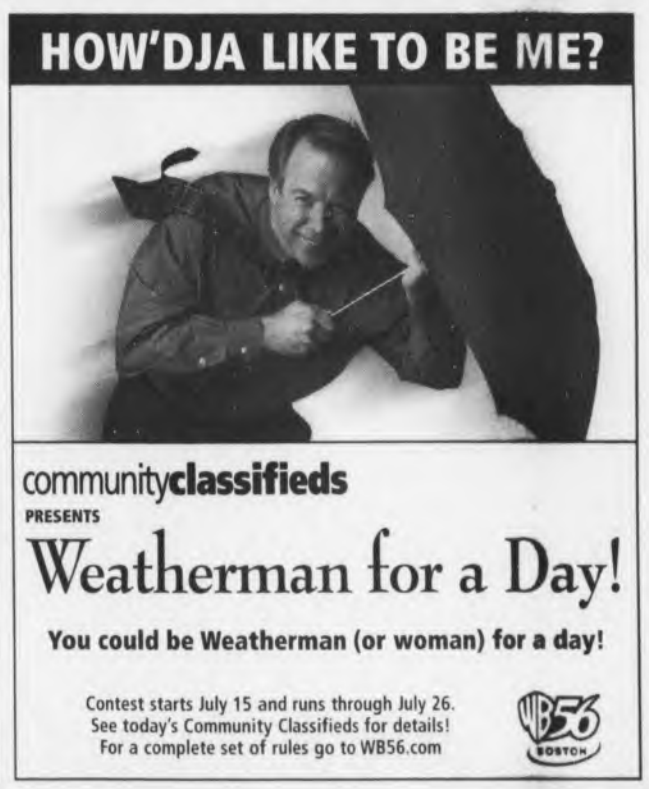

POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

12:04 a.m. Sohier St., general information.

4:11 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:38 a.m. Juniper Rise, noise complaint.

6:44 a.m. HQ, general information.

8:27 a.m. North Main St., general information.

8:46 a.m. Holly Lane, annoying phone calls.

8:59 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., motor vehicle complaint.

9:31 a.m. Pond St., medical aid.

9:39 a.m. Border St. property damage.

1:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:29 p.m. Parking Way, parking violation.

1:44 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking violation.

2:25 p.m. Margin St., parking complaint.

3:07 p.m. Flintlock Ridge Road, medical aid.

3:30 p.m. Brook St., disorderly conduct.

3:55 p.m. Warfield Ave., animal call or complaint.

5:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

6:30 p.m. Doane St., animal call or complaint.

7:12 p.m. Jerusalem Road, family disturbance.

7:25 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, traffic citation issued.

10:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, traffic complaint. Arrest of Geraldine O. Kalita, 53 of 4 Gannett Road, North Scituate. Charges: OUI; violation of marked lanes on state highway.

11:06 p.m. Summer St., noise complaint.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

12:22 a.m. Summer St., noise complaint.

12:38 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

12:05 a.m. HQ, general information.

1:25 a.m. King St., open door/window.

2:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

7:18 a.m. Atlantic Ave. and Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

7:29 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

7:40 a.m. Hull St., general services.

7:56 a.m. Pond St., parking complaint.

8:10 a.m. Border St., parking complaint.

8:17 a.m. Hull St., parking complaint.

9:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

1:15 p.m. Border St., general services.

1:18 p.m. Jerusalem Road, trespassing.

1:35 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:26 p.m. King St., fire, investigation.

4:54 p.m. Margin St., general services.

5:19 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

6 p.m. Doane St., general information.

7:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

7:24 p.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

7:41 p.m. Margin St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

7:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

7:56 p.m. HQ, assist other police department.

8 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

8:25 p.m. Margin St., assist citizen.

8:51 p.m. Parking Way, general disturbance, gathering.

8:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property found.

11:04 p.m. Doane St., general information, parking ticket issued.

11:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

12:06 a.m. South Main St. and Spring St., noise complaint.

12:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

1:14 a.m. Pond St., open door/window.

5:57 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:33 a.m. South Main St., breaking and entering, burglary, investigated, found.

7:51 a.m. Stagecoach Way, breaking and entering, burglary, investigated, found.

8:20 a.m. In town, general information.

9:25 a.m. Pioneer Road, animal call or complaint.

10:23 a.m. Condito Road, medical aid.

11:58 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

12:36 p.m. South Main St., investigation.

12:49 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire.

4:12 p.m. Jerusalem Road Drive and Haystack Lane, tree down.

5:30 p.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

5:39 p.m. South Main St., general information.

5:49 p.m. HQ, property found.

6:03 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

6:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

6:26 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

6:28 p.m. Black Rock Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:31 p.m. HQ, general information.

6:42 p.m. Tupelo Road, motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Gary M. Morrison, 37, of 685 Oak St., Bldg. 5, Brockton. Charges: WMS Warrant; possession of an instrument to administer controlled substance; operating motor vehicle after license was suspended/revoked; operating after registration was revoked; operating an uninsured motor vehicle; failure to stop at red light; expired inspection sticker; operating motor vehicle without license in possession.

7:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

7:23 p.m. HQ, assist citizen.

9:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

9:25 p.m. North Main St. and Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:48 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, gathering.

10:20 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

1:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

2:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general disturbance.

12:01 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

12:07 p.m. Sohier St., general information.

1:32 p.m. Elm St. Arrest of David Morrison, 36, of 219 Perkins Ave., Brockton. Charges: WMS Warrant—three warrants.

2:50 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general information.

4:41 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well-being check, services rendered.

6 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:09 p.m. Sohier St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic control.

7:36 p.m. Town lot, parking complaint.

10:44 p.m. Queen Ann's Gate, assist other agency.

10:57 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

MONDAY, JUNE 24

5:51 a.m. Forest Ave., animal call or complaint.

6:06 a.m. Sohier St., general services.

9:51 a.m. Atlantic Ave. and Hobart Lane, parking complaint.

10:34 a.m. Nichols Road, property, lost.

12:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

3:05 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

4:05 p.m. Hull St., traffic complaint.

4:27 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

6:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic complaint.

7:23 p.m. Jerusalem Road and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:27 p.m. North Min St., animal call or complaint.

9:46 p.m. Parkingway, assist citizen.

10:43 p.m. King St., general disturbance.

11:12 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

7:37 a.m. Sohier St., fire, services rendered.

9:24 a.m. Sohier St., traffic safety inspection.

9:32 a.m. Sohier St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

9:41 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:26 a.m. Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:28 a.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

10:35 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Jerusalem Road Drive, parking complaint.

10:38 a.m. North Main St., parking violation.

11:59 a.m. Seaboard Circle, motor vehicle accident.

12:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation.

1:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint, verbal warning.

1:32 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:10 p.m. Hull St., fight. Arrest of Brian Bullock, 30, of 15C Memorial Drive, Weymouth. Charge: Assault and battery.

Arrest of Russell Hunt, 42, of 75 Hull St., Cohasset. Charge: Assault and battery.

3:36 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:12 p.m. Beechwood St. and Church St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:29 p.m. Linden Drive and Rustic Drive, general disturbance, area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:53 a.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

8:55 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking violation, ticket issued.

9:05 a.m. Forest Ave and Heather Drive, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:11 a.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglary, breaking and entering.

9:33 a.m. Atlantic Ave., disorderly conduct.

10:03 a.m. Arrowwood Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

10:09 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Jerusalem Road Drive.

10:12 a.m. Parker Ave., parking complaint, ticket issued.

10:34 a.m. Atlantic Ave., property, found.

11:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., outside fire, extinguished.

11:20 a.m. Forest Ave., and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property found.

1:29 p.m. Border St., general services.

3:37 p.m. Border St., general services.

4:35 p.m. Elm St., general services.

5:35 p.m. Elm St., general services.

5:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

8:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.

9:17 p.m. Forest Ave., animal call or complaint.

9:22 p.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:50 p.m. Gammons Road, suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

THURSDY, JUNE 27

6:02 a.m. Elm St., fire, inspections.

10:29 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

10:53 a.m. South Main St., parking violation, ticket issued.

11:12 a.m. Pleasant St., traffic complaint.

11:20 a.m. Cedar St., vandalism.

11:35 a.m. North Main St., traffic complaint, ticket issued.

12:45 p.m. Fire, structure.

1:01 p.m. Border St., general services.

1:38 p.m. Pond St., wires down.

2:34 p.m. Border St., general services.

2:39 p.m. Samoset Ave. and Malta St., motor vehicle complaint.

3:49 p.m. Sohier St., parking complaint.

7:49 p.m. Stagecoach Circle. Arrest of Daron Gaeta, 36, of 22 Stagecoach Circle, Plymouth. Charge: Warrant-straight.

9:34 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Lane, fire, investigation.

9:49 p.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

8:39 a.m. In town, general services.

9:02 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:55 a.m. Summer St., escort.

12:02 p.m. Border St., general services.

12:23 p.m. Jerusalem, Road, animal call or complaint.

1:36 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, animal call or complaint.

2:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

2:45 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Howe Road, property found.

3:17 p.m. Border St., general services, parking ticket issued.

3:21 p.m. Hull St., power outage.

4:50 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

6:18 p.m. Pond St., open door/window.

7:12 p.m. Juniper Rise, animal call or complaint.

7:19 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:43 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:58 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle accident.

9:48 p.m. Cushing Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:55 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle violation.

10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:19 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, harbor enforcement/services, 209A restraining order served in hand. Arrest of Paul R. Previte, 18, of 38 Summer St., Cohasset. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; operating motor boat negligently, waters of comm.

Arrest of Sean C. Chase, 19, of 17 Highland Court, Cohasset. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; operating motor boat negligently, waters of comm.

Arrest of Kyle S. Weber, 19, of 20 Oak St., Cohasset. Charge: Minor transporting alcohol.

11:13 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

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12:23 a.m. HQ, animal call or complaint.

2:16 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

2:43 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

3:19 a.m. Pleasant St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

4:56 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:54 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:26 a.m. Bassins Beach, brush fire, extinguished.

11:53 a.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

12:19 p.m. Ripley Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:29 p.m. Black Rock Road, family disturbance.

2:14 p.m. Parker Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

POLICE BRIEFS

3A break-in still being investigated

Police are still investigating an attempted robbery in a strip mall off Route 3A.

Two thieves inadvertently set off the motion alarm in Mary Lou's News that foiled their burglary attempt in the early hours of Sunday morning (June 30).

Cohasset police say two white males pried open a rear window to South Shore Upholstery on the 100 block of King Street and gained access to ceiling rafters over the four businesses in the strip mall that also houses Aveni Cleaners, an antique shop and Mary Lou's News.

But officers James McLean and Jeffrey Trainor were nearby when they heard an audible alarm activate at Mary Lou's News, 132 King St.

When the officers stopped to investigate the alarm, the two suspects fled the building through the rear window they had pried open during the break, ran and jumped on two motorcycles they had apparently hidden in the bushes alongside the building.

The officers pursued the motorcycles into Hingham, where one of the motorcycle operators failed to negotiate a turn at the detour at 3A and Summer Street; the second motorcyclist crashed on Summer Street.

A lengthy foot chase ensued that included police from Cohasset and Hingham and the Hingham K-9 unit.

The manhunt was called off after several hours and the suspects are still at large. The motorcycles were recovered and returned to their owners. Police determined the motorcycles had been stolen days earlier in Londonderry, N.H.

Police obtained physical evidence at the burglary site and crash scenes where the operators had slid the bikes to a stop using the process of "laying the bikes down" and took off.

Nothing was taken in the break-in because police confronted the suspects within 20 seconds after they'd entered the building, police said.

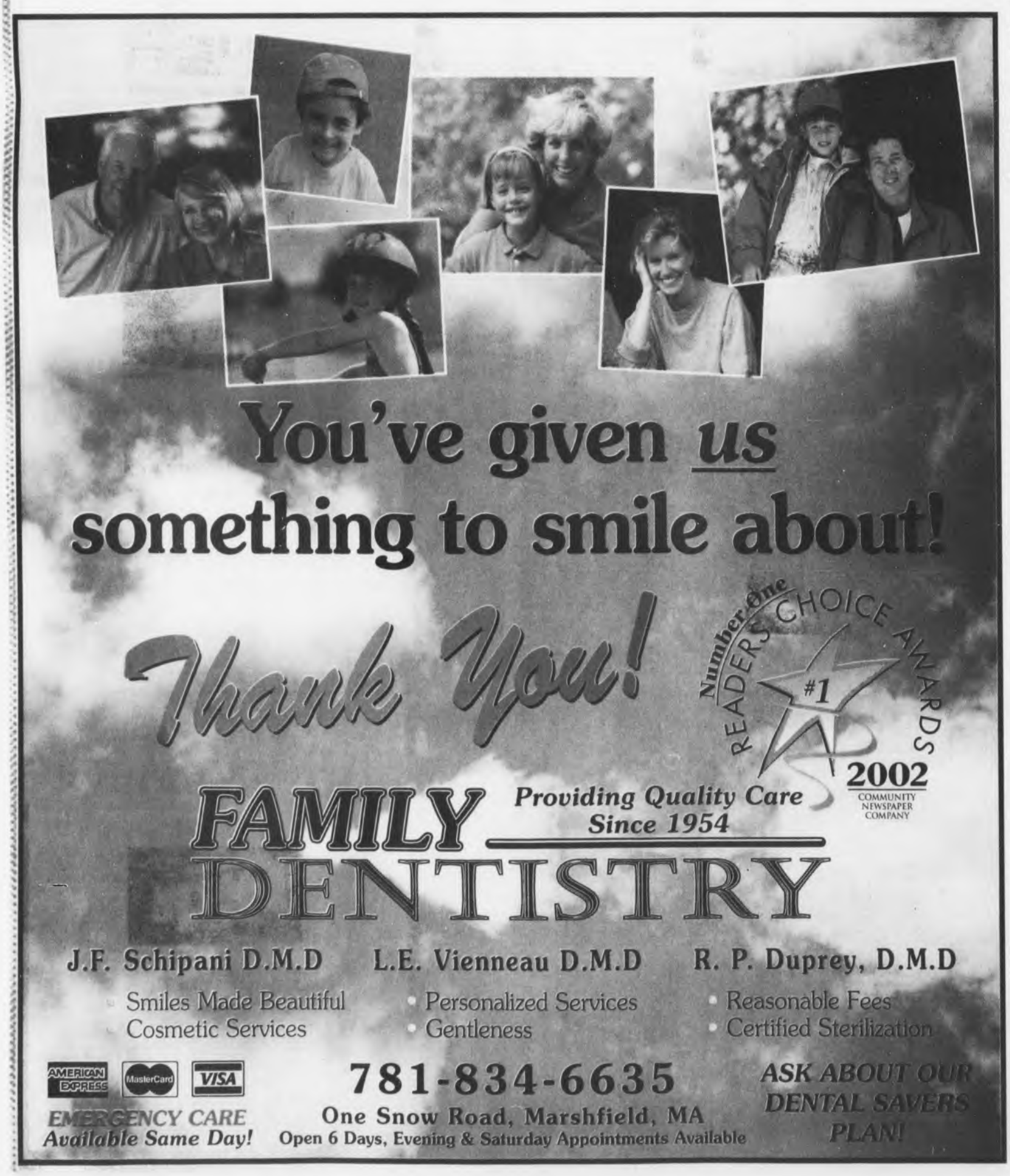
Anyone with information, should contact the Cohasset police at 781-383-1055.

Juveniles arrested

Police arrested three Cohasset 16-year-olds at 7:46 p.m. Thursday, July 4 after a call about some suspicious activity in Parking Way, the town parking lot.

Police found the youths with two bottles of vodka, two bottles of rum, a 20-pack of beer and a quantity of marijuana. All the alcohol was unopened.

The teens, one of whom was charged with minor possession of alcohol and the other two were charged with possession of marijuana, were arraigned on the charges yesterday in Quincy District Court after the Mariner went to press. Police did not release their names because they are juveniles.



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Scout restores historic Jacobs-Collamore cemetery

Troop 78 Eagle Scout candidate David Krueger of Cohasset has completed his Eagle service project by restoring the historic Jacobs-Collamore Cemetery located on Jacobs Trail in Norwell near Assinippi Corner. The cemetery had been overgrown by brush and littered with trash for most of the 20th century, but with the help of many volunteers, Krueger has succeeded in rescuing it.

A number of the area's original settlers are buried in this cemetery. In 1727, David Jacobs and his two sons, Joseph and Joshua, dammed up Third Herring Brooke to make what is now known as Jacob's pond. Dr. Joseph Jacobs later built a house on Washington St. The Collamore family, originally from Scituate, moved into this area and married into the Jacobs family. Members of both families were buried in what is now the Jacobs-Collamore cemetery. Although there is evidence of only a few graves at the site, several records of burials have been lost over the 300-year history of the cemetery.

Eagle Scout candidate David Krueger of Troop 78 with his restoration of the Jacobs-Collamore Historical Cemetery.

Krueger's project consisted of directing the cleaning of debris from the cemetery property, enclosing the property with a boundary of large rocks on three sides, ringing the front with rustic-looking granite posts with hanging chains between them, planting of shrubs and flowers, mulching the frontal area of the lot and providing a public viewing area of walkway stones. All of this work was accomplished by fellow scouts, friends, local business people, town employees, and family volunteers under the direction of the candidate scout. The Norwell Historical Commission approved the work and also placed a large commemorative stone monument at the front of the cemetery property.

This project took more than one year to complete, and took more than 250 person-hours of volunteer effort. During this period, Krueger managed scouts from Troop 78 in Norwell and Troop 28 in Cohasset, as well as other friends and family in completing this huge project.

Russian organist at St. Stephen's

This summer, St. Stephen's Church presents Russian organist Mikhail Mishtchenko in a recital on Wednesday, July 24, at 7:30 p.m. Mishtchenko is a lecturer in music history at the St. Petersburg Conservatory and the author of numerous musicological publications. He graduated from the St. Petersburg Conservatory and has widely performed in Russia. The artist has a broad repertoire, with a special emphasis on music of the Romantic Period.

The concert will be played on the church's legendary 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ, with Mishtchenko performing works of Widor, Vierne, Franck, and Bach. St. Stephen's, with its magnificent instrument, will provide an excellent showcase for this great program.

St. Stephen's Church is at Highland Ave. in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and there is ample parking at the village car park. There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Mikhail Mishtchenko

Music Circus includes kids' fairy tales in its repertoire

By Evan Schiff
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Tired of the beach or computer games? Again this summer, the South Shore Music Circus offers a variety of children's theatre programs that offer another alternative to keep the kids entertained while school's out.

The award-winning Kaleidoscope theatre program has been in existence for 25 years and has been bringing smiles to the faces of Cohasset's younger generation for the better part of 20 years. This year, the play group has a variety of different fairy tale musicals planned including Mother Goose, Snow White, Pinocchio, Cinderella, The Emperor's New Clothes, Beauty and the Beast, Jack and the Beanstalk, and The Frog Prince. While not all plays are performed every year, staples like Cinderella and Snow White can be caught most summers at the Music Circus.

David Payton, who writes and directs the plays for Kaleidoscope, said the live performances seem to be preferred by parents who are looking for an way to entertain their kids. He said there is always a moral message in the plays and each one encourages audience participation from both parents and their children.

"We want to get children excited about coming out to see us," he said. "We provide a great source of entertainment for them."

Chris Conway, public relations coordinator for the Music Circus, said the venue offers the programs as a service to the community and an alternative for parents who would like to enlighten their kids to arts. He said the Music Circus also keeps the prices low, about $6.50 a show, as a way to encourage attendance.

"It's a great way for us to provide our friends in the community a family friendly artistic experience in the middle of the day during the summer," he said.

Conway added the Music Circus has expanded the horizons of the children's program in recent years with the addition of the touring versions of popular Nickelodeon TV shows such as Little Bear, this year, and productions such as "Franklin's Magic Fiddle" in the past.

Snow White is on stage at the Music Circus July 18.

"We expect to continue this tradition next year with a touring version of 'Spongebob', one of the hottest shows in years," Conway said.

The plays, which normally run for an hour, are performed by actors ranging in all ages. Kaleidoscope also incorporates some people with special needs into its production.

"We always have age appropriate actors," Payton said. "It allows the kids to identify with the performers."

Kaleidoscope also performs in venues in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Cape Cod and also does school shows.

"We have an educational school touring group that promotes positive qualities in children," Payton said. "We try to get them to think about the values in their life." The group performs the play titled, "I'm Special, You're Special" which features a child with Down Syndrome.

The Music Circus registrations are held two weeks prior to the actual date of the show.

The following is the summer schedule for Kaleidoscope at the Music Circus.

- July 18 - Snow White
- July 25 - Pinocchio
- August 1 - Cinderella
- August 8 - The Emperor's New Clothes
- August 15 - Beauty and the Beast
- August 22 - Jack and the Beanstalk
- August 29 - The Frog Prince

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Stars, stripes and rock 'n' roll

Egodog does second tour of duty in the Balkans

By Seth Jacobson
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Egodog, a band founded by Marshfield High School graduate Micheal McManus is celebrating America's birthday this month in a very special and patriotic way.

Having rung in the Fourth of July in the states, the band will take off for its second tour of the Balkans July 28 in support of military personnel serving abroad. The tour is dedicated to U.S. troops serving in Kosovo, Bosnia, Hungary and Macedonia. McManus said this second tour of duty for the band has a new significance in the wake of Sept. 11.

"Last time we did a tour like this (June, 2001), it was pre-Sept. 11," McManus said. "I'm really interested in seeing the morale of the troops when we go back. The main reason we go there is to try to keep the peace. In Bosnia, there's no cleanup going on. It looks like the war ended yesterday. It's really humbling."

And McManus noted that Egodog is not just doing this tour to pay tribute to troops in the Balkans. They're doing it to honor all U.S. military troops wherever they serve around the world.

"Unfortunately, it wasn't until Sept. 11 that many Americans really took note of the important job our troops are doing," McManus said.

And while the band's mission has become a patriotic one, Egodog didn't start out that way.

After McManus graduated MHS in 1983, he attended Berklee College of Music in Boston for two years. He followed that up by earning his degree in communications from UMass Amherst, just in case the music career didn't pan out.

At that time, McManus was playing music around Boston with a few of his friends. One day in 1991, one of his friends told McManus he was moving to Los Angeles. He asked McManus if he would be interested in moving out there.

"I pulled up my stakes, got in a van and went to California," McManus said. "It was just one of those crazy things you do when you're young." During his six years in California, McManus formed Egodog, recruiting several area musicians including vocalist Tony Oros, bassist Damien Pampena and drummer Joe Higgins. McManus plays guitar for the band.

"We've been together since 1997," McManus said. "It started as a project but now it has grown into something bigger."

The band has released three albums and while Egodog is not on a major label yet, that has not slowed the band's momentum. The members of the group book their own gigs, press their own albums and do their own publicity. McManus describes the band's style as modern hard rock.

By 2001, Egodog had been playing gigs on the West Coast and in places like Japan, Mexico and Germany. But the members of the band wanted to do something to give back to their country. So, after much deliberation, they decided to do a tour of the Balkans for the troops.

"We wanted to basically tell the troops over there and everywhere that they're doing a good job," McManus said. "None of the guys in the band have done any military time—this is the closest any of us have ever gotten to that."

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Egodog vocalist and founder Michael McManus

While in the Balkans, the members of Egodog lived like the troops serving there. They ate in the mess halls and slept in the barracks. McManus said many of the band's military escorts were from Massachusetts and that made him feel at home.

"We did 13 different shows that tour," McManus said. "It was a real eye-opener for me. I think when we go back later in July, it will be even more interesting than the last time. When we're over there, we get a chance to see things 99.9 percent of Americans could never see. In places like Bosnia, we get to hear the stories from the locals about what really went on with the Serbs and the Bosnians. It gives us such an appreciation for what we have back home."

Egodog will return from the second Balkans trip in mid-August and return to its regular gigs again. But McManus said it isn't very likely that the band will make a trip to the East Coast.

"I'd love to play a gig at home, but we're a do-it-yourself band and we don't have a major label," he said. "We can't really afford to go all the places we want. I still have a lot of friends in Marshfield, so I still get all the updates. Thank God for e-mails."

For more information on Egodog's Balkans tour or other dates, log onto www.Egodog.com. To buy one of the band's three albums, log onto www.Amazon.com.

While abroad, Egodog lived like the troops and boosted morale.

Marshfield native, and founder of the band Michael McManus rocks on.

Egodog will return to the Balkans July 28 for a second tour of duty.

Egodog band members in helmets and camo gear.

Tanks for the memories!
Egodog band members in Bosnia during their first tour of the Balkans.

This spud's for you

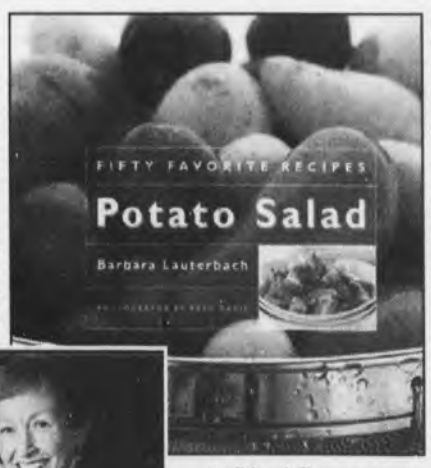
New cookbook peels away the competition

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

Barbara Lauterbach remembers her childhood in Hingham, where summer tables were set with plenty of seafood, fresh vegetables and of course that New England staple, the potato. Lauterbach calls it the perfect, simple food.

Even during the ensuing years, while pasta salad became all the rage, this European-trained cook stuck by the tried and true spud.

In fact, Lauterbach is such a steadfast potato lover that she has published her first cookbook — just in time for summer cookouts and picnics — on one of the potato's most famous dishes, potato salad



Barbara Lauterbach

"Potato Salad: 50 Favorite Recipes" is perfect fo anyone who ever thought potato salad just couldn't keep up with its flashier side-dish competition — pasta salad. Lauterbach will be at the Front Street Book Shop in Scituate Harbor July 11 to sign copies of the book and offer a taste of some of its recipes.

"Actually, the germination for the idea for the book came around the Fourth of July, sitting on the front porch with a friend, who said I should write the book. At first I though it would be difficult to come up with enough ways to fill a book, it wasn't," said Lauterbach, who now makes her home in New Hampshire.

Lauterbach said that one of her favorite recipes — which she serves to her family every Fourth of July — comes from the New England staple dinner of salmon, potatoes and peas in a white sauce.

Lauterbach has brought the recipe up to date by creating a potato salad that uses these ingredients, but frees the cook up a little on Independence Day. Fabulous Fourth salmon and potato salad calls for new or Red Bliss potatoes, peas, poached salmon and hard-boiled eggs blended with dill, shallots, oil and lemon juice. Another recipe Lauterbach recommends for traditional New England clambakes is the slightly untraditional Portugese potato salad, which calls for Yukon Gold or Yellow Finn potatoes, oil and vinegar, linguica or chourico sausage, chick peas, mustard and anchovy paste.

Lauterbach said that many of the recipes came from family, other chefs that she knows and friends. She even has a celebrity potato salad section.

Lauterbach is a bit of a celebrity cook herself, having attended many cooking schools in London, Paris, Florence and Bologna. She was the director of the Creative Kitchen Cooling School at Lazarus, a division of Federated Department Stores in Ohio. She was also

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Tom Hanks gets mobbed

Star's funny about getting serious in 'Road to Perdition'

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Move over, Ron Howard; Tom Hanks may be the nicest guy in show business.

At a recent series of interviews for his new film, "Road to Perdition," Hanks bounded from room to room and table to table, greeting everyone with a big, "Hey, how *are* ya this morning?" His enthusiasm was reminiscent of the boy-in-the-man's-body character he so brilliantly portrayed in "Big."

Hanks is now at the top of a profession that's won him fame (two best actor Oscars) and acclaim (at 45, he's the youngest person to receive the American Film Institute Life Achievement Award). Now he's taking his career in a new direction. But he's not the least bit concerned about whether his fans will follow him on the "Road to Perdition," a moody gangster film set in 1930s Chicago, in which Hanks plays his first gun-toting bad guy.

"I'm not worried about people accepting me in the part," he says. "They either do or they don't. I trust whoever sees the movie will become involved in what's going on. Beyond that, it's not really a marketing concern. It still comes down to the quality of the movie and the quality of the performance. I find that the audience is incredibly smart, and they make this organic decision themselves. And it's got nothing to do with any sort of strategy. It's whether or not they become involved in the story."

The story involves several layers of father-son relationships, with Hanks smack in the middle of two of them: He's the "adopted" son of — and hired hitman for — tough mobster Paul Newman, and he's the father of newcomer Tyler Hoechlin, who turns inward when he realizes what his dad does for a living.

Paul Newman and Tom Hanks in "Road to Perdition."

Hanks insists he didn't take the part just so he could try something new.

"I think that if you're looking for a specific change of pace just for the sake of changing the pace, you're making an artificial, inorganic decision," he says. Then he puts on an impish smile and adds, "I didn't tell my crack team of show business experts, 'FIND SOMETHIN'

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Food & dining

Rethinking fruit salad

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Fruit salad is, to our discredit, a lackluster afterthought, a recipe that is thrown together willy-nilly with little or consideration for the proper dressing. Indeed, fruit salads do need to be dressed properly in order to heighten flavors, providing both depth and contrast. Simply put, there is nothing with more potential than a bowl of cut-up fruit ñ it cries out for a splash of sophistication.

I immediately turned to a simple dressing referred to as a gastrique which is nothing more than a reduction of an acid (e.g. vinegar) and sugar. It is most often used to accompany savory dishes such as duck but "Cook's Illustrated" turned to this recipe as a dressing for fruit salads. The basic method is to take 4 parts liquid (wine, champagne, citrus juice) to 1 part sugar and reduce it in a saucepan for about 15 minutes or until slightly thickened. I tested this approach on champagne, red wine, and white wine with good results; vinegar and fruit juices (orange, lemon, and lime) were too severe and sour. I did uncover one big problem in my tests. The cooking time reduced the fresh, complex flavor of the wines, a result that was disappointing.

The solution to this problem was discovered on a website that suggested caramelizing the sugar first and then adding the wine. In a small saucepan I placed 1/4-cup sugar with two tablespoons water and one teaspoon lemon juice, the latter included to prevent crystallization. Once the sugar had cooked for about five minutes I added one cup of wine which turned out to be excessive. I eventually cut back the wine quantity to a mere 1/3 cup which reduced nicely in just a few minutes which also preserved its delicate flavor.

The second discovery evolved from a mistake. I let the sugar overcook in one test ñ in turned a dark amber color ñ and the resulting flavor was deep and wonderfully complex especially when married to the wine. The final touch was flavorings ñ orange, lemon, or lime zest work well with champagne as does a bit of orange liqueur. When using red wine, either vanilla bean or cinnamon were nice additions. (They should steep in the hot liquid for at least 10 minutes but not more than a half hour.)

As for the fruit, it has to be both fresh and full-flavored. This dressing will help but it canít save tasteless melon or watery strawberries. Peaches, plums, or nectarines donít have to be peeled and can be sliced into 1/2-inch wedges. If youíre lucky enough to find a mango or papaya they should also be cut into 1/ 2 inch cubes. Halved seedless grapes as well as cantaloupe and honeydew melon are good candidates. Watermelon is best left to be eaten on its own since it quickly becomes soggy. Bananas are another fruit best left for another purpose. They rapidly turn soft and dark. The syrup dresses about six cups of fruit. The salad should be dressed very close to serving time but the fruit may be cut and chilled hours ahead of time.

FRUIT SALAD WITH CARAMELIZED WINE DRESSING

You can use strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, seedless grapes, cantaloupe, honeydew, mango, papaya, peaches, plums or nectarines or any combination. Strawberries should be halved or quartered, grapes cut in half pole to pole, and other fruit cut into 1/2-inch pieces. Peaches, plums, and nectarines do not need to be peeled. The syrup may be made up to five days ahead of time and stored in the refrigerator but the zest should be strained out if leaving it for more than a couple of hours.

6 cups prepared fruit (see note above)
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/3 cup champagne, dry white wine or prosecco
Finely grated zest of an orange, lime or lemon (optional)
1 tablespoon orange liqueur (optional)

Place the sugar, lemon juice and two tablespoons water in a small saucepan over medium high heat. Simmer until dark amber colored, about five minutes. (Once the syrup starts to color, it will turn dark quickly. Take the saucepan off the heat, swirl contents, replace and repeat to control the caramelization process.) Off heat add the champagne or wine. Return to simmer and cook until slightly thickened and reduced to just under 1/4 cup, about 5 minutes. Stir in the optional zest and/or liqueur. Cool to room temperature before using.

RED WINE VARIATION

Substitute red wine for the champagne in the above recipe. Instead of the lime or lemon zest (the orange still works in this variation) flavor the syrup with 1/2 vanilla bean or a 3-inch piece of cinnamon stick. The bean or stick should be removed before serving or after one half hour if preparing the syrup ahead of time.

This spud's for you

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a spokesperson for the King Arthur Flour Company and at one time operated a bed and breakfast in New Hampshire, where she taught cooking classes and hosted culinary weekends.

Lauterbach, who has a BA in Art History and has two grown children, said she has always loved cooking.

"I have always thought cooking is a form of art and after attending cooking schools in Europe, my eyes were really opened to what food could be," said Lauterbach.

Although she grew up in Hingham on traditional New England comfort food, Lauterbach is well aware that today's cooks are busy and often multi-tasking.

"I think the good thing about this kind of a cookbook is it helps people who have busy lives break out of the box in one small way, in an easy way. None of these recipes take very long. I hope it perks up people's interest in a basic food and brings some standard recipes up to the 21st century," she said.

Along with the recipes — and while some are for casual picnics, some are more "glamorous," Lauterbach says, with names like "Potatoes Night Out." Lauterbach includes plenty of tips for making potato salad, from choosing the potatoes to how to boil them properly to how to serve beautifully.

Lauterbach recommends potatoes with a lower starch content, like Red Bliss, Yukon Gold or Yellow Finn, all-purpose white or fingerlings. Don't overcook your potatoes, Lauterbach stresses, cooking them about 20 minutes and testing them with a knife for doneness. When it comes to skins, Lauterbach leaves them on when cooking to help keep the shape and to retain nutrients.

When it comes to dressing the potatoes, there are really only two ways: mayonnaise or vinaigrette. Lauterbach's rules of thumb is when using mayonnaise, dress the potatoes when they are cold; when using vinaigrette, dress the potatoes when they are still warm.

Once you get that concept down, you can go in any direction. "Use your imagination," she said.

Lauterbach said the book has sold very well so far, and has entered it's second printing. "That's a lot of potato salad," she jokes.

"But I think it shows the interest people have in basic food that they can serve everyday," she said

And what's next for Lauterbach? Chicken salad, of course.

Lauterbach will sign copies of "Potato Salad: Fifty Favorite Recipes" at Front Street Book Shop in Scituate from 6 to 8 p.m. on July 11. Lauterbach will also be sharing cooking tips and samples of recipes from the book will be available for tasting. For more information call Front Street Book Shop at (781) 545-5011.

FABULOUS FOURTH SALMON AND POTATO SALAD

2 pounds Red Bliss or red new potatoes
1 cup shelled green peas
2 pounds salmon steaks, poached and flaked (see note)
fi cup sliced radishes
Lettuce leaves, red-leaf or Bibb
4 hard-boiled eggs, quartered

DRESSING

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup chopped fresh dill
1 shallot, thinly sliced
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
fi cup extra-virgin olive oil

Cook the potatoes. When cool enough to handle, peel if desired, then cut into /-inch-thick slices. Place the potato slices in a large bowl and set aside.

To make the dressing, in a small bowl, whisk the lemon juice, dill, shallot, salt and pepper. Gradually whisk in the oil until an emulsion forms. Pour the dressing over the potatoes and toss gently.

Bring a saucepan three-fourths full of water to a boil. Add the peas and boil just until tender, between 2 to 4 minutes depending on the size. Drain and immediately place under running cold water to set the color. Drain well.

Add the flaked salmon, peas, and radishes to the potatoes and toss again.

Line a large serving platter with the lettuce leaves. Spoon on the salad and garnish with the hard-boiled eggs. Serve at once.

Note: To poach the salmon, place / teaspoons dried tarragon or 1 teaspoon fresh tarragon leaves, / teaspoon dried thyme or 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, 4 or 5 sprigs of fresh flat-leaf parsley, 1 bay leaf, and 4 or 5 whole black peppercorns on a square of cheesecloth. Bring the corners together, and tie securely to make a bouquet garni. In a wide stainless steel or enamel pan, combine 3/4 cup each white wine and water, 1 teaspoon salt, and the bouquet garni. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to medium, cover partially, and simmer for 10 minutes. Add the salmon steaks and additional water if needed just to cover. Butter one side of a piece of wax paper cut to the diameter of the pan and place, buttered-side down, over the salmon. Poach at a bare simmer just until the steaks flake when tested with a fork, about 10 minutes. Remove the salmon from the liquid and let cool. Remove and discard any skin and bones, then flake with a fork.

Tom Hanks gets mobbed

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DARK FOR TOMMY TO DO!' It wasn't like that."

Nor does he agree that "Road to Perdition" is an example of what the trade papers call counter-programming — in other words, a serious adult movie opening at the time of the year when film fare is usually lighter (it premieres on the same day as "Halloween: Resurrection," "Reign of Fire" and "The Crocodile Hunter").

"If you're gonna let marketing drive the entire way the movie business works, I think it would be a demoralizing atmosphere for movies," he reasons. "You'd only see mindless movies from the middle of May to the middle of August, and you'd only see dark, depressing, serious movies from Labor Day to the week before Thanksgiving.

"And then all through Thanksgiving it'd just be happy puppet movies with a lot of bright colors and singing ponies," he adds, laughing. "If you actually think there is a time to release a movie versus another time, I think it's absolutely wrong. People are dying for a good movie to go see. And they'll show up to see it whenever it comes out."

Hanks leans forward, hand on chin, waiting for the next question. He seems excited to promote "Road to Perdition"; he genuinely seems to think it's a good movie. But he admits he didn't know that while he was making it. He never knows that.

"I think it's always a landmine," he says. "Are you gonna step on something and blow yourself up? Is it gonna have any reverberations anywhere? You don't have any idea. If you actually think like you're in the running for it, the chances are you're making 'Bonfire of the Vanities.'"

He laughs again, a little uneasily, at having brought up one of his few big flops, but segues smoothly into his own degree of involvement with each project.

"One of the things I found is that you can be *too* involved," he explains, his eyes going wide on the word "too." "The job of the actor, in many ways, is to stay aloof and separated from an awful lot of the Sturm und Drang that's going on. I think my job is to provide the director with whatever he or she really needs or wants from me. So when I eventually see the finished film, I see stuff that I've never seen before, and it's actually been reinterpreted in a completely different way. There's been esthetic choices that the director has made that he might have come to late in the game or that maybe he had from the very beginning, but I never even realized it because I was being manipulated by the son-of-a-bitch."

He smiles again, and the smile lingers as he's asked if, after all these years, acting is still a challenge.

"It's still *fun*," he says. "Something comes along and I still can't believe that they're asking me to do it, to play the role. I went into this because it's the best job in the world. The money's nice, the attention is more than anybody deserves. But it doesn't have anything to do with what happens when you get there and you put on the clothes and you're pretending to be something else and you work with other people who are inspiring and intimidating at the same time. It's still a blast."

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Diverse textural plants for the shady border

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

A strange, eerie haze blanketed South Shore gardens over the weekend as smoke laden breezes descended from our Canadian neighbors. It is difficult to comprehend the devastation that has resulted from the extensive blazes that have scorched so many areas of our beautiful country in recent weeks. As I gazed up at the orange-red orb in the midday sky, I was mesmerized by the peculiar appearance of this unfamiliar sun and the odd hues it cast. Visions of science fiction movies raced through my mind as I imagined myself transported back in time to a prehistoric land of volcanoes and dinosaurs or stranded on a far away planet. Despite the momentary appeal of overcast skies and a temporary respite from oppressive summertime weather, I will welcome the return of bright blue skies, sunshine and normal atmospheric conditions.

When heat and humidity prevail, I seek a cool retreat from the summertime heat in my shady borders. By early July, the shade garden becomes nearly tropical in its appearance. Handsome hostas have reached spectacular proportions, their blue, gold, green or variegated foliage offering season-long beauty. From diminutive mini-forms barely 6-inches high, to elegant giants nearly 4-feet tall with leaves more than a foot across, it is not surprising that these diverse, low-maintenance plants have become the most popular perennials cultivated in the United States. Tolerant of dampness or drought, hostas offer textural variations as well, from the glossy, satiny leaves of Ventricosa cultivars to the puckered, seersucker appearance of Tokudama types. The shiny leaves of 'Leather Sheen' or 'Invincible' appear to be made of wax, a marked contrast to the dull but brightly tinted foliage of 'Gold Standard' or the powdery blue, glaucous leaves of 'Halcyon', 'Dorset Blue', or 'Hadspen Blue'.

Although a shady spot could be elegantly designed using only hostas, additional plants that display feathery, ferny foliage create an exciting contrast in form and texture to the symmetrical mounds of hosta foliage. Perhaps the loveliest of all are the astilbes. Numerous cultivars are available and if several varieties are grown, the feathery blooms of astilbes will grace your borders from late June to mid-August with heights ranging from under a foot to a stately 4-feet tall. The exquisite, deeply divided foliage makes these perennials worthy of growing even if they did not produce glorious plumes in shades of pink, red, rosy-purple or white. Moisture-retentive soils are a must for their survival and a stressed plant will quickly demonstrate its thirst by wilting and turning crispy around the edges in a remarkably short time period.

Among the hybrids currently offered, the arendsii hybrids are particularly beautiful. Tall graceful plumes tend to bloom early in the season; the cultivar, 'Bridal Veil', is a sensational airy white, 'Cattleya' is a tall deep pink, and 'Montgomery' boasts fabulous red spires. Season extenders include the chinensis and simplicifolia hybridsAstilbe chinensis 'Pumila' can be used as a ferny groundcover, presenting short stiff, lavender-pink panicles late in the season. Astilbe chinensis taquettii 'Superba' offers yet another variation with strong, upright stems bearing vivid, narrow, purplish plumes later in the season; it withstands heat and drought better than many of its relatives. The simplicifolia hybrids, which include the lovely 'Sprite', present particularly dark, lustrous foliage and loose, pale pink spires.Equally appealing for their handsome, divided leaves, the bugbanes (Cimicifuga) are similar in appearance to the astilbes but generally exhibit greater stature providing an attractive backdrop for hosta, Ligularia, and turtlehead (Chelone). These hardy perennials prefer moist, well-drained soils in dappled to half shade. Several varieties of bugbane are available offering a progression of blooms from mid-July to early autumn. Cimicifuga racemosa produces tall white, fragrant wands that sway in the breeze, sometimes referred to as fairy candles, and provides a charming, delicate accent to the back of the border. New selections include 'Hillside Black Beauty' and 'Brunette' that exhibit stunning deep purple foliage and bloom later in the summer and C. simplex 'White Pearl' extends the season still further with white bottlebrush blooms in September and October.

A delightful addition to my shady borders in recent years, Corydalis lutea seems to bloom longer than any perennial I grow. From May to frost, clusters of tiny, bright yellow flowers are produced in profusion atop a delicate, foot-tall mound of blue-green foliage reminiscent of fringed bleeding hearts to which it is related. Bountiful seedlings appear in every nook and cranny, occasionally becoming a pleasant nuisance but these are easily removed when they become overly exuberant. A white form is also available. Corydalis flexuosa 'Blue Panda' is irresistible due to its intense turquoise-blue color but I have found this stunning perennial extremely finicky, usually going dormant during hot, humid weather and often succumbing to winter wetness Consistently moist but very well drained, light, humus-rich soils in semi-shade seem to be critical for success.

Ferns, bleeding hearts (Dicentra), epimediums and goatsbeard (Aruncus) are yet other delightful sources of textural contrast as are several shade-loving ornamental grasses including members of the predominantly evergreen Carex family and cascading Hakone grasses particularly Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'. Add a few of the sensational new colorful coleus cultivars for a touch of pizzazz. There is a wealth of fabulous shade-loving plants on the market to create an attractive, appealing display rich in color and texture throughout the growing season.

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THE 35TH ANNUAL PEMBROKE ARTS FESTIVAL will be held Aug. 3 to 4, on the Town Green, Route 14, in Pembroke Center. The festival includes juried art and photography exhibits, various Artists-in-Action, and a Children's art exhibit. Contemporary and traditional crafts will be a new feature in this year's Pembroke Arts Festival. More than a dozen area crafters have been invited to participate. A broad spectrum of free entertainment is scheduled throughout the weekend. Highlight will be the Saturday evening concert by singer/songwriter Greg Greenway and his band. A preview and awards ceremony will be held Aug. 2, from 8 to 10 p.m. A $10 fee admits two and there will be hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and classical music by Trio Con Brio.

THEATRE ON THE RUN PRESENTS "SANDBAG STAGE LEFT" at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Dinner theatre 6:30 p.m. For tickets and information call Lou Reed at 781-1211 or Dan Toland 781-821-6596 or email Mtwelves@attbi.com or visit www.geocities.com/theatre-run.

THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION presents "BIKE FOR HEALTHY LUNGS" THE 18TH ANNUAL AUTUMN ESCAPE BIKE TREK, Sept. 20-22. This 160-mile bike trek takes participants from Plymouth to Provincetown with fully supported rest stops along the way. Both two and three-day options are available but accommodations for the first night are limited so register early. This event is for cyclists of all levels. Call 1-800-LUNGYSA for details or visit the website at www.lungusa.org/massachusetts/special.html

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets on sale now $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL-SCITUATE VNA SPONSOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT honoring Jean Snow of Norwell. South Shore residents are invited to sign up for organization's fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Aug. 5, at the Marshfield Country Club, located at 515 Moraine St. Marshfield. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. with registration at noon. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club. There will be a silent auction following the awards ceremony. Tickets are $175 per person. For more information call 781-659-2342.

THE 17th ANNUAL AMERICAN RED CROSS GOLF CLASSIC, to be held at South Shore Country Cub in Hingham on July 22, will seek participation from golfers and non-golfers alike in its aim to make this year's event the most successful yet. The day-long event will feature a live and silent auction, raffles, a poker rally, a box lunch and dinner. New England Cable News sports personality Jimmy Young will serve as master of ceremonies. For more information call 617-770-2600.

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

Thurs. 11

Plaster Play located at 263 Washington St., Norwell presents summer story hour and workshops beginning July 10. Call 781-659-0011 to register.

Barbara Lauterbach, author of "Potato Salad; Fifty Favorite Recipes" will be signing copies of her cookbook at the Front Street Book Shop in Scituate harbor on July 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. She will offer tips and techniques for making potato salads, as well as tastings of some of the 50 recipes. Books may be reserved by calling the book shop at 781-545-5011.

The Artica Gallery presents" **"There Are Places I Remember…"** featuring South Shore **artist Donna Rossetti-Bailey.** The exhibit will run from July 13 through Aug. 31. An opening reception with the artist will be held July 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot St., Duxbury. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free. Two steps at the entry.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **_Tootsie and Guest** on July 11. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **4 Past Midnight** on July 11. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

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Artist Paul Crimi will host an open house for the grand opening of his Fine Art Gallery Sunday, July 14 from 1 to 6 p.m. All guests will receive a free 11 X 14 Just Ducky print. The gallery is located at Cordage Park, Building #3, Court Street in North Plymouth. For more information call (617) 512-7972.

Fri. 12

The Art of Music Chamber Players, under the artistic direction of **Timothy Roberts**, along with **Piotr Buczek**, violin; **Christine Vitale,** violin; **Don Krishnaswami**, viola; and **Timothy Robert**, cello will perform at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury on July 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15, $12, $8. Call 781-837 2705 for more information.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will present the **musical "Willy Wonka"** on July 12, 13, 19, 29, 26, and 27 at 7 p.m. held at Cordage Park Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. For reservations or more information call 508-747-1234

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance July12, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Singles Executives Club Cocktail Party and Dance will be held July 12, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.. at the Sheraton Plymouth Hotel, 1801 Water St,. Plymouth. Exit 6 to Route 44 off route 3. Dance music by a DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. For single professionals age 35-55 years old. Proper business attire is required. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 for information. Co-sponsored by Cape Cod's Most Eligible Singles

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **_Funky White Honkies** on July 12. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Killer Kane and Blue FO's** on July 12. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, Plymouth, presents the **David James Duo.** All shows begin at 9 p.m.

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Sat. 13

The South Shore Conservatory presents "Evenings under the Stars 2002" All performances are at the Jane C. Carr Amphitheater at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Parking for evening concerts is at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 fort St., with shuttle service to and from the Carr Amphitheater. Parking for Sunday morning concerts is at the conservatory. For tickets call 781-749-7565 ext. 14. July 13, at 7 p.m. **Amanda Carr's tribute to big band vocalists, with the Everett Longstreth Orchestra**. Advance sales tickets prices $17, Pavilion; lawn, $7; ($20 and $10 at the door).

BEST BET

The Hull Studio Connection presents the only "Artists Open Studios Weekend Tour" of the summer July 13 and 14. Up to 15 artists' private art studios around town are open to the public. Maps are available at "the Studio at the Beach," area shops and the Hull times. Tour hours are Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (private studios have their own hours.)

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Swim Across America One Mile Swim at Nantasket Beach – The fourth annual One-Mile Swim to be held July 13, at Nantasket Beach is a one mile fundraising swim to benefit the David B. Perini Jr Quality of Life Program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute starting at the Nantasket Beach House. Minimum age is 12. There will be a competitive one-mile swim and a recreational/fitness half-mile swim. Open to 200 swimmers. The minimum fundraising requirement is $100. For more information or to register, contact Kitty Tetteault at 508-660-1720 or visit www.swimacrossamerica.org

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ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Cheryl Arena Band** (blues) on July 13. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.), Plymouth presents **Rob Allen.** All shows begin at 9 p.m. unless noted.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Loaded Dice** on July 13. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

For Your Health

JORDAN HOSPTIAL is offering free prostate cancer-screening services for men who are 50 years of age or older, or African-American and those with a family history of prostate cancer who are over age 40. The prostate screening includes a prostate specific antigen test and a digital rectal exam. Screenings are by appointment only. For information or an appointment, call JordanCall at 1-800-750-5343.

JORDAN HOSPITAL offers free physicals, including breast and cervical screening services for eligible, uninsured and underinsured women over the age of 18. These free services include mammograms, clinical breast exams, Pap test, physical exams, and health education are offered to income-eligible women in Massachusetts through the Women's Health Network Program. Screenings by appointment. For more information or to enroll in the program, contact JordanCall at 800-750-5343.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE/DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATES (MDDA-PEMBROKE CHAPTER) The South Shore Chapter of the MDDA Support Groups offer free support, sharing and education for individuals with symptoms of recurrent mood disorders such as depressions, manic-depression, (also known as bi-polar addiction to drugs, alcohol, food, etc.) Achieving wellness (a group which deals specifically with individuals who are looking for new ways of coping as issues relating to stigman, vacational concerns, and advocacy for mental friends, and a spousals support group. These two groups share with each other issues relating to accepting and coping with support group. These two groups share with each other issues relating to accepting and coping with symptoms of mental illness of their loved ones. Additional support groups will be added over time with the training of more facilitators in the areas of anxiety, schizophrenia, women's issues, etc. MDDA meets every Thursday evening, 199 Oak St., Pembroke.

PATHWAY CENTERS FOR CANCER SUPPORT INC. has moved to 273 Hanover Street, Hanover. A non-profit organization. Pathways offers education, counseling and mind-body approaches to surgery, chemotherapy and radiation free of charge to those facing the life challenges of cancer. Support services are held the first and third Wednesday of each month. Support services are also offered to their loved ones. Complementary therapies such as acupuncture, massage and reflexology are available on a sliding scale basis when deemed appropriate by medical caregivers. Yoga classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.. For information call 781-829-4823.

Reunions

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com <mailto:indelicato@attbi.com>.

MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 REUNION will be held on Friday, evening, Sept. 20, at Double Tree Guests Suits, Waltham. The reunion committee is still looking for some classmates. If you are or know a member of the class of 1952 who has not yet received any mail on this subject, call addresses in to Ed Landry at 781-273-6664 for inclusion in the upcoming mailing of invitations.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

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The Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Avenue in Hull presents Magic Slim and the Teardrops, Friday July 19. This is the band's only New England show. Casual dress, cover charge $10. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email:

Lend a hand

THE MARSHFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING has an immediate need for volunteers one or two hours a week. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels drivers to deliver hot meals to homebound and to help serve lunch to 20 to 40 seniors weekdays at the senior center in Marshfield. Call 781-834-5581

BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS Offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office, 1458 Hancock St., and weekly ones at the Boston office. An informational session will be held July 15, from noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. in Quincy. Call 617-328-1061 or 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is seeking volunteers to help out at blood drives. Help register donors or provide refreshments. Duties are light and we will train. Daytime volunteers needed. Cal 781-461-2086.

TALKING INFORMATION CENTER needs volunteers for radio reading service for the blind. Help others hear what you can see. Opportunities available days, evenings and weekends reading evening newspapers, weekend newspapers books and magazines that are then broadcast to over 20,000 visually impaired listeners in Massachusetts. Talking Information Center for the Visually Handicapped is a non-profit organization that has been broadcasting from its Marshfield studio for almost 25 years providing information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To sign up or for more information call 800-696-9505.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL include The Cottage Shop and The Friendly Shop, Critical Care, Surgery, Patient Registration, Patient Information, Emergency Department, and the Maternity Department. For details about these opportunities, call Rick Pozniak, director of public affairs t 781-340-8564.

HOST FAMILY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED World Heritage is seeking families, couples or single parents (with or without children at home) who are adventurous, fun-loving, responsible, and most of all caring who are interested in hosting a high-school-aged foreign exchange student. By hosting a student from another country, your entire family will discover a world of fun and enlightening adventure. Students who spend a semester or year in the US are fulfilling a lifetime dream. American culture plays an important role all over the world; the English language is the international language of our times. Share your home for a year; enjoy a friendship for a lifetime. Call 1-800-888-9040 or visit www.world-heritage.org

BEST BET

Buttonwood Books will host a reception to celebrate Scituate author, Claire Cook and her second novel "Must Love Dogs." The launch party will be held at the Lightkeepers' residence on Government Island overlooking Cohasset Harbor Sunday, July 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Tickets $10 per person(non-refundable). Call buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve or to order your signed copy if

Sun. 14

The South Shore Conservatory presents "Evenings under the Stars 2002" All performances are at the Jane C. Carr Amphitheater at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Parking for evening concerts is at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 fort St., with shuttle service to and from the Carr Amphitheater. Parking for Sunday morning concerts is at the conservatory. For tickets call 781-749-7565 ext. 14. **July 14, Cool Jazz** with South Shore Conservatory jazz faculty members, **John Kramer,** piano, **Pat Donaher**, saxophone, **Mark Snyder**, bass guitar, and **Andreas Brade**, percussion,. All seats $15

Buttonwood Books will host a reception to celebrate **Scituate author, Claire Cook** and her soon to be published second novel "Must Love Dogs." This event is the official launch party and will be held at the Lightkeepers' residence on Government Island overlooking Cohasset harbor on July 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Tickets $10 per person(non-refundable). Call buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve or to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The Duxbury Art Complex presents Usha Sellers, as she presents a special program on the history and techniques of Indian food July14, from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at the Art Complex Museum at Duxbury. Indian Cuisine and Culture offers both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food in a balanced menu which will include a main course, salad and dessert and will reflect two to three regional cuisines. This course is in conjunction with the exhibition, Small Worlds/Art of India, now on exhibit at the museum. Pre-registration is required by calling 781-934-66334.

The Holy Ghost Society of Plymouth presents Holy Ghost Festa, - featured will be Portuguese foods from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be a traditional auction, folkloric dance group and music by John Souza. Pony rides and children's activities. All are invited to join in the procession and enjoy the afternoon activities.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Cheryl Aruda benefit,** public welcome. on July 14. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Braintree presents a comedy show featuring **John Joyce, Annette Pollack, Tommy Young, Eric Cannon, and Vernon Harrison. Call 781-356-4316 for more information.**

Classes

THE INSIGHT EDUCATION CENTER presents two workshops. Raising Confident Girls ages 2 to 12 being held at the Children's World Learning Center in Marshfield on July 17, and First Congregational Church of Hanover, July 25. All workshops are from 7 to 9 p.m. $25 pr individual $40 per co-parenting couple, $20 groups of 4 or more. Call to pre-register at 781-294-8004.

MASSACHUSETTS BOATING BASICS CLASSES will be held July 15, 16, 17, 22. 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pembroke Public Library, Center St,. Pembroke. Youth 12 to 15 years of age, who successfully complete the course, will be issued a safety certificate allowing them to operate a motor boat without adult supervision, as required by state law. Pre-registration is required with Boat and RV Safety Bureau at 508-790-9360 or 617-727-8760

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ART CENTER is now accepting registrations for adult summer classes. Evening classes meet once per week, and include Drawing Studio with Tim Walker, Clay Works with Lauren Buckman and Oil Painting with Dorothy Simone. A Friday morning Watercolor/Watermedia class with Dorothy Simone, is also offered. Taught in a well equipped studio our talented instructors limit class size for individual attention. Beginners and advanced students welcome. Call PCAC at 508-746-7222.

OPEN DOORS HEALTH CENTER at 361 Washington Street in Braintree, specializing in power yoga done in humid/hotrooms at 90 degrees. Power Yoga classes will be offered day and evening, seven days a week. Other classes will include: Tai chi, Belly Dancing, Drumming, Hatha and Kundalini Yoga, Pilates, and personal weight training with Steve Antonelli. for a schedule call Open Doors at 781-843-8224 or opendoors7.com

COHASSET SWIM CENTER is accepting applications for lifeguards and water safety instructors for the 2002 summer season. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Programs to become a certified lifeguard will also be offered throughout the region. Lifeguard applicants must be 15 years of age. Call 781-383-1988 for information.

Mon. 15

Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater presents **"Fully Committed"** Becky Mode's mocking whirlwhind about the rich and famous, the desperate and daring, who relentlessly try to get a reservation at Manhattan's trendiest restaurant. Each character, including the esteemed chef, who prefers the phrase "we're fully committed" to "we're all booked up" is played by a frazzled out of work actor. "Time" named the show one of the Top 10 theatrical events of 2000. Robert DeNiro is turning the play into an ABC series. "Fully Committed" opened in June and will continue every Monday and Tuesday at 8 p.m. during July and August. No performances July 29 and July 30. There will be one 4 p.m. matinee on Aug. 20; this performance is in addition to the evening show. Tickets for all performances are $21 (1/2 price student standby) and may be reserved by calling (508) 349-6835. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.what.org

Tues. 16

The Boston Harbor Hotel will once again provide outdoor, harborside performances by nationally renowned blues artists during the Fourth Annual Blues Concerts Series. The Blues Barge, a floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. The concert series, sponsored by the Boston Harbor Hotel and House of Blues, begins with an opening night on Thursday, July 4, and will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.bhh.com

Wed. 17

Borders in Kingston presents a series of children's events. July 17, at 10:30 a.m. and July 20 at noon.. This week's theme is Balloon Storytime.

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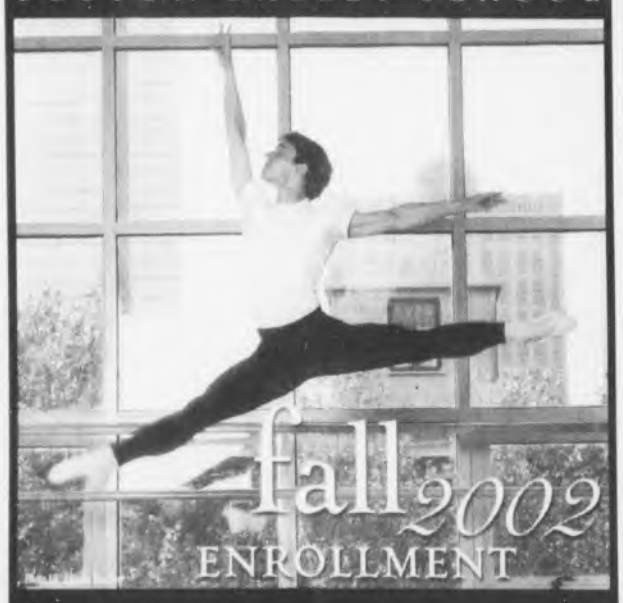

AUDITION SCHEDULE

BOSTON STUDIO: 19 Clarendon St. Boston, MA 617.456.6264
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Ages 8-14: Thursday, August 8, 5:30-7:30 pm

METROWEST STUDIO: 863 Washington St. Newtonville, MA 617.456.6263
Ages 8-12: Wednesday, July 10, 6:00-7:00 pm
Ages 13-20: Wednesday, July 10, 7:00-8:30 pm

SOUTH SHORE STUDIO: 34 Accord Park Dr. Norwell, MA 781.871.7468
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The Art of Music Chamber Players, under the artistic direction of Timothy Roberts, along with Piotr Buczek, violin; Christine Vitale, violin; Don Krishnaswami, viola; and Timothy Robert, cello will perform at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street, Duxbury July 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15, $12, $8. Call 781-837 2705 for more information.

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Where Do Balloons Go? By Jamie Lee Curtis is one of the books that will be read this week. Activities will include decorating balloons, and temporary tattoos.

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Linda Greenlaw, author of "The Hungry Ocean: a Swordboat Captain's Journey' for a return appearance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset on July 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. Reservations are requested for seating and refreshment planning. Call 781-383-2665 to reserve or to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents the second bedtime storytime for children ages 3 to 5 will be held at the James Library on July 17, at 6:45 p.m. Teddy Bears are welcome to attend. To reserve a spot call 659-7100. The James Library and Center for the Arts is located Norwell Center at 24 West Street. summer library hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Just for kids

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON summer hours from June 21 to Aug. 31 are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Drop in Days feature hands-on-arts, crafts and science activities are held in the Museum's outdoor space. Activities such as Ice Cream making, Tie Dye T-shirts, socks, or boxers (bring your own white or buy a t-shirt and paper making with natural materials run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. No registration is required.

CIINIC FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SEEKS APPLICANTS The Children's Physical Developmental Clinic at Bridgewater State College is now accepting applications for participation in the fall 2002 semester. The clinic is open to children ages 18 months through 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. For more information call 508-531-1776.

THE RISING STAR BASKETBALL SCHOOL for boys ages 8 to 18 will be held at Stonehill College. There are two sessions running Aug. 5 to 9 and Aug. 12 to 16. Call 508-565-1390 for details.

HOCKEY SKILLS WORKSHOP – Hockey Skills Development Workshops is offering High Speed skills programs for High School, Mites, Squirts, and Pee Wee's this summer. In addition, there is a new separate Goalies Only Program. All are skating evenings once a week at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham for eight weeks. High School is on Sunday, others on Wednesday or Thursday. Directed by experienced college and high school coaches that truly believe Skill development is a craft. All programs feature a positive learning environment, limited class sizes, and are focused toward skills actually used in playing the game. For further details, call 781-769-7783.

Radio personality Mel Simons will present **"The Golden Days of Television"** at the Thayer Public Library on July 17, at 2:30 p.m. See a video show featuring Milton Berle, Your Hit parade, Sid Ceasar and more on a big six foot screen. Hear unknown facts and unusual anecdotes about old time television. Free and open to the public. Call 781-848-0405 for more information.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Open Mike** from 9 p.m. to closing on July 17 and every Wednesday. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, Plymouth, presents the **David James Duo.** All shows begin at 9 p.m. unless noted.

Thurs. 18

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Rooster, Dirty Sanchez** on July 18. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Jimbos Restaurant - Braintree 5 Corners - July 18, at 8:30 p.m.. (781) 848-0300 Featuring: **Paul Nardizzi** (Winner of 2001 Boston International Comedy Festival, Author of three books, **Hysterical**) with **Malissa Hunt, E.J. Murphy, Annette Pollack, Todd Andrews and Kelly MacFarland**.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Daniel Jacobs** on July 19.. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is $3. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Magic Slim and the Teardrops** on July 19. This is the band's only New England show. Casual dress, cover charge $10. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents the **Infractions** on July 19. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Meetings

MOTHERS & MORE: South Shore Chapter. If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about MOTHERS & MORE! Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers", those who have altered their career paths to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women to choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street, Hingham. Contact Sue Chaisson at 781-545-1043 for more information.

PARENTAL SUPPORT GROUP Do you have a child who has been referred to as "difficult," "intense," "over the top," "challenging," "explosive" (ADD, ADHD, Sensory Integration) or something along these lines? You are not alone. Share your experiences, good and bad, easy and hard, with other parents who are also struggling to make sense of what's going on in their lives. This is an informal gathering. of parents looking for and sharing ideas, support, empathy and reassurance held the first Thursday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Route 123, Norwell. For more information call 781-659-7320.

Talent Search

THE NORTH RIVER THEATRE announces auditions for its fall production, "The Foursome" a comedy by Norm Foster on July 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the North River community Club, 513 River Street, Norwell. There are roles for four men ages 35 to 45. The production is scheduled for presentation in October. Call 781-335-4285 for information.

THE CHORAL ART SOCIETY OF SCITUATE is conducting a search to recruit singers for a special concert on Sept. 7 to commemorate those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 tragedy. All interested singers on the South Shore are invited to join in rehearsals over the summer for the world premiere of Ferruccio Germani's "Requieum for Sept. 11" to be performed Sept. 7 at Scituate High School. Music Director Dr. Richard Bunbury will conduct seven rehearsals to prepare the piece composed by Germani, who is the society's composer in residence. Rehearsals are scheduled for July 1, 22, 29, Aug. 12, 26, Sept. 4, and 6. At St. Luke's Church Route 3A in Scituate. No audition is required, just bring your voice. Visit www.choralartsociety.org for more details. Interested singers call Nancy 781-535-8295 to obtain the rehearsal tapes.

THE DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION (DAA) is accepting applications from artisans for the 30th Annual Juried Craft Showcase and Sale. The show will take place on Nov. 23 and 24, at Duxbury High School. Interested artisans should submit an official entry form with examples of craft, slides and/or photos by July 12.

THE LIBERTY BELLE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, is seeking adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. However, you are required to be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and 4-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway show tunes, Rhythm and blues songs, and exciting choreography. Weekly rehearsals every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, (Rte 2 Exit 57). For additional information call: 617-735-9254 or 1-800-369-7400 (toll free in MA only) lor visit http://libertybellechorus.org, e-mail us at: info@libertybellechorus.org

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY, is looking for a few good men, and women, to add to their already quality program. Spring Concert rehearsals at the Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be asked of all new members, primarily for voice placement. Come and be a part of a grand musical tradition; its fun and a very rewarding experience.

ISLAND GROVE WOMEN'S CHORUS – looking for women, 18 years old and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Rt. 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audio tape. For more information, call Cory at 781-294-1880.

BEST BET

The South Shore Conservatory presents "Evenings under the Stars 2002" beginning July 13 at 7 p.m. with Amanda Carr's tribute to big band vocalists, with the Everett Longstreth Orchestra.
All performances for the concert series are at the Jane C. Carr Amphitheater at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Parking for evening concerts is at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 fort Street with shuttle service to and from the Carr Amphitheater. Parking for Sunday morning concerts is at the conservatory. For tickets call 781-749-7565 ext. 14. Advance sales tickets prices $17, Pavilion; lawn, $7; ($20 and $10 at the door).

Ongoing Events

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, **Josephine Bottari** will exhibit her painting for the month of July at the tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

"Marine and Local Scenes," an exhibit featuring works by the **Gallery Artists of the Scituate Arts Association.** Watercolor, oil and acrylic works will be on display. This exhibit will run July 2 to Sept. 1, with new paintings added periodically. Opening reception is Sunday July 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Scituate Art Gallery at 132 Front St., in Scituate harbor. For more information call 781-545-6150.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

The new moon culminates at 6:26 a.m., when the sun and moon align at 18-degrees Cancer. At this time the green light goes on for new beginnings across the board. Influences are favorable until 6:48 p.m., when the moon and Jupiter conjoin. Venus enters Virgo at 5:09 p.m., remaining there until August 7.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Planetary activity sets the stage for a fun day. The Cancer moon aligns with Mars at 12:25 a.m. and becomes inactive until 3:08 a.m., when it enters playful Leo. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action until tomorrow. A lunar opposition to Neptune this evening prompts you to forget your troubles and go for the good times.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

A Leo moon continues to generate an upbeat mood. This is a wonderful day for vacationing. Influences also rate high for launching ventures, making decisions. Plan to get new projects off the ground before 5:28 p.m., when the Leo moon aligns with Saturn. Kick back and enjoy life to the fullest this evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

The Leo moon opposes Uranus at 2:42 a.m. and becomes inactive. A practical Virgo moon takes over at 5:41 a.m. The weekend is favorable for tackling work or study projects. You can be most productive. Mars enters Leo at 11:23 a.m., remaining there until August 29.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

This day has its challenges. A positive, easygoing attitude is essential. Let go of situations that you have no control over. Keep your hands and mind busy with practical projects. The Virgo moon forms 90-degree contacts to Pluto in the morning and Saturn in the evening. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants. Get back on track with physical fitness and exercise routines.

MONDAY, JULY 15

The Virgo moon becomes inactive at 1:08 a.m., when it interacts with Jupiter. At 7:39 a.m. a Libra moon takes over, setting the stage for a pleasant, productive day. This is an ideal period for working out conflicts you have been experiencing with others. People will be outgoing and cooperative. Influences are also favorable for meeting people and developing new alliances.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today as well. The moon continues active travel in Libra. You can make gains developing ventures that need moral or financial support from others. Creative projects also get the green light. Beautify your surrounds. Plan a romantic evening with the love in your life.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 12:47 a.m. A full moon is building up and will culminate in a week, July 24. The Libra moon becomes inactive at 6:58 a.m. At 10:13 a.m. the moon enters Scorpio, bringing a change of pace. Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda. This is a day to get things done. Stay upbeat and don't allow anyone or anything to throw you off track. A challenging lunar alignment to Mars occurs at 2:45 p.m. Use extra caution when driving or operating machinery.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Take advantage of today's 'take care of business' mood. Don't procrastinate, because planetary action turns around completely tomorrow. Tackle jobs that need troubleshooting, problem-solving. You can get to the heart of a matter and work out the glitches. Make repairs, review and redo old projects. Influences are also favorable for making important decisions and starting new activities. Spend time alone; you can gain new insights to old problems.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Astrological thunderstorms may occur this morning, when the serious Scorpio moon aligns with changeable Uranus at 10:34 a.m. and becomes inactive. Avoid rigid time schedules; go with the flow. Relief arrives at 2:02 p.m., when the moon enters ebullient Sagittarius. In addition, the sun aligns with Jupiter, the planetary ruler of Sagittarius. Don't be a hermit tonight. Gather with friends and let the good times roll.

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Game faces

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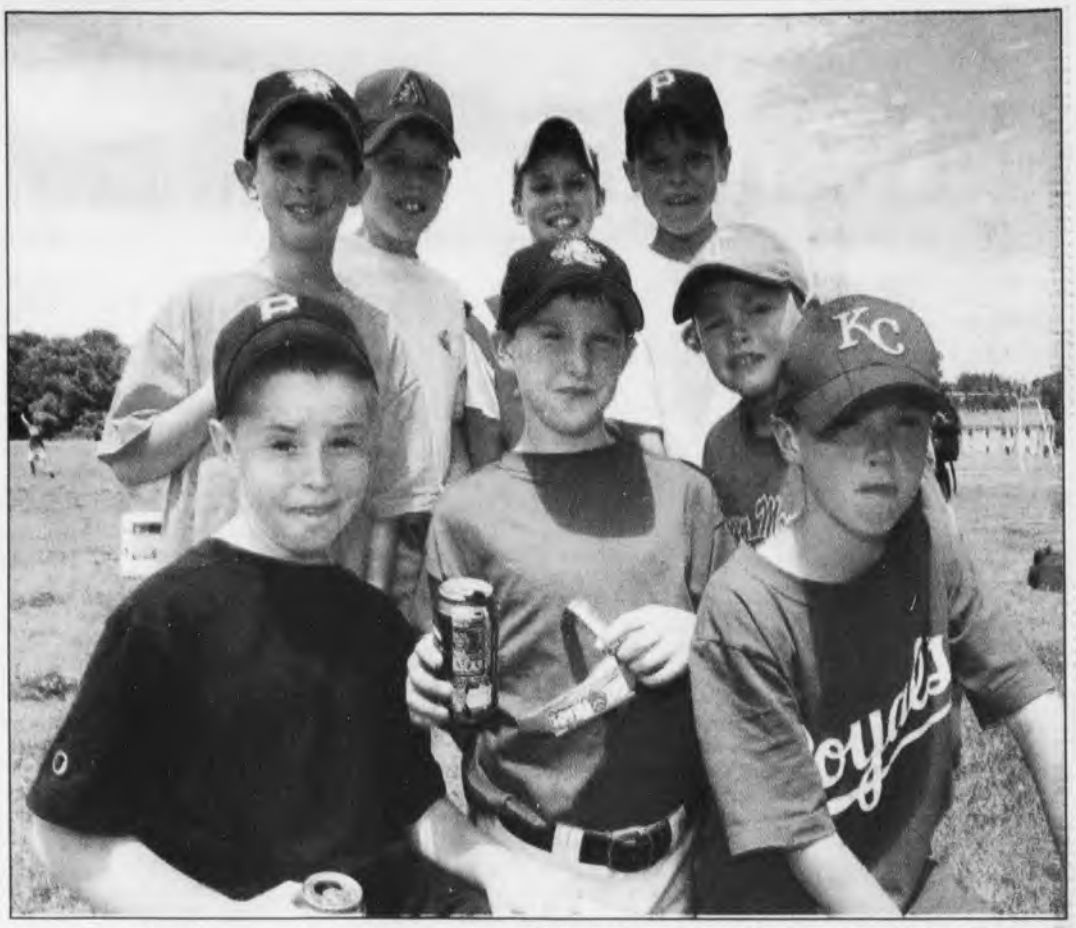

Above: Front, Derek Youngman, Graham Stevenson, Andrew Bell, and Colin Bell; and back row, Dean McNaly, Pat Lewis, and Brendan Joyce show their game faces.

At left: Front, Dan Barns, and back row, Dean McNaly, Pat Lewis and Brendan Joyce are ready to play.

Above: Will Walker, John Guiggio and Ben Campbell in the dugout at the baseball camp that emphasized all aspects of the game.

At left: Christian Allard takes a break from the action.

Above: Pat McGowan, Zack Gaudreau and Daniel Teller at the South Shore Baseball Club Cohasset Summer Camp at Milliken Field.

At left: Coaches, clockwise from bottom left include, Sarah Niles, Geoff Wiley, Mat Frazier, Ian Davis and Matt Aizenstadt.

Below: Kristin Monoco, Johanna Brophy and Michaela Brophy head out to the field at the recent camp.

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Opening the door to Wilson House

Teen docents provide tours

By Evan Schiff
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Walking through a historic town like Cohasset, one may wonder about the origin and significance of the buildings around town. Likely drawing the most curiosity would be one of the oldest structures in the village — the Captain John Wilson house.

"It's also nice to see young people taking an interest in the town's history."
— Kathy O'Malley, historical society

The Cohasset Historical Society museum on Elm Street is once again open for tours with high school students serving as docents.

"It's a great way for the kids to get involved with the community," said Kathy O'Malley, co-president of the historical society. "It's also nice to see young people taking an interest in the town's history."

There are eight teens working part-time at the 200-year-old house this summer with their wages. Their wages are covered by the

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PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Peter Bunstein, Alison Fludder and Courtney Hurley are serving as docents at the Capt. John Wilson House this summer.

Runway clock ticking

Comment period ends on July 28

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Hingham and other South Shore residents have only 10 more days in which to submit comments about the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) environmental impact statement on a controversial proposal to expand Logan Airport.

Massport wants to add a new Runway 1432 there to reduce delays, but project opponents aren't backing off in their fight to keep that from happening based on concerns related to jet noise and pollution and the expected tripling of flights over the South Shore.

The South Shore Jet Pollution and Hingham's Jet Noise Task Force continue to oppose the project, which is also the object of two lawsuits.

One was filed in Suffolk Superior Court to lift a 1976 injunction blocking construction of a new runway and the other filed in Plymouth County by Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, and Revere challenging Massport's

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POLICE SAFETY DAY

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Chandler Slotnick steps out of the helicopter that was on display as part of "Police Safety Day" at Summer Playground last Friday. The event was sponsored by the Cohasset Police Association.

Irked over 40B

Housing law needs work, group says

By Evan Schiff
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There's another group forming in Cohasset.

This time, area residents are interested in changing Chapter 40B, a statute that sets a 10 percent goal of affordable housing for each community.

Michael Westcott of River Road believes that 40B is a well-intentioned law but is poorly crafted. To that end, Westcott is leading the effort to form a group to raise awareness and fight *for* the kind of housing and development that he feels Cohasset really needs. The group consists of about 15 residents and so far, has no town officials participating, he said.

"We truly hope our legislators will look at amending the law to meet its objectives and not simply serve wealthy developers," he said in an email interview. "Many of the loopholes need to be closed and some measure of control needs to remain in the local communities."

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Interpreter, Maria Valencia, interprets for a Spanish-speaking man at Hingham District Court.

Courts, police break the language barrier

Hoping to preserve their water views

Neighbors object to expansion plans

By Mary Ford
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It's a matter of perspective.

Architect Jim Sandell says the Royal Barry Wills house at 419 Jerusalem Road across from Deep Run does not fit with the numerous magnificent mansions along Cohasset's most renowned roadway.

Speaking for homeowners, Lisa and Leonard Kupsc, Sandell said plans to practically raze the ranch-like structure and replace it with an 8,500 square-foot grand Victorian style home would actually improve the view.

But don't say that to several neighbors, who would like the existing, ocean-front house — which allows them to see the horizon over its roof — to stay the same size.

"If you're not living on the water then this would be a very attractive home to look at."
— Robert Rechner, 401 Jerusalem Road

The Kupscs need a special permit for the house expansion because the structure would continue to encroach on side setback requirements on the garage side.

The crux of the matter before the Zoning Board of Appeals is whether the expansion is substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood – if it is, the board must deny the applicant zoning relief.

The neighbors say "yes" and the owners, say "no" about the "detrimentality" factor.

"In our view the neighborhood is not Deep Run," says Sandell about the houses across the street. "It's Jerusalem Road, which is a linear neighborhood." Sandell showed photographs of the homes along the entire length of Jerusalem Road, including an aerial picture. Many of the homes were built a century ago, he said.

He said when the "Ledges" estate sold back in the 1950s, Royal Barry Wills subdivided and built small Cape Cod-style houses that were not in keeping with the other homes along the roadway.

Sandell also provided photos with the new house superimposed

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Town buys new senior van

By Evan Schiff
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The seniors in town now have a fashionable way to get around Cohasset.

The Senior Center recently purchased a new eight-passenger van to replace the old one which was purchased in 1986. The van, which cost approximately $22,000 will be used for trips to the local grocery store, banks, churches and any other destination seniors may require.

Kathy Bryanton, the director of the Council on Elder Affairs, said the van is a terrific addition to the town.

"Many people don't realize Cohasset has no public transportation and it's almost impossible for someone who can't drive to get around town," she said. "This will help enormously."

The money for the van was appropriated by Town Meeting last fall. Bryanton said she wanted to especially thank all the voters at Town Meeting as well as Town Manager Mark Haddad and Finance Director Michael Buckley.

"Everybody has been so wonderful in helping to get us this van," she said. "I'm thrilled."

PHOTO/EVAN SCHIFF

With the new van, from left are, Jim Kearney, Barbara Elliott, Kathy Bryanton, Michael Buckley, Joe Buckley, Mark Haddad, Anna Abbruzzese, Mary Ahearn, Pat Sargent and Doug Peck.

This week in COHASSET

Early retirement

Retiring early is something most people look forward to. For two town employees that's become a reality. Because of an Early Retirement Incentive program offered by the state, qualifying town employees have the option of adding either five years of service or five years of age, or a combination of the two, to their records.

According to Finance Director Michael Buckley this is the equivalent of adding about 10 percent to an employee's pension. For some employees, the program would bump them up to the maximum pension which is 80 percent of their salary, a factor that might entice them to retire.

Town Manager Mark Haddad with Buckley's input, offered the incentive to two "group four" town employees, both firefighters. Group four includes firefighters and police officers. One firefighter has already accepted the opportunity and another is considering the offer.

The town will benefit from this program by being able to replace the two firefighters with two paramedics. This will allow Cohasset to bill Medicare and local hospitals more for services as paramedics are more qualified to administer medicine and provide higher levels of care. This jump in revenue from billing will offset the 10 percent pension that the town is required to pay.

"We'll save money through this program," Buckley said.

Budget issues

Police Chief Robert Jackson was before the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday to update board members on his budget addendum for FY03. Jackson anticipates going before fall Town Meeting to ask for approximately $70,000. The money would be used as follows:

- $20,000 for 20 portable radios
- $70,000 overtime caused by filling shifts while three officers are n the academy
- $13,800 for training shortfalls
- and minus $30,000 because Jackson intends to ask for one cruiser instead of two as was originally planned

Meeting schedule

Historical Commission, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Advisory Committee, July 18, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, July 25, 7:30 p.m.

School Building Committee, July 24, 7:30 a.m.

Board of Selectmen, July 23, 7:30 p.m.

Clarification on restaurant site

A news brief that appeared in last week's Cohasset Mariner warrants some clarification.

Joan Wilson recently purchased the Strawberry Parfait business and changed the name to the Pleasant Street Parfait.

The property where the business is located continues to be owned by Joseph A. Rosano.

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Sat. 20	8:35	9.3	2:21	8:53	10.8	2:33
Sun. 21	9:36	9.3	3:21	9:49	10.9	3:30
Mon. 22	10:33	9.3	4:17	10:42	10.9	4:24
Tues. 23	11:25	9.4	5:09	11:32	10.9	5:15
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Waterfield heads village work

Has worked with MBTA

By Evan Schiff
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There are going to be a lot of changes in Cohasset in the next few years. The village will undergo a facelift and the MBTA will be running trains through the town on its way to pick up South Shore commuters. The James Brook Flood Control project should solve the town's drainage problems and the new town parking lot should provide ample space for shoppers to show off their new wheels.

The coordination, design, and implementation for the improvements will all be handled by the Waterfield Design Group which was recently awarded the contract to both the village revitalization work and the James Brook Flood Control project. The firm, located in Winchester, specializes in streetscape design.

"We are one of the few companies which only focuses on civil engineering and landscape architecture in equal measures," said Craig Miller, president of the company. "We understand the needs of public infrastructure development and are deeply experienced in all of the related elements that will be associated with this work."

Karen Fitzgerald, the chief landscape architect for Waterfield, said one of the benefits to her company taking over the design process from the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation is that it brings a fresh set of eyes to the table.

"We are a superior design firm," Fitzgerald said. "We bring the right combination of engineering and design work which makes us unique in the industry."

Although it's a relatively new firm, Waterfield has experience working within communities. Among others, the design group worked on the Dennisport revitalization project, the Mattapan Square streetscape improvements in Boston, the Lowell Riverwalk in Lowell and the Fairfield Road reconstruction at the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

Waterfield has also worked on more than 25 different MBTA design and construction projects including the North Station Platform Extension, the Mansfield Commuter Rail Station, the Green Line (B line) Accessibility project and the Arlington Station reconstruction.

The design firm feels it can leverage the relationships it has formed with officials at the MBTA to help Cohasset obtain information where others would be "stonewalled or rebuffed."

"A lot of the projects we have done are similar in nature to this one," Fitzgerald said. "We look forward to working with the town on this."

The design group does nearly 90 percent of its work in the public sector and feels its staff is very experienced with integrating historical aspects and modern uses into a successful project.

"Our design team approaches each project with enthusiasm and a firm understanding of good urban design practices," the firm wrote in its proposal to the town. "Creating and revitalizing urban spaces where people live, work, shop and seek entertainment and recreation requires timeless creative ideas and solutions that will solidify and continue the identity of the place."

The firm is committed to listening to community input and plans to hold public forums in the next few weeks to give residents a chance to voice their opinions.

The firm will also have another link to the town, John Cavanaro.

While the design work of the project will be done out of Waterfield's home base in Winchester, the coordination, communication and will be handled through Cavanaro's Cohasset office.

Cavanaro is the president John Cavanaro Consulting, a consulting group, and will be the primary connection between the Waterfield and the community.

A resident of town, Cavanaro knows it will is both a rewarding and daunting task to be working on such a large project in the place he calls home.

"Before I decided to join the team I was very cautious about being in same town I'd be working in," he said. "But after meeting with Waterfield I felt very comfortable and know this will be a wonderful project."

Cavanaro is a civil engineer and will be working with the design group to help coordinate the various aspects of the large project. His firm has experience with public infrastructure design, development and construction. He promised he'd be very accessible to anyone in town who has questions.

"I'll be there for people," he said. "I'm the guy they want to come to with questions or concerns."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he is pleased to have Waterfield and Cavanaro working on the projects in town.

"I don't think we could've picked a better group to do the work for Cohasset," Haddad said. "I'm looking forward to working with them for the next few years.

Haddad added he wants to give Waterfield a few weeks to look at the design plans for the village before it holds its first public meeting.

"We are certainly going to try to get as much public input as possible," Haddad said. "What the residents will see when this is all over is very important."

No arrests yet in Logan case

By Mary Ford
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As of yesterday when the Mariner went to press, police still had made no arrests in the apparent home invasion at Polly Logan's Nichols Road home on July 1.

Police Chief Robert Jackson said he has two detectives working on the case.

The perpetrator or perpetrators, who stole jewelry, silver and Logan's car, tied Logan up and left her in an upstairs bedroom where she remained during an oppressive heat wave for upwards of 36 hours. Logan, 77, who was suffering from dehydration, was found some 36 hours later by a handyman, Danny Adams, who called 9-1-1.

Police won't say whether Adams is a suspect. He has been cooperating with the investigation.

"We haven't ruled anyone in and we haven't rule anyone out."
— Police Chief Robert Jackson

"We haven't ruled anyone in and we haven't rule anyone out," Jackson said Tuesday.

But Logan's children, Matthew and Martha Logan, took out a temporary restraining order against Adams July 5 while their mother was still in the hospital.

Logan, who has been released from the hospital, was in court Monday with her daughter and several friends for support, where the judge continued the restraining order for a year that orders Adams, who has been staying intermittently at Logan's house, to stay off her property and to have no contact with her. Adams is allowed to go on the premises in the company of a police officer to get his belongings, Jackson said.

Yarmouth police have made two arrests on recent home invasions of elderly residents there. Jackson said, "at first look" the Yarmouth incidents don't appear to be related to the Logan case, however, he reiterated police aren't ruling anyone out.

"We've had no break through yet in the case and we are looking into various leads," he said.

Martha Bernard Welsh, a friend who accompanied Logan to court, said Logan was doing well.

"She's been through an awful ordeal," Welsh said. "She and her family are both heartened by the tremendous outpouring of support and well wishes."

Runway clock is ticking

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environmental findings.

Now's the time for residents to air their views on the proposal, says State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham.

There will be an open comment period until July 28, during which residents can voice their opinions either for or against the project.

Bradley, Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and other legislators, along with a number of communities —including Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset — want to halt the project.

The FAA claims air traffic congestion would be relieved by the construction of a new runway.

Bradley is asking residents to either submit written comments to him, which he will forward as a package to the FAA, or to write on their own to:

John C. Silva, Manager of Federal Aviation Administration Environmental Projects, Airport Division, ANE-600, New England Region, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803.

The FAA will issue a final record of decision once the comment period ends.

Copies of the environmental impact statement are available through Massport or the C.A.R.E. (Citizens Against Runway Expansion) web site: www.stop1432.com.

Bradley is also interested in receiving copies of comments submitted to the FAA by residents.

"It's important for the FAA to hear from those in the Hingham and Cohasset area who will be affected by the runway," he said.

Some say Massport and the FAA are being short-sighted in not coming up with a more viable solution for what they consider a regional transportation problem.

A few weeks ago, the FAA supported a "compromise" plan which would limit the runway's use to days when winds from the northwest cause delays on other Logan runways.

However, opponents aren't satisfied with that alternative, either, because they say there are no guarantees use of the runway will be limited to those conditions.

While project opponents remain hopeful they can halt the runway plan, Massport Spokeswoman Barbara Platt recently told the Hingham Journal she believes the project "will stand on its own merits."

In April, Hingham Town Meeting voters supported a warrant article calling for appropriating an additional $100,000 to oppose the project, bringing the town's total to $178,500.

Cohasset has put $78,500 toward the fight.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Beechwood sidewalk

At their regular Wednesday meeting, the Norfolk County Commissioners approved the request of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen for the county's Engineering Department to perform a preliminary survey and cost estimate for a sidewalk on Beechwood Street.

The county's Engineering Department has long provided such services to county towns as part of the county's regular community service. Norfolk County Commissioners include William P. O'Donnell of Norwood, John M. Gillis of Quincy and Peter H. Collins of Milton. The commissioners may be reached by calling 781-461-6105.

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Neighbors of 419 Jerusalem Road, shown here, are upset about plans to tear the house down and a build a much bigger home at the ocean-front site.

Hoping to preserve their water views

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to show the view would not be obstructed from the homes at Deep Run which are on higher land and are setback from the road.

He did agree, however, the ocean view from the road itself would be obstructed by the new house.

Karen Kirkendall, a Realtor for 16 years who sold the house to the Kupscs, said everyone of the half dozen people considering buying the house planned to tear it down. She said the value was in the land

According to the deed, the Kupscs paid $1.75 million for the property back in the fall of 2001. The lot is 30,100 feet or two-thirds of an acre.

Robert Rechner, 401 Jerusalem Road, said it's not the looks of the house that's the problem.

"If you're not living on the water then this would be a very attractive home to look at," he said.

Rechner took issue with Deep Run being depicted as not part of the neighborhood.

"I grew up there and consider Deep Run as part of the neighborhood," he said. "We didn't just play on one side of the street."

Richard Sears, 17 Deep Run, brought his own photographs which he said showed his view would be obstructed by the proposed house.

Sears also brought an attorney, Peter Eely of Quincy, who also questioned whether the Kupscs were in fact razing the house and therefore, would need a variance for the new structure because it would lose its grandfathered status as "preexisting, non-conforming." The tests for a variance are much more difficult to meet than those for special permits.

The Kupscs plan to leave the existing walls of the basement below the garage and breezeway, as well as northerly footing and most of the basement slab.

Eely argued that saving a basement wall and footing does not qualify the project as an alteration, when it is really a tear down.

He urged when the board interprets the bylaw "not to throw common sense out with the wind."

"To try to characterize this as an alteration of an existing structure is quite a stretch," Eely said.

The neighbors are also concerned about loss of property value with any loss of view.

The board closed the hearing and took the matter under advisement.

"This case is going to involve quite some deliberation on our part," zoning board chairman Woody Chittick said.

DiNero's wants to expand

Traffic, parking lot proposal irk abutters

By Mary Ford
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No one is arguing about the quality of DiNero's. Even neighbors and abutters say the Hull Street restaurant near West Corner is a fine place to dine.

But plans to expand the restaurant and parking lot that would also involve the removal of a substantial amount of ledge brought a handful of neighbors out to Town Hall on a stormy Monday night this week.

Some of the neighbors are newcomers, who recently bought new homes whose yards abuts the back of DiNero's property where the new parking area would be located., while others have lived in the area for years.

John Fairchild has lived in his Jerusalem Road home about three weeks and is a direct abutter, whose house is above and to the back of the restaurant. If the ledge is removed to make way for the new parking area, there would be a 25-foot drop off at the edge of his yard, Fairchild told the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"The ledge, trees and bushes provide a buffer," Fairchild said, noting the parking area would create more noise and light pollution in the neighborhood.

DiNero's would also like to expand the restaurant building, whose front-yard setback is nonconforming; add signage; and have parking spaces that are slightly shorter than required – all of which may require zoning relief, and therefore, gave the Zoning Board a lot to consider. The board continued the hearing until Monday, Aug. 12.

"I've been here about four years and the traffic has doubled."
— Hollis Hunnewell, 796 Jerusalem Road

The narrower parking "stalls" – 19 feet as opposed to the required 20 feet – would allow space for the addition of a three-foot wide green strip along the front of the parking lot along Hull Street, DiNero's representatives told the board.

Plans are to add another DiNero's sign to the side of the proposed new addition facing the parking lot. The total square footage of the two signs would be less than the 40 square feet maximum allowed in the bylaw. But the bylaw talks about one sign, not two.

The building addition would increase the seating in the restaurant from 70 to 93. The current parking lot has 36 spaces – more than the 31 needed (one space for every three seats), but the existing lot is congested. Some of the restaurant's existing spaces are undersized, at only 7-1/2 feet wide. All the spaces in the newly reconfigured and redesigned lot would be 9-1/2 feet wide, the restaurant said.

DiNero's wants to expand the parking lot more than 40 feet into the ledge; reconfigure the existing spaces; and design a new traffic pattern to make the parking lot safer. If approved, the new parking lot would have a total of 39 parking spaces, and 48 with valet parking on site. With valet parking, the cars could be "stacked" end to end.

Zoning Board member Jane Goedecke tried to sum the parking situation up for the board.

"They have sufficient parking under the bylaw but not in the practical sense," she said. Goedecke explained while DiNero's has the spaces, they are not necessarily big enough.

One big hurdle for DiNero's is removal of the ledge, which restaurant representatives estimate at about 2,600-2,700 cubic yards. The bylaw doesn't allow more than 10 cubic yards to be taken off site – the rest has to remain on site, zoning board chairman Woody Chittick said.

Hollis Hunnewell, 796 Jerusalem Road, said West Corner has become a very congested place.

"I've been here about four years and the traffic has doubled," he said, pointing out the Avalon Bay added hundreds of apartments just up the road in Hull and the Greek church is planning a community center.

"To get across Route 228 or Jerusalem Road during rush hour can take five minutes," he said, describing the traffic situation as a "nightmare."

James Reichardt, 3 Grace Drive, a direct abutter to DiNero's said he shared the same concerns about traffic and blasting ledge. He said the height of the remaining ledge would be very dangerous even though DiNero's has proposed a chain link fence..

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Special Report

A matter of interpretation

Area courts deal with growing language barrier

By Mary Ford
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Hingham District Court on Summer Street may be a long way from its counterparts nearer Boston and other cities when it comes to handling the non-English speaking population, yet it is a microcosm of a growing need everywhere.

As America — and the South Shore — become increasingly diverse, more people for whom English is not their primary language are intersecting with the justice system on some level, whether as victims, witnesses or defendants. Added to the confusion and bewilderment of not knowing the language are cultural differences that can often include coming from a country with a very different legal system

Enter the court interpreter, who, in this state, is highly trained and increasingly in demand. The service they provide, however, is under pressure due to the state's fiscal crisis.

According to the 2001 Annual Report on the State of Massachusetts Court System, there were 57,361 requests for court interpreter services last year — 10 times more than the 5,718 requests in fiscal year 1994. The "requests" can represent several cases because interpreters are often called to court to handle two, three or more cases on a particular day. The annual tab for interpreter services has reached in the range of $4 million, which is picked up by the Massachusetts taxpayer.

Justice of the Superior Court Isaac Borenstein says the huge jump in requests for interpreters doesn't necessarily reflect an increase in immigration, but a rise in people accessing interpreter services.

"Judges, lawyers and people are more sensitive," he said. "In the past, we may have said, 'we can get by.'"

Due process — or fair legal proceedings — is the cornerstone of the American judicial system. Someone who does not understand what is occurring in the court is not being treated fairly, Borenstein said.

"Even when we think of a criminal defendant," he said. "Do we really want our system of justice sending people to prison without understanding what happens in court?

"My feeling is we would have no confidence in the system; it would affect our level of trust."

Robert M. Greenspan, a court-appointed attorney based at Hingham District Court, said over the past 10 years, there's been "less willingness to rely on somebody's cousin" to provide interpretation in legal proceedings.

"Justice has shown people's cousins don't do a good job," he said.

While Greenspan says by far the most people entering the justice system were born in the United States and speak English — it is not unusual to encounter someone who can't speak English.

To keep the costs down in Hingham, Greenspan explains cases requiring interpreters are conducted one or two days a month. Hingham District Court, which serves Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Rockland and Scituate made 86 requests for interpreter services from July 2001 through April 2002.

The Office of Court Interpreter Services (OCIS) that is part of the Massachusetts Court System handles requests for interpreters, and screens and certifies the interpreters themselves.

"Interpreter services are no longer seen as a luxury, but a necessity," said Gaye Gentes, manager of the OCIS which merged with the Judicial Language Center three years ago and now covers all 140 courts across the entire state.

"We can no longer say to the secretary in the judge's lobby, 'you speak Spanish — can you help us out?'," Gentes said.

35 languages

The OCIS has 160 interpreters on the list that provide translation in about 35 languages ranging from Spanish and Portuguese to Russian and Khmer (spoken by Cambodians). The OCIS has four full-time interpreters with the go-ahead to hire seven more with the rest covered by vendors on a per-diem basis at the rate of $160 for a half day or $250 for a full day. There are another seven full-time interpreters, who work directly with individual courts in Lowell, Roxbury and Springfield.

"Of course there's a cost, but a lot of constitutional rights come with a price to us. Hopefully, that makes us a better place in the world."

— Superior Court Justice Isaac Borenstein

"The worst case was when we had to find someone who spoke Dinka," Gentes said about a tribal language spoken in Sudan. "We also had to scramble to find someone who spoke Romanian with the credentials and experience we needed for a trial."

In those cases the OCIS might contact an interpreter agency such as the National Association of Judicial Interpreters or call a hospital that might have medical interpreters or contact a university.

Most requests to the OCIS are for Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Russian, Polish, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) and Khmer, Gentes says.

Interpreters must be proficient in English and a foreign language, be cross-culturally aware and pass the State Court Interpreter Certification test.

They must hold a bachelor's degree and have a minimum of four years experience in legal, technical, medical, literary translation or equivalent education or experience. Interpreters must also be able to interpret in the simultaneous mode and consecutive mode in court related proceedings.

Norma Rosen-Mann, who was born in Honduras, has been a Spanish interpreter for the Massachusetts court system for six years.

She explained using simultaneous or consecutive translation depends on the type of proceeding going on. In a trial, for example, when interpreting for a witness, the interpreter lets the speaker finish and then translates. But for a defendant who is speaking to his attorney, the interpreter would translate simultaneously.

"If someone is uneducated and uses bad grammar, we have to interpret that way," she says. "And the same goes if the attorney or judge uses highly academic language." Interpreters must also use the same inflections in their voice as the one they are interpreting for.

Rosen-Mann says most non-English speaking people who find themselves in the court system are frightened and confused.

She interpreted for a father in a domestic violence case for spanking his son harshly. The man didn't understand why he was in court because in his country, men are considered the sole master of the home and "owners" of their children.

Rosen-Mann worries with cutbacks in funding for the courts, interpreter services could be slashed. The courts are not immune to the state budget crisis with the proposed pool of money available to the central court cut some $1.6 million.

"Due process is at risk, along with speedy trials and help with restraining orders and emergency situations," she said if interpreter services are not adequately funded.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said despite the cuts, he hopes interpreter services won't be slashed. This year money for the central court account won't be separated out into line items by the Legislature — a change that gives the court discretion to spend the money where it needs it, he said.

"It's up to the court system to see if interpreter services are a priority," said Bradley, a former assistant district attorney in Plymouth County. "It's up to the court to see where it wants to spend the money, although it will be dealing with less money overall."

Bradley said cuts in interpreter services cost the taxpayer more money in the long run. The vast majority of cases are resolved before trial but there could be problems later, if a defendant doesn't understand his rights.

"A plea could be vacated if he claimed he didn't understand what was being said, and the process would start all over again," Bradley explained.

Greenspan, who also has a private law practice in Hull, says people may think interpreter services cost too much money.

"Try to imagine going to trial somewhere where everything was being conducted in a language you don't understand," he said. "It would not be fun."

Greenspan, who also practiced 14 years in Washington D.C., recalled a homicide case there when a detective, who spoke pretty good Spanish but it was not his first language, tried to provide the interpretation.

"During a tape recording of the suspect's confession," he said. "The detective was supposed to say, 'if you do not have an attorney, one will be provided for you.'

"But what he actually said was, 'if you don't have an attorney, one will be prohibited.'

"That's why we should use real interpreters," Greenspan said.

Borenstein, the Superior Court Justice, is also worried about potential cuts to funding the OCIS.

"So far the crisis is being dealt with amazingly well, in other words no one is saying no, you can't have an interpreter," he said. However, courts are being told interpreters are only available before 1 p.m. — which can lead to delays.

Borenstein points out interpreters services are not just for wrongdoers.

"What if you were a victim and the witness to the assault didn't understand the language, should we say — 'Sorry, we can't give you an interpreter.'"

He says it's paramount that our justice system be fair to all.

"We are a nation of immigrants that needs to provide interpreter services for people," Borenstein said. "Of course there's a cost, but a lot of constitutional rights come with a price to us.

"Hopefully, that makes us a better place in the world."

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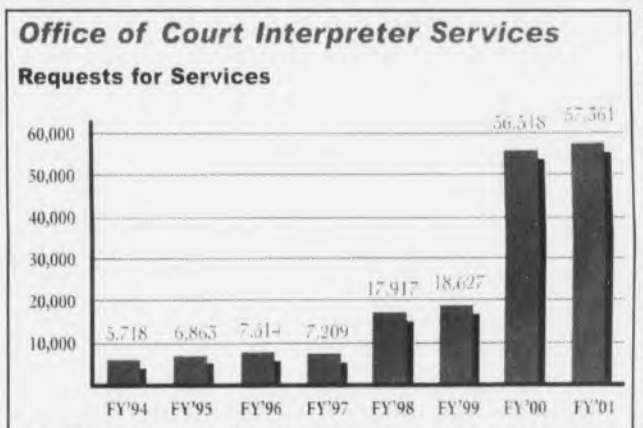
Interpreter, Maria Valencia, right, interprets for a Spanish-speaking woman in Hingham District Court.



From the annual report on the State of Massachusetts Court System, fiscal year 2001. Requests for interpreters services is not an indication of the number of services provided, because an interpreter can handle more than one case on a particular day.

Interpreter Requests – FY 2002

July 1, 2001 - April 30, 2002

Hingham District Court	
Spanish	23
Portuguese	47
Other	16
Quincy District Court	
Spanish	89
Portuguese	33
Vietnamese	32
Cant/Mand	38
Cape Verdean	17
Other	60
Plymouth District Court	
Spanish	44
Portuguese	15
Other	12

** Requests for interpreters do not reflect actual clients served because an interpreter can handle more than one case during the day at a particular court. Cant/Mand means Cantonese, Mandarin. Source: Office of Interpreter Services.*

Telephone translation provides tool for police

By Mary Ford
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What can police officers on the South Shore do when they find themselves in the situation where a suspect, witness or victim doesn't speak English?

Weymouth Chief Rodney Rumble says years ago police went around trying find someone who could help out.

"But that's not practical at 3 a.m.," he said..

Nowadays help is only a phone call away through Language Line Services, a California-based company that got its start 20 years ago as a volunteer service to help police and firefighters in San Jose, Calif. with the increasing number of Spanish- and Vietnamese-speaking citizens.

As part of the Greater Boston Police Council, a professional organization that offers collective procurement for its member police departments and agencies, area police departments are already "subscribers" to the service that costs $2.50 a minute. (Some police departments may engage additional translator services).

According to Evan Ollinger of Language Line, the officer calls the service's 800-number — or has dispatch call if he is on the road — and within eight seconds is connected to an interpreter. The company offers interpretation 24-hours a day in some 150 languages and employs 2,000 fully trained interpreters.

"We use the same training guide as the California 9-1-1 dispatchers," Ollinger said.

He explained there is a need for the service in virtually every police department.

"A rural department might use us once a month, and a major metropolitan department every hour," he said.

In 2001, the Greater Boston Police Council, which handles the billing for its 309-member departments, used the Language Line a total of 811 times, for languages ranging from Russian (338 calls) to Bosnian (11 calls). More than half the calls (442) were for a Spanish interpreter. The average length of a call was just over seven minutes.

The Language Line Services identification card divides languages by region. The officer makes his best guess as to what region the non-English speaking person is from, then shows him the card and asks him to point to his language.

Here's how it works. The officer has a language identification card provided by Language Line to help identify what language a person speaks. The languages on the card are grouped by region, such as Asia, Europe or the Middle East. The officer makes his or her best guess as to the region where the person is from, opens the language ID card to that section, and shows the person the languages listed. The message underneath each language tells the non-English speaker to point to his or her language and that an interpreter will be called.

The officer then calls the Language Line number, gives a client ID number, his organization's name and personal code, says which language is needed, and then is connected with an interpreter.

Officer Kevin Collins of the Braintree Police Department says the department uses the service a few times a month on average, mostly for booking prisoners. He says once connected to an interpreter, the process can be a little cumbersome because it involves telling the interpreter the question, passing the telephone to the non-English speaker and then listening to the translation, and so forth.

"There's a lot of back and forth," Collins said. "But there is no other way around it."

Collins says Braintree officers do not use the Language Line on the road because it would tie up the police radio for too long. In that case the non-English speaking person would be brought to the station. "It's always used in the station," he said.

But Ollinger says Language Line can help in emergency situations, at the scene, with arrests and interrogations. It can also translate Miranda rights. He explained that more and more officers are carrying cell phones, and speaker phones can also be used so the phone doesn't have to be passed back and forth. But no matter what technology is employed – interpreters can be invaluable, he said.

"Essentially, if you can't break the language barrier, you can't help someone," he said.

Ollinger said the service is "pay as you need." Police and public safety subscribers are set up in a special way to get the highest priority access, he said. The company also offers its services to businesses and individuals.

"If you wanted to interview someone who didn't speak English, you could call us up and use your credit card," he said. "Anyone can call us up."

Ollinger said Language Line gets about 20,000 calls a day from public safety personnel and handled 1 million emergency 9-1-1 calls in 2001.

"We've helped deliver babies, saved lives and helped officers in life-threatening situations," he said.

Rumble, the Weymouth police chief, said the service is an important tool.

"There is a cornucopia of different languages out there," he said. "If you can't communicate you have a serious problem.

"And in terms of time, it's cheaper than having to go search for someone to translate," he said.

JoDi Rosano earns his black belt in Yuan Yen Do

AROUND TOWN

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NEW BABY GIRL

"Thank heaven for little girls...." This is the line that the family of new arrival, **Molly Jackson Greer** is singing. Molly arrived on July 1, 2002 and is the brand-new daughter of **Ken and Abigail Adams Greer** of Cohasset. This little cutie is the granddaughter of **Bill and Marilyn Jackson Adams**, also of Cohasset, and **Jim and Pauline Greer** of Plymouth. **Mrs. Helen Jackson** of Edgartown is Molly's great grandmother and a very proud one indeed. Congratulations on this wonderful addition to your family.

ANOTHER NEW ARRIVAL

Another new resident here in town made his debut on June 29, 2002. **Colm Leighton McDonald** was born at Brigham and Women's Hospital and weighed in at 8 lbs., 7 oz. and was 20 inches long. This little guy is the son of **Christine and Vin McDonald** and joins big sister **Caelin** who is 4 and big brother **Liam**, who is 3 at home. Congratulations to the whole McDonald family and I am sure that we will be able to catch sights of this little guy around town.

PAN-MASS CHALLENGE

Merle Brown and his wife **Joan** are volunteering for their 13th year with the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, the bicycling fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund, Aug. 3-4. Their daughter **Marcy** rode in the event for 10 years and is now a dedicated volunteer, having been involved for a total of 15 years. Marcy's husband **Don** is riding in the event for his seventh year. What great and dedicated folks! Good luck to Don on his ride and to all the volunteers and riders out there on a safe and rewarding Pan-Mass Challenge!

CALLING ALL CAMPERS!

An invitation has been extended to all former campers of Camp Daniel Webster to attend a reunion being held Sept. 14 at the Daniel Webster House. More information can be found at www.campdaniel-webster.com. Coach and "Mrs A" are hoping for a tremendous turnout!

BOOK SIGNING

Betsey Detwiler, standing at right, poses with Cohasset Town History Committee members Louis S. Harvey, at left, and Jacqueline M. Dormitzer, Wigmore Pierson and Molly Pierson at a book signing of the Narrative History of Cohasset, Vol. III, at Buttonwood Books on July 10.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday wishes are going out to **Megan McElgunn,** who turns three years old this Sunday, July 21. Megan will have lots of help celebrating her birthday with her big sisters **Molly** and **Annie**, big brother **Jack** and her Mom and Dad. Enjoy this awesome day, Megan!

THAYER HONORS

Some news from Thayer Academy Headmaster Eric Swain, who announces the following Cohasset students who achieved academic honors at Thayer Academy Upper School for the Second Term. Congratulations to **Christina L. Daniels, Suzanne Marie Lewis, Michael Thomas Ernst** and **Malcolm J. Stansell**. Great job to all of you.

XAVERIAN HONOR ROLL

Mark Lewis, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Kevin F. Lewis**, achieved second honors at Xaverian High School for the fourth marking period. Students who earn grades of 80 or above are bestowed with second honors, says Brother Daniel E. Skala, headmaster. Mark just completed his freshman year. Super news, Mark..

MIDDLEBURY GRADS

Three Cohasset residents were awarded degrees from Middlebury College this past spring. **John J. Flanagan III,** son of **John Jr. and Deborah Flanagan**, received a degree in chemistry. John graduated with the following honors: cum laude, honors in chemistry and biochemistry, College Scholar one term, and dean's list six terms.

Cara E. McKenney, daughter of **Brian and Monica McKenney**, received her degree in international studies. Cara was on the dean's list for two terms.

Aaron D. Sawchuck, son of **Wayne and Annette Sawchuck**, received a degree in economic and was on the dean's list for three terms.

Super!

DEAN'S LIST

Margaret A. Goedecke, daughter of **Peter and Jane Goedecke**, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 term at Middlebury College.

The dean's list is the second-highest recognition for academic achievement at the liberal arts college in Vermont. To be selected for the dean's list, students had to achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and earn no grade lower than a B-. Great job!

ALL-STAR ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Evan Sacks, son of **Michelle and Ron Sacks**, graduated with honors from the Wheeler Middle School on June 12 in Providence, R.I. Evan has attended the Hamilton School at Wheeler for the past three years and has successfully learned to compensate for his learning difference, associated with dyslexia, in an exciting and rigorous learning community at the Hamilton School.

Evan was co-captain of the Wheeler Middle School Lacrosse Team(7-3) and completed the season with the highest number of assists and goals for the team. He was also selected and played for the All-State Rhode Island Lacrosse 15 & Under All-Star Team, which recently played at UMass/Amherst competing against teams from across the country. Evan has been accepted and will be attending the Wheeler High School this fall.

Evan, you have done a super job and have worked hard for these honors. Congratulations!

JUNIOR GOLFER

I just want to share a bit of news about my son **Daniel.** Daniel has been playing golf in Rockland and just last week, played in his first Junior Tournament and his team placed third! Daniel, we are all very proud of you, especially Gramma and hope that you continue to play as well as you did last week.

JoDi Rosano, wearing his black belt, stands by his karate trophies.

KARATE BLACK BELT

JoDi Rosano, a 9-year-old here in Cohasset, recently received a first-degree Black Belt in Yuan Yen Do Karate. JoDi has studied karate at the Cohasset Yuan Den Yo School for the past four years. His dad, **Joseph Rosano** is a second-degree Black Belt in the same style of karate.

JoDi is sincerely dedicated to the martial arts and is a fierce competitor! He has won three first-place trophies in his age group in forms and will continue training to achieve even higher black belt levels. I have a feeling we will hear a lot more about JoDi's fantastic accomplishments in this field. Super job!

Well, the weather is beautiful, the kids are all thriving here in town and it is already mid-July! I wish time would slow down just a tiny bit so we could enjoy the summer even more. Make sure to take the time to hit the beach, go for a walk, smell the flowers and drink lots of lemonade! It all goes way too quick to not enjoy it!

That is all for this week. Please send me all your news, photos and information on events no later than Mondays at noon.

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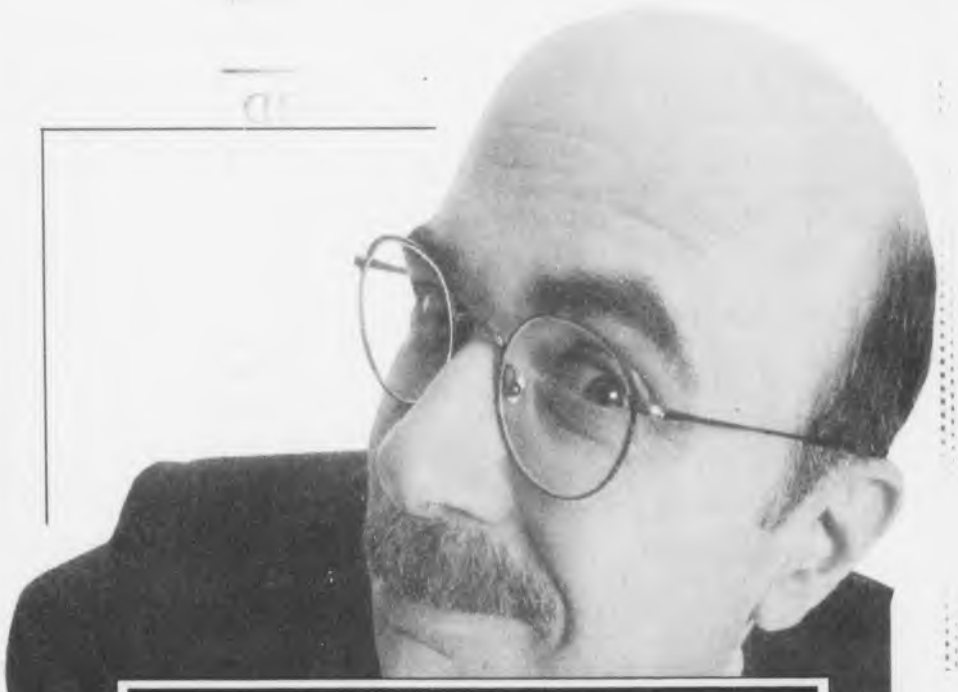

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Mr. and Mrs. Eric William Cosentino

Cosentino-Hagopian

Lee Meredith Hagopian and Eric William Cosentino were married on April 27, 2002, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Hingham. The Rev. James F. Rafferty officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Carl and Patricia Hagopian of Hingham. Ehrin Barker of Medford, served as maid of honor, and Evelyn Hall of Rockland, Erica Lambert of Brighton, and Lindsay Roberts of Phoenix, served as bridesmaids.

The groom is the son of Kenneth and Irene Cosentino of West Newton. Colm Hogan of Melrose, served as best man, and Christian Cosentino of Hopkinton, Stefan Cosentino of Orlando, Fla. and Eric Hagopian of Hingham served as groomsmen.

The bride, a 1992 graduate of Hingham High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Trinity College and a master's degree from Bentley College. She is employed as a research associate at STS Market Research in Cambridge. The groom, a graduate of Newton North High School, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He is employed as a trust officer for State Street Global Advisors in Boston.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Turks and Caicos in the British West Indies. Mr. and Mrs. Cosentino now reside in Cohasset.

Russian organist at St. Stephen's

This summer, St. Stephen's Church presents Russian organist Mikhail Mishtchenko in a recital on Wednesday, July 24, at 7:30 p.m. Mishtchenko is a lecturer in music history at the St. Petersburg Conservatory and the author of numerous musicological publications. He graduated from the St. Petersburg Conservatory and has widely performed in Russia. The artist has a broad repertoire, with a special emphasis on music of the Romantic Period.

The concert will be played on the church's legendary 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ.

The concert will be played on the church's legendary 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ, with Mishtchenko performing works of Widor, Vierne, Franck, and Bach. St. Stephen's, with its magnificent instrument, will provide an excellent showcase for this great program.

St. Stephen's Church is at Highland Ave. in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and there is ample parking at the village car park. There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Eight-year-old hits the books

Wins bike in reading contest

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

Even though it's summer vacation, eight-year old Alec Hurd still has seven or eight books on his nightstand.

"It's really fun to read now," he said.

Alec, whose love of reading was inspired this school year by his second-grade teacher Rose Collins, is often in the middle of several books at any one time. Whether it's Harry Potter's latest magical adventure, a book about sharks or a "how-to" about chess, Alec enjoys reading.

He'll be entering third grade in the fall, but Alec's mother, Karen Hurd, said her son's reading level is a grade ahead of his classmates.

Alec's interest and hard work were rewarded recently when he won a bicycle and helmet through Dependable Cleaners' Read to Ride summer reading program. This was his second summer competing in the program, now in its fourth year.

Karen said contests like this have helped to maintain her son's interest in reading.

"We try to make it fun for him," she said.

Though he already has the bike, Alec said one reason that he keeps reading is to win the program's grand prize — a trip for four to Disney World — to be drawn July 22.

The Read to Ride program, which ended July 19, encourages children ages 6-15 to read throughout the summer. According to Kirsten Bunszel of Tiffanie Williams & Co., which is working with Dependable Cleaners, more than 4,000 contest entries have been submitted at the 16 Dependable locations in the greater Boston area, with three winners being drawn each week.

Reading has sparked Alec's imagination and creativity outside of the pages, as well. His interests in writing and drawing have resulted in small books he's created. Alec has written stories about everything from family vacations to imaginary worlds.

After reading a book about dinosaurs in Mrs. Collins' class, Alec took a dinosaur dig kit he was given for his seventh birthday and turned his backyard into an archaeological site. With his paintbrush, hammer and safety goggles, Alec spent every day for a month in the backyard, chipping away at rocks and searching for fossils.

Though his parents insist he reads for half an hour a day, Alec said he usually reads for more than that. If he wakes up early in the morning, he often reads instead of going back to sleep or watching cartoons.

As for the rest of the summer, Alec also plans to enter a reading contest sponsored by the Boston Red Sox, one of his favorite baseball teams. To keep up with the Sox and his other favorite baseball team, the New York Yankees, Alec reads daily the sports section of the newspaper, a habit instilled in him by his father, according to Karen.

Alec hopes to be a baseball player for the Red Sox when he grows up. But if the baseball dreams don't come true, Alec said he also would like to be an archaeologist or a writer.

PHOTO/LYNNE LAYMAN

Alec Hurd shows off the new bicycle he won through Dependabale Cleaners' Read to Ride summer reading program.

Former Cohasset resident puts local flavor in new novel

Buttonwood Books presents author, Wayne Barcomb, on Wednesday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Cohasset for "All Are Naked" (HotHouse Press, $24).

Peter Quinn led a charmed life. Athletic and personable, he has a successful career in sales. His father, Mike Quinn, originally from Dorchester and currently living in Scituate, is a politician. Peter is driving home with his father and his wife, Marilyn. They had been to a political rally in Dorchester for Mike and were returning to their home in Cohasset when the accident occurs. The car accident that leaves his wife, Marilyn, partially paralyzed.

The story is filled with local scenery such as, Little Harbor, Minot Light, Rte. 3A, Boston Harbor.

"All Are Naked" is Peter's story, his involvement with a beautiful exotic dancer and the inevitable consequences that arise from his deceptions. The story is filled with local scenery such as, Little Harbor, Minot Light, Rte. 3A, Boston Harbor.

A resident of Cohasset for many years, Barcomb knows his turf and his characters reflect his knowledge of human nature. Barcomb currently lives in Sarasota, Fla. Call 781-383-2665 to reserve your signed copy if unable to attend.

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EDITORIAL

A small world

No one is more aware of our shrinking world than the Massachusetts Court System which has seen requests for interpreter services skyrocket over the past several years. Our local police departments are also running into situations where the victim, witness or perpetrator does not speak or understand the language.

Before you say "send them all back," just imagine for a moment that you are travelling overseas and are the victim of a crime. Wouldn't you want access to an interpreter to help you explain what had happened?

The fact of the matter is the face of the South Shore, Massachusetts and the United States is changing. It's really nothing new, after all, we are a nation of immigrants, who over time have adapted to the language and culture.

Our "melting pot," if you will, has enriched our country by bringing us Mexican, Chinese and Italian food and restaurants, Latin music – not to mention political leaders, soldiers, hundreds of thousands of new businesses, countless workers and families who come here to pursue the American dream and want to make a contribution to our society.

We recall a mother sharing with us the story about her son who was the first grade in a local school. The boy was bewildered when his teacher asked the pupils what nationality they were. Some proudly said Irish, others said Italian, Polish or English, and so on. When it was his turn, the little boy said, "I don't know about the rest of you – but I'm American!"

We're all proud of our heritage and rightly so. But we should also be accepting of those "newcomers" who come to America for the same reasons our forefathers did.

Our justice system is founded on fairness. To that end, courts and law enforcement officials must provide access for non-English speaking people.

Part One, Article 11, Declaration of Rights, Constitution of Massachusetts adopted in 1780 states, "Every person ought to obtain right and justice freely, and without being obliged to purchase it; completely and without denial, promptly and without delay..."

But there is a cost for equal justice. Justice of the Superior Court Isaac Borenstein described the line item for court interpreter services, which he sees as being a critical service, as a "budget buster."

But the past practice of "getting by" by using a cousin, relative, secretary or whomever could be found is not adequate. Evan Ollinger of Language Line Services, that provides interpreters for police and public safety personnel, says using non-qualified interpreters can lead to trouble.

He explains what one often finds is a younger person, who understands English, translating for an older relative.

"In some cultures, a younger relative can't give bad news and won't tell the older person," Ollinger says, adding that can be problematic in a life-threatening situation.

In a special report this week, we have tried to shed light on the use of interpreters in the courts and on the police beat. We learned highly-trained interpreters provide a valuable service, one that is becoming an integral part of the administration of justice.

Justice Borenstein put is best.

"We are a nation of immigrants that needs to provide interpreter services for people. Of course there's a cost but a lot of constitutional rights come with a price to us," he says.

"Hopefully, that makes us a better place in the world."

— Mary Ford
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Irate about Delahunt vote

TO THE EDITOR:

Hon. William Delahunt,
Member of Congress

I see you voted for the Aviation Capacity Expansion Act, which would effectively remove State control over building new runways at existing airports. I am absolutely appalled! This is a flagrant power grab by the Congress in the name of regulating Interstate Commerce, and in all likelihood is unconstitutional. This could allow the construction of Runway 14/32 at Logan, in direct opposition to the interests of your own constituents in Hull, Hingham and Cohasset, to the Mayor of Boston, and possibly even to the Governor of the Commonwealth.

You folks in the Government should better understand the intensity of feeling surrounding airport expansion. While I don't recommend action as extreme as taking hostages, as the Mexicans are doing, they recognize they are being screwed over — being offered a pittance for their land, when the economic benefits of expansion will produce profits to pay them handsomely.

It is perfectly clear that the external economic costs of airport expansion, which include property devaluations, impacts on health (increased cancer risks from unburned jet fuel, sleeplessness, high blood pressure) and general quality of life are being ignored because of the perilous financial condition of the airline industry. Yet individual airlines continue to schedule half empty flight during peak periods in attempts to maintain market share, causing the delays which the Expansion Act purports to manage..

The agenda of the Air Transport Association is to lay an additional 50 miles of concrete at existing airports to compete more effectively with highway and rail transportation. Expansion of the 30 largest commercial airports in the country is not the answer, not in Chicago, not in Boston, not in San Francisco, nor in Oakland (where the environmental impact statement filed by the airport was recently rejected by the courts, having been found to be intentionally inaccurate and misleading for not having dealt with the external costs of expansion).

Peak period pricing and high speed rail are the answers, as well as the increased use of local, underutilized airports by the smaller regional jets.

You are the one that told me the Congress is being hit from all over the country by irate citizens fed up with the noise and pollution from airplanes, and that you probably have the votes to stop every airport expansion project in the country. What happened? Caved into business pressure ? To the 43 lobbyists on contract, and 27 in-house lobbyists on the payroll of the air transport industry?

Eric Oddleifson
25 River Road

Mr. Oddleifson provided the Cohasset Mariner with a copy of his letter.

'For love of the town'

TO THE EDITOR:

How ironic that discussions concerning selling the naming rights to the Town-owned, Town Meeting-funded new baseball fields should occur at the time of the passing of arguably the most generous resident Cohasset has ever had.

Jane Cook's motivation was purely for the love of the town, with no desire of recognition for her many good works. Many people, who have no idea who she was, benefit from her largesse every day.

Russell Bonetti
20 Parker Ave.

Chernobyl benefit

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Cohasset seventh and eighth graders, your teachers and your parents,

As host parents of two boys from the Chernobyl region of Russia we want to thank you all for your enthusiasm and support. Your planning and hard work certainly resulted in a successful social event and we enjoyed being part of your evening. The money that you raised will not only allow us to take these young boys many places and send them home with warm clothes for the winter months, but will also go to help defray the costs for next year's children. We have told the boys about all of you and what you did for them and now we hope that you will drop by to meet them.

David and Mary Ann Chase
100 Pond Street

Police Assoc. thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Recreation Commission and the youngsters and staff of the Summer Playground Program, I would like to express our appreciation for the Cohasset Police Department and the Cohasset Police Association for their very generous donation of time and effort and for their interest in our community.

On Friday, July 12, the Cohasset Police Department and the Cohasset Police Association organized and ran their annual Police Safety Day for the youngsters in the Playground Program. They arranged various activities, which all the children thoroughly enjoyed. The children were enthralled by the two helicopters and many other bona-fide police equipment that was available for them to experience. The Cohasset Police Department and Association further extended themselves to our community by providing a cook-out for all who were present, about 250 people total.

The commissioners and staff of the Recreation Department and the youngsters involved in the Playground Program truly appreciate their continued interest in and concern for our community and its residents. I believe that I am able to speak on behalf of the residents with children in the Playground Program, in thanking the Cohasset Police Department and the Cohasset Police Association.

John M. Worley, Director,
Recreation Commission

LIBRARY CORNER

Reading program

It's a "Star Spangled Summer" at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Mrs. Moody, Children's Librarian, invites all the young readers in town to come in and sign up for the 2002 Statewide Summer Reading Program.

Registration times are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, and from 1 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. At the time of registration, students will set a goal and begin a summer reading log on which to record their reading. Throughout the summer, students should bring their logs to be stamped. At the completion of the program, we will have a celebration and a "Star Spangled" T-shirt will be awarded to those participants who met or exceeded their goals.

It's not to late to join the fun. So, come in and see Mrs. Moody in the Children's Room soon.

Puzzle Club

Attention Deer Hill students. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library announces the return of the Monday night Puzzle Club, with Mrs. Murphy. It began Monday, July 8, and will end on Monday, Aug. 12. Puzzle Club begins at 7 p.m. and ends promptly at 8:45 p.m. This is a drop in event.

Children's events

Children's Librarian, Sharon Moody, is offering Tuesday evening events for children. The following is a list of dates and events that will take place for the remainder of the summer:

July 13: Alicia Quintano - From Sea to Shining Sea

July 30: Tale Spinners - Stars and Stripes,

Aug. 6: Sparky's Puppets - Wish Upon a Star!

Aug. 13: Activated Story Theater - Stars and Stripes Stories

All programs begin at 7 p.m. and are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

New library to open early 2003

By Patience G. Towle and Sheila S. Evans
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Slowly but surely, the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library is taking shape! While much of the work to date has been hidden inside, installation of the new windows and the new cupola sitting on the ground on Ripley Road give promise of the beautiful building it is going to be. The Library Building Committee has been meeting weekly to make ongoing construction decisions and to finish selecting fabrics and furniture for the new library. The contractors report that an early 2003 opening looks realistic.

New gifts welcome

As is well known, this exciting addition to the Town of Cohasset has been based significantly on the generous gifts of several hundred persons who have contributed a total of more than $1.1 mil lion to the project. New gifts have been received on a slackened, but continuing basis since the town-wide mailing in April of 2001. While the Library Building Fund has received pledges for more than the $1.1 million promised to the Town, additional gifts are most welcome and will be judiciously used for landscaping, computers and other electronic equipment, as well as establishment of a fund that will insure that the new library will be adequately maintained.

The names of donors of $ 1,000 or more will be listed permanently on a Donor Wall in the new library, in groupings by size of gift. The names of all donors will be included in a final report of the project.

Donor Wall

The Library Trustees are very anxious that all those who wish to participate in this historic project do so. While gifts to the library are always welcome, the Trustees have set a deadline of Sept. 15, for pledges of $1,000 or more to be received in order for the donors' names to be included on the Donor Wall. Pledges may be paid in 2002 and 2003. Gifts or pledges to the Cohasset Library Building Fund, Inc. may be mailed to Sarah R. Pease, Treasurer, 106 South Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

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Dragging their feet to the altar

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Now that the last June bride has dragged her man, kicking and screaming, to the altar, perhaps it's time to examine the institution (if that's the word) of marriage as it is practiced in the year 2002.

Fortunately, we don't have to because the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University has done it for us and has found that men are more reluctant than women to commit "wedded bliss" as it was known in its halcyon days.

The median age for men on their first trip down the aisle is now at an all-time high of 27. Forty years ago, when Hollywood was not permitted to show even a married couple in anything but twin beds, it was 23.

"It's men more often than women who are accused of being 'commitment phobic' and dragging their feet about marriage," says David Popenoe, co-director of the Rutgers project.

The project found the top six reasons why men are reluctant to commit to marriage...

"Our investigation of male attitudes indicates that there is evidence to support this view."

The project found that the top six reasons why men are reluctant to commit marriages are these:

"They can get sex without marriage more easily than in times past."

(He calls her his "significant other." If they marry, she becomes his "ball and chain." And what was that they used to say about buying the cow when the milk is free?)

"They can enjoy the benefits of having a wife by cohabitating rather than marrying."

(It's sort of like having a cleaning woman, a cook, a dishwasher and a mistress all rolled into one. And you can send her out to work if you have to. Can it get any better than that? Where do I sign?)

"They want to avoid divorce and its financial risks."

(Was it the actress Claire Trevor who once said, "What a holler would ensue if people had to pay the minister as much to marry them as they have to pay a lawyer to get them a divorce?" Or a former wife to stay divorced.)

"They want to wait until they are older to have children."

(Ted Williams did at age 50 and look what happened to him. The kid's making him into a Popsicle.)

"They fear that marriage will require too many changes and compromises."

(Like giving up Shannon Tweed and Cinemax after midnight in exchange for the shopping channels and Martha Stewart, if she's successful in staying out of jail.)

"They are waiting for the perfect soulmate and she hasn't appeared."

A man wants a wife, says William Harley Jr., author of the book His Needs, Her Needs, "to look good, provide great sex, join in his recreational activities and tell him he is wonderful.

"Women want affection. They want to feel loved. They want a great conversationalist, a man who is funny, someone who is attractive, a good sexual partner, a man who is ambitious and successful."

Sorry, girls, I'm spoke for.

HEALTH NOTES

Melanoma is on the rise

By Tara Mullen
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Did you know:

- More than half of all new cancers are skin cancers
- More than 1 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year.
- An estimated 9,600 people will die of skin cancer this year, 7,400 from melanoma and 2,200 from other skin cancers.
- There will be about 87,900 new cases of melanoma in 2002 — 34,300 noninvasive and 53,600 invasive. This is a 4 percent increase in invasive melanoma from 2001.
- In 2002 one in 41 Americans have a lifetime risk of developing melanoma.
- One person dies of melanoma every hour. In 2002, 7,400 deaths will be attributed to melanoma — 4,700 men and 2,700 women. Older Caucasian males have the highest mortality rates from melanoma.
- The incidence of melanoma more than tripled among Caucasians between 1980 and 2002.
- More than 80 percent of skin cancer deaths are from melanoma.
- Melanoma is more common than a non-skin cancer among women between 25 and 29 years old.
- Melanoma is the fifth most common cancer in men and the sixth most common cancer in women.

Source: American Cancer Society's 2002 Facts and Figures; www.cancer.org.

Skin Safety Day!

The Skin Analyzer reveals skin damage done by the sun, which could lead to skin cancer, on Tuesday, July 23 at Sandy Beach from 11 am –12:30 p.m., and then at the Cohasset Swim Center from 1–2:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome! For more information please call the Cohasset Public Health Nurse at 781-383-2210

Tara Mullen is administrative assistant to the Cohasset Board of Health.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Palmer campaigns in North Scituate

Nathaniel Palmer, running for State Representative for the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and North Scituate, spent last week meeting with constituents throughout Precinct 3 of Scituate, the area of town split from the Fourth Plymouth District under the redistricting act of 2001. Presently represented by Frank Hynes, Precinct 3 will join the towns of Cohasset, Hingham and Hull in January 2003 to form the Third Plymouth District. The November 2002 election will determine who represents the new district within the legislature.

"It is always regrettable to see a town split in this way," explains Palmer. "While I cannot reverse the split, I am nonetheless grateful for the chance to work with the residents of North Scituate during the transition process."

The redistricting is the result of state law which mandates that all 160 representative districts have roughly the same average number of constituents. Currently, that average is about 42,000. With the Fourth Plymouth District presently comprised of 42,000 constituents, the lines were redrawn to shift the additional number to the smaller Third Plymouth District.

Republican Nathaniel Palmer, who is running for state representative, chats with gubernatorial candidate Mitt Romney at a fundraiser in Hingham on Monday.

The new district will join towns already bound by many common interests.

"Communities are rarely confined to the arbitrary boundaries of town lines," Palmer says. "North Scituate shares many common goals and concerns with the towns of Cohasset, Hingham and Hull. We all have in common in an interest in strong schools, the preservation of open spaces, and many issues unique to coastal communities, such as the protection of beaches and the need for state assistance maintaining seawalls."

Mark Tobin runs for register of probate

Touting nearly 20 years experience in the state's trial court system, democrat Mark Tobin announces his candidacy for Norfolk Register of Probate.

Speaking before several gatherings, of supporters, Tobin pledged "to make Norfolk Probate and Family court the people's court" and outlined innovate ideas and reforms "to make the court more convenient and accessible to those seeking justice."

Tobin proposed creation of four satellite courts utilizing existing courthouses in Brookline, Quincy, Stoughton and Wrentham - so that county residents would not have to travel up to 40 miles round trip to reach the existing probate court in Dedham.

Mark Tobin

In addition to his years in the juvenile court, Tobin served for 14 years as head administrative assistant to the Norfolk County Register of Probate.

Housing law needs work, group says

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The group's first meeting to share ideas and discuss options is planned for 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 22 in the offices of Cohasset Travel in Shaw's Plaza off Route 3A.

The law, sometimes dubbed the "Anti-snob Zoning Act", renders many of the town's zoning regulations inapplicable in exchange for setting aside 20-25 percent units for affordable housing. The statute is applicable only in towns where the affordable housing stock makes up less than 10 percent of a town's entire housing.

Cohasset has about 3 percent or about 76 units of affordable housing.

The statute has many in the Commonwealth concerned about developers skirting local zoning laws.

In Marshfield, selectmen are considering forming a group to explore ways to increase affordable housing stock without going the Chapter 40B route. The board feels a proactive approach in creating affordable housing is preferable to being force-fed plans from developers.

"The whole 40B issue has absolutely nothing to do with affordable housing and everything to do with developers making money by circumventing local zoning," Marshfield Selectman Jim Fitzgerald told the Marshfield Mariner in a recent interview.

Westcott, a vice-president of marketing for an event agency, feels that the law is especially onerous on smaller communities such as Cohasset where Avalon Bay's proposed complex would increase town growth by 10 percent.

"It does not allow communities like Cohasset to control its own future and develop appropriate affordable housing solutions to meet its needs," he said.

AvalonBay plans to build a 254-unit luxury apartment complex at the 62-acre former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor site off Rt. 3A (across from Atlantic Bagel). The size and scope of the project and the fact that it will be built on one of the few remaining tracts of industrially zoned land in town make it controversial.

Its proposal includes building 23, two-to-three story wood-frame buildings with one-, two- and three-bedroom units. The project with heated pool, spa, exercise facility and clubhouse is geared toward "empty-nesters" and young professionals with no kids, although Avalon estimates the project would add an additional 30 kids to the school system.

Town Planner Liz Harrington said 40B certainly has its share of problems. She said the statute has been used as a development ploy with some frequency since its inception. However, she did see some positive aspects to the so-called "Anti-Snob Zoning Act."

"It has stimulated communities to do something about affordable housing," she said. "I think it's positive that Cohasset is in a very serious way looking at how to provide this."

However, Westcott said the town leaders are not doing enough to protect the community from being steam-rolled by the Avalon Bay development. He said the proposal rezones the largest plot of commercially useable land in town and eliminates the potential tax revenue; could threaten the water supply and overextend town resources; and traffic problems. Westcott said it doesn't provides what Cohasset truly needs — affordable and senior housing that is integrated into the community.

"The law needs to be fixed," he said. "It is the developer-driven nature of the law that enables companies like Avalon Bay to exploit these situations."

Westcott said he supports other avenues of trying to establish more affordable housing in Cohasset.

"We support the senior housing committee's work and plan to meet with other senior and affordable housing advocates to look at options," he said.

Senate bill would change Chapter 40B

Senator Robert Hedlund has filed legislation to amend Chapter 40B of the Massachusetts General Laws, also known as the affordable housing statute, to return a degree of local control to cities and towns overwhelmed by the current proliferation of development proposals being filed under this provision.

Hingham currently has three 40B projects under consideration.

The bill, entitled "An Act Relative to Low and Moderate Income Housing," empowers local boards of appeals to review Chapter 40B "comprehensive permit" applications and impose reasonable restrictions and conditions with regard to open space issues, building size, density, setbacks and structure heights. The bill would also allow local boards of appeals to condition and/or deny a comprehensive permit application on land that it deems unsuitable based upon engineering or environmental constraints. The state's Housing Appeals Committee could not overrule a decision by a local board of appeals that relies upon the language of the bill in its determination of suitability.

Rep. Bradley wants Chapter 40B changes

State Representative Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, has co-sponsored An Act Relative to Low and Moderate Housing which would, upon its passage, change the affordable housing laws in the Commonwealth.

This legislation would amend Chapter 40B, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Permit Statute. Currently, the Chapter 40B statute allows affordable housing developers to override local planning and zoning controls, barring communities from imposing reasonable restrictions on such development. This legislation includes revisions to Chapter 40B that would strengthen local autonomy over development that the housing appeals committee could not override. The bill would allow local boards of appeals to impose reasonable restrictions and conditions with regards to size, density, height and open-space issues. It would also allow the local board to condition or deny a comprehensive permit or application on land that it deems unsuitable based on environmental constraints or engineering.

IT'S HAPPENING

Movie night at The Garage

There will be a "Movie Night" at the Teen Garage on Saturday, July 20. This event will cost $2 per person, and everyone in grades 6 and up is welcome. The movie will begin at 8 p.m. Popcorn will be served free of charge, but other snacks and refreshments will have to be purchased. Please note that The Garage will open as scheduled at 5 p.m. even though the movie will not begin until 8 p.m.

Music Circus Registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct another Music Circus registration for The Emperor's New Clothes on Tuesday, July 23, from 9 a.m. until noon and again from 5 to 7 p.m. at the recreation office in the Town Hall. Please be aware that this is the last registration for the summer.

Music Circus registrations are held two weeks prior to the actual date of the show. Hence, registration on July 23, for The Emperor's New Clothes is for the performance that is on Thursday, Aug. 8. Consult your summer fliers or The Playground Program Activity Brochure for details.

Class of '72 reunion

The Class of 1972 is planning on having its 30th class reunion July 26-27. A reception will be held on the Friday night at the Lightkeepers Cottage with cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres. On the Saturday, a Texas Barbecue / pool party is planned at the home of Glenn Pratt (Vaughan's gracious brother).

If anyone knows of a classmate that has not yet been contacted please call: Vaughan Pratt @ 1-808-523-0140 or 383-0143 or by email vpratt@marine.org; Nick Anderson @ 383-2503 or Pam Prendergast @ 383-1496

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Pratt building bidding reopens

By Evan Schiff
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Town Manager Mark Haddad said the sole bid for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library has come in lower than expected.

Haddad had put the bid out for $900,000 thinking the town would be able to get that much for the historic building, however, there was only one offer that came in and it was for a little more than $600,000.

"I think if we lower the bid from $900,000 we'll be able to get the money we need," Haddad told selectmen last week.

The selectman reset the bid for $721,000 which includes the incentive of 2.5 percent commission for a broker who brings a buyer to the table.

"This way there will be more incentive to get the word out about the building," Haddad said.

If the building is sold for more money, it will reduce the amount the town needs to borrow for the project. The town will not sell the building for less than $700,000, Haddad said.

Here's how the projected cost of $3.9 million to turn the old Osgood School into a new library is broken down:

- $700,000 from the sale of the old building
- $1.5 million from a state grant
- $1.1 million raised privately from the library trustees
- $600,000 appropriated by Town Meeting

The property's assessed value for fiscal year 2002 is $928,500, that includes the library and little over half of an acre of land. The building is approximately 24,630 square feet and is zoned as residential. The building was able to be constructed as a library because it was built before there were zoning regulations.

Aging is mandatory — growing old is not!

SENIOR SCENE

KATHY BRYANTON

Here at the Cohasset Elder Affairs, we are brainstorming to come up with a list of new programs for the fall that will focus on not only the positive aspects again, but the role a senior center can play in that equation.

Those who work in the aging field predict that the 21st-century will be an area of unprecedented, positive aging. The new positive images of aging depict activity, autonomy, choice and well-being in defiance of traditionally-gloomy stereotypes of decline, decrepitude and dependency. This change is attributed I party to the dynamic shift in images of aging in the media, advertising and public consciousness. As more people live to be 100, we are learning more and more about the ways to embrace healthy aging and encourage the kind of lifestyle choices that lead to it. Increased longevity is a reality and as the quantity of years increase, people in turn, seek ways to make their golden years more fulfilling.

We all know that a basic component of good health in later years is routine health screening and regular visits with you physician. Another prescription for healthy is interaction with other people. Many doctors can prescribe medications that help us live longer but often overlook the day to day lifestyle their patient may be experiencing. That is where organizations, such as Cohasset Elder Affairs, can provide a wonderful complement to successful aging. Just last week, a man came to our new cooking class and was surprised at what he found going on there at the senior center.

So many people have the wrong impression of what a senior center is and they think they'll find people in wheelchairs or the elder population playing Bingo!

So many people have the wrong impression of what a senior center is and they think they'll find people in wheelchairs or the elder population playing Bingo! This is not what the Cohasset Elder Affairs is all about. We promote classes/programs that help seniors feel good about themselves. Elders have a great deal to offer and we encourage their creativity and sharing of knowledge. New and innovative programs are being planned for the fall and we would like your input in this area. Our new center makes it easy for us to arrange any type of class or activity—all we need is an idea.

We plan to organize a planning committee to meet over the summer to come up with some idea for our fall program on successful aging. If you would like to be part of that group, please call us at 781-383-9112. Remember you can be young at 85 and old at any age—it is all in how you perceive yourself. Think young and enjoy the many opportunities the Cohasset Elder Affairs has to offer.

By the way, our program in water aerobics is currently underway at the Cohasset Swim Center on Sohier Street. If you are interested, please drop in at the pool on Mondays, 1:15-2 p.m.; Tuesdays, 12:30-1:15; and Thursdays, 12:30-1:15 p.m. and ask for Darleen; or call 781-383-9463.

Kathy Bryanton is direction of Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Albany carillonneur

The 78th Season of Summer Carillon Recitals on the 57-bell carillon at St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset will continue on Sunday, July 21 at 6 p.m. with a performance by Amy Heebner, one of three City Carillonneurs of Albany, N.Y. Ms. Heebner's program will include original carillon compositions by Robert Byrnes, Matthias Van den Gheyn, Frank Steijns and Liesbeth Janssens, as well as transcriptions of works by Debussy, Bach, and Shostakovich, and arrangements of folk songs and popular tunes.

The concert lasts one hour and is free of charge. It takes place rain or shine; if it rains, you may listen from your parked car. Printed programs, schedules and brochures will be distributed on the Cohasset Common and will be available in a program stand by the church courtyard on Highland Avenue as well as at Grapevine Caterers in Stagecoach Way off Main Street—a prime listening place. Listeners are invited to bring picnic supers and blankets or lawn chairs to the courtyard and common locations. There are outdoor tables and chairs in Stagecoach Way and the restaurant will be open from 5-8 p.m.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon; or call the Church Carillonneurs, Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, or the Assistant Carillonneur Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

Sea Chantey concert in Hull

The Hull Lifesaving Museum will welcome back Jerry Bryant for its second annual Summer Sea Chantey Concert at 7 p.m., Aug. 1 at the museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave. Bryant is a national authority on music of the sea who will play the guitar, banjo, concertina, and other acoustic instruments. His repertoire includes hundreds of traditional and contemporary folk songs, with particular interest in the music of sailors. He enjoys giving audiences a glimpse of our maritime heritage through the songs he presents.

There will be a special children's afternoon concert at 2p.m.. Open to all children. Admission to the children's concert is free.

The general audience Summer Sea Chantey Concert will be at 7p.m. on the museum lawn. Bring a blanket and a picnic supper and enjoy a musical family evening to be remembered. A $5 donation is suggested.

All galleries, exhibits, and the museum store will be open for the evening. For more information or directions contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

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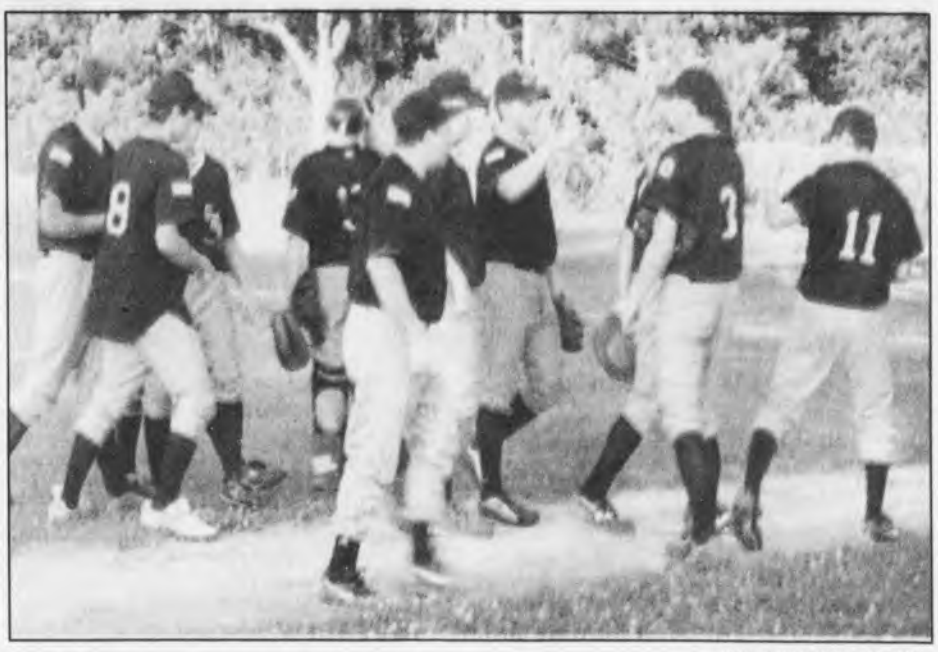
Jesse Cole notched a huge win over Morrisette over the weekend to push the Cohasset-Scituate Legion squad past the Quincy team in the race for the fifth and final Zone 6 playoff spot.



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE SPELLMAN

Post 118 players celebrate following the final out in Tuesday night's playoff clinching win over Weymouth.

They're in!

Post 118 completes miraculous stretch run to grab playoff spot

By Mike Spellman
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It was Scott Arnold's mantra since Day One: "I'd put my best nine up against just about anyone else's best nine."

The problem was, up until two weeks ago, the Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseball coach had only had that opportunity once or twice. In fact, most games he was missing three or four of his best nine, and the record reflected it. With eight games to go, the Post 118 team checked in with a 3-8-1 mark, and was looking up in the standings at all but two of the 10 teams in District 6.

It was at about this point that coach Arnold started getting his players back: a handful returning from the Appalachia Service Project, a few more from vacation, and another one or two from injury. And, lo and behold, these young men made their veteran coach look like a genius.

How many people could have possibly guessed this team would even find itself in a do-or-die battle for the fifth and final playoff spot in the last game of the year at 9-9-1? Who would have guessed this team would win a pitcher's duel against Weymouth ace Parker Harrington, who was five days removed from a no-no against Quincy? Obviously, we're precluding coach Arnold and most of the Cohasset and Scituate players from the polling.

"We knew we had the talent to do it," said Tom Fitzgerald, who won the pitcher's duel with Harrington, 2-0, on Tuesday night to put Post 118 back in the playoffs after a one year absence. "It wasn't a lot of fun coming to the ballpark in the middle part of the season, but we hung in there. It's a lot of fun now.

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Major League Tragedy

THE BIGGER PICTURE

DAVID INGBER

The Major League Baseball All-Star game is supposed to be the perfect night for players and fans. But imperfect does not even begin to do the night justice.

The utter disappointment began at 8:00 p.m., when the American and National League rosters were declared. Although this may have been the fault of the network, the announcer mixed up the names of Oakland All-Stars Miguel Tejada and Barry Zito, spoiling the ovation that the young shortstop should have received.

Not so bad, right?

The pre-game festivities continued to upset Boston fans everywhere when the list of Major League Baseball's Most Memorable Moments included Bill Buckner's 1986 miscue amongst such glorious Yankees tributes as Don Larsen's World Series Perfect Game and Joe DiMaggio's 56 game hitting streak.

Getting bad, but still not tragic, right?

Even worse was the selection of Chicago area recording artist Anastacia to sing our national anthem. Now there have been some awful renditions of F. Scott Key's masterpiece, but Anastacia's version sunk the composition to a new

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All-Scholastic boys tennis team

Cohasset's Ingber named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed here as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

After consulting with area coaches, however, we feel secure that we chose the top nine singles players and top four doubles teams in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Singles

David Ingber — Junior
First Singles – Cohasset

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection…made our squad as half of a doubles team (with 2001 grad Jeff Scribner) last year, but made the transformation to singles play this season to emerge as the top player and leader of this young Skippers team that shocked many by finishing in second place in the South Shore League and qualifying for the state tourney…finished with a 7-5 record, but three of those losses came to top 10 New England ranked players, Norwell's Sam Bitetti (twice) and Hingham's Brian Marsden…played Bitetti (who has-

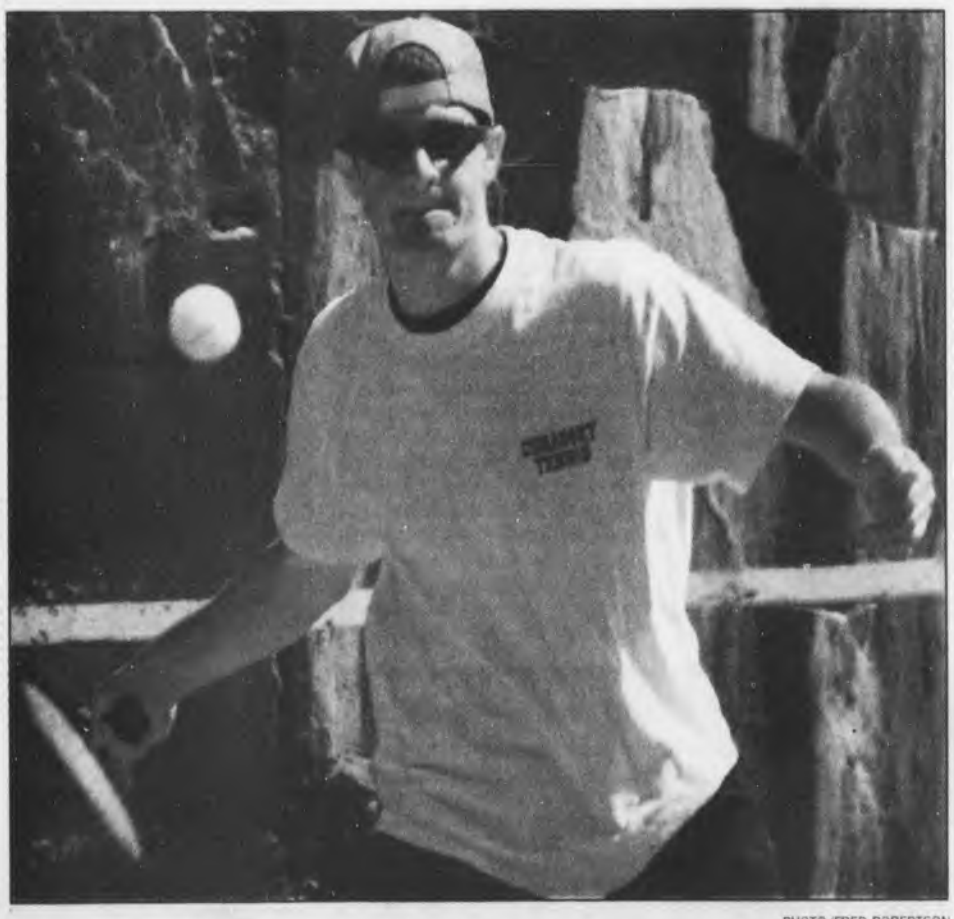
David Ingber

n't lost a set in SSL play in two years and dropped only a handful of games over that time) to a 6-2, 6-1 match in this year's second go-round this season, and pushed several other games to deuce…a two-time SSL all-star…beat fellow Mariner All-Scholastic and SSL all-star Eric Goldman (Abington) in their only meeting this year…played basketball his first two winter seasons at CHS, but switched to the swim team this past year…works in the summer as a lifeguard and swim teacher at the Cohasset Swim Center…also a member of the summer Cohasset Swim Team…also an academic tutor…teaches the guitar…extremely active in drama, both at CHS and in outside productions…National Honors Society member who is currently ranked fourth in his class…a Mariner Sports Correspondent since his freshman year at Cohasset High…is eyeing several New England universities…would like to play tennis at the next level if he lands at a Div. 2 or 3 school…plans to study journalism in college.

Ryan McDonald - Senior
(Capt.)
First singles - Marshfield

Ryan McDonald

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, McDonald had yet another convincing spring campaign…The senior captain helped fuel the Rams' unbeaten title season (14-0) in the Old Colony League…The team was an impressive 19-2 overall earning Marshfield the second seed in the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney…There, McDonald and his team advanced to the Sectional semifinals for the second-straight year…McDonald shared duties at the No. 1 spot with fellow All-Scholastic Brian Holmquest, playing the first 13 matches at No. 2, and closing out the last eight the top



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection Dave Ingber was named to our elite area squad last year as half of a doubles team, but made the transformation to singles play this season to emerge as the top player and leader of a young Cohasset High team that shocked many by finishing in second place in the South Shore League and qualifying for the state tourney

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Kristin Sheerin will be taking her considerable gymnastics talent to SUNY-Brockport this fall.

Sheerin takes flight

After top showing at National championships, former CHS gymnast looks ahead to college

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

There is probably no athlete on the South Shore who meant more to their team than Kristin Sheerin did to the Cohasset/Norwell gymnastics squad. Combining her gymnastics skills with her ability to lead, Sheerin was able to have her most exciting high school hurrah before heading off to begin her college career as a gymnast.

Sheerin was one of only 10 female gymnasts in all of Massachusetts selected to go to the Nationals Competition, the highest level a high school athlete can achieve. Held in Las Vegas, the competition showcased the top gymnasts from 15 states.

"It was quite an experience," said Kristin's mother, Trish, who coached gymnastics at Scituate and Rockland High. "The level of competition looked collegiate. It was all

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South laxers repeat as BSG gold medalists

CHS coaches, players key second title run

With an unblemished record, the South boys' lacrosse team once again successfully argued the case that the best high school lacrosse in Massachusetts is played on the South Shore.

With 22 of 24 squad members coming from Milton, Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, Scituate and Marshfield, the Southeast squad cruised through a five-team draw that included All-Americans and all-Scholastics from western and northern Massachusetts, from Greater Boston, and from the Cape, the Islands and even top-ranked Duxbury (separated from the rest of the South Shore, and placed in the Coastal region).

Outscoring the opposition 73-37, the South knocked off the North – featuring players from EMass D1 finalist Beverly, 2001 state champ

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Cohasset's Ingber named among area's elite

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spot…Overall, McDonald finished with a 17-2 record…McDonald plans to attend Drew in New Jersey where he will continue his tennis career. Marshfield coach Glenn Ward: "Ryan is a very aggressive player who has improved tremendously since his sophomore season. He plays with a lot of emotion and works exceptionally hard, sometimes too hard."

Eric Goldman - Junior (Capt.)
First singles - Abington

One of the top singles players in the competitive South Shore League, Goldman received All-star recognition for the second-straight year…Went 13-5 from the No. 1 spot this season and his consistent performance helped lead the Green Wave's impressive turnaround…Abington finished fourth in the SSL at 6-6 after going winless in the league last year…Goldman was also instrumental in the team's improvements against non-league competitors finishing 8-10 overall, just missing a post-season berth, after going 1-15 last year…Strength and smarts are among Goldman's best qualities on the court…Still a junior, Goldman will return to the No. 1 spot for a third-straight season and will captain the team. Goldman is making his first appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team, having received an Honorable Mention last season. Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "Eric is a good, solid, aggressive player. He's improved tremendously over the last year because he is willing to do the work in the off-season. We're real glad to have him back next year."

Brian Marsden - Junior
First singles - Hingham

Brian Marsden

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Marsden was well on his way to yet another banner year until an injury caused him to miss the latter half of the season… The junior was a perfect 7-0 in the seven matches he played for Hingham this season and the team was 6-1 while he was on the court…The team finished at 8-2 in the Patriot League, good for second place behind Duxbury…The Harbormen were 12-5 overall and reached the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney…During Marsden's seven matches, he defeated both Duxbury's No. 1 player and Norwell's Sam Bitetti, avenging last season's loss…Marsden has been the Harbormen's No. 1 player for the last three seasons and was instrumental to the team winning consecutive PL titles and appearances in two-straight South finals…Over his first two seasons, Marsden reached both the finals and semifinals in the South Individual tourney, but was unable to compete this year…A three-year PL All-star, Marsden will return to the top singles spot next season. Hingham coach Ron Bartles: "He's a great player. He's consistent and is mentally tough. He has a great serve and volley and plays a very strong net game. He's a solid, all-around, complete player."

Brian Holmquest - Sophomore
Second singles - Marshfield

Brian Holmquest

A two-year starter at the No. 2 singles spot, Holmquest had another solid season for the Old Colony League champion Rams going 19-2 in 13 matches at No. 1 singles, and eight matches at No.2 singles…Holmquest went this season for Marshfield, who went unbeaten in the OCL at 14-0 and finished an overall 19-2…A two-time league All-star (Atlantic Coast League and OCL) and two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in tennis, Holmquest helped lead Marshfield to the semifinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional for the second-straight year…Also a talented distance runner, Holmquest was named to Mariner AS cross country squad last fall…Holmquest will own the top singles spot for Marshfield next season. Marshfield coach Glenn Ward: "Brian is extremely patient. He's usually the last person off the court even in a two-set match because his points take a long time to finish. He knows how to work the ball to his opponent's disposition and is extremely accurate."

Rob Becker - Senior (Capt.)
Second singles - Hingham

Rob Becker

Started the season in the No. 2 singles spot for the Harbormen, but was called up to the top spot when fellow All-Scholastic Brian Marsden was ousted due to injury… Went 6-1 in his seven matches at the No. 2 spot and followed that up with a 2-1 stint at first singles to go 8-2 overall…Becker's performance was essential to keeping Hingham afloat and helped lead the Harbormen to a second-place finish in the Patriot League and to the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney…In the post-season, Becker went 1-1, defeating his Bridgewater-Raynham opponent before dropping a tight match to Marshfield's Ryan McDonald…A two-time PL All-star, Becker plans to Colgate, where he is considering continuing his tennis career. Hingham coach Ron Bartles: "Rob had a tough task jumping into the No. 1 spot, but he did very well for us. He was a solid performer at both positions."

Sam Bitetti – Junior
First Singles – Norwell

Sam Bitetti

Has helped extend the Clippers unbeaten streak in South Shore League play to eight consecutive seasons with his sensational play at number one singles over the last three years… finished 16-1 this season after going unbeaten last year, his only loss coming to Hingham superstar Brian Marsden in non-league play…has lost only one league match during his three year career, that coming as a freshman…has not lost a single set in league play the last two years…has reached the semifinals in the state individual tourney each of the past two years, falling to Newton's Luke Tedaldi each time…two-time Boston Globe and Mariner All-Scholastic ('01, '02)…named a Boston Herald All-Scholastic this year…three time South Shore League all-star…currently ranked eighth in New England by the USTA in the under-16 division…is half of the number one ranked doubles pair in New England right now with Michael Gallagher from Darian, Conn…this pair won the USTA sectionals at Yale last month…likes science and math, and figures to pursue that affinity further in college…a high honor roll student…carries a 3.85 GPA and takes several AP courses…won the Dartmouth Book Award and a silver medal in the Latin Exam this year…would like to play tennis in college…also a South Shore League all-star in cross country his freshman and sophomore years, but did not run track this fall in order to concentrate more fully on tennis…Norwell coach Jay Swartz: "What more can I say about Sam? He's just an incredibly talented, mature and competitive tennis player."

Mike Wiltshire – Senior
Second Singles – Norwell

Mike Wiltshire

Norwell's 18th year head coach called Wiltshire "the most improved high school tennis player over four years" he's ever seen… after not playing at all as a freshman, and then just sparingly as a doubles player the following year, Wiltshire emerged to go 30-2 (21-1 in SSL play) over the last two years playing second singles, including a perfect 17-0 this season, playing a huge rule in extending the Clippers unbeaten streak in South Shore League play to eight consecutive seasons…two time South Shore League all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic selection… plays tennis year round as a member of the Weymouth Tennis Club…has played in several USTA tourneys…will play in the Todd Morsilli Clay Court Tournament in Rhode Island this week, one of the biggest annual events on the New England amateurs circuit…played basketball and soccer his freshman year…plays the guitar…older brother, Jonathan (class of 2000), also played tennis at Norwell High…will attend St. Lawrence University in upstate New York, and is leaning toward a Liberal Arts major…has already spoken to this school's tennis coach and intends to play for the Div. 3 program next spring…Norwell coach Jay Swartz: "In all my years of coaching, I've never a player improve over four years Mike has. He was kind of a rolly polly kid as a freshman who, honestly, barely made the team. Now, he's one of the best players in the area. The transformation was just incredible. This year, he really wasn't all that far behind (teammate and star) Sam (Bitetti). The gave each other some real good battles in practice, and it made them both better players."

Ryan Cahill – Junior
First Singles – Scituate

Ryan Cahill

An exceptional athlete who emerged in his "third favorite sport" to give the Sailors respectable play at the all-important first singles spot…a tall, rangy player who covers the court exceptionally well…record of 5-5 was far from reflective of his talent, as all five of those losses came to top ranked USTA New England players Brian Marsden (Hingham), Sam Bitetti (Norwell) and Matt Bryson (Duxbury)…also played some doubles this year…Patriot League All-Star…Patriot Ledger All-scholastic Honorable Mention…a sensational soccer player who was a no-brainer for our Mariner All-Scholastic Soccer team this past fall…has already been named a captain for the 2002 team soccer and basketball…a member of the Scituate High basketball team that made it to the Div. 3 South Sectional finals this winter…looking at both colleges and prep schools after graduation from Scituate High…Scituate coach Rob Leary: "Ryan's a great kid who's really improved as a tennis player. Athleticism alone makes up for some of his shortcomings, but he's really improved in his technique too. He works at it."

Doubles

Bill Burke/Jason Despier
First Doubles - Marshfield

This talented duo was a catalyst in Marshfield's 14-0 unbeaten Old Colony League title season… Burke, a senior and two-year veteran at first doubles, and junior Despier went unbeaten themselves this season with a 18-0 record for the Rams… Their fierce play on the doubles front helped lead Marshfield (19-2) to the Div. 1 South Sectional semifinals for the second-straight season…Burke is a two-time league All-star (OCL and Atlantic Coast League) and received an Honorable Mention to last year's Mariner All-Scholastic team along with then partner Sebastian Giese, while Despier — formerly a third singles and second doubles player — is receiving the honor for the first time…Burke plans to attend Stonehill, where he will tryout for the tennis team, while Despier is off to UMass Dartmouth where he plans to major in international business. Marshfield coach Glenn Ward: "These two were very much alike and learned that you don't win matches by hitting hard, rather by hitting the ball where your opponents aren't. Jason is great at lobbing, while Bill is solid at returning a serve. They both know how to get to the net and stay there. The compliment each other very well and were an excellent doubles team."

Bill Burke

Jason Despier

Nat Kingdon/Phil Studley
First Doubles - Hingham

Playing for the first time together this season, this talented duo an undeniable force on the doubles court for Patriot League runners up (8-2)…Both seniors, Kingdon, a two-year first doubles veteran, and Studley combined for a 9-1 record in the Patriot League this season, splitting matches with PL champions Duxbury…The pair was 12-3 overall, dropping two heart-breaking matches to Wellesley in the final match of the regular season and Marshfield in the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney…Kingdon is a two-time Patriot League All-star at doubles and made our All-Scholastic team last year with partner Seth Purcell, while Studley is receiving the honor for the first time this season…Both 2002 grads, Kingdon and Studley will be off to college in the fall and may continue their tennis careers. Hingham coach Ron Bartles: "They are probably the strongest doubles team I've ever had here. They're both extremely reliable and showed great sportsmanship. They showed up at every practice and every game, which is a rarity for seniors. Nat is one of the best doubles players I've ever seen."

Jeremy Shepard/Josh DeSieno -
First Doubles - Abington

Josh DeSieno

A talented duo, Shepard, a senior, and DeSieno, a junior, were among the top three doubles teams in the highly-competitive South Shore League…The pair's performance on the court this season led to one of the most impressive turnarounds in South Shore boys tennis, shifting from last year's 1-15 Green Wave record, to this season's 8-10 finish…The Abington team also finished fourth in the SSL at 6-6, after not winning a single league match last season…Shepard and DeSieno earned them first-ever recognition from SSL coaches beating every league duo but heavyweights from Norwell and Mashpee…Clutch performances by the pair also led to the Green Wave's four-game win streak, which closed out their season…Shepard plans to attend college next year, while DeSieno will return to the AHS team as a senior. Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "I was very happy that the league recognized Jeremy and Josh this year. They did a great job together this year and were very deserving of the recognition."

Kyle Swartz /Mike Allen -
First doubles - Norwell

Kyle Swartz

After putting together a very solid season as second doubles partners as freshmen, these sophomores two really found their stride this season with the promotion to number one doubles, going unbeaten in South Shore League play and finishing up 13-1 overall, helping extend the Clippers unbeaten streak in South Shore League play to eight consecutive seasons… named South Shore League all-stars this spring…compliment each other well, Kyle (the son of coach Jay Swartz) being the more technically sound player and Mike an extremely aggressive player by nature…Kyle also possesses a powerful forehand…knocked off the SSL favored Mashpee doubles team early in the season, 6-2, 6-3, giving coach Swartz the first indication of what a special season this might be for his top team…also beat Scituate's top doubles team of Conrad Williams and Jamie Anderson (Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mentions) in a pair of three set thrillers this season…Kyle also plays soccer at Norwell High and Mike runs cross country. . . Norwell coach Jay Swartz: "Mike and Kyle took their lumps a little bit as freshman last year, which wasn't all that surprising. They weren't as good at controlling the play as a lot off the veteran teams they played, but this year they really learned to serve and volley and when to charge the net."

Mike Allen

Honorable Mention:

Singles

Chris Hickey- Sr. - First Singles - Silver Lake

Rory O'Connor - Jr. - Third Singles - Norwell

Tim Anton – Soph. - Second Singles – Cohasset

Tim Cahill- Soph. - Second Singles - Scituate

Pauri Pandian - Soph. - First singles - Hanover

Doubles

Conrad Williams (Jr)/Jamie Anderson(Jr) - Scituate

Ross Lieb-Lappen (Jr)/ Scott Faber (Jr)- Cohasset

Brian Olson (Sr.)/Gary Maguire (Jr.) - First doubles - Rockland

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low. On top of her annoyingly nasal voice, she twice insulted this great nation by botching the lyrics. (I believe the song goes "and the rockets' red glare" not "as the rockets gave air." Get it right, or get some cue cards, Annie.)

Then, the geniuses who chose the man to throw out the ceremonial first pitch made an even bigger booboo. They selected Hall of Fame pitcher Warren Spahn for the honor, apparently not realizing that the arthritic old gentleman could not throw the ball much further than his own feet. This move not only embarrassed the legendary hurler, but it made at least one baseball fan quite livid.

After 52 long minutes of pre-game, the Classic was finally ready to commence, and all my anger melted away. It was time to watch the purest game of baseball known to man, where for one night, there are no talks of trade rumors, salary inflation, free agency, and contract extensions.

Oh wait, that only lasted about two innings until a sideline reporter managed a dugout interview with Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi. His questions did not center around the success of his team or the performance he made the night before in winning the 2002 Home Run Derby. Instead, the interview focused exclusively on Giambi's dopey opinion of the potential player strike in August and the absurd revenue the Yankees have used to land high profile free agents Jeff Weaver and Raul Mondesi in recent weeks.

But at least once the game started, we got to see the best players in the world. . . right? Well, sort of. Two of the best pitchers in the game, Tom Glavine and Pedro Martinez, both possible candidates to start the All-Star game for their respective leagues, pulled out of the contest days before because of a Michael Johnson-type fear of injuring themselves.

As the game wore on, I rediscovered why the All-Star Game is the greatest athletic event of the summer. Arizona phenom Curt Schilling started the game brilliantly for the National League, cruising through two innings with 97 mile per hour cut fastballs that made the AL's best hitters look like overmatched Little Leaguers facing Danny Almonte. Minnesota's Torii Hunter made an incredible catch in the first inning, leaping three feet above the centerfield wall to rob Barry Bonds of a home run. On my personal favorite play, Red Sox pitcher Derek Lowe served up a fastball that was struck to Red Sox outfielder Manny Ramirez who made a perfect throw to Red Sox third basemen Shea Hillenbrand to nab a hustling Chicago Cub.

The game progressed in entertaining fashion, with outstanding examples of pitching, defense, hitting and speed. When the game made it to the ninth inning with a tied score, I was pleased to find out my enjoyable night was to be extended. But during the bottom of the 11th inning, there occurred the biggest travesty of the night.

The already unpopular Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig, former (wink wink) owner of the Milwaukee Brewers and engineer of this year's All-Star Shame, approached the microphone with his smug trademark grin and told the enthusiastic Wisconsin fans: "The game will end in a tie if a run is not scored this inning."

All at once, those cheerful cheeseheads became hostile. A tie? Did he just say a *tie*? Is he serious? What is this, soccer? Hockey? Olympic pairs ice dancing? As Tom Hanks should have put it, "There's no tying in baseball!"

Selig later rationalized his decision by noting there were not enough pitchers left to continue a longer game. Regardless, ending the Midsummer Classic in a 7-7 tie satisfied no one and enraged everyone.

Something could have been done to put an actual baseball ending to this game. Managers could have delighted the fans and put utility fielders on the mound. Selig could have announced a rule that allowed teams to recycle pitchers who had already been used. (Zito, whose All-Star outing lasted just three pitches, was one of nine pitchers who made fewer than 15 throws.) Better yet, both teams could have agreed to put Bud Selig himself on the mound so the likes of Sammy Sosa and Paul Konerko could blast some well placed line drives into the shins of their maligned commissioner. It did not matter, but a tie? Please.

Prior to this one, 10 All-Star games went into extra frames, and all were completed. Why was this one any different? Probably because both dugouts were infested with overpaid crybabies who care more about themselves than they do about their fans.

Furthermore, despite all his famous doublespeak, Selig will not be able to come up with anything resembling a reasonable explanation as to why a Most Valuable Player was not named at the close of the game. The MVP of this year's contest was supposed to be named in a tribute to the Splendid Splinter, Ted Williams, a Boston hero who died several weeks ago. Selig's failure to even name one was a slap in the face to Williams' memory, his family and his fans.

I woke up the morning after the All-Star game so angered that I found myself thinking something that I never thought I would. I found myself actually wishing for a full player strike. This is not because I have lost faith in the game, but because I think it will drive ol' Bud to an early retirement.

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"We're back in the playoffs now, and this is where it gets really fun," added Fitzgerald, who was with that playoff team in 2000 as a high school sophomore. The lefty from Scituate went the route Tuesday, surrendering just two hits and two walks, while striking out seven.

Post 118 will open the post-season on Friday night on the road, likely in Norwood, the team that looked to have first place wrapped up in Zone 6-West, beginning a best of three series.

As for Tuesday night's win, Weymouth entered the game still fighting for the third place playoff seeding, and was thus hardly ready to concede the game, as witnessed by the player they trotted out to the mound: Harrington, a hard throwing lefty. Arnold countered with his own lefty ace, B.C. High product Fitzgerald.

For three innings, the game sailed along pretty much as most would have predicted. Both starters allowed two runners to reach, but the game remained scoreless. Mike Gulinello and Ted Straughn singled for Post 118 in the second and third, respectively, but Gulinello was doubled up and Straughn was picked off first on a nice move by Weymouth's lanky lefty. Fitzgerald matched that, though, the only hit off him to this point a bloop opposite field double down the left field line by number three hitter Chris McDonough.

Cohasset finally broke the ice in the top of the fourth. Connelly did a nice job of taking a fastball on the outside part of the plate the opposite way, lining it just over the head of Weymouth third baseman Brian Tangui. He then stole second and went to third when Jesse Cole reached on an infield error. Harrington bared down to get a big strikeout on dangerous cleanup hitter Tim Straughn for the second out, but Gulinello (2-for-3) came up with a huge single to deep short to plate Connelly.

In the fifth, it was Greg Levin's turn to come up with a clutch two out hit, his double to left center plating Ted Straughn (3-for-3) to make it a 2-0 game.

Weymouth was far from done, however. Fitzgerald's streak of eight straight retired should by all rights have been broken to open the sixth when Weymouth's Jonathan Paul ripped a liner into the hole between first and second. Scituate's Alex Knight came up with the defensive highlight of the game, however, diving to his left and somehow cleanly fielding the high quick hop, and then scrambling to his feet to nip the runner at first.

This play proved mammoth, as Fitzgerald proceeded to walk the next two Weymouth hitters and then run the count to 3-and-1 on heavy hitting third hitter Chris McDonough. The sweet swinging lefty sat on the next offering and hit a screaming liner to left center that had the Post 118 faithful covering their eyes. The worry was for naught, however, as speedy centerfielder Levin, off on the crack of the bat, got there in time to snare the missile. Fitzgerald, who admitted he was tiring at this point, came back to get cleanup hitter James LeFleur swinging, getting the last two strikes with an off speed curve that proved his bread and butter all night.

"My arm was starting to drag a little, but I got a burst of adrenaline," said Fitzgerald, who will pitch for Babson College next spring. "My teammates picked me up a few times in the game, and that catch by Greg really got me fired up."

Fitzgerald, a "junkballer", effectively mixed in a straight change and a "sneaky" fastball all night, consistently picking up strikes with all three.

"Fitzy just pitched his heart out tonight," gushed coach Arnold. "When we needed him most, he was there."

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Alex Knight has been a gold glove caliber second baseman all season for Post 118, but the play he made in the seventh inning of Tuesday's playoff clinching win over Weymouth left even the team's closest followers shaking their heads in disbelief.

There was another scare in the seventh when Mark Caden slapped a one out single back up the middle and pinch hitter Eric Fardig followed with another screamer toward no man's land. However, Levin got on his horse again, this tiem ranging far in to right center to make the grab. Fitzgerald then closed the game out in style, settign up another pinch hitter with a couple of fastballs and changeups before finally punching him out with the curve.

"We got a couple of clutch hits from veteran players, which is just what you look to them for," raved Arnold after the game. "It was a total team effort. We got great pitching tonight, great defense, and some timely hitting against a very good pitcher.

"We're obviously getting hot at the right time. We're much better than a 10-9-1 team. Our record over the last eight games shows that. It's like I've said all year: when we've got our best nine, we're as good as anyone."

There aren't many left questioning that now.

Post 118 Notes

Playing its final eight games in 13 days, the Post 118ers, made up of Cohasset and Scituate ballplayers, ripped off seven wins, the only loss coming to unbeaten Braintree last Wednesday. After that, the Coh-Scit team pulled out four wins in four days over Morrisette, Milton, Morrisette again and Stoughton. The first three wins were huge. Milton (11-8) is the third place team in Zone 6, while Morrisette was the team Post 118 was trying to surpass for fifth place.

The 8-4 win over last place Stoughton on Sunday, with number five starter Tim Straughn going five plus strong innings and Jason Connelly mopping up in a closer's role, put the Post 118ers in a position few would have thought possible just a few days earlier: in control of their own destiny.

"We needed great pitching from our top pitchers, and we got it," said Arnold of the rotation of Jesse Cole, Jason Connelly, Tom Fitzgerald and Chris Carr. "And then we needed Timmy to come up big on Sunday even though he hadn't pitched much this year, and that's exactly what he did."

Straughn, who's fastball is reportedly clocked at over 90 miles per hour, was mowing down Stoughton hitters through the early innings, but finally began to tire in the sixth. At this point, Connelly, coming off a huge complete game effort against Milton just three days earlier, came in to get the last five outs.

Thus, with the win over fourth place Weymouth in Tuesday's regular season finale, Post 118 locked up fifth place with a 10-9-1 record, one point better than Morrisette (9-10) could finish even if it beat Weymouth in last night's scheduled showdown.

Cohasset swimmers stay perfect

Plymouth Eel River team downed 335-261

The Cohasset Swim Team improved to 3-0 on Friday with a successful outing in Plymouth at the Eel River team's beautiful Beach Club venue.

It was a small scale meet, with only half the usual squad but with warm-ups over, and the visitors acclimatized to the wonderful, but chilly, salt-water pool, Cohasset got off to a fine start, moving into the lead from the first event and staying ahead throughout the morning. The meet ended with Cohasset scoring 335 points to Eel River's 261.

The eight and under boys and girls started strong and led the way to five out of six wins in the 100 yard medley relays (boys: 1st: Salerno; Adkins; MacCormack; Kissick; 3rd: Kennedy; McCarthy; McCarthy, R.; Fontaine; girls: 1st: Farren, A.; Berube; Kissick; McCunney; 3rd: Farren, N.; Bodner; Gibbons; Farren, V.). Their ten and under team mates took first and third in the boys race (1st: Ofsthun; Kissick; Shipp; Durkin, J.; 3rd: Plante; MacCormack; Kahy; Whitney) and first, third and fourth in the girls' event (1st: McBride; Kelly, M.; Murphy; Dickinson; 3rd: Jennings; Sullivan; Axelson; Libby; 4th: Adkins; Fortin; Kelly, K. Fontaine). The twelve and under boys won their race and the girls finished in second, fifth and sixth places (boys: 1st: McCarthy; DeGiacomo; Shipp; Daley; girls: 2nd: Ryan; Fortin; McCarthy; McCarthy, C.; 5th: Coggins; Asnault; Meikleham; Salerno; 6th: Costa; Hurd; Baumgarten; McElhinny).

The seventeen and unders rounded off the medley relays, with wins in both the girls and boys 200 yard events (boys: 1st: McCarthy; Dickinson; Blackburn; Roach; girls: 1st: Jerome; Swain; O'Brien; Ogrodnik; 3rd: Plante; Harrington; Harrington, B.; Previte). Cohasset was now ahead by 28 points.

The ten and under 50 yard free relays occupy the next slot in the program, and the Cohasset swimmers put in excellent performances to take first place in each of their races (boys: 1st; Ofsthun; 3rd: Durkin, J.; 4th: Shipp, M.; girls: 1st: Libby, S.; 3rd: Sullivan, O.; 5th: Murphy, O.).

The individual medleys were next up and once again, Cohasset started well with a win for the twelve and under boys (1st, Shipp, A.; 3rd: Yeager, A.). The girls had a less productive race finishing third, fourth and sixth (3rd: Fortin, S.; 4th: Ryan, K.; 6th: Baumgarten, E.) and the pattern was repeated again at the fourteen and under level. The boys took the win and the girls finished third, fourth and sixth (boys: 1st: Dickinson, R.; 2nd: Daly, B.; girls: 3rd: Harrington, K.; 4th: Daly, S.; 6th: Guinee, A.). The event ended with a win for the seventeen and under girls and a second place for the boys (girls: 1st: O'Brien, K.; 4th: Ogrodnik, M.; boys: 2nd: Blackburn, C.). With the freestyle event coming up, Cohasset was now 30 points ahead of Eel River.

The 25 yard freestyle began with the usual strong show from the eight and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Salerno, J.; 3rd: Kissick, C.; 4th: Berube, G.; girls: 1st: Kissick, H.; 3rd: Farren, N.; 4th: Bodner, K.). The ten and under boys didn't quite make the win, but took second, fourth and sixth places (2nd: Durkin, J.; 4th: Whitney, A.; 6th: Plante, J.). The girls came back with a win and a fourth and fifth place finish, nudging Cohasset's lead ahead to 34 points (1st: Jennings, M; 4th: Dickinson, R.; 5th: Kelly, K.).

In the fifty yard freestyle events Cohasset struggled a little against strong Eel River performances. The twelve and under boys finished in second, third and sixth places and the girls finished second, fourth and fifth (boys: 2nd: Shipp, A.; 3rd: DeGiacomo, S.; 6th: Yeager, A.; girls: 2nd: McCarthy, M.; 4th: McCarthy, C.; 5th: Hurd, A.). At the fourteen and under level, again the boys were held to second, third and fourth place finishes, but the girls pulled back with a win (boys: 2nd: Roach, K.; 3rd: Daly, B.; 4th: Masotta, B.; girls: 1st: Previte, M.; 4th: James, K.; 5th: Plante, V.). The seventeen and unders finished the event with a win for the boys and a second and third place finish for the girls (boys: 1st: Blackburn, C.; girls: Ogrodnik, M.; 3rd: Harrington, B.).

The butterfly has to be one of the most challenging strokes but the Cohasset swimmers were right on form and claimed a win the first three twenty five yard races (boys, eight and under: 1st: MacCormack, P.; 3rd: Fontaine, A.; 5th: Adkins, J.; girls, eight and under: 1st: Kissick, H.; 2nd: Berube, M.; 3rd: Farren, A.; boys, ten and under: 1st: Kissick, J.; 2nd: Shipp, M.; 4th: MacCormack, J.). The ten and under girls had more of a struggle and finished third, fourth and fifth (3rd: Murphy, O.; 4th: Dickinson, R.; 6th: Axelson, O.), and the twelve and under boys and girls continued in the same vein with a fourth and fifth place for the boys and a fourth, fifth and sixth place for the girls (boys: 4th: McCarthy, E.; 5th: Yeager, A.; girls: Dunn, B.; 5th: Durkin, K.; 6th: Masotta, A.).

In the fifty yard event, Cohasset, again, were denied the win, but had a second place in the boys, fourteen and under race and a second, third and fourth in the girls race (boys: 2nd: Dickinson, R.; girls: 2nd: Previte, M.; 3rd: Swain, K.; 4th: Guinee, A.). The butterflies finished with a second place for both the seventeen and under boys and girls (boys: 2nd: McCarthy, D.; girls: 2nd: Jerome, E.). It was a tough event and it showed on the score card. Cohasset was still ahead, but now with a reduced margin (Cohasset: 179; Eel River: 157).

There was, however, plenty of time for redemption, and in the next event, the breaststroke, Cohasset were back on form, with a win in all four, twenty five yard, races (boys, eight and under: 1st: McCarthy, M.; 4th: Berube, G.; 5th: McCarthy, R.; girls: 1st: Berube, M.; 3rd: Farren, N.; 6th: Farren, V.; boys, ten and under: 1st: Kissick, J.; 2nd: Leahy, S.; 5th: Plante, J.; girls, ten and under: 1st: Kelly, M; 3rd: Sullivan, O.; 6th: Fortin, S.). In the fifty yard event, the twelve and under boys again pulled off a win, while the girls just missed the win, but finished second, third and fourth (boys: 1st: Kelly, T.; 2nd: DeGiacomo, S.; 5th: McCarthy, E.; girls: 2nd: Meikleham, A.; 3rd: Fortin, S.; 4th: Coggins, S.).

At the fourteen and under level the Cohasset swimmers pulled ahead again, with wins for both the boys and the girls (boys: 1st: Roach, K.; 2nd: Daly, B.; 4th: Masotta, B.; girls: 1st: Swain, K.; 4th: Daly, S.; 5th: Richardson, L.). The event finished with a second place finish for the seventeen and under boys and a third, fourth and sixth place for the girls (boys: 2nd: McCarthy, D.; girls: 3rd: Ogrodnik, M; 4th: Harrington, B.; 6th: Guinee, A.). Cohasset had pushed ahead again to secure a 41 point lead.

In the backstroke, the eight and under boys and girls again took off at an impressive pace with a win in both races (boys: 1st: Salerno, J.; 4th: Kennedy, V.; 5th: Fontaine, A.; girls: 1st: Farren, A.; 4th: Gibbons, E.; 5th: Axelson, M.). The ten and under boys fell behind to finish in third, fourth and fifth places, while the girls pushed ahead again to finish first, third and fifth (boys: 3rd: Ofsthun, C.; 4th: Whitney, A.; 5th: MacCormack, T.; girls: 1st: Fontaine, E.; 3rd: Jennings, M.; 5th: Adkins, O.).

In the fifty yard backstroke, the twelve and unders kept the pace with wins in both their races (boys: 1st: Connors, R.; 2nd: Daly, R.; 3rd: Kelly, T.; girls: 1st: Ryan, K.; 4th: Costa, A.; 6th: Baumgarten, E.). The fourteen and under boys also won their race and the girls took fourth and fifth places (boys: 1st: Dickinson, R.; 2nd: Masotta, B.; girls: 4th: Plante, V.; 5th: James, K.). The event finished with another win for the seventeen and under boys and a second, third and fourth place for the girls (2nd: Jerome, E.; 3rd: Harrington, B.; 4th: Harrington, K.).

With one more event to go, Cohasset continued to preserve their lead and ended the meet with a series of powerful relay performances. The eight and under boys and girls took the first wins (boys: 1st: Kissick, McCarthy, M.; Adkins, Salerno; girls: MacCormack, P.; McCarthy, R.; Berube, Kennedy; girls: 1st: Farren, A.; Farren, N.; Berube, M.; Kissick; 2nd: Gibbons, E.; McCunney, Axelson, Bodner), followed closely by their ten and under team mates (boys: 1st: Kissick; Ofsthun; Durkin; Shipp; 2nd: Whitney; Plante; MacCormack; Leahy; girls: 1st: Libby; McBride; Murphy; Sullivan; 2nd: Kelly, K.; Jennings, M.; Fontaine; Dickinson).

The twelve and under boys also took a win, and the girls finished in second, fourth and fifth places (boys: 1st: Shipp, Yeager; DeGiacomo; Connors; girls: 2nd: McCarthy, C.; Ryan; Hurd; Fortin; 4th: McCarthy, M.; Durkin; Costa; Coggins; 5th: Salerno; McElhinny; Masotta; Dunn). The event finished with a win for the seventeen and under boys (1st: Masotta; Blackburn; Roach; Daly) and a second and fourth place finish for the girls (2nd: Jerome, E.; Richardson; Previte; Daly, S.; 4th: Swain; James; Harrington, K.; Guinee). Cohasset had now accumulated a final score of 335, to Eel River's 261.

It was a pleasant and successful meet in a beautiful setting. Compared to the oppressive heat of the week before, everyone welcomed the ocean breeze and the opportunity for a stroll on the beach. And, in some ways, the smaller squad made for a less pressured pace. Perhaps more to the point, Cohasset brought home another win, and remain undefeated this season. They now prepare to face the highly competitive Mask squad in this Friday's meet. We wish them all the best and look forward to what should be one of the most challenging competitions of the season.

Sheerin takes flight

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very impressive."

Given that the competitors were all seniors who had already decided on colleges, there were few recruiters at the competition. However, the large crowds, the cameramen who filmed right in the faces of the athletes during warm-ups, and the other athletes provided enough pressure. On top of that, the Massachusetts athletes had the added load of being the defending Nationals Champions on their shoulders.

"We had a lot of pressure on us," noted Sheerin, who is one of only three of the Massachusetts athletes who will continue her gymnastics career in college next year, "but we weren't as serious as some of the teams in the past. We were just hoping to make the top five."

The Bay Staters did just that, taking fifth place behind Washington, New York, Texas and Wisconsin. According to Sheerin, the level of competion was "overwhelming" at times, but having a good time became more important as the weekend wore on.

In the competition, each state entered five athletes in each event: beam, floor, vault and uneven bars. Then the top three scores were counted and tallied, and the highest average score for the four events placed for the team.

Sheerin competed in her best two events, floor and beam. Sheerin was her normal self on the floor routine, flipping her way to an impressive 9.25 score, which was the top score on the Massachusetts team.

On beam, Sheerin had a solid routine going, opting for a safe high score rather than a risky terrific score at the coach's advice. However, when Sheerin fell off the beam, something she had not done in competition all year, the time to be safe ended. She decided to write in a more impressive dismount, a cartwheel double full, which is a cartwheel followed by a backflip dismount with two twists in the air.

Although the Lady Skipper had never attempted this move in competition before, she landed it perfectly to bump her faltering score up to a top three finish of 8.95.

"I can do [the dismount] consistently now. It will start to be a part of my routines," said Sheerin. "I was just glad I finished in the top three in both of my events. I felt like I contributed."

Kristen Sheerin

In a couple of months, Sheerin will head to SUNY-Brockport, a Division III school that seems very excited to have Kristin joining the gymnastics team. When Sheerin visited the school, she said she had a great time working out with the team that "really took me under their wing."

In addition, Sheerin has had regular contact with the coach, John Feeney, a man who has on several occasions driven six hours to watch his newest recruit compete.

Sheerin certainly has the talent to go to a Division II or even Division I college, however she decided on SUNY-Brockport pretty early on. Going to a Division III school means Sheerin will most likely be able to compete at the varsity level in her first year on the team, whereas at most upper level schools, it is only juniors and seniors who compete. Also, the practice schedule is not nearly as time consuming, allowing Sheerin to enjoy a more complete college experience.

"The practices for a D-1 school would take the fun out of it," observed Sheerin, a six-time league All-Star in high school and no stranger to hard work. "It is still going to be really tough, but I would rather have fun than end up hating it."

Hopefully, in a couple of years, word will come back that Sheerin means as much to her college team as she did to the Skippers when she dominated the South Shore League.

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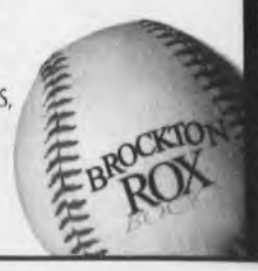

BROCKTON ROX

South laxers repeat as BSG gold medalists

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Billerica, and traditional powers St. John's Prep, Acton-Boxboro, Concord-Carlisle, the Holderness School and Phillips Andover – 13-9 in the championship match on Sunday at Wentworth Institute.

"We had greater depth and balance than anyone we faced," said coach Terry Kahn. "It's a testament to the quality of play in our region, and to the fact that our players – maybe because they know each other from league and youth play – were able to mesh so well as a team."

In the gold medal game, North scored in the first minute off goalie Garrett Curran (Hull/Catholic Memorial), but South connected on three in a row to take a 3-1 first quarter lead. Hingham's Drew Sowyrda found teammate Ben Prime for the first tally. Marshfield attackman Shea Coakley scored an unassisted goal. And with a minute left in the period, Hingham midfielder Greg Paul – who, with 14 points (6 goals, 8 assists), would be the team's high-scorer for the tournament – found Cohasset attackman Curt Kahn free on the crease and fed him a pass that Kahn quicksticked into the upper corner.

The South maintained its two-goal lead at the half, getting second-period scores from Scituate midfielder Jarrett Dawson and Weymouth midfielder Jo Jo Camillo., off a pass from Boston College High midfielder Pat Canty. Camillo, who missed almost all the spring season with a broken collarbone, was the offensive star of the championship game, scoring a hat trick. Kahn would have a pair of goals, while Paul would get three assists.

Camillo scored his second with three minutes left in the third period, but North made its run and tied the game at 6-6 with just 23 seconds left in the quarter. Then Braintree's Mike Aylward made the play of the day for the South, winning the ensuing face-off, passing to Paul, and taking the return feed to beat Beverly goalie Larry Kline. It was a lead that South would never again lose.

Three-and-a-half minutes into the final period, Camillo picked up his third on a rocket from 29 yards out. Cohasset midfielder Matt Davis followed 30 seconds later with a goal at the end of a terrific one-man rush through a pair of defenders. And 18 seconds after that, Weymouth attackman Matt Murray scored off a Paul pass. Kahn, midfielder Steve Williams (Scituate/Deerfield Academy) and Curran, who by now had shifted to midfield, finished out the scoring.

"While our offense was sensational, you can't say enough about our defense," observed coach Kevin Orcutt. "We built it around two Bay State Games veterans – Cohasset's Nick Spirito and Milton's Gerard Dhooge – and then got great play from Nick Doherty (Milton/BC High), Rory Baldini (Milton/Milton Academy), Andrew Keefe (Weymouth) and Andrew Pepin (Medfield). We were very fortunate to have two defensive specialists as our assistant coaches, Emerson College's Stu Curran and Medfield's Bob Aronson. And even more important, to have perhaps the three best goalies in the tournament all on the same team."

Curran, Nate Hammond (Hingham) and Todd Faiella (Marshfield) combined to stop 96 of the 133 shots taken on net – a gaudy .722 percentage in a sport where anything over .600 is considered good. Curran also had a pair of goals, and Faiella played a solid longstick defense in the tournament's opening game against Coastal.

Among the Games highlights:

Four goals apiece by Kahn and Prime in the opening victory over Coastal, in which South trailed 4-3 at the end of the first quarter, the only time the team fell behind for more than a minute during the tournament.

A 14-save, three-goals-allowed performance by Faiella in the first contest with North, a game in which 10 different South players scored in the 11-8 win.

Four hat tricks – Aylward, Paul, Williams and Coakley – in the 17-6 victory over Metro.

Four goals apiece by Prime and Sowyrda in the 13-7 romp over West.

Faceoff domination by Canty, Williams, Aylward and Cohasset's Robert Hickey, with terrific support from longsticks Pepin, Spirito and Baldini.

Prime wound up as South's leading goal scorer with 10, followed by Camillo (9), Kahn (8), Williams (7), and Coakley, Sowyrda and Paul (6 apiece).

"As great a win as it was for the players," said coach Kahn, "we also owe a debt of gratitude to the town for allowing us to host the tryouts and team practices, and to our volunteers who managed the tryouts and the administrative details – Cohasset's Lyn and Joe Previte, Rose Kahn and Scituate's Pam Dawson. I wish they'd given us more medals to pass out."

Cohasset Bay State Games athletes

Name	School	Age	Sport
Karim Baroudi	Cohasset High	17	Lacrosse
Chris Clark	Cohasset High	16	Soccer
Matt Davis	Cohasset High	17	Lacrosse
Kevin Dinsmore		15	Wrestling
Robert Hickey	Cohasset High	17	Lacrosse
Curtis Kahn	Cohasset High	16	Lacrosse
Joey Kehoe	Cohasset M.S.	14	Wrestling
Jared Krupezak	Cohasset High	17	Track
Megan Pratt	Rogers Williams Univ.	23	Gymnastics
Nick Spirito	Cohasset High	17	Lacrosse
Phil Strazzulla	Cohasset HS	16	Wrestling

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Swim Center offers water aerobics

Water Aerobics geared for seniors, starts the week of July 8th through the end of August. The group meets three times a week: Monday, 1:15 - 2:00; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 - 1:15. If you would like to join us or come and see what this beneficial exercise is all about please show up at the swim center 10 minutes prior to the class start time and speak to the Director, Darleen Koetsch. The class is taught by a AEA & Hydro-Fit Water Aerobics Certified Instructor. The drop-in charge is $3.00. Cohasset Swim Center's phone number is 781-383-9463 and located off Sohier Street.

Swim Center offers Lifeguard training

Lifeguard Training will be conducted from Monday, July 29th thru Thursday, August 1st from 9am-5pm. All classes are mandatory. Rain date will be Friday, August 2nd. Participants must be at least 15 years of age.

Water Safety Instruction Course

Are you interested in teaching children how to swim? Become a water safety instructor! A W.S.I. class will be held Monday, August 19th thru Friday, August 23rd from 9am-5pm each day. All classes are mandatory. Participants must be at least 17 years of age. Please speak to the Director for details: Darleen Koetsch at the Cohasset Swim Center, 781-383-9463. If you are interested in being placed on our mailing list for future course opportunities in the south shore area - please e-mail your contact information to cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football equipment handouts

Scituate/Cohasset youth football will hold equipment handouts Wednesday, Aug 7, through Friday, Aug. 9, at the store-it storage facility next to the Driftway tennis center on old Driftway in Scituate.

In order to receive equipment, insurance regulations require every child to be accompanied by parent or legal guardian.

Cheerleading handouts will not take place on these dates.

Bring a $100 equipment deposit check made out to "SCYFC." This check will not be deposited, but rather returned to you when equipment is returned at end of season.

Handout times

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MITES "C" TEAM 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades Friday, August 9th 5:00-7:00pm

All questions should be directed to Joe Obert at (781) 545-0854.

Booster Soccer camp

The Cohasset Youth Soccer Club and the Hingham Soccer Boosters are holding a High School Soccer Summer Camp August 12 - 16, 2002 at Milliken Field. Tentative time is 5:30 - 8:30 PM. The camp is open to all public and private high school students. This camp replaces the summer boot camp held the past three years. Registration is $100.00 which includes a T-shirt, ball, and MYSA supplemental insurance. Registration deadline is Friday July 19, 2002. Additional registration forms are available at the Recreation office in town hall. If you have questions call Brad or Melinda Murray, 781-383-7017.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JULY 1

5:50 a.m. Forest Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:09 a.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

12:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., illegal dumping.

1 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking violation, ticket issued.

1:25 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:34 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:38 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:26 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:31 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint, verbal warning.

5:03 p.m. Border St., parking violation, ticket issued.

7:35 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed.

8:02 p.m. Bassins Beach, general disturbance, dispersed.

8:48 p.m. James Lane, general disturbance.

9:22 p.m. King St., medical aid.

9:22 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:56 p.m. Bancroft Road, general disturbance.

11:07 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, JULY 2

4:03 a.m. Forest Ave., assist citizen.

5:39 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:39 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:49 a.m. North Main St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:18 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle. Arrest of Francis Coady, 58, of 170 Rockland St., Hingham. Charge: Operating motor vehicle after license was suspended/revoked.

9:44 a.m. Atlantic Ave., larceny.

11:05 a.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

11:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:31 p.m. Atlantic Ave., traffic complaint.

1:20 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Linden Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:32 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking violation.

1:46 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

2:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:07 p.m. Highland Ave., parking complaint.

4:18 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:26 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity/person(s).

5:01 p.m. Forest Ave, fire, inspections.

5:07 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/person(s).

5:19 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity/person(s).

5:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other agency.

5:36 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed.

5:42 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:52 p.m. Reservoir Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:55 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:25 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:32 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

9 p.m. Bancroft Road, noise complaint.

9:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. ,motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:58 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

10:15 p.m. Doane St., power outage.

11:10 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop., verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

12:19 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:11 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle, parking ticket issued.

6:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 a.m. Summer St., animal call or complaint.

7:34 a.m. Elm St., assist other police department.

10:20 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.

11:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation.

11:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

12:27 p.m. In town, power outage.

12:41 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident, transferred/transported to hospital.

1 p.m. Headquarters, walk-in medical aid.

1:36 p.m. Cohasset Elderly Housing, well-being check.

1:53 p.m. Nicholas Road, home invasion.

2:26 p.m. Kendall Village, fire alarm.

3:38 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance.

4:32 p.m. North Main St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., escort.

4:49 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

4:57 p.m. Nicholas Road, assist other agency.

5 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

5:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

6:07 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, unfounded.

6:26 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, open door/window.

8:32 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:21 p.m. Highland Ave., fire, investigation.

9:37 p.m. Elm St., assist other police department, vehicle stored/impounded.

11:10 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, dispersed gathering.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

12:47 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general disturbance.

2:35 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

2:42 a.m. King St. assist citizen.

5:43 p.m. Nichols Road, suspicious activity/person(s).

8:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:49 a.m. Hull St., animal call or complaint.

12:41 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

1:07 p.m. Parker Ave, parking complaint.

1:13 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P1727EP

In the Estate of ENNA L REID

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 22, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that WILLIAM J. REID JR. of SCITUATE in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **AUGUST 21, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, July 9, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
SALE OF THE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING BY TOWN OF COHASSET
Request for Sealed Proposals
August 26, 2002

The Town of Cohasset ("Town") hereby requests competitive sealed proposals for the sale of a fee interest in certain real estate, and the improvements constructed thereon, the address of which is 106 South Main Street, Cohasset, MA and which is known as the "Paul Pratt Memorial Library Building" (the "Property"). The legal description of the Property is attached as Exhibit A hereto. Any purchaser must conform to current zoning, which is Residential "A". Attached is Exhibit B is a list of items currently contained in the building that are excluded from the sale. The Property will be sold "as is". The minimum price which will be accepted by the Town is **Seven Hundred Twenty-One Thousand and 00/100s Dollars ($721,000.00).** The entire purchase price must be paid in immediately available funds at closing and there shall be no "financing contingency" in the agreement. The Town will pay a broker's commission of 2.5% of the purchase price, subject to the following conditions: (i) the broker must be a Massachusetts-licensed real estate broker; (ii) the broker must have registered with the Town simultaneously with, or prior to, its introduction of a prospective buyer to the Town with respect to such prospective buyer (See Exhibit F); (iii) no commission will be paid to a broker acting as a principal for himself or herself, or for any owner or employee of the broker's firm, or for any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing in the purchase of the property. No commission will be paid with respect to a buyer that has previously contacted the Town. The commission will be due and payable only upon closing and the Town's receipt of the full proceeds of the sale.

THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY A VOTE OF THE COHASSET TOWN MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2000 (See Article 19). SAID VOTE AUTHORIZED THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF COHASSET TO CONVEY, SELL, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF, ON SUCH TERMS AS THE BORD OF SELECTMEN DEEMS APPROPRIATE, UPON THE VACATING OF THE BUILDING BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES. SAID VACATING IS ANTICIPATED TO OCCUR IN FEBRUARY, 2003. THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WILL PURSUE AN EXECUTED PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE AWARD OF THIS BID, HOWEVER THE BUILDING IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE VACATED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND TURNED OVER TO THE PROSPECTIVE BUYER UNTIL FEBRUARY, 2003 OR LATER. THE BUYER WILL BE OBLIGED TO CLOSE THE PURCHASE WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER NOTICE FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN THAT THE PROPERTY IS AVAILABLE.

Each proposal shall consist of:

(i) An executed copy of the form Purchase and Sale Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit C, without changes or revisions, except that (a) the amounts of the proposed purchase price and the 25% deposit shall be inserted in Section 7 thereto and (b) the name of the buyer shall be inserted in Paragraph 1; and

(ii) A deposit in the amount of 25% of the proposed purchase price in the form of a check or money order made payable to the "Town of Cohasset". Said deposit will be placed in an interest-bearing account. Said interest earned shall be credited to the buyer at closing; and

(iii) Executed and completed IRS Form W-9 in the form attached hereto as Exhibit E.

The proposal items listed above shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the following (or substantially similar) words: "PROPOSAL: Sale of Paul Pratt Memorial Library Building" and forwarded to the following address:

Cohasset Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, Attn: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager

Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 A.M., on Monday, August 26, 2002.

At that place and time, the Town Manager will open all of the proposals and prepare a roster of the proposals. The Town Manager will evaluate all of the proposals and, based on price and such other factors, if any, as may be advantageous to the Town, make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. The Town reserves the right, but is not obligated, to waive informalities. The Town further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals as it deems to be in its best interest.

Following the decision of the Board of Selectmen, the proposal deposit of each proposer whose proposal is not accepted will be returned to that proposer along with that proposer's executed Purchase and Sale Agreement and other documents.

It is anticipated that the sale of the Property will be submitted for approval by the Board of Selectmen within ninety days of the bid opening, or November 1, 2002, whichever is first. If the sale is approved by the Board of Selectmen, the closing will occur within forty-five (45) days of the vacating of the building by the Board of Library Trustees, anticipated to be February, 2003 or later.

At the closing, the purchaser will execute a Disclosure Statement pursuant to M.G.L. c.7, sec. 40J in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D. The buyer will also be responsible for property taxes as provided in M.G.L. c.44, sec. 63A.

The Property is available for inspection by appointment. Interested parties may contact Mr. Haddad at (781) 383-4105 to schedule an appointment. All other questions regarding the Property should be submitted to Mr. Haddad in writing.

The sale of the Property is governed by the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, sec. 16, the requirements of which shall supersede any statement herein to the contrary.

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TRUE BLUE

Summer bash benefits South Shore Women's Center

By Mark Skala
STAFF WRITER

Every late July on a warm evening under a white tent Mount Blue restaurant serves up the summer's most popular fare and the main ingredients are music, food and charity.

For the sixth straight year the Norwell restaurant will host its summer benefit featuring premier entertainers with Bellevue Cadillac headlining this year's "who's who on the South Shore" party on July 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. Bellevue Cadillac will be joined by Virgil Kane and the Joe Leary band.

And if that tempting entertainment doesn't work, try a sampling of some of the foods prepared by the restaurant staff for what has become known as the season's most visible event in the area. Combine all that with helping out a non-profit organization and you've got a recipe that's a winner.

This year's event benefits the South Shore Women's Center, a group dedicated to helping women and families of domestic violence. Its mission is once again a rallying cause for a number of artists, restaurant owners and businesses who are supporting the event.

"As always, the community is being extremely generous," says Mount Blue Partner Jayne Bowe. "I hope this year's is another sellout because I feel so strongly about the work the center does."

Bowe and her Mount Blue staff will do everything possible to make that sellout a reality. Restaurant staffers see this as the night to be on top of their game, Bowe says, and they like seeing the restaurant shine.

"The staff at Mount Blue talk about this party all year long and always go way out of their way to donate their time and money," said Bowe.

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Mount Blue Partner
Jayne Bowe

It's also the talk of the town thanks to the efforts of the restaurant crew and the many vendors who supply food and libations. Then there's the silent auction featuring local artists, including Jack Horan, gift certificates from area restaurants and the main attraction — a drum head signed by all the members of Aerosmith and 2 T-shirts signed by Steven Tyler and Joe Perry. There's also two tickets to Aerosmith's concert Aug 26 at the Fleet Center on the block.

"Everybody has really come through," said Bowe. "Our community charities are a real draw."

They're also big winners from the event. Bill Stanton, executive director of the North and South Rivers Watershed Association, knows that first hand having been the charity of choice two summers ago.

"It was a wonderful event for us because it brought us in contact with people who were aware of us but didn't knows about us," said Stanton, noting the environmental group attracted 50 new members from that event as well as funds to lay the ground work for a river camp for children. "It made a difference for us."

The YMCA in Hanover used its turn on the Mount Blue stage last year to tell its story and raise money for a teen center at the newly renovated Hanover facility. "Non-profits don't usually get an audience like that and it gave us a chance to show we are not just a health club, but so much more."

The South Shore Women's Center also wants to make full use of the spotlight cast on it. Center executive director Barbara Fuyat sees the benefit serving a two-fold purpose — raising awareness and funds. The added funding comes at a particularly important time, she says, given the agency's recent cutbacks due to state budget shortfall.

"Like every other non-profit we are seeing a funding squeeze," she explained. "The funding is great, but just as important is the awareness this kind of event will bring. It's huge. This issue is still very humiliating, embarrassing and shameful to many victims and is kept a secret. An event we can use to call attention to our efforts and the numbers of people we help generally opens up eyes."

Last year alone, the center — providing emergency services, counseling and support, advocacy and community education and training — served more than 8,000 women and children in its 15-town coverage area.

Fuyat sees domestic violence as a serious problem in South Shore towns and echoed words from Governor Weld years back when he declared the issue a state of emergency. That's why she couldn't be happier to be the charity of choice.

"The fact that we have been chosen to benefit is overwhelming and we appreciate it so much," she said.

Funds from the event will go directly to the many direct services such as counseling and a children's program for those who have witnessed violence at home. The evening's silent auction proceeds will be used toward the group's capital campaign, a $400,000 effort to pay for a building purchased in Kingston last year.

"We can't wait for the event. We've heard so much about it and know the effort that goes into it," Fuyat said.

Tickets for the summer gala on July 29 can be purchased by calling Mount Blue at (781) 659-0050 or by sending your check and reservation information directly to Mount Blue at P.O. Box 916, Norwell, 02061.

Bellevue Cadillac will headline this year's summer party at Mount Blue. The July 29 event will benefit The South Shore Women's Center which is dedicated to helping women and families who have faced domestic violence.

Having the time of his life

David Cassidy makes Music Circus tour stop

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

In a phone conversation Monday morning from his Las Vegas home, David Cassidy apologizes for having to reschedule his interview with Living from Sunday night. The postponement is understandable when you consider Cassidy just endured a 22-hour flight from the UK, and has only a few days off at home, before he has to hit the road again for concerts on the East Coast —including his upcoming July 21 performance at the South Shore Music Circus.

And yet, despite everything, the singer maintains a palpable enthusiasm for his work.

"I can honestly say that this is the best time of my life and career because now I'm doing more stuff that I have always wanted to do," said Cassidy, 52. "Life is very good for me, both personally and professionally."

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David Cassidy

Cassidy is more than a little familiar with professional success. The son of performers Jack Cassidy and Evelyn Ward, David Cassidy first shot to stardom in 1970 on the ABC-TV sitcom "The Partridge Family," which co-starred his stepmother Shirley Jones. While portraying 16-year-old Keith Partridge lead singer of a family that hits it big in the music business, Cassidy had chart-topping hits with "Doesn't Somebody Want To Be Wanted," "I Woke Up In Love This Morning" and "I Think I Love You," the best-selling song of 1971.

As a solo artist, Cassidy has had hit singles on "Cherish," "How Can I Be Sure," "Rock Me Baby," "Could It Be Forever" and "Lying to Myself."

Cassidy's latest album, "Then and Now" was released by Decca in October 2001 and has since gone platinum. The CD features 22 songs, including newly recorded versions of Cassidy classics as well as new material. Not wanting to tamper too much with his earlier success, Cassidy returned to the same studio where he originally recorded his hits, rounded up the same back-up singers and musicians and even sang into the same microphone. Recording technology may have advanced considerably in the last 30 years, but that doesn't stop Cassidy from wanting to keep it simple.

"I write music the old-fashioned way with just a guitar and a cassette recorder. You really can't replace the spontaneity of just playing something live. When I record my part, I do it in a vocal booth with just me and my guitar." The entertainer may be most at home in a recording studio or on the concert stage, but television is what made him a star.

During the four-year-run of "The Partridge Family," Cassidy graced every teen magazine cover in the world. His official fan club grew to become the largest ever, exceeding those for Elvis Presley and the Beatles. By the 1974 end of the series, however, even fame wasn't enough to keep Cassidy interested in his television alter ego.

"People thought that because I didn't want to go back and do it anymore that I didn't like it or that I was bitter. I never was," Cassidy explains. "I loved it. I just wanted to do other things. I never felt anything but love and respect for how good it was, for what it was."

Cassidy survived divorce and career downturn in the late 1970s and early 1980s, but always found his way back. Since 1987, Cassidy has been happily married to songwriter Sue Shifrin-Cassidy. They are the parents of an 11-year-old son, Beau. In 1994, Cassidy joined half-brother, Shaun, in "Blood

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David Cassidy comes to the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset July 21.

Dina Brennan's untitled painting is one of 28 on display at the South Shore Natural Science Center's Vine Hall Gallery.

Water world

Science center exhibit making a splash this summer

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

As a gallery exhibit theme, the subject of water is both timely and timeless.

In the case of "The Nature of Water," an artists collective, multimedia exhibit on view at the South Shore Science Center in Norwell through the end of August, the timeliness is in effect for summer, when most activities are water-related. What's timeless is water being not only the generally acknowledged source of earthly life, but also, accordingly, a source of fertile artistic and creative interpretation.

The show contains 28 works by seven South Shore artists who are also current or former employees at the Frame Center in Hanover, a custom-framing shop also specializing in matting, frame repair and mirror fitting. Christine Sullivan, of Pembroke, a spokesperson for the Frame Center staff, describes the group exhibit project as an outlet for its participants to take a break from business and get some creative juices flowing again.

"All of us have had training and professional backgrounds in art. So earlier this year we came up with the idea of doing a show together, and we began bouncing ideas off each other at work, like what kind of a theme to focus on, what kind of media to include and so forth.," Sullivan said.

"What's good about this show, we think, is that everyone has a different style for both creative approach and chosen media. So

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Food & dining

Rich Custard with Balsamic Strawberries

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

A baked custard is one of those ubiquitous desserts that has many forms in many different cultures. Make it with a caramelized sugar syrup and it is Crème Caramel. Bake it in a casserole with a bit of nutmeg and it is a classic American custard. Add more eggs and a topping of bruléed sugar and you have a Crème Brulee.

The simplest, approach, however, is simply to bake custard in individual ramekins and then serve it with fresh fruit which for the perfect summer dessert. To this end, I adapted my basic custard recipe from Crème Caramel simply leaving out the sugar syrup. My tests had concluded that equal proportions of milk and half and half were best, plus 3 whole eggs and 3 egg yolks. A water bath is necessary to moderate the heat so that the outside of the custard does not overcook and become tough.

To make this dessert special, I adapted flavors from a recipe from the well-known restaurant Tra Vigne in Napa Valley. The combination of cinnamon and ginger is unusual and works nicely with the strawberries tossed in balsamic vinegar. If you like, you can serve this custard in the ramekins but without the fruit.

RICH CUSTARD WITH BALSAMIC STRAWBERRIES

Make sure that the custard is just set in the center before taking it from the oven, otherwise it will be hard to unmold. Also be sure to butter the ramekins for easy removal. You can also serve this custard directly in the ramekins although the presentation is better if unmolded and surrounded by fruit.

For The Custard

1 1/2 cups milk

1 1/2 cups light cream or half and half

1 cup sugar

1/8 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla

3/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

3 whole eggs

3 egg yolks

For The Strawberries

1 pint strawberries, washed, hulled and sliced

1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar

Coarsely ground black pepper

1. Heat the oven to 325 degrees. Put a kettle of water on to boil. Lightly butter six 6-ounce custard cups and place them on a kitchen towel in a roasting pan.

2. In a small saucepan, stir the milk, cream, sugar, and salt together over medium heat until the sugar is dissolved and the mixture reaches 140 degrees on an instant read thermometer. (It should be very hot but not yet at a simmer.) Whisk in the vanilla, cinnamon and ginger, and remove from heat.

3. Beat the whole eggs and yolks to blend in a large bowl. Gradually add the hot cream mixture, whisking constantly. Strain into a large measuring cup or bowl with a spout. (Some of the cinnamon will be left behind in the strainer - this is okay.) Pour the custard mixture into the prepared custard cups. Bake until the custards are set, 40 to 50 minutes. They should be barely set in the center, but do not underbake since they have to be unmolded when cold. Chill until cold.

4. To serve, slip a butter knife around the edge of each custard to loosen invert onto individual plates. Surround each serving with sliced strawberries tossed with balsamic vinegar and a dash of coarse ground pepper. Serves 4

Maintaining the July landscape

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

For many perennial gardeners, the July garden is the highlight of the growing season. Dazzling displays of daylilies paint the landscape with riotous colors, each day new flowers lifting their majestic trumpet-shaped flowers skyward to proclaim the majestic beauty of the summer border. Delightful daisies, large and small, offer colorful complements, attracting throngs of butterflies that perch on their petals while sipping nectar from the multitude of tiny flowers in the central disks. Bright gold false sunflowers (Heliopsis), pink and white coneflowers (Echinacea), lavender Stokes asters (Stokesia), and snow white shasta daisies (Leucanthemum) highlighted by yellow centers offer continuous blooms for weeks to come. The stunning spires of rosy purple gayfeathers (Liatris), blue veronicas, and lavender catmints (Nepeta) provide pleasing contrasts. Boisterous beebalms in vivid shades red, pink, and violet entice butterflies and hummingbirds to hover at their unique whorled flower heads. A stroll through the garden on a warm July morning with birds singing, dew sparkling like tiny jewels on the delicate strands of ornamental grasses, and flowers everywhere, is heaven on earth.

Despite bountiful moisture during the early half of June, rainfall has been sparse in recent weeks as water restrictions become more widespread. Parched lawns and gardens are beginning to show signs of stress. Much to my surprise, even my weeds are wilted, emphasizing the level of moisture deprivation. Established plants can usually cope with occasional periods of drought but special attention should be given to trees, shrubs and perennials newly planted this season.

Most sprinkler systems do not provide adequate moisture to the deeper root systems of trees and shrubs. Place a hose at the base of recently planted trees and shrubs or any plants showing the effects of drought stress and allow it to trickle for an extended period of time until it drenches the root system of the plant. Should your community have water restrictions which require hand held hoses, small buckets of water can be gradually administered to a moat formed around the base of new trees and shrubs. Thoroughly soak the rootball two to three times a week during dry periods and high heat.

Container grown plants require regular watering and by July during hot weather, those growing in full sun may need to be watered as often as twice a day.

Container grown plants require regular watering and by July during hot weather, those growing in full sun may need to be watered as often as twice a day. Wilting is usually a sign of the need for water, but soggy plants will also wilt and some plants will appear limp during the heat of the day even when they are sufficiently watered. Always feel the soil before watering as too much water can lead to rot. Constant irrigation leaches nutrients from the soil requiring the regular application of nutrients and a dilute application of liquid soluble fertilizers weekly is recommended. An alternative is to use products like Osmocote that can be applied to the soil surface and each time the plant is watered, fertilizer is distributed to the plants. One small scoop of these fertilizer crystals that look like tiny beads will generally provide nutrients for most of the growing season.

Drought stressed plants are more likely to suffer from insect infestations and gardeners should be on the lookout for pests, particularly spider mites which thrive during periods of hot, dry weather. The leaves on many of my clumps of tall garden phlox (P. paniculata) have become pale green, mottled and sickly looking. A closer inspection of the underside of their foliage revealed a stippled appearance, a typical indicator of spider mites. Severe infestations will produce telltale webs surrounding many of the leaves and stems. A stiff stream of water will dislodge the webs and help to alleviate the problem and an application of a light, horticultural oil is a safe and usually effective control for these microscopic pests which can barely be detected until much of their damage has been done.

This year's environmental conditions have been ideal for the formation of powdery mildew on many of the usual sources including tall phlox, beebalm and roses. Heat, humidity, drought, warm days and cool evenings, and overhead watering, especially late in the day, all promote the accumulation of mildew that looks as if a white powder had been sprinkled on the leaves of these plants. The plants may look unsightly and many of the leaves will yellow, turn brown and fall off but mildew will not usually cause the plants to die. Although fungicides can be used to reduce the disease, a weekly application of a baking soda spray (1 T/gal of water) will often alleviate the spread of mildew.

Weeds generally thrive, no matter what Mother Nature offers in the way of heat and moisture. Lurking in our borders, weeds deprive our more desirable plants of precious moisture and many of these invaders are in the process of forming plentiful quantities of seed. Carefully scrutinize each garden for undesirable wildflower intruders, extricating as many as possible. A huge stack of weeds and a freshly cultivated border are one of the most gratifying aspects of maintaining a garden.

Visit Tranquil Lake Nursery in Rehoboth on Sat., July 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for its Annual Open House for a fun-filled day of activities including lectures on flower arranging, herbs, and perennials. Details of the event can be found at www.tranquil-lake.com. A variety of vendors will have perennials and herbs for sale or wander through the acres of beautiful daylilies and display gardens throughout the day.

Water world

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we're presenting a common theme but with dramatically different styles. Plus it was a good way to get everyone working artistically again."

In regard to the chosen theme of water, the artists' group offers these observations.

"Water takes on many forms and can effect our lives in countless ways. Some works may concentrate on conceptual interpretations such as abstractions of molecules, the feeling of thirst, or the relief that a cool rainstorm may provide on a sweltering summer evening. Other works may focus on literal translations such as rivers, oceans, puddles, rain, steam or ice."

Some works are even concerned with social and economic issues associated with water, such as drought, water pollution, soil erosion and flooding. Most exemplary of these sub-themes are the series of attention-grabbing, abstract-toward-the-extreme works in oil on plaster and mixed media by Mark Slaven, of Weymouth, and on acrylic by Dave Perry, of Norwell.

Slaven's pieces, titled "Echoes 1" and "2," "Tidal Pool," "Cascade" and "Whitecaps," display the artist's liberal relief approach which dramatically brings out the physical aspects of his subjects, interpretably to portray certain adverse natural water effects in the "Echoes" works.

Perry's series, uniformly called "Untitled," are multi-colored, Pollockesque abstracts also interpretable in a similar mode as Slaven's "Echoes."

Other pieces are simple appreciation for the spirit of nature. Sullivan, in acrylic on canvas, offers a picturesque, splendored view of a "Catskill Waterfall, "then zeroes in on the detail of the region's aquatic plant life on "In a Catskill Stream." Watercolorist and acrylic artist Dina Brennan, of Pembroke, renders an idyllic, tranquil view of a rowboat anchored in a harbor in an untitled piece, and watercolorist Kris Brennen, of Duxbury, conveys luminescent abstract color on "Orange Sunset" and "Blue Green Water."

Other artists in the show include watercolorist Sally Pyle, of Norwell, and Pembroke native and acrylic artist Andrew Flight. Together, the artists attempt through quality work to interpret the place of water in nature, and perhaps to offer an aesthetic way to cool off during the summer months.

The Nature of Water will be on display in the South Shore Natural Science Center's Vine Hall Gallery through Aug. 31. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The science center is located on Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information call (781) 659-2559.

Having the time of his life

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Brothers" on Broadway and then on national tour. In 1996, Cassidy relocated to Las Vegas to star in the $75 million extravaganza, 'EFX" at the MGM Grand. Cassidy enjoyed a two year, sold-out run in that show. He went on to co-create "The Rat Pack is Back!" at the Sahara Hotel and Casino. He also co-created and starred in "At the Copa," which ran for a full year at the Rio Hotel. By 2001, however, Cassidy was ready to return to the road.

"Working in Las Vegas is fantastic, but it's also very grueling. You work all the time, six nights a week. I don't think I saw a prime-time television program for five years. The fans are really terrific, too, and I get to see so many of them when I travel. Touring has very real benefits," he says. "Instead of doing eight to 10 shows a week, I may do something like eight shows a month, which gives more time at home with my family."

His family often joins him on the road, and one day his son may even continue the Cassidy family tradition by entering show business.

"My son happens to have a really great voice. He's got great intonation and pitch. He plays the drums, too. He is 11, though, and right now baseball is his life, which I think is great. If and when he is ready, however, I will never discourage him from becoming a performer. He's been out with me and he loves it, but he also knows he can't do anything until he has at least finished college. I'm actually hoping he will go to Julliard, he is just that talented."

It remains to be seen, whether Cassidy's son will seek fame as an entertainer. In the meantime, the elder Cassidy has some advice for the teen idols of today who are currently basking in the limelight.

"What I always tell them is 'Don't give up your day job.' You won't be a teen idol for very long. It is important, too, to follow your own instincts. Managers, agents and record executives only know so much. You have to stay true to yourself. It is the work that drives any career, not the fame. You have to do it for you, You can't work only for the money. You can't let the money be the primary drive behind the career."

(David Cassidy will perform at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on Sunday, July 21. For tickets and information, call 781-383-1400.)

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FOOTLOOSE, ON STAGE AT THE COMPANY THEATRE IN NORWELL; AUG. 2-25 Audiences will cut loose this Summer as the award-winning Company Theatre in Norwell, takes the stage with the fabulous Broadway musical FOOTLOOSE, running Aug. 2-25. Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are priced at $23 in advance and $25 day of show on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; and $20 in advance and $22 day of show on Sundays. Tickets are available at the Company Theatre boxoffice located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit them on the web at www.companytheatre.com.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL MOUNT BLUE SUMMER PARTY July 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. an evening of food and music at Mount Blue Restaurant, Route 123, Norwell to benefit the South Shore's Women's Center. For reservations call 781-659-0050.

THEATRE ON THE RUN PRESENTS "SANDBAG STAGE LEFT" at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Dinner theatre Aug. 2, 3. 4, at 6:30 p.m. For tickets and information call Lou Reed at 781-1211 or Dan Toland 781-821-6596 or email Mtwelves@attbi.com or visit www.geocities.com/theatrerun.

THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION presents "BIKE FOR HEALTHY LUNGS" THE 18TH ANNUAL AUTUMN ESCAPE BIKE TREK, Sept. 20-22. This 160-mile bike trek takes participants from Plymouth to Provincetown with fully supported rest stops along the way. Both two and three-day options are available but accommodations for the first night are limited so register early. This event is for cyclists of all levels. Call 1-800-LUNGYSA for details or visit the website at www.lungusa.org/massachusetts/special.html

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets on sale now $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL-SCITUATE VNA SPONSOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT honoring Jean Snow of Norwell. South Shore residents are invited to sign up for organization's fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Aug. 5, at the Marshfield Country Club, located at 515 Moraine St. Marshfield. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. with registration at noon. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club. There will be a silent auction following the awards ceremony. Tickets are $175 per person. For more information call 781-659-2342.

THE 17th ANNUAL AMERICAN RED CROSS GOLF CLASSIC, to be held at South Shore Country Cub in Hingham on July 22, will seek participation from golfers and non-golfers alike in its aim to make this year's event the most successful yet. The day-long event will feature a live and silent auction, raffles, a poker rally, a box lunch and dinner. New England Cable News sports personality Jimmy Young will serve as master of ceremonies. For more information call 617-770-2600.

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy

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The South Shore Conservatory presents "Put a Song in your Heart" with mezzo soprano Beth MacLeod and members of the conservatory's voice faculty, Tom Oesterling and Linda Barbieri, with pianist Hui Min Wang. July 21, 10 a.m. All seats $15 (includes continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m.) All performances are at the Jane C. Carr Amphitheater at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive., Hingham. Parking of evening concerts is at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 fort Hill St., with shuttle service to and from the Car amphitheater. Parking for Sunday morning concerts is at the conservatory. For tickets, call 781-749-7565, ext 14.

Thurs. 18

The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center Starcreations Theater will present the musical "America's Tallest Tales" on July 18 and 19 at 2 p.m. held at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission is free.. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will once again provide outdoor, harborside performances by nationally renowned blues artists during the Fourth Annual Blues Concerts Series. The Blues Barge, a floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. The concert series, sponsored by the Boston Harbor Hotel and House of Blues, will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.bhh.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Rooster, Dirty Sanchez** on July 18. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Jimbos Restaurant - Braintree 5 Corners - July 18, at 8:30 p.m.. (781) 848-0300 Featuring: **Paul Nardizzi** (Winner of 2001 Boston International Comedy Festival, Author of three books, **Hysterical**) with **Malissa Hunt, E.J. Murphy, Annette Pollack, Todd Andrews and Kelly MacFarland**.

Fri. 19

The Children's Museum in Easton will host "Drop In Workshops" at the museum during July and August July 19, "Crazy Concoctions I." Dive right into yucky mucky stuff like Gak, Slime, and Play dough and create a mess at the museum instead of home.

The Captain Samuel Robbins 1920 Museum House, 188 Main Street, Avon, presents a Candlelight Singing tour from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is a voluntary donation. Tour this historic 1820's sea captain's home by candlelight as a guide serenades you in every room Coffee, cider and cookies will be served. For more information call 508-583-7616.

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held July 19, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham Street, Route 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off route 3. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m., and free door prizes. For single professionals age 35-55 years old. Proper business attire is required. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Sponsored by the Single Executives Club and the young Professionals Club.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Daniel Jacobs** on July 19,. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is $3. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Magic Slim and the Teardrops** on July 19. This is the band's only New England show. Casual dress, cover charge $10. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents the **Infractions** on July 19. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Sat. 20

Teddy Bear Picnic at Historic Spooner House Museum, 27 North St., Plymouth, July 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The fee is $6 per child; parents and bears attend free. Space is limited, call for reservations at 508-746-0012.

Borders in Kingston presents a series of children's events. July 20 at noon.. Balloon Storytime. **Where Do Balloons Go?** By Jamie Lee Curtis is one of the books that will be read this week. Activities will include decorating balloons, and temporary tattoos.

The South Shore Conservatory presents **Evenings Under the Stars 2002 Concert Series** on July 20, at 7 p.m. **Alloy Orchestra** presents "Music for the Movies:" Innovative accompaniment to two of Buster Keaton's greatest silent films, "Steamboat Bill, Jr." and "One Week." Advance sale ticket prices: Pavilion $17, lawn $7 ($20 and $10 at door) All performances are at the Jane C. Carr Amphitheater at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Dr., Hingham. Parking of evening concerts is at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 fort Hill St., with shuttle service to and from the Car amphitheater. Parking for Sunday morning concerts is at the conservatory. For tickets, call 781-749-7565, ext 14.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will present the **musical "Willy Wonka"** on July 19, 29, 26, and 27 at 7 p.m. held at Cordage Park Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. For reservations or more information call 508-747-1234

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METROWEST STUDIO: 863 Washington St. Newtonville, MA 617.456.6263

SOUTH SHORE STUDIO: 34 Accord Park Dr. Norwell, MA 781.871.7468
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St. Stephen's Church, 78th Annual Summer Carillon Recitals. Sundays at 6 p.m. on the Cohasset Common. July 21, will feature Amy Heebner, of Albany, N.Y. All recitals are free. Rain or shine, on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon. Programs will be available at the recital. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue or to the common. A tower tour and carillon demonstration will follow each concert. For more information call 978-475-2599 or 781-383-1083.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 12:47 a.m. A full moon is building up and will culminate in a week, July 24. The Libra moon becomes inactive at 6:58 a.m. At 10:13 a.m. the moon enters Scorpio, bringing a change of pace. Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda. This is a day to get things done. Stay upbeat and don't allow anyone or anything to throw you off track. A challenging lunar alignment to Mars occurs at 2:45 p.m. Use extra caution when driving or operating machinery.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Take advantage of today's 'take care of business' mood. Don't procrastinate, because planetary action turns around completely tomorrow. Tackle jobs that need troubleshooting, problem-solving. You can get to the heart of a matter and work out the glitches. Make repairs, review and redo old projects. Influences are also favorable for making important decisions and starting new activities. Spend time alone; you can gain new insights to old problems.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Astrological thunderstorms may occur this morning, when the serious Scorpio moon aligns with changeable Uranus at 10:34 a.m. and becomes inactive. Avoid rigid time schedules; go with the flow. Relief arrives at 2:02 p.m., when the moon enters ebullient Sagittarius. In addition, the sun aligns with Jupiter, the planetary ruler of Sagittarius. Don't be a hermit tonight. Gather with friends and let the good times roll.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

A Sagittarius moon generates optimism and enthusiasm. This weekend tops the charts for partying and enjoying life to the fullest. An alignment of Mercury and Jupiter makes this morning prime for developing long-range plans, exploring options and setting new goals. There is one rough spot, however, between 2:57-5:57 p.m., when the moon and Pluto align. Keep it light; don't make waves. The sun and Mercury conjoin at 9:47 p.m., highlighting all communications.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Storm clouds move in between 6:05-9:05 a.m., when a moon/Saturn polarity occurs. After that astrological blue skies and sunshine return. The remainder of the day is prime for enjoying favorite leisure activities, spending quality time with friends and family. Spur of the moment ideas can be the most successful. Be more adventurous. The Sagittarius moon aligns with Uranus at 3:44 p.m. and becomes inactive. Mercury enters Leo at 6:41 p.m., remaining there until August 6. Influences begin to turn around again at 7:26 p.m., when the moon enters serious Capricorn.

MONDAY, JULY 22

A full moon buildup adds high energy and intensity in this period. The moon travels in Capricorn today and tomorrow, prompting you to be constructive, productive. Business or financial concerns can no longer be swept under the rug. Now is the time to take responsibility, face the facts of a situation and deal with it.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

Planetary action points to a challenging day. Don't get caught up in anger or worries; stay busy with practical projects. Hard work will pay off. Zero in on jobs that have been left hanging and finish them. Postpone acting on decisions or launching important ventures for a few days. Spend time alone. Instead of trying to change others or transform external situations, this is a time to look within, change your thinking and find a new course of action for yourself. The Capricorn moon becomes inactive at 11:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Gear up for a hectic day. The moon enters Aquarius at 2:40 a.m. and the full moon culminates at 5:07 a.m. Venus forms a challenging 90-degree contact to Pluto at 8:38 a.m. Move cautiously in business or romance. Watch out for negative thinking, obsessing. In the afternoon the Aquarius moon opposes Mercury and Mars. Slow your pace. Don't act on impulse. Pay extra attention to details. A lunar alignment to Neptune this evening offers an opportunity to relax and unwind.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Alignments of Mercury, Mars and Neptune in the next few days place all important decisions, signings, new beginnings off limits. Things may not be as they appear. It may be difficult to separate the facts from the wishful thinking. Mercury and Mars conjoin at 11:20 a.m., making for a fast-paced morning. Stop, look and listen. The moon travels in Aquarius all day, highlighting group activities, humanitarian projects.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

The Aquarius moon aligns with Uranus at 7:46 a.m. and becomes inactive. In addition, a polarity of Mercury and Neptune, generates a sleepy, dreamy mood. This influence is fine for developing projects that require imaginative thinking. On the other hand, it may be difficult to concentrate on practical matters and easy to waste time and energy. At 12:04 p.m. the moon enters laid-back Pisces, prompting you to get an early start to the weekend.

BEST BET

The Plymouth Antiquarian Society will host its annual Teddy Bear Picnic at the Spooner House Museum in Plymouth, Saturday, July 20 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Children are asked to bring their favorite teddy to the event which will be held outdoors in the 18th century secret garden once enjoyed by the Spooner family. The event will feature craft activities and puppet theater with tales about bears and other animals. The fee is $6 per child. The Spooner House Museum is located at 27 North Street. For more information call (508) 746-0012.

Reunions

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH CLASS OF 1982 20th High School Class Reunion. Friday, Oct. 4, at Venezia Restaurant in Quincy. Send all new address information to Weymouth South High 1982 Reunion P.O. Box 505 Hingham, MA 02043 or email to wshs1982@hotmail.com

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE 150TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON All classes invited on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 12:30 p.m. at the Radisson, Boston. If you are not on our mailing list, call Helen Segouin at 781-289-9567.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 will be holding its 25th reunion on July 27. Members are asked to call Maggie (Barbosa) Moore at 781-294-9343 or e-mail maggie@hannon-ryan.com or Lisa (Samuelson) Cordeiro at 781-293-9134 or email lisacordeiro@earthlink.net if they have moved or have information regarding "missing" members.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com.

MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 REUNION will be held on Friday, evening, Sept. 20, at Double Tree Guests Suits, Waltham. The reunion committee is still looking for some classmates. If you are or know a member of the class of 1952 who has not yet received any mail on this subject, call addresses in to Ed Landry at 781-273-6664 for inclusion in the upcoming mailing of invitations.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

The Captain Samuel Robbins 1920 Museum House, 188 Main Street, Avon, presents an Open House tour from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is a voluntary donation. Tour this historic 1820's sea captain's home. Coffee, cider and cookies will be served. For more information call 508-583-7616.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Just Friends** featuring swing music on July 21. Casual dress, cover charge. Shows starts at 7 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. 22

Easter Seals Softball for Independence Sign-ups. The Braintree games are scheduled for Braintree High School on Aug. 10 and 11. Any team ready to raise money to help local people with disabilities expand their independence is welcome to join. Each team receives a trophy and a chance to win prizes ranging form T-shirts to Red Sox Tickets. Call the Softball Hotline at 1-800-922-8290 x 409 or 508-751-6325 for information.

Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater presents "Fully Committed" Becky Mode's mocking whirlwhind about the rich and famous, the desperate and daring, who relentlessly try to get a reservation at Manhattan's trendiest restaurant. Each character, including the esteemed chef, who prefers the phrase "we're fully committed" to "we're all booked up" is played by a frazzled out of work actor. "Time" named the show one of the Top 10 theatrical events of 2000. Robert DeNiro is turning the play into an ABC series. "Fully Committed" opened in June and will continue every Monday and Tuesday at 8 p.m. during July and August. No performances July 29 and July 30. There will be one 4 p.m. matinee on Aug. 20; this performance is in addition to the evening show. Tickets for all performances are $21 (1/2 price student standby) and may be reserved by calling (508) 349-6835. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.what.org

Scituate Maritime Museum, Driftway, Scituate. Open each Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. during July and August.

Tues. 23

The Thayer Public Library presents Cambridge resident, **Andrew K. Stone,** as he discusses his new novel, "Disappearing Into View" July 23, at 7 p.m. A book signing follows the presentation. This is the first in a series of "meet the Author" programs that the library and Barnes & Noble of Braintree. Logan Auditorium, Thayer Public Library is located at 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405.

The South Shore Conservatory's Summer Music Festival 2002 presents a chamber music concert featuring summer wind ensemble students on July 23, at 7 p.m. Admission to the concert is free and parking is at the Hingham Bus Depot at 19 Fort Hill St. Shuttle service transports concertgoers to and from the Jane Carr Amphitheater. For more information call 781-749-7565.

The Clemens Gallery at the Hingham Public Library will display **"Carnival Magic,"** a collection of photographic images, by Hull artist **Jennifer Marshall** from July 13 through Aug. 29. Gallery hours are: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9a .m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Wed. 24

Allerton House in Hingham Assisted Living Community located at 15 Condito Road, will host the second of their three-part Summer Concert Series on July 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. Families are invited to enjoy the **Stone Street Strummers Banjo Band**. A complimentary dinner of old-fashioned hamburgers, hot dogs and other delicious summer goodies, and fun activities for the children. For information or to RSVP call 781-749-3322.

Marriott MapleRidge of Plymouth Special Care Center Support Group. Leading the group discussion will be: Suzanne Baybutt, RN, BSN, Alzheimer's Disease Specialist on July 24, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Community Center. RSVP requested by calling 508-746-

CALENDAR, see next page

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue Nantasket Beach, presents national touring artist Deborah Coleman in her only New England show Saturday, July 20. Casual dress, cover charge. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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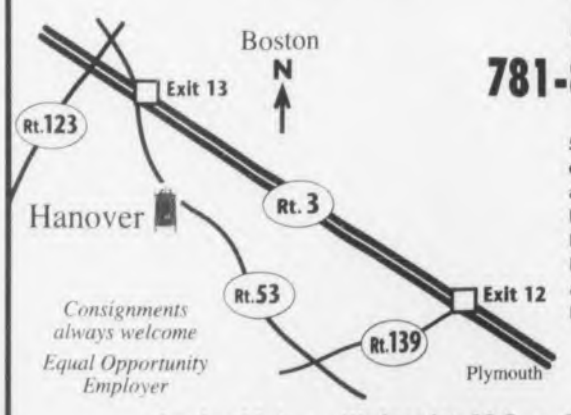

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Borders in Kingston presents a series of children's events. July 24, at 10:30 a.m. and July 27 at noon.. This week's theme **Whale Storytime**. Enjoy some whale tales. "Rainbow fish and the Big blue Whale, by Marcus Pfister. Another good one is "The big Blue Whale, in which Nicola Davies provides a look at nature's largest living marvel. The spare, lyrica! text often uses examples from the child's world to help youngsters understand this great creature. For example, the blue whale's skin is "Springy and smooth like a hard-boiled egg" and its eye is "big as a teacup." Nick Maland's pen-and-ink and wash illustrations capture both the majesty and vulnerability of the blue whale of which only 10,000 remain.

The South Shore Conservatory presents "Family Concert in the Park, with the **Festival Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble**, under the direction of Professor Malcolm W. Rowell, Jr. and Stephen C. Massey. Music for the whole family. Bring a picnic. All seats $10. All performances are at the Jane C. Carr Amphitheater at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Dr., Hingham. Parking of evening concerts is at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 fort Hill St., with shuttle service to and from the Car amphitheater. Parking for Sunday morning concerts is at the conservatory. For tickets, call 781-749-7565, ext 14.

Project Arts of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank Free Summer Concert Series. July 24, **Cheryl Wheeler with John Pousette Dart** on the Plymouth Waterfront (South Water Street) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Concert Series presents **Mikhail Mishtchenko,** Organist, St. Petersburg, Russia on July 24, 7:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Church is located at 16 Highland Avenue, Cohasset. For information call 781-383-1083.

The Duxbury Art Association's 85th Annual Midsummer Art & Craft Show will be held from July 24 to July 28 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Artistic works in all mediums by artists who range in age from 2 to 92. Scheduled events include Gallery tours, silent auction, and emerging art sale. Admission is free. For gallery hours or more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit duxburyart.org

Borders in Kingston presents a series of children's events. July 17, at 10:30 a.m. and July 20 at noon.. This week's theme is Balloon Storytime. **Where Do Balloons Go?** By Jamie Lee Curtis is one of the books that will be read this week. Activities will include decorating balloons, and temporary tattoos.

Thurs. 25

The South Shore Conservatory's Summer Music Festival 2002 Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Stephen C. Massey, performs in concert on July 25, at 7 p.m. Admission to the concert is free and parking is at the Hingham Bus Depot at 19 Fort Hill St. Shuttle service transports concertgoers to and from the Jane Carr Amphitheater. For more information call 781-749-7565.

The Solid Gold Oldies Show featuring swing, doo-wop, Motown and novelty hits from the '40s, '50s, and '60s will play at the Canoe Club Dinner Theater, 2 South Street, West Bridgewater, July 25, 26, and Aug. 1, 2, 4. Dinner at 7 p.m.; show at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show are $37.50 Thursday and Sunday; $40 Friday. Tickets for show only are $20. For reservations call Darling Productions at 781-843-5862.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **_Pony, Fishbowl on Bulkhead.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents folksinger and story teller, **Ben Tousley** in concert July 25, at 7 p.m. "Looking for Rainbow is an entertaining and interactive concert for families with children ages 4 and up, featuring stories, songs, and sing-a-long activities. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased in advance by calling the library at 781-659-7100. Proceeds benefit the library's programs for children.

Fri. 26

The Children's Museum in Easton, 9 Sullivan Avenue, North Easton, will host "Drop In Workshops" at the museum during July and August July 26, "Painting Without Brushes/Vegetables" Use a variety of vegetables to create net shapes and patterns on paper. Then turn your artwork into a placemat or other useful item. For more information call 508-230-3789.

Coastal Church, 145 Webster Street Suite i, Hanover, will host its first coffee-house extravaganza on Friday, July 26, at 8:45 p.m. **The Kubota Power Jazz Unit** will provide entertainment in a relaxed and connecting environment. As part of Celebrate Recovery's Mission, the CR team, in conjunction with the Coastal Church fellowship, will be hosting this event at the church. There is no charge for this event; a free-will offering will be accepted to support the ministry of Celebrate Recovery. For more information, please contact Coastal Church at 781-871-3442 or e-mail coastalchurch@hotmail.com.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will present **Mark Pollack and the Big Spenders**. All shows start at 8 p.m. and are handicap accessible. Admission is $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584 or galcafe.tripod.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance July 26, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents the **Chris Fitz** on July 26. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Love Dogs** on July 26. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing Events

The Artica Gallery presents" **"There Are Places I Remember..."** featuring South Shore **artist Donna Rossetti-Bailey.** The exhibit will run from July 13 through Aug. 31. An opening reception with the artist will be held July 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot St., Duxbury. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free. Two steps at the entry.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, **Josephine Bottari** will exhibit her painting for the month of July at the tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

"Marine and Local Scenes," an exhibit featuring works by the **Gallery Artists of the Scituate Arts Association.** Watercolor, oil and acrylic works will be on display. This exhibit will run July 2 to Sept. 1, with new paintings added periodically. Opening reception is Sunday July 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Scituate Art Gallery at 132 Front St., in Scituate harbor. For more information call 781-545-6150.

Edaville USA Summer Season opens July 5. Guests will be able to enjoy all of Edaville attractions many are new for the season from July 5 to Aug. 23 on Friday, Saturdays and Sundays. Cool off at the new beach, cruise the waves by paddle boat, and discover a new summer destination of New England families. Tickets are $15 each. For more information call 877-Edaville or visit the Edaville USA website at www.edaville.com Edaville USA is located off route 58 on Rochester Road in Carver.

The North River Arts Society will present **A Study of Gurnet Point and Saquish** with artist Jill Capodanno. June 30 to Aug. 24 at the Ventress Library Gallery. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit northriverarts.org

Art on the Avenue, Hull announces its schedule of exhibitors for the summer of 2002. Featured artists are: Lenore Schneider, Richard Friberg, Leslie P. Cutler, Gloria Robertson, Julie Schmitt Sullivan and Joanne Donnelly. The gallery/open studio at 1037 Nantasket Ave, Hull is open on weekends 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Art on the Avenue 1037 Nantasket Avenue, Hull featuring photography, playbooks, oil and acrylic paintings by Lenore Schneider as well as pottery, painted furniture, watercolor paintings and wood turnings by guest artists is open weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 1. For more information, 781-925-5619.

The Nathan Gallery presents **"Filling Walls"** featuring aspiring and established artists June 22 through July 18, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

The North River Arts Society presents **Italian Mostly by Jack Haran** June 15 through Aug. 2 at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org

The Weymouth Art Association will display work by members at several locations around town for the month of July. in the Town Hall the Mayor's office, Anet Paglierani and Gail Coyle will display paintings. In the Treasurer's office Jeanne Mulligan is exhibiting a painting. In the Councilors' office, Jack Morris, Robert Shapiro, John Shaw, Helen Shaw and Bill Sawyer are exhibiting their work. Mary Mainiero will display a painting in the Auditor's office. Snyder Jewelers is displaying the work of Ed McCormack, Joseph Nover, Kaye O'Brien and Joyce Olsen. Jordan Insurance is displaying paintings by Claire Spano, Arlene Watson, Reva Gordon, Maggie Lee Gosselin and Bob Weikel. Rizzo Insurance is displaying the work of Arnold Turner and Isabella Hoell. Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Joseph MacFarlane. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "as Ros sees it" works in acrylic by **Ros Farbush** during July. at The Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St, Duxbury. Call 781-934-2721 for information.

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Project Arts of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank Free Summer Concert Series, Wednesday July 24, featuring Cheryl Wheeler with John Pousette Dart on the Plymouth Waterfront (South Water Street) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Talent Search

STARCREATIONS THEATERS FROM THE SOUTH SHORE ARTS AND RECREATION CENTER will hold auditions for Summer Theater Camp, ages 4 to 7 for the production of "Coyote Steals the Summer" on Thursday, July 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. Camp will run the following two weeks. Monday through Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 508-747-1234 by July 24 to register.

THE NORTH RIVER THEATRE announces auditions for its fall production, "The Foursome" a comedy by Norm Foster on July 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the North River Community Club, 513 River Street, Norwell. There are roles for four men ages 35 to 45. The production is scheduled for presentation in October. Call 781-335-4285 for information.

THE CHORAL ART SOCIETY OF SCITUATE is conducting a search to recruit singers for a special concert on Sept. 7 to commemorate those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 tragedy. All interested singers on the South Shore are invited to join in rehearsals over the summer for the world premiere of Ferruccio Germani's "Requieum for Sept. 11" to be performed Sept. 7 at Scituate High School. Music Director Dr. Richard Bunbury will conduct seven rehearsals to prepare the piece composed by Germani, who is the society's composer in residence. Rehearsals are scheduled for July 1, 22, 29, Aug. 12, 26, Sept. 4, and 6. At St. Luke's Church Route 3A in Scituate. No audition is required, just bring your voice. Visit www.choralartsociety.org for more details. Interested singers call Nancy 781-535-8295 to obtain the rehearsal tapes.

THE DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION (DAA) is accepting applications from artisans for the 30th Annual Juried Craft Showcase and Sale. The show will take place on Nov. 23 and 24, at Duxbury High School. Interested artisans should submit an official entry form with examples of craft, slides and/or photos by July 12.

THE LIBERTY BELLE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, is seeking adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. However, you are required to be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and 4-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway show tunes, Rhythm and blues songs, and exciting choreography. Weekly rehearsals every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, (Rte 2 Exit 57). For additional information call: 617-735-9254 or 1-800-369-7400 (toll free in MA only) lor visit http://libertybellechorus.org, e-mail us at: info@libertybellechorus.org

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY, is looking for a few good men, and women, to add to their already quality program. Spring Concert rehearsals at the Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be asked of all new members, primarily for voice placement. Come and be a part of a grand musical tradition; its fun and a very rewarding experience.

ISLAND GROVE WOMEN'S CHORUS – looking for women, 18 years old and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Rt. 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audio

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The South Shore Conservatory presents Evenings Under the Stars 2002 Concert Series on July 20, at 7 p.m. Alloy Orchestra presents "Music for the Movies:" innovative accompaniment to two of Buster Keaton's greatest silent films, "Steamboat Bill, Jr." and "One Week." Advance sale ticket prices: Pavilion $17, lawn $7 ($20 and $10 at door) All performances are at the Jane C. Carr Amphitheater at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Dr., Hingham. Parking of evening concerts is at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 fort Hill St., with shuttle service to and from the Car amphitheater. Parking for Sunday morning concerts is at the conservatory. For tickets, call 781-749-7565, ext 14.

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THE MARSHFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING has an immediate need for volunteers one or two hours a week. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels drivers to deliver hot meals to homebound and to help serve lunch to 20 to 40 seniors weekdays at the senior center in Marshfield. Call 781-834-5581

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Opening the door to Wilson House

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Cohasset Rotary Club, which has annually given a grant to the society to fund the program.

Courtney Hurley, who will be a sophomore next year and is working at the house for the first time, said it's a great summer job. She works two, three-hour shifts a week at the house, and said the benefits extend beyond the pay.

"I'm interested in history so working here has been great," she said.

Alison Fludder, also a sophomore working her first year at the Wilson home, said she enjoys giving people tours of the museum. She added learning about the history of Cohasset has made her more appreciative of the town she has grown up in.

"It's neat learning about how they lived back then," she said.

Second-year docent Peter Bunstein said while he's disappointed more people, especially Cohasset residents, don't come in to the house, it doesn't stop him from learning.

"Most people that come in aren't from the town," he said. "I would think more residents would be interested in the town's history."

According to the tour packet the docents have to study, Captain Wilson was born in August 1788 and became a master mariner. He captained a number of different ships, including merchant and fishing vessels. His ship and crew were once captured by British warships and had to be ransomed by the ship's owner in 1819.

The wooden house located in the heart of Cohasset village was built on town property in 1810 by area housewright David Nichols. Wilson purchased the house for the grand sum of $475 in 1810 and later bought the land from the town.

The first floor of the house was originally a ship chandlery selling marine supplies but eventually became living quarters for Wilson, his wife and their 10 children. Over the years, the first floor has seen use as a tea-room, gift shop, tailor ship, and a photography studio. The house was donated to the society in the mid 20th century and can be seen in the role of the "Eastwick Historical Society" in the movie "Witches of Eastwick."

Though the house isn't decorated with Wilson's belongings, it does contain period pieces such as a school desk dated near 1800, two-pronged forks as was common in Wilson's time, and other home furnishings. Along with guiding visitors through the two-story house, the docents also have to catalogue the objects contained in the house.

Along with cataloguing the items in the house, this year the docents have an extra duty. Peter has been photographing everything in the house to document its placement. The museum is about to undergo renovations and everything will need to be cleared out. With the pictures being taken, the hope is once the renovations are completed, the objects will go back exactly where they were.

All three of the society's buildings need repairs. The Lothrop House at 14 Summer St. needs the roof repaired as well as an exterior paint job. The Maritime Museum, on Elm Street next to the Wilson House, needs upgraded lighting, display cases, and signage. Drainage problems at the Wilson House need to be corrected.

Don't miss 'Monster, Inc.'

Children's Drama Workshop (CDW) of Cohasset announces performances of "Monsters, Inc." which will take place at Cohasset Town Hall on Tuesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. and at 7 p.m., and again on Wednesday, July 31 at 1 p.m. and at 7 p.m.

Based on the Disney animated feature film, "Monsters, Inc." invites you into the world behind your closet door, a world called Monstropolis, where monsters merrily live and work, fearing only one thing — human children.

Tickets are $10 and may be purchased in advance at Cohasset Town Hall starting Monday, July 22. Sales hours are as follows: Monday, July 22 from 3-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, July 23 from 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday, July 24 from 3-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, July 25 from 3-4:30 p.m.; and Friday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Monsters, Inc." is directed by CDW founders, Elizabeth, Grace and Sara Deveney of Cohasset. Past CDW hits include last year's "The Little Mermaid," "Cinderella Smith" (2000), and "The Lion King" (1999).

For more information, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109. Hope to see you at the show!

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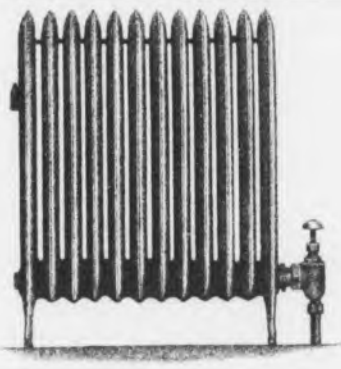

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Bassing Beach closed

No swimming due to bacteria count

By Mary Ford
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The word for the bacteria may be a mouthful – but that's just what health officials don't want you to do.

Enterococci levels – the red flag when testing for bacteria at town beaches – are too high in the harbor at Bassing Beach, Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said. Therefore, the beach is closed for swimming until further notice.

Health effects related to swimming in polluted waters could include ear infections, conjunctivitis and rashes. The most common ailment is gastro-intestinal disorders, stemming from swimmers swallowing water.

Bassing Beach, which attracts boaters who pull their boats ashore there to swim, is popular with Cohasset and Scituate residents.

Weekly water samples for Bassing Beach are taken from the end of the Cohasset Sailing Club dock, Godzik explained.

Testing results that close beaches to swimming can occur in two ways. If tests reveal a one-time "spike" of more than 104 colonies of enterococci per 100 milliliters o f water is one way. Also, if tests over a five-week period reveal a "mean" that is higher than 34 colonies of enterococci per 100 milliliters of water. Bassing Beach

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Dog days of summer

Obedience classes draw canine crowd

Clockwise from top left: Roseanne Bush and her dog Betty at the dog obedience class on Cohasset Common. Hayley and her human "dad" Eric Pence (not shown) are ready to learn. Roland St. Clair-Barrie has a chat with 14-week-old Tiller during class. For more information about dog obedience classes, call Cohasset Recreation at 781-383-4109.

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BENEFIT RALLY

Todd DeSisto hits a return during the annual Children's Hospital Tennis Benefit held at 18 courts around town. For more, see sports.

Local anti-40B group takes root

By Evan Schiff
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Monday night, residents driving by Shaw's plaza night may have seen a light on in Cohasset Travel and thought someone was working overtime. However, it wasn't someone slaving away trying to plan an exquisite vacation for a lucky traveler, but a group of concerned residents gathered to fight what they feel is a poorly written law.

The group, which is gaining momentum, is interested in changing Chapter 40B, a statute that sets a 10 percent goal of affordable housing for each community.

"We need to start taking a more pro-active approach to controlling what happens in our community," said Michael Wescott, a member of the Growth and Development Committee and organizer of the group. "There are some real concerns about affordable housing but this law does not address them, it is very poorly written."

The law, sometimes dubbed the "Anti-snob Zoning Act", renders many of the town's zoning regulations inapplicable in exchange for setting aside 20-25 percent units for affordable housing. The statute is applicable in towns where the affordable housing stock makes up less than 10 percent of a town's entire housing. Cohasset has about 3 percent, or 76 units of affordable housing.

"When 40B was passed I was in the third-grade. It's no longer a good law and no longer fits into the communities it's trying to help."

— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

Julie Guild, a resident of Jerusalem Road, was very concerned about the possibility of AvalonBay coming to Cohasset.

AvalonBay plans to build a 254-unit luxury apartment complex at the 62-acre former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor site off Rt. 3A (across from Atlantic Bagel). The size and scope of the project and the fact that it will be build on one of the few remaining tracts of industrial zoned land in town have Guild and many others, up in arms.

"I feel it will really change the character of the town," Guild said. "I don't think people realize how significantly this will affect the town."

At the meeting, which drew about 15 people, residents brainstormed ideas searching different avenues to pursue to stop AvalonBay. There is legislation that both state Rep. Garrett Bradley and state Sen. Bob Hedlund have introduced which should be voted on before the end of the month that aims to give more power back to local zon-

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Schools may get lesson in obesity

By Evan Schiff
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Do you always get french-fries instead of a salad? Do you find yourself driving to the village instead of walking? If so, you're not alone.

Obesity is a national concern with recent studies showing that more than ever Americans are overeating and not getting enough exercise.

Cohasset Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik says even little Cohasset isn't immune to the life-threatening condition..

"Are there children in our schools who are obese?" he asked. "The answer is certainly."

Godzik plans to work with various officials in town as well as the schools to make some changes.

"People just aren't aware about the dangers of obesity," he said. "We're trying to educate them."

The perils of obesity are far reaching. Heart problems, diabetes, high blood pressure and accelerated joint deterioration have all been associated with the excess weight.

Godzik said he spoke with school officials about the possibility of including healthier options on the school menu. He says the menu often includes a variety of fatty foods without a healthy alternative.

"If kids get in the habit of eating poorly every day it's tough to break that cycle," Godzik said.

Godzik's goal is to try and reduce obesity while encouraging physical activity.

"It's a good idea for parents to encourage kids to get out of the house," he said. "Instead of playing a video game they could

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Terese Quinlan, 10, gets out of the helicopter during Police Safety Day at the Osgood School. The annual event, sponsored by the Cohasset Police Association, is conducted for children in the recreation department's Summer Playground Program.

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Historical Commission, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Conservation Commission, Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Advisory Committee, July 30, 6 p.m.

Planning Board, Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, July 25, 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

School Committee, July 31, 7 p.m. at the high-school library

CRC is part-time

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation has reduced its hours of operation from full-time to part-time. As a result the CRC will no longer have regular office hours. The office will be open in the day or evening by appointment only.

If you need assistance or would like to make an appointment please leave a voice message for Dean Rizzo, Executive Director at (781) 383-2449. The CRC office is located at 87 Elm St., which is across from Kimball's By The Sea.

Forest Avenue sidewalk update

Town Manager Mark Haddad informed selectmen the bid for the Forest Avenue sidewalk construction came in more than $100,000 over budget. Town Meeting had appropriated $190,000 for the project and the lowest bid came in at $320,000. Haddad said there are two options the board should consider. The selectmen could either re-bid the project for half of the sidewalk or re-bid for the entire sidewalk and then go back before Town Meeting to ask for more money.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she thought the town should only begin construction on the sidewalk if it can complete the project.

"If we need a sidewalk on Forest Avenue let's get one," she said. "If the finances don't look right maybe we should wait but I don't we should do half of it."

Selectman Merle Brown agreed.

"I would like to see the entire sidewalk done at once," he said. "If we can't do it now, let's wait."

The discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

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Sun. 28	2:27	10.1	8:45	2:59	9.4	8:59
Mon. 29	3:10	9.8	9:25	3:40	9.3	9:44
Tues. 30	3:54	9.4	10:07	4:22	9.3	10:31
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Legislators encourage comments on runway

By Evan Schiff
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Area residents only have a few more days to register comments about the FAA's plans to add a new runway to Logan Airport. The comment period for residents ends on July 28.

Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, attended the selectmen's meeting on Tuesday and updated the board on the progress of the runway.

"There's a lot that the public can do," Bradley said. "People need to be verbal on this, the decision has not been made yet."

Hedlund encouraged the board to write a letter to US Rep. William Delahunt, D-Quincy, asking where he stands on the issue and asking him for help.

"You should try and get the otner South Shore communities to join with you in writing the letter," Hedlund said. "The first sentence could be, 'We need your help.'"

Massport wants to add a new runway to reduce delays but opponents believe that this would increase the jet noise and pollution in the area due to the expected tripling of flights over the South Shore.

The runway, 14/32, is expected to cause numerous problems for Cohasset residents. According to Ralph Dormitzer, a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, the number of flights would increase over Cohasset, from 630 to 970 a day, if runway 14/32 became a reality. He also identified the impacts the runway may have on residents, including sleep deprivation, anxiety and a possible loss of property value.

"People need to be verbal on this, the decision has not been made yet."
— State Rep. Garrett Bradley

Dormitzer, a Cohasset resident, said he's doing as much as he can to raise awareness about this runway.

"We're taking any angle we can to try and stop this project," he said. "We need all the help we can get, people should write letters, call and do whatever it takes to make Massport see that this isn't the only solution to its problems."

Bradley is asking residents to either submit written comments directly to him, which he will forward to the FAA, or to write on their own to:

John C. Silva, Manager of Federal Aviation Administration Environmental Projects, Airport Division, ANE-600, New England Region, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803.

The FAA will issue a final record of its decision once the comment period ends.

A few weeks ago the FAA supported a "compromise" plan which would limit the runway's use to days when winds from the northwest cause delays on other Logan runways.

"That's no compromise," Dormitzer said. "There's no proof that they would actually follow up on that."

Bassing Beach closed

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tests show a mean over five weeks of 40, meaning the conditions are consistently less than ideal.

Godzik said the harbormaster will be flying a yellow pennant to warn boaters until the numbers come down. He decided not to post signs because last year when the beach was closed after a single "spike" in enteroccocci, the signs were taken down or stolen within several hours.

"We just want to inform them there is greater risk to swim there for ear, eye and gastro-intestinal infections."
— Dr. Joseph Godzik, health agent

Tests for bacteria by the sewer treatment plant and at Cohasset Harbor Marina have been OK. Results by the yacht club, which is not a swimming area, have exceeded the standard. Godzik isn't sure what is causing the unacceptable levels at Bassing Beach and the yacht club, but said the warmer the water gets, the longer bacteria can survive.

"We're not going to drag people out of the water," he said about Bassing Beach. "We just want to inform them there is greater risk to swim there for ear, eye and gastro-intestinal infections."

Tests results at Sandy Beach have been fine, he said.

Fishers are moving into the area

Two sightings reported so far

By Mary Ford
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Many local people have never heard of fisher cats.

According to MassWildlife — fishers, also called fisher cats — aren't cats at all but are members of the weasel-minx-otter family.

But David Shepard of Dorchester is very familiar with fishers. He hails from Michigan and likes to hunt and fish, and has seen many of the elusive animals, but never this far east.

So Shepard was surprised to see one in Wompatuck State Park — a sighting which may be the second in as many weeks in the Hingham area.

"It saw me and I saw him. There was absolutely no question in my mind what it was."
— Dave Shepard

"I fish in Wompatuck State Park every weekend," he said.. At about 1 p.m., Sunday, July 14, while Shepard was in his flat-bottomed boat in the northeast corner of the Aaron River Reservoir, he noticed the geese were acting skittish. "I also noticed a goose belly up with its head gone," he said.

The week before a "large brown cat," now thought to be a fisher, was spotted crossing Rockland Street in Hingham by a woman, who had to stop her car to let it cross.

Shepard said he looked up and saw a fisher standing on the rocky cliff at the edge of the pond. It quickly ran behind a tree and peered back at him.

"It saw me and I saw him," said Shepard, adding at the closest point the fisher was 15-20 yards away. "There was absolutely no question in my mind what it was."

William Davis, wildlife biologist with MassWildlife at the field headquarters in Westboro, says fishers are expanding their range, although the state doesn't have a good handle on their distribution. He describes the animal as dark brown, with rounded ears and a long tail that makes up one-third or more of the animal's body length. Fishers are about three feet long, including the tail, and males can weigh up to 20 pounds.

Davis surmises the fisher in Wompatuck was likely waiting for the dead goose to drift ashore and that's why the fisher, which is more active at dawn and dusk, would have been out in the middle of the day. He said it would have been unlikely the fisher killed the bird because if it had, it would have fed on it and tried to stash it somewhere.

"He (Shepard) was very lucky to have seen one because they are incredibly secretive," Davis said.

Fishers, which disappeared from Massachusetts in the late 1890s due to decreasing woodland habitat and over hunting, are becoming abundant in the state again and are very common in the counties along the New Hampshire border and in the western part of the state near New York.

"Fishers are very adaptable to woodland habitat and colonize areas they find suitable," Davis explained.

That's no surprise to Hilary Penlington, the animal control officer in Norfolk, which is due west of Hingham and Cohasset, near Foxboro and Franklin.

She had her first report of a fisher sighting about 18 months ago.

"They're here," Penlington said. "There have been about 10 more sightings and a couple (of fishers) have become permanent residents in town."

She describes the fisher as having the facial features of a cat with a dachshund-like body with a long tail, like a fox.

Penlington thinks recent mild winters have greatly contributed to the rise in population of fishers and other wild animals such as foxes, raccoons and skunks – many of which are no longer feeling threatened by humans.

Davis, the state wildlife biologist, agrees that mild winters have made survival of a range of animals' young much easier.

"The mild winters bring the adults through in good shape without depleting their fat reserves so they have larger litters and the litter survival rates are good too," he said.

Davis says fishers are very quick predators, are agile climbers and like to loaf around in trees. He said fishers, whose luxurious pelts can be sold to the garment industry, can be legally trapped in Massachusetts during a highly regulated hunting season. They are inquisitive animals and are therefore susceptible to the box-type trap that must be checked every 24 hours, Davis said.

According to a wildlife profile on the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Web site, fishers are carnivorous, preferring small mammals, but will eat whatever comes along including birds, amphibians, insects, fruits, nuts and carrion. They can travel up to 60 square miles in search of food and are solitary except during the mating season.

Cliff Boyle of Rockland Street in Hingham notified the Hingham Journal after his neighbor reported seeing a "large brown cat" cross the street onto his property on July 7. The neighbor thought it might have been a mountain lion, but mountain lions haven't been sighted in the state since the mid-1800s. It was described as a "big, brown cat with rounded ears."

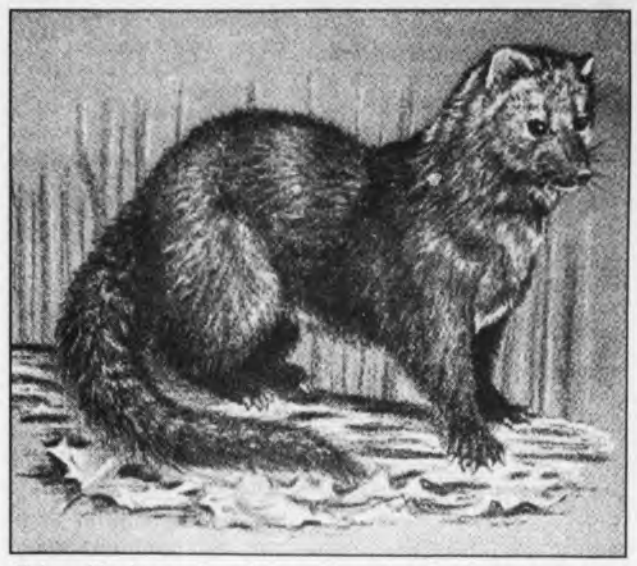
Shepard, the man fishing in Wompatuck, said he went to work Monday, July 15 to share the news about seeing the fisher. He said no one there really knew what he was talking about.

"But one of the guys I work with lives in Hingham," Shepard said. The next day, the surprised Hingham co-worker came back with a copy of the Hingham Journal which ran a story about the Rockland Street sighting with an illustration of the fisher in the July 11 issue.

"'See, I told you' I said to him," Shepard said.

Hingham Animal Control Officer Al Currie said the July 7 call came in as a mountain lion.

"Believe me if it were a mountain lion, everybody would know about it," he said, adding he, too, had never heard of fishers until he read the news report.



Fishers, like the one shown here, are becoming abundant again in the state. Two separate sightings have been reported in Hingham.

Library re-bid

Town Manager Mark Haddad informed selectmen Tuesday he has re-advertised the RFP for the sale of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The minimum bid has been set at $721,000 and the bid opening is set for Aug. 26. Haddad said he sent a copy of the RFP to all local realtors and has asked their assistance in marketing the building.

House pictures

There will be a photographer taking pictures around town for the Board of Assessors for the remainder of this week, selectmen said.

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Local anti-40B group takes root

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ing and planning boards.

There were also some legal options discussed at the meeting including the potential negative impact to Lily Pond and the lost tax revenue that would occur from the destruction of the industrially zoned land. The group is also considering approaching the Community Preservation Committee for money to potentially buy some of the land Avalon is eyeing.

"There are ways to stop a 40B project from coming into a community," said Bradley. "I'm doing what I can to try and rework the statute to where it does what it was intended to do."

The group also talked about trying to create a 2 percent annual increase in affordable housing, about 55 units, that would stall any 40B plans.

Hedlund said in a telephone interview that he has taken a proactive approach to fighting 40B but many other legislators aren't paying attention. He said it's clear that developers are using this statute as a tool to make profit and not to create affordable housing.

"When 40B was passed I was in the third-grade," Hedlund, 40, said. "It's no longer a good law and no longer fits into the communities its trying to help."

The Cohasset group agrees that the goal of increasing affordable housing, and especially senior housing, is a good one but feels the current law is written for developers.

"It effectively puts all the control and leverage in the hands of developers who simply exploit its loopholes for profit," Wescott wrote in a packet he distributed at the meeting. "It is the communities and those who truly need affordable housing that suffer."

He urged more of the town officials to become involved in the effort.

"Cohasset faces a very real threat," he said. "It's unfortunate that town management, many on the Board of Selectmen and Zoning Board of appeals are doing little to fight this."

There have been citizen groups, which have formed in the Commonwealth, that have been successful in fighting 40B including those in Martha's Vineyard and Duxbury.

"Many communities throughout the state are fighting this law because it provides a sledgehammer to developers and removes control from the local communities it was designed to serve," Wescott said.

At the end of the meeting, after the gathered participants had separated into work groups, Westcott said he hoped they would all return and when they do, they bring at least one friend with them.

"It's important to have this group keep growing and keep making noise," he said. "This is only the beginning."

The next meeting of the group will be Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset Travel in Shaw's plaza.

Various town and state officials attending included state Bradley; Kate Putney representing Hedlund's office; and Marshfield resident and Democratic candidate state senate, Ted LeClair; Selectman Merle Brown; Planning Board member Peter Pratt; Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Woody Chittick; and Chairman of the Senior Housing Committee Joe Nedrow.

Schools may get lesson in obesity

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shoot some baskets or instead of watching television, they could go for a walk."

School Health Education Coordinator Dr. Mike Gill said the schools are very interested at looking at the issue.

"In my eyes we send our kids mixed messages about health on a national level," he said. "On one hand, we educate them about the dangers of eating poorly and on the other, we only offer certain foods in the cafeteria."

Gill said today's youths don't get enough exercise and part of the school's responsibilities include educating students about obesity.

It's apparent that something needs to be done.

It a recent study released by the Center for Disease Control, researchers found that obesity-related hospital costs increased threefold over a 20-year period. The study shows the problems are causing a major economic healthcare burden, in addition to having an effect on individual health.

According to the report more than 60 percent of adults in the United States, are overweight or obese, but the problem is not limited to those 18 and older. Obesity has tripled among children in the past two decades.

Godzik hopes to plan an event for National School Lunch week which begins Oct. 7. He wants to invite Mark Fenton, the editor of Walking Magazine, to speak.

"It's important that the risks associated with obesity be taught at an early age," Godzik said. "Sometimes people just don't know what the dangers are and what they can do about it."

State is fourth slimmest in the nation

By Rick Collins
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Poor Bay State residents are almost twice as likely to be obese as rich people, according to a study released Tuesday by state health officials. But weight problems aren't just relegated to the poor. According to the study, presented at a meeting of the state's Public Health Council, 64 percent of all men and 42 percent of all women are overweight — a 30 percent increase in the last decade.

"This is literally and figuratively a growing concern in our society," said public health commissioner Howard Koh. "This is a preventable epidemic that fuels other epidemics."

Severe weight problems can lead to higher rates of certain types of cancer, hypertension, and diabetes, officials said.

Overall, however, the state is the fourth slimmest in the nation. The findings were based on results compiled by researchers who randomly polled by telephone more than 8,000 people in 2000. Of those questioned, 21 percent on those who earned less than $25,000 a year were obese, according to the body mass index, a measure of weight in relation to height. The incidence of obesity dropped to 13 percent in people making more than $75,000.

Health officials say the difference is probably due to choices made by low-income people. Sally Fogerty, assistant public health commissioner, said that when five boxes of pasta cost the same as five bananas, shoppers on a tight budget will choose the more filling, but carbohydrate-laden pasta.

"If you look at what's available to all individuals, it may be difficult for those with low incomes to make these healthy choices," said Fogerty. She said the state needs to educate low-income people that their shopping decisions have health consequences, and that the most inexpensive purchases may not be the best. Fogerty also said accessibility to walking paths and health clubs may clarify obesity rates between rich and poor.

But Fogerty attributed the state's overall weight problem to the increasing trend towards unhealthy foods. She said that before the meeting she went to a local cookie store and purchased various cookies. "I asked some of the people upstairs which cookie they'd want and they all said this one," Fogerty said, holding up the biggest cookie of the bunch.

Even though health officials said the best way to battle health problems is through increased exercise and intake of fruits and vegetables, the study's results showed modest results among people who followed that prescription only.

The occurrence of weight problems dropped from 67 percent to 58 percent among men and 43 percent to 41 percent among women who eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Exercise lowered the rates from 65 percent to 62 percent among men and 46 percent to 34 percent among women. Fogerty said the results could be marred because those polled may have been dishonest in giving their actual weights. She also said people need to both exercise and eat better, not just one.

"Exercise alone isn't going to resolve it and eating good alone isn't going to resolve it," she said. "But there is a difference."

Health officials also released a study of the state's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program that showed 43 percent of women were overweight or obese prior to their pregnancy and 51 percent gained more weight than recommended. The study also said one third of children between the ages of two and five are in risk of becoming overweight. The studies also found that:

Hispanic men (69 percent) and black women (64 percent) are most likely to be overweight. Black men (21 percent) and black women (31 percent) are most likely to be obese. Bay Staters without a high school education are twice as likely (24 percent) to be obese than those with college degrees (12 percent). More married men are classified with weight problems than single men (67 percent to 61 percent), but more single women than married women have weight problems (45 percent to 41 percent).

The rate of obesity didn't differ much by region. The Metrowest area reported the lowest incidence of obesity at 14 percent; Central Massachusetts was the highest at 19 percent. Hispanic children (38.7 percent) were more likely to be considered at risk of being overweight than any other racial group. Bay State children are less likely to be short for their age than their national counterparts.

Rick Collins writes for the State House News Service.

Wellspring buys its quarters

Wellspring Multi Service Center, Inc. recently purchased the property at 814 Nantasket Ave. in Hull, which it has occupied for 14years.

"The purchase insures that Wellspring will have a permanent home for all its programs, under one roof," explained long-time Wellspring Board member, Roberta Ridolfi.

Keeping all of its programs in one location is important for Wellspring's clients. People coming to the Food Pantry often find themselves referred next door to the Crisis Counseling Program for guidance with other subsistence needs such as housing, healthcare, or dealing with a disability. Wellspring works with other local service organizations to provide referrals to appropriate outside agencies and services. Those shopping for clothes or household goods at the Thrift Shop learn of Wellspring's Adult Education Program, two doors down, and gain the education and skills they need to better their lives. Or, a woman finds help in leaving an abusive relationship through the counseling offered by Wellspring's Domestic Violence Program.

Wellspring also had a strong financial incentive to buy the building at 814 Nantasket.

"Property values in Hull have been rising, and Wellspring faced the possibility of a dramatic rise in rent had the previous owners sold the building to another party."

— Board Member Pam Wolfe

"Wellspring's Board of Directors is committed to keeping administrative costs low and ensuring that the money Wellspring receives goes directly into its community programs," said Board Member Pam Wolfe. "Property values in Hull have been rising, and Wellspring faced the possibility of a dramatic rise in rent had the previous owners sold the building to another party. Wellspring's Board determined that given the current commercial rental market, purchasing a property would provide substantial savings that could be invested in Wellspring's ongoing programs. The Board researched other possible sites in Hull, but no comparable site was available. We are very happy and excited to have purchased the home where Wellspring has served the community for so many years."

From its beginnings, Wellspring has been a place where people could bring their problems. Founded in 1985 by the late Rev. Diane Edson, Wellspring started out as a thrift shop in a single small storefront on L Street in Hull. Edson soon realized that the same people who needed warm clothing also needed food, and an emergency food pantry was established.

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Preservation committee considers three new spending options

By Evan Schiff
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It's like a grandparent who keeps spoiling their grandchild.

After winning Town Meeting approval for money to build new ball fields, restoration work on the Maritime Museum and the Capt. John Wilson House, and $600,000 to be borrowed over 15 years to pay for an estimated of half the cost of three lots off Beach Street — the Community Preservation Committee is at it again.

The committee recently wrapped up the first phase of its review process and has collected three proposals from groups seeking money from the Community Preservation Fund.

The nine-member board, formed under the Community Preservation Act adopted by the town at the ballot box a year ago, is once again grappling with how to recommend spending the funds, which come from a 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge and a state match. According to Michael Buckley, the town finance director, the fund should have about $600,000 by this fall's special Town Meeting.

Under the statute, a town must allocate 10 percent of the Community Preservation Fund for historic preservation, 10 percent for community housing and 10 percent for open space. The remaining 70 percent can go for any of the above including recreation.

Two of the three proposals before the committee right now are looking for funding for historic preservation.

However, the Senior Housing Committee, which is seeking the most money, wants to build affordable housing.

The Senior Housing Committee is currently looking at the possibility of an affordable senior housing project in Cohasset. The housing committee is eyeing a 10-acre parcel of town-owned land near Stop & Shop as a potential development for 50 units of housing for seniors.

According to Joe Nedrow, a member of the committee, the group has completed a feasibility study which determined units could be built in that site.

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The committee's proposal before the CPC is a two-pronged approach. Its first request is for $10,000 for "developmental assistance" for building the complex. The second part of it's proposal asks for $2.2 million to be bonded over 20 years to fund all of the eligible construction costs associated with the project.

"Right now, financing is our biggest obstacle," Nedrow said. "This may be one of our best options to make this work."

Glenn Pratt, of the Cemetery Study Committee, has asked the committee for $20,000 to restore wrought-iron gates, a bracket, and a post for the Beechwood Cemetery.

The Beechwood Cemetery — built on land donated by early settlers Aaron Pratt and Isaac Bates back in the 18th century — is one of the most historic sites in town. The gates, which were located at each entrance, have been evaluated by an expert and deemed to be an exceptional example of the period, Pratt said in an earlier interview. The date of the cemetery's first burial area 1737, and the later expansion in 1874 are cast into the iron.

While the gates would undoubtedly add to the appearance of the site, their restoration is outside the Cemetery Study Committee's funding. The group recently completed major expansions and renovations at Woodside and Beechwood cemeteries, which dried up most of its funds.

CPC chairman Stuart Ivimey said while he hasn't had a chance to thoroughly examine the proposal, it seems to be in line with the CPC's agenda.

"It's something we are certainly going to take a hard look at," he said about the cemetery gates.

Another proposal before the board also would fall under historic preservation. A private group led by Robert Thomas and Anne Montague is seeking $135,000 for the restoration of five plots at the Central Cemetery.

Ivimey said various CPC subcommittees will work with the groups to try and iron out their ideas.

"The sub-committees will get each group's proposal more specific and work with them in putting a solid proposal together," Ivimey said. "When the subcommittee is satisfied it'll bring the proposal before the entire board."

The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting, which has the final say on whether community preservation funds should be spent on a particular project.

Good news for historic structures

By Carol Britton Meyer
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An amendment to the Community Preservation Act (CPA) will allow cities and towns which have adopted the law, including Hingham and Cohasset, to use CPA funds to pay for much-needed improvements to historic town-owned buildings.

That could be good news for the trustees of the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) Hall on Main Street in Hingham, which is up for a major facelift.

Representative Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, and Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, co-sponsored the amendment.

The Community Preservation Act is a landmark law that encourages Massachusetts towns and cities to provide community housing and preserve and protect historic resources and open spaces in their communities.

"These technical changes will allow communities some flexibility. A prime example is the situation Hingham is dealing with in regards to G.A.R. Hall," said Bradley. "Currently, the town is unable to use any CPA funds to repair this valuable structure. The passage of this amendment corrects this situation."

Cohasset officials have also indicated the amendment will be beneficial to the town as it plans for the future.

"That would be a pleasant surprise," said G.A.R. Trustee Ernest Sofis. "If we could use some of those funds, it would be wonderful, because we would be able to do some inside refurbishing sooner than expected."

Allocation of funds is subject to approval by a town's Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting.

Before passage of the amendment, historic assets owned by a municipality prior to the local adoption of the CPA were not eligible for funding for "rehabilitation," but only for "maintenance."

The amendment to the law expands the use of CPA funds for the rehabilitation of historic resources to include a municipality's previously acquired properties.

Over the years, G.A.R. Hall, built in 1888, has fallen into disrepair, although emergency work has been performed.

A $35,000 planning grant awarded to the town some time ago by the state Department of Housing and Community Development provided funds to determine the construction requirements for bringing the building into conformance with building codes and legislation related to making the hall handicapped accessible.

A number of improvements and repairs are planned for the building.

The total price tag for an addition and alterations is about $400,000, but additional state grants may be available to cover 75 percent of that amount. The town would need to come up with the remaining funds to complete the project.

"I'm pleased to see that both branches of the legislature acted so quickly to move this important bill amending the CPA through before the end of the session," said Hedlund. "Now cities and towns can execute their rehabilitation plans for historic structures unencumbered by murky regulations."

An overview of CPA changes

An amendment to the state's Community Preservation Act is considered a positive sign in many communities which have adopted the legislation.

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Sections 1 and 2 of the amendment rectify an oversight in the original act. The term "historic structures and landscapes" is defined in the definitional section but is never used in the text of the act. Instead, the term "historic resources" is used in its place. The amendment will make the term "historic resources" consistent throughout the act.

The third section creates a definition for the term "rehabilitation." The CPA does not define the term, which has led to some confusion about exactly what a community can use CPA funds to do. The amendment includes in its definition of rehabilitation the use of funds to comply with building and access codes and federal guidelines for historical structures. This includes leaving intact the design of the exterior of the building and the use of appropriate materials in renovation so the structure retains its original historic nature.

Section 4 specifically changes the language in the act to permit communities to use CPA funds to rehabilitate previously acquired historic resources. The present language states that rehabilitation can only be done to those assets purchased or acquired after communities have adopted the act.

The amendment does not alter this provision for community housing, open spaces, and land for recreational use. Rather, it permits the use of funds for both previously acquired historic resources as well as those purchased pursuant to the act.

Section 5 allows the amendment to apply retroactively to communities which have already held Town Meetings and approved projects. Without this section, towns would have to hold another Town Meeting and re-approve their CPA projects, which could cause unnecessary delays.

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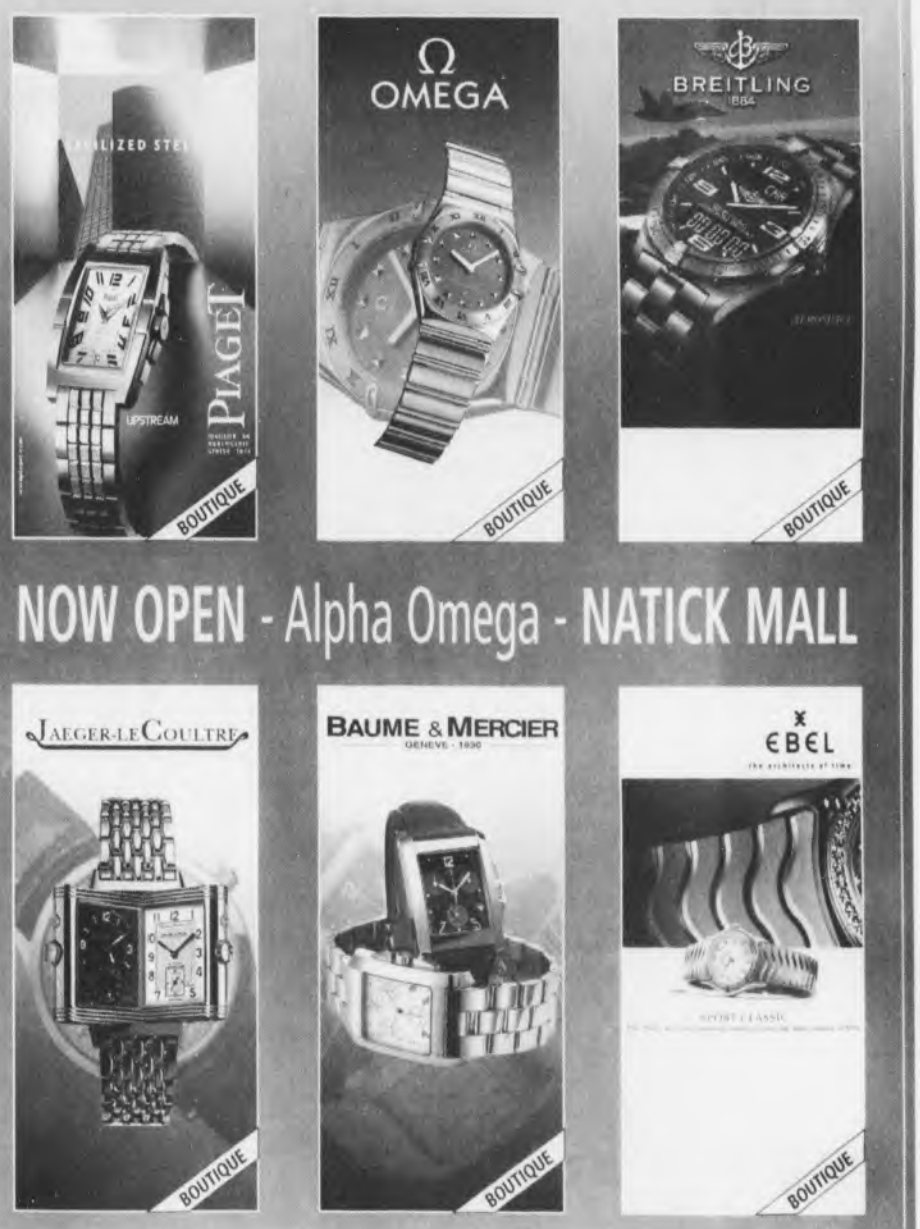

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Time running out for PSO calendar submissions

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NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Cohasset resident **Mary Higgins**, RN, has been named director of clinical "informatics" at South Shore Hospital. Her new responsibilities include developing and implementing automated documentation systems to enhance patient care, and creating educational/training programs for clinical staff. A 31-year hospital employee, Mary most recently served as director of critical care and medical/surgical nursing. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Massachusetts at Boston and has a master's degree in applied management from Lesley College.

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PSO CALENDAR

Last call to all community organizations (i.e. soccer, baseball, Elder Affairs, etc), school groups and any other people who are interested in having your information placed in the 2002-2003 Cohasset PSO Annual School Calendar. Please submit all of your key information to psocalendar@yahoo.com or call it in at 781-383-0143 by July 31!

THE BIG 4-0

Happy Birthday wishes go out to a great guy, Mr. **John Bellefontaine** who is turning 40 years young today. John, enjoy this day with your wife **Alice** and that beautiful baby girl, **Lauren**!

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

A small family gathering was recently held in honor of **Kathy and Dave Marks**, by their children, **Lisa** and **Laura**, celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Kathy's family surprised them with a trip to Bermuda, where they had spent their honeymoon. Congrats!

PROVIDENCE HONORS

Patrick Leahy of 60 Pond St. has been named to the dean's list at Providence College for the spring 2002 semester. Great work, Patrick.

TUFTS GRADUATE

Richard J. Murray Jr. was one of more than 2,500 graduate and undergraduate students to be awarded degrees at Tufts University commencement in May. This is great news to hear.

SYRACUSE DEAN'S LIST

Grace Gardner, a junior majoring in painting, was named to the Syracuse University dean's list for the 2002 spring semester. Grace is enrolled in the university's College of Visual and Performing Arts and had to maintain a GPA of 3.4 or higher to qualify for the dean's list. Congratulations, Grace on a job well done.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR

Elizabeth Farnham, a Northeastern University student majoring in criminal justice, was named to the dean's list for the spring quarter. She had to carry a full program and maintain a GPA of 3.25 or greater for this honor.

UMASS DEAN'S LIST

The following students achieved dean's list status at UMass Amherst for the spring semester and had to maintain a 3. 5 GPA or better on a four-point scale: **Naomi A. Ansbergs**; **Susan M. Dane**, **Elizabeth N. Hassan**, **Ashley E. Koed** , **Meredith D. O'Hayre**, **Sergi M. Skorupa** and **Eric J. Wenmark**. What a talented bunch on students!

UVM HONORS

Corinna E. Noering has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at the University of Vermont.

ENGLISH MAJOR

Stephen Mark Reynolds, Class of 2003 at Connecticut College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester. An English major, Stephen achieved "dean's high honors" that recognizes students who have achieved a 3.7 to 4.0.

AT ROGER WILLIAMS

Jared Ford and **Carolyn Pratt** have been named to the dean's list at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. They needed a 3.4 or higher for this honor. We have a lot of students here in town who have worked quite hard this past school year. Fantastic work to all of you.

That's all for this week! Make sure to send in all of your news to me no later than Mondays at noon. We love to hear about all the good news including birthdays, anniversaries, dean's list, graduations, sports accomplishments, family reunions – you name it! Photos can be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street.

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CASTLE CONSTRUCTION

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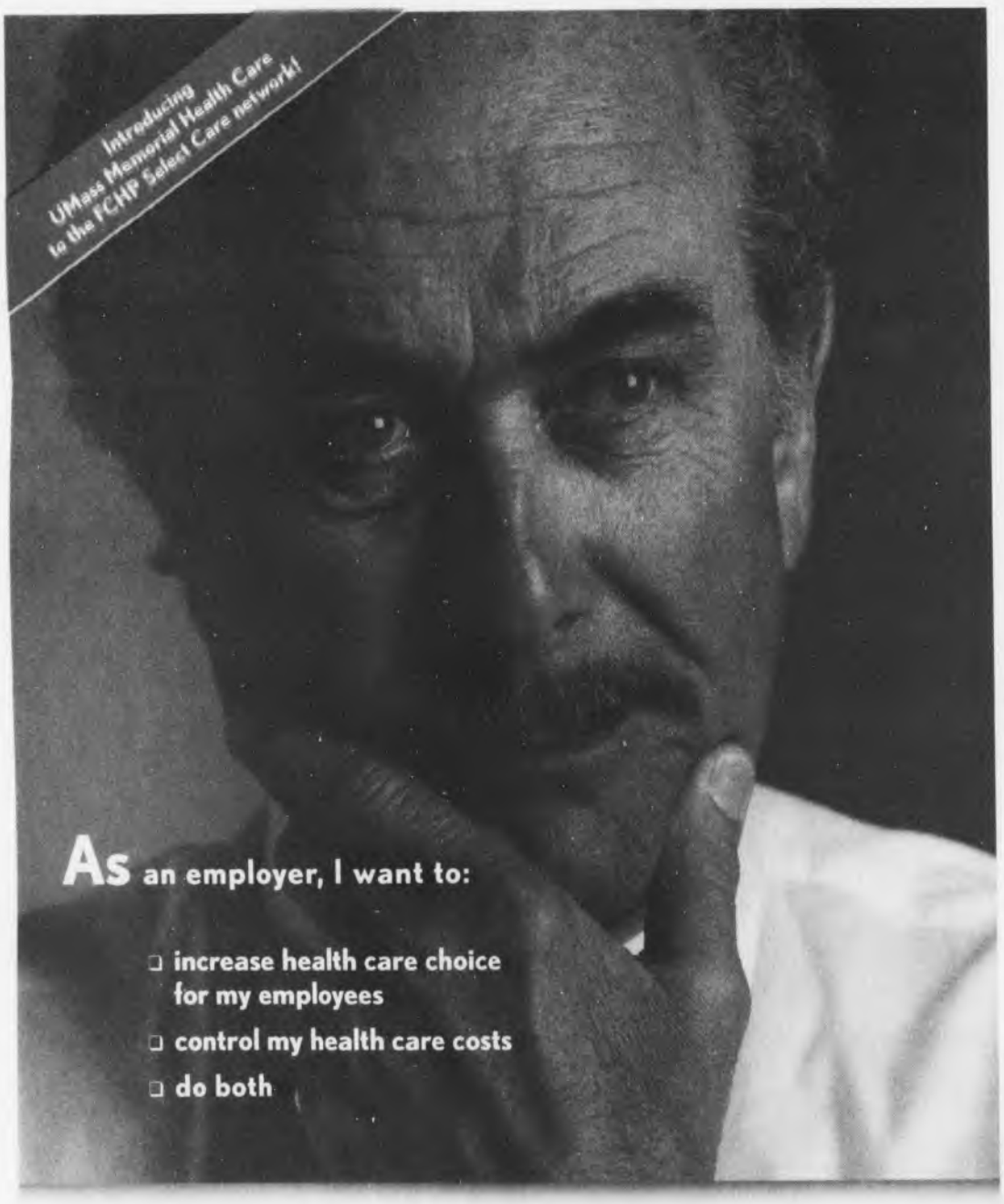
Trevor Galvin carries a bucket of water from the sea back to his sandcastle on Sandy Beach.



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Leggiero performs on Cohasset carillon

The fifth recital of the current Sunday evening Summer Carillon Recital Series will be presented by George Leggiero on Sunday, July 28 at 6 p.m.. Leggiero will perform on the 57-bell carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset.

Mr. Leggiero is a Carillonneur at the Church of the Covenant, Presbyterian in Cleveland, Ohio. He will play a diverse program of original carillon music, transcriptions for carillon, and arrangements of music familiar to everyone.

There are outdoor tables and chairs in Stagecoach Way and the restaurant will be open from 5-8 p.m.

The concert lasts one hour and is free of charge. It will take place rain or shine; if it rains, listen from your parked car. Printed programs, schedules and brochures will be distributed on the Cohasset Common and will also be available in the program stand by the church courtyard on Highland Avenue, as well as at Grapevine Caterers in Stagecoach Way, off Main Street — also a prime listening place.

Listeners are invited to bring picnic suppers and blankets or lawn chairs to the courtyard and common locations. There are outdoor tables and chairs in Stagecoach Way and the restaurant will be open from 5-8 p.m.

Following the recital, listeners are invited to gather in the church courtyard for a tour of the tower and demonstration of the carillon.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 12 noon; or call the Church Carillonneurs, Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, or the Assistant Carillonneur, Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

Audition for 'Anything Goes'

Hingham Civic Music Theatre has set the dates for auditions for their fall production of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes". Audition dates are Monday Aug. 5 and Tuesday Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham; with callbacks if necessary on Wednesday Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. The production dates are Oct. 19-20 and Oct. 25-26-27.

The production will be directed by Bill Boyer of Weymouth, with Music Direction by Sandee Runnels of Plymouth and Choreography by Janet Fortier of Bridgewater. Please come with a prepared piece of music to sing that shows your range, preferably from the show. Also, come dressed for dance movement and bring your tap shoes if you have them. Cold readings will be done from the script.

All parts are open and rehearsals will be Monday-Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For further information, please call Joel Leonard at (781) 749-6431 or email at Jal51@attbi.com.

Drama program at Conservatory

South Shore Conservatory still has a few openings in its popular summer drama program, Musical Theatre Workshop, which runs from July 29 through Aug. 16 in the Jane Carr Amphitheater in Hingham.

Students in the workshop generally range from 10 to 18 years of age. All students wishing to participate are asked to meet informally with the director to assess their areas of interest, assure proper placement, and develop individual daily planning.

Instrumental musicians interested in learning the art of accompanying dramatic performers on stage may participate in the Playing in the Pit Orchestra component of Musical Theatre Workshop.

The program, now in its 13th season, concludes on Friday night, Aug. 16, with a performance in the Jane Carr Amphitheater. The performance is free and open to the public.

For registration information, please call 781-749-7565, ext. 10. For performance time, please call after Aug. 1.

Drama Workshop is all about the kids

By Evan Schiff
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Sitting in the Town Hall auditorium it was hard not to recognize the respect the sisters had for the space. Although all the children had left that day's rehearsal, there were still a few staff members that joined the three women in cleaning up the stained floor.

"Just don't make this another article about the three of us starting this program," begged Beth Deveney, founder of the Children's Drama Workshop. "Try and make it about the kids."

"I look forward to it every year."
— Ian Porter, 10

Well, it would be easy to write about the kids who participate in the program. For more than a decade they've been assembling under the sister's direction and putting on such classic plays such as "Alice in Wonderland", "The Lion King", "The Little Mermaid" and revised plays like "Cinderella Smith".

This year, the cast of 80 is embarking on a musical version of an animated film called "Monsters, Inc."

The script includes many dance numbers and music by Michael Jackson, Frank and Nancy Sinatra, the Back Street Boys, Aretha Franklin, Kylie Minogue, Smash Mouth and others.

The play invites the audience into the world behind a child's closet door, a place called Monstropolis where monsters merrily live and work fearing only one thing, human children.

"It's a really fun play," said Ian Porter, a student at the Deer Hill School. "I like working with them (the sisters) because they make me feel real comfortable on stage."

Ian, who plays the villain in the play and is in his fifth year with the workshop, said he loves returning each summer to see his friends.

"I have a ton of friends that I get to see every year during the plays," said the 10-year-old. "I look forward to it every year."

Sam Game, a nine-year-old and student at Deer Hill school, plays Mike, who is the assistant to the main monster in the play.

"It's great coming to the rehearsals," said Sam, who is his fourth year participating with the workshop. "They make it fun with all of the singing and dancing."

Beth, 26, started the program when she was 14 after performing skits and shows on her parents' driveway in their home on Pleasant Street. She pitched the idea to recreation commission director Jack Worley.

"I was in a play and loved it, I thought it was so incredible," she said. "I wanted others to have the same experience."

Worley said the drama workshop has evolved and is now one of the most popular programs it offers.

"It's great for Cohasset kids to have the opportunity to participate in a production of this magnitude," he said. "It's a fantastic program and a credit to the three of them that it's become so popular."

Beth, along with her sisters Grace, 24, and Sara, 28, said the cornerstone of the program is the children. She said theatre creates the same kind of camaraderie that sports does.

"When the kids are part of the cast it makes them feel like they belong somewhere," Beth said. "It's wonderful to watch different aged kids become friends when in another environment, they may not speak to each other."

Grace, who works with the leads of the plays on their acting skills, said she gets the most satisfaction from watching children grow in the workshop.

"You watch them year after year and you see them go from being really shy to being so confident on the stage," she said. "All of the sudden they get on stage and everything clicks, it's great."

Performance of "Monsters, Inc." will take place at the Town Hall on Tuesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. and then again at 7 p.m., and on Wednesday, July 31 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets for the show are $10 and may be purchased in advance at Cohasset Town Hall. The tickets can be bought on Monday from 3-4:30 p.m., Tuesday from 3- 7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 3-4:30 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.

For more information call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

PHOTO/LYNNE LAYMAN

Look for Matthew MacCormack who is a member of the Child Detection Agency in "Monsters, Inc." For more photos, see page 19.

Don't miss a monster of a show!

Children's Drama Workshop (CDW) of Cohasset announces performances of "Monsters, Inc." which will take place at Cohasset Town Hall on Tuesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. and at 7 p.m., and again on Wednesday, July 31 at 1 p.m. and at 7 p.m.

Eighty "monsters" between the ages of five and 12 sing and dance to every type of music, from Michael Jackson to Frank Sinatra.

Based on the Disney animated feature film, "Monsters, Inc." invites you into the world behind your closet door, a world called Monstropolis, where monsters merrily live and work, fearing only one thing — human children.

Tickets are $10 and may be purchased in advance at Cohasset Town Hall. Sales hours are as follows: Thursday, July 25 from 3-4:30 p.m.; and Friday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Monsters, Inc." is directed by CDW founders, Elizabeth, Grace and Sara Deveney of Cohasset. Past CDW hits include last year's "The Little Mermaid," "Cinderella Smith" (2000), and "The Lion King" (1999).

For more information, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109. Hope to see you at the show!

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the neighborhood

We told friends last week about fisher cat sightings in Hingham and they looked at us as if we were crazy. No one had ever heard of the animal.

As it turns out fishers (also known as fisher cats) aren't cats at all and are nothing new. The elusive animals are part of the weasel family and have been around for centuries, but not here.

Along with wild turkeys and coyotes, fishers are making a comeback in the area and likely will become more common. They and their fellow critters, which are benefiting from recent mild winters, are finding suburbia to their liking.

It may be true that increasing development is driving these animals out of the woods and into our neighborhoods and backyards. But it is also true that many animals were hunted to near extinction in past centuries. Woods were cleared for farming with the timber used as fuel and for building ships and houses — destroying the habitat for many small- to medium-sized animals. Today much of that habitat has returned.

In our neighborhood, which is on a hill and a mile from the ocean as the crow flies – one could see the water in colonial times, we're told. But that's not the case today due to all the trees and woodlands.

We wrote our first coyote story about 12 years ago. At the time, the closest most New Englanders had ever come to a coyote was in a Hollywood Western. Nowadays, coyotes are a common occurrence.

We have no doubt that fishers will be in the news going forward.

"Fishers are very adaptable to woodland habitat and colonize areas they find suitable," says William Davis, wildlife biologist with MassWildlife.

The internet is full on interesting facts about fishers that are found across the North American continent from Alaska to New England. They do not occur on any other continent.

Fishers are shy of humans but are effective predators and eat small animals. They have been known to eat cats.

According to Wild Things Unlimited in Montana, fishers are known for their ability to kill porcupines and in some forests have been introduced to control the porcupine population. Fisher dens for giving birth are in tree cavities high off the ground. They also live in cavities in rocky areas and hollow logs.

They are most active at sunset and sunrise and can range up to 60 miles to hunt for food.

Males can weigh up to 20 pounds and be up to 40 ins. long, including their tail. Fishers range from dark brown to almost black and have long, luxurious coats. They are also the fastest American animal in trees.

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Greenbush 24-hour hotline

The MBTA/CBB 24-hour Greenbush telephone hotline is 781-682-6350.

Residents will receive a prompt return call regarding their Greenbush-related problem or query, Greenbush officials say.

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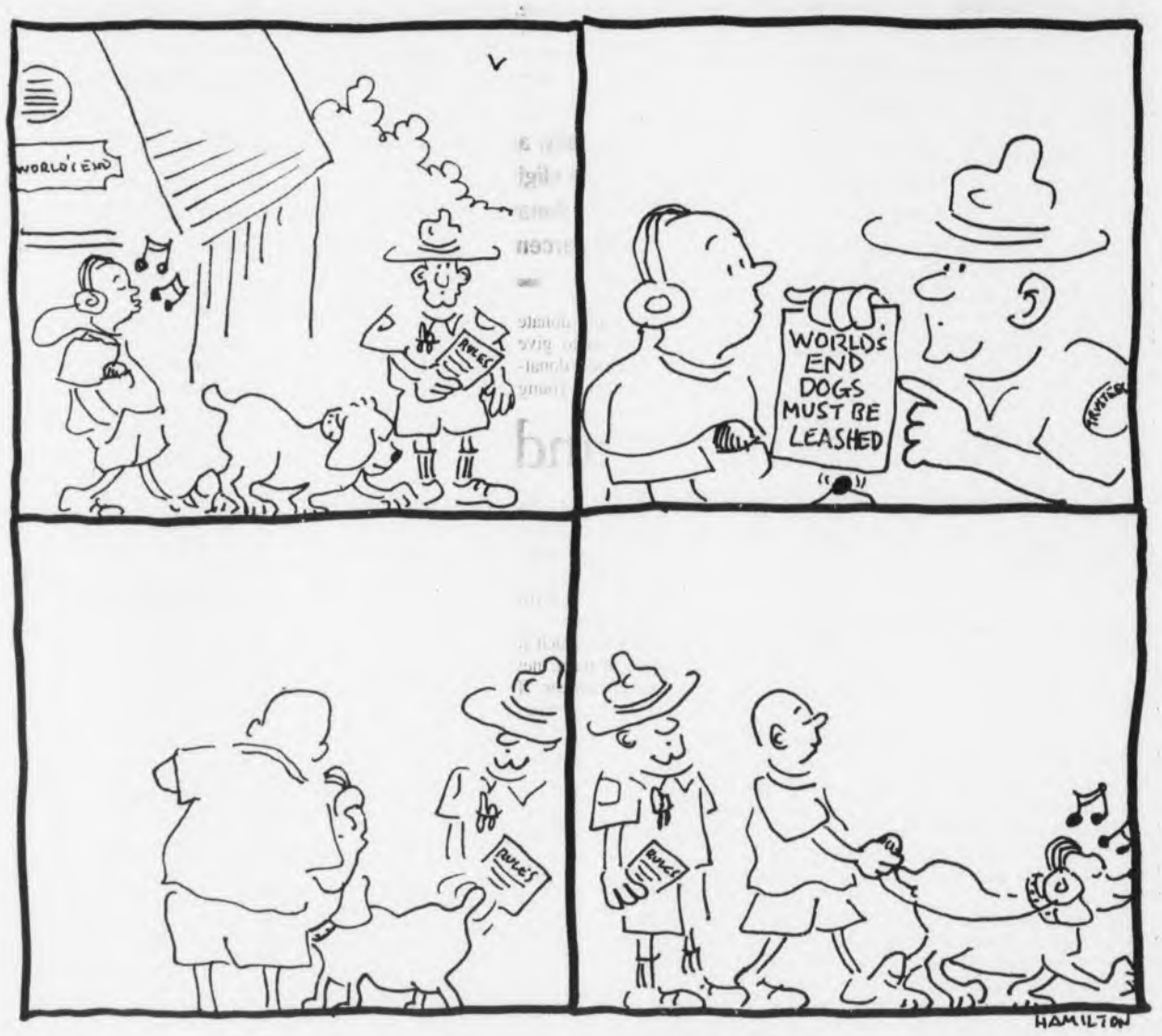

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't 'improve' Cohasset Harbor

To the Board of Selectmen:

It was strongly urged that I send you a copy of a letter I wrote to Dean Rizzo in answer to a survey he had sent out regarding changes in the harbor area.

The survey's questions were set up in such a way that it was impossible to answer most of it without being forced to tacitly agree with the unnecessary changes being put forth in it. This is a subject many of us feel very strongly about. The changes are not necessary. They are essentially in the interest of one person. They would constitute a major disruption, again, so soon after the last one. They are a waste of money.

Please take our deep concerns on this issue seriously.

Georgiana M. Massa
51 Border St.,

Dear Mr. Rizzo:

This is in response to the recent survey you sent regarding The Harbor Area. I couldn't answer the survey because I don't agree with the questions: I don't think changing the harbor area is an "Improvement," and there have been no "public safety issues" to address in the history of the harbor that I'm aware of - i.e. no one has been injured in my lifetime at least. However, there may be safety issues if the changes are implemented, such as diminished quick access to the harbor in the event that the higher fencing attracts a child to climb it and fall into the water.

I know you know my views on this subject having spoken to you at length - but I'll just try to put down some concerns that I and other townspeople have regarding what we feel is an unnecessary expense, mainly cosmetic, and more than that, a degrading of the uniqueness of Cohasset.

• First of all, the harbor area doesn't resemble the photographs; which I believe is unfair to the people not familiar with it.

• The "waterfront properties" which were mentioned as being "public" and needing "linkage" are essentially owned by one person and I don't believe it would be fair to expect all the taxpayers in the town to pay for it. also, all the areas of the harbor have been effectively linked for the past 300 plus years or so. I don't know of anyone who cannot get safely and efficiently from Government Island to Margin Street, for instance.

• Placing curbs around the harbor streets would make what flows now, transmogrify into the rigid, squared-off look of a Quincy, Braintree or some other suburb. Cohasset doesn't fall into that category. We're technically an exurb.

• I'm absolutely adamant on no road-widening. It's a documented fact that a widened road attracts speeding. (That would create a safety issue). I have personally witnessed a number of near accidents at the bottom of my driveway (51 Border St.) as cars going to and from the restaurant turn around in my driveway on a regular basis. It is already too steep an incline and would be made virtually impassable if it were shortened by even the smallest amount.

• If you feel there is a need for more walking space, I would suggest eliminating parking on Border Street all together; there's town parking at Government Island, and simply refurbish the sidewalk as is done all over Town.

• In sum, the standardized changes that the architect is suggesting might be valid in a situation like Weymouth Port, where the harbor area is not as natural as Cohasset's. Cohasset has the uniqueness of a quaint New England fishing village. The suggested changes would make it like many other places - uniform, boring - sort of like virtual reality. Instead of our beautiful, accessible, natural Harbor - it would tend to go the way of a theme park, a little Disneyworldish; like a diorama, untouchable - "Cohasset-Under-Glass," if you will. It would make the town appear sterile and somewhat like a computer model rather than what's left of the natural look of a working harbor, which it is first of all. The fishermen's concerns should be taken into consideration very seriously.

• There is a serious noise level issue in the summer and the changes would serve to attract more kids as a place to hang-out drinking and drugging with their boom boxes at ever elevating decibel levels at later and later hours.

• There's a vandalism issue as well. For one example, my mailbox has been repeatedly hacked off and stolen (six or seven times) to the end that I have had to stop replacing it, and now have to rely solely on a post office box.

• Re: The Hingham Harbor Photographs. This is just what I mean! It looks like their harbor is behind bars. We desperately don't want to see Cohasset harbor basically "Jailed." We've always had a feeling of being connected to it, and the changes would serve to disconnect us from it, put sort of an unnatural barrier between us and the Harbor.

• To close, I would suggest that, our taxes having been almost doubled in a scant 10 years or so, any further drain on our pocketbooks should be something virtually necessary We have also been repeatedly disrupted during the past five years or less with the dirt and dust of seemingly endless digging up of streets and detours throughout the Town. The last thing we need is another majr disruption. What may look harmless on paer never turns out that way as the project gets underway, is inevitably stalled for a variety of reasons, and then come the demands for more money to finish. It happens every time and this is no different.

But much more importantly, let's not change the natural accessible beauty of an unusual harbor by boxing it in.

Georginia M. Massa
51 Border St.

Ms. Massa provided The Mariner with copies of her letters for publication.

Keno at DiNero's

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to an article published in your June 27, 2002, edition titled "Church says no to Keno" in the "Week in Cohasset" column. As a resident of Cohasset and a longtime employee of Frank Plotner, proprietor of DiNero's, I would like to state my objections to the Rev. Maheras' concerns regarding the request for a license to have Keno in our restaurant.

Rev. Maheras' main concern is that the implementation of a Keno machine would have a negative effect on traffic and parking in this area, he feels this would interfere with the church's future plan to erect a community center. I am not sure how the reverend has arrived at this conclusion, he states that the future community center would be a focal point for the elderly and families.

As a member of this town I think any addition to our area that supports families and the elderly is a wonderful idea. At the same time, I have been fortunate enough to witness many wonderful family celebrations at DiNero's. People come to our establishment for many reasons, a birthday, an anniversary, a christening or just a night out. We have many regulars, of all ages, from far and wide, and welcome them all in a professional, courteous manner.

DiNero's is a far cry from a bar room, it is so much more than that. The area designated for the Keno game would be inside the bar area, not in the main dining room. It would be an added form of entertainment to our already well-established following.

Although the traffic in West Corner continues to be a growing burden on our small seaside community, DiNero's is in no way solely responsible for this. Mr. Plotner has worked very hard at planning parking options so as not to impose on our neighbors. At a recent informal abutters' meeting, which we hosted in the restaurant, our neighbors were invited to view his future expansion plans and voice their concerns. Mr. Plotner is in the process of implementing some of these options in hopes of satisfying the concerns raised by the surrounding residents.

In addition, I would like to note that each town receives a percentage of the Massachusetts Lottery Commission's proceeds. Each town has a different percentage and the money is used by the discretion of the town or city councilors. The town of Cohasset received 22 percent of the proceeds from lottery sales in the fiscal year 2001. The amount totaled $427,650, although I was unable to determine what percentage of that came directly from the one existing Keno machine in town, every little bit helps. I am sure the Selectmen and Town Manager Mark Haddad put this money to great use, imagine what another 22 percent of proceeds from a new Keno machine could mean for our town.

Finally, I would like to note the comparison of Keno to the game Bingo. Is Bingo not sanctioned by many religious institutions as a means to support their financial needs? The inherent dangers of gambling are no different than any other addiction, which ultimately lie in the hands of the individual. Since Keno was introduced by the Massachusetts Lottery Commission Sept. 30, 1993, I have yet to see a front page article depicting the detriment of this game.

D. MacDonald
348C N. Main St.

Scholarship fund welcomes donations

TO THE EDITOR:

Members of the Osgood Community have established The Barbara McCabe Scholarship Fund to honor a remarkable and dedicated teacher who died suddenly last June. We grieve her loss to the educational community and have established this fund in her honor. We will be presenting a scholarship each year to a Cohasset student to fund an innovative program that would normally be outside the traditional scope of school programs. We believe this is the most appropriate way to honor her memory.

We had a successful sports memorabilia raffle which kicked off our fund-raising events. We were fortunate to have items donated by Reebok. Our thanks to Mary Sease and the Farmers' Market for graciously allowing us space and support for our raffle, which was most successful. Thank you to all who participated. We also wish to thank Mary Whitley and her parents' committee who manned and baked four our bake sale and memorial tea.

Contributions to The Barbara McCabe Scholarship Fund are actively being sought and are gratefully appreciated. Checks may be sent to the Pilgrim Co-operative Bank, 48 South Main St., Cohasset 02025.

Barbara Wells, Chairperson
The Barbara McCabe Scholarship Committee

HEALTH NOTES

Call for help: Young blood needed now!

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As chairman of the Board of Health, I am urging you to help in a critical public health issue: Ensuring the future of the nation's blood supply. Somewhere in the United States, blood is needed every two seconds. It's vital that the next time blood is needed by someone in our community, it will be available.

Blood is a resource that is unfortunately taken for granted by many. Because of apathy and a number of other factors, such as increasingly stringent donor eligibility criteria, there is a critical shortage of our available blood supply. In Cohasset the three Red Cross blood drives, generally in June, September and January collect about 300 pints from about 360 potential volunteer donors. Nationally, about 5 percent of the eligible American public donates to support 100 percent of the need. Demand is growing, and the current pool of donors is aging. We could do more. Far more people, nearly 60 percent of us, could donate and it's safe for most of us to give blood again in 60 days. Consider donating blood, and encourage our young citizens to donate too!

Nationally, about 5 percent of the eligible American public donates to support 100 percent of the need.

The current blood supply has reached a dangerously low level. Type O negative blood, the universal blood type, is below a two-day supply nationwide. Seven days is desirable for both routine and unusual needs. The summer months are particularly challenging, as this is the time when students, who make up 15 percent of the Red Cross donor pool during the regular year, are in recess and other donors are vacationing. Given the ongoing war on terror and the potential threats to our homeland security, it is increasingly important to ensure a safe and available blood supply for Americans.

Now more than ever, your support is needed. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-4483-5433) or logon to GiveLife.org to schedule an appointment in the coming weeks to give the gift of life. Then, continue donating by marking a day in honor of someone special to give another gift of life. You can donate every 56 days, as long as you are at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health.

Time to say goodbye and move on....to California

TWENTY SOMETHING

EVAN SCHIFF

Well, this is it. The last column, the last day of work, the last week on the East Coast. I'm heading out West, following the lure of the unknown and in the process, leaving the known.

It's a bittersweet feeling that I'm guessing is part of the aging process. One door creaks open and another slams forcefully shut.

Yes, I'm looking forward to new experiences and meeting throngs of exciting people with varying opinions on eclectic subjects, but I'm also leaving my friends, family and comfortable and familiar lifestyle behind.

And while a fresh path lies ahead, it still hasn't quite sunk in that once I leave to drive cross-country, I won't be coming back. This isn't just an annual summer vacation, this is permanent.

When I tell people I'm taking off for San Diego they often get a wistful glimmer in their eyes and say something to the effect of, "wow, what a beautiful place, I'm so jealous." I usually nod my head and reply that yes, I'm thrilled to be going to such an enviable destination.

There's just so much to look forward to. There's new people to meet, new experiences to have and future jobs to conquer. There are different places to visit, exotic culinary fare to feast on and a new ocean to cool off in. There's a new rhythm of life to become accustomed to, a new grid of streets to get lost in and a new apartment to furnish. It's all very thrilling and intimidating.

I know life "must go on" but it's particularly tough to leave certain things behind that will go on without me. Like my 17-year-old sister Emily, who has grown into a wonderful person, is busy applying to colleges and my 13-year-old sister Laurie, who has surpassed her older brother as the family comedian, is just starting to become her own person.

Friends, whose influences have molded, shaped and then refined me, will become stories and pictures. Fenway Park will become legend rather than the ballpark down the street and the biting cold of winter will be forgotten like a pair of gloves.

Late night sessions with friends when we had nothing more to entertain us than our minds will be replaced with the standard "so, where you from?" It's not easy to find confidants whom you trust so completely, that you listen and take to heart what they say.

While I've been out of college for a year only now does this feel that I have closed that period of my life. I have been working since I graduated but have lived relatively the same lifestyle with the same people. But not anymore.

So, there's only one thing left to do. Anna, Lauren, Kyla, Frank, JP, Mike, Tyler, Wartski, Lise, Seth, Bret, Sam, Mom, Dad, Judy, Pete, NanNan, PopPop, MomMom, there you go. You finally got your name in the Cohasset Mariner. Hopefully, now you too can move on.

Evan Schiff was staff reporter for the Cohasset Mariner from October-July 2002.

Citizen board to advise Massport is on the table

YOUR REP

GARRETT BRADLEY

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on certain developments regarding Massport and the proposed additional runway at Logan Airport, to which I am opposed.

The House of Representatives recently passed a Transportation Bond Bill and included in it was language calling for the creation of a Citizens Advisory Board to Massport. Local governments of cities and towns that are impacted by Massport will appoint representatives to the Advisory Board.

These representatives will review all fiscal decisions at Massport and make reports on operations to the Authority itself, to the Governor and to the public. Beyond being a watchdog on fiscal issues, the Advisory Board will also have the power to appoint one member to the Massport Board of Directors.

Allowing the Advisory Board to appoint a member will mean that our communities will have a vote on the Massport Board. The Massport Advisory Board will operate similar to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Advisory Board which has worked not only to keep the MWRA informed of local concerns, but has ultimately also helped the MWRA maintain its bottom line and reduce annual rate increases.

I was successful at including Hingham, Hull and Cohasset on this Advisory Board. Each community will be able to appoint a member who will have equal voting privileges. The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Each community will be able to appoint a member who will have equal voting privileges.

As I am sure you are aware, the FAA issued its environmental impact statement several weeks ago. It allows for the construction of Runway 14/32 with certain conditions. The "compromise", as the FAA calls it, would limit the runway's use to days when winds from the northeast cause delays on other Logan runways. There is no guarantee that the runway will be limited to these conditions, especially since it is Massport and the FAA who will decide when the runway should be used. My feeling is, "if you build it they will come."

That is why the creation of the Citizens Advisory Board is critical. One of my major concerns with the FAA's recent approval of the runway with certain usage conditions, is the fact that Massport, if the project proceeds over my and others objections, will be its own enforcement agent of the appropriate usage. This is unacceptable.

The FAA is accepting Public Comments on the Environmental Impact Statement. Copies of this may be obtained through Massport or the C.A.R.E. (Citizens Against Runway Expansion) web site, www.stop1432.com.

Comments may be sent to John C. Silva, manager of the Federal Aviation Administration Environmental Projects, Airport Division, ANR-600, New England Region, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803. I would also be happy to forward your comments along if you would like to send them to my office, State House, Room 472, Boston, MA 02133.

It is critical that the FAA hears from all of us on how this project will impact our lives on a daily basis. I am continuing to fight this proposal and will work with other elected officials both at the state and federal level. As always, I welcome your input on this or any issue. Thank you.

Garrett Bradley is state representative for the Third Plymouth District of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

Swan with an attitude

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I knew this was going to happen as soon as Massasoit taught us to garnish our turkeys with cranberry sauce and invite them over to be the main course at Thanksgiving dinner.

I knew that, sooner or later, the birds were going to strike back.

A year ago it was a belligerent wild turkey named George who halted the delivery of mail to some 30 houses in Newtonville by pecking, screeching and beating his wings at postman Tim Hoban.

Now it's an angry swan that has been attacking boaters on the Eel River in Plymouth, a swan that has already sunk one canoe, dumping a man and his 12-year-old son into about three feet of water.

Looks like a job for Tom Ridge and the boys from the Department of Homeland Security because if that bird isn't a terrorist I'll eat my autographed picture of Osama bin Vulture.

But, failing federal intervention, Plymouth selectmen scheduled a meeting this week (Tuesday, July 23) to decide what to do about the swan before he turns the town into a sequel for Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds."

Picture Tippy Hedren trapped in a Court Street phone booth, being pecked at by swans, turkeys, gulls and piping plovers — although the Tippy Hedren of 2002 probably would be carrying a cell phone.

The natural reaction of the town fathers would be to dispatch the swan with a fowling piece, stuff it with sage dressing and serve it to the guests at the Plymouth County House of Correction.

But they have to be careful since the bird, in effect, has hired itself a lawyer, one David Abbott, "to make sure whatever was done with the swan was done with due process."

Let's give it a fair trial before we roast it in brown gravy.

One suggestion for taming the cranky swan without resorting to violence is to squirt it in the face with grape Kool-Aid, not orange, not lemon, not raspberry, but grape, which is like castor oil to a swan.

Another suggestion involves something called "aversion conditioning," which sounds like the anti-swan crowd has been conferring with Sigmund Freud about the bird's libido.

It means when the swan attacks, do something unpleasant to it, like confining it to an oven at 350 degrees for several hours, an action which is guaranteed to free the Eel River for canoe traffic for years to come.

George, the turkey that kept the postman from the swift completion of his appointed rounds in Newton, was a one-day sensation but the swan, who is nameless, shows signs of possessing considerable staying power.

Already the Wall Street Journal has taken notice of him — on page one, no less — and there's a rumor that the Fox News Channel is sending a team to make sure that coverage of the swan's fate is fair and balanced.

And, if all else fails, I'm willing to invite him over to the house for dinner.

Potpourri of news updates about our feathered friends

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Ivory-billed Woodpecker

Last April I reported on the search for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker thought to be extinct by most people. Some tantalizing reports in recent years had raised hopes that perhaps there might be a few birds left. Last February a remarkable cooperative expedition in the Pearl River area of Louisiana was jointly sponsored by the Zeiss Sports Optics Company, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. The research team heard some promising sounds, but saw no birds. Meanwhile scientists and the rest of the birding world have been waiting for the analysis of 4,000 hours of digital recordings by 12 acoustic recording units set up by the Cornell Lab. With this sophisticated equipment, they were able to conclude that the tapping sounds that excited the researchers in the area "were distant gun shots, with reverberations that sounded to human ears like drumming on a hollow snag."

Plans are under discussion for future expeditions, perhaps in other areas.

Piping Plover

The Piping Plover is a small shorebird. Its sandy coloration provides almost total camouflage. It is listed as "threatened" both federally and in the state of Massachusetts. It breeds on Atlantic coastal beaches from Newfoundland to North Carolina and winters from North Carolina to Florida, with a few birds going as far south as the Bahamas. As with many birds, their population decline was precipitated by the millinery trade. Since then, recreational use of beaches and waterfront development are largely responsible for further declines in populations. Because these birds nest right on the sand, they are vulnerable to foot and vehicular traffic, dogs, and predation by crows, skunks, foxes, and gulls. In the year 2000 storms flooded 178 nests, out of almost 500, in Massachusetts alone.

To help protect these plovers, a number of groups and agencies put up protective wire cages called "wire protective exclosures", erect signs designed to educate the public, and ban dogs and beach buggies. This last has been the source of bitter disputes and conflicts.

The New England population stayed about the same between 1997 and 2000 then increased 3 percent to 641 pairs, according to the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The population of Piping Plovers in Massachusetts began to increase in the early 90s, but has been fairly stable since 1998 with 495 pairs in 2001. Out of almost 500 nesting pairs in 2001, people monitored 103 nest sites in Massachusetts, plus 58 more sites with no breeding pairs.

The "Patriot Ledger" reported on July 17 that 12 out of 23 chicks survived on Duxbury Beach in 2002 as opposed to 17 survivors in 2001. If there are declines in too many areas, the status of Piping Plovers may change to "endangered" in the future.

House Sparrows

Who would have thought it? The House Sparrow, affectionately dubbed "cockney sparrer" by Londoners, is becoming an endangered species in their city. The House Sparrow population in Kensington Gardens has gradually declined from 2603 in 1926 to just 4 in the spring of 2002, according to an AP report on June 18, 2002. Other London landmarks are missing their sparrows as well, while other species in these places seem to be doing fine.

This bird, formerly known as the English Sparrow, was brought to the United States in the 1850s in order to help control insect pests. It only took about 25 years for the population to explode and for the sparrow itself to become labeled a pest. Able to produce up to four broods a year, and to compete very successfully with other species for nesting cavities means it has become somewhat ubiquitous in many areas.

Now the London Biodiversity Partnership is enlisting the help of citizens to count and report any House Sparrows they see. By documenting where they are thriving, perhaps the mystery of the disappearances can be solved. At the same time on this side of the Atlantic, the North American Bluebird Society is putting out information on how to control House Sparrows' aggressive use of bluebird houses for nesting. There are children in London being taught how to build birdhouses to encourage House Sparrows to nest, while people in this country are being taught how to keep them from nesting.

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Piping Plover nest.

West Nile Virus

The first human case of West Nile virus infection was found in 1937 in a woman from the West Nile District of Uganda. This virus, a type of flavivirus, can cause inflammation of the spinal cord and brain in humans and horses with symptoms that resemble the 'flu. This is serious enough to cause death in some cases. Mosquitoes that bite infected birds spread the virus to humans and horses through bites. The virus cannot be passed from directly human to human. So far there is no known cure, although scientists are working on a vaccine.

After the first human case in 1937, the virus was found in the 1950s in Israel and Egypt. Equine disease was not observed until the 1960s when it was found in Egypt and France. The West Nile virus was first found in the United States in New York in 1999. It has now been confirmed in Africa, the Middle East, Oceania, North America and parts of Asia.

So far this year, 21 states have had birds test positive for West Nile Virus, including Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York. According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 136 birds in this state have been tested, 10 of which were positive. The first infected dead crow in Massachusetts was from Wakefield on May 21, about seven weeks earlier than last year. Texas, Kentucky, Florida and Louisiana have had horses with West Nile virus.

Earlier this month the first confirmed human cases of the year were reported from Louisiana. Three men developed the disease, one being in serious condition. In 2001 there were 66 infections in humans in the US with 9 deaths. This was the highest number since its appearance in 1999. Taking precautions against being bitten by mosquitoes is advised.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Palmer on 40B

Nathaniel Palmer, Republican candidate for state representative for the towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and North Scituate, addresses the 40B issue.

"Like many in the area," he said, "I have become increasingly frustrated with the growing number of 40B projects throughout the South Shore, where developers have used the ruse of affordable housing to justify projects out of character and otherwise inappropriate for the communities which bare the burden of them."

Palmer found that while many voters are sympathetic to the issue of affordable housing, however, most were surprised to learn that the Beacon Hill has allowed commercial real estate developers, many from out of state, to override local regulations and community interest.

"When we first began the campaign we found much less awareness or concern over Chapter 40B," Palmer explains. "However with growing visibility for 40B projects such as 'Avalon Bay' in Cohasset and 'Walden Woods' on the Stenbeck property in Scituate, the issue of regaining local control over land development has emerged as a chief concern among local voters."

Palmer is pleased Chapter 40B reform is now getting the level of attention it has recently received in the legislature and in the local community. Palmer is hopeful that the current surge in interest will help bring about reform, something that the majority party on Beacon Hill has succeeded in stopping thus far.

Healey comes to Hingham

Candidate for Lieutenant Governor endorsed by Mitt Romney, Kerry Healey will be honored by South Shore GOP leaders and voters Sunday, July 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Shore Country Club, 274 South St., Hingham.

The brunch is open to the public but reservations are required.

You can RSVP to Michelle McCarthy 617-491-9110, ext. 249

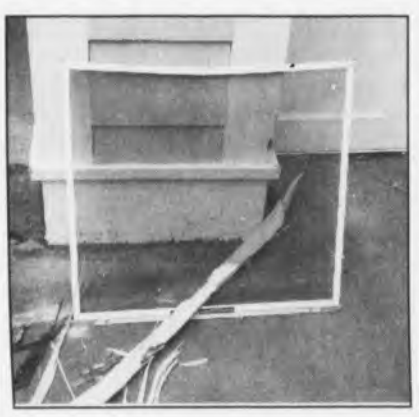
Healey was chair of State GOP Party; teacher of public policy and criminal justice at UMASS Lowell, Endicott College; appointed by Gov. Cellucci to MA criminal history systems board; 10 years experience developing criminal justice policy for U.S. Dept. Justice with policy consulting firm.

Healey is graduate of Harvard College, Ph.D. from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, in law and political science.

Healey lives in Beverly with her husband of 16 years and two school aged children.

Lightning bolt

Lightning struck at about 6 a.m., July 19 and hit a tree at the Simonds home, 370 North Main St. It struck the tree, shown here, and sent pieces of bark flying into all adjoining yards. One piece flew through a bedroom screen and smashed the glass frame. It was a simultaneous bang and the breaking of glass, Paul Simonds said. "I lost a fax machine and one phone," he said.



Passing the buck to Swift

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL P. NORTON

Recap and analysis of the week in state government ending July 19, 2002.

Democracy, or oligarchy? It's getting tougher to tell.

State government in Massachusetts is set up with a system of checks and balances designed to make sure the citizenry is well represented, but critics these days have more and more reasons to be skeptical.

All last week, a handful of leading legislators met privately to draft a budget bill that will be wildly different from the ones the full House and Senate voted on during May and June. Because leaders have run out the clock on formal sessions for the year, nearly 200 lawmakers will have just a few hours to flip through the budget before they're forced to take an up or down vote. Few will fully comprehend the bill.

And because that small group of legislators could not agree on a balanced budget, they plan to leave critical decisions about state programs and services to an even smaller group of one: Acting Gov. Jane Swift. Democrats outgun the Republican governor and the pundits are fond of saying how powerless and irrelevant she's been. But key decisions, however unpopular, are now being left to Swift to make alone.

Another power play was pulled on Wednesday (July 17). The Legislature voted 137-53 to adjourn its Constitutional Convention for the year rather than debate and vote on a controversial measure put before them by a campaign that had gathered more than 130,000 voter signatures. Senate President Thomas Birmingham, who orchestrated the proceedings, said it was better to kill a measure defining marriage as between a man and a woman by adjourning than risk taking it up and having it pass, which would have moved the measure one step closer to a ballot vote two years from now.

The proposal's opponents say it would prevent gay and lesbian couples from attaining rights associated with marriage. A Boston Herald poll showed most voters oppose the question. But with the campaign within striking distance of attaining the 25 percent threshold of support needed to keep the question alive, Birmingham derailed the ballot drive with a carefully calculated procedural vote.

All of the actions underscore a reality that Beacon Hill regulars know well — most key decisions in state government are made by a few and signed off on by the rank-and-file in the Legislature. There's very little dissent and even less debate. And there's another trend: overturning the will of the voters.

This Legislature is clearly willing to accept the risks of doing the opposite of what the voters say they want.

After starving a voter-approved public campaign financing law to death by not providing financing, the Legislature is poised to adopt a budget that blocks further implementation of two other voter initiatives that reduce the income tax and make charitable contributions tax deductible.

This Legislature is clearly willing to accept the risks of doing the opposite of what the voters say they want. With Clean Elections, lawmakers say the voters didn't know what they were approving and don't really support it. And legislators say the tax cuts are less important than preserving government services.

In a nutshell, this Legislature is comfortable substituting its judgment for that of the voters. Some would argue that makes them a profile in courage. Others say it's grounds for tossing them out of office.

But many incumbents have little to fear — a recent study showed the bulk of lawmakers face no serious challengers. The treatment of Clean Elections has kept some from running. But the larger question is whether residents of Massachusetts are getting the most out of their Legislature when many lawmakers are marginal players.

There's a prevailing ethos on Beacon Hill these days that can be summed up as don't know-won't tell. Many lawmakers simply don't know what's happening at higher levels with major policy issues. Others know, but won't discuss it publicly often because they fear some type of legislative retribution or just don't want to rock the leadership boat. Legislators are often willing to talk, as long as it's off the record.

- The concentration on the budget almost overshadowed passage of one of the largest tax increases in state history. To help bail the state out of its fiscal troubles in fiscal 2003 and beyond, House and Senate negotiators agreed that the income tax will be frozen at 5.3 percent to raise $215 million, personal exemptions will be lowered to generate $240 million, most capital gains will be taxed at 5.3 percent to raise $275 million, and 75 cents will be added to the price of a pack of cigarettes to produce $220 million. The capital gains hike will be retroactive to May 1. In an outside section, the tax bill also authorizes state health officials to pass rules prohibiting the sale or shipment of tobacco products to minors.
- Meeting in Idado, the nation's governors united in opposition to a lawsuit with implications for one of the fastest growing spending items in any state budget: prescription drug costs. The governors are supporting a decision by the federal government to approve Michigan's plan to create a preferred drug list as a way of managing Medicaid costs. In its lawsuit, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America assert the feds overstepped their bounds. Governors say drugs costs are rising 15-20 percent a year.
- Massachusetts was one of only four states to get an "A" or "B" when the Washington-based Ballot Initiative Strategy Center Foundation released a report July 17 evaluating online disclosure of financial contributors to ballot campaigns. The report's authors said too much time passes between the time donations are made and the time they're posted online here, but gave Massachusetts a "B" and said the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance has a "solid" disclosure program. Many disclosure requirements were mandated under the voter-approved public campaign financing law of 1998.
- State Auditor Joseph DeNucci reported Monday, July 15 the state pension board, under Treasurer Shannon O'Brien's leadership, has not aggressively sought to recover Enron stock losses, inappropriately raised its executive director's salary, and failed to give public notice of meetings. O'Brien's deputies disputed all of the findings and asserted that the audit was politically motivated to settle an old score. O'Brien on Friday met privately with investment world bigwigs to explore pension fund options in an age of scandalous accounting practices at some of the nation's largest corporations.

Michael P. Norton writes for the State House News Service.

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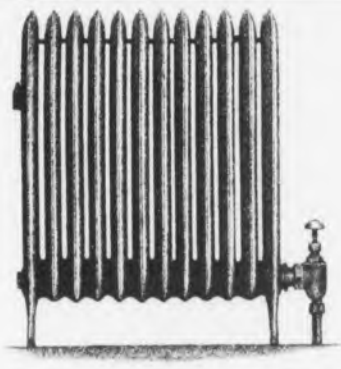

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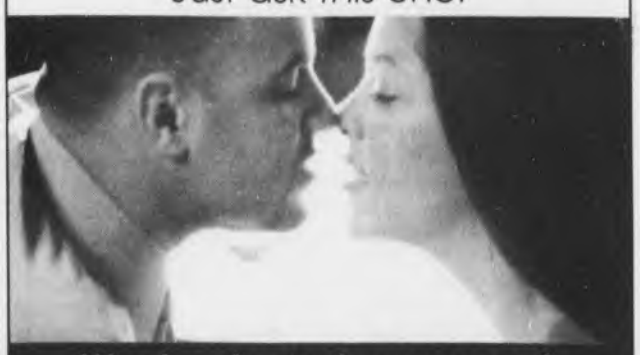

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Introductions

Cohasset residents lend a helping hand

By Evan Schiff
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It's not a sight most Cohasset residents are used to seeing. Boarded-up homes, dilapidated cars piled onto lawns and even some dwellings that don't have bathrooms are not common here on the South Shore..

"I've never seen anything quite like it," said Becca Lehr, who was a first-time participant in this year's Appalachia Service Project, an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset residents.

This year almost 180 local residents head down to Kentucky and Tennessee to try and make a difference.

"You come home from the trip exhausted but it's a great feeling."
— Phil Lehr

"Sometimes, living up here, you can get stuck in a Cohasset mindset where you think you can just buy anything you want," said Becca, who's a sophomore at Notre Dame Academy. "But that's not how it really is and this trip opens your eyes to that."

The Cohasset program is in its 15th year and has grown every year. The Rev. Gary Ritts, who is the minister at the Second Congregational Church, started the program when he and his wife, Judy, took seven kids to Presque Isle, Maine to work with two Native American families. Now the group charters five buses and 26 vans, which transport the participants to a variety of locations.

"It's very rewarding to go with the kids and see them experience a different culture," said Selectman Merle Brown who was participating with the program for his fifth year. "It's just a fantastic program."

Phil Lehr, who along with Becca, his son Rob and father Arthur went down to Kentucky, said there's a lot of responsibility associated with working on these homes.

"It's hard work," said Lehr who was going on the trip for the ninth year in a row. "You come home from the trip exhausted but it's a great feeling."

The Rev. Gary Ritts calls the group together in front of a Kentucky church.

During the week the participants are in Appalachia, they start working at 9 a.m. and don't stop till 5 p.m. They sleep on air mattresses in the closest school to their work site.

"There's such a spirit of camaraderie when you're working and living with the same people for a week," said Margot Cheel who was going on the trip for the seventh time. "It's kind of magical, the can-do attitude that exists down there."

Cheel, who continues to go on the program even though her children have since moved away from town, said it's opportunity for adults and children to connect without all the stresses of home.

"A lot of us our giving up our vacation time to come down here and work," she said. "But I wouldn't trade it for anything, it's just a great time."

The Appalachia Service Project, a non-profit organization founded in 1969, is a home repair and home building ministry serving central Appalachia. ASP attracts thousands of volunteers across the country every year.

"By putting aside selfish needs and desires, ASP volunteers free themselves to share talent, love, and concern with the people of Appalachia," the ASP brochure states. "More important than construction know-how is a willingness to enter the communities and homes of central Appalachia with sensitivity and accepting people just the way they are."

Three generations of the Lehr family take part in ASP. From left are Becca, Phil, Rob and Arthur Lehr.

Volunteers needed at the CEA

During the summer months, some of the people who give the Cohasset Elder Affair's (CEA) programs such good support throughout the year are not as available during the summer months. The CEA would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who is interested in joining the volunteer list.

Drivers are needed! Volunteer applications are still being accepted for the summer months to help with the local driving program. Drivers are needed in one-to-three-hour shifts, once a month, mornings or afternoons.

If you enjoy working with people and are interested in helping the seniors in your community, this is the opportunity for you. Trips involve picking up seniors and taking them to local stores, shops, post office, town hall or library, and then returning them to their homes. This could be a great way for college students to do community work, or a person on vacation who might have a few hours to spare.

Others help in serving the lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CEA's greatest need is for Tuesday and Wednesday. Volunteers can set-up, dish-up the plates, serve on trays, or clean up. If you can help or might be interested, please drop in and see how the CEA handles the luncheons.

Receptionists in the office are all volunteers. If interested in occasionally filling-in for someone on vacation or having a day off, please let CEA know. Several people work with the Outreach Worker, Carol Barrett to serve as respite workers or friendly visitors. Whichever opportunity you accept, you will make a great contribution to others' lives and will work in the company of others who are equally dedicated.

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Selectmen want inn to be a good neighbor

Board holds off on license change

By Evan Schiff
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The Red Lion Inn representatives want people to be able to dine in a patio area, however, the selectmen weren't sure that was the best idea.

To that end, selectmen continued the public hearing last week on whether to allow the inn to change its liquor license to include patio dining in the summer months. The inn also requested the addition of four tables in a vacant room in the main lobby which now serves as a coat room to alleviate congestion in the bar area.

However, selectmen were less concerned with the change in the license than with persisting complaints by a neighbor about the noise, lighting and other annoyances that the couple claims the inn creates.

The board took special notice to the fact the Red Lion has continued to advertise its function hall for 400 people, as evidenced on page 120 of the 2002 Cohasset phone book, when the actual capacity is only 320.

"To hear you've placed another advertisement saying your capacity is 400 is deceiving," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan. "It's a disrespect to the regulations that have been set and is disrespectful to the town."

The Red Lion with its inn, restaurant, Lilac House, bar and barn, is a thriving establishment that attracts innumerable weddings and other functions.

While the contributions of the inn to the town are undeniable, Sullivan said he didn't feel it was appropriate to let the inn pursue a change in its license while these other issues where still unresolved.

"We're willing to do just about anything to be a good neighbor."
— Michael Hayes, Red Lion Inn spokesman

Abutter Rena Karp said while some effort to reduce the impact of the complex has been made, much more needed to be done. She said the inn promised to provide a wall of trees as a sound barrier as well as a promise to try and control the noise that is created when a large function leaves late at night. She said the constant cacophony of car alarms and doors slamming keeps her family awake.

"I'm against any further expansion," she said. "I think the complex is big enough as it is there is no reason for there to be any more areas to drink. There's already more than enough people there."

Michael Hayes, speaking the Red Lion Inn, said the inn is willing to work with the town to solve any concerns the selectmen or abutters may have. The inn has hired a security company to patrol the parking lot after functions and also has a detail officer on hand for the large parties.

"We want to show people we are not creating problems in the community," he said. "If we are, we'll do something about it. We're willing to do just about anything to be a good neighbor."

Sullivan said he's heard that from the Red Lion before and it's time something was done about the complaints.

"We need to make sure they're not breaking any of the regulations that have been set for them," he said. "Until they provide more evidence that they're complying with the rules, I'm not in favor of granting any of their requests."

The public hearing was continued until Aug. 6.

Planning Board to meet at Red Lion

Hopes to address neighbor's concerns

By Evan Schiff
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Michael and Rena Karp, 91 South Main St., have repeatedly come before various board in the town, including the selectmen and Planning Board, in an attempt to have the Red Lion address their concerns.

The Karps have long felt no one is holding the inn's "feet to the fire," so to speak, to make the establishment live up to conditions spelled out by the Zoning Board of Appeals, which issued a special permit for the project.

But on Aug. 7, the Planning Board will holds its meeting at the inn in an effort to more clearly define the problems.

The Karps' complaints concern both noise and lighting. For example, there is a large construction-style light on a tree, which shines into their house.

The couple has claimed that there aren't enough trees screening the inn and say car lights and the reflection of the sun off of vehicles continually disrupts their home.

Aug. 7, the Planning Board will holds its meeting at the inn.

A Feb. 7, 2000 Zoning Board decision spelled out five conditions of the special permit including lighting in the on-site parking area should be kept to the minimum height and intensity, and installation of a six-foot fence and non-deciduous shrubbery to shield residential abutters from headlight glare. The decision also talks about the noise of patrons leaving late at night as a concern, setting a midnight curfew entertainment and music.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said he's not sure how much his board can accomplish.

"They have every right to be concerned with the noise and some of the other issues and we'll do what we can do help them out," Moore said. "But they have to realize that they live on the edge of a business zone and there are always going to be certain issues associated with that."

At last week's Planning Board meeting the Karps were in yet again, this time they focused on structures on the Red Lion's roof that were creating noise.

"It's hard for us to sleep at night," Michael said. "It's just intrusive."

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Members of the Hingham Square Business Association are hoping for pleasant weather this weekend, when they're hosting the annual Summerfest Celebration in Hingham Square.

Sidewalk sales, balloons, music, and many activities are in store for those who plan to attend the event, scheduled for July 25-27.

On Saturday, there will be a dunk tank, craft tables, health fair, children's activities and rides, entertainment, art exhibit, raffle to benefit the association's scholarship fund, appearances by local police and fire department personnel, and refreshments served by Nona's and From the Hart.

Big Ryan the Tall Tales Storyteller will also be onhand to add to the fun.

Summerfest provides an opportunity for individuals and families from Hingham and other South Shore communities to stroll through the Square and greet friends and neighbors, many of whom they may not have seen for some time.

A portion of the parking lot by Walsh & Packard and Sherwin Williams will be used for activities and features, including representation by Hingham Historical Society.

The Hingham Square Business Association hosts the event annually during the height of summertime to bring the community together and provide an opportunity for those who attend to see what's new in Hingham Square.

Kids programs

Camp for Boys and Girls, ages 4-9-years, three session to choose from; 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; $112 for one child in a family; $99 for second sibling; Session I, August 12-15; Session II, August, 19-22; Session III, Aug. 26-29.

Teddy Bear Review, ages 3-6-years, Aug. 27, 28, 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; $80 members; $85 non-members.

For further information, call the community center at 781-383-0088.

Enjoy summer musical evening

Tickets are now on sale for South Shore Conservatory's sixth season of Evenings Under the Stars at the Jane Cheever Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham.

At 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, the Conservatory welcomes back Maestro Nicholas Palmer conducting the Evenings Under the Stars Festival Orchestra. The program begins with scenes from "Carmen" and "La Traviata" featuring the talented singers of Opera by the Bay, and concludes with Mozart's "Prague Symphony No. 38 in D Major."

Tickets are $17 for pavilion seats and $7 for the lawn ($20 and $10 at the door). Parking is at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 Fort Hill St., with shuttle service to and from the Carr Amphitheater. For ticket information, please call 781-749-7565, ext. 14.

Creating pastels

Pastel painters of all ability-levels will have s summer opportunity to learn and paint with nationally-acclaimed pastel artist, Janet Monafo. The South Shore Art Center's (SSAC) Visiting Artist Workshop Series includes this pastel painting workshop the weekend of Aug. 2, 3 and 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuition is $310 for non-members, and $285 for members of SSAC.

Emphasis will be on the practice of painting with pastels, working from direct observation of still life set-ups. The class will begin with a brief survey of materials, including various kinds of pastels, different grades of paper and methods of framing.

To register and for more information, please call 781-383-2787 or visit them online at www.ssac.org.

Teen garage summer hours

The Teen Garage will be open throughout the summer on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. Fridays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of every month from 5 to 10 p.m.

During these times, The Garage is open to all teens in Grades 6 and up. It is free of charge; however, snacks and drinks do have to be paid for.

Special activities and events will be planned during the summer. Please stay tuned for the particulars of these events.

The Garage is also available for rentals at $75 for two hours. It is a great space, especially for parties. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 for more information.

Sea Chantey concert in Hull

The Hull Lifesaving Museum will welcome back Jerry Bryant for its second annual Summer Sea Chantey Concert at 7 p.m., Aug. 1 at the museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave. Bryant is a national authority on music of the sea who will play the guitar, banjo, concertina, and other acoustic instruments. His repertoire includes hundreds of traditional and contemporary folk songs, with particular interest in the music of sailors. He enjoys giving audiences a glimpse of our maritime heritage through the songs he presents.

There will be a special children's afternoon concert at 2p.m.. Open to all children. Admission to the children's concert is free.

The general audience Summer Sea Chantey Concert will be at 7p.m. on the museum lawn. Bring a blanket and a picnic supper and enjoy a musical family evening to be remembered. A $5 donation is suggested.

All galleries, exhibits, and the museum store will be open for the evening. For more information or directions contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

Family day at Hull museum

From 1-4 p.m., Aug. 4, the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., will celebrate National Coast Guard Day with a special Family Day at the museum. Interactive breeches buoy rescue drills will be held hourly. Hands-on activities for children will include mural painting, tide pool discovery, paint-your-own plaster magnets, and a giant community "thank you card" for the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Point Allerton. Throughout the event the museum exhibits will be open with free admission.

The U.S. Coast Guard Station at Point Allerton, 93 Main St., Hull will also hold an open house to coincide with the Hull Lifesaving Museum Family Day on Aug. 4 from 1-4 p.m..

Hull Shakespeare acting workshop

Hull Performing Arts, Inc. offers a Shakespeare Workshop on Tuesday and Thursday nights from Aug. 1 to mid-September. Class will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197a Samoset Ave., Hull. The students will help to design the contents of the class, but coursework will include diction, projection, and scene study.

The class will be taught by Stimpson Moore and Lindsay Clinton. Moore graduated from the University of Alabama with a BFA in Dramatic Arts and a minor in history. Clinton is a longtime director and actor with Hull Performing Arts. She studied drama at Sarah Lawrence College and Brandeis University and completed an internship with New Jersey Shakespeare Festival.

Cost of materials will not exceed $20. Call Lindsay at 781-925-2406 to register.

Parental stress line

When you need someone to listen, call the Parental Stress Line at 1-800-632-8188. The Parental Stress Line is a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week, anonymous and statewide toll-free service for parents, caretakers, grandparents and foster parents to call in for support, information, and assistance coping with the many challenges of parenting.

SeniorNet instructors needed

SeniorNet at Massasoit Community college is seeking volunteer instructors to teach introductory computer classes for seniors 50-plus years of age. Instructors are provided curriculum and training by qualified staff. Classes are scheduled around the availability of the volunteer instructors. Instructors receive a complimentary membership to SeniorNet and free classes in new computer software. Interested volunteers can receive more information by calling 508-583-8860 or email: kreid@massasoit.mass.edu.

SeniorNet is a nonprofit organization that provides adults (in the 50-plus age range) education for and access to computers and the Internet. SeniorNet Learning Centers are administered by volunteers and provide hands-on instruction in a small class environment. SeniorNet at MCC is made possible through the generosity of Massasoit Community College, Verizon, IBM and Microsoft. All classes are held on the Brockton campus in Room SC181.

Senior picnic

On Wednesday, Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the South Shore Elder Services, Inc. invites all seniors to attend its 10th annual picnic at Pageant Field, 1 Merrymount Parkway in Quincy. A barbecue lunch will be served at noon and the menu includes, hamburger or hot dog, cole slaw, potato salad, watermelon, cookies and punch. The cost for lunch is $2. Entertainment will be provided by Bob Riley's "Legends of Music."

If you would like to attend, call the Nutrition Department at 781-848-3910. All reservations must be made by Monday, Aug. 12..

Barnyard tours at Weir River Farm

Barnyard tours at Weir River Farm in Hingham are: Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.; Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., through Oct. 13.

Members of The Trustees of Reservations: free; Non-members: $2.

Bring your family and friends to Weir River Farm and spend an afternoon with the barnyard animals. Farm staff is on-hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Park in lot at end of Turkey Hill Lane off Leavitt Street. Follow path through the forest to the farm.

LIBRARY CORNER

Look for The Tales Spinners July 30 at the library.

Puzzle Club

Attention Deer Hill students! The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is proud to announce the return of the Monday night Puzzle Club with Mrs. Murphy. It began July 8 and will end Monday, Aug. 12. Puzzle Club begins at 7 p.m. and ends promptly at 8:45 p.m. This is a drop-in event.

Children's events

Children's Librarian, Sharon Moody is offering Tuesday Evening Events for children. This week, she hosted the Stars and Stripes Stories of American Legends and Heroes. If you missed it, don't worry, there's plenty more! Coming up — on Tuesday evening, July 30 at 7 p.m.

The Tale Spinners present three engaging stories of America's lesser-known heroes with their lively story-telling and puppetry program. The puppets are representative of the many faces of America.

During the performance, audiences will be invited to participate with rhythms and rhymes contained in the natural cadence of the stories they present. Children will be enchanted while listening to the sounds of the native American flute, tin whistle and drum as they echo sounds from America's past.

At the conclusion, children will have an opportunity to create flags from different points in American history and join in a flag procession.

Join in the fun at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Tuesday, July 30 at 7 p.m. This event is generously sponsored by The Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

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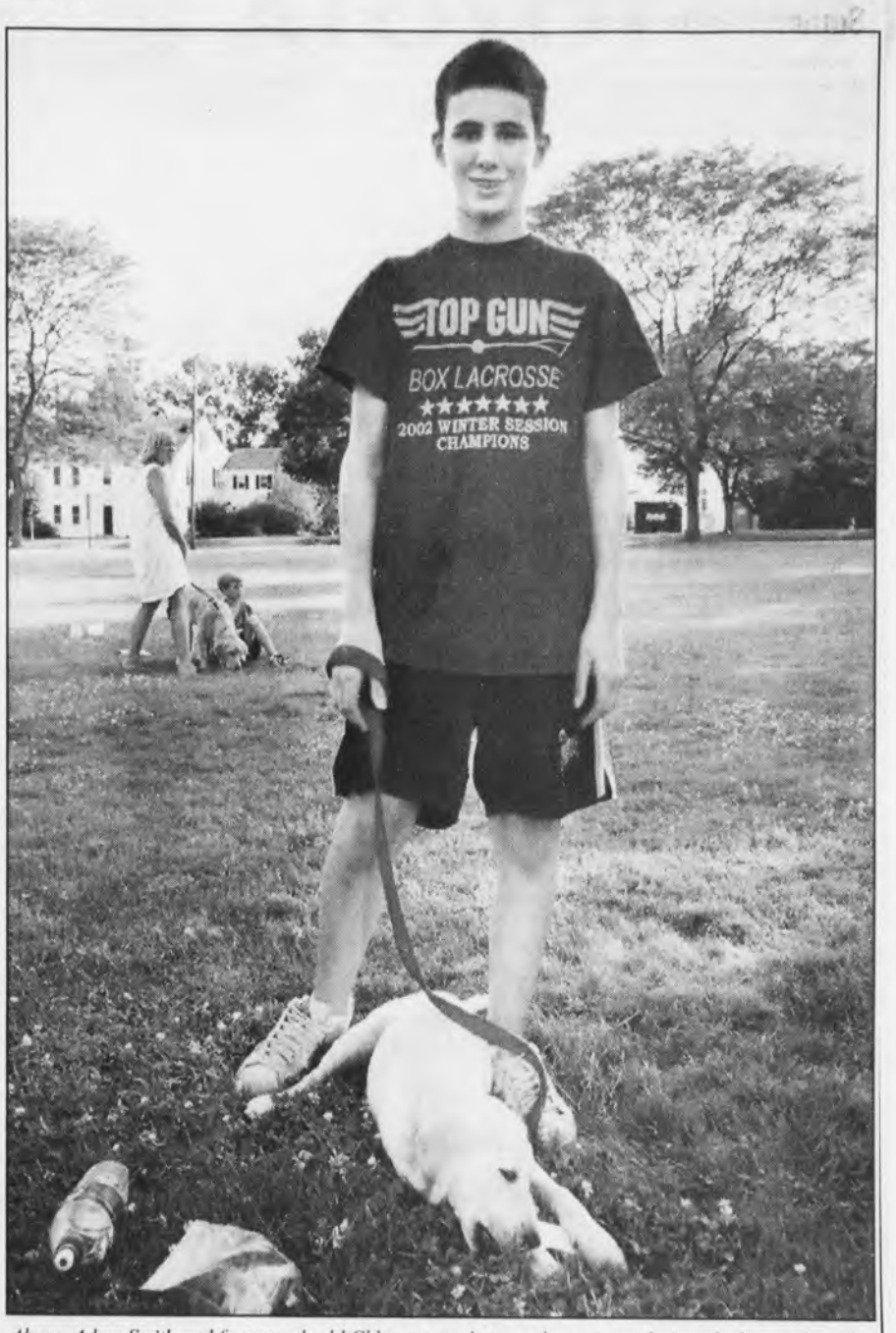
Canine lessons are a Common occurrence

Photos by Jess Manson

"Hayley" isn't camera shy as she takes a break from all the hard work with her owner, Eric Pence (not shown). A new session starts every five weeks.



Above: Adam Smith and four-month-old Chloe get ready to work as a team during obedience class. To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 383-4109.
At left: Dog obedience instructor Marge West gives "Sunshine" a congratulatory pat during class on the town common. The Cohasset Recreation Department offers dog obedience classes taught by Happy - Dog Training School ali summer.

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Her work in progress

Peraino at center of three CHS athletic rebuilding projects

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Heather Peraino should be very busy her senior year.

Peraino will captain three different teams in the 2002-2003 school year, all of which are in the re-building processes. During the past few years, she has done a terrific job improving in all her athletic activities, and she plans to graduate with a bang.

This fall, Peraino will attempt to lead the field hockey team back to the championship status it had two years ago, when 11 seniors led the team to a 14-1-1 record. Peraino was a sophomore on that team, the only non-senior who started. Now, Peraino is one of 12 seniors who look locked and loaded for return trip to the state tournament after the Lady Skippers were a mere tie away from a playoff berth last year.

In the winter, Peraino will try to recover from last year's finger injury and return to her spot on the ladies' basketball team as a fearsome shooter and playmaker. When Peraino was a frosh, there was no varsity team, but a core of four freshmen led the JV to a 10-8 record. As a sophomore, Peraino was part of a team that went 1-17. This past winter, the team improved to a much more respectable 6-12 record, with many more close losses. Starting in November, Peraino and pals will be eyeing a minimum of 10 wins, eagerly playing for a potential playoff position.

The coming spring will likely bring the most challenging of the three Peraino projects. Although softball had not existed in Cohasset for four years, the athletic department brought it back in 2002 at the junior varsity level in hopes of re-

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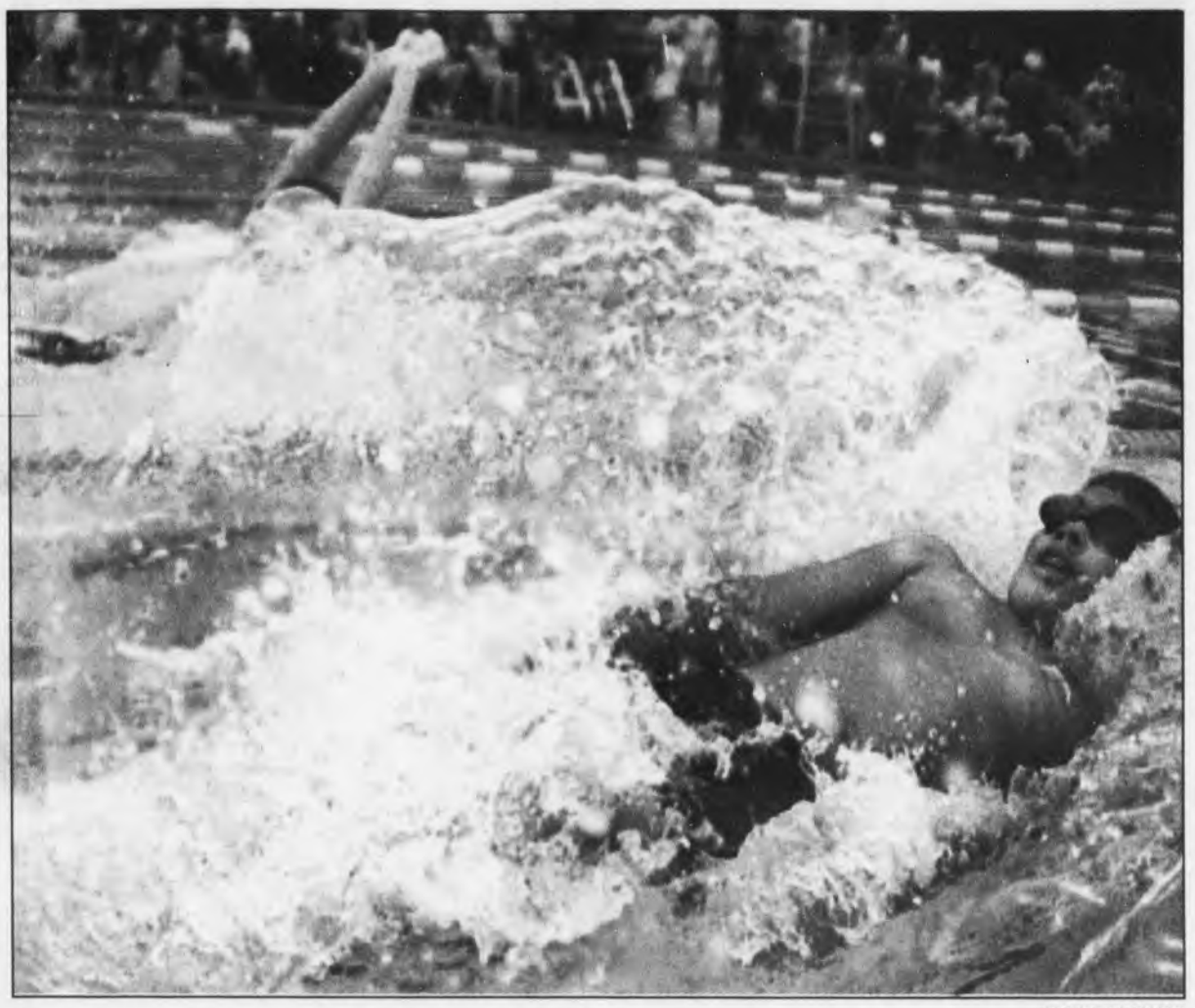

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Cohasset's Will Harper turns it on down the stretch in butterfly at this past Friday's big win for the Cohasset Swim Team over MASK.

Swim team's wave crests

There's no MASKing Cohasset swimmers glee after this win

By Eileen McBride
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Friday, the Cohasset Swim Team went to 4-0, this time beating the odds to knock off powerhouse MASK (Marshfield Area Swim Klub). With three meets remaining in the season before the league championships, the Cohasset swimmers continue to eye a first place finish in the South Shore Swim League.

The afternoon was slated to be the competition of the season. The pre-meet early morning thunderstorm seemed an appropriate beginning to the day and the arrival of MASK's large, impressive squad – the distinctive yellow caps and black suits – was certainly intimidating. Meets in the past have been close fought affairs, with scorers checking and re-checking the final tally until a two or three point victory is declared. It could go either way.

As it turned out this year, however, the home team had little to worry about. Cohasset took the lead from the first event and held the early margin through the individual races before finally pushing ahead to a comfortable win in the final free relays. The day finished with Cohasset scoring 366 points to MASK's 255.

In the hundred yard medley we have come to expect a head start from the team's youngest swimmers and, true to form, the eight and under boys brought home the first win of the day (1st: Salerno; McCarthy, M.; Mahoney;

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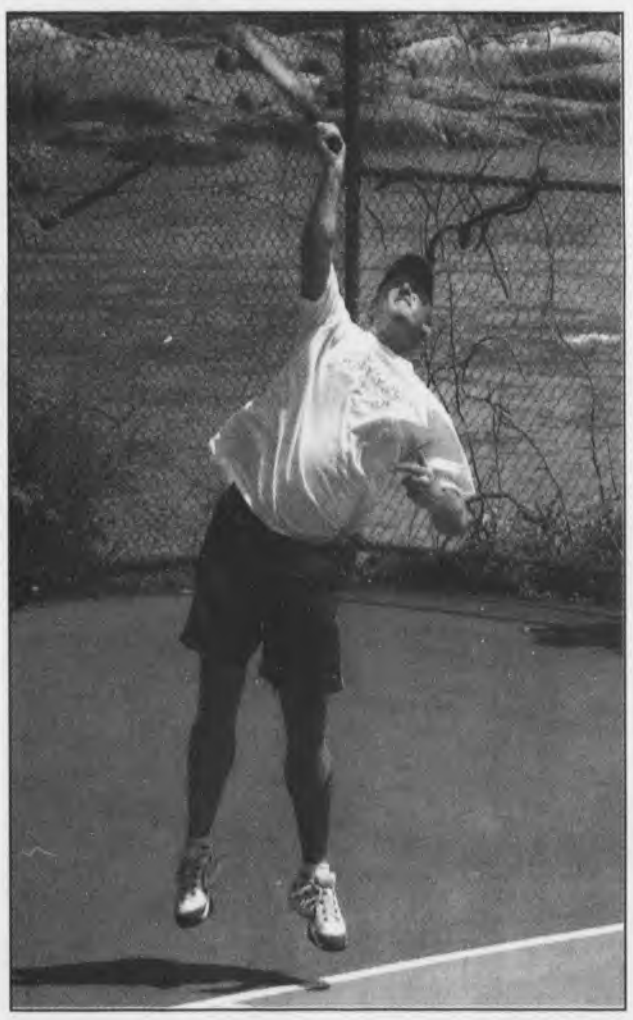

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Cohasset's Larry Evans tries to serve up a winner in this weekend's annual Children's Hospital Tennis Benefit tournament. For more tourney photos from the 18 beautiful private Cohasset courts used this weekend, see page 16.

Benefit tourney a smash

Nearly $16,000 raised for Children's Hospital

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Annual Children's Hospital Tennis Benefit tournament, held last weekend across Cohasset, was, in tennis terms, a smash.

Nearly 100 doubles players, mostly residents of Cohasset but a few from beyond, had the rare opportunity to use some of the nicest private courts on the South Shore, play competitive and exciting tennis, and just have fun. And it was all for a great cause.

"It is a lot of work," said Darilynn Evans, a head coordinator of the tournament for three years now. "But the feeling we get at the end makes is just great."

Evans and the committee of Sue Sookiasian, Lorraine Tarpey, Carole Meers, Sandy Crough, Barbara O'Neill, Karen Mack and Tracey Thomas met at least once a week for three months to plan the particulars of the tournament. Luckily, finding courts was never a concern, as 18 families graciously donated the use of their gorgeous facilities.

"All the court owners are just wonderful," said Evans, who noted that 17 of the 18 courts were also used last year. "That has never been a problem."

The tournament, which has been held for 13 straight years in Cohasset, amassed nearly $16,000 for the Children's Hospital. On top of the cover charge to enter the tourney, the coordinator's of the weekend held a tremendously successful silent auction as they raised almost $5,000 more than in 2001. The committee also accepted a great deal of contributions from outside donors who could not participate in the tournament.

In the tournament, there were three different mini-brackets of 16 teams apiece. The "A-level" was for highly competitive players, the "C-level" for those who play more for enjoyment than competition, and the "B-level" for everyone in between.

Last year there was a "Super-A" draw for Club pros, but many of last

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Getting on her horse

Cohasset's Larson to compete at national horse shows

Emily Larson of Cohasset has been selected as one of only nine young riders from New England to compete at the Young Riders National Championship outside of Chicago from Aug. 5 through Aug. 12 and the National Junior Hunter Championship in Lexington, Kentucky, Aug. 13 through Aug. 15.

Larson has been riding since age 5 and competes on a regular basis throughout New England. She was recently the Reserve Champion in the Junior Hunter Division at the Saratoga, N.Y. Horse Show and the Reserve Champion in the Junior Hunter Division at the Atlanta Classic Horse Show held at the site of the 1996 Summer Olympics. Last week she placed first and won the Blue Ribbon in the Junior Hunter Class at the Vermont Summer Festival in Manchester, Vt.

In addition, Larson has already qualified for the U.S. Equestrian Medal Finals to be held in Harrisburg and the Northern Hunter Jumper Finals to be held in Washington, D.C. and both the Massachusetts and New England Finals to be held this September in Massachusetts.

A graduate of Dana Hall, Larson will be attending the University of Vermont this September with a dual major in biology and equine studies. She will continue her riding career during college as a member of the UVM Equestrian Team. She is the daughter of Mary and Don Larson of Cohasset.

Emily Larson clears this jump impressively at recent Lake Placid show.

Moving on to round 2

Post 118 squad sweeps top seeded Norwood to advance in Legion playoffs

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

At the very least it appears the "lucky to be there" tag has been erased.

The bottom seeded Cohasset Post 118 baseball team took down top seeded Zone 6 western division champion Norwood in straight games this weekend, 2-1 and 4-0, to advance to the second round of the state Legion playoffs against Sandwich (scheduled to get underway last night at Sandwich High).

"I think we surprised (Norwood) and a lot of other people, but not ourselves," said Post 118 star Jesse Cole, who played a central role in both Saturday and Sunday wins. "We knew we could play like this."

Cole had a hand in five of Post 118's six runs in the two games, as he scored three and knocked home three, getting double credit with his two run homer that broke the ice in Sunday's clincher. This offensive show was overshadowed, however, by his mastery on the mound Sunday, as he went the route in the 4-0 win.

The hard throwing righty was on top of his game all afternoon, scattering four hits and two walks. The location on his fastball was excellent, and he moved it in and out effectively, while also mixing in his slider well, all of which clearly confounded Norwood hitters.

"Jesse really had his "A" game,"

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At left: Cohasset natives Shelann Durkin (foreground) and Donal Cahill captured their second straight C-level championship

At right: Molly Adams goes for an over head smash in "A" Finals.

Staff photos by Susan Haney

At right: Much of the credit for the smooth carry off of the tourney goes to Cohasset Tennis Benefit Committee members (L-R) Darilynn Evans, Sue Sookiasian, Lorraine Tarpey, Sandy Crough, Carole Meers and Barbara O'Neil.

Below: Roger Wade is all business on this service in "C" finals.

Benefit tourney a smash

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year's participants were busy playing in other pro tourneys across New England.

This year, Robb Silva of Weston and Lisa Tholen of Cohasset won the A-level over Molly Adams and Matt Sizemore, both Cohasset residents. Followers of this tournament may remember Tholen from last year, when she teamed up with Sosa Amadin to go to the finals of the Super-A bracket.

Cohasset tandem Jamey Conway and Jamie Williams took the B-category, ousting Janet Robinson and Mike Rawson, both from Cohasset. Robinson and Rawson lost in the finals of the C-bracket in 2001, but played very impressive tennis despite moving up to the more difficult tournament.

Cohasset natives Shelann Durkin and Donal Cahill captured their second straight C-level championship, beating out Roger and Andrea Wade. The win earned Durkin and Cahill a berth in the B's for next year.

For those interested, your reporter did compete once again in the tournament, teaming up with All-Scholastic doubles player Jessica Purcell of Hingham High. Although we were knocked out of the running by a power-packed pair of father Jeff Grossman and daughter Lindsay Grossman, we knocked off college freshmen Christine Donohue and Jeff Scribner, my old doubles partner in high school, in the consolation bracket.

Cohasset's Lorraine Tarpey gets off a lob.

Laura Desisto follos through on overhead return.

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Swim team's wave crests

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Durkin; 3rd: Culhane; Faber; Fontaine; Murphy, C.; 4th: Carpenter; Adkins; MacCormack; Kissick). The girls took off with equal energy, just missed the win, but took, second, fourth and fifth (2nd: Kissick; Haber; Berube; Farren, A.; 4th: Carrier; Seraikas; Donohue; Farren, N.; 5th: McCunney; Buckley; Gibbons; Bodner). The ten and under boys surged ahead again with a win in their race and the girls kept up with first, third and fifth place finishes (boys: 1st: Carrier; Porter; Doonan; Kissick; 4th: Queenan; Leahy; Shipp; Murphy; 5th: Durkin, J.; Buckley; Durkin, T.; Ofsthun; girls: 1st: Mahoney; Kelly, M.; Lehr; Michalowski; 3rd: Sullivan; Zappolo; Musto; Dickinson; 5th: Murphy; Teague; McBride; Fortin). The 100 yard event finished with wins for both the twelve and under boys and girls, giving Cohasset a win in five out of the six races (boys: 1st: Drybanski; Musto; Doonan; Hunt; 3rd: Porter; Kelly, T.; Cunningham; Shipp; 4th: Hurley; Ulmer; Kuppens; DeGiacomo; girls: 1st: Hernan; Lehr; Sacks; Teague; 2nd: Ryan; Fortin; Campbell; Meikleham; 6th: Costa; Coggins; Regan; Hurd).

In the 200 yard event, once again, the seventeen and under boys took first and second places (1st: Bilton; Faber; Ingber; Tehranian; 2nd: Daly; Zappolo; Blackburn, Gammon) and the girls took second, fifth and sixth places (2nd: Daley; Anderson; Durkin; Regan; 5th: Englander; Lehr; Ogrodnik; Faber; 6th: Harrington, B.; Swain; Shea; Musto). With the medleys complete, Cohasset had a sixteen point lead (Cohasset 56; Mask 40).

The ten and under fifty yard freestyle was next and the pace stayed strong, with a win for both the boys and girls (boys: 1st: Kissick, J.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; 6th: Buckley, T.; girls: 1st: Lehr, V.; 4th: Musto, E.; 6th: Zappolo, C.).

In the individual medleys the twelve and under boys just missed the win, but claimed second, third and fourth places (2nd: Drybanski, J.; 3rd: Shipp, A.; 4th: Ulmer, W.). The girls also missed the win, and finished third, fifth and sixth (3rd: Fortin, S.; 5th: Lehr, S.; 6th: Mahoney, C.). At the fourteen and under level the boys finished first and third and the girls took third; fifth and sixth (boys: 1st: Berg, P.; 3rd: Dickinson, R.; girls: 3rd: Daley, M.; 5th: Musto, L.; 6th: Shea, E.). The event finished with a win for the both the seventeen and under boys and the girls, taking Cohasset to 94 points, 21 ahead of Mask (boys: 1st: Bilton, B.; 2nd: Blackburn, C.; girls: O'Brien, K.; 5th: Regan, D.; 6th: Anderson, C.).

The twenty five yard freestyles again started well for the home team with a win for the eight and under boys (1st: Durkin, J.; 3rd: Murphy, C.; 4th: Mahoney, R.). The girls didn't quite come up with a win but took second, third and fifth (2nd: Seraikas, A.; 3rd: Farren, A.; 5th: Donohue, M.). At the ten and under level the boys took second, third and fourth and the girls finished first, third and fourth (boys: 2nd: Durkin, T.; 3rd: Carrier, J.; 4th: Porter, I.; girls: 1st: Lehr, V.; 3rd: Fontaine, E.; 4th: Michalowski, A.).

At the fifty yard level the twelve and under boys finished ahead again and the girls took second, fourth and sixth places (boys: 1st: Drybanski, J.; 3rd: Cunningham, C.; 4th: Musto, C.; girls: 2nd: Hernan, E.; 4th: Teague, M.; 6th: Mahoney, C.). For the fourteen and unders the boys repeated the winning formula, and the girls took third, fifth and sixth (boys: 1st: Zappolo, N.; 2nd: Roach, K.; 4th: Daly, B.; girls: 3rd: Englander, E.; 5th: Musto, L.; 6th: Richardson, L.). The event finished with a win for the seventeen and under boys and second, fifth and sixth places for the girls (boys: 1st: Ingber, D.; 2nd: Tehranian, K.; 3rd: McCarthy, D.; girls: 2nd: Jerome, E.; 5th: Lehr, R.; 6th: Faber, A.). Cohasset had now edged forward to a 29 point lead.

The butterfly again started with a win for the eight and under boys (1st: Mahoney, R.; 3rd: MacCormack, P.; 4th: Fontaine, A.) and the girls finished second, fifth and sixth (2nd: Kissick, H.; 5th: Haber, A.; 6th: Berube, M.). The ten and under boys won their race, while the girls took third, fourth and fifth places (boys: 1st: Kissick, J.; 2nd: Shipp, M.; 6th: Buckley, T.; girls: 3rd: Fontaine, E.; 4th: Mahoney, M.; 5th: Musto, E.). At the twelve and under level the boys were just beaten into second, third and fourth places (2nd: Doonan, P.; 3rd: Shipp, A.; 4th: Cunningham, C.;), and the girls took second, fourth and fifth (2nd: Sacks, M.; 4th: Mahoney, C.; 5th: Campbell, A.).

At the fifty yard level the fourteen and under boys took the win and the girls finished third, fifth and sixth (boys: 1st: Berg, P.; 3rd: Dickinson, R.; girls: 3rd: Durkin, L.; 5th: Englander, E.; 6th: Shea, E.). The event finished on a high with a win for both the seventeen and under boys and the girls (boys: 1st: Ingber, D.; 2nd: Faber, S.; 3rd: McCarthy, D.; girls: 1st: O'Brien, K.; 3rd: Jerome, E.; 5th: Ogrodnik, M.). Cohasset now had 189 points to Mask's 157.

In the breaststroke both the eight and under girls and boys started well with a win in each of their races (boys: 1st: Faber, J.; 2nd: Durkin, J.; 3rd: McCarthy, M.; girls: 1st: Seraikas, A.; 3rd: Haber, A.; 4th: Berube, M.). The ten and under, boys took second, third and fourth and the girls won their race (boys: 2nd: Durkin, T.; 3rd: Doonan, B.; 4th: Porter, I.; girls: 1st: Kelly, M.; 3rd: Zappolo, C.; 4th: Michalowski, A.). A win for both the twelve and under boys and girls pushed Cohasset ahead again (boys: 1st: Hunt, A.; 3rd: Musto, C.; 4th: Kelly, T.; girls: 1st: Lehr, S.; 4th: Fortin, S.; 6th: Coggins, S.) and both the fourteen and under boys and girls added further to the home team score with first place finishes in both their races (boys: 1st: Roach, K.; 2nd: Zappolo, N.; 3rd: Daly, B.; girls: 1st: Durkin, L.; 4th: Swain, K.; 5th: Shea, E.). The event finished the way it had begun with wins for the both the seventeen and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Berg, P.; 2nd: Faber, S.; 3rd: Blackburn, C.; girls: 1st: Anderson, C.; 3rd: Lehr, R.; 6th: Faber, A.). Cohasset was now sixty-five points ahead of the visitors.

Next up was the backstroke and the eight and under boys and girls produced two great performances to take first place in both their races (boys: 1st: Salerno, J.; 3rd: Culhane, E.J.; 5th: MacCormack, P.; girls: 1st: Kissick, H.; 2nd: Donohue, M.; 4th: Farren, A.). the ten and under boys didn't get the win, but finished second, third and sixth, and the girls came home with second, fourth and fifth place finishes (boys: 2nd: Doonan, B.; 3rd: Carrier, J.; 6th: Queenan, C.; girls: 2nd: Mahoney, M.; 4th: Fontaine, E.; 5th: Sullivan, O.).

The twelve and under boys and girls started the fifty yard event with victories in both their races (boys: 1st: Hunt, A.; 2nd: Doonan, P.; 4th: Porter, N.; girls: 1st: Hernan, E.; 3rd: Teague, M.; 6th: Fortin, S.) and the fourteen and under boys joined them with a win in their event (1st: Dickinson, R.; 2nd: Daly, B.; 5th: Gammon, B.). The fourteen and under girls finished their race in third, fourth and sixth places (3rd: Daley, M.; 4th: Englander, E.; 6th: Harrington, K.). The backstroke finished with a win for the seventeen and under boys and second, third and fourth for the girls (boys: 1st: Bilton, B.; 2nd: Tehranian, K.; 3rd: McCarthy, D.; girls: 2nd: Jerome, E.; 3rd: Harrington, B.; 4th: Lehr, R.). With only one event to go, Cohasset had accumulated an eighty-seven point lead.

The meet finished with the free relays and it was downhill from here for the home team. Cohasset swimmers won all six of the one hundred yard relays, and one, of the two, seventeen and under two hundred yard events (eight and under boys: 1st: Fontaine, Mahoney, Murphy, Durkin; 2nd: Carpenter; Culhane, Kissick, Adkins; 4th: Faber; Berube; McCarthy; MacCormack; girls, eight and under: 1st: Farren, A.; Seraikas; Donohue; Kissick; 4th: Berube; Buckley; Farren, N.; McCunney; 5th: Carrier; Farren, V.; Axelson; Teague; boys, ten and under: 1st: Doonan; Porter; Carrier; Kissick; 4th: Murphy; Durkin, J.; Queenan; Shipp; 5th: MacCormack; Leahy; Plante; Whitney; girls, ten and under: 1st: Michalowski; Mahoney; Fontaine; Lehr; 4th: Jennings; Donohue; Gaumer; Libby; 5th: Adkins; Axelson; Fortin; Kelly, K.; boys, twelve and under: 1st: Drybanski; Musto; Doonan; Hunt; 3rd: Cunningham; DeGiacomo; Porter; Shipp; 4th: girls, twelve and under: 1st: Teague; Mahoney; Lehr; Hernan; 4th: Buckley; Foley; Hunt; McCarthy; 6th: Gaumer; Kearns; McElhinny; Salerno; boys, seventeen and under 1st: Faber; Tehranian; Bilton; Ingber; 2nd: Dickinson; Zappolo; McCarthy; Berg; girls, seventeen and under: 2nd: Jerome; Daley; Anderson; Durkin; 5th: Richardson; Lieb-Lappen; Ogrodnik; Regan; 6th: Daly; Plante; Tehranian; Harrington, B.). The meet ended with 366 points for Cohasset and 255 for Mask.

It was a tremendous performance from the Cohasset swimmers. We congratulate them on a well deserved victory. Congratulations, also, to the coaching staff who have put together this great squad. We look forward to a successful and busy week with meets against Scituate Harbor Yacht Club and Scituate's Knights of Columbus. And a final word for the many volunteers who support the team. Congratulations on being part of such a successful effort and thank you for giving up so much of your time and energy.

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Cohasset Sailing Club vice commodore Anne Musto, club co-founder Tom Burke and sailing coach Patrick Rynne on the club dock at Cohasset Harbor.

Local racing program sets sail

The Cohasset Sailing Club is placing a high priority this year on bringing its sailboat racing program to a higher level. Results from this year's Hingham Regatta, held July 11 and 12, represented strong advancement in the club's standings.

In a field of 36 entrants, the team of Caroline Henderson and Mia Lieb Laffen placed 15th overall, after finishing 13th and 12th in two races on day two. Other standings: Toby Norman/Tristram Norman, 25th; John McCarthy/Nills Sceery, 27th; and Matt Fitz/Jenne Daley, 29th.

The CSC leadership team has focused efforts in three areas: acquiring highly talented instructors, purchasing state-of-the-art equipment, and emphasizing water safety procedures.

Heading the racing program this year is Vice Commodore Ann Musto. A lifetime racer and sailor herself, Musto is pleased with an upsurge in participation, especially starting at age 11. The club has hired additional racing instructors at each age level to accommodate the growth.

Leading the staff of highly competitive racing instructors is Patrick Rynne, a Junior Olympian on Brown University's varsity sailing team. Last year Rynne proved instrumental in jumping the Cohasset Sailing Club's ranking in Massachusetts Bay.

Assisting Rynne is Erin Clancy, herself in her second year with the program. Jane Mellors has also been hired to work with the beginning racers.

The Club received two generous donations this year to help further racing efforts: a $5,000 gift from the Massachusetts Maritime Society, arranged by club co-founder Tom Burke, and a van to transport the racing team, donated by Peter Capozzoli of Cohasset Imports.

The club's plans are largely the product of an extensive survey of its members conducted last year. According to Commodore Bob Deutsch, "We've looked at the program from many different angles. I believe the Cohasset community will be truly excited about the changes."

"We actively solicited membership feedback," says Deutsch. "Respondents gave us excellent grades on our racing coaches, but only average grades on our equipment. So we went to work on purchasing new boats notably two club 420s and instituting a system for maintaining existing equipment."

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Moving on to round two

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observed Post 118 Manager Scott Arnold. "Norwood's a good hitting team, but he had the answers. The few times Jesse got in trouble, he bared down and worked his way out, just like you'd expect from a veteran like him."

Cole's most tricky jam came in the sixth inning when one of his 10 strikeouts was sandwiched around an infield single and an error to put runners at first and second, Cohasset leading at the time, 2-0. Cole, who is headed to Wofford College on a full Div. I baseball scholarship this fall, got the next hitter to pop out to short right field, but then surrendered a walk to load the bases. With the tying run on second, Jesse reached back for a little something extra to get a called third strike for the last out.

Cole gave himself all the support he would need by belting a two run homer to left center off Norwood starter Andy McNulty in the fourth after Mike Gulinello had reached second on a "hustle" double.

Cole helped his cause further when he got things going in the sixth with a leadoff double. Tim Straughn then blooped a double to center, but Cole was able to advance only to third, forced to hold up to see if the ball would be caught. A Brian Signorelli ground out plated Jesse and Eric Demahowski brought home Straughn with a base hit a moment later to make it 4-0.

The deflated Norwood squad went quietly in the top of the seventh, leaving Cohasset players looking ahead to Wednesday's meeting with Sandwich, the Zone 10 champions.

"We feel like we can play with anyone if we've got our full lineup," said Arnold, reiterating his season-long mantra. "We're not afraid of anyone."

As thrilling as this game was, it didn't hold a candle to the series opener Saturday night in Norwood, which ended less than 16 hours before game two started at East Bridgewater's Strong Field (the Post 118ers "home field" for the day, as they were unable to procure their home Scituate High Field on short notice).

Jason Connelly started masterfully on the mound, going pitch for pitch with Norwood ace Pat Foley.

As Cole would do the next afternoon, Connelly helped his own cause, drawing a walk to open the fourth, and then stealing second base. He then scored the game's first run when Cole singled him in.

However, the hosts drew even when McNulty slammed a clutch two out RBI double off Connelly in the home half of the fourth.

It was shortly after this that the game took a fateful turn, literally, as Connelly twisted his ankle badly as he hit first base while attempting to leg out an infield grounder, knocking him from the game.

The good news is nothing was torn or broken, and Connelly has been told by doctors he should be able to return to action by this weekend, providing his team is still alive. Of course, the hard-nosed Connelly, who captained the Scituate High football team as well as baseball team as a senior this year, declares he'll be ready for action prior to then.

"Jason would probably have been willing to give it a go Sunday," said Arnold with a laugh, of his invaluable pitcher/shortstop. "Obviously, we want him back, but we want him in good shape and ready to help the team."

So, with the game tied at 1-1, Arnold was forced to go for broke and turn to projected game three starter Tom Fitzgerald.

"In that situation, you've got to go for win," explained the veteran coach.

Clearly, this turned out to be great decision. The lefty from Scituate and B.C. High didn't surrender a single hit while recording the final nine Norwood outs.

"Fitzy was hitting every corner and just kept them baffled with that sweeping curve," r3eported Arnold. "After looking at Jason's hard moving fastball for four innings, that big slow one just had them shaking their heads."

Fitzgerald, who will pitch for Babson College next spring, got all the support he would need in the top of sixth, with that man Cole again stepping to the fore. Jesse drilled a one out double to left, and then scored an out later on a clutch Brian Signorelli single.

Fitzgerald shut down the final five Norwood hitters in order after surrendering a one out walk in the sixth, closing things out in style with a pair of strikeouts for the game's final two outs.

Post 118 Notes

Post 118 was scheduled to open the second round of the state championships in Sandwich last night. Game two will be played at Scituate High tonight, with game three (if necessary) back in Sandwich tomorrow.

Coach Arnold is hoping Fitzgerald will be able to bounce back on just three days rest from his three innings of work to make the start.

If Fitzy can't go, the start would likely go to Chris Carr, who pitched extremely well in his last two outings of the season.

- Hitting may grab the headlines but pitching wins. A great exhibit for that old baseball axiom: Post 118s top three pitchers — Connelly, Cole and Fitzgerald — have surrendered one earned run in their last 27 innings of combined work, with the team winning all of those games.

- Cole compared the Post 118 team to his Scituate High team that this spring parlayed an 11-9 regular season in to a run to the state sectional championships with three straight wins over higher seeded teams. Of course, the parallel isn't all that hard to draw, given that six key members of that team — Cole, Connelly, third baseman Mike Gulinello, center fielder Greg Levin, catcher/first base Brian Woods and catcher Terrence O'Brien – are also on this team.

"Our Scituate High team struggled a little bit early in the season, and lost some close games, but at the end of the season we just kept finding ways to win," noted Cole. "I'm seeing a lot of that in this team too. We're finding a way."

Youth tennis signups

Youth tennis will continue through Aug. 15 Youth tennis registrations will be held, starting Monday, June 10, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday evening, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is offered for children age 7 through 18 years. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week-session of instruction, two days a week, is $75. Discounts of $10 are available for additional children in a family. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

Rain Day Policy: If rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are special clinic, tourney make-up days.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Swim Center offers water aerobics

Water Aerobics geared for seniors, starts the week of July 8th through the end of August. The group meets three times a week: Monday, 1:15 - 2:00; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 - 1:15. If you would like to join us or come and see what this beneficial exercise is all about please show up at the swim center 10 minutes prior to the class start time and speak to the Director, Darleen Koetsch. The class is taught by a AEA & Hydro-Fit Water Aerobics Certified Instructor. The drop-in charge is $3.00. Cohasset Swim Center's phone number is 781-383-9463 and located of off Sohier Street.

Booster Soccer camp

The Cohasset Youth Soccer Club and the Hingham Soccer Boosters are holding a High School Soccer Summer Camp August 12 - 16, 2002 at Milliken Field. Tentative time is 5:30 - 8:30 PM. The camp is open to all public and private high school students. This camp replaces the summer boot camp held the past three years. Registration is $100.00 which includes a T-shirt, ball, and MYSA supplemental insurance. Registration deadline is Friday July 19, 2002. Additional registration forms are available at the Recreation office in town hall. If you have questions call Brad or Melinda Murray, 781-383-7017.

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football equipment handouts

Scituate/Cohasset youth football will hold equipment handouts Wednesday, Aug 7, through Friday, Aug. 9, at the store-it storage facility next to the Driftway tennis center on old Driftway in Scituate.

In order to receive equipment, insurance regulations require every child to be accompanied by parent or legal guardian.

Cheerleading handouts will not take place on these dates.

Bring a $100 equipment deposit check made out to "SCYFC." This check will not be deposited, but rather returned to you when equipment is returned at end of season.

Handout times

MIDGETS "A" TEAM, 7th & 8th grades, Wednesday, Aug. 7 5-7 pm

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MITES "C" TEAM, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades, Friday, Aug. 9 5-7 pm

All questions should be directed to Joe Obert at (781) 545-0854.

Swim Center offers Lifeguard training

Lifeguard Training will be conducted from Monday, July 29th thru Thursday, August 1st from 9am-5pm. All classes are mandatory. Rain date will be Friday, August 2nd. Participants must be at least 15 years of age.

Water Safety Instruction Course

Are you interested in teaching children how to swim? Become a water safety instructor! A W.S.I. class will be held Monday, August 19th thru Friday, August 23rd from 9am-5pm each day. All classes are mandatory. Participants must be at least 17 years of age. Please speak to the Director for details: Darleen Koetsch at the Cohasset Swim Center, 781-383-9463. If you are interested in being placed on our mailing list for future course opportunities in the south shore area - please e-mail your contact information to cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com

Peraino at center of three CHS rebuilding projects

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sparking an interest in the town. Peraino played for the JV squad as a junior, the only upper classman. Starting 10 of their 14 games as the pitcher, she led the team to an impressive 11-3 record, proving the team to be at least adequately prepared to take on varsity competition in 2003.

In addition to being the team's ace pitcher, Peraino also led the club in home runs, slugging five in 12 games before coming down with a wrist injury. However, she noted that the biggest challenge of moving up to varsity will be the increased velocity of the pitching.

However, the main purpose of playing a year at the JV level was to merely re-establish softball in the town of Cohasset and try to build up the program. The dedicated coach Deb Bostwick, also Peraino's coach for the field hockey season, has been helping with the sixth grade traveling softball team. In just this one year, Peraino has noted a vast improvement in the number of athletes interested in playing for the softball team.

"We have the numbers," asserted the three-sport standout, "and we have a lot of talent coming up from the Middle School. But for right now, many people don't even know we have a softball team; no one seems to take us seriously."

Heather Peraino

Peraino hopes for a change in attitude once the program is awarded varsity status. There were 16 names on the roster for the JV team this year, and as many as 10 freshman will join the ranks next year.

Similarly, the field hockey's varsity and JV rosters will be more than filled up, with upwards of 50 participants expressing interest at the team's pre-summer meeting. Furthermore, the basketball program, which did not even exist three years ago, now cannot fit every girl interested, even with the two teams.

So Peraino may be busy. But she certainly has made the most of her time at CHS.

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At right: Sarah Brown as the Scarer's Assistant.

Far right: Mimi Mahoney, one of "Randall's Vandals."

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At left: The cast on stage at Town Hall. For ticket information, see page 7.

At right: Taryn Donahue and Gabriella Rodman as "Randall's Vandals."

Above: Ian Porter as "Randall" emerges from the blue door.

At left: Natalie Benkers, "a scarer."

At right: Jenna Neer, "a singing secretary."

POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, JULY 4

1:13 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

1:28 p.m. Parker Ave., parking complaint, ticket issued.

1:48 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

1:49 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:56 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, patient sign off.

1:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:06 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

2:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:43 p.m. Border St., public drinking.

4:14 p.m. King St., open door/window.

4:53 p.m. State Police in Bourne, investigation.

4:58 p.m. Victory Shopping Plaza, Route 1A, Norwood, investigation.

5:40 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

5:46 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident.

6:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:21 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

7:29 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:42 p.m. Saint Marks Road, property recovered.

7:46 p.m. Parking Way, general disturbance. Arrest of a 16-year-old juvenile. Charge: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage(s).

Arrest of a 16-year-old juvenile. Charge: Illegal possession of a Class D substance.

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8:53 p.m. Ledge Way, general disturbance.

9:31 p.m. Woodland Drive, general disturbance.

11:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

12:14 a.m. King St. and Sohier St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

12:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

12:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

12:56 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, assist citizen.

12:59 p.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road, general disturbance.

1:53 a.m. Lamberts Lane, open door/window.

2:55 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

7:31 a.m. James Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:41 a.m. North Main St., larceny.

9:01 a.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, parking complaint, ticket issued.

9:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:10 a.m. Old Coach Road, suspicious activity/person(s).

3:18 p.m. Elm St., property found.

3:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

4:49 p.m. Hull Shore Drive, investigation.

5:11 p.m. North Main St., transport.

5:25 p.m. South Main St., medical aid.

5:30 p.m. Elm St., assist motorist.

5:38 p.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road, motor vehicle accident.

5:52 p.m. James Lane, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

5:58 p.m. Sohier St., lost property.

7:22 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

8:25 p.m. Hull Police Dept., 209A restraining order, served.

9:18 a.m. Town Pier, suspicious activity/person(s).

9:21 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle accident.

9:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

9:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

9:45 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle violation, traffic citation issued.

10:57 p.m. Summer St., parking violation, ticket issued.

11:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:24 p.m. Sandy Beach Parking Lot, general services.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

12:08 a.m. Mobil Mart, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1 a.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

1:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:04 a.m. Stop & Shop Plaza, assist citizen.

2:08 a.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop.

5:11 a.m. Stevens Lane, noise complaint.

9:55 a.m. Border St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

10:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

10:35 a.m. Tower Lane, property found.

11:36 a.m. Jerusalem Road, trespassing.

1:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

2:32 p.m. Beach St., suspicious activity/person(s).

4 p.m. Border St., public drinking.

4:04 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

7:50 p.m. King St., suspicious activity/person(s).

8:16 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:30 p.m. Glades, fire, miscellaneous.

9:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

11:04 p.m. Black Rock Road, noise complaint.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

12:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

1:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), a 30-year-old Scituate man taken into protective custody.

1:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

2:30 a.m. Depot Court, motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Jonathan P. Davey, 36, of 20 Elm St., Apt. 3, Cohasset. Charge: Warrant—default.

5:10 a.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

9:52 a.m. Beach St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:42 p.m. Lamberts Lane, animal call or complaint.

1:15 p.m. North Main St., larceny.

2:09 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general disturbance.

9:05 p.m. Woodland Drive, noise complaint.

9:09 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, suspicious activity/person(s).

9:24 p.m. Church St., noise complaint.

9:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:12 p.m. Church St., barking dog.

11:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:21 p.m. Red Fox Lane and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:47 p.m. East St., assist other police department.

MONDAY, JULY 8

2:18 a.m. Border St., suspicious person

3:30 a.m. Stanton Rd., suspicious.

8:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assault.

8:49 a.m. Stevens Lane, animal control.

9:17 a.m. Headquarters, found property.

10:16 a.m. Fire headquarters, animal control.

10:20 a.m. Howe Rd., parking complaint.

10:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

10:45 a.m. South Main St., traffic control.

11:13 a.m. Linden Dr., investigation.

11:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

12:15 p.m. Sheldon Rd., lost property.

1:39 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

1:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:57 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

5:29 p.m. Otis Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

6:42 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle violations.

7:15 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.

7:56 p.m. Elm Ct., animal control.

8:29 p.m. Forest Ave., general services.

9:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

1:03 a.m. Elm St., lost property.

1:21 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop.

8:19 a.m. Lamberts Lane and Hull St., suspicious.

9:45 a.m. King St., fire log entry.

11:25 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

11:38 a.m. North Main St., traffic control.

1:09 p.m. King St., medical aid.

1:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

1:30 p.m. Pond St, fire.

1:47 p.m. Margin Ct., disturbance.

2:20 p.m. Atlantic Ave, disturbance.

2:52 p.m. Howard Gleason Rd. trespassing.

3:20 p.m. Elm St., disturbance.

4:22 p.m. King St., fire.

6:21 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

7:28 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint.

8:08 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.

9:17 p.m. Lower King St., motor vehicle stop.

9:48 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, fire investigation.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

12:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

1:21 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., and Red Gate Lane, generals services.

6:23 a.m. Old Coach Rd., power outage.

8:13 a.m. Lamberts Lane, larceny.

8:45 a.m. Elm Ct., fire, log entry.

9:14 a.m. Fire headquarters, fire.

11:44 a.m. Atlantic Ave., hazmat incident.

12:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, investigation.

1:43 p.m. Jerusalem Road Dr., parking complaint.

1:59 p.m. Headquarters, animal control.

2:51 p.m. Hull St., and Cedar St., motor vehicle crash.

3:23 p.m. Headquarters, investigation.

5:39 p.m. South Main St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:14 p.m. Beechwood St., fraud.

7:25 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:44 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle violations.

10:46 p.m. Sohier St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

12:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

1:33 a.m. Crocker Lane, suspicious auto.

5:32 a.m. Forest Ave., Old Coach Rd., fire.

6:39 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:47 a.m. Sohier St., noise complaint.

8 a.m. Nichols Rd., fire investigation.

8 a.m. Elm St., fire.

9:54 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

10:15 a.m. King St., disturbance.

10:15 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:05 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:23 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:04 p.m. Elm St., found property.

4:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations.

5:43 p.m. Stevens Lane, property damage.

5:55 p.m. Lamberts Lane, medical aid.

6:15 p.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, suspicious.

6:38 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:43 p.m. North main St., found property.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

12:24 a.m. Highland Ave., open door/window.

12:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:24 a.m. Spring St., assist citizen.

6:25 a.m. Black Rock Rd., power outage.

6:38 a.m. Rocky Lane, noise complaint.

7:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., abandoned auto.

7:21 a.m. Headquarters, fire log entry.

8:54 a.m. King St., fire.

3:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Ridge Top Rd., motor vehicle accident.

5:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious person.

5:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., illegal dumping.

6:48 p.m. Mill Lane, animal control.

7:41 p.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance gathering.

8:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:12 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:30 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle violations. Arrest: William I. Young, 66, 75 Sedgewick Dr., Scituate. Chrgs. operating under the influence of liquor, operating a motor negligently so as to endanger, failure to stay within marked lanes.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

1:17 a.m. Border St., general services.

6:35 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist citizen.

8:05 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

8:10 a.m. Rustic Drive., animal control.

10:12 a.m. Sohier St., parking complaint.

10:19 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, parking complaint.

11:53 a.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

12:05 p.m. Headquarters, traffic control.

12:39 p.m. Brook St., parking complaint.

12:58 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

1:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

1:54 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire.

2:24 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

2:34 p.m. North Main St., outside fire.

4:30 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

4:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen.

5:18 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

5:23 p.m. Linden Dr., breaking and entering.

5:24 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire.

5:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

6:15 p.m. Border St., disturbance.

7:07 p.m. King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

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Police association fundraiser to begin

The Cohasset Police Association will be holding its annual fundraiser beginning on Monday July 29 and continuing through next week.

Residents and business owners can expect to be called sometime next week. Donations will be used to fund local charities, non profits, and civic activities.

The association donates money to the Recreation Department, Little League, American Cancer Society, American Legion, Senior Center, Deer Hill Band, Cohasset After Prom Committee, and several other organizations. The association also holds an annual Senior Citizen Breakfast and a cookout for the Recreation Department's kids summer program.

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150 people—parents, friends, co-workers—from the MetroWest and 495 Region were victims of the tragic events. 150 people of 248 on the ill-fated flights were part of our extended family.

United Way of Tri-County community partners have responded to the needs of families touched by the tragedy, providing counseling and other direct aid, and helping friends and neighbors cope with the aftermath.

Since that awful day, 1400 local United Ways across the country have mobilized to lend a helping hand. Nearly $400 million dollars has been raised by The September 11th Fund. Donations made to date are supporting on-going rescue efforts and will be there after the immediate relief agencies have left the scene. Multiple organizations will continue to provide counseling, grief support and recovery services to those in need as they face the long-term after-effects of this event. We thank all who have contributed to help those directly affected by this tragedy.

But in the national call to action, we should never forget the urgent needs of our neighbors, friends and co-workers right here in our service area. Our United Way has been kicking off company-based campaigns and individual giving efforts with a goal of raising $4,583,338 to support programs addressing our service area's most pressing issues.

Right now, we need to help at a national level. But we also need to keep our eye on things right here at home. We need to be sure that the Tri-County area is not only ready to face our own disasters, but also able to assist with the smaller, more quiet tragedies that happen every day in the lives of our families, friends and neighbors.

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A pilgrimage to Plimoth Plantation

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It's been a tough morning in the Brown household. The kids are off playing somewhere, so it's relatively quiet, but the weather is hot, and Peter is working up a sweat on the roof, where he's been replacing some of the thatching. But his wife Martha has it worse. She's inside the cramped, dirt-floored house, toiling away at a black kettle filled with steaming groats she's just removed from a small but intense fire.

Of course, it probably doesn't help that a couple dozen people are clustered around Peter's ladder, and are throwing questions at him as he climbs up and down.

"I'm a planter by trade, master," he says to one of them. "But other fings [things] have got to get done."

At the same time, another dozen people are crammed inside the house, watching Martha spoon the hot groats into a yellow bowl.

"The corn's free," she explains to one of them. "It don't cost us nought."

Welcome to Plimoth Plantation, where the year is always 1627. The small, dusty village — stunningly accurate in its detailed recreation of Pilgrim life — is peopled by "Colonial interpreters" (don't call them actors) who dress and speak and live (from 9 to 5) exactly as the folks who got off the Mayflower at nearby Plymouth Rock did seven years earlier.

And they never break character. Martha jokes about her children (who are never there), saying to a visitor, "Wee little Mary is good for nuffin'; just a lump of flesh on legs." Meanwhile, Peter has found two unaccompanied visitors. They're playing with some food in his house. Bringing them into the act, Peter says, "All right lads, you'll come with me," then leads them outside where he orders them to pull weeds. Surprisingly, they do as told.

"Mom, they're making 'em do work!" exclaims another young visitor.

The historical accuracy of Plimoth Plantation is so complete that it's rather odd, a half-hour later, to enter a break room, and find Peter — real name Peter Walsh — all decked out in his tattered baggy yellow Pilgrim outfit, floppy brown hat to his side, hunched over a computer screen.

Martha — real name Mindy Weymouth — cinched tightly into an array of petticoats and skirts, joins him to discuss how they go about living in the past.

"I think it's a brain fever that first leads you here," laughs Weymouth, who is a descendant of a Pilgrim family. "I moved to Plymouth around 15 years ago, and with all my history here I had to find out more. I kept coming to the Plantation and wandering around, and I fell in love with the place and wanted to work here."

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Hired in 1996, Weymouth, who is a pharmacy technician and an animal health technologist in the off season, says she had no thoughts of pursuing an acting career.

"No, I was just a bored housewife wanting to do something a little interesting with her life," she says.

Walsh, who started working at the Plantation in 1998, says, "I came here because I wanted to meet bored housewives."

And neither did Walsh think about acting as a career. He came to the Plantation after many years in sales and marketing at Capitol Records. Both on-season and off, Walsh is a member of the punk band Meat Depressed.

"I play guitar and sing and curse," he says.

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British invasion part 2

Reinvented Hollies make a return to U.S.

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Everyone can instantly spot their best known 1960s and 70s hits, oldies and classic-rock radio staples such as "Bus Stop," "Look Through Any Window," "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother," "Long Cool Woman (In a Black Dress)" and "The Air That I Breathe." But not all listeners these days might recognize the actual name of the band itself.

Part of the reason for such ambiguity is that the Hollies, fondly recalled by longtime fans as one of the original mop-topped 60s British Invasion bands, have not performed under that name in the United States since 1983. This summer, the Hollies' 40th Anniversary Tour finally brings the band, with several original members still on board, across the Atlantic once again.

The tour swings into Cohasset on Saturday (Aug. 3) when the Hollies headline a 60s Mod-era pop bill at the South Shore Music Circus. The opening act is the current touring version of the Lovin' Spoonful ("Do You Believe In Magic," "Daydream," "Summer In the City") and show time is 8 p.m.

It should be noted that not among the original Hollies on this four-decade celebration trek is Allan Clarke, the liquid-voiced lead vocalist on all of the aforementioned hits plus numerous others during the 60s and 70s. As the band's prime-era lead, Clarke usually rode the top of the sprightly, three-part vocal harmonies that became the Hollies' signature, and were supported by other originals, bassist Tony Hicks and guitarist Graham Nash, who would later take his formidable harmony-building skills to Crosby Stills & Nash (and Young).

"We've always seen every year that we've continued playing and every change we've been through as an evolution of the band more than anything else. Every new member can bring a fresh perspective and somehow move the band's sound forward. Plus we've never stopped touring, we're always playing somewhere, even if the scene is not as frantic as it was in the 60s."
Hollies drummer Bobby Elliot

In the current Hollies, who despite their absence from the states have toured consistently throughout Europe and Australia in the 80s and 90s, Clarke's distinct spot is filled by vocalist Carl Wayne, ex-frontman of the British band the Move, who are best known in the U.S. as the original group vehicle of Electric Light Orchestra leader/Travelling Wilbury Jeff Lynne. Both Wayne and the Hollies have reportedly made the transition well, as for the past two years the new band incarnation has won rave reviews from both critics and fans alike while on the road in the U.K., Australia and New Zealand.

Bobby Elliot, original drummer of the Hollies and one of two founding members in the current group along

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Steve Irwin's career is a croc

Star of "Crocodile Hunter" puts his money where his mouth is

By Amy Amatangelo
BOSTON HERALD

Decked out in his trademark khaki shirt and shorts, Steve Irwin, television's popular "Crocodile Hunter," enters the room looking as though he just stepped out of the Australian Outback. He's in town to promote his first movie, "The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course," and there seems to be little distinction between his on- and offscreen persona.

He peppers the conversation with words such as "mate" and "crikey." His eyes get wide with excitement. He bounces enthusiastically in his chair. His arms wave around to expressively and emphatically make his point. You can almost see that proverbial twinkle in his eye.

These are the endearing character traits that draw millions of viewers to Irwin's multiple television shows. And it is this engaging persona that director John Stainton didn't want to lose when the intrepid wildlife crusader hit the big screen.

As a result, Irwin and his wife and constant co-star, Terri, worked without a script and were unaware of the movie's plot. "John didn't want to lose us to the Hollywood scene," Irwin says. "He didn't want us to become actors. He wanted us to stay completely natural. He never let us see a script. We ad-libbed the whole way through."

The couple saw the movie for the first time at a premiere earlier this month in Los Angeles. "I was stunned and thoroughly amazed," Irwin says. "The most surprising part was seeing me up there and actually feeling the adrenaline of catching those crocs. It didn't feel like me. The movie actually captured me; I felt like I was there."

"I don't think any of us were prepared for the overwhelming feeling of suspense," Terri says. "Because you've done the movie, you know no one is actually going to get killed by that crocodile."

As he does on his television shows, Irwin performed all his stunts in the movie. "My life is not called stunt work," he says. "I'm rescuing animals whether the cameras are on or off. So it's not stunts; it's part of daily life."

But when it came time for his big fight scene against the film's villain (played by Lachy Hulme), and set atop a moving van, Irwin did have to learn one thing. "They had to retrain me to fight this bloke without actually hurting him."

Steve Irwin worked without a script in "Crocodile Hunter."

Although Irwin's television show and movie are entertainment, he hopes viewers will take away a bigger environmental message. " 'Crocodile Hunter' is all about getting the conservation message to rub off, not about getting up on the big screen and preaching, lecturing or doing the schoolteacher thing. It's about, 'Come on a journey with me. Let's capture these crocs and relocate them.' "

Terri is clearly the calmer half of the pair, but she is equally passionate about the cause. "One hundred percent of what we earn from 'Crocodile Hunter' goes back into conservation. This is who we are. This is what we do," she says. "We're not actors and Steve is like the real-life action hero. He's like the guy people make movies about. That's why I love and admire him so much. When we're done with this movie, who knows how big our slice of the pie will be, but whatever we end up with will go 100 percent back into conservation. When you see our movie, you know that you are directly helping with conservation."

The couple, who have been married for 10 years, attribute much of their success to always being together. Their 3-year-old daughter, Bindi Sue, is so acclimated to the outdoor life that she once made friends with a scorpion when the family went camping.

"The family who catches crocs together stays together," Irwin says.

"The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course" is now playing.

Food & dining

Coca Cola Chicken

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Everybody in the continental United States has probably heard of beer-can chicken. You know the recipe. A chicken is impaled in an open can of beer and then grill-roasted. I wanted to revisit the technique, get it down pat, and then see if Coca-Cola, the darling of many southern cooks, wouldn't make a better flavoring liquid than beer.

The first issue is whether I needed to brine the chicken or not. A simple test — one bird brined and one not – quickly convinced me that the brined bird was juicier and more flavorful. I used a mixture of one cup kosher (or 1/2 cup table) salt and 1/4 cup sugar to two quarts of water. The small amount of sugar gives a more balanced flavor and also produces a more deeply colored skin.

Next, I wondered if the type of liquid mattered. I knew that beer worked well but I also tried Coke, Dr. Pepper, root beer, ginger ale. All except the ginger ale added deep flavor and a sweetness that worked well with the smoky fire. I also tried lemonade, white wine, and iced tea but none were as good as Coca-Cola. For fun, I added a tablespoon of rum to the coke and came up with Cuba Libre chicken. (The difference is marginal but you can actually taste a slightly deeper, warmer taste with the rum.) For best results, the can should be 2/3 to 3/4 full and extra holes need to be punched in the top to allow more steam to escape.

I then wondered if the can itself was doing the chicken any favors and made an interesting discovery. The can acts like a vertical roaster. The skin doesn't stick to the grill and it browns evenly. Of course, the Coca-Cola also adds a lot of flavor and produces juicier meat.

The last step was to come up with a simple recipe for a rub. Wet rubs were hard to work with and using olive oil or butter on the skin made it less crispy. The simple remedy was a dry rub applied both on top of and under the skin before roasting. I came up with a simple combination of cumin, chili pepper, coriander, pepper, sugar, cinnamon, and allspice which is both sweet and peppery, the classic barbecue combination.

As for cooking itself, you need to use indirect heat and a covered grill to avoid drying out the breast meat before the rest of the bird is cooked. The method you choose depends on your grill. If you can place the chicken on one side of the grill and the cover still fits, then build the fire on the other side. (The chicken will need to be rotated 180 degrees halfway through cooking.) If, however, you need to put the chicken in the center of the grill for the top to fit, then build two piles of coals on either side. A three and a half pound bird seemed to work best (larger birds will overcook on the outside) and easily fit onto my grill.

COCA-COLA GRILL-ROASTED CHICKEN

You can use any similar soda you like such as root beer, Dr. Pepper, or Pepsi. Lighter sodas such as ginger ale are less flavorful. You can also use beer as a substitute. If the cover of your grill will not fit with the chicken to one side, place the chicken in the middle of the grill and place two equal piles of lit coals on either side.

For the dry spice rub:
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tablespoons chili powder
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

For the chicken:
1 cup kosher salt or 1/2 cup table salt
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 whole chicken about 3 1/2 pounds
1 recipe dry spice rub (see above)
1 12-ounce can Coca-Cola (or Dr. Pepper, Pepsi, or root beer)

1. Combine all ingredients for spice rub in a small bowl.

2. Dissolve salt and sugar in two quarts cold water in a large container. (You can use a large Zip-Loc plastic bag.) Immerse chicken in water and refrigerate for one hour. Remove chicken from brine and rinse inside and out with cool running water. Pat chicken dry with paper towels. Apply spice rub all over chicken inside and out. Lift up skin over breast and thighs and rub directly onto meat. Pour out or drink about 1/2 cup Coke. Poke two extra holes into the top of the can. Slide chicken over can so the drumsticks reach the bottom of the can.

2. Meanwhile light grill. Prepare fire for indirect cooking by placing all of the coals (about 50 briquettes) to one side. (See recipe note above.) Place prepared chicken on cool side of the grill using the drumsticks and can to form a tripod. Cover and cook for about 30 minutes. Turn chicken 180 degrees, cover and cook 25 to 35 minutes more or until an instant read thermometer inserted into the thigh registers 170 degrees. Transfer chicken to a platter and let rest for ten minutes being careful to keep the can upright. Carefully lift chicken off the can. Carve and serve immediately.

Serves 4

Cuba Libra Variation

Add one tablespoon rum to the Coke can before slipping on the chicken.

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Maintaining the July landscape

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Each morning I awaken to the cheerful melodies of robins and wrens announcing the dawning of another glorious day in the summertime garden. Iridescent blue-green tree swallows gracefully glide through the landscape gathering tasty treats for their ravenous fledglings who have recently emerged from their nesting box in the meadow. Flashes of yellow appear in the treetops as goldfinches and warblers flit from branch to branch. Hummingbirds zip through the garden, pausing for magical moments among the flowers only a few steps from where I stand watching in awe as they hover in midair while sipping nectar from the curious blossoms of beebalm. Magnificent swallowtail butterflies and fritillaries float through the borders, perching on purple coneflowers and butterfly bushes. Throughout the day, the garden is a nature lover's dream as birds and butterflies, frogs, bunnies and toads share the bounty of the summertime! landscape.

Mother Nature has kindly provided a little moisture to slightly ease our dry conditions and the forecast for the coming week suggests more may be in the offing, but most landscapes are still parched. Lawns and gardens require a minimum of 1 inch of water per week during the active growing season to maintain their health and vigor. It is better to provide a deep, thorough soaking of your plantings once or twice a week, than to superficially water every day. Light sprinklings tend to cause plant roots to come to the surface looking for moisture, making plants more susceptible to drought, fluctuations in temperature, insects and diseases and eventually to winter damage. Prolonged watering promotes deeper roots systems where soil temperatures are cooler and plants are more likely to survive and thrive.

When possible, water early in the day Consider the installation of timing mechanisms to allow sprinklers to come on in the early morning hours, prior to dawn. This reduces waste from evaporation and enables plant foliage to dry off before dark diminishing the potential for powdery mildew and other fungal diseases not to mention slugs and snails. The acquisition of a rain gauge is a handy means of monitoring how much moisture your plants are receiving from the combined efforts of Mother Nature and sprinklers, but any straight-sided container can be used to collect water and a ruler inserted to determine the total accumulation. Soaker hoses and drip irrigation are the most efficient means of providing water directly to the root systems of your plants.

Should your community be subject to water restrictions, try to focus your watering in one or two areas each time watering is permitted and thoroughly drench your plants rather than applying a light, superficial spray over your entire landscape. Give priority to newly planted trees and shrubs to ensure their survival as well as to favorite or expensive plants. When using a hand held hose in the evening, try to water individual plants at the base rather than as an overhead spray.

During the heat of the summer, summer mulches will greatly improve the moisture-retentive properties of your soil while reducing fluctuations in soil temperature. A 2-inch layer of shredded bark is an attractive and practical finishing touch to any garden or foundation planting with the added benefit of reducing weed germination. Set lawn mowers to a height of 2 to 3 inches to shade the soil surface and promote deeper root systems.

The removal of spent flowers and flower stalks, a practice known as "deadheading", should be performed whenever possible Deadheading gives the garden a neat, tidy appearance but perhaps more importantly, it enables plants to put their energy into making new growth, including the formation of stronger root systems and larger plants, and in many plants it encourages the development of new flowers.

A plant grows and flowers for the purpose of creating new plants, usually through the production of seed. Annuals, in particular, complete their life cycle in one growing season and work endlessly to flower and subsequently to make seeds to scatter for the following year. If spent flowers are removed, the plant is more likely to continue producing new flowers in an effort to produce seeds. Marigolds, petunias, cosmos and zinnias, to name only a few, respond positively to the frequent removal of spent blossoms. Be sure to pinch or snip the entire stalk and spent blossoms of petunias rather than just pulling off the faded flowers as seed pods usually form in the capsules left behind when only the spent blossoms are plucked. Some annuals, such as impatiens and begonias, continue to flower profusely without removing spent flowers. The majority of perennial plants should also be deadheaded to encourage the formation of larger clumps or to promote secondary bloom stalks.

Biennial plants including foxgloves, money plant, rose campion and forget-me-nots, should be allowed to go to seed each year to ensure a perpetual source of these plants which take two years to complete their life cycles, the first year producing only foliage followed by flowers the second growing season. Sprinkle seeds from ripe seed pods in locations where you would prefer to have them grow next season although there are bound to be surprise offspring all over the border.

As dusk fell on a sultry summer evening, a robin sang from the treetops and a frog croaked from the water garden, a pleasant conclusion to another day of beauty among the flowers.

A pilgrimage to Plimoth Plantation

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Both Colonial interpreters admit that this job has kept them busy, right from the start.

"They give you a pile of books that comes up to your knees and a few weeks of training," says Walsh of his first days there. "Then you get to be the mute Pilgrim for a week or so, where they sit you down next to somebody that knows a lot of stuff."

There's no script, per se. It's mostly improvisation, but within a specific framework.

"It's interpreting life from a 17th century English viewpoint," explains Walsh. "There was an old 'Saturday Night Live' skit — 'If it's not Scottish, it's crap.' Well, that's pretty much how the English felt about everything."

"Sometimes that insults people horribly," adds Weymouth, describing the reaction to their Puritan preachings. "But we want to get across that back in the 17th century, the English viewpoint in many ways *was* very insulting."

Walsh and Weymouth work together as Peter and Martha Brown two days a week, and play different pilgrims — apart from each other — on three other days, which helps to keep them fresh and not be stuck in one part.

"It's very difficult when you're first starting because you get roped into set responses to everything," says Weymouth. "After a while you'll go crazy and you'll either leave or you'll [do more research]. If someone asks you about the food, you can go down a whole different road with the food, or with religion or the kings and queens of the times."

Walsh admits he frequently has to deal with kids who overstep the boundaries.

"Sometimes, just making them realize they're not on their turf anymore will do a lot to put them straight," he says. "If you get children that are out of control, you just try to get their chaperone to do something."

And there's nothing wrong with being stern — after all, it's historically accurate.

"You'll ask them [to do something]," Walsh says, "and they'll say no. And then you'll say, 'I wasn't *asking* you, I'm *telling* you. You're a child and I'm an adult.' And that way, you're teaching them about the order of things in the 17th century. A child would never question an adult back then. We'll have kids weeding and the parents looking at us and saying, 'I can't them to do anything.' "

But difficult kids were the least of the interpreters' problems when the Plantation's operating budget was cut by 30 percent — $2 million — last year due to a revenue decline from a combination of the economic downturn, a decrease in philanthropic contributions, and the continuing fallout in tourism since Sept. 11. Of the 260 people employed there, 39 lost their jobs — some in accounting and housekeeping, many of them interpreters. So while there were still a lot of visitors, there were fewer Pilgrims wandering the plantations dirt roads and working in their houses for them to visit.

"It's still horribly tough," admits Weymouth. "When we have large groups coming in, and you're in the house talking and cooking, there are people waiting outside who can't get in."

"The reorganization of the department hasn't kept up with our needs," says Walsh. "You obviously want to have cooking demonstrations going on. But then it's, 'Here come the crowds.' So we go outside so we can deal with larger groups of people."

It's challenging, but the rewards often come in the form of education.

"It's when you hear them say, 'Oh, I didn't know that,' " says Weymouth. "You have a certain amount of power here to change people's views, to get them thinking about things. I love to have an effect on people."

Plimoth Plantation is at Exit 4 off of Route 3 in Plymouth, and is open daily through Thanksgiving weekend. Call 508-746-1622 or check the Website at www.plimoth.org.

British invasion part 2

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with bassist/vocalist Hicks, offered these comments on the band's endurance and longevity by phone from his country home in Colne-Skipton, U.K.

"We've never really been slowed down by the loss of any one band member for too long," Elliot said. "Even in the late 60s, when Graham (Nash) left the band, we came back even stronger with Allan (Clarke) more in the forefront and even bigger hits like `He Ain't Heavy' and `Long Cool Woman.' We've always seen every year that we've continued playing and every change we've been through as an evolution of the band more than anything else. Every new member can bring a fresh perspective and somehow move the band's sound forward. Plus we've never stopped touring, we're always playing somewhere, even if the scene is not as frantic as it was in the 60s."

Like that eternal figurehead of the British Invasion - the Beatles - as well as numerous other U.K. bands of the era who specialized in well-crafted, harmony-laden, guitar-ringing pop/rock, the Hollies drew their main influences from earlier American masters of the forms, such as Buddy Holly and the Everly Brothers. It was, in fact, from none other than Holly that the young quintet forming in Manchester in 1962 took its own name.

"To us, that was always very accessible music, American roots that we're part R&B, part folk and part country," Elliot said. "It was ultimately where we learned the three-part harmonies which we even managed to do onstage before the Beatles."

"In our live shows, we cover all the major hits, of course. But we also like to shuffle things around quite a bit and pick out some of the lesser known older material as well as some of the newer songs that we've written with Carl (Wayne). Mixing the sets up from show to show keeps the sound fresh, interesting and contemporary. We always try to never do our shows the same way twice," Elliot said.

In a similar case to the Hollies, openers the Lovin' Spoonful will also be appearing in a form short of the full original lineup at the Cohasset show, without leader John Sebastian or semi-legendary "wild man" guitarist Zal Yanovsky, but with founding members Steve Boone and Joe Butler. South Shore fans of Sebastian do not have to feel passed over, however, as earlier on Saturday the ex-Spoonful frontman will be performing solo on Scituate's waterfront as part of the Heritage Days Festival.

For more information on the Hollies' South Shore Music Circus or other concert information call (781) 383-2787.

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FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-santioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambert Foundation.org

THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION presents "BIKE FOR HEALTHY LUNGS" THE 18TH ANNUAL AUTUMN ESCAPE BIKE TREK, Sept. 20-22. This 160-mile bike trek takes participants from Plymouth to Provincetown with fully supported rest stops along the way. Both two and three-day options are available but accommodations for the first night are limited so register early. This event is for cyclists of all levels. Call 1-800-LUNGYSA for details or visit the website at www.lungusa.org/massachusetts/special.html

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets on sale now $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL-SCITUATE VNA SPONSOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT honoring Jean Snow of Norwell. South Shore residents are invited to sign up for organization's fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Aug. 5, at the Marshfield Country Club, located at 515 Moraine St. Marshfield. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. with registration at noon. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club. There will be a silent auction following the awards ceremony. Tickets are $175 per person. For more information call 781-659-2342.

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy

Thurs. 25

The Duxbury Art Association's 85th Annual Midsummer Art & Craft Show will be held from July 24 to July 28 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Artistic works in all mediums by artists who range in age from 2 to 92. Scheduled events include Gallery tours, silent auction, and emerging art sale. Admission is free. For gallery hours or more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit duxburyart.org

The Weymouth Recreation Division presents its Concerts/Movies in the Park Series. Concerts and movies will be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater next to Town hall at 75 Middle St. All events are outdoors. In the event of rain, they are moved into the Abigail Adams School Auditorium On July 25, **Brass Connection**, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information call 781-682-6124.

The South Shore Conservatory's Summer Music Festival 2002 Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Stephen C. Massey, performs in concert on July 25, at 7 p.m. Admission to the concert is free and parking is at the Hingham Bus Depot at 19 Fort Hill St. Shuttle service transports concertgoers to and from the Jane Carr Amphitheater. For more information call 781-749-7565.

The Solid Gold Oldies Show featuring swing, doo-wop, Motown and novelty hits from the '40s, '50s, and '60s will play at the Canoe Club Dinner Theater, 2 South Street, West Bridgewater, July 25, 26, and Aug. 1, 2, 4. Dinner at 7 p.m.; show at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show are $37.50 Thursday and Sunday; $40 Friday. Tickets for show only are $20. For reservations call Darling Productions at 781-843-5862.

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents folksinger and story teller, **Ben Tousley** in concert July 25, at 7 p.m. "Looking for Rainbow is an entertaining and interactive concert for families with children ages 4 and up, featuring stories, songs, and sing-a-long activities. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased in advance by calling the library at 781-659-7100. Proceeds benefit the library's programs for children.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will present the **musical "Willy Wonka"** on July 26, and 27 at 7 p.m. held at Cordage Park Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. For reservations or more information call 508-747-1234

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **_Pony, Fishbowl on Bulkhead.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Boston Harbor Hotel will once again provide outdoor, harborside performances by nationally renowned blues artists during the Fourth Annual Blues Concerts Series. The Blues Barge, a floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. The concert series, sponsored by the Boston Harbor Hotel and House of Blues, will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.bhh.com

Fri. 26

Grove Manor Estates presents "The Trilling Troopers in a performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" on July 28, at 2 p.m. RSVP by July 26, by calling 781-843-3700. Desserts and beverages will be served following the performance. Grove Manor Estates is located at 160 Grove St., Braintree.

The Sparrow House Museum, 42 Summer St., Plymouth will feature Doug Maxwell Paper Light from July 26 to Aug. 30. Opening reception July 26, 6 to 9 p.m.

The Children's Museum in Easton, 9 Sullivan Avenue, North Easton, will host "Drop In Workshops" at the museum during July and August July 26, "Painting Without Brushes/Vegetables" Use a variety of vegetables to create net shapes and patterns on paper. Then turn your artwork into a placemat or other useful item.

Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop, Inc. presents it Super Summer Show, **"Hokus Pokus"** A laugh-filled, albeit a bit twisted, fairy tale with Prince Charming the only male surrounded by a multitude of angry storybook women. Will Mother goose be able to save the day? Wallostaon Congregational Church Theatre, 48 Winthrop Ave., (corner of Lincoln Avenue) in Wollaston. For reservations, call 617-472-9233.

Curtain Call Theatre announces a two-night only production of "The Nerd" by Larry Shue. Performances are July 26, and 27, at 8 p.m. The air conditioned CCT Clubhouse is located on the corner of Faxon and Commerical St., in Braintree. All tickets are $8. Call 781-356-5113 to reserve tickets, leave a message, someone will get back to you to confirm.

Coastal Church, 145 Webster Street Suite i, Hanover, will host its first coffee-house extravaganza on Friday, July 26, at 8:45 p.m. **The Kubota Power Jazz Unit** will provide entertainment in a relaxed and connecting environment. As part of Celebrate Recovery's Mission, the CR team, in conjunction with the Coastal Church fellowship, will be hosting this event at the church. There is no charge for this event; a free-will offering will be accepted to support the ministry of Celebrate Recovery. For more information, please contact Coastal Church at 781-871-3442 or e-mail coastalchurch@hotmail.com.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will present **Mark Pollack and the Big Spenders**. All shows start at 8 p.m. and are handicap accessible. Admission is $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584 or galcafe.tripod.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance July 26, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents the **Chris Fitz** on July 26. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Love Dogs** on July 26. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 27

Borders in Kingston presents a musical event featuring **2** from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.. Listen to their unique blend of superbly crafted songs, elegant guitar interplay and breathtaking harmonies at www.2universe.net For more information, call 781-582-8100.

South Shore Conservatory's Evening Under the Stars summer concert series presents the **Los Angeles Children's Chorus.** The Conservatory is proud to present one of America's preeminent children's choirs in their final concert before returning to Los Angeles. The concert will take place in the Jane Carr Amphitheater in Hingham. Advance ticket sales: Pavilion $17, lawn $7 ($29 and $10 at the door. Tickets call 781-749-7565 ext. 14. Proceeds from Evenings Under the Stars tickets sales benefit South Shore Conservatory's Scholarship fund, which enriches lives by making arts education available to everyone.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands presents Boston Light Cruises – Long Wharf Boston Light, the oldest lighthouse site in North America, sits at the entrance to Boston Harbor on little Brewster Island, a windswept outpost that has served as a beacon to ships for almost three centuries. Browse the museum at the base and climb the 76 stairs to the top for a breathtaking view of Boston harbor. Children must be at least either 8-years-old or 50 inches tall to ascend the lighthouse stairs. Adults $29; seniors $26 FBHI members $24 children ages 3 to 12 $17 and children age 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 6 p.m. cash only. For more information, contact 781-740-4290 or visit www.fbhi.org

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Autumn Harbor, oil painting by Midsummer Art and Craft Show Fine Art Judge Michael Moss.
The Duxbury Art Association's 85th Annual Midsummer Art & Craft Show will be held from July 24 to July 28 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street, Duxbury. Artistic works in all mediums by artists who range in age from 2 to 92. Scheduled events include Gallery tours, silent auction, and emerging art sale. Admission is free. For gallery hours or more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit duxburyart.org

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull will hold its 21st Annual Auction. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and auction starts at 7 p.m. Air conditioned. Admission is $2.50 For more information call 781-925-0091.

New England Village will present an outdoor summer concert with favorite local band **Jupiter Ray** on July 27. from 6 to 8 p.m. at the NEV Campus at 664 School St., (Route 27) in Pembroke. The concert is open to the public. Cover charge is $3 per person and children under 12 are free. Reservations are required by calling Lisa Drennan at 781-293-5461 ext. 119. Refreshments will be available.

Plymouth Family Fair, July 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nelson Park, featuring pony rides, mini tram rides, crafters, cowboy wild west show, face painters, 9 hole mini golf course, magic show, musical carousel, reptiles of the rain forest, moon walks, and much more. Donation $2 children under 18 free. For more information call 508-746-2105 ext. 203.

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The Solid Gold Oldies Show featuring swing, doo-wop, Motown and novelty hits from the '40s, '50s, and '60s will play at the Canoe Club Dinner Theater, 2 South Street, West Bridgewater, July 25, 26, and Aug. 1, 2, 4. Dinner at 7 p.m.; show at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show are $37.50 Thursday and Sunday; $40 Friday. Tickets for show only are $20. For reservations call Darling Productions at 781-843-5862.

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Borders in Kingston presents a series of children's events. July 27 at noon.. This week's theme **Whale Storytime**. Enjoy some whale tales. "Rainbow fish and the Big blue Whale, by Marcus Pfister. Another good one is "The big Blue Whale, in which Nicola Davies provides a look at nature's largest living marvel. The spare, lyrical text often uses examples from the child's world to help youngsters understand this great creature. For example, the blue whale's skin is "Springy and smooth like a hard-boiled egg" and its eye is "big as a teacup." Nick Maland's pen-and-ink and wash illustrations capture both the majesty and vulnerability of the blue whale of which only 10,000 remain.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Gear up for a hectic day. The moon enters Aquarius at 2:40 a.m. and the full moon culminates at 5:07 a.m. Venus forms a challenging 90-degree contact to Pluto at 8:38 a.m. Move cautiously in business or romance. Watch out for negative thinking, obsessing. In the afternoon the Aquarius moon opposes Mercury and Mars. Slow your pace. Don't act on impulse. Pay extra attention to details. A lunar alignment to Neptune this evening offers an opportunity to relax and unwind.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Alignments of Mercury, Mars and Neptune in the next few days place all important decisions, signings, new beginnings off limits. Things may not be as they appear. It may be difficult to separate the facts from the wishful thinking. Mercury and Mars conjoin at 11:20 a.m., making for a fast-paced morning. Stop, look and listen. The moon travels in Aquarius all day, highlighting group activities, humanitarian projects.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

The Aquarius moon aligns with Uranus at 7:46 a.m. and becomes inactive. In addition, a polarity of Mercury and Neptune, generates a sleepy, dreamy mood. This influence is fine for developing projects that require imaginative thinking. On the other hand, it may be difficult to concentrate on practical matters and easy to waste time and energy. At 12:04 p.m. the moon enters laidback Pisces, prompting you to get an early start to the weekend.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

The combination of a Pisces moon and applying Mars/Neptune alignment makes this a perfect weekend to rest and recharge your batteries. Put practical decisions or work projects on the back burner. Keep it light and choose your words carefully between 3:52-6:52 p.m., when the moon and Pluto align.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

A Mars/Neptune polarity takes the spotlight today. In addition, the moon travels in Pisces, ruled by the planet Neptune. That means that this a great day for veging out and catching up on rest and relaxation. Water sports, dance, photography are highlighted. Mars opposes Neptune at 2:32 p.m., 10-degrees Leo/Aquarius. The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 10:01 p.m., when it interacts with Jupiter. The moon enters Aries at 11:38 p.m. An alignment of Mercury and Pluto prompts you to pay attention to your dreams and follow your intuition.

MONDAY, JULY 29

The moon travels in ambitious Aries today and tomorrow, setting a brisk pace. You can be most productive, if you are organized and stick to your game plan. The green light is on for new starts across the board. Go for the gold. You can make great progress toward career or professional goals.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

An Aries moon reminds you to channel high energy constructively. Take on a busy work agenda. Zero in on jobs that require physical labor and exertion. Get back on track with exercise and fitness programs. Launch important ventures, make significant moves and changes in your business or personal life.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Take it slow and easy this morning. Don't overdo or overextend. Know your limits. The Aries moon aligns with Jupiter at 11:48 a.m. and becomes inactive. Planetary influences turn around completely at 12:17 p.m., when the moon enters stable Taurus. This is a wonderful afternoon for working in your garden or developing creative projects. Put important signings or decisions on hold for a few days. Get extra rest tonight.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

The planet Jupiter enters Leo today, a clear signal that this is a month to concentrate on relaxing and enjoying life to the fullest. The last quarter phase of the moon arrives at 6:22 a.m. This moon will decrease in light until August 8, when the Leo new moon occurs. In the morning the moon aligns with Neptune, and a sun/Neptune polarity occurs this evening. Don't take anything too seriously. Kick back and mellow out completely.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

A 90-degree alignment of Venus and Saturn impacts the morning. Financial, investment or property issues can no longer be swept under the rug. Now is the time to work out a plan or budget in order to attain long-term goals. Potentially difficult influences begin to ease up this afternoon, when the moon forms a harmonious contact to Venus. At 6:58 p.m. the Taurus moon becomes inactive until 11:46 p.m., when it enters Gemini.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Sugar Ray and the Blue Tones** featuring **Monster Mike Welch** on July 27. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Groove Authority** on July 27. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature Aoife Clancy, South of Boston.. All shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is $10. Reserved seating. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

Sun. 28

The Art Complex Museum located at 189 Alden St., Duxbury will present the ritual of the **Japanese Tea Ceremony** on July 28, at 2 p.m. The ceremony is based on hospitality. Allan Sosei Palmer, the Tea master, is trained by the Uransanke School of Tea. He will explain the presentation and answer questions. His guest, bill thrasher, is an Asian art expert. Visitors may also take the opportunity to visit the museum's current exhibitions; Small Worlds/Art of India which offers 400 years of art from India, India – contemporary Responses and rotations: pattern, Color, Frame. Admission to the tea ceremony is free. For more information call 781-934-6634 or visit www.art-complex.org

Saint Stephen's Church, 78th Annual Summer Carillon Recitals held on the Cohasset Common. every Sunday until Aug. 18. On July 28, **George Leggiero of Cleveland, Ohio** will be featured. Recitals are free. Rain or shine, on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Ave., or to the Common. A tower tour and carillon demonstration will follow each concert. For more information call 878-475-2599.

BEST BET

Watercolor works by Scituate Artist Carolyn Bearce will be on display in the reading room at the Scituate Town Library through August 31. The library is located at 85 Branch Street in Scituate. For library hours and information call (781) 545-8727.

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held July 28, from 7 to 11 p.m.. at the Pembroke Country Club, W. Elm St., Pembroke. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. For single professionals age 35-55 years old. Proper casual business attire is acceptable. Admission is $10 before 7:30 p.m., $15, thereafter. Sponsored by the Single Executives Club and the Single Golfers of New England.

Mon. 29

The Sixth Annual Mount Blue Summer Party July 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. an evening of food and music at Mount Blue Restaurant, Route 123, Norwell to benefit the South Shore's Women's Center. For reservations call 781-659-0050.

Scituate Maritime Museum, Driftway, Scituate. Open each Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. during July and August.

The Hingham Historical Society's, The Old Ordinary, located at 21 Lincoln St., will feature an exhibit "In My Lady's Chamber" of undergarments and accessories dating from the late 1600's the 1920's and taken from the Society's extensive costume collection. The exhibit will be on display until Sept. 7. The house is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, through Sept. 7. Admission is 43 for adults, $1 children under 12. For group tours or further information, call 781-749-1851.

Tues. 30

Scituate Historical Society presents a booksigning of **Beauty, Strength, Speed** at Scituate Town Library, Branch Street, July 30, at 7 p.m. Join co-authors Carol Miles and John Galluzzo as they present a slide show and sign copies of their newest book. For more information call John Galluzzo at 781-544-1340.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands presents **Lovell's Island Sunset Cruise,** July 30, 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. leave from Long Wharf, Boston, Aquarium T Stop Treat yourself to an evening escape. Learn about Lovell's history by taking a tour with an experienced volunteer or explore on your own. There are 62 acres of history along with birds and flowers on this island. Enjoy a beautiful sunset on your way back to Boston. Bring your own picnic supper, beverages and snacks are available on the boat. Also your camera, bug spray, binoculars, and dress for the weather. Adults $16; seniors $14 FBHI members $12 children ages 3 to 12 $9 and children age 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 6 p.m. cash only. For more information, contact 781-740-4290 or visit www.fbhi.org

Dreamchasers Teen Traveling Company is now accepting bookings for its August tour. The Teen Traveling Company is a public service program offered free of charge by Dreamchasers to organizations serving Senior Citizens, assisted living residences, nursing homes, hospitals, and care facilities in the South Shore Area. The Teen Traveling Company is composed of Dreamchasers finest teen students. This year's tour will be the week of Aug. 25 to 31. To arrange for a free performance for your organization, call Dreamchasers at 508-224-4548.

Wed. 31

Borders in Kingston presents a series of children's events. July 31 at 10:30 a.m. This week's theme **"Barnyard Storytime"** "Old

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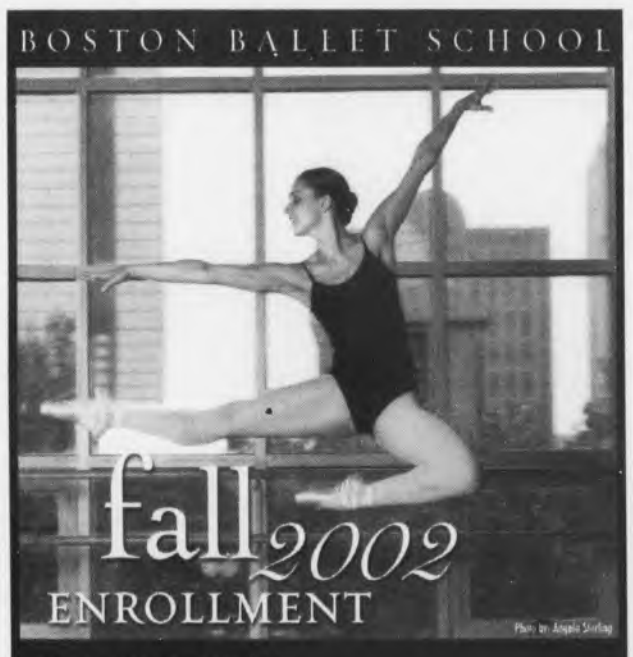

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SOUTH SHORE STUDIO: 34 Accord Park Dr. Norwell, MA 781.871.7468
Ages 8-16: Thursday, August 29, 5:30-7:30 pm
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MacDonald Had a Farm" is sure to be on the list of books about farm animals that we will be reading. The activity is a mystery this week, except we can say it will involve stickers.

Borders in Kingston presents **Harry Potters Birthday Party** at 4 p.m. Games, prizes and birthday cake, all to celebrate our favorite wizard. Harry Potter and the goblet of fire has arrived in paperback.

Thurs. 1

The Weymouth Recreation Division presents its Concerts/Movies in the Park Series. Concerts and movies will be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater next to Town hall at 75 Middle St. All events are outdoors. In the event of rain, they are moved into the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On Aug. 1, **Quintessential Brass** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information call 781-682-6124.

The Thomas Crane Public Library, Quincy, presents a concert on the law from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 1, featuring blues singer **Les Sampou** accompanying herself on the steel guitar. The concert is free and suitable for all ages. In case of inclement weather the concert will be held in the atrium, which is accessible.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents **Jerry Bryant - Family Sea Chantey concerts.** Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. "Just for Kids" performance and 7 p.m. An Evening Concert Under the Stars. Blankets, chairs, and picnic suppers suggested. Both concerts are free, but a $5 donation is welcome for the evening performance. Call Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 for more information.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Broms, Boom Shanka.** on Aug. 1. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Surreal**. All shows start at 8 p.m. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

Fri. 2

Civil War Reenactment Groups at the Alden House, 105 Alden St., Duxbury. The Alden Kindred of America is hold its 102nd Annual Meeting Aug. 2 to 4 on the grounds of the historic Alden House. The theme at this year's gathering is the Civil War. The Civil War encampment will run through the entire weekend. on Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **The Providence Brigade Band** will perform Aug. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is open to all with a $6 fee per individual, $3 per child under 18 with a maximum of $15 per family. Light refreshments will be served at no additional cost.

South Shore Arts Center will present a three-day workshop in landscape painting in oils by visiting artist **Jared Clackner**, Aug. 2 to 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the center located in Cohasset. The workshop is $275 ($250 for SSAC members). To register or for more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

The 35th Annual Pembroke Arts Festival, Aug. 2 to 4. Route 14, Pembroke Center. On Aug. 3, **Greg Greenway** will perform at an outdoor concert at the Harry Woods Memorial Bandstand, Route 14, Pembroke Center.

Theatre On The Run Presents "Sandbag Stage Left" at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Dinner theatre Aug. 2, 3, 4, at 6:30 p.m. For tickets and information call Lou Reed at 781-1211 or Dan Toland 781-821-6596 or email Mtwelves@attbi.com or visit www.geocities.com/theatrerun.

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay presents its third annual scenes program, titled **American Music and Beyond,** a glimpse into our country's operatic heritage on Aug. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. Tickets are $15 for adults and $12 for students and seniors and may be purchased at South Shore Conservatory campuses in Hingham and Duxbury, and at Westwinds Bookshop in Duxbury or by calling 781-934-2731 ext. 10.

Footloose, on stage at the Company Theatre in Norwell; Aug. 2-25 Audiences will cut loose this Summer as the award-winning Company Theatre in Norwell, takes the stage with the Broadway musical "Footloose," running Aug. 2-25. Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are priced at $23 in advance and $25 day of show on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; and $20 in advance and $22 day of show on Sundays. Tickets are available at the Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit them on the web at www.companytheatre.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Young Neal and the Vipers** on Aug. 2. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Scott Alarick**. All shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is $8. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

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Solo acoustic artist Will Shackford will be performing his original music, will perform his original music, along with interpretations of classic 60s and 70s songs by the Beatles, Rolling Stones and Bob Dylan Friday, July 26 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Brewed Awakenings in Hingham. Brewed Awakening is located at the corner of South and Main Streets in Hingham Square.

BEST BET

The Sparrow House Museum will feature the work of artist Doug Maxwell in "PaperLight " an exhibition of hand-formed paper plates and bowls from July 26 to Aug. 30. An opening reception will be held July 26 from 6 to 9 p.m, The Sparrow House is located at 42 Summer Street in Plymouth. For more information call (508) 747-1240.

BEST BET

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Corner may not be west but it's wild

DiNero's expansion plans worry some

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West Corner is a neighborhood with an identity crisis.

To begin with, it's not even in the west.

The four-way intersection is parts of North Cohasset, East Hingham and South Hull. It would have been nice if years back Charles West (originally it was called West's Corner) would have at least had the courtesy to build his store west of somewhere.

The three towns converge in a remarkable display of the inane nature of arbitrary political markings.

The double yellow line that divides Hull Street, the main thoroughfare through the Corner, also divides Hingham and Cohasset as well as Plymouth and Norfolk Counties. The con-

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset, Hingham and Hull all share West Corner which is not in the western part of any of the towns. Some residents say the corner is becoming more congested while others say, it's always been that way.

Harbor needs some help

By Mary Ford
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Is Cohasset Harbor a pristine area in need of no infrastructure upgrades or dilapidated place with need of extensive upgrading?

Neither.

That's what most people who responded to a survey from the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private entity working with the town on village and harbor improvement plans.

Dean Rizzo, executive director of the CRC, said the purpose of the survey was to help the community reach a consensus of goals and objectives of the planning effort.

The survey was mailed to all 182 resident households and businesses in the harbor area

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset Central Cemetery is being considered for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Cemetery to take its place in history

Seeks listing on National Register

By Mary Ford
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It's no secret that Cohasset Central Cemetery, which sits on about 4.3 acres off North Main Street and Joy Place, is a beautiful and peaceful historic place.

With graves dating back to the early 1700s and funerary art by renowned Colonial stone carvers like Scituate's Jacob Vinal and his son, Jacob Jr. — the old cemetery, whose hillocks overlook Little Harbor, is a town treasure.

And now, the cemetery that contains some 500 gravestones is poised for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places — the federal government's official listing of cultural resources and historic properties worthy of preservation.

"Cemeteries tell stories."
— Anne Montague, Cohasset Central Cemetery

Thanks to efforts of the cemetery trustees, particularly current president Anne Montague and past president Jo Ann Ford— who tackled the extensive application process with the help of town archivist David Wadsworth and Deirdre Barrett, who researched the gravestone art — the Massachusetts Historical Commission will consider nominating Cohasset Central Cemetery for the National Register at its Sept. 11 board meeting.

The National Register provides recognition that a property is of significance to the nation, state or the community.

And apart from the funerary

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Pollutants go down the drain

By Mary Ford
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As long as they're doing the job of keeping water off the streets and highways — most people don't pay much attention to storm drains.

But, in fact, storm drains — or catch basins — can provide the key to what is dubbed "non-point source" pollution of waterways and wetlands, and water pollution is something most people should care about.

"At this time, there are no formal maps in Cohasset that detail storm-drain system information; it all resides in the heads of the DPW staff that have been working in the town for years."
— Cohasset Storm Drain Mapping Initiative

Thanks largely to efforts led by Cohasset and the North and South Rivers Watershed Association (NSRWA) – the state has made a $54,000 grant available to help map storm drains in Cohasset and work collaboratively with Scituate and Norwell to provide a model for other towns to map their own storm-drain systems. The town will also contribute some matching funds and in-kind services to the project bringing the total project budget to about $109,000.

"Storm drains and failing septic systems are the primary sources of pollution in our waterways today," says Bill Stanton, executive director of the NSRWA.

Non-point source pollution is hard to pinpoint because it doesn't come from a particular place, like a factory which may have an out-fall pipe leading directly into a nearby stream.

The pollution that finds it way into storm drains can come from all over the place and wends its way through underground pipes into waterways. Pollutants can be caused by gasoline, oil and other motor vehicle contaminants, human and animal fecal matter, and lawn fertilizers – just

POLLUTANTS, PAGE 10

Teen tackles catch basin project

STAFF PHOTO/MARY FORD

Greg O'Brien uses a GPS (Global Positioning System) device to map a storm drain on Jerusalem Road near Little Harbor.

By Mary Ford
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Greg O'Brien doesn't have the typical teenager's summer job and he's glad.

There will no serving fast food, teaching swimming lessons, or landscaping for this Cohasset High School senior. Instead, Greg will be examining and mapping all 900 catch basins in town.

"This is the kind of job I hoped for," Greg says. "The experience is incomparable to other more typical summer jobs."

Developing a data base of the town's catch basins – also called storm drains — is going to help the town comply with federal regulations under the Clean Water Act.

Storm drains are big polluters because they collect unfiltered runoff, much of which is from streets and parking lots. Along with the water comes oil, gasoline and other hazardous materials.

Greg understands the magnitude and the importance of the task.

"It's significant for the town which is going to use this information and rely on it," he

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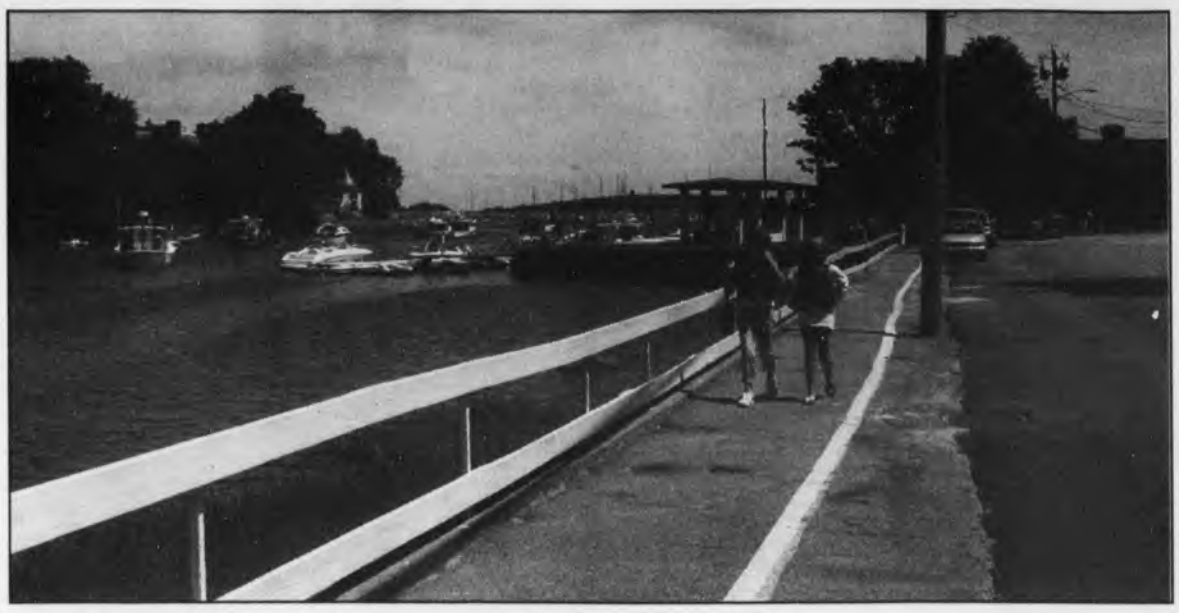

HARBOR WALK

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

The sidewalk and fencing along Border Street at the harbor has been the subject of much debate in recent months. However, a majority of respondents to a survey from the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation agree both need attention. See story, page one.

This week in COHASSET

Business owner has train concerns

Angel Alvarez, owner of A.B.B. Optical at 1 Pleasant St., came before selectmen last week and said he was surprised he hasn't been more involved with the Greenbush project. Alvarez said he recently received a letter in the mail informing him of the impending right of way work and was caught completely off guard.

"No one is going to bat for the small business owner," he said. "I wanted to expand and then I looked at the plans and saw there's going to be a road there."

Alvarez, who has special optical equipment which is very sensitive to vibration, said he was concerned about the negative impact the train would have on his business.

However, Town Manager Mark Haddad assured Alvarez that his concerns would be examined.

"It's in the mitigation agreement that the MBTA needs to speak with you regarding those issues," he said. "You'll be taken care of."

Meetings scheduled

The following meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted:

Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 6

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 8 and Aug. 22

Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 12

Library Building Committee, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 14 at the Paul Pratt Library

Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 7 and Aug. 21

Time for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays. The next meeting is Aug. 6.

CRC is part-time

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation has reduced its hours of operation from full-time to part-time. As a result the CRC will no longer have regular office hours. The office will be open in the day or evening by appointment only.

If you need assistance or would like to make an appointment please leave a voice message for Dean Rizzo, Executive Director at (781) 383-2449. The CRC office is located at 87 Elm St., which is across from Kimball's By The Sea.

Committee vacancies

Vacancies currently exist on several town committees. Anyone interested in serving should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105, or stop by the office on the second floor of Town Hall.

Correction to 40B story

Due to a reporting error, a page-one story in last week's Mariner incorrectly said Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Woody Chittick attended anti-40B meeting at Cohasset Travel in Shaw's Plaza on July 22. Chapter 40B is the state's affordable housing law.

Chittick was not at the meeting, nor were any members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Mariner regrets the error.

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Hotline tackles train queries

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Contractor Cashman Balfour Beatty plans to reach out to Hingham to keep residents aware of every phase of the construction of the railway line through the towns.

"The success of this project depends on letting people know what is going to happen in their back yards," CBB outreach manager Thomas Carroll said. "Outreach makes it possible for us to be good at our jobs."

CBB has established a 24-hour-hotline for all five communities the railroad line will traverse (Weymouth, Braintree, Hingham, Cohasset, and Scituate) at 1-781-682-6350. Residents are welcome to call with problems, questions, or concerns.

"The success of this project depends on letting people know what is going to happen in their back yards."
— Thomas Carroll, CBB outreach manager

When a call comes into the hot line, Carroll is paged on his beeper. A reporter, asking for a demonstration, called the hotline number.

A short time later, Carroll's beeper blipped and he showed the reporter's message coming up on the screen.

"There you are," he said.

Carroll stressed that the safety of the public and the safety of the workers are the priority during the Greenbush construction.

"We will be working close to peoples' homes. Everyone who works for CBB has to go through safety training. All employees of CBB and its subcontractors have to pass a drug test. All employees must carry a badge," Carroll said.

CBB asks residents to call the hotline in the event a Greenbush line worker cannot show a badge upon request.

A complete schedule of the work to be done and project updates are available on local cable and at Web site www.cbb-greenbush.com.

CBB has a track record of "four years of caring" during its Big Dig work in Boston's North End, Carroll said.

In recognition of his outreach working in the North End, Carroll will receive an "unprecedented" honor on July 31, according to CBB media person Ellen Marlette.

"East Boston/North End City Councilor Paul Scapicchio will read, at the request of and in behalf of his constituents, an official resolution in City Council Chambers at Boston City Hall honoring Tom for his exemplary Big Dig-related community outreach in the commercial and residential neighborhoods of the North End over a nine year period," Marlette said.

There will be a presentation in Boston City Council Chambers at 12:30 p.m. Many residents are expected to attend, in addition to councilors and dignitaries, according to Marlette.

"While I realize that this is Boston news, I thought it might reassure folks in Weymouth, Braintree, Hingham, Scituate, and Cohasset that they have a truly dedicated, unassuming young community outreach person with major league experience. There has been little positive Big Dig news, and this unsolicited honor from 'just plain folks' augers well for community relations for Greenbush," Marlette said.

Gasoline contamination site to get another look by DEP

By Brian J. Scully
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Residents near the corner of South Main and Summer Streets are getting nervous.

The morning air in their neighborhood is often tinged with the odor of gasoline, particularly in the area of a retention pool on the grounds of St. Anthony's Church.

"It's an oily kind of a smell and generally I smell it in the morning when I go to church when the air is very still," said Jeff Waal of 36 Old Pasture Road. "It's very disctinctive. You know that it's there. It's not something you have to stop and think about."

Making the lingering odor even more worrisome is the specter of the contaminated site across the street at 151 South Main St.

Cohasset Service Center currently occupies the site, but a decade ago it was a gas station which is most likely when the contamination occured. The site entered the radar of the DEP on Sep. 26, 1991, officially, though records before 1993 are spotty and it could have been reported earlier. On Oct. 24, 1997 it received Tier 1B conatmination status, a ranking one step from the most severe initial rating, Tier 1A. A Tier 1A site requires direct involvement by the Department of Environmental Protection.

But since August 2000, when owner Francesco D. Scarpino successfully filed for Financial Inability Status, which relieved him of obligation to fund the cleaning because of financial hardship, the project has stalled and the contaminants have stayed, which has area residents worried.

The first warning flags were raised when workers for contractor J. D'Amico discovered the contamination in 1998 while digging a trench in the area. The project was halted and the soil replaced pending a clean-up plan from the Department of Environmental Protection. In April of 1999, H. Keith DuBois of Monadnock Environmental Services was contracted by the DEP to serve as the Licensed Site Professional for the site. DuBois estimated that the immediate response action phase of the clean-up could cost up to $112,000 and the total clean-up could range from $450,000 to $900,000.

"The bottom line there is no immediate threat to public health."
— Ross Edwards, a spokesman for the DEP.

"I'm very concerned about the situation," said Robert Ross of 159 South Main St. "I have a three-year-old daughter."

Ross' father Walter, also of 159 South Main St, wrote a letter to the board of selectmen dated July 22, after Scarpino hired a private contractor to hook up to the sewer line a few weeks back. According to the elder Ross' letter, the contractor encountered contaminants and notified DEP and the Fire Department. Chief Roger W. Lincoln ordered the project shut down.

Scarpino was not available for comment.

"We are deeply concerned that the sewer line hook-up stub trench has provided an avenue for the contaminants created at 151 South Main St to travel onto our property," reads the letter.

But health officials with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection say the mere presence of an odor does not necessarily indicate danger.

"The bottom line there is no immediate threat to public health," said Ross Edwards, a spokesman for the DEP. " DEP stepped in a year ago in April and May of 2001 and sampled indoor air and basement and sump pump water at 140, 143, and 159 South Main Street. Without the exact number at hand, we determined there were very low levels of volatile compounds both in the air and in the water."

Edwards was confident that a new round of testing, initiated by July 18 letters requesting consent to enter properties in the area, will return similar – and safe – results.

Several town officials are still wary.

"When the town was putting in the sewer down in that area, there was a problem as well," said Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik. "They did some soil remediation and further some groundwater remediation back in 1998. The DEP had told Mr. Scarpino that he had to proceed with the clean-up of the property. He pleaded that he didn't have the financial wherewithal and it kind of died on the vine."

About a year ago, Godzik began receiving complaints about the odor of gasoline and took water samples from the retention pool at St. Anthony's. That sample revealed trace amounts of MBTE and benzene. Both are components of gasoline and both are carcinogens.

"The numbers were very low, but they were there," said Godzik. "Based on that the town, the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, town manager, and selectmen wrote letters to the DEP asking them to come back and revisit the site."

Town Manager Mark W. Haddad is pleased the DEP is going to reinvestigate the area.

"Now the DEP has notified me that they are going to take a look at it, so things should start progressing nicely," said Haddad.

A major issue for the town is determining the potential for the contamination to infiltrate the groundwater as the rehabilitation of the nearby Ellms Meadow well progresses. The well would be used in emergency situations.

"I think everybody wants to get this site cleaned up because of the potential of affecting residents and the water supply," said Godzik. "If there is still some source of contamination, we'd like to see that cleaned up."

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ON STAGE

Don't miss Cohasset veteran actors **Peter Dupree** (as Reverend Moore), **Lori Dupree** (as Lulu), and **David Ingber** (as Buckle), in Footloose at the Company Theatre in Norwell. The show, with a cast of 50 and live musical accompaniment, opens tomorrow, Aug. 2, with a run of 17 performances over the next four weeks. For ticket information, call 781.871.2787 or go to www.companytheatre.com

HARVARD HONORS

Let's hear it for **Kathleen Ann Buckley**, who attended Cohasset High School. Kathleen graduated from Harvard College on June 6 and is the daughter of **Charles and Barbara Buckley**. Kathleen concentrated in biochemistry and graduated with a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude.

Another Harvard graduate is **Rachel Jane Eisenhaure**, who attended Noble and Greenough School. Rachel, who is the daughter of **David and Mary Eisenhaure**, concentrated in folklore and mythology and graduated with a bachelor's degree, cum laude with highest honors. Rachel was also active in extracurricular activities at Harvard, including serving as stage manager for the Radcliffe Choral Society and producer for Dunster House Opera

TABOR NEWS

Named to the commended list at Tabor Academy for the second semester is **Skyler Ralston**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ralston**; and **Zoe Murray**, daughter of **Richard Murray and Deborah Meehan**. Students earn commendation at Tabor for achieving an overall average of 80 or above.

FAMILY DAY AT HULL MUSEUM

From 1-4 p.m., Aug. 4, the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., will celebrate National Coast Guard Day with a special Family Day at the museum. Interactive breeches buoy rescue drills will be held hourly. Hands-on activities for children will include mural painting, tide pool discovery, paint-your-own plaster magnets, and a giant community "thank you card" for the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Point Allerton. Throughout the event the museum exhibits will be open with free admission.

The U.S. Coast Guard Station at Point Allerton, 93 Main St., Hull will also hold an open house to coincide with the Hull Lifesaving Museum Family Day on Aug. 4 from 1-4 p.m..

Breeches buoy drills are just one of the activities at Family Fun Day Sunday at the Hull Lifesaving Museum.

BENEFIT LUNCHEON

A luncheon will be held on Monday, Aug. 5 to benefit the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research. This event will support the initiative to create an educational facility, as well as housing the CMI rowing program at the Haggerty Building, 40 Parker Ave.. The luncheon will be held at Bernard's Restaurant from 11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Aug. 5 and will include special guest **Mark Hall** of Newbury Hypnotherapy, speaking on Self-Hypnosis, the Mind/Body approach. A donation of $40 per ticket can be purchased from **Tomi Bukowski** 383-6771, **Olga Nohe** 383-2201 or **Jamie Williams** 383-3075.

PSO CALENDAR

I am putting out one final call for all PSO Calendar information. If you are a sports group, community organization, school related program, nursery school or any other town related program and would like to have your information printed in the 2002-2003 PSO Calendar, please send me your information at psocalendar@yahoo.com, phone it in to 781-383-0143 or send it to 622 CJC Highway. It is a wonderful way to keep the communication flowing to all families of children in the Cohasset school system. Make sure to keep your eyes out for a time frame of delivery of this year's calendar.

BARNYARD TOURS

Here's another summertime suggestion! Barnyard tours at Weir River Farm in Hingham are: Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.; Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., through Oct. 13.

Members of The Trustees of Reservations: free; Non-members: $2.

Bring your family and friends to Weir River Farm and spend an afternoon with the barnyard animals. Farm staff is on-hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Park in lot at end of Turkey Hill Lane off Leavitt Street. Follow path through the forest to the farm.

Cohasset Middle School student Shevaughn White examines and identifies zooplankton in the Maritime Studies class, a class that would "house" itself in the Center for Student Coastal Research proposed for the Hagerty House. You can read about the Aug. 5 benefit luncheon for the center in this week's Around Town.

NORTHEASTERN GRADS

Two Cohasset residents, **Jennifer B. Steward** and **Erica L. Hettstrom** earned degrees from Northeastern University. Jennifer earned a bachelor of science from the College of Bouve Health Science. Erica earned a bachelor of science in business administration from the College of Business Administration. Super job, ladies.

YOUTH DANCE

Hey kids! There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, Aug. 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in grades 6 and above is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

I cannot believe it is Aug. 1 today. To think that half of the summer is over and school is right around the corner is mind boggling! Please make sure to enjoy what August has to offer, those little things that we so often overlook because before you know it....

That is all for this week.

Please send me all your news, photos and events by Mondays at noon.

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Nicholas Palmer to conduct 'Evenings Under the Stars'

The final performance of South Shore Conservatory's Evenings Under the Stars summer concert series features Nicholas Palmer conducting the Evenings Under the Stars Festival Orchestra on Saturday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m., in the Jane Carr Amphitheatre in Hingham.

Nicholas Palmer, a Hingham native and South Shore Conservatory alum, is the Music Director and Conductor of the Owensboro Symphony, the Nashville Ballet and the Altoona Symphony. He is widely regarded as one of the most talented young conductors on the scene today.

After opening the Aug. 3 program with the Zampa Overture by Herold, Maestro Palmer will welcome members of South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay to the stage for a dazzling performance of excerpts from Bizet's Carmen. The talented singers of Opera by the Bay have delighted South Shore audiences with their exquisite voices and dramatic flair in their productions of opera scenes and the full-length opera, Amahl and the Night Visitors. Saturday's performance features the troupe's Artistic Director, mezzo soprano Beth MacLeod, Opera by the Bay Founder, soprano Debra Jewell, and members Anne Briggs and Furong Gardner, mezzo sopranos, Gwynne Cushing Sousa, soprano, Drake Erbe and Joshua McKiernan, tenors, and Bob Engel, baritone.

The evening concludes with Nicholas Palmer and the Evenings Under the Stars Festival Orchestra performing Mozart's Prague Symphony #36. Guests of Evenings Under the Stars will have the opportunity to view the Conservatory's exciting plans for expanding and renovating the Hingham facility to better serve the needs of South Shore communities. The resulting center for the arts will provide much-needed additional teaching studios and classrooms, improved performance space and a public gathering forum to encourage participation and appreciation of the arts. Tickets for Saturday evening's performance are $17 for pavilion seats and $7 for the lawn ($20 and $10 at the door). Parking for Saturday evening is at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 Fort Hill St., with shuttle service to and from the Carr Amphitheater. Tickets are available at South Shore Conservatory, Hingham; The Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury, and Nobles Camera Shops, Hingham Square, Norwell and Cohasset, or by calling 781-749-7565, ext. 14.

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Carillonneur from Trinity College to play on Sunday

Daniel Kerry Kehoe, the carillonneur of Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. will give a recital in the continuing series of concerts on the Cohasset Carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset on Sunday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. Kehoe will perform original carillon works by Matthias Van den Gheyn, Staf Nees and Sjef van Balkom, as well as Broadway tunes, familiar hymns, love songs and an improvisation.

The concert lasts one hour and is free of charge. It will take place rain or shine; if it rains, listen from your parked car. Printed programs, schedules and brochures will be distributed on the Cohasset Common. They will also be available in a program stand by the church courtyard on Highland Avenue, as well as at Grapevine Caterers in Stagecoach Way off Main Street—a prime listening place.

Listeners are invited to bring picnic suppers and blankets or lawn chairs to the courtyard and common locations. There are outdoor tables and chairs in Stagecoach Way and the restaurant is open from 5-8 p.m.

Following the recital, listeners are invited to gather in the church courtyard for a tour of the tower and demonstration of the carillon.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 12 noon; or call the Church Carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599; or the Assistant Carillonneur, Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

Book-making class offered

Boston artist Peter Madden, whose handmade books have been exhibited in Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art; the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; Harvard's Houghton Library and in book exhibitions throughout the country will be offering a class in basic book making at the South Shore Art Center this month. The five-day workshop will take place Monday, Aug.19 though Friday, Aug. 23 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and will include demonstrations, discussions and hands-on guided work time. Students will leave the workshop with a number of handmade books and the knowledge and inspiration to create many more. This workshop will interest artists, writers and beginners working in all media.

The workshop costs $400 ($375 for SSAC members). To register call 781-383-2787 or for more information visit www.ssac.org.

Golf classic benefit for Greek Church

The 2002 Panagia Golf Classic to benefit the building fund for the new community center at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset was held last week at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate.

The tournament will be remembered not only for great golf at the award-winning Widow's Walk Golf Course but also for the wonderful award luncheon at the Barker Tavern in Scituate, one of the finest restaurants on the South Shore. The first year it opened, Widow's Walk was named one of the Top One Hundred Public Golf Courses in the U.S.

The tournament included some very exciting contests: There were five Hole-In-One contests, the top prize being a $75,000 boat and second a new car or truck. The total value of the hole-in-one prizes was expected to be more than $100,000.

The Closest to Pin Shootout prize was $100,000 cash. There was also a Longest Drive Putting Event with a cash prize of $2,500.

All proceeds of the event will benefit the building fund of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset. The new center will be used for church administration, community meetings, Sunday school and other community activities.

Ballet helped set stage for NYU

Sullivan 'retires' from professional world of dance

By Tim Llewellyn
CORRESPONDENT

PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

Corey Sullivan, who graduated from CHS in June, is trading the spotlight of the ballet stage for college and a possible future in politics.

Up to this point it is safe to say Corey Sullivan's life has been defined by dance. Starting ballet at the tender age of three, this Cohasset High graduate has worked her way through the ranks of the dance community. Enrolling at the Boston Ballet Center for Dance Education in 1993, Sullivan has earned her standing in the most intense level that the center has to offer. She has also performed many professional roles with the renowned Boston Ballet company.

But for a student with such an extensive list of dance accomplishments, her academic and extracurricular activities are staggering. From a four-year high honors student, to a student council representative, to a teacher's assistant, to a school committee student liaison, Sullivan has done it all.

And now she plans to take the lessons that she has learned in the studios of the Boston Ballet Center and the halls of CHS with her to New York, where she will be starting at New York University in the fall.

Is she worried?

"Ballet has really made me comfortable in the city atmosphere, with a diverse group of people. I learned a lot of the things that can be applied to life beyond dance," Sullivan said.

And that is exactly what she will be doing at NYU, moving beyond dance to concentrate on other pursuits. But while she is stepping out of the world of professional dance, she is by no means slowing down. Sullivan plans to pursue a major in international politics, or perhaps go the pre-law route.

These political aspirations are not too far a field for Sullivan, because what was this professional dancer doing when she wasn't busy making high honors? She was working at the Statehouse for local Rep. Garrett Bradley, of course. This hands-on experience, combined with two years of the Presidential Classroom, a week-long program that gives a behind the scenes look at the political workings of Washington D.C., has piqued Sullivan's interest. And as she walking away from the spotlight of the stage, perhaps she will find her feet in the spotlight of a larger arena, politics.

Leaving professional dance was an enormous decision for Sullivan to make, but she is confident that she made the right choice. Because, she explained, most of the best dancers go straight from high school into full-time professional dance — and college is not an experience that she was willing to miss. But, she has no doubt that hanging up her shoes will be a difficult step to take.

"It will be interesting to see how much I miss it," Sullivan said.

LIBRARY CORNER

More fun for kids

Sharon Moody, Children's Librarian for Paul Pratt Memorial Library, will be the guest reader at Cohasset Buttonwood Books & Toys' "Pretend Sleepover" on Monday, Aug. 26, from 7 to 8 p.m. Come dressed in your favorite pajamas and listen to the stories of "Junie B. Jones" by Barbara Park and "The Magic Tree House" by Mary Pope Osborne. Refreshments will be served. Call Buttonwood Books at 781-383-2665 for more information.

Children's events

Come join in the fun at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Friday, Aug. 16, from 3 to 4 p.m. for a workshop called, "Bookmark Art".

The workshop is open to students ages 7 to 12. Design and create a piece of artwork from bookmarks.

Register now. Space is limited. Call 383-1348 for more information and registration.

Puzzle Club

Attention Deer Hill students! The Monday night Puzzle Club with Mrs. Murphy meets Monday, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12. Puzzle Club begins at 7 p.m. and ends promptly at 8:45 p.m. This is a drop-in event.

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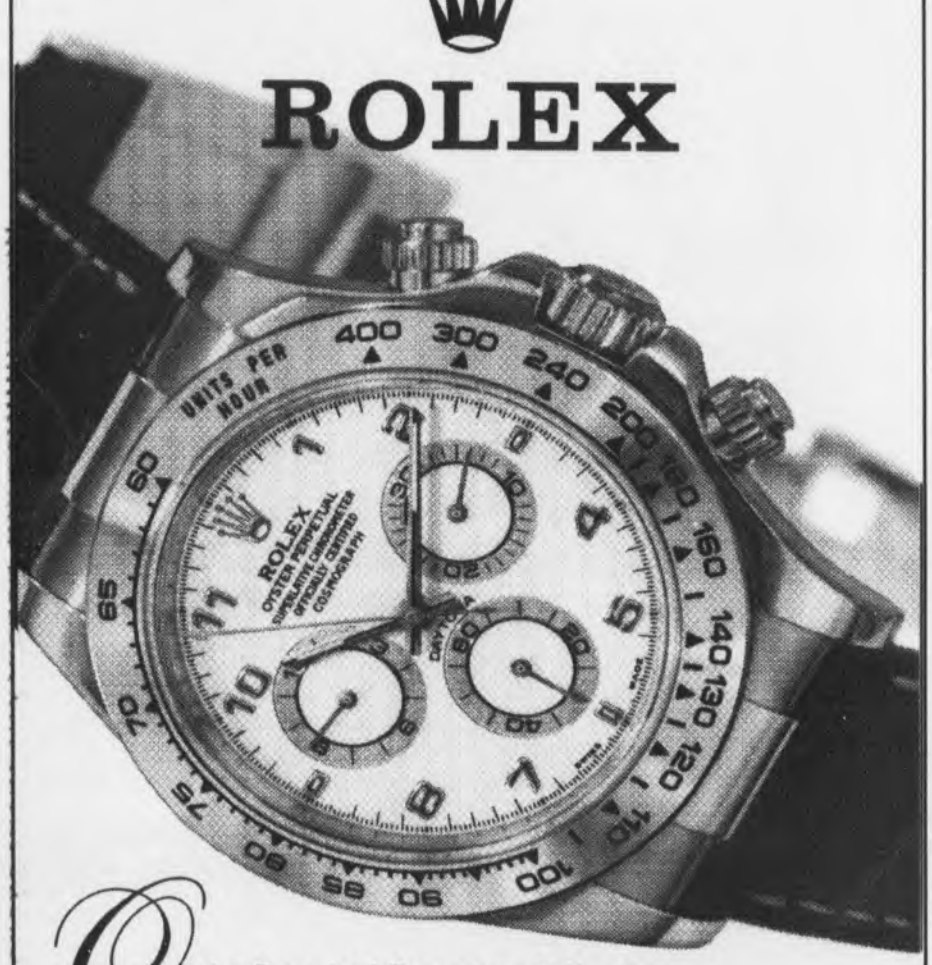

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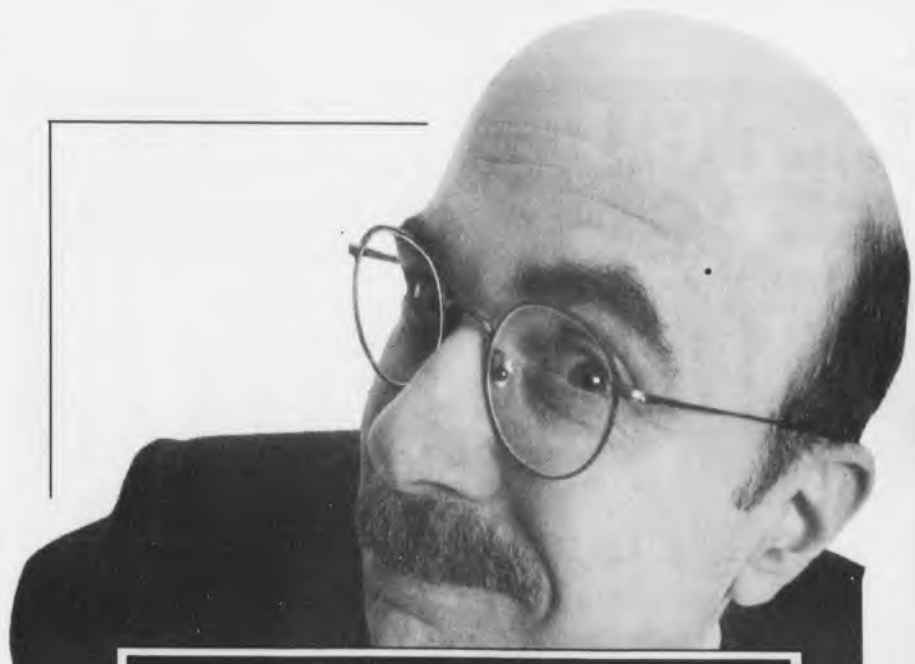

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Tricky corner may not be west but it's wild

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fusion thankfully reaches its end in a bridge across Straits Pond where the Hull town line intervenes and gives cross-road neighbors the right to pay taxes to the same municipality.

Perhaps in direct response to its physical composition, West Corner is also a neighborhood divided.

Recently, DiNero's restaurant, located in West Corner – and for the record in Cohasset – applied for relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals in order to expand (the ZBA continued the hearing to Aug. 12). And the Greek Church just around the corner on Jerusalem Road is planning a community center.

"You have three towns meeting and you've got the beach on top of that. It really is insane."

— Casey Fredette, who works at Tedeschi's

The ensuing recent brouhaha of public opinion – both for and against DiNero's expansion – is indicative of a larger issue.

"My dog used to run down the street and steal pizza from Lokies (restaurant on the site of DiNero's)," said James Reichardt of 3 Grace Drive who grew up on the Hingham side of Hull Street. "(The owner) used to cool them (pizzas) off on a table outside, behind the restaurant, several hundred feet away on the Cohasset side. Nowadays, you couldn't let a dog go 100 feet away."

With Hull Street one of only three roads leading into Hull, the neighborhood has always experienced high volume, especially on the weekends in the summer months. Though most of the development has avoided the Corner specifically — projects in Hull, from Paragon Park, to apartment complexes, to Nantasket Beach have always drawn large crowds.

Some residents have complained of extraordinary wait times to cross the intersection. But a 1997 study by Sam Park Associates of Boston completed for the 162-unit Avalon Estates development in Hull rated the general area around that development in the B to C range, depending on the time of day (A is little or no traffic, F is long delays).

Still, most agree that the area is busy.

"People can't get in and out," said Pamela Tutty, who works at Victoria's sub shop, one of several businesses in the Corner. "Especially in the morning when you have the traffic going to the beach, people can't get in and out here, Tedeschi's, DeNiro's, anywhere."

Tutty, however, doesn't blame it on recent development.

"It's always been like that," she continued. "It's the beach. You can't just blame it on Avalon Estates. It's been like that since they had Paragon Park and even after they got rid of Paragon Park.."

Maria Plante, of 798 Jerusalem Road is against DiNero's expansion.

"It's always been a steady stream of traffic, which we knew when we built here," said Plante. "Traffic for Nantasket, traffic for the stores. What I don't want is any more traffic, we've had enough. You have to go back to the premise, that is a residential area."

DiNero's is, however, zoned for business and some customers feel they deserve the right to expand.

"They're the best neighbor around here, really," said Frank McWilliams of Hull who has lived in the area for 60 years. "They don't treat anyone badly. I've been coming here for, well a long time and I've never had a problem with the traffic. It's all in someone's head."

Frank A. Plotner, proprietor of DiNero's feels that the developments haven't made a noticeable impact.

"It really hasn't changed that much in the seven years I've been here," said Plotner

Cohasset Police Chief Robert Jackson has seen the area flex and breathe over time.

"It's a trade off," said Jackson. "When Paragon Park left there was a decrease in traffic. Now with more development and commuters, traffic has increased but it is not an unmanageable increase in the traffic load. West Corner is not a major headache."

Reichardt, who spends his mornings trying to get on to Route 228 just south of the square, disagrees.

"The congestion has really grown. I couldn't even throw out a figure," Reichardt said. "It's built up pretty well on the Cohasset side especially."

Reichardt did admit that the area has always been busy to some extent.

"In the summer months, with people traveling to Nantasket or taking a pleasure cruise down Jerusalem Road, it was always fairly busy," said Reichart. "Especially during weekends, but midweek it would be pretty quiet here. It just seems steadier now."

Selectman Merle Brown has also seen the increase in congestion.

"There's more traffic now," said Brown. "Except in the summers when Paragon Park was open, there was a lot of traffic. Avalon Estates has gone into Hull and there are more people living in Hull now. Now traffic is year round. When I was growing up, not that many people had cars, and those that did only had one car in a family."

Town Planner Liz Harrington painted the area as a study in contrasts.

"You've got two very busy streets feeding into an intersection with just stop signs," said Harrington. "On one hand it's great. It's the neighborhood shopping center. There are businesses that have been there for a long, long time, which I think is a real plus. Someone can walk to get a gallon of milk, or walk to get a bite to eat, but I would be interested to see what the impact of the Avalon project is."

A formal town investigation, however, is not in the works.

"It's not something that we have taken a close look at, as far as the traffic," said Harrington. "It hasn't really been on the radar, but maybe it is some thing that is percolating up."

Perhaps with the best view in the house, Casey Fredette of Hingham, who mans the counter at Tedeschi's gave his perspective on the situation..

"This place is insane," as he motioned to several customers leaving the store. "It's like that, all the time, but usually 30 of them. In all the time I've worked, here, it's always been busy. This corner is nuts, everyone is in and out."

Fredette, however, doesn't think that there is much anyone can do about it..

"Victoria's is a lot busier, and we've certainly gotten busier, but it's always been busy here," said Fredette. "You have three towns meeting and you've got the beach on top of that. It really is insane."

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Some residents who live near West Corner are concerned about plans to expand DiNero's, a popular dining spot. The Zoning Board of Appeals will take the matter up again on Aug. 12. The restaurant is part of the mix at the busy corner where Hull, Hingham and Cohasset meet.

Summer camp at community center

The South Shore Community center offers Camp for boys and girls ages 4 to 9 (children will be grouped by age) with Susie O'Brien and Ellen Burke.

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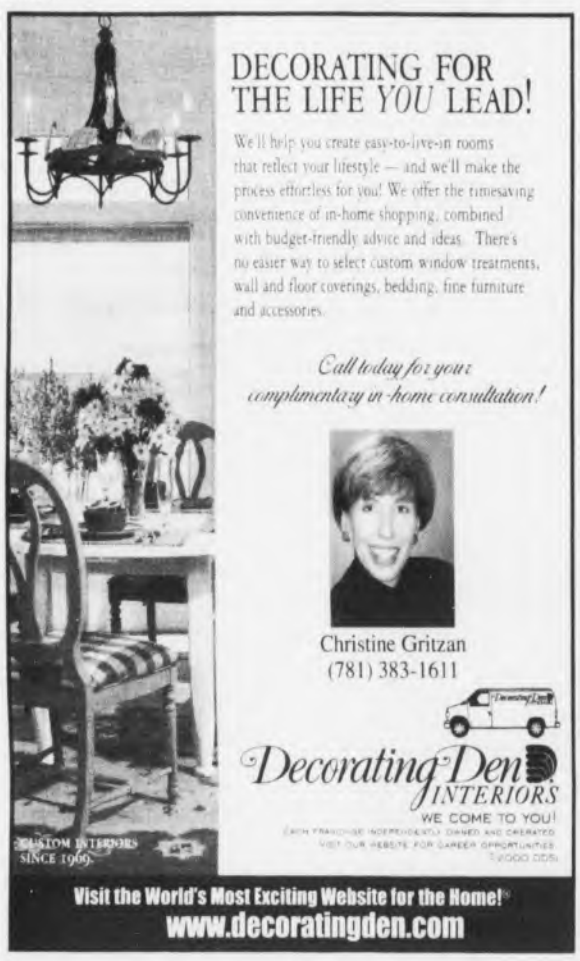

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The need for more affordable housing

Chapter 40B – the state's affordable housing law – is taking on the chin from all sides. Groups in Cohasset, Marshfield and Duxbury, to name a few, are gathering steam to force changes in the 30-year-old legislation that allows developers to skirt some zoning regulations in exchange for providing a percentage of the project as affordable housing.

We can't argue with the need to amend the law, something which the legislature is addressing.

No one who has empty acreage in their single-family neighborhood wants to see high-density apartments or condos go in down the street. Those homeowners bought their homes because they liked the area and should have some assurances that their neighborhood zoning is secure.

A town should also be able to keep existing commercial and industrial zoning intact in the hope of attracting business and increasing the commercial tax base.

However, with that being said, no one should lose sight of the need to provide affordable housing. It's important to remember that "affordable" is not the same thing as "government" housing that can conjure up images of undesirable inner-city apartment buildings.

The "affordability" factor for 40B projects means the units must be affordable for households earning no more than 80 percent of the greater Boston median income or about $58,000 a year.

And in the type of 40B projects being proposed, the affordable units are identical in every way to the market-priced or market-rate ones (in the case of apartments).

Last week in Hingham, the housing authority conducted a lottery for the six affordable townhouses in a 24-unit 40B project called Whiting Lane on Whiting Street (Route 53). More than 250 individuals and families submitted applications for the two-bedroom units priced at $104,000. Upwards of 400 took out applications, many weren't returned because the potential applicants didn't meet the eligibility criteria.

The sheer number of homeowner-hopefuls is indicative of the need to provide affordable housing in our towns. While it's easy to say, towns should be able to provide affordable housing themselves, we all know towns don't make particularly good landlords. And we have to ask ourselves, why most towns have done little to encourage affordable housing over the years. That's why they find themselves fighting 40B projects today. The law makes municipalities that have less than 10 percent of their housing stock as affordable by state standards vulnerable to the law.

At the lottery in Hingham, Selectmen Chairman Mathew MacIver put it best.

He said despite the debate over the pros and cons of 40B, the goal of providing affordable housing is to give people and families a break so they can establish themselves in a community that otherwise might not be possible.

— Mary Ford
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GREENBUSH QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'Where will the tunnel start?'

Coming from Weymouth, the "boat section" of the Hingham tunnel will start about 200 feet south of the Torrent Fire Station along the right of way and continue for about 1100 feet to the portal or underground entrance about parallel to Talbots in the square. The underground section will be about 800 feet, emerging past the Hingham Square Barbershop just on the other side of South Street where the other, approximately 1000-foot boat section begins. The train will reach grade-level again about 250 feet before Water Street or about the middle of the Station Street parking lot. At its deepest point under Main Street, the underground portion of the tunnel will be about 26 feet deep from the top of rail to grade.

If you have a Greenbush construction question that others may be interested in, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. The Mariner will ask Tom Carroll, Greenbush community liaison with Cashman-Balfour Beatty for the answer. You may also call the Greenbush hotline at 781-682-6350.

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The Law of Inverse Proportions:

Running out of propane the night you grill butterflied lamb for the house guests

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who's in charge?

TO THE EDITOR:

The veneer separating CRC from Peter Roy and Peter Roy's business interests became transparent at the July 9, Selectmen's meeting. At this meeting, Dean Rizzo presented the "moderate" CRC proposal. When a question asking Selectmen to evaluate the cost/benefit of widening Border Street (which requires land taking) for the sole purpose of preserving seven street parking spots was raised, response from Peter Roy was that if those parking spots were eliminated he "would sue the town."

Citizens of Cohasset should be offended. Is this the real cost of "free" planning? Who will ensure that the best interests of the town prevail in every aspect of the "revitalization" plan? Will a separate committee be established to analyze cost/benefit of the major components of the plan? Who will make certain that the design maintains the historic feel of an Old New England Fishing Harbor and Victorian Landscape? Can we be assured the final plan is subject to a town vote? Who will make certain that the concerns of the harbor residents: quality of parking, noise, congestion and lighting are incorporated into the final plan?

We can only hope that the best interests of all Cohasset residents prevail, free from manipulation of the process.

Sandra Manzella
19 Border St.

40B and the ZBA

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals, I'd like to correct a serious misconception that seems to exist within the anti-40B group, per the report in last week's *Mariner*. Mike Westcott was quoted as saying "it's unfortunate that town management, many on the Board of Selectmen and Zoning Board of Appeals are doing little to fight this "[i.e. 40B, "affordable housing" proposals].

Certainly that is true of the ZBA, as it should and must be. Let me explain. State law empowers Zoning Boards "to promote the health, safety, and general welfare" of a town's inhabitants. ZBAs are quasi-judicial bodies, operating within the confines of local zoning bylaws, state statutes, and case law. ZBAs are given some, albeit limited, discretion in interpreting these laws — but always subject to state review, usually via the courts. This point is important — a Board of Appeals must not disregard or obstruct the law, nor does it make laws — its job is to apply and uphold them.

Chapter 40B is a State law that supercedes most local bylaws including those of lot area, density, open space, setbacks, bulk and height of structures, parking, and lot coverage. It also considers local concerns about burdens placed on a school system, police and fire department staffing, etc. to be largely irrelevant. It does allow a ZBA reasonable discretion where basic health, safety, and environmental issues are of concern, but 40B also mandates that Zoning Boards proceed expeditiously, and that they not impose conditions that would make projects "uneconomic". Failure to "play by the rules" comes with a great cost — a developer may appeal, not to the courts but to a division of the Dept. of Housing & Community Development (the Housing Appeals Committee) which almost always sides with the developer. If the HAC finds in favor of the developer, usually all local review/oversight ceases — the project becomes state-directed.

Therefore from both statutory and practical standpoints, a ZBA could do its town great harm were it to "fight" 40B proposals; the better solution is to work with developers to see if projects can be made harmonious with a town's character and needs. If a project turns out to be clearly inimical to Cohasset's "health, safety, and environment" then this Board will stand fast, but pre-judgment is not helpful at this point. Certainly, Chapter 40B is imperfect, as might be expected of a 33-year-old law. But the way to proceed is to amend this law to bring greater control back to towns ….and on that point, this Zoning Board has no disagreement with Mike Westcott.

Woody Chittick
Chairperson
Zoning Board of Appeals

HEALTH NOTES

No trash barrels, less litter?

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For, me, the character of a town can be measured by the care with which houses and public spaces are maintained. It seems to me that this is seldom accomplished by a few individuals, but by a groundswell of common municipal pride. If one visits Charleston, S.C., one immediately understands. Surely , there are advocacy groups, both citizens and business, perhaps one of the most important of which may be the Chamber of Commerce. But there are Chambers in every city, and advocacy groups hoping to improve neighborhoods and districts, etc.

But if a group tries to improve things in the town and there is a lukewarm response, we've painted an unprimed plank. I vainly seek our unified sense of pride in Cohasset. There's a recognition, in some circles, that we're perhaps better than neighboring south shore towns except for, maybe, a select few. But how many of us feels the sense that we respect our town and would care for its unique character?

Well, I have a test; a test of our pride and uniqueness —trash barrels — that's it, trash barrels!

People either pick up their trash sans barrels, or they litter with abandon, showing they don't care very much.

For years, we've been putting trash barrels in our public places. Carl Sestito, our new DPW head, says the tides of trash come and go, probably with the vagaries of the business cycle. But we hear of other municipalities which have dispensed with barrels altogether. It's the new rage in National Parks. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. People either pick up their trash sans barrels, or they litter with abandon, showing they don't care very much. My take is that this reflects on the pride in the surroundings. I've seen heedless kids throw wrappers, but when reminded, reflect shame for forgetting an early lesson. But what do we have when we get television sets at Sandy Beach or propane tanks at the Beechwood baseball field? It's easy to surround these things with a blue bag and take them to the RTF, and for a dollar, you'll still be violating the spirit of the recycling rules, but not the letter.

So, there we have it. The Board will investigate removal of barrels at one town location and see what happens. If as is hoped, we see less litter, we may expand the plan to other areas.

We will continue to check with Carl, and talk to trash collectors we occasionally see in our browsing, and we'll let you know if things improve.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Conservation commissions take stand against MBTA power grab

GREENBUSH VIEW

JOHN BEWICK

Several months ago the Hingham Conservation Commission, and subsequently the Cohasset and Scituate Conservation Commissions, rejected the MBTA's application for a wetlands permit for the Greenbush rail restoration. The reasons were two-fold: first, the project exceeded a statutory limit of 32,000 square feet of bordering vegetated wetlands and second, because of a lack of information required to approve and issue Orders of Conditions.

Regarding the first point, the rejections were expected by the MBTA given that a denial was required by statute.

What the MBTA apparently did not expect and quickly and strongly denied was the request that more information be given to the conservation commissions. The MBTA's position is that it need only "...provide sufficient information for the Commission to render a decision." This seeming fine point is now the center of a major battle waging at the Department of Environmental Protection(DEP) between the MBTA, the Hingham/Cohasset/Scituate Conservation Commissions and recently the statewide Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, which has written the DEP supporting our local Conservation Commissions (CC's).

What is this battle all about and why is it important?

At stake is the very power of the local Conservation Commission to do its job.

Under the Wetlands Protection Act, local CC's are charged with the review of permit applications. This process was designed by the Legislature for the purpose of enabling local conservation knowledge to play an important role in helping to shape the mitigation for projects affecting a community. When one considers the many potentially severe and unknown environmental problems posed by Greenbush construction, this mandate is no small matter. In taking it's vigorous stand, the HCC's states that its goal is not to oppose Greenbush, rather it is to obtain sufficient information to describe impacts and mitigation in order to protect the local environment.

If the MBTA has its way it would transfer these powers to the DEP where it presumes to find a more malleable reviewer given the cursory review and approval of the Final Environmental Impact Report more than a year ago.

In a brilliantly argued letter, Joe Fisher, the Chairman of the Hingham Conservation Commission, charges that the MBTA position fundamentally undermines commission authority under the Wetlands Protection Act. Fisher's argument was so compelling that the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) joined the fray. In a letter to the DEP supporting Fisher's case and aimed at protecting the very essence of the commission's powers, Patrick Garner, vice president of the MACC argued that "The MBTA approach is the antithesis of allowing local participation."

So what is at stake here is the MBTA's cherished notion that Greenbush is a "done deal."

As a former Secretary of Environmental Affairs for the Commonwealth and a strong supporter of the type of environmental legislation that is at the heart of this issue, I couldn't agree more and I strongly endorse the position adopted by the HCC and the MACC.

Fisher has further incurred the wrath of the MBTA by contending that the problem is exacerbated by the "design/build" factor. With much of Greenbush un-designed, it would be nearly impossible for local CCs to do their job. Fisher further claims that the MBTA is not bound by state legislation to use design/build to build Greenbush as the MBTA claims. He cites the exact legislative wording to support his point. The problems raised about timely information to CC's reinforces the fact that the design/build concept was never intended for a project as environmentally complex as Greenbush.

If the MBTA were to do it right it would first go to the DEP to ask for a variance to the Wetlands Act for the project as a whole. If the DEP grants such a variance, then the MBTA would go back to the local Conservation Commissions after design is completed, and ask for an Order of Conditions with an application that contains complete information, just as they would with any other project.

Why might the MBTA be hesitant to use this approach?

The request for a variance could trigger a request for an adjudicatory hearing by qualified persons with the DEP Commissioner in which the MBTA would have to demonstrate that there is an overwhelming public interest and that there are no alternatives that would satisfy the requirements of the project. Under the umbrella of responsible and unbiased expert testimony this would be difficult to prove given the fact that expansion of commuter boats and express buses could offer more frequent service, attract more new riders, cost far less and be far less environmentally invasive. Other elements of the variance could be subject to judicial review as well. Such challenges could add years to the process.

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But, as Fisher is quick to point out in his letter to the DEP, this is not about Greenbush opposition. Rather this battle is over gutting of the Wetlands Protection Act and preserving the powers of local conservation commissions to make the fundamental decisions about protection of local wetlands and other values. As such it is a statewide battle that far surpasses Greenbush in its potential impacts. That is why the MACC has joined the battle to preserve 25 years of progress in protecting our environment.

It is not lost on those of us who have long opposed the project that the HCC efforts to protect our environment are consistent with ours: to provide the best transportation solution for the South Shore with minimal impact on the environment. To this end I encourage all citizens of good conscience to support the conservation commissions of Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate in what could well be a long and protracted battle with the MBTA to preserve and protect the Conservation Commission mandate.

John Bewick is a former Secretary of Environmental Affairs for the Commonwealth and president of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives, a Hingham-based advocacy group promoting alternatives to the Greenbush rail restoration.

Victims of fatty foods

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I think I'll sue somebody. It doesn't matter who, just as long as whoever it is has a lot of money.

In fact, I think I'll sue the restaurant that forced me to eat that piece of strawberry shortcake. If they had checked my file at the South Shore Hospital, they would have found I am allergic to strawberries. Oh, the tortures they put me through!

The idea came to me the other day when I read that Caesar Barber and 10 other fatties are suing McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, and Kentucky Fried Chicken for failing to inform them that too much fatty food, like French fries and 'burgers and fried chicken, can lead to obesity, which can lead to heart attacks, dandruff, and hangnails.

"These people need to be compensated," said their lawyer, Samuel Hirsch, for the medications and the doctors' appointments that have been forced on them by the insensitive fast-food folks. "The industry fails to post the contents of the food aggressively, in a conspicuous place, and they have created a craving, an addiction in these people."

Barber, the lead plaintiff in the class action suit, claims he eats in a fast food restaurant four or five times a week and, as a result, has had two heart attacks, high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol, all attributed to his obesity.

"There was no fast food I didn't eat," he said, "and I ate it more than not because I was single . . .

(Which could lead to a suit against NOW, for withholding women from him.)

". . . it was quick and I'm not a very good cook."

(Does anyone see a suit coming against Julia Child or Emeril Lagasse for their failure to teach him in time ?)

Katharine Kim, spokeswoman for the National Restaurant Association, calls the suit "frivolous, senseless, baseless, and ridiculous," but don't bet your Big Mac on it.

Remember the woman who sued McDonald's for spilling hot coffee on herself and won a seven figure settlement?

Remember Carolyn Humphrey, the California woman who was chronically late for work because she spent three hours primping for the job? The court ruled that was a disability.

Incidentally, the court in that case was the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth District, the same one that ruled "under God" out of the Pledge of Allegiance. But I digress . . .

Lawsuits filed in American courts get loonier and loonier, and the loonies are winning often enough so that a manufacturer of baby carriages felt it necessary to warn purchasers of a stroller to "remove child before folding."

Even a warning label can be no proof against lawsuits, as Sea World of Orlando, Fla., found out when the estate of Daniel Dukes sued them for negligence.

Seems Dukes sneaked into the park after hours and dove into a tank with an exhibit named Tillikum. His body was found the next day.

The suit claimed Sea World was negligent in not warning Dukes that Tillikum was dangerous even though the sign said he was a "killer whale."

So, if any of you folks have a problem with strawberries, maybe we can get together on a class action suit.

Logan expansion will add to emissions pollution

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANNE FRYE

Aviation pollution is growing fast. It significantly impacts air and water, public health and climate change. It mixes with pollution from other sources. Atmospheric and health researchers worldwide are watching it; the reach of the problem will finally break on the public as a scandal. Locally, Massport's expansion of Logan Airport will increase emissions pollution and noise unacceptably on the South Shore and much of Greater Boston. Massport's contrary environmental claims are widely mistrusted, and Acting Governor Swift just took funding for a Logan health effects study out of the state budget!

Americans overwhelmingly want someone to single-mindedly protect air and water quality.

This week the Federal Aviation Administration will specify conditions for expansion of Logan Airport, in a "Record of Decision," after its review of Massport's Final Environmental Impact Statement. It sounds momentous, but the FAA's decision to approve expansion in some form was never much in doubt.

Opponents of Logan expansion met with the departing FAA Administrator, Jane Garvey, a few weeks ago, in an eleventh-hour session. As a former pilot myself, I took away the impression that she was professionally deeply dedicated to aviation security, flight safety and air traffic control, just what a pilot expects of the FAA. Americans overwhelmingly want someone to single-mindedly pursue safety in planes and airports.

The South Shore and other Greater Boston communities need protection and relief from the impacts of Massport's expansion. If we don't get it from the FAA, we must get it through the courts, new leadership and legislation. Please take a deep breath, and join the campaign!

Mary Ann Frye South Shore Jet Pollution Council southshorejetpollution.org

Unhappy politicians aren't the real losers

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government ending July 26.

Reporters tend to be happiest professionally when everyone else is most miserable. Though a lot of politicians might argue this is because reporters by and large are cretins, it's actually because misery is news. And there was a lot of news at the Statehouse last week.

Pretty much all the politicians were unhappy. They could choose the losing side, and cast ineffectual votes to support Acting Gov. Jane Swift's veto of a $1.14 billion tax hike. Or they could join a winning side on which no one's a winner – the large majority in both chambers that voted in favor of the tax hike, which took effect when the Senate overrode the veto July 25.

The reps and senators most in favor of raising taxes were the ones most demoralized by the cuts in spending that had to take place — even with those tax hikes. The governor spent last week looking for even more places to cut — hundreds of millions of dollars more.

The politicians were the lucky ones. The real losers were the people who now may lose their health care coverage, or their home care or day care services, to name a few. Painful details of the damage done to state services, even after tax hikes, even after revenue maneuvers, kept making themselves apparent all week.

As the fundamentals of the budget were examined, it became very clear that the immediate future of running Massachusetts is about how the economy performs.

The Legislature and administration are out of one-time gimmicks. They spent $800 million in reserve funds in this budget, not to mention the entire $300 million tobacco settlement payment for this year. The middle class took the brunt of tax hikes this year, the poor and working poor the brunt of the spending cuts. With reserve funds basically gone, the next round of cuts will hit the middle class as well — education and health care, state parks and public safety.

Unless revenues come back. If the economy rebounds, if businesses and individuals start making more money, they'll pay more taxes on those earnings into the state treasury, even if tax rates stay the same. That's why tax rates went down, but receipts went up, in the 1990s.

But: few were predicting such a rebound last week. Much of the sudden collapse in revenue came in the area of capital gains – i.e., sales of stock and other securities. When the stock market goes down, when faith in the economy is diminished, capital gains receipts and other revenues fall off. You may have noticed that neither the market nor confidence in corporate America is going up. That led House Ways and Means Chairman John Rogers to tell reporters: "Everything's back on the table next year" – basically a proclamation that the crisis has not been ended and even more tax hikes and program cuts could be coming.

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Those are words that could make even Statehouse reporters, brimming with good copy though they may be, unhappy like everyone else. After all, they pay taxes too.

With formal legislative sessions ending and the governor's race ongoing, it was easy to find stories to write and talk about last week.

• The Republican candidate for governor caught everyone in the political world off guard by endorsing a policy long held dear by liberal Democrats: tying the state's minimum wage to the inflation rate. Romney said that would help businesses plan for labor costs more intelligently.

• Research groups started putting this year's Massachusetts budget numbers in context. The National Conference of State Legislatures found the Bay State tax hike to be the third highest of those passed by states that have chosen to raise taxes this year. Massachusetts enacted the biggest increase in the personal income tax, NCSL found.

• The Senate did most of its debating on amendments to the bill behind closed doors, then passed the bill 36-0. Now issues such as a House provision making it easier for the MBTA to raise fares will be settled between the branches – or not – in the last three or four working days of formal sessions. The Senate did not address House bond riders creating a Massport advisory board or expanding the state turnpike board.

• A measure making changes in the structure of the state's bilingual education program — but not enough to stop a bilingual ban referendum from heading for the ballot – cleared the Senate easily. The vote was 37-1 after lengthy debate. The House and Senate are likely to work out minor differences this week and send an overhaul of the 30-year-old bilingual law to Swift's desk. Then the campaign begins. Ballot question sponsors will argue the new law doesn't do enough to force students to learn English. Its opponents will argue the law lays out meaningful reforms and that the ballot proposal is too rigid.

• About 64 percent of men in Massachusetts are overweight or obese, along with 42 percent of women, the Department of Public Health (DPH) reported. Obesity is said to cause 600,000 premature deaths a year nationwide, and the number of overweight Bay Staters rose 29 percent in the 1990s, the DPH said.

• Though the federal government made Big Dig managers add more than $200 million to the expense side of the project's accounting, the turnpike authority claimed the project's bottom line hadn't increased, marking its first year of no overruns. Work started in 1991. The estimated cost is now $14.625 billion. Big Dig officials made it clear the price tag counts on spending all contingency funds. Project officials also officially pushed back by six weeks four key milestone dates, including its "substantial completion" estimate, which is now early February, 2005.

• The House passed measures establishing new crimes with specific penalties for acts like making an anthrax hoax, making terrorist threats over the Internet or possessing weapons of mass destruction. An amendment approved by the House would stipulate that Bay State driver's licenses held by foreigners would expire the same day their visas do. Lawmakers hope to send the first package of post-September 11 anti-terrorism policy changes to Swift's desk next week.

• A result of the tragic April 2001 Newton charter-bus crash, legislation requiring school committees to set up regulations for overnight trips passed both branches and arrived on the governor's desk. The bill is aimed at encouraging an extra degree of caution among local educators considering how to run outings such as the band trip in which four students died.

• The conservative think tank at Suffolk University released a report saying recent student improvements on the MCAS were not correlated with lower class sizes and higher teacher pay. The institute has long been skeptical of the notion that spending increases quality. Teacher's unions echoed education commissioner David Driscoll comment that the report "doesn't make much sense." Driscoll didn't specify why not.

• This could have been just what Tom Finneran was worried about. Clean Elections gubernatorial candidate Warren Tolman showed how he'll spend some of the proceeds from the court-ordered auction of Lottery vehicles and public land in Lakeville to fund his campaign: an ad calling the House Speaker "Boss Finneran" and telling voters he's a "symbol of what's wrong with Massachusetts." The speaker's office had no (public) reaction.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

Most surveyed don't want harbor upgrade effort sunk

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including those on Border, Margin, Summer, Stockbridge streets, Elm Street (to Stephen's Lane), Elm Court, Blackhorse lane and Sankey Road. Nearly two-thirds or 76 of harbor area households and businesses that responded agree the area could use "moderate" improvements.

Another 192 surveys were mailed to miscellaneous residents including town officials, CRC town liaisons, residents who attended past harbor workshops and/or expressed an interest in the harbor project, and individuals who have provided financial support to CRC's efforts.

Of the total 384 surveys mailed, 158 or 41 percent were returned, Rizzo said. Of that 72 percent preferred the "moderate" improvement approach. The other two options were "minimum" improvements (18 percent) or "no" improvements (9 percent).

The "moderate" approach includes sidewalk improvements that involve widening them as necessary and installing granite curbing to separate the sidewalk from parallel parking, installation of a new wood or steel railing system, tree planting and new lighting as appropriate.

Project cost estimates are about $1.1 million with the potential for grants to absorb 90 percent, leaving about $113,000. The town could change the scope of the project if grant money did not materialize, Rizzo said.

A copy of all survey responses and written comments are available at the selectmen's office at Town Hall and CRC office on Elm Street.

The results are broken down in great detail that includes how respondents on each street in the harbor area feel about types of lighting and railing materials.

The survey also includes letters from the Design Review Board, Planning Board, Recreation Commission, Government Island Study Committee, Cohasset Historical Commission, Sailing Club and Lightkeepers Corporation. The Conservation Commission and DPW superintendent also responded by completing the survey.

In addition to the general question as to which improvement approach was preferred, residents were asked to give their opinion of various other specific design changes in the area.

For example, a majority of respondents favor moving the sidewalk on the Border Street bridge to the opposite side of the road to create a continuous sidewalk on the same side of the Border Street entrance to Government Island. A majority of respondents also support the need to create a safer intersection where Border and Summer streets intersect in front of the American Legion.

A public workshop will be scheduled in early fall to review the plans and ideas prior to submitting grant applications.

Rizzo said the CRC is in the process of putting together three-to-four railing design options for the selectmen and community to consider.

"Images of the railing options will be incorporated into actual pictures of the harbor area to give people a real sense of what they will look like," he said. CRC will also continue with grant research and the application processes in order to determine the definitive funding assistance available to help the town pay for the proposed improvements.

A public workshop will be scheduled in early fall to review the plans and ideas prior to submitting grant applications, Rizzo said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the selectmen will oversee any harbor plans. The board will set aside time on an upcoming agenda to discuss the survey and future of the project that could include hiring a consultant and going to Town Meeting for funds.

"The consensus they reached three weeks ago, is that something needs to be done at the harbor for safety reasons," Haddad said.

Cemetery to take its place in history

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Many of the town's early settlers are buried in Cohasset Central Cemetery, which is being considered for listing on the National Register.

art, the glacial moraines, and its slate, marble and granite markers — the cemetery's "inhabitants" are a lesson in history unto themselves.

Montague points out that Central Cemetery has importance for all three.

"Cemeteries tell stories," she says.

"We have William Hanlon (of the Hanlon Brothers, world-famous acrobats of the late 19th century), a Civil War Medal of Honor winner, and the Celtic cross," Montague says. The Celtic cross marks the mass grave of 45 unidentified victims who perished aboard the Brig "St. John" in 1949 off the Cohasset coast.

The 19th-century tragedian, Lawrence Barrett, and friend of fellow actor Edwin Booth, is buried there near other members of Cohasset's "Actor's Row," who had homes at the harbor. Richardson White, a prizewinning sculptor and farmer, and the Rev. Nehemiah Hobart, the town's first clergyman, also rest there.

Images depicted on the cemetery gravestones show how views of death have evolved over the past three centuries.

"We can trace the faiths that have inspired the carvers and their customers, beliefs that are still extant on the stones and which give us a window into the past and perhaps into the mind of the folk that once lived on the seacoast of New England," the application states.

Last summer, about 30 members of the Association for Gravestone Studies toured the cemetery.

Vince Luti, who led the group, pointed out during the tour religious attitudes are not the only thing that can be learned from cemetery studies but also the iconography, life span and epitaphs can reveal much about the area's demographic and medical history.

As the tour discovered, and as have many Cohasseters, Central Cemetery is also a nice place to take a stroll, sit and reflect, and enjoy the scenery.

"The peaceful setting and its accessibility to the town Village draw visitors and recreational walkers through all seasons," the application for the National Register states. "The vista of Little Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean beyond speaks to the seafaring history of Cohasset."

Besides the recognition that goes with being named to the National Register, the designation also provides some protection, particularly from federal projects.

"This will preserve the cemetery indefinitely," Montague says. "No one can turn it into another function."

Montague explained that Central Cemetery is owned and maintained by a private organization made up of all the plot owners. A sub-committee of the cemetery board is in the process of documenting all the gravesites to provide a genealogical record of the town's early citizens.

She explained the idea to apply for the National Register — a process that took about18 months — stemmed from a small mention in a report by consultants for the MBTA that surveyed historic sites along the Greenbush line. A line in the report, discovered by Wadsworth, the town archivist, stated the cemetery, ought to be listed.

Other properties in Cohasset on the National Register are the Cohasset Common Historic District, Government Island, the Caleb Lothrop House on Summer Street and the Walter Gropius House off Atlantic Avenue. The Cohasset Historical Society is in the process of applying for its two museums, the John Wilson House and Maritime Museum, for inclusion on the National Register.

There are about 75,000 listings that make up the National Register.

Pollutants go down the drain

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to name a few.

Environmental officials know pollutants come through storm drains because of high bacteria counts in waterways following heavy rainfall, Stanton says.

The grant, awarded by the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, is part of the Massachusetts Watershed Initiative Project, and provides money to create a storm-drain mapping model that can be used in other South Shore communities.

"What is significant about this project is the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) will be requiring towns to map storm drains at their expense once their regulations become effective next March," says George Zoto, team leader for the South Coastal Watershed for the Massachusetts Watershed Initiative. Municipalities across the country are required to address water pollution under the federal Clean Water Act.

Due to negative effects of untreated storm water in the nation's waterways, the EPA has implemented a new storm-water management program targeting smaller municipalities and requires them to meet certain thresholds to create a comprehensive storm-water management plan. The new program follows an earlier EPA program that focused on storm-water pollution from medium- to large- municipal separate storm sewer systems, industrial sources and large construction sites.

Zoto explains that over time, towns installed storm drains to "do whatever they could to get the water out."

But as blacktop areas increased, storm drains — and the fact the water didn't percolate back into the ground which filtered it the way Mother Nature intended — have negatively affected the watershed have become leading causes of pollution.

According to the grant application, the EPA requires towns develop a storm-sewer system map that shows major pipes, outfalls and topography. This project allows Cohasset to meet this requirement and sets the stage for Norwell and Scituate to comply.

"At this time, there are no formal maps in Cohasset that detail storm-drain system information; it all resides in the heads of the DPW staff that have been working in the town for years," the grant application stated.

The mapping will enable the town to develop a plan to mitigate problem storm drains through treatment systems and filtration and become part of the town's storm-water management plan.

However, mapping some 900 storm drains in Cohasset is not an easy task and could cost considerably more than the grant money allotted. But thanks to high school intern, Greg O'Brien, who has been hired to help with the project, and a high-tech device called a GPS (global positioning unit), Cohasset may be able to get the job done without going to the taxpayers for more money, says Steve Bobo, chairman of the Board of Health.

The GPS bounces a signal to a satellite which captures the coordinates and sends the information back to the unit. The information can then be identified and mapped according to GIS (Geographic Information Systems) computer technology. Bobo says this project should dovetail with work being done by consultants hired by the Water Department to help with the watershed protection plan.

The Water Department will match the funds the town will spend on the project, says John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission.

"Storm drain mapping is important to be able to design controls on storm-water runoff, which is a major contributor to non-point source pollution of water bodies and the water supply," McNabb says.

Teen tackles catch basin project

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says.

The first task is to dig up any data on catch basins in town. Most of the documented drains are in larger, more recent developments, such as Shaw's Plaza and the Rose Hill subdivision. Then Greg will work with the DPW, which cleans the catch basins, to find all the rest.

Greg plans to go out with the DPW to each catch basin and expects to tackle 20-30 drains a day. Using a hand-held GPS (Global Positioning System) device, Greg will be able to get the exact coordinates of each drain. He'll also go inside to try to get a measurement on the pipes.

Greg will take all the information and feed it into a computer to develop the data base and mapping – all of which will become part of the town's Storm Water Management Plan that will include how to mitigate problem drains. He may also tackle writing the plan as part of an independent study at CMHS this coming year.

The 17-year-old high school senior was recommended for the job by a small company in Scituate that he did some research for. He is paid about $8 an hour which is covered by a state grant recently awarded to Cohasset (see related story).

At first the new job scared him a bit but soon, Greg realized he could make a difference and learn a lot.

"In the first week, I had 100 people's names and phone numbers," he says. "Paper is stacking up around me."

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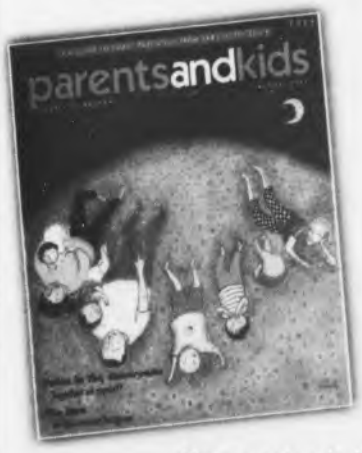

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OBITUARIES

William Nast

Architect, engineer, activist, 100 years old

William Nast, 100, of Cohasset, an architect and civil engineer, died July 20, 2002 at Quincy Medical Center.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he moved to Newton Highlands in 1928 and designed and built the home where he had lived most of his life.

Mr. Nast graduated from the Pratt Institute and was a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Boston Society of Architects.

He was a longtime member of the Boston Architectural Center where he was a volunteer teacher for 17 years and founded a scholarship fund.

Mr. Nast was a member of the Newton Art Association and the Mayor's Committee for Development of a new public library in Newton. He was also a longtime member of the Huntington Masonic Lodge and had been president and treasurer of Remeron of Newton, a club for retired men.

Husband of the late Bertha (Baer) Nast, he leaves his son, W. Roger Nast of Cohasset; his two granddaughters, Cynthia M. Nast of Westboro and Deborah B. Carey of Braintree.

There were no funeral services. Funeral arrangements were made by the McDonald Funeral Home of South

Weymouth.

Donations may be made in Mr. Nast's memory to the Boston Architectural Center Scholarship Fund, 320 Newbury St., Boston 02115.

Joseph D. Ledoux

Joseph D. Ledoux, 80, of Cohasset, a World War II veteran, died July 13, 2002 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Brighton.

Mr. Ledoux was born in Montreal, Canada and during World War II, he enlisted with the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion. He was later attached to the 6th British Airborne Division.

After the war, he attended McGill University in Montreal and earned a degree in electrical engineering.

He moved to Cohasset and worked as an engineer at Northrop Corporation in Norwood.

Mr. Ledoux was involved in the development of gyroscopes for the Apollo space program.

He was a member of the Cohasset Historical Society, the Cohasset Consignment Shop and the Old Goats Club of Cohasset. He enjoyed walking his two Bernese Mountain dogs.

Mr. Ledoux leaves his wife, Hilda (Moffet) McGeown Ledoux of Cohasset; his three sons, Derry T. Ledoux of Cohasset, Michael D. Ledoux of Natick, and Bryan J. Ledoux of Glen Burnie, Md.; his daughter, Patricia L. Ledoux of Cohasset; a sister, Mary T. Ledoux of Michigan; and his four grandchildren.

He was the brother of the late Hugh and Frank Ledoux.

A memorial service was held July 20 at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Salvation Army,147 Berkley St., Boston 02116; or to the Pine Street Inn, 44 Harrison Ave., Boston 02116.

Ruth D. Goddard-Kopf

Mrs. Ruth D. Goddard-Kopf, a Scituate merchant who was instrumental in running two well-known Front Street businesses, died of natural causes July 8, 2002 at South Shore Life Care Center. She was 102.

Born in Lowell, she was the daughter of Charles and Angelina delaRonde. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1918. She then moved with her family to Lewiston, Maine where her father opened a retail fabric store.

She met and married her first husband, Charles Goddard, in Maine and they moved to Scituate.

In 1934, the couple went into business in the middle of the Great Depression selling magazines, school supplies, crafts, candy and other goods from their Front Street store, Goddard's. In the mid-1940s, she opened her own store, the South Shore Department Store across the street from Goddard's. She sold clothing and fabric; both business ventures succeeded with hard work and determination despite the conditions in the national economy.

Widowed in 1968, she married Herbert Kopf of Boston in 1970. The family sold both stores in 1994. Mr. Kopf died in 1995.

Mrs. Goddard-Kopf leaves her five children, June C. Merrill of Scituate, James D. Goddard of Sandwich, Charles H. Goddard (of 1960s TV sci-fi, "Lost In Space" fame) of Bridgewater, Verdella G. Fletcher of Cohasset and Patricia R. Panet-Raymond of Sarasota, Fla. She also leaves her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church in Scituate. Interment was private in Lewiston, Maine.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home of Scituate.

Rosemary A. Raccio

Rosemary A. "Grammy Roe" (Corporale) Raccio, 79, of Cohasset, a retired employee of the Yale School of Medicine, died July 19, 2002 at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mrs. Raccio worked for the medical school for 12 years, retiring in 1996.

She was a Eucharistic Minister of the Church of Ascension in Hamden, Conn. and a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

Born in New Haven, she lived in Hamden for 49 years before moving to Cohasset six years ago.

Mrs. Raccio was an avid sports fan.

Wife of the late Thomas M. Raccio, she leaves her two sons, Thomas J. Raccio and Robert M. Raccio, both of Hamden, Conn.; her daughter, Rosemary Baker of Cohasset; and her four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held July 23 at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset. Interment was private.

Donations may be made to St. Anthony's Parish Center, 10 Summer St., Cohasset 02025.

WORSHIP NEWS

Friday devotions

St. Anthony Parish will hold First Friday devotions on Friday, Aug. 2, at 7 a.m. Mass; pro-life rosary, noon to 4:45 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 3:15 p.m. Children's pro-life rosary, 4:45 p.m. Benediction, 5 p.m. Mass.

Shipyard plans are shaping up

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Ground could be broken for the redevelopment of Hingham Shipyard by late next spring after four years of discussion and review of the preliminary plan.

The developer, Sea Chain, LLC, will submit the final plan for the project to the Hingham Zoning Board of Appeals Thursday morning, according to Martin Cohn, spokesman for developer Paul Trendowicz.

"This will be the biggest application to be submitted for a project in this state," Cohn said, referring to the 84 pages of narrative describing details of the plan, plus maps. "Then the hearings will begin."

The developer is seeking a special permit to build a mixed-use project.

Cohn said the document reflects feedback from town officials and the community.

"This is not the same as the preliminary proposals," he said, declining to provide further details until the zoning board and other officials have an opportunity to take a look at the final plan.

"The project that will be submitted is in our opinion much better than the previous one," said Cohn. "It takes into consideration issues brought up by the zoning board on the preliminary plan when they gave us 25 pages of detailed recommendations."

The $150-200 million redevelopment of the 129-acre site calls for a more pedestrian-friendly waterfront, improved commuter boat facility, about 500 upscale residential units – including an affordable component — nearly 20 acres of private and public usable open space, improved marina facilities, a day care center, and office and retail space.

Throughout the review process, the developer has met with numerous town officials and neighborhood groups.

Cohn said he "expects everyone will be excited about the definitive plan (presented Thursday) and support the project, which is moving forward. If we get the support we expect, and if the permitting schedule goes as planned, it's possible we can begin building at the shipyard next spring."

Cohn noted that if that projected timeframe holds true, the redevelopment of the shipyard will coincide with its 60th anniversary.

"People will begin to see renewed activity there," he said.

Numerous town boards will review the final plan.

"It's such a massive undertaking that it will take some time for town officials to go through the document," Cohn said.

Project's scope is topic of flyers

By Carol Britton Meyer
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A group opposed to the scope of the plan to redevelop Hingham Shipyard has resurfaced.

Members of Hingham Residents for Responsible Shipyard Development dropped flyers off at homes near the shipyard on Wednesday, calling the plan "great for the developer, disaster for you, your family, and your home values."

Martin Cohn, spokesperson for the developer, however, says it's "unfortunate that the group has chosen to send out a flyer filled with misinformation. It's important to note that the final application for the redevelopment of Hingham Shipyard, which has received tremendous support from town officials and members of the Hingham community, will be filed on Thursday (see related story), and therefore the information contained in the flyer is not based on fact, but rather speculation."

The citizens group issued a press release in March, 2001 opposing the shipyard plan on the table at that time.

While not against the redevelopment of the site, the group said it opposed the density of the project.

The flyer circulated this week refers to past comments from the development team that the redeveloped shipyard would have a Newburyport style.

The flyer claims the original plan was to "create small boutique shops, restaurants, and condos by the water. . . . Now it appears Sea Chain wants to build another South Boston Seaport," referring to the hundreds of residential units, "big-box retail development," and "more parking spaces than open spaces."

Cohn notes that the "signatory head of the Residents for Responsible Shipyard Development as on file in the Secretary of State's office is Brian Curtis, landlord of Stop & Shop, who is concerned about a potential competitor to be located in the shipyard."

The Residents for Responsible Shipyard Development group also claims the project will put a strain on schools, police and fire departments, and utilities.

The group is also concerned about "thousands of cars pouring in and out of Shipyard Drive onto Route 3A, producing traffic jams and longer commutes for everyone."

Other issues include the availability of water to serve the redeveloped shipyard and a concern that Hingham Square shops and restaurants will face a "drop off in customers."

The group wants the developer "to start over" because it claims the plan has "changed drastically" from the initial one.

The flyer urges concerned residents to contact the planning board.

Despite objections raised by Residents for Responsible Shipyard Development recently, Cohn said, "We remain optimistic and confident that when town officials and the Hingham community get a chance to review the final application, they will be as excited as we are about the redevelopment of Hingham Shipyard."

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Live by the sword...

Post 118 pitchers finally meet their match in Sandwich

By Mike Spellman
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Cliché Alert! Cliché Alert!... You live by the sword, you die by the sword.

The Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseball team rode the arms of its big pitchers down the stretch to win seven of its final eight regular season games to sneak in to the last playoff spot in Zone 6, and then got two more monster efforts on the mound to shock top seeded Norwood in the opening round of the playoffs.

Meanwhile, on the other side of home plate, the offense often seemed to provide just enough support to eke out the win.

Well, this winning M.O. finally caught up with the Post 118ers in round two versus Zone 10 champion Sandwich, as the Cohasset pitchers finally met their match and the offense proved unable to make up the difference.

Sandwich aces Jason Smith and Sam Reese combined to keep Cohasset off the scoreboard for 13 consecutive innings before Mike Gulinello finally broke the string by scoring on an infield ground out in the seventh inning of Thursday's game two tilt at Post 118's home Scituate High field.

Of course, by that point, Cohasset's fate for the game and season were pretty much sealed, Gulinello's two-out run making it a 14-1 game.

"It just wasn't our day," said Thursday's starting pitcher for Cohasset, Chris Carr, who was lifted after one plus innings of work.

The 14-1 loss came 24-hours after a heartbreaking 3-0 setback in the best-of-three series opener at Sandwich's home field.

No one felt the heartbreak more than Tom Fitzgerald. The Cohasset lefty spun a complete game 3-hit gem against the high powered Sandwich lineup, going pitch-for-pitch with Sandwich's Jason Smith, a

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These ones really do say 1,000 words. Above: Scituate's Brian Signorelli watches his team going down hard. At left: Post 118 shortstop Mike Snowdale, playing in place of injured star Jason Connelly, can't quite get to this grounder in Thursday's season ending 14-1 loss to Sandwich.

All-Scholastic Baseball team

Cohasset's Straughn named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Even though this is the largest of our all-scholastic teams, with 21 young men honored, still a handful of those who were named at the end as Honorable Mentions received strong consideration for the honor.

After consulting with area coaches and players, however, we feel secure that we chose the top 21 baseball players in *Marinerland* this spring.

Tim Straughn —Senior Pitcher/Catcher — Cohasset

Tim Straughn

Cohassets Mr. Everything on the diamond the last few years...led the team in pitching wins and the three major offensive categories (average, home runs and RBIs) his last two seasons...this past year, he was the winning pitcher in four of the Skippers six wins, while hitting a team best .438, which included five home runs...has also played the last few summers for the Cohasset Legion Post 118 team...also an outstanding defenseman for the CHS hockey team, Tim earned Mariner All-Scholastic honors in this sports as well this winter after recording a phenomenal +/- of +69 for the 19-0-1 Skippers...brother Ted (a sophomore to be) joined him on the CHS varsity hockey and baseball teams this school year, as well as the Legion team this summer... is headed to UMass-Amherst, where he hopes to play Div. 1 baseball next spring...Cohasset coach Bob Knurek: "You don't replace a player like Tim Straughn with just one player. It will take several players stepping it up a lot to fill that void. He did it all for us. He was so versatile and talented in so many ways. Then, on top of that, he was just a great leader. He never let the kids get down when things weren't going well."

Chris Martin - Senior (Capt.) Pitcher - Marshfield

Chris Martin

No question here... A three-year varsity player, Martin has established himself as one of the state's best pitchers...Voted the Old Colony League Player of the Year, Martin — who also played shortstop — led the OCL champion Rams on the mound and at the plate...On the hill, Martin went 8-1 in 62 innings pitched, striking out 82 batters and completing eight games...His ERA was an almost untouchable 0.98...In the batter's box, Martin hit a team and league best .453 with one homerun and 20 RBI...An extremely patient hitter, Martin fanned only twice in his 64 at-bats...His performance on both fronts was a key to Marshfield's 20-2 season, which ended in the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney...Also the quarterback on the MHS football squad, Martin did all this damage despite playing with a broken rib sustained in the fall season...An OCL All-star, Martin plans to attend Wheaton College, where he will continue his baseball career. Marshfield coach Bill Battis: "I have not seen a more dominant player from game one to 20. He never slumped. He was in every game, every inning. He was the first one on the field and the last one off. If there was a type of player that you could make a prototype of, he's it."

Brian Polansky - Senior Pitcher - Marshfield

Brian Polansky

The No. 2 hurler for the Old Colony League champion Rams, Polansky went 7-1 in his eight starts this season... In 59 innings pitched, Polansky racked up 50 strikeouts and finished with a 1.08 ERA...The senior was willing to put in some off-season work instead of playing football this season and it showed, as Polansky — who also played rightfield — combined with fellow All-Scholastic Chris Martin for one of the more powerful pitching rotations on the South Shore...The hurler pitched four complete games for Marshfield (20-2) and helped lead the Rams to the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney, where they drew the top seed...The OCL All-star pitched a two-hit, six strikeout win over Scituate this season, which was among his favorite performances...At the plate, the senior hit a homerun, while driving in 10...Polansky plans to attend Roanoke University in Virginia, where he will continue his baseball career. Marshfield coach Bill Battis: "Brian came back in the best shape of his life and had a big season for us. He's a finesse pitcher with a very good curve and changeup. We were fortunate to have the one-two combo."

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset's Mr. Everything on the diamond the last two years, Tim Straughn topped the Skippers in pitching wins, batting average, RBIs and home runs in both 2001 and 2002, and was a no-brainer for our All-Scholastic honors.

Josh Ethier - Senior Reliever/Third base - Marshfield

Josh Ethier

Pitching was among Marshfields strengths this season and Ethier was a one of the reasons why... When called upon to close the deal for the Rams, Ethier more than delivered...In his six pitching appearances, the senior did not allow an earned run in eight innings pitched and went 1-0 and a perfect 4-for-4 in save opportunities...He also allowed just three hits, while striking out 15...When he wasn't pitching, Ethier played a solid defensive third base, jumping from first base last season, and committed only three errors...One of the top offensive threats on the 20-2 Old Colony League champion squad, Ethier hit .380 from the middle of the order, racking up 15 RBI and a team-leading two homeruns in the process...An OCL All-star, Ethier plans to attend St. Lawrence University in N.Y., where he will continue his base-

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Cohasset all-star baseballers improve to 7-0

The Cohasset 10-year-old all-star baseball team, on the heels of two consecutive undefeated seasons, has won its first seven games in District 8 Little League.

Excellent pitching combined with consistent hitting and good fielding has enabled the team to reach first place against its South Shore rivals. As in previous years, all eleven players have contributed to the effort.

In the first game against Abington, John Maher delivered the winning RBI in the last inning to bring Cohasset to a 6-5 victory. In the next contest, Thomas Buckley took the hill against Rockland and went five innings in guiding the team to an 8-4 triumph. Jordan Berry blasted a home run over the right field fence to help close the game in which Cohasset managed nine hits, while limiting their opponents to four.

Pitching reached a milestone in the next game, as Berry hurled a no-hitter against Stoughton American. Tied 0-0 through five innings, Cohasset mounted a rally in the top of the sixth with a lead off single by Brendan Doonan. A walk, followed by RBI singles stroked into right field by Buckley and John Kearney sealed the victory.

In playing Canton under the lights, the Cohasset nine demonstrated the hitting prowess that has lead to an 11-run per game average. The hitting attack was led by Robby McCunney, Kearney and Berry, each of whom had five hits. Doonan added to the hitting onslaught by lining a home run over the left field fence.

The town of Whitman has a history of developing good baseball teams and this year's 10-year-old team is no exception. Winners of the Easton tournament, Whitman came to Barnes Field with a 17-2 record. After 4-1/2 innings, Cohasset trailed their opponents 2-1. Ignited by a

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Wrath of Kahn

Cohasset laxer emerged to provide much needed scoring punch in '02

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

He may not be able to overpower opponents with dominating strength, dance around opponents with blazing speed or outmatch opponents with an intimidating stature. But through crafty stickwork and an admirable work ethic, Cohasset laxer Curt Kahn has proven himself to be the real deal over the past year.

"He's not the biggest kid around, but he showed a lot of toughness at times this season," lauded Skipper lacrosse coach Kevin Orcutt.

Kahn showed an uncanny ability this year to raise his game when the team needed him to. When Cohasset matched-up against league rival Norwell, who eventually earned a top five seed in the State Tournament, Kahn scored a career best five goals en route to a 9-5 victory, a pivotal win on the team's trip to the playoffs.

When Cohasset took on Marshfield for the second time, the Skippers managed to scrap together a lead, obviously frustrating the Div. I powerhouse. The irritation culminated in the second quarter when Rams goalie Todd Faiella, with a build that serves him well as a lineman for the M.H.S. football team in the fall, leveled Kahn with a vicious check, knocking the CHS attacker out cold. Kahn would not only return to the game a short time after coming to, but he completed it fearlessly, outdoing his stellar Norwell performance by scoring six goals, as the Skippers rolled to a 16-8 victory.

Cohasset met up with Norwell again in the playoffs, with the

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ball career. Marshfield coach Bill Battis: "He was probably the best OCL closer. He was also a terrific defensive third baseman. Josh really came up big when we needed him whether it be at the plate, on the mound, or in the field."

Joe Belmosto - Senior
Catcher - Marshfield

Another key offensive player for the 20-2 Rams, Belmosto hit .387 from the No. 2 spot in the order, racking up 24 hits and 11 runs scored, which was second behind only fellow All-Scholastic Chris Martin…Was the force behind the Old Colony League's impressive pitching staff, calling all the games for Martin and hurler Brian Polansky…In addition to his offensive contributions, Belmosto was also one of the best defensive catchers in the OCL, gunning down 8-of-15 in stolen base attempts…His performance on both fronts helped Marshfield secure the top seed in the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney, where the team advanced to the quarterfinals, and helped ice the OCL title…Belmosto plans to attend college, where he will continue his baseball career. Marshfield coach Bill Battis: "Joe has a terrific catcher's mentality. He's basically the blood and guts behind the plate. He's a very vocal player and called all of our games. He was a major key to our pitching this season. Defensively, he ran through every backstop he could."

Adam Pardo - Junior (Capt.)
Shortstop - Hanover

Welcome to the Patriot League…Up from the South Shore League last season, Pardo got Hanover on the map as the PL's second-leading hitter at .448, while adding 24 RBI…The talented shortstop also stole nine bases this season and scored 22 runs…Among his most memorable games this season is Hull, at which he went 5-for-5 at the plate…A Patriot League All-star, Pardo joined the first-ever Hanover Legion squad this summer, which made an appearance in the playoffs…In a 14-10 win over Brockton this summer, Pardo had a four-RBI game while clocking a three-run homer in the process…In the fall, Pardo captains the football team at HHS…Pardo is making his first appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team.

Rob Schuler - Junior
Outfielder - Hanover

Rob Schuler

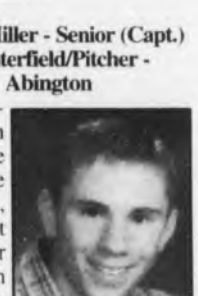
A talented three-sport athlete at Hanover High, Schuler's performance this year helped Hanover complete a successful Patriot League season and appearance in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney…Using speed and a strong arm, Schuler was a defensive gem in the outfield for Hanover, playing primarily in centerfield…At the plate, Schuler's patience paid off, consistently providing clutch hitting…In addition to playing baseball in the spring, Schuler kept in shape playing Legion ball over the summer…There, in a 14-10 win over Brockton this summer, Schuler went 4-for-4 at the plate, while making some clutch defensive plays as well…Also a talented soccer and basketball player for HHS, Schuler was named to our All-Scholastic hoop squad last winter…Schuler will captain all three HHS sports teams on which he plays next year.

CJ Hillyer - Sophomore
Pitcher - Abington

CJ Hillyer

The top ace of the Abington squad for the past two seasons, Hillyer went 7-3 from the mound, pitching 54 innings while striking out 65 batters and walking only five for a 2.09 ERA…A lefty, Hillyer was also the team's power at the plate, leading the team with a .448 batting average…He also racked up 24 RBI and three triples…The sophomore was also a solid defensive first baseman for Abington (14-8) when he wasn't on the mound…Accomplished something few hurlers ever do when he pitched a perfect game against Cohasset on April 23, racking up 13 strikeouts in the process…A two-time South Shore League All-star and Mariner All-Scholastic, Hillyer helped lead the Green Wave to the quarterfinals of the Div. 3 Soutn Sectional tourney…Also a talented basketball player at AHS, Hillyer will be among the baseball team's top returning players. Abington coach Steve Peraklsis: "CJ is a real special player. He had a real good season and as a sophomore, he'll only get better in everything he does. It is tough to say someone will only get better when he already pitched a no-hitter this season."

Mike Miller - Senior (Capt.)
Centerfield/Pitcher -
Abington



Mike Miller

A three-time South Shore League All-star, Miller got it done for the Green Wave both on the field and at the plate… The senior was ranked second on the Abington team in batting with a solid .394…He also added 22 RBI for the Green Wave (14-8)…His performance helped lead Abington to the quarterfinals of the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney, where the team nearly knocked off eventual winner and SSL rival Norton…Miller stayed in shape this summer by playing Legion baseball…A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in baseball, Miller was also named to our football squad last fall…He also was a three-year member of the AHS basketball team…Miller plans to attend college next fall and may continue his baseball career.

Adam Bowser - Junior
Shortstop - Abington

Was a key offensive player on the Abington High squad this season…Was among the top hitters on the team, boasting a .384 average, while also recording 16 RBI…A South Shore League All-star, Bowser helped Abington (14-8) to the quarterfinals of the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney, where they nearly knocked off eventual champ Norton in a hard-fought 4-3 decision…To keep himself busy during the summer, Bowser took his talents to Abington's Legion squad…Bowser also plays football at AHS in the fall, where he doubles as a fullback and linebacker…Just a junior, Bowser will return to the Abington baseball roster next spring.

Frank Cronin - Senior
Pitcher - Rockland

Frank Cronin

A virtual "Big Unit" on the mound for the Bulldogs, the 6-foot, 5-inch Cronin was one of the most feared lefty pitchers on the South Shore for the past three seasons… This year was no different as Cronin pitched an incredible 81 and a half innings…A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Cronin struck out an impressive 76 batters and was responsible for seven of the team's nine wins on the year…Cronin finished with a 1.72 ERA…Was the catalyst behind Rockland's late-season turnaround, in which the team won six of its last ten games, after going 3-7 to start the year…Cronin is no stranger to late-season of magic, as last year he helped land the Rockland squad in the semifinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…A Patriot League All-star, Cronin plans to attend UMass Dartmouth, where he will major in business and continue his baseball career. Rockland coach Rick Fredericks: "Frank has an outstanding presence on the mound and will succeed on any level he pitches at. He brought a lot to the program as far as being a player and a team leader. We will miss Frank a great deal."

Brian Welch - Senior
Rockland

Was a clutch hitter for the streaky Rockland Bulldog team…Welch hit .344 this season, clobbering two homers in the process…The senior was also the team leader in three other offensive categories, those being extra base hits, stolen bases, and runs scored…Making his first appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic squad, Welch was also voted a Patriot League All-star for Rockland, which finished with a 9-11 record, just missing post-season play after an impressive run last year that found them in the Div. 3 South Sectional semifinals…Welch plans to attend college in the fall and may continue his baseball career.

Nick DeVito - Junior (Capt.)
Pitcher/Shortstop - Hingham

Nick DeVito

Arguably one of the best and most versatile players in the state, DeVito had yet another impressive campaign, despite an early season injury…A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, DeVito entered the year coming off finger surgery, only to get hit by a pitch on the thumb in Hingham's (9-11) season-opener at Oliver Ames…Although the injury kept him off the mound for two-thirds of the season, DeVito more than made up for it when he did return…The junior hit .380 in limited time from the No. 3 spot in the order and went 3-0 in his pitching appearances…DeVito continued his return this summer on the Hingham Legion team, which qualified for the 12-team South Sectional tourney…There, he followed up a four-hit game at Abington, with a 3-for-3 performance at the plate and pitched a shutout at Bridgewater…A three-time Patriot League All-star, DeVito also plays year round for the highly competitive South Shore Seadogs travel team…DeVito return again as a captain on the HHS squad next year and is already being heavily recruited by top baseball colleges. Hingham coach Dan McHugh: "What can I not say about Nick. He's just a tremendous player. He's one of the premier players in Eastern Mass. He had some injuries this year, but still dominated. He's an exciting player to watch."

Andrew Genovese - Senior
Rightfield - Hingham

Andrew Genovese

Perhaps better known for his hockey talents, Genovese was also a clutch player for Hingham's baseball squad… Batted .350 from the cleanup spot for the Harbormen, often driving in No. 3 batter and fellow All-Scholastic Nick DeVito… A power-hitter, Genov-ese's strength was among his best baseball attributes…A solid defensive player in right-field, Genovese's strong arm was feared by Patriot League base runners, who rarely took a chance to stretch out an extra base…Was praised by coach Dan McHugh for being a great team leader despite not being a captain this season…A Patriot League All-star, Genovese helped lead the HHS hockey team to a Div. 1 state title last season and an impressive showing in the Div. 1A Elite Eight tourney this year…The senior is making his third appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic squad, twice being named to the hockey team and is a newcomer on the baseball squad…Genovese plans to attend prep school next fall, where he will continue his hockey career. Hingham coach Dan McHugh: "He's obviously a very successful hockey player, but he carried that same intensity over to the baseball field. He did everything we asked of him and then some. He's a very dangerous hitter and a great kid."

Bob Savoy — Senior
Pitcher/Shortstop — Norwell

Bob Savoy

Savoy was the top pitcher and hitter for the Clippers this season…was the winning pitcher in four of his team's six victories…now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in baseball…three time South Shore League all-star…batted .370 this year with a team best 10 doubles and five triples…also had 10 stolen bases…made the move from center field to shortstop after his sophomore year…also a Mariner All-Scholastic in basketball who helped lead the Clippers to a 25-1 season this winter as the team's starting point guard…played football and golf during years at NHS…an Honor Roll student…will attend Bentley College this fall and is leaning toward majoring in Business… is intending to tryout for the Bentley basketball team as a walk on, and possibly baseball as well.

Jason Kustka — Senior
Centerfield – Norwell

Jason Kustka

Now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic… sensational defensive center fielder who was also hitting over .400 until a late season finger injury rendered him far less effective at the plate…finished with around a .340 average…a three year varsity starter…two time South Shore League all-star…a speedster who batted leadoff for the Clippers and led the team in stolen bases despite missing a few games with the finger injury…also a sensational soccer player for N.H.S., making SSL all-stars as a junior and named a team captain as a senior…unfortunately, he partially tore his ACL in this past fall's season opener for soccer and missed his entire senior season…a very good student…will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point this fall, and left for boot camp on July 1…will look to play intramural or club soccer and baseball for West Point.

Jesse Cole – Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher/Infield — Scituate

Jesse Cole

Finished a phenomenal high school career this spring with an 8-2 record, a 0.94 ERA and 100 strikeouts in 67 innings, seemingly getting stronger as the weather got warmer…earned two wins on the mound in Sailors run to the south sectional state championship game…hit the winning home run and struck out 12 in a thrilling 4-3 win over top seeded Dighton-Rehoboth in the semifinals…finished the season with three home runs and close to a .400 batting average, including .450 in the post-season…threw his first career no-hitter this year in a 1-0 loss to Hingham…had two other complete game shutouts…finished this season on a roll, surrendering just one earned run and six hits in last three regular season outings…was Patriot League MVP as a junior, leading the league in both hitting (.500) and ERA (0.84) in 2001…three time PL all-star…ranked 16th in his graduating class…has been a standout the last few summers for the Cohasset Post 118 Legion team…also pitched some for the East Bridgewater Royals in the Cranberry League this summer…headed to Wofford College on a full Div. 1 baseball scholarship this fall…father Kerry is part owner and operator of the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham…Scituate coach Kevin Greer: "Jesse's an extremely talented kid who really stepped up bigger and bigger down the stretch when we needed him this year. He's one of the few kids I've ever worked with who played baseball 365 days a year, and probably thought about it 24/7. That's why he is where he is today, and why I wouldn't be surprised if we heard about him down the road too."

Jason Connelly – Senior
(Capt.)
Shortstop/Pitcher — Scituate

Jason Connelly

Named the 2002 Patriot League Most Valuable Player after a sensational senior year at the plate, in the field and on the mound… won the league's triple crown award by topping the charts in batting average (.514), RBIs (27) and home runs (four)… threw two no-hitters this season, the second one an 82-pitch gem versus Norwell in the regular season finale…finished 4-4 overall with a 2.65 ERA and 50 strikeouts in 50-1/3 innings…has great natural movement on his fastball…formed a dynamic 1-2 pitching punch with Jesse Cole that helped carry the Sailors to the south sectional state championship game…also a sensational defensive shortstop…a two-time Patriot League all-star…batted .407 last year…has been a standout the last few summers for the Cohasset Post 118 Legion team…also an excellent football player for Scituate High the past few years, earning captaincy, league all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic honors as well for his senior year (as a wideout/safety)…headed to Western New England College this fall, where he was recruited for baseball as a pitcher and infielder…will major in Education…Scituate coach Kevin Greer: "Jason is a bulldog, one of the best competitors I've ever been around. He'll do whatever you ask as a coach, and his next coach will appreciate that. He's been an excellent shortstop since I've known him, and he really put it all together this year. I'm extremely happy for him. This kind of year couldn't have happened for a better kid."

Greg Levin – Senior (Capt.)
Centerfield – Scituate

Greg Levin

Though often overshadowed by flashier players with gaudier numbers (cases in point being the last two Patriot League all-star snubbings), everyone closely associated with the Div. 3 South Sectional runner-up Sailors seems to understand just how vital Levin was to the cause…a great catalyst in the leadoff spot, Levin boasted an on base percentage around .450 and proved extremely adept in stealing bases (team best 15) and taking the extra base when opportunities arose to do so…centerfield was a black hole for opposing hitters, as the speedy Levin got to several balls that appeared ticketed for the gaps and caught virtually everything he could reach… has been a standout the last few summers for the Cohasset Post 118 Legion team…biggest contributions, according to coaches, may have come off the field as a leader — further testament to this being his three other selections for captaincy of S.H.S. teams (as a senior in basketball and a junior and senior in soccer)…a sensational goalie for the varsity soccer team the past three seasons, Levin earned Patriot League and Eastern Mass. all-star honors, as well as Mariner and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic honors this past fall in his senior season…suffered a broken jaw early in first half of heartbreaking 2-1 overtime loss to Hingham in state soccer tourney, decided on penalty kicks, but never let on to anyone about the injury during the game…starting point guard with S.H.S.'s 2002 South Sectional finalist basketball team…one of six Boston Globe Student-Athlete of the Year scholarship winners…one of three WATD Male Athletes of the Year…the number one ranked student in his graduating class of 174 and co-Valedictorian…National Honors Society member…will attend Bowdoin College, and is leaning toward majoring in Math…will try his luck as a walk-on in basketball or baseball…Scituate coach Kevin Greer: "It's when you get a chance to watch Greg play every day, and just be around him every day, that you see how much he means to a team. He's one of the best outfielders I've ever had. He got off to a little bit of a slow start hitting, but he still kept finding ways to get on base and get our offense going."

Rob McLean — Senior
Pitcher/Outfield —
Silver Lake

Rob McLean

A well rounded player who played a big part in the Lakers run to the state tourney with his bat, arm and glove… the big lefty hitter/righty thrower led the team in home runs (four) and RBIs (18) and hit a second best .333 (23-for-69)…won the team's "Sluggers Award" as a senior and team M.V.P. as a junior…Old Colony League All-Star…went 3-3 on the mound, the high point a complete game 4-2 win over the OCL's first place Taunton team…two of his four home runs were game winners…Kingston native also played Legion baseball for Kingston's Post 387 team the last three years…was recruited to play baseball the next two years at Massasoit College, which boasts one of the top Junior College programs in the nation…will major in Liberal Arts, and plans to transfer to a four year school after his sophomore year (lists UMass-Dartmouth or Amherst as possibilities)…might also give basketball a try at Massassoit…Silver Lake head coach Steve Giambanco: "Rob is a throwback player. He reminds me of a lot of players in the 60s and 70s. He's not real flashy and you don't hear a lot from him. He just goes out there and does the job. He battles. At the plate, he just wants to go up there and get his three rips. On the mound, he just makes the most of what he's got on a given day, and he never lets down."

Griffen Benelli — Senior
Pitcher/Outfield —
Silver Lake

Griffen Benelli

Finished second in voting for Old Colony League MVP honors after a sensational senior year on the mound and at the plate…was the driving force behind the Lakers surprising run to a playoff berth, going 6-3 on the mound and finishing with a sensational 1.57 ERA…best effort may have been a complete game 2-hit, 10 strikeout outing against Hingham in the season opener to direct the Lakers to a 2-0 win…had good command of several pitches, with the curve being his "out" pitch…Kingston native also led the team in hitting with a .411 batting average, to go along with nine RBIs and a home run…a three time OCL all-star…voted team M.V.P. this year…Patriot Ledger and Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic selection this year…also played varsity soccer the last two years at Silver Lake…a high honors student…played Legion baseball the last few years for the Kingston Post 387 team…was recruited and awarded financial aid package to play baseball at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla. next year…will major in Liberal Arts… Silver Lake head coach Steve Giambanco: "It's scary to think where we might have been without Griff. He was just so consistent on the mound and at the plate. He's a little bit of a throwback player too like Rob (McLean). He just wants to go out and play hard every time he takes the field."

Honorable Mention:

Mike Snowdale – Jr. – Pitcher/Infield - Cohasset

10s remain a perfect 10

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lead-off double from Andy McKenna, whose diving catch at second saved a run, Cohasset scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth to put the game out of reach. Three consecutive singles by McCunney, Buckley and Kearney, followed by Doonan's double with the bases loaded, locked up the win.

Against Weymouth, the 10-year-olds continued their district dominance. After a lead off home run over the right center field fence by McCunney, Cohasset never fell behind. Hitting continued with Buckley blasting two doubles, McKenna stroking three consecutive singles and Berry launching his third home run of the season. McCunney's pitching handcuffed the Weymouth offense as he allowed only one hit and notched 15 strikeouts (out of possible 18) in his six-inning stint.

North Randolph became the next victim as the Cohasset nine won 9-2 before a home crowd at Barnes Field. Tommy Buckley earned his second win of the season, limiting the opponents to two hits over four innings while notching eight strikeouts. Their record then mushroomed to 7-0 for the season as they approach the last three games and the playoffs.

Through the midpoint of the season, six pitchers have taken the mound. In addition to the pitchers noted above, Brendan Doonan, Eamon Davis and John Kearney have contributed to the team's success. Hitting has been exceptional, with four players batting over .400- McCunney (.617), Buckley (.516), Kearney (.433) and Berry (.431). Newcomer Chris Walsh has added outfield skills to the team's strengths, while Justin Yeager has shown versatility in playing a range of key positions in the infield and outfield. John Giuggio has also provided consistent and timely hitting, including a clutch single with the bases loaded to defeat Foxboro.

Since their season as eight year olds, this core of players has managed 38 wins while losing only two games. As a result, the players are looking forward to the challenges of the playoffs.

As with past teams, this squad has distinguished itself in all the key aspects of baseball: pitching, defense, base running and hitting. Although the season is just past the mid-point, the outlook for the ballplayers appears bright. Along the first part of the season, they have battled teams evenly, come from behind in the late innings and dominated. Most importantly, the kids are having fun playing baseball, learning the value of teamwork and making friends.

The team is again managed by Bob McCunney and coaches Ralph Berry, Mike Maher, Mike Kearney and Peter Buckley.

Live by the sword...

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset Post 118 coach Scott Arnold (foreground) and players react to questionable call in Thursday's season endign 14-1 loss to Sandwich.

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legitimate pro prospect with a fastball clocked in the mid-90s.

Fitzgerald, a lefty with an assortment of quality breaking pitches who graduated from B.C. High this spring and is now off to pitch for Babson College, struck out six on Wednesday, while walking none and surrendering just three hits. All three runs against him were unearned.

"Tom was unbelievable," lauded Post 118 coach Scott Arnold. "We just couldn't get anything going behind him, but the Smith kid was a great pitcher. My hat is definitely off to him."

The only two hits Smith surrendered came off the bats of Tim Straughn and Gulinello. The latter was the only Cohasset baserunner on the day to reach second, doing so on a passed ball after his second inning single.

Only half the script remained the same the following day, as Sandwich exploded out of the gate with four runs in the top of the fourth inning and then six more in the second.

A hit batsmen to open the game, a sacrifice bunt and then an RBI double by Sean Barrett made it 1-0. Another walk was followed by a three-run blast by Sandwich's Kelly Ladow to make it 4-0 before Cohasset's first at bat.

Sandwich strung together seven of its 17 hits on the day in the second inning, resulting in six runs and a quick hook for Carr, another B.C. High grad who had pitched very well in his previous two starts.

Though not quite as dominant as Smith, Sam Reece went six strong innings on the mound for Sandwich, scattering one hit (to first baseman Brian Woods) and five walks, while posting nine strikeouts.

Cohasset scored its lone run of the game in its final at bat. Gulinello legged out a one-out infield single in the seventh, stole second and moved to third when neither the shortstop nor second baseman moved to take the throw at second. A chopper to third by Fitzgerald then plated the speedy Gulinello with a run that meant nothing more than the end of a shutout.

Jason Connelly was originally slated to get the start on the mound, but was not sufficiently recovered from a severely sprained ankle he suffered in last Saturday's post-season opening win over Norwood. Connelly, who was also the team's top shortstop and a huge bat in the lineup, was limited to designated hitter duties in both Sandwich games.

"I thought I might be able to go, but the doctor and my father were really against it," said Connelly, who was originally prescribed a week off his feet.

"All year, we've been able to count on Jason, so losing him was a tough blow," noted Carr.

Seemingly resigned to their fate early on in the playoff ouster, there were a lot of smiles on Cohasset's side of the field in the late stages. Connelly, lifted early on for a pinch hitter, acted as pitching coach in the last few innings, making several trips to the mound.

A couple of the trips were to see his pal Alex Knight, who pitched his first two innings in seven years (the last time being at age of 11), closing things out for Cohasset with two scoreless innings. He surrendered one walk and one hit, e keeping the Sandwich hitters off balance with a big slow bender, change up and even slower change up.

"We were happy to be back in the playoffs and happy with what we did," said Carr, when asked about the seeming lack of discouragement after the game. "Our goal after not making the playoffs last year was to make it again, and we did that with a lot of the guys who were here when we made the playoffs two years ago.

"And we beat Norwood, the team that bounced us two years ago, so that felt good. It was a good year."

SPORTS NOTES

Youth Football equipment handouts

Scituate/Cohasset youth football will hold equipment handouts Wednesday, Aug 7, through Friday, Aug. 9, at the store-it storage facility next to the Driftway tennis center on old Driftway in Scituate.

In order to receive equipment, insurance regulations require every child to be accompanied by parent or legal guardian.

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Handout times

MIDGETS "A" TEAM, 7th & 8th grades, Wednesday, Aug. 7 5-7 pm

PEEWEES "B" TEAM, 5th & 6th grades, Thursday, Aug. 8, 5-7 pm

MITES "C" TEAM, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades, Friday, Aug. 9 5-7 pm

All questions should be directed to Joe Obert at (781) 545-0854.

Booster Soccer camp

The Cohasset Youth Soccer Club and the Hingham Soccer Boosters are holding a High School Soccer Summer Camp August 12 - 16, 2002 at Milliken Field. Tentative time is 5:30 - 8:30 PM. The camp is open to all public and private high school students. This camp replaces the summer boot camp held the past three years. Registration is $100.00 which includes a T-shirt, ball, and MYSA supplemental insurance. Registration deadline is Friday July 19, 2002. Additional registration forms are available at the Recreation office in town hall. If you have questions call Brad or Melinda Murray, 781-383-7017.

Youth tennis signups

Youth tennis will continue through Aug. 15 Youth tennis registrations will be held, starting Monday, June 10, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday evening, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is offered for children age 7 through 18 years. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week-session of instruction, two days a week, is $75. Discounts of $10 are available for additional children in a family. Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered.

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Cohasset Swim team sails past Scituate Harbor Yacht Club

By Eileen McBride
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It has been a busy season for Cohasset swimmers and this week they added to their schedule with an extra mid-week meet against Scituate Yacht Club. It was the second of two smaller meets this season, with half the usual squad, but it proved to be an excellent outing for Cohasset who brought home another decisive win, ending the day more than 300 points ahead of their hosts.

Cohasset started the meet well with wins in all eight of the medley relays (boys, eight and under: 1st: Culhane; Faber; Mahoney; Durkin, J.; 4th: Kennedy; Murphy; Carpenter; Kissick; girls: 1st: Donohue; Seraikas; Buckley; Kissick; 3rd: Carrier; Teague; Farren, A.; Caron; boys, ten and under: 1st: Carrier; Durkin, T.; Doonan; Kissick; 2nd: Queenan; Leahy; Buckley; Campbell; girls: 1st: Mahoney; Michalowski; Lehr; Regan; 2nd: Zappolo; Teague; Musto; Donohue; boys, twelve and under: 1st: Drybanski; Musto; Doonan; Hunt; 2nd: Porter; Kuppens; Muir; Harper; girls; 1st: Hernan; Lehr; Meehan; Teague; 3rd: Regan; Foley; Campbell; Anderson; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Bilton; Lehr; Berg; Tehranian; 2nd: Blackburn; Faber; Conway; Zappolo; girls: 1st: Daley; Anderson; Englander; Durkin; 2nd: Sax; Faber; Regan; Lehr). By the end of the 200 yard relays, Cohasset had accumulated sixty four points to Scituate's 32.

The meet continued with wins for Cohasset in both the boys and girls fifty yard freestyle (boys: 1st: Kissick, J.; 2nd: Carrier, J.; girls:1st: Lehr, T.; 2nd: Karski, E.) and the swimmers kept up the pace with first place finishes in five of the six individual medley relays (boys, twelve and under, one hundred yard medley: 3rd: Doonan, P.; 4th:

Kuppens, C.; girls: 1st: Hernan, E.; 2nd: Campbell, A.; boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Conway, C.; girls: 1st: Durkin, L.; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Bilton, B.; 2nd: Blackburn, C.; girls: 1st: Regan, D.; 4th: Faber, A.)

In the twenty five yard freestyle Cohasset continued to finish well, and once again won all four of their races (boys, eight and under: 1st: Durkin, J.; 2nd: Mahoney, R.; girls: 1st: Kissick, H.; 3rd: Seraikas, A.; boys, ten and under, 1st: Doonan, B.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; girls: 1st: Lehr, T.; 2nd: Michalowski, A.). The fifty yard events produced the same success and Cohasset finished the freestyles with six further wins and a lead of one hundred and twenty eight point lead (boys, twelve and under: 1st: Drybanski, J.; 2nd: Musto, C.; girls: 1st: Meehan, S.; 2nd: Teague,

M.; boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Gammon, B.; 2nd: Faber, C.; girls: 1st: Englander, E.; 2nd: Mahoney, C.; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Lehr, R.; 2nd: Tehranian, K.; girls: 1st: Anderson, C.; 2nd: Lehr, R.).

The butterfly produced the first obstacle in the meet and although the eight and under boys brought home another win, the girls just missed a first place finish and took second and fourth (boys: 1st: Mahoney, R.; 4th: Kissick, C.; girls: 2nd: Farren, A.; 4th: Buckley, M.). In the next five races Cohasset once again took first place, but missed the win in the fourteen and under girls event (boys, ten and under: 1st: Doonan, B.; 2nd: Buckley, T.; girls: 1st: Mahoney, M.; 2nd: Karski, E.; boys, twelve and under, 1st: Doonan, P.; 2nd: Muir, K.; girls: 1st: Meehan, S.; 2nd: Mahoney, C.; boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Conway, C.; girls: 2nd: Daley, M.). The seventeen and unders rounded off the event with first and second for the boys and a first for the girls, taking Cohasset ahead by another thirty four points (boys, seventeen and under, 1st: Faber, S.; 2nd: Blackburn, C.; girls: 1st: Regan, D.). Cohasset had now accumulated two hundred and fifty one points to SHYC's eighty nine.

In the twenty five and fifty yard breaststroke the wins just kept on coming with Cohasset taking first place in all ten of the events (boys, eight and under: 1st: Durkin, J.; 2nd: Faber, J.; girls: 1st: Seraikas, A.; 2nd: Donohue, M.; boys, ten and under: 1st: Leahy, S.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; girls: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 2nd: Zappolo, C.; boys, twelve and under: 1st: Hunt, A.; 2nd: Drybanski, J.; girls: 1st: Lehr, S.; 2nd: Foley; A.; boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Gammon, B.; 2nd: Zappolo, N.; girls: 1st: Durkin, L.; 3rd: Campbell, A.; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Lehr, R.; 3rd: Faber, S.; girls, 1st: Anderson, C.; 2nd: Faber, A.).

The backstroke was the final individual event and, again, Cohasset stormed home in first place in all but the final seventeen and under girls fifty yard race (boys, eight and under: 1st: Murphy, C.; 2nd: Culhane, E.J.; girls: 1st: Kissick, H.; 2nd: Donohue, M.; boys, ten and under: 1st: Kissick, J.; 2nd: Carrier, J.; girls: 1st: Mahoney, C.; 2nd:

Zappolo, C.; boys, twelve and under: 1st: Hunt, A.; 2nd: Porter, I.; girls: 1st: Hernan, E.; 2nd: Teague, M.; boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Conway, C.; 2nd: Zappolo, N.; girls: 1st: Daley, M.; 2nd: Englander, E.; boys, seventeen and under, 1st: Bilton, B.; 2nd: Tehranian, K.; girls: 2nd: Lehr, R.). With only one event to go Cohasset had now accumulated four hundred and two points to SHYC's 115.

The afternoon ended with the free relays and Cohasset kept up the pace to finish as they had started with wins at every age level (one hundred yard free relay: boys, eight and under: 1st: Mahoney; Murphy; Culhane; Durkin; 3rd: Carpenter; Kissick; Kennedy; Faber; girls 1st: Donohue; Farren, A.; Seraikas; Kissick; 3rd: Buckley; Farren, N.; Teague; Caron; boys, ten and under: 1st: Doonan; Carrier; Durkin; Kissick; 2nd: Buckley; Campbell; Leahy; Queenan; girls: 1st: Michalowski; Mahoney; Zappolo; Lehr; 2nd: Regan; Kucinski; Musto; Teague; boys, twelve and under: 1st: Drybanski; Musto; Doonan; Hunt; 2nd: Porter; Harper; Muir; Kuppens; girls: 1st: Meehan; Mahoney; Teague; Hernan; 3rd: Anderson; Hunt; Regan; Buckley; 200 yard free relay: boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Bilton, Faber; Tehranian; Lehr; 3rd: Zappolo; Faber; Gammon; Blackburn; girls: 1st: Anderson; Regan; Englander; Durkin; 3rd: Sax; Lehr; Faber; Daley). The meet ended with a massive four hundred and sixty six points for Cohasset, and one hundred and forty seven points for Scituate.

Like the Eel River meet, Wednesday's competition was another great day out, at a beautiful swim club. The whole afternoon moved at a more relaxed pace, there was a refreshing sea breeze and, I suppose we should mention, the swimmers produced a very comfortable win. This was the team's fifth win of the season leaving them undefeated as they approach the powerful Knights of Columbus in Friday's meet. Congratulations to all the swimmers and we look forward to an exciting competition on Friday.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Quality shots from bad angles and all sorts of positions, such as this one, were pretty commonplace from Kahn (#11) this spring.

Wrath of Kahn

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host Clippers a heavy favorite riding their 11 game winning streak into the quarterfinal match-up. Kahn proved to be the difference-maker again, posting five goals again, as the Skippers upset Norwell to advance in the tourney.

"Curt Kahn was the difference in this game, as far as I'm concerned," asserted Norwell coach Frank Granara following the game. "He was a lefty shot, and we hadn't seen too many of those this season, and none that we saw compared to him. He was hitting shots from all kinds of tough angles. He had a great, quick shot that was just incredibly accurate, and we didn't have an answer for it."

Kahn entered the 2002 season not expecting to be the go-to scorer. During his freshman and sophomore seasons, the Cohasset attack relied heavily on the incredible scoring ability of Ronan Buick. With Buick graduating in 2001 though, it appeared that seniors Paul Previte and Jason Moore were more than capable of picking up most of the slack.

However, Previte was rendered virtually ineffective for the season, when he suffered a broken wrist during a pre-season practice. Moore also lost much of his ability as ankle problems nagged him all year. This left Kahn as the lone attacker who had previously proved himself as a legitimate scoring threat.

And Kahn stepped up to fill much of the void created by the graduation and injuries, easily winninghte team scoring race with 51 goals and 83 points. Even when teams began to get the scouting report that Kahn was the team's main scorer, he continued to score through double and triple teams. Even more impressive was that Kahn never seemed to get rattled in games, which included a match in Duxbury, where the Dragons had their two All-American defensemen taking turns smothering the Skipper.

Kahn has gotten the notice of more than just other South Shore teams. He has already heard from four NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) schools who have interest in him. With perennial national division three champ Middlebury leading the way, NESCAC is the most competitive D3 league in the country.

Kahn was also invited to play at the Maryland Top 205 camp, arguably the most prestigious individual lax camp. Kahn performed extremely well, scoring at least once in every game, including a hat trick and two more multi-goal games.

Curt Kahn.

Most recently, Kahn was a top performer as a member of the Emass Bay States team, a team that has now won the gold medal in two consecutive years. Kahn was third on the team in goals scored, notching four goals in the tourney opener, and tallied three in the decisive 13-9 win over the North Regional team in the gold medal game.

This weekend, he will head down to Washington DC to play at Johns Hopkins University in the national tournament Champ Camp. Playing for the invitation-only Top Gun All-Star team, Kahn will play for a team in a tournament that is for teams what the Top 205 campis for individuals: the best competition of high school lacrosse in the country.

In preparation for the tourney, the Top Gun All-Stars have beaten the Maine All-Stars, the New Hampshire All-Stars, and an impressive club team called Team Blockbuster.

Kahn has been working tirelessly to improve his shot, which is already considered one of the most accurate in the state. He has also been on a weightlifting regimen, obviously trying to add a power-game to the slick and artful package he has now.

"Curt showed us a lot," reported Orcutt. "He really turned into a gamer, and took it to another level."

A scary thought for Skipper opponents in 2003: Kahn is more than capable of taking his game to yet another level as a senior captain.

Cohasset divers cool down in Duxbury

The Cohasset Diving Team picked up its good form from last year, with most members of the team returning. This year, Cohasset has 19 members on the diving team, 12 girls and 7 boys.

The team recently completed the regular summer meets, with impressive scores registered by many of the divers. In the July 9th meet, Sean McKenna, Carly Salerno, Wesley Medwid and Charlotte Sida all performed well enough to place in the top three for their respective age group. Carly and Wes repeated their top performance at the July 16th meet, and Devon Bell was also among the top finishers, placing third in the boys 12 & under group.

The 2002 Cohasset Diving Team 2002 roster includes:

Girls 17 & Under- Mia Lieb-Lappan, Samantha Lehr, Sarah Malone, Charlotte Sida, Roxanne Tehranian, Emma Weston

Girls 12 & Under- Betsy Crawford, Sally Meehan, Carly Salerno, Sheelah Scott, Colby Smazel, Michela Valente

Boys (Combined Ages)- Devon Bell, Wesley Medwid, Andrew McKenna, Sean McKenna, Jay Salerno, Brian Scott, Tyler Stairs

All diving meets were held at the Duxbury Yacht club, with the exception of the championship, which will be at Wheaton College in Norton on Aug 10. Representing Cohasset at the Championship will be Charlotte Sida, Carly Salerno, Devon Bell and Wesley Medwid.

This Friday, the team will have a "red, white and blue" fun meet at the pool in Cohasset. The Awards Banquet is being held on Friday evening.

Maura Duffy and Amy Wojitasiwski coach the 2002 Cohasset Diving Team.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, JULY 13

7:24 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

9:08 p.m. Border St., parking violation.

10:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

12:31 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

12:48 a.m. Howard Gleason Rd., suspicious auto.

3:42 a.m. Windy Hill Rd., breaking and entering.

4:05 a.m. Black Horse Lane, fire.

9:20 a.m. Norfolk Rd., motor vehicle crash.

11:58 a.m. Red Fox Lane, animal control.

1:35 p.m. Parker Lane, parking complaint.

4:15 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

4:21 p.m. Harbor, violation.

4:59 p.m. Pleasant St,. motor vehicle violations.

5 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

5:53 p.m. Gov. Island, parking violation.

7 p.m. Sohier St., assist motorist.

8:02 p.m. Hull St., medical aid.

8:05 p.m. Sandy Beach lot, larceny.

8:35 p.m. Clay Spring Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:55 p.m. South Main St., annoying phone calls.

10:13 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane, medical aid.

10:18 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:21 p.m. Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, verbal warning.

10:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

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MONDAY, JULY 15

7:20 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:38 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity/person(s).

9:28 a.m. Jerusalem Road, transport.

10:15 a.m. Summer St., trespassing.

10:40 a.m. Nichols Road, 209A restraining order, served in hand.

12:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

1 p.m. Sohier St., parking complaint.

2:17 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

2:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:03 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:12 p.m. N. Main St., suspicious activity/person(s).

7:29 p.m. Heather Drive, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

8:10 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, fire, investigation.

8:18 p.m. Little Harbor Road, fire, structure.

9:41 p.m. Parking Way, fire, investigation.

11:23 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

2:09 a.m. Little Harbor Road, message delivery.

3:35 a.m. Sanctuary Pond Road, suspicious activity/person(s).

5:53 a.m. Sanctuary Pond Road, vandalism.

8:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:27 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:31 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:47 a.m. Spring St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:27 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:47 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, medical aid.

1:40 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:35 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering dispersed.

3:39 p.m. King St., medical aid.

3:46 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:34 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, area search negative.

6:28 p.m. Pond St., general disturbance, unfounded.

6:32 p.m. Ledge Way, serve 209A restraining order, no such person can be found.

6:46 p.m. King St., medical aid.

7:09 p.m. Sanctuary Pond Road, harassing/annoying phone calls.

8:11 p.m. Ledge Way, 209A restraining order, served in hand.

9:07 p.m. S. Main St., domestic/family disturbance.

10:35 p.m. King St., medical aid.

11:12 p.m. Mill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

12:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle, traffic citation issued.

1:17 a.m. Sohier St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:47 a.m. Pond St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:08 a.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

8:31 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:26 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

9:59 a.m. Hull St., well-being check.

10:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:45 a.m. Black Horse Lane and Summer St., parking complaint, traffic citation issued.

10:59 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:06 p.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:21 p.m. Tupelo Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:34 p.m. Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:47 p.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.

1:57 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering dispersed.

1:59 p.m. S. Main St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

2:31 p.m. Black Rock Road, domestic disturbance/family, investigated, report taken.

4 p.m. Elm Court, parking complaint.

4:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., tree down.

4:11 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

5:18 p.m. Border St., suspicious activity/person(s).

5:28 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

5:51 p.m. Border St, general disturbance, gathering dispersed.

7:20 p.m. S. Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:50 p.m. Sohier St., noise complaint.

8:59 p.m. Pond St., general services.

9:27 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle accident.

10:05 p.m. James Lane, noise complaint.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

7:35 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:52 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:28 a.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10 a.m. Elm St., lost property.

10:20 a.m. Elm St., fire.

10:41 a.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

11:10 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.

1:12 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle violation, impounded.

2 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

2:21 p.m. Elm St., property lost.

4:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property lost.

4:18 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

5:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:28 p.m. Old Pasture Road, domestic disturbance/family, departmental action.

7:25 p.m. Old Pasture Road, domestic disturbance/family, departmental action.

8 p.m. Border St., parking violation, traffic citation issued.

8:22 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

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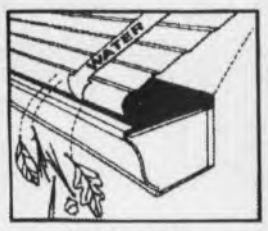

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TOWN OF COHASSET
TOWN MANAGER
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
COHASSET STORM DRAIN MAPPING INITIATIVE INCLUDING DATA SHARING WITH NORWELL AND SCITUATE
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Cohasset, acting by and through its Town Manager, is seeking engineering and GIS consulting services for a storm drainage mapping project to be funded under a Massachusetts Watershed Initiative, Watershed Improvement Grant (ENV 02 MWI 02 26). Prospective Proposers shall be organizations with the ability to perform the required work as set forth in the Request for Proposals (RFP).

The RFP is available at the Town Manager's Office, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025, during normal business hours.

Submittals shall be received at the Town Manager's Office, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025, on or before 10:00 AM on Thursday, August 15, 2002, in the manner specified in the RFP.

The Town of Cohasset reserves the right to reject any and all submittals wholly or in part, and to make awards in a manner deemed in the best interests of the Town.

MARK W. HADDAD
Town Manager

AD#912500
Cohasset Mariner 8/1/02

STURMAN GUARDIANSHIP

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 90P1661GI2
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN WITH AUTHORITY TO TREAT AND/OR COMMIT

TO: THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
TO: John Sturman of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk, and spouse or next of kin or other interested person(s):

A petition has been presented to the Probate & Family Court requesting the appointment of a suitable limited guardian of the person, with authority to monitor the administration of antipsychotic drugs. Petitioner further prays that Judith M. Flynn of Newton Highlands, in the county of Middlesex, or some other suitable person, be appointed guardian of the person of John Sturman, with authority to monitor the administration of antipsychotic medication, for reasons more fully set out in said petition.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **Twenty-seventh day of August, 2002,** the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court.

Date: July 22, 2002

Richard P. Schmidt, Register

AD#913756
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WATER SYSTEM BIDS

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACTS 7, 8 AND 9

Sealed bids for the **"WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, CONTRACTS 7, 8 and 9"** will be separately received at the Office of the Town Manager at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, until 10:00 AM prevailing time on August 15, 2002. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the Town Manager at 10:00 AM prevailing time on August 15, 2002.

The work includes:

Contract 7 - The Town of Cohasset seeks the services of a qualified contractor to replace existing water mains including associated valves, hydrants, and service connections (to the property line) on various streets. The work also includes the installation of three (3) hydrants including hydrant tee, valve and lateral, the installation of granite curbing and the regrading of a Memorial Park island.

Contract 8 - The Town of Cohasset seeks the services of a qualified contractor to replace existing water mains including associated valves, hydrants and service connections (to the property line) on Hobart Lane and Lothrop Lane. The work also includes the construction of a temporary road and overblasting for future sewer construction.

Contract 9 - The Town of Cohasset seeks the services of a qualified contractor to replace existing water mains including associated valves, hydrants, and service connectors (to the property line) on Hammond Avenue and Locust Road. The work also includes the construction of a new drain line, including all structures, the installation of granite curbing and the replacement of a 24-inch by 36-inch box culvert.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

1) Office of the Engineer, Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc., 12 Bay Street, Wilmington, MA 01887;

2) Dodge Reports.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, weekdays at the Office of the Engineer, Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc., 12 Bay Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, upon payment of a refundable $50.00 company check (payable to the "Town of Cohasset") for each set.

Contract documents and plans will be mailed upon request and receipt of a **separate** non-refundable check made out to Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc. for $50.00 to cover handling and mailing costs per contract set.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition will be refunded his payment. Any non-bidder shall forfeit his deposit if he does not return the documents prior to the bid opening.

A separate certified check for each contract bid or satisfactory bid bond issued by a company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, payable to the Town of Cohasset in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Price must be furnished by each bidder together with a letter of intent on the form provided. This proposal guarantee will be returned after the Contract has been executed.

A performance bond and a labormaterials payment bond issued by a company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required of the successful bidder. These bonds and the certificate of insurance on form ACORD 25-S (3/88) as amended MUST be delivered to the Town of Cohasset Town Manager within ten (10) days of award. The five percent (5%) bid bond will not be returned to the successful bidder until the one hundred percent (100%) performance bond has been established in satisfactory form. The performance bond is to be in effect for one year beyond completion of the project.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening thereof without permission of the Town of Cohasset Town Manager.

The Town of Cohasset Town Manager reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informalities in the bidding, or accept the bid deemed to be in the best interests of the Town of Cohasset.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 9:00 AM on August 7, 2002 at the Water Department, 339 King Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The successful BIDDER shall be required to comply with the applicable State and Financial prevailing wage laws.

Town of Cohasset
Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

AD#914390, 914391
Cohasset Mariner 8/1/02

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, August 12, 2002, at **7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Mark Garufi, Cypress LLC seeks to extend a non-conforming structure at **9 Atlantic Ave.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-07-10.

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Each year the Music Festival crowds at Scituate's Heritage Days gets larger. This weekend's nationally-known touring acts should fill Front Street to overflowing.

Music festival *rocks* Heritage Days

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

It just keeps getting bigger and better.

With an entertainment lineup that includes the likes of J. Geils, The Band, Eric Burdon and John Sebastian, the 2002 Scituate Heritage Days Music Festival is sure to draw crowds from all over the South Shore and beyond.

Music festival organizer Gerry McMorrow has turned up the volume on the annual weekend-long celebration bringing nationally known touring acts to town in greater numbers each year.

John Sebastian formerly of the Lovin' Spoonful is one of the headliners at this year's Heritage Days Music Festival. So too, is Eric Burdon of the Animals.

This year, the musical bill is bigger and more expansive than ever, with several name performers usually tied with classic 1960s and 70s rock but whose musical repertoires have come to extend into the varieties of American roots music from previous decades as well. The star attractions include, on Saturday afternoon, guitarist J. Geils and harpist/vocalist Magic Dick, and on Sunday afternoon, keyboardist/vocalist Garth Hudson and the new touring edition of the Band, followed by Eric Burdon, the legendary vocalist of the Animals ("House of the Rising Sun," "We Gotta Get Out of This Place") then later with "War" ("Spill the Wine") and a subsequent solo career. All of these artists have solid and well-documented blues roots in their music and will surely include healthy doses of the traditional sounds along with their signature golden-era hits during their sets.

But kicking off the Saturday afternoon bill is John Sebastian, the ex-Lovin' Spoonful leader who will be showcasing the latest of many roots-music ventures from the last three decades of his solo career.

But kicking off the Saturday afternoon bill is John Sebastian, the ex-Lovin' Spoonful leader who will be showcasing the latest of many roots-music ventures from the last three decades of his solo career. Accompanied by ace guitarist/multi-instrumentalist Jimmy Vivino, who is a much in-demand session player and name-act touring sideman when not busy as bandleader on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," Sebastian will spotlight the musical roots of his own career as well as many other 60s folk-rockers with a set of traditional jug-band style ballads, breakdowns and blues, much like what the singer has offered with his most recent band project, the J Band, and the group's critically praised CD release, 1999's "Chasin' Gus' Ghost."

"I guess a lot of people forget

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The art of the matter

STAFF PHOTOS/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Dancers with the Pembroke School of Performing Arts entertains the festival crowd at last year's event.

Pembroke festival as colorful as ever

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The Pembroke Arts Festival was part of a new and groundbreaking national trend when the annual event was launched in 1968, bringing the works of area artists into an open-air setting for a public event supplemented with added community activities.

Now in its 35th year, the Pembroke Arts Festival has grown into a multi-faceted, multi-media event, with its main attraction, a juried art and photography exhibit, free live entertainment including musicians, dance troupes and performing artists. The festival will be held this Saturday, Aug 2, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Town Green, Route 14 in Pembroke Center. Entertainment is scheduled both days from noon until closing.

Madeline Foote enjoys the artwork on display at last year's festival.

Along with the juried art and photo show, the visual arts will include a children's art exhibit to be judged separately from that of the adult artists, Artists-In-Action demonstrations on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons and an Invitational Crafts feature new to the festival this year including traditional and contemporary crafts by artists from Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Eliza Benotti, co-chairperson of this year's festival and a Pembroke resident, makes special note of two items included in the art exhibit, group efforts in mixed media titled "Circles" and, with a patriotic theme, "American Flag," by residents of Pembroke's New England Villages Living Center, a group home for adults with mental and physical disabilities.

"The pieces by the New England Villages residents were accepted entirely on their own merits, and not by any special consideration," said Benotti, "which is really great about them being in the show. The judges had no advance word that the artists were from the Living Center."

"What's also noteworthy is that this year's festival almost didn't happen," noted Benotti, whose daughter, Erica, is scheduled to participate in the Artists-In-Action demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday. "There was a lack of people involved in the event when the planning began. But then an article appeared in the Pembroke Mariner reporting the problem, and other parties who read it offered to get involved and make sure the festival would go on," she said.

The highlight of the live entertainment will be a Saturday evening concert by Greg Greenway and his band. Greenway, a Boston-based,

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Rollins is a "Rings Master" in Cirque du Soleil

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Holly Rollins may have been a gymnast at Wrentham's King Phillip High School, but she never thought that just a decade after graduation she'd be a featured performer with Cirque du Soleil.

"When I did my last competition in high school, I thought that was it for me and gymnastics," Rollins explained last week while preparing for the Boston opening of Cirque du Soleil's "Quidam" at Suffolk Downs.

While majoring in health education at the University of Montana, Rollins opted to minor in modern dance. Before long, she found herself including gymnastics in her dance routines. After college, her career included a stint as an acrobatic dancer in a production of the Folies Bergere at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. After six months in Sin City, Rollins accepted a six-month gig with Club Med in the Bahamas. She soon extended that stay to a full year.

"I fell in love with the flying trapeze and ended up joining the Club Med Circus program," Rollins recalls. From Club Med, Rollins was recruited to join Cirque du Soleil, a theatrical blend of circus acts, played out against fairyland sets, and splashed with magical effects. Founded in Montreal in 1984 by street performer Guy Laliberte, Cirque du Soleil is currently presenting seven shows on four continents.

In "Quidam," Rollins is one of a four-person troupe of aerial hoops artists. In hoops suspended above the stage, the performers pivot and twirl through the air, at times solo and at times in unison, performing stunning feats of grace and dexterity.

Even while hanging from a 120-foot overhead conveyor, Rollins can clearly see why 4.5 million people have come out for "Quidam," in 10 countries and 35 cities, since its 1996 debut. "Cirque du Soleil combines the athleticism of many traditional circuses with a more artistic and theatrical component," Rollins says. "Audiences love the show, too, which is what I enjoy most about performing."

(Cirque du Soleil will present "Quidam" under the blue-and-yellow Grand Chapiteau at Suffolk Downs through Sept. 8. For tickets and further information call 1-800-678-5440, or online at cirquedusoleil.com.)

In Cirque du Soleil's "Quidam," Wrentham native Holly Rollins is one of a four-person troupe of aerial hoops artists.

Living

Food & dining

Perfect Pancakes

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Second-rate pancakes are as common as the oversized, tasteless muffins one buys at diners and overrated coffee shops. I wanted my pancakes to be light, easy to make, and also adaptable to fruit variations such as blueberries.

The first problem with most pancake recipes is that they use milk instead of buttermilk. This produces a thin pancake because buttermilk is a wonderful thickener – the huge amount of lactic acid in buttermilk reacts with baking soda to provide a lot of lift and fluff. With that basic ingredient out of the way, I then noticed that most pancake recipes use too much leavener – up to a tablespoon of baking powder and/or soda – and this produces a soapy flavor and also results in thinner pancakes since they collapse on themselves towards the end of cooking due to an excess amount of lift. I finally decided to use 1/4 teaspoon baking soda and a 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder. I found that a combination of soda and powder was best since batter made with just soda tended to fizzle out by the time the last pancake was made; double-acting baking powder reserves some of its leavening activity until it comes in contact with heat unlike baking soda which reacts immediately with acid.

Now I had a basic recipe using 2 cups of flour, baking powder and soda, 2 cups of buttermilk, salt, eggs, and possibly sugar and melted butter. I found that mixing buttermilk and a small amount of milk was best – this produces a batter that is pourable yet thick enough to produce a fluffy cake. I finally settled on 1 2/3 cups buttermilk to 1/3 cup milk. Two eggs is standard in pancake recipes – I tested one and three eggs with disappointing results. (If one separates the eggs and beats the whites, one produces an extremely light pancake. See the variation after the recipe.) Although I tend not to use melted butter in my pancakes, I found that this ingredient did add flavor and make the pancakes a bit more tender. Adding the melted butter towards the end of mixing worked fine. (If one adds it to the cold mix, it will seize up although it will melt again during cooking.) Two teaspoons of sugar perked up the flavor as did 1/2 teaspoon of table salt (or one full teaspoon of kosher salt).

Most folks go off the rails when they mix pancakes. The simple rule is use a light hand and undermix instead of overmix. This is not a cake batter. Simply pour the wet ingredients into the dry, gently fold the batter until about half-mixed, add the melted butter, and fold or stir very gently for just a few seconds until the batter is thick and relatively lump free. (A few small lumps are okay – the batter should not be totally smooth.) The other issue is the griddle or skillet. Every griddle is different so settings are irrelevant. You want a medium-high heat so that the exterior of the pancake does not overcook by the time the interior is cooked through. I use 1/3 cup of batter for each pancake – leave plenty of room between them. This recipe can be doubled for larger crowds.

PERFECT PANCAKES

I prefer to beat the egg whites separately and then fold them into the batter after it is half-mixed and the butter has been added. Remember to use a very light hand when mixing – a few lumps in the batter is just fine. If you have problems with the pancakes sticking to the griddle, use paper towels to coat with a thin layer of vegetable oil (do not use corn oil which is sticky) before cooking the pancakes.

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 2/3 cups buttermilk
1/3 cup whole milk
2 eggs
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

1. Heat a seasoned griddle or skillet. Whisk dry ingredients in a medium bowl. Whisk the buttermilk, milk, and eggs together in a small bowl or large measuring cup. Pour this buttermilk mixture into the dry ingredients and gently fold/mix until about half combined – there should still be large streaks of flour. Add the melted butter and gently fold/mix until combined. Small lumps in the batter are okay – do NOT overmix!

2. Pour 1/3 cup of batter onto the heated griddle for each pancake, spacing them well apart. Cook until several large bubbles appear on the batter surface. Turn and cook until the underside is medium brown. Repeat with remaining batter. It is best to serve pancakes as soon as they are cooked.

Serves 4

BLUEBERRY VARIATION

Pick over, rinse, and then dry one cup of blueberries. Scatter a small handful over each pancake after they are first poured onto the skillet.

EXTRA-FLUFFY PANCAKES

Separate the eggs. Whisk the yolks with the buttermilk and milk. In a separate bowl, beat the whites to 2-inch peaks – they should still be very soft and moist. Gently fold in the beaten whites to the batter after the melted butter has been added.

Christopher Kimball welcomes your comment. E-mail him at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com

Music festival *rocks* Heritage Days

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that the Lovin' Spoonful actually had its roots as a jug band," said Sebastian from his home in Woodstock, New York. "So many listeners identify the band with its mid-60s hits, which were mainly Beatles-influenced rock and pop. But one of our biggest hits, 'Daydream,' was actually a jug-band style song, or as close to one as ever hit the Top 40 in the mid 60s. But if that wasn't genuine enough, the B-side of our single 'Do You Believe In Magic,' a song called 'On the Road Again,' was a bona fide jug-band song."

The title of the J Band disc is named for and also a reverent tribute to jug-band pioneer Gus Cannon, a singer/guitarist/songwriter who became legendary as the hard-living leader of the influential Memphis band, the Jug Stompers, during the jug-band dance-hall craze of the 1920s. Among other song chestnuts, Cannon is known for having written and performed the original "Walk Right In," revived by the Rooftop Singers many years later in the early 60s, and several songs which were remade even later on by the Grateful Dead, "Minglewood Blues," "Cumberland Blues" and "Viola Lee Blues."

Vivino was also Sebastian's main collaborator on the Chasin' Gus' Ghost disc, having co-produced and played one instrument or another on all the tracks. The disc also featured special guest J Band members Paul Rishell and Annie Raines, who are Boston area favorites in their own right as a folk-blues vocal/guitar/harmonica duo.

"Jimmy (Vivino) is a very dedicated guy, working five days a week with the Conan O'Brien show and playing as many sessions as he does with other performers the rest of his time. I feel very lucky to have him," Sebastian said. "I met him when we were both playing in Laura Nyro's band in New York a few years back. And we've played together in bands with Johnnie Johnson, who was the pianist in Chuck Berry's band, and Felix Cavaliere, who was the lead singer with the Rascals. Jimmy is sort of part of that African-American and Italian blues connection in the music scene."

"Onstage, both Jimmy and I can move around very easily between all the different instruments needed to play in the jug-band style. We switch around from everything harmonicas, guitars, 6-string banjos, electric mandolins and baritone guitars to washboards, washtubs and syrup jugs. And we play a cross-section of old, traditional jug-band material and newer songs in the style, some written by us. We'll even toss in a few old Spoonful tunes if we sense that the audience is going that way," Sebastian said.

Other live music at Heritage Days includes a Friday afternoon Local Music Celebration featuring the Marshalls, Scituate's own Irresponsibles and the John Harris Band. All Festival events take place on Front Street and the waterfront.

For more information on Heritage Days events call the Scituate Chamber of Commerce at (781) 545-4000.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

A-PEELING ART!

Leah Stewart checks out "Banana Surprise," by artist Jeanne Lachance who won an award for excellence in painting at last year's Pembroke Arts Festival.

The art of the matter

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folk/rock singer/songwriter, has won critical praise for more than a decade with four independent CDs and appearances at the New York Singer/Songwriter Festival, National Public Radio's Mountain Stage and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Fans and critics compare his songwriting style, ranging from love songs to topical ballads, to the likes of James Taylor and Arlo Guthrie.

Also on the entertainment lineup are performances by the Centre Stage Dance Company and magician Dane "The Great Dane" Grigas, plus bands and musicians such as The Taunton Trio, Acoustic Passport, Red White & Blues and others covering a range from folk, rock and bluegrass to jazz and New Age.

Winners in the juried art and photography show have already been selected. They include artists from Pembroke, Hanover, Marshfield and other towns around the South Shore as well as Boston, Norwood and Plymouth. The Gala Preview & Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, from 8 to 10 p.m.

The annual festival is sponsored by the non-profit Pembroke Arts Festival, Inc. Benotti also thanks the East Bridgewater Savings Bank for a sizable donation this year.

Pembroke Arts Festival prize winners

The winners of the 35th annual Pembroke Arts Festival juried art and photography exhibit have been announced. They include:

Art:

First Prize ($150) – Edwina Caci, Norwood – " Francesca "

Second Prize ($100) – Gayle Polsinello, Hanover – " The Awakening "

Third Prize ($ 50) – Jessica Fries, Plympton – " Song of the Whales "

Best Pembroke Artist ($ 50) – David S. Martin, Pembroke – "Slipknot 2002 "

Excellence in Painting ($100) – Stephen Holland, Pembroke – " A View from Shea's Pier "

Honorable Mention – Jessica Fries, Plympton – "The Fragility of Life"

Excellence in Watercolor ($100) – Becky Haletky,Pembroke –" Vertigo "

Honorable Mention – Peter C. Stone, Marion – " Salt Meadow "

Honorable Mention – Wendy Hale, Duxbury – " Rainy Day "

Excellence in Mixed Media ($100) – Michael Domina, Braintree – "Extensions"

Excellence in Printmaking ($100) – Mary A. Wilkas, Boston – "Gurse Furz"

Excellence in Drawing ($100) – Mary Felton, Marshfield – "Pump It Up"

Excellence in Sculpture ($100) – Steven V. Sarro, Plympton – " Cedar Delight"

Fine Art judges were Loring Coleman, Edward Minchin, and Doris L. Weiner.

Photography:

First Prize ($150) – Judith Enright, Norwell – "Rebecca's Rooster "

Second Prize ($100) – Mike Sleeper, Marshfield – " Damon's Point "

Third Prize ($ 50) – Chris Bernstein, No. Marshfield – "Plimoth Plantation II"

Best Pembroke Photographer ($ 50) – Jamie Bunton, Pembroke – "Melancholy"

Best Black and White Photo ($100) – Jack Foley, Hanover – "Winter's Blanket "

Honorable Mention – Chris Bernstein, No. Marshfield – " Yellow Sunset "

Honorable Mention – Cindy Vallino, Marshfield – " Sandscape No. 4 "

Honorable Mention – Heidi Harting, Plymouth – " Twin Lights "

Photography judges were Lance Keimig and Paul Weiner.

Artists-in-Action include:

Saturday – 10 am – Noon – Erica Benotti; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Bob Burgess; 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Jody Regan; Sunday – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Laura Harvey; noon – 2 p.m. – Erica Benotti; 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Wendy Hale.

Erica Benotti has been awarded the 2002 Pembroke Arts Festival annual scholarship. She will attend California College of Arts and Crafts in San Francisco, majoring in Fine Arts.

Invitational Crafts: Contemporary and traditional crafts will be a new feature in this year's Pembroke Arts Festival. A partial list of participating crafters includes: Janet Howard, Hanson; Michael McCarthy, Mattapoissett; Linda Boback, Charlestown, R. I.; Kate DeSantis, Pembroke; Shelley Payette, Lincoln; Anne Turner, Foxboro; Robert Leonard, Fall River.

Preview and Awards Ceremony: The annual Pembroke Arts Festival is sponsored by the non-profit Pembroke Arts Festival, Inc. The primary source of funding is donations from individuals and local business leaders.

The Gala Preview and Awards Ceremony will be held Friday, Aug. 2 from 8-10 p.m. A donation of $5 pp. will help defray Festival costs. There will be hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and classical music by *Trio Con Brio.*

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ANNUAL PANAGIA GOLF CLASSIC to be held on Aug. 26, from 8:30 a.m. Shotgun start, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. Compete for prizes of up to $100,000 cash. Luncheon follows at Barker Tavern. Tournament fees must be paid by Aug. 12, $135 pre golfer, $500 per foursome, includes luncheon. Proceeds will benefit the nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church Community Center in Cohasset. For more information call 781-337-5016.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF SEPT. 11: The John F. Kennedy Library will host a free, memorial concert on Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. the Boston Landmarks Orchestra and the Kuumba Singers from Harvard University will perform. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-929-4571. Seating will first-come, first serve with overflow seating available in the library's theaters. The Kennedy Library will also offer free admission and extended hours (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.) on Wednesday, Sept. 11, to observe the first anniversary of Sept. 11. The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, is located next to the UMass/Boston campus. Parking is free. Free shuttle service from the JFK stop on the T's red line. fully handicapped accessible. for more information, call 617-929-4523 or access www.jfklibrary.org on the internet.

FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org

THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION presents "BIKE FOR HEALTHY LUNGS" THE 18TH ANNUAL AUTUMN ESCAPE BIKE TREK, Sept. 20-22. This 160-mile bike trek takes participants from Plymouth to Provincetown with fully supported rest stops along the way. Both two and three-day options are available but accommodations for the first night are limited so register early. This event is for cyclists of all levels. Call 1-800-LUNGYSA for details or visit the website at www.lungusa.org/massachusetts/special.html

·EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets on sale now $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

THURS. 1

The Hull Performing Arts, Inc., will offer a free **Shakespeare Workshop** at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave., Hull. the class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. from Aug. 1 to mid September. Coursework will include diction, projection, and scene study. Cost of materials will not exceed $20. Call Lindsay at 781-925-2406 to register.

Kid's Cabaret will presents its summer theater production of **Annie Get Your Gun** on Aug. 1, to 3 at 8 p.m. at the Hingham High School Auditorium, 17 Union St., Hingham. tickets are $8 for adults, $5 for seniors and children. Call 781-749-7939.

Boston Landmark Orchestra Free Summer Concerts for Children Aug. 1, at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Codman Square Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. Presented by The Codman Square Health Center. narrated by Naheem Allah. These performances are limited to the capacity of the room and reservations are required. Call 617-822-8205.

The Weymouth Recreation Division presents its Concerts/Movies in the Park Series. Concerts and movies will be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater next to Town hall at 75 Middle St. All events are outdoors. In the event of rain, they are moved into the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On Aug. 1, **Quintessential Brass** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information call 781-682-6124.

The Thomas Crane Public Library, Quincy, presents a concert on the lawn from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 1, featuring blues singer **Les Sampou** accompanying herself on the steel guitar. The concert is free and suitable for all ages. In case of inclement weather the concert will be held in the atrium, which is handicapped accessible.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents **Jerry Bryant - Family Sea Chantey concerts.** Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. "Just for Kids" performance and 7 p.m. An Evening Concert Under the Stars. Blankets, chairs, and picnic suppers suggested. Both concerts are free, but a $5 donation is welcome for the evening performance. Call Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 for more information.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Boom Shanka Broms,** on Aug. 1. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Surreal**. All shows start at 8 p.m. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

The Solid Gold Oldies Show featuring swing, doo-wop, Motown and novelty hits from the '40s, '50s, and '60s will play at the Canoe Club Dinner Theater, 2 South Street, West Bridgewater, Aug. 1, 2, 4. Dinner at 7 p.m.; show at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show are $37.50 Thursday and Sunday; $40 Friday. Tickets for show only are $20. For reservations call Darling Productions at 781-843-5862.

The Boston Harbor Hotel will once again provide outdoor, harborside performances by nationally renowned blues artists during the Fourth Annual Blues Concerts Series. The Blues Barge, a floating stage anchored behind the Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf provides the setting for some of the hottest local and national blues artists. The concert series, sponsored by the Boston Harbor Hotel and House of Blues, will include performances every Thursday evening through Sept. 12, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.bhh.com

FRI. 2

Boston Landmark Orchestra Free Summer Concerts for Children Aug. 2, at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Bunker Hill Community College, Charlestown. Narrated by Naheem Allah. These performances are limited to the capacity of the room ad reservations are suggested. Call 617-228-2328.

South Shore Art Center visiting artist workshop series includes a pastel painting workshop on Aug. 2 to 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuition is $310 ($285 for members of the SSAC). To register call 781-383-2787. For more information visit www.ssac.org

Civil War Reenactment Groups at the Alden House, 105 Alden St., Duxbury. The Alden Kindred of America is hold its 102nd Annual Meeting Aug. 2 to 4 on the grounds of the historic Alden House. The theme at this year's gathering is the Civil War. The Civil War encampment will run through the entire weekend. on Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **The Providence Brigade Band** will perform Aug. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is open to all with a $6 fee per individual, $3 per child under 18 with a maximum of $15 per family. Light refreshments will be served at no additional cost.

South Shore Arts Center will present a three-day workshop in **landscape painting in oils** by visiting artist **Jared Clackner**, Aug. 2 to 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the center located in Cohasset. The workshop is $275 ($250 for SSAC members). **Pastel Painting** with **Janet Monafo** Aug. 2 to Aug. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register or for more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

The 35th Annual Pembroke Arts Festival, Aug. 2 to 4. Route 14, Pembroke Center. On Aug. 3, **Greg Greenway** will perform at an outdoor concert at the Harry Woods Memorial Bandstand, Route 14, Pembroke Center. at 7 p.m.

Theatre On The Run Presents "Sandbag Stage Left" at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Dinner theatre Aug. 2, 3, 4, at 6:30 p.m. For tickets and information call Lou Reed at 781-1211 or Dan Toland 781-821-6596 or email Mtwelves@attbi.com or visit www.geocities.com/theatrerun.

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay presents its third annual scenes program, titled **American Music and Beyond,** a glimpse into our country's operatic heritage on Aug. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. Tickets are $15 for adults and $12 for students and seniors and may be purchased at South Shore Conservatory campuses in Hingham and Duxbury, and at Westwinds Bookshop in Duxbury or by calling 781-934-2731 ext. 10.

Footloose, on stage at the **Company Theatre** in Norwell; Aug. 2 to 25 Audiences will cut loose this Summer as the award-winning Company Theatre in Norwell, takes the stage with the Broadway musical "Footloose," running Aug. 2-25. Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are priced at $23 in advance and $25 day of show on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; and $20 in advance and $22 day of show on Sundays. Tickets are available at the Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit them on the web at www.companytheatre.com.

BEST BET

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The Children's Museum in Easton, 9 Sullivan Avenue, North Easton, will host "Drop In Workshops" at the museum during the month of August On Aug. 2, **Gardens!/Potato Head and Garden in a Bag.** Grow your own potato plant and make an incredible sprout garden by using just a plastic bag. Call 508-230-3789 for more information.

Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop, Inc. presents it Super Summer Show, **"Hokus Pokus"** A laugh-filled, albeit a bit twisted, fairy tale with Prince Charming the only male surrounded by a multitude of angry storybook women. Will Mother goose be able to save the day? Wollaston Congregational Church Theatre, 48 Winthrop Ave., (corner of Lincoln Avenue) in Wollaston. For reservations, call 617-472-9233.

Project Arts of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank Free Summer Concert Series held at Plymouth

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BEST BET

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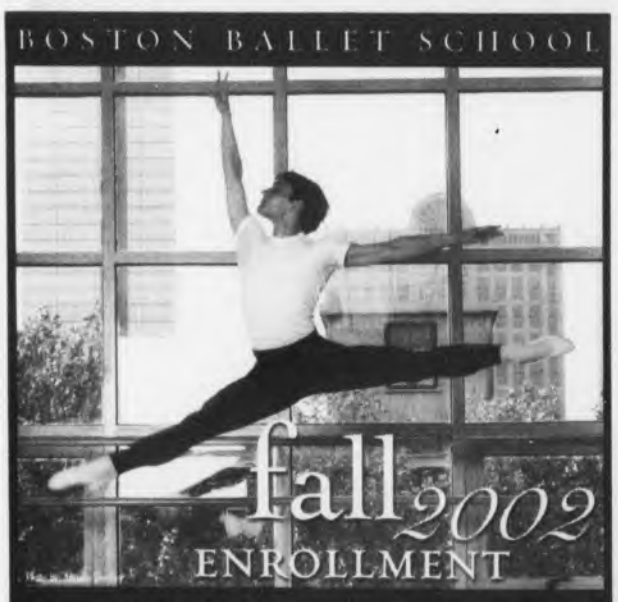

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BOSTON STUDIO: 19 Clarendon St. Boston, MA 617.456.6264
Ages 8-14: Thursday, August 8, 5:30-7:30 pm

METROWEST STUDIO: 863 Washington St. Newtonville, MA 617.456.6263

SOUTH-SHORE STUDIO: 34 Accord Park Dr. Norwell, MA 781.871.7468
Ages 8-16: Thursday, August 29, 5:30-7:30 pm

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SAT. 3

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Plymouth Plantation will debut a major new exhibit in August to delve deeper into the history and traditions of Thanksgiving. On Aug. 3, the Plantation will unveil **Thanksgiving Memory, Myth and Meaning**. This interactive exhibit will lead visitors from present day celebrations and traditions backward through time, peeling back layers of popular culture, observance, meaning and myth to let viewers see the history of this holiday. The exhibit ends with a fresh look at the 1621 harvest celebration from the perspectives of the participants, the Wampanoag and the English. The exhibit is included with admission. For more information call 508-746-1622.

The Seventh Annual Open Studio and Sale - In celebration of Heritage Days 2002, glass beadmaking demos held at the Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Rd., Scituate. Handcrafted glass beads and jewlery by Marj and other award winning glass beadmakers. Drawer pulls and more. Portion of proceeds donated to CERF at www.craftemergency.ord

Arts Affair on the Boardwalk at Marina Bay, 500 Victory Road, Quincy, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Aug. 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 300 pieces of art on display by professional and amateur artists who are members of the local art associations. Some noted artists include **Anet Paglierani, William Beyer, Edwina Caci, Michael Domina and William Sarni**. For more information call 781-843-5799.

The Singles Executive Club and The Young Professional Club will sponsor a **"Hawaiian Romance"** singles harbor cruise and dance. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cruise and dancing on ship from 8 to 11 p.m. with complimentary food and desserts provided onboard. Music will be provided by Bruno. Limited to 375 single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Island or casual attire. Cost is $40. Call 781-283-0400 for reservations.

Pembroke Arts Festival, Town Green, Route 14, Pembroke Center. Saturday Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Juried Art and Photography, Invitational Crafts, Children's Art, Artists in Action: **Erica Benotti**, Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun., noon to 2 p.m. **Bob Burgess**, Sat. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; **Jody Regan** Sat. 2 to 4 p.m.; **Laura Harvey**, Sun. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; **Wendy Hale**, Sun. 2 to 4 p.m. Free entertainment on Saturday featuring **Centre Stage Dance Company** at noon; **Silver Lake Student Revue** at 1 p.m.; **Pembroke School of Performing Arts** at 2 p.m.; **None of the Above** (acoustic jazz) at 3 p.m.; **A Midsummer Night's Dream** (Children's theater workshop) at 4 p.m.; **The Great Dane - Magician** (Dane Grigas) at 5 p.m.; **Experiacoustics** (folk rock) at 6 p.m.; **The Taunton Trio** (acoustic trio, bluegrass, folk) at 7 p.m.; **Greg Greenway & Band** in concert (nationally known singer/songwriter)

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Pembroke Arts Festival, Town Green, Route 14, Pembroke Center. Saturday Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Juried Art and Photography, Invitational Crafts, Children's Art, Artists in Action: **Erica Benotti**, Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun., noon to 2 p.m. **Bob Burgess**, Sat. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; **Jody Regan** Sat. 2 to 4 p.m.; **Laura Harvey**, Sun. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; **Wendy Hale**, Sun. 2 to 4 p.m. Free entertainment on Sunday featuring **Centre Stage Dance Company** at noon; **Acoustic Passport** (New Age Acoustic Duo) at 1 p.m.; **Pembroke School of Performing Arts** at 2 p.m.; **Red White & Blues** (original rock and roll) at 3 p.m..;)

The Hull Lifesaving Museum will celebrate National Coast Guard Day with a special *Family Day* at the museum on Aug. 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. Interactive Breeches Buoy Rescue Drills, will be held hourly. Hands-on activities for children will include Mural Painting, Tide Pool Discovery, Paint-Your-Own Plaster Magnets, and a Giant Community Thank You Card for the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Point Allerton. Celebrate the heroic lifesaving efforts of yesterday and today. Throughout the event the museum exhibits will be open with free admission. The museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull.

Saint Stephen's Church, 78th Annual Summer Carillon Recitals held on the Cohasset Common. every Sunday until Aug. 18. On Aug. 4, Daniel Kerry Kehoe, of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. will be featured. Recitals are free. Rain or shine, on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Ave., or to the Common. A tower tour and carillon demonstration will follow each concert. For more information call 878-475-2599.

Summer concerts return to the USS Salem On Aug. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. **Java Jive.** A well-known group featuring music for all ages. This is their third appearance on the USS Salem. Admission includes a tour of the USS Salem. Refreshments are available for purchase. The USS Salem Museum is located at 739 Washington St., Quincy. For additional information call 617-479-7900 or visit www.uss-salem.org

The Sheraton Inn Plymouth presents author Jim Baker for a discussion of his new non-fiction book "Plymouth" — a story of post-pilgrim Plymouth on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. The Sheraton is located at 180 Water Street. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call (508) 591-5007.

The Thomas Crane Public Library presents a concert on the lawn from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 1, featuring blues singer Les Sampou accompanying herself on the steel guitar. The concert is free and suitable for all ages. In case of inclement weather the concert will be held in the atrium, which is handicapped accessible.

MON. 5

Friends of The Norwell-Scituate Visiting Nurse Association are inviting South Shore residents to sign up for a "shot" at winning a new car by taking part in the organizations Fourth annual Charity golf Tournament. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. on Aug. 5, at the Marshfield Country Club, located at 515 Moraine St., Marshfield. The Friends of the NVNA organize this event to raise funds for the organization in order to continue providing low-cost, quality health care and free support services to South Shore residents in need. Tickets are $175 per person. call 781-659-2342, ext. 210.

A Wellness Fair will be held at the Purple Eggplant, 400 Bedford St., Abington on Aug. 5 and 12, at 7:30 lasting approximately 45 minutes. Anyone with aches, pains, etc., will benefit by this fair. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-871-7175.

Scituate Maritime Museum, Driftway, Scituate. Open each Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. during July and August.

TUES. 6

The Marshfield Historical Society sponsors **Lighthouses and Lightships of Cape Cod,** Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Hall, Marcia Thomas House, 65 Webster St, Marshfield. (Not handicap-accessible). Guest speaker will include **Douglas Bingham**, member of the board of directors, American Lighthouse Foundation, historian, USCCG Lightship Sailors Association, narrator of the Harbor and Lighthouse tours for the Boston Harbor Cruises. suggested donation $7.50 adult, $5 for members and children 11 or under. Tickets may be purchased at the door or reserved in advance by sending a check to: Marshfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 1244, Marshfield, MA 02050.

The Eighth Annual Food Fest and Auction to benefit Father Bill's Place to be held on Aug. 6 at WaterWorks in Marina Bay. Doors open at 6 p.m. with food being served until 8 p.m. The auction starts promptly at 8 p.m. This festival occasion highlights the creations of 38 of the finest restaurants, chefs, and wines on the South Shore. This is an evening of fine cuisine and good company, with the sounds of a

CALENDAR, see next page

BEST BET

Scituate artisan Marj Bates will hold her Seventh Annual Open Studio and Sale in celebration of Heritage Days 2002 Sunday, Aug. 4. Bates will offer glass bead making demos at her studio located at 28 Rebecca Road. The sale features handcrafted glass beads and jewelry by Bates and other award-winning glass beadmakers. Drawer pulls and more. Portion of proceeds donated to CERF at www.craftemergency.ord

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By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the month of July draws to a close, the perennial borders initiate yet another wave of colorful blossoms. Purple and white balloon flowers (Platycodon), Joe-Pye-Weed (Eupatorium), black-eyed Susans (Rudbeckia), multi-colored tall garden phloxes, and cardinal flowers (Lobelia cardinalis) join the floral parade as many of our early summer blooms begin to fade. Perennial garden design poses many challenges as we endeavor to create the illusion of continuous bloom, but the ever-changing palette throughout the growing season is well worth the research and constant relocation of plants required to achieve this elusive goal.

Nearly every day in the summer perennial border presents a unique portrait with peaks and valleys in the bloom sequence. A diversity of attractive foliages serves to bridge the gaps and acts as the primary player throughout the growing season. A few plants have the good fortune to display leaves that are tinted blue, gray, gold and burgundy. Others provide lacy, dissected leaves including Russian sage (Perovskia), members of the threadleaf coreopsis family (Coreopsis verticillata) and ferns. The large majority of these plants, however, tend to exhibit fairly similar patterns having rounded leaves and dense, solid forms. The addition of finely textured, linear foliage is a welcome contrast and few plants rival the ornamental grasses for this attractive attribute.

Ornamental grasses are slowly becoming accepted as worthy additions to the landscape. For many gardeners, however, there is still reluctance to use these versatile plants. Some fear they will spread rampantly. After all, lawn and meadow grasses are often one of our most invasive and challenging weeds in the borders. Perhaps, like myself, you innocently introduced ribbon grass (Phalaris) into your plantings years ago only to watch it systematically take over the garden. Even more difficult for some to accept is the lack of showy, colorful blossoms, the basis on which many gardeners make their acquisitions.

There is an inexplicable attraction to these simple plants, however, that is gradually winning over even the most reluctant dirt-diggers. English author, Nigel Taylor, in his book Ornamental Grasses, seems to express it best when he comments that their "impact is both visual and auditory, especially in the case of the medium and larger grasses, evoking the sights and sounds of wide open spaces, a mysterious synthesis of the wild and the serene." In recent years, landscapers have discovered their many positive attributes including low maintenance, hardiness and multi-season interest and many commercial plantings display attractive groupings of grasses. Their growing presence is bringing hesitant gardeners into the nurseries to give them a try.

The term, "ornamental grass" is currently applied to a wide range of plants including true grasses, sedges and rushes, most of which share similar characteristics in that they demonstrate linear leaves and do not produce brightly colored floral displays. There are grasses to suit nearly every cultural condition including sun or shade, wet or dry. There are a few that are evergreen and still others that offer pleasing winter interest. Add to this adaptability a wonderful diversity of foliage colors, including varying shades of green, yellow, blue, burgundy and variegated varieties, and forms ranging from low prostrate clumpers to 12-foot tall arching specimens, and the stage is set for a spectacular array of low maintenance plants to provide an appealing contrast to adjacent perennials or shrubs.

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Caribbean Steel band filling the air. Boston's Entertainer of the Year, Peter O'Malley, will work the crowd with his magic. This year's auction promises to bring a number of unique gifts and sports memorabilia. Last years event was attended by more than 1,000 people.

Boston Landmark Orchestra Free Summer Concerts for Children Aug. 6, at 1 and 2:30 p.m. South Lawrence East School, 165 Crawford St., Lawrence. Presented by the Essex Art Center. These performances are limited to the capacity of the room ad reservations are suggested. Call 978-685-2343.

The Continentals, a Christian music group of 35 young people age 16 to 28 will perform and share their testimonies at First Baptist Church, 660 Country Way Scituate. The free concert will be Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be refreshments and a time to meet the singers after the concert in Fellowship Hall.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court on Aug. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced n all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Dreamchasers Teen Traveling Company is now accepting bookings for its August tour. The Teen Traveling Company is a public service program offered free of charge by Dreamchasers to organizations serving Senior Citizens, assisted living residences, nursing homes, hospitals, and care facilities in the South Shore Area. The Teen Traveling Company is composed of Dreamchasers finest teen students. This year's tour will be the week of Aug. 25 to 31. To arrange for a free performance for your organization, call Dreamchasers at 508-224-4548.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth - **Comedy Night** Aug. 6, at 8 p.m. featuring Tommy Dunham, Harrison Stebbins, Annette Pollack, Franco Drew, Sue Sapir-Donnelly and Cyndi Tarnauskas. Call 508-732-9700 for more information.

WED. 7

Boston Landmark Orchestra Free Summer Concerts for Children Aug. 7, from 10 and 11:30 a.m. Riverside Press Park, Memorial Dr., Cambridge. Presented by the Cambridge Arts Council. These performances are limited to the capacity of the room ad reservations are suggested. Call 617-349-4380.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presenting **Learn to Row to Peddocks Island** on Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Windmill Point Boathouse, $15 members $20 non-members. Put your fears aside and come share in one of the most carefree days of the year. The museum's expert staff will offer thorough entertaining instruction for every level and ability. Ages 10 and above are welcome. Reservations are required. Art supplies and bathing suits are recommended and a lunch is provided. Call Barbie guild for information or to reserve space.

Project Arts of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank Free Summer Concert Series held at the Plymouth Waterfront (South Water Street) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Featuring **Richie Havens, with Kris Delmhorst and Lloyd Rosenberg**. For more information contact Nightlife Music Company at 508-747-7727 or nightlifemusicco@netzero.net or at www.project-arts.com

THURS. 8

The Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Arnold Turner** will exhibit his paintings for the month of august at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The Weymouth Recreation Division presents its Concerts/Movies in the Park Series. Concerts and movies will be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater next to Town hall at 75 Middle St. All events are outdoors. In the event of rain, they are moved into the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On Aug. 8, "Shrek" from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. For more information call 781-682-6124.

Register now for the North and South Rivers Watershed Association's 12th Annual Great River Race on Aug. 10. All skill levels are invited to participate in the race from novice to racer. Non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks, rowboats, sailboats and rafts participate in a race piloted by people of all ages. (Participants age 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Pre-registration fee includes one T-shirt(additional T-shirts available for $10). Fee is per craft $20 entry fee per craft for NSRWA members and $25 entry fee per craft for non-members. Pre-registration encouraged. Registration on race day is $30 regardless of membership status. Non-registered boater must arrive by 10:30 a.m. Call 781-659-8168 or email nsrwa@aol.com

Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom presents a **Workshop for Teachers** on the Farm at Double M. Cranberry Farm in Wareham on Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop will focus on growing cranberries and fish farming and related hands-on science based water activities for the classroom. The $30 fee includes lunch and all materials. Ten professional development points are provided with accompanying classroom activity. For more information call Debi Hogan at 508-336-4426 or visit www.aginclassroom.org

Twelfth Night is being performed as a benefit for the **Cohasset Dramatic Club's Technical Improvement and Scholarship Fund** and will be presented at the newly renovated Scituate High School auditorium on Aug. 8, 9, 10 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for Adults and $5 for Students and Seniors I advance and $12 at the door. For more information and reservations, call CDC at 781-544-0304.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Rainbow Trout and guests** on Aug. 8. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

FRI. 9

The Norfolk Country Conservation District will host a workshop with horticulturist, Mike Nelson, covering plants sold in its brochure and other informative topics regarding fall planting. For more information and to receive a brochure to order plants, call 508-668-0995. Deadline to attend workshop is Aug. 9. Deadline to order plants is Aug. 23.

Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree-Comedy Show presents John David, Stephanie Peters, Sam Walters, Annette Pollack, Jack Hurney, Tim Kaelin and Stacy Yuannetty on Aug. 8. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended. Call 781-848-0300.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset, announces its visiting artists workshops Aug. 9 to Sept. 22. Opening reception Aug. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Present Company: Visiting Artists Bert Yarborough, Jesseca Ferguson, Richard Raiselis, Barbara Grad, Jaren Clackner, Janet Monafo, Ann Wessman, William Ternes, Peter Madden Joel Janowitz Dillon Gallery: August Abstractions P. Dolan, M. Peters, S. Roberts, L. Schill, D.Seppala Faculty Feature: J. Rossman Aug. 9 to 11, Handmade Paper with **Ann Wessman** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. $275M, $300NM. To register or for more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

Bay Colony Productions, Norfolk, presents The World Goes 'Round - a Kander and Ebb review featuring many Broadway show stopping favorites such as "New York, New York", "Cabaret", "Maybe This Time", "Money (Makes the World Go Round)", "All That Jazz", "Mr. Cellophane" and many more at the Orpheum Theater in Foxborough on Aug. 9 and 10, at 8 p.m. and Aug. 11, at 3 p.m. To purchase tickets call the Orpheum box office at 508-543-2787 or go on line at www.orpheum.org.

Project Arts of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank Free Summer Concert Series held at the Plymouth Sheraton Series from 6 to 9 p.m. Featuring **Hot August Nights TRAX with Janelle Malafronte** (top 40 dance rock), **Susan E. and Bluesliner** (uptown R & B), and **Chuck Ochs** (acoustic, finger style blues). For more information contact Nightlife Music Company at 508-747-7727 or nightlifemusicco@netzero.net or at www.project-arts.com

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The 35th Annual Pembroke Arts Festival will be held from Aug. 2 to 4. The festival grounds are on Route 14 in Pembroke Center. On Aug. 3, Greg Greenway will perform at an outdoor concert at the Harry Woods Memorial Bandstand at 7 p.m.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Take it slow and easy this morning. Don't overdo or overextend. Know your limits. The Aries moon aligns with Jupiter at 11:48 a.m. and becomes inactive. Planetary influences turn around completely at 12:17 p.m., when the moon enters stable Taurus. This is a wonderful afternoon for working in your garden or developing creative projects. Put important signings or decisions on hold for a few days. Get extra rest tonight.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

The planet Jupiter enters Leo today, a clear signal that this is a month to concentrate on relaxing and enjoying life to the fullest. The last quarter phase of the moon arrives at 6:22 a.m. This moon will decrease in light until August 8, when the Leo new moon occurs. In the morning the moon aligns with Neptune, and a sun/Neptune polarity occurs this evening. Don't take anything too seriously. Kick back and mellow out completely.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

A 90-degree alignment of Venus and Saturn impacts the morning. Financial, investment or property issues can no longer be swept under the rug. Now is the time to work out a plan or budget in order to attain long-term goals. Potentially difficult influences begin to ease up this afternoon, when the moon forms a harmonious contact to Venus. At 6:58 p.m. the Taurus moon becomes inactive until 11:46 p.m., when it enters Gemini.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Take advantage of above-average planetary influences this morning, and launch ventures, promote ideas, sign contracts. A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Saturn aids focus and concentration. You can be most productive. Plan to get new projects off the ground before 12:11 p.m., when this Mercury/Saturn alignment occurs. The remainder of the day and evening rates high for fun and games. Gather with friends and let the good times roll.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Take a vacation from routine and responsibilities today. Follow your bliss. The Gemini moon generates a social, outgoing mood. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini, opposes Uranus at 6:58 p.m. Avoid rigid time schedules or plans; be more spontaneous. Put major decisions, purchases or commitments on hold. A lunar alignment to Saturn at 11:28 p.m., warns you to choose your words carefully; know when it's time to call it a night.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

This week tops the charts for vacationing. Postpone beginning important enterprises until Thursday afternoon, when the new moon occurs. Today the Gemini moon becomes inactive at 4:42 a.m. The moon enters Cancer at 8:02 a.m. and immediately becomes inactive, because it will not interact with a planet while it travels in Cancer. That means that the next two and one-half days are prime for tackling odd jobs or unfinished projects around the home. Mars and Pluto align at 9:54 p.m., intensifying passions and emotions. Steer clear of impulsive actions. Lighten up, mellow out.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

Make up a list of things to do and stick with it. You can get a lot accomplished today. New starts are off limits. Instead, clean and reorganize, make repairs or renovations; handle routine chores and errands. The planet Mercury enters Virgo at 5:51 a.m., remaining there until August 26. Share a special dinner with loved ones; give extra time and attention to children or pets. Be more nurturing and sensitive to the needs of others.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

The planet Venus enters Libra at 5:09 a.m., remaining there until September 7. The combination of an inactive Cancer moon and sun/Pluto alignment makes this morning prime for tackling projects that need redoing, refinishing, repair. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 12:27 p.m., when the moon enters Leo. Lunar alignments to Venus and Jupiter generate a lighter, brighter mood. Take some soul time today. Meditate, play music, create art or appreciate nature.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

The dark side of a new moon brings a time for inner reflection, rest and solitude. Others may be feeling agitated, depressed. Don't overpersonalize. Take it slow and easy this morning. The new moon culminates at 3:15 p.m., 16-degrees of the sign Leo. At 4:26 p.m. the moon aligns with Mars, warning you maintain a cool, calm demeanor. The green light for new starts goes on at 4:30 p.m. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Jupiter makes this evening prime for social and romantic activities.

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Eagle soars on Turkey Hill

Project creates new visitor center

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

Of the millions of young boys who participate in Boy Scout troops across the country, just 4 percent of them ever reach the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, the most advanced level of scouting.

Connor Avery, a recent graduate of Cohasset High School, is about to join the more than 1 million Boy Scouts since 1911 to earn this rank, according to the Boy Scouts of America web site.

To become an Eagle Scout, Avery said he had to earn 21 merit badges, hold a leadership position in his troop and organize and participate in a service project.

For this project, he turned a former missile base building on Turkey Hill into a visitor center/rest stop for hikers passing through the area. Avery said he got the idea from his father, Richard Avery, who is involved with the Turkey Hill Management Committee.

The Eagle Scout guidelines required Avery to organize the project by himself, including raising all the necessary money. He therefore wrote letters to local organizations, such as the garden and Rotary clubs, asking for funds while Cohasset Hardware donated materials to Avery's project.

Also, 75 hours of physical labor were required to be completed for the project. Avery said he was lucky to have plenty of help from scouts in Cohasset and their parents.

"I organized the project and got to tell people what to do," he said.

To restore the structure, Avery and his volunteers painted the building, repaired walls and planted grass. They also dug a path around the perimeter of the new visitor's center and placed benches that they had built in and around the building.

With many young Boy Scouts becoming uninvolved with their troops as they get older, 18-year-old Avery said he has remained interested in scouting because of the support from his friends and family. Two of his uncles are Eagle Scouts, as well.

Avery, who will attend the University of Vermont to study physics, said being an Eagle Scout will help him throughout his life.

"It will help out later when I'm trying to get a job," Avery said. "Through the project I learned how to organize and fundraise."

Famous Eagle Scouts include former President Gerald R. Ford, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and H. Ross Perot.

PHOTOS/LYNNE LAYMAN

Above: Connor Avery sits on one of the new benches inside the visitor center/rest stop. Below: Connor Avery stands by his Eagle Scout project – refurbishing the visitor center atop Turkey Hill.

Scituate boat service has a Cohasset hook

By Amy Lambiaso
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Rick Railsback calls himself an old "harbor rat" from his days of growing up and working on Cohasset Harbor. Thirty years ago he and Scituate native Steve Ward talked about being in a harbor-related business.

Today, it is a reality.

Railsback and Ward, along with their wives — Page and Judy — are the new owners of EZ Rider Launch Service in Scituate harbor, and they couldn't be happier to be back on the water.

"As an adult, working in the city (Boston), I haven't been able to get enough water time," said Railsback, who is now a North Marshfield resident. "This was a great opportunity for us that came along at the right time."

Steve and Judy Ward, the owners of Cohasset Diesel and Gas have serviced the EZ Rider boat for the 22 years former owner Michael Vazquez ran the service. And when the time came for Vazquez to sell the business, they jumped at the chance.

"We figured it might be neat to run the service after working with them for so long," Judy said, who also grew-up in Scituate. "It's going to be a fun thing for us."

The two couples purchased the launch service in early May just before the official boating season got underway. Cedar Point and EZ Rider are the only boat launch services in Scituate Harbor for boat users not belonging to a private club. Through the service, mariners pay a fee and get a lift via the EZ Rider boat from the pier to their vessels.

Rick said the harbor has always been a "sweet spot" for him — growing up he drove his first outbound boat when he was 8 years old. As a teenager he drove the Cohasset Police Department's all-night harbor patrol, and taught sailing on the harbor for two summers. It was never a problem finding water time when he was growing-up, and hopes this new endeavor will allow him to scratch his "salt water itch."

"I feel like I'm the caretaker for a long-standing harbor tradition," Rick said. "This is a dream come true for me."

Visitors to the harbor, as well as water lovers without access to a boat will have the opportunity to enjoy the harbor in a new way with EZ Rider. Judy said the launch service will offer a ride around the harbor for $10 any time the service is not in use.

The group is especially excited about this because it will bring new faces to the harbor, and allow more people to enjoy the season, Judy said.

"It's just something new we'll be trying," she said. "So far we've gotten a good response — we're all excited about the possibilities."

But the EZ Rider service isn't changing much else. Four veteran drivers will return for the season, as well as three new members to the team. Rick said all the drivers have a very local connection and really know the area.

"These guys love what they do," he said. "And they do it so much better than I ever could."

But Rick is still relishing his newest enterprise — especially since it brings him back to the ocean. And there's nothing better than taking over a Scituate tradition more than two decades old.

"As a team we'll bring a fresh level of energy and commitment to the harbor," he said. "We are thrilled to be a part of this."

The cost for a season's pass to EZ Rider is $10 per foot for each boat, with a minimum cost of $250. The service is also available for $5 per single use.

PHOTO/AMY LAMBIASO

EZ Rider Launch Service owner Rick Railsback and driver Nancy Melvin head back to the Scituate town pier after giving a local boater a lift.

Auditions are set for 'Anything Goes'

Hingham Civic Music Theatre has set the dates for auditions for their fall production of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes". Audition dates are Monday Aug. 5 and Tuesday Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham; with callbacks if necessary on Wednesday Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. The production dates are Oct. 19-20 and Oct. 25-26-27.

The production will be directed by Bill Boyer of Weymouth, with Music Direction by Sandee Runnels of Plymouth and Choreography by Janet Fortier of Bridgewater. Please come with a prepared piece of music to sing that shows your range, preferably from the show. Also, come dressed for dance movement and bring your tap shoes if you have them. Cold readings will be done from the script.

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Avalon to phase project in

Permit filing is expected this week

By Mary Ford
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The developer behind a proposed 254-unit, luxury apartment complex off Route 3A that would include some affordably priced apartments was expected to file for a comprehensive permit at Town Hall this week.

AvalonBay Communities plans to split the $43 million project into two phases to comply with changes in Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, said William McLaughlin, regional vice president of development with Avalon.

"The first phase will be larger to cover the up-front costs," McLaughlin said Monday. Avalon will apply for a comprehensive permit for each phase, he said.

If granted, comprehensive permits allow developers to skirt some local zoning laws in exchange for providing a percentage of affordable housing. For example, the 62-acre parcel, where the Avalon development is proposed, is zoned for industrial-technology, not residential use. So the only way residential housing would be allowed – save Town Meeting action to change the zoning – is through a comprehensive permit.

Recent changes in the law put a cap on the total number of units a town has to absorb at one time. In the case of Cohasset that would be about 150. The statute — Mass. General Laws Chapter 40B — sets a 10 percent goal of affordable housing for each community. Cohasset has about 3 percent or about 76 units of affordable housing in town.

The Zoning Board of Appeals, which handles comprehensive

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Anti-40B activism

Scituate resident provides battle plan

By Mary Ford
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Although the Red Coats had already left, a local Minuteman made an appearance in Cohasset Monday to muster the troops for a Revolutionary War era-style revolt.

Lou Chin, a Scituate resident — who is an abutter to a proposed 28-unit, 40B project dubbed Walden Woods — provided the fledgling group of Cohasset anti-40B activists with enough ammunition to wage a battle.

"This is similar to the Boston Tea Party that threw tea into the sea," he told the gathering of about 15 people, urging them to take matters into their own hands.

Holding up a sample petition for a Special Town

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Cheap day at the beach could end

Increase in fees, towing mulled

By Mary Ford
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Too many non-residents are using the town parking lot at Sandy Beach.

Robin Lawrence, president of the Sandy Beach Association, said the $25 fine for not having a town beach sticker is not enough of a deterrent to keep non-residents away.

"It's far too little to dissuade people from parking there," said Lawrence, who pointed out the town controls the parking lot.

He explained with the current ticket fee, five people can pile into a car and for $5 a piece have a great day at the beach.

Lawrence suggested the fine be increased, the town consider towing cars, or hire a part-time employee to man the entrance on weekend and holidays.

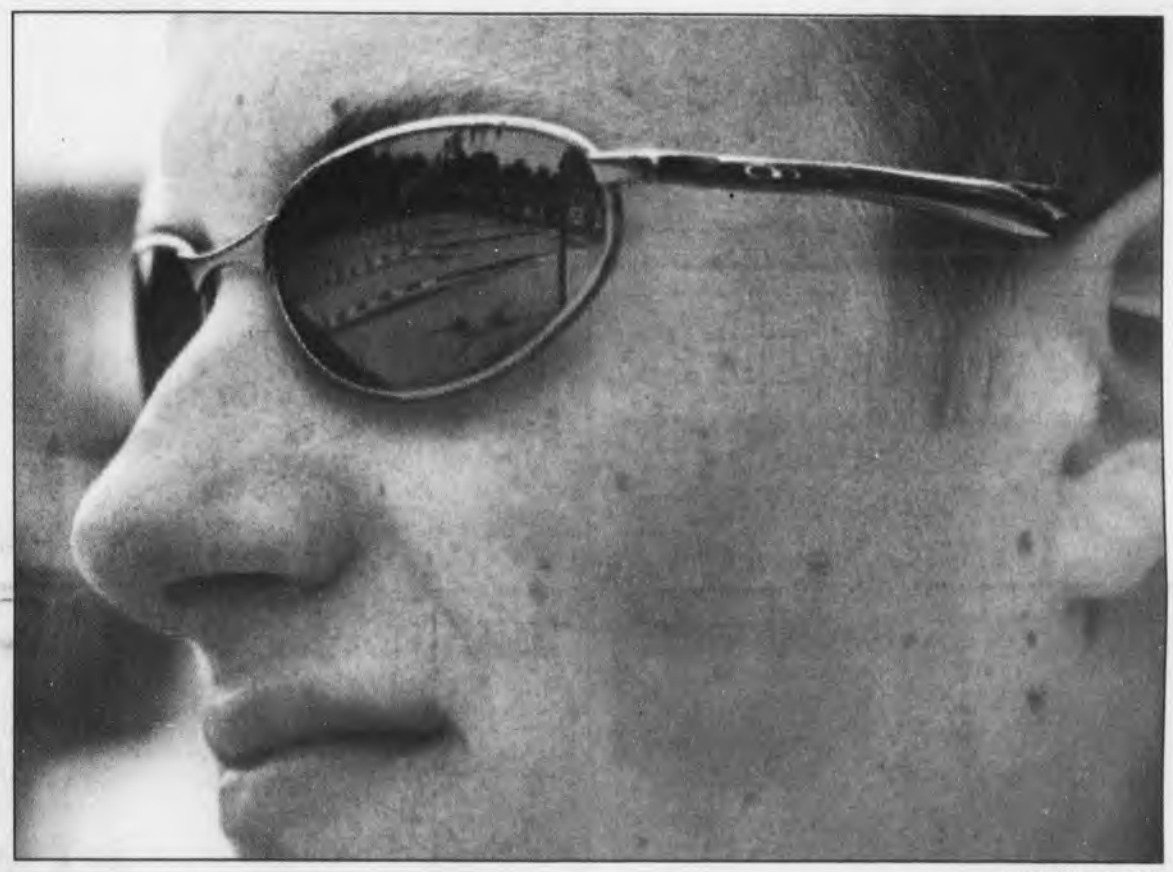
"It's far too little to dissuade people from parking there."
— Robin Lawrence, Sandy Beach Association

He said the most complaints the Sandy Beach Association receives is about the parking lot. Residents ask why it is full of people "who don't belong here," he said.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan was cool to the idea of towing and thought a part-time person would be better.

Selectmen tabled the matter that will be placed on a future agenda.

Balloon Festival supplement
complete schedule inside



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SUMMER REFLECTION
Cohasset lifeguard Matt Farley, 18, watches a recent swim meet at the Cohasset Swim Center off Sohier Street.

GROUNDED

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

A boater from Florida calls for his wife to toss him another line.

Lightning gives sewers a jolt

Control panels get zapped

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From an early age people are taught to fear lightning.

At the first sign of the fast-moving black clouds, Little League games are cancelled and beachgoers hurriedly gather their belongings as everyone heads for shelter.

This healthy fear is even more prevalent in coastal towns like Cohasset, where thunderstorms are a summer ritual. From power outages, to downed trees, to the potential lethality of a direct strike on a human being, one would think that citizens had their bases covered in terms of prevention.

Not so.

Last month, mother nature got a bit creative, whirling up a lightning storm that burned out 80 of the new sewerage control panels installed in North Cohasset.

According to the manufacturer of the equipment, the reason for the burnout was inadequate grounding on the part of the individual houses. While the national standard for homes requires a grounding rod to be buried in the earth, Cohasset code requires only that a resident be grounded to the water main. One-hundred-and-twenty units were affected by the strike, but the 80 units that were destroyed needed to be replaced, which took time because of a parts shortage with the manufacturer.

"The manufacturer shipped us the part and they arrived on Monday," said Sean Cunning, of the sewer commission. "We're installing

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Calm waters for Coastal Research Center

By Mary Ford
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Jack Buckley has just passed the final exam.

The popular high school teacher is the impetus behind a new concept for the former Hagerty house on Parker Avenue: the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research that would provide a harbor-front facility for students engaged in coastal research projects.

Ten months ago he floated plans for a maritime educational facility at the site to a skeptical Board of Selectmen that didn't want to turn the town-owned building that needs considerable work over to another non-profit who may or may not make it.

"It's a great proposal."
— Selectman Merle Brown

Buckley was back in the spring but selectmen told him to come back again with specifics including a detailed financial plan.

Tuesday night he had the goods.

"It's a great proposal," said Selectman Merle Brown.

Selectmen authorized Town Manager Mark Haddad to issue an RFP (Request for Proposal), as required by state law, for the project that would be targeted toward a non-profit maritime educational center.

They also authorized spending $25,000 from leftover monies in the

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This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, Aug. 6:

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8 and Aug. 22

Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 12

Library Trustees, 7:30 p.m., Wed., Aug. 14 at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library

Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 21

School Building Committee, 7:30 a.m., Aug. 14, 21, & 28

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 12

Spindrift Lane signs sought

Town Manager Mark Haddad said a resident of Spindrift Lane asked selectmen to consider installing signs saying parking on the lane is for residents of that street only. Apparently, Black Rock beach-goers are using the lane for parking. Before Haddad takes any action, however, selectmen asked him to check with Police Chief Bob Jackson to get his opinion on the matter, because it might require some enforcement. Also, Selectman Merle Brown asked Haddad to research if Spindrift Lane is a private way.

Bicycle jumping causes near miss

In addition to jumping off the Border Street bridge, local youths are riding their bicycles off Lawrence Wharf into the harbor.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said a resident, who was in a dingy in the harbor, said a bike missed her by inches.

"The bike almost took her out," Haddad said.

Haddad said he talked to Police Chief Robert Jackson, who suggested installing granite posts that would be connected by black chain link around the perimeter of the wharf to discourage jumpers. Haddad said the fence would look very nautical.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, who supported the concept, said he has always been concerned at low tide because of the danger there with no fence.

But Selectman Ronnie McMorris said it was an issue of parental supervision.

Haddad will check with DPW Supt. Carl Sestito on the pricing and also check with the Harbor Committee, before bringing the issue back to selectmen.

Greenbush notebook

The selectmen's office is keeping a Greenbush notebook containing the town's mitigation agreement with the MBTA, selectmen's meeting minutes and all train correspondence for members of the public who want to review it.

"It will be all here for them," Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Wastewater Committee

The town has a new 10-member Wastewater Committee that includes four town officials and citizens who will represent the following areas: Brewster Road district, Beechwood, Little Harbor, Forest Avenue (West Corner), South Main Street and Sohier/Fairoaks/Rose Hill.

The committee will make recommendations to the selectmen, the Growth and Development Task Force and Town Meeting relating to wastewater issues in Town. The committee will also coordinate efforts with the development of the town's Master Plan.

Selectman Tom Callahan stressed the importance of connecting with town planning.

"You can't deal with sewering in isolation, it has other ramifications," he said.

Selectman Merle Brown plans to ask people to apply but interested citizens can also call Brown or the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105.

Red Lion hearing

Selectmen continued the hearing on the "change of premises" request at the Red Lion Inn until Sept. 10 to allow more time for the inn and abutters to resolve some of the issues raised at the initial hearing. The inn has asked for patio dining and more tables in the room off the main lobby.

Graduation date

After much adieu, the 2003 high school graduation date has been rescheduled for its original date and time on Saturday, June 7at 1:30 p.m. Principal Michael Jones initially wanted to change the date to Friday June 6, at 6 p.m. in order to avoid conflict with the state track meet. After some negative feedback, Jones mailed home a survey to parents for comment. Twenty-four of the 81 surveys were returned, with mixed results. After a lengthy discussion, School Committee chairman Richard Flynn made a motion to return the graduation to Saturday afternoon in order to accommodate those who had already made plans for that day. The motion passed unanimously at last week's School Committee meeting.

Accreditation visit

Principal Michael Jones announced preliminary plans for the Accreditation Committee's work schedule. Schools are required to undergo re-accreditation every 10 years. The visiting committee will be at the high school from Sep. 29-Oct. 2, 2002, and will judge the school on how well it meets seven learning standards. The seven standards are Mission and Expectation for Student learning, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment of Student Learning, Leadership and Organization, School Resources for Learning, and Community Resources for Learning.

Committee vacancies

Vacancies currently exist on several town committees. Anyone interested in serving should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105, or stop by the office on the second floor of Town Hall.

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Cupola installment

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George Cooney took these drive-by photos of the new cupola atop the old Osgood School, where the new Paul Pratt Library will be housed. Sheila Evans of the library trustees said there was a cupola base atop the old 1929 school building that apparently had never been used. The old base, however, wasn't strong enough to hold the new cupola.

School bus service is up for grabs

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The School Department will once again put the busing contract out to bid, after its initial offering generated no response.

Ten companies took out papers on the bid, but none chose to make an offer, leading Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey to believe that the initial document may have been confusing. The new document will make it clear that potential bidders were not required to use the town's bus fleet.

Malvey hastened to assure the schoolchildren of Cohasset that bus service will be in place in time for the start of school.

"We'll be able to make separate arrangements with a bus contractor, and/or provide some of our own service by hiring drivers," said Malvey. "I would prefer to have this all wrapped up, but it's not going to slow us down."

Two years ago, the School Department opted to contract out the bus service using the town-owned vehicles to Hanover-based Ingle Bus Service. Owner Stephen Ingle decided not to renew the contract, unless he could use his own vehicles.

Ingle was concerned over the lack of an official contract outside of the bid itself, as well as insurance and maintenance issues.

"I felt that the liability on my part was extremely high," said Ingle. "We didn't have a contract for pay, though I did receive payment, and we never had a contract in writing as required by law. It made me uncomfortable."

Malvey says bus service will be in place in time for the start of school.

Malvey maintained that the bid itself served as the contract and noted that these concerns were old news.

"These issues all were resolved well over a year ago," said Malvey. "So there is no need to get into it. Everything was taken care of. In effect the bid was the contract. At one point in time, because the town switched insurance, one of the vehicles slipped off the roster, but it was taken care of immediately once we were informed of that."

Malvey also noted that it is the town's responsibility to insure the vehicles.

Ingle took out papers during this year's bidding process, but after discussions with Malvey, decided not to place a bid.

"I was intending to, but the specifications required the bid to be turned in by July 24, and to have the buses in place by Aug. 1.," said Ingle. "It also reserved the right to not award the contract for up to 45 days which would be after school started. I didn't want them coming to me and saying 'Oh, by the way, we want you to cover the route in September.'"

Ingle was also concerned whether a bid to use his own vehicles would be accepted.

"They said they weren't in the position to give up their buses at this time," said Ingle. "Even if I had submitted a bid to run my own buses, they would not award that to me. They'd either run it in-house or give the contract to someone willing to run their buses."

Malvey said that his position was misunderstood.

"At the time, we were not in the position to accept that kind of offer," said Malvey. "But that doesn't mean that we wouldn't accept it categorically."

As for the 45-day window to award the contract, Malvey again said that the department's position was being misinterpreted..

"It just meant we had a little more breathing space," said Malvey. "If a bid were to work out such that it was acceptable to us, we would move forward and certainly and not wait the 45 days."

Despite the disagreements, Ingle did say that he would possibly be interested in resuming his relationship with Cohasset next year if he were able to provide his own vehicles. As for this year, he said it was just too late.

"I kind of feel at this point, as I led them to believe back in December, that they shouldn't wait too long to put this out there and they ended up doing that," said Ingle. "They are not going to find someone to come back in and run there buses at this point."

Local Logan runway fight still flies

By Carol Britton Meyer
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It appears that final Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval of a new runway at Logan Airport will be met with a court challenge.

"We're going to be fighting this in the legal arena," said State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham. "It's the only avenue left now that Massport and the FAA have signed off on the project."

The FAA is limiting the runway's use to times when winds from the northwest or southeast exceed 10 knots per hour (11.5 mph), which causes delays on other runways, with penalties imposed if that stipulation isn't followed.

However, runway opponents remain firm that the negative impacts far outweigh any benefits. The fight is clearly not over yet on a number of fronts.

Massport says the new Runway 1432 will reduce delays, but project opponents — including the South Shore Jet Pollution and Hingham Jet Noise task forces — plan to continue their opposition based on concerns related to jet noise and pollution and the expected tripling of flights over the South Shore.

There are also two lawsuits for runway supporters to deal with – one filed in Suffolk Superior Court to lift a 1976 injunction blocking construction of a new runway and the other filed in Plymouth County by Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, and Revere challenging Massport's environmental findings.

Bradley, Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and other legislators, along with a number of communities which will be affected by the runway, want to halt the project.

The FAA, on the other hand, claims air traffic congestion would be relieved by the construction of the new runway.

The 35-page FAA report related to the runway decision also requires airplanes using the new runway to maximize the use of airspace over Boston Harbor; stipulates that Massport create a "peak period pricing" system which would charge more to airlines using Logan Airport during the busiest times; and provides a plan to help lessen the pressure on Logan by using more regional airports.

Residents bothered by jet noise may register their complaints and request a copy be sent to their home at (617) 561-3333. They may also log onto the South Shore Jet Pollution's web page at www.southshorejet-pollution.org,

Hingham has already appropriated $178,500 to fight the project, and Cohasset has contributed $78,500 for the same purpose.

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Calm waters for Coastal Research Center

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Hagerty account to go toward installing public bathrooms on the southwest corner of the first floor of the building that could be used by visitors to Mariner's Park.

Buckley has planned a "renovation budget" of $100,000. The Center has about $27,000 on hand, including money from a fund-raiser Monday and has established a credit line to cover the balance while an aggressive fundraising campaign is launched.

Plans are to sub-lease the upper floors to the South Shore Art Center for studio space.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan liked the fact the Coastal Research Center would have some lease revenue coming in.

Not everyone in attendance was a fan, however. Hagerty Committee chairman Russ Bonetti asked selectmen to hold off making a decision until they consulted with the Hagerty Committee. He also said there were construction problems at Mariner's Park that needed fixing and warned the town might need the leftover Hagerty funds for that purpose. The town bought the two-plus acre Hagerty site in the early 1990s for passive recreation and to provide more public access to the harbor.

Haddad explained there would still be $21,000 remaining in the Hagerty account to cover the work and install benches and tables at the park. Still, Sullivan wanted to know what the potential expenses might be.

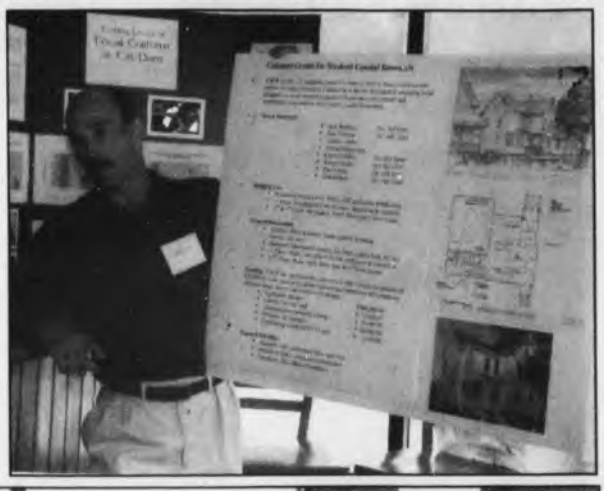
While Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she appreciated Bonetti's concerns, she stressed the importance of seeing progress on the building.

"We're intent on making the building equal to any property on the street," Buckley promised.

Selectmen did agree with Bonetti that parking is an issue and planned to write some restrictions into the lease agreement. Mariner's Park was created for town use and the parking there is limited. There is available parking on Government Island that the Coastal Center could use on peak summer days, selectmen said. Government Island is connected to Mariner's Park via a walkway.

Buckley is asking for a five-year lease at $1 a year with an option to renew. The building would house a classroom, science lab, computer lab, conference/meeting center and artist studios.

The Hagerty building has been in limbo for some time. The site was leased to the Lobster Lab, which was unable to realize its potential in the space. Selectmen terminated the Lab's lease of the building because the non-profit organization did not meet the conditions of the lease in terms of building upkeep and fund-raising.



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At right: Jack Buckley explains plans for the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research at a fund-raiser for the non-profit at Bernard's on Monday.

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Nancy Cusak, left, and Sarah Hanan, both of the South Shore Art Center, chat with Buckley. The art center plans to lease studio space at the former Hagerty building.

From left, organizers of the fundraiser for the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research at Bernard's are, Jamie Williams, Tomi Bukowski and Olga Nohe.

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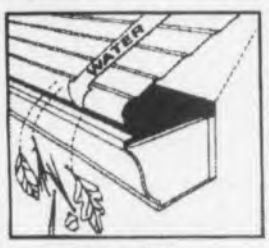

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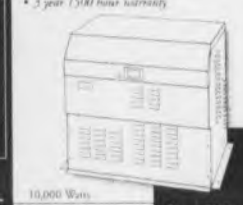

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Wellspring, League join forces on domestic violence

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Domestic violence is an ugly issue.

Initiated in private and propagated by silence, it knows no boundaries, socio-economic or otherwise.

The town of Cohasset, through the Social Service League, is cognizant of this and continues to take pro-active steps to provide more and varied options for victims of domestic violence.

The league has been a staple of the community for more than 90 years. Initially, the league focused on elder care, but over the years has branched out to other areas.

Recently, the league has realigned itself with Wellspring Multi Service Center in Hull, in order to offer victims of domestic abuse another option for counseling and help.

"We are collaborating with (Wellspring), supplementing Pat Martin's salary one day a week by giving them a grant on a quarterly basis," said Administrative Director Don Ivas. "The number one reason is that I am a male and I direct the programs. I think women feel more comfortable talking to other women about this issue. Also, it protects the woman's anonymity, by going out of town for domestic violence services."

PHOTOS /LYNNE LAYMAN

Pat Martin and Don Ivas talk about the problem of domestic violence.

Aside from her duties as a member of the Cohasset school committee, Martin is a part-time domestic violence counselor at Wellspring.

"We're kind of a one-stop shopping place," said Martin. "People come in with problems and we try to get them back on their feet."

Wellspring offers an emergency food pantry and a thrift shop, as well as connections to free legal advice, housing options, and counseling. Five years ago, the staff noticed a link between the women at the shelter and domestic violence and started a program to deal with the issue specifically. The program is growing as people find out about it, but many in Cohasset are unaware of the facility and the programs it offers.

"Most people don't know about us," said Martin. "They assume that domestic violence doesn't happen in Cohasset."

It does, according to domestic violence police officer Lisa Matos, and probably at numbers that would surprise people.

"There are a lot of family issues in town," said Matos. "Not all of them are documented because they come in as 911-hangup calls or disturbances. Not every one is called domestic violence."

Matos was quick to point out that domestic violence doesn't always fit the traditional model.

"Everyone just thinks of battered wives," said Matos. "People don't realize that it could be a problem between a mother and son or two older siblings. It may not necessarily be between a husband and a wife."

Matos and the rest of the department are quick to refer people they encounter who they feel could benefit from the services of the league or Wellspring.

"Any time we can refer someone to a social worker is a blessing for us," said Matos. "At least now we can leave a contact number for someone who can help."

Finding the courage to seek help is one of the major hindrances to leaving abusive situations.

"The unique thing of the new relationship is that now they can see Cohasset women in Hull," said Martin. "That way the women don't have to worry about running into a neighbor at the church, they can come to Hull."

There are stringent privacy rules in place that go as far as to dictate how Martin would react to seeing someone she had counseled in the supermarket.

Domestic violence officer Lisa Matos; Pat Martin who is Wellspring's domestic violence counselor; Don Ivas, Social Service League director; and Amy Cutler, president of the Social Service League at the League offices in St. Stephen's Church.

Another major issue is the financial problems that often result from leaving an abusive situation.

"We have women who may be getting some support," said Ivas. "They don't fall below the poverty line, and it's really hard to find housing for them."

This is an area where the expanded services that Wellspring offers come into play.

"Wellspring is more of a referral agency," said Ivas. "They have more at their disposal as far as the domestic violence services, free legal aid, as well as quite an extensive housing list."

The league offers some of these same services, but the Wellspring resources are more comprehensive.

"I think it is good for both the agency and the victims," said Martin. "We live on people's generosity. It's important (people know about Wellspring) so that number one, they know what we do and number two, when they see us asking for money, they know it is a good cause."

Lightning zaps 80 Cohasset sewer control panels

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them now, about 80 of them. We have also approved $18,000 for grounding these units around town. The manufacturer said that should solve the problem."

The sewer system is unique in that it does not rely on gravity. Sewerage is stored in a tank that holds up to 100 gallons on the individual property which when full, is pumped out of the reservoir to a pumping station. When the units failed, it was necessary to go outside and manually press the button to empty the tank.

Marilyn Pitchford wrote a letter to the sewer commission on July 22, outlining her concerns with the system. Since then, however, she feels that her concerns have been addressed, and she is happy with the progress the town is making.

"I think that the conclusion for as far as what my problem was and probably a lot of the homes was that the electrical grounding was just not adequate for the highly electrical nature of the pump unit," said Pitchford.

Others, though, have had troubles with the system from the beginning.

"It's my opinion that they used the wrong technology," said Joan Jensen of 63 Howe Road. "It's just a faulty system all the way through. Every couple of weeks the control panel goes out of whack and you have to call Rosano-Davis and they have to come out and tweak it. Then it will work for a couple of weeks. I don't know why it is happening, but it is a pain in the neck."

Rosano-Davis is the waste company overseeing the operation of the pumps and responded to more than 100 calls during the outages.

"I'll be most pleased if this is the last we hear of the problem," said Ross Rosano, one of the companies partners.

Jeff Garbarini of 51 Howe has also had problems prior to the lightning strike.

"This thing has been going on since about April," said Garbarini. "It has nothing to do with the lightning."

Garbarini has had problems with the system constantly blowing its circuit breaker as well as prbblems with backups in the storage tank.

"I think that they have probably chosen equipment that hasn't been tested and no one really checked it out," said Garbarini. "We are like guinea pigs."

Cunning defended the technology and said he felt confident that the upgrade of the grounding systems at each home – at the cost of the town – would solve the problem. If not, the town has the appropriate safeguards in place.

"The pumps and machines come with a 10-year warranty," said Cunning. "(Another pump we had to choose from) was lower end and a more proven one, but this one is higher end and we can eventually monitor it by telephone. It's a little bit more sophisticated, but it comes with a better warranty."

The town is looking into whether the damaged pumps are covered under warranty or whether they would be covered under the $1.16 million the manufacturer, Interon, had to put up to cover maintenance fees.

No one at Interon was available for comment.

"The panels are very expensive," said Cunning. "They are the property of the town, and insurance, warranty or the maintenance bond may come into play."

Pitchford, who was originally angered by the problems, pointed out that the lightning strike was a freak incident.

"This could have happened with the other manufacturer as well," said Pitchford. "These pumps are better pumps, with a better warranty, and the town got a good deal on them. I think that both the electrician and Rosano-Davis are confident that this will solve the problem."

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This week is a quiet one for news Around Town. Everyone must be enjoying vacation time and those lazy, hazy days of summer! Make sure to send in all your news for the column no later than Mondays at noon.

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GARDEN CLUB

Sally Avery, at left, incoming president of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset, presents an award to outgoing president, Ann Pompeo.

Cohasset's John Cotter, right, is a recent graduate of St. Sebastian's in Needham. He's shown here with Headmaster William L. Burke.

Golf classic to benefit historic church

More than 100 golfers are expected to compete for up to $100,000 in cash prizes at the 2002 Panagia Golf Classic, Monday, Aug. 26. The 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate will be followed by luncheon at the Barker Tavern. The second annual event will benefit the new community center of the historic Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem Road in Cohasset.

The church was built in 1895-1900 by Col. Alfred Pope, in memory of his son Alexander, and designed in the Richardson style, as was Boston's Trinity Church in Copley Square. The new center, designed by Gaffney Associates of Dennis, will complement the original church.

In 1980, the church became the place of worship for a parish of now more than 200 Greek Orthodox Christian families, now under the guidance of the Rev. John G. Maheras of Scituate. The tournament's name, "Panagia," is Greek for "Most Holy One," which refers to the Virgin Mary.

"We're aiming to break ground on the new community center Sunday, Sept. 8," said Gerry Leneweaver of Scituate, president of the church's board of stewards and tournament chairman. "The center will accommodate the ever-increasing needs of our growing parish."

In a Florida scramble, golfers will shoot in five hole-in-one contests on all of Widow's Walk's par threes. Hole-in-one prizes, among other significant prizes, will include a $75,000 boat, compliments of 3A Marine Service of Hingham. In a closest-to-the-pin shootout, golfers have a chance to win $100,000 in cash. The winner of the longest drive will try to sink a 50-foot putt for $2,500.

"We expect a sell-out," Leneweaver said. "Last year we had players who traveled from Pennsylvania, New York, even Texas."

Tournament fees must be paid by Aug. 12; $135 per golfer; $500 per foursome, including lunch. To register and for information on sponsorship opportunities, call 781-337-5016.

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Book Club — The CEA Book Club will meet Friday, Aug. 9 at 10:45 a.m. to travel up to Quincy and enjoy a tour of the Adams National Historical Park. This will include the birthplaces and the "Old House" of the two, father-and-son presidents. For information, call Addie McGrath at the center at 781-383-9112. The Book Club is reading "John Adams" by Andrew McCullough for the September meeting.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Hingham kitchens on tour Sept. 14

Eight private kitchens and one restaurant kitchen will be included on a cook's tour being hosted by The Old Ship Church Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Brand new kitchens with the latest in high-tech appliances, small kitchens where efficiency is more important than grandeur and unusual kitchens that have been renovated to complement the antiquity of the houses they're in are being opened to the public for this fund-raising event. Also, on the tour, participants will get a chance to see what goes on behind the scenes in a commercial kitchen that has to feed up to 75 people at a time, the Square Café, in downtown Hingham.

Tickets for the Old Ship Kitchen Tour are $18 in advance and may be purchased at Buttonwood Book Store in Cohasset, Bowl and Board and Bookport in Hingham Square, Corson's Glass House on Route 53 and the Hingham Public Library on Leavitt Street.

On tour day, tickets will be $20 and only available at Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St. At that location as well on tour day, there will be an express line for those holding advance tickets, which can be exchanged for tour booklets with maps.

For more information, call Lee at 781-740-1560.

Writing group

The Fiction Writing Group at the Hingham Public Library is looking for a few new members. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 8 from 7-8:45 p.m.

For further details, call Kathy Leahy at the library reference desk: 781-741-1405.

HSO concert at the Abbey

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra meets the blues in its third annual outdoor summer concert at Glastonbury Abbey on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 4:30 p.m. Members of the Hingham Symphony Chamber Players play their version of American classics alongside Norman Zamchek and Suzy Williams, known as Stormin◊Norman and Suzy, a singing/songwriting/piano playing collaboration with roots in blues, jazz, boogie-woogie and vaudeville.

Originally based in Boston, pianist Zamcheck and chanteuse Williams have played together for a quarter century, from major New York nightspots, to off-Broadway theater, network TV, and Carnegie Hall. Suzy◊s rich, timeless voice has been compared to Bessie Smith, Sophie Tucker and Billie Holiday, all of whom appear in her repertoire. She is complemented by Norman's rhythmic, barrel-house/blues based piano. Together they cover classics from the American songbook, and draw on a catalogue of more than 300 original songs.

Audience members should bring a lawn chair or blanket, and a picnic if they like. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the First Parish Church on Cohasset Common. Tickets ($10 adults, $8 seniors, $5 youth), are available at the gate or in advance at the Abbey Bookstore, Hingham Public Library; Cards & Shards, Cohasset; Front Street Bookstore, Scituate; or call 781-740-5694.

Curtain rises on 'Twelfth Night'

By Amy Lambiaso
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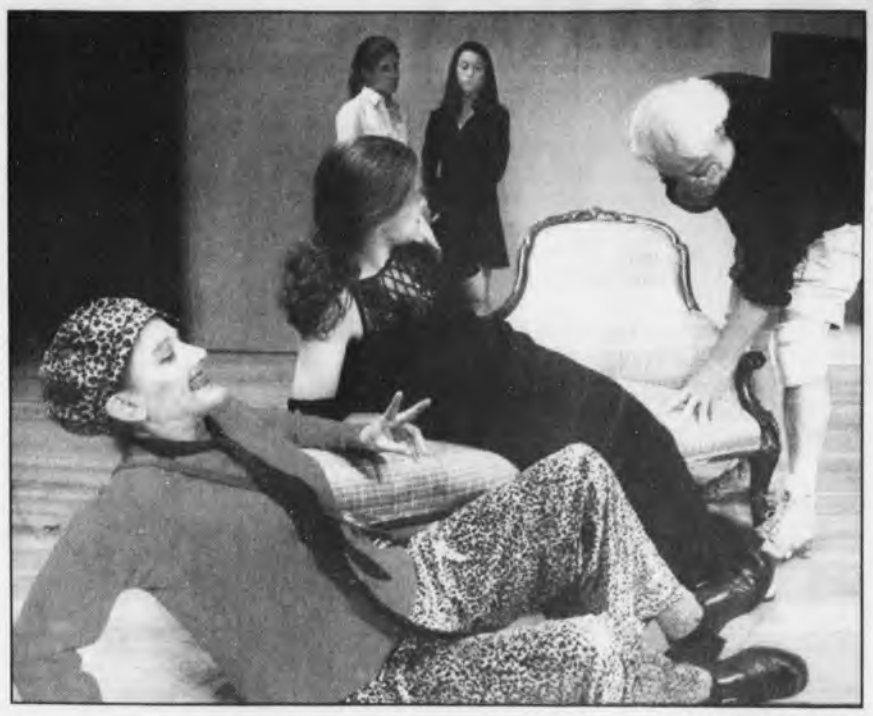

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Lorna McKenzie as "Feste", Laura O'Brien as "Olivia" and Dick Sherrell as "Sir Toby Belch" rehearse a scene for the Cohasset Drama Club's production of "Twelfth Night" to be performed this weekend at the Scituate High School Auditorium.

Standing with a FDNY hat in his hands, Joe Sullivan recalled how the country has changed since Sept. 11.

It's been a time of tragedy and great sadness, and a time of reflection, he said — one that cannot be ignored. But Sullivan has brought those feelings to an unlikely place in Scituate.

He's brought them to life on the stage through the work of William Shakespeare.

Sullivan is directing the Cohasset Dramatic Club's summer production of "Twelfth Night or What You Will" to on stage this weekend at the newly renovated Scituate High School Auditorium. And Sullivan said the timing of this play is everything.

"When I was thinking about what play to do this year I wanted to do something that really has a place in the current time," Sullivan said. "And after Sept. 11, 'Twelfth Night' was the only logical choice."

"Twelfth Night" — Shakespeare's most performed play written 400 years ago — is a story that begins in tragedy, deals with death, sadness, mistaken identity and redemption. But through it all the audience is left with a ironically humorous story line that reminds us all that life must go on, Sullivan said.

"It would be very easy to visualize one of the characters on stage holding a fireman's helmet grieving over another character's death," he said. "You have characters that grieve, and others that go out and drink beer. The audience can learn through each of the characters that life does go on."

Sullivan has been involved with the drama club since he was 14 years-old. The 1998 SHS graduate studied at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell for a few years before following his dream on stage. Now in his seventh production of Twelfth Night, Sullivan hopes to bring his experience to the club's first Shakespeare performance.

Leading a cast of 20 thespians in his first endeavor as a director, Sullivan said this production of "Twelfth Night" will be set apart from all others done before. With the help of Dave Paradice, Sullivan re-wrote the musical score for the production almost entirely to be a more modern version of the show.

The music, along with all the costumes have been given a fresh new look in keeping with current times — changes Sullivan said make the show all that more interesting and relevant.

"It's the contemporary version of a show that could have been written yesterday," he said. "That's my greatest love for Shakespeare — that he is so relevant."

Sullivan said his first taste of a Shakespearean play was while he was at UMASS Lowell and he immediately fell in love with the bard's work. Since then he has worked with and studied under some of the most well-respected and well-known actors and producers in the business.

Just last summer Sullivan was on the other side of the stage for "Twelfth Night" during the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's award-winning production of the show in Boston. And for the production this weekend, Sullivan will wear the actor's hat again as well — he appears in several scenes of the play.

"I miss the acting side to it all," Sullivan said, who has been producing plays and musicals for the past several years. "I'm excited to get back into it."

Sullivan said he plans on moving to New York City within the next year to try his hand at "making it big," and can eventually see himself teaching theater several years down the line.

"Bates Wilder (his former theater teacher) once told me that in order to give back, you have to have something to give back," he said. "And in order to do that you have to make it big — I've got to try."

"Twelfth Night" is being performed as a benefit for the Cohasset Drama Club's Technical Improvement and Scholarship Fund. Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults in advance and $12 at the door. For information and reservations, call 781-544-0304.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Balloons, Ho!

Even before Dorothy took her famous journey over the rainbow in the Wizard of Oz, people have had a fascination with hot air balloons.

If you recall, Dorothy and Toto hoped to return home from Oz in a hot air balloon piloted by the wizard, but missed the flight to Kansas when Toto jumped out of the wicker gondola chasing after an errant feline of Oz., and Dorothy followed.

Those enamored by the romance of hot air balloons should be sure not to miss the Tedeschi/Li'l Peach Balloon Festival this weekend.

And they don't even need to travel "Around the World in 80 Days" to do it. The festival is right down the street, at the former South Weymouth naval Air Station.

Man's interest in hot air balloons began in France in the 1700s. The Montgolfier brothers, who owned a paper factory, were fascinated when they saw a scrap of paper fly up the chimney, propelled by the rush of hot air from a blazing hearth. They made the leap to experimenting with a small silk bag, filled with smoke that floated to the ceiling. In 1783, the brothers created a much larger balloon and sent their first passengers — a sheep, a rooster and a duck — on a flight.

The first human aerial voyage took place later that year, when Marquis d'Arlandes and Pilatre de Rozier took flight in a hot air balloon in front of an audience including the King and Queen of France.

A decade later, in 1793, an event occurred that started a tradition that still exists today.

This tradition involves sharing a glass of bubbly.

Champagne has been associated with ballooning since the first flight in America more than 200 years ago, when a Frenchman, Jean-Pierre Blanchard, took off from Philadelphia and came down on a New Jersey farm. The farmer, who spoke only German, came after the balloon with a pitchfork. Blanchard, who had brought some champagne to go with his lunch, saved his balloon from being shredded by offering his host the bottle.

Today, whenever a hot air balloon lands, the pilot offers the property owner a drink of champagne. Even if he isn't carrying a pitchfork.

Hot air flights have their dramatic as well as whimsical side.

During the early days of World War II, blimps saved American shipping along the eastern coast.

In 1941, German U-boats sank 497 American ships — tankers, freighters, other commercial ships — along the eastern seacoast. There were no more such sinkings once blimp patrols took to the skies. The crafts' claim to fame is that there was never a ship sunk while under a blimp escort.

Blimps, capable of traveling at a speed of 70 mph and able to hover at low altitudes, were the ideal watch-eagles for convoys in peril. The LOA (lighter-than-air) ships carried four 325-torpex bombs set to detonate at certain depths.

Recognizing the importance of blimps, Congress, as early as June, 1940, called for the construction of 48 new blimps. In 1942, Congress authorized the construction of 200 of the non-rigid aircraft.

In fact, the South Weymouth Naval Air Station was constructed by the Department of Defense as a blimp base.

South Weymouth neighbors of the base were familiar with the large, cigar-shaped shadows floating over their backyards in the 1940s. Children would run out of their homes to watch the blimps cruising overhead.

The summer of 1944 saw a hallmark at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station. Six blimps flew out of the base and achieved the first crossing of the Atlantic by non-rigid ships. These blimps became the first "blimp barrier" in the Mediterranean, flying anti-submarine patrols around the straits of Gibraltar.

Indeed, hot air flight has a long history at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station.

Perhaps it is symbolic that lighter-than-air crafts, that were the reason the South Weymouth Naval Air Station came into being, will mark the closing of the air station as well.

What a contrast!

Blimps meant business — the LOA were engaged in a life-or-death struggle over the waves of the Atlantic.

Hot air balloons mean fun.

Perhaps it is a positive sign of the future of the naval air station that the skies over the base will be filled with colorful hot air balloons. Maybe if we have a sunrise shower, there may even be a rainbow.

Perhaps this is symbolic that the decommissioned base, with the potential of becoming an economic boon to Weymouth, surrounding towns and the entire South Shore, may someday become the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who's in charge?

This letter is being reprinted because a typesetting error in last week's issue changed its meaning.

TO THE EDITOR:

The veneer separating CRC from Peter Roy and Peter Roy's business interests became transparent at the July 9, Selectmen's meeting. At this meeting, Dean Rizzo presented the "moderate" CRC proposal. When a question asking Selectmen to evaluate the cost/benefit of widening Border Street (which requires land taking) for the sole purpose of preserving seven street parking spots was raised, response from Peter Roy was that if those parking spots were eliminated he "would sue the town."

Citizens of Cohasset should be offended. Is this the real cost of "free" planning? Who will ensure that the best interests of the town prevail in every aspect of the "revitalization" plan? Will a separate committee be established to analyze the cost/benefit of the major components of the plan? Who will make certain that the design maintains the historic feel of an Old New England Fishing Harbor and not a Victorian Landscape? Can we be assured the final plan is subject to a town vote? Who will make certain that the concerns of the harbor residents: quality of parking, noise, congestion and lighting are incorporated into the final plan?

We can only hope that the best interests of all Cohasset residents prevail, free from manipulation of the process.

Sandra Manzella
19 Border St.

Simple solution

TO THE EDITOR:

I walk every morning, early. One of my routes is Border Street to Otis Avenue and return. One of the current questions/problems facing the town in this area is Border Street — the sidewalk, parking, pedestrians, bicycles. There seems to be a very simple solution; this is my solution—nothing new, just reiterated:

- Sidewalks: Renovate/redo these with asphalt as the surface. If this requires that the wall be repaired, then do it.

Actually, no matter what surface is used the wall must be repaired.

- Curbing: Use a rolling curb with a white line as demarcation between the sidewalk and the roadway. The reasoning behind the rolling curb is so that bicyclists, walkers, walkers with strollers, and cars can, if needed get out of the way of traffic. With a granite curb, there is no "escape" route.
- Roadway: Renovate the roadway with asphalt as the surface, with "No Parking" on the opposite side of the road from the water. There are two good travel lanes along most of Border Street.
- Fence: This is an historical fence—it fits in Cohasset—the harbor walk. Renovate it. Keep it.
- Parking Signs: Signs for the entire water side of Border Street would read: "No Parking Over the Line on the Sidewalk—$50 Fine."

Bicyclists now use the roadway of Jerusalem Road, Atlantic Avenue, Margin Street and Border Street. There is no need for a bicycle lane anywhere in Cohasset.

As I said at the start, these are not new suggestions. Just some comments from a resident who feels that Cohasset has a lot to offer anyone who chooses to live here or visit here.

Cohasset has a unique flavor—let's keep it that way.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury
81 Elm St.

Sewer fiasco

TO THE EDITOR:

The town's requisite sewer system on my property has given me nothing but trouble since it's installation (completed November 11, 2000). The system is very unreliable.

The present problem involves a defective part in the control panel (once again!) The grinder pump will not work unless I push a manual button twice a day to empty the tank. This procedure has been necessary for over a week. Noone at Rosano-Davis (maintenance crew for the town) is able to tell me when the repairs will be done. The explanation is that the manufacturer, Interon, is only able to produce 10 parts a week...

Along with other residents in the Straits Pond area of Cohasset, I was required to eliminate my healthy septic system. I paid $4500 for the modifications to my home — electrical, plumbing. Furthermore, the betterment assessment made to my property is $14,648 which I must pay for with my tax bill. Add to that, I pay about $500 per year more to the Town of Cohasset for usage.

This whole situation is outrageous. I know that I am not alone in feeling that the Town of Cohasset has installed defective equipment and badly engineered sewer systems and is asking the residents to pay for them.

I would hope that the Sewer Commission is actively working on a remedy for this fiasco.

Joan Jensen
63 Howe Road

GREENBUSH QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'Where are the Hingham stations?'

There are two stations in Hingham. Coming from Weymouth, on the right before you get to the South Shore Country Club entrance (approximately 350 feet before the Fort Hill, West, and South street intersections) will be the West Hingham station. The second station is located at the Hingham lumber site on Summer Street and that station will be called Nantasket Junction.

If you have a Greenbush construction question that others may be interested in, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com or call the Greenbush hotline at 781-682-6350..

HEALTH NOTES

Water pollution: Something everyone should care about

By Steve Bobo

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

We've recently closed Bassing Beach to swimming. The cause of the high readings of enterococci in the waters of the town are not known directly, but they are probably attributable to the main cause of increased pollution everywhere; increased development, increased population, ignorance of the effect of increased surface water runoff from our developed places such as parking lots and roads.

But whatever the cause, it's changing the way we have to live in our environment. We can't eat clams or mussels from our beaches. Now we can't swim in our harbor, or eat fish from our ponds.

A scientific consensus (mostly EPA data) indicates that after cleanup of major pollution sources, the rest is from so-called 'non-point sources'. These are mainly surface water runoff from, non pervious surfaces such as driveways, roads, parking lots, etc. and improperly processed septic system effluent.

Federal state and town plans are well advanced to address the cleanup of non-point sources, and the dimension of the problem is becoming clear.

For Cohasset, minimum federal and state requirements call for identification and mapping of all catch basins and storm drains, the primary conduits through which surface water enters our ponds, streams, rivers and estuaries. In Cohasset, we have about 900 storm drains. Development of a plan for the town to complete the identification and mapping effort to DEP standards, is estimated to cost about $200,000. The cost of fixing the problem involves modification of those

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40B needs overhaul, not minor tweaking

YOUR REP

GARRETT BRADLEY

As the official session of the legislature came to a close this past week, one of the issues of importance that was discussed was the Chapter 40B law. This law has allowed developers to bypass local zoning laws in return for building a certain percentage of affordable housing units. The law has taken away the ability from our local communities to make important decisions about future growth.

Two pieces of legislation dealing with Chapter 40B came up near the end of the legislative session. One was the Omnibus Housing Bill, which contained changes to 40B, and the second was a Housing Bond Bill. The two pieces of legislation went into a Conference Committee to resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. As expected, they were released from the Conference Committee with very little time left in our legislative session. This shortens the time that legislators like myself can review and amend the legislation.

After reading the Conference Committee version of the Omnibus Housing Bill, I realized that there were no substantive changes to Chapter 40B. The concerns that had been raised in the House about providing local communities with more control over development were not addressed in the final product. Therefore, I worked with other like-minded representatives to try and convince our colleagues to vote no. This would have sent the bill back to the Conference Committee with a strong message for the committee members to do a better job addressing the concerns of many local communities. We also argued that we should not send the Housing Bond Bill to the Senate until they get serious about changes to Chapter 40B that give back some measure of control to our communities. Since chances are solid that there may not be another bond bill for five years, we felt this was our best opportunity to amend Chapter 40B.

During the debate, I took the floor several times to say that the Omnibus Bill was "window dressing" when it came to Chapter 40B. The bill included no change to the definition of affordable, no inclusionary zoning (which allows the local planning boards to mandate a portion of any project over 10 units must have an affordability component, thereby leveling the playing field with a developing who may be threatening to use 40B), and no changes that allowed a town to take into account density, water availability or financial feasibility. Instead, we were told there was language that authorized a commission to look at these issues. Don't hold your breath. Without a 1-year moratorium on all40B projects in the state, I argued that there was no way to force the commission to address real reform of Chapter 40B.

The Omnibus Housing Bill proved that the conferees paid no real attention tore forming Chapter 40B. Every major section has readily available loopholes. That is why we took a very hard look at these two pieces of legislation. In effect, we decided to draw a line in the sand.

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful at convincing enough colleagues to send the Omnibus Housing Bill back to the Conference Committee. State Representative Frank Hynes and I will be convening a meeting with the 59 legislators who voted with us to plan a strategy for the next legislative session. It is our hope that this issue will be the first discussed in January. Clearly, we are not against more affordable housing. However, after 33 years Chapter 40B needs to be amended to account for community growth. Some control has to be given back to local communities.

As always, I welcome your input on this or any other issue. You can reach me at the State House at (617) 722-2120.

Days of rancor and confusion

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government ending Aug. 2

Once the rancor and confusion of the final few days of legislative debate died down, it was possible to get some perspective on what had occurred.

Rancor first: In both branches, members no longer make any bones about their displeasure with their leaders. In both cases, the fundamental problem is the same: President Birmingham and Speaker Finneran are seen by members as too anxious to micromanage all affairs.

In the Senate, the discontent is off-camera, but it's clear most senators are eager for a change in the presidency, which will occur because President Birmingham is running for governor. Finneran was openly taken to task by some veteran members July 30 for arm-twisting on a critical housing vote. Their anger forced him to back down from an earlier declaration that no gubernatorial vetoes would be overridden, but most members would prefer collaboration to reciprocal coercion.

Now confusion: it's always confusing at the end of the session, and the main reason is human nature. It's a representative democracy, after all, and that means, like most of their constituents, legislators try to do too much at the last second. At midnight the galleries were jam packed, with a patchwork of lobbyists peering down, hoping to see their special item acted on or someone else's defeated. Both chambers were scenes of stressful chaos. For the vested — the people who get paid to achieve policy objectives or defeat those of others — judging the outcome of this final week was easy. The advocate simply asks: did I get what I wanted? Did my opponents lose? Without exaggeration, it's possible to say there were thousands of different answers for hundreds of different lobbyists and advocates.

For ordinary people, the end of the session can effectively be evaluated with other questions: what activity had the most impact – the most effect on the greatest number of people? And how healthy is the decision-making process for which reps and senators were paid an aggregate $15 million over the 18 months?

On impact, the biggest stories were housing, Medicaid and the Central Artery.

The Legislature tried to encourage the production of more affordable houses and apartments while mollifying the near-panic some communities feel about being forced to accept lots of new affordable development. Lawmakers passed one bill that, if it works as envisioned, will motivate communities with exclusionary building rules to plan for more affordable housing over the next few decades. The Legislature also passed a bill authorizing $508 million to improve and create public housing. And it also authorized the destruction and attempted reinvention of a 100-unit public housing complex in Fall River, which could set a precedent.

House members did not address the cancellation of Medicaid participation by the state's big drugstore chains. The Senate tried to rush a bill through, but produced it too late Wednesday. By Thursday afternoon, Acting Gov. Swift was able to announce the major pharmacies had agreed to a two-month delay in their plans to quit Medicaid. That gives the powers to be time to work out an agreement designed to make sure about 900,000 poor and disabled people still have a place to fill prescriptions. To the angry amazement of many, the House and Senate extended their failure to pass a law governing the 30 acres of land about to open up along Boston's harbor after the Big Dig is done. They had hoped to have a law in place last year. That leaves profound decisions about Boston's development in limbo, still captive to closed-door infighting over power and cost sharing. That may be all citizens need to know about their power in the process: insiders and legislators themselves feel impotent in a 200-person Legislature where nearly everything important is decided by two people. The end of formal sessions means finality on many key issues:

• By the narrowest of margins, the Senate overrode the governor's veto of legislation authorizing the destruction of the Watuppa Heights public housing project in Fall River. Combined with the House's override, by an only slightly wider margin, the 26-13 vote may encourage other such proposals – to the chagrin of many affordable housing advocates.

• The House and Senate restored funding for communities to expand kindergarten programs to the full-day model. A veto that would have had the effect of making state retirees pay more for health insurance was also overridden. Lawmakers also delivered funds to community health centers over Swift's objections.

• Democrats let most of Swift's vetoes stand. Only $71 million of the $355 million vetoed by the governor Monday (July 29) was restored, necessitating widespread program cuts. Among the most visible is the reduction of the budget for the Massachusetts Cultural Council to $7.3 million from $19.1. House Speaker Finneran said Wednesday (July 31) the state has about $300 million left in its budget reserve fund – and budget analysts perceive up to a $1.5 billion structural deficit on next year's books.

• The Legislature passed an alternative to the bilingual education initiative now on its way to the November ballot. The governor asked for an amendment dealing with "full day" bilingual, which lawmakers approved and sent back to her desk.

• Lawmakers passed a transportation bond bill that, in addition to authorizing $220 million in projects across the state, expanded the membership of the turnpike authority by two members, to five. Swift named Nicholas A. Lopardo and John M. Moscardelli to the turnpike board in February, before Christy Mihos and Jordan Levy won their seats back. Will she reappoint now the pair? But the Legislature rejected the recommendations of the high-profile Carter Commission, and did not change the Massport board membership.

• The House and Senate also approved a $707 million environmental bond bill that continues or commences an enormous array of land conservation and local park projects.

• The Legislature sent to the governor a do-not-call bill, requiring telemarketers to abide by the request of people who register not to receive solicitations by phone.

STORY OF THE WEEK Resolution of the long-standing difficulties over Chapter 40B, with the accompanying passage of the eagerly-anticipated housing bond bill.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

Elvis lives!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I'd stay away from Memphis, Tenn., this week if I were you because they're having a big howdy-do over the 25th anniversary of the day Elvis is supposed to have died, Aug. 16, 1977.

There'll be folks traipsing all over Graceland, the Presley mansion, at $25 a head ($22.50 for seniors), attending a gospel brunch at $21.95, a concert by Elvis' old band at $50 and a Memphis University seminar, "Is Elvis History?:2002 and Beyond," at $100.

There's even a side trip to Tupelo, Miss., a two-hour drive from Memphis to the two-room shack where Elvis was born, where you can view the store where he bought his first guitar and Johnnie's Drive-In, where he used to chow down on cheeseburgers and Royal Crown cola.

I just had to find out what Elvis thought about it.

The King himself, as we insiders know, has been living quietly for the past 15 years in Kingston, where he has found it easy to disappear in the void between the rich people in Duxbury and the tourists in Plymouth.

"Best place in the world to drop out," he told me once. "Tourists pass through going to Plymouth. Never stop. Folks in Duxbury pay no never mind to Kingston either, 'less the servants talk about it."

Elvis settled in Kingston after those disastrous trips to Muscle Shoals, Ala.; Denton, Texas; Kalamazoo, Mich., where he was spotted in a Burger King; and Vicksburg, Miss., where someone saw him in Felpausch's grocery store.

I knocked on his door, using the secret knock known only to me and the swans on Eel River.

"Welcome, friend," he said in those velvet tones that used to make teen-aged girls swoon. "Here, have a honey dipped doughnut."

"No, thanks."

"Ah once ate a dozen of these in a taxi-cab while on my way to the White House. Say, how is old Dick, anyway."

"He's dead now."

"Ah'm right sorry to hear that. How 'bout a chocolate sundae?"

"No, thanks."

"Ah had five of them for breakfast one day and they were so good that Ah passed right out. How're things at Graceland? I sure do miss the place but I don't miss what happened to me there.

"You don't know what it was like. Never a minute to yourself. The fans, the autographs, the cameras going off in mah face. And the women. They never let me be. They just about wore me out. Ah couldn't take it no more so I ran away."

"Graceland is the place to be this week," I told him. "They're having a big bash to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the day everybody thinks you died. There's going to be concerts, tours, movies, a gospel brunch, a dance party, a fashion show, everything."

"Is Automatic Slims still open. You know, the place on South Second Street where you can get voodoo stew and Screamin' Mimi salad."

"It was the last time I was there."

"Ah'm getting hungry enough to go myself. All Ah been getting is fried clams and lobster. Ah'm dying for some good southern food. Did I ever tell you my Momma used to feed me corn bread dipped in buttermilk? I think I'll go to Memphis for the celebration myself."

"You'll be recognized."

"No, I won't. I'll go disguised as an Elvis impersonator."

HEALTH NOTES

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storm drains which have been determined to represent the major risk. We now have an ongoing pilot program for upgrading one storm drain. Cost of the project when complete will be in the about $130,000. Assuming that the town will eventually have to upgrade about 50 percent of its 900 catch-basins and storm-drains, the effort to clean up our water resources would be in the neighborhood of $6,000,000. This is not a pressing problem, unless you want to swim in our ponds and estuaries, or fish from our streams or perhaps, wade in a brook.

The town will work this problem over time and with minimum impact on the budget. We have been successful in obtaining Federal and State money for this cleanup. The pilot catch basin upgrade referred to earlier will probably receive a grant to complete. We just received a grant from the state to develop a program to tell us where our pollution is coming from. And over the years, we will carry out our plan and non-point pollution sources will be cleaned up.

This massive attempt to mediate the harmful effects of our present way of life goes on unnoticed and unheralded. Instead, we worry about sidewalks and lighting and fence rails. And we spend lavishly, on bigger houses, better lawns, trash haulers, and on buried electrical cables. We pay for weekly beach sampling to see if the water is still clean around our now million dollar homes.

At minimum, shouldn't we have the same concern and level of interest in those things which are sure to affect us and our offspring; the way we maintain our environment, and the way we treat our living space, and yes, the way we feed our kids.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Scooter-users need some safety training

LOCAL VIEW

OVE PYGH WILCHE

seq CHAPTER \h \r 1Had I hit him, this young boy would have died without even knowing who I am or why he was killed. He just sped out the driveway without looking to either side. The right turn he made was so wide that it took him over the centerline. Then he disappeared down the street at an incredible speed without looking back. It happened so fast that I never applied the brakes. Actually, my only reaction was to watch in horror knowing that only a few feet kept me apart from committing vehicular homicide.

I was on my way home from a friend's house when the incident occurred. It was a summer night of the kind that makes us drive slowly and with the windows down. The neighborhood is quiet, settled with family homes, and the aroma of grilled food and the sound of lawnmowers filled the air. This was the reason why I was caught completely off guard. I heard the engine, but mistook the sound of his motorized scooter for a lawnmower. Just a second later I would realize my mistake and what was a joyful day turned into a terrifying memory.

The fact is that his scooter, in comparison with my car, is a small object and therefore extremely vulnerable in a collision. So much more because it was motorized. At such a high speed it does not take much for the driver to lose his balance. There can be little doubt that it would have caused instant death had we collided. If this had been the case, I would have had to live with the tragedy for the rest of my life, as would the boy's family.

This was the reason why I was caught completely off guard. I heard the engine, but mistook the sound of his motorized scooter for a lawnmower.

It could, of course, be argued that the accident was caused by his negligence. By not stopping and looking to both sides before he pulled out in the street, the boy actually neglected the two most basic rules of traffic. In addition, he did not use any kind of protective gear. Kneepads, elbowpads, and helmets are easily accessible, but the boy wore none of this equipment. All he had was himself dressed in shorts and T-shirt, his motorized scooter and a wish for riding down the street on a beautiful summer night.

On the other side of the fence the argument would be that I am a reckless driver that I did not pay adequate attention, and that I never reacted until it was too late. This would cause the key question in court to be whether I or the boy was at fault. When the court reached a conclusion it would decide accordingly and this would mark the end of the tragedy for the judicial system.

Unfortunately reality is not that simple. The boy's parents, who would be plaintiffs in the case, should instead be called as a third party. I find it remarkable that any parents can give their child a scooter without acquiring the most basic safety equipment. In addition, it is the parents' responsibility to teach their children the rules of traffic and in a case like this not only how to use the safety gear, but to always wear it.

As the story ended all that happened was that I got a "good" scare and the boy a smooth ride down the street. But had the worst-case scenario come true I would have become a killer in a flash of a second. It would not help that I could plead that the accident was caused by the boy's wrongdoing in traffic. It would not help that I could blame the parents for their negligence. I would, as the survivor, have to live with the fact that a too-young life came to an abrupt end and that I was involved.

So, even though the wish to give a child a toy is understandable it is incomprehensible that it can be given without instructions for its use, particularly when it is a vehicle that will make the driver part of the traffic. Therefore, when you choose to give a scooter (motorized or not), a skateboard, a set of roller blades, a bicycle, or any other vehicle make sure your child knows how to use it, the rules of traffic, and how to wear the appropriate safety gear. After all, it is your child's life put at high risk if you do not act as a responsible parent.

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Local legislators vote against housing bill

Say it does too little to change '40B'

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Don't look for debate on Beacon Hill over Chapter 40B — the state's affordable housing law — to be over anytime soon.

After months in Conference Committee that irons out differences in proposed legislation between the House and Senate versions, the "so-called" changes to 40B in the Omnibus Housing Bill did little but make local legislators hopping mad.

"It was nothing but window dressing," said State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham. In fact, he and State Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, helped lead the charge last week to sink the bill in the House and even tried to hold up its companion legislation, the Housing Bond Bill, to send the message they meant business.

Bradley and Hynes, whose towns are facing 40B projects, were among 61 state representatives to vote against the Omnibus Housing Bill they say has too many loopholes to help the towns gain more control over 40B projects.

"The bottom line is the bill does not make any substantive changes that would have a true, meaningful impact on the communities," Hynes said.

Case in point, says Bradley, is the proposed 254-unit AvalonBay apartment complex in Cohasset. Because Cohasset has less than 2,500 housing units in town, under the new amendments to 40B, the town does not have to absorb more than 150 units at any one time. As a result, AvalonBay is going to split its project into two phases and apply for a comprehensive permit for each phase to comply with the change in the law.

"It's so frustrating," Bradley said. "The Conference Committee had this for six months and this is what they came up with."

Another example of what was just "lip service," Bradley points out, is the bill allows accessory dwellings to count as affordable housing if rented by persons whose incomes qualify by state standards, but only those accessory units built after July 2002. That means existing in-house apartments can't qualify.

Also, under the new law communities with a state-approved plan to increase its affordable housing by 0.5 percent a year can reject 40B projects. The state sets a 10 percent goal of affordable housing for all 351 cities and towns, with 27 currently meeting that standard.

Hynes points out at first blush that sounds OK. For Marshfield, which has some 10,000 units of housing, that means the town, after approving 50 units of affordable housing in a year, could reject other 40B applications outright.

But here's the rub. Hynes says the new amendments will encourage local officials to embrace apartments rather than condominiums or independent housing because of the way 40B counts affordable units. Under the law, all the units count in a rental apartment complex but only up to 25 percent count when condos or houses are proposed.

So if the same developer proposed 50 condos, only 13 would "count." "Under that system, we'd never get to the 10 percent," Hynes said.

But Aaron Gornstein, executive director of the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association, dubbed CHAPA, a state-wide advocacy group that promotes affordable housing, said the bill does give local communities more control.

"It tries to strike a balance," he said. "Not everyone is happy with it, but it was the best possible compromise that could be reached."

In addition to accessory dwellings, CHAPA points out the bill allows towns to include subsidized long-term housing for the mentally ill and mentally retarded; and affordable units created under the Community Preservation Act to count toward its affordable housing stock.

During what CHAPA described "vitriolic" debate on the 40B bill, Bradley, Hynes and other suburban legislators also tried to suspend what is coincidentally called "Rule 40" that prohibits changes to bills once they come out of Conference Committee. In other words, under Rule 40, the House or Senate must vote the final version of the bill that comes out of Conference Committee up or down, they can't amend it. The legislators wanted to suspend Rule 40 and send the bill back to Conference Committee.

Also by voting down the $508 million Housing Bond Bill, even though it included money to renovate existing state public housing in their districts — they would have sent a message to the Senate, they were serious about the 40B issue, Bradley said.

"We went down swinging," he said. "We thought we had a chance to make a statement."

On the senate side, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, was one of three senators to lead the debate against approving the housing bill and says the bill is useless.

"It creates false expectations that we did something related to 40B," he said. "When in fact it does nothing to return any local control or to help create affordable housing."

Hedlund said all six Republican senators voted against the bill; they were joined by eight Democrats despite the fact that Senate leadership backed the bill.

"It's rare in the Senate for Democrats to oppose leadership," Hedlund said. "That shows the level of frustration with this bill."

The Omnibus Housing Bill is now on Gov. Jane Swift's desk. She must either sign it or veto it by the end of the week.

Bradley says debate on 40B will be back. Both Hynes and Bradley support amending 40B to include inclusionary zoning that would, for example, allow towns to require developers proposing housing projects of 10 units or more to include some affordable housing or contribute to a fund for that purpose.

"We have a roll call vote of 61," Bradley says about the state representatives who voted against the Omnibus Housing Bill. "We'll be meeting again with local officials this fall with the aim of placing it (40B changes) first on the agenda in January." (Several recent bills filed by legislators, including the Hynes-O'Brien bill that Bradley is also sponsoring that would give more control back to local communities, weren't addressed in this legislative session).

A positive change in the 40B law under the Housing Omnibus Bill is requiring units to remain affordable for 40 years instead of the 15 now required, Bradley said.

"But even then," he said. "They should have to remain affordable in perpetuity."

CHAPA provided a snapshot of the 40B changes in a press release:

- Limiting the size of the development based on the size of the community;
- Requiring a 12-month "cooling-off" period between development proposals;
- Allowing communities to plan and implement their own method for increasing their affordable housing stock by one-half a percent annually
- Creating a study commission to recommend future changes to Chapter 40B.

Avalon to phase apartment project in

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permit applications, must schedule a hearing within 30 days of the filing. However, McLaughlin said with vacations and the Labor Day holiday, Avalon is willing to be flexible on the hearing date.

"A couple of days here or there is OK," he said. "We want to get off on the right foot."

McLaughlin is well aware of the rising tide of "anti-40B" sentiment in Cohasset and on the rest of the South Shore, but said Avalon works with local communities.

"(Chapter) 40B has become a lightning-rod issue," he said. "We've had a dozen 40B projects and all were successfully negotiated at the local level."

McLaughlin said some builders who may be less experienced with 40B "may have pushed the envelope on the rules" but Avalon's approach is more long term and the company prides itself on local involvement.

The Virginia-based developer is proposing building 23, two-to-three story wood-frame buildings with one, two- and three-bedroom units.

AvalonBay first came to town about 11 months ago and met informally with town officials at that time.

The reason for the holdup has been determining how to handle wastewater from the site. AvalonBay had considered buying sewer capacity from the Hull Treatment Plant, but Avalon said that is now off the table because of the infrastructure needed to pipe the effluent 2-1/2 miles to Hull. Instead, Avalon plans to build an on-site sewer treatment plant.

Market rents for the units will range from about $1,600-$2,000 per month depending on the apartment type. The affordable units will rent from $600-$1,100.

The project is not a "done deal" because the Zoning Board can set conditions as long as they don't hurt the economic viability of the project and the board also has the authority to deny the comprehensive permit. Avalon can appeal a denial to the state although the state expects a fairly rigorous process at the local level.

The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency has given the AvalonBay project site approval meaning the project meets the criteria for the state housing subsidy program.

The process can be complex . The ZBA attended a course on Chapter 40B; town counsel also provided the board with a refresher on the law earlier this year.

The ZBA plans to conduct hearings in the selectmen's office which has better acoustics than the Town Hall auditorium and the room can accommodate about 30 people.

The Planning Board is concerned with the potential loss of valuable commercial property in Cohasset, which is 93 percent residentially zoned.

Of the total 384 acres zoned for commercial development in town, 171 remain undeveloped. The proposed complex would eat up 38 percent of that.

But McLaughlin of Avalon said the proposal is "clearly the highest, best use of the land" that has been basically unused since Webb-Norfolk Conveyor closed in the early '90s. He noted "no one has stepped up to do anything different."

Scituate resident provides battle plan

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Meeting in Scituate to oppose 40B, he rallied the Cohasset foot soldiers gathered in the office of Cohasset Travel in Shaw's Plaza to do the same.

The impetus behind the Cohasset group is 254-unit AvalonBay luxury apartment complex, a 40B project, proposed for 62 acres off Route 3A (across from Atlantic Bagel). The group is concerned the complex, which they say is out of character for the town, will overcrowd the schools and over-tax town services.

Monique Smith of Pond Street volunteered to start circulating a Cohasset petition. She and her husband, Justin, are worried that AvalonBay will open the door to destroying the small-town charm that drew them to Cohasset.

Rich Piasecki, 183 Sohier St., felt so strongly about the fight, he offered to pay the fee to rent the American Legion Hall on Summer Street out of his own pocket if the group needed a larger gathering place. (As it turns out, the next anti-40B meeting is at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 19 at Town Hall).

But before Chin arrived on his white steed to instill a sense of action and hope into the group – the Red Coats, namely Bill McLaughlin and Liz Smith of Avalon, who read about the meeting in the newspaper — fielded questions during the first hour.

While body armor wasn't needed, the Avalon representatives did need a thick skin to handle a barrage of tough questions from the group that doesn't want AvalonBay in the neighborhood.

Concerns included environmental (the proposed on-site wastewater treatment plant); how many children the complex would attract (estimates ranged from 30 to 80); and impact on traffic.

"I own the building across the street and it's (Avalon) is going to wreak havoc on the traffic," said Roger Hill of Highland Avenue.

During, what at times was more of an interrogation than a question-answer session, several charged Avalon's only motive is money.

"Those of us who believe in diversity want to pay for it through a public agency that is not making a profit," said Peter Pratt, a member of the Planning Board.

Piasecki added, "the project is being driven by a company using the guise of affordable housing to come in and make money here."

McLaughlin of AvalonBay, who tried to allay fears, fielded all the questions. At times the atmosphere edged on being confrontational – with both sides asking to be allowed to finish without interruption.

McLaughlin explained Avalon's 40B filing with the Zoning Board of Appeals is imminent. He talked about the numerous projects the company has built in the state and its record of working with the affected communities to iron out problems.

"We can agree to disagree and be polite," McLaughlin said at one point. He explained Avalon has 1,500 housing units under construction in the state today, all of which gained local approval. The Cohasset project will include about 50 affordable units that will rent at one-half the market-rate. He said housing diversity is something the community might benefit from.

"With median home prices at $600,000, this might provide an escape valve for some senior folks, who do not want to pay taxes on the big house," he said. "It's not a bad thing to diversify the housing stock in a community."

The Avalon representatives had already left when Chin of Scituate arrived. While organizer Michael Westcott was formulating a game plan on an easel equipped with plenty of paper, Chin focused the group on taking immediate action.

In addition to calling a Special Town Meeting, he urged the group to get the backing of selectmen and to attend every Zoning Board of Appeals hearing with Avalon.

He explained people need to be convinced it's not just a "NIMBY" issue but one that affects all taxpayers.

"I know it's a tough effort," he said. "But it's important to get people there at the first hearing and every one after.

"You want a crowd there, it's important that everyone recognize this is a town-wide issue," Chin said.

POLITICAL NOTES

Meet Palmer

Meet Nathaniel Palmer candidate for state representative. All registered voters are cordially invited to a coffee to learn about Nathaniel Palmer's executive leadership and his ideas to bring the necessary important changes to our current 'Tax-achusetts' legislature. Come with your questions and comments to the Lightkeeper's Cottage on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m.. For further information please contact: Barbara Dillon (781-383-0025), Nancy O'Toole (781-383-1547) or Lucia Woods (781-383-1555)

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State budget cuts slash health education programs

EDUCATION MATTERS

MIKE GILL

The Fiscal-Year 2003 budget for the State of Massachusetts was completed shortly after midnight on July 31. The House took up only a few of the Governor's vetoes for override votes. Unfortunately, tobacco, cancer, and comprehensive school health education line items were not among them. This means that those cuts to the items the Governor announced on Monday are now the final budget numbers. The FY '03 budget went into effect on Aug. 1.

In the final FY '03 budget, comprehensive school health education, which funds health promotion in the schools, was completely eliminated along with some other programs. Last year, the total spent on this program in Massachusetts was $25.4 million. All of that money came from the tobacco tax, which ironically was increased by 75 cents per pack on July 25. This recent tax increase brings Massachusetts' total state tax on cigarettes to $1.51, the highest state cigarette tax in the nation. This new tobacco tax increase is expected to bring in tens of millions of dollars each year into the State's general fund with not one penny of it going to promote health education in the schools.

What does it mean to Cohasset? Since 1993, each school district in the state has received tobacco tax money in the form of Health Protection grants. Last year, the Cohasset Schools received $28,000. This money was used to fund the employment of two part-time health educators, Judy Wilson who has been an elementary health educator in Cohasset for the past eight years and teaches at the Joseph Osgood School and Jane Gregory who just completed her first year as the health educator at the Deer Hill School. Their entire salaries are paid for by the grant, which is funded by the tobacco tax. Because of the new state budget cuts, both are expected to lose their jobs.

How do the cuts impact Cohasset students? Cohasset elementary school students may no longer receive instruction from certified health educators who have for many years developed and implemented programs in the following areas: tobacco, alcohol, and other substance use/abuse prevention; safety and injury prevention; child abuse prevention; violence and bullying prevention; disease prevention and control; interpersonal relationships; growth and development and puberty education; nutrition; and a variety of skills for risk reduction and positive behavior change (communication skills, decision making skills, assertiveness skills, and refusal skills, etc.).

Cutting a program that we have spent over 20 years building is very disheartening; losing two dedicated teachers who are so committed to working with Cohasset's youth is downright depressing and sad. These two teachers contribute so much to their respective faculties as well as to the school culture that the entire community will feel their absence. We will exhaust all avenues to find the $32,000 to fund those positions, though, as of now, I'm not sure where to turn.

Dr. Michael Gill is the Cohasset school district's health education coordinator.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JULY 29

1:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

6:20 a.m. Margin St., noise complaint.

6:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

7:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:15 a.m. Summer St., property lost.

8:37 a.m. Highland Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:51 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:24 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:36 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:43 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:59 a.m. Jerusalem Road, open door/window.

12:09 p.m. Elm St. and Brook St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering

1:57 p.m. Parker Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:45 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

3:15 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, suspicious activity/person(s).

5:22 p.m. Parker Ave., officer wanted.

6:41 p.m., Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

8:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

8:19 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle violation.

8:22 p.m. Parker Ave., general services.

9:26 a.m. Beechwood St., domestic disturbance; 24-year-old Cohasset man taken into protective custody.

10:35 p.m. Parker Ave., general services.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

12:55 a.m. Parker Ave., well-being check, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:52 a.m. Wheelwright Park, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:08 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:35 a.m. Highland Ave., traffic control.

11:54 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:18 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general information.

1:30 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s).

4:10 p.m. Elm St., property found.

4:28 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

4:52 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

5:02 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

10:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle violation. Charges: OUI; operating motor vehicle negligently so as to endanger; failure to stay within marked lanes; failure to stop for red light.

10:36 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

6:04 a.m. Hull St., vandalism.

8:21 a.m. Elm Court, fire, log entry.

10:23 a.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:55 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:05 p.m. North Main St., general disturbance.

4:25 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

4:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. , medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:28 a.m. Border St., parking violation, ticket issued.

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Dynasty revived

THE BIGGER PICTURE

DAVID INGBER

What makes something a dynasty in athletics? The Pittsburgh Steelers winning four Super Bowls in six years? The Boston Celtics pinning down the National Basketball Association title 11 times in 13 seasons? Lance Armstrong dominating the Tour de France bike race for nearly half a decade?

Sure, those qualify, as did another one right here on the South Shore just a few years back. The Cohasset Swim Center Team won the South Shore League Swim League championships for eight straight summers, 1992 through 1999.

Back then, winning the whole thing was a given for the Cohasset swimmers, ranging in age from the callow six year old fledglings to the firmly established 17-year old veterans. Cohasset would win every dual meet by a minimum of 250 points, then perfunctorily crush the rest of the league at the August Championship meet. The only drama year after year revolved around the chase for second place honors.

However, all this changed a few years ago. As it happens with every dynasty, the power in the league began to shift.

The Marshfield Area Swim Klub (MASK), a year round club notorious for signing on ringers from prestigious swim teams throughout southeastern Mass., joined the league. These unknown All-Stars were not full members of the team; they only participated in meets with high hopes of knocking the Mighty Cohasset team down a peg.

And the neighboring Scituate team, the Knights of Columbus, began to grow in popularity. Heavy recruiting, especially in the younger age groups, led to a sizeable team that rivaled even Cohasset's army of over 150 swimmers. Bear in mind, the K of C used to be a joke meet. It wasn't all that long ago this team could not even scrape together enough participants to fill every event, while Cohasset needed two or three heats of each to keep all swimmers happy.

All of a sudden, Cohasset had not one, but two worthy opponents. MASK even had the gall to steal the coveted silver championship trophy away from Team Townie in 2000. Last year, the Knights of Columbus pulled out a titanic upset of

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Johnny Drybanski, 12, of the Cohasset Swim Team, races toward the finish line in freestyle race.

Momentum wave builds for swimmers

Cohasset Swim team surges in to league meet off of unbeaten season

By Eileen McBride
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

There was much to celebrate on Friday evening when Cohasset Swim Team met for their annual awards ceremony. In the previous weeks, the team had survived challenges from a strong MASK squad and Scituate's powerful Knights of Columbus. And, on Friday, they capped things off in fitting fashion by beating Hanover YMCA to end the year undefeated.

So the Cohasset swimmers head in to the South Shore Swim League Championships on Friday in Duxbury with good spirits and excellent prospects.

Cohasset got off to its usual strong start on Friday with a win in the one hundred yard medley relay for the eight and under boys and a second, third and fifth place finish for the girls (1st: Salerno; Faber; Mahoney; Durkin, J.; 2nd: Culhane; Carpenter; MacCormack; Fontaine; 3rd: McCarthy; Berube; Murphy; Kissick; girls: 2nd: Farren, A.; Donohue; Berube; Haber; 3rd: McCunney; Gibbons; Caron; Teague; 5th: Buckley; Farren, V.; Carrier; Axelson). The ten and under boys matched their younger team mates with first, third and fourth place finishes and the girls were right there with them with first second and third place finishes (boys:1st: Carrier; Porter; Doonan; Kissick; 3rd: Ofsthun; Durkin, J.; Shipp; Buckley; 4th: Queenan; Leahy; Durkin, T.; Murphy; girls: 1st: Mahoney; Kelly, M.; Lehr; Michalowski; 2nd: Kucinski; Teague; Musto; Sullivan; 3rd: Libby; Sullivan; Karski; Culhane). The twelve and under boys kept up the pace to win their event and the girls just missed the win, but took second, third and fourth places (boys: 1st: Doonan; Musto; Cunningham; Hunt; 2nd: Hurley; Kelly; Shipp; Muir; 3rd: Connors;

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Cohasset Little Leaguer John Sturino comes down with a leaping catch as opposing team's baserunner slides back safely into second base. Summer League all-star baseball will be wrapping up this week and next.

Fun the name of the game

Post 118 Legion squad hopes for strong returning numbers in 2003

By Mike Spellman
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In years past, high school graduation generally also signaled the end of American Legion baseball careers. It appears that may no longer be the case, and Cohasset Post 118 may be the big beneficiaries of that.

The Legion squad saw nine of its players adorned in caps and gowns earlier this summer, but a healthy number of those could be back next year.

Several will become eligible to do so when, as expected, the governing body for American Legion Baseball approves increasing the age cutoff date by six months. The change would allow players who haven't reached their 20th birthday by Jan 1, 2003 to maintain playing eligibility. So far as Post 118 coach Scott Arnold knows, that covers all nine of the recent high school graduates from Scituate and Cohasset,

"We could be one of the big

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All-Scholastic Girls lacrosse team

Cohasset's McKenney and Sheerin named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed here as "Honorable Mentions" received serous consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

After consulting with area coaches, however, we feel secure that we chose the top 14 singles players and top four doubles teams in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Kristin Sheerin – Senior (Capt.)
Second Home — Cohasset

Kristin Sheerin

Kristin graduates as Cohasset High's all-time leading scorer by far with 153 points... closed out her four year starter's career with 47 goals and 21 assists this season, finishing second (to Maura McKenney) in the team scoring race after winning it the previous three years...missed a few games mid-season to represent Massachusetts at the National Gymnastic Championships in Las Vegas...though undersized for a lacrosse player, Kristin compensated with exceptional speed, quickness, balance and instincts – assets which likewise served her well as a gymnast...will long be remembered for her electrifying solo charges on net...three-time Pilgrim Conference all-star...two time Mariner All-Scholastic...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...six time Pilgrim Conference all-star in gymnastics who shattered every Cohasset High gymnastics record during her six year varsity career...will continue her gymnastics career at SUNY-Brockport, where she will major in Communications...Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Kristin has been a consistent force her entire career even when opposing defenses a lot of the time were designed specifically to shut her down. She's just an amazing athlete who'll be extremely tough to replace."

Maura McKenney — Junior
Center — Cohasset

Maura McKenney

The 2002 team most valuable player became the first player other than Kristin Sheerin to lead the Lady Skippers in scoring since 1998 with 54 goals and 22 assists...her emergence as an explosive offensive presence helped free up Sheerin from constant pressure this season, making the Lady Skippers a much stronger team, as they reached the second round of the state tourney for the first time ever...scored four goals against state powerhouse Westwood in playoffs...Pilgrim Conference all-star...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic Honorable Mention...plays lacrosse year-round...playing this summer for the Bay State Select team which competes nationally...a three year varsity regular who has already been named captain for next season...has also been a member of the C.H.S. varsity soccer and ski teams since her freshman year...Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Maura really came on as an unbelievably strong scorer this season. You can tell how hard she worked on her game, and she seemed to take it to another level against better competition. She's a phenomenal defensive player too."

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Kristin Sheerin (dark shirt) graduated with 153 career points for Cohasset High and was a no-brainer for our All-Scholastic honors the last two years.

Caitlin Fitzgerald - Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Hingham

Caitlin Fitzgerald

A talented middie, Fitzgerald handled the majority of draws for Hingham and did so with much success...A strong offensive and defensive player for the 10-time Pilgrim League champion Harborwomen (19-2-1), Fitzgerald combined blistering speed and quick moves to cut through opponents' defenses...Her slick stick skills were also a key to Hingham's near-perfect passing game...Her performance at the center position for the past two seasons helped the Harborwomen's offense get to work, often winning the draw against her opponent...Her work helped Hingham capture a state title last year, and South Sectional finals appearance this season...Fitzgerald plans to attend college and may continue her lacrosse career.

Bridget Driscoll - Senior (Capt.)
Defense - Hingham

Bridget Driscoll

No question here... A two-time All-American defender, Driscoll was the key fixture in Hingham's nearly impenetrable defense... A three-time Pilgrim League All-star, Driscoll received coveted "Player of the Year" honors from the Boston Globe this season...Her intensity and smarts in the backfield consistently weakened Hingham's opponents and continually shut down an

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All-Scholastic Girls lacrosse team

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opponent's top scorer...Also added 20 goals and 33 assists over her four-year lacrosse career...Driscoll's performance over the last two seasons has helped Hingham produce a state title (2001) and appearance in the South Sectional finals (2002)...She also was a key component to Hingham (19-2-1) winning its 10th consecutive Pilgrim League title this season at 12-0...Driscoll was a three-sport captain at HHS this season, also playing soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter...The multiple Patriot and Pilgrim League All-star and valedictorian is a four-time Mariner All-Scholastic twice making our hoop and lacrosse squads...Driscoll will attend Harvard University in the fall and plans to continue playing lacrosse.

Meaghan Marshall - Senior (Capt.) Attack - Hingham

Meaghan Marshall

Was the Harborwomen's leading scorer for the past two seasons...This year, she lead Hingham with 102 points on 62 goals and 48 assists...Career totals find the skilled attacker with 347 points (221 goals, 126 assists)...Marshall has been one of the most feared attackers in the state for the past two seasons and last year, led the Harborwomen (19-2-1) to a state title...This year, she helped Hingham advance to the South Sectional finals, where old foe Needham avenged last season's loss, and led the team to its 10th-straight Pilgrim League title (12-0)...Speed, aggressiveness, and quick thinking are among Marshall's greatest attributes...A three-time Pilgrim League All-star and two-time honorable mention to the All-American team, Marshall combined with sophomore transfer Kate Sheridan for one of the state's most impressive attack...A smart player, Marshall gave up the ball as much as she shot it...A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Marshall will attend the University of New Hampshire on a full lacrosse scholarship.

Kate Sheridan - Sophomore Attack - Hingham

Kate Sheridan

Welcome to Hingham High...This talented sophomore transfer was a sensation for Hingham (19-2-1, 12-0 PL) this season, ably filling the offensive voids left by 2001 grads Carrie Williams and Ali Aucoin...Sheridan was the Harborwomen's second-leading scorer, racking up a slew of points this season with her stylistic approach to the net...Her trademark moves (which included behind-the-back shots) in front of the net made her one of the most feared attackers in the area this season...Speed, skills, and strength were keys to her performance this season, which helped land Hingham in the South Sectional finals, where she gave an incredible nine goal effort despite falling to Needham...She also helped the Harborwomen keep their winning tradition alive by recording the team's 10th-straight Pilgrim Conference title...A PL All-star in her first year with Hingham, Sheridan teamed with veteran attack and fellow All-Scholastic Meaghan Marshall to provide one of the better offenses in the state.

Lauren Murphy - Junior Defense - Hingham

This gritty defensive player caused fits for many of Hingham's opponents this season... Overshad-owed a bit by two-time All-American defensewoman Bridget Driscoll, Murphy's talents in the backfield were just as crucial for the South Sectional finalists...Clever stick skills and speed were among Murphy's best attributes on the field and her consistency in each helped the Harborwomen land their 10th consecutive Pilgrim League title at 12-0...Their Sectional final appearance was the second-straight for the Harborwomen, who fell in a one-goal decision to nemesis Needham...Murphy is a two-year varsity player, whose defensive contributions helped Hingham land a state title last season...A three-sport athlete at Hingham High, Murphy also plays soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter...Murphy will return to all three rosters next season.

Ashley Baxter/Hilary Lynch - Goalies - Hingham

Hilary Lynch

This talented goalie duo made scoring difficult for their opponents yet again this season... For the past two years, Baxter, a senior, and Lynch, a junior, have split time between the pipes during each of Hingham's games...Coach Heather Williams let the duo decide for themselves who would play and for how long, each coming and going as they choose...A Pilgrim League All-star, Baxter started in goal for many of the Harborwomen's games this season, while Lynch would come in midway through each half...This uncharacteristic style caused fits for opponents, who were never able to get used to a single keeper...Both equally talented, Baxter and Lynch's quick reflexes and ability to read offenses helped Hingham get to the South Sectional finals for the second-straight season, where nemesis Needham avenged last year's loss in a one-goal decision...The duo combined for a stellar performance in Hingham's 2001 state championship win over Winchester...Baxter plans to attend college and may continue her lacrosse career...Lynch will return to three HHS rosters next season, as the starting goalie on the soccer team, leading forward on the basketball team, and will take sole control of goal on the lax squad.

Elizabeth Ghilardi — Senior (Capt.) Attack — Norwell

Elizabeth Ghilardi

One of the most explosive offensive players in Eastern Massachusetts, Elizabeth tallied an incredible 117 points (65 goals, 52 assists) this season after notching 108 (58 goals, 50 assists) last season...directed the Lady Clippers to post-season berths in their first two years of varsity competition (2001 and '02)...came up huge in this year's playoffs, as she had a hand in 15 of the Clippers' 21 goals on their surprising march to the state semifinals, her personal highlight a last second goal to lift Norwell past King Phillip in the first round...also paced the team in scoring her freshman and sophomore years, with Norwell playing a shortened JV schedule, to bring her career point total to 382...two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection...scored eight goals in one game this year (vs. Falmouth and seven in another (vs. Scituate, along with two assists)...two time Pilgrim Conference all-star...sensational stick skills and natural hand-eye coordination are two of the assets which helped set her apart...these skills also served her well on the field hockey field, where she emerged as a top scorer for Norwell this season in her debut season in the sport...played fall soccer in her freshman through junior year...also a regular with the N.H.S. basketball team this winter...National Honors Society member...President and co-founder of N.H.S.'s chapter of S.A.D.D...has been recruited to play lacrosse at Colby College...leaning toward majoring in Special Education...Norwell coach Jen Kent: "We have a balanced team that really came together and peaked at the right time, but when the game was on the line, Liz was the one everyone was looking to, and it was amazing how often she came through. She's just an exceptional talent and a lot of that has been developed through hard work. She's the first one on the practice field and the last one off."

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Maura McKenney (#11) formed a dominating one-two scoring punch with Kristin Sheerin this season, which played a big part in taking the Lady Skippers to another level.

Meaghan Dwyer — Senior (Capt.) Goalie – Norwell

Meaghan Dwyer

This two-time Pilgrim Conference all-star and Marienr All-Scholastic made up for her relative lack of size with sensational reflexes and instincts... stopped over 65 percent of the shots she saw this year, with 60 percent being considered an excellent mark in lacrosse...backstopped the Lady Clippers to state tourney berths in 2001 and '02, the first two years of varsity competition for the program, and a surprising run to the state semifinals this spring...has played lacrosse year round the last few years, playing indoors in the winter and fall...currently playing in the Mass Elite summer league... also played high school soccer all four years for Norwell High...National Honors Society member...recruited to play lacrosse at Williams College...undecided on a Major... Norwell coach Jen Kent: "Meaghan was the difference for us in so many game this year. So many coaches came up to me after games to rave about how good she was. To have her in goal the first two years of a varsity program was huge. She is going to be extremely difficult to replace."

Nicole Evans — Senior (Capt.) Midfield — Scituate

Nicole Evans

This extremely well rounded player finished her brilliant high school career with a Scituate High single season best 100 points (59 goals, 41 assists), to bring her school career best total to 207 points (121 goals, 86 assists), helping the Lady Sailors to their first state tourney berth in two years of varsity play...had 72 points her junior year (34 goals, 28 assists)...two-time Pilgrim Conference All-Star...two time Mariner All-Scholastic...Honor Roll student...played basketball at S.H.S. her freshman and sophomore years, and ran indoor track her junior year...plays lacrosse year round...played with the Mass. Elite team the last few years...is headed to the University of New Hampshire on a partial lacrosse scholarship...will major in Business Administration... Scituate coach Paula Evans: "Nicole's biggest asset was probably her versatility and the way she transitioned so quickly between offense and defense. She's a smart player and totally team oriented. If I have any complaint about her game it's that she's a little too unselfish at times. I'd like to see her shoot a little more."

Lauren Glancy — Junior Attack — Scituate

Lauren Glancy

This phenomenal sharp shooter set a school record this season with 73 goals, helping the Lady Sailors to their first state tourney berth in two years of varsity play...also added 14 assists to finish second in the team scoring race (to Nicole Evans) with 87 points...has made the Bay State Games South lacrosse team each of the past three years, and played a key role in this year's gold medal effort with six goals and five assists...also a standout for Scituate High's soccer and ski teams, and has already been named a captain in those sports for next year... Honor Roll Student...teaches tennis...hopes to play college lacrosse...thinking of majoring in Sports Medicine...Scituate coach Paula Evans: "Lauren worked hard to develop in to a more complete player this year. She's a force on the attack, and she held her own on defense too. She really concentrated on that part of her game."

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Midfield — Norwell

Minnie Doherty

This well-rounded athlete has devoted more and more attention to lacrosse the last few years, and has quickly developed in to one of the most versatile players in the area... Pilgrim Confer-ence all-star... moved back and forth between defense and midfield this season, depending on match-ups...finished among the team's assist leaders despite having primarily defensive responsibilities...also a standout in soccer (midfielder) and basketball (returning starting point guard) for Norwell High...also plays ice hockey in Commonwealth Hockey League...National Honors Society.... would like to play lacrosse or soccer in college...is leaning toward majoring in Special Education...Norwell coach Jen Kent: "Minnie is a very good athlete who proved to be extremely versatile this year. No matter where we put her, she did a nice job. She was a huge part of our transition game."

Caitlin McCormick – Senior
Defense — Scituate

Caitlin McCormick

Emerged as a key figure on the backline this season, helping Scituate to a state tourney berth in just the second year as a varsity program...amazingly, never picked up a lacrosse stick until her sophomore year of high school, and coach Paula Evans called her one of the most improved players she's ever seen... Pilgrim Conference all-star... despite playing a primarily defensive role, still scored nine goals and added 14 assists this season, which was a testament to her much improved transitioning skills...speed and endurance were her main assets, along with much better stick skills...key figure in directing Lady Sailors to first tourney berth in two year history of varsity program...attended Notre Dame Academy in Hingham her freshman year...also ran fall cross country and winter indoor track the last three years at Scituate High, captaining both teams in her senior year...specialized in the 600- and 1,000-meter races indoors...also quite active in high school drama...an Honors student...will attend Fordham University and major in communications...Fordham has no lacrosse program, but she plans to play club lacrosse...Scituate coach Paula Evans: "Caitlin got her confidence this year and everything just clicked after that. She's not as natural as a few of the girls, but she got to the point she's at with hard work and determination."

Honorable Mention:

Katie Perry - Jr. - Midfield - Hingham

Colleen Lenhart - Jr. - Midfield - Hingham

Rebecca Rueben - Sr. - Defense - Hingham

Tara Cushman- Sr.- Goalie- Scituate

Danielle Duffy- Sr. (Capt)- Midfield- Scituate

Meghan O'Neil- Sr.- Defense- Scituate

Carrie Flynn- Sr.- Defense- Scituate

Suzanne Belmont - Jr.- Defense- Scituate

Sera Genovese- Jr.- Midfield- Cohasset

Nicole Turgiss- Soph.- Midfield- Cohasset

Catherine Coyne- Jr.- Third Man- Cohasset

Julie Lordan- Jr.- Cover Point- Cohasset

Katie Snell- Sr. (Capt) - Defense- Norwell

Lindsay Jevne- Sr.- Defense - Norwell

Colby Tallman - Soph - Attack Wing - Norwell

Emily Richardon- Sr. - Defense - Norwell

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Cohasset's Katherine Coyne played a huge role in the Lady Skippers vaunted defensive back line this season, making her an easy Honorable Mention selection.

Fun the name of the game

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winners with this rule change," noted Arnold, who was the driving force in getting the Cohasset Legion team off the ground eight years ago. "We've got a lot of kids saying they want to come back. Of course, we'll have to see how kids feel eight or nine months from now, or how some college coaches feel at that time."

Spoken like a true veteran coach. Arnold has never heard again from more than a few players who promised a return the following year. He knows that much changes once a young man gets away from his home town friends and routine and gets caught up in his college or work life. That's the nature of the beast. Arnold understands that.

However, he also feels several of these kids have an attachment to this team that will transcend many of those soon to be formed distractions and impediments.

"I think these kids had a lot of fun playing baseball this summer, and I think that's going to make them want to come back," asserted Arnold. "We had a great group of kids this year, and they all got along. They just went out and played baseball. It was a pretty stress-free environment."

Of course, one of the nine, it seems all but certain, will not be back. Star pitcher Jesse Cole has earned a full scholarship to play Div. 1 ball at Wofford College in South Carolina. His coach will likely urge him to play in a higher caliber league next summer.

Three of the remaining eight would likely also yield to the feelings of their college coaches on this matter. Jason Connelly has been recruited to play ball at Western New England. Ditto for Tom Fitzgerald at Babson. Slugger Tim Straughn has also talked to the UMass-Amhert coach, and there seems a reasonable shot he'll make that team.

Two other Post 118 veterans, Brian Woods and Greg Levin — headed to Curry and Bowdoin as freshman, respectively – may try to walk-on with their college teams, but coaches of smaller programs like these likely would not have a problem with them returning to Legion ball.

Cole, Connelly and Fitzgerald were the top pitchers for this year's team that made it to the second round of the state tourney for the first time since the program was re-born eight years ago. Straughn was also a regular on the mound, so much would seem to be riding on the return of these players.

"We're not going to be fooling anyone," conceded Arnold. "Pitching is going to be an area we'll probably need quite a bit of work in next year."

"I think these kids had a lot of fun playing baseball this summer, and I think that's going to make them want to come back."

-Cohasset Post 118 Legion Coach Scott Arnold

The likeliest of the regulars in this year's pitching rotation to return would seem to be Chris Carr, a 2002 B.C. High grad who is off to Duke University, but not to play baseball. Carr pitched extremely well down the stretch this summer, winning two games during the team's 7-1 regular season finish.

Other pitching candidates for next year's team could be Alex Knight (Scituate High grad who is off to prep school to play soccer), Eric Demahowski (a senior-to-be at B.C. High), Mike Snowdale (Cohasset's High's number two hurler behind Straughn this spring), Ted Straughn (Tim's little brother who pitched some for Cohasset High as a freshman this spring) and Joe Duggan (a Scituate High standout who signed up too late for Legion ball this summer).

One key '02 grad, starting third baseman Mike Gulinello (Scituate High), has already given coach Arnold a promise he'll be back not only this year, but likely the one after that – something the coach considers a huge boon for the future.

"Mike Gulinello was definitely our unsung hero this year," lauded Arnold. "He was one of our top, if not our top hitter, and he led us in stolen bases, and played a great third base. He's a great anchor for this team."

Demahowski , Snowdale and Ted Straughn headline the list of Post 118 players who return to high school, but Arnold sees some quality depth also being provided by the likes of Brian Signorelli (senior-to-be at Thayer), John Andrade (sophomore-to-be at Cohasset High) and Terence O'Brien (soph-to-be at Scituate High).

Appraised the veteran coach: "O'Brien is an excellent catcher, Demahowski, Ted Straughn and Andrade should have a home in our outfield, Snowdale's a good solid infielder and Signorelli can play a lot of positions and he's a good, good hitter."

"All those younger players stepped into roles and I can see them expanding on that next year," he added. "They're all good players."

The bottom line, however, regardless of who he winds up with on his roster, Arnold makes it clear that he wants to continue having fun.

"We want to win, but we want to have fun too," said Arnold. "The kids have a lot of things to do in the summer. We want them to want to come out and just play baseball."

And that applies not only on a game-to-game basis, but year-to-year.

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SPORTS NOTES

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football equipment handouts

Scituate/Cohasset youth football will hold equipment handouts Wednesday, Aug 7, through Friday, Aug. 9, at the store-it storage facility next to the Driftway tennis center on old Driftway in Scituate.

In order to receive equipment, insurance regulations require every child to be accompanied by parent or legal guardian.

Cheerleading handouts will not take place on these dates.

Bring a $100 equipment deposit check made out to "SCYFC." This check will not be deposited, but rather returned to you when equipment is returned at end of season.

Handout times

MIDGETS "A" TEAM, 7th & 8th grades, Wednesday, Aug. 7 5-7 pm

PEEWEES "B" TEAM, 5th & 6th grades, Thursday, Aug. 8, 5-7 pm

MITES "C" TEAM, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades, Friday, Aug. 9 5-7 pm

All questions should be directed to Joe Obert at (781) 545-0854.

Booster Soccer camp

The Cohasset Youth Soccer Club and the Hingham Soccer Boosters are holding a High School Soccer Summer Camp August 12 - 16, 2002 at Milliken Field. Tentative time is 5:30 - 8:30 PM. The camp is open to all public and private high school students. This camp replaces the summer boot camp held the past three years. Registration is $100.00 which includes a T-shirt, ball, and MYSA supplemental insurance. Registration deadline is Friday July 19, 2002. Additional registration forms are available at the Recreation office in town hall. If you have questions call Brad or Melinda Murray, 781-383-7017.

Dynasty revived

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Marshfield and Cohasset in capturing their first ever South Shore League trophy, relegating the CSC to an unheard-of third place finish.

But that was then and this is now. Cohasset now looks primed to win back the hardware that rested so peacefully at the Sohier Road location for so many years.

Cohasset began the summer of 2002 with a series of tune-up meets, where team coaches had the luxury to create virtually any line-up they wanted, knowing that CSC would still romp.

With the team's record standing at 4-0, Cohasset swimmers finally had the chance to show what they were made of, facing off against the MASK team it had beaten by a mere seven points in the 2001 dual meet competition. But CSC grabbed a big lead in the opening eight events and never looked back, dancing to a triple digit margin victory, 366-255.

The next week, only the Knights of Columbus stood in the way of Cohasset's undefeated summer. And while Scituate led the meet after the medley relays, the individual medleys, the freestyle, butterfly and backstroke, Cohasset ended up cruising to a 50 point victory with stellar performances in the backstroke and freestyle relays.

This Friday, the annual All-League meet will be held at the Duxbury Yacht Club, with all eight teams in the league sending their best to compete for the silver trophy. A win on Friday would not only be the perfect end to an already incredible comeback summer, but it would restore South Shore swimming honor to a town that has earned it.

Momentum wave builds for swimmers

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Cohasset Swim Team member Parker Berg, 14, begins to pull away in recent butterfly race.

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DeGiacomo; Yeager; Porter; girls; 2nd: Hernan; Lehr; Sacks; Meehan; 3rd: Costa; Asnault; Campbell; Mahoney; 4th: Hurd: Coggins; Fortin; Teague).

The medley relays finished with wins for both the seventeen and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Blackburn; Faber; Ingber; Lehr; 2nd: Zappolo; Roach; Conway; Tehranian; girls: 1st: Daley; Anderson; Jerome; Durkin; 3rd: Harrington; Lehr; Faber; Regan; 6th: Plante; Lieb-Lappen; Previte; Tehranian). With the first event complete, Cohasset was now twenty four points ahead of Hanover.

The ten and under fifty frees were next and once again there was success for the home team with a win in both the boys and girls events (boys: 1st: Kissick, J.; 2nd: Carrier, J.; 4th: Buckley, T.; girls: 1st: Lehr, V.; 2nd: Libby, S.; 5th: Jennings, M.).

Going into the individual medleys the twelve and unders again started well with a win for the boys and second, fifth and sixth places for the girls (boys: 1st: Doonan, P.; 4th: Hurley, P.; girls: 2nd: Hernan, E.; 5th: Teague, M; 6th: Baumgarten, E.). Both the fourteen and under boys and girls also claimed a win and, the event finished on a high with first place finishes for both the seventeen and under boys and girls (boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Conway, C.; 3rd: Dickinson, R.; girls: 1st: Durkin, L.; 2nd: Musto, L.; 4th: Swain, K.; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Blackburn, C.; girls: 1st: Regan, D.; 2nd: Lehr, R.).

In the freestyle event Cohasset won two of the four, twenty five yard, races (boys, eight and under: 1st: Durkin, J.; 2nd: Murphy, C.; 3rd: Adkins, J.; girls: 4th: Farren, A.; 5th: Haber, A.; 6th: McCunney, K.; boys, ten and under: 2nd: Durkin, T.; 4th: Doonan, B.; 5th: Murphy, J.; girls: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 3rd: Fontaine, E.; 5th: Culhane, C.). In the fifty frees, the twelve and under boys took second, third and fourth places and the girls swept the board with first, second and third places (boys: 2nd: Cunningham, C.; 3rd: Shipp, A.; 4th: Muir, K.; girls: 1st: Lehr, S.; 2nd: Meehan, S.; 3rd: Teague, M.). The fourteen and under boys again took the win but the girls were pushed back into third, fifth and sixth places (boys: 1st: Zappolo, N.; 2nd: Roach, K.; 5th: Faber, C.; girls: 3rd: Musto, L.; 5th: Previte, M.; 6th: Harrington, K.). And the seventeen and unders rounded off the event with a win for the boys and a second, third and fifth place for the girls (boys: 1st: Lehr, R.; 2nd: Tehranian, K.; 3rd: Faber, S.; girls: 2nd: Anderson, C.; 3rd: Lehr, R.; 5th: Swain, K.). The freestyle had produced some mixed results, but Cohasset were still firmly in the lead with one hundred and fifty eight points to Hanover's eighty seven.

In the butterfly the eight and under boys produced their usual strong performance to finish first, second and third (1st: Mahoney, R.; 2nd: Fontaine, A.; 3rd: MacCormack, P.). The girls struggled in their event, but the ten and unders pulled back with a win for both the boys and the girls (girls, eight and under: 3rd: Farren, A.; 4th: Berube, M.; 5th: Donohue, M.; boys, ten and under: 1st: Kissick, J.; 3rd: Carrier, J.; 5th: Shipp, M.; girls: 1st: Lehr, V.; 2nd: Mahoney, M.; 3rd: Fontaine, E.). At the twelve and under level, again the boys finished first while the girls were pushed back into third, fourth and fifth places (boys: 1st: Doonan, P.; 4th: Shipp, A.; 5th: Yeager, A.; girls: 3rd: Sacks, M.; 4th: Mahoney, C.; 5th: Meehan, S.). There was more success for the fourteen and unders, with both the boys and girls taking a win (boys: 1st: Conway, C.; 2nd: Dickinson, R.; girls: 1st: Daley, M.; 4th: Musto, L.; 6th Tehranian, R.), and the event finished with a first, second and third for the seventeen and under boys and second, third and sixth for the girls (boys: 1st: Tehranian, K.; 2nd: Ingber, D.; 3rd: Faber, S.; girls: 2nd: Regan, D.; 3rd: Jerome, E.; 6th: Harrington, B.).

The breaststroke was the next event and once again the eight and under boys took the win while the girls finished fourth, fifth and sixth (boys: 1st: Carpenter, C.; 2nd: Faber, J.; 3rd: Durkin, J.; girls: 4th: Haber, A.; 5th: Berube, M.; 6th: Donohue, M.). The ten and under boys fell back for a second, third and fourth place finish but the girls bounced back to take first, third and fourth (boys: 2nd: Durkin, T.; 3rd: Leahy, S.; 4th: Porter, I.; girls: 1st: Kelly, M.; 3rd: Teague, K.; 4th Sullivan, O.).

Cohasset were now ninety points ahead of Hanover and, in the fifty yard event, took first place in five out of the six races, extending the lead by a further twenty six points (boys, twelve and under: 1st: Hunt, A.; 2nd: Musto, C.; 3rd: Kelly, T.; girls: 2nd: Lehr, S.; 4th: Fortin, S.; 5th: Asnault, A.; boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Roach, K.; 2nd: Zappolo, N.; 5th: Faber, C.; girls: 1st: Durkin, L. 2nd: Swain, K.; 3rd: Lieb-Lappen, M.; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Ingber, D.; 2nd: Faber, S.; girls: 1st: Anderson, C.; 3rd: Faber, A.; 5th: Regan, D.).

In the backstroke, once again, the eight and under boys took the first win of the event while the girls finished third, fifth and sixth (boys: 1st: Salerno, J.; 3rd: Culhane, E.J.; 4th: McCarthy, M.; girls: 3rd: McCunney, K.; 5th: Buckley, M.; 6th: Teague, M.). The ten and under boys and girls both took a win, and the twelve and under boys matched their pace with first place finishes in both their races (boys, ten and under: 1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Doonan, B.; 3rd: Queenan, C.; girls: 1st: Mahoney, M.; 2nd: Fontaine, E.; 3rd: Kucinski, K.; boys, twelve and under: 1st: Hunt, A.; 3rd: Hurley, P.; 4th: Connors, R.; girls: 1st: Hernan, E.; 3rd: Sacks, M.; 4th Fortin, S.).

The event ended with success at both the fourteen and under, and seventeen and under level (boys, fourteen and under: 1st: Zappolo, N.; 2nd: Dickinson, R.; 3rd: Conway, C.; girls: 1st: Daley, M.; 3rd: Harrington, K.; 6th: Plante, V.; boys, seventeen and under: 1st: Blackburn, C.; girls: 1st: Jerome, E.; 4th: Harrington, B.; 5th: Faber, A.). Going into the final event of the afternoon, Cohasset had secured a one hundred and fifty one point lead.

In the free relays the home team continued to perform well, with wins in four of the six one hundred yard events (boys, eight and under: 1st: Salerno; Murphy; Mahoney; Durkin; 2nd: Adkins; Carpenter; Kissick; McCarthy, M.; 3rd: Kennedy; MacCarthy; Berube; MacCormack; girls: 2nd: Farren, A.; Berube; Haber; Donohue; 3rd: Carrier; McCunney; Gibbons; Caron; 5th: Bodner; Axelson; Farren, V.; Teague.; boys, ten and under: 1st: Doonan, Porter; Durkin, T.; Kissick; 4th: Buckley; Durkin, J.; Queenan, Whitney; 5th: Campbell; Plante; MacCormack; Leahy; girls: 1st: Michalowski; Mahoney; Fontaine; Lehr; 4th: Dickinson; McBride; Murphy; Regan; 5th: Adkins; Donohue; Gaumer; Kelly, K.; boys, twelve and under: 1st: Doonan, Musto; Cunningham; Hunt; 2nd: Connors: Muir; Harper; Shipp; 3rd: DeGiacomo; MacCarthy; Yeager; Porter; girls: 2nd: Meehan; Mahoney; Teague; Hernan; 3rd: Anderson; Baumgarten; Durkin; McCarthy; 4th: Foley; Hunt; Leahy; Buckley). In the remaining seventeen and under, two hundred yard race, the pattern prevailed and Cohasset finished the afternoon with wins for both the boys and girls (boys: 1st: Blackburn; Tehranian; Ingber; Lehr; 2nd: Hurley, P.; Dickinson; Faber; Roach; girls: 1st: Anderson; Daley; Jerome; Durkin; 4th: Faber; Harrington; Richardson; Lehr; 6th: Hurley, C.; James; Musto; Guinee). The meet ended with a resounding victory for Cohasset, three hundred and eighty six points to Hanover's two hundred and eleven.

What a successful season this has been. It has been a pleasure to watch the focus and power of this squad and to see the strength of their team spirit. Of course much of the credit must go to Alison Hughes Ryan, who has coached the team through seven successful seasons, several of which finished with the team undefeated. Sadly, Alison will not be back next year and she will be very much missed. The good news is she is looking forward to the birth of her first child, and we congratulate her and wish her well on this new and exciting project!

Congratulations to all the Cohasset swimmers. There were so many memorable moments in this short season - Jay Salerno finishing his race and having time to get out of the pool before the second place swimmer had even reached home; the older boys and girls teaching the younger swimmers about team spirit with a rousing pre-meet cheer; the sea breeze and beautiful surroundings of Eel River Beach Club; Alexander Hunt's intensity of focus in a false-start backstroke event where even Ted's leap into the pool couldn't stop him, and his ability to come back and win the event when the race was re-started; one swimmer's final, almost slow motion, strenuous reach to end the breaststroke in first rather than second place and, in the same meet against K of C, the effort, on the last lap of the last free relay to bring the team from behind to secure a final win. And, of course, the routine heroics of the kids who turn up every day for practice and the parents who devote so much of their summer to supporting the team effort.

Well done to everybody, and good luck to the All Stars in Friday's Championship.

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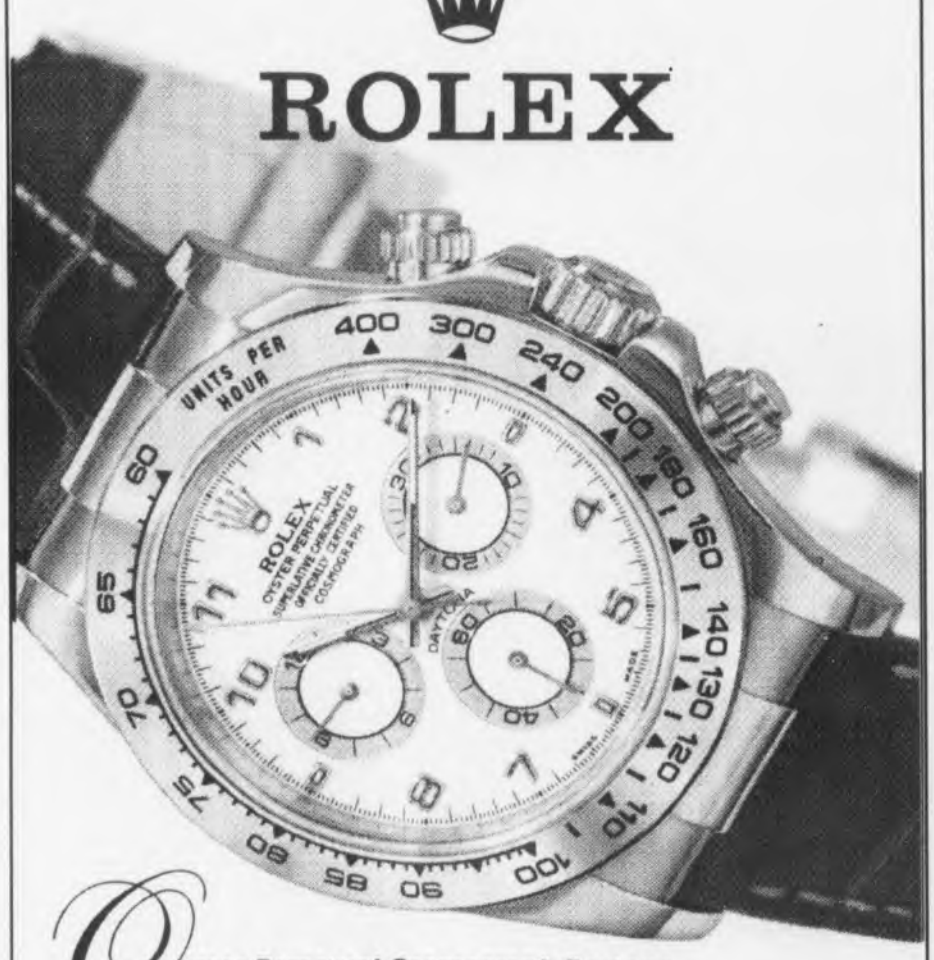

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OBITUARIES

Richard A. Sullivan

Lawyer, engineer, entrepreneur, sportsman

Richard A. Sullivan, 89, of Cohasset, died Aug. 1, 2002 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth following a brief illness.

Born in Boston, he graduated from Dorchester High School, Thayer Academy, Harvard College and the Detroit College of Law. Upon his graduation from Harvard in 1935, he began working as an analyst for the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, the beginning of a long career in the public utility field.

In 1940, he accepted a job as general manager of the Detroit Street Railway System, and while in Michigan earned his law degree. He then returned to Boston in 1947 to become general manager of the Massachusetts Transit Authority.

In 1953, he and his late brother Ralph W. Sullivan founded the law firm of Malloy & Sullivan with offices in Boston and Hingham as well as Manchester, N.H. It was during the 1950s that he became involved in the natural gas distribution business, serving as president and chairman of Bristol & Warren and South County Gas Companies in Rhode Island, and the Pequot Gas Co. in Connecticut. A leader and expert in the gas utility business, he testified and practiced before the Federal Power Commission and many state regulatory agencies. He served on the board of the Guild of Gas Managers and served as an arbitrator for utility disputes.

Mr. Sullivan was an avid sportsman, competing in football, ice hockey, baseball, sailing, skiing, golf, squash and tennis. He raced an International 210 class sloop from 1949 through the 1980s. He was the national 210 champion in 1959 and placed second in that event a record six times. He raced his 210 in Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Michigan, Wisconsin, California and Hawaii. The 210 class now launches its race season with the Richard A. Sullivan Regatta in Cohasset in June.

He was a life member of the Cohasset Yacht Club and the Scituate Harbor Yacht Club, where he served as Commodore. He was a past president of the Yacht Racing Union of Massachusetts Bay and won the Massachusetts and New England men's sailing championship numerous times. He also sailed the Caribbean, Mediterranean and Aegean Seas, and across the Atlantic twice.

He competed in downhill ski racing and competitive squash into his late 60s and in later years, enjoyed cross-country skiing and golf into his 80s.

He was an avid reader who loved to read and recite poetry and other verse. He especially loved spending time with his

Richard A. Sullivan

wife, their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Sullivan leaves his beloved wife of 66 years, Helen T. "Dusty" (Tingdahl) Sullivan; his two sons, Richard A. Sullivan, Jr. of Reading, Vt. and Lawrence M. Sullivan of Stuart, Fla; his daughter, Leslie Chamberlain of Scituate; his 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and his brother, Walter L. Sullivan of Seattle, Wash.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 5 at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Cyril Percival Harvey

Cyril Percival "CP" Harvey, age 86, of Cohasset, Mass. passed away on Aug., 2, 2002.

Mr. Harvey leaves his sons Louis S. Harvey of Cohasset and Raymond E. Harvey of Jamaica.

A funeral service will be held Saturday Aug. 10, 2002 at 2 p.m., at the Palms West Funeral Home, 110 Business Park Way, Royal Palm Beach, Fla. (561) 753-6004.

Donations in lieu of flowers should be made to the CP Harvey Cohasset Music Scholarship Fund.

Harry A. Trask

Harry Albert Trask, 74, of Cohasset, a photographer who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1957 for capturing the sinking of the luxury liner Andrea Doria, died Aug. 2, 2002, at South Shore Hospital of a liver illness.

Mr. Trask worked for the Boston Traveler and later the Herald Traveler, for almost three decades, working his way up from the mail room to the news room.

On July 25, 1956 he was assigned to go to Nantucket to photograph the aftermath of a ship collision between the Andrea Doria and the Stockholm. He won the Pulitzer for "his dramatic and outstanding photographic sequence of the sinking of the Andrea Doria, the pictures being taken from an airplane at a height of 75 feet only nine minutes before the ship plunged to the bottom."

Mr. Trask left the Herald Traveler in 1972 and joined the Boston School System in 1973 to teach civics, history, photography and cinematography. He retired in 1990. He also taught at Massachusetts College of Art in Boston.

Born in Roxbury, Mr. Trask lived in Cohasset for 47 years. He graduated from Roxbury Memorial High School and Eastern School of Photography in Boston. He received his bachelor's in history from the University of Massachusetts in Boston, and his master's in education from Bridgewater State College.

Over the years he also worked as a substitute teacher in a number of local school systems including Cohasset, Braintree and Hingham.

He served in the Navy during World War II.

In addition to his Pulitizer Prize, Mr. Trask received a number of awards and citations for his photography, including a Graflex Diamond Award, a first and second prize from the National Press Photographers' Association, a Boston Press Photographers' Best of Show award, a Look Magazine sports photo citation and a United Press International Newspaper Editors of Massachusetts Award.

He leaves his wife, Joan M. (Mueller) Trask; five sons, Mark Trask of Duxbury, Matthew Trask of Pocasset, Peter Trask of Pembroke, Andrew Trask of Mansfield and Philip Trask of Halifax; two daughters, Clare Bangs of Warren, R.I. and Sarah Hickey of Halifax; two sisters, June Jannini and Edith Giusti of Canton; a brother, Alfred Trask of Randolph; 23 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Mr. Trask's life was held at his residence. Services and interment were private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the charity or scholarship of one's choice.

Eleanor Humphreys

Eleanor (Hammond) Humphreys, 88, of Cohasset, died Aug. 6, 2002 at South Shore Hospital, following a short illness.

Mrs. Humphreys was a licensed insurance broker and vice president and treasurer of Insurance Supervisory Consultants, a family-owned business.

She also owned and operated Barnstable House, a restaurant located in Barnstable.

She was a graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School.

She was the wife of the late Joseph A. Humphreys, who was state insurance commissioner under Gov. Christian A. Herter in the 1950s.

Mrs. Humphreys enjoyed reading and swimming.

She leaves her loving children; three sons, George A. Humphreys of San Diego, Calif., Charles J. Humphreys of Cohasset and Joseph S. Humphreys of Suffield, Conn.; her three daughters, Mary Steele-Klein of Seattle, Wash., Katherine H. Mullen of Cohasset and Lillian M. Hazard of Hopedale; and her 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Eleanor "Ellie" Elizabeth Humphreys.

A 9 a.m. funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Aug. 10 at St. Anthony's Church, 128 South Main St., Cohasset.

Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Visiting is 4-8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9 at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St., Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mrs. Humphreys' memory to the Cohasset Library Building Fund, Inc. 106 South Main St., Cohasset 02025.

Elizabeth Spaulding

Elizabeth M. "Bette" (Comerford) Spaulding, 81, of Cohasset, formerly of Scituate, died July 27, 2002.

Mrs. Spaulding was born and raised in Wallingford, Conn.

She worked for many years as a chef at Maryknoll Seminary in Hingham, retiring in 1979.

Mrs. Spaulding was involved in the community, volunteering for many different organizations throughout her life. She was a devout Catholic who began each day by attending Mass.

She was a member of the Quincy Legion Auxiliary, Quincy and Scituate Historical Societies, Cohasset Community Center and Social Service League. She participated in studies on the effects of aging at the Senior Research and Training Institute in Boston and also spent time reading to the blind in Marshfield.

She was president of the Tenants' Association at Harborview Senior Housing and donated to and participated in numerous organizations for the assistance of veterans.

Mrs. Spaulding participated in the Quincy Senior Olympics.

She enjoyed handcrafts, including painting, knitting and quilting, she was an avid reader and also enjoyed traveling and dancing.

Mrs. Spaulding was a writer whose work was published in a number of local papers and senior publications. She took writing classes at Quincy College and Southern Artery Senior Housing in Quincy.

She leaves a son, Edward Spaulding of Reno, Nev.; two daughters, Patricia Spaulding, of Scituate and Susan M. Sullivan of Pembroke; and five grandchildren, Thomas D. and Heath B. Larson, Jessica L. Sullivan, Daniel E. Sullivan and Savannah Spaulding. She was mother of the late Daniel J. Spaulding.

A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate Harbor. Interment was private.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, 01701 or American Diabetes Association, 330 Congress St., Fifth Floor, Boston, 02210.

Margaret Jean Laugelle

Margaret Jean "Peggy" (Noble) Laugelle, 71, of Cohasset, died Aug. 5, 2002 following a long illness.

Mrs. Laugelle was a homemaker, who over the years was involved with many organizations and fund raisers.

Born in Quincy, Mrs. Laugelle was a graduate of the Woodward School for Girls in Quincy.

She lived most of her life in Cohasset. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Mrs. Laugelle leaves her husband Rocco F. Laugelle; her two sons, Paul J. Laugelle and Sean P. Laugelle of Cohasset; her two daughters, Lisa-Anne Laugelle and Meka-Mari Laugelle of Cohasset; two sisters, Dorothy Clem and Eleanor Sanberg; and her 10 grandchildren and great-grandson.

The funeral service and interment will be private.

Funeral arrangements are by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations in Peggy Laugelle's memory are for the renovation of the town-owned, historic cottage on Bassing's Beach in Cohasset and may be made to Pilgrim Co-operative Bank, 48 South Main St., Cohasset 02025.

Ronald N. Fallon

Ronald N. Fallon, 71, of Scituate, died Aug. 2, 2002 at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston.

Born in Cohasset, he was the son of Frank and Ellen (Hawes) Fallon. He graduated from Scituate High School and attended Exeter Academy in New Hampshire; also Boston College and Bridgewater State M.E.D.

He was a lifelong resident of Scituate. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Fallon was a mathematics teacher for the Silver Lake Regional High School and a Park Ranger for the National Park Service in Quincy.

He leaves his wife Joanne; his three sons, J. Todd Fallon of Pembroke, Michael D. Fallon of Scituate and Atticus A. Fallon of Boston; his three daughters, Melinda E. Comrack of Hull, Hanna E. Fallon of Scituate and Brooke E. Fallon of Scituate; his three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Aug. 5 at St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Scituate.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home of Scituate.

Donations may be made in Mr. Fallon's memory to the American Cancer Society, 1115 W. Chestnut St., Suite 301, Brockton 02301; or to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham 01701.

POLICE BRIEFS

Arrest follows seating dispute

Police charged a 40-year-old Cohasset man with assault and battery following an apparent dispute over seating at the Music Circus last Thursday night.

Chief Robert Jackson said Sean T. Curry, 580 Jerusalem Road, assaulted the venue's general manger Vince Longo in his office, knocking his glasses off and breaking them. Earlier Curry had caused a disturbance in the tent and apparently got upset and then went to see the general manager, Jackson said.

The detail officers on duty arrested Curry. Alcohol was a factor but Jackson said police believe Curry, who was also taken under protective custody, did not consume the alcohol on the Music Circus premises.

Curry was arraigned on the charges of assault and battery, disorderly person and wanton destruction of property over $250 in Quincy District Court. He is scheduled to return to court Sept. 17 for a pretrial hearing, Jackson said.

Stranger at the beach

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he has received complaints from parents at Sandy Beach about a strange man who is approaching children there. Haddad said, although the reports are unconfirmed, he wanted to get the word out to parents to keep an extra eye on their kids. Police Sgt. John Conte said police had not heard the complaints but would look into the matter.

Alarm records being updated

Owners of residences and businesses with burglar and/or fire alarm systems should contact chief civilian dispatcher Tom Wigmore at 781-383-1055 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. during the week. Wigmore is updating the alarm system information in the computers at the police-fire headquarters so there is a current contact list. Contacts for weekends and after hours are also needed.

Written information can be mailed to Tom Wigmore, 62 Elm St.

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Classical for kids

Dixie Whatley hosts summer concert series for children

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When Joan Bennett Kennedy canceled plans to appear with the Boston Landmarks Orchestra for free concerts for children this summer, television favorite Dixie Whatley was happy to step in.

Last month, Whatley narrated Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" at two concerts on Boston Common. Whatley will reprise her role as narrator of the beloved classic at two more concerts on Aug. 16 at the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater in Quincy.

"I have long advocated that children be introduced to classical music at an early age," explained Whatley by telephone from her Wellesley home recently. "These free concerts are a wonderful way to do just that, because it is not on every family's agenda to pay to see a classical orchestra."

Whatley has previously read "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" with the Boston Pops. More recently, she presented the Italian fairy tale "Old Belfana" with the Wellesley Orchestra. Whatley had some important help preparing for this summer's assignment."

When Joan Kennedy realized that she wouldn't be able to do these concerts, she made a copy of the music — complete with her notes — and sent it to me. Joan knew that I had never done 'Peter and the Wolf' and she was very gracious about helping me."

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Dixie Whatley

Standing in for the former wife of Senator Edward M. Kennedy isn't Whatley's first experience as a replacement. In 1981, she gained national recognition when she replaced former Miss World Marjorie Wallace as co-host of "Entertainment Tonight," just a month after the television series debuted in syndication. Before long, however, Whatley would also know what it was like to be replaced. In 1982, Mary Hart took over as host of "Entertainment Tonight" and Whatley was moved to weekends as co-host of "Entertainment This Week." In 1984, Leeza Gibbons took Whatley's weekend slot. After a period as a correspondent, Whatley left "ET" altogether in 1986. Not too much later, Whatley began a 14-year stint covering the arts in greater Boston as Entertainment Editor for WCVB-TV's Newscenter 5 broadcasts. From 1988-90, Whatley also appeared opposite Rex Reed on the nationally syndicated "At the Movies."

Just last year, budget cuts eliminated her WCVB-TV position. Since then, Whatley has been host of "Boston Works Career TV" which airs Sunday mornings on WB-56.

"I'm not sure what I want to do next," Whatley candidly admits. "I've really had to ask myself whether I want to continue to talk about what other people do, or just do it myself."

In addition to her long television career, Whatley has also been an illustrator for

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Dixie Whatley, left, catches up with Robin Leach and actress Joan Severance, right, at a recent "Entertainment Tonight" reunion.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

There's gold in 'Goldmember'

Austin Powers in Goldmember (B+)

If the UN has a rule about the fair allocation of fart jokes and ribald sophomoric humor featuring urination, defecation, exacerbation, sexual excitation and other things ending with -nation, then this latest "Austin Powers" flick has grabbed more than its share. This may dis-empower lesser movies that'll try to disgorge these childish things but usually just make one want to grow up — think Martin Lawrence if you're having trouble focusing — but fret not about that. This franchise's zenith, in its third outing, masterfully takes us to the edge of nausea, pulls back, leaving us with belly laughs. Granny may not like it but she hasn't liked a movie since Crosby and Hope did their road movies. Consider this "Road to World Domination II"; the second film was more or less the same shtick: evil lusting to do evil. It's raw but it's ripe, too.

Mike Myers, who honed his craft on "Saturday Night Live" and blossomed since then, adores Austin, a character cribbed from Michael Caine's famous spy guy from decades ago wedded to a goofy take on James Bond, decked out in clothing that by comparison make 1960s Carnaby Street outfits seem like Bond Street. The way Austin opens his rotted-teeth-infested mouth into a lascivious grin, narrows his eyes to slits of craving, and emits something ending with "yeah, bay-beeeeee!" is, as the Brits say, brilliant, a bit he repeats with the zeal of a religious mantra. In its sartorial and elocutionary awfulness Austin is Myers' masterpiece.

There's more, like Dr. Evil, who in the

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Healing through music

Judy Collins will perform in the "Wildflower Festival" coming to the South Shore Music Circus Aug. 16.

Judy Collins' 'Wildflower Festival' pays tribute to Sept. 11

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

It was only after meeting a member of the New York City Fire Department this spring that Judy Collins figured out how todeal with some of the emotion she felt following the September 11 tragedies.

"The whole emotional journey has been just overwhelming," explained the singer/songwriter by telephone from New York last week.

"In April, I performed at a fundraiser for the firefighters. After the performance, I was introduced to a fire captain who showed me that he had "343" tattooed on his neck, for the number of firefighters who lost their lives. It was quite moving to be in the presence of this man and others like him who were there that night. My husband (sculptor Louis Nelson) was with me and he suggested I write about the experience."

Before long, Collins began work on "Kingdom Come," a new song which she will perform when she brings her second annual "Wildflower Festival" tour to the South Shore Music Circus on Aug. 16.

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Collins, who has called New York home for many years, had flown to Los Angeles on Sept. 10 for an appearance on ABC-TV's "Politically Incorrect." Writer and political analyst Barbara Olsen was scheduled to be on the same program, but she died on one of the planes that crashed on September 11.

"The world has changed, because of everything that happened on that day," says Collins. "The terrible events of September 11 will have reverberations which we will feel always."

Believing that music can provide healing, Collins is giving more concerts than ever these days. Joining the singer for the Cohasset stop on this summer's Wildflower tour are fellow folk legend Arlo Guthrie ("Alice's Restaurant"), and local performer Greg Greenway.

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"I've known Arlo since he was a little boy," laughs the 63-year-old Collins. "He is not only a great performer, but he is also just a real pleasure to work with."

As she did last year, Collins is again producing the Wildflower tour. In addition to her own set, Collins plans to take a more active overall role this time out.

"I will be introducing each act personally, which I didn't do last year. People like to hear a little bit about each of the artists before they come out on stage. The Wildflower Festival is very much my presentation, and my participation will reflect that. Producing is something I've done for years now. I'm very comfortable with it."

Long before she had her own label (Wildflower Records), Collins was recording hit albums and singles for 35 years with Elektra Records. Songs like "Both Sides Now" and "Send In The Clowns" have long been featured in her concerts.

"People like to hear music they know when the come out for a show. They also like to hear music that touches on themes that they can relate to in their own lives. I love the Wildflower format, too, because different singers are with me on different dates. That means that every show is different, fresh and fun."

(Judy Collins brings her "Wildflower Festival" to the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on Friday, Aug. 16. For tickets and more information, call 781/383-1400.)

Food & dining

Greek Salad

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

There is no definitive recipe for Greek salad but, as a general rule, it contains lettuce, cucumber, pepper, something from the onion family, tomatoes, Kalamata olives and feta. The dressing is a simple combination of oil and vinegar. At its best, Greek salad is at once crunchy, colorful and boldly flavored. At its worst, it's a worn-out hodgepodge of badly matched ingredients.

For the lettuce, the backbone of this salad, I tested romaine, Boston, Bibb, red leaf, and even iceberg. It was no surprise that I found romaine works well but I was taken aback that I also liked the iceberg. Its sturdiness is a plus in this chunky, crunchy salad bowl offering. I tried using smaller portions of spicier greens such as watercress, arugula, or escarole but they were like a skunk at a lawn party – definitely unwelcome. For a salad to serve four to six people, I used ten cups of greens or two medium heads of romaine or one large head of iceberg. Whether using romaine or iceberg it should be sliced into one inch pieces (the iceberg should also be separated a bit since the leaves are so compact) and washed and dried.

Next I started adding cucumber, pepper, something onion, and tomato. I found one half of a large cucumber was ample for the salad. If the skin is bitter it should be peeled. (I don't think it needs to be seeded, however.) I quartered the cucumber lengthwise and cut it into 1/4-inch slices. When adding bell pepper I also think it needs to be cut into thin slices. I used 1/2 of a medium bell pepper that I cut into thirds lengthwise and then into about 1/8 inch slices. I preferred red for both the sweetness and color.

I tried red onion, shallots and scallions and my favorite was the scallion. It was more flavorful than the shallot and less sharp than the red onion. For this recipe I used three scallions trimmed and cut into 1/4-inch slices. Ripe tomatoes add a bright note to the salad — I preferred two medium or a cup of cherry or grape tomatoes. If using large tomatoes, they should be cut into thin wedges or, better yet, bite-sized chunks. As for the cherry or grape tomatoes I sliced each one in half. That also makes them much easier to fork.

Radishes and carrots were non-starters — the radishes were too sharp and the carrots too hard. I tried mint, dill, oregano and parsley. The oregano was too strong even in finely chopped small amounts. The flavor of the dill didn't pair as well with the other ingredients as I had hoped. The parsley was lost and not worth the effort. The mint, however, blended well with the raw ingredients as well as the olives and cheese and could stand up to the vinaigrette. I used two tablespoons thinly sliced leaves, about ten medium.

Kalamata olives are widely available. They are a produce of Greece and, along with the feta, the jewels in the crown of the Greek salad. That being said they have big flavor and a little goes a long way. I found that they should be pitted and sliced so their flavor is incorporated into each bite. I also tried adding capers but they were voted down by my tasters. As for the feta cheese, fancy versions in specialty stores are good but the run-of-the-mill grocery store variety was actually better for this pedestrian application. Some feta is already crumbled which turned out to be dry and tasteless – purchase feta in a solid block.

I started the dressing with a quarter-cup of high quality extra-virgin olive oil and then played around with the acid and finally settled on 1 tablespoon white balsamic vinegar (or white wine vinegar) and 1 tablespoon lemon juice. To this mixture I added 1/4-teaspoon salt, black pepper to taste, and 1/8 teaspoon dried oregano (a necessary ingredient in this dish). To finish the salad, I tossed the greens and vegetables gently with the dressing and scattered the cheese and olives over the top. The recipe is quick, easy and a garden fresh impromptu supper or side dish.

CLASSIC GREEK SALAD

For best flavor and texture purchase a solid piece of feta cheese and crumble it yourself.

For The Dressing:

1 tablespoon white balsamic vinegar (or white wine vinegar)
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons best quality olive oil
1/8 teaspoon dried oregano
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

For The Salad:

2 medium heads romaine lettuce cores removed and sliced into 1 inch pieces, washed and dried, about ten cups or 1 medium head iceberg lettuce, core removed and sliced into 1-inch pieces, washed and dried or a combination of the two
1/2 large cucumber, peeled if skin is bitter, quartered lengthwise and cut into 1/4 inch slices
1/2 red or green bell pepper, cored, seeded, cut into thirds lengthwise and cut into 1/8 inch slices
3 scallions, dark green part removed and cut into 1/4-inch slices
2 medium tomatoes cut into bite-sized pieces or thin wedges or one-cup cherry tomatoes, halved
2 tablespoons thinly sliced mint leaves
8 to 10 Kalamata olives pitted, and sliced
3 ounces feta cheese, crumbled

1. Whisk together the vinegar, lemon juice and salt in a small bowl for about ten seconds to dissolve the salt. Add the remaining ingredients and whisk until slightly thickened and evenly colored. Set aside.

2. Place the first six ingredients (the lettuce through the mint leaves) in a large bowl. Remix the dressing and pour it around the perimeter of the bowl. Using your fingers or wooden salad utensils gently toss to coat the salad evenly with the dressing. Scatter the olives and cheese over the top and serve at once.

Serves 4 to 6

Christopher Kimball welcomes your comment. E-mail him at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com

The randy Austin gets ready to live out a fantasy involving twin Asian sisters.

There's gold in 'Goldmember'

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last movie cloned Mini-Me (Verne Troyer). There's Fat Bastard, grotesque beyond contemplation and now a sumo wrestler at no pains to control those bodily functions leaving little memorabilia in his (as he calls it) diaper, which on one occasion he tosses atop Austin's head. There's a new villain, Goldmember, who teams with Dr. Evil to create the ultimate weapon, the last in a chain of Preparations denominated by the alphabet, from A onto, now, H. Either the world gives them babillionmegamumillionpillion dollars, or Evil and Goldmember will launch Preparation H and bring down a huge meteor, which will set off a global tidal wave, whereupon kaplooey Earth. Busy busy villains.

Joining the Good Side is an agent masquerading as a Pam Grier impersonator, Foxxy Cleopatra (Beyonce Knowles), and, ambivalently, we've Evil's natural son Scotty (Seth Green), and of course Austin's dad, Nigel Powers (Michael Caine). Early on, we meet babacious Dixie Normous, played by a well-known actress, and other notables whom I may not name or I'll be killed.

Don't think plot coherence or limitations to vulgarity. Think shadow plays that might remind you of a famous incident in "American Beauty" mistaken by that crazed Marine for unconventional sex and you'll be near the target. Think as many visual and aural outrages as 90 well-stacked minutes can encompass. The movie has as many misses as hits but so many hits, you're still laughing during the misses. This is untamed, undisciplined by decorum, unapologetic in its silliness, a fine mess of unalloyed Id. Shagadelic, bay-beeeee. Shagadelic.

Written by Mike Myers and Michael McCullers; directed by Jay Roach. Rated PG-13

Whatley hosts summer concert series

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"The Los Angeles Times" and host of her own all-night radio program.

"Right now, I am looking at illustration and public speaking opportunities," she says. "I'm also considering some projects in New York."

With Mary Hart continuing as its host, "Entertainment Tonight" has remained a ratings winner for more than 20 years. Whatley harbors no hard feelings for Hart and even attended a recent "ET" Reunion in Hollywood.

"It was great to see everyone again. Mary was there, of course, as well as Tom Hallick, Robin Leach and even Marjorie Wallace," says Whatley. "Mary Hart is a real lady. She did nothing to get me fired and we've made a point of seeing each other over the years. The mentality at 'ET' at that time was that the female reporters should be fantasy babes in tight sweaters. That just wasn't me. The funny thing is that I fought for equality, but Mary ended up getting it. Mary even admitted it one day when the two of us were having lunch with Meredith MacRae. 'Dixie fought all the battles and I won the war,' Mary said."

(Dixie Whatley will appear with the Boston Landmarks Orchestra, under the direction of Conductor Charles Ansbacher, for free concerts at 10 and 11:30 a.m. at the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater, Quincy. The concerts are being presented by the City of Quincy and State Street. For more information, call 617/520-2200 or visit www.LandmarksOrchestra.org.)

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By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

The lazy, hazy, days of summer are upon us as the month of August gets underway.

Occasional downpours have provided minor relief for parched plants but have done little to alleviate dry soils, only superficially dampening soil surfaces. High humidity prevails, which poses a major dilemma for gardeners. Despite insufficient rainfall, care must be taken not to over-water during these steamy, summer days, for once the soil becomes soggy, it is nearly impossible for it to dry out. This is particularly critical for container-grown plants, especially those grown in plastic pots or other nonporous containers. Daily watering may overly saturate the soil, suffocating root systems and causing plants to wilt and rot. For those who grow plants in clay soils, similar precautions are advisable. Automatic sprinkler systems may require adjustments to reduce dampness until humidity levels decline. It is probably best to underwater and keep plants on the verge of wilting than to soak heavy soils.

During these muggy, summer days, few of us enjoy laboring in our gardens. For busy gardeners or those who are intolerant of heat and humidity, low maintenance plants are particularly desirable. Among the hundreds of perennials on the market, daylilies, hosta, Siberian iris and ornamental grasses lead the list of easy care plants that seem to be the most reliable performers, once established.

Despite my initial reluctance to incorporate ornamental grasses into my garden designs, over the years I have been totally won over by their ease of culture, pleasantly surprised by their diversity and restrained growth and captivated by those that offer the added benefit of winter interest. As with most perennial plants, there are over-exuberant, rambunctious varieties but most cultivated grasses are much less likely to seed or spread than their wild counterparts. Most, instead, form lovely clumps that gradually increase in size from year to year and rarely require attention.

Tall upright clumps can be used as dramatic, architectural forms, focal points or accents, or as a hedge or backdrop in the perennial border. Their graceful lines and curves soften hardscapes (walks, foundations and fences) or connect plantings. Many respond to the gentlest breezes adding motion and sound to their visual appeal. Their delicate flower heads sway and rustle in the wind and provide considerable interest to the winter landscape. Clumps are particularly lovely when backlit by the sun causing them to shimmer and glow.

While the flower and seed heads of a great majority of ornamental grasses could hardly be described as spectacular, many are extremely appealing. Feathery, fluffy plumes, delicate, airy sprays and spikes, or pleasing inflorescences that resemble fuzzy caterpillars add beauty during the latter half of the growing season and often into the winter months.

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Perhaps the most popular and best known ornamental grasses are members of the Miscanthus family. These elegant grasses form singular clumps, mostly characterized by slender, slightly arching foliage that range from delicate-foliaged, 3-foot specimens like 'Yaku Jima' to giants such as M. floridulus reaching a height of up to 12 feet. They perform best in moist soils, full sun and good winter drainage but are tolerant of a wide range of conditions. Silky plumes shimmer in the autumn sun as they sway in the breeze and provide textural contrast in addition to sound and motion, especially during the stark winter months. Clumps enlarge gradually but sufficient space should be provided initially as their dense, fibrous root systems make division challenging. Spring division is preferred and an ax, saw or machete may be required to reduce the size of the clump. In late March to early April, these grasses should be sheared! as close to the ground as possible before new growth appears.

Numerous cultivars are available including the popular green and yellow-striped varieties known as Zebra (Zebrinus) and Porcupine grass (Strictus), the latter being more rigid and upright but less apt to flop during inclement weather. For a delicate, see-through quality, try the Maiden grasses including 'Gracillimus' or 'Morning Light', both standing about 4 to 5 feet when established with slender, slightly arching foliage. Russet-colored plumes appear in October and become beige and fluffy as they mature. Variegated members of this family produce sensational, eye-catching clumps or for a different color, look for 'Pupurascens' with purple-tinted leaves that become bronze and then red in autumn.

These low maintenance plants offer a dramatic contrast in form, color, texture and height making them valuable additions to any landscape plan. Plant one or more in your garden this season and enjoy their beauty for months and years to come.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL FOLK & FUR FEST 2002- Standish Humane Society's Benefit Walk for Animals - Sunday, Sept. 15 , (rain or shine) Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A three-mile walk. paved route, handicapped accessible. Your walk begins as soon as you sign-in. Festivities include Life folk performances, 4-H demonstrations, rescue groups, refreshments. Dog contests for largest dog, smallest dog, loudest bark, best tail wagger, best trick, best smoocher. For more information call 781-834-4663 or visit wwwstandishhumanesociety.com

THIRD ALZHEIMER'S CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC - Wednesday, Aug. 21. Registration 7 to 8 a.m. at President's Golf Course, West Squantum St., North Quincy. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. Dinner immediately following at the Quincy Sons of Italy. Donation is $80 Includes green fees, cart, meal and prizes. Presented by the Order Sons of Italy in America Charitable and Educational Trust. Proceeds to benefit research for Alzheimer's victims. for information call Dorothy Berlandi, Chairman at 781-843-6975 or 781-848-1194.

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JOHN SEBASTIAN IN CONCERT to benefit educational programs at The Children's Museum in Easton, will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 3 Barrows St., North Easton. 508-230-3789. Admission is $30 per person or $50 premium tickets include preferred seating, complimentary beverage and post-concert reception with John Sebastian.

FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org

THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION presents "BIKE FOR HEALTHY LUNGS" THE 18TH ANNUAL AUTUMN ESCAPE BIKE TREK, Sept. 20-22. This 160-mile bike trek takes participants from Plymouth to Provincetown with fully supported rest stops along the way. Both two and three-day options are available but accommodations for the first night are limited so register early. This event is for cyclists of all levels. Call 1-800-LUNGYSA for details or visit the website at www.lungusa.org/massachusetts/special.html

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets on sale now $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

Thurs. 8

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Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom presents a **Workshop for Teachers** on the Farm at Double M. Cranberry Farm in Wareham on Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop will focus on growing cranberries and fish farming and related hands-on science based water activities for the classroom. The $30 fee includes lunch and all materials. Ten professional development points are provided with accompanying classroom activity. For more information call Debi Hogan at 508-336-4426 or visit www.aginclassroom.org

Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree-Comedy Show presents **John David, Stephanie Peters, Sam Walters, Annette Pollack, Jack Hurney, Tim Kaelin and Stacy Yuannetty** on Aug. 8. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended. Call 781-848-0300.

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Fri. 9

The Norfolk Country Conservation District will host a workshop with horticulturist, Mike Nelson, covering plants sold in its brochure and other informative topics regarding fall planting. For more information and to receive a brochure to order plants, call 508-668-0995. Deadline to attend workshop is Aug. 9. Deadline to order plants is Aug. 23.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset, announces its visiting artists workshops aug. 9 to Sept. 22. Opening reception Aug. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. Present Company: Visiting Artists Bert Yarborough, Jesseca Ferguson, Richard Raiselis, Barbara Grad, Jaren Clackner, Janet Monafo, Ann Wessman, William Ternes, Peter Madden Joel Janowitz Dillon Gallery: August Abstractions P. Dolan, M. Peters, S. Roberts, L. Schill, D.Seppala Faculty Feature: J. Rossman Aug. 9 to 11, Handmade Paper with **Ann Wessman** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. $275M, $300NM. To register or for more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

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North River Arts Society Member Jill Capodanno is showing her exhibit "A Study of Gurnet Point & Saquish" at the Ventress Library Gallery through Aug. 29. The library is located on Webster Street in Marshfield Center. For more information call the NRAS at (781) 837-8091.

Project Arts of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank Free Summer Concert Series held at the Plymouth Sheraton Series from 6 to 9 p.m. Featuring **Hot August Nights TRAX with Janelle Malafronte** (top 40 dance rock), **Susan E. and Bluesliner** (uptown R & B), and **Chuck Ochs** (acoustic, finger style blues). For more information contact Nightlife Music Company at 508-747-7727 or nightlifemusicco@netzero.net or at www.project-arts.com

The Children's Museum in Easton, 9 Sullivan Avenue, North Easton, will host "Drop In Workshops" at the museum during the month of August On Aug. 9, (weather permitting) **Papermaking.** See why recycling is so easy and important by making new paper from old paper. Experiment by adding glitter, thread or flowers to the mix Call 508-230-3789 for more information.

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Marshfield Artist Mary Felton is showing her charcoal works the exhibit "Passion, Joys and Treasures," at the Newton Free Library now through Aug. 29. A reception will be held at the library Thursday, Aug. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. The library is located at 330 Homer Street in Newton. For hours and information call (617) 552-7145.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
The planet Venus enters Libra at 5:09 a.m., remaining there until September 7. The combination of an inactive Cancer moon and sun/Pluto alignment makes this morning prime for tackling projects that need redoing, refinishing, repair. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 12:27 p.m., when the moon enters Leo. Lunar alignments to Venus and Jupiter generate a lighter, brighter mood. Take some soul time today. Meditate, play music, create art or appreciate nature.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
The dark side of a new moon brings a time for inner reflection, rest and solitude. Others may be feeling agitated, depressed. Don't overpersonalize. Take it slow and easy this morning. The new moon culminates at 3:15 p.m., 16-degrees of the sign Leo. At 4:26 p.m. the moon aligns with Mars, warning you maintain a cool, calm demeanor. The green light for new starts goes on at 4:30 p.m. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Jupiter makes this evening prime for social and romantic activities.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
Allow extra time to get where you are going this morning. You may encounter unanticipated obstacles, delays. The Leo moon opposes Uranus at 9:36 a.m. and becomes inactive until 2:03 p.m., when a Virgo moon takes over. It is okay to work or study late this evening. You can be most productive.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
This day has its challenges. The combination of a Virgo moon and sun/Mars alignment may spark arguments, accidents. Stress management is important. Pursue activities that help you to relax and maintain an easygoing, peaceful attitude. Others may be irritable, difficult to get along with. Zero in on health and exercise regimens. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
A lunar alignment to Saturn makes for a rough start to this day. Avoid morning hassles or the blues. The Virgo moon becomes inactive at 8:01 a.m. until 2:38 p.m., when it enters Libra. At this time influences turn around completely, making the remainder of the day prime for all social activities, romantic rendezvous. The Libra moon forms easy contacts to Jupiter and Venus.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12
Take on a full agenda today. The green light is on for new starts across the board. The moon continues its travel in social Libra, forming harmonious alignments to Neptune, Pluto, Mars and the sun. Relationship matters may take center stage. You can work out problems you have been experiencing with others, renew relationships that have broken down. This is also an excellent day for meeting people, initiating key partnerships, making major commitments to others. Plan a romantic evening with the love in your life.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13
Get an early start to this day. You can be most productive this morning. Plan to get important projects off the ground before 9:31 p.m., when the Libra moon aligns with Saturn. Favorable astrological conditions for new starts will not occur again until Friday. The Libra moon becomes inactive at 11:10 a.m. until 4:01 p.m., when it enters Scorpio. A lunar alignment to Jupiter this evening warns against overdoing or going to extremes on any level. Plan a quiet evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14
A Scorpio moon can make for a challenging two-day period. A positive attitude is essential. Don't get caught up in worries, obsessions or dwelling on past hurts, traumas. Mercury prepares to align with Pluto, the planetary ruler of Scorpio. Choose your words carefully. Careless or indiscreet remarks will come back to haunt you. Signing contracts or making important decisions are definitely off limits. The best way to channel today's influences is to stay busy with practical projects. Hard work will pay off.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The Scorpio moon forms stressful alignments to Mars, the sun and Uranus until 2:13 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Mercury forms a 90-degree contact to Pluto at 11:29 a.m. Relief arrives at 7:25 p.m., when the moon enters upbeat Sagittarius. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Neptune sets the stage for a romantic evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
A Sagittarius moon generates a relaxed, optimistic mood today and tomorrow. It is okay to initiate new activities, make long-range plans, set new goals. If you have work projects to accomplish, you must have a clear plan of action and stick to it. It may be difficult to focus on practical matters and easy to waste time and energy. There is one rough spot in effect between 7:54-10:54 p.m., when the moon aligns with Pluto. Slow down. Think before you do or say something you will later regret.

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Sat. 10

Art of Music Chamber Players present Concerts in the Country Saturday, Aug. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Featured are works by Schumann, Mozart, Wolf and Dohnanyi. Reception following concert. Tickets are $15, $12 and $8. For information, call 781-837-2705.

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The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **WERS radio show with Trina Hamlin.** All shows start at 8 p.m. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

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Sun. 11

Saint Stephen's Church, 78th Annual Summer Carillon Recitals held on the Cohasset Common, every Sunday until Aug. 18. On Aug. 11, **Andrea McCrady, of Saint John's Cathedral, Spokane Wash.** will be featured. Recitals are free. Rain or shine, on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Ave., or to the Common. A tower tour and carillon demonstration will follow each concert. For more information call 878-475-2599.

Summer concerts return to the USS Salem On Aug. 11, from 2 to 4, **Elvis**. Pooch Productions presents a show featuring many of Elvis songs as well as a variety of music from the 50's 60's and 70's, come sing and dance. 1950's attire is recommended. Admission includes a tour of the USS Salem. Refreshments are available for purchase. The USS Salem Museum is located at 739 Washington St., Quincy. For additional information call 617-479-7900 or visit www.uss-salem.org

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A Wellness Fair will be held at the Purple Eggplant, 400 Bedford St., Abington on Aug. 12, at 7:30 lasting approximately 45 minutes. Anyone with aches, pains, etc., will benefit by this fair. Admission is free. For more information call 781-871-7175.

Tues. 13

The Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Arnold Turner** will exhibit his paintings for the month of August at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Wed. 14

Raffael's Restaurant Dinner Theater - Aug. 14, 15, *21 and 22. **That's Entertainment** the music of Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli starring Jan Peters and Carol O'Shaughnessy. Boston's own first ladies of cabaret. Tickets are 445 per person or $35 per person for the matinee series. Tickets includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Menu includes garden salad, your choice of a chicken, beef or fish dinner, vegetable medley, potato and dessert, with coffee or tea and a cash bar. All sales are final. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Lunch starts at noon. To order tickets call 617-328-1600. (* two shows lunch and dinner).

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445 per person or $35 per person for the matinee series. Tickets includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Menu includes garden salad, your choice of a chicken, beef or fish dinner, vegetable medley, potato and dessert, with coffee or tea and a cash bar. All sales are final. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Lunch starts at noon. To order tickets call 617-328-1600. (* = two shows lunch and dinner).

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Red Chord and guests** on Aug. 15. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 16

The Children's Museum in Easton, 9 Sullivan Avenue, North Easton, will host "Drop In Workshops" at the museum during the month of August On Aug. 16, **Music and Movement.** Jump jiggle shake and dance with our staffer, Taryn, and friends. Learn a variety of musical styles and make a streamer wand to accompany yourself. Call 508-230-3789 for more information.

Bay Colony Productions, Norfolk, will perform Forever Plaid - a deliciously goofy revue features great pop hits of the 50's such as "Catch a Falling Star", "Love is a Many Splendored Thing", "Three Coins in a Fountain", "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)" and "Heart and Soul" among others at the Orpheum Theater in Foxborough on Aug. 16 at 8 p.m., Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Aug. 18, at 3 p.m. To purchase tickets call the Orpheum box office at 508-543-2787 or go on line at www.orpheum.org.

Project Arts of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank Free Summer Concert Series held at the Plymouth Waterfront (South Water Street) from 6 to 9 p.m. Featuring **Hot August Nights The Infractions** (top 40 swing and pop) **with Sherry Dale Malone** (acoustic pop) For more information contact Nightlife Music Company at 508-747-7727 or nightlifemusicco@netzero.net or at www.project-arts.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **the Kellsmen** All shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Aug. 16, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held Aug. 16, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland, exit 14 off Route 3. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m. and door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper business casual dress acceptable. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-466-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Lil Ed and The Blues Imperials** and on Aug. 16. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Talent Search

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE in Braintree announces open auditions for "rumors" on Monday, Aug. 25 and Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Performance dates are Oct. 24, 25, 26 and Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2. Auditions will be held at the CCT Clubhouse. Bob Gillet, director, requests a one to two minute monologues, with out without script. For more information call 781-356-5113 and leave a message.

THE CHORAL ART SOCIETY OF SCITUATE is conducting a search to recruit singers for a special concert on Sept. 7 to commemorate those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 tragedy. All interested singers on the South Shore are invited to join in rehearsals over the summer for the world premiere of Ferruccio Germani's "Requieum for Sept. 11" to be performed Sept. 7 at Scituate High School. Music Director Dr. Richard Bunbury will conduct seven rehearsals to prepare the piece composed by Germani, who is the society's composer in residence. Rehearsals are scheduled for July 29, Aug. 12, 26, Sept. 4, and 6. At St. Luke's Church Route 3A in Scituate. No audition is required, just bring your voice. Visit www.choralart-society,org for more details. Interested singers call Nancy 781-535-8295 to obtain the rehearsal tapes.

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THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON summer hours from June 21 to Aug. 31 are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Drop in Days feature hands-on-arts, crafts and science activities are held in the Museum's outdoor space. Activities such as Ice Cream making, Tie Dye T-shirts, socks, or boxers (bring your own white or buy a t-shirt and paper making with natural materials run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. No registration is required.

CIINIC FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SEEKS APPLICANTS The Children's Physical Developmental Clinic at Bridgewater State College is now accepting applications for participation in the fall 2002 semester. The clinic is open to children ages 18 months through 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. For more information call 508-531-1776.

THE RISING STAR BASKETBALL SCHOOL for boys ages 8 to 18 will be held at Stonehill College. There are two sessions running Aug. 5 to 9 and Aug. 12 to 16. Call 508-565-1390 for details.

HOCKEY SKILLS WORKSHOP – Hockey Skills Development Workshops is offering High Speed skills programs for High School, Mites, Squirts, and Pee Wee's this summer. In addition, there is a new separate Goalies Only Program. All are skating evenings once a week at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham for eight weeks. High School is on Sunday, others on Wednesday or Thursday. Directed by experienced college and high school coaches that truly believe Skill development is a craft. All programs feature a positive learning environment, limited class sizes, and are focused toward skills actually used in playing the game. For further details, call 781-769-7783.

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ADULT LITERACY AND GED CLASSES registration for fall evening Adult Literacy and GED classes will be held at Blue Hills Regional Technical School, 800 Randolph St., in Canton on Aug. 19 to 22, from 9 a.m. to noon each day and on Aug. 20 to 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. The program is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education and is free of charge. For further information, call 781-828-5800 x 324.

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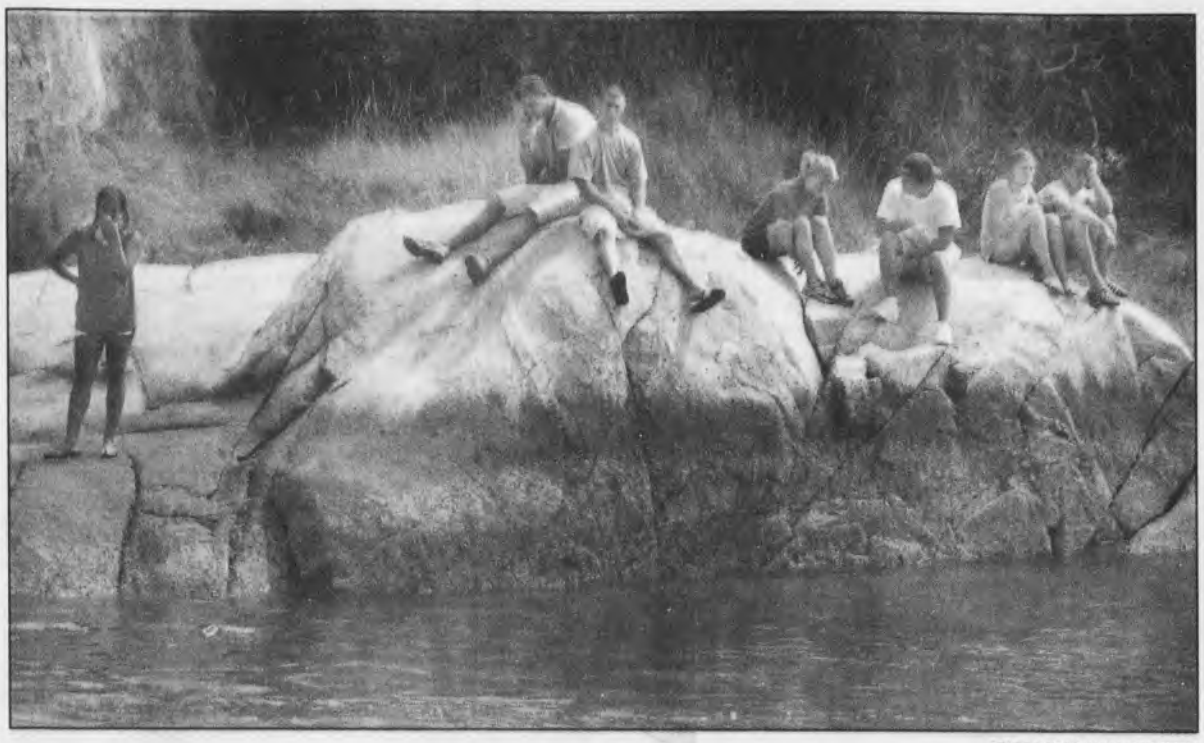
Friends try to cope with fatal accident



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Above, friends of Paul "PJ" Trendowicz mourn his loss on the rocks near Cunningham Bridge yesterday. At right, is PJ in his 2002 BC High yearbook photo.

Teen is remembered for his leadership, compassion

By Mary Ford
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Last year's Boston College High School yearbook said the 300-member Class of 2002, then juniors, was ready to "begin their senior year in a solid brick of brotherhood."

That "solid brick" is what the young men will have to draw upon to deal with the unspeakable tragedy that befell their classmate, Paul "PJ" Tendowicz, whose youthful exuberance on a blistering summer afternoon led to an accident that cost him his life.

Area families of B.C. High students opened their living rooms Tuesday night so grieving teens could gather and find support as they tried to make sense out of the day's events. Trendowicz's many Cohasset friends also reacted in disbelief as the news spread throughout town.

Yesterday dozens of teens thought about their friend as they sat on the rocks near Cunningham Bridge and looked out at the water.

The temperature had reached the mid-90s by 4 p.m., Tuesday as Trendowicz and his buddies were cooling off — doing what so many teens do — playing in the water under Cunningham Bridge on Atlantic Avenue at the mouth of Little Harbor.

But the game of "knee boarding" that involved riding a small, fiberglass surfboard on their knees back and forth along the rapids under the bridge while grabbing a hold of the rope, which the kids had attached to the underside of the structure, went terribly wrong.

Trendowicz, 18, went under after his leg apparently got caught up in the rope. His friends, who called 9-1-1, desperately attempted to save him from drowning. They borrowed a knife from a fisherman to cut the rope. Trendowicz floated down aways with the incoming tide and the teens pulled him up on shore across from Shute's barn on Atlantic Avenue.

Trendowicz, who graduated from B.C. High in June and lived around the corner from Cunningham Bridge on Beach Street with his parents Paul and

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Project Manager Simon Tempest, at left, and School Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford outside the Deer Hill School. Behind them is where the school office used to stand.

School project a slam dunk

New gyms, facilities will open for first day

By Mary Ford
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Rob Spofford and Simon Tempest are too big to go to school.

But you wouldn't know it from their behavior. The two men, who have been closely involved with the town's $42 million school building projects, are just like two kids when it comes to being excited about something they've helped accomplish.

Spofford, who is the chairman of the School Building Committee, and Tempest, the project manager, readily admit they didn't do this alone. The phased-in building projects are the result of years of planning, architects, town committees, contractors, subcontractors, hundreds of construction workers, and the generosity of the taxpayers.

During a walk-through at the Deer Hill School and middle-high school this week, the Mariner got a sneak preview at what is bound to make kids' eyes nearly pop out of their heads on opening day Sept. 4.

You have to step back in time

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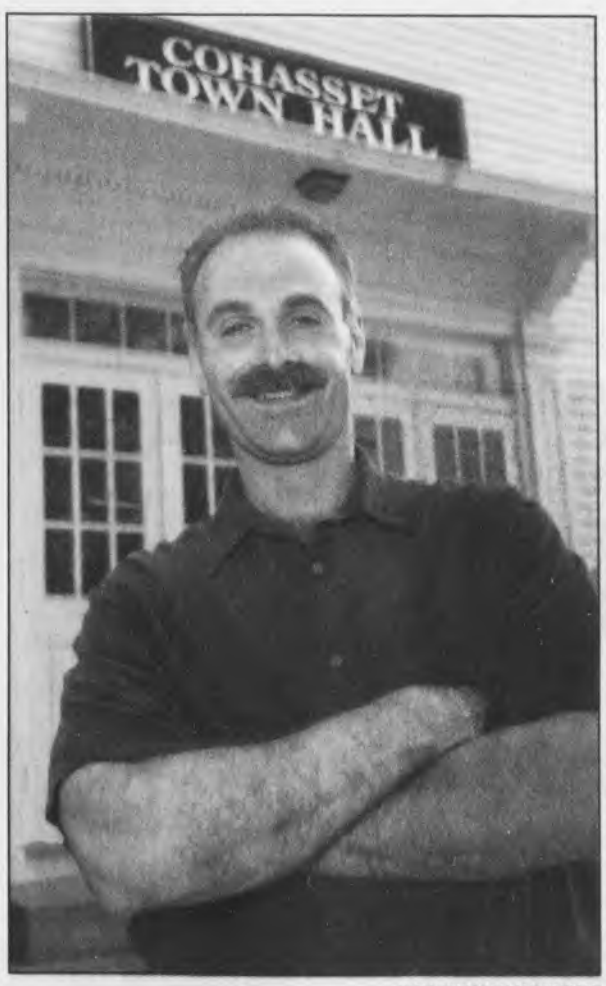
The man at the top



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Town Manager Mark Haddad outside Town Hall.

Haddad passes five-year mark

By Mary Ford
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Eighteen months was the life span most gave Cohasset's first Town Manager back in 1997.

After all, the person who accepted the job would be taking a post that his or her future bosses had passionately argued against at Town Meeting just a few months earlier.

But that was 5-1/2 years ago. Mark Haddad, the then 33-year-old former Littleton town administrator, is now 38 and as CEO of Cohasset, has overseen an unprecedented amount of change in a relatively short period of time. Some of the changes have even surprised him.

"I have less hair and what is left is more gray," jokes Haddad, who passed the five-year mark on Aug. 4.

Turning the clock back reveals different times in this town of some 7,000 people.

Weekly selectmen's meetings easily went on beyond four hours as the board became increasingly bogged down with every little thing among its bigger decisions.

When then town administrator Gregory Doyon decided to

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AvalonBay files for permit

Hearing starts on Sept. 16

By Mary Ford
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Need some summer reading?

Then you might saunter over to Town Hall to take a gander at the three-inch thick file from Cohasset AvalonBay Inc.

About a dozen additional packets were delivered to Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon to ensure there would be enough for the various town boards, and a copy available for public viewing at the Town Clerk's office.

Neatly secured with rubber bands, the file includes engineering plans and drawings, plus – a soon-to-be best seller in terms of popular reading around town, a booklet titled, "Report to Accompany Comprehensive Permit" that provides a project synopsis including storm-water management, environmental assessment and utility analysis along with a corporate overview of Avalon.

As expected, Avalon has filed for a comprehensive permit and is now officially the town's third "40B project." Chapter 40B is the state's affordable housing law.

The previous two projects, the 60-unit Crystal Woods that straddled the Cohasset-Scituate line near Ledgewood Drive and Deck Point, 119 King St., with 128 condos were approved with conditions in 1989 and 1987 respectively, but were never built. The real estate market took a nose dive in the late 1980s, although it's not clear if that was a contributing factor.

The Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Avalon project at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 16 in the selectmen's office. The hearing will be televised.

At the ZBA meeting on Monday, board members described the upcoming "40B process" as daunting. The Avalon project is controversial because of its size and the fact it would be built on one of the town's last tracks of industrially zoned land.

Under 40-B, developers can skirt some of the town's zoning laws in exchange for providing 20-25 percent of the development as affordable housing. Municipalities are vulnerable to comprehensive permits if they have less than the state-mandated 10 percent of their housing stock as affordable by state standards. Cohasset only has 76 units of affordable housing and with 2,700 households, is well below the 10 percent threshold.

The ZBA has hired a stenographer to transcribe the hearings and plans to use Town Counsel and engineering consultants in an advisory capacity. ZBA members also want to participate in a walk-around of the property before the hearing.

"We don't want to be inundated with too many advisors," Chairman Woody Chittick cautioned.

The ZBA also floated the idea of a "working session" with other town boards and officials to air their issues before Sept. 16.

Avalon proposes building 254 apartments in two phases on 62 acres off Route 3A [across from Atlantic Bagel]. The comprehensive permit application is for the first phase that consists of 200 apartments located in 18 buildings offering a range of one-, two- and three-bedroom floor plan. All apartments will have private entry doors directly to the outside. A clubhouse, pool and spa, fitness center and picnic areas will be located throughout the community, Avalon said.

The entrance to the complex that is planned for the northeast corner of the site will be via a driveway from an existing curb cut on King Street. The proposed driveway will roughly follow the existing site drive, and will loop around the entire community. The clubhouse will sit on top of the entry drive, where the drive splits to the left and to the right.

According to the report the Avalon complex will consist of eight two-story buildings and 10, two-story split buildings (with terrace-level apartments) that will house a total of 200 apartments (58 one-bedroom, 120 two-bedroom, and 22 three-bedroom); a clubhouse/leasing office; maintenance office and garage; and recycling center. Parking will be provided at a ratio of slightly two spaces per apartment. Of the 403 spaces, 60 will be garage spaces and the remainder will be surface spaces. The garages will be integrated into the six buildings with 16 apartments.

William M. McLaughlin, regional vice-president of development with Avalon, said the news the Federal Home Loan Bank's has shut down its loan program for 40-B projects, at least temporarily, won't impact the Cohasset project.

"That has no impact on Avalon Bay and our process in Cohasset," McLaughlin said. "We generally have received our site approval and done our financing through the Mass. Housing Financing Agency (MHFA) and that will be the case here.

"So no impact on us, although interesting with respect to the 40B debate overall," McLaughlin said.

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This week in COHASSET

Correction to lightning story

A story in last week's Mariner about the sewer control panels zapped by lightning should have said Cohasset follows the state electrical code regarding grounding to the water pipe. The town enforces the state code, and does not have its own rules, according to the wiring inspector.

Upcoming meetings

Meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for more information.

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, Aug. 13:

Board of Health, 7 p.m., Aug. 28

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 22

Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 21

School Building Committee, 7:30 a.m., Aug. 21 & 28

Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 20

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 16

Water Commission, 8 p.m., Aug. 22 at the King Street plant

Voter registration

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting, or Election Day, may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote; if you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the State Primary Election *(which will be held Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002) is Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office.*

Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and must be postmarked on or before Aug. 28.

Waterfield group on meeting agenda

The Waterfield Group, the firm hired for the village revitalization project, will attend Tuesday's selectmen's meeting to update selectmen on the plans. Selectmen urge interested citizens to attend.

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Red Lion hearing

Selectmen continued the hearing on the "change of premises" request at the Red Lion Inn until Sept. 10 to allow more time for the inn and abutters to resolve some of the issues raised at the initial hearing. The inn has asked for patio dining and more tables in the room off the main lobby.

Bradley hours

State Representative Garrett Bradley, D–Hingham, will hold district office hours, Thursday Aug. 22, at the Hingham Sons of Italy Hall — upstairs, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, from 5– 6 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120.

Greenbush notebook

The selectmen's office is keeping a Greenbush notebook containing the town's mitigation agreement with the MBTA, selectmen's meeting minutes and all train correspondence for members of the public who want to review it.

"It will be all here for them," Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

CRC is part-time

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation has reduced its hours of operation from full-time to part-time. As a result the CRC will no longer have regular office hours. The office will be open in the day or evening by appointment only.

If you need assistance or would like to make an appointment please leave a voice message for Dean Rizzo, Executive Director at (781) 383-2449. The CRC office is located at 87 Elm St., which is across from Kimball's By The Sea.

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Mon. 19	9:25	9.0	3:07	9:37	10.4	3:15
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Saving a home for all creatures great and small

32-acre forestland is eyed by CPC

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If you've taken a walk through Wheelright Park recently, chances are you've wandered off town property and onto private property.

Not that you would have known.

The 32-acre parcel, known as the Barnes property, looks very much like its neighbor to the north. It's all forest.

If the town's Community Preservation Committee has its way, it could soon be owned by the town.

Under member Richard Silvia's lead, the committee has begun negotiations with the Barnes estate to purchase the land to preserve the sanctity of the overall forest.

"The town has been trying to do this for a number of years," said Silvia. "This is a deep forest core habitat, which is important because it is means that it is one big self-sustaining unit."

The Barnes property is just to the south of Wheelwright Park and part of a continuous forest area that stretches from the edges of the Holly Hill Farm to the fringes of development off North Main and Forest streets.

"One of the things that I think Rich explained to us last time was that when you have a wilderness property like this one, if you build in it, you don't just lose the property behind it, you lose hundreds of yards behind it," said member David McMorris.

The deep forest aspect of the land makes it invaluable to the survival of the delicate ecosystem within.

"They said they were surprised to see it," said Silvia of the ecologists who studied the land. "The way they find out is by the critters that live in there. This is a deep forest habitat, and it used to be a much larger one."

By purchasing the land, the town can ensure that the fauna in the area will not be disrupted.

"If you break this off, that may be just enough to (do damage)," said Silvia. "(The Barnes property) could be the heart of it right here, where certain critters live. If it is broken off, this becomes, to use an ecological, technical term, an edge habitat. And as an edge habitat a lot of the other critters can't live there."

"As an edge habitat a lot of the other critters can't live there."
— Rich Silvia, CPC committee

That could change the face of the surrounding areas as the displaced animals search for new homes.

"Those critters just don't disappear," said Silvia. "There are coyotes, and all kinds of things in there. A lot of birds and hawks can only live in there, along with snakes and reptiles. Everything. Those that do well here are going to have to go somewhere else — the ones that can make it — because some of them aren't going to make it."

Aside from the wildlife, the property is an active part of the town's water supply.

"This is a part of the Sohier Street Wellfield contribution area," said Silvia. "This is all downhill running right into James Brook."

The Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private organization within the town that purchases ecologically important land within the town, has pledged up to $250,000 for the project.

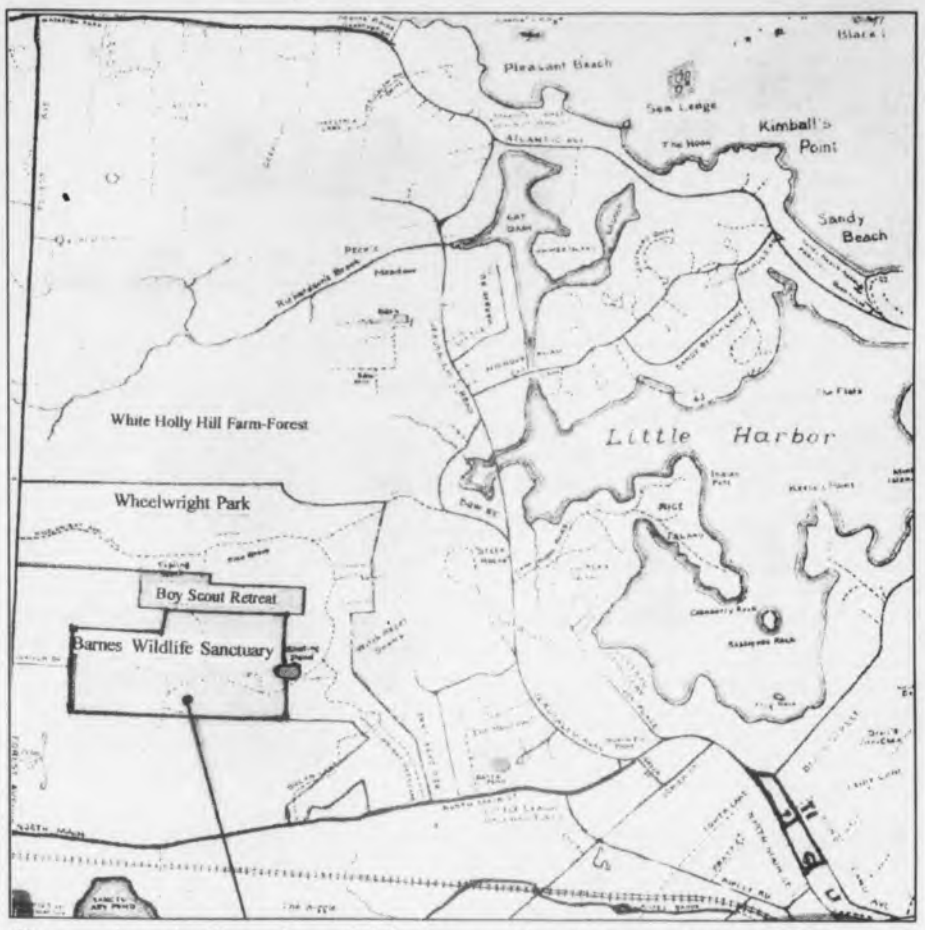
"To demonstrate our commitment to this acquisition, the Trust voted on July 22, 2002 to provided a significant sum towards the purchase price," said Richard J. Avery, treasurer of the organization in a letter to the CPC. "As an outright donation, we will give $100,000. To encourage donations from citizens at large and other groups, we have committed an additional $150,000 to be used as matching funds."

The nine-member board, formed under the Community Preservation Act adopted by the town at the ballot box a year ago utilizes funds from a 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge and state matching funds. According to Michael Buckley, the town finance director, the fund should have about $640,000 by this fall's special Town Meeting, although some of that money has been earmarked for projects approved last spring. The CPC has the ability to bring projects – such as land purchases – directly to the town meeting

Silvia said he began looking into the possibility of the town buying the Barnes property [to be called the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary] after the spring annual Town Meeting. The area is owned by members of the Barnes family, whose father William T. Barnes was Cohasset's long-time, beloved highway surveyor when he died in 1955.

"I had coffee with Merle Brown and Arthur Lehr, who explained that piece of land would be valuable to the town to protect Wheelwright Park and the whole wildlife sanctuary," he recalled. "I looked into it and got pretty involved and got the Barnes (family) to agree to give the town the opportunity to pursue it.

"Failure to purchase the property would cause irreparable hard to the entire forest and our heritage," Silvia added.



This map shows the 32-acre Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary that the Community Preservation Committee hopes the town will purchase. The land is part of a deep forest core habitat of roughly 230 acres.

Under the Community Preservation Act, 10 percent of the monies accumulated in a town's Community Preservation Fund must go toward preserving open space, another 10 percent toward historic preservation, and 10 percent toward community housing. The remaining 70 percent can be spent for any of the above and recreation. Any money in the fund that is not appropriated can be banked for future years. Borrowing is also allowed with payments for interest and principal coming out of the fund, as could be the case with the Barnes property.

At the annual Town Meeting, voters approved the following expenditures from the Community Preservation Fund:

- $150,000 for design work, plans and construction at the historical society's Maritime Museum and Capt. John Wilson House in the village;
- $100,000 to supplement the money the town and Little League will provide to construct two ball fields at the Gavel Pits;
- $600,000 to be borrowed over 15 years to pay for an estimated half the cost of three lots off Beach Street adjacent to Great Brewster Woods.

Mercury contamination in Aaron Reservoir fish

The Mass. Department of Public Health has issued a Public Health Fish Consumption Advisory for the Aaron River Reservoir, because of mercury contamination in fish.

Mercury has not been detected in the water itself, but has gone up the food chain to contaminate the fish.

Children under 12, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and women of childbearing age who may become pregnant should refrain from consuming any fish caught from the Aaron River Reservoir, to prevent exposure to mercury for developing fetuses, nursing infants, and young children.

The general public should not consume any chain pickerel or yellow perch caught from Aaron River Reservoir.

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School project is a slam dunk

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to fully understand. The two venerable old buildings which were approaching the half-century mark were like well-loved, old sofas — still struggling to be comfortable and do the job while dealing with a complete breakdown in infrastructure. Everything from the tiles on the floor, lockers on the walls, heating and wiring systems needed an overhaul in the outdated buildings..

Construction on "new" schools is not finished but certain phases of the construction projects are complete and school will be able to be conducted as work continues in both buildings.

But what will be ready is so spectacular and so much fun in the schools' brand-new wings, that few should mind the inconvenience of going to school in a construction zone for the second year in a row.

Highlights of both schools are the state-of-the-art gymnasiums that will be ready for opening day. That's not to underplay the new, spacious color-coordinated classrooms, computer labs, other welcoming educational areas and new bathrooms, but the architects scored a "slam dunk" with the gymnasiums.

At Deer Hill, it's actually called a "gym-atorium", an air-conditioned full-court gym that can double as an 850-capacity auditorium with a big stage on one side to provide wider viewing area for productions that are sure to spring from many creative imaginations.

"We heard the community say, they wanted more space for performance," says Spofford, who stressed the school projects are "on time and on budget."

Spofford says the town may hold the fall Special Town Meeting at Deer Hill to showcase the facility to the community. The new wing also features a full kitchen for community use. The doors to the corridor leading the rest of the school lock, so community groups such as Summer Playground or basketball teams can use the new wing and not have access to the rest of the building.

At the middle-high school, the Olympic-sized gym will be the envy of other South Shore teams that compete there. The locker and shower rooms are brand new – a far cry from the smelly, "dungeon-like" locker rooms in the basement of the old gym. The new two-story entranceway, which is behind the building and where the buses will drop students off, invites you into a lobby with a grand staircase. The new cafeteria and state-of-the-art kitchen that will prepare food for the town's three schools bears no resemblance to their predecessors. This wing can also be used by the community when school is not in session.

The middle-high school also boasts a TV studio, new music and art rooms. And it will be hard to keep pupils out of Deer Hill's bright, large new library. And the coordinated colors in the corridors and classrooms at Deer Hill change with each wing for the different grades, so the kids will always know where they belong.

The work inside the walls and above the ceilings, although not as thrilling, is all being redone including all the wiring and duct work. Energy-efficient lighting is being installed in both buildings.

"The what is called a gut rehab in this business," says Tempest, who is particularly proud of the masonry work on the exterior old brick, which is being cleaned and ground, a process called "repointing" to look like new.

The middle and high school wings of the middle-high school will be entirely separate, including having separate entrances; the school is laid out so the shared areas are between the two "schools."

Spofford and Tempest know their way around the buildings and are animated when they describe everything from the cafeteria tables and student desks to the colors and material used in the flooring.

But for the "layman," the tour was literally "dizzying." With areas being moved around, torn down and new wings – without guides, it would have been easy to get lost.

But, never mind, the kids and teachers will have no trouble finding their way around after a few hours.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

The new grand staircase at CMHS that leads to the second floor gymnasium, which will be ready for opening day.

Beefing up the fire flows is Water Commission priority

Some small pipe to be replaced

This Fall, the Water Commission will be replacing about 1.2 miles of undersized water pipes throughout Cohasset.

"This $1.55 million project is needed to replace undersized pipes in areas with insufficient fire flows," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "These areas were prioritized based on the existing Capital Improvement Plan for the distribution system and based on recent fire flow tests we conducted throughout the town last fall.

"This work will improve public safety to the town and will result in better water service to our ratepayers," McNabb said.

These projects will also include the installation of 12 new fire hydrants and the replacement of 7 existing fire hydrants, continuing the Water Commission's ongoing fire hydrant replacement program.

RFP's have been issued and the proposals will received and opened at 10 am today (Aug. 15). On Aug. 22, the Water Commission plans to review the proposals and select the contractors for the project. Work will begin after Labor Day and continue through next summer, and includes:

Hammond Ave – replacement of 150 feet of undersized 6-inch pipe with 8-inch ductile iron pipe, installation of 870 feet of new water pipe to create a loop with Locust Road, and drainage improvements to remedy the existing drainage problem between Hammond and Locust Road.

Hobart/Lothrop Lane – replacement of 2,755 feet of undersized pipe with 8-inch ductile iron pipe.

Beechwood Street – replacement of 300 feet of undersized pipes with 8-inch ductile iron pipe and replacement of undersized 6-inch valves with 10-inch valves at the intersection of Beechwood Street and Doane Street that will help improve water pressure and flow on Beechwood Street, Doane Street and Aaron River Road.

Bound Brook Lane – replacement of 525 feet of undersized pipe with 8-inch ductile iron pipe and the installation of a fire hydrant at the end of the street.

Red Gate Lane – replacement of 840 feet of undersized pipe with 8-inch ductile iron pipe.

Sheldon Road – replacement of 540 feet of undersized pipe with 8-inch ductile iron pipe.

Windsor Road and Westgate Lane – replacement of 925 ft. of undersized pipe with 8-inch ductile iron pipe.

Nichols Road – repair/replacement of pipeline across Cat Dam to fix leak and restore distribution loop

The project has been divided into three separate contracts – with Hammond Avenue in one contract (because of the complexities of the associated drainage project), Hobart and Lothrop Lanes in another (because of unique issues for that area), and the remainder in the third contract . "In the Hammond Avenue project," said McNabb, "the Water Department will conduct drainage improvements for the town, which will reimburse the Water Department at the fall Special Town Meeting. We will then use those funds, which came from water revenue, for additional water system improvements."

The Water Commission will also conduct major improvements to the Lily Pond water Treatment Plant.

"In the fall," said McNabb, "we will replace the motors and pumps in the finished water pumps and will install variable frequency drives (VFD's), which will allow the Lily Pond Treatment Plant to produce water continually. Right now the plant can produce finished water only on an intermittent basis, requiring the plant operator to stop and start the pumps to produce water."

"Flow-paced chemical feeds will also be installed at the plant," he said, "which will provide partial automation and more consistent mixture of the treatment chemicals, further improving plant operations."

The funding for these projects came from a $2,000,000 loan that was authorized by the March Annual Town Meeting.

"We were able to afford the principle and interest on this loan without raising the water rates because of our careful management of the Water Department debt and good financial planning," McNabb said.

Since 1994 the Water Commission has rehabilitated more than 12 miles of the 36 miles of water mains in the distribution system, has made numerous improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, and has completed long-range Capital Improvement Plans for the distribution system and treatment plant.

"We also just recently completed a comprehensive Surface Water Supply Protection Plan, which will help guide our efforts over the next ten years for protection of watershed quality," McNabb said.

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Friends try to cope with fatal accident

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Julie and younger brother Dan, somehow got entangled in the line, police said.

Police Officer Brian Curran started CPR at the scene until Cohasset rescue came.

Capt. Mark Trask said when the ambulance arrived, Trendowicz was not breathing. and paramedics tried to revive him and tried to establish a cardiac rhythm with the equipment they carry. MedFlight was called to Milliken Field, where Trendowicz was transported, but a decision was made not to take the youth by helicopter but transport him by ambulance to South Shore Hospital where he later died. It was not clear why the helicopter was not used, but the decision could have been weather-related.

As paramedics heroically tried to revive Trendowicz at the scene, his distraught friends stood by in shock while others pounded the sand with their fists., unable to believe what had occurred. Scituate ambulance was called in to check out one teen who was so overcome with emotion.

Trendowicz, who planned to attend Bentley College, attended the Cohasset Middle School and moved to town from New Jersey when he was in elementary school. He was captain of the B.C. High varsity lacrosse team.

"He was a great captain and a great leader, the kids really respected him," said B.C. High Athletic Director John Bartlett. "He was an excellent lacrosse player, but more importantly, he was a better human being – he was a real terrific kid who also did well academically.

"He was a terrific B.C. High student," Bartlett said. "We are going to miss him, we are all in shock by this devastating news."

Cohasset Middle-High School athletic director Ron Ford describes Trendowicz as a "great kid."

"He participated in my basketball camps and I had him as a student in the middle school," Ford recalled. "Even after he went to B.C. High, he came back to our high school games to support our kids.

"There was always a smile on his face," he said.

Trendowicz also coached other children in the Volunteer Youth Lacrosse League and took part in the Appalachia Service Project, through which he helped build homes for the poor.

Visiting hours are from 4-8 p.m. today (Aug. 15) at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

The Rev. John R. Mulvehill said at 8 p.m., classmates will accompany the body to the church for a prayer service. The funeral mass, with Fr. Mulvehill as celebrant, is 11 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony's Church. There will a reception in the parish center following the service.

"He was a real leader," Fr. Mulvehill said. "Paul affected the lives of many people."

Mulvehill said Trendowicz was active in the campus ministry program at B.C. High, and other members of that program are expected to take part in Friday's service.

Donations in Trendowicz's memory may be sent to Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Dozens of teenagers grieve for their friend Paul "PJ" Trendowicz at Cunningham Bridge on Atlantic Avenue where PJ drowned in a tragic accident Tuesday afternoon.

Although not recently, there have been at least two prior drownings at the bridge, said police, who discourage youths from jumping off, or swimming under, the Cunningham and Border street bridges through frequent patrols.

Useful tips to prevent contracting West Nile Virus this summer

By Carol Britton Meyer
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West Nile Virus (WVN) was detected for the first time this year on the South Shore last month in a dead blue jay in East Weymouth.

State and local health officials are strongly encouraging residents to take precautionary measures even though there has been only one incident involving WNV and humans in the state this year. Health officials believe the Massachusetts woman contracted the virus on a trip out of state.

There is no evidence that a person can get the virus from handling live or infected birds, however, although barehanded contact should be avoided when handling dead animals or birds. Gloves or double plastic bags should be worn.

The virus cannot be transmitted from person to person.

More than 200 dead birds have been tested in Massachusetts this year, with 32 testing positive.

The threat is highest for the elderly and people with chronic diseases.

Fortunately, as nights grow cooler and the first frost arrives, the mosquito population dies off.

But until that time, the health officials caution residents to avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn whenever possible, since that is the time during which mosquitoes are most active.

Long-sleeved shirts and long pants are recommended for those going outside during that period.

Mosquito repellents should contain DEET (the chemical N-Ndiethyl-metatoluamide), following the directions on the label. DEET can be toxic if overused and should never be applied to infants. Repellents with DEET concentrations above 10-15 percent for children and 30-35 percent for adults should be avoided.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has a toll-free information line, 1-868-MASS WNV (627-7968), to facilitate the reporting and collection of dead birds. Information on WNV, personal protection measures, and pesticide information is also provided.

The culex species of mosquitoes, which breeds in stagnant water in containers, gutters, bird baths, discarded tires, trash cans, and untreated swimming pools, is believed to be the biggest transmitter of WNV.

The culex species thrives in water drainage systems, particularly in storm drains, catch basins, and sewage treatment facilities.

To avoid breeding mosquitoes of any type, homeowners are advised to eliminate standing water around the home or in the neighborhood. Mosquitoes will breed in any puddle or standing water that remains for more than four days.

The board of health also recommends other ways individuals can prevent mosquito bites and providing conditions that could lead to mosquito breeding. Those include:

- Fixing holes in screens and making sure they are tightly attached to all doors and windows;
- Disposing of or regularly emptying any metal cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, bird baths, children's pools, trash cans, and any other outside water-holding containers;
- Paying special attention to discarded tires, which are common places for mosquitoes to breed;
- Drilling holes in recycling containers left outdoors to allow them to drain;
- Turning over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use; and
- Keeping swimming pools clean and properly chlorinated and removing standing water from pool covers.

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Cohasset resident **Sarah J. MacDonald** received a degree in business administration and management from Boston University this past spring.

DEAN'S LIST

Nataliia Perova of Cohasset has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Suffolk University. Congratulations on a job well done.

GRIDIRON CLUB BOOK

The Cohasset Gridiron Club members efforts are underway to put together the Cohasset Skippers Football program book for the "2002" season. The goal of the Gridiron Club is to promote, stimulate, and advance interest in the sport of football. With these ideas in mind, the program book with ads from the merchants and friends support the team as well as the scholarship program. The Club recognizes the continued generosity and support from the business patrons, friends, and parents. If you would like to place an ad in this years book, please contact **Don Davis** (383-6367), **Rick Grassie** (383-1334), or **Dennis Dooley** (383-6448). Your ad is a tax deductible contribution.

We are all proud of our South Shore League Championship players, and look forward to another great season!

PHOTO/LYNNE LAYMAN

John Flanagan, Elsa Miller, Anna Abbruzzese and Nancy Anderson enjoy the fundraiser at Bernard's for the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research.

ART CLASSES

The South Shore Art Center located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset is getting ready for the fall season and has announced its course offerings. You can find classes for children, adults and families at all different times throughout the week. Make sure to read about the classes offered in this week's paper and give them a call at 781-383-ARTS or go on its Web site at www.ssac.org

SUMMER READING

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library completed its summer series for children this past Tuesday with a wonderful performance by the Activated Storytellers. **Mrs. Moody** would like for all participants who have *successfully* completed their summer reading goal in the Star Spangled Summer at Your Library program to drop off their reading logs in the box provided in the Children's Room. Please make sure your name and phone number is on the outside of your reading log!

FORMULA ONE

Garrett Canney son of **Barb & John Canney**; and **Nicole Robbins**, daughter of **Wayne & Pam Robbins**, completed their Spring League, each receiving a trophy in race car driving! Garrett came in third, Nicole in fourth, with only 2 points separating them!

Nicole and Garrett are now competing in the summer league which includes races, on the individual tracks, the joint track and the outdoor track, at the new F-1 facility in Bridgewater.

Wayne & Nicole, "The Racing Robbins" competed in the Father's Day F-1 Challenge, where kids competed against each other and Dads against Dads. The Robbins Family had a great day! Wayne finished third among the dad's, which was great considering he lost 2 points for a brief stop in the penalty box for rough racing!

STUDENT RESEARCH CENTER

The Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research (CCSCR) Benefit Luncheon on Aug. 5 drew a large, enthusiastic crowd at Bernard's Restaurant.

The funds raised will go towards the renovation of the Hagerty House on Parker Avenue. Cohasset will soon have a student research center as approved by the selectmen last week. This is certainly an exciting time for this endeavor!

HONORS GRADUATE

Genevra Blake MacPhail recently earned a bachelor of arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Vermont. Among the top one percent in a class of 1,000, she graduated summa cum laude.

With a major in English and a minor in psychology, MacPhail qualified for the dean's list every semester, twice received the Class of 1940 Scholarship, and was inducted into several honor societies. In her junior year, she tied for first place in a poetry contest sponsored by the Academy of American Poets. Her off-campus work included a volunteer position with The Vermont Children's Magazine and an internship with the National Writers' Union Vermont Local.

MacPhail was born in Bar Harbor, Maine and grew up in Johnson, Vt., Granville, Ohio and in Cohasset. She is the daughter **Rosamond Blake** of Brattleboro, Vt. and **Angus MacPhail** of Hebron, Ohio; stepdaughter of **Sarah Crane** of Columbus, Ohio; and granddaughter of **Benjamin Blake** of Boston, **Mimi Holmes** of North Weymouth, and **Joan MacPhail** of Portsmouth, N.H.

Currently at The Edinburgh Festival Fringe serving as publicity intern for Firefly Productions' "Fish Dancing," MacPhail will pursue a career in writing and journalism upon her return from Scotland.

GO BLUE!

What do you get when you mix skill, hard work, dedication, teamwork, and fun? You get the eight-year-old "Cohasset Blue" all-star summer baseball team! After a fabulous 6-1-1 record in the Braintree National Friendship Summer League regular season, they beat two competitive teams from Braintree in the playoffs to end up playing their rival Whitman in the South Division Championship game. After a very tight game that came right down to the last inning, Cohasset lost to Whitman 6-4.

The "Cohasset Blue" team, their families, and coaches **Mike Kearney, Kevin Lewis, Doug McNary, Bill Allard,** and "team helper" **Lindsey Allard**, had loads of fun traveling around the South Shore in search of ball fields, playgrounds (to entertain younger siblings), take-out food restaurants, and ice cream stands. This extraordinary team was eager, determined, and dedicated to learning and experiencing the competitive game of baseball. They can't wait for another exciting season next summer!

Genevra Blake MacPhail

The players were: **Patrick Kearney, Patrick Lewis, Christian Allard, Jamie Timothy, EJ Culhane, Christopher Carpenter, Mitchell McNary, Dean McNary, Nate Brown, Dan Barnes,** and **Vinny Calorio**.

That is all for this week. I hope that everyone continues to enjoy the summer and that you are all finding ways to stay cool and enjoy all the "little things" that happen on a day-to-day basis. Make sure to send me all your news, events and photos no later than Mondays at noon.

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Nicole takes the controls at F-1 Bridgewater.

Wayne and Nicole, "the Racing Robbins."

Cohasset Blue All-Star Team with their coaches Doug McNary, Mike Kearney and Bill Allard (not shown Kevin Lewis). Players in the front row, are from left, Dan Barnes, Christian Allard, Mitchell McNary, E.J. Culhane, Christopher Carpenter and Patrick Kearney. Back row, Patrick Lewis, Vinny Calorio, Dean McNary, Nate Brown and Jamey Timothy.

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Sailing Club appeals to all ages

Intergenerational race is Sunday

On Sunday, Aug. 18 from 5-8 p.m., the Cohasset Sailing Club will conduct the final race in its Stanton adult/junior racing series for parents or senior family members crewing for their children at the helm, just outside Cohasset Harbor.

Traditionally known for its children's program, CSC's adult programs have ballooned in size during the past two seasons. The most dynamic changes occurred in the one-third increase in classroom students and in the doubling of racers, particularly in the Stanton Series.

"The program provides a critical link between the adult and children's programs. A child skippers the boat while the parent crews," says Stanton Series coordinator Jim Porter. "We are now expanding the Stanton series to include those members and children who are at the entry point in the racing experience."

Porter crews for his son, Nate, a seventh-grader. The younger Porter represents a third generation of Porter participants in the series.

Vice Commodore Bob Cunningham leads the adult side of the club operations. According to Cunningham, "We have responded administratively to the up-tick in popularity."

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—Jim Porter,
Stanton Series coordinator

The adult classes have received a serious "makeover" this year, especially at the intermediate level. Commodore Bob Deutsch has engaged long-time South Shore racer and Cohasset resident Jack Keniley to energize the advanced training. Keniley is a self-described "boat rat" who grew up sailing in Scituate and now races for the Cohasset Yacht Club.

Matt McLaughlin stands at the intersection of the kids' and adult programs. During the weekday he fills the role of Head Instructor for the youngsters. He also teaches the beginner class for adults, a classroom populated with parents whose children Matt oversees during the daytime program.

Veteran Mass. Bay sailor Bill Everett of Norwell has also been hired to monitor boat safety and movement during the weekend free sailing period.

The adult sailing classes have stimulated another area of growth; a new group of middle-aged sailors who have joined the racing events held every weekend in Cohasset Harbor. Tom Shaughnessey, himself a former student of the sailing club's adult program, directs the logistics for these individuals, who have opted to make sailboat racing a summer passion.

Jack Keniley, instructor of the Adult Intermediate Class at the Cohasset Sailing Club, demonstrates the finer points of sail.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Chisholm - Sarazen wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Chisholm, Jr.

Christina Maria Sarazen, daughter of Christine M. Sarazen of New York City and Richard A. Sarazen of Windham, N.Y. was married to John Kenneth Chisholm, Jr., son of Susan R. Chisholm and the late John K. Chisholm of Wellesley Hills on August 26, 2000.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Theodore M. Horwith and Hazel (Sundling) Horwith of San Fernando, Calif. She is also the granddaughter of the late Nicholas Sarazen and Anna (Isacco) Sarazen of Valley Stream, N.Y.

The groom is the grandson of Dorothea (Cunningham) Chisholm and the late Harold K. Chisholm of Wellesley Hills and North Scituate. He is also the grandson of Mary (Groden) Reardon and the late Norbert V. Reardon, Jr. of Cohasset.

The Nuptial Mass was officiated by the Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Lind, Pastor at St. Paul's Church in Wellesley. The Mass was followed by a dinner reception at The Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston.

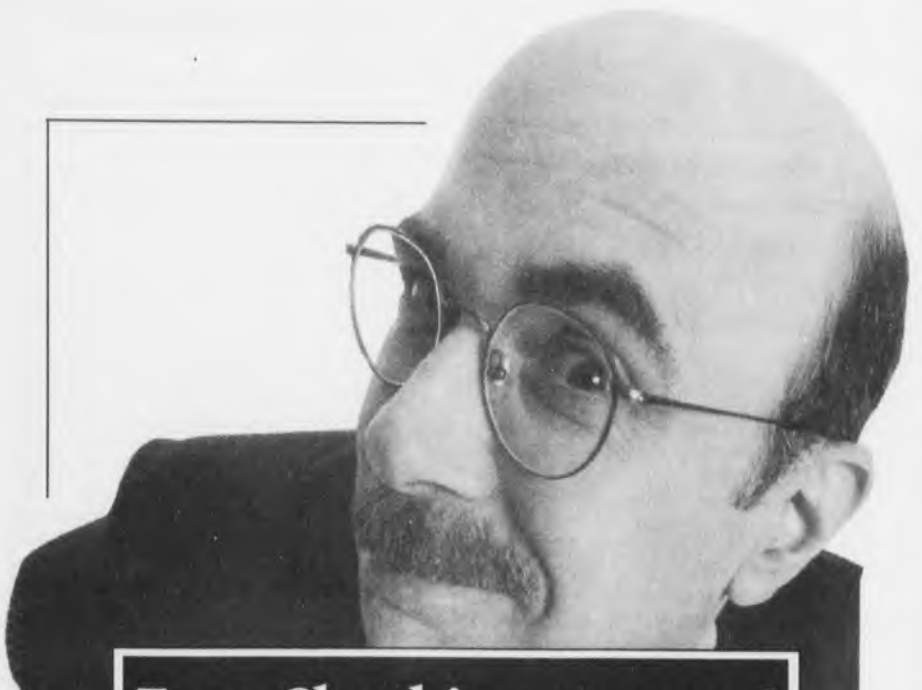
Given in marriage by her father, Richard A. Sarazen, the bride was attended by her sister, Andrea M. Sarazen of New York City as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Kristen C. Fisher of West Hartford, Conn., sister of the groom, Carolyn J. Anderson of Miami, Fla., Elizabeth N. Brooks of Boston, Marissa L. Goodman and Tsering Tamang, both of New York City.

J. Alexander P. Cook of Brighton served as the groom's best man. Ushers included Matthew T. Fehm of South Boston, Christopher Mullen of Newton, Ryan Parmele of Brighton, Todd J. Proia of Belmont and Thomas W. Sibley of Brookline.

The bride, a graduate of the Riverdale County School in Riverdale, N.Y., received her bachelor of science degree in business and government from Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Currently, she is employed as property manager for Equity Office Properties in Boston.

The groom, a graduate of Wellesley High School, received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Northeastern University in Boston. He is employed as a marketing product specialist in the Institutional Retirement Services Group with Mass Financial Services in Boston.

After a wedding trip to Spain, the Chisholms are at home in Hingham.



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Leaks in balloon festival

This weekend's Tedeschi Li'l Peach balloon festival at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station never quite soared the way many folks anticipated. The main attraction — the hot air balloons themselves — didn't live up to expectations.

And that has the critics saying as a balloon festival the event was a bust.

Clearly, if the first festival is to become an annual one, many changes will have to be made. But let's start with the most obvious — the lack of balloon time. Opening night on Friday at least featured a limited number of colorful balloons attempting to make the ascension at dusk. A few, including the impressive Continental Airlines balloon, actually flew over the crowd to provide some excitement. By and large, however, the ascension Friday was a disappointment in that there weren't even near the 60 balloons touted by organizers. It was more like 15 or 20, but they did put on a colorful show, albeit, a brief one.

Judging from the feedback we've received in recent days — and it is significant — Friday's showing was far more spectacular than anything people saw on Saturday and Sunday.

Howard Freeman, executive producer of the event for the New Jersey-based company hosting the show, acknowledges there was clear disappointment at the lack of balloon sightings. But, he says, that's not necessarily because so few went up. In fact, he shows figures where balloons did go up and should have been viewed for each ascension over the weekend. His team is already reworking plans for next year, including changing the sight line for the launching. He's convinced the Naval Air Station is a workable site and the company can provide better viewing for future balloon ascensions.

We're pleased that issue, along with a host of others pointed out by people, are being addressed. The organizers already have plans to enhance parking (with more lights and a shuttle bus on the lot), increase education on the weather and its impact on ballooning, and smoothing out traffic issues.

But there is one thing they can't control — the wind and weather.

All the other elements which created for a less than desirable showing for some of the 92,000 people who went to the three-day weekend should all be ironed out in time for next year. We appreciate that the organizers have candidly and with forthrightness acknowledged some of the glaring problems. They are committed to this site for two more years and the sponsors, Tededschi and Li'l Peach, are on board for five years.

It's hard to answer all the critics, but clearly organizers know after this first event that the festival needs serious fine-tuning. People expected a lot for the money they paid to enter the event and to park.

The festival, however, despite the lack of balloon air time, did provide its share of amusement and entertainment. Susan Tedeschi, Hall and Oates and K.C. and the Sunshine Band got the place rocking and the crowds enjoyed the concerts. The amusement rides and food vendors, although pricey, offered plenty of family fun.

Without those balloons, though, it was just another county fair and organizers have a lot riding on making sure that sentiment isn't the case in the future. As the media sponsor, we at Community Newspaper Company will do our part to highlight the successes and challenges so the balloon festival is a South Shore event not to miss.

GREENBUSH QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How long is the train trip from Cohasset?

Trip time from the Cohasset Station to South Station is 43 minutes. Service is expected to start June 30, 2005.

Other travel times are as follows: Quincy Center (15 minutes.); Weymouth Landing (22), East Weymouth (28), West Hingham (33), Nantasket Junction (39), North Scituate (51) and Greenbush (59).

If you have a Greenbush construction question that others may be interested in, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com or call the Greenbush hotline at 781-682-6350..

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rec says thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Recreation Department will soon conclude another summer of services for children and adults.

The Recreation Department and staff wish to thank the many individuals and families who participated in a multitude of programs, events and activities during the summer as well as over the past years.

We are also indebted to many other town departments and individuals who have lent their time, effort and experience in support of our services. Without their day to day help, the success of our programs would be severely compromised.

Thank you to Mark Haddad, Town Manager; Bob Egan, Building Commissioner; Joe Cochran and Derek Lincoln, Maintenance Division—DPW; Carl Sistito, DPW Superintendent; Andy Swanson, Tree, Park and Cemetery Division—DPW; Steve Wigmore, Electrical Inspector; the Cohasset School Department, Dr. Ted Malvey, the superintendent, administrative and custodial staffs of the school department.

Our very sincere thanks to the Cohasset Police Department, Bob Jackson, Chief of Police and the Cohasset Police Association for their magnanimous efforts and donations keeping our summer safe as well as fun. Thanks also to the Cohasset Fire Department, Roger Lincoln, Fire Chief for their support and involvement with the children and programs.

David Wadsworth is thanked for providing our Playground Program youngsters with tours of our Maritime Museum.

Thank you to Kenny Thayer who spoke with the children at Playground and brought his race cars for the kids to see.

We thank Linda Farrag, R.N., for providing our staff with CPR training. Also, we thank Rachel McElroy for her water-safety seminar.

In addition, thank you to Cohasset Plaza Liquors, Shaw's and Stop & Shop Supermarkets for their donations to the Playground Program's annual barbeque.

At the risk of missing anyone who has supported our efforts, as the list is long each year, we offer both apology and sincere gratitude.

John M. Worley, Director
Cohasset Recreation Commission

Avalon Express

TO THE EDITOR:

The Avalon Express has pulled into town with their visions of how our future and town should be.

Using all the right words and useful organizational principles to get their vision across to all of us town-folk. Similar to the traveling salesman of long ago. Pull the wagon into towns to sell their medicine to cure all our pains, but just left a bad taste in your mouth.

We are dealing with a business, whose business is to develop, redevelop and acquire land to manage luxury apartment complexes not housing that is affordable.

We already have a percentage of housing, why not take back our property and offer a preference to the citizens of Cohasset.

Along with our town officials and local builders, build traditional two family houses that look and feel like the Town of Cohasset. This will bring our percentage up to the fair housing standards and we will be in charge of our own future.

I feel we have stepped over the line of "politically correct."

We as a community should get together and work on a solution for the citizens who live in this town that do not own property but live here because it is home.

M. Hart
Hill Street

Benefit was big success

TO THE EDITOR:

On Monday, Aug. 5, a Benefit Luncheon was held at Bernard's Restaurant to support the establishment of the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research (CCSCR).

As the organizers of this event, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to those in the community that made this fundraiser such a success.

Thank you Bernard and Sheila O'Neil of Bernard's for the use of your restaurant, and the preparation of a fabulous meal. Our thanks also goes to Dunkin' Donuts at Cohasset Plaza for their kind donation to our benefit. Our special guest speaker, Mark Hall of Newbury Hypnotherapy, created a relaxed atmosphere for the luncheon; his lecture was a generous contribution to our worthy cause.

We are very pleased that the selectmen gave their approval to the CCSCR, and hope all those that participated are proud they were a part of it.

Tomi Bukowski
Olga Nohe
Jamie Williams

HEALTH NOTES

Will suing solve our obesity problems?

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Obesity! Sue the perpetrators.

Well, we've finally found something to do with the excessive numbers of lawyers our vaunted education system has produced! In a sort of convoluted process, the bastion of freedom and choice has developed a process for combating our modern destroyers: Tobacco and obesity. We all know how dangerous tobacco is, and we're wiping it out by charging $5.20 per pack and a lot of other activity principally begun by the legal system. Overweight and obese individuals (Body Mass Index of 25 and above) are at increased risk for physical ailments such as

- High blood pressure, hypertension
- High blood cholesterol, dyslipidemia
- Type 2 (non-insulin dependent) Diabetes
- Insulin resistance, glucose intolerance
- Hyperinsulinemia
- Coronary heart disease
- Angina pectoris
- Congestive heart failure
- Stroke
- Gallstones
- Cholescystitis and cholelithiasis
- Gout
- Osteoarthritis
- Obstructive sleep apnea and respiratory problems
- Some types of cancer (such as endometrial, breast, prostate, and colon)
- Complications of pregnancy
- Poor female reproductive health (such as menstrual irregularities, infertility, irregular ovulation)
- Bladder control problems (such as stress incontinence)
- Uric acid nephrolithiasis
- Psychological disorders (such as depression, eating disorders, distorted body image, and low self esteem).

So, what do we do about it? We sue McDonald's, Burger King, The Colonel, and everyone who dares to produce a french-fry. (which makes up much of the vegetable matter consumed in the U.S.)

And we'll have legions of lawyers battling fast food purveyors with their advertising clout. In a recent article, the American Restaurant Association said: "All of this finger-pointing assumes that Americans have no self-control over what (or how much food) they put into their mouths. Is it true then that people today cannot control the foods they eat? Is it the responsibility of restaurants to compensate for this loss of control by limiting food choices for their customers by banning large portions?"

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' report "Healthy People 2010" states "the development of obesity is a complex result of a variety of social, behavioral, cultural, environmental, physiological and genetic factors."

Let's face it, prepared food tastes good, and it's relatively cheap. If we didn't have it, we would have to prepare food for ourselves; we might prepare less, and maybe healthier. At least the stuff I prepare seldom tastes as good as what I get when we go out, and I therefore eat less. A form of self restraint?

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Summer sampler: A landlubber's journal

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

Each day we die a little more;
Stale custom takes its toll:
It is the Unexpected Thing
That brings life to the soul.
— Harry Kemp

I was reading an interview with one of my favorite writer/naturalists, Robert Finch, in which he talked about seeing "deliberately." Such a gift, he said, does not just happen, but is something that is acquired over time, with practice, with deliberateness if you will.

After years of accidental encounters with nature and hours thumbing through field guides in the hopes of making identifications, I'm beginning to understand the developmental process Mr. Finch speaks about. Like intimacy or conversation, developing an "eye" is a learned behavior. As I read Mr. Finch's words I can't help but be reminded of one of my favorite baseball quotes. In his book, "Ball Four," Jim Bouton noted that "You spend a good piece of your life gripping a baseball and in the end it turns out that it was the other way around all the time." It seems to be that way with nature, too. One day you realize that you can't *not* be looking, can't *not* be fascinated. The more you discover, the more you want and need to discover. Nature's delicate, beautiful, mysterious moments have you utterly in their grip.

And the moments are everywhere, little moments that enrich a day, that bring life to the soul. I've been spellbound this summer looking into the mesmerizing golden eyes of the great horned owls at the New England Wildlife Center. Now, there's a creature who sees deliberately. Back in the spring, I had spent an afternoon at World's End observing the great horned owlet who was fast becoming the talk of the town, something of a local celebrity. No fewer than eight people had implored me to get over to World's End to see it for myself. The day of my visit mother owl was across the dirt road, perched high in a pine keeping an eye on things. I waited patiently — watching through binoculars as the owlet watched me and flexed its impressive feathered toes and enormous fanned wings — hoping that mother might swoop over and join her offspring, but she never did.

On my way back to the car, one of the rangers mentioned that a second owlet, who had fallen from the tree, had been taken to the Wildlife Center. Curious to know how it was faring, I drove to the center and was introduced to not one owlet, but four. Their penetrating yellow eyes, set in the front of cat-like faces, watched my every move. They hissed and clacked. Normally secretive and silent, owls, including the great horned, are rarely seen, but here, in Hingham, we have the opportunity to stand face to face, separated only by a wire fence, and experience their mystery.

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It has been a summer of interesting bird experiences. All around the yard I've been finding delicate bits of cast-off egg shell balanced atop blades of grass. Red-winged blackbirds, harbingers of spring and common around marshes and swamps have, for the first time, been regular visitors to my feeders. On the other hand, starlings, an introduced species whose aggression and boldness have been detrimental to native species, have always flocked to my feeders. Little did the flock realize that on one seemingly quiet afternoon danger was lurking. Were it not for my cat, I would have missed the dramatic (indeed traumatic) event that was about to unfold. My cat was in his stalking mode and I, curious to see what he had in his sights, quietly approached just in time to see a sharp-shinned hawk glide in and pick up a young starling. Tenacious hunters and fast and maneuverable fliers, sharp-shinned hawks, small woodland hawks measuring less than a foot in length, feed on small birds and often frequent backyard feeders in search of prey.

With the squealing starling in his talons, the hawk lifted off, flew over my lilacs and set down in the middle of Hobart Street where it readjusted its catch before again taking off. I followed the hawk into my neighbor's yard where it again landed and, perhaps distracted by my presence, momentarily loosened its grip on the starling who seized the opportunity and flew away. The hawk retreated to a tree limb, no doubt cursing my interference.

While that small drama was a unique moment in the backyard pageant, the presence of small, circular depressions in the dirt in my flower beds had been a recurring mystery. For weeks, every morning I was finding the dirt mussed and scattered and I assumed that one of the night creatures was, again, foraging for my gladiola bulbs. Last year, all of my bulbs had been unearthed several times over the course of the summer. That mystery was solved when I discovered that the skunks had been digging for the bone meal. This year's evidence, however, was not so much digging as it was disruption. I would have remained stymied had I not glanced out a side window one morning and spied a flock of house sparrows "splashing" about in the dirt. Turns out that "dirt baths" are the sparrows' way of ridding their feathers of fleas and mites.

It was not too many days later when, going about my business depositing my light bill in the box outside of Town Hall, I spotted a sprightly bird, with plover-like features and an insistent call, on the front lawn. I approached, hoping to get a better view, only to frighten it away, up and over Town Hall toward Cronin Field. Still, I saw enough to be able to identify it by its black breast bands and distinctive orange rump as a killdeer.

Not an uncommon bird, though its classification as an "upland shorebird" seems to be a contradiction in terms, this plover of fields and pastureland nests in a shallow depression on rocky or sandy ground and aggressively defends its nest by displaying its orange rump and dragging a wing as it flutters along the ground, usually making enough commotion to lead predators away from the nest.

Not long after my own sighting, one of the area newspapers reported that a killdeer had built a nest and laid a brood of four eggs in the parking lot of a Scituate golf course. Curious onlookers were being kept at bay by flapping wings, a thrusting beak and agitated calls. Not a week later, I had the pleasure of spotting still another killdeer on the playing fields on Beal Street and I got to wondering if I might finally be learning to see, getting the hang of seeing "deliberately."

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Swift housing bill veto is underrated

STATHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Analysis and recap of the week in state government ending Aug. 9

Lame duck or not, Jane Swift wielded more power last week than she ever has as governor — and probably ever will again.

The most misunderstood fact about the Legislature outside the building (other than that they're not all useless or crooks) is that the House and Senate didn't go out of session. They'll meet twice a week and pass scores of less-controversial items, with disputes settled off the public stage, until the session truly ends on Dec. 31. But formal sessions, when debate and roll call votes are allowed, did end on July 31st.

With the House and Senate out of formal sessions, Swift was free to veto any of the 86 bills that sat on her desk as the week began. Since roll call votes can only be held in formal sessions, she was free to kill anything she didn't like simply by declaring: "I veto this." Unlike the situation with budget vetoes two weeks ago, there is no opportunity for the Legislature to restore legislation she rejects. She enjoys this extraordinary power until the end of December — but this week is the last time she'll wield it over bills passed on roll calls after debate.

As the week ended, speculation remained rampant over what she'd do about arguably the most significant piece of work of the 182nd Legislature — legislation designed to create affordable housing in communities where town leaders don't want it.

For a long period of time this year, it appeared no compromise could be reached on legislation designed to mollify suburban representatives, who've seen more and more new developments approved in their communities without local consent, under a law designed to prevent towns from blocking new affordable housing.

But just as the session ended, the House and Senate passed a bill saying that communities with too few affordable units in their borders wouldn't have to accept developments they didn't like — if they could prove they had made their own plans to increase the affordable housing stock by half a percent in any given year.

The acting governor was said to believe the half a percent mark was too low — that developers would stop trying to build affordable units because they'd have to wait too long for approval of their projects. If she vetoed the bill, she would be preserving a status quo abhorrent to many suburban representatives, and the whole battle will have to be repeated next session. Most housing advocates wanted her to sign the legislation.

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Nevertheless She vetoed the measure (Saturday) although that won't get the attention her babies or budget cuts or mode of transportation did. But it could be the last decision she makes with a really long-term, significant impact. It might be the most important of her career.

Attention will now turn in earnest to the question of who will replace her, what the people hoping to succeed her are like, and what they would try to do with the power she held for such a short time. Swift's status as CEO of the state made a lot of news this week. She announced no vetoes, but signed dozens of measures into law.

- The acting governor said a bill passed two weeks ago by the House and Senate will move immigrants out of bilingual classes more quickly while giving them the English skills they need to succeed. The law limits students to three years in bilingual ed - unlike the one year limit in an anti-bilingual question now heading for the ballot. The bill Swift signed sets up new mechanisms to measure student performance in bilingual classes, and gives school districts options for choosing educational models, but sponsors of the ballot question said the new law preserves too much of the status quo.
- Besides the bilingual bill, Swift put her signature on close to 40 other laws, many of them routine land takings or approving actions at the local level, but some granting broader rights, such as a measure allowing farmers to sell their home-brewed beer on Sunday and a new law allowing firefighters to monitor 911 calls.
- The world-famous rehabilitation hospital in Boston will receive the right to buy the site of the old Nashua Street Registry building, acting Gov. Swift and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino announced Wednesday. The hospital had been pursuing legal action versus the state along several avenues, all related to hospital land takings by the state for the Big Dig. Hospital officials see the Nashua St. site as critical to Spaulding's strategy to grow while remaining in Boston.
- Mass. Insight and the New England Economic Project reported a 17 point drop in consumer confidence in July. While respondents are optimistic about future growth, they said they don't feel good about current economic conditions - and analysts said that pessimism could lead to cautious spending and contribute to a "double dip" recession.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has found the Mass. Port Authority and 10 bus companies guilty of violating federal clean air rules banning busses from idling more than five minutes. The companies and authority face fines of up $27,500 for allowing busses to idle at South Station and Logan Airport. MassPort was cited for a natural gas bus, but it's diesel fumes that do the real damage, EPA says - they've been linked to asthma in the inner city.
- The activist groups who think the House Speaker sabotaged the Clean Elections system and runs the House too autocratically announced a campaign in 18 legislative districts in which they'll try to put non-binding questions on the ballot advising reps to vote to remove the speaker next January. Finneran had no comment.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

Wordsmiths?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I had a dentist in New York who had an office off Park Avenue and bills to match. He never put a filling in my teeth, he did a "restoration." I didn't feel pain while he worked in my mouth, I experienced "discomfort." Neither word made me feel any better.

I don't remember the dentists name but I wish I did because the syndrome seems to have spread across the country where otherwise rational people have succumbed to the practice of demonizing words that have been part of the language since it was invented.

Just the other day I heard about some folks who were out protesting the use of the word "adopt," as in "adopt-a-highway," the practice by some organizations of picking up the trash and mowing the grass on certain sections of state highway.

I heard about some folks who were out protesting the use of the word "adopt," as in "adopt-a-highway."

They'd rather see the word reserved for the adoption of orphans and not plastered on signs which offend them at intervals along the presumably well-kept roads. "When I see the current signs, I feel odd and strange that highways get more attention than real children who are waiting to get adopted," according to a letter from a teen-ager received by Keith Chaney, associate commissioner of the Mass Highway Department. I learned of this assault on Webster's dictionary about the same time I received word that Oddsocks Productions of London has dropped the classic "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," from its repertoire and has substituted "The Bellringer of Notre Dame."

"We have not changed the novel in any way," producer Elli Mackenzie is quoted as telling the Daily Mirror of London reassuringly, "we simply felt changing the title would cause less offense to people."

The novel, incidentally, has been "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" since Victor Hugo wrote it in 1831 and nobody noticed the offense. The City Council in Los Angeles, where the good folks "adopt" dogs from the local pound, has joined the popular trend and is considering "adopting" the terms "pet guardians" in place of "pet owners" for those who have animals in their care or custody, whichever name fits. (Note the clever use of the proscribed word.)

"It (the change) will raise consciousness about the relationship on the part of people who are inclined to view their animal companions as disposable goods," said Elliot Katz, director of the group called "In Defense of Animals." "If a pet can have a guardian, then the guardian can be removed for not doing his job, and any other guardian can be appointed to speak for the pet," said Richard Clapp, associate dean of the law school at nearby Pepperdine University.

So you can see what we're letting ourselves in for. "When I use a word," said Humpty Dumpty to Alice, "it means just what I choose it to mean, neither more nor less." "The question is," Alice replied, "whether you can make words mean so many different things." "The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master, that's all."

POLITICAL NOTES

Palmer campaigns at Heritage Days

Nathaniel Palmer, running for state representative for Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and North Scituate, spent the weekend meeting with families at Scituate Heritage Days, joining Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz as the only local candidates with former participation in the event.

The Palmer campaign dedicated the entire weekend to the event, where the Nathaniel Palmer and his family setup a voter information booth to provide assistance on the impact of the recent redistricting involving Scituate, whereby Precinct 3 joins with the towns of Cohasset, Hingham and Hull to form the 3rd Plymouth District.

Among those issues Palmer found are concern over the recent tax hike, the need for more mitigation resources for the expansion of the Greenbush line, as well as the pending 'Walden Woods' project on the Stenbeck property and the implications this has for local zoning issues.

Supporters of Palmer will host a coffee at Bancroft Hall in the former Lightkeeper's Residence on Cohasset Harbor, where honored guests will include former State Representative Mary Jeanette Murray. The event will be held on Aug. 21 beginning at 7:30pm in the evening. For more information contact: Nancy O'Toole at 781-383-1547, Lucia Woods at 781-383-0152 or Barbara Dillon at 781-383-0025.

LeClair opens offices

Amid increased campaign momentum, the LeClair State Senate Committee announced the dates for the opening of two new offices in the Plymouth-Norfolk District and invited area residents to attend opening-day receptions to commemorate the campaign's advance into a new phase in the march to November.

Office opening events will take place in the Weymouth office, located at 86 Pond St., from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Aug. 10 and in the Cohasset office, located at 828 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A), from 5:30-7:30pm on Thursday, Aug. 15. All residents are invited to attend the opening receptions, meet Ted LeClair and learn more about the campaign.

"The new offices in Weymouth and Cohasset will provide much needed space for our volunteer operations and help launch us into an exciting new phase of this campaign," said LeClair. "As I talk to more and more residents throughout Plymouth-Norfolk I'm finding a consensus that we can do more for our District and I believe my experience demonstrates I am the best person for the job."

Meet Herzfelder event scheduled

A family lawn party to meet Bruce Herzfelder, Republican candidate for state Treasurer, will be held Saturday, Aug. 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the home of Jeff and Barbara Power, 74 Beach St., Cohasset.

Musical entertainment will be provided by New York Congressman Amo Houghton (Amo & the Swing Voters) on the drums, Eddie Madden on the keyboard and Bill Stout on the clarinet.

Casual dress, campaign contributions appreciated.

RSVP: Lauren Bylinski, 617-638-3052.

Annual GOP cookout

The Annual Cohasset Republican Town Committee Cook-out will take place this year on Sunday, Aug. 25 from 4:30 p.m. till dusk. Save the date to come and meet the Republican Candidates running for office in this year's elections. This event will be held at the seaside home of the Guild's in Cohasset so that you can enjoy, good food, ocean breezes and conversations with the candidates. Tickets are $25/person. Send your checks to the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, c/o George Watts, 76 Nichols Road, Cohasset, MA 02025. For further details contact Julie Guild (781-383-6443) or Polly Logan (781-383-0031).

OBITUARIES

John Paul McCarthy

Accomplished mariner and educator

John Paul McCarthy of Cohasset, a retired oceanographic manufacturer's representative, died Aug. 6, 2002 at his home following a long illness.

Born in Quincy, Mr. McCarthy graduated from Weymouth schools and lived in Cohasset for many years.

He was a veteran of the Korean War having served with the U.S. Navy.

Mr. McCarthy worked for Raytheon Co. and EG&G, Inc. before starting his own business as a manufacturer's representative in Cohasset. His business specialized in oceanographic and military electronics.

He was a graduate of Georgetown University where he was Commodore of the sailing club.

He was a member of the Marine Technology Society and the Antique and Classic Boat Festival committee.

Mr. McCarthy was an accomplished sailor and was awarded trophies from regattas in Quincy, Marblehead and Cohasset. He was an active member and former instructor of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

He enjoyed model trains, music and woodwork.

He leaves his wife, Mary McCarthy; his son, John F. "Jeff" McCarthy of Williston, Vt.; his daughter, Patricia M. Maynard of Antrim, N.H.; his mother, Rose McCarthy of Braintree; a brother, Peter McCarthy of Merrimac; a sister, Janet McCarthy of Cambridge; and his five grandchildren. He was the son of the late Leo McCarthy.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 9 in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Holy Family Cemetery in Rockland.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mr. McCarthy's memory to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1311 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, N.Y. 10605; or to the Cohasset Sailing Club, 19 Lighthouse Road, Cohasset 02025.

Jane A. Greene

Jane Ahr Greene, 82, of Cohasset, a retired nurse, died Aug. 10, 2002, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Cohasset.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Mrs. Greene was educated in Buffalo public schools and Cornell University. During her college years, she was lead vocalist for a big band.

She graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in 1942.

Mrs. Greene lived in West Virginia after World War II and later moved to Auburn, Maine.

She worked for many years as a nurse for her husband's medical practice in Maine.

She was active with her children in both 4H and Scouts; was a ski instructor at Lost Valley for many years; and was also an avid tennis player.

Mrs. Greene performed in many productions of Community Little Theater in Auburn and was known for her comedic style and singing voice.

She was a strong supporter of many animal welfare and environmental organizations, and for many years was an active member of the Women's Auxiliary of Central Maine General Hospital.

Wife of the late Dr. John P. Greene, she leaves five daughters, Valerie Greene and Katie Greene of Scituate, Betsy Rode of Montpelier, Vt., Patricia Greene of Auburn and Holly Greene of Brunswick; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. She was mother of the late John Ahr Greene.

A private graveside service was conducted in Auburn, Maine.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Paul J. Trendowicz

Paul Jacob "P.J." Trendowicz, 18, of Cohasset, died by accident Aug. 13, 2002.

Mr. Trendowicz was the son of Paul V. and Julie C. (Boesch) Trendowicz. He was a graduate of B.C. High School, class of 2002, where he played Division I Lacrosse. He was accepted to the Bentley College Class of 2006.

A gifted athlete, he enjoyed coaching other children in the Volunteer Youth Lacrossé League and gave his time to community service and to the Appalachian Service Project where he helped build homes for the homeless.

Among his many passions was his love for boating and the sea.

Mr. Trendowicz will be remembered as a dedicated and generous friend, a wonderful and precious son, brother and family member and will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he has touched.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, Daniel Harrison Trendowicz; and grandparents, Leo and Jackie (Skowrn) Trendowicz of Norwood, N.J. He was grandson of the late Rudy and Hilde (Ambroschia) Boesch.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 16, at St. Anthony Church, 129 South Main St., Cohasset.

Visiting hours are from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, at St. Anthony Parish Center at the rear of the church.

Interment will be private.

Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial remembrances to Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester, 02125.

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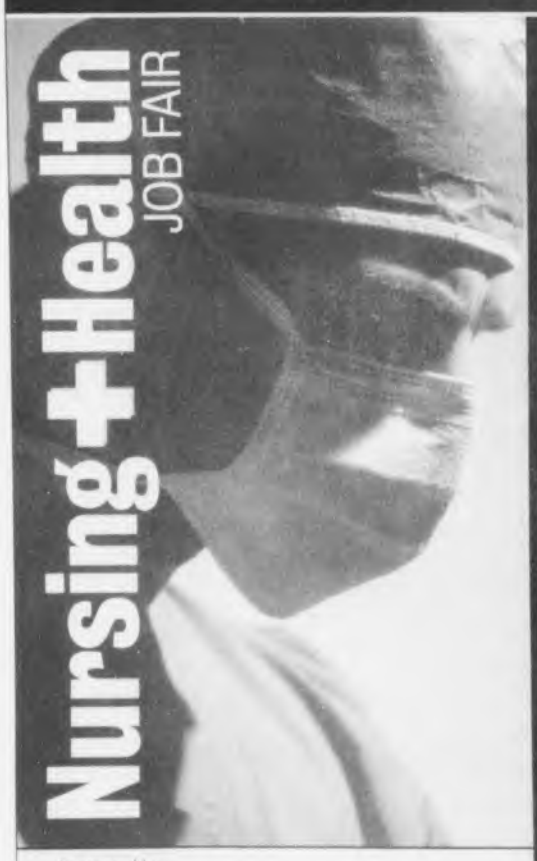

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Cohasset's Bruce Herzfelder likes the heat

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August is a particularly hot and steamy month in Boston, but candidate for state treasurer and Cohasset resident Bruce Herzfelder doesn't seem to care.

"Do you mind sitting outside?" he asks, as he orders a quick bite to eat from Seasonal Table, the café across the street from his headquarters on Massachusetts Avenue.

Leaving the air conditioned tables inside for the sweltering sidewalk outside seems a bit ludicrous, but then again, so does leaving a successful career in the private sector for the ruthless world of Massachusetts politics.

"I've always been thinking about it," said Herzfelder, 42, seemingly oblivious to the heat in a dark blue business suit "Ever since I graduated from college I have been keeping one eye on government and politics. I was a clerk for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, and that kind of rekindled my interest in policy questions, but that was 12 years ago."

It wasn't until last September, though, that this Harvard-educated entrepreneur with an MBA and law degree from the University of Chicago, decided to turn keen interest into something deeper.

"One factor that tipped me in my decision was the attack on the World Trade Center," said Herzfelder. "When I had worked in New York, I had worked two blocks away from the World Trade Center. It affected everybody profoundly and the way it affected me was to make me go ahead and do what I was thinking of doing. It made me take action."

And so, the former Chicago banker, Wall Street lawyer, and entrepreneur behind Hingham-based VetCor, a network of 40 animal hospitals in New England, North Carolina and Chicago, took the logical next step – the state treasury.

"A lot of people come up to me as I go around the Commonwealth and say that they really like the fact that I am running for office as a citizen," said Herzfelder, turning his lack of political experience into an asset. "We sometimes call it the Iron Triangle. The Iron Triangle of Massachusetts politics is career politicians, career lobbyists and career bureaucrats. I'm the only one in the major parties who's not in those categories."

Herzfelder, a Republican, believes that the state treasurer's post is not really a political position, it's a financial one, pointing out that in eight states, the position is appointed.

"I think it is really good," said Herzfelder, commenting on his outsider status. "Especially for the office of the treasury, where it's really largely a technical function. It's a financial position and the experience that counts for that position is financial experience."

That is not to say that Herzfelder is not embracing the political process.

"It's a privilege to run for office," said Herzfelder. "I like to live in a country where I can run for office, because I've lived in several countries where that was not possible for the average citizen, or in fact for anybody."

Herzfelder was born in Bogota, Columbia and spent the lion's share of his childhood following his father's work around the globe.

"When my father got out of the Navy, he went to work for Sears," said Herzfelder. "His first job was on a packing line, putting shirts into boxes. He eventually became a product buyer and that job took us around the world to different places. We lived in Bogota, Columbia and Madrid, Spain. The experience of living in a poor dictatorship really makes you appreciate what we have here."

For the last 12 years, he has made his home in Cohasset, with his wife Ellen, four-year-old daughter Julia and one-and-a-half-year-old son Desmond.

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— Bruce Herzfelder

"I've lived in Cohasset for 12 years, that's the longest I've ever lived in any place," he said. "So, Cohasset is sort of my home. And it is a beautiful home, its a great place to settle."

Cohasset would remain as his home base were he to win the state treasurer's job he views as his opportunity to give back.

"I'm very interested in making a difference," he said. "I see it kind of as an opportunity for me to give something, to make a contribution in a big way to a number of folks."

That contribution could go beyond just time in service to the commonwealth. Herzfelder must vie with fellow Republican Dan Grabauskas in the Sept. 17 state primary for the right to face off with the Democratic nominee. If he wins the primary and were to win election in November, Herzfelder would attempt to institute a business-style approach to running the Treasury.

"It's the essence of my campaign and my candidacy," he said. "One of the objectives I have for the treasurer's office is to professionalize the office. It has good people working for it, but it just hasn't had anybody in charge who has been a financial person. Instead it has had political people in charge and political people tend to politically minded people to work for them."

That would change under Herzfelder's guidance.

"What I would like to do is open it up and make the treasury open to people who have financial experience and want to make a contribution in government," said Herzfelder. "A lot of people come up to me and say 'I like what you are doing. I would be interested in doing that myself, but how would I even do it, I'm not connected. I don't know anybody,' and that is what I want to do, open it up to people who aren't connected."

Katie Cahill of Citizens for Bruce Herzfelder was won over by Herzfelder's personality and ideals.

"When you find out that Bruce is just a nice guy, its a much easier sell for those of us working on (the campaign)," said Cahill, joining the interview after a demographics meeting ended across the street. "That's really what got me involved working on it. Bruce and the team that he has put together. It makes a big difference who you pull in and Bruce's philosophy has been to put together people that are very energetic, intelligent and personable people, instead of just pulling from the same old crowd of insiders and campaign workers."

The business approach Herzfelder has taken, even during the campaign, is refreshing to Cahill.

"He went out an found some really fresh people who are really energetic about the campaign and really wanted to win, but wanted to do it in way that was positive," said Cahill. "And I think that that really affects our campaign in a really nice way."

Despite the business approach, Herzfelder's willingness to participate in traditional political activities such as parade walking has earned him the nickname 'Grassroots Bruce' around the campaign headquarters.

Cahill was not so sure Herzfelder would be impressed after his first parade experience – a seven-hour, seven-mile, two-town ordeal on the Fourth of July in 100-degree heat.

"At the end of the parade, I'm thinking to myself, 'Oh my gosh,'' Bruce is going to lay into me, how could you make me do this, it's so exhausting," said Cahill. "So I'm all ready and he says 'Katie, I have to tell you,' and I'm gearing myself up for it, and I'm thinking of my rebuttals about how important parades are in terms of visibility and he goes 'This was a great day, I really feel like I got to see a lot of people, that I got my message out to a lot of people, that I shook a lot of hands. These parades are a great use of our time and we should do more of them.'"

Cahill was flabbergasted.

"Let's be honest," said Cahill. "Your average person thinks, 'Gosh, would I prefer to spend my afternoon marching in a parade or hanging out at the pool with my family?'"

Herzfelder had a simple explanation.

"I like parades," he said.

By this time it is clear. It is not the parades he likes, or even the politics for that matter. It's just the heat.

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Cohasset's Bruce Herzfelder takes a stroll in Cohasset Village.

Bruce Herzfelder stops to chat with fellow Republican, Martha Gjesteby.

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Town Manager Mark Haddad passes five-year mark

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move on, a citizens' group seized the opportunity to push for a profound change in town government. Soon backed by the Government Structure Committee, the group sought to replace the existing "weak" town administrator position, with no authority to hire and fire — to a Town Manager with that power and more.

The town needed professional leadership; someone to run the day-to-day matters so selectmen could concentrate on policy, was the battle cry that resonated with a majority at Town Meeting that spring. The Cohasset Town Manager Act was later approved by the state Legislature.

Enter Haddad, who at 6-feet, 3-inches and 215 pounds can be an imposing figure and has not surprisingly ruffled more than a few feathers along the way. His voice is loud and he doesn't tread lightly, both figuratively and literally.

One of two finalists for the job, which promised an annual salary of about $60,000 and attracted some 40 applicants at the time, the youthful Haddad sold selectmen on his budgetary expertise. They liked his desire to face challenges head on.

"I will always give 150 percent," Haddad told the board in his interview.

And now, some 60 months later, Haddad has lived up to his word. While he has his critics, no one would accuse him of slacking off.

"Some may argue there is too much control and authority in one position," he says. "But that's the way things get done."

The headline in the Cohasset Mariner after Haddad passed the one-year mark that stated, "Haddad looks back on a hectic year" could have been written yesterday. In other words, the pace has not slowed.

When that headline was written in August 1998, the harbor dredging project was set to begin, plans were in the works to consolidate the Department of Public Works; sewer issues loomed including a Little Harbor study; the facilities audit spelled out what needed to be done to town buildings; and Haddad had just appointed a new library director. And yes, Haddad began to work cooperatively with the School Committee on its budget, rather than continue the testy budgetary relationship between the schools and municipal side of town government that had become the norm in past years.

Then there was the Sewer Commissioners' decision to sue the town over who has the authority to award contracts — a sign the young Town Manager Act had some growing pains.

In the ensuing years major changes were in the works that would include bringing paramedics on board the fire department; creating the position of Town Finance Director; hiring a new police chief and a new DPW chief; working with selectmen to ink a Greenbush mitigation agreement with the MBTA; overseeing $42 million in school building projects and embarking on the village revitalization project — all while the town extended its sewers and upgraded its water distribution system.

"There's been a lot in the past five years," notes Haddad, who also welcomed another son into his young family during that time.

"The town has changed tremendously — for the better," he quickly adds. "The infrastructure is solid for the next 50 years thanks to the taxpayers who stepped up to the plate and opened their pocketbooks."

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— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Successful overrides for the operating budget, sewers, and school buildings helped boost the town's bond rating under Haddad's watch, saving upwards of $750,000 as the town is poised to borrow about $40 million for the Deer Hill and middle-high school building projects.

Haddad has a big personality who likes to cut to the chase — some may find his quickness intimidating or even rude.

"I'm kind of loud and I'm kind of a big person," he says. "But I like to think of myself as very approachable."

In fact his "open-door policy" included several interruptions during the hour-long interview, including visits from the police chief and building inspector, and young Philip Haddad, 5-1/2, who isn't the least bit intimidated by his Dad.

"I'm an honest person," Haddad reflects. "I'm forthright and have a good sense of humor, but I'm sometimes loud and sometimes quick and I do get a little passionate at times.

"I do raise my voice when I get passionate about something."

The combination of power and personality may have led to a clash last summer that Haddad describes as the low point of his time in Cohasset. Haddad and Planning Board member Peter Pratt got into a heated verbal altercation over a meeting Haddad had called with some department heads, board chairmen and AvalonBay development officials. The aftermath of the argument ended up in the selectmen's lap. Selectmen, who ultimately backed Haddad, hired an independent investigator to examine cross-complaints of harassment and verbal abuse between Haddad and Pratt.

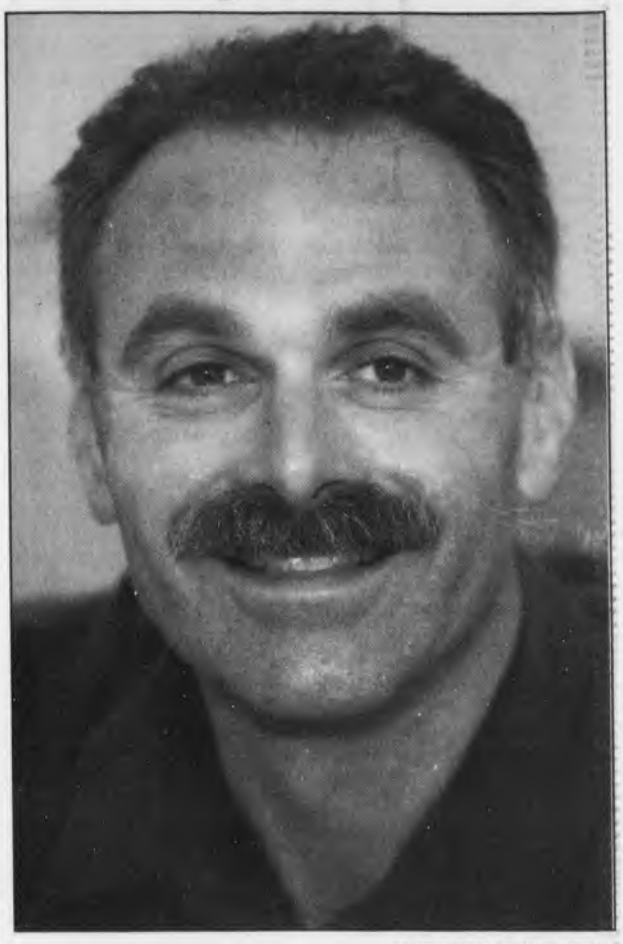
"We did not find any cause where the incident was anything beyond a disagreement between individuals," said then Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed at the time.

Still, despite the support of the Board of Selectmen, it was an ugly time. The dispute was aired publicly and provided fodder for newspaper stories.

"If I could change anything, I would change the manner in which I dealt with Mr. Pratt that day," Haddad says.

The incident gave him pause and may have played a role in Haddad's plans to consider moving on to the town administrator post in Dedham earlier this year, albeit moving to a town of 23,000 would seem to be the next logical step. But selectmen each approached Haddad individually asking him to stay. They renegotiated his contract and also agreed to boost his salary from $90,000 to $102,000.

"It was an opportunity to go to a bigger town, but when push came to shove," Haddad says about the Dedham move that offered up to $110,000.



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Mark Haddad

"There's so many things to finish here, it would have been hard for me to walk away.

"So I reassessed — if the board still wants me, I'll still be here," says Haddad, who lives in Scituate with his wife Angela and two sons.

The challenges ahead for Haddad are formidable.

Just for openers, he is looking forward to working with Cashman Balfour Beatty on all aspects of train construction; helping to facilitate developing senior housing in town; dealing with the proposed AvalonBay apartment complex and affordable housing issues related to Chapter 40B; working with the Waterfield Group on the downtown revitalization; and figuring out how best to handle delayed reimbursement on the school building assistance from the state so Cohasset taxpayers aren't saddled with a huge jump in property taxes. Whew.

But Haddad, who has managed to keep selectmen's meetings to an average of two hours thanks to good communication and a weekly report, isn't worried about the workload. He relishes the excitement of change and the satisfaction of seeing jobs through to completion.

Haddad says the Town Manager form of government has brought more efficiency to Cohasset whose annual operating budget including the schools is $27 million. He notes with a Town Manager, selectmen are freed up to set policy.

"They still control the vision of the town," he says. "But it's my job to carry out that vision."

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Shocker

Hill, Rose lead underdog Cohasset past Scituate in District title game

By Mike Spellman
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Yeah, this should take the edge off things.

Mark DeGiacomo knew going into Thursday's final game of this summer season that there would be accompanying feelings of melancholy when it was all over, win or lose — hardly surprising, considering he's been coaching this core group of 12-year old all-stars the last six years.

"They're moving to the big diamond next year, and things are never really the same after that," assessed the Cohasset Little League coach. "Most of the kids will keep playing, but there's just something special about Little League."

We're guessing, of course, that winning was preferable, and the fact that this win secured a district championship cushioned the blow quite a bit more. And the fact that the win came over the heavily favored and unbeaten Scituate team that had lambasted Cohasset in three previous meetings this summer at various tourneys? Well, if it had to end, that had to be just about the optimal way to do it.

"I'm extremely proud of this group of kids, and extremely happy for them too," said DeGiacomo, following the 4-2 win at Scituate's Greenbush Field Thursday night. "This has been a great group of kids to work with, and a great group of parents who've been very supportive.

Brian Hill was the main man

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Carly Salerno, 11, executes a back dive with a half twist at South Shore Swim League diving championships, Friday, at the Duxbury Yacht Club. The Cohasset Swim Team took first place honors with 465 points, edging MASK (Marshfield Area Swim Klub), 433, and Scituate's Knights of Columbus team, 412. Cohasset finished second and third at the league meet, respectively, the last two years. Prior to that, from 1992-'99, CST had won the SSWL title for eight consecutive seasons.

Bay State Games funding slashed

Local coaches express hope cuts won't take heavy toll

By Mike Spellman
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The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (M.A.S.F.), the organization that runs the Bay State Summer and Winter Games, will not receive state funding this year after nine consecutive years of support from Beacon Hill. Acting Governor Jane Swift vetoed funding that was allocated to the Games, cutting the non-profit foundation's total operating budget by one third.

"We are disappointed, of course, but we will do everything in our power to find a way to ensure that the Games go on; it certainly won't be easy," said Kevin Cummings, Executive Director of the Bay State Games, who has been with the MASF for the past 18 years, in a press release issued last week by the M.A.S.F..

In addition to the state allocation of $200,000, the M.A.S.F. raises funds from athlete entry fees, corporate sponsorship and donations.

"I just hope whatever the cuts are they're unilateral," said Jason Tassinari, who has coached the Coastal entry in the scholastic boys soccer tourney the past two years. "It would be

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Riding for a cure

Eight Cohasset cyclists complete Pan-Mass Challenge

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Last Saturday and Sunday, a few thousand men and women across Massachusetts banded together in hopes of improving the lives of millions.

The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, a weekend long bike race held annually, has been run from Sturbridge to Provincetown since 1980. In that span, the event has raised almost $70 million dollars for cancer research.

In its 22nd year, the PMC is the nation's top bicycle fundraiser. This weekend, more than 3,600 riders raised an estimated $15 million for the Jimmy Fund, which supports Cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. It is the Jimmy Fund's largest fundraiser, with 92 cents of each dollar raised going directly to the Jimmy Fund.

Twelve Cohasset residents geared up to attempt the grueling 192-mile trek, a scenic course that covers 44 Massachusetts towns. Although several Cohasset bikers had to withdraw from the Challenge for various scheduling conflicts and injuries, the eight who did participate in one or two day rides were James Clark, Jeffrey

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Cohasset 9-year old all-star Robbie Hill goes after a high pitch in showdown with host Scituate at annual Scituate Invitational Tournament. The hosts would knock off Cohasset, and go on to win the tourney.

All-Scholastic boys lacrosse team

Five Cohasset laxmen named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed here as "Honorable Mentions" received serous consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

After consulting with area coaches, however, we feel secure that we chose the top 17 laxmen in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Curt Kahn – Junior Attack – Cohasset

Curt Kahn

Emerged as main offensive threat for Skippers team hit hard by graduation and injury, helping them to a 12-7 record and a quarterfinals post-season run…a lefty with an extremely accurate shot from all angles…topped the team in goals scored (51) and assists (32)…Pilgrim Conference-second team all-star… Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic Honorable Mention…was a Top Gun Player of the week and Mariner Star of the week this spring…top single game output this year was six goals versus Marshfield, all of these coming after he'd been knocked unconscious momentarily by a check early in the game…scored five goals in second round tourney win over Norwell…Boston Globe All-Scholastic Honorable Mention…member of Bay State Games lacrosse team that won Gold in 2001 and '02…also plays varsity soccer and indoor lacrosse in the winter…National Honor Society…brother Eli played lacrosse at Harvard…sister Jaclyn plays soccer ai Swathmore College… has talked to a few college coaches, but is focussing on his academic plans above his athletic aspirations…Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt: "He's not the biggest kid around, but he showed a lot of toughness at times this year. He turned into a gamer for us who stepped up in big games. He's worked really hard on his shooting and his overall game."

Eric Libby – Senior Midfield – Cohasset

Eric Libby

A sensational all-around athlete who emerged as the key figure in the middle of the field for this year's Skippers team that finished 12-7 and advanced to the state Div. 2 quarterfinals…totaled 26 goals and 28 assists while playing outstanding two-way lacrosse…the only Cohasset player named a first team Pilgrim Conference All-Star…played on last summer's gold medal winning Bay State Games team…played much of the season with a nagging back injury, yet finished among the team leaders in minutes played…was also an excellent high school hockey player for Cohasset High who earned South Shore League All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic honors this winter…a standout in soccer for CHS as a junior, he moved to football this fall, and won a starting job in the defensive backfield with the SSL champion team…attended Xaverian Brothers High School his freshman and sophomore years…will attend St. Michaels University in Brighton, Vermont, this fall, where he will play lacrosse…undecided on his major… Cohasset lacrosse coach Kevin Orcutt: "Eric gave us a lot of what Ronan (Buick, former team star now playing lacrosse at Providence College) gave us last year. He a dominant athlete, but he was a lot more than that for us. You could tell his back was bothering him at times this year, but he never complained and just played through it. He was so vital to us in the middle of the field, controlling everything. As a team, we were a little bit up and down this year, but he was a rock. He was someone we could always count on."

Matt Davis – Midfield Junior – Cohasset

Matt Davis

Another exceptional athlete who seems to have found a nice fit with lacrosse… finished fourth on the Skippers in scoring (24 goals, 28 assists), and set up many more without getting his name in the scorebook, according to coach Kevin Orcutt…a skilled player with a very good two-way game… Pilgrim Confer-ence second team all-star… played on this summer's gold medal winning south team at the Bay State Games… was recently invited to play at the prestigious Top 205 Tourney in Mary-land… also a very good hockey player, earning South Shore League all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic acknowledgment this winter…will play football for C.H.S. this fall…would like to play college lacrosse…has already been contacted by several college lacrosse coaches…Cohasset lacrosse coach Kevin Orcutt: "Matt is smooth and smart, and he's got great skills. The big thing about him is how tenacious he is. He gives it his all all the time. He's a blue collar type. His hustle sets up a lot of goals he never gets credit for."

ALL STARS, PAGE 14

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Cohasset's Eric Libby (white shirt), a sensational all-around athlete, emerged as the key figure in the middle of the field for this year's Skippers team, totaling 26 goals and 28 assists while playing outstanding two-way lacrosse. All in all, his selction for all-scholastic honors was a no-brainer.

Cohasset High fall sports tryout schedule, Gr. 9-12

Golf- Head Coach Torin Sweeney announces there will be a signup meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 1 p.m., at Cohasset High. Tryouts will be at the Cohasset Country Club: freshmen and sophomores on Tuesday, Aug 27, 3 p.m., juniors and seniors on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 3:30 p.m..

Football- Head Coach Tony Rolfe announces that conditioning practices will begin Monday, Aug 19, from 5-7 p.m. at Milliken Field.

Field Hockey-Head Coach Deb Bostwick announces that tryouts will begin Thursday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m.- 12 noon at the Deerhill School.

Girls Soccer - Head Coach Deb Beal announces that tryouts will begin Thursday, Aug 22, at Milliken Field, with two sessions, 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m..

Boys Soccer- Head Coach Dave Nigro announces that tryouts will begin Thursday, Aug 22, at Milliken Field, 4:30-7 p.m..

All Athletes should bring a copy of their physical and the $75 user fee.

Any questions can be directed to Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103).

Five Cohasset laxmen named among area's elite

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Nick Spirito — Defense
Junior— Cohasset

Nick Spirito

"A player who lives, sleeps and eats lacrosse," according to Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt... plays lacrosse year round... plays in winter and fall indoor leagues at the Canton Sports Complex and for Top Gun...has played in several elite tourneys in the summer...was a defender the last two years for the gold medal winning south team at the Bay State Games...was recently invited to play at the prestigious Top 205 Tourney in Maryland...Pilgrim Conference All-Star team Honorable Mention...an extremely tough, yet clean player...won Pilgrim Conference "Sportsmanship Award" this spring... played soccer for Cohasset High into his junior year, but will play football this year...would like to play college lacrosse and has already talked to a few college coaches (Providence, UMass-Dartmouth)...Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt: "He gets a little overshadowed sometimes by flashier players, but Nick is a legitimate top four defenseman in the Pilgrim Conference, in my mind. He plays so hard and does so many of the little things a coach loves to see. He's also a great leader. He was a no-brainer choice as a captain for next year."

Kyle Weber - Senior
Goalie – Cohasset

Kyle Weber

Two time Pilgrim Conference all-star, earning first team honors last year and second team this year... posted an eye-popping .720 save ratio as a junior, and .654 this season playing in front of a younger defense...backstopped the Skippers to the state championship game as a junior and state semifinals this spring...two time Mariner All-Scholastic selection...two time Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...undersized for a goalie, Weber more than compensates with superior athleticism, reflexes and instincts...also considered one of the best passing goalies in the state...once a soccer and basketball standout, Weber opted to concentrate year-round on lacrosse after his sophomore year...excellent student...was recruited by several college lacrosse coaches, but opted to attend Northwestern University, which has no lacrosse program...intends to major in either Psychology or Sociology...plans to play club lacrosse... Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt: "Kyle was our spark in back. Not a lot of goalies can inspire their teammates like he could. He'd make a great save, and then he'd really get us going with the way he handled the ball afterwards and then worked it up field. He could have been an All-Scholastic at any position, with a long stick or short stick."

Greg Sowyrda - Senior
(Capt.)
Defense - Hingham

No question here...A two-time All-American defenseman, Sowyrda helped Hingham capture it's second-straight Div. 2 state championship this season...A virtual brick wall on the right side of the backfield for Hingham (17-5) and was always put on the opponent's best offensive player... He held Ipswich's top goal scorer to just one score in the state title game...In addition to his defensive efforts, Sowyrda also contributed some offense this season, pitching in seven points on one goal and six assists...Was named The Boston Globe Div. 2 Player of the Year this season for his efforts...A two-time lax All-Scholastic, Sowyrda is also a two-time Pilgrim Conference All-star...Also a talented basketball player, Sowyrda made our hoop squad for the past two seasons and was voted a Patriot League All-star...Sowyrda plans to attend Deerfield Academy, where he will continue his lacrosse career. Hingham coach John Todd: "He's probably the best defenseman in the state and is certainly one of the better one's we've had at Hingham. His size and his speed really lends to his game. He can shut down any attackman and gets the ball up field real well. He's received a lot of due recognition from other coaches and it's been very nice to have a player like that here."

Greg Sowyrda

Connor Fitzgerald -
Senior (Capt.)
Attack - Hingham

Easily one of the leading attackers in the area, Fitzgerald led his talented Hingham team in scoring, racking up 70 points on 29 goals and 41 assists...Fitzgerald scored 75 points in his junior season and had more than 200 for his career...The senior received All-America honors this season for his efforts in helping the Harbormen (17-5) capture their second Div. 2 state title in as many years...A two-time Pilgrim Conference All-star, Fitzgerald accomplished a thrill of a lifetime, scoring the game-winning goal in Hingham's 10-9 OT win over top-seeded Winchester in the Div. 2 semifinals...He also had two assists in the state title game...Strong, quick, and aggressive, Fitzgerald continually pierced through opponent's offenses with the greatest of ease...A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in lacrosse, Fitzgerald also captained the soccer team in the fall and was voted a Patriot League All-star...Fitzgerald plans to attend Bowdin College, where he will continue his lacrosse career. Hingham coach John Todd: "Connor had an unbelievable season and really blossomed as a player. He drew some of the better defensemen in the area yet his ability to continue to score was never greatly effected by that. He really sparked the offense and without him, we may not have gotten by Winchester."

Pat Lenhart - Senior (Capt.)
Attack/Midfield - Hingham

Pat Lenhart

Another talented attacker and four-year starter on the Hingham squad, Lenhart racked several crucial points this season... Lenhart finished with 191 for his career...A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Lenhart graciously agreed to make the switch from attack to midfield halfway through the season, to better balance the offense...His efforts on both fronts helped Hingham capture it's second-straight Div. 2 state title, scoring a goal in the title game win at Ipswich...A tremendous athlete, Lenhart's toughness, quickness, and tenacity made him an undeniable force on the field this season for the Harbormen (17-5)...A two-time Pilgrim Conference All-star, Lenhart plans to attend Bucknell University, where he will continue his lacrosse career. Hingham coach John Todd: "Because of his great athletic ability, the switch from attack to midfield seemed very natural for him. He really balanced out his duties very well. He learned what it took to be a good midfielder, while remaining an unbelievable attackman. He was really the key ingredient to a lot of our success this season."

Hardy Allen - Senior
Midfield - Hingham

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic midfielder, Allen had yet another strong season for the Harbormen (17-5)...A junior transfer out of Thayer Academy last season, Allen's undeniable impact in the midfield helped Hingham win a Div. 2 state title...His consistency at the position helped the Harbormen repeat that title again this season...A two-time Pilgrim Conference All-star, Allen was as valuable offensively as he was defensively, playing on both ends of the midfield for Hingham...Allen's offensive efforts were seen in the team's state title win over Ipswich this season, in which he found the back of the net two times...He also scored two crucial goals in Hingham's 10-9 OT win over Winchester in the state semifinals...It was his aggressiveness and strength in the defensive midfield, however, that made the biggest impact on the Harbormen squad...Allen plans to attend college, and may continue his lacrosse career. Hingham coach John Todd: "He's one of the toughest, hard working kids I've ever coached. He brings this blue collar aspect to the midfield, in that every ground ball is his. Whether its delivering a big hit or setting up a goal, Hardy was always in the mix. He really led by example."

Greg Paul - Junior
Midfield - Hingham

Wasn't at all intimidated by Hingham's fully seniorized frontline and proved his worth by scoring several crucial points for the Harbormen this season...A talented middie, Paul's impressive speed added a spark to the offensive midfield this year and helped the Harbormen (17-5) capture their second-straight Div. 2 state title...Paul had three helpers in the title game at Ipswich, while adding a goal himself...Paul had a busy summer playing lacrosse for the two-time gold medalist Southeast team in this year's Bay State Summer Games...Paul was the leading scorer (14 points on six goals, eight assists) in the BSG lax tourney...This is Paul's first appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team...A Pilgrim League All-star, the midfielder will return to the Hingham lacrosse squad and will most-likely lead the team's offense, as several key players will be lost to graduation. Hingham coach John Todd: "He's probably the fastest midfielder we've ever had. His first step around a defender allows him to excel. How do you stop speed? You don't. He's got an incredibly quick shot and after a good tournament last year, knew that we'd be looking for him to score goals this season. He's a great team player."

Shea Coakley - Junior
Midfield - Marshfield

While the Rams struggled a bit this season, Coakley's performance on offense this season is noteworthy...With graduation losses of several key attackmen, Coakley was forced to adjust to a new role after spending two seasons at midfield, while his numbers weren't particularly high, his presence on the frontline and in the midfield was undeniable...Coakley had a busy summer this year, competing for the Southeast lax team in the Bay State Summer Games and aided in the team winning its second-straight gold...In the tourney, Coakley scored a goal in the title game, as well as a hat-trick in a 17-6 win over Metro...Coakley is making his first appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team...He will return as a senior to the Marshfield roster next season. Marshfield coach Robbie Robertson: "We moved Shea around this year from midfield to attack. At midfield, he played well on defense, scooped balls, and distributed the ball well."

Nate Hammond - Junior
Goalie - Hingham

A first-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Hammond made quite an impact between the pipes for Hingham (17-5) as the team's two-year starting goalie...His confidence in goal shined through in many crucial games this season, which helped lead the Harbormen to their second-straight Div. 2 state title...Hammond made several key stops in the team's 10-9 OT win over top-seeded Winchester in the state semifinals...Was equally impressive in the team's 13-6 win over Ipswich in the title game...The junior thrived in big games during the regular season, particularly against Lincoln-Sudbury and their first meeting with Winchester... Hammond kept busy this summer playing lacrosse for the Southeast team in the Bay State Summer Games...The sophomore combined with fellow All-Scholastic Todd Faiella to stop 96 of the 133 shots they saw in goal for an impressive .722 goals against average, leading the team to a second-straight gold medal...Hammond will return to the Harbormen roster next season. Hingham coach John Todd: "Nate just thrives in big games. He loves them. He is fun to have around, but when it's game time, he's very focused and intense. He gets very upset if things aren't going his way and does everything he can to change it. He's matured a great deal since last season and played a very important role in our success."

Todd Faiella - Sophomore
Goalie - Marshfield

Todd Faiella

Just a sophomore, Faiella completed his third season as Marshfield's starting goalie... That's right, Faiella came out of the woodwork as an eighth grader and immediately found himself in the starting goalie position when the senior starter left the team...During that inaugural season, Faiella's hard work in the net helped the Rams reach the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney...Hard work in the off-season is what coach Robbie Robertson attributes Faiella's success to...This summer, Faiella was instrumental in the Southeast team's gold medal win at the Bay State Games...He and fellow All-Scholastic Nate Hammond combined to stop 96 of the 133 shots they saw, good for a .722 goals against average...Faiella is a linebacker on the MHS football team in the fall and last season was awarded the "Player of the Game" award in the annual Thanksgiving Day showdown with Duxbury...Faiella will return to both squads next season. Marshfield coach Robbie Robertson: "It would be hard for me to restrict my enthusiasm for Todd. He's one of the best, if not the best, goalies I've ever coached in my 30 years. He has great hand-eye coordination. All of his skills gel to make him a special player."

Adam Grier – Senior (Capt.)
Midfield – Norwell

Adam Grier

Captained and led the Clippers in scoring each of the past two seasons... totaled 42 goals and nine assists this year, 32 and nine, respectively, in 2001...athleticism and conditioning are his top assets... paced Norwell varsity lacrosse team to best season ever this spring (14-5) ...First team Pilgrim Confer-ence All-Star...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic selection...tallied three points in state coaches all-star game in June...joined on the Mariner All-Scholastic team by junior brother Jason... also played football the last four years, leading the Clippers in interceptions this past fall...will attend Roger Williams this fall, where he was recruited to play lacrosse...Norwell coach Frank Granara: "Adam is a gifted scorer. We knew that going in to this season, but he really stepped up defensively this year as well, and had a very good team concept. It also helped that he was absolutely tireless. You had to drag him off the field."

Jason Grier — Junior
Midfield — Norwell

Jason Grier

Not bad when you make an All-Scholastic team in your second favorite sport... also a Mariner All-Scholastic in soccer...scored 18 goals to go along with a team best 21 assists this season...like big brother and fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Adam, athleticism and conditioning are his top assets...really improved his stick skills this year...second team Pilgrim Conference All-Star...also stood out as a wrestler for Norwell High in his debut season this past winter...notched two goals and six assists for Bay State Games bronze medal winning south soccer team this summer...will likely play college soccer and possibly lacrosse as well...has talked about following brother Adam to Roger Williams College...Norwell coach Frank Granara: "Jason is a real talented player, and someone a lot of teams would love to start their rebuilding around. He's an excellent athlete who has improved dramatically every year he's played lacrosse. We're looking for really big things from him next year."

Bryce Walker — Senior
(Capt.)
Defense — Norwell

Bryce Walker

The central cog in a veteran defensive core that played a huge part in the Clippers best season ever (12-5)...a big, physical player who also possesses outstanding stick skills...played football his freshman though junior year, but concentrated his last year of high school on lacrosse...played indoor lacrosse in the fall and winter, and in various high-level summer camps...played varsity lacrosse all four years, and was a two-year captain...honor roll student...will attend Duke University in North Carolina, but does not figure to play for the nationally ranked Div. 1 powerhouse lacrosse team... does plan to continue playing club lacrosse... is leaning toward majoring in Public Policy... Norwell coach Frank Granara: "Our team defense was very good this year, but Bryce was the one guy who really stood out. He was such a great leader and a clutch performer. He did a great job keeping things under control and then making great clears. Having someone with his stick skills and smarts on defense was so big for us."

Steve McDevitt – Senior
(Capt.)
Midfield – Scituate

Steve McDevitt

McDevitt has been the quarterback of Scituate's offense since his freshman year, and finishes as the school's all-time leading scorer...an extremely quick and shifty player who is extremely evasive in open field...unfortunately, with lacrosse being a relatively new sport at S.H.S., he didn't have a lot of help at the offensive end...had 21 goals and 21 assists this season...two time lacrosse team captain...played on the 2001 gold medal winning south team at the summer Bay State Games...also a Scituate High standout in football and hockey, captaining both of those teams as well as a senior...Sports Editor of school newspaper "The Scituation"...will attend Bridgeton Academy (in Bridgeton, Maine) prep school this year, where he will play hockey and lacrosse in the hopes of drumming up more interest from colleges...has talked to several college lacrosse coaches, including a few from Div. 1 programs, but figured he could use the extra year of seasoning at the Prep level....Scituate coach Chris Weber: "Steve did so much for us. The offense ran through him, and he was a very smooth and polished player. I think there was a tendency for some kids to stand around a little too much and just watch Steve, and that made it real easy for other teams to defend. I kind of felt bad for him at times."

Honorable Mention:

Brendan Mulligan - Soph. - Attack - Hanover
Drew Sowyrda - Soph. - Attack - Hingham
Ben Prime - Jr. - Midfield - Hingham
Craig McVinney - Sr. - Defense - Hingham
Jared Dawson - Jr. - Attack - Scituate
Jay Dulka- Junior- Defense- Scituate
Justin Jenkins - Soph. - Defense - Scituate
Pete Donovan - Sr.- Midfield- Norwell
Chris Gramm- Sr. - Attack- Norwell
Ryan Murphy - Sr. - Attack - Norwell
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BROCKTON ROX

Hill, Rose lead underdog Cohasset past Scituate in District title game

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for Cohasset in the District 8 championship showdown, as he went the distance on the mound, and drilled a fourth inning 2-run homer that turned out to be the difference in the game.

The hard throwing Cohasset righty surrendered just four hits and three walks to the high powered Scituate squad, which had averaged better than eight runs per game while compiling an 19-4 summer record, including 8-0 in the District season. In fact, a few weeks prior the Scituatonians had belted three home runs off Hill in a walkover win.

"If you'd told me before this game that Cohasset was going to score four runs, I'd have probably said no problem," noted Scituate head coach Peter Cooney. "But we just never got the bats going, and (Hill) did a great job. That whole team did. They play good, fundamental baseball. This was a great Little League baseball game."

Of course, things couldn't have started much worse in the game for Scituate, as pitching ace Blaine O'Brien was lost to a broken bone in his thumb on the first play of the game. Cohasset leadoff hitter Chris Rose hit a nubber in the air to the right of the mound, and O'Brien, reacting quickly, took one quick off-balance step before diving awkwardly toward it. The full weight of his body came down on his glove hand as he attempted to pull the ball in for the catch.

Rose reached as the ball dribbled away, and Chris Barrow was pulled from shortstop to replace the fireballing O'Brien, who was taken immediately for x-rays.

"There's no doubt about it: that was a tough break," continued coach Cooney. "But Chris pitched a heck of a game, coming in without any warning like that, and Harry (Rose) did a nice job I nthe last two innings. They both kept us in the game, and gave us a chance."

Cohasset's number two hitter, Pat Doonan, followed Rose by legging out a perfectly placed bunt down the third baseline. Mike Grimm followed with a well-executed sacrifice bunt, setting up second and third with one out. Cleanup man Cody Morgan then plated the game's first run wit ha chopper to second base. Barrow was able to stop the damage there, however, notching a strikeout for the third out.

Scituate got that run right back in the bottom of the first. Mike Signorelli drew a one out walk and then came all the way around wit h two outs when a nubber dow n the third baseline off the bat of Barrow was thrown away in to the right field corner.

A big play by Scituate centerfielder Brad Sportack ended another Cohasset threat in the third, as he pounced quickly on a Greg Gallagher one-hop shot off the fence in left center, and gunned out the Cohasset slugger at second with a perfect throw. Cohasset's Rose (2-for-2, walk, 2 runs) followed with what would have been an RBI double to right.

Hill scattered two hits and a hit batsmen over the second and third innings, but big defensive plays helped him get out of trouble as well. Second baseman Mike Grimm pulled off a big play, rushing to second after stopping a hard two-hopper off the bat Geoff Simpson for out one of the second frame and then firing to first to nip Simpson for the double play.

Grimm came up with another big stop in the third inning, as did Rose at first base, robbing Sportack of a hit with a nice back-handed dig.

Cohasset took the lead for good in the top of the fourth, as Hill drilled a two-out, two-strike offering from Barrow over the fence in right center bringing home Morgan (who had singled with out), to make it a 3-1 game.

Geoff Simpson and Pat Duggan combined to pull Scituate back to within one in the home half of the fourth with back-to-back two out hits. Simpson lined a single to deep center and then came all the way around when Duggan blooped a double just inside the right field line and just out of the reach of a diving Sam DeGiacomo a moment later.

Hill worked out of a two-on, two out jam in the fifth, inducing dangerous cleanup man Barrow into a pop out to Grimm at second for the third out.

Rose gave Cohasset back its two run lead in the sixth, no doubt taking quite a bit of the wind out of the Scituate sails. After spoiling a couple of two-strike pitches from cousin Harry Rose (who'd taken over on the hill for Scituate to start the fifth), Rose worked a lead-off walk, was sacrificed to second by Doonan, and then alertly came all the way around when a two-out grounder by Morgan bounced just behind Scituate's second baseman.

A fired up Hill recorded strikeout number seven for the first out of the sixth. This was followed by a pop out to shortstop Sam Chase and a two out walk that brought the potential tying run to the plate. Hill bared down, however, recording K number eight for the final out of the game, season and Little League career for he and his 12-year old cronies.

Needless to say, there was quite a celebration at the mound.

This core group of players also won the District championship as 7-year olds and have been close several times since, so to go out like this was something words can hardly describe.

"It's been a great ride with this group of kids," said coach DeGiacomo, who is also President of Cohasset Little League. "They've left us all with some great memories."

Notes

The Cohasset team rolled in to the championship game on a high, also having won the annual Hull Tournament this past weekend. The local lads beat Whitman, Hull-2 and Hull-1, and then knocked off Hull-1 a second time in the title game.

Cohasset players were named game Most Valuable Players for each of the four games, with the honors going to Greg Gallagher, Cliff Musto, Chris Rose and Brian Hill.

The 13-player roster was comprised of Ian Cundell, Sam DeGiacomo, Chris Rose, Cliff Musto, Pat Doonan, Tommy Chase, Greg Gallagher, Christopher Morgan, Alexander Hunt, Kenny Muir, Kyle Pinkus, David Snowdale and Brian Hill. DeGiacomo was helped in the dugout by coaches Bill Grimm and Bob Morgan.

We are the Champions! The Cohasset 12-year old all-star baseball team, District 8 Summer League champs. Front row: Ian Cundell, Sam DeGiacomo, Chris Rose, Cliff Musto, Pat Doonan, Tommy Chase and Greg Gallagher. Back Row: coach Bill Grimm, Christopher Morgan, Alexander Hunt, Kenny Muir, Kyle Pinkus, coach Mark DeGiacomo, David Snowdale, coach Bob Morgan and Brian Hill.

Brian Hill warms up prior to final inning of Thursday's championship win over Scituate, as teammates Mike Grimm (second base) and Sam DeGiacomo (right field) look on.

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The Cohasset 9-year old all-stars wrapped up their summer season this week by competing in the Scituate Invitational. Front Row (L-R): Jeff Durkin, Jay Salerno, Mike Monaco, Johnny McGoldrick, Drew Cobin and Robbie Hill. Back Row (L-R): Chase Murphy, Luke Ernst, Ryan King, Jack Carrier, Mike MacCleeve, Ben Campbell and Robert Jones. Coaches (L-R): Matt Salerno, Joe Campbell and Jay Monaco.

Local cyclists ride for a cure

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Goldstein, Michael Fechter, Michele Sacks, Peter Vitello, Robert Allen, Ron Sacks, and Susan McMackin.

The general consensus among the riders was that motivation for finishing the ride was never a problem. Everyone came with their own personal connection to cancer victims and survivors, and all had additional inspiration provided by the bravery on display from the young chemotherapy patients who are being helped through the Jimmy Fund.

At the rest stops along the away, each packed with a good number of eager volunteers, there were rows upon rows of pictures of children who had been afflicted by some form of cancer. Many of the riders said afterwards that this, in and of itself, made it possible for them to reach a little deeper when the thought of giving into the oppressive heat and dropping out of the Challenge popped in their heads.

"It was unbelievable," noted Allan, who rode the PMC for the first time, "the support, the people along the route, I just wanted to give something back."

Allan, who trained by riding three days per week in preparation, including two 60-mile jaunts in 100 degree heat in Florida, says he plans to ride it again next year.

His wife, Mary Allan, was one of the nearly 2,000 volunteers involved in helping the event run smoothly. She helped with getting water and energy drinks to the riders and aided in making arrangements for lodging on Saturday at the Mass-Maritime dorms in Buzzards Bay.

"What these people have done the past 22 years is phenomenal," she noted, also saying that she would like to join her husband on the ride in 2003.

"The whole feeling is great."

Michael Fechter did the race for the second time this year, going the whole 192 miles. Although he does not know anyone personally affected by cancer, he described that the feeling of finishing the race was "definitely a good incentive."

Fechter had been getting out of bed at 5 a.m. four times a week and riding 25-50 miles to prepare himself for the weekend.

The husband and wife team of Ron and Michele Sacks both completed the race for the first time with Joe Cassidy, Michele's brother-in-law, in their hearts. Cassidy has been diagnosed with gleoblastoma, the fastest spreading brain cancer known.

Cassidy had been visiting the Dana-Farber Institute twice a week to take part in an experimental clinic, but last Friday, just one day before the race, the institute took him off the treatment because his condition was not improving.

"With all the pain and suffering he has been through . . ." started Michele. "my riding does not even begin to compare. Everyone has one goal in mind: to help the Jimmy Fund. You really feel like you are a part of something universal."

Between the two of them, Ron and Michele sent out approximately 200 emails and letters to friends and relatives for donations. They have until Sept. 15 to finishing collecting, but over 160 letters have been returned and they are now "just around the corner from $10,000," according to Michele. "We just want to thank our supporters," she added.

Surely there are many at the Dana-Farber Institute saying the exact same thing.

Bay State Games funding slashed

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nice if there was more corporate sponsorship, but I think most of the sports should get by, whether that means cutting out a few extras, or raising the tryout fees. There's definitely a strong interest there. I'm sure we'll find a way to continue."

Terry Kahn, who has coached the southeast boys lacrosse team to consecutive gold medals at the last two Games, expressed similar optimism for the Games, as a whole, but said he wouldn't be surprised to see some of the more expensive sports take a palpable hit.

"I don't think that the Games are in jeopardy," said Kahn. "I do think they'll be scaled back, particularly the Winter Games, which have always seemed a little superfluous to me. Rink time is expensive. So are lift tickets. I wouldn't be surprised to see them reduced, and perhaps even abandoned."

As for his own sport, which is clearly growing in popularity in this region by leaps and bounds, Kahn offered:

"My take is that lacrosse — at least at the boys' scholastic level — should be okay. It has, I believe, one of the largest — if not the largest — number of tryout participants of any team sport. That generates cash.

"So, too, do the numbers of finalists. The costs associated with it are, I think, relatively small. The refs (as do the coaches) volunteer their time. So, I suspect, does the medical staff. There may be a rental cost for Wentworth's field, and the jerseys cost something, but I feel pretty confident that the cash taken in from tryouts and finalist fees more than cover those costs.

The associated cost for soccer, as with most of the summer events, is likewise relatively small.

"We're talking T-shirts, refs and fields—that's all we need," offered Tassinari. "if they have to change to a cheaper location or not give away jackets to all of the teams, and maybe just the championship teams, so be it. The important thing is that the kids get to play. The games offer these kids a chance to play against some pretty good competition right before the high school seasons get underway."

Kahn was even more frank when it came to talking financial responsibility.

"Personally, I think the Summer Games for lacrosse are important for the growth of the sport. Camps have gotten very expensive, and recruiting camps have turned into meat markets, with hundreds of kids hoping to catch a coach's attention at every camp. The Games remain an affordable alternative, particularly for middle- and lower-income kids whose parents don't have $500 to send them to Maryland for four days."

That said, Kahn stated it was "hard to justify a state subsidy for amateur sports in times of financial crisis."

"This doesn't seem like it should be a priority," continued Kahn. "But I believe the Governor is mistaken in positioning its support as one of rich versus poor. The Games are one of the few level playing fields for kids (and adults, for that matter) of all economic backgrounds. There was a meaningful return on the state's investment, and hopefully the existing sponsors — and some new ones — will recognize that and maintain the current level of funding."

Speaking on that front, BSG Executive Director Cummings noted: "Our first goal is to try desperately to make up the deficit through increased corporate sponsorship and charitable donations. What this organization needs is for corporations to step forward and help us out financially. We have great support from Verizon and New Balance, but in light of our loss of state money, we need additional corporate involvement to continue operating. Companies that are committed to the local community have an opportunity to have a positive influence on the residents of Massachusetts, especially the thousands of kids we impact each year."

The MASF works year round to promote personal development, physical fitness, teamwork, good sportsmanship, mentoring and education through the medium of athletics to Massachusetts residents of all ages and abilities statewide.

The 2002 Bay State Summer Games just concluded, with 10,000 athletes participating in this year's events. Participants who take part in the Bay State Games 30 winter and summer events each year range in age from nine to 84 and hail from over 300 cities and towns across the Commonwealth. Over 2,000 dedicated volunteers supplement the MASF's full-time staff of four to make those events happen. With Verizon's support, the organization awards $12,000 in college scholarships annually and this year implemented a new Sportsmanship Initiative in conjunction with New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc. that recognized more than 200 recipients as ambassadors of good sportsmanship during the 2002 Summer Games.

The effects of this budget cut will most likely be felt as early as the very next Games - the 18th Winter Games, scheduled to take place this February. "We have always tried to keep athlete fees as low as possible and we are extremely proud of all our events and programming. We will strive to avoid raising fees or cutting programs, but cutting programs and increasing participation costs will be a real possibility if we are unable to make up for the loss of such a huge percentage of our funding. We hope that we will not have to takes these steps, but they may prove necessary to prevent the Bay State Games from shutting its doors after 21 years," says Cummings.

The offices of the Bay State Games can be contacted at 781-932-6555 or baystategames@hotmail.com.

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Brookline TAB

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Cambridge TAB

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The Cape Codder

1st Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Doreen Leggett*
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Chelmsford Independent

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Cohasset Mariner

1st Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Mary Ford*
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The Concord Journal

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Betsy Levinson*

Country Gazette

1st Place	History Reporting	*Heather McCarron*
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Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Shannon Haley Daggett and Heather McCarron*

The Daily News Tribune

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2nd Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Nikki Misra*
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2nd Place	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	General News Story	*Nikki Misra*

Danvers Herald

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Myrna Fearer*
Honorable Mention	General News Photo	*Mike Mergen*

Easton Journal

1st Place	Investigative Reporting	*Staff*
2nd Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Brock Parker*

Hanover Mariner

1st Place	Sports Column	*Julie Ann Nevero*
3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Edward Baker*

Harwich Oracle

3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Stephanie Foster*

The Hingham Journal

2nd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*
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Holliston TAB

3rd Place	Sports Photo	*Ed Hopfmann*

Hopkinton Crier

1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
2nd Place	General News Photo	*Allan Jung*
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Honorable Mention	Business/Economic Reporting	*Brian Boyd*

Ipswich Chronicle

1st Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Lauresha Xhihani*
2nd Place	Spot News Photo	*John Harvey*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Faith Tomei*

Lexington Minuteman

Honorable Mention	General Excellence	*Staff*

Littleton Independent

2nd Place	Feature Photo	*Ellen Bullock*
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Marblehead Reporter

1st Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Serious Columnist	*George Derringer*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Christopher Bolick*
Honorable Mention	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Christopher Bolick*
Honorable Mention	Editorial	*George Derringer*
Honorable Mention	Headline Writing	*Staff*

Marshfield Mariner

1st Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*

Medford Transcript

2nd Place	History Reporting	*Nell Escobar Coakley*
3rd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Cheryl Harrison*

Melrose Free Press

1st Place	Photo Illustration	*Dan MacAlpine and Brigid Alverson*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Brigid Alverson*
3rd Place	Health Reporting	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Brigid Alverson*

Merrimack River Current

1st Place	Photo Series	*Robert Branch*
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The MetroWest Daily News

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The Milford Daily News

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Needham Times

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The Neponset Valley Daily News

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Honorable Mention	Human Interest Feature Story	*Jennifer Kovalich*
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2nd Place	General News Photo	*Ken McGagh*
3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

North Shore Sunday

2nd Place	Educational Reporting	*Adam Reilly*
2nd Place	Environmental Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
2nd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
2nd Place	Health Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
2nd Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Elizabeth Dinan*
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Norton Mirror

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Sharon Advocate

Honorable Mention	Environmental Reporting	*Peter Hartzel*

Stoneham Sun

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Stoughton Journal

3rd Place	Sports Story	*John Hanlon*

Swampscott Reporter

2nd Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
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The Upper Cape Codder

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Wakefield Observer

1st Place	Health Reporting	*Jill Anderson*
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Watertown TAB & Press

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The Wayland Town Crier

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2nd Place	Living Page or Section	*Staff*

The Wellesley Townsman

1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Christine Junge and Michelle Xiarhos*
Honorable Mention	Headline Writing	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Cathy Brauner*

West Roxbury Transcript

3rd Place	Coverage of Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Jordana Haspel*

The Westborough News

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Westford Eagle

1st Place	Color Photo	*Lisa Cassidy*

The Weston Town Crier

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Weymouth News

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POLICE BRIEFS

Police advisory on strangers

Police Chief Robert Jackson asks that residents and beachgoers contact the police as soon as possible if they see someone acting suspiciously, especially around children.

"Recently there has been some concern about suspicious people and suspicious activity," Jackson said.

He explained in this day of cell phones it is often possible to contact the police right away; then the police have the chance to identify the suspicious person and investigate the incident. The call is also entered into the computer system, and background checks can be done if warranted, he said.

The caller should also stick around to fill police in on the incident. Or if the caller wishes to remain anonymous, he or she should give as much information as possible to the dispatcher.

"The public is our eyes and ears," Jackson said. "We depend on the public to keep us advised of problems."

He said in light of recent child abductions nationwide, there is more awareness about suspicious people.

"Any activity around a child that appears to be inappropriate should be reported," Jackson said. "We are part of the global community and we share the problems with the rest of the citizens in the country."

Jackson explained that sometimes a suspicious individual is just being friendly to children and nothing turns up in his background. Then police advise him not to be as friendly, he said.

"But without the ability to talk to the individual, it's difficult to find out what's going on," Jackson said about the need for residents to call quickly.

He said there will be increased patrols at the beach; officers will also get out of their cruisers and walk around. More tickets for those without stickers will also be issued.

Jackson said this summer is no worse than others, but in light of recent child abductions elsewhere in the country, it's a good time to ask parents to be more cautious.

"We can get lulled into a false sense of security that it can't happen here," he said.

Alarm records being updated

Owners of residences and businesses with burglar and/or fire alarm systems should contact chief civilian dispatcher Tom Wigmore at 781-383-1055 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. during the week. Wigmore is updating the alarm system information in the computers at the police-fire headquarters so there is a current contact list. Contacts for weekends and after hours are also needed.

Written information can be mailed to Tom Wigmore, 62 Elm St.

Police arrested 16 last month

July was a relatively busy month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were 16 arrests, one for Operating After License is Suspended, one for Minor Transporting Alcohol, five for Possession of a Class D Substance, three for Protective Custody, two for Outstanding Warrants, two for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, one for Assault and Battery, and finally one for Open and Gross Lewdness.

During the month of July, the police department investigated 22 motor vehicle accidents, five of which resulted in personal injury. There were 184 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $7,325 in fines. Additionally there were 222 parking tickets issued for $5,525 in fines. There were nine criminal complaints issued.

Also in July our Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,385 calls for police services, of those 114 were Emergency 9-1 -1 calls.

In the month of July there were two Breaking and Entering of a business and one Breaking and Entering of a residence.

Detective Sgt. Gregory Lennon completed a two-day Train the Trainer (SATURN) State Wide Anti-Terrorism Unified Response Network.

Warrants issued

A Cohasset man who allegedly exposed himself on three occasions will appear in Quincy District Court on Sept. 17 for a pretrial hearing.

Police arrested Jason J. Curtin, 27, of 505 Chief Justice Cushing Highway on charges of open and gross lewdness and lewd and lascivious in speech or behavior, following a report he masturbated in front of a walker in Whitney Woods at about 7 p.m., July 31.

"After the initial arrest, two other incidents came to light that happened previously," Police Chief Robert Jackson said. On Aug. 7, police issued two warrants for Curtin for the two previous incidents where he allegedly exposed himself.

POLICE LOG

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

12:55 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:05 p.m. North Main St., general disturbance.

4:25 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

4:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:18 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

5:56 p.m. Lamberts Lane, vandalism.

5:57 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:21 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

7:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s). Arrest of Jason J. Curtin, 28, of 505 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Cohasset. Charges: Lewdness, open and gross; lewd and lascivious in speech or behavior.

8:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., road rage.

9:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., road rage.

9:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., registration inquiry.

THURSDAY, AUG. 1

9:58 a.m. Highland Ave. and Beach St., property found.

11:38 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle violations.

12:03 p.m. Ledgewood Drive, suspicious activity/person(s).

12:30 p.m. Jackson Township Indiana, Fire Department, assist other agency.

12:42 p.m. Sohier St., traffic control.

1:33 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

2:17 p.m. Highland Ave., assist other agency, services rendered.

2:46 p.m. Hull St. and Cedar St., investigation.

3:08 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

3:32 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

4:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., vandalism.

4:20 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance.

4:26 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:15 p.m. Old Pasture Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:35 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity/person(s).

9:56 p.m. Sohier St., disorderly conduct. Arrest of Sean T. Curry, 580 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Charges: Disorderly person; assault and battery; protective custody, wanton destruction of property over $250.

FRIDAY, AUG. 2

8:29 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.

9:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:09 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:58 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:47 p.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

1:50 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

2:32 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, property lost.

4:27 a.m. Border St., parking violation, ticket issued.

4:31 p.m. Elm Court, animal call or complaint.

5:12 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire, investigation.

6:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.

6:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., sex offenses.

9:43 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking violation, ticket issued.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

8:41 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:55 a.m. Norman Todd Road, general disturbance, peace restored.

8:57 a.m. Sheldon Road, suspicious activity/person(s).

9:05 a.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:40 a.m. Lamberts Lane, traffic safety inspection.

10:08 a.m. North Main St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:20 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:59 a.m. Diab Lane, property lost.

11:59 a.m. Diab Lane, animal call or complaint.

12:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:19 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:36 p.m. Linden Drive, suspicious activity/person(s).

2:02 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:12 p.m. Beechwood St., power outage.

2:15 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:36 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:44 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:56 p.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.

5:31 p.m. Grace Drive, recovered motor vehicle.

6:17 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:19 p.m. Pleasant St., well-being check.

7:33 p.m. Border St., suspicious activity/person(s).

8:43 p.m. Old Coach Road, suspicious activity/person(s), peace restored.

10:34 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:51 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

11:28 p.m. Elm St., general disturbance.

SUNDAY, AUG. 4

1:35 a.m. HQ, motor vehicle theft.

5:32 a.m. Cushing Road, medical aid.

5:47 a.m. HQ, property found.

6:44 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

7:22 a.m. Joy Place, animal call or complaint.

7:56 a.m. Forest Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:31 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:41 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:24 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:28 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:58 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:04 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s).

2:11 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:45 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:46 p.m. Hull St., wires down.

5 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

6:31 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

6:55 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general disturbance, gathering.

7:16 p.m. Hull St., well-being check.

7:27 p.m. Sohier St., parking violation.

8:20 p.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:42 p.m. James Lane, noise complaint.

8:44 p.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen.

9:28 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

10:08 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:16 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, gathering.

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GET THE BLUES AT THE FAIR

North River and Green Harbor music festivals set for Sundays

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

It should have been a good sign of things to come when last year's North River Blues Festival at Marshfield Fair headlined one of its first major nationally-known acts, Louisiana zydeco singer/accordionist and perennial in-concert crowd-pleaser Buckwheat Zydeco.

And this year, the 2002 edition of the North River Blues Festival, along with its companion event, the Green Harbor Roots & Blues Festival, are both set to deliver new and improved bills of hot national and local blues and roots-music acts at this year's Marshfield Fair. The two music festivals, which have become well-attended and much-anticipated fair fixtures on back-to-back weekends, take place this Sunday afternoon Aug. 18 and next Sunday, Aug. 25 from 12 to 7:30 p.m. Both events are presented by Marshfield concert promoter John Hall, who also owns Rhythm Room Records in Marshfield.

Headlining for the North River Blues Festival, which true to its name showcases music of the pure blues flavor, is Little Charlie & the Nightcats, a Sacramento-based, nationally-touring blues/R&B/jump-swing quartet and recording act on the respected Chicago blues label Alligator Records.

Headlining for the North River Blues Festival at the Marshfield Fair Sunday, Aug. 18 is Little Charlie & the Nightcats, a Sacramento-based, nationally-touring blues/R&B/jump-swing quartet and recording act on the respected Chicago blues label Alligator Records.

Also on the bill, another national artist on the Alligator label, guitar-slinging blues-howler Micheal Burks, plus veteran Boston area scene-makers the James Montgomery Blues Band, ex-Radio Kings lead singer Brian Templeton and his current self-named-with-Friends band project, and the Racky Thomas Band, with hard-working South Shore-based blues rockers Basic Black keeping the party going on the side stage in between the main sets throughout the afternoon.

The Green Harbor Roots & Blues Festival also in keeping with its name, will focus on blues-influenced and influencing musical styles such as country, rockabilly, bluegrass, Western swing and Cajun music. Topping this day-long lineup is Donna the Buffalo, a New York State-based quintet offering a unique fusion of bluegrass and Cajun styles and who Hall describes as "a great dance band."

Also appearing, singer/guitarist Sleepy LaBeef, the Boston-area native honky tonk-crooner/roots-rocker who's also a nationally recognized name, plus homegrown talent the Swinging Steaks, the Spurs and Lonesome Jukebox pleasing musical tastes from cowpunk country-rock to Texas Playboy country-swing to more bluegrass and Cajun dance sounds, and Boston area blues-boogie cats the Rampage Trio filling the breaks on the side stage.

"We're really excited about this year's festival in particular," said Hall. "Each year we've been able to pull together lineups of acts that are better than the last. And this year especially I think the acts in each Festival complement each other very well."

Although little known nationally outside of blues circles, Little Charlie & the Nightcats' following within the genre is widespread and rock solid. Together since the mid 1970s in various formations led by guitarist "Little" Charlie Baty and suave, strutting singer/harpist/frontman Rick Estrin, the Nightcats have earned critical acclaim and a steadily growing national fan-base for their uniquely versatile blues/R&B style, which moves with comfort and ease from urban, Chicago-style blues and Texas boogie to rockabilly, jumpin' jive swing and bop-pin', jazz-inflected R&B.

Topping this day-long lineup at the The Green Harbor Roots & Blues Festival Aug. 25 is Donna the Buffalo, a New York State-based quintet offering a unique fusion of bluegrass and Cajun styles.

Also notable is the Nightcats' double-punch of Baty's stinging, well-mastered guitar chops and Estrin's wry, witty lyrics and cutting, ultra-cool vocal delivery. The band's latest CD, *That's Big!*, released this year, is its eighth overall for Alligator and delivers the usual strong set of style-jumping, original blues tracks, with lyrics covering the range from good times ("Weekend Off," the title

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Little Steven's big career

Guitarist gets busy with TV, a CD, and a new radio show

By Josh B. Wardrop
STAFF WRITER

Pop quiz: who's currently the busiest member of the famed E Street Band?

Bruce Springsteen is a logical guess. After all, he's the leader of the band that's about to release, "The Rising," his first collaboration with the E Street Band since 1984's "Born in the U.S.A." He's also preparing to launch an accompanying world tour in October.

Little Steven

But if you picked the Boss, then you have been paying attention to the career of Steven Van Zandt, the guitarist who's best known to E Street residents as Little Steven. In addition to the E Street Band reunion projects, Van Zandt has two high-profile projects of his own — co-starring in another new season of the HBO drama "The Sopranos," and, closest to his heart, his own new nationally-syndicated radio show, "Little Steven's Underground Garage," which airs locally on WROR 105.7 FM.

Little Steven won't be spending much of the summer chilling on a Jersey Shore beach.

"Yeah, I could certainly use a little thumb-twiddling time right now," Van Zandt chuckles, via telephone from New York City, where he tapes each two-hour installment of "Underground Garage." The show, he says, is a celebration of a musical subgenre, garage rock, that began in the days of the British Invasion and has survived, under the commercial radar, ever since.

"Garage rock has a direct connection to the '60s," says Van Zandt. "However, defining it is a little subjective. It's much easier to say what garage *is not*, rather than what it is. You know, there's no drum machines or synthesizers — it's a music based around guitar, bass and drums.

"It started in '65, '66 — before we had such a thing as 'hard rock' — and it wasn't about epic songs or long solos," he adds. "What I enjoyed about it wasn't even so much the big bands that did it, but the strange, eccentric, irrelevant one-hit wonders. The simplicity and accessibility of the music is what appeals to fans of garage."

Early garage band standouts included Them (Van Morrison's first band) and The Animals, and later, New York punk legends The Ramones and The New York Dolls. But, according to Van Zandt, there were a plethora of bands that carried out the garage-rock sound and philosophy without being duly recognized. "You really could argue that The Rolling Stones are the most successful garage band that ever lived," he laughs.

Garage rock is still prevalent today, Van Zandt says, pointing to underground bands such as The Mooney Suzuki, The Shazam and The Anderson Council. It was his desire to bring attention to such groups — as well as more selfish motives — that led him to propose the radio show, which made its debut in April.

"I just missed hearing my favorite songs on the radio, you know?" says Van Zandt. "I guess I have a musical sensibility that's different from most people — I listen to different radio formats like classic rock, oldies and alternative stations, because they're all great for certain things. On

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Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

Eastwood's 'Blood Work' works

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

Blood Work (B)

Some critics fault "Blood Work" because it's linear, devoid of fancy footwork and computerized effects, written plainly (by the Oscar-winning screenwriter of "L.A. Confidential"), acted without affectation and requires nothing more to comprehend it than paying attention. These are negatives? Someone — I forget who — in whichever paper (I should stop reading others, it'll save on the *agita*) said that Clint Eastwood "flirts with racism" in a couple jokes. What happens is that a Mexican-American jerk cop (played well by Paul Rodriguez, who's cornered the market on this stereotype) keeps mocking our hero with stupid Hispanic references, then at the end, gives one funny thrust at Eastwood for something I can't give away, and Eastwood hits back with a funnier remark playing off an Hispanic element. This is "racism?" Gotta love those PC critics.

Terry McCaleb (Eastwood) is a renowned FBI agent whom we meet trying to foil a criminal known as the Code Killer, for reasons that become clear later, and he has a heart attack. Two years later he's retired on his boat, a lovely and clearly troubled lady, Graciella (Wanda De Jesus) comes asking him to investigate her sister's murder, and because he learns that his new heart is that of her sister, he agrees. Terry's doctor (Anjelica Huston, looking slightly more Morticia-ish than necessary to convey Heavy Worry) is furious that Terry will endanger his recuperation by taking on a case; he's only weeks into his body's coming to terms with this traumatic transplant.

With bumbling help from the slacker (a wonderfully laid-back and surprised-filled Jeff Daniels) on the boat next to his, Terry sets about scrutinizing data, including the video of the sister's murder, the police audio of a call for help, a similar murder a few weeks before that of the sister whose heart he lives with, and other arcana of forensics. He gets help from a former protege (Tina Lifford, excellently doing a part that could have declined into another stereotype, the Angry Black Policewoman, but doesn't), interference from the pointlessly irritated Hispanic cop and his partner (Dylan Walsh, a fine second banana who rarely gets a chance to shine and is wasted here) and led astray by a few red herrings.

Eastwood is 72, his Terry is in lousy shape, he huffs and puffs when he gallumphs, he whispers, with his shirt off he is not destined for a second career in an Abercrombie & Fitch Quarterly. The movie rings true, save for an overwrought ending. Practically no music mars it, the only kid in it (Mason Lucero) is neither obnoxious nor precocious nor sullen, and we like him, and when a cop's gun uses up its six bullets it doesn't miraculously come up with 500 more. "Blood Work" is all those things many critics don't like about it, but I do. It reminds us that frou-frou is unnecessary to make a *policier* do its job, and exuding plausible darkness doesn't require that a film be neo-*noir*. "Blood Work" eschews any self-conscious "look at me! how clever! how ingenious! how convoluted!"; it is competent, it tells its story and it ends. I found it gratifying, a tad scary, worth telling others about. I'm glad Eastwood is 72. He gives me hope.

Written by Brian Helgeland; directed by Clint Eastwood. Rated R

Clint Eastwood gets the once over by Anjelica Huston.

Food & dining

German potato salad

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

German potato salad is, contrary to what I expected, a real dish in Germany, a simple combination of warm potatoes, bacon, vinegar, and onion. In America, this dish is often served cold, gussied up with chopped pickles or celery, and is often greasy and unappealing. I wanted to back to the original to find out how to make German potato salad the right way.

The first issue was the potatoes themselves and small red potatoes were the clear winner since they held their shape nicely in the salad. I decided to cut them before cooking (they should be bite-size) to reduce cooking time and to avoid shredded skins which often happens when slicing into a hot potato. Starting them in cold water, it took only 7 minutes of boiling until they were ready. Plenty of salt in the cooking water (1 tablespoon of salt to 4 quarts water) adds flavor and by splashing the warm potatoes with 3 tablespoons vinegar, the flavor is also enhanced.

As for the vinegar, red wine won the taste test when compared to white wine, cider, and balsamic vinegars. White vinegar was a close second. An additional tablespoon was used in the dressing bringing the total to a 1/4 cup. For the bacon, I used a quarter pound cut into 1/4-inch pieces and cooked it until well browned and crispy. I found thick cut held up better since it has a meatier texture. If you are not serving the salad immediately after it is prepared the bacon should be held and tossed in at the last minute. Every recipe I found included chopped onion or shallot sauteed in bacon fat. I tried using raw onion and shallot but it was too sharp. Next, I cut paper-thin slices of shallot and tossed them in with the hot potato – the shallot lost its crispness and bite but still had lots of bright, raw flavor. (Red onion also works well if you cannot find shallots.)

As for the other ingredients, I tried pickles which had an odd texture. Celery offered little but for unwanted crunch. Toasted mustard seeds work well but I have listed them as an optional ingredient since they are assertive. (The seeds add heat and crunch along with mustard flavor.) Ground mustard or mustard (the condiment) seemed overbearing and less interesting than slightly toasted seeds. The salad also benefits from chopped parsley and/or chives. A few tablespoons of either or a combination of the two adds fresh flavor and needed color.

The dressing for this salad turns out to be quite simple. Once the bacon is fried some of the fat is reserved in the pan. A tablespoon of vinegar is added and then I needed some liquid to add moisture. Chicken stock seemed to be the liquid of choice but the easy solution was to use some of the potato cooking liquid. You don't have to open a can and it adds both flavor and a touch of saltiness. I tried adding vermouth or sherry to the dressing and it was not improved but a pinch of sugar was a nice addition. These few ingredients were swirled around in the bacon-cooking skillet and after one minute, the warm dressing was ready to be poured onto the potatoes. As mentioned above the salad is best served immediately.

GERMAN POTATO SALAD

Please serve this salad immediately. It can be held for up to a half hour but, in that case, add the bacon at the last minute.

2 pounds small red potatoes, scrubbed and halved or quartered into bite sized pieces
1 tablespoon salt
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 cup paper thin sliced shallots, about three medium or 1/2 red onion sliced paper thin
1 tablespoon mustard seeds (optional)
1/4 pound thick cut bacon (about four slices) cut into 1/4-inch slices
Pinch sugar
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
3 tablespoons finely chopped flat leaf parsley or chives or a combination of both

1. Bring the potatoes and four quarts of cold water to a boil in a large pot over high heat. Add the salt and cook until the potatoes are tender but firm when poked with a paring knife or skewer, about 6 to 8 minutes. Drain the potatoes reserving 1/3 cup cooking liquid. Add three tablespoons vinegar to the potatoes, stir gently and let stand for one minute. Add the sliced shallots or red onion and stir to combine.

2. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Toast the optional mustard seeds until very lightly browned, about 1 to 2 minutes. Remove and set aside. Cook the bacon in the skillet until well browned and crispy. Remove to paper towels to drain and pour off all but two tablespoons bacon fat. Add the remaining tablespoon vinegar, the reserved cooking water, and pinch sugar. Swirl the ingredients together and cook for about a minute. Pour over the potato mixture. Add the optional mustard seeds, bacon, freshly ground pepper to taste, and parsley and/or chives. Toss gently to combine. Taste for seasonings adding salt if necessary. Turn onto a serving bowl or platter and serve immediately.

Serves 6 as a side dish.

Christopher Kimball welcomes your comment. E-mail him at kitchendetective@hcpress.com

Get the blues at the fair

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track) to bad ("Desperate Man," "Money Must Think I'm Dead").

"Our sound is a result of Rick (Estrin) and I playing together for 25 years," said "Little" Charlie Baty from a Long Island hotel room. "Each time we go into the studio to make a new album, we believe we learn more about the blues craft and are more comfortable making records. I think the last two or three albums especially reflect a certain patience and confidence that we now have in the studio and that wasn't there on our early records. Those early records were fine overall, but we were a bit nervous when making them, sort of musically and instrumentally trying too much to put everything over the top."

"Our versatility comes from the way we try to pick just the right blues or R&B style for each song," Baty said. "Rick is a very prolific writer and we believe by now we know our way around enough different styles to be able to cover a wide range. We basically try to have fun onstage, but also be musically tight. But I think the main reason we've stayed strong is that we've been able to keep bringing in new backup players over the years, which has kept the sound fresh."

The newest of the new backup players is recently added drummer Jay Hanson, whom Baty would especially like fans to welcome.

"I think he's the best drummer we've had yet. People will like his sense of theatrics," Baty said.

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my show, though, I combine them. I was really trying to bring back to radio a sense of what rock is."

The musician and actor is now learning the business of being a radio host. "When you have total freedom, it leads to a lot of questions," he says. "You find yourself with 1,000 possible choices to play, and there's nothing much that's particularly right or wrong regarding what fits."

Van Zandt says that selling radio networks on such a free-form experiment was no easy task. "The radio executives I pitched it too were a little nervous," he says. "I told them not to look at the playlist, but to listen to it. It's all fun, high-quality music that fits together. Part of the goal with the show was to break the obsession with familiarity we've developed in this country in the last decade.

That free-form format probably scares more radio stations than it inspires.

"The way I approached this was, 'I'm broadcasting Sunday nights, from 10 to midnight,' where they're not expecting to make any income, anyway. How much damage can I do to a station for two hours in the worst possible timeslot?" he laughs.

"Little Steven's Underground Garage" has, in fact, done just the opposite. Since its debut on a small number of stations in April, the show has been added to more markets each month, debuting in Boston in June. It now airs in 51 markets, more than double the number on which it debuted.

Even as the radio show gets bigger and more popular, Van Zandt has been finding more things to divide his attention. The new Springsteen album, "The Rising," hits stores July 31. Was it strange to be back in the studio with his old compadres for the first time since 1984?

"Not at all, which is probably because of the reunion tour," he says, referring to the massively successful E Street Band world tour of 2000-2001. "By the time we got back in the studio, we'd been on the road for 18 months, and were *very* comfortable together."

Van Zandt is a bit tentative when talking about "The Rising," simply because he doesn't believe in coloring listeners' perceptions. "There are elements of all of the previous work we've done — I don't want to paint too vivid a picture," Van Zandt says. "I'd rather let people hear it for themselves. But, I will say that with this album — more than ever, I think — the whole really does seem to be greater than the sum of its parts. It tries to offer a very wide and subtle emotional understanding of where things are in the world right now."

And, in addition to all the music — live and recorded, his own and by others — that Van Zandt is involved with, he's also about to return to TV screens, as HBO premieres the fourth season of "The Sopranos" on Sept. 15. Van Zandt plays Silvio Dante, one of Tony Soprano's closest "business associates." Is he hoping for a more expanded storyline this season?

"As an actor, I try not to get emotionally engaged in questions about how much screen time I get," Van Zandt says, diplomatically. "I try to be exactly what [series creator] David Chase needs me to be.

"Besides," he chuckles, "if I was any busier this year, I probably couldn't handle it."

"Little Steven's Underground Garage" airs Sunday nights, from 10 p.m. to midnight, on WROR 105.7 FM. For more information about the show, visit www.littlesteven.com/undergroundgarage.html.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL FOLK & FUR FEST 2002- Standish Humane Society's Benefit Walk for Animals - Sunday, Sept. 15 (rain or shine) Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A three-mile walk. paved route, handicapped accessible. Your walk begins as soon as you sign-in. Festivities include Life folk performances, 4-H demonstrations, rescue groups, refreshments. Dog contests for largest dog, smallest dog, loudest bark, best tail wagger, best trick, best smoocher. For more information call 781-834-4663 or visit wwwstandishhumanesociety.com

JOHN SEBASTIAN IN CONCERT to benefit educational programs at The Children's Museum in Easton, will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 3 Barrows St., North Easton. 508-230-3789. Admission is $30 per person or $50 premium tickets include preferred seating, complimentary beverage and post-concert reception with John Sebastian.

FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org

THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION presents "BIKE FOR HEALTHY LUNGS" THE 18TH ANNUAL AUTUMN ESCAPE BIKE TREK, Sept. 20-22. This 160-mile bike trek takes participants from Plymouth to Provincetown with fully supported rest stops along the way. Both two and three-day options are available but accommodations for the first night are limited so register early. This event is for cyclists of all levels. Call 1-800-LUNGYSA for details or visit the website at www.lungusa.org/massachusetts/special.html

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets on sale now $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

Lend a hand

KINGSTON COUNCIL ON AGING needs volunteers to deliver Meals On Wheels to Homebound elders. Mileage reimbursement is available. Contact the Council On Aging at 781-585-0511 or 781-585-0512.

VISION COMMUNITY SERVICES (A Division of the Massachusetts Association for the Blind). Did you know that your eyesight can be as valuable to others as it is for you? Vision Community Services needs volunteers to read or shop with a blind neighbor, to help that person maintain independence. Two hours per week and a desire to help is all you need; hours are flexible. We'll provide the training and support. Opportunities are available throughout Massachusetts. Mass. Call Donna Bailey at 1-800-852-3029. or visit our volunteer page at www.mablind.org

MASSACHUSETTS 10TH ANNUAL OPERATION STAND DOWN 2002. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks in support of homeless veterans at the 10th annual Massachusetts Operation Stand Down, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 9 and 10, at Rotch Park, next to the MBTA's Albany Street Garage. Volunteer today for Operation Stand Down, which offers homeless veterans immediate access to food, clothing, health care, medical services, legal assistance and much more. Operation Stand Down, replicating a secure military style camp at the corner of Randolph and Albany Streets in Boston's South End, provides a two-day safe haven for veterans and volunteers. For more information on how you can volunteer or assist in Operation Stand Down on Aug. 9, and 10, call Veterans' Benefits Clearinghouse at 617-541-8846. That's 617-541-8846.

THE MARSHFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING has an immediate need for volunteers one or two hours a week. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels drivers to deliver hot meals to homebound and to help serve lunch to 20 to 40 seniors weekdays at the senior center in Marshfield. Call 781-834-5581

BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS Offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office, 1458 Hancock St., and weekly ones at the Boston office. An informational session will be held July 15, from noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. in Quincy. Call 617-328-1061 or 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is seeking volunteers to help out at blood drives. Help register donors or provide refreshments. Duties are light and we will train. Daytime volunteers needed. Cal 781-461-2086.

TALKING INFORMATION CENTER needs volunteers for radio reading service for the blind. Help others hear what you can see. Opportunities available days, evenings and weekends reading evening newspapers, weekend newspapers books and magazines that are then broadcast to over 20,000 visually impaired listeners in Massachusetts. Talking Information Center for the Visually Handicapped is a non-profit organization that has been broadcasting from its Marshfield studio for almost 25 years providing information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To sign up or for more information call 800-696-9505.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL include The Cottage Shop and The Friendly Shop, Critical Care, Surgery, Patient Registration, Patient Information, Emergency Department, and the Maternity Department. For details about these opportunities, call Rick Pozniak, director of public affairs t 781-340-8564.

HOST FAMILY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED World Heritage is seeking families, couples or single parents (with or without children at home) who are adventurous, fun-loving, responsible, and most of all caring who are interested in hosting a high-school-aged foreign exchange student. By hosting a student from another country, your entire family will discover a world of fun and enlightening adventure. Students who spend a semester or year in the US are fulfilling a lifetime dream. American culture plays an important role all over the world; the English language is the international language of our times. Share your home for a year; enjoy a friendship for a lifetime. Call 1-800-888-9040 or visit www.world-heritage.org

Thurs. 15

Raffael's Restaurant Dinner Theater - Aug. 14, 15, *21 and 22. **That's Entertainment** the music of Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli starring Jan Peters and Carol O'Shaughnessy. Boston's own first ladies of cabaret. Tickets are 445 per person or $35 per person for the matinee series. Tickets includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Menu includes garden salad, your choice of a chicken, beef or fish dinner, vegetable medley, potato and dessert, with coffee or tea and a cash bar. All sales are final. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Lunch starts at noon. To order tickets call 617-328-1600. (* = two shows lunch and dinner).

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Red Chord and guests** on Aug. 15. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 16

The Children's Museum in Easton, 9 Sullivan Avenue, North Easton, will host "Drop In Workshops" at the museum during the month of August On Aug. 16, **Music and Movement.** Jump jiggle shake and dance with our staffer, Taryn, and friends. Learn a variety of musical styles and make a streamer wand to accompany yourself. Call 508-230-3789 for more information.

Bay Colony Productions, Norfolk, will perform Forever Plaid - a deliciously goofy revue features great pop hits of the 50's such as "Catch a Falling Star", "Love is a Many Splendored Thing", "Three Coins in a Fountain", "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)" and "Heart and Soul" among others at the Orpheum Theater in Foxborough on Aug. 16 at 8 p.m., Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Aug. 18, at 3 p.m. To purchase tickets call the Orpheum box office at 508-543-2787 or go on line at www.orpheum.org.

Project Arts of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank Free Summer Concert Series held at the Plymouth Waterfront (South Water Street) from 6 to 9 p.m. Featuring **Hot August Nights The Infractions** (top 40 swing and pop) **with Sherry Dale Malone** (acoustic pop) For more information contact Nightlife Music Company at 508-747-7727 or nightlifemusicco@netzero.net or at www.project-arts.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **the Kellsmen** All shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Aug. 16, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held Aug. 16, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland, exit 14 off Route 3. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m. and door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper business casual dress acceptable. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-466-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Lil Ed and The Blues Imperials** and on Aug. 16. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 17

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The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **South Shore Poets and Slam**. All shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is $3. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Sleepy La Beef** on Aug. 17. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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South Shore Art Center gallery artist Patricia Isaac of Rockland will show her watercolor works from Aug. 17 through Sept. 28 at Boston's Landmark Building at 160 Federal Street. For more information call the SSAC at (781) 383-2787.

Comedy Show Aug. 17, at 8 p.m. at **Helen's Cafe** 16 Commercial St., Braintree-Weymouth Landing. Featuring South Shore's Own: **Tommy Dunham** (Tommy grew up in Weymouth, so he knows everyone and everything about it) Recently opened for the Beach Boys and Chicago. Also on this show is **Annette Pollack, Jack Hurney, Mindi Fay and Joe List**. A full menu. Admission is $5.00. For information, call 781-356-4311.

Sun. 18

Plymouth Chapter No. 163, Order of the Eastern Star, 116 South Meadow Road, Plymouth, will have a yard sale on Aug. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. offering treasures new and old. There will also be a barbecue lunch. Space is available. For more information call 508-224-3403.

Plymouth Chapter No. 163, Order of the Eastern Star, 116 South Meadow Road, Plymouth is sponsoring an old fashioned ham and bean supper. $10 per person on Aug. 18, at 6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Mabel Biagini. Reservations may be made by calling Judy Bennett at 508-746-4294 or Ellen Blanchard at 508-866-9345. Seating is limited. Proceeds benefit the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts Order of the Eastern Star's Benevolences.

Saint Stephen's Church, 78th Annual Summer Carillon Recitals held on the Cohasset Common. every Sunday until Aug. 18. On Aug.18. **Sally Slade Warner, Saint Stephen's Church, Cohasset,** will be featured. Recitals are free. Rain or shine, on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Ave., or to the Common. A tower tour and carillon demonstration will follow each concert. For more information call 878-475-2599.

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Mon. 19

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset presents its visiting artists workshops, Aug. 19 through Aug. 23, from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m. Book Arts with Peter Madden. $375M, $400NM For more information call 781-383-2787.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset will offer a course in collaboration with Massachusetts College of Art. The course will take advantage of the coastal landscape of Cohasset with **Christopher Chippendale**, landscaping painting - Aug. 19 to 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. $302.50 To register call 617-879-7200

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Tues. 20

Quincy Dinner Theater is holding auditions for "The World Goes Round," the music of Kander and Ebb. Two male and three female singers are needed, ages 20-50. Auditions are at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 20 and 21, at the Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy, across the street from the Quincy Center T station. Bring sheet music, use the stage entrance to the right side of the building. For more information, call 781-843-5862 or e-mail www.quincydinnertheater.com.

The Marshfield Fair is hosting "Senior Day" on Aug. 20, at the Marshfield Council on Aging. Lunch is served at the Senior Center Monday through Friday. For more information call 781-834-5581.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands presents **George's Island Sunset Cruise,** Aug. 20, 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. leave from Long Wharf, Boston, Aquarium T Stop Treat yourself to an evening escape. Learn about historic Fort Warren on George's. Enjoy a beautiful sunset on your way back to Boston. Bring your own picnic supper, beverages and snacks are available on the boat. Also your camera, bug spray, binoculars, and dress for the weather. Adults $16; seniors $14 FBHI members $12 children ages 3 to 12 $9 and children age 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased dockside beginning at 6 p.m. cash only. For more information, contact 781-740-4290 or visit www.fbhi.org

BEST BET

The 10th annual Marion Antiques Show will be held Saturday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 18 at Tabor Academy. Tickets for the show are $7 and the show will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The weekend kick's off with a gala preview party Friday, Aug. 16 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. featuring hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. Tickets for the preview event are $40 in advance and $45 at the door and includes intermission to the show both Saturday and Sunday. For more information call (508) 748-1116.

Reunions

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH CLASS OF 1982 20th High School Class Reunion. Friday, Oct. 4, at Venezia Restaurant in Quincy. Send all new address information to Weymouth South High 1982 Reunion P.O. Box 505 Hingham, MA 02043 or email to wshs1982@hotmail.com

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE 150TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON All classes invited on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 12:30 p.m. at the Radisson, Boston. If you are not on our mailing list, call Helen Segouin at 781-289-9567.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com <mailto:indelicato@attbi.com>.

MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 REUNION will be held on Friday, evening, Sept. 20, at Double Tree Guests Suits, Waltham. The reunion committee is still looking for some classmates. If you are or know a member of the class of 1952 who has not yet received any mail on this subject, call addresses in to Ed Landry at 781-273-6664 for inclusion in the upcoming mailing of invitations.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

Wed. 21

Third Alzheimer's Charity Golf Classic - Wednesday, Aug. 21 Registration 7 to 8 a.m. at President's Golf Course, West Squantum St., North Quincy. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. Dinner immediately following at the Quincy Sons of Italy. Donation is $80 Includes green fees, cart, meal and prizes. Presented by the Order Sons of Italy in America Charitable and Educational Trust. Proceeds to benefit research for Alzheimer's victims, for information call Dorothy Berlandi, Chairman at 781-843-6975 or 781-848-1194.

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The Weymouth Recreation Division presents its Concerts/Movies in the Park Series. Concerts and movies will be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater next to Town hall at 75 Middle St. All events are outdoors. In the event of rain, they are moved into the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On Aug. 22,, **Sunset Sizzle** at Great Esker Park from 5 to 9 p.m. **Cookout** at 5 p.m. ($10); music by the **Bridgewater**

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14
A Scorpio moon can make for a challenging two-day period. A positive attitude is essential. Don't get caught up in worries, obsessions or dwelling on past hurts, traumas. Mercury prepares to align with Pluto, the planetary ruler of Scorpio. Choose your words carefully. Careless or indiscreet remarks will come back to haunt you. Signing contracts or making important decisions are definitely off limits. The best way to channel today's influences is to stay busy with practical projects. Hard work will pay off.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The Scorpio moon forms stressful alignments to Mars, the sun and Uranus until 2:13 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Mercury forms a 90-degree contact to Pluto at 11:29 a.m. Relief arrives at 7:25 p.m., when the moon enters upbeat Sagittarius. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Neptune sets the stage for a romantic evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
A Sagittarius moon generates a relaxed, optimistic mood today and tomorrow. It is okay to initiate new activities, make long-range plans, set new goals. If you have work projects to accomplish, you must have a clear plan of action and stick to it. It may be difficult to focus on practical matters and easy to waste time and energy. There is one rough spot in effect between 7:54-10:54 p.m., when the moon aligns with Pluto. Slow down. Think before you do or say something you will later regret.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
This is a wonderful day for vacationing, traveling, all outdoor activities. The moon continues its travel in adventurous Sagittarius. Be more spontaneous and follow your intuition. A lunar opposition to Saturn is in effect between 4:53-7:53 p.m. and may bring a lull period in the day. Take time out for yourself; rest and recharge your batteries. The remainder of the evening rates high for partying into the wee hours of the morning.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
At 1:15 a.m. the moon enters serious Capricorn, remaining there today and tomorrow. Zero in on commitments, promises you have made to others, debts you owe. Now is the time to follow through and fulfill them. Spend extra time with children or loved ones who need your attention. Catch up on work or study projects, especially if it's something you have put off for a while.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19
This is a day to get thing done. Tackle a full work agenda. Reassess your progress toward career goals; if necessary, create a new game plan. You can cut through obstacles, see the reality of a situation and make necessary adjustments. New starts are recommended before 4:13 p.m., when the Capricorn moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive. The sun interacts with Saturn at 4:34 p.m and Uranus at 8:52 p.m. Keep it light and go with the flow this evening.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
The final windup to this month's full moon begins at 9:16 a.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. The next few days will be action-packed. Channel high energy constructively. Focus on big work projects. Be open to new ideas and new ways of doing things. Today's influences rate high for achieving breakthroughs, if you are willing to experiment and try new methods. This is also a great time for partying. Be sure to take extra time out for fun and games.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
Saturn and Uranus align at 3:17 a.m. The full moon continues to build up, as the moon travels in Aquarius. Current planetary influences are ideal for brain-storming, problem-solving. The moon interacts with Venus and Pluto this afternoon, and a Venus/Pluto alignment culminates in the early morning hours. This planetary combination tends to intensify and deepen emotions. You can strengthen the ties and add new depth and dimension to key relationships. Open the doors to a higher level of communication.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
Gear up for a hectic morning. It is often difficult to sleep and get proper rest in full moon periods. Others may be moody, argumentative. The moon opposes Mars at 10:28 a.m. And conjoins Uranus at 12:49 p.m. Take it slow and easy. Drive defensively. The full moon culminates at 6:29 p.m., and the moon becomes inactive. Relief arrives at 7:11 p.m., when the moon enters Pisces. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23
Planetary action can make for another challenging day. At 3:17 a.m. the sun enters Virgo, remaining there until September 23. The moon continues to travel in Pisces, highlighting all creative endeavors, You can make gains developing arts and crafts, hobbies, artistic projects. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Applying alignments of Mars/Uranus and Mercury/Saturn urge you to use extra caution when driving or operating machinery. Spend time alone; meditate for peace of mind.

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KINDERMUSIK DEMONSTRATION CLASSES. Free Kindermusik demo classes and open house will be held at the First Church in Weymouth, 17 Church Street. Thursday, Aug. 29 4 to 5 p.m., ages 5 to 6 years; Friday, Aug. 30, 9 to11 a.m., ages infant to 4 years; Friday, Sept. 6, 9 to 11 a.m., ages infant to 4 years; Monday, Sept. 9, 9 to 11 a.m., ages infant to 4 years.

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MY TURN offers job training, placement and educational support to out-of-school youth. The Massachusetts Youth Teenage Unemployment Reduction Network, through a contract by the South Coastal Workforce Investment Board, will provide a career education and job-training program for out-of-school youth between the ages of 16 and 21 at the Quincy and Plymouth Career Centers. Those interested should call Kristen Tougas (Plymouth) at 508-732-5300, Ext. 320, or R.J. McGrail (Quincy) at 617-745-4035.

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Antiphonal Brass Society from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (free) and Astronomy from 8 to 9 p.m. free. For more information call 781-682-6124.

Fri. 23

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Janet Feld and Licia Sky**. All shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.'

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Chris Fitz Blues Band** on Aug. 23. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Talent Search

BAY PLAYERS' production of "The Music Man" Directed by Kelly Hynes Browne, musical direction by Meri-Lee Mefera, choreography by Michael Hammond. Kid's Auditions: Sunday, Sept. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. Adult's Auditions: Sunday, Sept. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. Callbacks: Monday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. Audition location: Kingston Intermediate School, Kingston. Performance Dates: Nov. 8, 9, 15, 16 and 17. at Kingston Intermediate School, Kingston. Be prepared to sing, dance and read a scene. And Have FUN!! Families are especially welcome. For more information, go to http://www.bayplayers.org for more information about Bay Players and The Music Man.

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CIINIC FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SEEKS APPLICANTS The Children's Physical Developmental Clinic at Bridgewater State College is now accepting applications for participation in the fall 2002 semester. The clinic is open to children ages 18 months through 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and/or emotional disabilities. For more information call 508-531-1776.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON summer hours from June 21 to Aug. 31 are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Drop in Days feature hands-on-arts, crafts and science activities are held in the Museum's outdoor space. Activities such as Ice Cream making, Tie Dye T-shirts, socks, or boxers (bring your own white or buy a t-shirt and paper making with natural materials run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. No reg-

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Grow glorious grasses for year-round beauty

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

PART 3

A restful week among the windswept dunes of the Outer Banks of North Carolina provided an ideal change of scenery for this weary gardener after several months of tending to my highly cultivated landscape. Since early childhood, the rolling surf and endless sandy beaches have beckoned my family southward to this pleasant refuge rich in history and legends. Of all these vacation memories, none is more lasting than the image of golden sea oats swaying in the salty breezes, their arched clusters shimmering in the setting sun against a backdrop of the blue-green ocean.

In my youth, the dunes were blanketed with broad expanses of these attractive beach grasses but hurricanes, souvenir collectors and uncontrolled building nearly wiped them out. Conservation efforts, including planting projects and protective measures, have restored some of the dunes in this area to their original beauty and sea oats once again flourish along the beaches although it is heartbreaking to witness the development that has transformed this serene wilderness into a vacation hotspot.

Several years ago, I discovered a garden worthy version of my beloved dune oats, appropriately referred to as northern sea oats (Chasmanthium latifolium). Each summer, clusters of dangling oats appear in August rekindling fond memories. Tolerant of a wide range of soils in sun or partial shade, this 3 to 5-foot tall clumping grass has slightly broader leaf blades than many other ornamental grasses and the seed heads are long lasting when cut and dried. The plant readily seeds about and might be considered by some to be a nuisance but I transplant or weed out the excess.

The family of fountain grasses (Pennisetum) is another favorite characterized by dense clumps of narrow arching leaves and late summer flowers that resemble caterpillars or bottle brushes. Several selections of Pennisetum are currently available including an 8-inch dwarf called 'Little Bunny' and a number of compact 2-foot varieties including 'Hameln' and 'Cassian'. A recent introduction, 'Karley Rose', produces lovely pink tinged flowers and an especially late-blooming cultivar 'Moudry' demonstrates thick, black seed heads. Perhaps the most irresistible of all the ornamental grasses is the crimson fountain grass (Pennisetum setaceum rubrum), which produces stunning burgundy leaves and long, elegant, arching flowers but regrettably, this sensational grass is very tender and must be treated as an annual. Mass plantings of fountain grasses have become popular in commercial and public landscapes. They thrive in average soil' s and full sun.

Blue-tinted foliage is a very desirable addition to the various shades of green that dominate our gardens and several ornamental grasses are available to provide this attractive color contrast. The blue fescues (Festuca glauca) form tidy 8-inch mounds of very thin, blue-gray foliage that are effective as edging plants in borders or foundation plantings. Blue oat grass (Helictotrichon) also demonstrates steel blue-gray leaves but is more upright in form, its spiky leaves reaching a height of 12 to 24 inches. Both these grasses maintain their color well during the winter months and prefer sunny, dry, well-drained sites

Switch grasses (Panicum) are lovely additions to the landscape. I have grown these carefree grasses for many years and have found them to be extremely well behaved and noninvasive providing a fine vertical line to my borders with airy open seed heads that give a hazy effect in late summer and early autumn. Several cultivars offer blue-tinted foliage reaching heights of 3 to 6 feet including 'Dallas Blues', 'Prairie Sky' and 'Heavy Metal'. A recent introduction, P. 'Shenandoah', has markedly red to burgundy tones and stays quite compact at under 3 feet. These hardy grasses will acclimate to nearly any soil type in sun or part shade.

For shady gardens, several extremely attractive grasses offer marvelous color and textural contrast to broad-leafed hostas. The family of sedges (Carex) forms dense clumps, many resembling mop heads, ranging in height from 6-inches to 3-feet. Moisture retentive soils in partial shade are ideal where many remain totally evergreen throughout the year although some will benefit from a spring haircut to remove winter-damaged foliage. Variegated forms include C. morrowii and C. 'Evergold' and a relatively new introduction C. 'Ice Dance' that slowly spreads to form an attractive evergreen ground cover. The leatherleaf sedge, C. buchananii is most unique with its unusual delicate, pinkish-brown leaves adding an entirely different color tone to the predominantly green border. A personal favorite is C. 'Bowles Golden', which produces a stunning lime-green to yellow 2-foot clump that glows in the shady border.

Perhaps the loveliest of all the ornamental grasses is Hakone grass (Hakonechloa macra). This absolutely charming, graceful, arching grass slowly spreads to form a mound that cascades like a waterfall and is an invaluable addition to the shady border. The most commonly grown variety is 'Aureola' characterized by golden leaves highlighted with rich dark green stripes. Grow in humus-rich soil in light shade alongside ferns, hosta, and astilbes or nestled among rocks.

For ease of culture and long season interest, few perennials rival the grasses and sedges. It may require some searching to find a broad selection and a little experimentation to feel comfortable with their placement in the garden but your long-term rewards will make the process worthwhile.

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A day at the races

Above: Spectators gather around the drag racer's 500+ horse power engine.
At left: Jackson Dean, 10, gets strapped in by Kenny Thayer. Once all the safety belts were tightened, Jackson wasn't able to move an inch.

PHOTOS BY DAVE GORDON

Kenny Thayer, who works for the Cohasset DPW, enjoys the sport of drag racing in his spare time. He thrilled the kids at Summer Playground when he paid them a visit.

Above: Anthony Guerriero gives his model car a once-over.
At right: The kids at Summer Playground, sponsored by Cohasset Rec, made their own cars in honor of Kenny Thayer's visit. Here, Devon Dickson, 8, waits for the start of a drag race.

Above: Anthony Guerriero, 12, steps out of the drag racer after getting a chance to buckle up in the driver's seat.
At left: Kenny Thayer talks about his drag racer with the kids and staff at the Summer Playground program at the Osgood School.

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The Request for Proposals, which includes detailed specifications, are available at the Town Manager's Office, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025 during normal business hours.

Proposals shall be received at the Town Manager's Office, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025, on or before 10:00 A.M. on Monday, September 23, 2002, in the manner specified in the RFP.

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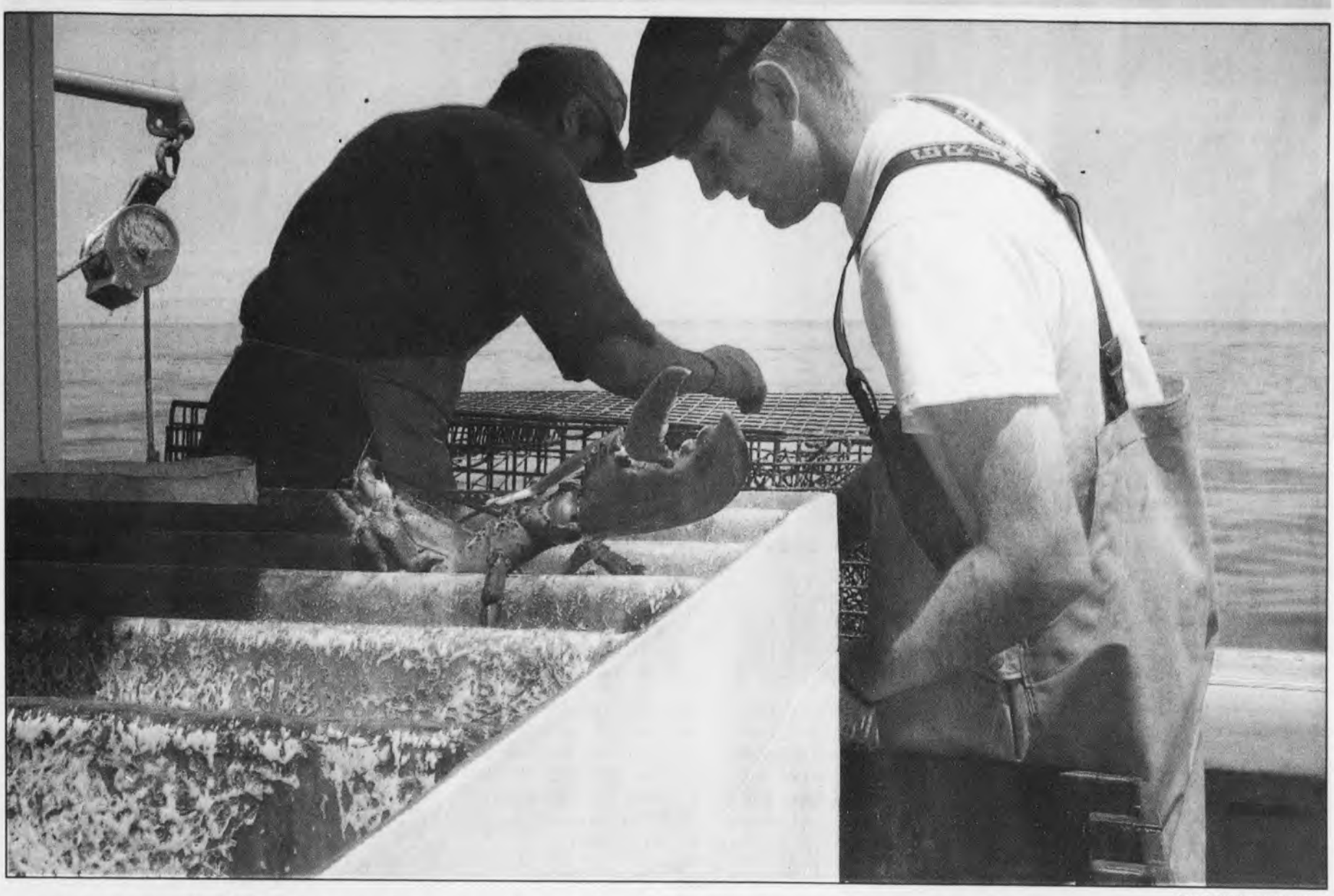

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Lobstering is a way of life for Tucker Patterson, left, who is joined by his nephew Jeffrey Patterson for the summer on board the "Jason James" during a recent trip out to sea.

A fish story

Fishing is woven into the fabric of our communities — the geography in our coastal towns forever dictated it would be.

Water is all around us, from the North River that snakes through the South Shore to the Atlantic Ocean, to our bustling harbors.

Land ill-suited to farming made harvesting the bounty of the sea a sensible and profitable alternative over the years.

Abundant archeological evidence shows that even before the early settlers made their homes in Scituate and Marshfield, the Wampanoag Indians fished from the banks of the North River and the cliffs in Scituate, literally living from the sea.

Today that centuries old living is in jeopardy.

The postcard picture images of fishermen making their way out to sea from Scituate and Green Harbors is in danger of becoming just a memory. Sweeping federal bans and restrictions put into place over the past several years have increasingly made it difficult for local fishermen to make a career bringing in the catch of the day.

An entire way of life - - that captures so well the fiercely independent spirit of the New Englander — is on the line.

In "Living on the Sea" we hope to provide a glimpse into the life of local fishermen, sharing their satisfaction in bringing in a big catch, and the hardships they face as regulations increasingly put limits on that catch, the number of days they can work and how far they must travel to make their time at sea worthwhile and profitable.

We're also taking a closer look at the restrictions, why they've been set and how they impact fishermen, while also examining their efforts to set the record straight by generating scientific evidence about ground fishing stocks.

The history of the trade, linked to the booming ship building industry of the region, and a look at where today's catch ends up — from fish markets, and grocery stores to fine restaurants — are also included along with some discussions on the health benefits in a fish-full diet.

This is a story that hits close to home and to the heart. These hard-working men and women who rise before the sun and weather rough seas to bring seafood to our tables didn't walk off a box of Mrs. Pauls' fish sticks. They are our friends and neighbors who carry on a tradition that is an integral part of our communities' rich maritime heritage.

A day in the life

By Amy Lambiaso
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Tucker Patterson hasn't missed a sunrise in 12 years. His day begins before 5 a.m. — well before the sun comes up.

As his 42-foot boat, "Jason James" pulls away from Scituate Harbor each morning, Patterson doesn't look back. He doesn't wish he was still sleeping or that he was working behind a desk.

He only wishes for lobsters — and lots of them.

Patterson has been lobstering for more than a decade in Scituate — the fourth generation in his family to do so. He learned the trade from his grandfather, his father, his uncles and his brother. And now he's passing the expertise on to his nephew Jeffrey, who ventures out to sea during the summer months with Patterson, and has even taught his oldest daughter Shelby some tricks of the trade.

"Things have changed throughout the years," Patterson says as he motors toward his next line of lobster traps between Minot and Egypt beaches. "But you learn what to do — it's not that tough."

Patterson's clear navigation through the waters just beyond the harbor demonstrates just how well he's perfected this lifestyle. Following only a map committed to memory, he leads his boat to each line of lobster traps to be picked up today. He turns on a navigational device showing the topography of the ocean floor — but doesn't seem to need it.

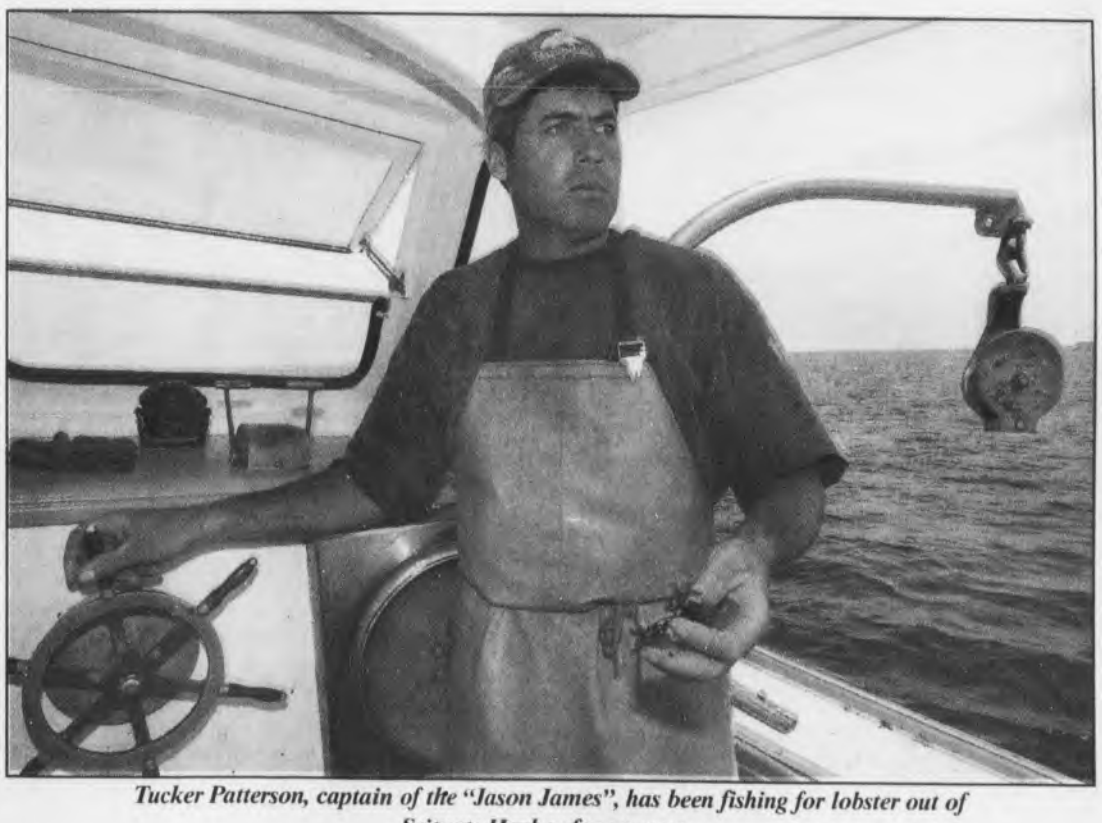
"You get to know your way around," he said. "I pretty much know every inch of this water."

Patterson maintains two lines of lobster traps off the Scituate coast, with 400 traps in each line. Federal regulations allow lobstermen only 800 traps to be used during the course of the year — Patterson will typically pull out 400 traps each day, alternating what line he travels.

His 19-year-old nephew Jeffrey waits on the back of the boat, observing the action of other fishing and lobstering boats out working. The sophomore at Massachusetts Maritime Academy has been helping his uncle for the past three summers — just for "something to do."

But for Patterson, it's more than a hobby or pastime.

He shares a certain comfort with the ocean that has become like his second home.



Tucker Patterson, captain of the "Jason James", has been fishing for lobster out of Scituate Harbor for 12 years.

As he approaches his first line of lobster traps with great ease, he takes a deep breath to begin his workday.

Patterson spots the buoy that marks the northern and southern points to the line — the beginning and the end. Reaching the buoy, he pulls it on deck and hooks the rope onto a self-controlled wheel.

Almost automatically, the lobster traps rise out of the water onto the edge of the boat one after another.

"We get a whole mess of stuff in these," Patterson says, pulling out crabs, fish and other ocean-bottom dwellers. And upon locating the few and far between lobsters in each trap, Patterson is lucky to keep one or two.

With the lobster and fish stock depleting during the past several years, fishermen and lobstermen are forced to abide by strict federal regulations — dictating the number of traps lobstermen can use and the size of each lobster.

Keeping his 3 1/4-inch measuring stick by his side at all times, Patterson tests each lobster as he pulls it from the trap. Measuring from the base of the abdomen before the tail to the lobster's eyes, it must be larger than 3- 1/4-inches to make the catch.

Fishing: In Depth

Most of the lobsters Patterson brings in are immediately returned to their home in the water — they're not big enough to keep yet.

"These guys are all too small," Patterson says as he tosses each young lobster back into the ocean. "We'll get 'em in a few years."

But the lobsters can't be too big either. A separate 5-inch measuring device is used less frequently, but a necessity to assure the lobsters are not larger than the 5-inch maximum size.

"It's like our insurance policy," said local lobsterman Fred Dauphinee, on shore taking a break from his day of lobstering. "We'll have these bigger guys to fall back on if the stock ever depletes in the future."

Lobsters have been known to grow to more than 25 pounds in size — some 100-years old and more than 3-feet in length. The average lobster grows to 2-pounds in its years on the ocean floor.

Patterson must also check the sex of the lobster — female lobsters with thousands of black eggs lining the under side of its abdomen are "V-knotched" on the tail with a knife and thrown back to the ocean.

"We do that to tell the next guy this lobster is still breeding," Patterson says while knotching a "V" into one lobster's tail. He explains that female lobsters can carry more than 100,000 eggs at one time, and will breed multiple times in its lifetime. "We see the 'V' and we know to throw it back. This one's not done (breeding) yet."

With the few lobsters left from that one trap, Jeffrey bands the claws

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The historical hook

By Alice Coyle
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The Men of Kent who settled Scituate in 1636 most likely had planned on a life of farming. But like colonists up and down the rocky Massachusetts coast, the early residents of Scituate and neighboring Marshfield found the soil ill-suited for farming and turned to the sea choosing to harvest its bounty instead.

They lived off the sea and made a living there, too.

Archeological evidence shows that years before the European settlers did so, the Wampanoag Indians fished from the banks of the North River and the cliffs, says Marshfield historian Cynthia Krusell.

For the colonists, the fishing business would go hand in hand with what became the region's biggest industry in the 18th and 19th centuries — shipbuilding.

"The Geography fueled the economy," says Scituate Historical Society member and Marshfield resident Fred Freitas. "The land wasn't good for farming," he says, noting that local histories refer time and again to the early settlers asking for more land in the hopes of greater success tilling the soil.

"They had to do something else. They had to supplement with something else."

That something was linked to the rivers, harbors and the ocean that surrounded them and it included fishing, ship building, shipping, trade, and in Scituate — Irish mossing.

Samuel Deane's "History of Scituate" shows the fishing industry dates back to the town's founding and even earlier noting that the first "fishing station" was set up in Scituate in 1633. Cod and other fish caught in those early years was dried and traded for goods in countries like Spain and Portugal.

The first recorded fishing restrictions according to Deane's History came in 1670 when a court order was set preventing fishermen from taking mackerel out of season.

"It seems that even back then there was concern about the fishing stocks," notes Freitas.

Despite these early restrictions fishermen in the area would enjoy plentiful seasons in the early 18th century. "It wasn't uncommon for a vessel to take in 1,000 barrels in a season" Deane wrote. And by 1770 there were upward of 30 vessels in the mackerel industry working out of Scituate.

The businesses that grew up along these working harbors were related to marine industry, coopers and sail makers and blacksmiths among others.

"The whole valley was involved in these trades," says Freitas. "It drove the entire economy."

But like every other budding industry in the colonies, international events like England's wars with the French and later the Revolutionary War had a large impact on the fishing business, notes Scituate Historical Society member Dave Corbin.

"There were definitely highs and lows. It was not until after the War of 1812 when we had established rights on the high seas that we began to have a booming business in fishing and shipbuilding," Corbin says.

In Scituate the fishing business would reach its peak in the 1820s and '30s, says Corbin. Deane's history supports this by noting that 35 vessels were fitted out from Scituate in 1830 weighing from 50 to 150 tons with crews of six to 15 hands. In 1828 alone, more than 15,000 barrels of mackerel were taken.

The industry was lucrative but always dangerous, notes Corbin, who wrote an article on the ill-fated fishing schooner Maine, for a historical society newsletter a few years back. This week marks the 156th anniversary of wreck of the Maine — a 60-ton fishing vessel out of Cohasset with a crew of 12, captained by Joshua Litchfield of Scituate.

The Maine was bound for Cape May New Jersey where the mackerel were plentiful. The schooner got underway Aug. 16, 1846 but had not even passed Provincetown when a thick fog rolled in and the crew decided to drop anchor for the night. What the fishermen aboard the Maine did not know was that the ocean liner Hibernia was underway too, bound for its homeport of Liverpool. It had left Boston earlier that day and was heading right for the fishing schooner.

Safety devices that have made the industry less perilous, like lights, horns, radar and other electronic navigational instruments weren't on board in those days, and the crew of the Maine had no warning, no time to get out of the way as the Hibernia plowed into the schooner and literally cut it in two. The Maine sunk in minutes and the six that survived the crash were plunged into the pitch black waters of the Atlantic. Clinging to the wreckage of his boat, an injured Capt. Litchfield held on for a short time before disappearing under the waves. The remaining five crew members held on longer, but might not have lived to tell their harrowing tale had it not been for the crew of the Hibernia, who pleaded with their captain to stop and search for survivors.

"The Captain of the Hibernia, didn't want to stop," says Corbin. "A veteran of channel shipping between London and France, the captain knew the rule was not to stop." Stopping involved shutting down and reversing the steam engine on the ship and taking in the sail during the middle of the night to search in the dark.

"Fishermen are a special breed of people. Basically, if you're earning a living from the ocean, you have to be a dedicated, hardworking individual or you're not going to make it."

Scituate lobsterman
Gilbert Patterson

"But the crew protested," Corbin says. "They launched the lifeboat and listened. They were about to give up when they heard the cries of the men, rowed to them and pulled them to safety."

The Maine survivors were brought to Halifax, Nova Scotia, before they returned to their homes on the South Shore. But such survival stories were rare in those days.

"When fishermen set out to sea, that was it," says Corbin. "You didn't hear from them for weeks and months."

Amazingly, Capt. Litchfield's body was found off the Cape and another local fisherman was able to identify him and have his remains brought back to Scituate for burial, Corbin says. Nearly 60 years after their brush with a watery grave, the five survivors of the Maine were reunited in Scituate and their amazing story retold in a 1904 article in the local newspaper.

Not long after the Maine disaster, the fishing industry in Scituate began a significant decline replaced by a more profitable, safer venture — Irish Mossing.

In her book "Irish Mossers and Scituate Harbour Village," Barbara Murphy again alludes to Deane's History of Scituate which states that 30 years after the mackerel boom of 1828, the business had completely ceased. Lobstering and especially mossing — known as farming under the sea — the collecting and drying of the lichen known as carrageen had become big business in Scituate and put the small seaport on the map. Carrageen was a major ingredient for foods like pudding and beer and later products like tooth paste.

Murphy excerpts from an 1879 newspaper clipping found in historical society archives that states the production of 10 to 15,000 barrels of moss brought in $50,000 annually to the town, a sum shared by about 150 families at that time.

Irish immigrant Daniel Ward is credited with starting the industry which involved mossers raking the moss from the rocky bed of the ocean, piling it in dories and then laying it out on the beach to dry/bleach in the sun. The same dories were also used for lobstering which also enjoyed a sort of Renaissance in the mid-19th century.

Lobster, Corbin notes, was not considered worth harvesting in great quantities until that time. Previously it was used to feed servants and even ground up for use as soil fertilizer.

Lobstering would become big business and one of the main fisheries out of Marshfield — where fishing is still referred to as the leading industry.

But indeed what might be most remembered about fishing in the 20th century is the restrictions that have been placed on the industry, regulations that have drastically cut into the numbers of men and women who choose to make a living at sea.

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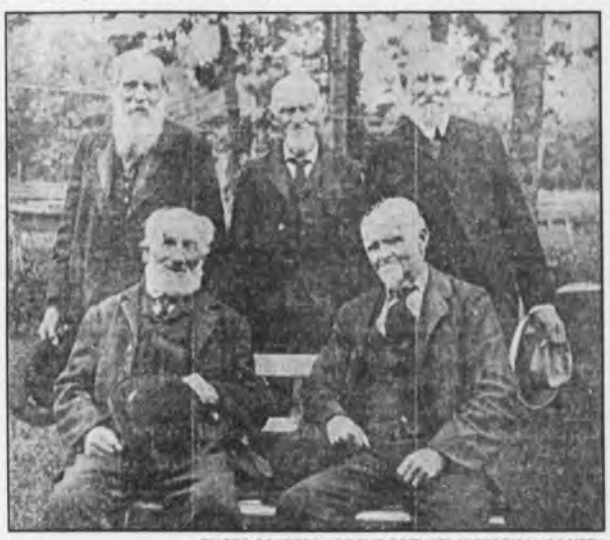
In early days of lobstering, fishermen crafted their own wooden lobster pots.



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The five survivors of the fishing schooner Maine; Joseph M Bowker of South Scituate, Francis M. Lincoln Alfred Wood of Beechwood Cohasset, Luther Litchfield of Scituate and Isaiah Lincoln also of Cohasset. Six other crew members including Captain Joshua Litchfield of Scituate perished in the 1846 collision with the Cunard ocean liner the Hibernia.

What was in the early part of the last century a multi-generational business, is rarely so any more.

Rather than face an uncertain future, fisherman Scott MacKinnon has given it up to open a fish market and restaurant in Marshfield.

"My son has jumped out," says Scott's father, Scituate fisherman Bob MacKinnon. "We sold our boat and now he runs Captain Mack's"

While angered by the restrictions on his business, Bob MacKinnon is hanging on. He has bought a smaller, 40-foot vessel and plans to do some scalloping in Scituate where he'll be the only game in town.

But before the restrictions, MacKinnon remembers better days for the fishermen and more boats working out of Scituate and Green Harbors.

"Back in the '70s and '80s we had three big swordfish boats 70 to 90-feet operating out of Scituate," he recalls, along with draggers, scallop boats, gillnetters and lobster vessels. Now there's just a handful of ground fishermen working out of Scituate, and none in Marshfield — where today only the tuna fishing and lobster business is thriving.

Many who once fished for cod and flounder have switched to lobstering to stay afloat. But with more lobstermen, there will be fewer lobsters to take, notes MacKinnon. And even the lobster fishermen are feeling the pinch.

"It used to be that you brought your pots in before Christmas," says MacKinnon. "Now you have to do it year-round."

"It hasn't been a great year for lobstering," notes Scituate native Gilbert Patterson. Patterson took up lobstering 23 years ago after retiring as the town's chief of police.

"I was only 53 years old," says Patterson. "My wife asked me what I wanted to do and I says I think I'll do a little fishing."

Patterson bought himself a 30-foot lobster boat and started fishing. It wasn't new to him. His father was a carpenter by trade but took summers off to moss and lobster in Scituate. Patterson remembers more and bigger lobsters in those days. But advances in fishing including hydraulic equipment have made it, and the lobstermen more productive, notes Patterson, whose son Tucker has made a career of lobstering. While it was not his choice for a profession, Gil Patterson has a great deal of respect for fishermen.

"Fishermen are a special breed of people," he says. "Basically, if you're earning a living from the ocean, you have to be a dedicated, hardworking individual or you're not going to make it."

Tucker is making it.

"He's a survivor and he works very hard and puts in long hours," Gil says of his son.

Other fishermen aren't as fortunate, notes Patterson. Some have taken on part-time jobs to supplement their income when they cannot be at sea, doing the work they love.

And still others, grappling with restrictions on the hours and days they can fish have invested in a second boat to be able to fish more hours, but greatly adding to their own expenses, says longtime Scituate Harbormaster Elmer Pooler.

"The fishermen spend a lot of money in this town," notes Pooler.

"They're being murdered by the federal government," he says, referring to the restrictions on the trade. Pooler worries about the members of the town's commercial fleet, which due to closures in local fishing grounds, must travel far off shore to bring in their catches.

"These boats, some of them are only 40-feet, are going too far out, steaming 16 hours out to make a living. It's only a matter of time before we start losing some of them," laments Pooler. "I hate to see them going out so far, but they have to do it to make a living and it's not right.

I try to keep track of them, they're like my children," he says of the fishermen he's come to know during his 34 years in the harbormaster's office.

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Fisherman Tom Turner's Lighthouse Road residence, is known as the "jug in the chimney house." Legend has it that Turner put the jug in the chimney facing the northeast wind as a sort of weather gauge. If Turner heard the wind whistle through the jug and down his chimney, he knew he didn't have to get out of bed that morning because the northeast wind was blowing and it wasn't fit outside for fishing.

But former Marshfield Harbormaster Larry Bonney sees it differently. He supports the restrictions that he says are necessary to protect the fishing stocks.

"Some of these guys want to be out there to catch the last fish," Bonney says. "The regulations are long overdue, the fishing stock is being depleted and the federal government and the state are concerned about the future — we all should be."

And while the future remains unclear at the start of this new century for those who have chosen a life working on the sea, the local fishermen still embody the qualities embraced by New Englanders, notes Frietas.

"If you're a fisherman, you're your own boss, living life on your own terms, but at the beck and call of nature. You exude that fierce independent spirit that New England is all about."

PHOTO/AMY LAMBIASO

A monument to fishermen lost at sea stands at the Town Pier in Scituate.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

The fishing boat "Extreme" motors back into Green Harbor.

Allure of fishing is fading for families

Future of industry in doubt

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In an article for the Toronto Star Weekly in 1922 a young Ernest Hemingway wrote about tuna fishing off the coast of Vigo, Spain: "There are plenty of tuna and they take the bait. It is a back-sickening, sinew-straining, man-sized job even with a rod that looks like a hoe handle. But if you land a big tuna after a six-hour fight, fight him man against fish when your muscles are nauseated with the unceasing strain, and finally bring him up alongside the boat, green-blue and silver in the lazy ocean, you will be purified and be able to enter unabashed into the presence of the very elder gods and they will make you welcome."

Hemingway had a lifelong passion for fishing, a subject that appears in much of his work, from several of his famous short stories to the classic novella, *The Old Man and the Sea*. He once said that the great ocean currents are the last wild country left in the world, a notion to which many local fishermen, who have felt the primordial rage of the sea during a winter storm, will likely attest. Hemingway, like others, recognized the undeniable poeticism of fishing and its connection to literature and mythology. With those connections in mind it is possible that one can perceive that there is something poetic, and perhaps charmingly provincial, about the fishing trade being passed within families from one generation to the next.

But such lineal processions, once common in fishing towns such as Marshfield and Scituate, are now virtually non-existent. The "elder gods" of which Hemingway wrote, are no longer passing the torch. Scott MacKinnon, who had to quit the industry last fall under the weight of burdensome federal regulations, knows too well how and why this has happened.

The son of a fisherman, MacKinnon followed in his father's footsteps when he became a fisherman after graduating from Marshfield High School in 1984. Father and son worked together for several years, running a boat for another owner until they were able to buy their own boat in 1988.

"It wasn't bad back then. It was a lot of fun and there was a lot less pressure," he said. "We'd go out when we wanted to, fish where we wanted, and sell where we wanted. You could make a good year's pay."

Robert and Scott MacKinnon were gill-netters, captaining the *Lady Irene* through the Stellwagon Bank. On some days they would catch thousands of pounds of cod, haddock, and flounder, enjoying the freedom of working for themselves on the open ocean.

But in a few short years things changed.

"It really got crazy in the late '90s but in the mid '90s it started," said MacKinnon. What started was governmental regulations that were tolerable for fishermen at first, but continued to grow in severity until they limited the ability of many, including MacKinnon, to make a good living from the sea. The number of days fishermen could work were cut back and many areas were closed to fishing, all to help revive the dwindling stock of cod and other fish.

"It really was the final straw when they took January, February, and March away from us," MacKinnon said of the federal inshore ban on groundfishing, which was enacted in 1999. "It killed the fishing in this area."

He said no fishermen could honestly say fish stocks were not shrinking. He furthermore believed there was a need for restrictions, but thinks they went too far, too fast.

"In saving the fish they're wiping out the people. When you lose people from fishing they're not going to come back."

Such are the effects of federal restrictions that people are being forced out of the industry and newcomers are not stepping in to take their place. The younger generation of would-be fishermen have seen the hardships experienced by veterans and are choosing different lines of work.

"There are very few young guys doing it now," said MacKinnon. "There's just no future in it. Mostly kids will start out working on a boat to see what it's like. They see today what it's like. They're working harder and not making much money, whereas as a high school kid I worked hard and made a lot of money. I made more than my friends."

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Times have changed for Scott, left, and Bob MacKinnon since this picture was taken in March of 1999 at Scituate Harbor. Scott has since left the fishing business and Bob has scaled back his operation, concentrating on scallop fishing.

Laddie Dexter, a Marshfield lobsterman who has been hunting in the waters off Brant Rock for more than four decades, has a similarly bleak view of what lies ahead for area fishermen. He hears the death knell for the next generation of fishermen in the complaints about governmental regulations and in shrinking profit margins.

He and MacKinnon agree that "mom-and-pop" type fishing operations will in the not too distant future, be forced out of businesses by large factory trawlers. Fishing, they say, is getting more and more expensive, and it will soon only be worthwhile to large companies with lots of capital.

"If I wasn't 63 years old I would be looking for something else," said Dexter. "There are not a lot of second-generation fishermen. It's basically non-existent because it's a dying business. People are more educated now and they're deciding that for the amount of time you've got to put into it the return is not great."

This progression is something he is accepting, if reluctantly. Dexter said he enjoys working for himself, and he still has fun doing it. Aside from motoring toward shore with a boatload of lobsters, he also savors the experience of just being on the water. Sometimes a whale will follow him around for half a day, he said, or a school of porpoises will swim by. Always a beautiful sight is when the sun comes up over a pitch black ocean.

"Laddie is an older guy," said the 35-year-old MacKinnon. "He's been fishing all his life. When he leaves no one is going to replace him."

Unlike Dexter, MacKinnon was unable to stay in the fishing business. With a wife and three young children, he needed a job that would more reliably allow him to pay the bills and put food on the table. In June, he and his wife, Cara, opened Captain Mack's, a seafood restaurant on Ocean Street. He was forced to sell his boat so he could buy the restaurant, and now he sells the same kinds of fish he used to haul in. Though MacKinnon is settling into the restaurant business, learning as he goes, he still seems to wish he could be out amidst the excitement the ocean.

"I miss it a lot, not knowing what was going to happen each day," he said. "I just enjoyed fishing, catching fish. It was rewarding."

Judge's ruling sends fishing industry into a frenzy

New restrictions would further squeeze local fishermen

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The clock is ticking for local fishermen.

Those who live off the sea have one year to prove the scientists and environmentalists feeding the federal government information are wrong about the condition of fishing stocks off the shores of New England. If they're unable to show the fishing stocks have rebounded to a satisfactory level, they'll have to live with the strictest federal regulations ever imposed on the Massachusetts fishing industry.

Many believe the decision rendered by federal judge Gladys Kessler in April goes overboard and will soon put most small commercial fishermen on the endangered species list.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, called the judge's decision a "foolish ruling."

"The government has to strike a balance between protecting the species and the environment and protecting the economic rights of the fishermen," Hedlund said. "At the moment, we're not doing a good job at that. The pendulum is swinging against the rights of those who fish for a living."

State Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, said the "onerous restrictions" set by Judge Kessler "would wipe out most of the fishermen in Marshfield and Scituate."

Hedlund, along with State Sen. Bruce Tarr, of Gloucester, has been instrumental in several Senate initiatives to help bolster the floundering fishing industry.

Through a cooperative effort with the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, the Legislature has earmarked funding to help scientists and fishermen prove to the federal government that the stricter regulations are not necessary.

"One of the charges of the program is learning the migration pattern of cod, their reproduction patterns... and compiling data that can be used in a fight in the courts," Hedlund said.

Hedlund said $200,000 was funded through a line item in the Massachusetts Office of Business Development budget to help bring fishermen and scientists together to study the issue.

The funds are being used to develop fishery recovery equipment, a cod-tagging program, as well as fund other scientific studies, according to Hedlund.

The UMass program came out of the Coastal Caucus, which was set up several years ago in the Legislature to focus primarily on fishing issues.

Hedlund said in the current fiscal year 2003 budget, $180,000 was appropriated for the UMass partnership to assist fishermen experiencing hardships and to study alternative fisheries and alternative stocks. In addition, $380,000 was set aside to implement some of the technology available for studying fisheries and to pursue electronic reporting of groundfishing areas.

"We're trying to come up with a model that creates what fishermen are actually seeing to give our argument some credibility when we go to court," Hedlund said. "We're trying to take the fishermen's anecdotal arguments and make it scientific.

"What the fishermen tell us doesn't jive with the Conservation Law Foundation's assumption and some of the data the feds are using," Hedlund added.

The Conservation Law Foundation immersed itself into the fishing frenzy in 2000 when it joined other environmental groups to sue the New England Fishery Management Council for its lack of action on environmental efforts relating to Amendment 9 of the Magnuson Act.

The impact of Kessler's ruling in U.S. District Court — known as Amendment 13 to the Magnuson Act — siding with the CLF lawsuit, puts severe restrictions on cod and other bottom-dwelling fish caught in New England waters effective August 2003. Possibly the most costly portion of the judge's decision is fishermen are now being asked to take the average catch of the last five years, from 1996-2000 and reduce that number by 20 percent. The original language called for fishermen to take the best year in that time period and reduce it 20 percent. Hedlund said the change in the formula is the hook that could snag the local fishing industry.

The decision also reduced the number of days allowed to fish to 88, and if those days are not used, fishermen would lose them.

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During a rally of local fishermen at Scituate Harbor in February of 1999 protesting increased regulations, a man dressed up as Uncle Sam hangs a fisherman.

The court has ordered the National Marine Fisheries Service to come up with a plan by August 2003 that would not only satisfy fishermen, but also address the environmental concerns and rebuilding the depleted fish population.

While Hynes said he isn't sure what the $180,000 for the Umass-Dartmouth program buys for local fishermen and the state, he does see part of his job as getting the message across to other legislators about the importance of the fishing industry to coastal communities like Marshfield, Scituate and Cohasset.

"The bulk of the legislators don't understand the relationship of the historic first industry — fishing — to today's economy," Hynes said. "In today's economy there's a huge effort to educate."

Hynes said most fishermen are as sensitive to depleted fishing stocks as environmentalists because they make their living off the sea and their children often follow in their footsteps.

Hynes said one area the federal government needs to shore up its effort is to look at the current fishing climate based on the latest scientific data.

"There needs to be a balance," Hynes said. "Don't make judgments based on assumptions. Regulations are being based on opinions and judgments made in the mid-90s."

Hynes would also like to see the federal government come up with uniform regulations that are fair and don't put local fishermen at a disadvantage. Hynes said regulations need to apply to foreign fisheries through international trade agreements. Currently Canadian fishermen can fish in the Gulf of Maine and aren't obligated to the same restrictions as U.S. fishermen.

"Then they ship their fish into our market," Hynes said. "That happens with great regularity."

Lobstermen are particularly vulnerable to unfair regulations. While lobstermen aren't feeling as much of a pinch in terms of regulations, there is still cause for concern for those fishermen as well. This year, the lobster season began with prices more than 20 percent lower than normal, mostly due to lack of demand. That, combined with one of the worst lobster seasons in recent memory last year, has some worried that commercial fishermen facing stricter regulations will flood the waters with even more lobster traps in an already crowded market.

Part of the reason for last year's drop off was the number

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Massachusetts
Weekly Quota Numbers - July 6th, 2002
BLACK SEA BASS

Start Date		End Date	Total Pounds for Week
Dec-30	-	Jan-05	6
Jan-06	-	Jan-12	470
Jan-13	-	Jan-19	20
Jan-20	-	Jan-26	877
Jan-27	-	Feb-02	1,322
Feb-03	-	Feb-09	38
Feb-10	-	Feb-16	0
Feb-17	-	Feb-23	0
Feb-24	-	Mar-02	60
Mar-03	-	Mar-09	3
Mar-10	-	Mar-16	0
Mar-17	-	Mar-23	0
Mar-24	-	Mar-30	2
Mar-31	-	Apr-06	0
Apr-07	-	Apr-13	435
Apr-14	-	Apr-20	0
Apr-21	-	Apr-27	405
Apr-28	-	May-04	2,992
May-05	-	May-11	35,440
May-12	-	May-18	75,111
May-19	-	May-25	163,148
May-26	-	Jun-01	114,056
Jun-02	-	Jun-08	65,690
Jun-09	-	Jun-15	0
Jun-16	-	Jun-22	7
Jun-23	-	Jun-29	539
Jun-30	-	Jul-06	57,624
TOTAL			**518,245**

Commercial Fishery Regulations:

The following possession limits will be in effect per quarter with adjustments when 60% of the quarterly quota is projected to be taken:

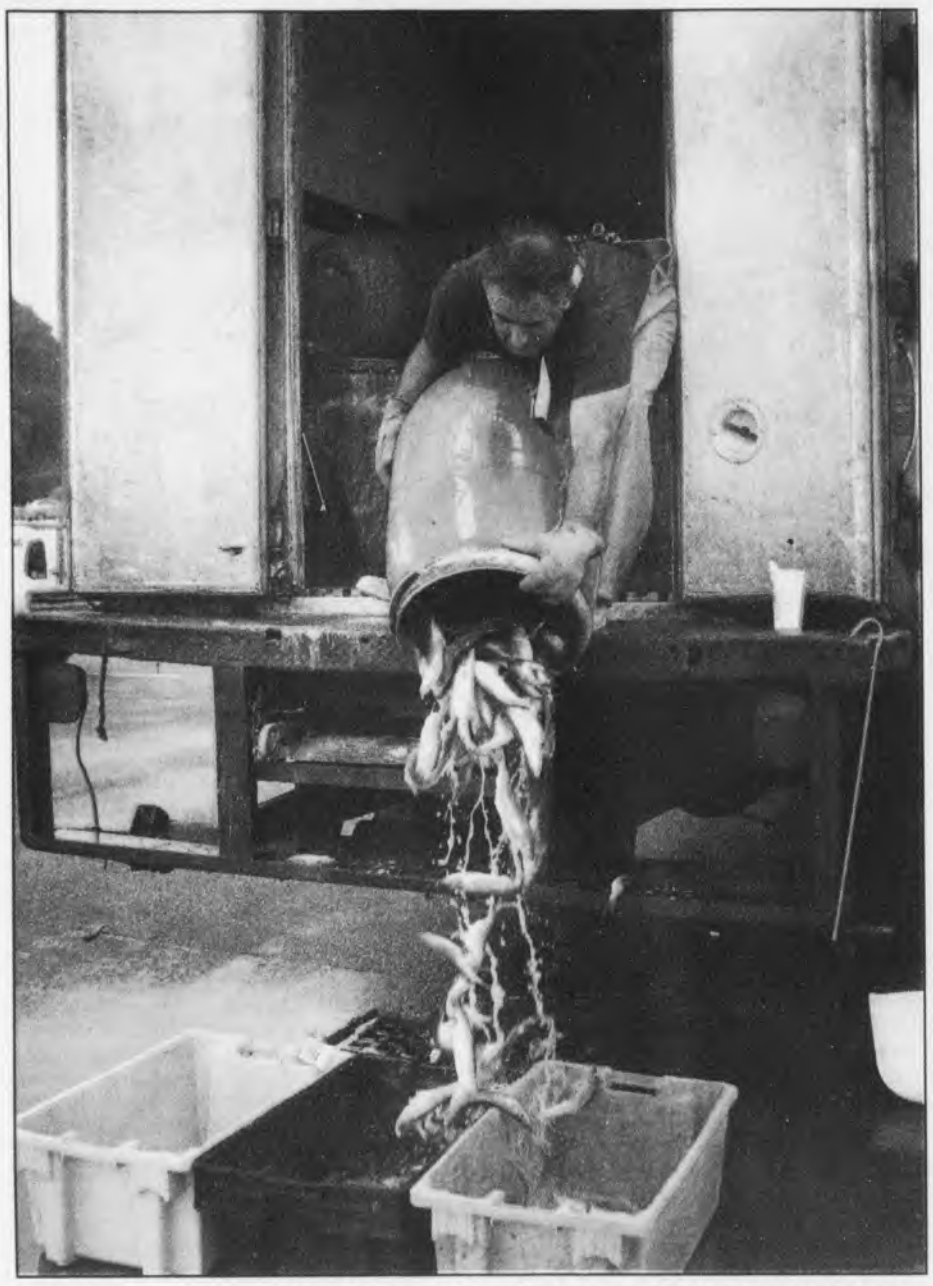
Quarter 2, April – June: Thursday, June 6 was the last day to land sea bass for the second quarter. The fishery was closed from June 7 through June 30.

Quarter 3, July – September: ***The possession limit will be 500 pounds per day and then adjusted to 100 pounds per day on July 16th for all gears or 700 pounds per week for the sea bass pot fishery.***

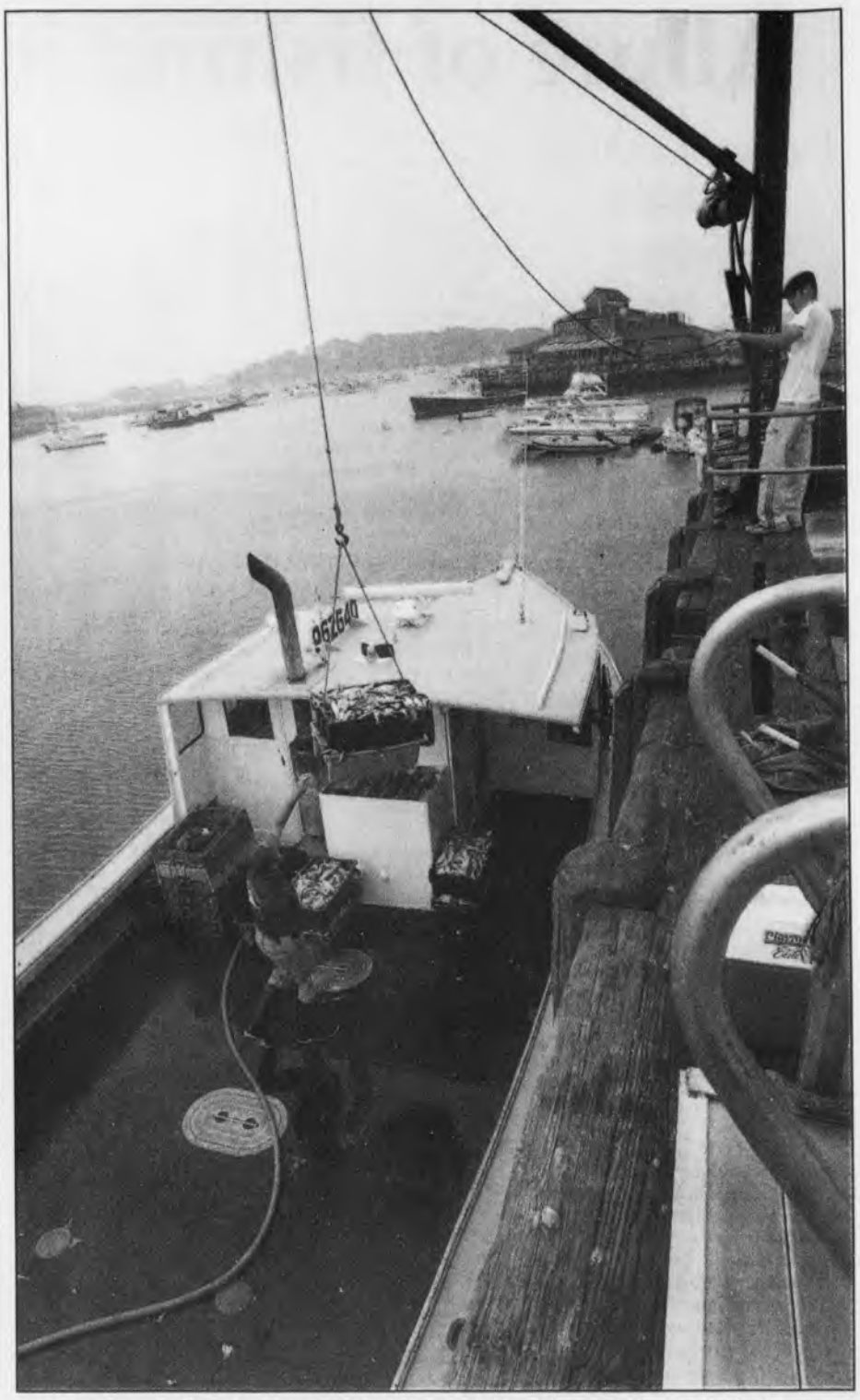
Quarter 4, October – December: The possession limit will be 750 pounds per day and then adjusted to 100 pounds per day for all gears or 700 pounds per week for the sea bass pot fishery.

Weekly quota numbers are generated using data from the "Dial-a-Fish" telephone-based call-in system. All dealers purchasing fish directly from fishermen are required to report to an automated data collection system with their purchases of quota monitored species for the week.

A day at sea



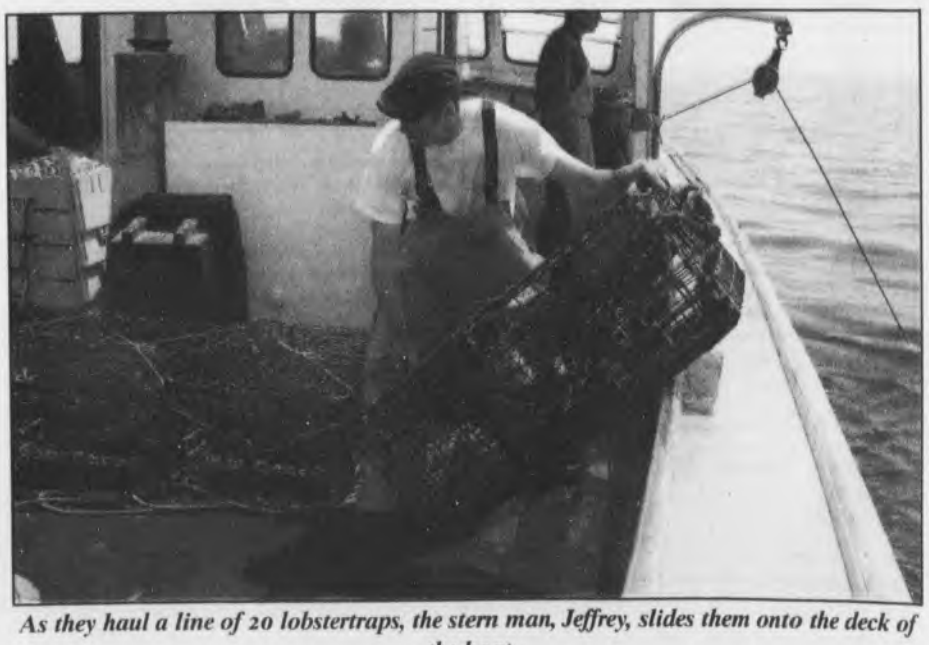
The lobstermen's day begins at 5 a.m. as Steve Sones pours bait they'll use in lobster traps into buckets.



Using the winch at the Town Pier in Scituate, Jeffrey Patterson lowers the bait onto Tucker Patterson's boat, the "Jason James."

The "Jason James" heads out of Scituate harbor early in the morning to begin the day at sea lobstering.

Using the hauler to pull the trap out of the water, the captain and stern man, Tucker and Jeffrey Patterson, pull it onto the rail of the boat.

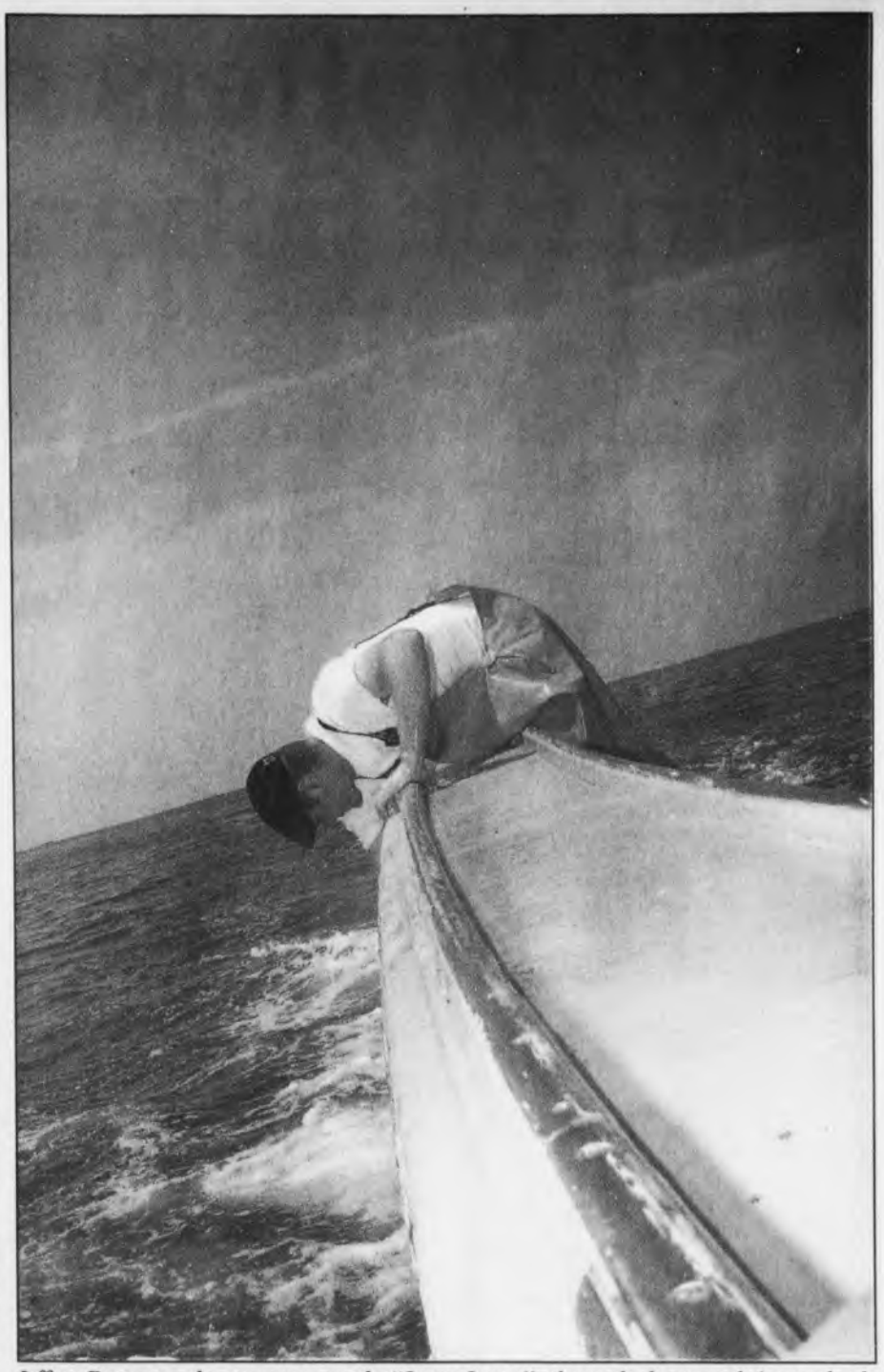


As they haul a line of 20 lobstertraps, the stern man, Jeffrey, slides them onto the deck of the boat.

A female lobster carries thousands of eggs and must be notched and released.

Jeffrey Patterson puts herring in the bait bag to re-bait the lobster traps.

Tucker 'V' notches the tail fin of an egg-bearing female lobster.



Jeffrey Patterson, the stern man on the "Jason James", cleans the boat on their way back to the harbor.

Tucker, left, and Jeffrey Patterson unload their day's catch onto the dock in Scituate Harbor.

Lobster traps are re-baited and returned to the bottom of the ocean

The day's catch for the Patterson's is delivered to the lobster pound in Humarock.

Tucker Patterson collects payment for his day's work.

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Club offers reel fun for fishermen

Tuna fishing flourishing

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When it comes to catching fish around the South Shore, there are fishermen who make a living off the sea and those who fish for fun. The Green Harbor Tuna Club helps fishermen combine the best of both worlds.

Peter Morello, a past president of the 32-year-old tuna club at Green Harbor Marina, has been involved with the organization for 17 years. While the club's main priority has been to promote recreational fishing for bluefin tuna, Morello said the club does much more than that.

Morello, who is also a member of the General Category Tuna Association, a group that oversees tuna fishing in Massachusetts, said the club does more than promote fishing and holding tournaments.

"We supply data (on tuna fishing) to the Massachusetts community," Morello said. "We also support the scientific community so we can get out there and fish just like anyone else."

Morello indicated most of the club's members are "weekend warriors," but noted there are some members who area actually commercial fishermen.

Over the years, the club has expanded its horizon and promoted catching other types of fish as well. The club holds yearly fishing tournaments focusing on species like bluefish, cod, wolfish, cusk, yellowfin tuna and dolphin.

"We have members from all over the state," said Green Harbor Tuna Club President Charlie Foshey, adding the club is the oldest of its kind on the South Shore.

The club was originally formed in 1971 with the purpose of holding a bluefin tuna tournament each year, but it has grown into something bigger. These days, there are about 200 club members with a total of about 65 boats. Instead of holding one tournament like it was originally founded to do, the club holds about eight different types of fishing tournaments each year.

"A while after the club was formed, more people started getting involved and it became more and more family-oriented," Morello said. "A lot of families wanted to compete in tournaments so more of them were added."

Of course, time has changed the fishing industry since 1971. Countless fishing restrictions have been put in place over the years that have crippled the industry.

"It's very difficult for most fishermen these days," Morello said. "The season is limited, the amount of fish you can catch is limited not to mention that you have to fish according to factors like the weather and the sea."

The tuna industry, however, has not been impacted greatly by restrictions, according to Morello. In fact, he said they actually helped.

"Fishing for tuna is as good as it was 17 years ago," he said. "Since I've been in this club, I've seen the fishing get better and better. We've seen the stock increase and I think that's actually because of fishing restrictions. Without restrictions, we could really hurt the fishery." He added the limit on catching tuna is two per day.

Bill Crowley, a part-time tuna fisherman from Marshfield, said the tuna caught in the waters off Marshfield and Scituate is sought after by people around the world. He said Japanese tuna bidders often come to this area in order to buy tuna rich in oil for the purpose of making Sushi. The auctions are usually held in Gloucester, Boston or New Bedford.

Foshey said one pound of tuna could cost anywhere between $3 to $30 depending on the quality of the fish and its oil content. The more oil, the better.

Crowley said the tuna fishing season runs from June until December. He said he stays part-time because of the unreliability of the industry. He added fishing for tuna is just a tough job overall.

"I know guys that have taken 60-70 trips without catching anything," Crowley said. "And it's really expensive to buy all the equipment."

Crowley said there are fishermen who catch six tuna per season and there are those who catch a lot more than that. Crowley said one year he knew of a local fishermen who had brought in 36.

The Green Harbor Tuna Club supports fishermen like Crowley and according to Morello, one of the club's main jobs is to "make sure everyone gets a fair shake." But one of the club's foremost priorities is to have fun and support the fishing community.

"I got into the club because I'm really into fishing," Foshey said. "When I first decided to get into it, it looked like fun and it still is."

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

The Green Harbor Tuna Club, formed in 1971 with the purpose of holding a bluefin tuna tournament each year, but it has grown into something much bigger for local fishermen.

"Fishing for tuna is as good as it was 17 years ago. Since I've been in this club, I've seen the fishing get better and better. We've seen the stock increase and I think that's actually because of fishing restrictions."

— Peter Morello, past president of Green Harbor Tuna Club

Foshey said one of the aspects of the club he's most proud of is its support of the Special Olympics on a yearly basis. All proceeds from the yearly bluefish tournament are donated to the organization.

"We usually raise more than $10,000 with that tournament," Foshey said. "The members get a lot of enjoyment out of that. It's just a worthy cause."

He said the club has been supporting Special Olympics for the past 17 years.

Morello was one of the members who decided to get involved with the Special Olympics and he actually ran the bluefish tournament for some time. He said he believes it's important for the club to support those in need.

"It's been very rewarding," he said.

For more information, log onto www.greenharbortunaclub.com.

Judge's ruling sends fishing industry into frenzy

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of lobsters caught off the Maine coast, plus an influx of additional lobsters from Canada. Those factors, along with the negative effect of colder than normal waters and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, wholesale price for lobsters dropped from $4 per pound to $3 in the weeks following the terrorist attacks, according to the Massachusetts Lobstermen Association.

Coming off last year's poor showing, lobstermen in Massachusetts are now faced with minimum-size increases in Areas 2, 3 and Outer Cape Cod, as well as "v-notching" egg-bearing female lobsters in Area 1, which is the Gulf of Maine. Those regulations were issued by the Division of Marine Fisheries effective July 1.

According to the Div. of Marine Fisheries, "these actions are expected to satisfy the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission that recently found the Commonwealth out of compliance."

A coalition representing fishermen in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic states have been working on a plan to increase the number of egg-bearing female lobsters. As the status of lobster stocks differs along the Atlantic coast, the coalition divided lobstering waters into zones to craft conservation plans responsive to specific areas. Bay State lobstermen work in four different zones and have created conservation plans differing in each area.

The new law sets a minimum size of 3 9/32 inches. Effective Dec. 31, the minimum size for a lobster will be 3 5/16 inches.

Lobster is the biggest single fishing industry in the Northeast. According to the Division of Marine Fisheries, 14.6 million pounds of lobsters were caught in 2000 at a value of $67.5 million. Only scallop sales brought in more money that year, accounting for $85.3 million of the state's $288 million fishing industry. Lobster accounted for 25 percent of all fishing revenue in the Northeast in 1996. The lobster fishery was valued at $242 million and supported about 50,000 jobs.

As commercial fishermen and lobstermen try to wade through these tough times, the state government has provided assistance beyond funding for scientific study and technology. In addition to those measures, the Legislature has provided $4 million over the last three years for a free health care pool for fishermen impacted by the increasing number of restrictions. The Fishing Partnership Health Plan is administered through a partnership with Tufts Health Plan and Caritas Christi, the health care network of the Archdiocese of Boston. The plan provides comprehensive coverage, including preventative health care, office visits, chiropractic, hospitalization and emergency coverage worldwide.

Tip the scale in your favor

Get hooked on health benefits

Dave Fletcher
CORRESPONDENT

Fish such as salmon, tuna and mackerel may be more than just "brain food." Several recent medical studies suggest that a diet which includes fish has benefits beyond the commonly accepted notion that eating fish makes us smarter.

The healthy omega-3 fatty acid found in fish and fish oils helps reduce the risk of heart disease, according to a study of more than 100,000 people published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Omega-3 lowered cholesterol, prevented blood clots that form in heart attacks and lessened the chance of irregular heart beats. The study indicated that the best source of healthy fatty acids are found in cold, deep salt water fish such as salmon, tuna, mackerel, arctic char and sardines.

A study printed in the health journal Circulation showed that fish oil supplements reduced sudden cardiac death by 42 percent in the three months following a heart attack. Omega-3 is believed to help regulate electrical activity in the heart muscle cells and reduce arrhythmia.

A 1998 research study done for the European Journal for Clinical Nutrition found that eating fish can also lessen the symptoms and fight off the onset of rheumatoid arthritis.

The British Medical Journal recently published a study that suggests even pregnant women can greatly benefit from eating fish regularly. The study said that eating fish during pregnancy decreases the risk of premature delivery and low birth weight.

The American Heart Association recommends eating about two servings of fish per week. Of course, not everyone can afford to eat salmon and mackerel that often, but most dieticians say canned tuna and sardines are just as adequate as, say, freshly cooked salmon or swordfish.

Cooking fish to perfection is a simple process, especially during the summer, according to Gordon Price, a chef at PJ's Countryhouse in Scituate.

"Barbecuing the fish in foil is the best way to cook it this time of year," said Price. "Wrap the fish in parchment paper or foil and add some lemon lime juice and fresh herbs and put it right on the grill. You can use salmon, swordfish, and flakier fish like cod and even tuna."

"Basically the easiest way to cook it is the oven but you can still put the fish in a foil pocket with some vegetables and you've got a nice one deal meal," Price said. "Just keep it simple... you don't want to lose the flavor."

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Fish dishes

Tuna Grilled with Pineapple-Ginger Marinade

1/4 cup pineapple juice
2 tbs. rice wine vinegar
1 tsp. salt-reduced soy sauce
1 tsp. grated fresh ginger
2 tsp. vegetable oil
1 tsp. minced garlic
1 -1 1/3 lbs. tuna steaks
green onions, diagonally sliced (optional)

Combine pineapple juice, vinegar, soy sauce, ginger, oil and garlic in a small bowl, mix well. Arrange tuna in glass or ceramic baking dish. Pour marinade over fish. Marinate in refrigerator, covered at least 30 minutes. Drain fish, reserving marinade. Place fish on oiled grid 4 to 5 inches from hot coals. Barbecue 6 minutes per inch of fish measured at its thickest point, basting frequently. Turn fish halfway through cooking time. Tuna should be pink in the center when removed from heat. Garnish with green onions, if desired.

From www.fishingworks.com

Lobster Ravioli

Ravioli Dough (make in pasta machine on medium or you can just buy it)
1 lb. lobster meat
1/4 lb. fresh mushrooms
2 1/2 tsp. butter
1 tsp. mint shallots
2 cups light cream
2 1/2 tsp. flour
2 or 3 tsp. quality light sherry
salt & ground pepper to taste

Boil lobsters, remove meat. Clean & mince lobster meat. Wash & mince mushrooms.

In sauté pan, soften butter, add shallots. Cook 2 to 3 minutes until translucent. Add lobster meat and mushrooms and cook for another minute. Slowly sprinkle flour over mix, stirring constantly. Add sherry, stirring constantly. (If you want it a little pinker, shake in a little paprika.) Add light cream and reduce for 2 to 3 minutes on low. The mixture should be on the medium to thick side. Remove from the heat and spread it out on a flat pan to cool.

Roll out 2 ravioli pasta sheets. Mark out 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" squares. Add 3/4 tsp. of mixture into the marked square. Lay the second sheet on top and use a ravioli tool to roll and seal. Transfer onto a sheet pan that has been lined with wax paper & sprinkle with corn meal (this helps prevent sticking).

Sauce: 2 cups light cream; 2 tsp. butter; 2 tsp. flour 1/2 oz. brandy; 1/4 tsp. paprika salt & pepper to taste

Melt butter. Add flour, brandy, light cream & paprika. Salt & pepper to taste. Keep warm in a double boiler.

Cook Ravioli: 3 quart pot pinch of salt; 2 1/2 quarts water dash of oil

Bring water, salt & oil to a boil. Add raviolis quickly, but 1 at a time. Keep separated with a wooden spoon. Boil 3 to 5 minutes (preference). Remove with slotted spoon or skimmer.

Serve on a flat plate or flat soup bowl with cream sauce on the bottom. Place 4 or 5 raviolis on sauce and then drizzle with more sauce. Sprinkle with parsley.

From the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Web site.

Golden Grilled Fish

800g of firm white fish (200g of raw fish per person)
1 T (15ml) flour
1 t (5 ml) brown sugar
4 T (60ml) melted butter
1/4 cup (62,5ml) thick mayonnaise
4 T (60ml) grated cheddar cheese
1 t (5ml) mustard
1 egg, separated

Salt the fish and firm in the refrigerator for 1/2 hour before cooking. Dust the firm and salted fish with a mixture of flour and sugar Brush on both sides with melted butter Place on a grill pan and grill until just done on both sides (about 5 minutes each side) Meanwhile mix the mayonnaise, cheese, mustard and egg yolk Whip the egg white until stiff and fold into the cheese mixture. Spread the souffle topping over the fish and brown under the grill.

Serve immediately - delicious with buttered, parsleyed potatoes and a tomato salad perfumed with chopped fresh or dried basil.

Eliminate fish smells by boiling a pot of water containing a few whole cloves, stick of cinnamon and a slice of lemon on the stove. To remove the smell of fish from your hands after preparation - pour a little vinegar into your hands, rub together and rinse well

From www.fishingworks.com

From hook to hawk

How fish get from the sea to your plate

By Seth Jacobson
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In its journey from the net to the docks to your plate, fish caught by local fishermen rarely travel in a straight line.

Typically, local fishermen bring their catch to New Bedford, Gloucester or Boston to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. But there are instances when the fish stays local.

Brant Rock Fish Market owner Henry Dunbar said he attends the auctions to buy the best possible seafood to sell at his market.

"Most of the stuff I get is from dealers," Dunbar said. "Auctions can be quite expensive though."

Dunbar said when he has the opportunity, he'll buy fish from local fishermen who come in with their day's catch.

"You only see the local fishermen once in a while," he said. "That's a limited resource."

He said when he does buy fish locally, it's usually cod, lobster, flounder or striped bass. He reiterated, however, that most of his products are bought at the auctions.

Scott MacKinnon, who recently hung up his fishing gear to open a seafood restaurant and market in Marshfield, is very familiar with the drill local fishermen go through with their catch.

MacKinnon said many fishermen will load their fish onto a truck bound for New Bedford, Gloucester or Boston, referred to as "The Big Three" because the majority of the fishing business in the state is conducted in those cities.

If a fisherman chooses to truck his catch rather than bringing it to the auction his or herself, the fisherman would typically get 5-10 cents a pound for that particular catch. MacKinnon said he always preferred the auction route, because he said fishermen could lose money using the truck.

"The fish comes in and people bid on the quality," MacKinnon said of the auctions. "Each boat can set a different price."

MacKinnon said there are regular auctions in which the different kinds of fish and the quantity available are written on a blackboard for all to see. There are also display auctions in which people who are there to buy fish can actually see the product with their own eyes.

"Fishermen tend to like the display auctions a lot better," MacKinnon said, who recently opened Captain Mack's on Route 139 in Marshfield. "They like to take pride in their catch." He added those who come to the auctions to buy fish are from outlets such as supermarkets, local stores and other businesses.

MacKinnon said at the auctions, the prices of the fish are never set in stone. One day, a certain type of fish could be priced reasonably and the next day, it could be expensive.

"Supply and demand dictates the price," MacKinnon said. "It depends on how many fish there are on the floor and how many people are bidding on it. If no one needs a certain type of fish, it's going to be less expensive."

When the auction is over, dealers divide up the fish and it is sent to many different places within the state and beyond — grocery stores, restaurants, small markets and other outlets are all supplied once all the products at the auction are separated.

Marshfield lobsterman Laddie Dexter, who's been a fisherman since 1961, does not typically attend the seafood auctions. Rather, he brings his lobsters onto the docks and supplies stores in Marshfield, Scituate, Duxbury and others.

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Laddie Dexter

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Dexter said when he goes out fishing, there are days that he comes back with a mere 20 lobsters, but on rare occasions, he could come back with as much as 1,000 pounds of lobster.

Local business people from places like restaurants and markets all stress the importance of using fresh fish, and more importantly, local fish.

"If you want local fish, buy it at a local market," Dexter said.

Art D'Allessandro, the chef at Arthur and Pat's restaurant in Marshfield, said he is friends with a few of the local fishermen. Whenever one of them comes around selling fresh fish, he jumps on the chance to buy it. He also buys a lot of his seafood products at Brant Rock Fish Market.

"I try to use as many local products as I can," D'Allessandro said. "It helps to keep in touch with the local fishermen." He added a lot of cod and haddock comes from this area and he noted many of the lobsters he buys are from the Brant Rock Fish Market.

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Dexter is one of the local lobstermen who supplies Dunbar with lobsters.

"You have to support the area," D'Allessandro said. "You're not going to get a better product. It's right in our back yard and it's the best in the world. The bottom line is that it's important to support the locals."

Aside from local restaurants and small fish markets, big supermarket chains tend to use fish caught locally. Stop & Shop is one of them.

"We support local fisheries and we do buy local products," said Stop & Shop spokesperson Rob Keane. "We buy things out of areas like Marshfield and Scituate but also out of places like New Bedford and the Cape. The products we get from Marshfield and Scituate are really cod and lobsters."

"Local fish hasn't been frozen and that's the best part," MacKinnon added. "There's nothing like fresh seafood. And if you want fresh seafood, this is the area to be in."

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Henry Dunbar weighs a couple of striped bass brought in by local fishermen at the Brant Rock Fish Market.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Ryan Cook, 3, of Norwell checks out the fresh lobster at the new Super Stop & Shop in Norwell.

Scott MacKinnon, a.k.a. Captain Mack, shows off one of his bigger lobsters for sale at his restaurant and fish market on Route 139 in Marshfield.

A day in the life

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together to keep them from fighting or injuring each other in the water tank they are stored in for the remainder of the trip.

Before returning the emptied trap to the back of the boat, Jeffrey fills the bait net with a new supply of herring — the most popular form of bait used in lobstering. The traps are lined-up at the back of the boat until the entire line is pulled. And like a well-oiled machine, the traps slide back into the ocean in the exact order they are pulled out — waiting for the next time they will be disturbed in a few days.

Inside the 20 traps on each line, fewer than 10 lobsters can legally be kept, Jeffrey explains. But at this time of year the duo isn't expecting to bring home a bountiful supply.

"We get the bulk of the stock in the fall," Patterson says, explaining that the lobsters seasonally migrate to warmer waters and are more plentiful in the fall. "We go out farther (from the shore) and get a lot more."

Net result of regulations

While lobstermen continue to enjoy success at sea, local fishermen who make their living bringing in cod, haddock and other ground fish have found it increasingly difficult to do so. Sweeping federal restrictions and tough competition has led to troubled waters for fishermen.

Cracking down on the fishing fleet as an attempt to replenish depleting cod and haddock stock in recent years, a federal judge in late April cut by 20 percent the maximum amount of days fishermen are allowed at sea. The average number of days spent at sea during the last five years by each fisherman is calculated and then reduced by 20 percent to determine the new total number of days allowed for this year.

"This is the least amount of activity I've seen in a long time," local fisherman Frank Mirarchi said. "Time is of the essence now that we have such a budgeted clock."

Mirarchi — a "drag fisherman" who has operated with a mobile net for 39 years — said he has had to downsize his staff and his methods this year. In fact, many fishermen have been left with no choice but to take on some part-time side jobs.

Catching more than 400 pounds each day of total fish, Mirarchi brings home anywhere from 50 cents per pound to $2 per pound from a fish processor in New Bedford

But Mirarchi is still making a career of the job he began in college as a way to make extra money. Like Patterson, Mirachi's day breaks early — by 5 a.m. He sets out to sea with his son Andrew for a long day traveling and dragging.

"It's a physically exhausting day," Mirarchi said of the often 16-hour days he spends fishing. "I'm tired at the end of the day — I've been doing this a long time."

Once Mirarchi's boat, "Christopher Andrew" reaches its destination — often more than an hour and 50 miles away — the 100-foot mobile net is dropped to the ocean floor and towed for more than an hour at 3 mph.

"We're pretty much hunting the fish," he says. "Once you learn where everything is on the ocean floor you know where to find them."

But with a limit of catching just 400 pounds of cod each day, Mirarchi must be careful at how good he gets at his job. After towing for more than an hour, Mirarchi said he usually brings up about 250 pounds of fish — but is still limited to the 400 pounds each day of cod.

"We've gone from wanting to catch these big tows to thinking — how can we avoid them?" he said.

Catching more than 400 pounds each day of total fish, Mirarchi brings home anywhere from 50 cents per pound to $2 per pound from a fish processor in New Bedford. After gutting the cod himself on the boat, Mirarchi's fish stock is picked up by the distributor and auctioned to various high-end markets.

"I can't run an efficient business with the way things are now," Mirarchi said, adding that most of the profits go to his son, Andrew who is not yet financially secure. "Everything else goes back into the boat — I hardly keep anything."

As an established fisherman who has seen plenty of successful years under his belt, Mirarchi is able to stay afloat for now.

STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

With the trap on the rail of the boat, lobsters are measured and if they're too small, or in some cases too big, they're thrown back into the ocean.

Herring is the fish of choice used by the Patterson's to bait their lobster traps.

Patterson, who also owns and operates a fishing boat has not taken advantage of that alternative this year because of the new regulations. And he doesn't know when he will again.

Countless other fishermen have switched to lobstering due to the restrictions, notes Scituate fisherman Bob MacKinnon. But eventually that too, will take its toll in the form of a depleted lobster supply locally, he said.

"This is OK for me now," Patterson says. "But who knows where everything will go in the next couple of years."

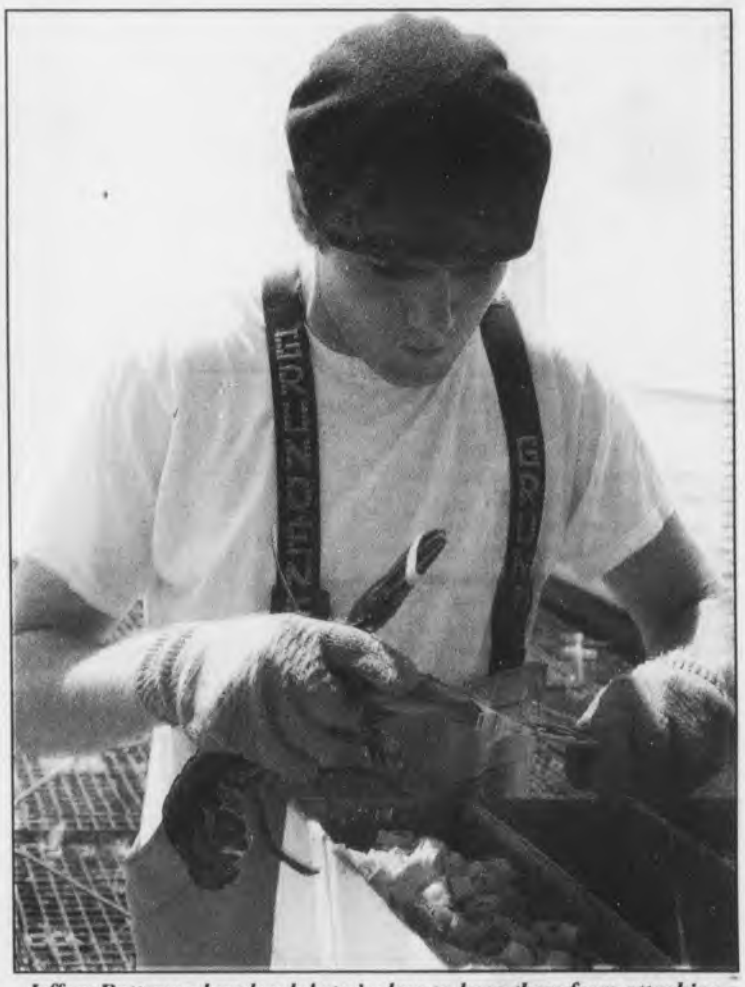
And although he may not be able to predict the future of his industry, Patterson can predict his paycheck. Taking in an average of 200 to 300 pounds of lobsters each day, he takes home $3 per pound for soft-shell lobsters that have recently shed their shell, and $4 per pound for the regular hard shell lobsters from a distributor in Humarock.

Today has been a good day for the season and Patterson will be home early.

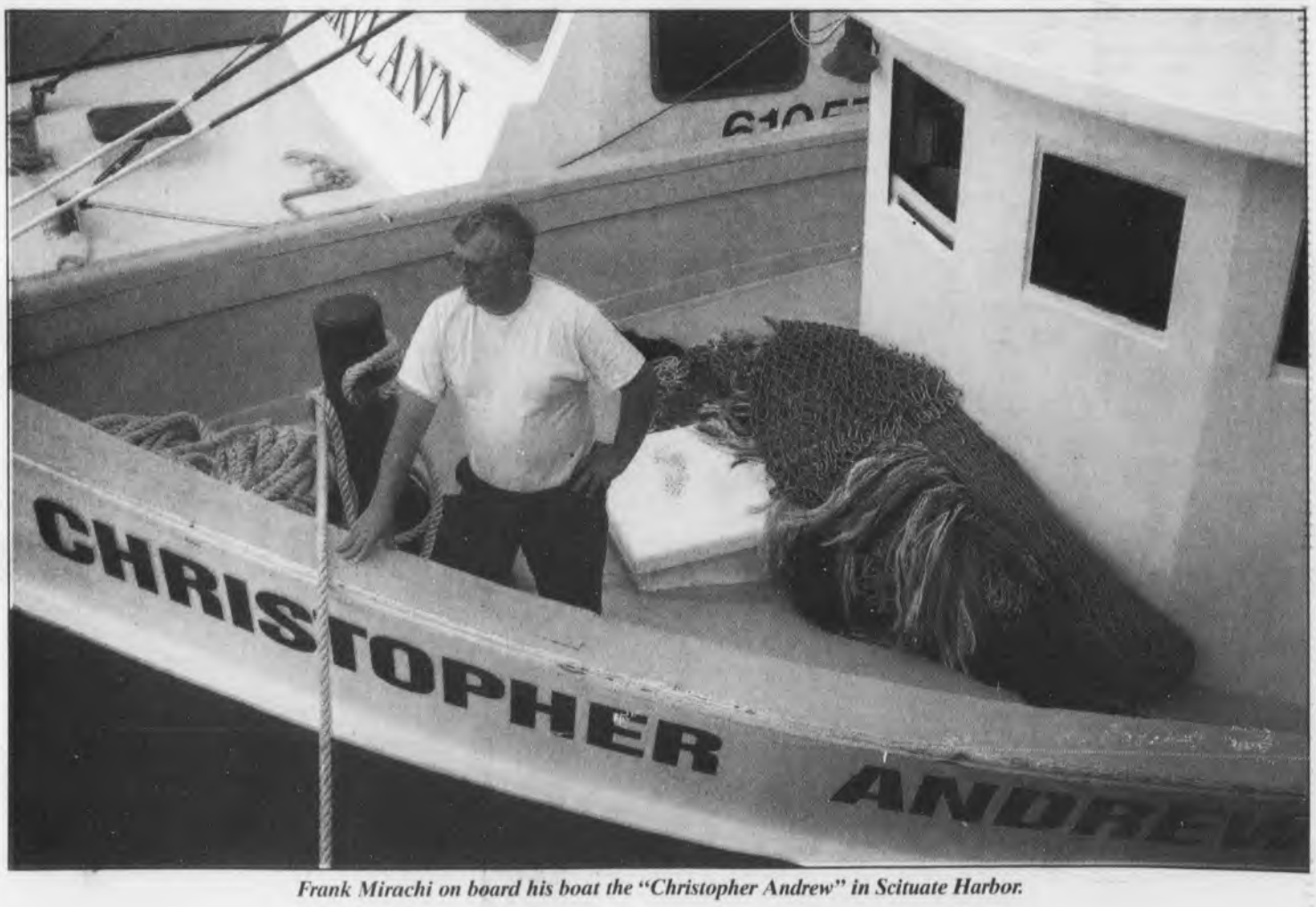
He heads to Humarock to drop off the day's catch after docking "Jason James" for the day.

"We go out early so we can get in early," Patterson says as he pulls back into the dock around 3 p.m., waving at the lunch crowd at T.K. O'Malley's.

"It's not too bad — you get used to it."



Jeffrey Patterson bands a lobster's claw to keep them from attacking each other in the onboard seawater tank.



Frank Mirachi on board his boat the "Christopher Andrew" in Scituate Harbor.

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Kate Bosworth of Cohasset (third from left) is heading the cast of "Blue Crush." Here, she and castmates size up the waves at the Pipeline on the North Shore of Oahu.

Cohasset's Bosworth riding wave of success

By Peter Herman
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Starring in the movie "Blue Crush," is Kate Bosworth's the first lead for the up and coming actor.

The Cohasset 19-year-old plays the part of Anne Marie, who hopes to win the Pipleine, a top surfing competition at Oahu, Hawaii. To do so she must overcome several obstacles in her life. When surfing a previous time, she wiped out and nearly died when she hit her head on a coral reef, an experience that continues to haunt her. Neither parent is around, and Anne Marie lives with two friends who are co-workers as maids at an upscale hotel.In addition she is trying to do the best she can caring for her younger sister, a girl with an attitude who knows how to find trouble.

"It's about a girl with a dream. Hopefully it will inspire others to face their fears and live up to their dreams," Bosworth said.

PHOTO/JOHN P. JOHNSON

Playing the role of Anne Marie, Kate Bosworth spent countless hours gearing up and preparing for the role.

Anne Marie's life gets more complicated when she falls for a professional quarterback, Matt (Matthew Davis) who comes to stay at the hotel for the Pro Bowl. "She comes to a fork in the road, she can live life as a millionaire, or she can live life here (Hawaii)," said Bosworth.

Being a modern women Anne Marie decides to be more than the quarterback's

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Local opposition to 40B builds

By Brian J. Scully
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The town's new anti-40B group is at a crossroads.

Interest is growing throughout the town as evidenced by the 40-plus person turnout for Monday night's meeting at town hall. But along with the added interest, comes added pressure.

On Sept. 16, the zoning board of appeals hearing on the proposed 254-unit Avalon Bay 40B development at 155 King St. begins. The group, now only three meetings old, must attempt to organize action against the development as well as Chapter 40B.

"We're going to put as many obstacles out there as we can."
Michael Westcott, 2 River Rd.

Under Chapter 40B, which was adopted in 1969, developers can skirt some of the town's zoning laws in exchange for providing 20-25 percent of the development as affordable housing.

Municipalities are vulnerable to comprehensive permits if they have less than the state-mandated 10 percent of their housing stock as affordable by state standards.

Cohasset only has 76 units of affordable housing. With 2,700 households overall, the town is well below the 10 percent threshold.

Previously, the town has faced two 40B projects, the 60-unit Crystal Woods that straddled the Cohasset-Scituate line near Ledgewood Drive and Deck Point, 119 King St., with 128 condos. Both were approved with conditions in 1989 and 1987 respectively, but were never built.

"We're going to put as many obstacles out there as we can," said meeting organizer Michael Westcott of 2 River Rd. "The law has forced us to do that at this point, we have no other choice."

And that means looking into

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Early retirement exclusion challenged

School committee may ask selectmen to reconsider janitor's retirement

By Brian J. Scully
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Indications are that the school committee will ask the board of selectmen to reconsider their decision to exclude Group 1 employees from the state's "opt-in" early retirement legislation, Chapter 116.

According to town manager Mark Haddad, school committee chairman Richard Flynn approached him about whether or not it was possible for the school committee to make a further recommendation to the selectmen.

"The school committee may ask the board to reconsider based on their meeting this Thursday," said town manager Mark Haddad. "If the school committee asks the board of selectmen to reconsider, they will — it's just common courtesy to the school committee."

The school committee, board of selectmen and Cohasset Mariner received letters of complaint from Elizabeth Soule, sister of Kevin Soule, a custodian who would like to retire early. The decision not to allow any Group 1 employees access to the plan does not prohibit individuals from retiring in general.

The town, in accordance with Chapter 116, decided to limit the participation in the program to two Group 4 employees. The town has no

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Friends, family say farewell to Paul 'PJ' Trendowicz

By Mary Ford
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If a life span could be measured in lives touched, then Paul "PJ" Tendowicz lived to be 100.

St. Anthony's Church was filled to overflowing Friday with friends and family members of the 18-year-old B.C. High graduate, who died following a tragic swimming accident earlier last week.

Even after the 90-minute service was over and the hearse had swept Paul's body away, dozens of his school classmates and teammates converged in a huddle in front of the church and hugged, or just stood and stared ahead, still in stunned disbelief over the loss of their friend.

Although there were plenty of tears, there was also joy during the funeral mass, which was indeed a celebration of Paul's young life.

"His life was so full in those 18 years," said the Rev. John J. Hanwell, rector at B.C. High. Paul's Bible (that contained prom boutonnieres pressed near his favorite passages), a family photo, his lacrosse jersey (#21), and a plaque awarded him for being the "unsung" hero on the lacrosse team were placed on his coffin as symbols of his love of life.

Fr. Hanwell used an unexpected power outage as a metaphor to help explain what so many were feeling.

"The TV and appliances go off, the computer freezes and worst of all the lights go out," he said. "We are plunged into darkness and for a while we feel lost, helpless and maybe even frightened.

"We want to know why it happened and we want to blame somebody," Fr. Hanwell said.

He explained a tragic, unexpected death is like a blackout.

"One minute the sun is shining on a warm, humid August day and the next, it is like a dark night without the

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Friends are overcome with grief as they say their final goodbyes while the hearse pulls away at the funeral of Cohasset's Paul "P.J." Trendowicz

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This week in COHASSET

Town to re-install gate at Sandy Beach

The town has decided to re-install a gate at the far end Sandy Beach parking lot in order to cut down on nighttime activity there. The entrance opened last year to improve traffic flow.

"I'm going to call the DPW tomorrow morning and have the gate re-installed and then we are going to try to figure out who is going to open and close it," said town manager Mark Haddad.

Douglas F. McNary of 39 Deep Run, contacted the town about the problem.

"I think the selectmen have reached an excellent compromise," said Haddad. "We'll close the parking lot at 11 p.m. and police will close the gate and then open it again at 5 a.m. or 6 a.m. in the morning."

The town will continue to investigate other options over the winter.

Voter registration

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting, or Election Day, may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote; if you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the State Primary Election *(which will be held Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002) is Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office.*

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Bradley hours

State Representative Garrett Bradley, D–Hingham, will hold district office hours, Thursday Aug. 22, at the Hingham Sons of Italy Hall — upstairs, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, from 5– 6 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120.

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HANG TIME

Nicolas Raymond works out on the see-saw at the South Shore Community Center circus camp. Campers are performing a circus for guests today (Aug. 22).

Schools to undergo re-accreditation process

Brian J. Scully
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Every 10 years, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges visits public secondary schools in the region for the purpose of re-accreditation. This September, it's the middle-senior high school's turn.

From Sept. 29-Oct. 2, a visiting committee from the NEASC will be at the school, rating its performance in seven specific areas – mission and expectation, curriculum, instruction, assessment of student learning, leadership and organization, school-based resources for learning, and community-based resources for learning.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Mike Jones, principal of the Middle-Senior High School. "It always helps to have a fresh group of people come in here and tell us what they see, commend us where we do well, and tell us where we can make improvements."

Part of the reason Jones is excited is because of his confidence in the school.

"I think that we are in very good shape right now," said Jones. "We've been working on the self-study. We are meeting all the new standards that have been set by the commission on secondary education in the past couple of years, and our instructional program is well established."

Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey agreed with Jones' assessment.

"Without a question, it is a very, very involved process and we expect that the accreditation team will have a number of commendations," said Malvey.

Malvey expects some recommendations from the visiting team, and is ready to act.

"Invariably, they will also find areas where the school needs to be improved," said Malvey. "Certainly we stand ready to act."

The 12-month-long self-assessment is the first step of re-accreditation. The visiting committee, comprised of volunteer administrators and teachers from other districts, then rates the school and makes recommendations. The school will then report its progress on any needs identified by the visiting committee through a follow-up program.

Jones doesn't expect the presence of the visiting team to disrupt the school.

"We'll try and keep as normal a schedule as possible," said Jones. "There will be 15 people here on the visiting committee and they will be setting up an office in the school. They will be around a lot during the day, but we will try and conduct school normally."

A veteran of several re-accreditations, Jones is unworried by the recent changes in the process.

"We know what the criteria are," said Jones. "The standards have changed over the past five years and the process for accreditation has changed as well. There are a lot more interviews with teachers and parents. They shadow the students and attend some classes to see what is going on in the classroom."

Previously, accreditation relied on a long checklist of standards, but that has been replaced by a series of narrative reports.

"(The NEASC) spent a lot of time re-doing their standards and thinking about exactly what goes into making an outstanding secondary school," said Jones. "They have decided, and I think rightly so, that a detailed report is more accurate."

According to Jones, the ongoing construction efforts will not play a role in the evaluation, but the committee will most likely want updates as to the progress.

"Certainly if the construction project had not occurred, the facility would be below standard," said Jones. "They're probably going to commend us for the project and want to receive updates. The fact that construction is going on here will probably just create a little more busyness."

Jones expects the committee to be impressed with the schools' ability to set – and keep – high standards.

"I think we have done a very good job in making it clear what our expectations are for graduates," said Jones. "I think that we have been very willing to update our curriculum."

Sewer officials look into equipment failure

Lightning strikes cause problems

By Brian J. Scully
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Selectmen are skeptical that the recent problems with the sewers in North Cohasset — due to lightning strikes — have been resolved.

"It just seems highly coincidental to me that you could have 80 homes hit, it just seems like too high a number to me," said selectmen chairman Michael Sullivan.

"And not to have other things go wrong in their home. It wasn't like every home got hit, it was like 60 or 80 homes had this particular piece of equipment hit, which would tell me that there is something that is wrong with the system."

"The manufacturer has their own people in there who have installed these in many places around the country and we feel very confident that this will solve the problem."
- Sean Cunning of the sewer commission.

In late July, lightning strikes burned out approximately 80 control panels and affected more than 120 homes in the area. According to the manufacturer of the equipment, the reason for the burnout was inadequate grounding on the part of the individual houses.

While the national standard for homes requires a grounding rod to be buried in the earth, Cohasset and Massachusetts state code requires only that a residence be grounded to the water main. The town replaced the panels and grounded the houses at a cost of just under $180,000. The money came out of the sewer department.

"The manufacturer has their own people in there who have installed these in many places around the country and we feel very confident that this will solve the problem," said Sean Cunning of the sewer commission.

"We've taken every step that the manufacturer has asked us to do. If it fails again, then we have a warranty issue. We've done everything we needed to do to satisfy the manufacturer."

Sullivan feels that it is time for an outsider to take a look at the viability of the system.

"I think they should have somebody looking into it.," said Sullivan. "Something doesn't make sense."

Cunning said the department is "90 percent sure" that the repairs will fix the problem, but is prepared to take all options, from the warranty, to the $1.16 million maintenance bond from the company, Interon.

"We have enough money in that maintenance bond to cover replacing every pump and control panel in all of North Cohasset," said Cunning.

The town is currently investigating whether the panel replacement is covered under town insurance.

"What we are doing, is investigating all of our options," said town manager Mark Haddad.

Cunning noted that to his knowledge there have been no other complaints since the panels have been replaced. The town has almost finished grounding the 120 homes affected.

"All the incidents that happened, besides having a Rosano-Davis truck come up and pump down their system, it was pretty invisible to most of the homeowners," said Cunning.

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Art barn takes center stage

By Amy Lambiaso
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When the 225 students attending the Montessori Community School return from summer vacation, they may not recognize their old school.

Many classrooms will have a new look and some new faces will be different. But when the students pull up to the entrance off Route 123 they'll see something that was never there before — a new addition to the school — an art barn.

The Meehan Family Art Barn, built over the summer at the school is set for a grand opening Sept. 13 — showcasing what Head of School Donna Milani Luther said has been the most anticipated day since plans began three years ago.

"This is going to be a place for the children," Luther said. "They will make everything and design everything themselves — it will truly be their space."

The $1.2 million barn-like building — largely funded by parent and alumni donations — will house all student performances, a morning sing for all the classes once a week, various poetry readings, shows the students will choreograph themselves and a space for physical activities.

But Luther said the best part about the barn will be that it will belong to the students. Luther, along with Keith Moskow — a former parent of a Montessori student and the architect for the project — designed platform-like spaces within the barn for students to build on. Luther envisions that student's artwork or creative projects will be displayed on these platforms throughout the year.

"The focus on everything in the Montessori School is that the children do things for themselves," she said. "And this will be a place for them to really become creative in."

The 6,000 square-foot building comes just in time for the school's 30th anniversary year, and in time to satisfy the school's growing need for an arts center.

Prior to the new barn, Montessori students would have to travel to Norwell to use facilities for performance shows. But now students will have access to a new music room, art room, an open stage and a studio area for lighting and sound control.

"We're using a lot of bright colors with a lot of window space," Luther said. "It's what really sets the building apart — it's so impressive."

But Luther said the main idea behind the barn was to give the students a place to be themselves — on stage. Students will have the opportunity to not only perform for their peers during annual shows, but at other various times during the year by reading original poetry or showcasing some artistic or musical talent, Luther said.

"We want children to feel like they don't have to be afraid," she said. "That's what we focus on in every aspect of the school — and now here especially."

The Montessori school — which draws students from nearby South Shore towns such as Scituate, Cohasset, Hanover and Norwell — originated in Italy during the first part of the 20th century, and came to the United States in the 1960s. Teaching children ranging from 15 months old to the 8th grade, Montessori has become the popular alternative to mainstream teaching.

Luther said the curriculum begins with toddlers — teaching them to do things for themselves or cooperatively —shelves, tables and chairs are at their own height and students participate in age-appropriate activities. This first developmental sequence teaches muscle development and coordination through independent activities and responsibility, Director of Communications Liz Knox said.

"We really try to focus on learning through discovery at all the ages," she said. "Children learn at different rates, and we want them to feel comfortable doing that."

Through each of the four levels — Toddler, Elementary One, Elementary Two and Middle School — the students are taught the same curriculum as a public or private mainstream school, but with a different approach, Luther said. And with the responsible, mature environment Luther said the Montessori School creates each year, she believes students have more respect for themselves and their peers when they reach high school and are better prepared.

"Throughout the learning process, students are always at a different place than their friend or classmate," Luther said. "But here children are taught to respect that difference and focus more on where they are and how they can control where they are going."

Luther said The Meehan Family Art Barn will supplement that teaching method perfectly. The barn will create an open environment for the students to freely express themselves, without fear of judgment or failure. And although that feeling exists throughout the school, the art barn will open the door to new territory by allowing students to flaunt their artistic talents that may have been hidden in other environments, she said.

Brown says curbside recycling shouldn't be trashed

By Mary Ford
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The expression "easier said than done" would have been written about recycling the trash picked up by private haulers in town.

While even the haulers agree that recycling is desirable and important — their ability to handle recyclable material could be problematic. Also, the town's capability to measure compliance with a set of proposed "rules and regulations" is in question.

About 400 of the town's 2700 households don't use the Recycling Transfer Facility, dubbed the RTF, but hire private companies to remove their trash, which goes out of town.

The town's Pay-As-You-Throw program at the RTF that was adopted a year ago has encouraged residents to recycle more because they must pay for trash bags for what they don't recycle. But those who don't use the RTF aren't necessarily recycling.

So, after raising the issue earlier this summer, selectmen invited the Board of Health and the private haulers to a recent meeting.

If it were up to Selectman Merle Brown, who also sits on the Recycling Committee and is passionate about recycling, there'd be no issue.

"Recycling helps us with a grant program and also, recycling is something everybody should be doing," said Brown, who suggested a six-month trial period for the regulations. Residents, who go to the RTF, recycle close to 40 percent of their trash. Brown said a 20 percent goal for private haulers is doable for the first year until the program got off the ground.

But Joe Laugelle, who is one of about six private haulers in town, said it's not that easy. He explained that it is difficult to get customers to comply and recycling is labor-intensive. In fact, he said if the new regulations were enforced it could put some haulers out of business.

If selectmen approve the new regulations, what's at stake for the haulers is the potential of losing their license to collect refuse in town if they don't recycle.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan worried that it would be impossible to monitor everyone fairly.

The proposed regulations state the licensee would have to submit the tonnage of recyclables collected every three months to selectmen along with a customer list indicating any new additions or loss of customers.

Rob Schwandt of Graham Waste, said some customers who use a private company don't want the hassle of recycling. He asked what the hauler was supposed to do at the curbside if the customer didn't recycle.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said everyone is in agreement about the importance of recycling.

"But you're taking someone's license away because another individual does not recycle," she said to Brown.

John McNabb, a member of the Recycling Committee, said mandatory recycling is really voluntary because it depends on the cooperation of citizens. He suggested adopting the state's policy of making sure everyone has access to recycling.

"We'd be just better off if we required all haulers do is provide recycling for customers who request it," he said. But McNabb noted the customers who recycle should not be charged more to do so.

Selectmen decided to table the discussion and have Town Manager Mark Haddad schedule the issue again for a future meeting after a few of the kinks are worked out of the proposed rules.

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Scaring up some fun

Cohasset boat *Ghost* travels to Antique Boat Festival

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Jim Watson, proprietor of Cohasset Hardware Company, is in his element.

But the mustachioed purveyor of all things hardware in Cohasset Village isn't talking about tools, he's talking about boats.

The backroom of his hardware store is lined with well-worn pictures of boats and friends, friends and boats – the two are inextricably entwined in Watson's world – and each photograph is marked by fingerprints and creased edges. Much like a proud father, Watson is quick to offer them to visitors. He punctuates each story with a smile and a barrage of superlatives, pointing at the photos for emphasis.

"I became interested in boats when I was about 14-years-old," said Watson. "We had a couple of Lymans, which are old speed boats, wooden power boats. We were looking to buy a boat and a friend of his had a boat that was built up in Southwest Harbor, Maine, so he steered us away from production boats to custom boats."

This weekend, Watson's current boat, *Ghost*, a 40-foot, lobster-style hull cruiser, will be on display in Salem at the 20th Annual Boston Antique and Classic Boat festival.

The festival was founded in the early 1980s as a way to educate residents of Boston about their maritime history. This year, 40 boats will converge upon Hawthorne Cove Marina, ranging from a small 19th century canoe to 60-foot schooners. Regardless of size, all the boats in attendance have a story.

"The boat, if you will, has pedigree," said Watson of *Ghost*. "It was designed by this guy Will Frost, who lived in Beals Island, Maine in the 1930s. He was sort of the grandfather of all the designers there. His grandson is a guy named Carroll Lowell, a famous designer, as well."

It was built in 1934 to serve as a ferry between Islesboro, Maine and the mainland, and was commissioned during World War II for service patrolling the East Coast. Now, it's Watson's baby, living out its later years as a joy ride.

"I'm a big fan of the design and look of them, more than anything," said Watson, who owned another 40-foot lobster-hull boat, the *Helen McInnes* prior to *Ghost*. "Most of the boats I see today you couldn't give me. These Grady Whites and all these boats just don't do it for me. These new designs, nah, I guess I just like old stuff."

Old stuff, according to Watson's, that may yet make a return.

"Lobster-style hulls, are now making a big comeback.," said Watson. "Henry Hinckley's building them. Picnic boats they are calling them, and they are $500,000. They're all rigged out, but they're basically reproductions of these old designs."

Beyond lineage, *Ghost*, is a prime example of what draws Watson to antique vessels.

"The thing I like about this boat is that it's simple – single engine, one intake, very simple," said Watson. "The new boats are all complicated with through-hull fittings and generators and wires and this stuff is just so basic, its a throwback.."

They're all throwbacks at the festival, which runs Saturday Aug. 24 from 12-5 p.m. and Sunday Aug. 25 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

"I used to take the big boat to (the festival), the *Helen McInnes*," said Watson. "It's just a good time. People show up from everywhere with these vintage boats and it's a lot of fun. They used to have it in Boston, and then it went to Marina Bay and now it's up in Salem. So it's just a good weekend of fun. These two gals have kept this thing going and it gets bigger every year."

Those two gals are Pat Wells and Ann Campbell.

"We founded the festival to celebrate our maritime heritage and bring people back to the harbor," said Wells. "We wanted to do something on the water as opposed to having a jazz concert or a rock concert on land. It's a more intimate experience. You get to meet skippers and crew and some boat owners will invite the team aboard for the below deck tour. Some owners will have period decor, such as period place settings."

And all for a $5 donation. Children under 12-years-old are free.

"It is a family event and some of the boat owners have children," said Wells. "I think that the children who come to the event are just fascinated to meet the children on the boat. There is a boat that came last year and is coming this year again, *Old Glory*. It's a cruiser but it has masts, and the daughter Tiffany was perched up on one of the masts reading a book, which really fascinated the children who came to the festival."

The festival has been a success despite its travels.

"We went through about three non-profits, and then we went out on our own," said Campbell. "Now we are a part of Lowell's Boat Shop, which has been making boats since 1793, and is a part of the Newburyport Maritime Society. Mostly what it is, is a chance for people to realize what gorgeous craft we have around here."

Watson agrees and quickly points out that the festival highlights the nautical history of the area, a history that is particularly alive in Cohasset Harbor.

"I look at some of the boats in the harbor now, specifically the *Janice Marie*, by Paul Figueiredo's uncle Donald and grandfather Louis," said Watson. "Another special boat in the harbor is the *Ida Jean* built by Bill Stone and Charlie Butman. The boats are over 40-years-old and their design has stood the test of time."

For Campell, the festival is a chance to honor this tradition.

"It's lovely, it's floating art," said Campbell. "It celebrates the boats, it celebrates the owners who are maintaining these boats so we can get to see them again. Boats are really a hole in the water into which you pour money. We are awfully glad for these groups of owners."

Watson's motivating factor is simple – it's just plain fun.

"People say, 'Oh geez, a boat's a lot of work,'" said Watson. "Well, not if you are up there enjoying the time. It's great, it's fun, I enjoy it a lot."

***Ghost* is anchored in Cohasset Harbor.**

Jim Watson's boat, *Ghost*, makes its way through the waters of Cohasset.

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

I wanted to start this week's column by sending out condolences to the family of **Paul "PJ" Trendowicz** who drowned last week in a horrible accident. Words cannot express the sadness that all of us here in town are feeling and would like for the family and friends of PJ to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

SUPPORT GRIDIRON

The Cohasset Gridiron Club members efforts are underway to put together the Cohasset Skippers Football program book for the "2002" season. The goal of the Gridiron Club is to promote, stimulate, and advance interest in the sport of football. With these ideas in mind, the program book with ads from the merchants and friends support the team as well as the scholarship program. The Club recognizes the continued generosity and support from the business patrons, friends, and parents. If you would like to place an ad in this years book, please contact **Don Davis** (383-6367), **Rick Grassie** (383-1334), or **Dennis Dooley** (383-6448). Your ad is a tax deductible contribution. We are all proud of our South Shore League Championship players, and look forward to another great season!

CONGRATS ARE IN ORDER

The following Cohasset students were awarded bachelor's degrees from UMass Amherst: **Daley C. Grant III and Eric J. Wenmark**. Great job to both of you boys!

MAKE IT TO NANTUCKET

Remember the great season Cohasset's football team had last year? Plan on attending the Cohasset High School

Football Junior Varsity and/or Varsity games at Nantucket on Saturday, Sept. 14 this year. Football fans can purchase reduced rate round trip tickets for the ferry that leaves from Hyannis at 9:15 am. The return trip leaves Nantucket at 5:45 pm. Contact Dennis Dooley at 383-6448.

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SCHOOL DAYS

The Cohasset PSO Calendar is getting ready to be sent to all families in the Cohasset Schools sometime in the next 7-10 days. Make sure to keep your eyes open for it.

It is hard to believe that summer is just about over! It was a hot one, that is for sure but isn't that what summer is all about? Make sure to get the backpacks ready, the school supplies and clothing bought and your child back on a school schedule. Easier said than done, that is for sure.

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Surfer dude: Matthew Doyle heads down Sandy Beach hoping for the perfect wave.

HAPPENINGS

Teen garage summer hours

The Teen Garage will be open throughout the summer on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. Fridays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of every month from 5 to 10 p.m.

During these times, The Garage is open to all teens in Grades 6 and up. It is free of charge; however, snacks and drinks do have to be paid for.

The Garage is also available for rentals at $75 for two hours. It is a great space, especially for parties. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 for more information.

Symphony at Abbey

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra meets the blues in its third annual outdoor summer concert at Glastonbury Abbey on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 4:30 p.m. Members of the Hingham Symphony Chamber Players play their version of American classics alongside Norman Zamchek and Suzy Williams, known as Stormin Norman and Suzy, a singing/songwriting/piano playing collaboration with roots in blues, jazz, boogie-woogie and vaudeville.

Originally based in Boston, pianist Zamcheck and chanteuse Williams have played together for a quarter century, from major New York nightspots, to off-Broadway theater, network TV, and Carnegie Hall. Suzy◊s rich, timeless voice has been compared to Bessie Smith, Sophie Tucker and Billie Holiday, all of whom appear in her repertoire. She is complemented by Norman's rhythmic, barrel-house/blues based piano. Together they cover classics from the American songbook, and draw on a catalogue of more than 300 original songs.

Audience members should bring a lawn chair or blanket, and a picnic if they like. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the First Parish Church on Cohasset Common. Tickets ($10 adults, $8 seniors, $5 youth), are available at the gate or in advance at the Abbey Bookstore, Hingham Public Library; Cards & Shards, Cohasset; Front Street Bookstore, Scituate; or call 781-740-5694.

All hands needed for benefit at consignment shop

Cohasset Consignment Shop Manager, Andi Merrill of Scituate, is urging all South Shore residents to search their closets for fall attire as well as their china cabinets for unused china, crystal and silver; and jewelry boxes, baskets, pictures, trays, linens, candlesticks, gardening and cook books; as well as back to school items. The consignment shop is located at Tedeschi Plaza on Route 3A in Cohasset, feel free to stop in and browse for eclectic and rare bargains.

All proceeds support the many health programs of The Social Service League (SSL). Since the shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, Merrill is encouraging men and women to register for three-hour shifts to help out as it is fun, rewarding and especially helps the programs sponsored by The Social Service League. The SSL serves the towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell, Marshfield and Duxbury.

In observance of Sept. 11, Merrill and Lorraine Lincoln have decorated the windows of the consignment shop in patriotic colors with models dressed in "briginal designs" made from tissue paper; and one has a patriotic hat adorned in large blue earrings.

The Cohasset Consignment Shop is open only for fall consignments until Thursday, Aug. 22. It will be open for business Friday Aug. 23. Shop hours are scheduled daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays, 12 -4 p.m.

The president of the South Shore Sevice League is Motoko Deane and information about the benefit sale and consignment shop is available by calling 781-383-0687.

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Introductions

Waterfield Group unveils Village design

Selectmen review preliminary report

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The Waterfield Design Group made a preliminary design report on the Downtown Revitalization project to the selectmen on Tuesday.

The meeting addressed the project in broad terms, from the scope of the design and the materials used, to construction staging options.

"The design process, which is what we are in right now, is a lot like trying to focus a camera," said Craig R. Miller, president of the Waterfield Design Group.

"You don't finally get the whole picture into focus until you do a lot of back and forth. Tonight's meeting was really to start the back and forth. What do you like? Here are some ideas and suggestions. So that is what we are trying to do, to create the dialogue that is needed to focus the project and the public meetings in the future will be a part of that process."

Town manager Mark Haddad was impressed with the company's report.

"I'm very excited about them," said Haddad. "I like their commitment to the project, Craig (Miller) has just been a real asset, I love working with Karen (Fitzgerald) and John (Cavanaro). Having John Cavanaro a part of the project, being a local resident, really adds to it as well. And Karen and Craig bringing a fresh set of eyes to the process from the Waterfield Group has been phenomenal."

Miller was equally pleased.

"It was a very productive meeting," said Miller. "Nothing has been set in stone yet as to what direction the project would go, big, medium, or small. We're just trying to look at all the different alternatives."

Selectmen chairman Michael Sullivan gave some insight as to the town's intended direction.

'Well, I want it to be done correctly, but I don't think that people's appetites for a big expensive project are there right now," said Sullivan.

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"When you talk about burying the electric wires, I think we need to know, if we just do it in the village, what's that going to cost and then we can do cost estimates from there and people can figure out what they are going to be comfortable with."

The group came in with rough, preliminary estimates of figures for the projects. Miller emphasized that these figures are subject to, and most likely, will change as the project comes into focus.

- $1.6 million for a streetscape project that would revitalize the Village area
- $1.4 million to put all the electrical wires underground
- $1 million for James Brook culvert
- $166,000 for the St. Stephen sidewalk
- $38,220 to install a new water main down South Main Street

"Those figures are pie-in-the-sky, everything under the sun numbers," said Haddad. "It is important that the public know that the chairman of the selectmen, Michael Sullivan, stepped in and said, 'Whoa, we need to do this in a scope that we can afford.'"

Presently, there is an approximately $1.6 million deficit that Haddad pointed out was just about the cost of putting the electrical wires underground. That project could be cut back, or even eliminated, though Miller was in favor of at least putting some of the wires underground. All of the other project costs can be cut back in terms of scope and materials used to better fit the town's budget.

All of these issues will be discussed in a public hearing in September. That hearing date will be set in the coming weeks.

The board of selectmen and Waterfield Group will hold another meeting for town officials on September 4 at 6 p.m. in preparation for that public hearing.

The board also voted to approve, in concept, a plan to expand the rear parking lot design near the future MBTA station. The MBTA was going to have to buy property from ABB Optical in order to build the parking lot, but ABB wants to expand their business.

With the board's consent, Waterfield can now enter negotiations with the MBTA to expand the parking lot on town land at the MBTA's expense in order to avoid having to buy the ABB land. The area is made up of mostly ledge. The original parking lot plan had also undercounted the amount of parking spaces available.

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OPINION

A TRIBUTE

A good friend to all

By David Ingber

The following tribute remembers the life of PJ Trendowicz. The writer will be a senior at Cohasset High in the fall and has been a sports correspondent for the Mariner for three years.

It has now been nine days since the tragic death of Paul Jacob Trendowicz, giving family and friends some time for the news to sink in. Yet an overwhelming feeling of disbelief still hangs over Cohasset. How can we explain, even acknowledge, the loss of one so full of life as PJ?

The outpouring of support the Trendowicz family received was a perfect tribute to Paul. Hundreds of sobbing friends congregated at Cunningham Bridge last Wednesday for a late-night vigil. The wake on Thursday had friends lined up out the door of St. Anthony's Parish Hall for six hours. Mourners filled the church 30 minutes before the Friday morning funeral service.

But no one can quite explain how they feel. Tragic losses like this often give rise to overused clichés such as, "It could not have happened to a less deserving kid." But in Paul's case, it is truth. He was a good and decent person, friendly, intelligent and talented in many different areas.

Paul was a brother. Dan, who will enter the eighth grade this fall at Cohasset Middle School, has always looked up to PJ, trying to emulate his athletic moves, his cooking ability, his quick wit. PJ in turn devoted himself to coaching Dan's lacrosse and baseball teams. But more than that, much more than that, big brother PJ integrated Dan into his social life, and PJ's close friends now have taken Dan into the fold as they, and we, all grieve Paul's passing.

Paul was a musician. He could listen to a song on the radio and play it by ear on his red Stratocaster within six months of starting guitar lessons. He wowed us all when he nailed Nirvana's "About a Girl" at the sixth grade promotion exercises. His collection of CDs was extensive (featuring, of course, every album of Bob Marley and Nirvana), but more impressive was his natural sense of music. This became clear when we sat down for our occasional blues jam sessions. Although he never studied musical theory, Paul blew me away with his innate feel for what sounded good.

Paul was an athlete. By seventh grade, Paul was head and shoulders above anyone else (athletically and figuratively). Although tall for his age, he was never awkward. He had the grace and athleticism of a point guard but he could post-up better than any center around. Paul excelled at every sport he played, trying his hand, for example, at soccer and tennis.

Eventually, he decided to concentrate on lacrosse, where he was an acknowledged success. A speedy attacker with great instincts, Paul was the senior captain of his varsity BC High team. He won the "Unsung Hero" award on the team for his quiet leadership on and off the field. In recognition and tribute, the high school retired Paul's number 21 jersey.

Paul was a friend. Trendo knew everyone and everyone knew him. No matter where he was or who he was with or what he was doing, he would take the time for a friendly greeting to any passerby he knew. He had that rare good nature not merely to get along with different types, but to be friends with them. Paul was a popular student, but never limited himself to just one crowd. Students who enter private school often forget their former classmates, and in turn are forgotten. Not Paul.

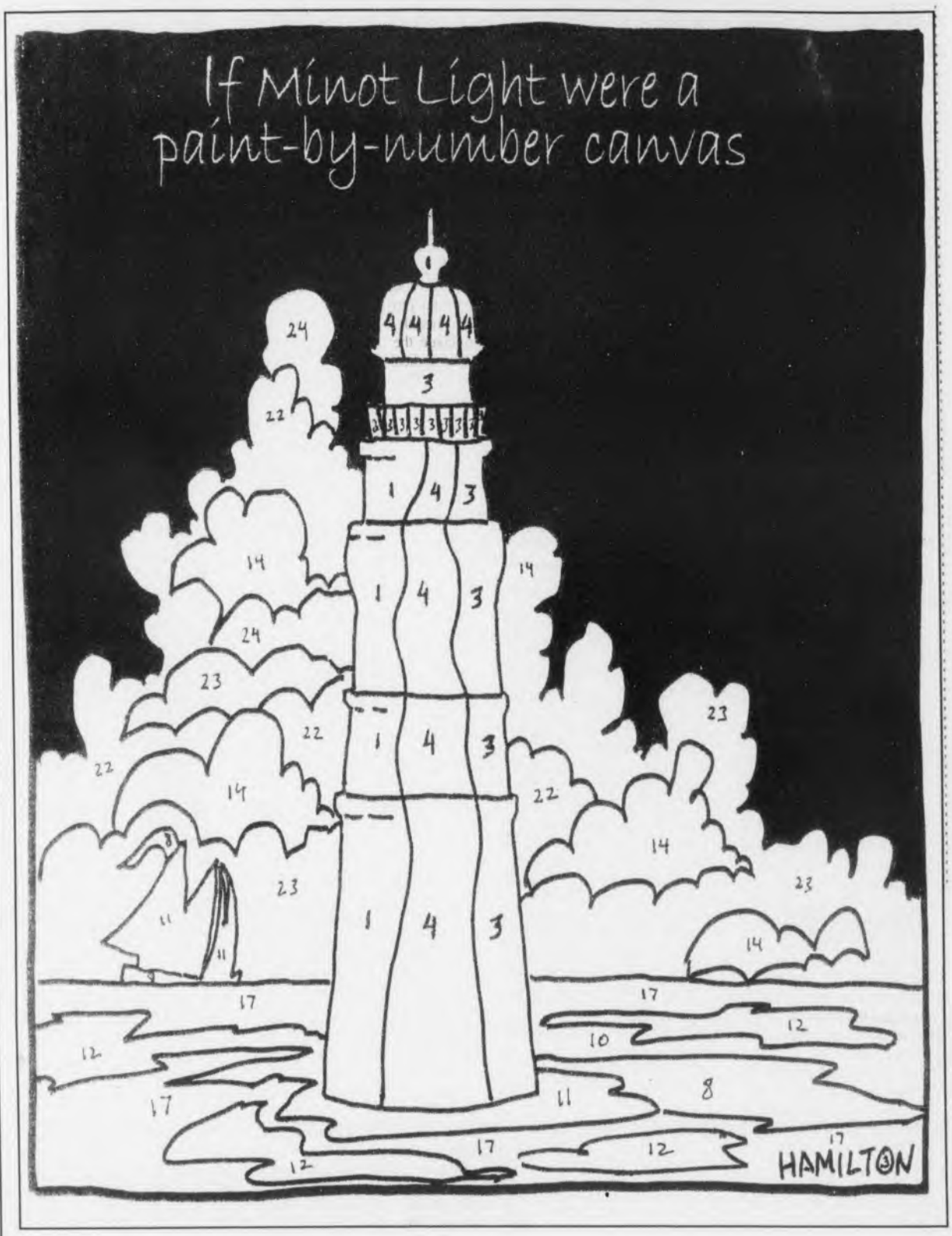
PJ maintained each of his many friendships in Cohasset while enjoying a network of friends at BC High. The proof — equal and large numbers of Cohasset High and BC High teens came to pay their respects. His Notre Dame Academy friends were well represented by the a capella choir, which sang "We are one body" at the service in Paul's memory. PJ was loved by everyone who knew him.

I am one of so many who treasured his friendship. He spent hours patiently teaching me the art of the lacrosse shot well after my lack of ability was established. We played one-on-one basketball, and he would let me score a lay-up every now and then, even though he could easily block every shot I took. Even though I started playing guitar a year and a half after him, PJ always showed me the most recent songs he learned so that we could jam together. In many of our post-tennis class hangouts, he guided me in the art of the frappe, knowing exactly how much milk and how much chocolate chip ice cream was needed. (And of course he'd let me have the first glass. Classic Paul.)

For several years, I went to school with kids a year older than myself. It was a challenging time. In the third grade, this new boy from New Jersey not only easily and quickly made friends but went out of his way to include me and look out for his little buddy. So many people have similar stories about PJ. That was just the sort of person he was — helpful, kind, and genuinely pleasant to be around.

We will miss his shining personality and ready smile. We will miss his downtown cruises with reggae music blasting out of his trademark Lincoln Navigator. We will miss his Halloween parties, his fruit snacks, his boat rides, his sense of humor, his love of life.

We will miss P.J.



EDITORIAL

Framing Swift

Acting Gov. Jane Swift will have performed the duties of governor for 20 months when she steps down in January. Unlike most governors, she did not earn the position through the ballot box. She's in the corner office at the State House only because her former boss - then governor Paul Cellucci - jumped ship midway through his four-year term.

Her photograph, however, will be displayed at the State House right alongside those of all previously elected governors - a decision made recently by the State Art Commission.

We agree that Swift's photograph should be displayed, though not because she was the state's first female governor - the reason given by the commission for its decision. Her photograph belongs on that wall for the sake of continuity.

Almost two years is a long time for a state to go without a governor, and recent history quickly becomes ancient history in this fast moving world. A gap

So let's give Swift her do. Though only an acting governor, she made the state of Massachusetts the focal point of her life for almost two years.

of 20 months needs an explainer, and that's exactly what the nameplate beneath her photograph should do - clearly explain that Swift was 'acting' governor in 2001 and 2002.

Swift's personal story will be an interesting one for students of political history, and her photograph in the gallery of governors will be an ideal stepping off point for those stories. Despite her less than stellar performance, Swift can be admired for her commitment to the job and tenacity to see it through to the end under the worst of conditions.

She was 36 years old with a toddler at home and was seven months pregnant with twins when Cellucci announced his decision to become U.S. Ambassador to Canada. She could have walked away. There are those who say she should have resigned and left the daunting job of governance to someone more experienced.

That, however, would have been political suicide for her and for the ailing Republican party, which has held the corner office for more than 10 years. Her resignation would have given the power of that office to a Democrat. If she had any doubts she could do the job, she hid them well, and gave it a gallant try. For that, she should be congratulated, at least by her Republican peers and voting members of that party.

So let's give Swift her do. Though only an acting governor, she made the state of Massachusetts the focal point of her life for almost two years. A portrait - at no expense to the state, by the way - is deserved and will also serve a practical purpose.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No trespassing

TO THE EDITOR:

In last week's *Mariner*, our cartoonist, Mr. Hamilton, took a swipe at the "No Trespassing" signs sprouting like mushrooms on the north side of Sandy Beach.

Someone once remarked, "It takes 24 hours to become a Californian but three generations minimum to become a New Englander." The new owners of the beautiful home at the north end of Sandy Beach in Cohasset are just beginning their long socialization process. At some point – certainly within three generations – they will voluntarily remove those ugly "No Trespassing" signs now defacing the otherwise stunning rocky seascape of our town's beach.

In the meantime, might we not show a little compassion for these newcomers, who are obviously struggling to adjust to the ways of our town? I thought Mr. Hamilton's cartoon a bit harsh. It likely hardened the attitude of our new neighbors, and will probably delay rather than hasten the restoration of our beautiful rocky seascape.

Patrick Dougherty
131 Nichols Road

Coaches deserve credit

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank you and Mike Spellman for the story that appeared in last week's Mariner concerning the victory by our 12-year-old All Stars in the District Eight Championship game.

I would, however, like to point out that while it has been my pleasure to coach these stars in some capacity since they were seven years old, the credit for guiding this year's championships belongs entirely to head coach Bill Grimm and first assistant coach Bob Morgan. Like so many other Little League volunteers, both of these men have given tirelessly of their time and baseball knowledge over the course of many years. While it was the boys who know the games on the field, I think all involved would agree that a lot of credit for this championship season should be given to Coach Grimm and Coach Morgan.

Mark G. DeGiacomo,
President of Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association, Inc.

Healthcare takes center stage

STATHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government ending Aug. 16.

After covering politics for a while, one notices that the people who wage campaigns and the people who vote in them tend to have much different views of what's important.

Voters and casual observers feel what's important about an election is, roughly in order, issues, candidates, money and organization. The pros generally feel it's the exact opposite. They feel the determinants are, again in order, organization, money, candidate and issues. These feelings are indeed rough and general, not absolute, precise or universal.

This goes for the media, too. Reporters feel obliged to stay right on top of what the next strategy or tactical move of the campaigns will be. Therefore, news columns and air minutes are skewed away from explaining issues and comparing the candidates' proposals on them. Campaigns tend to get covered as being more about the candidates than the voters. Readers and voters get more information than they need or want about fundraising, internal strategy conflicts, staffing issues and advertising decisions.

Last week, though, the top of the voters' priority list — substance of the issues — seemed more prominent. There were the usual inside baseball developments — Mitt Romney's raising money faster than anyone ever has before, and Shannon O'Brien used to work at a health care company that went bankrupt (the fine print: she appears to have had nothing to do with creating its troubles). But a comparison of ideas about healthcare itself, and its costs, got an unusual amount of attention last week. The specifics:

Democrat Shannon O'Brien said as governor she would form a council to address a racial gap in healthcare that leaves black newborns dying at three times the rate of white newborns; pass a program to encourage doctors to prescribe the least expensive medications available; deliver more medication and treatment at lower cost through community health centers; and get all state hospitals to computerize their drug-administration operations to reduce medical errors. O'Brien said better management in the industry could lower costs, but her opponents said she didn't offer enough details.

Her Democrat opponent, Robert Reich, on Aug. 12 put forward his own plan, the centerpiece of which was allowing members of the public without health insurance to join the group insurance plan for state employees. Reich also proposed allowing the uninsured to buy medication at the same rate charged Medicaid recipients, and screening elders entering nursing homes to see if they can use home care instead.

The two initiatives announced last week join alternatives offered by other candidates in recent weeks.

Warren Tolaman, a Democrat, wants to go to a "single payer" system where there would be just one government-controlled health insurer.

Republican Romney proposes charging sliding fees for Medicaid health care, restructuring the agencies that oversee the healthcare networks, and reforming the medical malpractice system.

Senate President Thomas Birmingham, a Democrat, emphasizes work he's already done, such as the patients' bill of rights and raising the cigarette tax to preserve the state's program to help senior citizens buy prescription drugs.

Other than the campaign developments, the major news on the week continued to be fiscal fallout. The Swift administration is not exactly rushing to inform the public of service cuts but the news is leaking out.

• Officials at the Department of Youth Services said a $6.4 million budget cut would force them to release 130 young criminals from detention centers. But after the story broke last week, Acting Gov. Swift said she wouldn't allow the release. She said the administration had already put the $6.4 million in another spending bill and expected it to pass soon – a fact the DYS hadn't told reporters. Swift said the funds needed to be passed by the end of the week to stop the early releases, but the House didn't pass the deficiency budget, leaving the issue in limbo for the weekend.

• Another $6.5 million could mean the end of health education in most local school districts that rely on state aid to run the programs, officials told the News Service. Those who work with teens worry about a rise in sexually transmitted disease and date rape. "It's up to local districts to decide if they can maintain them on their own," state education department spokeswoman Heidi Perlman said. "It's a difficult time and something had to be cut. It's unfortunate because these are some spectacular programs."

• A program that gave $150 to $450 in monthly food stamps to families headed by legal aliens was funded for only a month. Those families will not get food stamps after this month, the welfare department said. Advocates perceived another strike against Massachusetts immigrants last week: the Supreme Judicial Court ruled constitutional a law requiring them to live here for six months before receiving state benefits.

• Responding to criticism of her veto of a bill intended to spur construction of more affordable housing units, Swift filed emergency regulations that seek to accomplish the goals of the legislation she nixed. The new rules empower the Office of Housing and Community Development to exempt communities from having to accept big new construction projects if they demonstrate progress in planning affordable units into the growth of their communities. Many communities are concerned about the number of new projects they have to accept. Current law says the developments must be allowed if less than 10 percent of the housing stock in a city or town is within reach of a low or moderate income wage earner. The vast majority of cities and towns have not attained that goal.

• The largest oil company in the US, Exxon, Mobil, also sells a lot of sundries, snack foods and tobacco at its convenience stores, and the tobacco sales – to minors – caught the eye of Mass. Attorney General Thomas Reilly. In Massachusetts, 577 stores operate under the Exxon or Mobil brand. He pressed the company to do a better job keeping cigars and cigarettes out of the hands and lungs of minors. The company agreed to improve training for clerks on checking IDs and blocking underage sales, and monitor compliance with video cameras and random checks by an outside company.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

When millionaires strike billionaires

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Well, they're at it again. For the ninth time in 30 years, the millionaires and billionaires who have been entrusted with the best in baseball, the so-called National Pastime, are about the throw the whole thing into the dumper in the interest of making more money.

The players (the millionaires) have set a strike date of Aug. 30 if the owners (the billionaires) don't withdraw their proposal to tax the teams that have and give the money to the teams that don't have so that the don't haves will be able to compete with the haves.

This, say the millionaires, would reduce their salary increases and eventually act as a salary cap, which, say the billionaires, wouldn't be necessary if millionaires like Jason Giambi would resist the $10,428,571 waved at him voluntarily by that (expletive deleted) George Steinbrenner and his New York Yankees.

A lot of people trace this dispute between the money changers back to 1975 when a ruling by an arbitrator named Peter M. Seitz (who will never be elected to the Hall of Fame but should) ruled that the reserve system was dead and freed Andy Messersmith from then grasp of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Myself, I think the roots of the dispute go all the way back to 1858 when the sponsor of an amateur team from New York discovered that people (later known as fans) would pay 50-cents a head to enter the Fashion Race Course in Queens to watch his team play another amateur club from Brooklyn.

A few years later what was billed as the world's championship series was played in Philadelphia and 8,000 people showed up at 25-cents a head for the first game. Extra tickets were scalped for $5 apiece. The next game, the tickets were $1 apiece at the gate. This when the average pay of a working stiff was $1.25 a day. How long do you suppose it was before the first player (not yet a millionaire) watched the promoter count the receipts and said: "Hey, I did the work for that. Gimme some."

When the Cincinnati Red Stockings admitted they were fielding an all professional team in 1869, its shortstop, George Wright (for whom the golf course in Boston is named), was the highest paid player at $1,400 a year. The team won 57 games and lost none — and actually showed a profit of $1.39.

William Hulbert, the founder of the National League in 1876, spoke for most of the owners when he said: "It is ridiculous to pay ball players $2,000 a year, especially when $800 boys often do just as well." No, Jeremy Jacobs was not in the league at the time.

Players of that day got raises only when absolutely necessary. When the Federal League threatened to raid the established leagues in 1914, Hall of Famer Ty Cobb went from $12,000 to $20,000 a year. When the threat had passed in 1917, Hall of Famer Honus Wagner went from $10,000 to $5,700 a year.

"The sordid element of baseball as a business has cut a shadow over the sport," said the Literary Digest of May 29, 1915. Players make too much money, "parading about in their automobiles like princes, posing at the cabarets and trotteries (?) as little tin gods."

The Literary Digest went out of business after its poll predicted a certain win by Alf Landon in the presidential election of 1936. The Digest had conducted its poll by telephone. It didn't realize that the folks who voted for Franklin D. Roosevelt couldn't afford a phone.

Drought worsens, watch level ordered for South Shore

The Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force, at its Aug. 13 meeting at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Headquarters in Framingham, recommended that the drought designation for the Southeast and Cape Cod/Islands regions of the state be increased to watch level. The other regions of Massachusetts remain at drought advisory level.

July and August precipitation in Massachusetts has been far below normal. Precipitation totals for the month of July averaged only 51 percent of normal. The Southeast and Cape Cod regions have received less than half an inch of rain so far during August, with the Cape receiving less than 20 percent of normal.

Although the state's rainfall improved steadily between March and June 2002, the lack of precipitation during July and August has caused surface water and groundwater conditions to deteriorate. Fire danger levels in the drought watch areas are very high, and forest fires have developed, including a large fire in Plymouth. Soil moisture is low in the coastal areas of Massachusetts and is causing difficulties in extinguishing fires. The National Weather Service is forecasting drier than normal conditions for New England through November, 2002, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is predicting that drought conditions are likely to develop in the region over this period.

Water supply reservoirs throughout most of Massachusetts generally appear to be at levels that are able to meet current demands. The Quabbin Reservoir, operated by the Metropolitan District Commission, is 83-percent full, remaining in the below-normal system status. However, due to its large storage capacity, the system can withstand extended dry periods without affecting its ability to supply water.

Water suppliers on the Cape and Islands and in Southeastern Massachusetts are being affected by the extreme dry conditions and some are struggling to meet water demands.

Additional public water suppliers have imposed water use restriction in the past month, mostly in the Southeast region of the state. It is expected that the voluntary and mandatory use of water conservation measures will increase until significant precipitation occurs to replenish water supplies.

Stream flows were at below-normal levels across most of the state during July, and are continuing to decline. Groundwater levels were primarily in the normal range in Massachusetts during July, but Cape Cod and the Islands, and most of the Southeast region are experiencing below-normal water table levels. The groundwater levels continue to decline statewide and areas of below-normal groundwater levels are expected to expand as a result of the below-normal rainfall.

A drought advisory was initially issued for the entire state in December, 2001, following significantly below-normal levels of precipitation last fall. The entire state was raised to a drought watch in early March. In early June, because of the above-normal precipitation in May and early June, the state was reduced to a drought advisory level. In July, the drought advisory was continued for the entire state.

The drought watch level now in place for the Southeast and Cape Cod and Islands indicates a level of dry conditions that warrant intensified monitoring by state, federal and local agencies. The watch level is the third of five action levels related to drought conditions that are outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan.

The five action levels of the Drought Management Plan are: Normal, Advisory, Watch, Warning and Emergency. The Department of Environmental Protection will work with communities and provide technical assistance to assure that water supply needs can be met.

The National Weather Service forecasts above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation to continue through the month of August. Weather conditions are not currently favorable for tropical storm development. Below-normal precipitation is expected to continue through September and October. The Drought Management Task Force will continue to monitor conditions in the coming weeks to assess drought impacts. The task force assesses conditions across the state, coordinates dissemination of information to the public, and helps state, federal and local agencies coordinate any responses that may be needed.

Fire danger is a significant concern for the Southeast and Cape Cod and Islands regions of Massachusetts. In addition to being drier than normal, the current heat wave is causing increased fire danger levels, particularly in the coastal regions of the state. Also, the availability of surface water resources to extinguish fires is decreasing.

Public water supplies must be conserved for fire suppression and public safety. Forest fires have occurred and have been difficult to extinguish as a result of the prolonged drought conditions. Extreme caution should be exercised with fire associated with outdoor activities (such as campfires, barbecues, fireworks and cigarette disposal).

To respond to this drought advisory, the Drought Management Task Force recommends that water conservation efforts continue to be made to sustain public water supplies and minimize environmental impacts of the dry conditions. Public water suppliers should implement drought response plans as necessary to respond to their system requirements, assure water supply availability and protect environmental resources.

Homeowners and other water users are advised to follow any guidance and adhere to any restrictions put in place by their local water supplier. Homeowners and other facilities with private wells are advised to monitor local conditions accordingly. Municipalities are urged to implement water use restriction bylaws and ordinances to allow for system demand management if necessary during the summer months.

HEALTH NOTES

When summer heat is too much

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Now that we've survived the third hottest August on record, the Center for Disease Control tells us what happened and what we did to avoid the effects of the summer heat. Over the last 20 years, excessive heat exposure caused 8,015 deaths in the United States. During this period, more people in this country died from extreme heat than from hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, floods, and earthquakes combined. Even young and healthy individuals can succumb to heat, so we reduced our participation in strenuous physical activities during hot weather. Air-conditioning is the number one protective factor against heat-related illness and death. If a home is not air-conditioned, people can reduce their risk for heat-related illness by spending time in public facilities that are air-conditioned. We also helped prevent heat-related illness by frequently drinking water or nonalcoholic fluids; wearing lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing; or doing our exercising during cooler parts of the day. Periodically checking on neighbors who do not have air conditioning is recommended or bringing them along when you check on neighbors who do have air conditioning is probably good too.

The most serious complication of overheating is heat stroke. Heat stroke occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature. The body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106 F or higher within 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided.

Warning signs of heat stroke vary but may include the following:

〈 An extremely high body temperature (above 103 F, orally)
〈 Red, hot, and dry skin (no sweating)
〈 Rapid, strong pulse
〈 Throbbing headache
〈 Dizziness, Nausea and/or Confusion
〈 Unconsciousness

If you see any of these signs, you may be dealing with a life-threatening emergency. Have someone call for immediate medical assistance while you begin cooling the victim. Do the following:

〈 Get the victim to a shady area and cool him rapidly using whatever methods you can. For example, immerse the victim in a tub of cool water; place the person in a cool shower; spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose; sponge the person with cool water; or if the humidity is low, wrap the victim in a cool, wet sheet and fan him or her vigorously.
〈 Monitor body temperature, and continue cooling efforts until it drops to 101-102 F.
〈 If medical personnel are delayed, call a hospital emergency room for instructions.
〈 Do not give the victim alcohol to drink, and get medical assistance as soon as possible.

Sometimes a victim's muscles will begin to twitch uncontrollably as a result of heat stroke. If this happens, keep the victim from injuring himself, but do not place any object in the mouth and do not give fluids. Keep his air passages clear.

Other heat related illnesses such as heat exhaustion, heat rash, and sunburn are less life threatening.

Chet Curtis to host animal shelter benefit

The Friends of the Scituate Animal Shelter will hold their fourth annual benefit on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 2-5 p.m. at the Nantasket Beach Hotel and Conference Center at 45 Hull Shore Drive in Hull. Host Kristie Henriksen of Siros Restaurants promises an afternoon of sweeping ocean views and delicious food and beverages. The well-known and popular newsman, Chet Curtis of the New England Cable News will be the master of ceremonies.

Music throughout the afternoon will be provided by the versatile Krisanthi Pappas Combo, featuring piano, bass and vocalist. Another highlight is the alumni table, which showcases pictures of adoptees from the no-kill shelter. This year's silent auction includes gift certificates, paintings and handicrafts by local artists and a colorful autumn gift basket.

This gala event raises funds to provide veterinary care for the cats, dogs and other small pets that wait for adoption at the shelter, which serves the towns of Cohasset, Hull, Norwell and Scituate. Tickets are $50 each and are on sale now at the animal shelter at 61 Driftway in Scituate. For information, call 781-545-8703.

'Hills of Hull' house tour

On Saturday, Sept. 28, there will be a unique opportunity to tour seven private homes tucked away in special locations in the neighborhoods of Hull to benefit Wellspring, a community-based human service organization serving Hull and surrounding towns.

Each of these 'Hills of Hull' homes is perched high on one of the town's many hills and captures a commanding view of the open ocean, harbor and even the Boston skyline. These lovely vistas also include Worlds End, and many of the islands of Boston Harbor, depending on which property is being visited.

Called "The Hills of Hull," the tour will be held between10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Advance tickets may be purchased for $20 prior to Aug. 28 at the following locations: Bookport, Hingham; Cards & Shards, Cohasset; and Mermaids in Hull. Tickets may also be purchased by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull 02045 with an enclosed check.

Local opposition to 40B builds

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40B-specific legal counsel.

"Frankly, people just aren't aware of it," said Westcott. "The whole problem is that they don't know what is going on, so a big part of our charter here is to get word out about what is going on.

We are working to try and get proper counsel so the town is fully aware of what all their options are."

The interest on the state level, is impressive. State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, has attended all of the meeting thus far and state Sen. Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth, has had representation at all three meetings, attending Monday night's meeting in person.

"What you can do and what we can do is to continue to do this," said Bradley motioning to the group. "To get the issue in the papers, to get the issue discussed, because if we don't, when it comes up next year it won't look like we have the support. We need to keep the momentum going so we can get some changes."

Bradley dismissed the recent omnibus housing legislation ostensibly aimed at curbing Chapter 40B as "window dressing," while Hedlund had stronger words — "It's a piece of trash." The legislation passed in the House and Senate, but was vetoed by Acting Gov. Jane Swift.

"It's not going to be easy, I'm going to honest with you," said Bradley. "Because they are following the existing law. The best way to proceed on this is through local boards."

That is exactly what Westcott has in mind.

"We want to get the appropriate town boards and committees to do their jobs," said Westcott. "They haven't been doing their jobs. We need a plan so that the state understands that we are working towards the 10 percent. The second thing is we want to put a moratorium on 40B, which we know is something that will go to the courts most likely and will force the selectmen and others to realize that this is a serious issue and we need to invest in it in a serious way."

The group is circulating a petition that would call for a special town meeting in order to declare a moratorium on all Chapter 40B activity in town. A moratorium would be more symbolic than effective. Scituate has employed a similar tactic, and will go to special town meeting on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

"I think it is important for the town to make a statement, but I am not sure what validity it will have on the existing proposal in the pipeline," said Bradley of the moratorium. "It's important for us, because I go up to the Statehouse and I say, two towns in my district have called special town meetings to take a stand on this."

Both legislators expressed frustration with the law.

"It's important to point out that in 33 years, 40B has only created 25,000 housing units, 7.5 percent of the housing created state-wide," said Hedlund. "I find it ironic that the goal for a community is 10 percent."

Tom Powers, of 25 Powers Lane., a developer, attended the meeting to get more information.

"I'm not against it," said Powers. "I came more tonight to hear what everybody was talking about but I think that the town has to focus on what is the best and highest use for that piece of property."

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for its regular hearings on Sept. 16 at 7:30 and then will meet at 8:30 to discuss 40B.

Early retirement exclusion challenged

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Group 2 or 3 employees.

Chapter 116 adds a total of five years to a person's retirement package. Those years can be put toward creditable service or age. It also dictates that the retirement slots be offered to those with the greatest amount of years of creditable service.

"I think the board acted appropriately and we dealt with this out in the open," said selectman Tom Callahan. "Mark (Haddad) and Mike (Buckley, the town accountant) thoroughly researched the pros and cons of the financial benefits of what we are doing. And I think that there is a misconception out there that this law is just for anyone who wishes to retire early to retire early, and that is not what it is there for."

Each department head was consulted about those positions under their jurisdiction and the decision not to include any custodians was made by the selectmen on the recommendation of school Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey.

"We decided not to (include any custodians) at the time because there is a cost involved," said Malvey. "From our standpoint, I didn't have the funds to be able to bring the matter forward. That doesn't mean that if the school committee wished to honor that program, that we can't see our way through it."

Malvey added that it was a purely financial decision.

"It was not a negative attempt to hurt anyone," said Malvey. "It was simply, from a financial standpoint, that we didn't have the money. If upon further review, the committee wishes to do that, we will have to make ends meet."

Much of the frustration with Chapter 116 throughout the state is derived from misunderstandings. Chapter 116 is "opt-in" legislation that a town can choose to adopt or decline. Entitled, "An act providing for local government workforce reduction through an early retirement program for certain employees," it allows a broad interpretation of financial benefit to the town.

The board of selectmen voted to include two Group 4 retirements, both slotted for firemen, because they would be replaced with paramedics, which would allow the town to increase ambulance rates. That increase in rates would more than compensate for the added cost of the early retirement. There was a police officer who would be eligible for the program ahead of the second firefighter, but he informed the town he was not interested in the program.

"The law was designed to be utilized if there was a financial benefit to the town," said Callahan. "I think we are getting a financial benefit and a service benefit."

The board is scheduled to consider the issue at their meeting on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the high school.

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Cohasset's Bosworth riding wave of success

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wife. Repulsed by what she sees and hears at a football party, Anne Marie runs, out straight into the Pacific Ocean, still wearing the designer dress Matt gave her. But he likes her independence and determination and he says to her, "be the girl I met on the beach. The girl who would never ask a guy what to do."

Bosworth spoke about her character. "She's very strong, very independent, but afraid. What I love most about her, and I think I relate to most, is that she's imperfect."

And some of Anne Marie can be seen in Bosworth, who has deferred from Princeton University to continue her career and is currently based in Los Angeles. "I had never even touched a surf board before I moved to Los Angeles," she said. "I got the script, and I loved it's concept and it's theme. the director (John Stockwell) really wanted to cast a surfer. It was my sheer determination that got the part."

"Anne Marie", better known in Cohasset as Kate Bosworth, surfs the Pipe.

In California, before she landed the part Bosworth would be out surfing at 8 a.m. for three hours. then she would work out in a gym for about an hour, and followed that with an hour in a swimming pool. "I gained about 15 pounds in muscle mass," she related.

Then, after landing the part, she went to the Pipeline on a winter day. "The water was raging. There were gigantic mountains of water. I turned to my co-star and said, 'I'm going to die.' " But, like Anne Marie, she prevailed.

Part of it was her athleticism. I'm a pretty athletic person," said Bosworth who played sports at Cohasset High School. "Horseback riding is not easy (her equestrian ability helped her land the part of Judith in "The Horse Whisperer"."

Now she says of surfing, "I love it. I've gone back to Hawaii about six times to surf. "It's really the ultimate rush. I imagine it's the closest thing to flying you can get to."

Leaving the theater on opening weekend two girls in their early teens were heard yelling, "I want to learn surfing !" Bosworth offered advice to them and other potential surfers. "Tell them just to be patient. One of the biggest qualities I improved on was patience. It's the slowest yet steepest learning curve. If you love it, be patient."

Cohasset native Kate Bosworth is making a splash with her new Hollywood flick.

Being an Easterner Bosworth not only had to learn to surf, but also how to play someone involved in that subculture. "The director deserves a gold star on that one," she stated. "Before we even started primary shooting he really threw me into this subculture of surfers. The whole subculture really embraced me. I became my character in a very, very unique way."

As for living in Los Angeles, Bosworth said, "I love it, noting that having relatives there helped. It's always like 75 degrees, with a nice breeze. But I miss the seasons, so much. But I'll be back !"

Contemporary masterpieces in Collector's Choice '02

The work of artists John Singer Sargent, Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee, Grandma Moses, Marc Chagall, Rembrandt, and August Renoir couldn't be more different. These artists, however, all share one little-known commonality.

They all have had their masterpieces on display at the South Shore Art Center in its traditional Collector's Choice exhibition. The Collector's Choice exhibition affords residents of the South Shore and beyond, an opportunity to view, in their own regional art center, museum-quality works of art from private collections. Artwork procured thus far includes work by Andy Warhol, William Wegman, Abe Morrell, Anders Zorn, Marc Chagall and Salvador Dali. Collector's Choice '02 will feature recent acquisitions and focus primarily on what collectors have collected in the last 10 years. The public will have only three days to view the exhibition before the work is returned to its owners and is no longer accessible to the public.

Collector's Choice is scheduled for Sept. 27-29. A gala opening reception will take place at the South Shore Art Center on Friday, Sept. 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at a private seaside home. The exhibition preview party will be enhanced by the opportunity to purchase collectible frames decorated by popular celebrities. Twenty personalities from the art world as well as the world of sports, politics and literature have agreed to decorate and personalize wooden frames that will be offered to the highest bidder in a silent auction.

Tickets for this exhibition fundraiser are $135 ($125 for South Shore Art Center members). On Saturday, Sept. 28, the exhibition will be open to the public from 10a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sunday, Sept. 29, the exhibition will open at 11:30 a.m. with Music Amidst the Masterpieces, an informal brunch and at 1 p.m. a concert by the Boston Chamber Music Society, Ronald Thomas, Artistic Director. Tickets are $35. Reservations for both events can be made by calling 781-383-2787.

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Friends, family say farewell to Paul 'PJ' Trendowicz

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slightest moment to prepare ourselves for the plunge into darkness," he said. "Our world has been turned upside down.

"Nothing can prepare us for something like this," Fr. Hanwell said. "Nothing can save us from the devastation of such a blow."

Fr. Hanwell said when the blackout occurs, "we rush to seek and find the light, even of a humble candle — and now we rush to find the light, namely the light of Christ."

He said Paul epitomized the motto at B.C. High, "man for others." Fr. Hanwell said his two best friends, also of Cohasset and B.C. High graduates, Greg Smith and Ben Kinch, shared anecdotes before the service with him about "Trendo," which they affectionately called him.

"He was a great person, a people person, he had no enemies, he was always smiling even in first or second period," Fr. Hanwell said. "He loved making people laugh, he loved rock 'n roll, was a talented guitar player, he loved Nirvana and Kurt Cobain and even grew his hair long in middle school, then one day cut it short in the eighth grade surprising many... he was his own unique individual.

"His life was so full in those 18 years."

— The Rev. John J. Hanwell, B.C. High rector

"He loved food, especially Chinese food – his favorite was crab Rangoon, and he loved E.L. Fudge Cookies, he loved cooking steaks on the grill and devised his own marinade sauce in a Ziplock bag... He loved the water and ocean, and yearned for summer in the middle of winter so he could work on his boat in the marina...he loved fast boats and loved lacrosse.

"He loved his brother Dan so much that Paul kept Dan is his life among his friends...he loved his girlfriend Mackenzie who was with him Tuesday, and he loved his parents, Julie and Paul, who were always there for him."

Fr. Hanwell said Paul played basketball in the sixth and seventh grade, and his mother bought him a paperweight shaped like a ball with a saying that he loved, "you're always going to miss the shot you do not take."

He said Paul had no regrets and was always there for his family and friends.

Julie Trendowicz accompanied by her husband, Paul, read a letter her son had written her last spring. She said it was "mother-son senior night" when she received her diploma for "nagging, laughing and supporting" her son through four years at B.C. High. Inside the diploma there was a letter to her.

"Dear Mom, I've not been an easy kid to raise but at the same time, I turned out all right. Thank you for everything you've done for me. I love you," Paul wrote.

Mrs. Trendowicz thanked everyone for sharing their love for "PJ". She said their door would always be open and she hoped Paul's friends would reach out to his brother, Dan.

The Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, regional Bishop, said it was natural and human to question why.

"But instead of concentrating on what we don't know, let's focus on what we do know....the beautiful things said about Paul who will live in our memories forever."

Following the funeral Mass, Paul's family invited everyone to join them for refreshments and conversation in the Parish Center. There, lining the walls of the lobby, Paul's many friends had written notes to him on poster board that were full of fun, humor and fond remembrances.

Paul died Tuesday, Aug. 13 when a game of knee-boarding under Cunningham Bridge went terribly wrong. His friends and emergency personnel tried valiantly to revive him after he was pulled from the water. Paul had planned to attend Bentley College in two weeks.

Cohasset's Polly Logan, fresh and buoyant after a violent home robbery and hospitalization, receives a special silver bracelet with an American flag from GOP Lt. Gov. candidate Kerry Healey, during Healey's appearance in Hingham last weekend. True to form, Logan brought the house down when she said, "Boy, I'm glad I didn't have this on when he had the gun pointed in my face."

Healey makes stop in Hingham

Kerry Healey, Mitt Romney's Lieutenant Governor running mate, was received by nearly 100 Republicans, Democrats and Independents this past Sunday as she underscored the need for the Commonwealth to improve public education and devise a new criminal justice system with the victims in mind.

Speaking at the home of Barbara and James Claypoole. Healey commented from her background of attending poorly funded public schools as a youth in Florida, prior to securing an undergraduate degree in government from Harvard and her Ph.D. from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, in law and political science, the latter on a Rotary Club scholarship.

We need English immersion for kindergartners; special emphasis on under-performing urban schools, including parent training; and a return to community school philosophy. We don't need to bus kids long distances if we can improve the schools in their backyards and have education be the framework for uplifting the community," she stated.

Healy also took the time to laud long-time GOP leader Polly Logan of Cohasset, who was present and vocal, after her harrowing recent home robbery and hospitalization. "Polly helped me get started, as she has so many others. Polly is the good and wonderful side of politics, everywhere," Healey concluded. She then presented Logan with a special gift from herself and Romney.

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HEDLUND REPORT

BOB HEDLUND

The $301 million Transportation Bond Bill, released from conference committee at 1:51 a.m. in the morning during the marathon last day of formal sessions in the state legislature, is a classic example of what's wrong with the legislative process on Beacon Hill these days.

The committee report was distributed only minutes before its brief debate took place; only two or three other senators aside from myself were given copies, and those who did receive it did not have the time to read it, never mind fully comprehend its contents.

The bill was passed almost unanimously by both branches in those early morning hours, and has since been signed by the Governor with minor revisions. Within it are several gifts to many leadership legislators, including: the authorization to take several parcels of land along the Greenbush Commuter Rail Line without a legislative roll call vote; a change in the make-up of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Board that allows for two more members to be appointed by the Governor, weakening the Board's independent status; creation of a Massport Advisory Board that was severely watered down from the original House proposal which would have included the input of members appointed from South Shore communities impacted by Logan Airport's flights, and now includes no such representation; and full funding for the development of the Fall River-New Bedford Commuter Rail Line from the state's general fund with no specific appropriation required, a raid on the state's general fund that is unconscionable given the fact that the legislature already gave the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) an enormous chunk of money to "forward-fund" the Authority's future expansion efforts during the last legislative session, after a contentious debate that again held up the state's budget process.

Time and again the Massachusetts State Legislature aims to prove its philosophy, which is what is good for the leadership team must be good for the state's citizenry. Increasingly, measures passed on Beacon Hill are shuttled through by leadership with very little input from rank and file legislators, and even less from the electorate. Real debate seldom occurs anymore, except as an occasional pro forma exercise. It appears that the legislature operates with two sets of rules; one adhered to behind closed doors by leadership, the other used by rank and file members.

Whether one agrees or disagrees with the effort to restore the Greenbush Line, the bill's authorization for the land takings required for the project has taken political maneuvering to a new level. Normally any land taking by the Commonwealth requires a two-thirds vote in both branches of the Legislature. By including this taking in a bond bill conference committee report, which can only be voted up or down (individual portions of the bill cannot be singled out for vote), the House and Senate Conferees made sure that the issue would not be debated.

Over the past several months a major debate over the powers of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Board arose as a result of the showdown between Governor Swift and Turnpike Board members Christy Mihos and Jordan Levy. The Governor lost the fight in court, but the democratic leadership succeeded through this bill in conspiring with Swift to change the make up of the board in a scheme specifically designed to weaken the board's autonomy – this was an unprecedented move. All of this took place with no public hearing, even though it represents a major policy change.

The way the Massport Advisory Board was created was nothing short of a monumental missed opportunity.

The state's legislators can and should do better by the state's citizenry when it comes to tucking sweeping legislative reforms into innocuous bond bills...

The original version, included in the House of Representatives' bond bill, provided for membership on the board from several towns affected by Logan and Hanscom airport traffic, including Hull, Hingham, Cohasset and Weymouth. This representation would have enabled these communities to have a say in the long-range planning at these facilities, and input concerning related capital expenditures. The advisory board that was approved has no such provisions. So communities that have been desperately striving for a voice in the Logan expansion project have once again been shut out, their opinions of little concern to those who make transportation policy at the state level.

Other backroom favors and precedent-setting maneuvers that are in this package are too numerous to mention. Suffice it to say it is replete with bad policies and backroom deals.

The way leadership was able to garner the votes necessary to pass this unfortunate bond bill was to include smaller pieces of pork for projects throughout the Commonwealth which rank and file members could not vote against for fear of offending their constituents. Is this what passes for good governance today? As a ranking member of the Joint Committee on Transportation I was ashamed by and angry about the outcome of the conference committee process and the bond bill that resulted, and stated as much when the bill was half-heartedly debated at 2 a.m. on August 1st. The state's legislators can and should do better by the state's citizenry when it comes to tucking sweeping legislative reforms into innocuous bond bills, otherwise the legislature will become a virtual monarchy run by a few elected officials who think they know better about such things than the people who elected them.

POLITICAL NOTES

Bradley, Hedlund Announce Chapter 90 Funds Approved

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) and State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) have announced that Hingham has received $342,362.87 in Chapter 90 funding for economic development in the community. Chapter 90 funding is being allocated to cities and towns based on a formula that factors in the number of miles of local roadway, population, and the employment rate in a given community.

The funding is reimbursed to cities and towns on pre-approved transportation projects as construction unfolds.

"This funding is critical to our community and it will be applied to much needed infrastructure improvements in our community," said Bradley.

"I am pleased to be a part of the state's continued commitment to providing communities with the funding they need to maintain local infrastructure," said Hedlund. "By continuing to invest in our roads and bridges, we are ensuring a solid foundation for economic growth in the coming years."

Bradley Holds Office Hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley (D–Hingham) will be holding district office hours Friday Aug. 30, at the Hingham Sons of Italy Hall, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, from 8 a.m. 9 a.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Palmer Speaks Out Against Legislature's Failure on 40B

Nathaniel Palmer, running for state representative for the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and North Scituate, spoke out during several recent meetings with constituents in the district, where he addressed the failure by the Legislature to enact necessary reform to the Chapter 40B law.

"What we need is affordable homes, not mega-apartment complexes," explains Palmer. "The projects currently underway in Cohasset and Scituate will do nothing to address the problem associated with the shrinking supply of affordable homes on the South Shore."

As a candidate for the Legislature, Palmer has made the reform of 40B and the need for affordable homes a centerpiece of his campaign. Palmer sites 40B as an example of how good intentions often lead to unintended consequences when bureaucracy runs unchecked.

"When Chapter 40B was implemented three decades ago, the intent was to provide an incentive for developing affordable housing that was 'consistent with local needs' and initiated by the local community," explains Palmer. "But today it is interpreted as a device for out of state developers to override the will and means of the local community. This needs to be stopped immediately."

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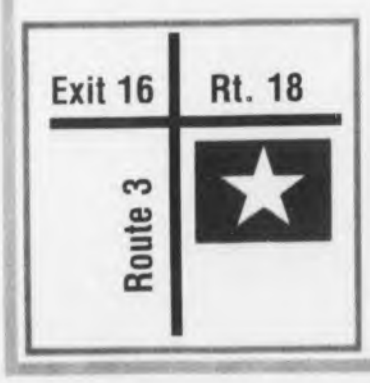

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Cohasset Swim Team member Dave Ingber took a first in the breastroke and was a part of two other first place relay finishes at the South Shore Swim League championships held last week at the Duxbury Yacht Club. The CST won the event with 465 points, edging out MASK (Marshfield Area Swim Klub) by just 32 points.

Reardon keeps swinging away

Cohasset tennis star primed for big final year at Milton Academy

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

With all the athletic talent Skipper fans saw at CHS during the 2001-2002 school year, one Cohasset athlete's success slipped by unnoticed: Milton Academy senior Dennis Reardon.

Reardon has compiled two outstanding seasons for the Milton varsity tennis team during his sophomore and junior campaigns. Heading into his senior year, he hopes to lead the team as a second year captain to a New England Championship year.

As a sophomore in 2001, Reardon went 28-0 in his Independent School League (ISL) matches while playing fourth singles. Moving up to third singles this past year, Reardon dropped only one set en route to a 25-1 record as Milton went 13-1 in the regular season.

Reardon also cleaned up at first doubles along with junior partner Ned Samuelson in 2001. As a tandem, they were a perfect 26-0, beating such foes as Thayer Academy, Roxbury Latin, St. Sebastian's, St. Paul's, and then had a season highlight with a victory over Groton during the team loss.

Reardon currently ranks number 23 in New England, that ranking determined from his

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Dennis Reardon, a senior-to-be at Milton Academy, is being eyed by several colleges with prominent tennis programs.

Neighbors open eyes at H.N.I.B.

O'Connell and Ernst distinguish themselves at premier hockey showcase

By Mike Spellman
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Their paths crossed almost daily, but, oddly enough, never on the athletic battlefield until a few weeks ago when the neighbors Greg, O'Connell and Ernst, teamed together to help the South Shore hockey team defend its title in the annual Hockey Night in Boston tourney.

Greg O'Connell, who is transferring this fall from Cohasset High to Belmont Hill Preparatory School to repeat his junior year, was named one of six "Surprise Player" for the prestigious showcase. The slick skating centerman scored the first goal in the championship win, 8-3, over New York last Wednesday, capping off a series of memorable showings at the annual event, including a couple of multi-goal games. He finished with nine goals and 11 assists for the 12-2 team, the 20 points placing him eighth overall in scoring in the 10 team Massachusetts schoolboy division.

Greg Ernst, a hard working left winger, scored the third goal in the game. The efforts for the tourney of this senior-to-be at Tilton Academy were not as ballyhooed as his neighbor's. However, his personal circumstances might well have been the most compelling story to come out of the tourney, the championship game being played the day after his close friend, Paul Trendowicz, died in a tragic drowning accident.

Ernst and O'Connell grew up as neighbors, a year separating them in school and athletic pursuits, where they both began to standout early in the youth ranks.

After eighth grade, Ernst moved on to Xaverian, where he continued to pursue his ardent interests in lacrosse and hockey.

A year later, the other Greg made the decision to stay in the Cohasset public school system, and immediately distinguished himself as a star on both the ice and soccer field.

Ernst transferred to Tilton School, a preparatory school in New Hampshire, after his second year at Xaverian, agreeing to repeat his sophomore year. Greg follows a similar course this fall in transferring to Belmont Hill, another prep school with a prestigious hockey program, and assenting to push graduation back one more year.

Both are clearly hoping to drum up interest from college hockey programs this winter, a cause that was no doubt furthered with their efforts at Hockey Night In Boston.

Ernst missed most of his junior hockey campaign with a broken thumb, finishing with four goals and five assists in 15 games for the three-time defending Div. 2 New England Prep School (NEPSCAC) champs, so he knows he can use all the help he can get.

"Being able to play in this tourney should help," said Ernst. "I like lacrosse too, but hockey is what I'm really hoping to play in college."

Of course, he's not ruling out the thought of playing college lacrosse. Coming off a 40-point season in the extremely competitive

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Baseball booms in Braintree

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

A District title in the Little League Williamsport Tourney, a trip to the Div. 1 state championship game for the high schoolers, a 25-1 regular season for the Legion squad followed by a trip to the state final four, and a state championship for the Cranberry Leaguers: not a bad yield for just one town.

In just about any other town in these parts, this kind of spring and summer would be a precursor to at least a couple of parades and keys to the city being handed out like lollipops.

In Braintree, however, this was just another in a long line of "satisfying" baseball seasons.

What Rockland is in our area to basketball and Hingham hockey, Braintree most certainly is to baseball...times about two or three, since so many more young people play baseball.

Braintree High and the Braintree Post 86 Legion squad have posted numerous titles in recent memory, this year included, with many of the stars from those teams moving on to play for the perennial powerhouse White Sox in the Cranberry League. Several — such as Rick Delvecchio, Rich Kalcunas, and Rich Scales – continue to play in to their 30s for the White Sox.

For a town as large as Braintree, it is remarkable to see such a close knit baseball community, an assessment clearly evidenced by the high number of Braintree products who have landed over the years with the White Sox, a team coached by Sean Murphy (himself a Post 86 product). This year's ratio for the semi-pro team, eight of 17 players from Braintree, was actually down from previous years.

Folks should hardly be surprised to learn the breeding for success and loyalty in Braintree baseball starts early. The Braintree American Little League, which draws players from south Braintree (while Braintree National is the "north" league), has won or gone to the finals of the District 8 Williamsport Tourney six of the last seven years. Consider: there are 26 Little Leagues in the District, and all the teams have almost 100 percent turnover every year, with Williamsport teams being comprised primarily of 12-year olds playing their final

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9-year old all-stars be-'devil' opponents

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Robert Jones turned in a stellar pitching performance for the Blue Devils in their championship win. For team photo, see page 17.

On Aug. 10, Cohasset's 9-year-old summer baseball travel team, the Blue Devils defeated Whitman in the District 8 9B Championship by the score of 14-6.

The Blue Devils finished the season with 14 wins and one loss as the travel summer league champions. The other Cohasset 9-year old team, the Bulldogs, also finished with a great season, making it to the semifinals.

The Championship game against Whitman had Drew Cobin pitching the first three innings and Robert Jones closing the game, and both performed extremely well on the mound.

First baseman Eric Wasel recorded several key outs. Jay Salerno and Jeff Durkin covered second to hold Whitman off from making it to third, where Robert Jones and Jeremy Cundall held Whitman and made key plays for crucial outs throughout the game.

Jeff Cavarano and Drew Cobin held the Whitman team with some slick fielding at shortstop.

Michael Monaco kept the opponents to minimal steals with excellent catching.

Key defensive contributions were also delivered by Travers Craven, Chase Murphy and Colin Tarpey, who made an outstanding catch in the championship game.

It was Jeff Durkin who came up with the key defensive play in the game, however, his sensational catch endign a Whitman threat.

Chris Wilson advanced runners with a key bunt.

Patrick Dunn slammed a key double in the game and also worked a crucial walk later.

Sam Richardson played great defense and helped offensively with a key hit.

Drew Cobin and Robert Jones also punched out important hits that gave the Blue Devils the lead for good.

In short, the entire team looked great, with excellent pitching and great offensive and defensive plays to finish with a Championship Victory and great season. The Blue Devils want to thank head coach, Matt Salerno and Assistant Coaches, Andy Cobin; Jay Monaco and Brian Murphy for their hard work and a great travel season.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

A sight Cohasset hockey fans will miss this season: Greg O'Connell heading up ice with the puck and a head of steam. CHS's loss is most certainly Belmont Hill's gain.

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NESCAC league, it seems wise that he should leave his mind and options open.

O'Connell, the son of former Boston Bruins player and current team General Manager Mike O'Connell, put together a sensational junior campaign on the ice, compiling a South Shore League best 62 points (29 goals, 33 assists) to help the Cohasset High hockey program to its first ever unbeaten regular season. He is also a sensational soccer talent, earning SSL all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic honors in this sport as well as a junior. The prep schools, not surprisingly, came a knocking and Belmont Hill won out.

Greg O'Connell

"Belmont Hill was a good choice for me," said O'Connell, who heads off to school on Sept. 3. "I like what I've heard about it academically and athletically. Going there should help me get in to a good college."

Hockey Night in Boston, now in it's 28th year, is considered by many college recruiters as their most important scouting criterion for evaluating the top underclassmen in the USA. Over 500 H.N.I.B. graduates are now playing at the college level. This past year, over 50 former participants played in the NHL.

Greg Ernst

Baseball booms in Braintree

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year of Little League. Clearly, this is an astounding record.

The Braintree townspeople understandably take a great deal of pride in the baseball its town produces, and the instilling begins early. Little Leaguers are taken in droves to see the high school, Legion and Cranberry League games. The eight, nine and 10-year olds are taught how fun it is to root for the hometown heroes who grew up down the street, or who used to deliver the newspaper, or who simply share the same zip code. Either way, there's just something neat about that.

At the same time, it give them something to shoot for. To these kids, Post 86 and the White Sox are probably no more than a small step below the Red Sox.

To say the least, this is the model to which all towns should aspire.

Good for Carl Everett. He sure showed the Red Sox didn't he? There was no doubt much rejoicing on Planet Carl after the lord and emperor went 5-for-13 with four runs and seven RBIs to help the Rangers take 2-of-4 from his old team, the Red Sox, in the Aug. 1-4 series.

If only the Rangers could play the Red Sox 20 times a year, Carl might have a shot at keeping that average above .200 for a while.

Of course, that's the problem. We all know Carl will lapse back into the self absorption and indifference that had marked his previous 70 games, along with the majority of his Major League career.

But at least he will be able to tell everyone how he stuck it to Red Sox one early August weekend while his team (dead and buried at 21 games off the pace at the time of this writing) played out the string. And, sadly, on Planet Carl, that is enough.

Speaking of the Sox, do you figure we'll ever see a true clutch hit in the late innings — y'know, one that puts them ahead or ties things up with two outs in the eighth or ninth inning or extra frames – y'know, the kind it seems we see someone on the Yankees, A's, Mariners or Angels deliver almost weekly on SportsCenter.

I've been saying for months now that the Sox would win the Wild Card in September by beating up on the AL Least quadruple-A teams (Tampa, Baltimore and Toronto), while the Mariners, Angels and A's contend with one another along with the finally healthy and surging Rangers. Now, I'm not so sure.

The numbers don't lie here, folks: 30-36 since the 40-17 start, 1-5 in extra innings games, 11-20 in one run games.

These players have shown all year they don't respond well when their backs are against the wall. What reason do we have to believe that's suddenly going to change?

My belated weigh-in on the recent activity from the Celtics: in a word, Bravo!

And I'll say that even if Vin Baker turns out to be the slug folks in Seattle insist he was. Bottom line: I applaud Chris Wallace for the intestinal fortitude he's shown with these moves.

The not-even-second-year head shot caller could very easily have maintained the status quo and the vast majority of the Celtics faithful would have applauded him.

But he knew, as most truly close followers did, that this course would have likely left his team well short of even the level it reached last year.

While the 2001-'02 Celtics were clearly a better team than most of us thought, it is also clear that more than a little good fortune was present in the run to the Conference Finals. Given the steps the rest of the conference mettle has taken to improve, Wallace knew his team would have needed an even greater degree of happy fortune in '02-'03 to get even a sniff of the Conference Finals.

Vin Baker, Shammond Williams and 7-foot-3, 22-year old Bruno Sundov are all players who come with some big question marks, but they're also players who come with undeniable considerable upside. We can't say the same for 34-year old Kenny Anderson, Tony Delk, Vitaly Potapenko, Rodney Rogers or Mark Blount, the players the team was forced to give up on to acquire these three players.

Undeniably, Rogers and Anderson played big roles in last year's push, but there limitations were well known: Anderson is a so-so playmaker and often a defensive liability, and Rogers, though a willing banger, does most of his scoring from the perimeter.

If Baker, who played his high school and college ball in Connecticut, remains committed to improving his conditioning (as several reports suggest), and truly is revitalized by the thought of playing closer to home (as he reports), he could provide precisely what it became so obvious the Celtics lacked in the Conference Finals loss to New Jersey: an inside scoring presence.

Many people question the decision to trade away Kenny Anderson on a risky proposition, given: a) that he is entering the final year of his contract and b) the lack of another proven point guard. For now, I'll limit my remarks to the latter consideration.

What are the odds the Kenny of '01-'02 would have been the Kenny of '02-'03? The safe guess is, at 35 and a history of physical woes, he would have been a lot closer to the utterly forgettable Kenny of the two previous years.

What Williams (who came along with Baker from Seattle) lacks in point guard polish, he more than makes up for in athleticism and potential offensive explosiveness. Besides, Antoine Walker has shown he can handle many of the playmaker duties anyway, particularly in the first half of the season, when he was arguably playing the best ball of his career. It says here, he can return to that level if he's forced to handle more playmaking responsibilities — yet another reason the departure of Anderson may prove a blessing.

As for Sundov. He is 7-foot-3, relatively athletic and just 22-years old. At a minimum, he should be much more of an airspace deterrent in the paint than anything else the Celtics have had in recent years. Some say, in time, he could be much more than that.

Bottom line: Wallace put himself and, quite possibly, his job on the line. If these moves prove to be duds, it's his neck on the chopping block. He could have stayed pat and safe (a course generally recommended for most "unproven" G.M.s) and trotted out a "competitive" Celtics team next year, but he wanted more. For that alone, I applaud him.

Though it is difficult to imagine there ever being a more enjoyable professional sports season in these parts than the one we experienced last winter with the Patriots, the oddsmakers and so called NFL "experts" are certainly doing their best to see to it that this coming one could be pretty darn close.

It's tough for me to offer an opinion on what's more humorous: the 8-1/2 +/- on wins Vegas is putting before us or Pittsburgh being the favorite in the season opener at Gillette Stadium. OK, for the moment, I might be leaning a hair more toward the latter.

SSBC'S Fall Ball League a big hit

HINGHAM - Starting in September, the South Shore Baseball Club's annual Fall Outdoor Baseball Leagues, designed for players seven to 18 years of age in four different age groups, swings into action at fields in Braintree and South Weymouth.

More than 200 players participated in the SSBC Fall Outdoor Baseball Leagues in each of the last two years. This season's five-week session is scheduled to run into October.

"Our leagues are for players who want to take advantage of New England's best baseball weather," SSBC president/director Frank Niles Jr. said. "We have games, practices and quality instruction for everybody. Braintree and Weymouth are great baseball towns and we're very happy to have our Fall League games played there."

Ages 7-9: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4-6 p.m., Sept.10-Oct. 11, at Hollingsworth Park in Braintree. Players enter individually and are placed on teams by SSBC's staff. Practice, drills and games combine for plenty of baseball.

Ages 10-12: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4-6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Sept. 10th start at Hollingsworth Park in Braintree. If enrollment increases the number of participants to field seven teams, each team will have a bye twice during the five-week schedule. Teams will be based geographically to facilitate car-pooling.

Ages 13-15: Mondays & Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Sept. 9th start (for clinic) at Stella Tirrell Park, South Weymouth. Team assignments and schedules will be distributed at the Sept. 9th clinic.

Ages 16-18 (High School Varsity): Sunday doubleheader games for eight consecutive Sundays, Sept. 8-Oct. 27, three to five SSBC teams will compete against teams from Brookline, Belmont, Milton, Weymouth, Silver Lake, Bridgewater, Needham and Bridgewater.

SSBC is a full service, year-round club and training facility for baseball and softball players, ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or its Fall Outdoor Baseball Leagues call (781) 740-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Cohasset's Teddie Straughn pitching for the South Shore Spartans at the recent 15-year old AAU National Tourney in Kingsport, Tenn..

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A recent picnic was held to honor the Cohasset High Track team for its fantastic spring season, as well the large number of South Shore League all-stars the team had.
Above: Coaches Susan Giglio (left) and Al LaFontain (right) honor league all-stars (L-R): Ian Kidder, Tim Baird, Steve Laney, Pete Maitland, Liam Martin and Jared Krupczak.
At right (L-R): Jen Buckley, Gillian Weber and Maura O'Brien show off their South Shore League all-star certificates.

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Reardon keeps swinging away

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impressive record in USTA tournaments. Meanwhile, Samuelson, who will also be a senior this fall, is the top 18-and-under male playing in New England. To give some locals an idea of what it takes to earn those rankings, Reardon has beaten Norwell phenom Sam Bitetti and can play evenly with Hingham's stellar ace Brian Marsden. Samuelson, meanwhile, has easily disposed of both Max and Luke Tedaldi, the Newton North twins who, between them, have won the last three public school State championships.

Although Reardon and Samuelson had success against Groton, the rest of the team could not follow suit as G.A. was Milton's only regular season loss. Groton eventually went on to win the ISL with a 14-0 record. However, as a top two team in their league, Milton Academy did move on to the New Englands, where they beat Cheshire and Choate in the quarters and semis before faltering in the finals, again to league rival Groton.

This season, however, the team appears locked and loaded to win back the ISL crown and possibly go and win the whole thing. Reardon, who was a captain as a junior, will be one of four outstanding seniors leading their team in 2003. Samuelson, Reardon, and Reardon's co-captain, Ted Mabry, give Milton a frightening 1-2-3 trio. All three will put in a serious bid to go to Junior Nationals this winter.

Now well past the July 1 date where coaches are allowed to begin contacting prospects, several colleges have already expressed an interest in Reardon. So far, he has heard from New England schools Boston College, a Division I school, and Fairfield and Middlebury, both Division III schools with highly regarded tennis programs. In addition, Loyola in Baltimore and Georgetown have called Reardon.

Still, Reardon admits: "I haven't made a solid choice of where I want to go yet."

Wherever he decides to go, it's a safe bet that the college tennis coach will be more than pleased to have him on board.

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Grade K-1
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Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
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Grades 3 & 4
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Grades 2-6
Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
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Grades 2 & 3
Monday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. - new
Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. - new
Grades 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Grades 6-12
Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - new
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Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
12 weeks, $90 ($85 M)
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MOM & ME
ages 2 & 3
Monday, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
8 weeks, $75 ($70 M)
CLIMBERS & JUMPERS
ages 3 & 4
Monday, 9:45-10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 11:45-12:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $75 ($70 M)
BEGINNER GYMNASTICS
ages 4 - 8
Monday, 12:00-12:45 p.m.
8 weeks, $75 ($70 M)
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ages 4 - 8
Monday, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
Tuesday, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
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ages 2 & 3
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8 weeks, $75 ($70 M)
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ages 3 - 6
Wednesday, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
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PARENTS & TOT FUN TIME
ages 2 & 3
Friday, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $85 ($80 M)
FIRST EXPERIENCE - PLAY SCHOOL
ages 2 yrs., 9 months - 3
Tuesday, 9:15-11:15 a.m.
Friday, 9:15-11:15 a.m.
8 weeks, $105 ($100 M)
MUSIC FOR MOM & ME
ages 18 months - 3
Thursday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.
Thursday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
8 weeks - $85 ($80 M)
MUSIC FOR MOM & INFANTS
ages 9 months - 18 months
Tuesday, 11:15-12:00 n.
8 weeks, $85 ($80 M)
THE BUSY BEES
age 3
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ages 4 & 5
Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:00-11:30 a.m.
4 weeks, $185 ($180 M)
EXPLORATION
age 4
Monday & Wed., 12:15-2:15 p.m.
6 weeks, $140 ($135 M)
Monday, 8:45-10:45 a.m.
12 weeks, $140 ($135 M)
COOKING & SCIENCE AND NATURE
ages 3 - 6
Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
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YOUTH & TEEN CLASSES
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Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m/
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Friday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
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ADULT & TEEN CLASSES
PILATES
Age 3 & 4
Mon., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
beginner/inter
Tues., 9:00-10:00 a.m. inter/advan
Thurs., 9:00-10:00 a.m. beginner
Fri., 9:00-10:00 a.m. inter/advan
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BALLROOM DANCING
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Friday, 8:30-9:30 p.m.
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CPR - FAMILY & FRIENDS
Monday, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
1 night, $35 ($30 M)
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PEDIATRIC CPR - FAMILY & FRIENDS
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PEDIATRIC CPR & FIRST AID FOR DAY CARE CERT.
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September 9 & 12
DOG OBEDIENCE
Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
6 weeks, $65 ($60 M)
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Monday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
6 weeks, $65 ($60 M)
DUPLICATE BRIDGE
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THE ART OF GIFT WRAPPING
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Monday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
6 weeks, $80 ($75 M)
LONG TERM CARE PLANNING
Monday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
1 night, October 21, free
ADULT KARATE
Friday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $65 ($60 M)
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OIL PAINTING
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6 weeks, $120 ($115 M)
LET'S GET ORGANIZED
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1 night, $30 ($25 M)
October 16
CREATIVE SCRAP BOOKING
Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
1 night, $20 ($15 M)
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TAI CHI
Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $85 ($80 M)
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TAI CHI
Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
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Starts September 5
INTERMEDIATE TAI CHI
Thursday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $85 ($80 M)
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TAKING FINANCIAL CONTROL: FOR WOMEN ONLY
Monday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
3 weeks, $50 ($45 M)
Starts October 7
PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS
Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
3 weeks, $50 ($45 M)
Starts October 9
VALUES TO VICTORY
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1 night, $30 ($25 M)
September 30
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KNITTING
Monday, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
6 weeks, $65 ($60 M)
starts September 30
WEIGHT TRAINING
Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $80 ($85 M)
starts September 30
FINANCING CHILDREN'S EDUCATION
Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
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RETIREMENT PLANNING
Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
1 night, free
November 7
FINANCIAL PLANNING
Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
1 night, free
September 26
MARKET VOLATILITY
Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
1 night, free
September 26
MAILBOX PAINTING
Wednesday, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
1 day, $25, ($20 M)
October 9
SWITCH PLATE COVERS
Wednesday, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
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SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset High fall sports tryout schedule, 9-12

Field Hockey-Head Coach Deb Bostwick announces that tryouts will begin today, Thursday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Deerhill School.

Girls Soccer - Head Coach Deb Beal announces that tryouts will begin today, Thursday, Aug 22, at Milliken Field, with two sessions, 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m..

Boys Soccer- Head Coach Dave Nigro announces that tryouts will begin today, Thursday, Aug 22, at Milliken Field, 4:30-7 p.m..

Golf- Head Coach Torin Sweeney announces that tryouts will be at the Cohasset Country Club: freshmen and sophomores on Tuesday, Aug 27, 3 p.m., juniors and seniors on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 3:30 p.m..

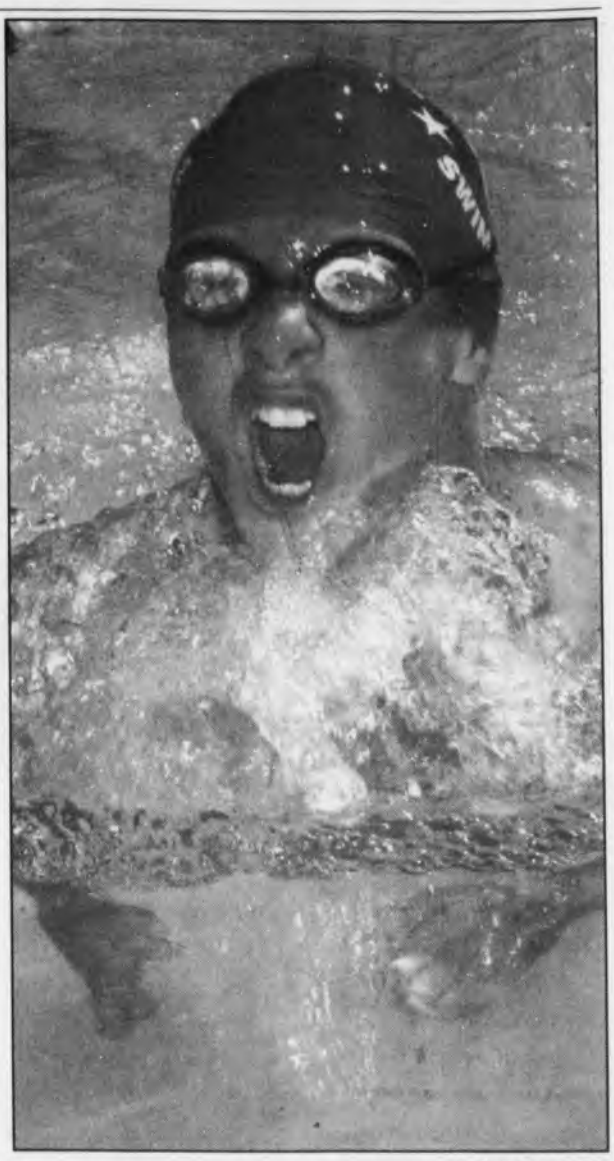
Football- Head Coach Tony Rolfe began practices this past Monday, Aug 19, from 5-7 p.m. at Milliken Field.

All Athletes should bring a copy of their physical and the $75 user fee.

Any questions can be directed to Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103).

'Coby's Run' this Sunday

Pvt. Coby M. Cutler, United States Marine Corps., Seventh Annual Memorial Road Race will be held this Sunday, Aug. 25. There will be 10K Race, 5K Race, 5K Walk and Fun Run. The course starts at Gates School in Scituate Center and follows along the scenic Scituate coastline. Awards will be given to the top three finishers of the 10K and 5K races in each division, including USMC Division. T-shirts to the first 300 pre-registered entries. Proceeds to benefit the Pvt. Coby M. Cutler Memorial Fitness Center at Scituate High School. Refreshments, raffles and rock and roll warm-up to the Fun Run. Fee $12 by Aug. 4 $15 after Aug. 4. For more information call 781-545-7116 or fax 781-544-6086.



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Cohasset Swim Team member Kevin Roach, 14, gulps in air while surfacing in the 50-meter breaststroke race at last week's South Shore Swim League championships won by the CST.

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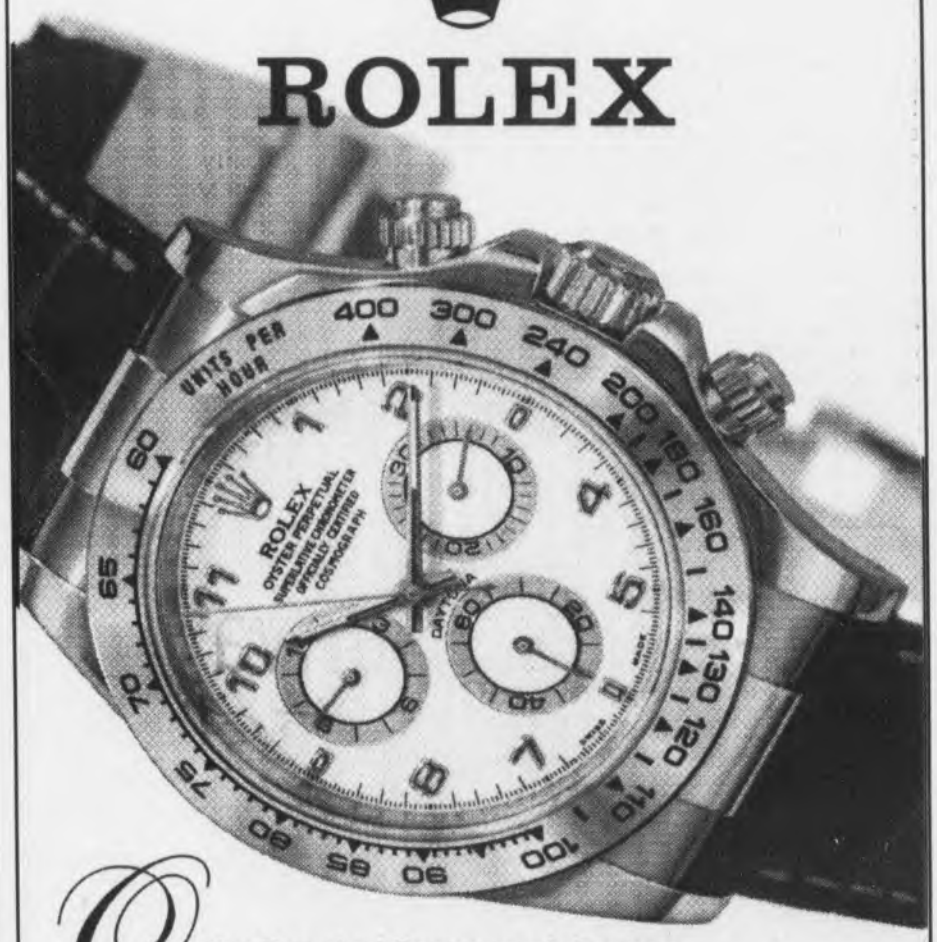

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The Old Ship story you may not know

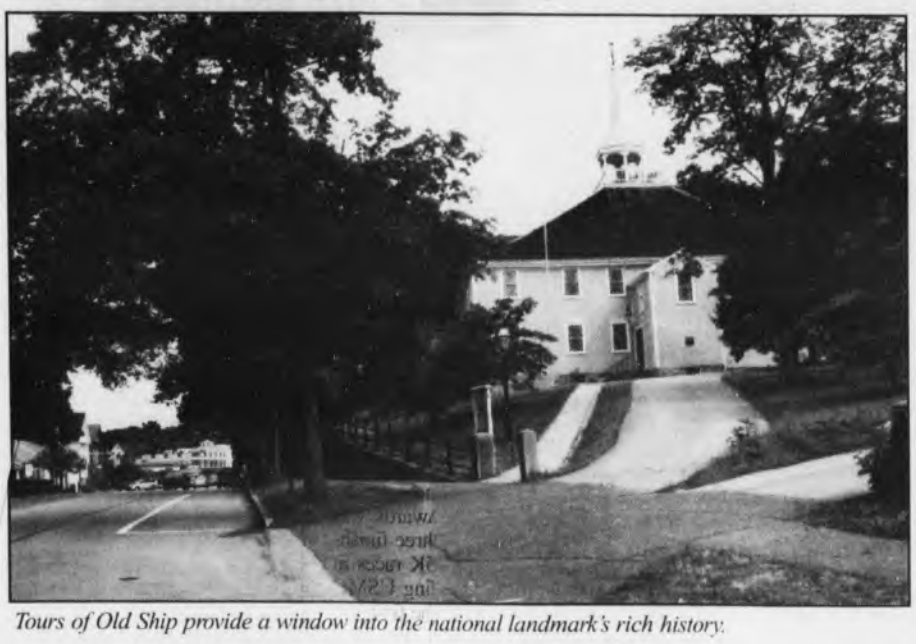
Church offers tours all summer

By Kevin Doherty
CORRESPONDENT

The Old Ship Church, one of the pillars of historic Hingham and a National Landmark, is offering tours given by volunteer Hingham residents. There is a wealth of information given about the church; information that even regular parishioners may not know.

Volunteers, who have learned a vast array of facts about the church, conduct tours run from 1-4 p.m., every day during the summer except Saturday.

"Anyone can volunteer to be a tour guide.," says Jane Tremblay, tour guide coordinator.



Tours of Old Ship provide a window into the national landmark's rich history.

The Old Ship Church was erected in 1681 and is the oldest church structure in the United States to have been used continually for public worship.

Volunteers are given a host of written materials containing historical facts and an orientation session on how to conduct the tours. Tours are done as an informal process, with tours beginning on a walk-in basis. Tour guides stay at the church during the appointed hours until anyone interested in a tour comes to the church. Tours can be variable in length to suit the needs of those taking the tours, but take an hour on the average. The average tour size, according to Tremblay, is four-to-six people.

The Old Ship Church, first called the First Parish, was erected in 1681 and is the oldest church structure in the United States to have been used continually for public worship. A Sunday service is held for today's residents, and the church experience is similar in many ways to the church experience of 350 years ago. The church has gone though many changes, though, so the way it is seen now is not the way it has always been.

Old Ship Church, which changed its name after other churches in the area were built, is so named because of the horizontal rafters of the church's interior that resemble the support planks of a ship. Early Hingham churchgoers would expect to spend all of Sunday either in or near the church, with a three-hour service and then a service until dusk after a few hours' break to eat at residences around the church.

"It's always been a democratic church," says tour guide Edith Howard. For the first 150 years the annual Town Meeting was held in the church, and all the decisions regarding the church were decided by a vote of all the parishioners. Howard, who has been a tour guide for three years, said that the high-raftered ceiling was covered over in the year 1755, but the most drastic changes to the church came in the year 1869.

In an effort to make the Old Ship a "real Victorian" church, town members did a great deal of construction and change to the church. The church was raised up to put a granite foundation under the church and to replace the rotting floor. The traditional box pews were removed and mostly destroyed, to be replaced with more conventional pews. Other things added to the church were velvet curtains, carpeting central heating, yellow wallpaper, and white woodwork. The color of the church was changed from its original color of ochre (the color that is seen today) to a gray paint scheme.

The church was to stay that way until the 1930s when a descendant of one of Old Ship's ministers financed a renovation. Ebineezer Gay, descendant of the minister of the same name, had the church brought back to its original appearance. The box pews were brought back, with some of the few pew doors that survived the first changes being put back where they belong. The covering for the ceiling was knocked down, the carpeting, curtains, and wallpaper taken away, and the windows were replaced. Some 60 years later in 1994 the church was painted its original color after stripping away the gray.

Today the Old Ship Church offers information on these traditions and changes. Expenses for the tours are covered by the sales of souvenirs such as postcards, informational tapes, and brass plaques. One section of the church has been set off as a museum, containing pieces of the church's past such as pictures and drawings of the church's exterior and interior, news articles, and old pew doors and windows.

Volunteers like Howard, who furnished all of this historical information about the church, await people from all over the country and the world to come to the church and learn about all the history and tradition that makes the Old Ship a mainstay of Hingham's heritage.

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POLICE LOG

MONDAY, AUG. 5

12:13 a.m. South Main St., suspicious activity.

3:10 a.m. South Main St., medical aid.

6:08 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:36 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

8:41 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:12 a.m. Pond St., fire investigation.

10 a.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint.

10:38 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:58 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:45 a.m. South Main St., general disturbance.

11:51 a.m. Elm St., general disturbance.

12:32 p.m. Pond and Woodland Drive, investigation.

12:56 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

1:23 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:33 p.m. Stevens Lane, animal control.

1:52 p.m. Border St., disturbance, general.

2:26 p.m. Brook St., parking violation, vehicle stored/impounded.

2:46 p.m. Elm St., well being check.

2:54 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

3:41 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

4:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., sex offenses.

7:24 p.m. Wood Way, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:31 p.m. South Main St., found property.

7:55 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

9:35 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

10:16 p.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance, gathering.

10:46 p.m. Forest Circle, medical aid.

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

1:09 a.m. Town lot, suspicious auto.

4:42 a.m. Headquarters, found property.

6:43 a.m. Pond St., general services.

9:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:39 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:53 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle violations.

10:43 a.m. Deep Run, motor vehicle violations.

12:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:55 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.

1:13 p.m. South Main St., found property.

1:31 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.

2:57 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:35 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:45 p.m. Elm St., reported death.

5:57 p.m. Brook St.; lost property.

7:47 p.m. Cushing Plaza, lost property.

8:49 p.m. Ash St., larceny.

9:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop, female in protective custody. Arrest: Curtis Allan Toles, 22, Doniphan, Mo. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor, operating recklessly so as to endanger, illegal possession of Class D substance, failure to stay within marked lanes.

11:15 p.m. Rustic Drive, disturbance, family.

11:45 p.m. North Main St., well-being check.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7

1:40 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

2:28 a.m. Old Pasture Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:05 a.m. Pleasant St., parking violation.

9:14 a.m. North Main St., well-being check.

9:51 a.m. Cushing Plaza, found property.

10:51 a.m. Pleasant St., disturbance, family.

11:44 a.m. South Main St., warrant arrest: Jason J. Curtin, 27, 505 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. Chgs.: 2 warrants.

11:56 a.m. Elm St., suspicious activity.

1:50 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

1:54 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

2:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:16 p.m. Hull St., animal control.

3:20 p.m. Locust Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:34 p.m. Government Island, parking violation.

7:09 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:19 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

7:22 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:57 p.m. Bancroft Road, officer wanted.

9:19 p.m. Beach St., officer wanted.

9:39 p.m. Nichols Road, animal control.

10:32 p.m. Border St., lost property.

11:12 p.m. King St., suspicious activity.

11:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

THURSDAY, AUG. 8

6:33 a.m. James Lane, noise complaint.

7:37 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:55 a.m. Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital.

8:14 a.m. Bancroft Road, vandalism.

8:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., illegal dumping.

9:38 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

10:52 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

11:01 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, disturbance, gathering.

11:22 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

2:06 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

2:20 p.m. Smith Place, fire, inspections.

2:22 p.m. South Main St., assist other police dept.

2:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:01 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:10 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

4:19 p.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:41 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:45 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:49 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:57 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:13 p.m. Border St., assist boater.

6:33 p.m. Beechwood St., burglary, breaking and entering.

6:34 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:47 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:55 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious auto.

7:44 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity, area search negative.

8:48 p.m. Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:55 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

8:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:19 p.m. Beechwood St., investigation.

9:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:35 p.m. Beechwood St., investigation.

9:38 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:52 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:54 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10 p.m. Beechwood St., annoying phone calls.

10:13 p.m. James Lane, noise complaint.

10:49 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle crash.

11:16 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:22 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:29 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious auto, parking ticket issued.

11:50 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious person.

FRIDAY, AUG. 9

1:54 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:19 a.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop.

5:55 a.m. Sohier St., fire, brush.

7:29 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:36 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle crash.

12:27 p.m. King St., motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital.

1:15 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

1:41 p.m. King St., animal control.

1:55 p.m. Parking Way, registration inquiry.

2:07 p.m. Route 3A, motor vehicle violations.

2:11 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

2:28 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

5:18 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

5:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop traffic citation issued.

7:39 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

8 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

8:04 p.m. King St., assist citizen.

8:32 p.m. Sohier St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

9:33 p.m. N. Main St, medical aid.

10:12 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, vandalism.

10:15 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:50 p.m. Sohier St., investigation.

11:29 p.m. King St., investigation.

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

12:03 a.m. King St., disturbance.

1:37 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

1:44 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

2:46 a.m. King St., reported death.

2:57 a.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, assist citizen.

9:14 a.m. King St. investigation.

9:55 a.m. Norfolk and Bancroft Roads, parking violation, parking ticket issued.

10:28 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:50 a.m. Rocky Lane, fire, structure.

3:16 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

4:59 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:16 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:23 p.m. Beechwood St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:13 p.m. Cunningham Bridge, disturbance, gathering.

7:49 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:14 p.m. Town lot, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, arrest: Keith P. Collins, 34, 398 Ashland St., Abington. Chgs.: illegal possession of Class C substance.

11:58 p.m. King St., found property.

SUNDAY, AUG. 11

12:13 a.m. Pond St. and Woodland Drive, general services.

2:14 a.m. Lamberts Lane, assist citizen.

3:03 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist boater.

3:19 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist boater.

4 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., found property.

6:18 a.m. South Main St., assist other agency.

6:29 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:59 a.m. Beechwood and King sts., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Benefit yard sale

The South Shore Community Center will hold its first annual yard sale on Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the SSCC located at 3 Main St. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing), which are tax deductible, for the Yard Sale with all proceeds going to support the Center.

Donors can drop off items at the SSCC from Sept. 9-13 from 9 a.m.-noon each day. For questions, please contact the SSCC at 781-383-0088.

Writing group starts

The Fiction Writing Group at the Hingham Public Library is looking for a few new members.

For further details, call Kathy Leahy at the library reference desk: 781-741-1405.

Purchase tickets for cookout

Tickets for the Annual Cohasset Republican Cookout at the Guild's estate are still available. Meet your candidates on Sunday, Aug. 25 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Tickets purchased in advance are $25/person and $30 at the door.

In case of rain the event will be held at the Second Congregational Church. For further info Call Polly Logan 781-383-0031, Julie Guild 781-383-6443 or Janet Fogarty 617-742-1221

Hingham kitchens featured on tour

Eight private kitchens and one restaurant kitchen will be included on a cook's tour being hosted by The Old Ship Church Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Brand new kitchens with the latest in high-tech appliances, small kitchens where efficiency is more important than grandeur and unusual kitchens that have been renovated to complement the antiquity of the houses they're in are being opened to the public for this fund-raising event. Also, on the tour, participants will get a chance to see what goes on behind the scenes in a commercial kitchen that has to feed up to 75 people at a time, the Square Café, in downtown Hingham.

Tickets for the Old Ship Kitchen Tour are $18 in advance and may be purchased at Buttonwood Book Store in Cohasset, Bowl and Board and Bookport in Hingham Square, Corson's Glass House on Route 53 and the Hingham Public Library on Leavitt Street.

On tour day, tickets will be $20 and only available at Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St. At that location as well on tour day, there will be an express line for those holding advance tickets, which can be exchanged for tour booklets with maps.

For more information, call Lee at 781-740-1560.

Pilates yoga offered

To improve posture, flexibility and relaxation why not try pilates yoga at 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Hingham Recreation Center. For additional classes and personal training, call A-Pilates Fitness at 617-923-1115 or online at www.apilates.com.

Early bird bowlers

The Early Bird League which meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Colonial Bowl on Route 18 in Weymouth is looking for new bowlers. It is a 31-week season starting Sept. 10 and ending in May with cash prizes and a banquet. Cost is $8.50 per week. No child care available. Currently league bowlers come from Hingham and Weymouth, but bowlers from other communities are welcome. Call Chris at 781-749-5493 or cell 617-462-5438 to join or for further information.

Story time for young readers

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SENIOR SCENE

Here is what's happening at the Senior Center:

Men's Breakfast

Join the most fun time in town for men—Winn Merrill's Breakfast Club meets on Wednesday morning and travels to great places to eat. All men are welcome to join. Call the center for more information at 781-383-9112.

Weekly Activities

Fun things to do in August:

Bridge Club — Mondays at 12 noon at the Second Congregational Church.

Exercise with Gloria White — Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30.

Bridge Club — Wednesdays at 1 p.m.—goodies served.

Light Exercise — T uesdays and Fridays at 10:45 a.m.

Luncheon — served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; $2 per person; call the center to reserve a place!

Trips Around and About — Wednesday, Aug. 28, *Hanover Mall.*

Shine — Carol Barrett, our Shine representative is available for questions regarding your insurance plans. Call her at the center for an appointment.

BSO Open Rehearsals

Please make sure you have placed your order for the fall season of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. "Open Rehearsals on Four Thursdays" — tickets and bus are $139; tickets are limited; call 781-383-9112 to reserve your space.

Tai Chi

A recent study in the "Journal of the American Medical Association" has found that Tai Chi was one of the most beneficial exercises to help improve the balance of the elderly and reduce the risk of falling, and their resulting injuries by 25 percent. Many students have reported feeling better and having more energy after the exercises.

Several people have expressed interest in taking Tai Chi classes. The Senior Center has an instructor available, Mary Stuart, on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. To sign-up call the Elder Center at 781-383-9112. Tai Chi is a series of 20 slow-motion, non-impact, and non-martial movements designed to promote relaxation and renew energy. At least 10 persons are needed to sign-up and get this class going full-tilt (pun intended).

Are You OK?

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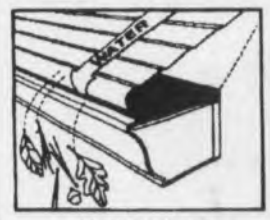

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All aboard! Next stop Carver

Thomas the Tank Engine rolls into Edaville USA

By Alice Coyle
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Family fun is right on track at Edaville USA in Carver where they'll welcome Thomas the Tank Engine to town this week.

During a "Day Out With Thomas" children can climb aboard a train pulled by a full-size replica of the tank engine — the beloved storybook character created by the Rev. Wilbert Vere Awdry and marketed internationally by the Gullane Entertainment.

Once aboard visitors take a 35-minute journey on the 5.5-mile narrow gauge railroad that winds through Edaville's 1,300 scenic acres including its beautiful cranberry bogs.

"I've always loved the Thomas message. It's the kind of message we have at Edaville. Having Thomas here is absolutely the perfect marriage for us."
Edaville USA CEO and Partner Jon Delli Priscoli

Thomas' visit to the Carver amusement park is the tank engine's only Massachusetts stop on a 55-city national tour, and Edaville USA CEO and Partner Jon Delli Priscoli said he's looking to make it the official New England home for Thomas.

Priscoli, who along with Cranrail Corporation partners Douglas Beaton and John Flagg took over operations at Edaville in 1999, said he became interested in forming a partnership with Gullane and Thomas based on his children's love of the character.

A year and a half later, a Thomas replica specially built to ride the 2-foot gauge railway at Edaville is making his debut in Carver Saturday (Aug. 24). A "Day Out With Thomas," will run through Sept. 2, but the plucky tank engine will make a return trip Nov. 9-17 for the only Thomas holiday event in the nation, Priscoli said.

Determined to make the Thomas event a family fixture, Priscoli said the tank engine is already booked for three dates at the park in both 2003 and 2004.

Priscoli said he couldn't be happier about the addition of Thomas at Edaville USA.

"I've always loved the Thomas message," said Priscoli, of the character's old fashioned, low tech, hands-on approach to educating children. "It's the kind of message we have at Edaville. Having Thomas here is absolutely the perfect marriage for us."

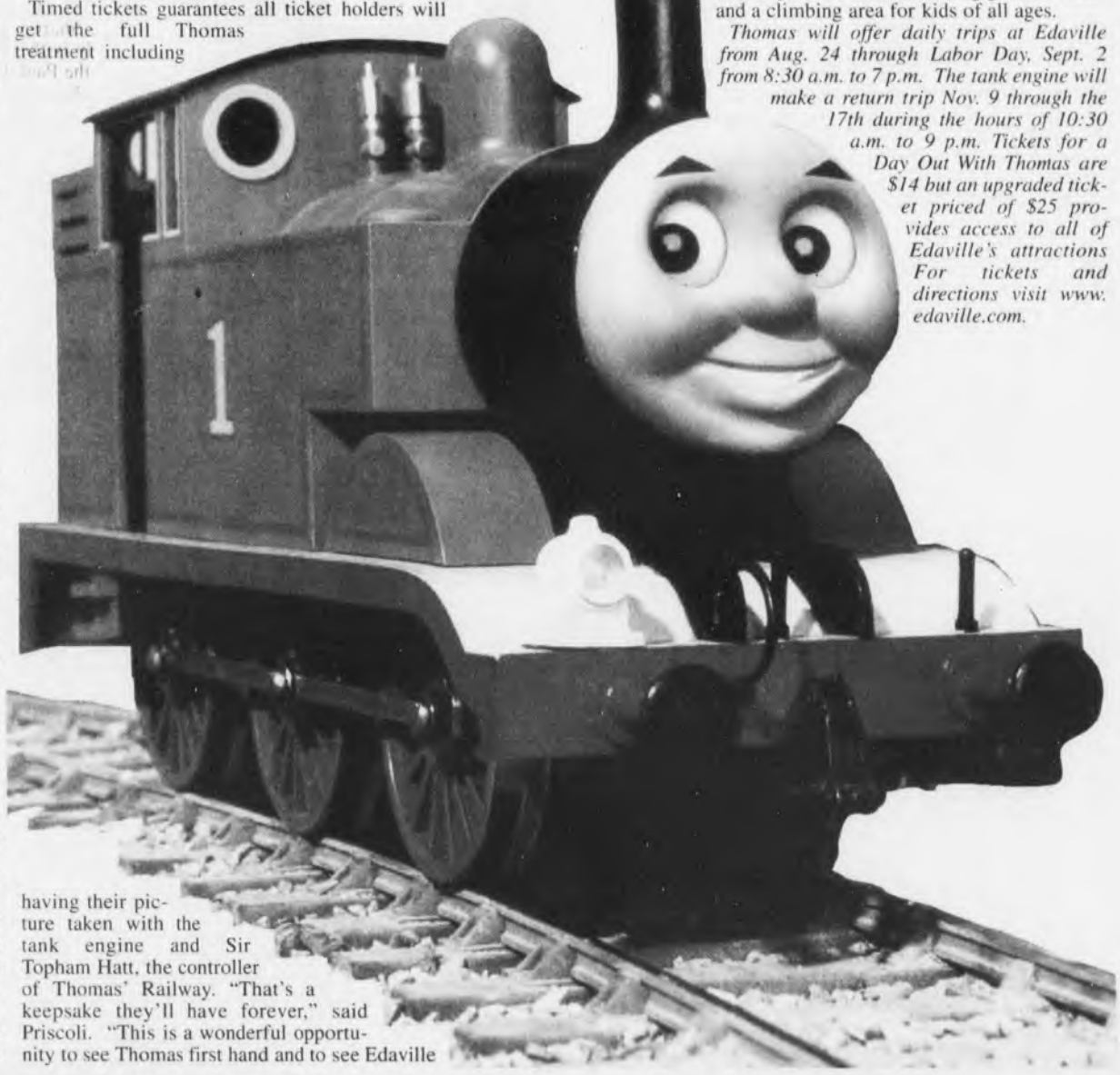
Priscoli even likens Edaville's scenic landscape to the fictional Isle of Sodor that Thomas the Tank Engine traverses in the books and videos. Another benefit to Thomas' arrival at Edaville is the specially designed, smaller-scale tank engine is more accurate depiction of the train in size relation to people on the videos. "Only our Thomas is size appropriate. It's the most accurate depiction of all the replicas," Priscoli said.

Based on the huge popularity of Thomas nationwide and particularly in New England — Priscolli said Thomas sales are close to $1 billion annually in the U.S.— Edaville is expecting a big turnout for a "Day Out with Thomas."

Tickets are selling fast, notes Priscoli:

"We're selling about 8,000 per day."

Timed tickets guarantees all ticket holders will get the full Thomas treatment including having their picture taken with the tank engine and Sir Topham Hatt, the controller of Thomas' Railway. "That's a keepsake they'll have forever," said Priscoli. "This is a wonderful opportunity to see Thomas first hand and to see Edaville again.



And there's more than ever to see at the park, notes Priscoli

In addition to train rides through the bogs, the Cranberry Festival held each fall and the hugely popular Festival of Lights held during the holiday season, Edaville's summer attractions include amusement rides, paddle boats, an outdoor playground and Sprayground area where kids can cool off under sprinklers, Cranberry World — a unique display chronicling the farming and harvesting of our native fruit, and the Wheels and Fun Midway Games Area featuring games of skill and a climbing area for kids of all ages.

Thomas will offer daily trips at Edaville from Aug. 24 through Labor Day, Sept. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The tank engine will make a return trip Nov. 9 through the 17th during the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets for a Day Out With Thomas are $14 but an upgraded ticket priced of $25 provides access to all of Edaville's attractions For tickets and directions visit www.edaville.com.

Mother-daughter tribute

Raffaels "That's Entertainment" honors Judy and Liza

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

It is a very rare that the son or daughter of a superstar becomes a superstar in his or her own right.

Liza Minnelli is definitely one, however, as was her late mother, Judy Garland.

With its current offering, "That's Entertainment," J. M. Productions' Dinner Theatre at Raffael's is presenting a first-class tribute to the legendary mother and daughter featuring first-rate performances by singers Carol O'Shaughnessy and Jan Peters.

O'Shaughnessy and Peters share the spotlight for an upbeat opener that includes "We Could Make Such Beautiful Music," "The Best Is Yet To Come," and the revue's rousing title song.

Peters soon cedes the stage, temporarily, to the veteran O'Shaughnessy who serves up a sampling of the Garland songbook that begins with one of the performer's earliest hits, "You Made Me Love You." Although a huge star, Judy Garland was a tiny woman. She may have been just a bit over five feet tall, but she had a big, open-throated voice. Like Garland, the similarly diminutive O'Shaughnessy is a vocalist for whom a microphone doesn't always seem necessary.

Saying she is channeling Garland, O'Shaughnessy periodically mimics the performer's many manic mannerisms to great comic effect. O'Shaughnessy's humor — honed during a long career in local cabaret rooms and nightclubs — serves her well in Raffael's elegant Skyline Room. She confidently delivers "If Love Were All," "When You're Smiling," "The Trolley Song" and "Johnny One Note." She is less successful on "San Francisco," which suffers from excess harshness.

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O'Shaughnessy is again affecting, however, when she sings "Liza, All The Clouds'll Roll Away" as a lovely means of bringing Peters back to center stage. The pair have worked together before and their banter over each other's ages, heights and romantic misfortunes is polished and winning.

Their Garland/Minnelli medley — with Peters representing Liza —contains some of the show's best-known music including "Hooray For Love,"

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Carol O'Shaughnessy and Jan Peters pay tribute to one of the greatest mother daughter talents, Judy Garland and Liza Minelli in "That's Entertainment" at Raffael's Dinner Theatre. The Quincy production runs through Aug. 23.

Long-time husband and wife performers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme are back on stage this weekend at the South Shore Music Circus.

Still classy after all these years

Steve and Eydie return to Music Circus

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

For more than 40 years now, audiences everywhere have known that they can expect the finest of style and material whenever Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme are on stage with the best of musicians and the best of American popular music.

On Sunday, the long-married musical duo will bring their classic and always classy nightclub act to the South Shore Music Circus.

Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme met in the 1950s when they were both featured performers on the Steve Allen version of NBC-TV's "Tonight Show." They were married on Dec. 29, 1957 at the old El Rancho in Las Vegas. Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married there earlier the same day and served as witnesses. There must have been something lucky in

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Food & dining

Clam Chowder Light

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Although I have experienced the combination of dairy and shellfish in even the best of four-star restaurants, I have never understood it. Shellfish, especially clams, oysters, and mussels, have a clean, briny tang to them that ought not to be muddied by the addition of milk or cream. So I set out to create a clam chowder that was clean, refreshing, and yet substantial enough for a one-pot supper.

I didn't have to look far. In Jasper White's excellent book, "50 Chowders," there is a terrific recipe for Clam, White Bean, and Potato Chowder. Having made it a half dozen times, I found the end result virtually flawless but decided to go through each step of the recipe to see if I could simplify or streamline.

The first issue was the clams. Jasper calls for small quahogs or cherrystones. Well, quahogs are virtually impossible to find at the markets I shop at and cherrystones were not widely available either. Fortunately, littlenecks are easy to find and make delicious chowder although they are the most expensive variety of the three. I thought that the recipe could be greatly simplified by purchasing bottled clams but the processing removed all of their sweetness and added a slightly metallic aftertaste so fresh clams were a must.

The second major ingredient is the beans. Canned beans were a disappointment – they were flat, mushy, and metallic tasting. I then tried a superior brand of canned beans (Goya) and they were better but still not nearly as good as the dried variety. Simple navy beans are fine and they cook quicker than the large lima beans recommended by Jasper and you can also use cannellini beans. The original recipe calls for puréeing half the beans to thicken the soup. I found that leaving all of the beans intact makes a thinner chowder but one that has a more distinctive clam flavor which I liked. The beans should not be salted since they absorb the saltiness off the clam juice when they are simmered in the chowder.

Although Jasper would cringe at the notion of NOT using salt pork in a chowder – this ingredient is, after all, the one common thread in almost all chowder recipes – I found that much salt pork in the supermarket is too fatty or too salty. Good bacon is easier to find and I liked the notion of sprinkling some of the cooked bacon over each bowl before serving.

As for the vegetables, I dumped the celery since I felt that the chowder was better without it. I thinly sliced the onion instead of dicing it for better texture. As for the tomatoes, I liked 1 1/2 cups instead of one and I found that canned tomatoes didn't add much to this dish. Fresh, good-quality seasonal tomatoes are great, however. As for the rest of the year, I would just skip them.

For the potatoes, I preferred Yukon Gold to red potatoes – they seem to be the only variety of potato that really has good flavor these days.

For herbs, I agreed with Jasper that two bay leaves are a nice addition. I increased the thyme to four sprigs but dumped the fresh basil near the end of cooking since I thought it was an odd combination with the other ingredients. I reduced the crushed red pepper to 1/4 teaspoon from 1/2 and the chowder needed no extra salt since the clam broth was plenty briny.

Making this chowder a day ahead of time does improve its flavor as Jasper suggests although more than one day in the refrigerator turns the potatoes mushy. If you make this recipe for a crowd and double it, note that you will have a huge amount of clams to cook – you will either need a huge lobster pot or you should cook them in two batches.

CLAM, BEAN AND POTATO SOUP WITH BACON AND TOMATOES

This recipe is very similar to one published by Jasper White in his excellent book "50 Chowders." I highly recommend the book and this recipe. Also note that the bigger the clams, the easier it is to make this recipe although the flavor of littlenecks was superior. I suggest making this recipe ahead of time, refrigerate the chowder once the tomatoes and beans are added.

8 ounces white beans such as navy or white northern, rinsed and picked over
8 pounds littlenecks, cherrystones, or quahogs, scrubbed clean
4 pieces thick-cut bacon cut into matchsticks
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, peeled, quartered lengthwise, and thinly sliced
2 bay leaves
4 sprigs fresh thyme
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
2 medium garlic cloves, peeled and minced or pressed
2 medium Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice, about 2 cups
2 medium ripe tomatoes, peeled and seeded and cut into 1/2-inch dice (skip this ingredient if tomatoes are flavorless)
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

1. Place beans in a saucepan with 6 cups water over high heat. Bring to a boil and simmer for 30 to 50 minutes or until tender. (Do NOT undercook beans.) Drain and set aside.

2. Place clams in a large pot with 2 cups water over high heat. When water boils, cover pot and cook for 4 minutes. Remove cover and quickly (but gently) stir clams. Cook an additional 4 minutes or until most of the clams have opened. Remove open clams to a large bowl. Continue cooking a few minutes until almost all of the clams have opened – discard unopened clams. Drain clam broth into a large measuring cup. When clams cool, remove meat (you should have 2 cups) and refrigerate.

3. Meanwhile, cook bacon in a large pot until brown and crispy. Remove and reserve. Pour all but one tablespoon bacon fat and add olive oil. Add the onion, bay leaves, thyme, and red pepper and stir to coat. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and cook for 8 minutes or until onion is translucent. Add garlic and cook for 2 minutes. Add 4 cups reserved broth being careful not to pour off any grit that has settled to the bottom. Add the potatoes, stir, bring to a simmer, cover, and cook for 10 minutes. If you like, mash or purée half the beans (for a thicker chowder) and add the whole beans, the puréed beans, the tomatoes and cook for an additional 10 minutes. Roughly chop clams. Remove pot from heat, add clams and let sit for 2 minutes covered. Taste for salt and pepper. Serve with a sprinkling of reserved bacon and chopped parsley.

Serves 6 as a light supper and cover and simmer for 10 minutes.

Christopher Kimball welcomes your comment. E-mail him at kitchendetective@bcpress.com

Heavenly Hibiscus

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

An entire week of blazing heat and stifling humidity has intensified this summer's drought, transforming many South Shore landscapes into desert wastelands. During the month of July, Mother Nature provided only one-quarter of her usual precipitation. Lakes, ponds and brooks have been reduced to alarmingly low levels demanding that a large percentage of our local communities impose water restrictions. Although cooler temperatures are in this week's forecast, significant moisture does not appear to be forthcoming and many of our valued plants will struggle to survive.

The telltale signs of drought are around every corner including straw-colored lawns with scattered patches of lime-green crabgrass, premature coloring and falling of leaves, and regrettably, many crispy brown plants that may have already succumbed due to our prolonged lack of moisture. At greatest risk are trees, shrubs and perennials that were planted this season. Although lawns and many established plants may appear on the verge of expiration, a large number of these plants have entered a premature dormancy. Given adequate moisture in the coming months prior to the ground freezing, barring a severe winter without snow, a good percentage should survive and recover next year.

When restrictions allow, prioritize your watering schedule to focus on those plants introduced into the landscape most recently. Plants that were already weakened by spring canker worm defoliation this year should also be given moisture whenever possible. Carefully monitor your landscapes noting plants that are wilted in the early morning and evening, as these tend to be signs of severe stress. Midday wilting during excessive heat is not necessarily an indicator of water deprivation. It is not too late to apply a summer mulch around plants to help conserve moisture and to cool and reduce fluctuations in surface soil temperatures.

Equally important is the need to keep a watchful eye out for insect infestations. Stressed plants are considerably more susceptible to disease and insect invasions and in combination with drought stress, these additional assaults could lead to many a plant's demise. Aphids and spider mites are particularly opportunistic but often difficult to detect due to their small size and excellent camouflage. Close scrutiny of plants demonstrating yellow, distorted leaves is critical to determine whether these pests are present.

Despite the drought and oppressive heat, many hardy plants continue to brighten our dry landscapes. Few plants rival the showy blooms of the flamboyant rose mallow (Hibiscus moscheutos). Perhaps more correctly categorized as a woody-based perennial rather than a shrub, established clumps produce woody canes 5-feet high by 5-feet wide. Broad, circular blooms may reach dramatic proportions of up to 12 inches across in shades of pink, red and white, many of which display a contrasting red eye. Provide these tropical-looking plants a moisture-retentive, well-drained soil in full sun to which lime has been added for a more neutral pH. Patience is required each spring as new growth rarely appears until late May or early June from the base of the plant. Old canes will not produce flowers or foliage in subsequent years and can be cut down in autumn but are sometimes best left until spring to mark the plant's location.

Numerous rose mallow cultivars have been developed including the 'Southern Belle Series' (10-inch pink, white or red flowers), 'Lady Baltimore' (pink with red centers) and 'Lord Baltimore' (glowing red), and the 'Disco Belle Series', 20-inch, compact growers often treated as annuals. Among my newest acquisitions is a spectacular cultivar, 'Kopper King' with deep bronze, maple-cut foliage and a huge white flower highlighted by a burgundy center and 'Sweet Caroline', a lovely ruffled deep pink with a deeper rose-colored eye-zone.

Mother-daughter tribute

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"After You've Gone," "You And The Night And The Music" and "It All Depends On You." Unfortunately, O'Shaughnessy and Peters behave like two belters each determined to hit her own individual ball out of the park. Each has her share of soaring vocal moments. Together, however, their voices seem too separate to ever sustain a smooth blend.

When "Mama" Carol leaves the stage to Peters for her Minnelli set, the latter wastes no time in asserting herself. With five songs by John Kander and Fred Ebb and one by Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim, Peters is in good hands and great voice. She is powerful on the lament "Maybe This Time" and stirring on "Cabaret," but it is another of Minnelli's signature songs that allows Peters a chance to almost steal the show. Maybe only Minnelli herself could get as much mileage out of a single performance of "Ring Them Bells." Peters not only has her audience ringing its bells (and car keys), but also eating out of her hand.

For the show's closer, the pair is reunited for a strong medley of "When The Saints Go Marching In," "Brotherhood of Man," and "It All Depends on You." They also share perhaps their best moments together vocally on "Over The Rainbow." Musical Director Jim Rice provides solid accompaniment throughout.

("That's Entertainment," starring Carol O'Shaughnessy and Jan Peters, will be at Raffael's Restaurant, 1 Enterprise Drive, North Quincy, through Aug. 23. For tickets and information, call 617/328-1600.)

Still classy after all these years

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"Eydie and I have been singing together all these years and still, nothing gives us greater joy than performing for an audience."
Steve Lawrence

the champagne that day, because both couples are still happily married nearly 45 years later.

Since 1960, Lawrence and Gorme have appeared together as "Steve & Eydie." Indeed, that moniker is so well-known that last names seem almost unnecessary. Over the years, Eydie has earned a Grammy Award for her recording of "If He Walked Into My Life," and the pair have shared a Grammy for their album, "We've Got Us." Their television specials, saluting great American composers from Irving Berlin and Cole Porter to George and Ira Gershwin, have earned them numerous Emmy awards.

Throughout their careers, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme have always made time for live appearances. For all their success with recordings and television, the concert stage remains their true professional home.

"Eydie and I have been singing together all these years and still, nothing gives us greater joy than performing for an audience," Lawrence said.

(Steve & Eydie will be at the South Shore Music Circus on Sunday, Aug. 25. For tickets and information, call 781/383-1400 or visit www.musiccircus.com.)

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ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, GREATER BOSTON MEMORY WALK on Sunday, Sept. 22. Walk begins and ends at Canal Park at the Cambridgeside Galleria in Cambridge. Every dollar raised in your community stays in your community and provides care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's disease. For more information call the Alzheimer's Association at 617-868-6718 ext. 208 or email memorywalk@alzmass.org or visit our web site www.alsmass.org

NEWPORT WATERFRONT FESTIVAL- 14th Annual Aquafina Taste of Rhode Island. The festival offers culinary creations from restaurants such as Castle Hill Inn and Resort, Stickyfingers, 22 Bowen's Wine Bar and Grille, Cowesett Inn and Perella's Ristorante. The Newport Yachting Center's 14th Annual Aquafina Taste of Rhode Island festival will offer appetizer-sized portions from more than 30 of the state finest restaurants. This is a festive celebration of Rhode Island's culinary delicacies, as well as its crafts, talents and cultures. Held on the historic waterfront at the Newport Yachting Center on America's cup Avenue in Newport, REGISTRATION INQUIRY. Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission $5 adults, $3 if purchased in advance by Sept. 7. Children under 12 admitted free. Food and beverage priced range from $1 to $6. For more information, call 401-846-1600 ext. 218 or visit www.tasteofri.com

A NIGHT WITH DAME EDNA – THE SHOW THAT CARES at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Performances are Sept. 24 to Oct. 6. For tickets call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theater box office. For other information call 617-426-9366.

EIGHTH ANNUAL FOLK & FUR FEST 2002- Standish Humane Society's Benefit Walk for Animals - Sunday, Sept. 15 , (rain or shine) Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A three-mile walk. paved route, handicapped accessible. Your walk begins as soon as you sign-in. Festivities include Life folk performances, 4-H demonstrations, rescue groups, refreshments. Dog contests for largest dog, smallest dog, loudest bark, best tail wagger, best trick, best smoocher. For more information call 781-834-4663 or visit wwwstandishhumanesociety.com

JOHN SEBASTIAN IN CONCERT to benefit educational programs at The Children's Museum in Easton, will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 3 Barrows St., North Easton. 508-230-3789. Admission is $30 per person or $50 premium tickets include preferred seating, complimentary beverage and post-concert reception with John Sebastian.

FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org

THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION presents "BIKE FOR HEALTHY LUNGS" THE 18TH ANNUAL AUTUMN ESCAPE BIKE TREK, Sept. 20-22. This 160-mile bike trek takes participants from Plymouth to Provincetown with fully supported rest stops along the way. Both two and three-day options are available but accommodations for the first night are limited so register early. This event is for cyclists of all levels. Call 1-800-LUNGYSA for details or visit the website at www.lungusa.org/massachusetts/special.html

EDAVILLE USA PRESENTS "DAY OUT WITH THOMAS." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets on sale now $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.

FRIENDS OF THE NORWELL-SCITUATE VNA SPONSOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT honoring Jean Snow of Norwell. South Shore residents are invited to sign up for organization's fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Aug. 5, at the Marshfield Country Club, located at 515 Moraine St. Marshfield. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. with registration at noon. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow at the Country Club. There will be a silent auction following the awards ceremony. Tickets are $175 per person. For more information call 781-659-2342.

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

Thurs. 22

The Braintree Art Association will hold an open house on Aug. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. The public is invited to see work and demonstrations by teachers and will be able to sign up for fall classes at this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

The Bridgewater Antiphonal Brass Society will perform in concert Thursday, Aug. 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Great Esker Park, off Elva Road in Weymouth as part of its Sunset Concert Series. Presented by the Weymouth Park and Recreation Dept., this concert is sponsored by a grant from the Mass. Cultural Council and the Weymouth Cultural Council. Bring lawn chairs and beach blankets and enjoy a summer evening of music. For information, call 781-682-6124.

Raffael's Restaurant Dinner Theater - Aug. *21 and 22. **That's Entertainment** the music of Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli starring Jan Peters and Carol O'Shaughnessy. Boston's own first ladies of cabaret. Tickets are $45 per person or $35 per person for the matinee series. Tickets includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Menu includes garden salad, your choice of a chicken, beef or fish dinner, vegetable medley, potato and dessert, with coffee or tea and a cash bar. All sales are final. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Lunch starts at noon. To order tickets call 617-328-1600. (* = two shows lunch and dinner).

The Weymouth Recreation Division presents its Concerts/Movies in the Park Series. Concerts and movies will be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater next to Town hall at 75 Middle St. All events are outdoors. In the event of rain, they are moved into the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On Aug. 22,, **Sunset Sizzle** at Great Esker Park from 5 to 9 p.m. **Cookout** at 5 p.m. ($10); music by the **Bridgewater Antiphonal Brass Society** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (free) and Astronomy from 8 to 9 p.m. free. For more information call 781-682-6124.

Great Esker Park Canoeing / Kayak (sit-on-top) / Astronomy Program (Pre-registration is required) For details call 781-337-4742. All programs meet at Great Esker Park. Canoeing - Emperor's Retreat Aug. 22, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. - $5 Back River boating Sunday Aug. 25, 1 to 3 p.m. - $5 Back River boating Sunday Sept. 8, noon to 2 p.m. -$5Astronomy night Thursday, Aug. 22, 8 to 9 p.m. free

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Ladies Night "Joe Friday" (Hannes Snieder)** on Aug. 22. Rock, pop and cover. All shows start at 8:30 or p.m. unless noted. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Fri. 23

Project Arts of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank Free Summer Concert Series held at Sheraton Plymouth, 180 Water St, Plymouth on Aug. 23, from 6 to 9 p.m., featured artists will be **"Hot August Nights" Dale & the Duds.** For more information contact Nightlife Music Company at 508-747-7727 or nightlifemusicco@netzero.net or at www.project-arts.com

Borders Books and Music, 255 Grossman Drive/Route 3, Braintree, will hold a healthcare appreciation weekend from Aug. 23 to 25. Healthcare professionals will be given a 20 percent discount on all purchases (excluding newspapers, magazines, electronic gift cards, paper gift certificates, non-stock items and net books). Proof of employment must be shown.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Janet Feld and Licia Sky**. All shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is $5. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.'

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Chris Fitz Blues Band** on Aug. 23. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **The Racky Thomas Band** (Energized Blues-Rock, and Funk) on Aug. 23. All shows start at 8:30 or p.m. unless noted. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Sat. 24

HelpingHands of Kingston is sponsoring **AutumnFest** on Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Reed Community Center in Kingston. For information , call 781-679-2829. This year's theme is Safety, Education and Fun. Many activities will be available for all ages. Displayed in the upper level, the Christmas Tree from last year in memory of those lost in the Sept. 11 tragedy. Everyone is welcomed to create and add a paper ornament to the tree. There will be crafters, artisans, baked goods, novelty items and more for sale at this event. Kids can play, wash the fire truck, play games, get "fingerprinted," and a whole lot more will be happening at Autumnfest this summer.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society, South Shore Sanctuaries, 2000 Main Street, Route 3A Marshfield, presents an exhibition – **Landscapes, Flowers and Quilts** on Aug. 24 and 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Garden Tea party and a meet the artists reception on Aug. 25 at 1:30 p.m.

Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society will be invaded by three different armies, French, British, and Colonial Americans. Explore life at a Revolutionary War-era military camp on Aug. 24 and 25 at 10 a.m. at Fort Revere Park on Telegraph Hill in Hull. Children are especially welcome to this free, educational family event. For more information, call 617-727-4468.

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The First Rose by M. David Kelleher The North River Arts Society presents "Flora," an exhibit by M. David Kelleher at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center from Aug. 25 through Oct. 19. An opening reception will be held Monday, Aug. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the library. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit

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Sunset at the Abbey, Aug. 24, at 4:30 p.m., on the lawn at Glastonbury Abbey, Rte. 228, Hingham. Stormin' Norman and Suzy meet Hingham Symphony! Rain location: First Parish Church, on Cohasset Common. Norman Zamchak, piano, and Suzy Williams, singer, perform their unique brand of original and classic blues and ballads, while members of the Hingham

Symphony Chamber Players play their own American classics. BYO blanket, picnic. Snacks available. $10 adults, $8 seniors, $5 youth. At the Abbey Bookstore, Noble's, Hingham, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Scituate's Front Street Bookstore, or call 781-740-5694.

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held Aug. 24, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Sheraton Plymouth, 1801 Water St., Plymouth. Exit 6, Route 44, off Route 3. Dance music by award winning DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15 thereafter.781-466-0234; Proper business causal dress acceptable. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by the Cape Cod's Most Eligible Singles.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Kyle Shiver and Mark Purcell**. All shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is $8. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

Benefit at The Hilltop AA, Pottle Street, Kingston, featuring **TRAX with Janelle Malefronte** on Aug. 24, from 6 to 11 p.m. Proceeds from the event in the name of Julius G. Nemes, will benefit the Rocky Nook Children's Association, The Dana Farber Institute and the Boston Fire Dept. Scholarship Fund. The evening will begin with cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. The donation for this event is $20 per adult and $10 12/under. There will be auctions, raffles, prizes and giveaways, also a buffet. For more information regarding gift sponsorship or tickets call Mark Nemes at 781-582-1096.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents The Moonlighters (top 40 pop and rock cover band) on Aug. 24. All shows start at 8:30 or p.m. unless noted. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

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The 20th Annual Boston Antique and Classic Boat Festival will be held Aug. 24-25 at Hawthorne Cove Marina in Salem. The festival will feature vintage crafts from Cohasset, Hingham and Marshfield boat owners. Admission to the event $5 donation, children under 12 are free. Hours for the festival are from 12 to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The marina is located at 10 White Street, Salem. For more information call (617) 422-1703.

Sun. 25

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands presents Edward Rowe Snow Day on Georges Island on Aug. 26 at 11:30 a.m. The friends and admirers of the author, historian and lecturer, will gather at the Edward Rowe Snow Pavilion on Georges Island for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth. Commonwealth Editions will announce the reissuing of two of his books. Boston Harbor Cruises leave Long Wharf at 9 and 10 a.m. Hewitts Cove, Hingham at 10 a.m. Call John Forbes at 781-767-4545 for information.

The North River Arts Society presents "Flora," an exhibit by **M. David Kelleher** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org or email northriverarts@rcn.com

The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury will hold its final tea ceremony presentation of the season on Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is located off Route 3A at 189 Alden street. For more information, call 781-934-6634 or visit www.artcomplex.or

Starcreations Theater from **The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc.** presents the musical "Hard Knock Life" on Aug. 25, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission is $8 adult, $5 child. For more information call 508-747-1234.

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Good Friends** (eclectic blend of 70s and 80's pop) Cover charge. on Aug. 25. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

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Mon. 26

Buttonwood Books and Toys will host a pretend sleep over story time at the Cohasset store from 7 to 8 p.m. with guest reader **Sharon Moody.** Moody is the children's librarian at the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset. Come dressed in your favorite PJ's and listen as Sharon reads from two of the best selling series for young readers, "Junie B. Jones" by Barbara Park and "Magic Tree House" by Mary Pope Osborne. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

Mothers & More : South Shore Chapter If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home then you should know about Mothers & More. Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional.

The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Rte 228, Hingham. This month's topic of discussion will be: Aug. 26: Mom's night out at the movies at the Hanover cinemas. Call Sue Chaisson at 781-545-1043 for additional information.

Tues. 27

The Weymouth Art Association – A new display of work by members of the Weymouth Art Association will be on display at several locations round the town during the months of August and September. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
Saturn and Uranus align at 3:17 a.m. The full moon continues to build up, as the moon travels in Aquarius. Current planetary influences are ideal for brain-storming, problem-solving. The moon interacts with Venus and Pluto this afternoon, and a Venus/Pluto alignment culminates in the early morning hours. This planetary combination tends to intensify and deepen emotions. You can strengthen the ties and add new depth and dimension to key relationships. Open the doors to a higher level of communication.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
Gear up for a hectic morning. It is often difficult to sleep and get proper rest in full moon periods. Others may be moody, argumentative. The moon opposes Mars at 10:28 a.m. And conjoins Uranus at 12:49 p.m. Take it slow and easy. Drive defensively. The full moon culminates at 6:29 p.m., and the moon becomes inactive. Relief arrives at 7:11 p.m., when the moon enters Pisces. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23
Planetary action can make for another challenging day. At 3:17 a.m. the sun enters Virgo, remaining there until September 23. The moon continues to travel in Pisces, highlighting all creative endeavors. You can make gains developing arts and crafts, hobbies, artistic projects. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Applying alignments of Mars/Uranus and Mercury/Saturn urge you to use extra caution when driving or operating machinery. Spend time alone; meditate for peace of mind.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
Challenging planetary influences can make for a rough start to this day. Mars opposes Uranus at 5:26 a.m., and Mercury forms a 90-degree alignment to Saturn at 6:58 a.m. Focus on the positives instead of getting caught up in worries, self-doubts, anger. Storm clouds move out by midmorning, and the remainder of the day rates high for catching up on rest and relaxation. If you have work projects to accomplish, a harmonious alignment of Mars and Saturn aids focus and stamina.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
At 2:57 a.m. the Pisces moon opposes Mercury and becomes inactive. An Aries moon takes over at 6:47 a.m., setting a fast pace. Get back in the swing of favorite sports or exercise programs. Tackle jobs that require physical labor and exertion. You can get work projects out of the way in short time. A lunar alignment to Jupiter also makes this day prime for all outdoor activities, social events.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26
At 6:59 a.m. the planet Pluto, standing at 15-degrees Sagittarius, begins direct travel. Pluto represents rebirth and transformation. It brings a time to let go of anger, resentments, negativity; forgive and forget. The moon continues to travel in Aries, setting the stage for a productive day. However, you must carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. At 5:10 p.m. Mercury enters Libra, and the green light goes on for new beginnings in your personal or professional life.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27
Planetary influences rate high for productivity today. Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda. The Aries moon forms harmonious contacts to Uranus, Saturn and Mars until 5:18 p.m., when it becomes inactive. At 7:31 p.m. the moon enters Taurus, making this a wonderful evening to kick back and enjoy the good things in life.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
A 90-degree alignment of the Taurus moon and Jupiter this morning warns against overdoing or going to extremes. Avoid making major purchases, decisions, commitments. In the afternoon the moon aligns with Neptune, generating an easygoing, laid-back mood. It may be difficult to focus on practical matters. If you are working, finish old projects and handle routine chores. Enjoy good food, music, conversation with loved ones this evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
The planet Mars enters Virgo at 10:38 a.m., remaining there until October 15. The moon continues active travel in Taurus all day. Make up a list of things to do, and you can be most productive. Streamline your workload; don't make any more commitments until the backlog has been cleared.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30
At 12:44 a.m. the Taurus moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. The moon enters Gemini at 7:45 a.m. and aligns with Mars at 8:55 a.m. Stay alert and use common sense. Storm clouds move out by 10:00 a.m., and the green light for new beginnings goes on. Harmonious lunar alignments to Mercury and Jupiter generate an upbeat, social mood. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 10:31 p.m. Don't be a hermit tonight. This is a wonderful evening for partying.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
Planetary action makes this day prime for initiating new beginnings, particularly in your personal life. It also brings a time to reassess progress toward future goals and explore new options or alternatives. Communications get the green light; get in touch with friends you haven't spoken to in a while. Chat, network, collaborate. Let fun and games top your agenda this evening.

BEST BET

Sukanya Rahman, Grandmother Esther and Friend

Small Worlds /Art of India is in its final weeks at Duxbury's Art Complex Museum. The exhibition features 45 paintings, 12 sculptures and eight pieces of jewelry representing both the Rajput and Mughal traditions. Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

Ongoing Events

The Hingham Historical Society's, The Old Ordinary, located at 21 Lincoln St., will feature an exhibit "In My Lady's Chamber" of undergarments and accessories dating from the late 1600's the 1920's and taken from the Society's extensive costume collection. The exhibit will be on display until Sept. 7. The house is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, through Sept. 7. Admission is 43 for adults, $1 children under 12. For group tours or further information, call 781-749-1851.

The Sparrow House Museum, 42 Summer St., Plymouth will feature Doug Maxwell Paper Light from July 26 to Aug. 30.

The Clemens Gallery at the Hingham Public Library will display **"Carnival Magic,"** a collection of photographic images, by Hull artist **Jennifer Marshall** through Aug. 29. Gallery hours 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9a .m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The Children's Museum in Easton will host "Drop In Workshops" at the museum during August For more information call 508-230-3789.

Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater presents **"Fully Committed"** Becky Mode's mocking whirlwhind about the rich and famous, the desperate and daring, who relentlessly try to get a reservation at Manhattan's trendiest restaurant. Each character, including the esteemed chef, who prefers the phrase "we're fully committed" to "we're all booked up" is played by a frazzled out of work actor. "Time" named the show one of the Top 10 theatrical events of 2000. Robert DeNiro is turning the play into an ABC series. "Fully Committed" opened in June and will continue every Monday and Tuesday at 8 p.m. during July and August.. Tickets for all performances are $21 (1/2 price student standby) and may be reserved by calling (508) 349-6835. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.what.org

The Artica Gallery presents" **"There Are Places I Remember..."** featuring South Shore **artist Donna Rossetti-Bailey.** The exhibit will run through Aug. 31. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot St., Duxbury. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free. Two steps at the entry.

"Marine and Local Scenes," an exhibit featuring works by the **Gallery Artists of the Scituate Arts Association.** Watercolor, oil and acrylic works will be on display. This exhibit will run through Sept. 1, with new paintings added periodically. The Scituate Art Gallery at 132 Front St., in Scituate Harbor. For more information call 781-545-6150.

Edaville USA Summer Season Guests will be able to enjoy all of Edaville attractions many are new for the season through Aug. 23 on Friday, Saturdays and Sundays. Cool off at the new beach, cruise the waves by paddle boat, and discover a new summer destination of New England families. Tickets are $15 each. For more information call 877-Edaville or visit the Edaville USA website at www.edaville.com Edaville USA is located off route 58 on Rochester Road in Carver.

The North River Arts Society will present **A Study of Gurnet Point and Saquish** with artist Jill Capodanno through Aug. 24, at the Ventress Library Gallery. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit northriverarts.org

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Thurs. 29

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fishbowl, Level Ride and Guests** on Aug. 29. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree Five Corners Comedy Night featuring Jim Lauletta, Vernon Harrison, Annette Pollack, Franco Drew, Phil Doyle, and Stephen Leach. Call 781-848-0300.

Fri. 30

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held Aug. 30, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at The Lafayette House Ballroom, Route 1 south, Foxboro, next to the End Zone Hotel. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary buffet all night, and numerous free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper business casual dress acceptable. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by Rhode Island's Most Eligible Singles.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Aug. 30, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Urban Renewal** on Aug. 30. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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School Dept. to run buses

By Brian J. Scully
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The school department has decided to take the student busing service in-house again, after a second bidding process produced no results.

"I think the plan right now is that we are going to go in-house with it," said School Committee Chairman Richard Flynn. "Obviously we didn't get any bids. There is fierce competition in transportation, and given the size of Cohasset, trying to bring someone in to run our buses is not a feasible option."

For the past two years, Ingle Bus Service of Hanover held the contract, operating the town's buses, but Ingle decided he was not interested in renewing the contract without running his own vehicles.

The revised secondary bid

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Enjoying life in the fast lane

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Kenny Thayer, who works for the DPW, enjoys drag racing on summer weekends in Epping, N.H.

DPW worker doubles as a race-car driver

By Brian J. Scully
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For Cohasset resident Kenny Thayer, most weekends are a drag.

But, that doesn't mean he doesn't enjoy them.

Thayer, who works for the town's Department of Public Works, spends his summer weekends in Epping, N.H., drag racing at the New England Dragway.

"I've been in racing since 1965, and I've enjoyed it from that point on," said Thayer, who races in the Modified Class, which is just above the Street Class. "I used to work for a guy who used to do regular racing – circle racing. I learned a lot from him by building motors and setting cars up. He liked the circle track racing, I got into the drag racing, which is still racing. One goes in a straight line and one goes in a circle I just stayed with it and it just grew."

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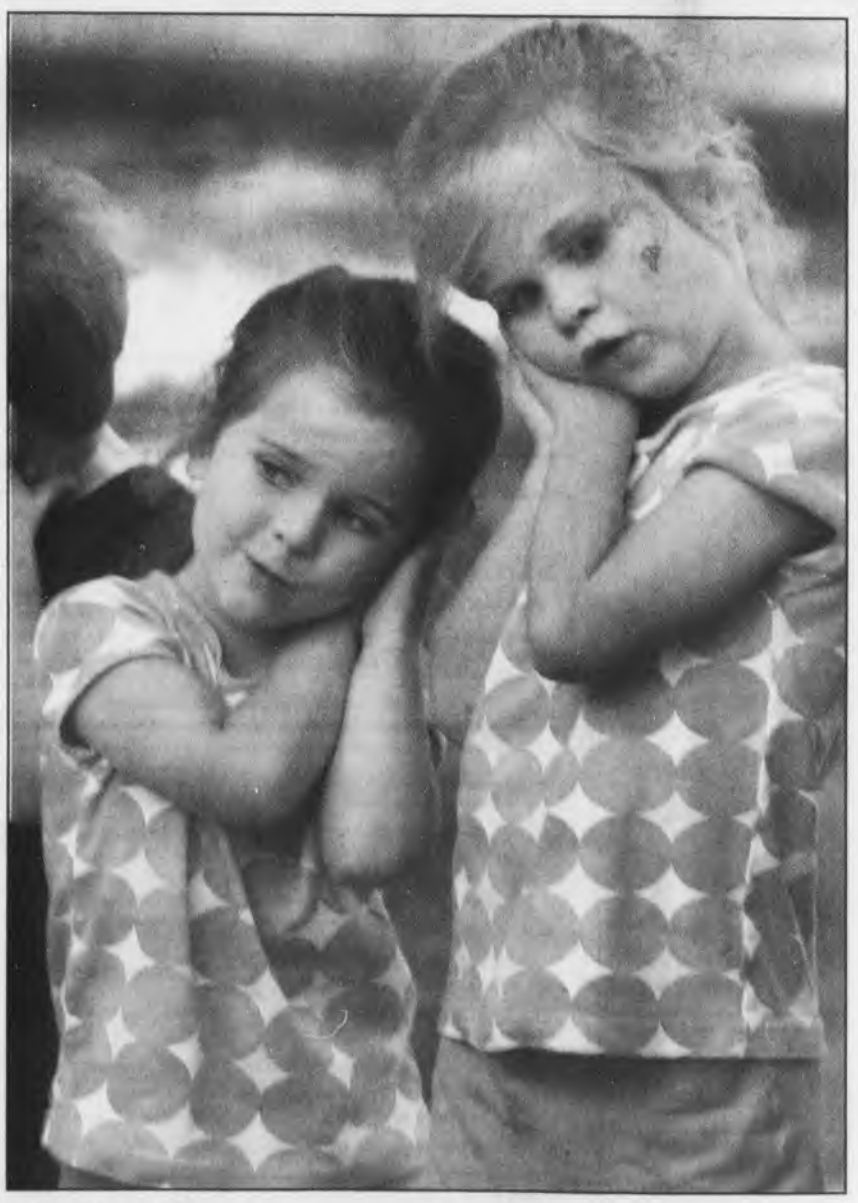

CIRCUS CAMPERS

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Grace and Lily Hayman sing the Acorn Song during the Circus Camp Show for family and friends last week. For more photos, see page 11.

It's back to school time again

By Brian J. Scully
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On Sept. 4, the halls of the town's schools will again be filled with students.

"We are going to see beautiful, happy faces coming through this building," said Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan. "That is the nice thing about K-3, everybody is happy all the time. Well, not all of the time, but we are looking forward to it, everybody is excited."

That's not to say that the schools weren't busy all summer long.

Construction continued at the Deer Hill and middle-high schools, as the $41 million school projects move closer to conclusion. The Deer Hill School is scheduled to be completed in this December and the middle-high school is slated for a December 2003 finish. After a year of construction though, all involved have acclimated to the changing surroundings, and this year, they are beginning to see parts of the finished project.

"Everyone has a year of construction under their belt, so most should be used to it," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "Not only that, but the students are going to be entering brand-new, completed areas of construction, the high school especially, with the brand-new gym, brand new cafeteria, new science wings and locker rooms. I think they'll be excited."

The Osgood School has served as the home for some of the town's summer programs, and is providing space for the Deer Hill faculty and staff to prepare for the year.

"We're happy for the other schools that they will end up having something like we do," said Sheehan, whose new building replaced the old Osgood School. "We've been willing to work with them as far as scheduling meetings here and giving them space. We housed all the summer activities here."

The extensive use of the new Osgood School provided a challenge in getting ready for the school, a challenge that Sheehan said the town met with aplomb.

"It's been a great, coordinated effort," said Sheehan, mentioning the work of the Osgood and Deer Hill janitorial and maintenance staffs, the DPW, the town manager, and a lengthy list of others. "They have done a great

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New third-grade teacher Kristina O'Sullian rushes to get her classroom ready for opening day as custodian Phillip Disciullo cleans the corridor at the Osgood School.

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Due to a reporting error in a story that appeared last week about village revitalization, the site of the new MBTA station was incorrectly noted as "near" Cohasset Village. The MBTA station will be on Route 3A.

How to vote by absentee ballot

Absentee ballots for the State Primary on Sept. 17, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Sept. 16, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, which ballot is requested, Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or Massachusetts Green Party, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. A voter must vote in the party that he is enrolled. However, unenrolled voters who pull a ballot at the State Primary *do not* become enrolled members of that party and *do not* need to complete a charge of enrollment card — they remain unenrolled. Voters enrolled in a political designation *may not* take a ballot at the State Primary.

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The town will be using the Accu-Vote optical scan system. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots an be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

Bradley hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D – Hingham, will hold district office hours, this Friday Sept. 6 at the Hingham Sons of Italy Hall - upstairs, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, from 4-5 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

CRC is part-time

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation has reduced its hours of operation from full-time to part-time. As a result the CRC will no longer have regular office hours. The office will be open in the day or evening by appointment only.

If you need assistance or would like to make an appointment please leave a voice message for Dean Rizzo, Executive Director at (781) 383-2449. The CRC office is located at 87 Elm St., which is across from Kimball's By The Sea.

Contractor picked for new water pipes

D&C Construction of Rockland, Mass. has been selected by the Water Commission as the contractor to replace 1.2 miles of undersized and deteriorated water pipes in Cohasset starting this Fall to improve fire protection and water service throughout Cohasset.

"D&C's low bid was $180,000 less than the estimated cost of this project, which may allow us to use those funds for other system improvements," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. D&C was the contractor for the installation of sewer lines in Cohasset in 2000.

"This system improvement project," said McNabb, "is a $1.5 million project to improve fire protection and water service by replacing undersized water pipes in Beechwood Street (to improve Doane Street and Aaron River Road), Bound Brook Lane, Hammond Ave., Hobart Lane, Lothrop Lane, Red Gate Lane, Sheldon Road, Westgate Lane, and Windsor Lane."

"We are working closely with residents to minimize impacts from the project," said Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt, who has met frequently with residents of Hobart and Lothrop Lane to manage the replacement of undersized pipes on those two streets, which is complicated by the narrowness of the streets.

The project, said McNabb, also includes repairing the leaking water main under the bridge at Cat Dam on Nichols Road to restore an important distribution loop, improving drainage between Hammond Ave. and Locust Road, and replacing undersized water valves at the intersection of Beechwood Street and Doane Street, which will improve water pressure on Doane Street.

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Sun. 1	6:38	8.2	12:26	6:53	9.4	12:39
Mon. 2	7:36	8.3	1:23	7:49	9.7	1:36
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Ledge removal is rocky issue for DiNero's expansion plans

By Mary Ford
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Part of DiNero's expansion plans include the popular dining spot's parking lot. Everyone agrees the existing spaces are small and the traffic pattern could stand improvement.

So the Hull Street restaurant wants to remove ledge to the rear of the lot so the parking area can be expanded and traffic pattern redesigned.

But there's a lot of ledge to be removed, and that's where the question comes in.

The Zoning Board of Appeals says no more than 10 cubic feet can be removed without a variance, unless the removed ledge is used on-site. The tests for a variance are difficult to meet.

The restaurant plans to remove a substantial amount of ledge – in some 40 feet, totaling about 2,700 cubic yards – to make way for the new parking lot.

Attorney Greg Sullivan, speaking for the restaurant, disputes the proposed ledge removal doesn't comply with the bylaw because no more material would be displaced than necessary to install the parking lot.

But regardless, he said, if the Zoning Board determined the removed ledge must stay on site, that's what DiNero's would do.

"Either way we would install the added parking spaces," Sullivan said during a public hearing on the issue earlier this month.

The restaurant plans to remove about 2,700 cubic yards of ledge to make way for the new parking lot.

The current parking lot has 36 spaces – more than the 31 needed [one for every three seats, under the bylaw], but the existing lot is congested because the spaces are undersized. The restaurant, which seats 70, wants to reconfigure the proposed expanded parking lot to accommodate 39 roomier spaces (48 with stacked valet parking on site).

Sullivan said the expanded lot would have a positive effect on the neighborhood because fewer customers would feel the need to park along Hull Street.

"With an expanded lot, we believe everyone would be able to fit," he said.

A three-foot green buffer would also be installed between the parking area and the street, along with a redesigned entrance and exit that would improve traffic flow and enhance safety.

"We believe the lot would enhance the neighborhood," Sullivan said.

But restaurant abutters are concerned if the ledge is removed, the drop-off from the edge would be a safety hazard even though DiNero's would install a six-foot, chain-link fence.

James Reichardt, 3 Grace Drive, a direct abutter who has three young children, is worried about safety and also noise from a parking lot that would be closer to his property line.

John Fairchild, who lives in a new house off Jerusalem Road, said he would be the most affected by the expanded parking lot. He questioned whether using the removed ledge on site was possible.

He said the existing ledge, which has some vegetation, provides a natural buffer for the neighborhood.

DiNero's also wants to expand the restaurant building to accommodate an additional 23 seats and add signage, both of which may require zoning relief.

The Zoning Board has closed the hearing and taken the matter under advisement.

Little League fields ready

But no names yet

By Brian J. Scully
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They may not have names yet, but the ball fields being constructed at the old gravel pits off North Main Street are scheduled for completion this weekend.

"The fields are supposed to be done this week, by Saturday," said Mark DeGiacomo, president of the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association. "The sprinkler system will be in, the sod and hydroseeding will be done, and the fences will be up."

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association's initial plan to fund part of the project through naming rights was met with opposition from the Board of Selectmen. The selectmen felt that it would go against the town's tradition of naming municipal parks and buildings after prominent Cohasset residents from the past. The Red Lion Inn contributed $50,000 and asked for the right to name the three-field complex, through community input or possibly a contest and two residents pledge $25,000 in the hopes that they would be able to name individual fields.

"Right now, the Little League, the town and selectmen are discussing a compromise that we put forward," said DeGiacomo. "I'm confident that we will reach an agreement."

Regardless of the naming situation, the project – which will total more than $600,000 at final tally – is coming to fruition.

"I think it has been a fantastic project," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "I thin kit has been a very good process. The contractor has done a very good job. I am very excited to see the first game on that field next year."

DeGiacomo agreed wholeheartedly.

"It's going to be a major attraction in Cohasset for many years to come," said DeGiacomo. "It's wonderful, the field looks even better than we had hoped. After two years of work, it is good to see us so close to completion."

The funding for the project came from a variety of sources. Town Meeting approved $200,000 towards it and the Community Preservation Committee asked Town Meeting to appropriate $100,000 of the CPC fund on the fields as well. The Little League has already spent $50,000 and plans to spend another $150,000 on construction elements such as dugouts and the concession stand.

"The Little League has already spent about $50,000 on various components, such as the foundations for the shed and the new concession stands," said DeGiacomo. "We bought some dirt and upgraded the fencing so that there is going to be a handsome black chain link fence which is more durable."

There is still work to be done, though, before the fields are ready for play next spring.

According to DeGiacomo, the CYBSA, continues to expand, and the new digs on North Main Street will give them a state-of-the-art home.

"I can't guarantee that we'll be the next Worcester in the Little League World Series, but I think that we will clearly have the best field in the area," said DeGiacomo. "The program is getting stronger and our enrollment is up every year."

Citizen brings forward grant option for 40B

It appears there may be grant money from the state for the town to help deal with the 40B process.

David Farrag of 31 Grace Drive brought the grant to the attention of the Board of Selectmen at its last meeting.

The grant provides $10,000 up front, with the possibility of subsequent $5,000 grants for a 40B facilitator.

"It's not like hiring a lawyer per se," said Farrag. "It wouldn't be just an advocate for the town, but it is going to help you shepherd through the process and avoid any pitfalls."

Town Manager Mark Haddad forwarded the information along to the appropriate committees.

"We have passed that along to the Board of Appeals and given them all the information," said Haddad. "We contacted the state for information on that process and now we are waiting. Any time you can get consultation, it is a good thing."

North Cohasset water restrictions

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Mandatory water restrictions are now in effect for North Cohasset, despite indications earlier this month that none would likely be imposed.

"We found it necessary because of the recent continuation of a statewide drought advisory and the recent dry spell, even though the level of Accord Pond is normal for this time of year," said Aquarion Water Company Operations Manager Eileen Commane.

Implementation of water restrictions means residents are allowed to perform outdoor watering on an odd-even (house number) basis between 6 and 9 p.m. only. That means odd-numbered homes and businesses may water on odd-numbered days, and even-numbered ones on even-numbered days.

Conservation tips are available by visiting aquarionwater.com

For further information, call 800-928-3734.

The water company serves customers in Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset. [The rest of Cohasset is served by the Cohasset Water Department, which has not imposed mandatory water restrictions].

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The water company will continue to monitor the situation closely to see if additional conservation measures are deemed necessary. Those could include mandatory restrictions or an outright ban on outdoor watering if conditions were to worsen significantly.

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Enjoying life in the fast lane

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Grew into a life-long obsession that is, but the rush of seeing just how fast you can go in a quarter-mile is well-worth it.

"When they call you up through staging, you put your helmet on, you put your fire jacket on and you strap yourself in," said Thayer. "You sit in the seat and just take a deep breath. Once you cross that line and you are looking down the quarter-mile and you get up to what they call the water box and you do your burnout and your stage, you are focused. It's unbelievable how it feels. It could be a 100 degrees out, you could be sweating inside that suit, but it doesn't matter. When the lights come down, you throw it to the floor and you are just pushing your shifter forward, hitting the gears."

It is, according to Thayer, a world apart.

"As soon as you cross that line you are in a whole different world," said Thayer. "You're look down almost a mile track. A quarter-mile is a drag strip and its three-quarters of a mile to shut down. And you're looking at the far end of that, going as straight as an arrow and as fast as you want to go."

Which is very different from driving the big trucks at the DPW.

"It's funny, because you are chugging along in the big truck, and you get in a drag racer and 'Vroom' you're gone," said Thayer. "My car runs at 11.40 seconds at 118 miles per hour in the quarter-mile from a standing stop, to full acceleration. It's fun, especially when you start hitting the gears. It's a rush. I mean, you can go as fast as you want, as fast as the car can go and you don't get any tickets."

> **"You can go as fast as you want, as fast as the car can go and you don't get any tickets."**
> — Kenny Thayer

As if racing the car wasn't enough, Thayer is also responsible for making sure that his car can reach 118 mile per hour.

"I build my own car, I do all the maintenance on the car," said Thayer. "The drive train, which means the transmission and rear end is done by Tim Warden out of Pembroke, Mass. He helps me out with the car a lot. Scott Payne of General Auto Supply in Quincy who's a NAPA dealer, as well. Scott and his crew up there have been very helpful with all the odds and ends parts that I need. Then I have a friend of my, Donald Russo, who helps me with a lot of parts and we do a lot of technical talk back and forth between my car and his car. He'll ask questions, I'll ask questions, He'll say to me, 'What do you think of this, what do you think of that,' and I'll say, 'Well, no I don't think so, but try this.'

It is that camaraderie that attracts Thayer to the sport.

"What really draws me to the sport is meeting all the people," said Thayer. "You do something everyday (working) but when you go up there it is different. You're always thinking, what can I do to make the car better, or faster, but it is the people who draw me there. There's a lot of nice people out there, a lot of nice people. And when something breaks on your car, they are the first ones to walk over there and say 'What do you need? How can we get you back on track again, hey we've got this, or we've got this."

Those friendships extend beyond the track, as does the willingness to help out others.

"A year ago, I did a program for South Shore Vocational Technical school," said Thayer. "And I brought all my drag racing friends to the school and we ran 600 kids through a two-day program. We explained about drag racing, the benefits you get from working from a trade school, for instance electrical, mechanical, autobody, so a lot of that kind of relates into drag racing."

Thayer's technical experience as a mechanic has led to another role with in racing – as inspector.

"I'm also a certified technical inspector for IHRA, the International Hot Rod Association for the track," said Thayer. "I have a licensed card and a certificate and I can work at any sanctioned IHRA event, inspecting cars for safety stuff."

All in all, drag racing has been a great pastime for Thayer. He hastens to mention that it is a family sport, and has a couple of sons involved in drag racing to prove it. He also heaps compliments on the New England Dragway.

"Win or lose, just being at the track is great," said Thayer. "I have just as much fun racing, tech-ing, helping people out, just being there."

So the next time you are sitting in traffic on 3A behind a big DPW truck thinking just how slow that big green machine is, take pause. The guy in the truck just might be Kenny Thayer, who takes his weekend car from zero to 118 miles per hour in a little over 11 seconds. He most definitely feels your pain.

Rte. 228 tie-ups go with the territory

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The repaving and reconstruction of Route 228 in Hingham may seem like a traffic nightmare to some South Shore motorists, but delays are to be expected with a project of such magnitude in a highly traveled area.

> **"The wait time varies depending on the amount of traffic.."**
> — Joseph Stigliani, Hingham DPW superintendent

That's the message from Joseph Stigliani, Hingham Department of Public Works Superintendent.

Stigliani has had some calls about traffic back-ups during the Route 228 project, but there are only two alternatives, he noted — either closing down one lane and having traffic alternate or detouring a lane of cars.

"Either option causes delays, particularly alternating traffic," he said. "We need to weigh the pros and cons. Detours keep the traffic moving, but they impact side roads. Sometimes they're not possible."

Still, "good progress" is being made with the project, according to Stigliani.

"It's tough with so much going on, including work on the Route 3A bridge," he said. "But we couldn't delay the Route 228 project. It's been in the works for a long time, and we just don't ask the state to hold off once they've proceeded."

To avoid hitting snags, Stigliani suggests motorists find their own alternate routes.

"Otherwise, they'll find themselves waiting in line," he said. "The police department is doing a good job moving vehicles, and there hasn't been a lot of confusion. It's not like people don't know where to go with all the signs and police details."

Stigliani recommends motorist allow themselves more time during the construction period, which could wrap up before the July 2003 deadline.

"The wait time varies depending on the amount of traffic," he said. "We have to do what we feel is right. It goes with the territory."

The time frame for Phase II of the project, which includes Route 228 from Merrymount Road to Queen Ann's Corner, will be addressed at a later date. A number of issues remain to be resolved in that area.

A decision was made two years ago to segment the job into two parts in order to expedite the work.

Hingham has spent $600,000 on design plans, with Massachusetts Highway Department paying for the rest of the approximately $2.4 million project.

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It's back to school time again

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job. There has been lots of cooperation and lots of help from all constituencies in town."

Supt. Edward Malvey said that schools are ready for the incoming students. Projected figures place the number of Cohasset students for this year at 1,423. That would be about a 5 percent increase of last year's total of 1,345 students.

"Our most difficult year was last year," said Malvey. "Just picture someone coming into your home and disrupting your peace and quiet, but we settled right in. The students and staff are ready, I don't expect any negative impact. Culture shock hit with last year, but everyone is ready for this year. Students may have to go in different door and circle campus differently, but it's not going to impact us. We're ready for it."

The school department is taking the busing contract back in-house this year, which could present problems, but Malvey is confident that the school department is prepared.

"We're under control with that," said Malvey. "We have some back-up plans in place. Over the next couple of months it will all smooth out."

Rob Spofford, chairman of the School Building Committee, also thinks that the construction will have a minimal affect of the schools.

"From the Building Committee perspective they will be safe and efficient areas for the children," said Spofford. "Both of the schools, Deer Hill and the middle-high school are about to enter the next phases of the project. The students will be operating in areas of new construction."

Spofford credited the hard work of the town in general as the reason the construction process has gone so smoothly.

"We've worked hard, the town manager has worked hard, the superintendent has worked hard, the building committee has worked hard," said Spofford. "It's very exciting to see the final project, and see what our tax dollars are really doing – building wonderful facilities."

Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan is excited by the progress he has seen.

"Well, the building looks fantastic with the renovations that have been completed," said Callahan. "The construction will continue areas where the children will not be. The classrooms look good, the teachers are ready, compared to what it looked like last year, it's very bright, and clean, and new."

He is, however, looking forward to getting back to normal in January.

"It's been a long time and it puts a burden on the classroom teacher, having to pack and have everything out of there at the end of the school year last year," said Callahan. "But the contractor got it done. There might be bumps as we go through and finish up, but the school will be substantially ready."

School traffic plans

Supt. Edward Malvey also provided the Mariner with the construction traffic plans for the Deer Hill and middle-high school.

For the Deer Hill Elementary School:

Parent drop-off/pick-up for students is in the front parking lot area;
Bus drop-off/pick-up is in the rear parking area.

For the Middle -High School:

1. Follow the same procedures as last year – Buses to the left of the driveway, cars to the right of the driveway.

Health program gets cash injection

By Brian J. Scully
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Two part-time elementary school health teachers received a temporary reprieve from losing their jobs after the School Committee voted to fund their positions on a interim basis, while it searches for funding for this year.

The teachers, Judy Wilson from the Joseph Osgood School and Jane Gregory of the Deer Hill School are in danger of losing their jobs because Beacon Hill cut the comprehensive school education budget. Both positions, at a cost of $28,000, were completely paid for by the health protection grant, which derived its money from the cigarette tax.

"For right now it is on a contingency basis," said School Committee Chairman Richard Flynn. "I think we made that clear to everybody involved. This buys them some time and it buys us some time to sift through the budget."

The most likely option is to ask for emergency funding at the Fall Special Town Meeting.

"For that kind of money, we would have to request it from the Special Town Meeting," said School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo. "Whether that is in addition to the $100,000 or whether it can be rolled into the $100,000, we'll have to see once the school year starts up." [Town Meeting under-funded the school budget last spring, expecting to seek up to $100,000 if needed from the fall Special Town Meeting after the state aid figures were clear].

Michael Gill, the school district's health education coordinator, was excited by the committee's decision.

> **"You can't say it is important and then in the next breath say we can't fund it. You can't operate that way."**
> — Supt. Edward Malvey

"I'm absolutely thrilled," said Gill. "It's a program we have been developing for over 20 years, so it is good that we are able to, hopefully, keep it going. I'm confident that we are going to be able to get through this year."

DeGiacomo felt that the health education aspect of the curriculum was too important to just let die.

"I think we all understand the importance of health programs at the school for all ages," said DeGiacomo. "Michael Gill has done a terrific job and the two teachers that have been affected have also made significant contributions to the school system."

Superintendent Edward Malvey was unhappy that funding was cut.

"It's like someone on medication or intravenous fluids, although not that extreme," said Malvey. "All of the sudden you can't continue with it and someone pulls it away from you. It's insanity. Health education deals with critical issues, growth and development in particular. You can't say it is important and then in the next breath say we can't fund it. You can't operate that way."

Even beyond the value of the program itself, cutting the program at this point in time could have other ramifications.

"Since this came out at the 11th-hour and they are two very valuable teachers, we are going to try to come up with the money to keep it going this year," said Malvey. "Because it is so late, it could have a domino effect on the scheduling."

According to Gill, the program deals with issues ranging from substance abuse to creating positive behavioral habits.

"I think that we will be able to (get through this year) and it will buy us some time for next year," said Gill. "Hopefully we can get that grant money back."

School Dept. to run buses

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made it clear that potential bidders were not required to use the town's bus fleet, but even this was not enough to entice a company to make an offer. The main reason cited by the prospective contractors, according to Supt. Edward Malvey, was the size of Cohasset, which runs only five bus routes.

The administrative burden will once again fall on the superintendent's office, but this time it will have the help of business manager, Ivan Klimko. The position was not in place the last time the school operated the buses. Ideally, the town would like to hire six drivers.

"We have three drivers, that we really believe have committed and we have five runs to make," said Klimko. "If those three people say yes, I have found a fourth driver who has already said yes and we have an agreement with a company, Totman Enterprises of Scituate, that will do the fifth run."

According to Klimko that agreement is a temporary stopgap.

"They are going to cover one run for us for three months," said Klimko. "In the meantime, we'll try to do the total transition."

The town is also in negotiations with Totman Enterprises and Ingle Bus Services in order to cover the early afternoon athletic trips.

"From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., it is absolutely critical, because we can't do it ourselves," said Klimko. "Our five buses are on the road (taking students home from school) and we need more for our early afternoon athletic events."

Once the after-school runs have been completed, the town's buses would be available again for late afternoon or night travel. The town would also use its own buses for weekend events.

"Having the business manager in place gives us a little flexibility," said Flynn. "It used to just be Supt. Malvey running it. But Ivan will be more involved, he understands a lot of the issues behind transportation."

Malvey is confident that in the long run, the school-run service will be a benefit to the town.

"In financial terms, it will create and additional administrative responsibility for us," said Malvey. "In a well-ordered world it would probably be better if we had a private service for it, but I think that we can get it up and running and grow it so that it will be better financially and administratively (in the long run), but it is going to take some doing."

The town currently owns five buses, which would leave them without a back-up. The old back-up was lost to an accident. With the service back in-house, the school department is considering an article to buy a school bus for this fall's Special Town Meeting.

Hurley, Kidder named to Union College dean's list

AROUND TOWN

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SCHOOL STARTS

Good Luck to all students and families who are preparing to go back to school next week. School starts on Wednesday, Sept. 4 for all students in grades 1-12. Kindergarten students will have their first day on Friday, Sept. 6 with a visit with a grown-up on the fourth or fifth. Make sure to read all paperwork that has been sent home in the mail to make sure that everyone is on the same page as to what is happening and going on.

PSO CALENDAR

The Cohasset PSO calendar will be sent home to all Cohasset Public School families next week with all your important dates, events and information for the 2002-2003 school year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A huge happy birthday wish is being sent out this week to Little Miss **Bridget Burke** who turned one-year-old this week! This cute little girl is being held, hugged and kissed by her sister, **Kyle**, brother **David**, Mom, Dad and so many relatives and friends as she celebrates this amazing day. Happy Birthday Bridget!

FIGURE SKATER

The 22nd annual ISI World Skating Championships were recently held in Marlboro, Mass.

Ellie Baumgarten, a young Cohasset resident received a first-place medal for her Freestyle 3 solo program to "Be Our Guest" and another first place medal for her team FS3 "Compulsory" program.

More than 1,700 skaters from throughout the US and world competed over the seven-day competition and Cohasset is very proud to have had our own Ellie in this wonderful competition. I know that we are going to hear a whole lot about this young lady. Congratulations Ellie! Your family, friends and town are very proud of you!

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DEAN'S LIST

Some fantastic news about two Cohasset residents.

Victoria Hurley, who is majoring in computer science, and **Sarah Kidder**, a biology major, have been named to the dean's list at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. In order to be named to the dean's list at Union, a student must have maintained a minimum overall index of 3.35 our of 4.0. Great job.

COLLEGE BOUND

Marc L. Musco, who is the son of **Lynne Musco** and the late **Louis Musco** of Cohasset, will attend Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vt. this fall. A 2002 graduate of Cohasset High School, Marc played football, basketball and golf. He will play basketball for the Division II Green Mountain College Eagles. I hope that we will hear more from this sports oriented young man.

THEATRE PROGRAM

Holly Dinsmore, who attends Cohasset High School, has successfully completed the Summer 2002 Theatre Institute at the State University of New York at Oswego. Holly, who is from Cohasset, spent two weeks on the Oswego State campus immersed in an intense theatre program that included classes in movement, stage combat, voice, speech and text, monologue, and acting. In addition, the program included a trip to Shaw Festival, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada to attend performances. Holly earned three transcripted credit hours from SUNY Oswego. This must have been a fantastic experience for you Holly.

COOLING OFF

PHOTO/LYNNE LAYMAN

Timmy Chase and Zach Connors enjoy Popsicles on a hot day at Summer Playground at the Osgood School.

MIT NEWS

Another group of Cohasset students to talk about.

Rebecca A. Kirk graduated with a M.B.A. from MIT's Sloan School of Management on June 7.. She is the daughter of Rita and Jim Kirk of South Main Street.

Arthur P. White of Cohasset graduated with a Ph.D. in earth, atmospheric and planetary sciences from MIT. Arthur is the son of Donald and Joan White of Philadelphia.

ONE-WOMAN SHOW

Jeanne L. Replogle, a Cohasset artist, is having a one-woman show at Artica Gallery in Duxbury. The show opens with a reception on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7 from 2-5 p.m., and runs through Oct. 31. Jeanne, a member of the American Society of Marine Artists and a gallery artist at the South Shore Art Center, is perhaps best known locally for the New England Heritage series: painting of the towns of Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell and Duxbury.

SEMESTER IN MADRID

Margaret Goedecke, daughter of **Peter and Jane Goedecke**, participated in Middlebury College's study abroad program during the past academic year. Margaret, a member of the Class of 2003, spent the winter and spring of 2002 studying at the Middlebury College School in Madrid. Middlebury encourages students to take part in the study abroad program during their junior year. Students earn academic credit and when they return to their studies on the Vermont campus, bring with them an enhanced international perspective.

SURPRISE SHOWER

A wonderful time was had by all at the Lightkeepers Residence at the wedding shower for **Kimberlee Ward** and **Michael Balonis.** Arthur Roebuck outdid himself again. Kimberlee and Michael will be married Sept. 20, 2002.

All their family and friends were delighted to surprise them.

NANTUCKET FOOTBALL

Remember the great season Cohasset's football team had last year? Plan on attending the Cohasset High School Football Junior Varsity and/or Varsity games at Nantucket on Saturday, Sept. 14 this year. Football fans can purchase reduced rate roundtrip tickets for the ferry that leaves from Hyannis at 9:15 am. The return trip leaves Nantucket at 5:45 p.m. Contact **Dennis Dooley** at 383-6448.

That is all for this week. Please make sure to send all your news to me no later than Monday at noon.

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Student nominates her art teacher for national award

By Brian J. Scully
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At just over 5 feet tall with salt and pepper hair and a pair of Birkenstocks on her feet, Osgood School art teacher Betsy Ogden thinks that it is pretty comical that she is a finalist for the Barbie Arts Teacher Award.

"It's a humorous title for a gray-haired art teacher," said Ogden. "But maybe I'll get a makeover."

While the title may be humorous, the award truly is an honor. Presented by the Entertainment Industry Foundation's National Arts Education Initiative, of which Mattel is a founding sponsor, the national competition generated more than 2,500 essays from students on the impact that art teachers have had on their lives. Mattel, which produces the Barbie doll, is creating an art teacher-styled Barbie doll to help promote the contest.

Osgood student Whitney Jaffe wrote a one-page essay nominating Ogden, which judges selected as one of 20 regional finalists. Already, the award has garnered the Osgood school a $5,000 grant and $4,000 in art supplies from Rose Art. Jaffe, herself, received a $100 gift from Mattel. The overall winner, to be selected this fall, receives an additional $10,000 grant and a trip to either New York City or Los Angeles for the announcement event.

"I'm very excited about winning the award," said Ogden. "It was very sweet of Whitney to write the essay about me and I'm excited for her that she won, and won for us all really."

A quick trip to the art room upstairs at the Osgood School, though, seems to indicate that Whitney may be on to something here. The walls are decorated solely with the work of her students and each project exudes color and charisma that is unmistakably from the minds of children. That is not to say it is child-like. A level of sophistication and awareness abounds.

"Every morning, when you come in, she says 'Good morning artists!'" said Whitney. "Which is nice, because we are just kids and usually kids aren't artists."

Whitney's mother Susan Jaffe is amazed by the hold that Ogden has on the class.

"What is probably most remarkable about Betsy Ogden is the respect that she both gives to the students and commands from the students," said Jaffe. "She is not just focused on technique, she opens up the work through the old masters. They create their own Monet 'Waterlilies'-type paintings, teaching the students techniques and exposing them to Monet while they think that they are just getting to play with sponges."

According to Whitney, there is no pressure to recreate the work of the master, only to create within themselves.

Osgood student Whitney Jaffe wrote a one-page essay nominating Ogden, which judges selected as one of 20 regional finalists.

"She showed us a picture of a 'Starry, starry night' (by Vincent Van Gogh)," said Whitney. "But you could make it your own way. You paint the background, and put stars on it and draw houses. It's in your own hands."

Whitney took that same attitude towards writing the nomination essay.

"Thomson (Whitney's sister) was going to do it and I wanted to put my effort in," said Whitney. "It was fun writing my essay it's make up your own mind (about what you want to write)."

That type of cross-curriculum application of knowledge is cultivated in Ogden's classroom.

"I encourage the student to look outside themselves," said Ogden. "Community projects are really what I am interested in, along with projects that go along with the curriculum that they have in the classroom. It sort of makes that come alive for them."

In the biography she sent to the Entertainment Industry Foundation after receiving the awards, Ogden opens with a Chinese proverb.

" 'You tell me, and I forget, you show me and I see, you involve me and I remember.'"

To say that Ogden involves her students in their own learning is an understatement.

For her community project this year, in response to Sept. 11, her third graders made American Flag tiles, her second graders made U.S. Flag and peace pins, and her first graders made stationary with the Statue of Liberty or U.S. Flag on them. As if dealing with incomprehensible and scary issues through a medium like art wasn't enough, she then had the children sell them for a dollar apiece and donated the money to the New York Relief Fun Educational Program. Last year, each student made a mitten and then paired up with another student to make a pair. The pairs were then sent of to a homeless shelter.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Art teacher Betsy Ogden is a finalist for the Barbie Arts Teacher Award, thanks to an essay by one of her students, Whitney Jaffe.

Again, though, Ogden deflected the praise.

"Make sure you mention the Parent School Organization, they were a lot of help," said Ogden.

Whitney is now a newly-minted nine-year-old and is about to enter third-grade in Mrs. Elcott's class. She is anxiously waiting to hear if Mrs. O, as the students call her, wins the national award. If the quality of her essay is any indication, Ogden is in good shape.

"Mrs. Ogden lets us to lots of hands-on stuff," reads Whitney's essay. "Like turtles we put-together with 13 sections from clay stamps she made. We drew pictures of the Big Dig in Boston so that we can compare our drawings to the real thing. For the Olympics, we made pictures of ourselves winning something. Mrs. Ogden told us we were all winners."

Monet, Van Gogh, the Big Dig, and the Olympics. Not bad for an second-grade art class.

Whitney Jaffe wrote the essay nominating art teacher Betsy Ogden for an award.

Benefit yard sale

The South Shore Community Center will hold its first annual yard sale on Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the SSCC located at 3 Main St. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing), which are tax deductible, for the Yard Sale with all proceeds going to support the Center.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Bittersweet time

The Staples' TV commercial in which a Dad is positively gleeful as he buys back-to-school supplies for his two glum children is good for a laugh.

It's true that hurried parents, especially those who work full-time and are faced with daycare issues in the summer, are happy to see September roll around again.

While others, who enjoyed two-plus months of lazy days with no set schedule, must readjust to hectic mornings, alarm clocks, after-school activities and homework.

In either case, while our children are school-aged we don't always appreciate that those days are numbered. We get caught up in going here and there, and everywhere – often compressing as much into our available time as possible. That's especially true for those of us who can't be stay-at-home Moms or Dads, and must pack all the homework help, youth sports and music lessons into our "free time."

Then seemingly before we know it, we're attending our last high school or college graduation and we start communicating with our children by email. The only contact we have with school buses is when we're stuck behind one on our way to work.

The summers come and go, and the patter of little feet, smelly ice hockey bags, and sandy Mickey Mouse beach towels are all gone. When we see Moms with coffee cups in hand, waiting at the end of the street for the school bus until it collects their first-grader or Kindergartner, we're a little envious.

Where did the years go? Did we do it right? Did we spend enough time just kicking up our heels with our kids? Did we lie down on the grass together and figure out which clouds looked like dinosaurs or elephants? Did we play cards at night as a family? Or, was it all one big blur?

We always thought of September as the "beginning" of the year for our family. The new school year provided a time to reassess, plan and prioritize. With new teachers, new schedules and new interests – it was an exciting time. Still, those elementary, middle school, high school and college years, all went by much too fast.

So as the pace picks up, try to keep everything in perspective. Enjoy these moments while you can and make some happy memories.

— Mary Ford
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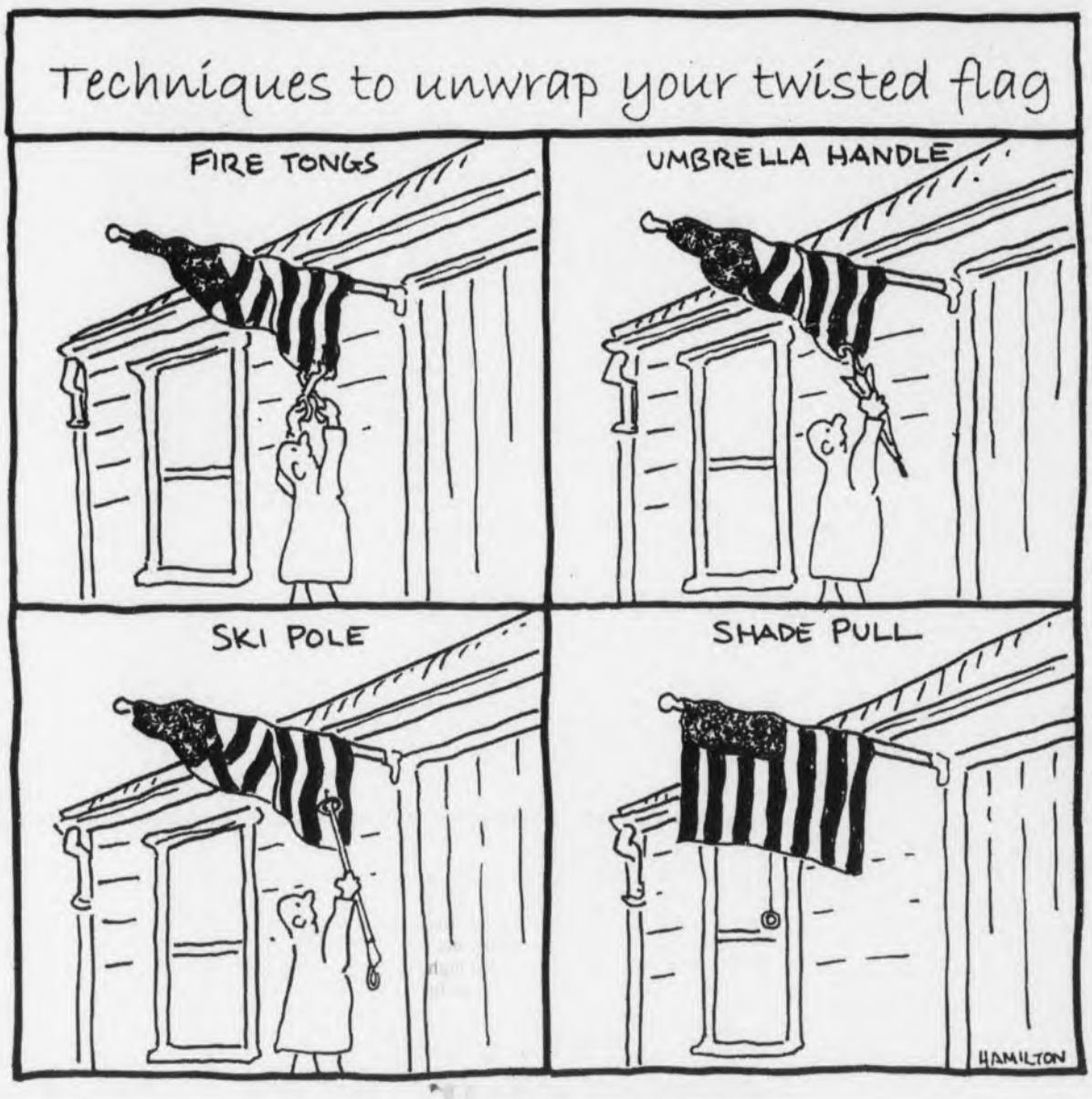

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

40B consultant

TO THE EDITOR:
Mr. Chittick, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Cohasset

Dear Mr. Chittick,

I am writing to you concerning AvalonBay's 40B project scheduled for review by the Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 16. I recently attended an information meeting held by Cohasset Action, the newly-formed grassroots group opposed to Avalon's project as currently proposed.

It became clear to me at that meeting that regardless of one's opinion about the merits of the project, the town of Cohasset should allocate significant financial resources to the review process, such that complex technical questions can be fully understood and aired out during the review process. I urge you, as chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to request from the Board of Selectmen the necessary financial resources to hire any consultants that could aid the ZBA in its review process.

I understand that the role of the ZBA is to review the proposal in the context of applicable Massachusetts General Laws and that the ZBA, especially in the light of Chapter 40B "anti-snob zoning" regulations, has many limitations placed upon it. It is my understanding, however, that the ZBA has a once in a lifetime opportunity to work with the developers, so that if the project does go through, it is one that Cohasset can live with. In order to work most efficaciously with the developer, I respectfully urge you to request that the town hire any and all consultants that can aid the ZBA in shaping the project in the best interests of the town of Cohasset.

Jack Buckley
272 North Main St.

Editor's note: This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

Objects to photos

TO THE EDITOR:

The Aug. 22, 2002 issue of the Cohasset Mariner features pictures of Kate Bosworth and other young women on the front page. We are supposed to be proud of this?

Some people appear not to understand that as they display their bodies in public, they are being exploited and used themselves.

The evil consequences are all around us.

Owen O'Malley
29 Sohier St.

Runway is at political crossroad

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

The airlines overextended and hung their fate on inflated business fares.

I've been helping send out a fundraising appeal to protect the South Shore from being a pressure valve for Massport jet pollution. We are in an interesting political moment. Massport pushed runway expansion hard during the economic bubble. It proposed that pollution go "over the water," i.e., the unsuspecting South Shore towns. The expansion has FAA approval, but the bubble has burst. The airlines overextended and hung their fate on inflated business fares. In the meantime, town governments, Bob Hedlund and Garrrett Bradley and many South Shore residents have become experts on aviation impacts. Now is the time to press our case in the courts and the media – that communities not be ravaged for the sake of an aviation industry that is itself in need of deep reconsideration. Citizens, pollution and noise experts, former EPA and Transportation officials, a former governor and key cities and towns found that Massport's environmental data and claims are not reliable enough to bet our futures on.

Many people are disturbed that Massport's plans to use the South Shore as a pollution dump will lower real estate values. Statistical studies support it, but the battle is grittier and more vital than that. The South Shore's fundamental value, monetary and otherwise, is quality of life. Everything we cherish is incompatible with round-the-clock jet noise and jet fuel combustion. Over two years, the Town of Hingham will have spent far less than the median price of a home in Massachusetts on the issue. Tens of thousands of hours of volunteer work have been invested in preparing the South Shore and its political leaders for the long-term fight. Last Friday, I went to a delightful fundraiser for the South Shore Jet Pollution Council in Hull. The "Hullapalooza" Music Festival dance party leads us into a new spirit of making the Logan impacts problem a seamless part of our long-term political *and* social life. Public and private funds and volunteer time are needed in the mix, as complements to political prowess.

Our goals are clear. 1.) The South Shore's established land uses have priority over jet operations. We have proposed routes to the FAA that protect the South Shore without hurting others. 2.) Any plans that significantly alter land use, public health, air and water quality, noise levels and property values belong before our elected officials, Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, Zoning Boards and Boards of Health. 3.) We need to be where it is an advantage that the facts are on our side. We need the transparency and accountability of the courts.

Our real advantage, long term, is that Massport is trying to take from us something – our public health and our sense of place – that we can't afford to lose. A savvy, well-respected Hinghamite told me recently, "I don't think people realize this is a 'war of money!'" She said that when they do, they will rise to it. I am going back to addressing envelopes.

Mary Ann Frye is a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council. You can visit the council's Web site at: southshorejetpollution.org

Share your thoughts on 9-11

The events of Sept. 11, 2001 are permanently etched in the minds and hearts of all Americans and people everywhere.

On the upcoming first anniversary of the terrorist attacks, the Cohasset Mariner is inviting voices from the community to express your thoughts about where you were and how you were affected by Sept. 11.

How have you been changed personally by Sept. 11 and how has the community and the country been affected? What about your family and children? Do you approve of how the government has responded to the terrorist threat? What are your personal recollections of where you were on Sept. 11 and what you were feeling?

Signed responses and essays (of a reasonable length) may be sent to the Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham, MA 02043. They may also be emailed to mford@cnc.com. Fax to 781-741-2931. Youngsters in elementary school and older are also invited to give their thoughts. Responses will be published in the Sept. 12 issue of the Cohasset Mariner.

Swift loses zest for Corner Office

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government ending Aug. 23

Not for the first time, and not for the last, it was suggested last week that while Acting Gov. Jane Swift decided not to run for a full term in her own right, she's apparently still out to remove "acting" from her job description.

Swift, it seems, has been spending an eyebrow-raising, headline-provoking number of days at her home in North Adams. This news comes after a summer when the drop off in energy and activity in the administration became obvious to everyone who works on Beacon Hill. The most direct evidence was the lack of fresh or dramatic strategies floated from the Corner Office as Commonwealth officialdom struggled with a balance sheet that went from a $500 million surplus to a $3 billion deficit in 12 months.

This frequent absence from Boston continues a syndrome that began in mid-March, when political reality drew Mitt Romney into the race and Swift out of the picture. After her tearful withdrawal from the race, in a practical sense she really wasn't governor anymore. She was the person holding the office — and to be sure, doing her best to solve the budget problems — during the campaign to choose her successor.

That campaign waged full-tilt last week, even though most of the people who will decide it probably spent more time cursing the Red Sox bullpen or wondering if it was time to tan the other side yet than pondering who's got the best approach to stabilizing the Massachusetts public pension fund.

Still, Romney unveiled a new program to deal with crime, including the end of lifetime judicial appointments and the posting of sex offender information online; Warren Tolman won his first significant endorsement, from the Sierra Club; Senate President Thomas Birmingham pounded the airwaves to convince voters who are paying attention that his experience makes him ideally prepared to be governor; and Robert Reich said he will put his religion first, and not campaign on Yom Kippur, Sept. 16, even though it falls the day before the Democratic primary.

Swift once thought she'd be in the center of the campaign clamor come August. Instead, she found herself in the quiet of the Governor's Council chamber, telling reporters: "I have, like many other governors, at times been present at cabinet meetings, and at other times you communicate with them in different ways."

One has to struggle not to empathize with Swift's seeming loss of focus. You'd have to not be human not to lose some zest for your job after going through what she did in March, and despite what you may have heard on talk radio, Swift is human. Still, at this point, reporters, lawmakers, staffers and bureaucrats alike are waiting for Nov. 5, Election Day, and then Jan. 2, Inauguration Day, for the government to start moving again. A lot of people suspect Swift is too.

All that said, it was hardly as if everyone was absent from the State House, and the passage of a $30-million-plus pending bill proved it.

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• A bill to cover over-budget spending at state agencies passed the House last Thursday evening. The lawmakers shepherding its progress weren't available to give a final bottom line. The bill filed weeks earlier by Swift totaled about $31 million. Lawmakers met behind closed doors for most of last Thursday and in the early evening they emerged and added millions of dollars in new spending authorizations to the bill, as well as dozens of outside sections. It all went down at an informal session skipped by the vast majority of House and Senate members.

• The Massachusetts office to promote re-use of contaminated urban sites had won praise in its professional sphere, but that wasn't enough to immunize it from the effects of a $2 billion budget problem. Environmentalists and former officials at the office expressed dismay.

• Just like the homeowners now refinancing to trim mortgage costs or make home improvements, the state money management bureaucracy was again buoyed by the new low interest rates available as it retired higher-interest bonds. The latest refunding will cut future debt service costs by about $32 million.

• A member of the Governor's Council urged Acting Gov. Jane Swift to begin filling judgeships and clerk magistrate positions, noting she may have as many as 45 judicial appointments to make and should avoid a "feeding frenzy" in the final weeks of her tenure later this year.

Councilor Mary-Ellen Manning said that "in so far as possible," Swift should make her judicial appointments known before the November elections to give candidates for governor time to be heard on nominees. Through a spokesman, Swift refused to be pinned down to any timetable and said she won't rush or delay nominees. Some of the posts have been open for more than two years. Swift has made just five picks this year.

• John Moscardelli, a Boston lawyer, never got to attend a Massachusetts Turnpike Authority board meeting the first time he was named, but he will now. Swift appointed Moscardelli to the newly expanded board Aug. 21. A new law increased the number of turnpike board members to five from three. Swift still needs to name a member from MetroWest under the law's stipulations. Board chairman Matthew Amorello said the four-member board wouldn't meet until a fifth member is named and only Swift knows when that will be. So once again, the turnpike board is dysfunctional, at least temporarily.

• Some rates are quadrupling under a legal settlement between the state and ambulance companies, adding $19 million annually to the Medicaid program's already exploding budget. Ambulance companies summoned to help sick or injured Massachusetts residents covered under Medicaid will receive between $141 and $387 per trip, plus mileage charges, depending on the nature of services provided to patients in ambulances. The settlement was disclosed in the state's latest statement to bond holders.

• Members of the Public Health Council said Massachusetts residents struggling with drug and alcohol problems will be well-served by a new licensing requirement the board approved Aug. 20. It stipulates that unless exempted, anyone providing substance abuse counseling services must get a state license, certifying they've received competent training to help those in need. Council members said the rule will bring a higher degree of professionalism and, hopefully, success to the field.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

Little League World Series

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Little League baseball has been pulled back from the brink — at least in these parts — and it took a team of 11- and 12-year-olds from Worcester, of all places, to do it.

I thought for a while there that the 56-year-old World Series of the prepubescent set was about to sink without a trace under the sheer weight of scandal, brewed up, of course, by the adults who run the games.

The Worcester team, named for Jesse Burkett, a member of Baseball's Hall of Fame from the 19th century who lived in that city, changed all that with a stroke of their aluminum bats, and if they didn't win the title, they gave us something to cheer about.

Little League public relations has fallen on hard times lately.

Last year, the problem was Danny Almonte, who pitched a no-hitter for the Rolando Paulino Little League All Stars from the Bronx, only to be forced to give it all back when it was discovered that he was really 14 years old, which is why 12-year-olds had trouble hitting his fastball.

Little League officials had to go all the way to the little town of Moca in the Dominican Republic for a copy of the hand-written birth certificate that showed he was born in 1987, not in 1989, as it said after his father got through tampering with it.

On the eve of this year's series, even as the youngsters were arriving in South Williamsport, Penn., the team from Harlem, N.Y., was accused of recruiting three of its best players from outside its district. The charge was investigated and proved to be false.

Also investigated was a charge that two coaches of a Little League team in Kearney, N. J., had encouraged their kids to throw a game to their cross-town rivals to give the rivals a better chance to move up in the regional playoffs.

Controversy is no stranger to Little League.

A team from Zamboanga City in the Philippines had to be disqualified in 1992 after winning the World Series when league organizers confessed that their team was really a national All-Star team with eight players from outside the Zamboanga City limits.

A team from Tainan City on Taiwan raised eyebrows when it cruised to the world title in 1973 by overwhelming a team of American Army brats from Germany, 18-0; Tampa, Fla., 27-0; and Tucson, Ariz., 12-0, without allowing a hit in all three games.

When a team from Kao Hsiung on Taiwan won again in 1975, drubbing New Haven, Conn., 16-0; Tallmadgee, Ohio, 11-0; and Red Bluff, Calif., 12-1, the powers that be in Williamsport banned foreign teams from further appearances in the World Series.

"A World Series with only an American team participating can hardly be a World Series," said the chairman of the Taiwanese Baseball Association logically.

"If you can't beat 'em, ban 'em," wrote American sportswriters, or derisive words to that effect.

The ban lasted one year.

Taiwan was back in 1976 and won five straight championships, but when Little League officials announced they would strictly enforce residency rules in 1997, Taiwan, winner of 16 World Series titles in 28 years, quietly withdrew from the tournament.

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

GOOD VIBES

BOB WHITNEY

"Hurry is not of the devil; hurry is the devil," noted psychologist Carl Jung had said.

At a recent Chamber of Commerce business breakfast, I was sitting next to a lovely looking and very successful woman business executive. In the course of conversation, she proceeded to tell me of her family life: SUV car-pooling, club soccer practices and games, basketball workouts, swim team, private violin lessons, church bake sales, PTO and an endless list of trips and activities that would make your head spin. The pace of her life and her family's was frantic.

She could tell from my body language that I was getting exhausted by listening to this list of activities. She paused, looked me in the eye and then offered out loud, "Do you think I'm going too fast? I just don't know how to slow down!"

She was obviously reaching out for some advice and I couldn't resist the opportunity to share my thoughts about her bout with the dreaded "hurry syndrome."

We are rich in things, but very poor in time. One of the great illusions in these times is that hurrying will buy us more time.

I paused for a moment and then simply offered, "You must aggressively eliminate hurry from your every day life."

She smiled and offered her thanks and then quickly turned away and started a conversation with a nearby female acquaintance.

I have concluded for quite some time that the life we lead and our physical and mental well being are dependent upon how successful we are at eliminating the hurry in our daily living. For most of us, we have become too distracted, rushed and preoccupied with "things," that we are settling for a lesser quality of living—we are skimming our lives. We are rich in things, but very poor in time. One of the great illusions in these times is that hurrying will buy us more time.

Hurry is the enemy within—a struggle to accomplish more or participate in more events in less and less time, all in the face of opposition, real or imagined from others. But why do so many of us continue this sprint to hurry when in actuality, we would be much better off seeking less?

How do we remove ourselves from the fast lane? How can we slow down?

• Schedule daily blocks of quiet time for yourself—away from others.

• Reflect upon those people who you are most grateful for—a collage of gratitude.

• Spend time helping others who are less fortunate.

• Share love and laughter with your spouse and friends.

Take the time to observe a regular rhythm of withdrawal from activities, events and routines. Enjoy the peace of solitude and the love of those closest to your heart. Eliminate the hurry from your life and cherish the time.

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Tiny hummingbirds — jewels on the wing

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Hummingbirds are truly remarkable. They resemble miniature helicopters. They are the smallest birds in the world. They have been called "Jewel birds". Their heart beats 1,260 times a minute while active. Their wings beat at a rate of up to 80 beats per second. There are about 325 species of them in the world, 18 species appear in North America, but only the Ruby-throated Hummingbird is found east of the Mississippi.

Hummingbirds can hover, fly backwards, sideways, straight up or down and even upside down. This is because, unlike other birds, their wings can move in a figure-eight pattern. They are known to be able to fly at least 27 miles per hour, but when the wind is right, they probably can go close to 60 miles per hour.

Hummers have relatively long bills, frequently decurved. Their tongues are very long and can be extended well beyond their bill. These tongues are grooved, tubular at the end, and have a brushlike structure at the tip. Nectar from flowers is not sucked up as through a straw, but moved along the tongue through capillary action. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds often feed on sap flowing from holes drilled by Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers in birch trees.

Nectar supplies their carbohydrate needs, but for protein they eat small insects and insect eggs. Some they glean from leaves and branches, some they "hawk" by darting from a perch into a swarm of tiny insects flying by. They must feed every few minutes all day long to keep going. When the weather is chilly, or if food is in short supply, hummingbirds can lower their metabolism at night, achieving a state of torpor, thus needing less food. In this state their heart only beats around 50 times a minute, and their body temperature decreases by about half.

One thing people notice right away about hummingbirds is the iridescent plumage on their head and gorget, which is the area of feathers covering their throat. Iridescence occurs because of the way feathers are structured, allowing light to be reflected only at certain angles. This is why the colors of hummingbird feathers sometimes look black instead of bright red or purple or green. Males are more apt to have brightly colored gorgets than females.

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Such a tiny bird constructs a tiny nest. The female builds its nest on a branch, using soft materials such as hair, rootlets, feathers, and thistle or dandelion down. Spider webs hold it together and lichen is put all around the outside, helping to hide it from view. Usually two eggs are laid, which hatch about two weeks later. Babies are fed by regurgitation.

Hummingbird feeders come in a wide variety of sizes and shapes, designed to feed one bird or as many as six. Because hummers are drawn to bright colors, especially red, feeders usually have some sort of red decoration on them. It is not good to put red dye in the fluid, however, because of possible toxicity. A mixture of boiled sugar water in the ratio of one part sugar to four or five parts water is best. Sweeter than that can cause liver damage. Honey ferments faster than sugar and develops a fungus that can be deadly to the birds. The solution should be changed at least once a week and the feeders cleaned with a 10 percent bleach solution. Some people worry that if they keep their feeders up too late into the fall, hummingbirds will linger too long and succumb to cold temperatures. The trigger for migration is in the length of daylight, so feel free to keep your feeders up as long as the birds come.

Hummingbirds defend their feeding territories aggressively and will chase away birds, even much larger ones, with great vigor. Planting red or brightly colored flowers, especially tubular ones, is a good way to attract hummingbirds. Their method of feeding accomplishes pollination, another asset. Beebalm, salvia, trumpet vine, columbine and jewelweed are just a few of their favorite plants.

Hummingbirds like other birds are faced with hazards. Of course, they must contend with bad weather. Some drown while migrating over water. They can get caught in spider webs. Fish and frogs have been known to pick them out of the air as they fly over water. Although they are fast flyers and good at maneuvering, there is some predation by larger birds.

A few North American hummingbirds winter over in the southwestern, or even southeastern, part of the United States, but most spend the winter south of the Mexican border. Males usually migrate before the females. By doubling their weight first, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds manage to cross the Gulf of Mexico, a distance of some 600 miles, without being able to stop for food along the way.

There are even special days and events staged in honor of hummingbirds. Sept. 7 will be International Hummingbird Day in Abita Springs, Louisiana. The 14th Annual Hummer/Bird Celebration will take place in Rockport and Fulton, Texas Sept. 12-15.

In this area, identification of any hummingbird is easy, because except for extremely rare vagrants, we only see Ruby-throated Hummingbirds. Any confusion is usually with large Sphinx Moths. Also young male ruby-throats can be mistaken for females, since they do not develop their red feathers until later. It sometimes takes a while to find the best place to put a feeder or the best combination of flowers, but when you do, you will be in for a treat.

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Female ruby-throated hummingbird feeding babies at nest.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

School board backs retirement incentive

Selectmen asked to revisit issue for custodian

By Brian J. Scully
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The School Committee has given new life to school custodian Kevin Soule's desire to retire under the state's early retirement program..

Initially, under the recommendation of the school department and in accordance with the regulations of the early retirement program, the town decided not to offer the option to Group 1 employees, which includes the school maintenance workers. But last week, the School Committee voted unanimously to ask the Board of Selectmen to reconsider its decision to exclude Group 1 employees, opening the door for Soule's participation in the program. The town had already included two Group 4 retirement. Those retirements were slotted for firefighters, because they would be replaced by paramedics, which would allow the town to raise ambulance rates, more than covering the cost of the early retirements.

"The guy's been working for 35 years," said School Committee Chairman Richard Flynn. "The state put the early retirement option out there and I think it should be available to him."

Elizabeth Soule, Kevin's sister, sent letters to the school department and Board of Selectmen, asking that her brother's eligibility be reconsidered.

"Some towns didn't (adopt the legislation) at all," said Elizabeth Soule. "If they were going to do it, they should have done it fairly in the first place."

The program is intended for use as an alternative to layoffs for cash-strapped towns, ideally allowing early retirement to the individual and savings to the town by reducing workforce. But the legislation also allows the town to make moves that will benefit the town financially, under which the firefighter decision fell. The selectmen had the power to adopt the measure because it was enacted after the last town meeting and the deadline for acceptance was before the fall's Special Town Meeting.

After receiving Soule's letter, School Committee Chairman Richard Flynn approached Town Manager Mark Haddad about the possibility of the School Committee making a further recommendation to the selectmen.

If the Board of Selectmen decided to approve the inclusion of Soule into the program (Soule has the most years of creditable service of any Group 1 employee in town) it will cost the school department $7,000.

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For Supt. Edward Malvey, the School Committee's decision to support Soule was the "decent thing to do."

"It was never anything I was personally opposed to," said Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey, noting the financial impact of having to hire a new employee. "But upon further consideration, I feel that it is the right thing to do."

Contacted last week, Selectman Tom Callahan felt confident that the town dealt with the issue properly.

"I think the board acted appropriately and we dealt with this out in the open," said Callahan. "Mark (Haddad) and Mike (Buckley, the town accountant) thoroughly researched the pros and cons of the financial benefits of what we are doing. And I think that there is a misconception out there that this law is just for anyone who wishes to retire early to retire early, and that is not what it is there for."

According to Malvey, the financial burden still exists, but the school department will have to absorb those costs.

"There is a liability on our part, because of the financial responsibility," said Malvey. "Had we known well in advance, we could have budgeted this in."

Flynn feels that despite the cost, Soule deserves the option to retire.

"It's going to cost us some money," said Flynn. "But I think that is part of the early retirement package. Kevin Soule was the most senior member (of Group 1) so that option would be available to him given his seniority. It worked out to his benefit and everybody is happy."

According to Haddad, the selectmen will take up the issue at their next meeting.

"It will be on the selectmen's agenda on Sept. 10," said Haddad.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Palmer talks about taxes, the economy

An experienced businessman with an extensive background in budgetary cost control and fiscal management, Nathaniel Palmer, who is running for state representative, discussed how he intended to use his background in a legislative capacity at a coffee attended by more than 70 local residents last week. He said current legislators seem lacking in the area of fiscal responsibility. Palmer cited the recent passage of a $3,300 per year tax specifically on seniors paying for nursing home care, while simultaneously spending hundreds of millions on wasteful initiatives, such as a convention center unable attract business.

"It is to outrageous to impose such a burden on the most vulnerable members of our community, yet still find money for such unnecessary items as the expansion of the Boston Convention Center," explains Palmer. "This tax was so cowardly and unnecessary, it serves only to demonstrate how far out of hand matters have gotten on Beacon Hill."

At the meeting Palmer laid out his legislative agenda formed on three principal areas: Community, Family and Economy. Palmer spoke of the importance of local control over such as issues as land development and education, the need for real consequences for dangerous criminals, and the opportunity for employment on the South Shore.

Palmer laid out a specific plan to encourage job growth on the South Shore which would add revenue to both state and local coffers, as well as reduce the significant social consequences we all face with the majority of South Shore families having to spend as many 30 hours a community to work.

Bradley names new campaign manager

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, held a successful open house this past week at his campaign headquarters. The headquarters is located at the Sons of Italy Hall on Route 3A at the corner of Kilby Street, just one-quarter mile from the Hingham Rotary.

"The campaign headquarters is the heart of our campaign," Bradley said. "I have met many wonderful people who have dropped by or called my headquarters to voice their concerns on issues like education, development, and taxes. I look forward to meeting and listening to all who come by to share their concerns with me."

Bradley also announced the hiring of Steve Burm as his campaign manager this week. Burm, a recent recipient of his masters degree in Business from Fitchburg State College, and his family are long time residents of Hingham.

Bradley was elected to the House of Representatives in 2000. During this first term, he has distinguished himself as a strong, independent voice for our district. Bradley has fought for critical local issues such as more local control over Chapter 40B developments, additional funding for the school building assistance program and improvements to our local infrastructure. He has also stood up to House leadership and supported the will of the voters by voting against a freeze in the income tax cut as well as against attempts to kill the voter approved Clean Elections Law. Bradley lives in Hingham with his wife, Heather, and their two daughters.

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Circus Camp (b)rings them in

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Aaidan Dale is the strong man at the Circus Camp Show last week at the Community Center.

Billy Harrington does a cartwheel as campers learn about circus arts and performance at Circus Camp.

Charlie Krumsick performs on the high wire.

Jessie Lyons throws a kiss during "If You're Happy and You Know It."

Courtney Reilly in the Parade of Stars.

Billy Harrington as the lion.

Nicholas Rosen is the ringmaster.

Colin Dale sings "I am special."

Ryan McDonell sings "Little Duckie Duddle."

Hayley Ardizzoni shouts "Hurray!"

Paige Carrabes sings "I'm Nutty" in the Acorn Song.

A place where everyone knows your name

Local residents own Hull nightspot

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Good music and dancing and a family atmosphere are only a few of the reasons regulars at the Sea Note music club in neighboring Hull say they return again and again.

The club at 159 Nantasket Ave., owned by Hingham residents Joe Phillips and Paula Dillon, incorporates some of the strong points (such as good service) — and leaves out all of the weaknesses (like using plastic glasses) — the couple experienced at other music establishments before buying the Sea Note eight years ago.

"It's one of the best spots on the South Shore," said Dennis Brundige of Hull, who has frequented the popular club for a couple of years.

The cover charge, ranging from $5 to $14, depending on the band, falls well below many other clubs, and there is no drink minimum.

"It's a pretty good bargain considering cover charges in Boston, parking, and the overall hassle," Dillon said.

The season runs from April to mid-December, with local, regional, and national groups featured. The Sea Note is open from April to mid-December Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., with special shows on some Sundays.

Coming from different backgrounds — Phillips with Coast Guard and Dillon with social worker experience — the couple found they were both "into music."

"We've both loved music since childhood," Phillips said. "I've collected records since then."

His interest in music isn't surprising considering his mother was a singer with a band covering a four- or five-state area in the late 1930s and 1940s.

Initially, the couple wanted to open a club in Salem, but when that didn't work out, they kept looking.

Although Nantasket Beach wasn't their first choice, space was available there to open the Sea Note in a building that had housed clubs since the 1960s.

"We had been looking for so long that we thought we should give it a shot," Dillon said.

As it turns out, they couldn't have chosen a better place. The Sea Note has been a popular club since it opened eight years ago.

"As long as the crowd is happy and dancing, I'm happy," said Phillips.

In deciding they'd like to open a place of their own, the couple desired to offer an urban type of music club — "national and headline regional acts such as you find in Cambridge and Boston geared toward an older crowd, a place Joe and I would like to go to ourselves," Dillon said.

And that's exactly what they did. Customers range in age from 25 (although it's mostly an over-30 crowd) to ones like youthful and dapper "regular" James Hayward, 87, of Hingham, who was recently thrown a birthday party at the club.

"Nature just brought me here because of my love for the beach," he said. "It's a unique place because it draws people of all ages from different walks of life."

Dillon can't say enough about the classy gentleman.

"He's our mascot and can outdance all of us," she said with a smile. "The big part is that no one feels out of place, regardless of their age."

Two other birthday parties were hosted at the Sea Note during regular hours that week as well.

"We were actually giving cake away," Dillon said with a laugh.

Customers range from bikers to bankers, and there's a peaceful coexistence among those who frequent the club to have a good time, simply listen to "roots music," and those who dance the night away.

"The music has to be danceable. The Sea Note is very upbeat and comfortable, with a party atmosphere," Dillon said. "It's high energy but without trouble. There's a lot of dancing. It's not just a listening room. People of all abilities come here to dance, so the music has to be upbeat."

Both couples and singles tend to feel comfortable at the club.

"The Sea Note has a 'Cheers' mentality," Dillon said. "A lot of regulars, including women, come in by themselves because they know the staff will keep an eye out for them and they often know the people who come here."

As a result, Phillips said, the club provides a "safe haven for women" who don't want to be hassled.

"If someone tells a staff member they'd rather not be bothered by someone, that person is asked to leave," he said.

The names of featured groups would pull even the most skeptical potential customer inside out of sheer curiosity – Slippery Sneakers, Love Dogs, Fat City, Sleepy La Beef, Groove Juice Symphony, Paul Rishell and Annie Raines, Loaded Dice, Young Neal and the Vipers, the Bellevue Cadillac, and Room Full of Blues founder Duke Robillard.

Customers, who average about 150 per night, run the gamut from those who buy a few drinks to non-drinkers. All types of people seem to be drawn to the Sea Note's unique appeal.

So far this season, the club has hosted two world-famous national blues acts, Magic Slim and also the Teardrops, in addition to James Montgomery, Deborah Coleman — who was nominated as best blues guitarist for the W.C. Handy awards, the Academy Awards of blues — and '70s icon Commander Cody.

On one occasion, Cody, whom Dillon affectionately calls a "left-over hippie," locked his keyboard in the trunk of his vehicle. Showtime was close when a local music store provided a keyboard on short notice.

"It's like a comedy of errors," Dillon said, referring to what sometimes goes on behind the scenes, unbeknownst to the eagerly waiting audience. "As it turned out, a locksmith and the keyboard both arrived at the last minute, and the show went on. We always seem to find what we need."

Another time, a national act fired its drummer en route to the club, leaving a gap in the band.

"Amazingly enough, our sound man was a drummer and was able to fill in," Dillon said.

Phillips and Dillon pride themselves on the fact that the Sea Note doesn't offer "electronic screaming rap."

Besides that, what makes the Sea Note special in the owners' eyes?

"We definitely have relationships with our customers," said Dillon. "The staff remembers names, and the bartenders remember what kinds of drinks they like. People are friendly. It's not an anonymous club."

There is no rigid dress code.

"Some people come in clothes they wore to a wedding, others are less formal," Dillon said. "There's not a lot of pretense or an attitude like 'I'm too cool for words.'"

STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Joe Phillips and Paula Dillon, owners of the Sea Note in Hull, relax at home with official club mascot, Jake.

Phillips and Dillon can be seen socializing with customers — Joe talking and Paula dancing — and having as much fun as they are.

The walls are filled with reproduction posters from all eras: Cream, Muddy Water, Billie Holiday, Santana, and a Beatles poster from their 1965 Lynn, Mass. performance.

There are even photo collages of happy customers.

"People ham it up and say, 'Take our photo,'" Dillon said with a smile. "It helps people feel at home."

Customers, who come from as far away as Halifax and Plymouth, never know whom they might run into — neighbor, member of a town board, long-lost friend, or high school buddy from 20 years ago.

Many customers hear about the Sea Note by word of mouth.

"It beats any form of advertising," Phillips said.

Longtime bartender Eric Peters of Scituate, in his trademark plaid hat, has noticed a change to an "older crowd" during the past few years as well as a lot of new faces.

"With all the new restaurants and hotels in the area, people are bumping into us," he said. "It's basically a polite crowd. The regulars like to whoop it up, but they're not rude about it."

Deborah Morreale misses the Sea Note when it closes during the winter.

"We can't wait for it to reopen," she said. "There's nowhere else to go."

She introduced her sister, Kerry Daigler, a former Sea Note employee, laughingly explaining that Kerry "liked it so much here, and was having so much fun she wanted to be a customer instead."

Counseling on dealing with loss offered

Last Tuesday evening, Aug. 20, just one week after a beloved member of this community, Paul J. Trendowicz, died as a result of an accidental drowning, a program, for all parents, was held at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

The facilitators of this program "Talking With Your Child about Loss" were Barbara Green, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist and guest speaker Maria Trozzi, M.ED. and Director of the Good Grief Program, at Boston Medical Center. Trozzi is an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine who worked with the families of the Columbine High School and World Trade Center disasters.

First, Green and Trozzi explained how death is understood differently by various ages. Developmentally, age 3-5 think death is reversible. The most important thing we can do for this age, to deal with death, is to be consistent and make sure routines are in place. At ages 6-9 they understand that death is not reversible, but do not think it could happen to them. They think death happens to someone old, very sick or someone careless. For this age, adults need to make the unmentionable, mentionable. Allow children to ask questions. Take cues of what to say from the children. Ages 9-13 have an adult understanding of death. They know that death includes everyone. In this pre-adolescent stage, their thoughts are more available than their feelings. They like to shrug it off as "no big deal" rather than to face their sadness.

Paul was a young man who touched all ages. Now questions are being asked by These various age groups. Paul had served his community service project for Boston College High School this spring at the Osgood Elementary School. Those students are questioning what happened to their friend, and parents and teachers need to know how to respond.

Trozzi suggested that if any groups, such as schools, were interested in pursuing counseling by the Good Grief program they could be in touch with her at the Boston Medical Center (617) 414-4005 and Green can also be reached at her private practice at (718)749-9227. A session was held on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at the Second Congregational Church by the Rev. Gary Ritts and Selma Ingber, psychologist, to respond to these concerns for the 12-14 age group.

These presentations are just the beginning of addressing a life-long loss.

The community is grateful for the voluntary support of these professionals. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Trendowicz Family.

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OBITUARIES

Mary A. Campbell

Mary Aileen (McIntosh) Campbell of Cohasset, a homemaker, died Aug. 26, 2002, following a lengthy illness. She was 89.

Mrs. Campbell was a painter and piano player.

She was born, raised and educated in Ottawa, Ontario, daughter of John W. McIntosh and Blanche V. (Ford) McIntosh.

Mrs. Campbell lived in Cohasset for many years.

She leaves her husband, R. Murray Campbell of Cohasset; two daughters, Linda Jane Campbell of Cromwell, Conn. and Janet Susan Campbell of Pembroke; and a grandson, John Douglas Campbell of Pembroke.

Visiting hours are omitted and memorial services and interment will be private.

Arrangements are by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cerebral Palsy of Massachusetts, 105 Adams St., Quincy, 02169.

George M. Littlejohn

George M. Littlejohn, 93, of Cohasset, owner of the Littlejohn Supply Co. in Cohasset for 50 years, died Aug. 24, 2002 at the Bay Path Nursing Home in Duxbury following a long illness.

Mr. Littlejohn was a parishoner of the Unitarian Church in Cohasset.

He was a member of the Cohasset Yacht Club and the 210 Fleet and enjoyed sailing.

Husband of the late Flora Littlejohn, he leaves his son, George M. Littlejohn, Jr. of Cohasset; his two daughters, Andrea Lawton of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and Lisa Ireland of Tampa, Fla.; two brothers, Andrew Littlejohn of Alberdina, Calif. and William Littlejohn of Malibu, Calif; and his seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were private. Arrangements were made by the Shepherd Funeral Home in Kingston.

Herbert B. Marsh

Herbert B. Marsh, 85, of Cohasset, a seventh-degree member of The Grange, died Aug. 23, 2002 at Queen Anne Nursing Home in Hingham after a brief illness.

Mr. Marsh worked for the Cohasset Water Department for many years until 1965. He then worked for the Trustees of Reservations from 1965 to 1981 at Whitney Woods and Worlds End in Hingham. He retired in 1981.

He served with the Army Ordnance Depot Company in Hawaii during World War II.

Born in Somerville, Mr. Marsh lived in Cohasset for 80 years. He was a graduate of Cohasset High School.

Husband of the late Esther (Loring) Marsh, he leaves his son and two daughters, Herbert L. Marsh, Polly E. Marsh and Alice M. Bellefontaine, all of Cohasset.

A graveside service was held Aug. 28 in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. The Rev. Max Olmstead, associate pastor of Second Congregational Church officiated.

There were no visiting hours and funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Jock R. Roy

Jock R. Roy of Cambridge and Duxbury, a successful businessman and mentor to young people in business, died unexpectedly on Aug. 20, 2002 after collapsing at his Duxbury home of cardiac arrest. He was 59.

Born in Boston, Mr. Roy attended Noble and Greenough School in Dedham. In 1962 he graduated from Hebron Academy in Hebron, Maine where he excelled as an athlete in football and baseball. He received his undergraduate degree in 1966 from the University of Denver, winning varsity letters as a left-handed pitcher on the university's baseball team. He earned a master's degree in education and literature from Boston University in 1970.

Mr. Roy was a partner in his family's air pollution control company, Air-Tek, which had headquarters in Newton and was founded by his father, John R. Roy of Cohasset. Additionally, he was a partner in his family's highly successful electrical utility firm, the Continental Cogenertion Co., which operated power plants in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He was also part owner of the family's Cohasset Harbor Inn, formerly Kimball's-by-the-Sea in Cohasset.

His lifelong accomplishments included mentoring many young people, particularly students and young adults starting out in business. He served on the board of directors of Lobby 7, a Boston-based technology start-up and was an advisor to Mocularware, a bioinformatics company with offices in Cambridge. His love of theatre led him to become a strong supporter of the Longy School of Music in Cambridge.

An avid gardener and skier, he enjoyed clamming, the company of good friends, good literature, and he traveled extensively with his wife, Beatrice.

In addition to his widow, Beatrice K. Roy of Cambridge and Duxbury, he also leaves his son, Chad M. Jackson of Cambridge; his mother, Mary Louise Roy of Cohasset; two brothers, Stephen B. Roy of Boston and Peter A. Roy of Cohasset; and two sisters, Jane L. Roy and Ellen S. Roy, both of Cohasset; and several nieces and nephews.

Funerals services were private. Funeral arrangements were made by the Hickey Funeral Home of Cambridge.

Contributions in Mr. Roy's memory may be made to the Jock Roy Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Attorney Nan Giner, Hale and Door, LLP, 60 State St., Boston 02109.

Grace H. Enos

Grace H. Enos, 78, of Scottsdale, Arizona, a former longtime resident of Cohasset, died Aug. 13, 2002.

She was the daughter of the late DeForest H. and Celia (Morrissey) Jones of No. Weymouth.

Mrs. Enos was a retired registered nurse and a graduate of Mt. Auburn Hospital. She completed post-graduate nursing courses at Boston College and Salem State College.

A former Girl Scout leader, she was very active in the local Girl Scout community for many years.

She enjoyed baseball and traveling and accompanied her family to spring training camp each year in either Florida or Arizona.

She leaves her husband, William D. Enos; two daughters, Anne E. Enos and Karyl S. Enos, both of Scottsdale.

Donations may be made in her memory to Joslin diabetes Center, Development Office, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.

Benjamin Francis Curley

Benjamin Francis Curley, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died Aug. 26, 2002. He was 75.

Born at home on Norfolk Road, Mr. Curley graduated from Cohasset schools and entered military service after graduation.

He worked for the D.S. Kennedy Co. and the J. J. Henry Co. in Cohasset for 13 years during the 1950s and 60s.

He was employed by the Town of Cohasset as superintendent of the Water Department for 25 years, retiring in 1989. He also worked for the town in other capacities on a part time basis: a special, intermittent police officer for 25 years, sealer of Weights & Measures, census taker, and on the Private Ways Committee.

He was active in several organizations including holding the office of past commander and life member of the American Legion Post 118, Cohasset; life member of the V.F.W. Post 9146, Cohasset; life member, Massachusetts Water Works Association, life member, New England Water Works Association and life member of the Plymouth County Water Works Association.

He served with the U.S. Marines for three years during World War II. He served in the Pacific Theatre of Operation for two years and was attached to Marine Garrison Force, guarding Japanese POWs on Guam. Other assignments included Subic Bay in the Philippines, Shanghai, China, both Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan and in Kodiak, Alaska.

He was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the U.S. Air Force for four years. He spent 20 months in Korea with the Fifth Air Force's 18th Fighter Bomb Wing and the F-51 Mustangs' 1973rd AACS "Dogpatch."

He was also in the U.S. Army Reserves for four years with Recon Company, 94th Infantry Division.

His military service ribbons included the WWII Victory, WWII Occupation, WWII Good conduct, UN Service, Korea, the Korea Service Medal with Star, Korean Presidential Citation and the Korea War Service Medal (Korean Government-approved in 2000).

Mr. Curley was the husband of the late Anne (Rooney) Curley, and leaves his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Peter Litchfield; and his son and daughter-in-law, James and Lillian Curley; his mother, Christine (Jacome) Curley; and his five grandchildren, all of Cohasset. He also leaves his sister, Margaret Eaton of Raynham and his brothers, Edward Curley of So. Daytona, Fla. and Lawrence Curley of No. Stratford, N.H.

A funeral Mass will be held Friday, Aug. 30 at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset with the Rev. John R. Mulvehill, Pastor, officiating.

Visiting hours at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St., Cohasset on Thursday, Aug. 29 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Donations may be made in Mr. Curley's memory to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham 01701.

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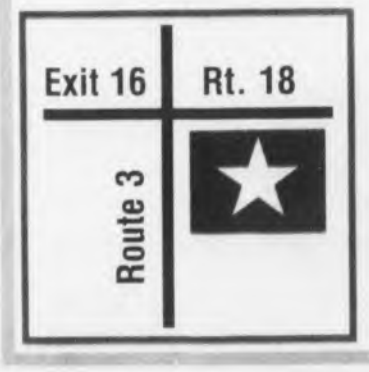

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Cohasset's Joe Durkin tries to pull in this diving catch at football practice last week.

Are you ready for some football?!?

By Mike Spellman
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Payback is a...well, you know what. It's not too pleasant.

Hull took its lumps last year, but it looks like it will be the ones dishing out those lumps in 2002.

SOUTH SHORE LEAGUE FOOTBALL PREVIEW

The Pirates played several teams tough last fall, but finished with a record of 3-4-3 (2-2-2 in the South Shore League). From this team, only three seniors were lost, all starters but none irreplaceable. Halfback Jamie Stillman was the top ground gainer in 2001, but veteran coach John Anderson reportedly has a stable of athletes ready to compete for ball-lugging duty, and senior quarterback Kevin Silva returns with a solid year under his belt.

"Hull is the team I think most of us are looking at at this point as the one to beat," conceded Norwell coach Jim Sullivan. "I think we'll give them a run for their money, though, and (league co-champs) Cohasset and Abington should be pretty good again too, and you can never count out Carver."

The 14th year head coach also noted diplomatically that Mashpee, a school that has not been all that competitive on the gridiron (to be kind) in recent years, could "surprise"

Hull featured one of the SSL's most stingy defenses last year (12.8 points against per game), and that unit should be even better this year with so many of the principals being a year bigger and more experienced.

"When a team returns that many quality players with experience it puts them that much further ahead of other teams, especially at the beginning of the year," offered Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe.

Most of the SSL teams are hoping to eliminate much of their experience shortfalls in non-league play. Cohasset does not open league play until game 5 on the schedule on Oct. 11 (hosting Carver). Ditto for Norwell, which hosts Mashpee on that Friday night date.

"I think, when it's all said and done, you're going to see a very balanced league," assessed Rolfe, whose team doesn't square off with Hull until the Thanksgiving finale. "We've got some time to work out the kinks before we start in on the league."

"I think it could be a real interesting year," offered Sullivan. "I'm not ready to concede anything to Hull or anyone else, and I think that's what you'd hear around the league. We all have strengths, we all have areas of concern, and it's a long way to the end of the season."

It is safe to say that no other league in eastern Massachusetts has gone through more changes over the past decade than the South Shore League. With the high school football season rumbling towards its first weekend, the SSL has yet another new look to it. Even through all the changes there has always been one constant in that the South Shore League remains one of the most competitive leagues in the state.

A decade ago, the South Shore League showcased

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They're baaack

Last year's rebuilding paves way for big field hockey campaign

By David Ingber
CORREPONDENT

Often times, when a coach says that it is a "rebuilding year," this is just a euphemism for low expectations. In the case of the Cohasset field hockey team, however, last year's retooling was just what the program needed to prepare for a run deep into the post season in 2002.

In the fall of 2000, there were 12 seniors on an incredible team that charged its way through the schedule in coming away with a 14-1-1 record. The only regular season loss was to eventual State finalists Hanover, who won the SSL over the Lady Skippers. And the team that bumped Cohasset from the playoffs, Martha's Vineyard, edged Hanover in the Sectional championship game.

In a school of Cohasset's size, where serious turnover of players is inevitable, it is nearly impossible to sustain that level of success. That is what led to the 2001 rebuilding year.

The 2001 Lady Skippers did have five seniors on the squad, but the devastating loss of 10 starters was too much to overcome, and the team fell just one tie away of a sea-level record to qualify for the state tourney. The bulk of that team, though, was made up of juniors and sophomores who are now upperclassmen with varsity experience.

This fall, 11 seniors will lead the field hockey program, which now draws more girls to tryout than ever before. Over 45 girls will combine to make up the varsity and junior varsity rosters, signifying how strong the program has become.

Leading the way will be senior captain forward Heather Peraino, the top scorer on the team last year and second leading scorer as a sophomore. She gained plenty of winning experience as the only non-senior who started for the 2000 team. With a hard shot and great playmaking ability, Peraino will make a strong run at becoming the league's best goal producer.

Helping Peraino up front will be seniors Sarah Dennis, Rachel Smith and Sarah Brady, who all very quietly racked up impressive assist totals in 2001. All three served as great passers last season and will no doubt continue to put pressure on opposing defenses this fall.

In the midfield, senior Lindsay Grossman and junior Frannie Noble both showed an ability to play both ways last year, combining speed with

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Cohasset High soccer hopeful Craig Laugelle flips the ball over his head with a rainbow kick.

Coming up just short

12- year old softball team falls in championship game heartbreaker

By Robert Spofford
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The CYBSA girls softball program completed its summer season with teams competing in the 10, 12 and 14 and under divisions. All the programs had great success, especially the 12 and under team, which concluded its season by competing in the inaugural Duxbury Invitational Tournament.

With teams from Rockland, Brockton, Randolph, Kingston and Duxbury participating, the Cohasset team rode the pitching duo of Virginia Spofford and Christina Pinkus, along with some timely hitting from Marissa Tangherlini and Laura Campedelli, into the finals, where they faced Kingston.

To reach the finals, Cohasset played host Duxbury in the first game, where Christina Pinkus pitched a 1-hit, 11-strikeout complete game to pace the 11-4 victory. Solid contributions were made by Haley Haracz behind the plate and Anna Haggerty at short stop. McKenzie Durkin, Haley Haracz and Christina Pinkus all contributed by combining to score six of the 11 Cohasset runs.

Virginia Spofford took the mound in the second game against perennial power Rockland, and pitched a complete game 3-hitter to earn the win in the 10-5 decision. She put down the first eight batters she faced and 9-of-11. She received tremendous support in right field from Marissa Tangherlini, who had three unassisted putouts. Marissa also contributed with a bases loaded triple to straight away center in a six run third inning that broke it open.

Other solid contributions were made by Kristen Monoco behind the plate and Laura Campedelli at second. Kristen Monoco, Carley Zappolo and Rachel McMorris combined for 5 of the 10 Cohasset runs.

In the third game, Cohasset had another challenge from a larger program in Brockton. Cohasset came out of the box firing with Anna Haggerty leading the way in a 5 run first inning. The first five Cohasset batters all scored. Christina Pinkus took the mound and pitched solid, with Brockton coming back with five runs in the bottom of the third to make it a 7-5 game.

Cohasset responded again with the top of the order scoring four more runs, led once again by Anna Haggerty and Marissa Tangherlini. Virginia Spofford earned the save by coming in to pitch the final inning, striking out the side to seal the victory for Christina Pinkus and Cohasset, 13-8. Solid contributions were made by Lauren Mack who had a spectacular running catch in Center Field and Lindsey Hill at third who had a number of put outs along with scoring two runs in two at

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The Cohasset 12-and-under softball team.

Sailing club wraps up season

On Sunday, Aug. 25 the Cohasset Sailing Club ended its 2002 sailing season with its annual Awards Ceremony recognizing accomplishments of its junior and adult sailors, as well as service to the Club.

A record number of 27 children passed the Helmsman's Test. The multi-step exam measures competency on the water in tacking, sail trim, docking, safety, and other skills.

In the club's closing ceremonies a number of achievements were announced.

In a carefully executed experiment, each 12-year-old sailor was matched with an instructor as mentor. This pairing accelerated the learning process and the number of kids passing the test.

Vice Commodore Sandy Crough led the implementation of the mentor program.

"We need to tweak the mentor program but it has tremendous potential," Crough said. "Next year we will extend the program to the younger children's groups."

The innovation aims at heightening the club's future racing competitiveness and increasing the number of qualified recreational sailors.

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Are you ready for some football?!?

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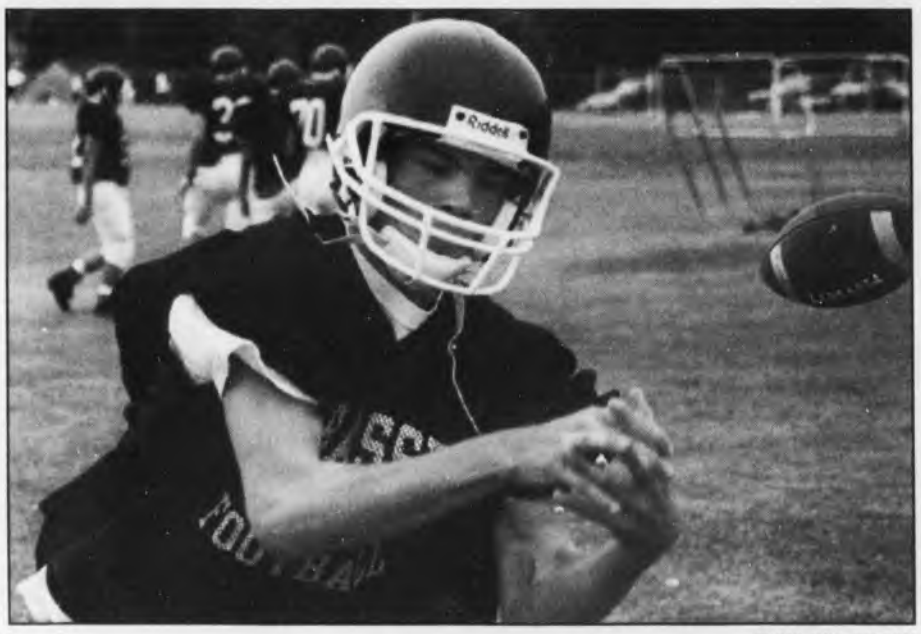
one of the toughest league schedules in the area. Each team's schedule was an eight game gauntlet that could be compared to the Hockomock or Bay State League schedule. Over the course of the past few seasons, old standby's East Bridgewater and Hanover have moved on to the Patriot League, while Norton will be playing their first season in the Tri-Valley League in 2002. Second year participant Mashpee has been the only addition to the league since Norton entered back in 1989.

The South Shore League is now down to six teams in Abington, Carver, Cohasset, Hull, Mashpee and Norwell. This new six team league will also be moving down a division into a remodeled Div. 5 that coincides with the MIAA's realignment for post-season play. The new Div. 5 also includes the Tri-Valley, Catholic Central Large, and Commonwealth Large League.

The deck has been reshuffled and that has left a wide open race for the league title. In the early nineties East Bridgewater was king of hill and the baton was past to Norwell in the late nineties. Since Norwell's last of three straight league titles in 1999, Carver in 2000 and Abington and Cohasset in 2001 have gone on to grab the league crown. For Carver it was their first and Abington and Cohasset's shared title was their school's first since the early eighties.

The 2002 season should see the same type of wide open race it saw in 2001 for the title, with most returning a lot of experience, while others expect strong replacements for last year's graduates.

"I think you can easily say that most of the teams in this league are only going to get better and improve on what they did last year," said Abington head coach Jim Kelliher, who will be entering his 29th season. "Teams like Carver, Hull, Norwell and Mashpee are bringing a lot of experienced players back. Cohasset and us (Abington) lost some real good players, but I think we both have good players that are ready to step in and take their turn."



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Whoops! A hard thrown pass slips through the fingers of Cohasset's High's Casey Colman at practice last week.

WATD's Bill Wilhelm, who has been covering area high school football games for the past two decades, agrees with Kelliher.

"Each team seems to have a very talented roster," he said. "I think that this may be a more competitive and enjoyable year for the South Shore League than last year if you can believe that."

Here's a breakdown on some of the 2002 South Shore League football teams:

Norwell

The Clippers return the bulk of their skill position talent, but must find replacements for five-sixths of their starting offensive line, including South Shore League All-Stars Tim Hunt, Tom Hannon and tight end Brent Smith.

"We're moving a lot of guys in and out and seeing what they can do tight now," said Sullivan this weekend, six days after opening camp. "It looks like that will be a lot of the focus for the next few weeks, but I'm trusting that (longtime offensive line coach/miracle worker) Al (Kassatly) will put something pretty good together before the games get here."

The rebuilding of the line begins around senior John Chappell, one of the league's most dominant interior players on both sides of the ball last year. Senior Bob Drummond, who was also lost for much of last season to a broken leg, is also back looking to reclaim his starting spot.

Also lost to the caps and gowns were top notch split end Ted Hughes and leading rusher (1,200 yards) and scorer (12 TDs) John Coleman.

Of course, junior Andrew Faranick was actually the team's leading rusher through four games last season, with a couple of 100-yard plus efforts under his belt, when he was knocked out of action by a case of mononucleosis. Starting fullback Joe Doyle is also back for his senior year, coming off a 500-yard season, and senior Brendan Feldstein and junior Frank Granara both gained valuable experience as wingbacks and in three back sets last year.

The Clippers rotated quarterbacks John Mohan and Steve Sullivan all of last season, sending in a new play with the fresh QB on every down, and Sullivan has no plans at this time to mess with that proven formula.

"They both did a good job last year, and being able to talk to one on the sidelines at all times was a nice bonus," said the 14th year head coach.

Several of these players will also be looked to on the other side of the ball. Chappell and Drummond appear entrenched up front. Granara, Faranick and Doyle are incumbents at linebacker, as is senior Matt O'Donnell. Mohan and Feldstein were regulars in the defensive backfield last year, and they've impressed back there in the early going, as have Terence Bohan and Greg Thornton.

Cohasset

The defending champion Skippers lost 12 seniors from last year's team that went 9-2 (with the 22-6 playoff loss to Tyngsboro) last season, including leading rusher and scorer Jason Brown (15 TDs and 1,400 yards rushing) and fellow league all-star Paul Previte, the team's top tackler from his middle linebacker spot.

The line on both sides of the ball was also hit hard with the graduations of Wil Prendergast, John Hussey, Brendan Goff, Jari Martin, Marc Musco and Chris Caron, as was the defensive backfield, with Dave Bouchard and Eric Libby now off to college.

Fifth year coach Tony Rolfe remains relatively optimistic, however, no doubt owing to the fact that five of his six top offensive performers return, led by SSL All-Star quarterback Mike Snowdale. All Mike did last year as a junior was throw for 14 TDs and 1,200 yards, both stats ranking him among the top Div. 5 QBs in Eastern Mass., and he'll have his favorite targets back this fall in juniors Chris Bilodeau (another all-star) and John Durkin and senior tight end Tom Anderson, along with hard hitting and running junior fullback Braun Goodson (6-2, 220).

Goodson has been tabbed to take over the lead runner responsibilities this year, with sophomore Ted Straughn (also a baseball and hockey standout) the favorite to step into the starting fullback spot.

Also likely to figure into the skill position mix are senior Chris McKenna and juniors Sean Connelly and Mike Dooley, all of whom performed well in spot duty last year.

"People say we're kind of a finesse team, and that might be so, but I think we've got some linemen who could step up and really be heard from this year," said Rolfe.

No doubt that the hits to the line on both sides of the ball were palpable, but returning senior all-stars Ben Lynner and Cosimo Camby should provide strong anchors this season. Junior Stephen Davis will also return to a starting role. Rolfe used most of his linemen on either offense or defense this past fall, Cambi being the lone exception. Worst case scenario, one figures he could always use these three standouts on both sides of the ball this season.

The addition of three sensational senior athletes – Matt Davis, Ian Kidder and Nick Spirito - who did not play football last year should add needed depth.

Abington

Under 29-year head coach Jim Kelliher (120–150–7), Abington will be looking to reprise last season's performance, which ended in an 8-2 record and a share of the South Shore League championship with Cohasset.

A year ago, Abington used its solid depth to rotate most of their front seven players on defense and will bring a lot of experience back on both their offensive and defensive lines. Junior quarterback Brian McSharry and senior running backs Greg Anderson and Adam Bowser will look to replace a group of outstanding skilled position players from last year's title team. McSharry may prove to be the breakout player of the year in the SSL.

While the Green Wave did lose some key players, particularly SSL All-stars Mike Miller (defensive back), Bob Lacerda (running back), Matt Bryan (quarterback), and linemen Tom McSharry, Justin Egan, and Christian Allen, several of Kelliher's starters return to the 2002 Abington roster.

The top returning starter core for the Green Wave are seniors Anderson (RB/DB), Bowser (RB/LB), Joe Hall (G/DL), Cole Barrett (G/LB), Brendan Kelliher (T/DL), Ben Melville (TE/DE), Kevin Iacobucci (C/DL). Other returning lettermen include seniors Shane Crowley (QB/DB), Paul Chartier (SE/DB), Jeremy Russell (RB/DB), Dave Ross (T/DL), Justin Macaluso (G/DL), and Tom Dion (TE/DE), Kevin Spaulding (RB/DE), and juniors McSharry (QB/DB), Cory Taylor (T/LB).

Among Abington's strengths this season will be its offensive and defensive line, as much of last year's returns, as well as team defense as a whole. Any weaknesses would be the team's lack of a kicking game and inexperience at skill positions.

Kelliher says he is confident that Abington has a shot at repeating what it accomplished a year ago. The Green Wave will play one of the toughest schedules in the SSL, with non-league games that include Hanover, Rockland, Whitman/Hanson and Williams (a private school in Amherst).

Carver

The Crusaders took a big step back from their 9-1Super Bowl season of 2000 with last fall's 2-7-1 finish, but the good news is several skill position players return, including runners Mike Howes and John Madore and quarterback Keith Houlie.

Seniors Greg Reighter and Matt Spaulding anchor a line which should be stronger on both sides of the ball..

Hull

Yikes!

Only three players total were lost to graduation, and though all three – top runner Jamie Stillman, wideout Ryan Clark and 250-pound lineman Phillip Vallaincourt — were regulars, none is considered irreplaceable, especially to a quality veteran coach like John Sullivan (12th year).

Hull featured one of the SSL's stingiest defenses last year (12.8 points against per game), and that unit should be even better this year with so many of the principals — seniors Mike Foley, Lucas Lally, Joe Grieco, Greg Fleck, Mark Saville, Josh Mele, Pat McCarthy and Chris Yarus — being a year bigger and more experienced.

Mele and Fleck will also anchor the offensive line for the third year in a row, and Greico and Lally are reportedly just two of several quality candidates to carry the ball. Fullback Mike Foley is another.

That's a lot of support for a quality veteran quarterback like Kevin Silva, whose back with a solid year's experience under his belt.

Mashpee

Yikes again…but not in the good sense: 0-6 in league, 0-10 overall, outscored 59-231. The good news is it probably can't get worse for the Falcons in year two of their South Shore League foray. Then again, this did mark the second straight winless season for the Cape team.

The graduation of quarterback Jeff Young certainly doesn't help the building process, nor do the losses of key two-way linemen Tom Holmes and Kyle Hunt.

However, the Falcons do return several starters for their senior years, so overall experience is a plus. The lines — featuring the likes of Mike Royko (210 pounds), Pat Kwedor (225 pounds), Mike Mahoney (225 pounds) and Ryan Merrigan (220 pounds) – may be among the elite in the SSL.

Correspondent T.J. Byrne contributed to this report.

South Shore League- 2001 final standings

	overall	Lg.	PF/PA
Cohasset	9-1	5-1	184/70
Abington	9-1	5-1	227/86
Norwell	7-3-1	4-1-1	191/86
Hull	3-4-3	2-2-2	91/128
*Norton	4-6	2-4	106/230
Carver	2-7-1	1-4-1	136/195
Mashpee	0-10	0-6	59/231

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The 12-and-under team enjoys a picnic between games at the recent Duxbury Invitational Tourney.

Coming up just short

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bats.

With these three victories Cohasset earned the number one seed entering the second day single elimination, which was a huge advantage given the hot weather conditions.

In the semifinals, Cohasset again faced Rockland. This team also proved no match for the pitching of Christina and Virginia, who combined on the mound in this 19-7 victory which ended after 4-fi innings under the mercy rule. Christina stuck out 9 of the first 11 batters she faced.

Cohasset batters showed tremendous patience at the plate, as the Rockland pitchers had control trouble, which played a big part in the 19 runs over 4 innings. Kristen Monoco was solid again behind the plate, as were Haley Haracz and Carley Zappolo at first base, sharing the defensive responsibilities.

Marissa Tangherlini continued her offensive display by scoring three runs and knocking in three more. Laura Campedelli who also had three RBIs.

The finals came down to Cohasset and Kingston, both teams 4-0 heading into the final game. Christina Pinkus again took the mound and dominated the Kingston players through five innings by striking out 10 of the 15 batters she faced.

Kingston was able to squeeze two runs over with the combination of solid bunts and steals after a couple of walks.

On the other side, Cohasset was driving the ball hard but right at Kingston players, who displayed tremendous defensive skill all around the infield and outfield.

Cohasset clung to a 3-2 lead through four complete innings, with Virginia Spofford scoring two runs with some heads up base running. Marissa Tangherlini was again around the ball, scoring the other run. In the top of the fifth, Kingston was able to get it going and brought in five runs before Christina was able to strike out the side. Cohasset continued to find the Kingston players in their half of the inning and were unable to bring anything across.

Virginia Spofford came on in the top of the 7th[h] and helped to keep Cohasset close by shutting Kingston down with a strike out and two rollers back to her, which she converted to Haley Haracz at first.

The bottom of the 7th is when the excitement began. Christina Pinkus lead off with a walk and was doubled home by Laura Campedelli with a solid shot over the third base bag. Haley Haracz worked a walk, bringing up Kenzie Durkin, who lined a solid grounder down to third where the Kingston player just knocked it down to get Laura Campedelli at third.

With the players moving, Kristen Monoco grounded out to first, advancing Haley and Kenzie to second and third. With two outs, Lauren Mack smacked a solid single up the middle, scoring two to pull Cohasset back to within a pair at 8-6.

Lauren stole second on the next pitch, putting herself in scoring position. Sally Meehan came up and sent a solid shot to left center that the Kingston player just missed getting her glove on to score Lauren, who was moving on the pitch, making it 8-7.

With the tying run on second, Carly Zappolo drove a ball between short and second that on any other day would have made in through the infield. However, it was snagged with an excellent defensive play and she was nipped at first to end the game.

While there was some disappointment in the Cohasset dugout, that quickly changed once they all realized what they had accomplished and how far they had come in their first two seasons of travel ball. Prior to this, there had been no organized program.

The complete roster for the tournament was Laura Campedelli, McKenzie Durkin, Anna Haggerty, Haley Haracz, Lindsey Hill, Rachel McMorris, Lauren Mack, Sally Meehan, Kristen Monaco, Christina Pinkus, Virginia Spofford, Marissa Tangherlini and Carley Zappolo.

New regional lacrosse program for junior high boys at Hanover YMCA

A first-of-its-kind regional lacrosse program for middle-school and junior high boys will be launched this September by Cohasset High varsity boys' coach Kevin Orcutt.

The program, to be held Sundays at the Hanover YMCA complex at Mill Pond, will be open to any South Shore player interested in improving both his individual and team skills, said Orcutt.

"Eventually, we plan to develop this as a group that will enter age-appropriate tournaments during the off-seasons and in summer," said Orcutt, who coached Cohasset to the state finals in 2001 and the quarterfinals last spring, and led a pair of Bay State Games gold-medal winning teams in 2001 and 2002.

The program – which will be called Hawks Lacrosse – begins on Sunday, September 15. It will run as a 10-week session this fall.

The program will go from 9 am until 11 am each Sunday. The total program cost will be $90 per player. Players will be expected to bring their own equipment, including stick, helmet, gloves and shoulder pads.

Players and their parents who would like to pre-register for the program can do so by calling Coach Orcutt at either 781-837-7764 or 617-827-4160, or by e-mail at kocoach4@aol.com. Registration forms will be available at the Hanover Mill Pond YMCA on Sunday, September 15 at 9 a.m.

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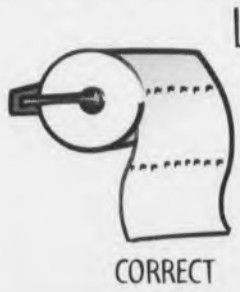

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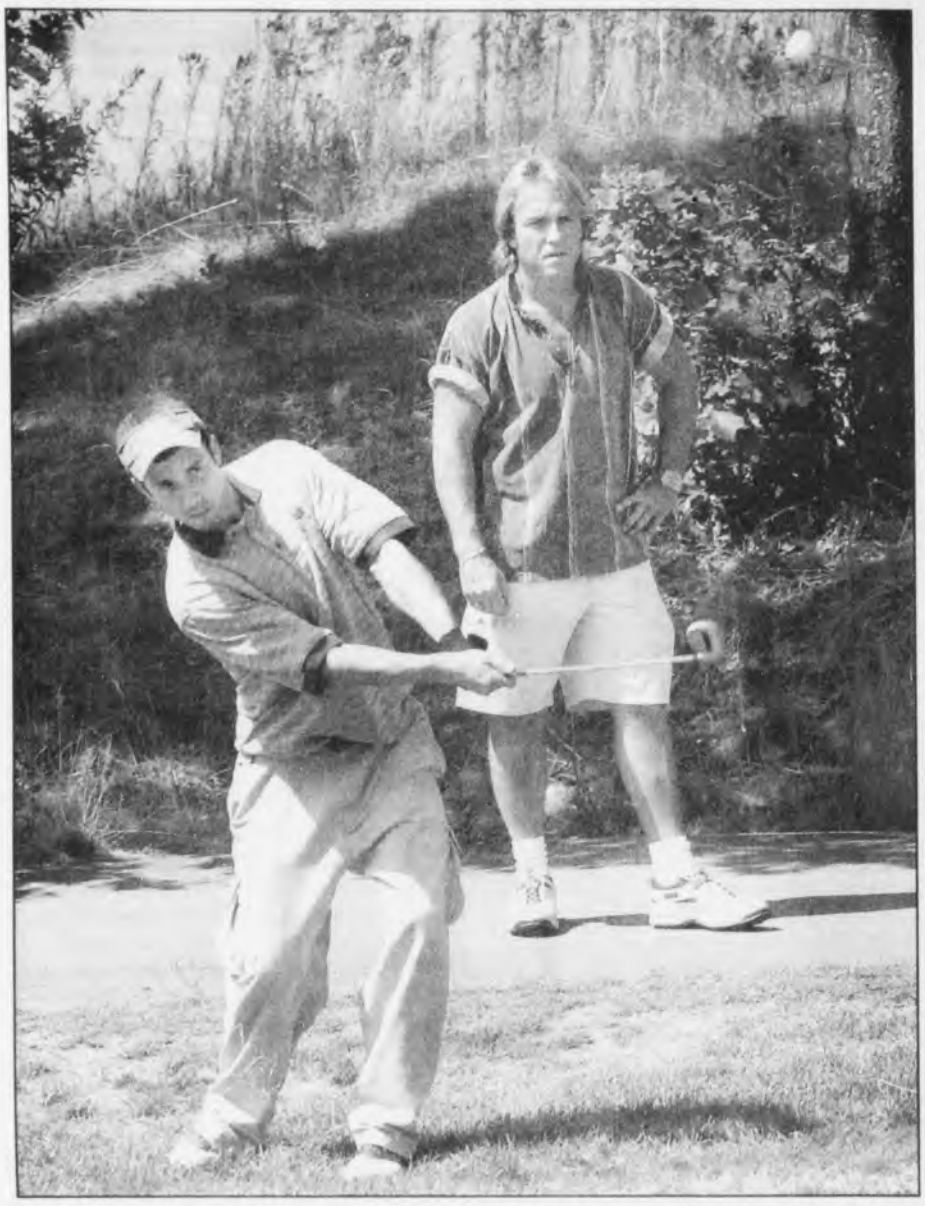
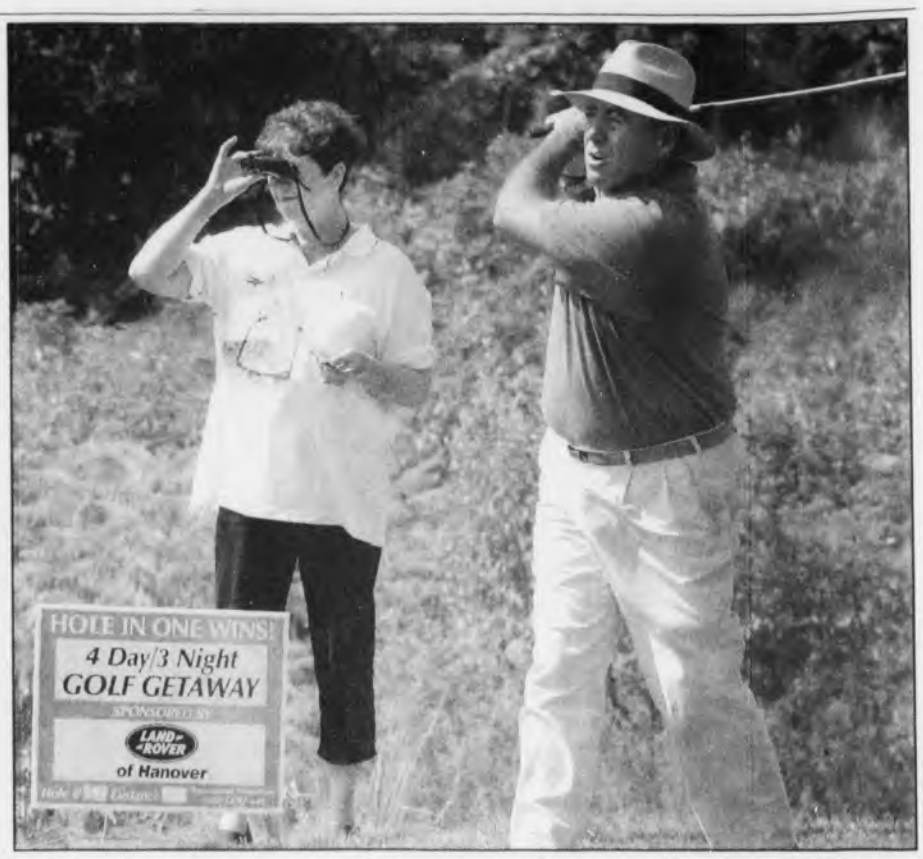


Joe Mancuso chips to the 10th green as playing partner Michael Haywood watches. The second annual event benefits the new community center planned for the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem Road.

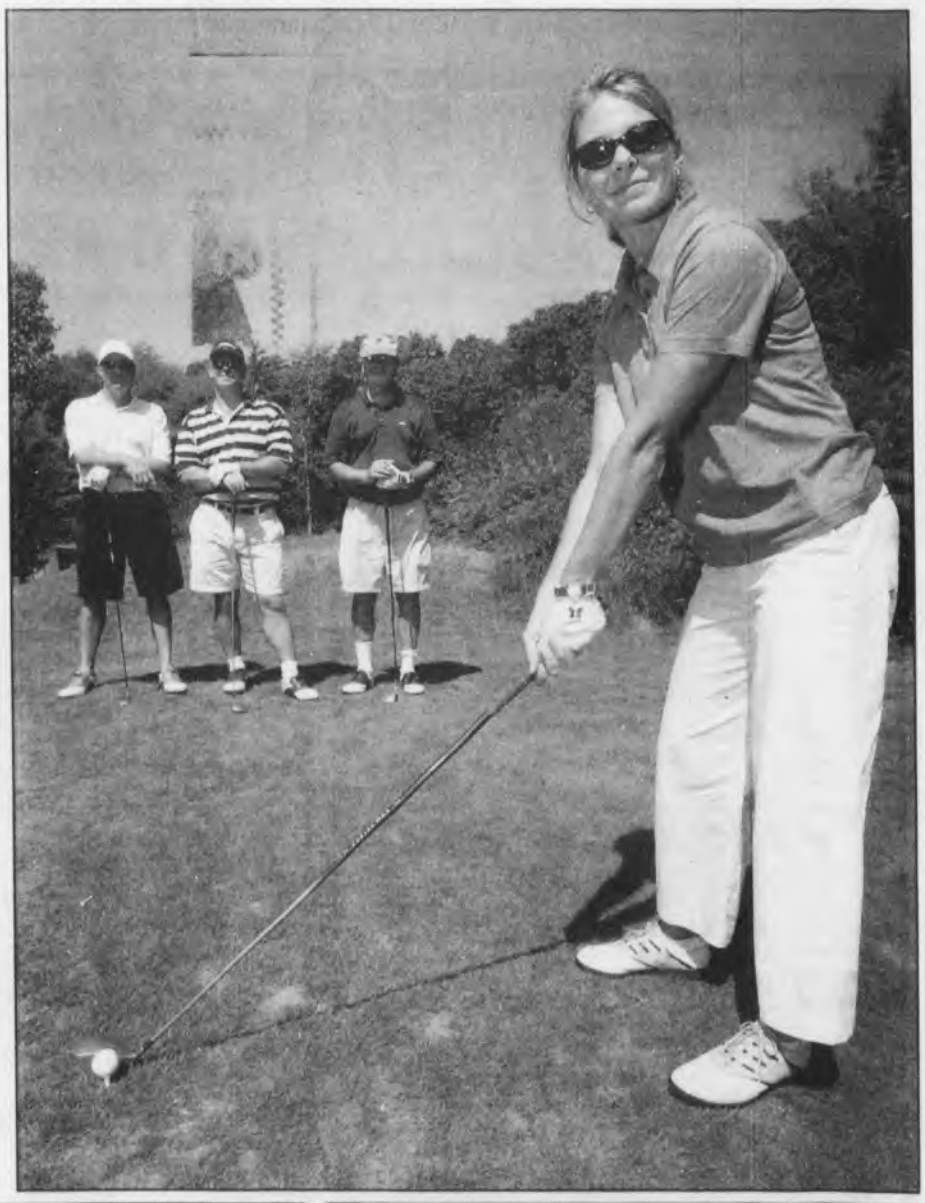


Mike Russell of Cohasset tees off the 17th hole where a hole-in-one would win you a $75,000 boat courtesy of 3A Marine Service in Hingham. Joan CaraDonna uses binoculars to verify a hole-in-one.

Peter Leneweaver putts in the best ball competition at Widows Walk while his brother Andrew, father Gerry, and Jon Adams check his line during the annual Panagia Golf Classic to benefit the new community center at the Greek Church in Cohasset.

Above: George Alex of Cohasset watches his tee shot fly toward the hole in the hole-in-one competition for prizes on the 11th. Proceeds from the tournament go toward the new community center at the Greek Church. Groundbreaking for the new center is slated for Sunday, Sept. 8.

At right: Cheri McCarthy sets to tee off on the 12th hole with partners John Forshay, Frank Hillard, and Allen King waiting their turn. After golf, participants enjoyed lunch at the Barker Tavern.



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Participants in the Cohasset Sailing Club's Mentor Program gather at the entrance to the Club's docking area. Back row: Instructors John DeWaal, Jr. (left), Matt McLaughlin, Robin Cunningham, Julie Shea, Pete Maitland, and Erin Clancy. Front: Skippers Christianne Leger (left), Lydia Delaney, Olivia Kimla, Katina Martone, Ryan Connors, Samantha Fortin, Justin Connors, Alexander Shipp, and Ryan Crough.

Sailing club wraps up season

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Commodore Bob Deutsch credits Crough, herself a product of the children's program, with its smooth implementation.

"Sandy knows sailing curriculum cold," he said. "She also has a great handle on how kids learn and the strengths of her staff. She counted on employee flexibility and they came through for her in a big way."

In the club's closing ceremonies a number of achievements were announced:

The Peter H. Greenman Award for Exceptional Volunteerism was given to Peter Pescatore.

The Roger Porter Cup for Adult Racers was awarded to Michael Ellis in the Mercury Class and Kevin McDonnell in the Flying Scot Class.

In the Stanton Series for children skippers and parent crew, First Place went to Nate Porter skipper with Jim Porter, Second Place to Cam Cunningham skipper with Bob Cunningham, and Third Place to Ryan Crough skipper with Sandy Crough.

In the Waaser Cup competition, Alex Hunt skipper with Ben Massotta came in First, while Samantha Fortin skipper with Olivia Kimla earned Second Place.

The Herb Towle Award went to Lisa Musto.

The Congdon Trophy went to the First Place Team of Ryan Crough, Cam Cunningham, and Nate Porter, while Alex Hunt, Natalie Hunt, and Alison Costa were awarded Second Place.

The following junior sailors passed the Helmsman's Test: Meg Anderson, Justin Connors, Ryan Crough, Cam Cunningham, Charlie Czerkawski, Lydia Delaney, Evan Deutsch, MacKenzie Durkin, Samantha Fortin, Michael Grimm, Amanda Hurd, Christopher Kuppens, Olivia Kimla, Christiane Leger, Eric MacCarthy, Katina Martone, Claire McCarthy, May McCarthy, Caroline McElhinny, Cliff Musto, Emerson Oronte, Sam Parker, Nate Porter, Alex Shipp, Molly Trahon, and Adam Yeager.

The Award of Excellence was given to Max Shipp (Sailor I), MacKenzie Hart (Sailor II), Conor Ofsthun (Mate I), Danny Brady (Mate II), Ryan Crough (Skipper), and Alex Hunt (Captain).

Most Improved awards were given to Fiona McBride (Sailor I), Sean MacCarthy (Sailor II), Natalie Hunt (Mate I), Adam Hunt (Mate II), Samantha Fortin (Skipper), and Sam Kusek (Captain).

Please forward any Cohasset Sports information to Sports Editor Mike Spellman
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SPORTS NOTES

Middle School sports notes

Meetings and physicals

Physicals will be available to athletes who need one on Wednesday, Sept 4, at 3 p.m. in the Middle School's Nurses' Office.

There will be a pre-season meeting for all Middle School athletic teams – football, field hockey and boys and girls soccer — on Monday, Sept. 9, with all practices scheduled to get underway on Tuesday, Sept 10. Locatiosn and times will be announced in school.

Any questions should be directed to Middle School Athletic Director Torin Sweeney or High School Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

Soccer coaches sought

The Middle School Athletic Dept. continues to look for coaches for both the boys and girls soccer teams.

Any one who is interested in either of these positions should call Middle School Athletic Director Torin Sweeney or High School Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

Indoor Lacrosse back In Hingham

South Shore Sports Center (in Hingham) will be hosting a Fall/Winter indoor lacrosse program for all youth levels (Grades 3 – 8). Program includes staff coaches, league certified referees, skills development and regulation games, competitive playing conditions, and convenient hours (doesn't conflict with other sports ! !). This a great way to sharpen your skills or get an introduction to the game while having fun playing on a full-sized astro-turf field. **Registration deadline for the first session is September 3rd** and play begins on Friday September 13th. Individual and team applications are available at the SS Sports Center (or by email) by calling 781-740-1105.

Starland opens to local HS athletes

As local high school sports programs begin to gear up for the coming year, the new owners of Starland Sports & Fun Park want to get involved.

Starland owners have sent letters to the high school principals and athletic directors of Hanover, Silver Lake, Marshfield, Scituate, Norwell, Cohasset and Hingham, offering each a variety of community contributions.

Free access to driving range and batting cages

Starland's driving range and batting cages will soon become available to area high school varsity and junior varsity golf and baseball programs for periodic free use. "We view the facilities here at Starland as valuable community resources. We want to make them available to young athletes free o charge," said Starland principal Peter Morin. "We are already scheduling several local golf teams for their fall practice times."

Activity fees for local high school students

Starland also plans to work out programs for payment of local student access fees for its employees. "Keeping reliable employees is very important to a successful operation," General Manager David Sale observed. "We believe that a young man or lady who is involved in school activities and is eager to work part-time and summers for Starland is someone we want to reward. Paying his or her activity fees is just one way of doing that."

Financial contributions, fund-raising for boosters

Starland has also committed to purchasing advertisements in local varsity football and hockey programs; and will make the Starland facility available to boosters clubs for their fund-raising efforts. "Starland is a natural venue for boosters clubs to hold fund-raising activities and events, and we think we can help them raise significant funds for their programs," said Morin. Starland's weekend ride packages will be made available to area boosters at significant discounts, enabling boosters to sell the packages for face value and bank the difference. "Imagine, area kids can make significant contributions to their sports programs and ride go-carts at the same time," said Sale.

The Starland facilities will be made available weekend days throughout the fall. Area boosters club directors should contact Sale or Morin directly at Starland by calling 781-826-3083.

Last year's rebuilding paves way for big field hockey campaign

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conditioning to spread out opponent's wingers.

Defensively, senior Sera Genovese started every game last year as the goalie, and made visible improvements over the course of the season. She even saw some varsity time in 2000, making her another third year varsity player. Recording shutouts in four of the Lady Skippers seven wins last year, Genovese could well receive strong All-Star consideration this season.

In front of Genovese will be a host of seniors and juniors who had success shutting down some offenses last year. They even kept Div. I team Silver Lake from taking a single shot in the final game of the season.

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The Arlington Advocate

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2nd Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Matt Gunderson*
3rd Place	Spot News Photo	*Ellen Bullock*

The Beacon-Villager

3rd Place	Front Page	*Staff*

Bedford Minuteman

2nd Place	Sports Photo	*John Walker*

Belmont Citizen-Herald

2nd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Susan Tordella-Williams*
2nd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Susan Tordella-Williams*

Beverly Citizen

1st Place	Educational Reporting	*Maggie Mehaffey*
3rd Place	Special Award	*Staff*

Boston Herald

1st Place	Editorial Cartoon	*Jerry Holbert*
1st Place	Infographics	*Jeff Walsh*
1st Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Tom Farmer and Dave Wedge*
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2nd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
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3rd Place	Front Page	*Staff*
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3rd Place	Illustration	*Gustavo Leon*
3rd Place	Living Page or Section	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	General Excellence	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	General News Story	*Staff*

Boston Homes

2nd Place	Niche Publication	*Staff*

Braintree Forum

1st Place	Spot News Story	*Robert Aicardi*
2nd Place	Editorial Writer	*Cathy Conley*
3rd Place	Editorial	*Cathy Conley*
3rd Place	Social Issues Feature Writer	*Cathy Conley*

Brookline TAB

1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Infographics	*Donna Handel*
Honorable Mention	Color Photo	*Glen Cooper*

Burlington Union

Honorable Mention	Spot News Photo	*Susan Sickler*

Cambridge Chronicle

1st Place	Photo Series	*Staff*

Cambridge TAB

Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*David Ortiz*
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The Cape Codder

1st Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Doreen Leggett*
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2nd Place	Photo Series	*Scott Button*
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3rd Place	History Reporting	*Pat Sherlock*
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Chelmsford Independent

1st Place	Photo Series	*Ellen Bullock*
2nd Place	Color Photo	*Ann Ringwood*

Cohasset Mariner

1st Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Mary Ford*
Honorable Mention	General Excellence	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Rich Collins & Alice Coyle*

The Concord Journal

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Betsy Levinson*

Country Gazette

1st Place	History Reporting	*Heather McCarron*
2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
3rd Place	Front Page	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Shannon Haley Daggett and Heather McCarron*

The Daily News Tribune

1st Place	Health Reporting	*DeAnna Putnam*
2nd Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Nikki Misra*
2nd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*DeAnna Putnam*
2nd Place	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	General News Story	*Nikki Misra*

Danvers Herald

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Myrna Fearer*
Honorable Mention	General News Photo	*Mike Mergen*

Easton Journal

1st Place	Investigative Reporting	*Staff*
2nd Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Brock Parker*

Hanover Mariner

1st Place	Sports Column	*Julie Ann Nevens*
3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Edward Baker*

Harwich Oracle

3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Stephanie Foster*

The Hingham Journal

2nd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*
2nd Place	Special Award	*Staff*

Holliston TAB

3rd Place	Sports Photo	*Ed Hopfmann*

Hopkinton Crier

1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
2nd Place	General News Photo	*Allan Jung*
3rd Place	Photo Series	*Allan Jung*
Honorable Mention	Business/Economic Reporting	*Brian Boyd*

Ipswich Chronicle

1st Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Lauresha Xhihani*
2nd Place	Spot News Photo	*John Harvey*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Faith Tomei*

Lexington Minuteman

Honorable Mention	General Excellence	*Staff*

Littleton Independent

2nd Place	Feature Photo	*Ellen Bullock*
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Marblehead Reporter

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Marshfield Mariner

1st Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*

Medford Transcript

2nd Place	History Reporting	*Nell Escobar Coakley*
3rd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Cheryl Harrison*

Melrose Free Press

1st Place	Photo Illustration	*Dan MacAlpine and Brigid Alverson*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Brigid Alverson*
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Merrimack River Current

1st Place	Photo Series	*Robert Branch*
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The MetroWest Daily News

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The Milford Daily News

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Needham Times

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The Neponset Valley Daily News

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3rd Place	Personality Photo	*John Harvey*
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3rd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Adam Reilly*
Honorable Mention	Human Interest Feature Story	*Elizabeth Dinan*
Honorable Mention	Illustration	*Marty Riskin*
Honorable Mention	Photo Illustration	*John Harvey*
Honorable Mention	Social Issues Feature Story	*Adam Reilly*

Norton Mirror

1st Place	Environmental Reporting	*Meredith Holford and John Johnson*
3rd Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*

Norwell Mariner

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1st Place	Special Award	*Staff*
2nd Place	Personality Photo	*Chris Bernstein*
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The Register

3rd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Joe Burns*

Scituate Mariner

1st Place	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*
3rd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Seth Jacobson*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Section	*Staff*

Sharon Advocate

Honorable Mention	Environmental Reporting	*Peter Hartzel*

Stoneham Sun

1st Place	General News Photo	*Marc Vasconcellos*

Stoughton Journal

3rd Place	Sports Story	*John Hanlon*

Swampscott Reporter

2nd Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Bryan Cote*

The Upper Cape Codder

2nd Place	Investigative Reporting	*Peggy Aulisio & Doreen Leggett*

Wakefield Observer

1st Place	Health Reporting	*Jill Anderson*
2nd Place	Environmental Reporting	*Jill Anderson*
3rd Place	History Reporting	*Jill Anderson*

Watertown TAB & Press

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The Wayland Town Crier

2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
2nd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
2nd Place	Living Page or Section	*Staff*

The Wellesley Townsman

1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Christine Junge and Michelle Xiarhos*
Honorable Mention	Headline Writing	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Cathy Brauner*

West Roxbury Transcript

3rd Place	Coverage of Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Jordana Haspel*

The Westborough News

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Westford Eagle

1st Place	Color Photo	*Lisa Cassidy*

The Weston Town Crier

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Weymouth News

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A.M. Bus 6: North Main St. #354, Bus 2

A.M. Bus 6: North Main/Rocky Ln. #219, P.M. Bus 2

A.M. Bus 6: North Main/Rocky Ln. #23, P.M. Bus 2

South Main St. #207, #363, #431, #302; Beechwood St. #49; Norman Todd Rd./Norman Todd Ln.; Brewster/Ledgewood.

DEER HILL SCHOOL

Grades 4-6
7:45-8:15 A.M./2:35-3:05 P.M.

BUS 2

Sanctuary Pond Rd. #30; Forest/Cedar Acres Ln.; Forest/Heather Dr.; Forest/Old Coach Rd.; Forest Ave. #263; Linden Dr.

#18; Linden Dr./Linden Cir.; Jerusalem/Deep Run; Jerusalem/Jerusalem Rd. Dr.; Jerusalem Rd. #322; Jerusalem Rd. #268;

Nichols Rd. #32, #85; Nichols/Caravel Cove; Nichols Rd. #150; Atlantic Ave. #430; Jerusalem/Red Gate Ln.; and Jerusalem Rd. #11.

BUS 3

Hull St. #49, #81; Lamberts Ln. #176, #158, #14; Hull St. #117, #173; Hull/Grace Dr.; Jerusalem Rd. #790; #730;

Jerusalem/Howe Rd.; Jerusalem/Windy Hill; Jerusalem Rd. #580; Forest Ave. #348; Forest/Black Rock Rd.; Forest Ave.

#260; Forest/Surrey Dr.; Forest/Fox Run; Forest Ave. #78, #30; N. Main/Rocky Ln.; and N. Main/Red Gate Ln.

BUS 4

Pond/Woodland Dr.; Pond/Holly Ln.; Bancroft/Pond St.; Virginia Ln./Pond St.; Lantern Ln./Pond St.; St. Anthony's Church;

Summer/Black Horse Ln.; Border St. #31; Border/Parker Ave.; Parker · St. #26; Border/Summer St.; Margin St. #30;

Margin/Howard Gleason Rd.; Atlantic Ave. #17; Atlantic Ave./White Head Rd.; Atlantic Ave. #95; Atlantic Ave./Beach St.;

Beach St. #59, #10; Highland Ave./Unitarian Church; Ripley/Pratt Cir.

BUS 5

King/Whitney Woods Ln.; King/Pond St.; King/Lilly Pond Ln.; King/Schofield Ln. #487; Beechwood St. #271;

Beechwood/Bound Brook Ln.; Beechwood/Riverview Ln.; Beechwood/Hillside Dr.; Beechwood/Doane St.; Aaron River/Flint

Locke Ln.; Church/Carbone Ln.; Doane/Bates; Beechwood/Mill Ln.; Beechwood St. #380; and Route 3A/Mendell.

BUS 6

Clay Spring/Old Pasture Rd.; Pleasant/Cushing Rd.; Cushing/Norfolk Rd.; Cushing/Ash St.; Cushing/Oak St.; Spring St. #7; S.

Main St. #184; So. Main St./West Gate Ln.; So. Main St. #392; Beechwood St. #16; Beechwood St./Hammond Ave.;

Norman Todd/Talarico Ln.; and Brewster/Ledgewood Dr.

OSGOOD SCHOOL
Grades K-3
8:20-8:55 a.m./3:05-3:45 p.m.

BUS 2

Elm St. #37; Elm St./Elm Ct.; Margin/Howard Gleason/Atlantic Ave.; Atlantic Ave. #17, #38, #95; Atlantic/Beach St.;

Atlantic/Sheldon Rd.; Atlantic/Nichols Rd.; Caravel Cove/Nichols Rd.; Nichols Rd. #111, #91, #85, #68, #48 and #14;

Jerusalem Rd. #268, #278, #492; Linden Dr. #18; Linden Dr./Linden Cir.; Linden Dr./Rustic Dr.; Jerusalem/Rust Way;

Jerusalem Rd./Deep Run; Jerusalem/Jerusalem Rd. Dr.; Atlantic Ave. #374; Nichols/Atlantic Ave.; Bow St. #31; Jerusalem Rd. #82; Jerusalem Rd./Red Gate Ln.; Jerusalem Rd. #56, #38; Sohier St. #179.

BUS 3

Cedar St. #28, #32; Cedar St./Cedar Ledge Ln.; Cedar St./Hull St.; Cedar St. #81; Lamberts Ln., #176, #136, #14; Hull St.

#117, #151; Hull/Grace Dr.; Jerusalem Rd. #790, 730; Jerusalem/Howe Rd.; Jerusalem Rd. #685; Jerusalem/Windy Hill;

Jerusalem/Black Rock Rd.; Jerusalem Rd. #572, #550; Forest Ave./Forest Notch; Forest Ave./Black Rock Rd.; Forest Ave.

#260; Forest Ave./Surrey Dr.; Forest Ave./Fox Run; Forest Ave. #124, #98; Heather Dr. #19; Forest Ave. #78; Cedar Acres Dr. #20; Forest Ave. #30, #1; No. Main St. #409.

BUS 4

Border St. #17, #43; Otis Ave./Border St.; Border St. #134; Summer St. #83, #60, #27; Spring St. #66; Lantern Ln./Pond

St.; Pond St. #35, #73; Holly Ln./Pond St.; Woodland/Pond St.; Pond St. #142, #164; Clay Spring Rd./Bayberry Ln.; Clay

Spring/Arrow Wood; Old Pasture Rd. #16; Old Pasture/Evergreen; Old Pasture #63; Pleasant #96, #82, #70, #53;

Cushing/James Ln.; Norfolk Rd./Norfolk Terr.; Norfolk/Bancroft Rd.; Hill St. #40; Oak St. #49; Cushing Rd./Smith Place; Ripley/Pratt Ct.; Sohier St. #79, #87, #115.

BUS 5

King/Whitney Woods Ln.; King St. #288; King/Lily Pond Ln.; King St. #487; King/Beechwood St.; Beechwood St. #297,

#321, #389; Beechwood/Riverview Ln.; Beechwood St. #457; Doane St. #85, 125, 150, 106; Beechwood/Church St.;

Church St. #125; Aaron River/Flint Locke Ridge Rd.; Church/Carbone Rd.; Church St. #46; Doane/Bates Ln.; Beechwood

St. #478; Beechwood St./Hillside; Beechwood St. #400; Beechwood/Mill Ln.; Beechwood St. #276; Brewster/Ledge Way;

Ledgewood Farm Dr. #6; Ledgewood/Brewster; Route 3A/Mendell; Chief Justice Cushing Way #516; Red Fox Ln. #31; and Sohier St./Fair Oaks Ln.

BUS 6

Sanctuary Pond Rd. #29; Rose Hill #2; No. Main St. #362; Rocky Ln./N. Main St.; No. Main St. #315, #280, #256, #209,

#186; Highland Ave/Beach St.; Highland Ave./Unitarian Church; So. Main St. #95, #171, #211, #259, #299, #325, #363 and

#411; So. Main St./River Rd.; Stanton St./So. Main St.; So. Main St. #302; Beechwood St. #175; Beechwood St./Kendall

Village; Beechwood St. #235; King St./Schofield Rd.; King St. #434, #370; Pond St. #245; Norman Todd Rd./Norman Todd

Ln.; Norman Todd Rd./Talarico Ln.; So. Main St. #278; So. Main St./West Gate; So. Main St. #184; Sohier St. #42, #63.

Anderson awarded $30K scholarship

Charles L. Anderson of Cohasset begins his undergraduate studies at Bowdoin College this fall with a $30,000 four-year Henry David Thoreau Scholarship grant. As one of 11 HDT Scholars named this year in Massachusetts, he will pursue environmental subjects.

The son of Dr. Michael and Ms. Sheryl Anderson, Charles graduated from Cohasset High in June. Interestingly enough, he becomes the second Cohasset High student in as many years to be named an HDT Scholar. Last year, Christopher Golden received the honor.

Charlie, as he is known to his friends, had a stellar academic career at Cohasset High with high-honor grades all four years. He completed six advanced placement courses and served as a teacher's aide in the AP Biology course. As part of an independent project, he studied the salinity level of Cohasset Harbor in various locations and measured the effect of rainwater runoff on the harbor's marine life and its fishing/lobster industries. The town received a $10,000 grant from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a result of Charlie's investigations.

Some of his extracurricular activities during high school included the crew team, as stroke seat and coxswain, where he achieved several first-place finishes; the Cohasset High Student Council, as treasurer during his senior year; and service/medical missions to Appalachia and Haiti. He also worked as head mechanic for Cohasset Cycle Sports.

Charles L. Anderson of Cohasset has received a coveted four-year $30,000 Henry David Thoreau Scholarship for study in the environmental field. A graduate of Cohasset High School, he begins his freshman year this fall at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. He appears second from right in photo. Also shown from left to right, are Dr. Michael Anderson, his father; John Galvin, president of the Henry David Thoreau Scholarship Foundation; and Sheryl Anderson, his mother.

Now in its fourth year, the HDT Scholarship Foundation has distributed nearly $1.5 million to close to 50 undergraduate students and to outstanding environmental programs at colleges and universities throughout New England and beyond. Beside Bowdoin, Charlie's destination, school which HDT Scholars attend include Bates, Boston College, Colby, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Harvard, MIT, Northeastern, Oberlin, Tufts, Wellesley and Williams.

Individual grants are distributed to HDT Scholars at the rate of $7,500 per year and are for tuition use only. They are named in honor of the celebrated American writer-naturalist who first sounded the call for environmental preservation.

To find out more about HDT Scholarships, or to download an application, visit the Web site at www.thoreauscholar.org. The Foundation's offices are located at 265 Medford St., Somerville 02143; and the telephone is 617-666-6900.

SCHOOL NOTES

CHS honor roll

Cohasset High students who earned honor role status for the fourth quarter of 2002 are:

GRADE 9
High Honors

Peter Bunstein, Jack Carroll, Matthew Casey, Cecelia Chapman, Elizabeth Condos, Jeannette Daley, Katherine Englander, Rachel Garber, Lucy Gardner.

Jonathan Grimm, Andrew Jerz, Lindsey Kennedy, Miranda Lanzillotti, Jennifer Murray, Toby Norman, Thomas Ross, Mary Silvia and Dominic Strazzulla.

Honors

Casey Anderson, Dominique Asnault, Catherine Calorio, Casey Coleman, John DeWaal, Joseph Durkin, Danielle Hajjar, Adam Haracz, Molly Ogrodnik, Colin Regan, Christina St. Pierre, Elizabeth Stone and Edward Straughn, Jr.

GRADE 10
High Honors

John Andrade, Eric Belz, Christopher Bilodeau, Jennifer Buckley, Andrew Busk, Shelley Carter, Jonathan Downing, Rachel Doyle, Nicole Durant, Allison Earon, Ashley Faber, Tess Foley, Caitlin Gontarz, Jessie Guild.

Meghan Marr, Elizabeth Meikleham, Andrew Musto, Elisa Ninde-Jerome, Brittany Novak, Ryan Ofsthun, Danielle Pinkus, Christen Reardon, Alicia Sanchez, Phillip Strazzulla, Carling Sturino, Daniel Tarpey, Nicole Turgiss and Kristen Watts.

Honors

Jefferson Barrett, Jesse Brewer, Sean Connolly, Mark Davis, Andrew Hertig, Danielle Johnson, Craig Laugelle, Jenna Lowe, Leah McMorris , Andrew O'Keefe, Delia Regan, Emily Simmons, Emilie Sullivan, Julie Trahon and Gillian Weber.

GRADE 11
High Honors

Deirdre Bigley, Cosimo Cambi, Katherine Coyne, Emily Dean, Laura Genello, Lindsay Grossman, Robert Hickey, Kelly Holway, David Ingber,.

Ross Lieb-Lappen, Allison Moje, Nicole Needle, Gregory O'Connell, Elizabeth Reynolds, Kaitlin Rohrer, Julie Shea and Kimberly Ulmer.

Honors

Thomas Anderson, Bryan Bilton, Meredith Bixby, Sarah Brady, Alexis Bugley, Deanna Brown, Mark Chapman, Megan Chastain, David Curry III, Matthew Davis, Scott Faber.

Mary Flanagan, Chris Flynn, Sera Genovese, Terence Hurley, Curtis Kahn, Ian Kidder, David Kupse, Julie Lordan, Shan Shan Nie, Matthew O'Brien and Christina Sadler.

Middle School honors

The following middle school students were named to the fourth-quarter honor roll:

HIGH HONORS
Grade 8

Brooke Allen, Kelsey Bell, Amanda Faulkner, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Kate McBride, Emily Nash, Caitlin O'Connell, Chris Ofsthun, Chris Reynolds, Emily Savage, Nils Sceery, Charlotte Sida, Molly Trisler, Emma Weston, Jessica Wheelwright and Katherine Whoriskey.

Grade 7

Kevin Barber, Austin Breslow, Laura Campedelli, Emily Coggins, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Donald Dickinson, Elizabeth Englander, Stephanie Fewsmith, Caren Garber, Ryan Ingram, Lara Novak, Colleen Richardson, Adam Smith, Robert St. John, Virginia Spofford, Lauren Strazzulla, Kiersten Swain, Alida Tangherlini, Amanda Thompson, Kara Wilcox and Nicholas Zappolo.

HONORS
Grade 8

Kate Bolger, Prescot Busk, Rita Carpenter, Susan Curry, Kathleen DeWaal, Nicole Dugan, Zack Etkind, Kathryn Evans, Marissa Evans, Matt Fitts, Jackie Flint, Aileen Fortunato, Victoria Gavaza, James Kaitlin, Remy Lee, Mike Martone, Daniel McCarthy, Carrie Muir, Lisa Musto, Nathan Needle, Venessa Plante, Jennifer Roche, Cassie Rosano, Kristen Schwerin, Emilie Shea, Brandon Smith and Ellen Tarpey.

Grade 7

Carolyn Barrett, Robert Brady, Nicholas Cambi, Alyssa Campbell, Shalea Daley, Brent Daley, Jared Dick, Kristen Dooley, Patrick Flynn, Molly Gallagher, Aisling Guinee, Robert Hertig, Alexander Hunt, Ryan Kucinski, Austin Lanzillotti, Sarah Malone, Robert Meikleham, Charles Miller, Zachary Murray, Christina Pinkus, Mary Previte, Charlotte Reel, Nicholas Sida, Fletcher Smalzel, Paul St. Pierre, Owen Stevenson, Timothy Toomey and Caitlyn Treese.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, AUG. 11

7:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:31 a.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.

12:16 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

1:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation, area search negative.

1:22 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

3:08 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

3:23 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

3:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.

4:16 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

4:17 p.m. Border St., parking violation.

4:34 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

4:55 p.m. Norfolk Road, medical aid.

MONDAY, AUG. 12

5:01 a.m. Doane St., medical aid.

6:58 a.m. King St., medical aid.

8:05 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

9:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, investigation.

10:27 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:35 a.m. Nichols Rd., medical aid.

2:32 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle violations.

3:18 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

4:32 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

5:25 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

6:05 p.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance gathering.

6:39 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:07 p.m. Elm St,. medical aid.

8:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:15 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, AUG. 13

2:26 a.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance.

8:26 a.m. Rocky Lane, assist other police department.

8:57 a.m. Elm St., property (recovered).

10:28 a.m. King St., medical aid.

10:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash.

1:45 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

3:05 p.m. Nichols Rd., property (found).

3:37 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

4:05 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

7:19 p.m. Border St., and Summer St., disturbance gathering.

7:20 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering

8:13 p.m. Sohier St., investigation.

8:26 p.m. Atlantic Ave., investigation.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14

2:13 a.m. Little Harbor Rd., suspicious.

4 a.m. King St., medical aid.

5:37 a.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:51 a.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:03 a.m. King St., and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:11 a.m. King St., and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:24 a.m. King St., and Schofield Rd, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:52 a.m. South Main St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:02 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:51 a.m. Beach St,. fire investigation.

10:18 a.m. Elm St,. officer wanted.

11:47 a.m. Beach St., animal control.

11:56 a.m. Border St,. disturbance gathering.

12:03 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

12:16 p.m. Forest Ave., assist motorist.

12:44 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

12:48 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

2:19 p.m. Border St,. disturbance gathering.

2:33 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

2:43 p.m. Black Rock Beach, animal control.

2:55 p.m. Stonleigh Rd., animal control.

4:18 p.m. Border St,. disturbance gathering.

5:19 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

5:35 p.m. Gammons Rd., suspicious person.

5:55 p.m. Highland Ave., noise complaint.

6:10 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:43 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

9:08 p.m. N. Main St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:57 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., disturbance.

10:45 p.m. Stockbridge St., investigation.

THURSDAY, AUG. 15

8:27 a.m. Stockbridge St,. vandalism.

9:05 a.m. Lamberts Lane, larceny.

9:28 a.m. Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:18 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

3:08 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

3:31 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

4:03 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

4:12 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle accident.

4:42 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, services rendered.

4:56 p.m. Border St,. disturbance gathering.

6:02 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

7:01 p.m. Atlantic Ave., property (found).

9:36 p.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance gathering.

11:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:45 p.m. Pond St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, AUG. 16

6:28 a.m. Carbone Lane, field investigation.

8:23 a.m. Ash St., field investigation.

9:32 a.m. King St., medical aid.

10:50 a.m. N. Main St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle complaint

4:32 p.m. King St., medical aid.

8:45 p.m. Doane St,. animal control.

9:17 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, medical aid.

11 p.m. Beechwood St, motor vehicle violations.

11:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious.

11:15 p.m. Atlantic Ave,. disturbance gathering.

11:32 p.m. Wood Way, medical aid.

SATURDAY, AUG. 17

8:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, burglar alarm.

9 a.m. Forest Ave, investigation.

10:09 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:11 a.m. Rocky Lane, property (found).

12:03 p.m. King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property (lost).

12:12 p.m. Border St,. property (lost).

1:16 p.m. S. Main St., auto fire.

1:27 p.m. Cushing Rd., medical aid.

2:38 p.m. Brook St., medical aid.

5:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:42 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., suspicious person.

6:17 p.m. Border St., traffic complaint.

7:05 p.m. Aaron River Rd,. suspicious person.

9:03 p.m. Deep Run, suspicious.

9:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:10 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11;14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:33 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, September 16, 2002, at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.6, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Catherine S. Amory & Robert A.T. Scott seek to have a common driveway within flood plain at **428 Atlantic Ave.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-08-13.

AD#929226
Cohasset Mariner 8/29, 9/5/02

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing (Remanded) will be held at the **Town Hall** on **September 16, 2002, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.8 & 8.7b, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, William S. Shelton & Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, seek an addition of nonconforming structure in a flood plain at **491 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-01-08A-R.

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AUGUST 28 - 30, 2002

Guess Who's coming to Cohasset?

'60s rockers have 'No Time' for you

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Saturday's season-closer at the South Shore Music Circus will be like getting two superstar bands for the price of one.

The occasion is owing to the recent reunion of featured act The Guess Who, in the band's Classic Lineup including vocalist/frontman Burton Cummings and original lead guitarist Randy Bachman. This nucleus of the band that became known as Canada's first major rock 'n' roll export in the late 1960s/early 70s was the main force behind the Guess Who's red-hot streak of hit singles for the era, including "These Eyes," "Laughing," "Undun," "No Time" and the original "American Woman."

It was during the peak of this success that Bachman decided to leave the band in 1970, joining forces with two of his brothers and a friend to form Bachman Turner Overdrive shortly thereafter. In the mid 70s, BTO racked up its own string of hits, in a style decidedly more macho-tough, heavy-rocking and guitar-powered than Bachman's former band, featuring tunes like "Let It Ride," "Takin' Care of Business" and "You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet."

Although currently touring with his one-time Guess Who-mate under that band's moniker, Bachman recognizes the enduring hit-making legacies of both groups, and knows that fans flocking to this summer's reunion shows with Cummings and crew mainly just want to hear the old hits. Cummings promises healthy, hefty and fired-up doses from both band repertoire's on the Cohasset stop of this North American tour Saturday, Aug. 31. The show begins at 8 p.m.

"This whole reunion started three years ago when we did a four-song set at the closing ceremonies of the Pan-American Games in Winnepeg," said Bachman by phone from his home in British Columbia. "And the response from the audience on that occasion was just overwhelming. We felt that finally, after a couple of decades, the time was right for a reunion and tour throughout Canada if not all North America."

It turned out that the reunion and resulting tour would in fact extend to North America. But first, as Bachman noted, he and Cummings thought it necessary to reconvene what they thought would amount to the ideal Classic Guess Who Lineup, which is the one currently on tour and actually not fully the original personnel nor necessarily the band heard on the now classic-rock radio staple hits. Of the reunited quintet, only Bachman and drummer Garry Peterson are actual originals; even Cummings is in fact the Guess Who's second vocalist, replacing original Chad Allen (who sang the band's first hit "Shakin' All Over" in 1965).

The Guess Who wraps up the summer concert season at the South Shore Music Circus with a concert Saturday, Aug. 31.

"What a lot of people forget about the Guess Who is that the band went through an incredible amount of personnel changes, both before and after I left," Bachman noted. "So when the idea of the reunion really got serious, Burt (Cummings) and I realized that of all the players who've come and gone, this lineup we're touring with now was like the superteam, or the all-stars, of the Guess Who. In fact, I think that (gui-

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Tropical blooms for the late summer landscape

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

The late summer landscape can vary dramatically in appearance from year to year depending on the whim of Mother Nature. Lush, green and overgrown in some summers gone by, with slugs and fungal diseases the primary plagues, our landscapes have endured two consecutive seasons of late summer droughts leaving lawns and gardens parched and crispy and spider mites have emerged as the bug du jour.

Despite the dryness, opportunistic weeds seem to flourish in every season and this past week's welcome rainfall has only served to encourage their proliferation. Learning to recognize these intruders is an essential aspect of becoming a knowledgeable gardener. When in doubt, especially in the perennial border, it is sometimes best to allow questionable plants to remain until flowers appear, just in case they prove to be a forgotten gem or friendly offspring of a prized cultivar. At this time of year, biennial plants, including foxgloves and forget-me-nots, are popping up all over my borders and despite a somewhat weedy appearance, these will be allowed to remain and transplanted or thinned next spring.

Many of our most intrusive weeds, however, are beginning to disperse their seeds and every effort should be made to remove as many as possible in the weeks to come. Crabgrass is particularly troublesome and currently thriving with seed heads on the verge of erupting. Although its removal from an established lawn is often unrealistic by this time of year, try to pull or treat as much as possible in beds and borders. Make a note to use a pre-emergent crabgrass control next spring on your lawn should major patches be observed this summer.

The hardy Rose-of-Sharon (Hibiscus syriacus)

As I reluctantly abandoned my weedy gardens on a delightfully cool summer evening, I was greeted by the sweet perfume of angels' trumpets (Brugmansia) growing in a large container alongside my back walkway. Barely fragrant during the warmth of the day, the spectacular, pendent blossoms of this tender tropical produce an almost overpowering fragrance as evening approaches. The showy flowers may reach a length of up to 10 inches long ranging in color from pure, glistening white to glowing, golden yellow or apricot. Easily propagated from stem cuttings, a small 1-foot plant will grow remarkably quickly in one season to become a sizeable 5- to 6-foot shrubby tree bearing dozens of these sensational blossoms. If moved indoors before temperatures drop below 40 degrees, angels' trumpets may be grown as a houseplant and

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Creating 'Simone'

For the new Al Pacino film, writer-director builds a better actress

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Andrew Niccol does not like talking to the press. Nor does he like discussing his films with the folks who buy tickets to see them. He's a shy man, perhaps a bit paranoid, who speaks softly in a lilting New Zealand accent and tries his best to avoid eye contact.

There's a scene in his new film, "Simone," in which a shy, paranoid director (played by Al Pacino) literally runs away from a gaggle of reporters at a press conference, his arms flapping.

"I do generally run away from the press," he says, acknowledging the comparison. "I just want the work to speak for itself. But I'm the writer-director-producer. So when a lot of the film is your fault, the studio wants you to go out and explain yourself."

His reason for running from audience members is a different story.

"I usually avoid Q&A after a screening because there are only two possibilities," he explains. "One is that they hate the film, which obviously is embarrassing. But more embarrassing for me is if they like the film. Because where I come from you're not supposed to take compliments well. Praise is embarrassing to us in New Zealand. In a strange way we prefer people to dislike things. It's perverse, isn't it?"

Some will say that his ideas for movies are perverse, too. He wrote "The Truman Show," the story of a man growing up and living in a completely false world, and he wrote and directed "Gattaca," in which a normal person tries to pass himself off as a genetically superior human. In "Simone," Niccol tackles the tale of a washed-up director who gets a new lease on his career when he's presented with a computer code that enables him to create a "perfect" actress on a screen, then put her in a film without letting on to actors, studio heads or a star-struck public. To put it lightly, things in this black satiric comedy about Hollywood go very wrong.

And when they do, Niccol has something wickedly nasty to say about everyone, from those studio heads to those fans.

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Andrew Niccol admits there's a little bit of himself in the character played by Al Pacino — especially the part where Pacino runs screaming from the press.

Food & dining

Fresh tomato sauce with cream

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Nothing sounds simpler than a quick fresh tomato sauce with cream. What could go wrong? Well, for one, the tomatoes might be flavorless, the skins can quickly become unappetizing when cooked, garlic can be an odd partner with cream, and tomato seeds floating in sauce are not ideal. Of course, a heavy hand with the butter or cream can turn a fresh summer supper into a heavy, tasteless mess.

The first issue was the tomatoes. Do not make this recipe with anything but truly flavorful local tomatoes. Next, I found that peeling and seeding was, in fact, necessary but there is some good news. A quick bath in boiling water (only 30 seconds) was all that was needed to loosen the skin. A subsequent dunk in ice water turned out not to be necessary. As for coring and seeding, the easiest method is to cut away the four sides of the skinned tomato, leaving the thin, hard core intact. The seeds are then quickly removed with one◊s fingers.

Butter turned out to be better than olive oil for cooking since butter marries well with cream. Garlic, no matter how little I used and how I cooked it, was out of place. One half an onion finely diced and then lightly sautéed made for a better combination with the other ingredients. As for the cream, heavy cream beat out half and half or light cream for standing up to the tomatoes. However, a mere 1/4 cup was sufficient; larger quantities subdued the garden-fresh taste of the tomatoes.

Salt and black pepper were a must and 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg also worked well. Large pieces of torn basil added at the end worked nicely as a variation.

FRESH TOMATO SAUCE WITH CREAM AND NUTMEG

To peel the tomatoes, score each bottom with an X and plunge into boiling water for 30 seconds. Once cool enough to handle, the skin will peel away easily. To core and seed the tomatoes, slice away the four sides from the center core (cut from pole to pole, not across the tomato). Remove the seeds with your fingers.

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 cup finely diced onion, about 1/2 large onion
2 pounds fresh, ripe tomatoes, about 6 to 8 medium, peeled, cored, and seeded and cut into 1/2-inch dice
1/2 teaspoon salt plus extra for pasta cooking water
1/4 cup heavy cream
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
1 pound pasta

1. Bring 4 quarts of salted water to a simmer. Heat butter over medium-low heat in a large skillet. When foam has subsided, add the onion and cook until very soft and just starting to turn blond, about 7 minutes. Add tomatoes, increase heat to medium, and cook until tomatoes have reduced to a chunky sauce, about 10 minutes. Add the heavy cream and nutmeg and cook until the sauce has thickened and the cream has lost its raw flavor, about a minute or two. Add salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.

2. Meanwhile, cook the pasta until almost cooked. Reserve one cup of cooking water. Drain pasta and add to the skillet (or add back to the pot and then add the sauce to the pasta if your skillet is not large enough). Combine gently and simmer until pasta is al dente. Add a bit of reserved cooking water if necessary to thin sauce. Serve immediately. Serves 4

BASIL VARIATION

Substitute 1/2 cup packed fresh basil leaves torn into large pieces for the nutmeg.

Tropical blooms for the late summer landscape

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even with considerable neglect and very few leaves remaining at winter's end, the plant will quickly recover to bloom prolifically again the following season.

Equally dramatic in both stature and appearance are the vibrant-colored cannas bearing huge, paddle-shaped leaves and striking panicles of red, orange, yellow or rose-tinted flowers. Generally sold as dormant 'summer bulbs' at the nurseries in early spring, these rhizomatous, tropical-looking plants can be planted directly in the garden after all danger of frost has passed or grown in containers. The giant leaves may be deep green or tinted blue or bronze and several newer hybrids exhibit streaked foliage in shades of white, yellow, cream, orange and red. A personal favorite is 'Tropicana,' with leaves a stunning bronze striped with red and orange highlighted by brilliant orange-red flower spikes. Hybrids include dwarfs only 2- to 3-feet in height to giants over 6-feet tall. Once blackened by a killing frost, cut back the stems and the leaves and lift the rhizomes. Store in barely moist peat in a cool but frost-free environment.

The Hibiscus family offers numerous late summer bloomers to brighten a drought-stricken landscape. In addition to the flamboyant rose mallows (Hibiscus moscheutos) with their spectacular, broad circular blooms that produce clumps 5 feet around, the hardy Rose-of-Sharon (Hibiscus syriacus) provides weeks of nonstop blooms when few other trees or shrubs are flowering. The Rose-of-Sharon has been grown since colonial times and like its cousin, the mallow, it is late to break dormancy in the spring. Flowers may be single or double in shades of pink, red, white, red, purple or blue. Many selections exhibit contrasting-colored eyes. Each flower lasts only a day, but an established shrub will continue to produce innumerable elegant blooms from late July until frost.

Reaching a height of up to 15 feet at maturity, these summer-blooming shrubs, which can be trained to produce a small tree, will readily adapt to a wide range of growing conditions including part shade, city pollution, and seashore environments. Spring pruning is preferable as plants bloom on new wood. Delectable cultivars include 'Aphrodite' which demonstrates deep pink flowers accentuated by a red eye, 'Blue Bird,' an alluring, unique shade of lavender-blue blossoms highlighted by red eyezones, and 'Red Heart' which produces glistening white blooms, each with a ruby red center.

Do not confuse these hardy Hibiscuses with the tropical varieties (Hibiscus rosa- sinensis) which have shiny, deep-green leaves and require temperatures consistently above 50 degrees in order to survive. Their showy flowers, available in both single- and double-flowering forms may be varying shades of red, orange, yellow or white and are attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds. These magnificent tropical plants can be summered out-of-doors, but they must be relocated to a sunny window or greenhouse once cooler temperatures prevail in fall, several weeks prior to a killing frost.

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Guess Who's coming to Cohasset?

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tarist Donnie McDougall) and (bassist Bill Wallace) even played on more Guess Who albums than I did."

Bachman, now 58, admitted that some Guess Who alumni did attempt a previous reunion in 1983, but that it fizzled because some members still had, as he put it, "bad habits." He also mentioned that there was another major catalyst for the band's reunion back in 1999; besides the Guess Who's triumphant appearance at the Pan-Am Games, there was Lenny Kravitz's hit cover of "American Woman" racing up the charts.

"'American Woman' became a huge hit once again in '99 because of Lenny Kravitz's cover, and I think it made people only want to hear the original all the more, both old and new fans alike," Bachman said. When 'American Woman' was riding the charts for us back in 1970, we had actually planned what we called the American Woman Victory Tour, which was scrapped, of course, when I left the band under various circumstances. But as fate would have it, we finally got around to putting the tour on the road almost thirty years to the day later in May, 2000."

"On our current tour, we're doing what I call a well-balanced show, including lots of classic Guess Who material and a special section devoted to BTO which, in addition, allows Burt (Cummings) to take a break and give his voice a rest. There's also an all-acoustic set where we play four songs — 'Lookin' Out for No. 1,' 'No Sugar Tonight,' 'Let It Ride' and 'Undun.' We've got the show polished down to what really works, which for our fans is the old hits rather than a mix of those plus new songs. I know that when I go to see Crosby Still Nash & Young, for example, or any other classic-rock act, I want to hear mainly the old vintage songs rather than any new unfamiliar material. That's how I like to play it with my bands, to treat fans the way I would want to be treated," Bachman said.

Bachman added that fans of both the Guess Who and BTO can find information about both bands, plus schedules, photos, CDs, videos and other merchandise at randybachman.com.

The Guess Who will perform at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset Saturday, Aug. 31 at 8 p.m. For more information call the music circus at (781) 383-1400.

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Randy Bachman of the Guess Who

Creating 'Simone'

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"It's true, no one gets away scot-free in this film," he says. "But it's a gentle dig. It's an affectionate parody on all of us.

"Including myself," he adds with a laugh. "Because there's a pretentious director there, who's making pretentious art films. It's about the fans as well. Because we're so obsessed with celebrities, in this film the ultimate joke is that we're obsessed with a celebrity who doesn't exist. And I've always thought to myself, how real are so-called *real* celebrities anyway?"

More important, how real is the actress playing Simone? According to the credits at the end of the film, Simone is played by "Herself." So are we to believe Niccol and a gang of film wizards actually concocted a beautiful, smiling, shapely blonde woman out of pixels and mixed her in with Pacino and Catherine Keener and the rest of the cast?

Niccol hesitates only a moment, looking away briefly, knowing full well the "secret" is going to come out soon anyway. The secret being that Simone is played by Canadian model Rachel Roberts, in her first film role.

"But there's more than just Rachel in Simone," he says, referring to the fact that small bits of other actresses have been computer-generated into her looks and voice as part of the film's plot.

And he admits that the Screen Actors Guild initially made some noise when they heard the rumor that he wasn't using a real actress in the part.

"I think the Screen Actors Guild overreacted," he says. "They didn't bother me directly, but they contacted the studio, and people contacted my casting director and said, 'What have you done? You've turned your back on actors.' But of course a hundred actors work beside the artificial one. If it wasn't a film about an artificial actor, a lot of actors would be out of a job."

Niccol has had his share of problems with all of the films he's worked on, usually with the studios. He's publicly stated that Columbia "didn't know what they had" with 'Gattaca.' And just before "The Truman Show" was released he said he "wasn't sure" if Paramount knew what *they* had.

He doesn't comment on New Line, the company releasing "Simone," but he does confess that "I don't make it easy for studios. I tend to have expensive ideas that are also somewhat unconventional. And that doesn't sit well with studios to begin with. Take 'The Truman Show,' for example. Where do you put that on the video shelf? The marketing people look at my films and go, 'What are we supposed to do with this, Andrew?'

He laughs again and adds, "Maybe if I keep going at this long enough, they'll put it in a Niccol section."

"Simone" opens on Aug. 23.

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OPENING NIGHT GALA AND AWARDS BENEFIT FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW sponsored by the Plymouth Guild for the Arts will take place under the tents, at the Plymouth Public Library in Plymouth Friday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Music hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Awards totaling almost $3,000 will be presented to the artists at 9 p.m. Reservations are $30 each and are available by mail, from the Plymouth Guild, P.O. Box 3152, Plymouth, 02361. For further information, call 508-747-6668.

'RUN TO WALK" RACE to benefit North Plymouth Neighborhood Watch And The Plymouth Police and Fire Departments hosted by the Sheraton Plymouth. Sept. 7. Registration forms available at www.sheratonplymouth.com Registration on race day promptly ends at 9:45 a.m. For more information visit the website or call 508-591-5007.

A NIGHT WITH DAME EDNA – THE SHOW THAT CARES at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Performances are Sept. 24 to Oct. 6. For tickets call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theater box office. For other information call 617-426-9366.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, GREATER BOSTON MEMORY WALK on Sunday, Sept. 22. Walk begins and ends at Canal Park at the Cambridgeside Galleria in Cambridge. Every dollar raised in your community stays in your community and provides care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's disease. For more information call the Alzheimer's Association at 617-868-6718 ext. 208 or email memorywalk@alzmass.org or visit our web site www.alsmass.org

NEWPORT WATERFRONT FESTIVAL- 14th Annual Aquafina Taste of Rhode Island. The festival offers culinary creations from restaurants such as Castle Hill Inn and Resort, Stickyfingers, 22 Bowen's Wine Bar and Grille, Cowesett Inn and Perella's Ristorante. The Newport Yachting Center's 14th Annual Aquafina Taste of Rhode Island festival will offer appetizer-sized portions from more than 30 of the state finest restaurants. This is a festive celebration of Rhode Island's culinary delicacies, as well as its crafts, talents and cultures. Held on the historic waterfront at the Newport Yachting Center on America's cup Avenue in Newport, REGISTRATION INQUIRY. Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission $5 adults, $3 if purchased in advance by Sept. 7. Children under 12 admitted free. Food and beverage priced range from $1 to $6. For more information, call 401-846-1600 ext. 218 or visit www.tasteofri.com

EIGHTH ANNUAL FOLK & FUR FEST 2002- Standish Humane Society's Benefit Walk for Animals - Sunday, Sept. 15 , (rain or shine) Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A three-mile walk. paved route, handicapped accessible. Your walk begins as soon as you sign-in. Festivities include Life folk performances, 4-H demonstrations, rescue groups, refreshments. Dog contests for largest dog, smallest dog, loudest bark, best tail wagger, best trick, best smoocher. For more information call 781-834-4663 or visit wwwstandishhumanesociety.com

JOHN SEBASTIAN IN CONCERT to benefit educational programs at The Children's Museum in Easton, will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 3 Barrows St., North Easton. 508-230-3789. Admission is $30 per person or $50 premium tickets include preferred seating, complimentary beverage and post-concert reception with John Sebastian.

FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org

THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION presents "BIKE FOR HEALTHY LUNGS" THE 18TH ANNUAL AUTUMN ESCAPE BIKE TREK, Sept. 20-22. This 160-mile bike trek takes participants from Plymouth to Provincetown with fully supported rest stops along the way. Both two and three-day options are available but accommodations for the first night are limited so register early. This event is for cyclists of all levels. Call 1-800-LUNGYSA for details or visit the website at www.lungusa.org/massachusetts/special.html

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

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Edaville USA presents "Day Out With Thomas." Events featuring the children's character "Thomas the Tank Engine". The events will be held at Edaville USA in Carver through Sept. 2, and from Nov. 9 to 17. Tickets on sale now $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com **or at the Edaville Box Office the day of the event. Children under the age of one admitted free. An upgraded ticket will also be available to allow guests to enjoy all the Edaville USA's attractions. Advance purchase is recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have sold out well in advance.**

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fishbowl, Level Ride and Guests** on Aug. 29. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree Five Corners Comedy Night featuring **Jim Lauletta, Vernon Harrison, Annette Pollack, Franco Drew, Phil Doyle, and Stephen Leach**. Call 781-848-0300.

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane (off Summer Street) in Plymouth presents musician, **Rob Allen** at 8:30 p.m.

Fri. 30

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature the **A.M.P. Festival**. On Aug. 30, 31, and Sept. 1. All day and night events to benefit new Song folk club and south Shore Poets "Sending and Receiving" fund to send poets and musicians to special events. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

Labor Day Weekend Rhythm and Roots Festival in its fifth year at Ninegret Park, Charlestown, R.I. For more information call 1-888-855-6940 or visit www.rhythmandroots.com

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held Aug. 30, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at The Lafayette House Ballroom, Route 1 south, Foxboro, next to the End Zone Hotel. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary buffet all night, and numerous free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper business casual dress acceptable. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by Rhode Island's Most Eligible Singles.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Aug. 30, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **The Bermuda Strollers** on Aug. 30. Show starts at 8 p.m. until midnight. This will be an Island Dance Party with the most famous Reggae/Calypso band in the world. They will only be "in-country" for four days. This show will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Tickets are $10. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Urban Renewal** on Aug. 30. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane (off Summer Street) in Plymouth presents musician, **Andrew Botieri**, at 8:30 p.m.

Sat. 31

The Harlow Old Fort House in Plymouth celebrates its 375th birthday on Aug. 31, with a colonial Artisan's Fair, children's activities and a book reading by local children's author Carolyn Walsh, all free and open to the public. Craftsmen will display their skills and exhibit hand-crafted wares on the shady grounds from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will be held rain or shine at the homestead, located at 119 Sandwich Street. For more information call 508-746-0012.

The Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery will exhibit the oil and watercolor paintings of **Laurie Ingersoll** from Aug. 31 to Sept. 26. The show reception will be held Sept. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Love Dogs**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane (off Summer Street) in Plymouth presents musician, **Liam Maloney** Aug. 31, at 9 p.m.

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The Massachusetts Audubon Society, Ashument and Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary will offer **Cuttyhunk and Elizabeth Islands Tour 2002** on Sundays, Sept. 1, 8, 22, 29, and Oct. 6. This day long excursion to Cuttyhunk cruise departs from Woods Hole at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Participants will have a choice of a short, medium, or long guided walk, with several hours of free time after the guided walks. Bring a picnic lunch or buy a lunch at the general store on Cuttyhunk. Fees are $50 adults, $45 members, seniors, and 440 children.16 and under. To register and for information and directions, call 508-362-1426 or by email: longpasture@massaudubon.org

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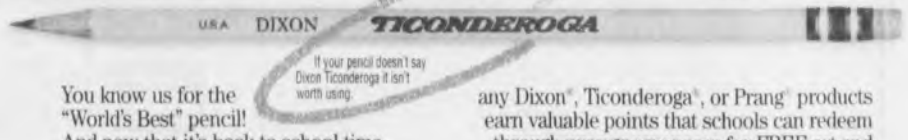

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
A 90-degree alignment of the Taurus moon and Jupiter this morning warns against overdoing or going to extremes. Avoid making major purchases, decisions, commitments. In the afternoon the moon aligns with Neptune, generating an easygoing, laidback mood. It may be difficult to focus on practical matters. If you are working, finish old projects and handle routine chores. Enjoy good food, music, conversation with loved ones this evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
The planet Mars enters Virgo at 10:38 a.m., remaining there until October 15. The moon continues active travel in Taurus all day. Make up a list of things to do, and you can be most productive. Streamline your workload; don't make any more commitments until the backlog has been cleared.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30
At 12:44 a.m. the Taurus moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. The moon enters Gemini at 7:45 a.m. and aligns with Mars at 8:55 a.m. Stay alert and use common sense. Storm clouds move out by 10:00 a.m., and the green light for new beginnings goes on. Harmonious lunar alignments to Mercury and Jupiter generate an upbeat, social mood. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 10:31 p.m. Don't be a hermit tonight. This is a wonderful evening for partying.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
Planetary action makes this day prime for initiating new beginnings, particularly in your personal life. It also brings a time to reassess progress toward future goals and explore new options or alternatives. Communications get the green light; get in touch with friends you haven't spoken to in a while. Chat, network, collaborate. Let fun and games top your agenda this evening.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Take advantage of favorable planetary influences during the first few days of September; plan to launch important activities, sign contracts, make long-range plans and commitments. A Mercury retrograde period will begin to take effect the second week of September, bringing a change of pace and priorities.
The combination of a Gemini moon and Mercury/Jupiter alignment generates an upbeat mood today. Planetary action rates high across the board. The green light is on for new starts. The Gemini moon becomes inactive at 12:55 p.m. until 5:14 p.m., when a Cancer moon takes over.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
The moon travels in Cancer, highlighting family activities. Spend quality time with loved ones. In addition, an applying alignment of Venus and Uranus generates a restless mood, making this a great day for vacationing. Be more adventurous; open to new experiences. Spur of the moment ideas can be the most successful. Forget your troubles and go for the good times:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
It may be difficult to get back to business and practical matters today. A Venus/Uranus alignment occurs at 11:39 a.m. People will be upbeat, outgoing, cooperative. The Cancer moon continues active travel until 4:31 p.m. The moon enters playful Leo at 10:36 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Today's planetary combination continues to generate high spirits, optimism. The green light is on for new starts across the board. It is best to launch important enterprises before 10:52 a.m., when the Leo moon aligns with expansive Jupiter. A Mercury/Neptune alignment stimulates creative thinking, intuition. Trust your first impression; your instincts are on target. Be sure to take time out for fun and games; enjoy favorite sports, hobbies, friends.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
The moon continues to travel in Leo. However, a harmonious alignment of Venus and Saturn adds an element of realism and practicality to today's planetary picture. This morning is prime for making commitments to others, selling or buying property or handling major business transactions. Plan to initiate before 10:26 a.m., when this alignment occurs. Lunar contacts to Saturn and Venus set the stage for a romantic evening. The Leo moon becomes inactive at 9:33 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Storm clouds move in, making for a day that has its pitfalls. Others may be moody, distracted, depressed. Don't overpersonalize. Plan a busy work schedule. Finish projects already begun, review and redo, clean and reorganize. At 12:16 a.m. the moon enters Virgo, and aligns with Mars at 8:21 a.m. Choose your words carefully. Compliments will work better than criticism. The new moon culminates at 11:10 p.m., 14-degrees of Virgo.

Mon. 2

Project Arts of Plymouth presents the Compass Bank Free Summer Concert Series. MDA Telethon Family Day (two soundstages) Trax with Janelle Malafronte, The Bermuda Strollers, PT-109, Angela Rose, The Legends, Jupiter Ray, Atlantic Blue, David James Duo, Lonesome Jukebox, Susan E. and Bluesliner, and much more. Also food court, amusements, crafters, rides, jail and bail, Cape Cod HOH, firefighters apparatus, hair cut-a-thon, etc

Tues. 3

Scituate Art Gallery will feature watercolor and acrylic paintings by Scituate Gallery artist, Judy Listernick. Works include local water scenes Scituate, Hull and Hingham as well as mixed media abstracts. Exhibit runs Sept. 3, through Sept. 29, at the Scituate Art Gallery at 132 Front Street in Scituate. Opening reception will be held Sunday, Sept. 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 781-545-6150.

Wed. 4

The Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Jeanne Mulligan** will exhibit her paintings for the month of September at The Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth.

Thurs. 5

The Plymouth Guild Inc. for the Arts call for Artists for the 35th Annual Juried Art Show. Registration of artwork will take place at the Plymouth Public Library (back door), 132 South St., Plymouth, Thursday, Sept. 5, 3 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $8 entry fee per piece; one free entry to current Guild members. Entry categories: Digital Art, Drawing & Pastels, Functional & Non-Functional Crafts, Mixed Media, Painting-Oil/Acrylic, Painting-Watercolor/Casein, B&W Photography, Color Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture. First prizes of $150 and second prizes of $50 will be awarded in each of the categories plus first prizes of $150 for Abstract, Representational, Most Popular and $500 for Best in Show. The show will take place under tents in the back garden of the library Saturday, Sept. 14, through Wed., Oct. 18. For more information, call 508-747-6668.

Fri. 6

Annual Moore-Stone Golf Tournament to benefit Old Colony Hospice will begin at Lakeville Country Club with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. on Sept. 6. The registration fee is $70 made payable to Moore-Stone Memorial sent to Robert Allen, 135 Grove St. Apt. 111, Rockland, MA 02370 or william Lynch, Abington Town House, 235 North Ave., Abington, MA 02151. For more information call 781-341-4145.

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Reunions

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL- A reunion for all Rockland High School classes up to the year 1957 will be held at the Sons of Italy, 75 Market St., Rockland, on Sept. 21. Social hour at 6 p.m. buffet at 7 p.m. along with music and dancing. $20 per person Wheelchair accessible. For information call 781-878-1772 or 781-878-4935.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH CLASS OF 1982 20th High School Class Reunion. Friday, Oct. 4, at Venezia Restaurant in Quincy. Send all new address information to Weymouth South High 1982 Reunion P.O. Box 505 Hingham, MA 02043 or email to wshs1982@hotmail.com

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE 150TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON All classes invited on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 12:30 p.m. at the Radisson, Boston. If you are not on our mailing list, call Helen Segouin at 781-289-9567.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com <mailto:indelicato@attbi.com>.

MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 REUNION will be held on Friday, evening, Sept. 20, at Double Tree Guests Suits, Waltham. The reunion committee is still looking for some classmates. If you are or know a member of the class of 1952 who has not yet received any mail on this subject, call addresses in to Ed Landry at 781-273-6664 for inclusion in the upcoming mailing of invitations.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents "Sweet America" a show of recent primitive oil paintings by Hanson artists Virginia Young to be shown during the month of September through Oct. 2.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Cheryl Wheeler** in concert Sept. 6, at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. The show starts at 8 p.m. $18 members, $20 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/ssfolk.shtml

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Little Joe Cook and the Thrillers** on Sept. 6. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane (off Summer Street) in Plymouth presents **Tex and Mad Dog** from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Ongoing Events

The Weymouth Art Association – A new display of work by members of the Weymouth Art Association will be on display at several locations round the town during the months of August and September. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

The Hingham Historical Society's, The Old Ordinary, located at 21 Lincoln St., will feature an exhibit "In My Lady's Chamber" of undergarments and accessories dating from the late 1600's the 1920's and taken from the Society's extensive costume collection. The exhibit will be on display until Sept. 7.

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The Sparrow House Museum, 42 Summer St., Plymouth will feature Doug Maxwell Paper Light from July 26 to Aug. 30.

The Clemens Gallery at the Hingham Public Library will display **"Carnival Magic,"** a collection of photographic images, by Hull artist **Jennifer Marshall** through Aug. 29. Gallery hours 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9a .m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The Children's Museum in Easton will host "Drop In Workshops" at the museum during August For more information call 508-230-3789.

Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater presents **"Fully Committed"** Becky Mode's mocking whirlwhind about the rich and famous, the desperate and daring, who relentlessly try to get a reservation at Manhattan's trendiest restaurant. Each character, including the esteemed chef, who prefers the phrase "we're fully committed" to "we're all booked up" is played by a frazzled out of work actor. "Time" named the show one of the Top 10 theatrical events of 2000. Robert DeNiro is turning the play into an ABC series. "Fully Committed" opened in June and will continue every Monday and Tuesday at 8 p.m. during July and August.. Tickets for all performances are $21 (1/2 price student standby) and may be reserved by calling (508) 349-6835. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.what.org

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The Harlow Old Fort House in Plymouth celebrates its 375th birthday on Aug. 31, with a colonial Artisan's Fair, children's activities and a book reading by local children's author Carolyn Walsh, all free and open to the public. Craftsmen will display their skills and exhibit hand-crafted wares on the shady grounds from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will be held rain or shine at the homestead, located at 119 Sandwich Street. For more information call 508-746-0012.

The Artica Gallery presents" **"There Are Places I Remember..."** featuring South Shore **artist Donna Rossetti-Bailey.** The exhibit will run through Aug. 31. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot St., Duxbury. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free. Two steps at the entry.

"Marine and Local Scenes," an exhibit featuring works by the **Gallery Artists of the Scituate Arts Association.** Watercolor, oil and acrylic works will be on display. This exhibit will run through Sept. 1, with new paintings added periodically. The Scituate Art Gallery at 132 Front St., in Scituate Harbor. For more information call 781-545-6150.

Edaville USA Summer Season Guests will be able to enjoy all of Edaville attractions many are new for the season through Aug. 23 on Friday, Saturdays and Sundays. Cool off at the new beach, cruise the waves by paddle boat, and discover a new summer destination of New England families. Tickets are $15 each. For more information call 877-Edaville or visit the Edaville USA website at www.edaville.com Edaville USA is located off route 58 on Rochester Road in Carver.

The North River Arts Society will present **A Study of Gurnet Point and Saquish** with artist Jill Capodanno through Aug. 24, at the Ventress Library Gallery. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit northriverarts.org

Art on the Avenue, Hull announces its schedule of exhibitors for the summer of 2002. Featured artists are: Lenore Schneider, Richard Friberg, Leslie P. Cutler, Gloria Robertson, Julie Schmitt Sullivan and Joanne Donnelly. The gallery/open studio at 1037 Nantasket Ave, Hull is open on weekends 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Art on the Avenue 1037 Nantasket Avenue, Hull featuring photography, playbooks, oil and acrylic paintings by Lenore Schneider as well as pottery, painted furniture, watercolor paintings and wood turnings by guest artists is open weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 1. For more information, 781-925-5619.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will host **Small Worlds/Art of India.** The exhibition will feature 400 years of art from India from the museum's own collection The exhibition will run through Sept. 8. For more information call 781-934-6634.

The USS Constitution Museum located in Boston's historic Charlestown Navy Yard, just yards away from the USS Constitution will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Oct. 15.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

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PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP at Artful Things Gallery, 263 Washington St., Norwell. With your manual camera, learn the basics of photography at this eight-week workshop taught by experienced instructor, Steven Swimhart. The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Sept. 10. Get that camera out of the closet and finally learn how to use it in a fun, relaxed setting. Call Dan Bennett at 781-59-6595.

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY will offer **Intuitive Patel :Landscape** with Liz Haywood-Sullivan will be presented on Thursdays mornings from Sept. 5 to Oct. 24/eight weeks and Oct. 31 to Dec. 17, seven weeks. **Picture Making: Analysis, Design Composition Class** with John Kilroy will be presented on Thursday evenings from Sept. 5 to Oct. 24, eight weeks. **Anonymous Critique workshop** with John Kilroy and Marcia Ballon will be presented on Oct. 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, long onto our web site:northriverarts.org, call 781-837-8091

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Talent Search

QUINCY DINNER THEATRE auditions for Musical Holiday Party XV and for the Solid Gold Oldies II musical review on Sept. 15, and 17, at 7 p.m. at the Masonic building, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy across from the Quincy Center T station. Needed for Holiday Party: 20 adult singers, male and female, all ages; several dancers; two child singers. Needed for solid Gold: eight singers, male and female, ages 20 to 50. Bring sheet music; use stage door to right side of building. For information, call 781-843-5862 or email info@quincydinnertheater.com

MASSASOIT THEATRE CO. announces open auditions for dancers, singers and actors, age 17 and up for the musical "Chicago", Sept. 10 and 11 at 7 p.m.; call backs Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Fine Arts Building, Massasoit Community College off Rt. 27, Brockton. Productions dates are Nov. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. There are 10 parts for women, nine for men, plus a sizable chorus of women and men. Casting is multi-ethnic; looking for various types, sizes and ages, 17 and older. For audition, prepare one song that demonstrates your vocal range and quality; bring sheet music, a pianist will be provided. Wear appropriate closthes for dance audition. For further information, call 508-427-1234; or email mpevzner@massasoit.mass.edu

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S *Opera by the Bay* is holding open auditions at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury, on Friday evening, Sept. 20, for its Dec. 6, 7 and 8 performances of Hansel & Gretel. Singers interested in auditioning to become part of this adult opera troupe, even if they're not interested in participating in the December production, are also invited to come and sing. Call 781-934-2731, ext. 20 to schedule an audition time.

HARBOUR CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY, A South Shore chorus, is accepting new members for the upcoming season. The society welcome's its new music director, Allan Friedman. Rehearsals are Monday nights at the First Baptist Church, 580 Webster St., in Hanover. Rehearsals begin Sept. 9 for the concert in December. For more information call 781-871-0539.

DIANE PURDY'S CHILDREN THEATRE WORKSHOP, INC. Fall Semester sign-up day will be held at the Wollaston Congregational Church, 48 Winthrop Ave., off of Beale Street, Wollaston section of Quincy on Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. MasterCard or Visa accepted. Productions Jan. 18 and/or 19, 2003. The Call 617-472-9233 or write Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop, 10 Moody St., Quincy, MA 02169 c/o Purdy or email to fluffatoo@aol.com

THE BRAINTREE CHORAL SOCIETY, is planning its fall season with its first rehearsal and open auditions on Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the music room of Braintree High School. This season will start with an undertaking, the "Messe de Minuit Pour Noel" or "Midnight Mass for Christmas" by Charpentier, which will be the centerpiece for the group's winter holiday performances to be held on Dec. 8, and 15.

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Called "The Hills of Hull," the tour will be held between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Advance tickets may be purchased for $20 prior to Aug. 28 at the following locations: Bookport, Hingham; Cards & Shards, Cohasset; and Mermaids in Hull. Tickets may also be purchased by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull 02045 with an enclosed check.

The day of the tour tickets may be purchased for $25 at the Hull Town Hall. Further information about the tour is available by calling the staff at Wellspring at 781-925-3211.

Wellspring serves many towns throughout the South Shore. It is financed by income from its thrift shop, community donations and private grants.

Toys, kids' clothes for benefit yard sale

Our World, the children's global discovery museum, needs your gently used children's clothes and toys along with children's books, videos, baby equipment and furniture for a Sept. 21 yard sale.

The museum is set to open in Cohasset in the fall of 2003 in a two-story wing of the former Joseph Osgood School. The $1 million project will include an associated global-themed playground.

The yard sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21, in the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium.

Children's items can be dropped off at the auditorium from 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, and from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20. Donations will be welcome from all nearby towns.

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Buttonwood hosts children's author

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Big Band concerts

Hull Memorial Park is the venue for three Sunday afternoon concerts in Hull to entertain the community with Big Band favorites for the sixth summer in a row. Sponsored by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham, "Music at the Gazebo" concerts will take place at the Veterans' Memorial Park in Hull on Sept. 8, 15, and 22.

A special ceremony to honor all those who died last year during the attack on America will precede the Sept. 8 opening performance. A plaque, in memory of those who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001 will be presented to the War Memorial Commission for placement on the gazebo. Kristen Hertzenberg, an opera performance student at the Longy Conservatory of Music will then sing the national anthem a capella. The concert will open with some patriotic-themed tunes sung by Hertzenberg and accompanied by the featured concert band, The South Shore Stompers.

The program will run from 3-4:30 p.m. on the second, third and fourth Sundays in September. The performance schedules include:

- Sept. 8 — The South Shore Stompers playing Dixieland jazz and swing
- Sept. 15 — The Gregg Savage Quintet featuring swing and Big Band tunes
- Sept. 22 — The Pastels, featuring Big Band and Broadway show tunes.

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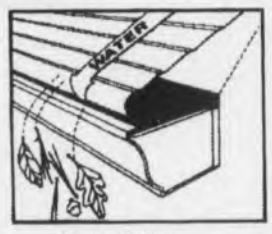

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Solemn 9-11 observance is planned

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset is planning a quiet, respectful observance of the anniversary of the 9-11 tragedy next Wednesday.

Starting at 8:45 a.m., the time the first plane hit the World Trade Center, churches will toll their bells until 9:03 a.m., when the second plane hit. Then a moment of silence will be observed followed by the playing of taps.

Honor guards from Cohasset police and fire departments, the local American Legion and VFW posts will be at the flagpole on the Common.

All local clergy is expected to be present and the public is invited to attend.

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Brown, who would like to see the observance become an annual event, suggests that people, who would like to do so, may bring flowers to be placed at the foot of the flagpole that morning.

Selectmen raised the issue

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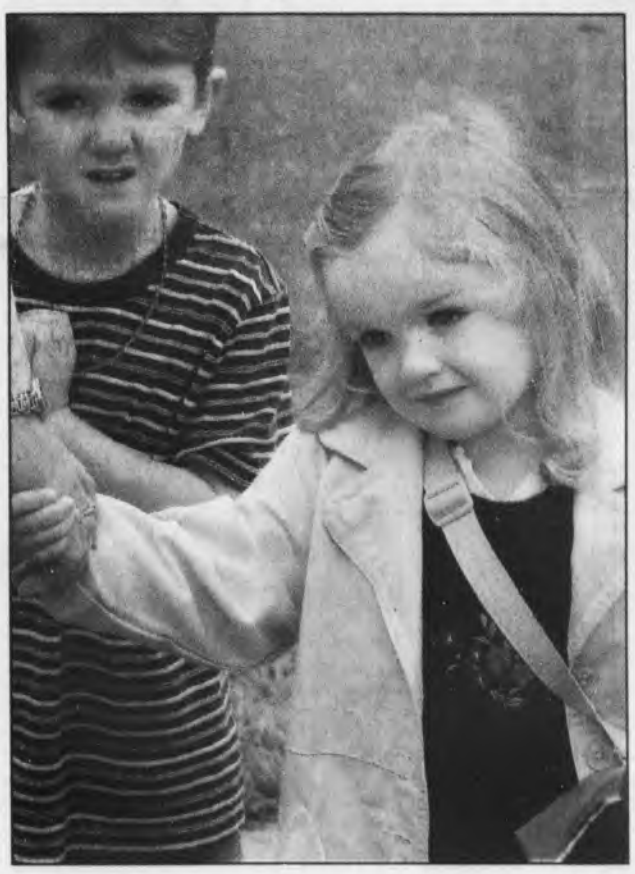
BACK TO SCHOOL



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Clockwise from top, Elizabeth Haggerty steps off the school bus on opening day Tuesday at the Osgood School. Zoe Whilton looks out the window as the bus pulls up. Eva Kearns keeps a tight hold of her mother's hand as she and her brother Sean come to orientation before starting preschool.

Historical Society museums up for listing on register

By Brian J. Scully
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The Capt. John Wilson House and the Cohasset Maritime Museum in Cohasset Village have long been considered historic sites by local residents.

Soon, however, that local distinction could be back up by national recognition.

The two buildings, both owned and operated as museums by the Cohasset Historical Society, are up for review by the Massachusetts Historical Commission on Sept. 11. The review is a major step towards the sites being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Cohasset Central Cemetery will also be reviewed for inclusion that day.

"Well, It was time for it to happen, put it that way," said local historian David Wadsworth. "The National Register program – and I have done a number of nominations from Cohasset – is something that's quite selective. There are probably a lot of areas and properties in the town that deserve to be on the national register, because we have quite a rich history here."

Inclusion on the National Register is largely ceremonial, but there are some major advantages. Most important is protection from federally-funded projects.

"We're not quite as old as Hingham or Scituate or Hull, but we still have a lot of old houses and a lot of historical districts," said Wadsworth. "I have worked for the historical society for 22 years and it's about time we put them on the register. I'd say it's overdue."

The Wilson House dates to 1810 and has been in the possession of the historical society since 1936. According to the

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MCAS test results don't show the whole picture

Study challenges reliance on test

By Mary Ford
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If MCAS was a high school student, it wouldn't win any popularity contests.

It's no secret that many school districts bemoan the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, which is an outgrowth of the 1993 Education Reform Act. And many students, especially 10th-graders who must pass the test in order to graduate, are understandably anxious about their performance.

But, across the state, schools have readjusted the so-called "education frameworks" or curriculum guidelines so the same grades are studying the same subject areas no matter what town they may be housed in. The intent of MCAS is to measure student, school and district performance against that curriculum.

It's now MCAS time again, meaning each district's results from tests administered last spring will soon become public. Those results may not tell the whole story, but, in fact, may only be revealing how well teachers are "teaching to the test," warns a new study.

Enter the Beacon Hill Institute, a public policy research group based at Suffolk University, which after studying MCAS has issued a detailed report saying the test results may not be a barometer for how the Education Reform Act is faring after all. As a result of the legislation, total net school state spending rose from $4.3 billion in 1993 to $7.3 billion in 2001, according to the report. The state now funds 41 percent of education spending as compared with 30 percent in 1993, when Education Reform began.

Beacon Hill Institute's findings cast doubt on the value of relying on MCAS scores to measure school performance, according to David Tuerck, an author of the report and chairman of Suffolk University's Economics Department.

"Has pumping more money into the schools created a return in the form of better-educated young citizens, as measured by good performance on the MCAS test?" the report asks.

The report finds that more money does not translate into improved performance, but prior performance on standardized tests, intangible factors such as accountability, and socioeconomic factors do play a role. BHI has come up with a model to determine how school districts are educating their students in light of those factors.

Tuerck said he'd like the report to accomplish two things:

• Provide people with a sense that the state needs to look hard at how it is using education reform money in order to

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, Sept. 3:

School Committee, Thursday, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. at the high school library

Sewer Commission, Monday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.

Selectmen, Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library

Conservation Commission, Thursday, Sept. 12 and Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Thursday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m., King St. plant

ZBA, Monday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m. (8:30 p.m. AvalonBay)

Recreation Commission, 6 p.m., Wed., Sept. 18

Planning Board, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Youth Resources Committee, Wed. Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Uncommon benches

The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission isn't happy with Town Manager Mark Haddad's decision to take the placement of two new benches into his own hands.

The CCHDC voted back in May to allow the benches be placed temporarily directly in front of Town Hall on the grassy area under the trees near the mailbox. The commission wanted them off the common side out of concern for safety of senior citizens because children play Frisbee and soccer there.

But despite being reminded of the terms of the CCHDC certificate, Haddad placed the benches where he originally wanted them facing the duck pond under the trees near Long Road [where the farmers market is held].

The CCHDC wanted to hold off on the benches altogether until the architects complete the Common Landscape Master Plan, but agreed on the bench placement near Town Hall after being approached by Haddad the second time.

The commission says Haddad has violated the CCHDC bylaws.

"All residents of the common must adhere to these bylaws and it should be expected that the body responsible for the law in this town would exemplify this same responsibility," the commission wrote in an Aug. 26 memo to selectmen.

Haddad said he was just "trying to do the right thing" and asked the CCHDC for their input and approval.

But he explained placing the benches by Town Hall "just didn't make sense" because they are not really on the common. He said senior citizens have approached him about the need for benches and the new ones have been used all summer.

The CCHDC asked selectmen to resolve the issue, which is likely to come up at their Sept. 10 meeting

How to vote by absentee ballot

Absentee ballots for the State Primary on Sept. 17, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Sept. 16, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, which ballot is requested, Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or Massachusetts Green Party, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. A voter must vote in the party that he is enrolled. However, unenrolled voters who pull a ballot at the State Primary *do not* become enrolled members of that party and *do not* need to complete a charge of enrollment card — they remain unenrolled. Voters enrolled in a political designation *may not* take a ballot at the State Primary.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Sept. 17, 2002 to be counted.

The town will be using the Accu-Vote optical scan system. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots an be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

One-time meter connection charge

The Water Commission has adopted a new System Development Charge to help fund its continuing water system improvements program.

"The System Development Charge is a one-time charge imposed on a new metered connection to the water distribution system," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "This new charge will not affect existing Water Department customers, but will help to reduce the amount of any future rate increases."

The amount of the charge is $2,300 for a new one-inch meter and increases proportionately with the size of the meter.

"The charge was calculated consistent with American Water Works Association methods for determining System Development Charges," McNabb said.

"We expect this charge to raise about $1,000,000 over the next 20 years," which will help to pay for the increased capacity of the water system which is required because of new demands placed on the system by new metered connections," he said.

The new charge does not apply to replacements of existing meters with a meter of the same or lesser size. The System Development Charge was adopted by the Water Commission at its Aug. 22 meeting and was filed with the Town Clerk on Aug. 23, when it became effective.

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Mon. 9	1:10	11.8	7:25	1:37	11.5	7:49
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Village brick-style sidewalks preferred

Now, how about burying the wires?

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset residents want something different under their feet and it's not new, high-tech soles on expensive sneakers.

According to results of the village sidewalk survey, most respondents favor some type of brick surface material for sidewalks as opposed to asphalt or cement.

Next on the agenda will be for local residents to decide if they want something different overhead: whether to bury utility wires in all or part of the village.

The choice is significant because, despite considerable grant money, more funds would be needed to put the wires underground *and* have brick-style sidewalks. In other words, it may be impossible to do both without more private and or public fund-raising.

The sidewalk survey is apart of the ongoing Village Revitalization Project nearly 10 years in the making but which is now expected to come to fruition thanks to $1.7 million in state grants. The MBTA will also kick in $500,000 to refurbish the town parking lot as mitigation for the Greenbush line.

The survey that started last spring included actual samples of sidewalk material installed in a display along James Walkway between the village gas station and Cards and Shards that runs from the town parking lot to South Main Street. Passersby and other interested citizens were invited to fill out a survey form indicating what their sidewalk preferences were.

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, in coordination with the Board of Selectmen, conducted the study. The town contributed $1,000 to help construct the display area. The CRC is a private entity sponsored by local business owners including Peter Roy of Margin Street, who owns Kimball's, Atlantica and the Olde Salt House, and other interested citizens.

Survey results will be provided to the Waterfield Design Group — the firm hired by the town to complete the design and construction documents for the village improvements. Copies of completed surveys are available for review at the Selectmen's office at Town Hall or the CRC office, 87 Elm St.

The survey also asked for preferences for crosswalk surface material and style of lighting fixtures.

The display area for the survey consisted of six sample sidewalks, three light fixtures and two display boards showing samples of streetscape design options used in other communities, said Dean Rizzo, executive director of the CRC.

Rizzo said 244 people took part in the survey.

"The majority (80 percent) of those who responded indicated a preference for a brick-style surface material for sidewalks, crosswalks with a surface material that is different from asphalt (granite or brick preferred), and a Colonial-style lighting fixture," he said.

Rizzo described the results as a "good random sampling."

"The results should weigh in significantly in the overall decision-making process about what type of materials are preferred," he said.

He found the low preference for concrete sidewalks, which are used in Hingham Square and Scituate Harbor, surprising.

"Concrete sidewalks were pretty low in choice level" although concrete is cheaper, said Rizzo, noting brick conveys a warmer feeling.

However, if the town decides to bury the utility wires in the village (expected to cost upwards of $1 million), it may not be able to do brick sidewalks without more money either from the town, private fund-raising or both.

"We have grant money to do the infrastructure needed," Rizzo said. "The utility work is the wild card."[Last winter an article seeking authorization for a surcharge on residents' utility and cable-TV bills to pay for underground wires was withdrawn prior to Town Meeting due to lack of support. The Planning Board and selectmen were opposed to assessing surcharges].

Timothy O'Brien, chairman of the Village Revitalization Task Force, a town board, said he was pleased a majority of survey respondents opted for brick.

"We recommended brick as a task force as well and that made me feel good that the community feels the same way," O'Brien said.

When complete, Rizzo said the improvements, which will blend in with the general character, might not "jump out at you," but people will notice a nice environment and a nice feel to the village.

"Having new sidewalks with nice granite curbing, a reduction in the amount of asphalt, additional greenspace, new lighting, the possible removal of overhead utility lines, and restructured rear parking area will provide very noticeable changes to the downtown environment," he said. "The key is to make sure these improvements blend in with the character and nature of the existing environment so that the changes not only make the village a more pedestrian-friendly environment, but they also remove the tired look that exists today and brings back a new sense of energy and vibrancy to the area."

A passerby takes a look at the display showing village design options along the James Brook Walkway in the village. Results of the survey on sidewalk surface materials, lighting fixtures and types of crosswalks have been tabulated and are available in the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall.

Bank to move to old Bergson's building

By Mary Ford
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Fleet Bank is moving across the street in Cohasset. The branch at 772 Chief Justice Cushing Highway [at the far end of Tedeschi Plaza] is moving to 765 CJC Highway at the entrance to Shaw's Plaza.

Jim Schepker, Fleet spokesman, said the bank originally intended to renovate its current location until the larger site across the street became available.

"It's a much larger site with better access," he said. "We hope to open by late October, early November."

The former Bergson's restaurant building [which more recently housed Newport Creamery] is 3300 square feet.

Architect Don Lonergan said the exterior character of the building will stay the same, but the interior is undergoing extensive renovations.

"It's going to be a beautiful, full-service branch," he said.

Schepker said to whom the bank will sublet its soon-to-be former location to is "unresolved as yet."

He said the new branch, which will be a "banking and investment center," will be "state-of-the-art."

"It will have sophisticated technology and be staffed by a number of investment specialists," Schepker said.

The new branch will be open Monday through Saturday.

Fleet Bank's move into the building closes a chapter at the site, which has been empty when Newport Creamery filed for bankruptcy protection in September 2001 and closed 19 of its under-performing restaurants including the one in Cohasset.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Fleet Bank is moving from across the street into the former Newport Creamery building at the entrance to Shaw's Plaza.

Solemn 9-11 observance is planned

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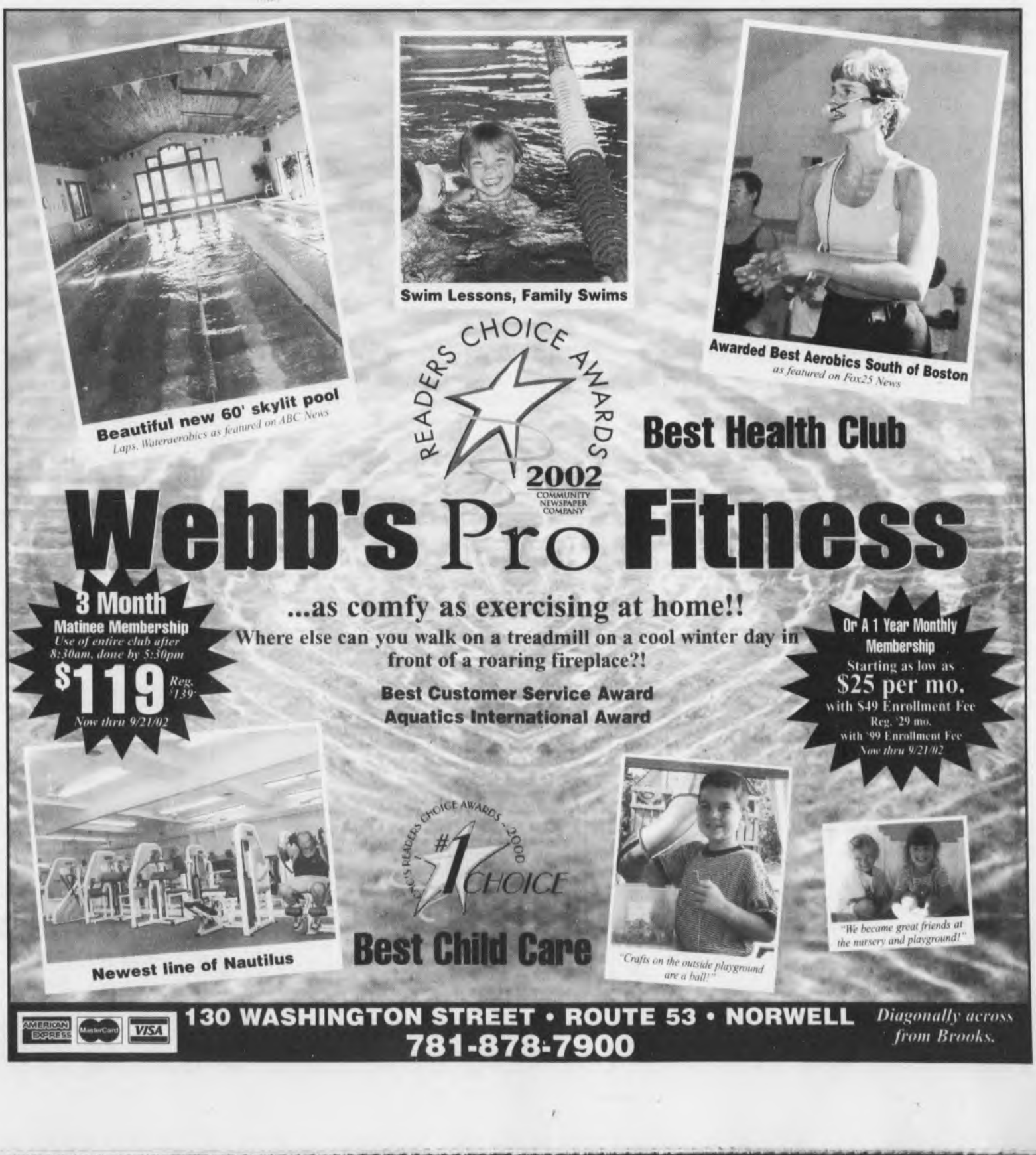
of observing the 9-11 anniversary at their last meeting. Brown and Town Manager Mark Haddad met with members of the local clergy to determine how best to honor the victims and the country.

The decision was made that there would be no public speeches.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said the town wanted to do something to acknowledge the day.

"We wanted to plan something very low key," he said, noting the schools could participate by also observing a moment of silence..

"We want to have a very simple observance yet acknowledge the tragedy and the impact it has had on so many people and the country as a whole," Sullivan said.



Community Preservation Act makes museum work possible

By Brian J. Scully
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Not only is the Capt. John Wilson House under consideration for the National Register of Historic Places, it is also about to undergo a facelift.

The Wilson house is scheduled for a major renovation to repair extensive water damage. The Wilson House as well as the other Historical Society building in the village, the Maritime Museum, will also both be equipped with handicapped access.

"(The renovation) is principally focused at the Wilson house," said Historical Society member Tom Gruber. It started with the sill beams under the floors at the Wilson house, which had become quite rotten as a result of water damage over the years. You can actually peer down under the building through holes in the floor."

The project is also special, because it represents the first tangible use of the Community Preservation Committee's fund.

"We applied for some grant money to help the Society, but we were denied at least one of the grants because we didn't have handicapped access," said Gruber. "The Historical Society hired a restoration architect to look at the handicapped access last year. That process taught us enough to know that this is a major project. When the Community Preservation Act was passed, it gave us an opportunity to see if the Community Preservation Committee would support us in this project."

The CPC was more than receptive to the project, earmarking $150,000 for the project out of the new fund. That figure later passed at town meeting. The CPA fund can be used for open space, affordable housing, or historical preservation.

"It's actually a perfect application of CPC funds," said CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey. "In fact it is one of the projects being monitored closely by the Community Preservation Coalition, which is the group of people who advocated the formation of the Community Preservation Act. It is one of their premier projects. It is an ideal application – it's exactly what the law was intended to accomplish."

"It is an ideal application – it's exactly what the law was intended to accomplish."
— Stuart Ivimey, CPC chairman

Ivimey was pleased that his committee's work was coming to fruition.

"I think it is terrific," said Ivimey. "The Wilson House project is a great example of what this law is supposed to do. It's great that we are able to make this quality contribution to the downtown area at a time when there is a large effort to improve the aesthetics of that area, by being able to help restore these much loved antique buildings in the heart of the Village."

The CPC fund is derived from a 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge, which is then matched by the state at a percentage that varies from year to year. Ivimey expects the state to fully match the town's contribution.

The project will progress in three phases — restoration for the Wilson house, water infiltration prevention measures and handicapped access.

"One of the reasons that there was so much deterioration is because it is built into the ledge," said Gruber. "One component is to rebuild and another one is to try and do something about the water infiltration."

After the renovations are done, the Society will proceed with building the handicapped access.

"We want to be as prudent as we can with the CPC funds," said Gruber. "The further we can make the money go, the better off we'll all be."

The Historical Society has hired Power and Company of Boston to plan the project.

"Powers and Company is in the process of doing their analytical work right now," said Gruber. "They asked us to have the building empty by Labor Day. Before we can start we have to be forensic analysts, deconstructing parts of the building to see the extent of the underground damage.

The Historic Society is hoping to have the recommendations from Power and Company by late fall. In the interim, Gruber wants to make sure that the public is well-informed as to the progress of the project.

"If anybody wants to come in and see what we are doing, just call the historical society," said Gruber. "We'd be glad to give a private showing to anyone, since the buildings close on Labor Day. We want to make sure it is accessible for people to see."

Historical Society museums up for listing on register

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Cohasset Historical Society's pamphlet, it "illustrates a Cohasset home of the early and middle 19th century." The building is about to be refurbished, thanks to money from the Community Preservation Fund (See sidebar).

The Maritime Museum is even older, dating back to the 18th century (the precise year is not known) was home to Samuel Bates' ship chandlery (a marine supply store) in the mid-1700s and is one of the last surviving commercial buildings from that era.

However, the Maritime Museum was moved from its Border Street location to where its sits in the Village today in 1957, which provided a barrier in terms of its eligibility for listing on the National Register.

"Normally, the National Register excludes buildings that have been moved, it will not accept them," said Wadsworth. "There are exceptions to that criteria. One of the exceptions is that it be an outstanding example of, and the only example of, something important."

It was because of this rule, however, that initially the society decided to apply for status as an historic district, which allows some flexibility.

"Originally, we made out the application not for individual listings, but as a historic district of two structures," said Tom Gruber. "The criteria for an historic district is less stringent. The idea is that in a district, it is the collection of structures that is important, even though there may be some intervening structures that don't comply."

But the history and architecture of the structure made that move unnecessary.

"When the Massachusetts Historical Commission got involved and did their due diligence and stated looking at the property, they though that they were so important that they could be individually listed," said Gruber. "It's one of the last surviving commercial buildings from the 1700s in the state, and it's 95 percent intact, even though it has been moved."

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The Cohasset Historical Society museums on Elm Street in the village are up for listing on the National Register of Historic places.

The visiting team from the Massachusetts Historical Commission pointed out two architectural anomalies that made the structure of the Maritime Museum unique.

"I have worked for the historical society for 22 years and it's about time we put them on the register. I'd say it's overdue."
— David Wadsworth, historian

"The structure uses a King Truss," said Gruber. "A horizontal beam goes from front to back of the roof, and there is a vertical post that goes up the hip roof," said Gruber, explaining that a hip roof is a four-sided roof. "The King Post rises from that beam to where the side and front and back surfaces meet."

The other unusual architectural feature in the Maritime Museum is the presence of diagonal cross braces.

"There is a big robust beam that lines the tops of the walls (where the roof meets the walls)," said Gruber. "At the top of the wall there are diagonal braces. And those also have a little beam that goes back into the corner."

Now, under the recommendation of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the buildings are being proffered as individual structures on the same application. At this point, all the Historical Society can do is wait.

"It's our business to make sure that the state people like it," said Wadsworth. "And then state people get a hold of it and it is their business to try and make sure that the federal people in Washington — the National Parks Service — that they like it. It has to go into Washington with the nomination done at a professional level. So, we do the initial work as volunteers, the professionals finish it up in Boston, and put it onto Parks Service forms and then it goes through the review board after everybody is all through with it up there."

Given the rigorous process that the application has gone through just to get to this point, though, Wadsworth feels confident that the state review board will approve the application.

"I can say that there is probably a 99.99 percent chance that it will (pass muster)," said Wadsworth. "It takes some time for them to polish it up after it goes through the review board and then they send it off to the National Park Service in Washington, who administer the register of historic places. Then the keeper of the National Register has a certain time limit to approve it."

Other properties in Cohasset on the National Register are the Cohasset Common Historic District, Government Island, the Caleb Lothrop House on Summer Street and the Walter Gropius House off Atlantic Avenue.

There are about 75,000 listings that make up the National Register.

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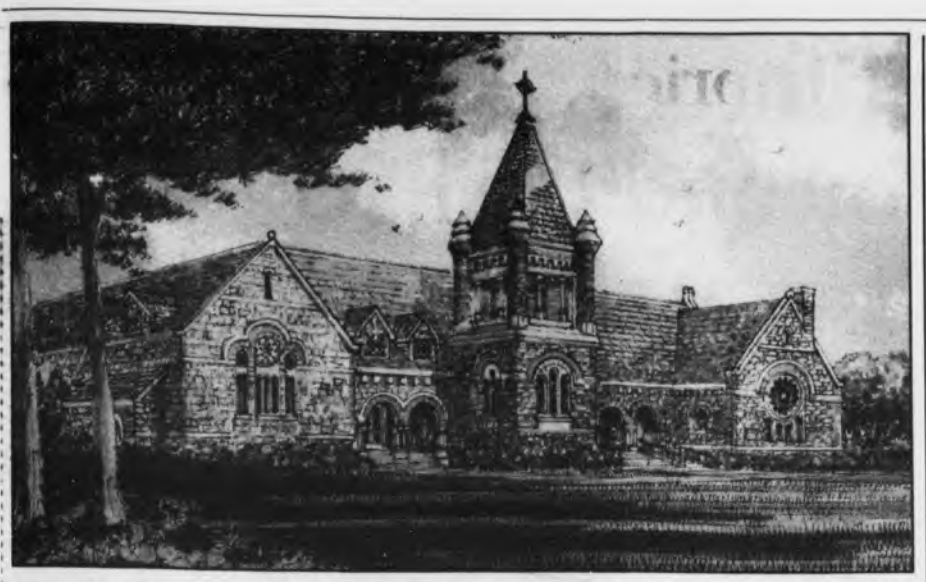

The architects' rendering of the Greek Church on Jerusalem Road with the new addition to the left of the steeple. The same masonry details will be employed on the addition that were used in the existing building. Groundbreaking for the new addition is Sunday, Sept. 8.

Greek Church addition groundbreaking Sunday

Old Parish House sold, to be moved

By Brian J. Scully
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The Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem Road in Cohasset has been growing. From a few families in the mid-1980s to more than 250 families presently, the congregation's expansion has now prompted the church to add a community center addition.

The ground-breaking for the $1.5 million dollar addition to the existing church will be celebrated with a vesper service on Saturday Sept. 7 at 7 p.m., followed by a liturgy and the ground-breaking at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8.

"We have grown so that we have over 100 children in our Sunday school at present and we are now operating out of a house we call it the Parish House," said Ed Lofgren, who handles publicity for the church. "But we have sold that and it is going to be moved down Route 228 to another location and the gentleman is going to use it as a house. And we will just add on the community center to the existing church, using part of the same lot that the parish house is on at present."

Father John G. Maheras addressed his excitement in a letter to the congregation at the start of the fund-raising effort.

"The Parishioners of the Panagia Church have waited patiently and endured uncomfortable conditions for many years with the old Parish House," said Maheras in the letter. "The new Community Center opens up an entire new dimension for all of us with benefits that are endless. The facility will definitely give us a sense of pride and the opportunity to offer so much to so many."

The addition will just about double the size of the church, allowing the congregation to more comfortably house its operations.

"We have approximately 250 families in the congregation and they are all over the South Shore, primarily from Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell, Hanover," said Lofgren. "There will be a youth focus, no question about it, because that is where our growth is with the young people, but on the other hand we want to provide a function hall for not only the community at large but also for weddings, receptions, baptisms, it will be a small function hall it will only accommodate a couple of hundred people, but nevertheless it will serve some useful functions. We'll have meeting places, lots of them, we'll have a nice library where the church can keep archives and things of that nature."

The idea has been floated around for about 10 years, but only in the last two years has it taken shape.

"We know have enough money to start," said Lofgren. "We have about one-third of what we need to go ahead and put up a shell and we have talked to other leading donors who will hopefully come up with the rest. We need $1.5 million we have about one-third of that.

The addition will help house the church's expanding community and youth programs.

"We do more and more community type things as of late and work more and more with our young people. We are seeing more and more functions so this community center will be a welcome addition.

The church has an interesting history, from its start as a family memorial, to its purchase by the Methodist Church. The Greek Orthodox congregation now owns the property.

"The Pope family built it in the 1920s as a memorial to a young man in the family who had passed away from drowning I believe," said Lofgren. "He was a teenager, a young teenager, and he drowned. And the family erected this, I don't know if you could call it a church at that point, but a memorial to the young man."

Lofgren is excited to see the project come to light.

"It will surely enhance spiritual life," said Lofgren. "We will be able to do so much more."

MCAS test results don't show the whole picture

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improve learning and school performance

• For teachers and principals across the state to look at schools that have done well and poorly in the report and learn what does and doesn't work in terms of improving school performance.

BHI uses variables such as teachers' average salary; expenditures on non-instructional items (including administration, athletics, transportation, maintenance and health); expenditures on management (principals and vice principals); and the student-teacher ratio (with lower ratios requiring increased spending and permitting reductions in class size) as indicators of education policy, and determined if these variables had a positive, negative or no effect on MCAS test results.

Then it uses the following variables: property values within a district; participation rate in the free/reduced price lunch program (an indicator of poverty level); proportion of single mothers under 18; proportion of students in the public schools and the drop-out rate for 10th graders.

BHI also included the district's 1994 MEAP (Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program) scores into the mix and applied the model to 2001 MCAS test scores. MEAP was the predecessor to MCAS. BHI provides rankings for schools according to whether and to what extent their actual performance on exceeds their predicted performance.

For example, fourth-graders in Petersham ranked 22 on actual 2001 MCAS test results, but considering socioeconomic and other factors, did the best job in outperforming the model's predictions and therefore was ranked first out of 266 districts by BHI, the report states.

"Has pumping more money into the schools created a return in the form of better-educated young citizens, as measured by good performance on the MCAS test?"

Cohasset does well on the BHI education model for students in the advanced or proficient categories of the English-Math 2001 MCAS tests, with fourth-, eighth- and 10th-graders ranked 16th, 21st, and eighth respectively. [Raw MCAS ranking was 6, 11, and 6), again out of 266 districts.

BHI ranked Hingham's fourth- eighth-, and 10th-graders in the same category as 93rd, 111th, and 45th (Raw 2001 MCAS scores were 25, 39, and 36). Hingham's results indicate it may not be doing as well as it should in light of its demographics, according to BHI.

Some poorer districts, such as Chelsea and Everett, on the BHI ranking showed huge gains over their MCAS ranking, because even with low scores they outperformed the BHI model.

Some affluent districts, like Wellesley and Lexington, did far worse.

"If MCAS is about more than just passing but is also about how much you've learned, then there's a trade off between getting students to do well and getting students to pass," Tuerck said.

The purpose of this study, however, is to determine which variables do the best job of explaining and predicting MCAS test scores, he said.

"Once we know what those variables are, and the direction in which they work, we can help policy makers fashion an education policy that will improve MCAS scores, if that is their goal," Tureck said.

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Do you have a flag that needs retired? Cohasset Girl Scouts will be properly retiring US flags on Sept. 7. Collection boxes are set up in the Paul Pratt Library and outside the Recreation Department in Town Hall. Please leave your flag by Friday, Sept. 6.

PSO CALENDAR UPDATE

The Cohasset PSO calendar is a bit delayed due to a last-minute change in the school calendar for the month of June. We literally "stopped the presses" and were able to make the appropriate changes and it has put the delivery of the calendar back by 2-4 days. Look for it in the mail in the next 4-6 days.

ART FOR KIDS

The South Shore Art Center is currently registering for its children's art classes.

The kids classes start the week of Sept. 23 and there is still room in most sections. The following is a listing of available classes. Look What I Made! PreK-K, Book Adventures PreK-K, Art Explorations grades 1 - 3, Mixed Media Magic grades 1-3,Saturday Drawing, grades 1-3, Hands in Clay grades 1 - 3, Art in Action grades 1- 4, Oil Painting grades 4 - 8, Draw, Paint, Explore! Grades 3 - 8, Clay for Kids grades 4 - 7, Make a Mask parent and child clay PreK-K, Cartooning Evening Class for Teens age 16 through adult, Portfolio 101 for High School Artists, Most classes are 8 weeks and will begin week of Sept. 23. For more information visit www.ssac.org or to register call 781-383-2787.

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

The Beechwood Congregational church is having its annual chicken barbecue/blueberry festival on Friday, Sept. 13 at 6:30. Bring a wrapped item weighing a pound to be auctioned off after dinner. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reservations should be made by calling 781-383-1298.

TOP SAILOR

When it comes to sailing, **Keegan Flynn** seems to be following in his brother **Andrew**'s footsteps. Keegan, age 10, is a member of the Wild Harbor Yacht Club in North Falmouth and sails an optimist. This summer he competed in many regattas sailing his optimist in the white fleet. At the New Bedford Jr. Regatta he placed second in his fleet, the Hyannis Regatta second place and at the Beverly Jr. Regatta fourth place. In the Buzzards Bay Optimist Series, Keegan placed first at Quisset Yacht Club, second at Megansett Yacht Club and Wild Harbor Yacht Club and third at Chappoquoct Yacht Club. He finished the series in second place overall for the white fleet. Keegan also finished in fifth place for the SMSA Grand Prix Optimist Championship. Congratulations Keegan. Your family, friends and Cohasset are very proud of your accomplishments!

ARTS DIRECTOR

The American Academy in Rome has appointed Cohasset High School and Skidmore College graduate **Dana Prescott** as Andrew Heiskell Arts Director. Dana is an art educator, painter, and writer, who has lived and worked in Rome for the past 18 years. She received her master's degree from Rosary College in Florence, Italy. Dana has wide experience with arts, scholarly, educational and cultural organizations in both the United States and Italy that qualify her uniquely to serve the academy as Heiskell Arts Director. The American Academy in Rome is one of the world's leading centers for independent study and research in the arts and humanities, and is located in a historic setting on the Janiculum, the highest hill in Rome. Congratulations!

Peter Hill Doggett

BIRTHDAY GIFT

Peter Hill Doggett, now living in Southern California, was thrilled to receive for his birthday this summer a copy of the new Cohasset history by **Jacqueline Dormitzer**. Son of **Polly and Tom Doggett**, Peter grew up in Cohasset and graduated from Cohasset High before going on to Northeastern and later to Brigham Young University where he received his masters in mechanical engineering.

"I could not have chosen a finer gift for my son," Polly says. He said he started reading the book as soon as it arrived and hopes to finish it before the end of the year. Peter's primary goal, however, is to hike five miles a day until the end of December. That will give him a total of 20,000 miles over the mountainous terrain for that area, not a small accomplishment for any young man.

As we head into the upcoming week and September 11, it is a true time of reflection, sadness and fear for all. It is so important for everyone to reach out and communicate if needed, take the time to think and share how you are feeling and try to keep our children safe and comforted when needed. It is so overwhelming to watch, hear, read and deal with the emotions that are so strong and yet, be able to reassure our kids that they are ok. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all families and friends who are remembering those lost in the horrible tragedy that unfolded one year ago.

That is all for this week. Please send all news, photos and information to me no later than Mondays at noon. EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com MAIL: 622 CJC Highway

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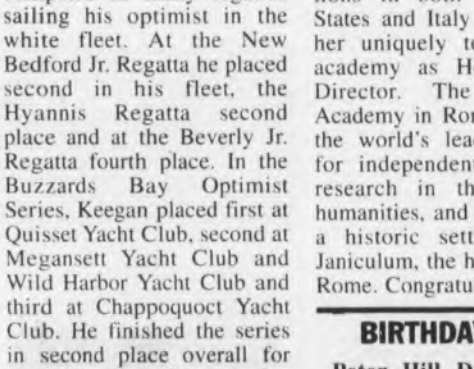
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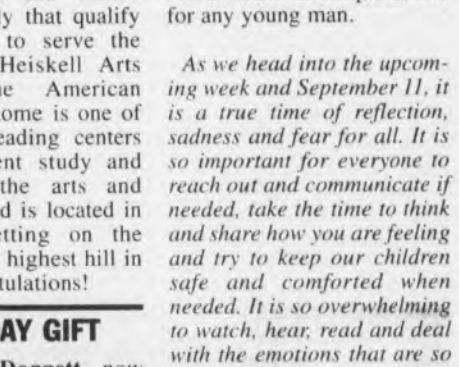
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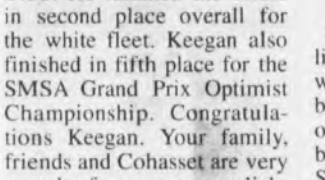
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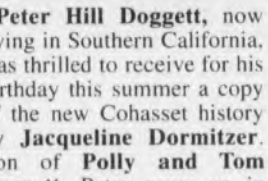
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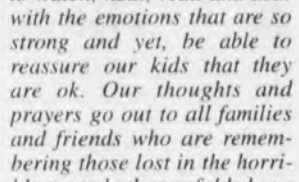
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Local couple not big fans of green lawns

Have colorful flowers instead

By Brian J. Scully
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Paul Park was tired of mowing his lawn.

Two years ago, grass covered his acre-and-a-half front yard at 294 Jerusalem Road. As if the size wasn't enough, the yard exists on a steep plane that makes maneuvering a lawn mower next to impossible.

"I tried to go up, I tried going sideways, it was just a colossal hassle," said Paul. "The other thing is that the soil out there is so sandy. We'd have to be watering it all the time."

Frustrated, Paul and his wife Karen began exploring the different options for landscaping the area.

"We were concerned about anything that we did to the front lawn," said Karen. "We've got the harbor right down across the street. It's such a steep pitch right down to the water that we were concerned about runoff from our property. We could have done it, but it would have been such a momentous effort. I'm not a particular fan of green lawns anyway. You drive down the road and you see someone's property and where the property line starts it's lush and it's green in the middle of August and I just think that looks really silly. I live in the northeast to appreciate the scenery and you kind of miss the seasons when you have green carpet on your front lawn."

Luckily, nature made a suggestion.

"After we moved in and after we let the lawn grow a bit, there would be these random stalks of corn growing," said Karen. "And I was like, 'You know what, this is really cool, look what happens when you don't use all the fertilizers and the pesticides. So that was kind of inspirational."

That discovery, along with Karen's introduction to the world of ecologically-conscious landscaping, inspired the couple to use ecologically-friendly landscaping in place of a traditional lawn.

> **"The types of plant that we used all require less water and fertilizer than a typical landscaping project."**
>
> — Mike Walsh, landscape designer

"I was actually reading the Mariner, and the Garden Club in town had a speaker, Mike Walsh, from Horticultural Concepts, and he's a landscape designer," said Karen. "And he was saying all the things that I was thinking at the time. And there was a book that had interested me at the time, 'Noah's Garden,' by Sara Stein – it's about restoring the ecology of your backyard. The stuff that in the paper, Mike Walsh was quoted with, I don't know, it just hit home. That was what I was looking for, so we contacted him and he designed it and worked with some contractors in the area to get it done."

Walsh designed a landscape of native plants that were hearty, choosing species that would flower more often and require less treatment.

"The types of plant that we used all require less water and fertilizer than a typical landscaping project," said Walsh, in a telephone interview. "There are ornamental grasses, blue mist shrubs, and a lot of Echinacea, which is purple cone flower plants. There are also a lot of Brown-Eyed Susans, along with low-maintenance roses, day lilies, mosses and so forth."

The result is the creation of a beautiful front yard of wild flowers that blends in well with the ledge and natural growth on the edges of the property. The natural look is not deceiving. Within a year of two, the entire project will be self-sustaining.

"Eventually, it will not require even water," said Walsh. "We planned a landscape that wouldn't require water, fertilizer, pesticides or weed control once it is established. This falls within the guidelines of a program I have designed over the past 20 years called Environmentally Sound Landscaping. I believe these principals can be applied to any landscaping project with beautiful results."

The Parks are pleased with their new front yard.

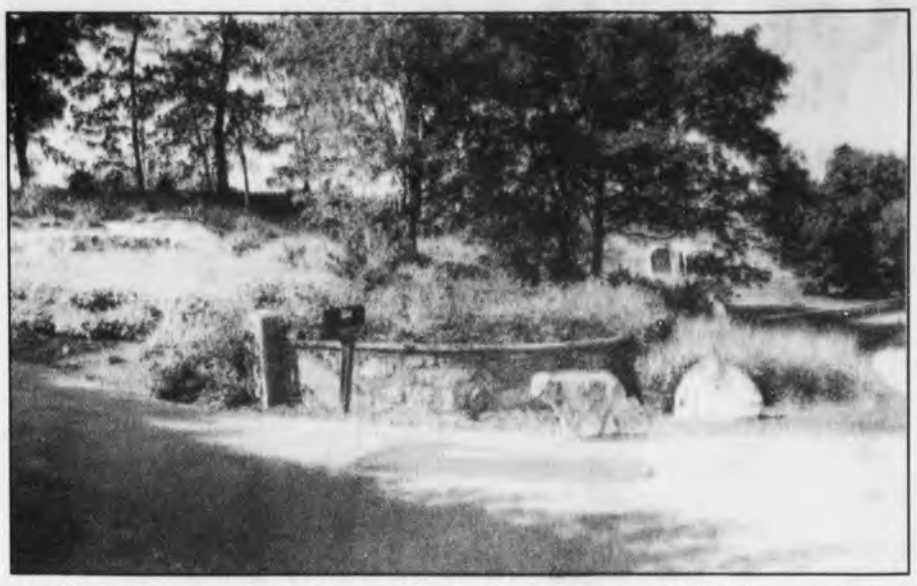
"When I go out there I like to see bees and butterflies and rabbits and squirrels, all sorts of critters," said Karen. "That's probably not a good thing for some people, but we like it. When I see the kids running around and I see a rabbit scurry out, it just seems like that is the way it is supposed to be. It feels right for me anyway."

Despite the project's relative youth, it has not been that much work. Within the next year or two it will be mature and will no longer require regular attention.

"We would water half of the garden with a low-flow system every week, so everything would be watered, every other week and for new plants I don't think that is too bad," said Karen. "As that goes forward, unless there is a drought, we won't need to water it at all, we won't need to fertilize. There's been a lot of weeding in the first couple of years and as you can see that they are forming mounds. As they get closer, the light won't be able to reach the ground and the weeds won't spring up so easily."

Some of the plants didn't work out but the large majority planted are thriving. Almost too much so.

"Those Black-eyed Susans out there really love the sandy soil," said Paul. "They've really just taken over. I get worried that if I stand there too long they might just take me over with them."



A golden retriever meanders by 294 Jerusalem Road, which has a yard full of flowers and plants as opposed to green grass.

A field of brown-eyed Susan and other flowers provide a blanket of color in the Parks' front yard, which is also a critter-friendly place.

The edge of the staircase that leads down the front of the Parks' yard is surrounded by color.

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EDITORIAL

Rethinking MCAS

We'll admit we struggled with the MCAS story this week. At first, it started out as another "attaboy" story for Cohasset, whose 10th graders are ranked eighth out of a possible 266 school districts in assessment model rankings from the Beacon Hill Institute, a public policy think-tank based at Suffolk University.

But then, as often is the case, the story became more complicated as we began our research and the angle had to change.

What the BHI report finds is that MCAS may not be the best barometer for gauging the success of Education Reform, which began in 1993.

Since "ed reform," as it is oft called by school officials, the state has pumped billions of more dollars into school aid. That should be a good thing.

But the BHI report, which uses a range of variables in a complex mathematical formula, finds that more money is not the answer.

It also states that higher teacher salaries and smaller class sizes have not improved school performance, but have actually worsened it.

David Tuerck, an author of the report, explains, for example, that if money is used to keep "dead wood" and not hire younger, more enthusiastic teachers – then it should be no surprise that higher teacher salaries are not correlated to improved student performance.

What the report reveals is socioeconomic factors which are out of the control of local districts are far more important than spending as determinants of performance. The study concludes that improvement on the 2001 MCAS [the results studied] had little to do with increased education spending under ed. reform, but is explained by the socioeconomic character of the school district, pressure from students choosing private over public schools, efforts to discourage students from dropping out, by prior test scores and the fact that seniors who do not pass the test can't graduate.

BHI says school districts in affluent towns should do well on the MCAS because of demographics. But the study notes that some poorer districts are doing better than expected because of their creativity in addressing problems.

The message here is probably towns like Cohasset should not "rest of their laurels."

Now before you start "shooting the messenger" – we are by no means endorsing the report. But we found it interesting and tried to review it with an open mind. You should too. It's available, along with BHI school rankings on www.beaconhill.org.

Mr. Tuerck hopes the report will accomplish two things:

- Provide people with a sense that the state needs to look hard at how it is using education reform money in order to improve learning and school performance
- For teachers and principals across the state to look at schools that have done well and poorly in the report and learn what does and doesn't work in terms of improving school performance.

He notes that if MCAS is more than just passing a test, it should also be about how much is learned.

Certainly, no one can argue with that.

— Mary Ford
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Share your thoughts on 9-11

The events of Sept. 11, 2001 are permanently etched in the minds and hearts of all Americans and people everywhere.

On the upcoming first anniversary of the terrorist attacks, the Cohasset Mariner is inviting voices from the community to express your thoughts about where you were and how you were affected by Sept. 11.

How have you been changed personally by Sept. 11 and how has the community and the country been affected? What about your family and children? Do you approve of how the government has responded to the terrorist threat? What are your personal recollections of where you were on Sept. 11 and what you were feeling?

Signed responses and essays (of a reasonable length) may be sent to the Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham, MA 02043. They may also be emailed to mford@cnc.com. Fax to 781-741-2931 Youngsters in elementary school and older are also invited to give their thoughts. Responses will be published in the Sept. 12 issue of the Cohasset Mariner.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PSO thanks its volunteers

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Parent School Organization (P. S. O.), I would like to welcome everyone to the 2002-2003 school year.

The P. S. O. has been hard at work through this hot summer, on a number of projects that will help us continue our efforts in communication and curriculum enrichment.

First, Jackie Fitts and Jen Piepenbrink have been hard a work on our P. S. O. Web site: www.cohassetpso.org. They have developed this site so that it is user friendly, contains community links and is full of great information. We hope everyone will access this site and we welcome input.

Secondly, our President's Council Fundraising Committee of Karen Doonan, Karima Davis and Chris Powers have been developing plans for our first "Family Fun Day." This is sure to be a great community wide event for the whole family, and it is slated for March 22, 2003. More information is sure to come!

Finally, Sue Mavilia and Jen Piepenbrink work hard all summer to put together our "famed" school calendar. We are pleased with the number of community activities we were able to post on the calendar this year. We would like to remind all that the back of the calendar has a list of all the new P. S. O. boards at each school and lots of other useful community service information.

The Calendars will be available for distribution within the week.

The P. S. O. will continue its commitment to receive and channel parental questions and concerns on issues confronting our schools and to support curriculum enrichment at all schools. We thank all our volunteers — for without you, we couldn't do what we do! And, we are always looking for more volunteers, so check out what you can do at your school.

Adrienne MacCarthy
Cohasset P. S. O., President

What the polls are saying about the race for governor

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government for the week ending Aug. 30.

Here's one of the dumbest political statements you can make: I don't believe the polls.

That's because the mainstream polls are almost always right. And you know who's got to be happy about it this week? Mitt Romney.

That's because the Boston Globe/WBZ poll had Shannon O'Brien widening her lead on Robert Reich as Reich tried to take the Democratic nomination away from O'Brien, the frontrunner. Voters will decide the nomination Sept. 17. At the same time, though, the Herald poll showed Reich increasingly running the best — much better than O'Brien — against Romney, the Republican. The final election is Nov. 5

The Gallup and Harris polls have correctly called the winner of every presidential race since 1948. The polls showed Cellucci beating Harshbarger in 1998; the tax rollback question of 1990 losing but the one in 2000 winning; and the presidential race of 2000 close beyond belief, perhaps beyond precedent. There are no recent examples of media polls making the wrong call locally.

All these accurate polls were conducted by polling either 400 of the two million Massachusetts voters, or 1,000 of the 100 million U.S. voters. How can this be? Math. It turns out that as long as everyone in the population you're interested in has an equal chance of being contacted, a tiny sample will yield extremely accurate results. If it didn't work, the polls wouldn't be right 95 percent of the time, which they are.

That being said, there are a number of ways in which polls get misused. The most common is to take one poll and predict the race. It would be a mistake to take just this week's polls and say, here's what's happening, because about 5 percent of well-done, scientific polls are wrong, and it's impossible to tell when you're looking at one of the 5 percent. The pros look at trends, not single polls. If you want to call a race, look at whether anyone's moving fast in the final weeks. And by the way: Reich is. Warren Tolman is picking up ground too.

Probably the very best use of polls is to determine what the public wants. If the government is supposed to operate according to the will of the people, it needs an accurate read of what the people want — or don't want. This is how, for example, Beacon Hill was able to divine there wouldn't be a voter revolt if taxes were raised. There wasn't.

That being said, Beacon Hill's reputation is unlikely to improve until it starts observing the dictates of the only poll in which 100 percent of voters participate — the election. The Legislature has shown a predilection lately for vetoing the will of the people by undoing laws passed by the people in referenda. The opinion polls accurately reflect the inevitable result: they continue to show the Legislature's approval rating in the 20's.

The race is increasingly driving the news, but it's far from the only news.

- A much-talked about audit of the state Lottery delivered far-ranging rebukes of the way the agency is being run. The auditor said the Lottery isn't doing enough to go after tax evaders, and that while it's improved its loss control procedures, there's still too many cases where agents aren't paying for the tickets they buy, too many tickets are missing, there are suspicious cases involving agents and lucky winners, and some significant examples of sloppy bookkeeping at the Lottery. The report had been framed in terms of Auditor Joseph DeNucci trying to hurt Treasurer O'Brien, with whom he's long been feuding, as she seeks the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. If DeNucci was politically motivated, his timing was deft: the audit was released far enough before the primary to partly shield the auditor from charges of trying to do in his foe. But it still came out close enough to the big vote to do O'Brien damage before people tune out the news over Labor Day weekend and the final big vacation week of the summer. O'Brien said the Lottery is always looking to improve, but is a much tighter ship than when she got there.
- The story was not as dramatic as last year, when success rates on the must-pass test went way up, but the acting governor and other officials pronounced themselves pleased that 69 percent of the 10th graders who took the test for the first time passed it, compared to 68 percent a year ago. The gap between white students and students of color is still enormous, but closed just a bit this year.
- The high school dropout rate stayed at 3.5 percent in 2002, belying the assertions of MCAS opponents who had predicted the pressure around the test would induce many youngsters to quit school.
- A state survey estimated the number of uninsured in Massachusetts at 397,000, up from 365,000 in 2000. Close observers of the health insurance situation in the Bay State said the preliminary numbers could have been worse — and may be in the near future — given the tepid economy and rapidly rising health costs.
- A report by the Justice Policy Institute found the state has increased spending on higher education by 16 percent from 1985 to 2000, but 273 percent on prisons in the same period. Vincent Schiraldi, president of the Justice Policy Institute said: "It's emblematic of how we build our future. And increasingly, we're building prisons. It sends a terrible message to our young people."
- As public hearings commenced on this year's auto insurance rate hike request, experts from the attorney general's office and the State Rating Bureau said the industry's filing for 7 percent is excessive and unjustified. But the industry said insurance claims are on the rise again, and after rates cuts totaling 25 percent since 1994, a rate increase is warranted. Meanwhile, motorcycle owners criticized the current system, under which bikers are charged the same rates as cars but don't get bonuses like anti-theft and multiple-vehicle credits. A decision is due by mid-December.

Craig Sandler writes for the Statehouse News Service.

Speaker series to be informative, fun

LOCAL VIEW

DONALD IVAS

The Cohasset Social Service League is sponsoring a "Lunchtime Speaker Series" at the South Shore Art Center in the beautiful Dillon Gallery. This speaker series is both informal and informational and is meant as a vehicle to bring people of the community together in a setting that will hopefully promote congenial, social interaction.

The pace of life can be so frenetic that it would be nice to sit in a room surrounded by artwork, and listen to a professional speak on his or her topic of interest. The talks would be brief and entertaining, and people are welcome to bring their lunch or a snack and say hello to old friends or meet some new ones. The volunteers at the Social Service League want to emphasize the word social, and how valuable this commodity is to a small town. We would like to bring people together, and also offer information that may enhance your life, your children, your career or simply rejuvenate your outlook or sense of humor.

We look forward to offering an array of speakers from doctors to artists to fashion designers. A healthy community is a well informed community, an interactive town that shares space and time, and hopefully a common theme or subject that will spur conversation and questions.

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This lunchtime series is not meant as another "thing to do" to add to your already hectic lives. The purpose is to provide an atmosphere in which to share a few minutes with others at your own discretion. If the speaker sounds interesting feel free to come to the gallery and listen, ask a question, bring a friend, learn something new, or just relax and have your sandwich.

I think you will be surprised at how taking a few moments out of your routine will lift your spirits and provide you with a feeling of connection. The generosity of the South Shore Art Center in offering this gallery space as a public service and the kindness of the speakers to appear in this forum for no fee, is quite a gift to the community at large that should be explored and enjoyed.

The speakers will be at the Dillon Gallery in downtown Cohasset every other Friday from noon-1pm. The speakers will leave ample time for questions and discussion and the program is funded through voluntary donations to the SSAC. This informative service is open to everyone, and although we can not please all the people all of the time, or some of the people all of the time, we hope to please some of the people some of the time.

I'm sure on one of these Fridays you will hear of a speaker coming to town that will peak your interest and hopefully you will join in and be a part of the community spirit we are trying to enhance. Look in the Mariner for a brief description of who will be coming on the scheduled Friday. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Cohasset Social Service League at 781-383-0771. Hope to see one of these Fridays.

Donald J. Ivas is administrative director the Cohasset Social Service League.

HEALTH NOTES

Is Cohasset a walkable town?

Make walking part of your day

This is the first in a series of articles talking about how our inactivity became widespread, and what we can do about it. We'll give some of the latest thinking about measuring your activity, how to change the world to be more activity friendly, the politics and economics of changing the inactivity paradigm. The Board of Health believes changing the way we get our exercise is as important as most of the other things we do, and our emphasis on it will continue.

On Aug. 29 at the Lightkeepers House, local health officers from nearby towns received a presentation from Mark Fenton, a dedicated walker, which provided a new outlook on our most pressing health threat after cancer: complications associated with inactivity. The talk began by pointing out that humans, since their hunter gatherer days 16,000 years ago, have been on a slowing treadmill. Whereas, in the early days, humans walked probably an average of nine miles a day, down to today when Americans, on average, walk less than three miles per day. On the other hand, food availability, and therefore consumption, has been increasing. The change from hunter-gatherer to farming increased the availability of food and decreased activity necessary to get it, but things really took off in the last 50 or so years when the internal combustion engine transformed our society both by making food easier to produce, and making people work much less to get it. Lately, in the last 20-30 years, we've made it increasingly easy to drive to places and in many cases, nearly impossible to walk.

The result is inactivity and hence, obesity.

Obesity rates among children have more than doubled in the past 20 years, according to the National Longitudinal Study of Youth. Even worse, rates of obesity are much higher among minority children than among white youth, suggesting a grave social inequity in the availability of safe, healthy recreational opportunities. And obesity; or, rather complications from inactivity kills. .

Physical activity recommendations for children suggest that they need a variety of activities each day-some intense, some less-so, some informal, some structured. Walking or cycling to and from school is an ideal way to get some of that activity at no extra cost to the child or family.

But more important, changes in the design of our environment have driven us to a paradigm of lessened activity. The mall, big store, parking lot, etc.(the popular word for which is urban sprawl) has altered the transportation paradigm. This evolution of our civil structure to ever less walking activity, and ever more dependence on elevators, cars, segway riders, etc.etc. over the last 15 years is threatening the health of as much as 50 percent of the population of the U.S. A threat which is sure to be attacked in much the same way smoking was battled, and over a similar 50-year time period.

And walking, the original exercise of choice for hunter gatherers, when they weren't running from predators, is the cornerstone of exercise for modern humans. Just 30 minutes of activity a day is enough to reduce your risk for cardiovascular disease (the number one killer of both men and women in America), diabetes, osteoporosis, obesity, clinical depression, and some forms of cancer.

Walking works. Walking one mile in 20 minutes will use roughly the same number of calories as:

- Swimming breast stroke for nine minutes.
- Running a mile in 10 minutes.
- Bicycling for 16 minutes.
- Playing baseball for 25 minutes.

To put it simply, with a daily two-mile walk you'll feel better, look better, and be better!

Break it up! Your 30 minutes of activity can be accumulated-say, a 15 minute walk to school in the morning, and 15 minutes home in the afternoon-and still provide the same health benefits, according to the Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health.

Health Screening Day

The Board of Health is sponsoring a health screening day on Tuesday Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church (next to Town Hall)

All Cohasset residents are welcome

Free screenings include:

- Vision and Hearing (provided by Lions District 33K Eyemobile)
- Cholesterol and Blood Sugar (provided by the Cohasset Rotary)
- Blood pressure, Osteoporosis, Reiki and Polarity Therapy
- Oral Cancer, Skin Analyzer, Magnet Therapy

Healthy Snacks will be served.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Local AAUW branch starts year with potluck dinner

The Hingham area branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) opens its membership year on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln School Apartments, Central St in Hingham. The theme for the 2002-2003 calendar of activities is Women: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.

All are invited to attend this Annual Potluck Dinner. The featured guest at this dinner is Mary Kate McGowan who received an American Fellowship from AAUW. American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for post-doctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication. McGowan's field is philosophy with postdoctoral work at the University of Maryland.

The full schedule of the monthly meetings will be presented during the evening. The Hingham branch meets once a month, September through May and is open to women and men. Members come from the towns between Duxbury and Canton with the majority from Hingham, Weymouth, Braintree and Quincy.

The Hingham Branch of the AAUW is one of more than 1,500 branches nationwide that advocate the ideals of the national organization established in 1881. The goal of the AAUW is to promote education and equity for all women and girls. With a membership of over 150,000, the commitment to these issues is reflected in public policy efforts, programs, and diversity initiatives.

For more than a century, AAUW has influenced legislative debate on critical issues such as education, Social Security, sex discrimination, civil rights, reproductive choice, affirmative action, Title IX, welfare reform, vocational education, pay equity, family and medical leave, and health care reform. Local branches carry out programs such as Diversity Workshops, work with local schools, raise money for the AAUW Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Since 1968, the Hingham Area Branch has enjoyed activities dedicated to lifelong learning and the camaraderie of educated women. Opportunities for networking and volunteering exist on a local and state level.

To learn more about the AAUW, its vision and potential value to you while sharing in the members' culinary efforts, please reserve a space by calling co-president Priscilla Johnsen at 781-337-2143.

Snow loved sea stories

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I see where they have located the wreckage of the steamer Portland — New England's most famous shipwreck, 450 feet down at the bottom of Massachusetts Bay.

I can only wish Eddy Snow had been alive to see it.

In case you came in late, Edward Rowe Snow, who lived on the banks of the North River in Marshfield, was the premier chronicler of our love/hate relationship with the sea.

If it happened in New England and Eddy didn't know about it, then maybe it didn't really happen after all.

For a while he wrote a column for the Patriot Ledger in Quincy because his friend, John Herbert, was the editor. When John moved on to the Boston Herald, Eddy moved right along with him.

He had an office on Columnists' Row in the Herald building and occasionally when he was in residence and I had nothing to do, I'd drop in on him and chat about something that happened two or three hundred years ago.

I remember once kidding him about some awkward bit of writing in one of his columns, and he drew himself up to his full height (he was a large man) and informed me, "I'm not a writer; I'm a storyteller!"

Indeed he was. He was a schoolteacher in Winthrop when he decided to chuck it all and do what he really wanted to do: tell stories. He must have written a hundred books. I lost count when it reached 80.

I deduced from our conversations that there were two things that Eddy wanted more than anything else in the world: locate the wreckage of the Portland and find a real sea monster.

When the remains of some unidentified animal washed up on Mann Hill Beach in Scituate, his phone rang off the hook with calls from newspapers and TV stations around the world.

Yes, he told them, it really is a sea monster. It turned out to be the body of a basking shark that had been battered by the surf and nibbled at by fishes. I attribute the error to Eddy's enthusiasm, not ignorance.

He thought he had located the wreckage of the Portland, too.

"On July 1, 1945, Diver Al George, working on a clue I received from Captain Charles L. Carver of Rockland, Maine, located the Portland in 144 feet of water 7-1/2 miles out to sea from Race Point Coast Guard Station," he wrote in "Sea Disasters and Inland Catastrophes."

"He brought up a key from one of the staterooms, plainly marked PORTLAND. His words follow: 'It would seem as though the Portland had hit bottom on her beam ends and then through the years had worked her way into the sand until she is buried almost completely. Only the bare hull of the ship seems in position.

" 'All superstructure evidently has been spread around the ocean bed long ago. The boulders are much higher than my head. I could not tell whether I had found the foremast or the mainmast.

" 'It was a strange experience standing there alone with the ill-fated Portland and probably what remained of the passengers and crew still imprisoned in her sand-covered hull.'"

Was it the wreckage of the same ship that was discovered in 1989 and finally confirmed as that of the Portland only last week?

Now, about that sea monster . . .

South Shore Conservatory, Music Circus are in sync

CONSERVATORY BEAT

DAVID W. BRYAN

Did you know that every time you purchase a ticket to see Tony Bennett or Bruce Hornsby or Pat Benatar at the South Shore Music Circus, you are helping South Shore Conservatory improve the quality of life in our region?

South Shore Playhouse Associates, the governing board of the South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent, have pledged a quarter of a million dollars to South Shore Conservatory's $3.5 million capital campaign to expand learning space at its Hingham campus. The Playhouse Associates were also a lead supporter in the creation of the Conservatory's Duxbury campus at the Ellison Center for the Arts.

The Music Circus is not only a great place for an evening of entertainment, but also an important community asset that supports non-profit educational, artistic and recreational organizations on the Cape and South Shore.

Bruce Cameron, a director of South Shore Playhouse Associates for more than 25 years and the current President, says that the mission of the Music Circus from the very beginning has been "to return all profits back to the community in support of the arts, education and recreation." In the last 10 years alone, more than $1 million has been awarded to nearly 50 regional non-profit organizations that fall within these guidelines. Cameron says, "South Shore Conservatory is an integral part of the arts in our community. It has been our privilege to support their projects over the last 20 years. When we heard about the Hingham building project, we were excited and thrilled to be in a position to significantly support this effort."

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— Bruce Cameron,
South Shore Playhouse Associates

The Music Circus' gift to South Shore Conservatory will name the professional gallery space on the first floor of the new building on the Hingham campus. The Music Circus Gallery will feature bi-monthly exhibits by artists from the South Shore Art Center. Watch for the grand opening in Fall, 2003.

The South Shore Playhouse Associates began as an outgrowth of the South Shore Players.. In the 1930s and '40s the Players put on productions at the Cohasset Town Hall with actors such as Humphrey Bogart and playwrights including Thornton Wilder and Sinclair Lewis. The first operettas and musical shows were produced on the horse grounds of the Bancroft Estate in 1951, when audiences could no longer be accommodated in the Cohasset Town Hall. Theater-in-the-round music tents were new to the performance scene and the 1,000-seat tent erected on Sohier Street was only the fourth in the country. The inaugural tent performance was "Show Boat" with 60 performers. Tickets were priced from $1.20 to $3.60, and most performances were sold out.

As the cost of long-running, large-cast productions increased and audience interest evolved, actors were replaced in the 1970s with singers and dancers "on their way up," such as Anita Bryant and Dick Van Patten, who usually stayed only one or two nights. This concert format has continued through this year's season and now features some of the most popular stars of music and comedy. This year's schedule includes almost 100 performances for more than 200,000 patrons.

Music Circus General Producer Vince Longo expects future seasons to continue to appeal to a wide variety of music and comedy enthusiasts. He plans to increase offerings for children and will add more "Nickelodeon Presents" features, which were very popular this year. He says that artists enjoy performing at the Music Circus because of staff efforts to make the experience a pleasant one. The audience appreciates the intimate venue and the opportunity to feel close to each performer. Our community values the Music Circus for its musical productions and for its generosity to the cultural life of our region.

David W. Bryan is a Trustee and past President of South Shore Conservatory. He currently serves as co-chair of the Capital Campaign. Please call 781-749-7565, ext. 23 for more information on Conservatory programs or ways to become involved in this exciting project.

GARDEN PARTY

Republicans Nathaniel Palmer, who is running for state representative; Congressman Amo Houghton; state Sen. Robert Hedlund; Polly Logan, vice chairman of the state Republican Party; Bruce Herzfelder, a candidate for state treasurer; and former state senator Bill Weeks at a lawn party in Herzfelder's honor at Jeff and Barbara Power's house.

Polly Logan and Rich Silvia share a laugh during the fundraiser for Cohasset's Bruce Herzfelder, who is a Republican candidate for state treasurer. The lawn party was hosted by Jeff and Barbara Power of Beach Street.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Palmer field director

Nathaniel Palmer, Republican candidate for State Representative for the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and North Scituate, announces that longtime local activist Chris Barton has joined his campaign team in the capacity of Field Director.

"We are very excited to have Chris Barton join our campaign," Palmer says. "He brings energy, experience, and an infectious winning spirit to the team." Palmer adds, "He is a welcome addition to the growing momentum of the campaign and will undoubtedly play a large towards our victory in November."

Barton is a veteran of several local elections, having served a critical role in campaigns for several South Shore Republican candidates over the last decade. Barton's experience also includes working with statewide gubernatorial candidates and local coordination of presidential races.

"I am very excited to join Nathaniel Palmer's campaign, who has done an unprecedented job as a first-time legislative candidate," Barton explains. "Nathaniel Palmer is a very impressive candidate and will serve as a strong representative in the legislature."

Bob Hedlund earns labor endorsements

With Labor Day approaching, state Senator Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, took time from the busy campaign trail to speak with the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 791, where he saluted the hard working men and women of the South Shore.

"I have always been proud to represent the many hard working men and women of my district," he said. "With my roots in a union family and being the former owner of a small truck repair business, I know hard work and I have always been able to relate to the issues facing the working families. The best interests of working men and women will continue to be a focal point of my efforts as their state Senator."

Hedlund has supported legislation that provided benefits for working-class families including prevailing wage, pension, early retirement, healthcare and job security rights to name a few. The AFL-CIO ratings demonstrate his solid labor record. His combined rating for the 1999-2000 and 2001-2002 legislative sessions on issues important to working families is 84.85 percent, which includes an 88.46 percent rating for the 1999-2000 legislative session.

So far this year, Hedlund has earned key labor endorsements, including the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 791, Carmen's Local 589, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4, National Association of Government Employees Local 5000, Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union, Duxbury Police Union, Cohasset Police Association (IBPO) Local 641, Massachusetts Laborers' District Council, Boston Firefighters, Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, and various other public safety, public employee and trade unions.

Hedlund or his staff can be reached at his district office 781-340-9866, via email RHedlund@senate.state.ma.us or at the State House office 617-722-1646.

LeClair on 40B

Ted LeClair, Democratic candidate for State Senate in the Norfolk/ Plymouth district, is voicing his disappointment on Acting Governor Jane Swift's veto of a bill that sought to point the existing 40B zoning law in the right direction.

"I am disappointed by Swift's veto this past weekend of the 40B amendments," stated LeClair. "While this legislation was far from the needed reforms to the Chapter 40B law, it was clearly a small step in the right direction. The amendment, vetoed by Acting Governor Swift, would have begun to level the playing field between towns and aggressive developers while at the same time recognize that affordable housing already exists in our communities. The Acting Governor's veto of the adjustment to 40B, leaves local officials with a lack of control in the face of unfettered development in their towns."

Chapter 40B allows developers to override local zoning in towns where less than 10 percent of the housing is affordable. In many local communities, local officials are overwhelmed by 40B proposals. Officials, who are working to meet the housing needs in their communities, state that these housing projects will overburden their infrastructure, deplete their water supplies and overwhelm their school systems.

Fall barn sale at fire museum

A fall barn sale will take place at Bare Cove Fire Museum on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 19 Fort Hill St., rain or shine. Donations are gratefully accepted; please call 781-749-0028.

The Bare Cove Fire Museum has a history of supporting the cost of the non-profit museum by holding a bi-annual barn sale in a storage building in Bare Cove Park. Items for sale include skis and poles, books, records (78s and other sizes), tapes, speakers, dishes, furniture, toys, puzzles, clothes, computer games, tools, art, holiday decorations, sports equipment and household appliances. Aside from raising money on the day of the barn sale, museum members will be on hand to answer questions you may have about the history of firefighting in Hingham.

The museum's neighbor, the South Shore Model Railroad Club is having an open house the same day. Everyone is welcome to both venues!

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SENIOR SCENE

Upcoming September events at the Council on Elder Affairs are:

End of summer picnic, Friday, Sept. 6, - Cohasset Lightkeeper's House Anna's Gourmet Group at noon charge $2 Call CEA 383-9112 for reservations.

Foot care: Wednesday, Sept. 11 Call CEA for appointment.

Friday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. move to a new house without ever leaving home - come and meet Jo Remillard and learn how to do "right sizing" brown bag lunch with the CEA providing drinks and desserts donation $10 Must sign up in advance.

Bonsai and brunch - Friday, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Bill Wennenburg, Bridge instructor, is going to help participants create a bonsai planting and explain the best method of growing the plant. Lunch included $5. Must sign up in advance

Mark your calendar for October

Seminar, Caring for your aging parents. Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23:

Meghegan Sun, Thursday, Oct. 17, - $25 leave at 8 am return at 6:50 p.m. Call CEA for reservations trip includes a $10 meal and $10 matched betting coupons no reservations without payment

Ikebana demonstration - Friday, Oct. 28, Fran O'toole Fran is a master flower judge and Ikebana master - come and enjoy the wonderful world of flowers.

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South Shore Elder Services Inc. and Cohasset Elder Affairs invites you to attend "A Community Focus Group Meeting to Identify Caregiver's Needs" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St.

A free light dinner will be served followed by a discussion of community caregiver's needs.

RSVP by Sept. 18, 781-848-3910, Ext. 439 or 335.

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Cohasset Elder Affairs presents an educational series for children of aging parents titled "A Seminar for Elders and Caregivers" Wednesday evenings at 3 North Main St. From 6-6:30 p.m. a light supper will be served, 6:30 8:30 p.m., program. Donation of $10 is requested. Call 781-383-9112.

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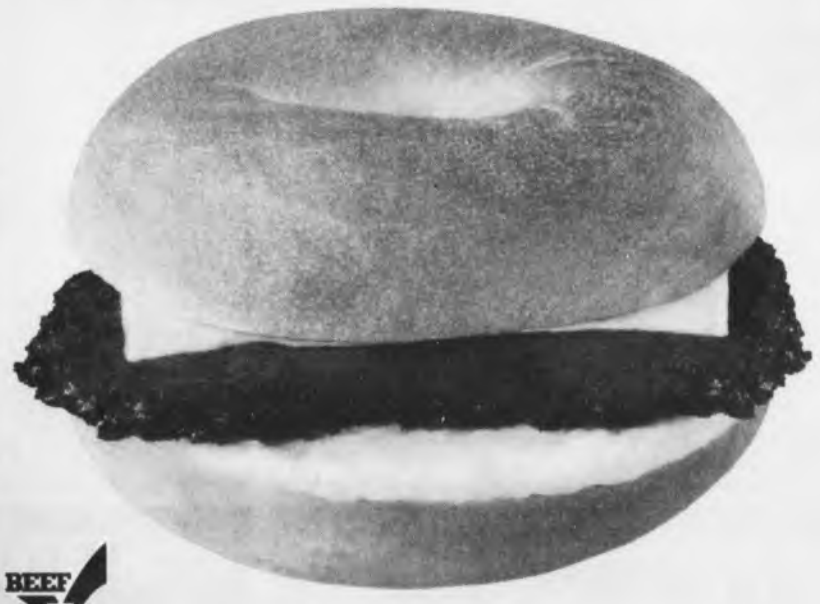

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The event kicks off at 2 p.m. with Four Guys in Tuxes and is sponsored by the Nantasket Beach Merchants Association and the U.S. Filter Co. as a free, community service. The venue is handicap accessible.

Collector's Choice exhibit at art center

The work of artists John Singer Sargent, Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee, Grandma Moses, Marc Chagall, Rembrandt, and August Renoir couldn't be more different. These artists, however, all share one little-known commonality.

They all have had their masterpieces on display at the South Shore Art Center in its traditional Collector's Choice exhibition. The Collector's Choice exhibition affords residents of the South Shore and beyond, an opportunity to view, in their own regional art center, museum-quality works of art from private collections. Artwork procured thus far includes work by Andy Warhol, William Wegman, Abe Morrell, Anders Zorn, Marc Chagall and Salvador Dali. Collector's Choice '02 will feature recent acquisitions and focus primarily on what collectors have collected in the last 10 years. The public will have only three days to view the exhibition before the work is returned to its owners and is no longer accessible to the public.

Collector's Choice is scheduled for Sept. 27-29. A gala opening reception will take place at the South Shore Art Center on Friday, Sept. 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at a private seaside home. The exhibition preview party will be enhanced by the opportunity to purchase collectible frames decorated by popular celebrities. Twenty personalities from the art world as well as the world of sports, politics and literature have agreed to decorate and ersonalize wooden frames that will be offered to the highest bidder in a silent auction.

Tickets for this exhibition fundraiser are $135 ($125 for South Shore Art Center members). On Saturday, Sept. 28, the exhibition will be open to the public from 10a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sunday, Sept. 29, the exhibition will open at 11:30 a.m. with Music Amidst the Masterpieces, an informal brunch and at 1 p.m. a concert by the Boston Chamber Music Society, Ronald Thomas, Artistic Director. Tickets are $35. Reservations for both events can be made by calling 781-383-2787.

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Priscilla D. Daniels, professional pianist and teacher of pianoforte, resumes her lesson schedule at her Beach Street home in Cohasset. Her personalized instruction has attracted. students who have had careers in music, while others play just for pleasure.

Mrs. Daniels is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music of Boston, magna cum laude. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, national sorority, and Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary professional society. She has taught in Swampscott, Lincoln, Norwood, and currently in Cohasset.

As part of each lesson she incorporates music theory, harmony, rhythm study and expression. She encourages her students to improvise and compose, and strives to communicate a love and appreciation for the fine arts through the medium of the piano.

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Former Archies' teacher opens new chapter at CHS

By Brian J. Scully
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For 27 years, Braintree resident Al Gallotta woke up every morning and headed to Archbishop Williams. As a math teacher, coach, and athletic director, Gallotta was firmly entrenched in the school.

But after his youngest daughter graduated from Williams last year, Gallotta began to seek out a new position that would allow him to spend more time with his wife, away from the long hours required of an Athletic Director. That challenge has come in the form of a position as a math teacher at Cohasset High School

"It felt a little strange starting here today," said Gallotta after his first day of meetings last Tuesday. "Walking into a new building after going in the same direction for 27 years felt a little funny. I taught two classes at Archies, and I usually spent about 90-100 minutes in the classroom because of my responsibilities, whereas at Cohasset it is going to be a lot more than that. I haven't had the teaching schedule I have now going way back."

Middle-senior high school principal Michael Jones was excited to add a teacher of Gallotta's stature to his staff.

"Mr. Gallotta is going to be a tremendous addition to this faculty," said Jones. "He's going to bring his experience here, he's going to bring his teaching skills in mathematics, his background in coaching and being an athletic director."

Beyond that, though, Jones is impressed with the reputation Gallotta earned at Williams.

"He has a reputation all over the South Shore as a man of character, and as an outstanding teacher and mentor," said Jones. "So to have somebody of that kind of experience and that kind of stature, coming into the school is a real plus for us."

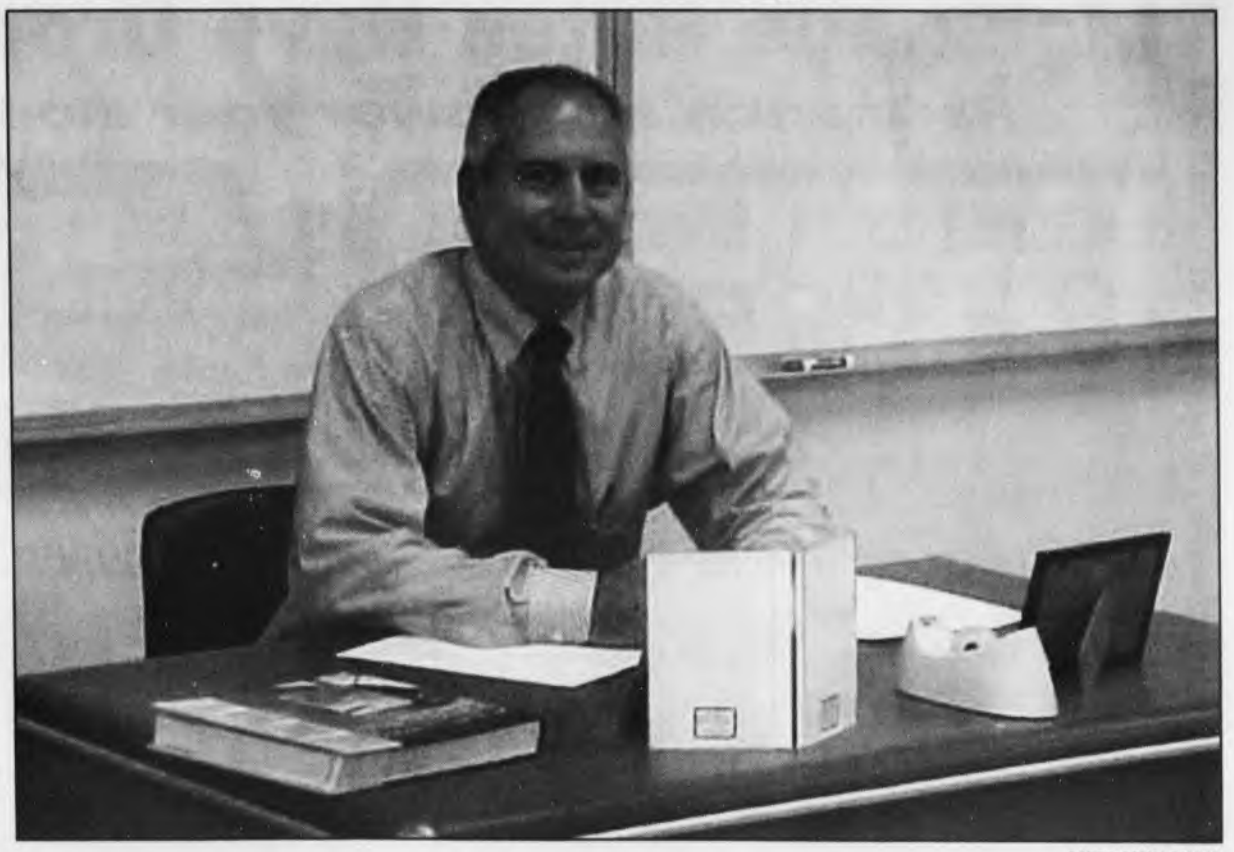
"Mr. Gallotta is going to be a tremendous addition to this faculty."
— Principal Michael Jones

Gallotta is ready to begin the next phase of his teaching career and feels that Cohasset is the perfect place to do so.

"I've been looking forward to two things," said Gallotta. "First, I am looking forward to the new challenge a new school system will give me and second, I am looking forward to reducing the number of hours I have to spend at work."

While the new position will require a lot of preparation in the first year, the amount of time pales in comparison to the hours he spent as Athletic Director.

"Some teachers might want to get out of the building at 3 p.m.," said Gallotta, who will teach Geometry after five years of Algebra II at Williams. "If I leave at 4:30 or 5 p.m. it seems like a mini-vacation compared to the hours I was putting in."



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Al Gallotta looks right at home at his new desk at Cohasset High School.

Preparation, though, is an area that Gallotta feels confident in.

"I can pride myself on always feeling that whether I prepped for two minutes or two hours, I was always in the classroom ready to teach the subject," said Gallota.

"It feels a little bit funny at this point in time that I am just another person there and my reputation has to be sort of established all over again after establishing it at Archies. You are only as good as what you prove to the people you work with. I'll certainly never attain the status that I had at Archies. That was something I was well-aware of and willing to give up in order to trade for a new opportunity and a new challenge. I have enough confidence to feel that I can go in there and do a decent job."

In the end, though, Gallotta isn't going to worry about building a reputation.

"I love kids, I have always loved kids," said Gallotta. "Whether they are Archies kids or Cohasset kids isn't going to matter. If I am able to deal with them at Cohasset as successfully as I did at Archies, my reputation will follow."

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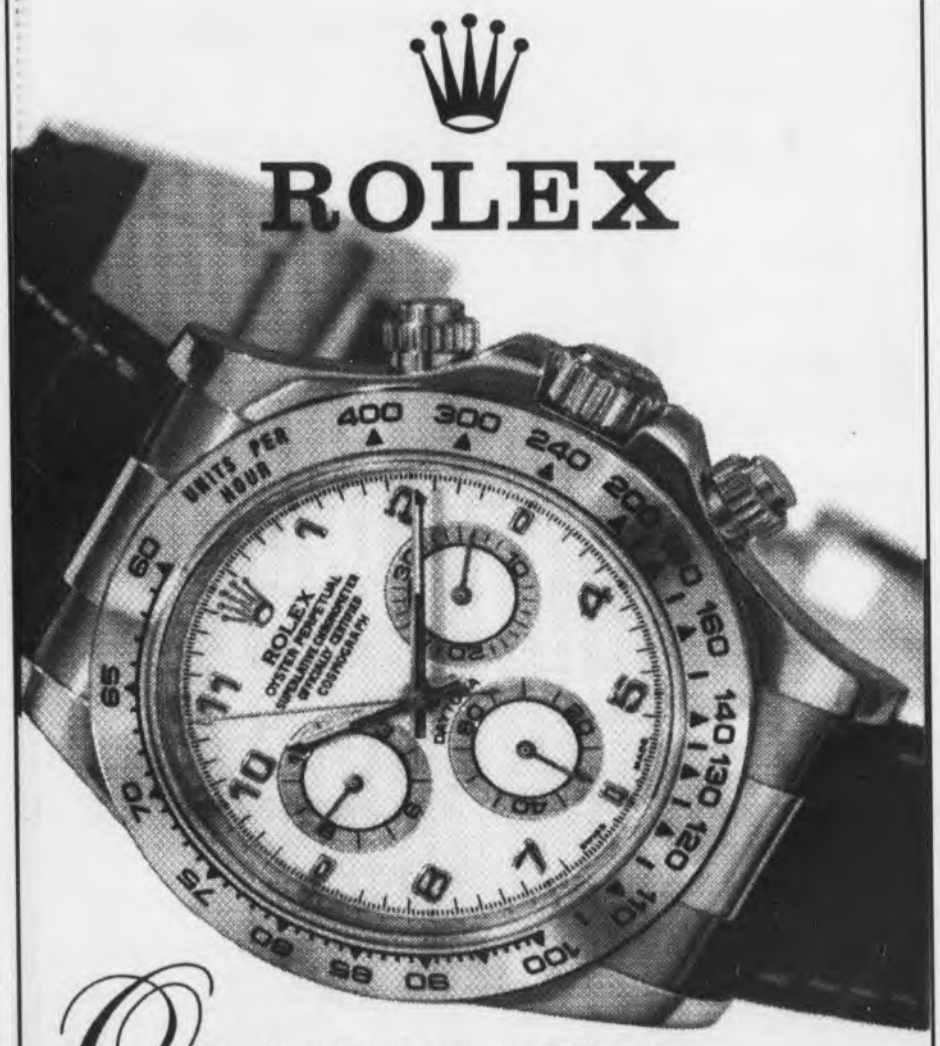

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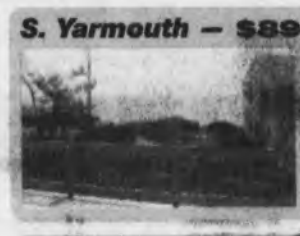
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Turning it around

Girls soccer team eyes long sought .500 mark

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

Anyone who follows Cohasset girls' soccer knows the past few years have been tough ones.

Unable to post a .500 record in any of the five seasons at the helm for the Skippers, nobody understands, or feels, this drought more than head coach Deb Beal.

"It's been hard while [the program] has been growing," she said.

This year, however, Coach Beal feels differently. This year, Coach Beal is more optimistic than at any time during her half-decade tenure at Cohasset High. This year, coach Beal thinks the Skippers just might have what it takes to turn the corner.

"I honestly think that, right now, this program is in the best shape it's ever been," she asserts. "Even though it's early, I think the girls are in the best shape they've ever been in, and [in turn] I believe this is as strong as we've ever looked."

Despite a disappointing 4-10-4 record on paper last fall, Beal stated the numbers don't accurately describe what was going on for Cohasset.

"If you just see the wins and losses, that's one thing," she said. "But what I think was more important was we were in far more close games than we'd ever been in before, and that boosted the kids' confidence. It made them know that we can play [in the South Shore League]."

Among the *very* veteran lineup for the Skippers in 2002 (21 of 50 players are upperclassmen) are tri-captains Yassie Afshar, Julie Lordan and Molly Flanagan.

Coach Beal thinks the Skippers have the right choices in place as leaders, noting "In my mind, I couldn't really have picked better captains."

Afshar, according to the caoch, gives Cohasset the asset of a pure

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Cohasset soccer senior co-captain Robert Hickey zips through the flag run at practice last week.

What's the buzz?

Cohasset boys eye big things despite heavy graduation toll

By Mike Spellman
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It has been reported that several South Shore League boys soccer players and coaches who have suffered mightily at the hands of Cohasset in recent years have been talking quite openly about their plans for a little payback this fall.

It's the competitive side of human nature. Who can blame them?

It might also, on the surface, be difficult to question their optimism. First, the Skippers lost to graduation league all-stars Matt Bilodeau and Pete Matiland, along with fellow solid starters Tim Baird, Jay Bertovich, Dan Kinchla and Steve Laney. More recently, it became known that a third Skipper all-star, senior-to-be Greg O'Connell, has transferred to Belmont Hill Prep school. That raised the level of payback talk a decibel or two.

So how do the Cohasset players feel about all this talk of their demise?

"Let people talk all they want," said co-captain Evan Pestone, one of only four seniors on the team. "Teams can feel confident coming in to play us, but that might work for us. We're feeling pretty confident right now too."

So, with all the evidence to the contrary so front and center, where does this confidence come from?

"We have a lot of kids here who have been playing together for a lot of years," noted Robert Hickey, the Skippers other team captain. "We have a lot of juniors who played together with the seniors going back to youth soccer, so we all feel pretty comfortable playing alongside one another.

"We lost some good players, but they were part of a good system. The system is still here."

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

A sight Cohasset football fans can expect to see a lot more this year: Braun Goodson (#33) lugging the ball.

Can they do it again?

Repeat-minded gridders have work cut out for them

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

After the season the Cohasset High football team had last year, there is just one question on everyone's mind. Can they do it again?

The Skippers surprised all of the South Shore League last year when they bobbed and weaved their way to a 9-1 regular season record to win the SSL crown. Cohasset extended its storybook run into the playoffs, where the dream season was cut short by a juggernaut Tyngsboro team.

Now, one year removed from the success that had the Alumni Field bleachers filled to capacity for every home game, the team looks quite different. Last year's seniors leave behind large holes that need to be filled, but this year's team may be up for the challenge. Obviously the biggest void will be left by tailback Jason Brown.

This phenomenal athlete transitioned from quarterback to running back as a senior to emerge as the top scorer in the South Shore League and one of the best ball carriers in the state. Brown, who will play football for Bowdoin College this coming fall, had the ability to break open the field with great speed, but could also run people over up front.

These are the exact attributes of Brown's lead replacement, senior Braun Goodson. Goodson has performed extremely well as Brown's lead blocker the last two years as the team's fullback. With a good receiving ability out of the backfield and improving quickness (joining the SSL Champion track team this past spring helped, no doubt), Goodson's main talent lies in his power game.

Goodson can be described as more of a Jerome Bettis type runner than a Barry Sanders, meaning he can run people over near the line of scrimmage. However, for this type of game to be successful, he will berelying on a core of inexperienced offensive linemen.

"Braun's a fast kid and a he's bigger than Brown," noted fifth year coach Tony Rolfe. "We might have a better inside game than last year. It all depends on how quickly our offensive line comes together."

Sophomore Ted Straughn will take Goodson's role as the fullback. On the line, only senior Cosimo Cambi and junior Steve Davis come back with a full year playing their position at the varsity level. Senior Ben Lynner will play both sides of the ball, assuming the important role as the center while continuing to play linebacker. Junior Dan Tarpey and sophomore Matt Baroudi appear to have filled the remaining two spots on the line.

Senior Mike Snowdale comes back to the team as the starting quarterback a full year stronger and more confident. An accurate passer with a knack for scrambling, Snowdale was able to spread out opposing defenses with several 100 yard passing games last year. This opened holes up front for the running game to be successful, and Rolfe is hoping for a similar situation this year.

"We are definitely going to throw the ball," affirmed the coach. "If [Snowdale] can improve just a little bit from last year, he is going to be fine."

Snowdale does have the benefit of one of the top receiving

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Coach O'Brien returns

Scituate/Cohasset youth football program off and running again

By Dick Cushman
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Dan O'Brien returns to Scituate Youth Football to head up the Sharks Midget program this season, back where he started after serving the last three years as an assistant with the Scituate High School varsity football program.

This is familiar territory for Coach O'Brien. In 1992 he began his football coaching career as an assistant at the youth midget level. Two years later, he started his tenor as the head coach, which earned him two league championships and one Super Bowl title in a five-year period. During those five years, his team's winning percentage was .750.

The year 1999 marked a coaching change for O'Brien. He was named offensive coordinator to the Scituate High School Varsity program. In O'Brien's first year at the offensive helm, the Sailors compiled a 250-point season. In his second year, the offensive playbook exploded. Scituate finished tops in scoring in the Patriot League, and third highest in Division 3 statewide.

O'Brien returns with some familiar faces. Chris Conroy spent many years at his side at the midget level. "Chris' ability to coach young kids is incredible," said O'Brien. "The confidence he puts into the players shows up out on the field. The kids got lucky when Chris decided to return with me."

New to the coaching staff is P.J. Webb, a 2002 graduate of Scituate High School. With varsity football letters under his belt, it will add a plus to this program. O'Brien noted: "I've been coaching this kid for years; he better have it right by now or!"

The Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football program has gone through some changes since Coach O'Brien's departure in 1998. The program has taken the different age levels (Midget, Pee Wees and Mites) of the program and split them into two teams. The Sharks remain as a Division 1 team in the Old Colony Youth Football program. The second team, the Stingrays, became part of the newly formed Division 5 (D5).

The D1 league consists of five teams: Marshfield, Barnstable, Silver Lake, Bridgewater and Scituate/Cohasset. O'Brien has his work cut out for him in this division. In the high school level, four of the five teams play at the Division 1 level, whereas Scituate is in Division 4. Mass. Interscholastic Athletic Association divides its high

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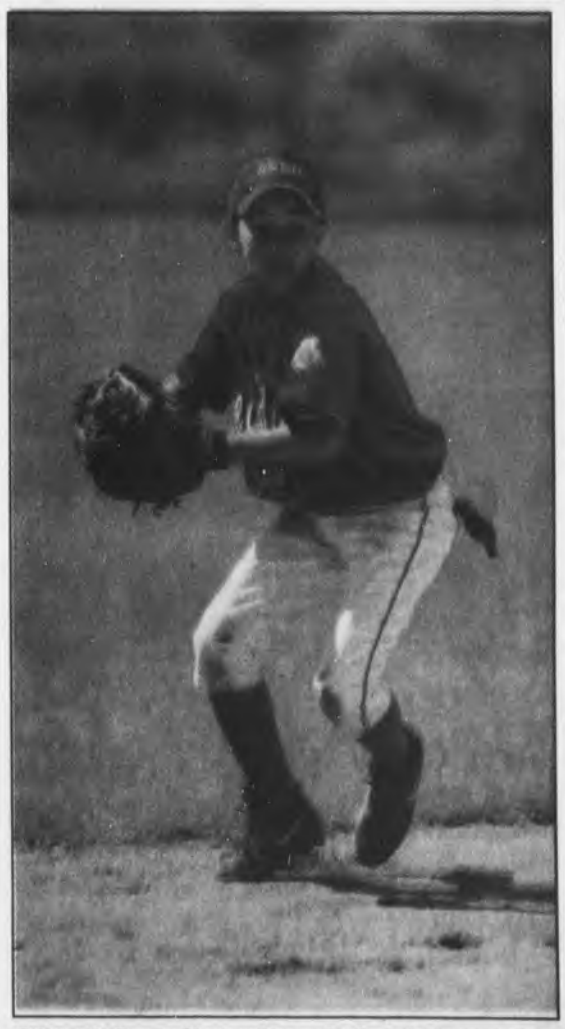

Cohasset's Tommy Chase makes a play from shortstop during the recent 2002 AAU Division 1 National championships in Burnsville, Minn. Tommy pitched and played shortstop for the South Shore Seadogs 12-and-under team at the tourney.

Girls soccer team eyes long sought .500 mark

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"born leader" both on-and-off the field, as well a "talented, defensive center-midi" who solidly handles the 'D' chores for the Skippers at the midfield. "Choosing Yassie to lead our team is a no-brainer," insisted Coach Beal.

Lordan, the "quiet" but nonetheless vital leader for the Skippers, provides the locals with a tough-minded, no-nonsense attitude in the defensive backfield.

"Julie's incredible work-ethic and [drive] is what makes her such a great captain," Coach Beal said. "She leads by example."

Finally, with Flanagan, the Cohasset mentor sums up her fourth-year, senior forward's role for the Skippers in four simple but powerful words.

"She gets it done," said Beal. "That's all you can say when you talk about what she brings to our team. Molly just gets things done out there."

Running down the rest of the Skipper's Opening Day roster, the blue and white are 'kicking' off the 2002 campaign with a number of returning veterans back for another round of action, as well as a new addition to the squad.

Along with Afshar, Lordan and Flanagan, Cohasset's endeavors will be further fortified by the athleticism and experience of Kelly Holway, Brittany Novak, Maura McKenney, Jenn Buckley, Gill Weber, Holly Graham, Brenna O' Donnell and Katherine Coyne, as well as the supremely athletic Lindsay Grossman, a field hockey convert.

"I think if we can play on the same page together, and keep it going that way for the whole season, then I really feel like we'll be able to be successful and compete against anybody," Coach Beal said matter-of-factly. "We might be lacking in a few spots, but top-to-bottom I think we have a very talented and experienced team. And we're going to be tougher to beat than people might have thought of us in the past. I'm very much looking forward to getting the season started."

How much tougher will the Lady Skippers be in 2002? Enough to push the .500 or better 'envelope' and find themselves with a postseason berth?

Those questions begin to be answered later this afternoon, as Cohasset opens up their season with a non-league tilt versus rival to the south Scituate (3:30 p.m. start).

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset senior captain Julie Lordan will provide the locals with a tough-minded, no-nonsense attitude in the defensive backfield.

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trios in the league. When wide-outs Nick Bolster and Liam Martin both came down with injuries that sidelined them for all of the 2001 season, the Skippers air attack seemed initially to be a lost cause. However, John Durkin and Chris Bilodeau did more than just pick up the slack. They became a force of a tandem that had teams trying to pull double-coverage all year.

Said Rolfe last year of the duo: "I honestly feel I have lost the two best receivers in the league and replaced them with the next best two."

Also heavily involved with the passing game will be senior Tom Anderson, who made quite a few clutch plays as the tight end. In addition to his blocking abilities and talent for helping pick up blitzes, Anderson really helps the team with his special teams play.

Anderson was nearly perfect on extra points through the whole season, something that many high school teams cannot claim. In addition, Anderson added a kickoff and punting dimension to a team that had great success controlling the field position game.

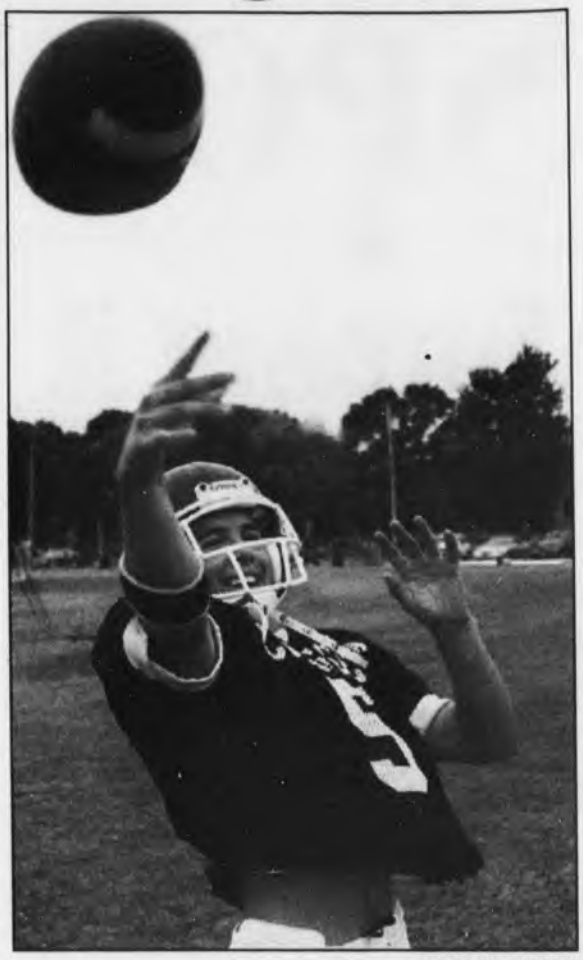
On defense, Cohasset again has holes to cover. Fortunately, it appears the Skippers may be able to cash in on some of last year's great depth, as several underclassmen gained valuable varsity experience last fall.

Cambi will play both ways with Lynner on the defensive line. Both were among the team's top tacklers for two years now. Senior Chris McKenna and junior Tony Truglia are both versatile athletes who can help shut down opposing running backs and junior Sean Connolly emerged as a big defensive end with good tackling instincts last year.

Anderson will take over the responsibilities of the strong safety, the position Brown excelled at last year almost as impressively as he did running back. The secondary will be the hardest area on the field to plug up, since key seniors Brown, David Bouchard and Eric Libby all graduated. McKenna and junior Mike Dooley appear to be candidates for the remaining positions, but Rolfe admitted "We've got plenty of people auditioning for the jobs."

The team still has plenty of time to prepare for game one, although it is a tough opener: Sept. 16 down in Nantucket. Making the trip down there is never easy, and will be especially difficult as the first game of the season.

"We are ahead of where we were at this time last year," concluded the coach. "Things are going well."



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C.H.S. senior receiver John Durkin plays catch at practice last week.

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Cohasset's Andrew Busk limbers up with teammates prior to practice last week at Milliken Field.

2003 Seadogs/AAU baseball clinic/tryouts

Starts Sept. 28-29 in Braintree & Scituate

HINGHAM - The South Shore Baseball Club's has announced its clinic/tryouts schedule for the Seadogs/AAU Travel Team Baseball Program's 2003 season, starting September 28-29 in Braintree and Scituate.

The Seadogs will field seven teams in 2003: 10-and-under through and including 16-and-under. Players are selected from a series of clinic/tryouts held throughout the fall and winter. The clinic/tryouts schedule for Team 2003 will be on the following dates and respective times (July 31, 2003 is cut-off day to determine proper age group) and sites:

Seadogs Clinic/Tryouts

10U, 11U & 12U

Sunday, Sept. 29, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Hollingsworth Park, Braintree

Sunday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Hollingsworth Park

Sunday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Hollingsworth Park

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

13U & 14U

Saturday, Sept. 28, 1-3:30 p.m., Scituate High School

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1-3:30 p.m., Scituate HS

Saturday, Oct. 19, 1-3:30 p.m., Scituate HS

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

15U & 16U

Sunday, Sept. 28, 4-6:30 p.m., Scituate High School

Saturday, Oct. 12, 4-6:30 p.m., Scituate HS

Saturday, Oct. 19, 4-6:30 p.m., Scituate HS

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

"Members of our Seadogs program benefit from skill development, quality coaching, and tournament experience, national competition," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. said. "They also have the opportunity to experience a unique vacation with family members, meet new friends, and have lasting memories."

The Seadogs program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which been a member ofthe Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The Seadogs compete against other Massachusetts AAU teams for the right to qualify for the AAU National Baseball Championships held all across the country. The Seadogs program is intended to supplement, rather than replace, local Little League, Babe Ruth, or American Legion baseball programs.

The South Shore Baseball Club is a year round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players (boys and girls), ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or the Seadogs call 1-888-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

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Cohasset boys soccer coach Dave Nigro addresses the troops at recent practice.

What's the buzz?

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The system was put in place by Dave Nigro when he took over as head coach two years ago. He has preached ball control and passing over the more traditional dump and run approach employed by most coaches, and that mindset has taken root. The results speak for themselves: a trip to the Eastern Mass. semifinals in 2000 and a 13-2-3 record last year followed by advancement to the quarterfinals.

"I think what we do kind of throws some teams off," continued Hickey. "And the players who are here now have been playing this way for three years. We've gotten more and more comfortable with it."

Nigro, who coaches club soccer year-round, is hardly a one-trick pony, however. In fact, he is widely considered one of the more innovative and adaptive coaches on the South Shore.

"He's definitely one of the best coaches I've ever been around," said Hickey. "He has a way of picking out what you're doing wrong, and explaining it to you so it's easier to correct it."

Though much of this Skipper confidence may have been pre-existing, some of it has no doubt sprung from their success in the pre-season.

Last week, the Div. 3 Cohasset squad knocked off Div. 1 Quincy, 4-2. This weekend, at the Hingham jamboree, they took it to another Div. 1 team, Arlington, 3-0, as well as Div. 2 Milton, 2-0. The Skippers lost only to host Hingham (1-0), a perennial contender coming off a few wins in last year's state Div. 2 tourney, but Pestone feels his team actually outplayed the purported powerhouse Harbormen.

"We had six or seven good opportunities to score, but couldn't finish for one reason or another," said the co-captain who scored twice in the win over Arlington. "If we played them again like that, I think we'd win."

Offense will likely be the principal trademark of this year's Skippers squad, with Pestone, Hickey and multi-talented junior Chris Clark, a third returning starter, all playing up front.

"I think we're going to score plenty," said Hickey. "We have a lot of speed up front, some pretty good talent and lots of experience."

The ball control offense will only be as good as the midfield, and this is where the slick ball-handling Clark is being looked to for big things, as are junior John Andrade and speedy senior winger Curt Kahn.

The picture at the defensive end appeared a little more fuzzy at the time of this writing, though this was primarily the result of stiff competition, according to the two captains.

Juniors Craig Laugelle, John Oronte and Conor Buick were just three of the players on the backline Hickey and Pestone identified as having distinguished themselves.

The final line of defense, likewise, would seem to be in good hands. Junior Jesse Brewer solidified the Skippers in net upon taking over midway through last season, and has come back much improved this fall, in Hickey's estimation.

"Jesse's always been a good goalie, but it looks like he's got his confidence going now," offered the co-captain. "He's been really strong in the scrimmages, and I think he's going to have a big year for us."

The Skippers will get a good sense of just where they stand when they open the season on Tuesday night at Norwell, the team most close observers feel is the clear class of the South Shore League.

"I honestly feel the South Shore League championship is going to come down to us and Norwell," concluded Pestone. "We finally beat them once last year, and we'd like to make it twice this year. That's one of the goals we've talked about."

If they pull that off, things outside of Cohasset should get pretty quiet.

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school teams according to student enrolment numbers. Scituate is joined by Cohasset to form one team. This two-town partnership creates a larger youth program, which in turn puts these teams in the D1 league.

The Stingray team plays at the Division 5 level. This division is made up of four teams. The towns are Barnstable, Hingham and Middleboro/Plymouth. This division was formed to create more playing time for the larger youth programs.

The Scituate/Cohasset Youth program has grown to a total of 205 youths playing football. The D1 and D5 programs are grade appropriate. The youth football program consists of grades three to eight. The Stingrays are made up of third-grade players in the Mites program. The fifth-grade team is the PeeWees and seventh-grade makes up the Midgets. All of these teams are made up of first-year players. The D1 teams are made up of second-year players of each youth level (Mites, Pee Wees and Midgets).

Youth Football notes

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football President Joe Obert would like to thank local vendors for their support in putting together a new equipment building.

"After a few months of working with the high school and school committee, the business community stepped up to bat. This facility makes the program flow so much easier. Having this facility at the field makes access much easier for the coaches and parents, which in turn makes good operational sense, added Obert.

Local vendors who helped support the construction of the new equipment facility were Scituate Concrete Pipe, Joe Bonomi Const., Ed Duffy Concrete, M.J. Hallin, Callis Electric and Suffolk Const. Tricor's Jim Beaty gets a special thanks from the youth football board of directors for a job well done.

PHOTO/DICK CUSHMAN

Dan O'Brien (far right) watches his Cohasset/Scituate Sharks huddle up at recent practice.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Soccer Club Registration

The 2002/2003 Soccer Season is about to begin. Registration for grades K-4 will be held this Saturday, September 7, at Milliken/Bancroft Field from 9 am to 12 pm. All players must register to play. Forms can also be picked up and left at the Cohasset Recreation Dept office during working hours this week. The soccer season for grades K-4 will begin Saturday, September 21,2002.

This weekend begins the fall season for the Under 12 boys and girls. Boys are scheduled on Saturday, September 7, from 9am-12pm, and the girls are scheduled from 2-5 pm on Sunday September 8.

All new coaches are required to attend a 4-hour coaching clinic this Saturday September 7, at Milliken/Bancroft Field from 8 am-12 pm.

Middle School Sports notes

Meetings and physicals

There will be a pre-season meeting for all Middle School athletic teams – football, field hockey and boys and girls soccer — on Monday, Sept. 9, with all practices scheduled to get underway on Tuesday, Sept 10. Locatiosn and times will be announced in school.

Any questions should be directed to Middle School Athletic Director Torin Sweeney or High School Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

Soccer coaches sought

The Middle School Athletic Dept. continues to look for coaches for both the boys and girls soccer teams.

Any one who is interested in either of these positions should call Middle School Athletic Director Torin Sweeney or High School Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

Indoor Lacrosse back In Hingham

South Shore Sports Center (in Hingham) will be hosting a Fall/Winter indoor lacrosse program for all youth levels (Grades 3 – 8). Program includes staff coaches, league certified referees, skills development and regulation games, competitive playing conditions, and convenient hours (doesn't conflict with other sports ! !). This a great way to sharpen your skills or get an introduction to the game while having fun playing on a full-sized astro-turf field. **Registration deadline for the first session is September 3rd** and play begins on Friday September 13th. Individual and team applications are available at the SS Sports Center (or by email) by calling 781-740-1105.

Starland opens to local HS athletes

As local high school sports programs begin to gear up for the coming year, the new owners of Starland Sports & Fun Park want to get involved.

Starland owners have sent letters to the high school principals and athletic directors of Hanover, Silver Lake, Marshfield, Scituate, Norwell, Cohasset and Hingham, offering each a variety of community contributions.

Free access to driving range and batting cages

Starland's driving range and batting cages will soon become available to area high school varsity and junior varsity golf and baseball programs for periodic free use. "We view the facilities here at Starland as valuable community resources. We want to make them available to young athletes free o charge," said Starland principal Peter Morin. "We are already scheduling several local golf teams for their fall practice times."

Activity fees for local high school students

Starland also plans to work out programs for payment of local student access fees for its employees. "Keeping reliable employees is very important to a successful operation," General Manager David Sale observed. "We believe that a young man or lady who is involved in school activities and is eager to work part-time and summers for Starland is someone we want to reward. Paying his or her activity fees is just one way of doing that."

Financial contributions, fund-raising for boosters

Starland has also committed to purchasing advertisements in local varsity football and hockey programs; and will make the Starland facility available to boosters clubs for their fund-raising efforts. "Starland is a natural venue for boosters clubs to hold fund-raising activities and events, and we think we can help them raise significant funds for their programs," said Morin. Starland's weekend ride packages will be made available to area boosters at significant discounts, enabling boosters to sell the packages for face value and bank the difference. "Imagine, area kids can make significant contributions to their sports programs and ride go-carts at the same time," said Sale.

The Starland facilities will be made available weekend days throughout the fall. Area boosters club directors should contact Sale or Morin directly at Starland by calling 781-826-3083.

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Cohasset High fall sports schedule

Football

Middle School, Freshman, and Varsity

Sept.
5 Cape Cod Tech (V/Fr.) (Scrimmage) 6 p.m.
14 @ Nantucket (Fr.) noon
14 @ Nantucket (V) 2 p.m.
19 Arlington Catholic (Fr.) 4 p.m.
21 @Arlington Catholic (V) 1:30 p.m.
26 @ N. Quincy (Fr.)3:30 p.m.
27 Thayer (MS) 3:30 p.m.
27 N. Quincy (V) 7 p.m.

Oct.
2 @ River's School 4 p.m.
3 @ Cardinal Spellman (Fr.) 3:30 p.m.
5 Cardinal Spellman (V) Homecoming 1:30 p.m.
10 Carver (Fr.) 3:30 p.m.
11 @ Carver (V) 7 p.m.
17 Mashpee (Fr.) 3:30 p.m.
18 @ Mashpee (V) 7 p.m.
23 Wixon (MS) 4 p.m.
30 @ Mattacheese (MS)4 p.m.
31 @ Canton (Fr.) 3:30 p.m.

Nov.
1 Canton (V) 7 p.m.
6 St. Sebastian's (MS) 4 p.m.
7 Abington (Fr.) 3:30 p.m.
8 @ Abington (V.) 7 p.m.
14 @ Norwell (Fr.) 3:30 p.m.
15 Norwell (V) 7 p.m.
22 @ Hull (Fr.) 6 p.m.
28 Hull (V) Thanksgiving 10 a.m.

All homes games at Alumni Field

Varsity Golf

Sept.
9 Norwell-home @ Cohasset GC 3:30 p.m.
12 Abington @ Strawberry Valley 3:30 p.m.
17 Harwich @ Cranberry Valley 4 p.m.
18 Sacred Heart @ Indian Pond 3:30 p.m.
23 Norwell @ Scituate GC 3:30 p.m.
24 Carver-home @ Cohasset GC 3:30 p.m.
25 Abington-home @ Cohasset GC 3:30 p.m.
30 Harwich-home @ Cohasset GC 3:30 p.m.

Oct.
1 Mashpee-home @ Cohasset GC 3:30 p.m.
3 Mashpee @ Quashnet Valley 3:30 p.m.
9 Carver @ Souther's Marsh 3:30 p.m.
7 Sacred Heart-home @ Cohasset GC 3:30 p.m.

Girls Field Hockey

Sept.
9 @ Silver Lake (V)3:30 p.m.
9 @ Silver Lake (JV) 5 p.m.
10 E. Bridgewater (V)3:30 p.m.
10 E. Bridgewater (JV 5 p.m.
12 Hanover (V) 3:30 p.m.
12 Hanover (JV) 5 p.m.
13 Sandwich (V) 3:30 p.m.
13 Sandwich (JV) 5 p.m.
18 @ Hingham (V) 3:30 p.m.
18 @ Hingham (JV) 5 p.m.
24 @ Scituate (V) 3:30 p.m.
24 @ Scituate (JV) 5 p.m.
26 @ Duxbury (V) 3:30 p.m.
26 @ Duxbury (JV) 5 p.m.
30 @ Carver (JV) 5:30 p.m.
30 @ Carver (V) 7 p.m.

Oct.
2 @ Norwell (V) 3:30 p.m.
2 @ Norwell (JV) 5 p.m.
4 Harwich (V) Homecoming @ Alumni 3:30 p.m.
4 Harwich (JV) @ Deerhill 3:30 p.m.
7 @ Hull (V) 3:30 p.m.
7 @ Hull (JV) 5 p.m.
8 Mashpee (V) 4 p.m.
8 Mashpee (JV) 5:30 p.m.
11 Carver (V) 3:30 p.m.
11 Carver (JV) 5 p.m.
15 Norwell (V) 3:30 p.m.
15 Norwell (JV) 5 p.m.
17 @ Harwich (V) 4 p.m.
17 @ Harwich (JV) 5:30 p.m.
21 Hull (V) 3:30 p.m.
21 Hull (JV) 5 p.m.
23 @ Mashpee (V) 4 p.m.
23 @ Mashpee (JV) 5:30 p.m.
24 Silver Lake (JV) 5 p.m.
24 Silver Lake (V) 6:30 p.m.

All home games at Alumni Field unless otherwise noted.

Girls Varsity Soccer

Sept.
5 @ Scituate 3:30 p.m.
10 @ Norwell 5 p.m.
12 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
17 Holbrook 3:30 p.m.
20 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
24 Carver 3:30 p.m.
26 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
30 @ Hull 7 p.m.

Oct.
2 Norwell 5p.m.
4 Mashpee 7 p.m.
10 Abington 3:30 p.m.
16 @ Carver 3:30 p.m.
18 Harwich 4 p.m.
22 @ Holbrook 3:30 p.m.
24 Hull 3:30 p.m.
26 Scituate 3 p.m.

All home games at Alumni Field unless otherwise noted.

Girls Jr. Varsity Soccer

Sept.
5 @ Scituate 3:30 p.m.
10 Norwell 3:30 p.m.
12 Mashpee 4 p.m.
17 Holbrook (@Alumni) 3:30 p.m.
20 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
24 Carver 3:30 p.m.
26 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
30 Hull 3:30 p.m.

Oct.
2 @ Norwell 3:30 p.m.
4 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
10 Abington 3:30 p.m.
16 @ Carver 3:30 p.m.
18 Harwich 4 p.m.
22 @ Holbrook 3:30 p.m.
24 Hull 3:30 p.m.
26 @ Scituate 10 a.m.

All home games at Milliken unless otherwise noted.

Boys Jr. Varsity Soccer

Sept.
10 Norwell 3:30 p.m.
12 Mashpee 4 p.m.
13 @ Chatham 4 p.m.
20 Abington 3:30 p.m.
21 @ Newton South 2 p.m.
24 @ Carver 3:30 p.m.
26 Harwich 4 p.m.
30 Hull 3:30 p.m.

Oct.
2 @ Norwell 3:30 p.m.
4 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
7 @ Hanover 3:30 p.m.
10 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
16 Carver 3:30 p.m.
18 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
24 @ Hull 3:30 p.m.
26 @ Scituate 10 a.m.
28 Newton South 3 p.m.
29 Chatham(Alumni) 4 p.m.

All home games at Milliken Field unless otherwise noted.

Boys Varsity Soccer

Sept.
10 @ Norwell 7 p.m.
12 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
13 @ Chatham 4 p.m.
20 Abington 3:30 p.m.
21 @ Newton South 2 p.m.
24 @ Carver 3:30 p.m.
26 Harwich 4 p.m.
30 Hull 3:30 p.m.

Oct.
2 Norwell 7 p.m.
4 Mashpee 5 p.m.
7 @ Hanover 3:30 p.m.
10 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
16 Carver 3:30 p.m.
18 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
24 @ Hull 3:30 p.m.
26 Scituate 5 p.m.
28 Newton South 5 p.m.
29 Chatham 6 p.m.

All home games at Alumni Field.

New regional lax program for jr. high boys at Hanover Y

A first-of-its-kind regional lacrosse program for middle-school and junior high boys will be launched this September by Cohasset High varsity boys' coach Kevin Orcutt.

The program, to be held Sundays at the Hanover YMCA complex at Mill Pond, will be open to any South Shore player interested in improving both his individual and team skills, said Orcutt.

"Eventually, we plan to develop this as a group that will enter age-appropriate tournaments during the off-seasons and in summer," said Orcutt, who coached Cohasset to the state finals in 2001 and the quarterfinals last spring, and led a pair of Bay State Games gold-medal winning teams in 2001 and 2002.

The program – which will be called Hawks Lacrosse – begins on Sunday, September 15. It will run as a 10-week session this fall.

The program will go from 9 am until 11 am each Sunday. The total program cost will be $90 per player. Players will be expected to bring their own equipment, including stick, helmet, gloves and shoulder pads.

Players and their parents who would like to pre-register for the program can do so by calling Coach Orcutt at either 781-837-7764 or 617-827-4160, or by e-mail at kocoach4@aol.com. Registration forms will be available at the Hanover Mill Pond YMCA on Sunday, September 15 at 9 a.m.

New team in town really 'Rox'

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

Took in my first Brockton Rox game over the weekend.

The four $6 tickets were complimentary, so I took my three sons. I hadn't heard a lot about the first-year Northern League independent franchise, so I went in with virtually no expectations. I'm glad this was the case, because it turned out to be one pleasant surprise after another.

In brief, let me just say the MLB franchise 25-miles to the north could take quite a few lessons from the folks who inhabit the brand-spanking new 4,750-seat Campanelli Stadium right next door to Brockton High. In fact, the BHS lot is the principal parking area for the games. The cost, $3 per vehicle, is five to seven times less expensive than anything around Fenway Park. And that's just the tip of the "preferable compare shopping" iceberg.

Granted, Fenway is a much more friendly place now than it was in the days of my youth, the one many area historians today refer to as the "Curmudgeon Era." Oh yes, the good old days, when a 10-year-old boy would be yelled at by the nearest of the finely trained crusty red-clad ushers for standing up any time before or after the seventh inning stretch (sniff), even if he was just trying to temporarily relieve the ache from those mini-torture devices they liked to call "deluxe bleacher seating."

It is not surprising that everyone associated with the Rox franchise – the parking lot attendants, ticket takers, ushers, concessionaires, et al — seems genuinely appreciative, even thrilled, just to see you supporting their product. Of course, this is pretty much what you'd expect from folks who've hitched their wagon to a fledgling enterprise, but there's no reason for that to detract from the warm, almost alien feeling it provides.

It's nice to not be taken for granted. Even at "Friendly Fenway," can't say there have been many times I haven't felt that way.

Now many would say there's no way you can compare Major League Baseball, Inc. to a little independent venture like the Brockton Rox. My response to that: "WHY NOT?!?

OK, I'll concede the assertions about greater skill level and all of that. However, I'm hoping there are a few points you, my fellow moderate-to-lower income consumers with sports loving kids, will concede to me.

Hmmm....where to start?

Campanelli Stadium itself cuts a nice swathe against the Brockton Fairgrounds and "cement palace" BHS backdrop. It is not only an attractive picker upper for the whole area, but it's, get this, clean. Not only that, but the seats are comfortable. Imagine that.

The boys and I arrived 20 minutes before the opening pitch, and players were still out there signing autographs up and down the right and left field lines. My boys stood in line to get their complimentary "Brockton Rox" ball signed by a couple of players none of you have ever heard of. My kids didn't care. They still thought it was "really cool."

We've been to a bunch of Red Sox games, even a few exhibitions down in Fort Myers, and the closest they ever got to actual contact with a Major League ballplayer was a foul ball that zipped by us menacingly and caromed off a seat four or five rows back.

Needless to say, the kids were extremely jealous of the area Little Leaguers who got to escort each Rox starter out on to the field during opening introductions.

The real fun, though, started after the first pitch.

The P.A. guy was extremely interactive with the fans. There were one or two of the old "sign that fan to a contract" following a clean catch in the stands. But the guy, whoever he was, had a few original lines and sound effects too. The kids thought he was hysterical.

There were also a couple of "paid hecklers" sitting near us. Of course, we just thought they were "funny teenagers" until late in the game when they got up to do their dance on top of the visiting team's dugout. Prior to that, they almost had my kids passing nachos through their noses a few times with a few of the verbal jabs tossed at opposing players.

More silliness prevailed between just about every inning. Sumo wrestling between two patrons in those big ultra-cumbersome padded suits, kid races around the bases, giant bowling and more routines atop dugouts were just some of the additional attractions.

Yeah, a lot of it was kind of childish. But, come to think of it, isn't baseball kind of childish too? Amazing how easily we seem to forget that around here, isn't it?

The Rox lost the game, 5-0. The kids were disappointed, but not near so much as they are when we leave Fenway following a home town setback.

It was a three- to four-minute walk back to the car, and we were in smooth-running traffic on Route 123 less than 10 minutes after that.

The final testament: all three of them asked how soon we could do it again. Quite honestly, I can't remember hearing this question following any of our recent sojourns to see the Celtics, Bruins or Red Sox. Of course, being now mature enough to realize the associative costs and what an ordeal it is getting in and out of these venues, they no doubt know what the answer would be to this question.

Still, not bad. If kids can figure this much out on their own, it shouldn't be all that hard for the rest of us.

My recommendation: give the Rox a chance next year.

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Introductions

IT'S HAPPENING

Buttonwood hosts children's author

Marie-Louise Gay will visit Buttonwood Books in Cohasset on Wed. Sept. 25 from 3- 4:30 p.m.. Gay has won innumerable awards for her children's books and is the author/illustrator of the best-selling Stella series ("Stella, Fairy of the Forest", "Stella, Queen of the Snow" and "Stella, Star of the Sea"). Gay has the wonderful ability to create "attitude" with a few strokes of her pen and is equally clever with words. She is a frequent visitor to schools in Canada and enjoys working with children. Her presentation will include an interactive drawing activity which Buttonwood's young friends won't want to miss! Please call 781-383-2665 for additional information or to order your signed copy if unable to attend. Free

Writers group meets

The Buttonwood Writers Group will resume meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 9. The mission of the group is to motivate, encourage and support both new and experienced writers. Buttonwood Writers Group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Shaw's Plaza on Route 3A in Cohasset . For additional information call 781-383-2665

Yard sale items

The South Shore Community Center will hold its first annual Yard Sale on Sept. 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the SSCC located at 3 Main St. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing), which are tax deductible, for the Yard Sale with all proceeds going to support the Center. Donors can drop off items at the SSCC from Sept. 9-13 from 9 a.m.-noon each day. For questions, please contact the SSCC at 781-383-0088.

Toys, kids' clothes for benefit yard sale

Our World, the children's global discovery museum, needs your gently used children's clothes and toys along with children's books, videos, baby equipment and furniture for a Sept. 21 yard sale.

The museum is set to open in Cohasset in the fall of 2003 in a two-story wing of the former Joseph Osgood School. The $1 million project will include an associated global-themed playground.

The yard sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21, in the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium.

Children's items can be dropped off at the auditorium from 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, and from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20. Donations will be welcome from all nearby towns.

Yard sale chairman Kelly Ziff needs at least 20 volunteers to help receive, sort, price, display and sell the goods. Contact her at 781-383-0225.

Children's chorus at conservatory

South Shore Conservatory announces the introduction of Bel Canto Voices, a very special children's chorus, under the direction of vocalist Gwynne Cushing Sousa.

Sousa, who taught choral music in the Duxbury Public Schools for the past six years, describes the program as a supportive, fun, positive learning experience that provides vocal training to singers, ages 8–13, using a variety of rehearsal techniques and approaches to help young vocalists develop pitch matching and inner-ear hearing.

Participants experience singing harmony, learn vocal warm-ups, use Kodaly solfege hand signs, and learn to respond to conducting gestures. The program is especially beneficial for students preparing to take private voice lessons, and for those in the early stages of private voice lessons.

Sousa joined the faculty at the Conservatory this past summer, co-directing a very successful first season of Summer Vocal Institute, a week-long total immersion workshop for young classical singers. She brings with her not only years of teaching experience, but a genuine passion for teaching voice.

"I help students discover their own instruments," says Sousa. "My students don't all sound alike. They each have their own individual sound." She also says that she is passionate about her students becoming musicians and learning to read music. "I want them to gain musical knowledge at the same time they get their vocal knowledge."

The first 15-week semester of Bel Canto Voices starts on Thursday, Sept. 19 at the Hingham campus, and Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Duxbury campus.

Sousa also teaches private lessons at South Shore Conservatory. Singers interested in becoming part of this new chorus, or those interested in studying privately with Sousa, can call 781-934-2731, ext. 11 for the Duxbury campus, or 781-749-7565, ext. 10 for the Hingham campus.

Roaring 20s party benefits museum

A Roaring 20s Garden Party and Antique Car Parade will be held Sept. 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. Lions Gate, the Cohasset estate of Diane and Robert Johnston.

The event will benefit Our World, the children's global discovery museum that will soon be under construction in a two-story wing of the former Joseph Osgood School. The hands-on museum and a related global-themed playpark are set to open in the fall of 2003.

Lions Gate, the site of the garden party, is a four-story American Gothic mansion built in 1904 for shoe magnate Thomas Gustave Plant and his wife, Carolyn.

Plant later built "Castle in the Clouds," a sister house to Lions Gate, in New Hampshire. A frequent guest there was Teddy Roosevelt.

Carolyn Plant remained at the Cohasset house, which she surrounded with beautiful gardens. Those gardens have been restored, along with the house itself.

Period dress (1900-1920s) is encouraged for this event, but optional. After a parade through town, the antique cars will be parked around the estate's circular drive. Violin soloist Eugene Kaplan will entertain and works by well-known portrait artist Peter Quidley will be on exhibit. Refreshments will be served.

The cost for the benefit is $150 per ticket, much of which is tax deductible. For further information, call 781-383-3198. Reservations by check or credit card can be sent to Our World, P.O. Box 422, Cohasset, 02025.

Boat race around Minot Lighthouse

Cohasset Maritime Institute announces the 15th Annual Minot Light Roundabout on Sept. 21

The roundabout is an exhilarating five-mile race from Cohasset Harbor breakwater, around Minot Light and back to the breakwater:(open water course with sea swells) Registration Fee: $20 per competitor

Schedule of Events

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Registration and check in. Pre-registration is highly recommended.

9:30 a.m. Cox's and skippers' meeting CMI Boathouse, end of Parker Avenue, Cohasset, Mass.

10:30 a.m. Minot Light Roundabout Race starts, off Cohasset Breakwater

12 p.m. Lunch /Barbecue at CMI Boathouse

1 p.m. Awards and announcements

1:30 p.m. Informal races

For further information contact Jack Buckley at bbuckley1@attbi.com or 781-383-8261 or Lisa Hewitt Dick at Lmhewitt@attbi.com or 781-383-0204.

Volunteers are needed for food prep, registration tables, race committee, and chase boats. If you are interested in helping with the Roundabout, please contact Jack Buckley or Lisa Hewitt Dick.

Folk duo at coffeehouse

On Saturday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m., the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square presents the folk-pop duo, The Kennedys.

Pete and Maura Kennedy have been together 10 years, always working on their own songs and performances. Their collaboration won them the "Best Adult Contemporary Album" award for 1995's memorable "River of the Fallen Stars" and they were a big hit at the 2000 Boston Folk Festival.

The evening starts with a brief open microphone offering all singers, dancers, mimes, poets, jugglers, etc., a chance to be seen and heard by our attentive audience.

The coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just a few doors up from Loring Hall Theatre. Admission is $10 and coffee, tea, cider and desserts are available at 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.

For information, call either Jim Watson at 781-749-1767 or John Leonard at 781-749-2852.

Clay days at the art center

Tuesday is clay day at the South Shore Art Center. Two classes for clay students, beginners and beyond, will be offered on 10 Tuesdays beginning Sept. 17. The classes will be led by experienced artists and instructors. Sandra Donnellan will teach in the morning and Janet Nugent will teach the evening section. The morning class will meet 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and will introduce the beginning clay student to the techniques of coil, pinch, slab, wheel and combinations of these techniques. Pieces created will be glazed and fired.

The Tuesday evening class, to run from 6:30-9:30 p.m., will include ongoing demonstrations and assistance with the potter's wheel as well as slab, pinch, and coil techniques. The evening class is for all levels and all work will be glazed and fired. Tuition for each class is $255 ($235 for SSAC members). Students can spend their autumn Tuesdays with their hands covered in clay and be ready to greet the winter months with a new skill and some lasting handcrafted artwork. For more information visit www.ssac.org or to register call 781-383-2787.

'Hills of Hull' house tour

On Saturday, Sept. 28, there will be a unique opportunity to tour seven private homes tucked away in special locations in the neighborhoods of Hull to benefit Wellspring, a community-based human service organization serving Hull and surrounding towns.

Each of these 'Hills of Hull' homes is perched high on one of the town's many hills and captures a commanding view of the open ocean, harbor and even the Boston skyline. These lovely vistas also include Worlds End, and many of the islands of Boston Harbor, depending on which property is being visited.

Called "The Hills of Hull," the tour will be held between10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Advance tickets may be purchased for $20 prior to Aug. 28 at the following locations: Bookport, Hingham; Cards & Shards, Cohasset; and Mermaids in Hull. Tickets may also be purchased by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull 02045 with an enclosed check.

The day of the tour tickets may be purchased for $25 at the Hull Town Hall. Further information about the tour is available by calling the staff at Wellspring at 781-925-3211.

Wellspring serves many towns throughout the South Shore. It is financed by income from its thrift shop, community donations and private grants.

Appraisal day at Hull museum

Do you have a family heirloom passed down through the generations? Maybe a great flea market find that might be a real treasure? Would you like to know what it is worth? Bring those special items you have been wondering about to the Skinner Antiques Appraisal Day at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., on Saturday Sept. 14 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.. For more information, contact Victoria Stevens at (781) 925-5433.

Stuart Whitehurst, director of Books and Manuscripts, English and Continental Furniture and Decorative Arts specialist and senior appraiser with Jim Callahan, director of Asian Art and general appraiser, will provide verbal appraisals on a first-come first-serve basis. Doors open at 9:30. Appraisals will begin at 10 o'clock. The cost will be a single appraisal for $10 museum members/$15 non-members or three items for $25 members/$30 non-members. All proceeds benefit the Hull Lifesaving Museum educational programs. Please limit your objects to three items. Good quality photographs may be substituted for large or fragile objects (Please exclude coins and stamps).

Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers of Boston and Bolton have been conducting Appraisal Days for more than 25 years and appear frequently on the popular PBS series "Chubb's Antiques Roadshow". Parking is free at the museum. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. The event is sponsored by Gray, Gray, & Gray, LLP Certified Public Accountants.

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SUNDAY, AUG. 18

6:30 a.m. Jerusalem Rd,. medical aid.

6:34 a.m. Pond St,. medical aid.

8:38 a.m. King St., medical aid.

9:36 a.m. Rocky Lane, noise complaint.

11:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle violations.

1:23 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

2:50 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

2:52 p.m. North Main St., and Green St., assist citizen.

3:24 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

3:26 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:26 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

4:55 p.m. Elm St. medical aid.

8:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious.

9:02 p.m. Sohier St., and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop.

10:09 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle complaint.

10:53 p.m. North Main St. and Depot Ct., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, AUG. 19

8:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle crash.

10:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

1:34 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

1:49 p.m. Locust Rd., noise complaint.

5:01 p.m. Black Horse Lane, fire.

5:49 p.m. Elm St., property found.

7:07 p.m. Hull St., traffic complaint.

7:13 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8 p.m. Forest St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:05 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., well being check.

8:10 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:11 p.m. Pond St., suspicious person.

8:41 p.m. Jerusalem Lane, animal control.

9:40 p.m. Lamberts Lane, officer wanted. 31-year-old Cohasset man in protective custody.

10:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, AUG. 20

7:50 a.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

9:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:58 a.m. Pond St., fire.

12:27 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

12:30 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, wires down.

12:37 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

12:44 p.m. King St., medical aid.

12:48 p.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., property found.

12:52 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:52 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway disturbance, family.

6 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

6:08 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop.

6:59 p.m. Nichols Rd., suspicious auto.

7:32 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:42 p.m. North Main St. and Joy Place, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:30 p.m. Brewster Rd. animal control

8:40 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop,

9:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious auto. 41-year-old Scituate man in protective custody.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21

1:33 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist other police department.

7:43 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

8:16 a.m. Sohier St., and King St., motor vehicle crash.

8:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway traffic complaint.

9:15 a.m. Elm St., property damage.

9:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway property damage.

10:46 a.m. Highland Ave., fire.

11:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway animal control.

12:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control

1:10 p.m. Nichols Rd. lost property.

1:22 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., larceny.

1:34 p.m. Cedar Acres Lane, medical aid.

2:26 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

2:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, transport.

3:18 p.m. Pond St., fire structure.

3:46 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle crash.

7:17 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.

9:37 p.m. N. Main St., animal control.

10:53 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:11 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:18 p.m. Beach St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 22

8:48 a.m. Sohier St, burglary/breaking and entering.

10:10 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:08 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, fire investigation.

3:40 p.m. S. Main St., assist citizen.

4:58 p.m. Highland Ave., general services.

6:17 p.m. Nichols Rd., suspicious.

7:06 p.m. King St., medical aid.

7:45 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, medical aid.

8:26 p.m. SJCH, suspicious person.

9:01 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

11:07 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23

1:13 a.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen.

7:16 a.m. King St., medical aid.

8:51 a.m. Highland Ave., burglary, breaking and entering.

9:11 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:30 a.m. Old pasture Rd., fire investigation.

9:53 a.m. Nichols Rd., vandalism.

10:27 a.m. Pond St., fire inspections.

12:27 p.m. King St., suspicious.

1:29 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:42 p.m. Pond St., and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:20 p.m. Hillside Dr., medical aid

3:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

4:40 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

6:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist motorist.

6:43 p.m. Pond St,. fire.

8 p.m. Parkingway, general disturbance.

10:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway general disturbance.

10:27 p.m. Pleasant St, barking dog.

10:40 p.m. Pleasant St., barking dog.

10:55 p.m. Pleasant St., barking dog.

11:07 p.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint.

SATURDAY, AUG. 24

12:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.

8:42 a.m. Highland Ave., Vandalism.

9:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:58 a.m. South Main St., animal control.

11:02 a.m. King St., animal control.

11:38 a.m. Jerusalem Road Dr., parking complaint.

12:03 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

4:40 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

5:32 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

9:20 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

10:31 p.m. Ripley Rd., power outage.

11:17 p.m. Beechwood St., fire.

11:49 p.m. Stoneleigh Lane, suspicious.

SUNDAY, AUG. 25

8:22 a.m. Norman Todd Rd., trespassing.

11:07 a.m. Beechwood St., property.

12:05 p.m. Central Station, Nantasket Ave., medical aid.

4:21 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.

4:24 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:45 p.m. Border St., and Bridge, disturbance gathering.

5:28 p.m. Pratt Ct., animal control.

6:01 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle crash.

6:29 p.m. Cohasset Harbor Inn, Elm St., medical record.

7:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

7:22 p.m. Hull St., well being check.

7:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

7:40 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

9:15 p.m. Em St., officer wanted.

10:10 p.m. South Main St., assist other police department.

10:12 p.m. Elm St., general services.

MONDAY, AUG. 26

5:09 a.m. Arrowwood Rd., medical aid.

8:34 a.m. Brewster Rd. and Ledgewood Dr., assist other agency.

8:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:20 a.m. Cohasset Swim Center, Sohier St, larceny.

9:50 a.m. Cohasset Jr./Sr. High School, Pond St, fire inspections.

9:59 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:36 a.m. Pond St., fire inspections.

12:41 p.m. Mill Bridge, Border St., threats.

1:15 p.m. South Main St, animal control.

1:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2 p.m. Cohasset Jr/Sr., High School and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

2:29 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:31 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:53 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

6:53 p.m. Jerusalem Rd, disturbance gathering.

7:55 p.m. Hingham Lumber Co., Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted.

9:13 p.m. Pond St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:15 p.m. Sohier St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:19 p.m. Highland Ave,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:30 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:49 p.m. Forest Ave., escort.

11:55 p.m. Woodland Dr., medical aid.

TUESDAY, AUG. 27

5:53 a.m. Bancroft Rd., medical aid.

6:32 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., traffic citation issued.

6:41 a.m. Bancroft Rd., noise complaint.

8:58 a.m. Cohasset Jr./Sr. High, Pond St., fire inspections.

9:16 a.m. North Main St., walkin. property found.

11 a.m. Cohasset/Lexington, suspicious.

1:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, illegal duping.

1:51 p.m. Crocker Lane, officer wanted.

2:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

7:27 p.m. Spring St,. officer wanted.

8:26 p.m. Town Lot, general services.

9:15 p.m. Border St., animal control.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28

5:48 a.m. West Corner and Hull St, traffic citation/warning.

6 a.m. Forest St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:13 a.m. Bancroft Rd., medical aid.

6:29 a.m. Bancroft Rd., noise complaint.

6:58 a.m. South Main St., serve restraining order.

7:01 a.m. King St., animal control.

7:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:16 a.m. Sunrise assisted living in Cohasset, King St., medical aid.

10:42 a.m. Buttermilk Cir., medical aid.

10:52 a.m. S. Main St., serve restraining order.

11:21 a.m. Forest Ave., disturbance.

11:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

2:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

5:17 p.m. Branch St. and First Parish, medical aid.

5:27 p.m. Beechwood St. and Ox Pasture Lane, motor vehicle stop.

5:35 p.m. Hull St., general services.

9:56 p.m. Beechwood St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:53 p.m. South Main St., general services.

THURSDAY, AUG. 29

12:01 p.m. Hull St. and East St., motor vehicle crash.

12:03 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint.

12:15 p.m. Ledgewood Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:03 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

4:25 p.m. King St., vandalism.

7:04 p.m. King St., medical aid.

9:30 p.m. Deer Hill School, Sohier St., fire inspections.

11:44 p.m. Cohasset Jr/High School, Pond St., parking complaint.

11:53 p.m. Cohasset Jr/High School, Pond St., fire inspections.

12:16 p.m. Spring St., investigation.

12:58 p.m. Grace Dr,. property lost.

1:56 p.m. Wood Way, fire log entry.

2:13 p.m. Cohasset Jr/High School, Pond St., fire inspections.

3:21 p.m. Cohasset Housing for the Elderly, Elm St., lost property.

6:17 p.m. Elm St,. larceny.

6:57 p.m. Tupelo Rd., peace restored.

8 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

8:34 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

9:21 p.m. Holly Lane, motor vehicle accident.

9:50 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, AUG. 30

7:08 a.m. South Main St., general services.

8:59 a.m. South Main St., fire inspections.

10:22 a.m. Doane St., fire inspections.

10:39 a.m. Sanctuary Pond Rd., fire inspections.

10:40 .m. Summer St., escort.

11:08 a.m. Forest Ave., found property.

1:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St,. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:27 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. officer wanted, peace restored.

2:36 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:01 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:05 p.m. Depot Ct., animal control.

5:02 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

5:24 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Atlantic Ave. Arrest: Jay Thomas Manna, 45, 12 Chestnut St., Hingham. Chrgs.., operating a motor vehicle after license suspended, alcohol from open container, operating a motor vehicle without a license in possession, default warrant.

9:24 p.m. Rocky Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:35 p.m. Cushing Rd. and Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop,

9:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway investigation.

10:13 p.m. Tower Lane, medical aid.

11:38 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., noise complaint.

11:46 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

POLICE BRIEFS

Alarm records being updated

Owners of residences and businesses with burglar and/or fire alarm systems should contact chief civilian dispatcher Tom Wigmore at 781-383-1055 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. during the week. Wigmore is updating the alarm system information in the computers at the police-fire headquarters so there is a current contact list. Contacts for weekends and after hours are also needed.

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Sat., Sept. 28	Voices of Africa - ***Africa***
Sun., Sept. 29	Liam Clancy & Robbie O'Connell - ***Ireland***
Sat., Oct. 5	Juan Martin Flamenco - ***Spain***
Sun., Oct. 6	Mamar Kassey - ***Niger***
Sun., Oct. 6	Tama - ***Mali***
Sat., Oct. 12	Chava Alberstein - ***Israel***
Sun., Oct. 13	Cherish the Ladies - ***Ireland***
Sat., Oct. 19	Dracula - New Vic Theatre of London - ***England***
Sun., Oct. 20	Canterbury Tales - New Vic Theatre of London - ***England***
Sat., Oct. 26	World Heritage Dancers - *Int'l*
Sun., Oct. 27	Caravan from Paris - ***France***

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LEGAL NOTICES

BARTLETT ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P2083AA

In the Estate of ANNA C. BARTLETT O/W ANNA CECELIA BARTLETT

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death September 9, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CAROL ANN HARRING of WOBURN in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed administrator with the will annexed of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 2, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, August 23, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#944361
Cohasset Mariner 9/5/02

POOLE ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P2063EP

In the Estate of MIRIAM B. POOLE

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death August 5, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JOHN F. POOLE of HINGHAM in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 2, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, August 21, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#941315
Cohasset Mariner 9/5/02

ZBA/155 KING ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, September 16, 2002, at **8:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Comprehensive Permit** pursuant to 40B and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Avalon Cohasset, Inc.,** seeks to construct 200 dwelling units at 155 King Street under Chapter 40B and 706 CMR 30-31, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #02-08-09.

AD#928921
Cohasset Mariner 8/22, 9/5/02

ZBA/428 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, September 16, 2002, at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.6, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Catherine S. Amory & Robert A.T. Scott seek to have a common driveway within flood plain at **428 Atlantic Ave.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-08-13.

AD#929227
Cohasset Mariner 8/29, 9/5/02

ZBA/491 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing (Remanded) will be held at the **Town Hall** on **September 16, 2002, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.8 & 8.7b, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, William S. Shelton & Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, seek an addition of nonconforming structure in a flood plain at **491 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-01-08A-R.

AD#940590
Cohasset Mariner 8/29, 9/5/02

To place your legal notice call Mary Joyce Waite at 781-433-7902

Kitchens on menu for Old Ship cook's tour

By Constance Gorfinkle
SPECIAL TO THE HINGHAM JOURNAL

From the day a cave man discovered fire, people have been gathering around that source of heat for comfort, for community and for cuisine, not necessarily in that order. Today fire is harnessed in different ways, but in none so satisfying as the kitchen range, which might be electric or gas, convection or still, or even microwave, if time is more important than how your food is prepared.

For most people buying a new home, the kitchen is the room that can make or break a sale. If it's airy and modern and conjures up visions of family parties with everyone dipping a spoon into the chowder bubbling on the back burner, then the house won't be on the market for long, never mind that the rest of the house needs re-painting, re-roofing and re-flooring.

The kitchen is the heart of the home and if it's beating strongly, then eventually every other room in the house will be healthy

But life styles do change. In Colonial days, houses had huge, walk-in hearths, wherein a pot perpetually simmered, and all life was centered around that fragrant warmth. Later, for those who could afford servants, the kitchen was relegated to the back of the house (and to the cellar in some townhouses), where cooks labored unseen on dishes that would be presented with the fanfare of stage productions and no one, save the cooks, would have to be exposed to the rough and tumble of meal preparation.

Now, the dining tables have been turned once again. Today, guests often are served in the kitchen where meal preparation is the evening's entertainment. Certainly the first room in the house any first-time visitor wants to see is the kitchen. With that in mind, the Old Ship Church in Hingham, for its fall fund raiser, is presenting a cook's tour on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Included will be seven private homes and one restaurant.

The kitchens have been chosen for the ways they reflect the needs and tastes (no pun intended) of their owners and for the variety of ways people have met the challenges presented by their families' particular situations.

In the case of Erika and Sam Buell, it was four years before they realized their dream kitchen. Not as grand as many kitchens are in today's new homes, the Buell's kitchen could not be expanded beyond the original dimensions the room had in 1929, when the brown cape near Hingham Town Hall was built. But if the Buells, both of whom are lawyers, were constrained by size, they weren't be imagination. Determined to be organized down to her last fork within the limited space, Erika Buell met with the folks at Faneuil Kitchen Cabinets in downtown Hingham to plan every need she had as a now, stay-at-home mom who every once in a while enjoys throwing a good party. That included a drawer with slots the exact dimensions of her spice jars, as well as sleek, custom, all-wood cabinets accented with handsome stainless steel hardware.

To create this cheerful room that's dominated by a large cherry island where family and friends can enjoy a good meal, the Buells first had to get rid of a huge storage closet that not only wasn't efficient but robbed the room of precious square feet. Also on the hit list were a pantry cabinet that was too deep for easy access and an extra door that had no real function since there was another door just up the wall a few feet.

With the help of Norwell general contractor, Sean Ford and a lot of browsing of the Internet, the Buells have a bright, commodious kitchen with a new, shiny oak floor, black and brown-speckled granite counters, off-while tile backsplashes, German-made Bosch five-burner gas stove and convection/still oven, Bosch dishwasher hidden by a door to match the cabinets, GE microwave, a new pantry cabinet, and an elegant pair of pendant lamps with frosted shades that should cast a romantic glow over the Buells' next party.

It was at her last New Year's Eve party that Erika made up her mind the kitchen was going to have to be remodeled.

"Seeing how that big storage closet made everything seem so cramped convinced me," she said during a recent interview at her home. But if Erika, out of necessity, is the one who most often works in the kitchen, both Buells' ideas contributed to the finished product. Sam was particularly interested in the kinds of appliances they would get. That included the refrigerator, which is at counter-depth, rather than jutting out beyond the counters, as most do. That loss of space is made up for with added height. But that's no problem for Sam, who is six-foot-three, his wife points out.

Interestingly, Erika, whose organized, lawyerly mind is evident in the careful planning of this attractive, efficient kitchen, which includes under-the-counter lighting and ceiling speakers so she can hear her favorite music while she cooks, hesitated most over the wallpaper on one wall. With paint on all the other walls throughout the house—which is the general trend these days—wallpaper seemed a rather bold move, she concedes. Erika finally settled on a Waverly paper, whose soft calligraphic design in beiges and browns not only captures your eye as soon as you enter and gives the room special character, it has determined the warm yet sophisticated palette throughout the kitchen.

Because the Buells didn't have unlimited space, they were forced perhaps to be more creative than others with more square feet to fill. The result is a gem of a working area and, more importantly, a wonderful place to gather with family and friends to enjoy the best of times.

If the Buells had their own problems to overcome, Patty Kane had very different challenges to meet, mostly because instead of having to prepare only a few meals at a time, she might have to serve six dozen meals at one sitting. That's because she is the founder and owner of The Square Café, as much a long-held dream as was the Buells'.

Patty Kane, a young and attractive entrepreneur who began her days in the restaurant business as a salad girl and grew up to own and run a chain of middle- and up-scale restaurants on the South Shore with her former husband, Ed Kane, had looked a long time for "the right location." Thus, Kane says, she was thrilled to learn of caterer Arthur Roebuck's decision to close his landmark restaurant, The British Relief, a decision that made it possible for her to at last put in action the desire to create a moderately upscale restaurant that would not only provide food to nourish the body but have an ambience that would "feed the soul," said Kane during an interview at The Square Café.

"I wanted a modern, earthy, New England interior that would be comfortable and timeless," an effect she believes has been achieved by designer Peter Niemitz, who also created the looks for Tosca and Fireking restaurants in Hingham.

Indeed, a welcoming atmosphere prevails throughout the long, rectangular dining room, with its soft earth tones and rich dark woods.

But if "the front of the house," as the dining area of a restaurant is called, invites one to relax and take it easy, the kitchen at The Square Café is all business under the watchful eye of Chef Kimberly Rego-Nason, who rules supreme in a shiny, stainless-steel world constructed by Paramount, a company based in Providence that designs commercial kitchens.

Half of the size of the 2,500-square-foot facility, The Square Café's kitchen is equipped, efficient and organized enough to turn out 75 meals a seating. With several ovens performing different functions, a half-dozen sinks, including one used only for the preparation of vegetables, 10 gas burners and a dough mixer, Rego-Nason and her staff of 10 create a cuisine she describes as French classical with Asian influences.

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Rego-Nason got her early experience with Master Chef, Jasper White, "rotating through all stations," and went on to be sous chef in such restaurants as 8 Holyoke and the Blue Room, both in Cambridge.

Having been a chef for 15 years, she is very much on the same wave length as Kane in that she too believes a restaurant should be a holistic experience, that is, it should satisfy needs beyond hunger. Kane extends that philosophy to her employees by keeping the restaurant closed on Sundays and Mondays, believing that the business will be able to make a decent profit without the staff stretching themselves to the limit.

Regarding The Square Café as "a neighborhood restaurant with a heartbeat," Kane sees as most appropriate it being included on the Old Ship Cook's Kitchen Tour, and as an example of her delight, will host a tasting for all those who drop in.

Tickets for the Old Ship Cook's Kitchen Tour are $18 in advance and may be purchased at Buttonwood Book Store in Cohasset, Bowl and Board, and at Bookport in Hingham Square, Corson's Glass House on Route 53 and the Hingham Public Library on Leavitt Street.

On tour day, tickets will be $20 and only available at Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St. At that location, as well on tour day, there will be an express line for those holding advance tickets, which can be exchanged for tour booklets with maps.

For more information, call Lee at 781-740-1560.

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Sous chef Andrea Schneil, right, works with the kitchen staff at the Square Café which is featured on the upcoming kitchen tour.

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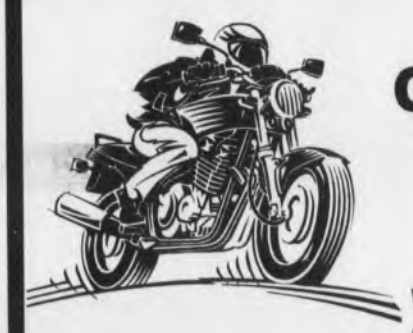

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Hingham man composes patriotic song for anniversary of Sept. 11

Featured in Scituate concert

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Michael Cardoza's first love is writing musicals, but it seemed only natural to branch out and compose a patriotic song for the upcoming first-year anniversary of the September 11 tragedy.

The 15-page piece, "That Truth Shall Keep Us Free," with lyrics by playwright Ross Andrew Dahlberg, will be performed on Saturday, Sept. 7, at a Choral Art Society of Scituate concert in the Scituate High School auditorium.

Mona Lisa Records of Boston will record the performance.

Members of the society will join with singers from other South Shore choruses to honor the victims of the tragedy.

The concert will feature 75 singers, a full orchestra, and professional soloists for the world premiere of well-known composer Fernuccio Germani's "Requiem for September 11."

Cardoza and Dahlberg's song, which has parts for sopranos, altos, tenors, and bass, outlines the history of the country's "hallowed vine of Freedom."

The piece includes the words, "Freedom sings in every soul and Truth shall keep us free" and praises the heroes of Manhattan – "your towers shall rise in time! As Americans on Freedom bent have justice for that crime."

Visual and poetic expressions based on the September 11 theme will be displayed at a reception following the concert.

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Hingham's Cardoza, who served as organist for the Boston Bruins for three years playing motivating music to excite the sports crowd, majored in arranging and composition at Berklee College of Music.

His wife, well-known singer Nancy Carr, a member of the Choral Art Society, suggested her husband and Dahlberg's song be included in the Sept. 7 performance.

"Michael has been composing for four or five years, and the song is very good," she said. "He's very talented in that area. It's nice that what he had written with Ross was appropriate for the program we're doing."

At Dahlberg's suggestion a few months ago, the two men began putting together the piece for the anniversary of September 11.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Michael Cardoza on the piano in his Hingham home. Cardoza composed the music for "The Truth Shall Keep Us Free" to be performed Sept. 7 in Scituate during the "Requiem for September 11." The program is funded in part by the Cohasset, Norwell and Scituate cultural councils.

"At the time, I thought there wouldn't be a market for it, but we went ahead anyway," said Cardoza, a computer technician who has written several musicals that haven't yet been staged.

"I've liked Broadway musicals all my life," he said. "The goal is to have even a small theatrical group pick up one of our musicals."

Music is a way of life for the entire Cardoza family.

Their daughter, Amanda Carr, a well-known local singer, has sung the "National Anthem" at a Red Sox game and during the South Shore Conservatory's "Evening of the Stars" event. She will also perform the "National Anthem" at the Sept. 7 concert.

Recalling the events of September 11, Cardoza said, "No one can believe the United States could be attacked. We feel so invincible, and all of a sudden, someone breaks our bubble."

Choral Art Society hosts 9-11 concert

The Choral Art Society of Scituate will join with singers from other South Shore choruses to present a concert honoring the victims of the 9/11 tragedy on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Scituate High School Auditorium, on Route 3A in Scituate. Dr. Richard Bunbury will conduct 75 singers, full orchestra and professional soloists in the world premiere of Dr. Ferrucio Germani's 'Requiem for September 11'.

The program also will include excerpts from Mozart's 'Requiem' and patriotic songs, including one composed by Hingham resident, Michael Cardoza. Special guests will include Shannon O'Brien, who will introduce the concert, South Shore Conservatory's Amanda Carr and the New England Treble Chorus. Visual and poetic expressions on the 9/11 theme by local artists will be displayed. A reception will follow the concert.

The concert is a benefit for UNICEF School in a Box program to help re-build schools in Afghanistan. Donations will be accepted at the door or by calling 781-545-8295. The church is fully handicapped accessible and large print programs will be available. For more information call the Society's phone number at 781-837-5547 or visit www.choralartsociety.org/

Lutheran Church holds 9/11 services

"The Rolling Requiem" is a worldwide memorial concert initiated by the Seattle Symphony Chorale. Performance will begin Sept. 11 at 8:46 a.m.—the time of the first attack on the first tower—in each time zone, beginning at the International Date Line and will proceed around the globe, hour by hour, from Bangkok to Boston, Moscow to Montreal, Taipei to Tel Aviv. The performances are dedicated to those lost on Sept. 11 last year, and to the innocent victims caught in the middle of the ensuing war on terrorism.

In the same spirit, the Broad Cove Chorale, now holding rehearsals at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in South Hingham, will participate in a 45-minute ecumenical service of hymns and choral music on the morning of Sept. 11. The service will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m., and at precisely 8:46 a.m., the chorale will perform "Messe Breve" by Leo Delibes. This brief service will end by 9:15 a.m. All are welcome to share in this tribute to the many lost on that day a year ago.

At 7:30 p.m., a Service of Remembrance, Healing and Reconciliation will be observed with the Rev. Paul D. Sinnott, pastor of House of Prayer Church presiding. This service, in remembrance of the tragedy will focus on prayers for peace and for the healing of body and soul. Everyone is welcome.

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One of a number of beautiful docks along the NSRWA River House Tour with a perspective of the North River.

The rivers run through it

NSRWA house tour highlights importance of local resources

By Seth Jacobson
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Beautiful homes and breathtaking vistas.

Visitors will see both on the North and South River Watershed Association's upcoming "River Views House Tour" set for Sept. 8.

The house tour, which the NSRWA holds every other year, will feature six extraordinary homes—two in Pembroke, three in Marshfield and one in Norwell. Each home has its own splendor and many offer wonderful views of the North River and other scenic areas.

"We do this every other year," said watershed president Debbie Lenahan. "It's a big fundraising event for us." All the proceeds go towards support of watershed programs.

One of the Pembroke homes on the tour is called "Wright on the North River," named so because much of its design is based on the architectural styles of renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

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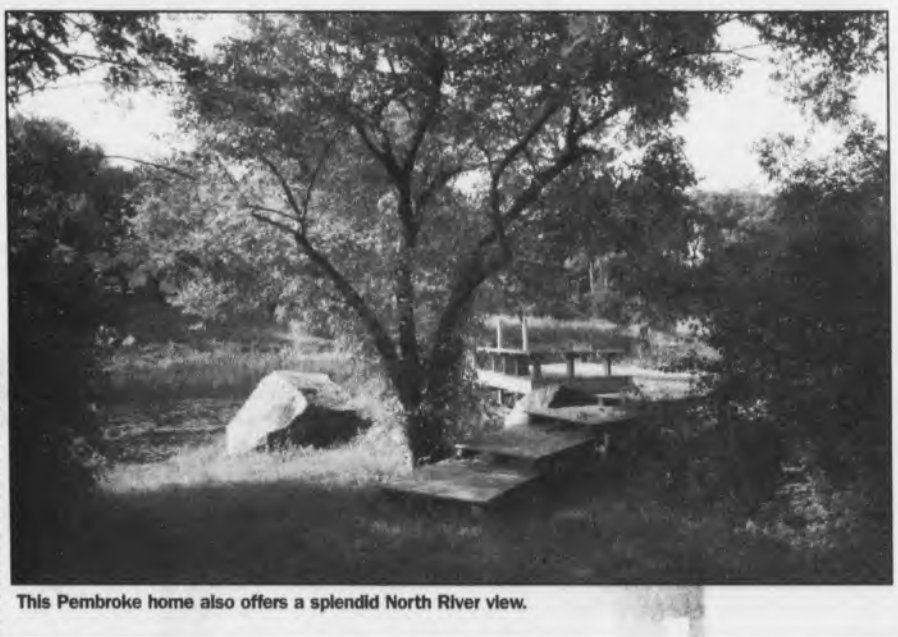

This Pembroke home also offers a splendid North River view.

Overlooking the South River from a Marshfield home on the watershed association's tour.

Blue wall group

NRAS show puts spotlight on eight oil painters

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The 2001 Members Show at the North River Arts Society inadvertently gave rise to a new and distinct members group within the group. Amid the exhibit of general Society works in various media was a section of strictly oil paintings contained on a blue wall area in NRAS's Marshfield Hills gallery hall.

According to NRAS board member Jeanne Horan, the showcase of oil works so distinguished itself that the artists were then christened the "Blue Wall Group."

NRAS has since devoted several smaller shows to collections of oil paintings by the select group of artists. One of them is currently on display at the Dolphin Gallery in the lobby of the Hingham Public Library through Sept. 20.

"The oil paintings together at the Members Show made such a statement that we thought we should form this Blue Wall group," said Horan. "We wanted to put together the oil works in their own exhibits to show them to larger audiences and increase the number of works per artist."

STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

"Spring In the Garden" by Dianne Panerelli Miller is one of 25 oil works on display in the NRAS exhibit "Blue Wall Group" at the Hingham Library's Dolphin Gallery. The exhibit runs through Sept. 20.

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Titled simply "The Blue Wall Group," the Hingham Library show displays some twenty-five works by eight artists which convey their knowledge of the oil medium with some impressive work. Most of the pieces are true to the characteristics of the medium, allowing the artist to use darker, richer textures of lines and colors than normally afforded by watercolors or acrylics. Subject matter covers the range from landscapes and still lifes to even one portrait.

Among the landscape pieces, a couple of recurring subjects appear. Vivian Harlow's "Swan Boat, Boston" offers a tranquil, sunlit view of its title subject perhaps worthy of a postcard promo shot, while Dianne Panarelli Miller's "Spring In the Garden" portrays the swan boat from a different, more distant angle and under more overcast and, in this rendering, more vividly color- and tone-generating skies.

The popular artists haven of Maine's Monhegan Island is apparently popular subject matter with NRAS members as well. Diane Scott's "Fish Beach, Monhegan" uses dark shades and tones to effectively convey the antiquity of a waterfront boatyard, while Harlow's "Lobster Cove, Monhegan Island"

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Sea Note hosts homegrown talent

Scituate's Kara Tondorf, Matt Chase Group headline Sept. 12

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The spotlight will be on Scituate as the Sea Note hosts a local music showcase Thursday, Sept. 12.

The double-bill of homegrown talent is actually the latest in series of recent collaborative gigs by Scituate friends and fellow musicians —Matt Chase of The Matt Chase Group and singer/songwriter Kara Tondorf. One of those recent shows was a July Fourth Weekend date on the bandstand at Scituate Harbor, which drew a large and appreciative turnout in the waterfront parking lot. The jazzy, jam-friendly sounds of headliners the Chase Group in particular had those docked in the harbor blowing their horns in resounding applause on this occasion.

Together, the Matt Chase Group and Tondorf represent at least the tracings of a new, young crop of career-minded musicians bred in Scituate. Over time, the town has nurtured a small but proud history of musical hometowners made good, including longtime Scituate-based club favorites the Irresponsibles and even going back to the late 1970s and short-lived major label group Private Lightning — anyone remember them?

Thursday's Sea Note revue is what its featured acts are hoping will be — a good look at the future of potential national music-scene faces launched

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Scituate songstress Kara Tondorf plays the Sea Note in Hull Sept. 12.

Food & dining

Rice Indian style

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

For Americans, rice tends to be a rather bland side dish, often overcooked and with nothing more than a bit of salt and butter for flavoring. In India, however, rice takes center stage and is often combined with roasted spices to make it anything but pedestrian. The question was how to do this successfully and easily at home in an American kitchen.

First, let's review what I have learned about rice during years of kitchen testing. The most important discovery I made was that 1 1/2 cups of water per cup of rice is vastly better than the usual 2 to 1 ratio. This lower water/rice ratio produces rice which comes out light and fluffy, not heavy and waterlogged. Second, rice is markedly improved when sautéed briefly in oil before cooking. This also helps to keep the grains separate rather than sticky. Finally, rinsing the rice before cooking helps remove starch, a step which also contributes to a fluffier texture.

Now I wanted to test which spices worked best and how to extract their full flavor. My preference was 3 whole cloves, 1 teaspoon cardamom seeds, 1 teaspoon coriander seeds and a 2-inch piece of cinnamon bark. I also tried onion, shallot, garlic and ginger but I found them unnecessary with the spices. When I tested chicken stock versus water, the latter won out since the rice needed no help from the stock. In terms of oil versus butter, I ended up using both but I vetoed the addition of herbs in the form of cilantro, parsley or chives – the earthy flavors of the spices did not marry well with "greens." Other tests included adding yogurt, nuts, tomato – even beans and small pasta – but the simple mix of spices and rice was always superior.

Toasting the spices, a common recipe step in Indian cooking, was essential to heighten flavors. This worked best over medium heat in saucepan with a tight-fitting lid since I could use the same pan for the rice itself. I also tried grinding the spices after toasting them (except the cinnamon) and adding them back to the rice which added a bit more flavor. Finally, I found that letting the rice sit covered off the heat after about 15 minutes of cooking also helped to produce separate, not sticky, grains. This recipe is particularly good with a simple dinner of grilled meat such as a steak or chops.

RICE WITH PAN-ROASTED SPICES

Basmati rice is preferred but not essential.

1 1/2 cups basmati or long grain rice
1 teaspoon cardamom seeds
1 teaspoon coriander seeds
3 whole cloves
1 2 -inch piece cinnamon bark
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 tablespoons butter
2 1/4 cups water
3/4 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste

1. Place the rice in a large bowl and cover with 2 inches of cold water. Swirl the rice with your hands to help release the dirt and starch from the rice. Pour off the water and repeat until the water runs clear, about 3 times more. Drain in a mesh colander and set aside.

2. Heat a medium saucepan with a tight fitting lid (preferably with a diameter of at least 8 inches) over medium heat. Add the cardamom, coriander, cloves and cinnamon bark and cook until they darken and/or pop, stirring frequently, about 2-3 minutes. (At this point the spices, excluding the cinnamon bark, may optionally be removed, ground, and added back to the saucepan.) Lower the heat to medium-low and add the olive oil and butter. Once the butter has stopped foaming add the rice and sauté, stirring frequently, for about 2 minutes. The rice should be coated with the oil/butter but not browned.

3. Add the water, salt and a few grinds of pepper and stir briefly to combine. Lower the heat as to allow the liquid to simmer. Cover and cook until the liquid is absorbed about 16-18 minutes. (Do not remove the lid during this time.) Remove from the heat and let sit, covered, for an additional 10-15 minutes. Gently fluff the rice with a fork, taste for seasonings and serve immediately. Serves 6-8 as a side dish

The rivers run through it

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"River House Revisited," is another featured house in Pembroke and it dates back to the 1700s, said Lenahan.

The Marshfield homes featured include one on Union Street, one on Cornwell Hill and another on Carlton Road. The sixth home on the tour is on Norwell's Arrowhead Drive.

Professional gardeners and painters will be on hand at each home on the tour route, and Lenahan said several local gardening organizations including the North River Gardeners, the Y'ise and the Scituate Garden Club made contributions.

This is the fourth time the watershed has offered the successful house tour, Lenahan said, noting that in addition to raising funds its important for the NSRWA to provide programs which emphasize the importance of the natural resources around the area.

"People need to recognize that something like the river is a tremendous resource," Lenahan said. "We all live in a pretty amazing place."

"Sometimes we get stuck at certain houses because they're so beautiful that people don't want to leave," added Paula Christie, assistant director at the watershed. "And it's a tour anyone can enjoy."

Lenahan said she brought the idea of doing the house tour to the watershed back in 1994.

"I can't take all the credit," she said. "At the time, I had heard that the VNA was doing a house tour at Christmas" Martha Twigg, executive director of the South Shore Science Center in Norwell was running the tour and Lenehan turned to her for advice.

"I figured we could take that idea and apply it in the summertime," Lenahan said. "I have to give credit to Martha Twigg because she mentored me on the project and helped me put it together."

Since then the tour has grown in popularity each year, she said.

"We sell about 400-500 tickets every time we do it," Lenahan said, adding the event is held rain or shine. "People get so excited when they hear that it's coming up again."

For information on the watershed house tour call (781) 659-8168 or log onto www.nsrwa.org. To buy advance tickets, stop by the Quarterdeck in Scituate, Daylily's in Norwell, Nobles in Hanover, Buckles and Boards in Marshfield or Buttonwoods in Cohasset. Tickets will be available the day of the event (Sept. 8) at Daylily's or the Massachusetts Audubon Society in Marshfield. Advance tickets are $20, $25 on the day of the event.

Blue wall group

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focuses on the area's natural splendor.

Various South Shore landscape scenes range from vast panoramic views to quaint, sidewalk and backyard renderings. Among the former, the high-lonesome, marshland view of Susan B. Charles's "Humarock" and the rich tones of Scott's "Along Bass River." Marjorie Osborne Whorf shows a versatility for both the former and latter with the strong color and light interplay of "Hingham Harbor from Belair Road" and "The John Quincy Adams Library in Summer."

The dark intimacy of Panarelli Miller's "Woman Reading," plus a variety of still lifes, most of them floral subjects, by all but a couple of the show's artists, also depict the oil medium's facility for indoor scenes and subjects. Other NRAS artists included in the show are Rita Brace, Susan Davis and Jody Regan.

Fall sales and planting projects

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

A cool, soggy Labor Day weekend provided much needed moisture for our drought-stricken landscapes offering an optimistic outlook for the fall planting season. Although autumn will not officially arrive until later this month, Labor Day is viewed by many as the end of the summer season and with the passing of the holiday weekend, the fall planting season surges ahead at a furious pace.

The months of September and October generally present ideal conditions for a wide variety of gardening activities. Warm soil temperatures, reliable moisture and cooler weather furnish a perfect combination of environmental factors for planting trees, shrubs and perennials and for renovating lawns, gardens and landscapes.

Healthy, fresh nursery stock is arriving daily at our local garden centers, often accompanied by sales on even these prime new trees and shrubs. Many early season perennials, trees and shrubs have been significantly marked down and are just waiting to be adopted. Although some of these plants may not look their best, many just require a little trimming and nurturing to regain their tidy appearance. Plants grown at quality nurseries were probably watered regularly and are merely suffering from the effects of pot culture and a hot, dry summer season. Many well-cared for perennials in our own gardens look equally untidy once past peak bloom, their faded flower stalks and lackluster foliage soon to be replaced by new basal growth once cooler temperatures and consistent moisture predominate. For more costly woody plants, most nurseries offer a guarantee and with substantial reductions available, who can resist the temptation to add a few bargains to their collections?

Should you decide to adopt some of these orphans, be sure you are prepared to provide them the care they require to become established. Mother Nature has been fairly generous with moisture in the past week or two, but water restrictions are still in effect in many communities and the ability to water newly set plants is critical for their survival. Incorporate substantial organic material into your planting soils in the form of compost, manure, and organic peat, water deeply on a regular basis and apply a layer of mulch around the base of the plant to retain moisture, maintain even soil temperatures and reduce weed germination.

A very special plant sale event is in the offering at the University of Massachusetts Field Station, 240 Beaver St., Waltham, Sunday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. More than 20 plant societies and horticultural organizations are sponsoring a tremendous joint venture that will afford plant enthusiasts an opportunity to shop for a wide variety of specialty plants usually unavailable at local nurseries. The majority of the plants offered have been grown locally and freshly dug for the event and knowledgeable growers will be on site to provide valuable cultural information and describe the plants in detail. House plants, perennials, rock garden plants, bulbs, shrubs, trees, bamboo and garden art will all be available. It should be emphasized that most of these plants are not difficult to grow. They are merely less available from local sources.

With so many new cultivars on the market in recent ! years, nurseries could not possibly begin to stock even a small percentage of these new introductions and must pick and choose better known, tried and true plants. The Society Row Plant Sale is a golden opportunity to discover some of these unique treasures.

Sea Note hosts homegrown talent

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in Scituate. Providing an interesting counterpoint to the Chase Group's "retro-70s" jazz-rock style will be opening act Kara Tondorf, an edgy, emotive alterna-folk-rocking songstress who's recently spent most of her time in Los Angeles and touring nationally, promoting her debut independent CD release *I Like Your Face*.

"I went out to L.A. last year, and I managed to land dates in most of the best clubs for new singer/songwriters there, I met a lot of people in the industry, and I got a lot of calls," said Tondorf, who attended Scituate High School with Matt Chase in the mid '90s.

"Some of the clubs I've played include the Knitting Factory, the Mint and the Crooked Bar, which is down on the Sunset Strip. The L.A. scene has always been a lot closer to the music industry center, and more the place to be heard, than Boston. But Boston has always been a tight-knit music community, and I would say more supportive among the musicians in general."

Tondorf has been well-praised in the alternative music press for her intensely personal songwriting and category-defying acoustic/pop/rock/folk style. L.A.'s Music Connection magazine voted her debut disc the #2 CD of 2001, while other reviewers have compared her writing style to Ani DiFranco, Bob Dylan and Patti Smith. A sampling of Tondorf's lyrical wit and tone can be found in this rhyme from "Sunset Drive" on the debut disc, "I'm a recovering Catholic, but I'm healing just fine/I'd love to share my thoughts with you, but you never give me time."

"I'd generally describe my music as folky, and highly concentrated on lyrics and musical dynamics," Tondorf said. "I listen to and draw from everything from early blues and jazz to modern music. My musical tastes tend to get stuck in the '60s and '70s, for the most part. But the main idea behind my songwriting is to trigger some emotion in other people."

Tondorf has started writing material for her follow up CD and is planning a disc release party for sometime in the fall, probably, she said, at Cambridge's House of Blues.

"The next CD will be more folky, more acoustic, and less band-oriented than my first one was," she said.

The I Like Your Face CD is available online at folkweb.com and CDbaby.com as well as at Tondorf's live shows. Tondorf will play the Sea Note Thursday, Sept. 12. The Sea Note is located at 159 Nantasket Avenue. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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JOHN SEBASTIAN IN CONCERT to benefit educational programs at The Children's Museum in Easton, will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 3 Barrows St., North Easton. 508-230-3789. Admission is $30 per person or $50 premium tickets include preferred seating, complimentary beverage and post-concert reception with John Sebastian.

FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury on Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org

THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION presents "BIKE FOR HEALTHY LUNGS" THE 18TH ANNUAL AUTUMN ESCAPE BIKE TREK, Sept. 20-22. This 160-mile bike trek takes participants from Plymouth to Provincetown with fully supported rest stops along the way. Both two and three-day options are available but accommodations for the first night are limited so register early. This event is for cyclists of all levels. Call 1-800-LUNGYSA for details or visit the website at www.lungusa.org/massachusetts/special.html

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley

Thurs. 5

The Plymouth Guild Inc. for the Arts call for Artists for the 35th Annual Juried Art Show. Registration of artwork will take place at the Plymouth Public Library (back door), 132 South St., Plymouth, Thursday, Sept. 5, 3 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $8 entry fee per piece; one free entry to current Guild members. Entry categories: Digital Art, Drawing & Pastels, Functional & Non-Functional Crafts, Mixed Media, Painting-Oil/Acrylic, Painting-Watercolor/Casein, B&W Photography, Color Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture. First prizes of $150 and second prizes of $50 will be awarded in each of the categories plus first prizes of $150 for Abstract, Representational, Most Popular and $500 for Best in Show. The show will take place under tents in the back garden of the library Saturday, Sept. 14, through Wed., Oct. 18. For more information, call 508-747-6668.

King Richard's Faire, Route 58, Carver, now through Oct. 20. Magicians, musicians, stilt-walkers, dancers, jugglers, fire-eaters, swordsmen, more $22 adults/$11 children age 5 to 12, under age 5 free. For more information call 508-866-5391 or visit www.kingrichardsfaire.net

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Fri. 6

Annual Moore-Stone Golf Tournament to benefit Old Colony Hospice will begin at Lakeville Country Club with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. on Sept. 6. The registration fee is $70 made payable to Moore-Stone Memorial sent to Robert Allen, 135 Grove St. Apt. 111, Rockland, MA 02370 or william Lynch, Abington Town House, 235 North Ave., Abington, MA 02151. For more information call 781-341-4145.

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents **"Sweet America"** a show of recent primitive oil paintings by Hanson artists Virginia Young to be shown during the month of September through Oct. 2.

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The Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane (off Summer Street) in Plymouth presents **Tex and Mad Dog** from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Sat. 7

MDC, Blue Hills Reservation South Region Events: Brookwood Farm Rumble - Meet at the Brookwood Farm parking lot on 11 Blue Hill River Rd., Stroll amid the pastoral splendor of Brookwood Farm. Nestled below Great Blue Hill, this picturesque farm boasts lovely views of quiet duck ponds, old barns, and meadows. one hour. Call 617-698-1802 for more information.

Artica Gallery 22, Depot St., Duxbury presents **Adventures in Art,** featuring folk artist **Jeanne Replogle**. The exhibit will run from Sept. 7 through Oct. 31. An opening reception will be held Sept. 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free. Two steps at the door.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands will feature a cruise to get up close to a number of lighthouses, including Boston Light, Minot's and many others on Sept. 7 and Sept. 28. In Plymouth you will have one and a half hours to enjoy lunch or explore the waterfront. The Cruise leaves Boston harbor Cruises, Long Wharf Boston, near the Aquarium T Stop at 10:30 a.m. returning at 5:30 p.m. Drinks and snacks are available on the boat. Prices are: Adults $37; Seniors $35, members of FBHI $33, children 3 to

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The Cape Romain Works, recent paintings by Russell James Horton are on display from Sept. 4-27 at the Wallace Anderson Gallery Art Center and Bridgewater State College. A reception will be held Thursday, Sept. 19, from 3-5 p.m. The gallery talk begins at 3 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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'Run To Walk" Race to benefit North Plymouth Neighborhood Watch And The Plymouth Police and Fire Departments hosted by the Sheraton Plymouth. Sept. 7. Registration forms available at www.sheratonplymouth.com Registration on race day promptly ends at 9:45 a.m. For more information visit the website or call 508-591-5007.

The Choral Arts Society and Friends present **Requiem for Sept. 11** by Pennsylvania composer Dr. Ferruccio Germani on texts compiled from the Bible and the Koran on Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. at Scituate High School Auditorium, Route 3A, Scituate. Special guests include the **New England Treble Chorus** directed by **Marie Stultz**. Singers from many area choruses are joining **The Choral Arts Society** for this event including the **Fine Arts Choral** (Weymouth), **Harbor Choral Art Society** (Hanover), **Glastonbury Abbey Choir** (Hingham), **St. Theresa's Choir** (West Roxbury) Free to the public. Donations to benefit UNICEF's School in a Box program, helping to rebuild schools in Afghanistan. For information, call 781-837-5547 or visit www.choralartsociety.org

German Oktoberfest presented by **The Boylston Schul-Verein**, the largest German-American club in New England on Sept. 7, from noon until 11 p.m. and on Sept. 8, from noon until 6 p.m. Music will be provided by the **Schlaubergers** a German band from Connecticut. There will be dancing in the outdoor pavilion. German food, souvenirs and specialty items will be on sale. there will be supervised children's games and activities and pony rides from 2 to 4 p.m. The Boylston Schul-Verein is located on route 109 in Walpole, right at the Westwood line, just minutes from Route 128. For information, call 508-660-2018 or 781-431-6715.

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Sun. 8

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. Moderate walk some hilly terrain, three miles. Walk from Donovan School to Ponkapoag Trail, return via Madden Road. Meet at Donovan School, Reed St., Randolph. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

The Harmony Wellness Center, 51 Mill St. No. 8 presents Yoga, Tai Chi, Acupuncture demonstrations on Sept. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. Yoga Meditation, Tai Chi classes will be starting soon. Call 781-829-4300 for more information.

Veteran's Memorial Park in Hull is venue for three free concerts sponsored by Pyne Funeral Home of Hingham. "Music at the Gazebo" concerts will take place on Sept. 8, 15, and 22, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. On Sept. 8, **South Shore Stompers** playing Dixieland jazz and swing. Sept. 15, **Gregg Savage Quintet** featuring swing and big band tunes. Sept. 22, **The Pastels** featuring Big Band and Broadway show tunes. The park is located at the intersection of Nantasket and Samoset Avenues across from Hull Donut House. Free parking is available at the Hull Redevelopment authority. Concert goers should bring their own seating. Performances will be cancelled if it rains.

Touch A Truck to benefit **The New England Wildlife Center**, at the Curtis Liquor's parking lot, 486 Columbian St., Weymouth. Climb aboard many trucks and emergency vehicle. See an ambulance close up. Climb aboard a concrete pump from the L. Guerini Group and a back hoe from Tri construction. Sit on one or two tow trucks decorated commemorate the Sept. 11 tragedy and the patriots victory from Blue Hills Town. Ever climb on a Ditch Witch? Take a picture of your child sitting in a police cruiser. Enjoy seeing a 1949 Sterling dump truck. Some of the education animals from the New England Wildlife Center will be on hand to greet you.

The Red Parrot, 1 Hull Shore Dr., Hull, presents **The Dave Foley Band** every Sunday at 8 p.m. No cover charge. For more information, call 781-925-1115.

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Scared Heart High School announces that spaces are available for its 21st Annual Hollyberry Fair to be held on Nov. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 100 spaces, Saturday evening Pasta Dinner. Proceeds to benefit the

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Today's planetary combination continues to generate high spirits, optimism. The green light is on for new starts across the board. It is best to launch important enterprises before 10:52 a.m., when the Leo moon aligns with expansive Jupiter. A Mercury/Neptune alignment stimulates creative thinking, intuition. Trust your first impression; your instincts are on target. Be sure to take time out for fun and games; enjoy favorite sports, hobbies, friends.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

The moon continues to travel in Leo. However, a harmonious alignment of Venus and Saturn adds an element of realism and practicality to today's planetary picture. This morning is prime for making commitments to others, selling or buying property or handling major business transactions. Plan to initiate before 10:26 a.m., when this alignment occurs. Lunar contacts to Saturn and Venus set the stage for a romantic evening. The Leo moon becomes inactive at 9:33 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Storm clouds move in, making for a day that has its pitfalls. Others may be moody, distracted, depressed. Don't overpersonalize. Plan a busy work schedule. Finish projects already begun, review and redo, clean and reorganize. At 12:16 a.m. the moon enters Virgo, and aligns with Mars at 8:21 a.m. Choose your words carefully. Compliments will work better than criticism. The new moon culminates at 11:10 p.m., 14-degrees of Virgo.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Gear up for another challenging day. Resolve to maintain an easygoing, peaceful demeanor. Keep your mind and hands busy. This is a day for tackling projects that need a finishing touch, repair, renovation or redoing. New starts are off limits. The Virgo moon forms a 90-degree alignment to Pluto in the morning and to Saturn at 8:54 p.m., when it becomes inactive. In addition, the sun forms a 90-degree contact to Pluto. Venus enters Scorpio at 11:05 p.m., and the moon enters Libra at 11:57 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Astrological weather turns fair and sunny today. The Libra moon forms flowing contacts to Jupiter, Neptune, Mercury and Pluto. Social and romantic activities get the green light. New starts are recommended in your business or personal life. Take a vacation from stress and worry; relax and enjoy life to the fullest.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Planetary influences continue to rate high across the board. The Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to Uranus and Saturn until 8:52 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Relationship issues may take center stage. Influences are prime for developing and strengthening existing partnerships or for making new contacts, establishing new liaisons. You can also make progress developing projects that require moral or financial support from others. Planetary influences turn around completely at 11:48 p.m., when the moon enters emotional Scorpio.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The best way to channel today's planetary energies is to work. Stay busy with practical projects. Finish old business rather than starting anything new. Lunar alignments to Jupiter and Neptune midday warn against overdoing, jumping to conclusions. Most likely, you don't have all the facts. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action until Thursday. Spend time alone this evening; meditate for inner peace and vision.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Pursue activities that help you to maintain a peaceful, positive attitude this morning. Jupiter opposes Neptune at 8:07 a.m., and the moon continues its travel in intensive Scorpio. Take time out for yourself; reflect on and learn from past experiences. Open your heart to higher visions. Read yesterday's advice. The Scorpio moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive at 6:52 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The moon enters Sagittarius at 1:44 a.m., generating a lighter, brighter mood today and tomorrow. It is best to start new activities before 5:04 p.m., when the moon aligns with Jupiter, the planetary ruler of Sagittarius. On the other hand, don't go to extremes or make foolish promises or purchases. Use common sense. A lunar alignment to Mars at 5:28 p.m. warns you to drive defensively and be extra cautious when operating machinery. The remainder of the evening rates high for fun and games.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

It may be difficult to focus on practical matters and be productive today. Try to get work projects out of the way early in the day, so that you can spend extra time enjoying favorite sports and hobbies. The first quarter moon occurs at 2:08 p.m. A full moon is building up and will culminate September 21. The Sagittarius moon continues to generate an upbeat, adventurous mood. A lunar alignment to Uranus makes this a great evening for partying. Take a walk on the wild side.

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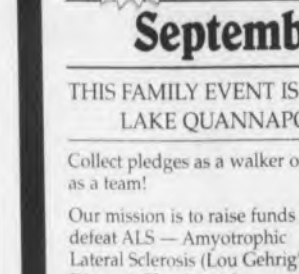

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South Shore Women's Business Network luncheon will be held Sept. 9, at Jimbo's Fish Shanty, Braintree Five Corners, Braintree, from noon to 1:30 p.m.. SSWBN luncheons offer the opportunity to introduce yourself and your business to a group of business colleagues who share your interest in networking and collaboration. Bring plenty of business cards and promotional material. Seating is limited, so early registration is recommended. To register call 781-749-8883 or fax 781-749-3130 or visit www.sswbn.org

Free Community Workshop on Balancing Hormones Naturally sponsored by Dr. Michael J. Recupero of the chiropractic and Wellness Center to be held at Healthtrax and Wellness Center, 20 East St., Hanover. (All recipients will receive a free one-week pass to Healthtrax) Call 781-829-6780 to register. Limited to the first 20 callers.

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The South Shore Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life will meet on Sept. 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House, Fearing Rd., Hingham. New members are welcome. The group meets monthly every second Tuesday.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Route 139 in Marshfield. The guest speaker will be Jane Elliott, a pattern designer, of Not Just Plain Knits. This will be a trunk show with an emphasis on design. new members and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Heidi at 781-740-4961.

8minuteDating will host and event for South Shore singles ages 21 to 29 and 25 to 35 on Sept. 10, and 24, at Jimbo's South in Braintree Five Corners. For more information and to sign-up for 8minuteDating events go to their web site at www.8minuteDating.com

The Island Grove Chorus of Sweet Adeline's, Int'l. joins the Town of Hanover for a patriotic program in honor of the heroes of Sept. 11, at the Hanover Band Stand on Route 139 at 6 p.m. Bring a chair and enjoy an evening of tribute and song.

Fuller Museum of Art to will offer free admission on Sept. 11, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in recognition of the one year anniversary of the terrorist attacks in new York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania. Although many of the galleries will be closed due to changing exhibitions, the public will have the opportunity to watch the HBO presentation "In Memoriam: New York City, 9/11/01" Visitors will also be able to add to a community tapestry, woven of fabric strips containing thoughts and feelings about freedom. For more information, call 508-588-6000 x113.

Thurs. 12

Newport International Boat Show in its 32nd year will take place Sept. 12 though 15, at the Newport Yachting Center and surrounding locations, will feature more than 350 in-water boat displays and more than 500 exhibits on-land. For more information call 401-846-1115 or visit www.newportboatshow.com

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New England Walkers accept 50-Mile challenge on Cape Cod to fight MS One thousand walkers representing all six New England states are participating in the 50-mile, Three-day MS Challenge Walk through Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, Orleans, Brewster, Eastham, and Dennis on Sept. 13, 14, and 15, to fight multiple sclerosis. Historic Cape Cod lighthouses and seashore provide a beautiful backdrop for the walkers. The Challenge begins with a boat ride from Plymouth, to Provincetown, and then a 20-mile walk to Truro. Overnight accommodations are at Cape Cod Sea Camps in Brewster. The second day takes walkers another 20 miles from Brewster to Truro, and the third day walk is 10 miles from Brewster to Dennis. To top off the Challenge, walkers assemble and walk the final mile together into Plymouth. Along the way, Walkers pass the Highland (Cape Cod Light), and the Three Sisters Lighthouses in Nauset. For more information call 1-800-493-9255 or visit www.msnewengland.org

Expo Design Center hosts 2002 EXPO Home Show, Sept. 13-15, 180 Pearl St., Braintree. The Expo Design Centers nationwide will feature a wide variety of activities and events for homeowners, builders and designers. Expo's professional designers will be on hand to offer expert design advice during the weekend.

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Ongoing Events

The Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Jeanne Mulligan** will exhibit her paintings for the month of September at The Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth.

Classes

STAINED GLASS CLASSES - Eight week classes available starting Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon class or 7 to 9 p.m. class. Beginner, intermediate and advance. For more information call 781-982-6011 or 781-871-5526.

BASIC BOATING AND SEAMANSHIP COURSE - The United States Coast Guard auxiliary is sponsoring several basic boating and seamanship courses on Sept. 15 at Metropolitan YC in Weymouth, at 9 a.m. call William Fuller at 781-848-2906 to register. and Sept. 18, at Town River YC registration at 6:30 workshop begins at 7 p.m., call Fran Macdonald at 617-846-8887 or Marie Conlin at 781-335-9985.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset, will offer Autumn Art classes Fall Children's and Teen's Art Courses, Fall Adult Art Classes, autumn Weekend Art Workshops: Adults, children and Family. for more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

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CLAMMING WORKSHOP - Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cape Outdoor Discovery at YMCA Camp Clark in Plymouth is hosting a series of outdoor skills events. Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Outdoor Skills for Women Workshop. Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Outdoor Skills for Men Workshop. For more information call 508-833-3040 or visit ww.capeoutdoor.org

BEGINNER WATERCOLOR AND DRAWING CLASS from Sept. 11, to Nov. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Lilly Cleveland and Wendy hale will be teaching in the Merry Meeting Room at the Duxbury Free Library. $120 for eight weeks. Call 781-585-3344 for more information.

THE PEMBROKE RECREATION DEPARTMENT office will be open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. Contact them at 781-293-3249. Pre-registration is required for almost all recreation programs. Tot's Gym, Karate Lessons, After School Programs ,Horseback Riding Lessons , Drama, Fall Golf Lessons, for both adults and children. Contact Pam for exact dates and times.

THE MARSHFIELD YWCA, located on Ferry Hill Road, will host an open house on Thursday, Sept. 5, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. to view class, projects and meet teachers and members. Staff will be available during the open house to assist with fall class registration. Fall classes begin the week of Monday, Sept. 9. Several craft classes are offered this fall Classes are also offered in computer instruction, energy healing, eye exercises, flexibility assessment/solutions for horse riders, miracles and practical spirituality, and Kundalini yoga. Special focus groups will also meet at the YWCA this fall. Anyone interested in a food cooperative, investing, children's playgroup, quilting guild, reading, writing workshop or sewing, is encouraged to join. Dog obedience and puppy training, yoga and fall equinox/winter solstice programs will be offered by individuals renting space at the YWCA. For detailed information on any of the classes and programs available this fall, check out the YWCA's web site at www.ymarshfield.org, or call the YWCA at 781-834-8371.

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY will hold Adult, Child and Infant CPR and First Aid Classes during the month of September. For more information call 617-770-2600.

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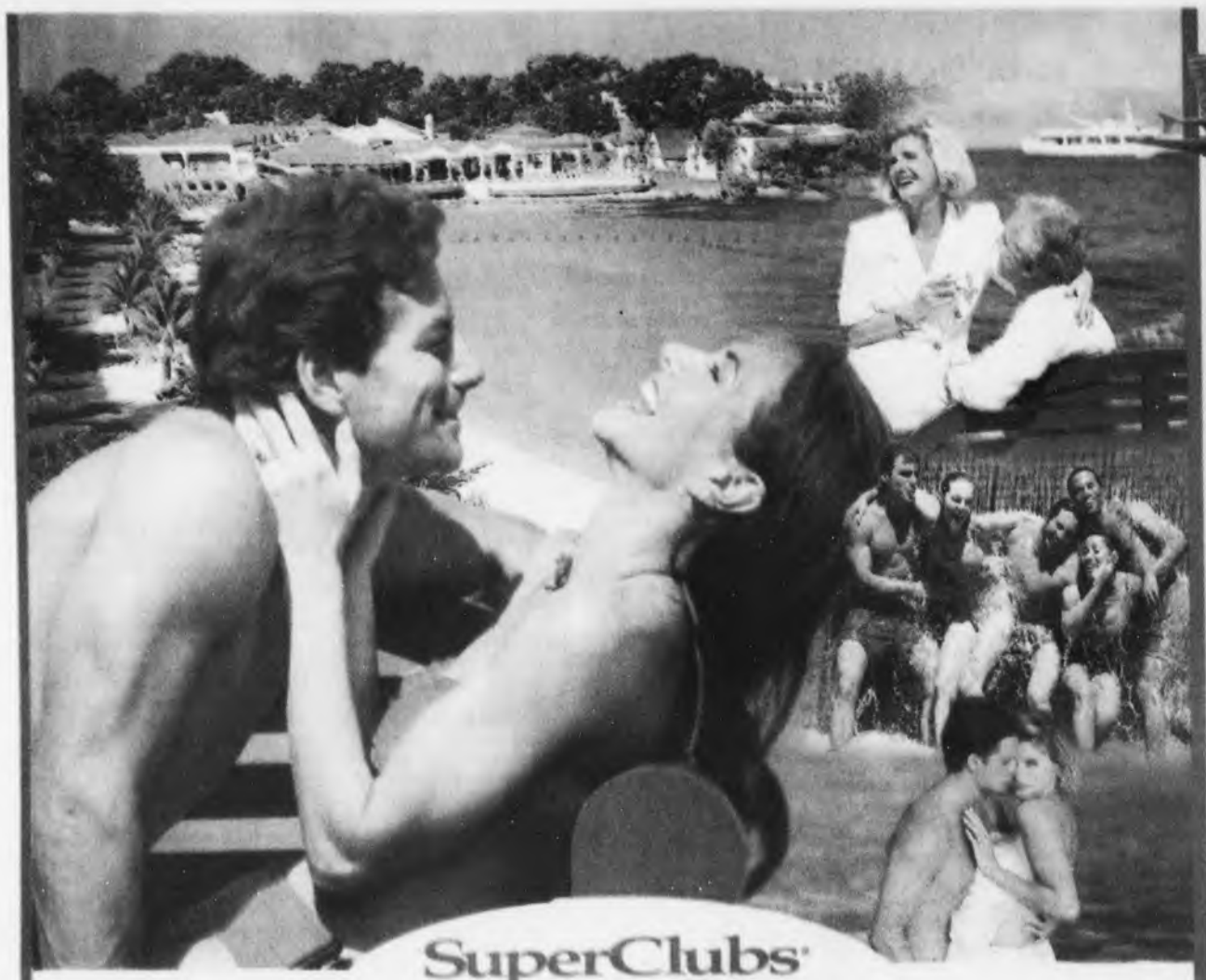

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A Cohasset firefighter holds Old Glory during the town's observance of the first anniversary of September 11. More than 500 people attended the event on the common yesterday.

Town pays quiet tribute to 9-11 victims

By Brian J. Scully
BSCULLY@CNC.COM

Under overcast skies that after two days of bright sunlight seemed respectfully sorrowful, the flag on Cohasset's Town Common writhed against a terse breeze that was neither strong enough to set it out full, nor peaceful enough to let it rest.

The estimated 500 people in attendance, much like the flag, stood silently on the one-year-anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, grappling with an event that has forever removed sense of security that had existed in America.

Throughout the event, silence prevailed. Heads stayed riveted towards for the flag for 10 full minutes as the church bells tolled. The bells, too, seemed uncomfortable. From the belfries of The First Parish, Second Congregational Church, St. Stephen's Church, the Beechwood Congregational and St. Anthony's Church cascaded a inconsistently rhythmic call and reply, each unexpected chime managing to prod and poke awareness of the moment for the length of the ceremony. Even the littlest children seemed aware of the moment, and remained quiet and subdued with a restraint well beyond their years or comprehension.

During the moment of silence a jet rumbled overhead, a subtle reminder of how much our world has changed. The playing of taps on trumpet provided a proper ending to the ceremony.

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Town to buy Barnes estate

By Brian J. Scully
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The town has taken a big step forwards to ensuring the sanctity of Wheelwright Park.

Last week, the Board of Selectmen, thanks to negotiations by the Community Preservation Committee, signed a purchase and sales agreement pending a Town Meeting vote with the Barnes family to purchase a 32-acre parcel of forest area known as the Barnes property.

The area is significant, because it is just to the south of Wheelwright Park and part of a continuous forest area that stretches from the edges of the Holly Hill Farm to the fringes of development off North Main and Forest streets. The deep forest aspect of the land makes it invaluable to the survival of the delicate ecosystem within. Any development would have a severe impact on Wheelwright Park.

"I think a lot of people have wanted the Barnes property, with its association with Wheelright Park," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan. "People have talked about it for years and years and years, but it only came up for sale recently. We have an opportunity to get it and I think that everyone is kind of rallying around and likes the idea of acquiring that piece of property."

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Treasurer's race may bring out the voters on Tuesday

20 percent turnout expected

By Mary Ford
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The race for state treasurer could be the biggest draw in Tuesday's state Primary here in Cohasset.

Beach Street resident Bruce Herzfelder – a local businessman who is married to Ellen Roy, a member of one of the town's most prominent families – is vying for the Republican Party nomination with Dan Grabauskas of Ipswich, the former head of the state Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The winner will face off with one of four Democrats that would also like to succeed current treasurer Shannon O'Brien, who is in a four-way race for her party's nomination for governor.

O'Brien of Whitman is the current Democratic favorite, according to pollsters, to go up against Republican Mitt Romney of Belmont, who is unopposed in the Republican Primary. However, Romney's running mate, Kerry Healey faces a tough challenge from

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Anti-40B group gets signatures

Will be on STM warrant

By Mary Ford
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November's Special Town Meeting isn't just going to be about unpaid bills for this fiscal year. Voters can bank on the fact that Cohasset Action, a new citizens group organized to fight Chapter 40B, will take the floor.

Chapter 40-B is the state's affordable housing law that allows companies like AvalonBay to apply for comprehensive permits that skirt most local zoning regulations to construct high-density housing in exchange for providing some affordable housing.

Group members have collected more than 200 signatures to force a Special Town Meeting of their own, but at selectmen's request have agreed to be part of the scheduled Nov. 18 Special Town Meeting in exchange for their articles being placed at numbers 3 and 4 on the warrant.

Voters can expect two articles from Cohasset Action. One will ask voters to direct town boards to implement an affordable housing plan and the other will ask voters to adopt a moratorium on 40B projects until the town adopts and implements an affordable housing plan.

The group also hopes to have a good showing of concerned citizens at the AvalonBay hearing

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Liberty shines on

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Long-time Mariner photographer Chris Bernstein photographed the Statue of Liberty and World Trade Towers in June 1998 from the first ferry out on a Saturday morning.

Bernstein returned to New York on Easter and photographed the Statue of Liberty again from a speed boat with the "Tribute in Light" memorial in the background at the spot where the WTC towers once stood. See inside for a five-page South Shore remembrance, marking the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

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The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, Sept. 10:

Water Commission, Thursday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m., King St. plant

ZBA, Monday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m. (8:30 p.m. AvalonBay)

Recreation Commission, 6 p.m., Wed., Sept. 18

Senior Housing Committee, 9 a.m., Wed., Sept 18

Planning Board, 7:30 p.m. Wed., Sept. 18,.

Democratic Town Committee, 9 a.m., Sat., Sept. 21

Youth Resources Committee, 7 p.m., Wed. Sept. 25

Conservation Commission, Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Public invited to tour new schools

Supt. Edward Malvey, the School Committee and the School Building Committee are extending an invitation to all interested citizens for walking tours of the newly finished sections of the middle-high and Deer Hill school construction projects.

Unguided tours of both schools are scheduled for 6-8 p.m., Wed., Sept. 18 and for 8:30-10:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21. Although visitors will be on their own, someone will be available to answer questions, Malvey said.

Anyone with questions, should call Malvey's office at 781-383-6111.

Haddad backed on common benches

Town Manager Mark Haddad received support this week for his decision to place benches on the Town Common.

The benches were installed last spring near Long Road despite opposition from the Common Historic District Commission, which agreed to allow the benches only if they were placed on the patch of grass in front of Town Hall.

Forty people signed a petition circulated by Anna Abbruzzese of 155 Border St., and Hamilton Tewksbury of 81 Elm St. sent a letter commending Haddad for the decision.

In Abbruzzese's cover letter, she takes offense that the placement off the common would protect senior citizens from errant Frisbees, as the CHDC stated in a letter to selectmen.

"As for the safety of seniors give us a little credit," said Abbruzzese. "We might be able to toss that Frisbee if it came towards us!"

Tewksbury noted that the Town Common should be available for use by all of the town's population and praised Haddad.

"You deserve a pat on the back for this addition to Cohasset's Common," said Tewksbury.

Haddad said the benches cost about $400 and were installed at his direction by the DPW.

40B ZBA-Avalon schedule listed

The Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled the following 40-B meetings related to the AvalonBay project:

8:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 16 (preliminary discussion)

10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21 (site visit, 155 King St.)

7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 23 (Avalon's presentation)

7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 28 (Avalon's presentation)

Nov. 18 - Special Town Meeting

7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16 (input from various town boards)

Meeting dates are subject to change. All meetings, with the exception of the site visit and Special Town Meeting, will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Fall town meeting set

The Fall Special Town Meeting will be held on Nov. 18 at the new auditorium at the middle-high school.

"According to our bylaws, citizen petition articles for special town meeting must come in within seven days of the coming of the town meeting," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "So, residents have until Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 4:30 to get their warrant articles in this office if they want them on the warrant."

Town boards and committees will have an additional week to submit articles for inclusion on the warrant.

Dunkin Donuts stays open late

The Board of Selectmen has granted the request of Cohasset Donuts, LLC, the franchisees of the Dunkin Donuts located in Cohasset Plaza on 3A, to extend the hours of its operation until midnight. Currently, the doughnut shop is open from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m.

The motion passed with a 4-1 vote, with Selectman Tom Callahan dissenting.

The change in time did not concern Police Chief Robert Jackson, who was in attendance at the meeting for another matter.

"I haven't had any problems there," said Jackson. "I wouldn't have any problem with that."

Sewer plant looks need public input

The Board of Selectmen expressed reservations over the Sewer Commission's plan for the beautification of the wastewater treatment plant in the marsh off Elm Street/

Dan Coughlin, of Tutela Engineering, presented the Sewer Commission's plans for the renovation, but the selectmen balked at the fact that the bid for the project had already been put out.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan is concerned that the public has not had an adequate chance to comment on the plan. Selectman Tom Callahan expressed concern that the expenditure — estimated at between $180,000 and $230,000 by Coughlin — does little to change the appearance of the building.

"It's an insane expenditure of money if it is going to look just like the building we have out there," said Callahan.

The selectmen have asked the Sewer Commission to add an addendum that would postpone the bid process by one month, which would be Oct. 26, in order to hold a meeting and solicit public comment.

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Mon. 16	8:08	8.9	1:48	8:23	9.9	2:00
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Two more retirements OK'd

By Brian J. Scully
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Nearly two months after the Board of Selectmen decided to opt-in to the state's early retirement program, it appears the matter is finally settled.

Initially, the town included two Group 4 positions in the program, because both were firefighters and would be replace by paramedics which would allow the town to raise the ambulance rates. However, Elizabeth Soule, sister of custodian Kevin Soule complained that the decision to exclude Group 1 employees was unfair. The town has not Group 2 or 3 employees.

The law, known officially as Chapter 116, is intended to be a cost-saving measure for cash-strapped towns. Ideally, a person would take an early retirement and the position would not be filled.

The selectmen voted for the two firefighters because of the cost benefit and decided not to include Soule, who falls under the jurisdiction of the school department, under the recommendation of the school superintendent.

"The school superintendent had made a recommendation," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "I brought that to the board and the board acted on it. Then for whatever reason, the School Committee changed their recommendation, which is there right, which was fine."

But in the course of the publicity over the Soule retirement, the second in line in terms of seniority, Kenneth Sargent, who works for the DPW, asked to be included as well.

Last night, the board voted 4-1 in favor of amending its earlier decision to exclude Group 1 members and to include two members, Soule and Sargent.

"When Mr. Sargent came before the board, it's a matter of fairness," said Haddad. "I think the board acted properly last night."

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he felt good that the board was able to help out two dedicated employees (Soule has 35 years working for the town and Sargent 30).

"I think in the case where there is minimal expense to the town," said Sullivan. "If somebody wants to retire early and we are able to increase the amount of money that they are going to retire with, I think that's good for them."

Soule's retirement, which will come from the school budget, will cost $7,000 in fiscal year 2003; and Sargent will cost the town $1,869, Haddad said.

Not everyone was happy though.

"The decision to let the two Group 1 employees is clearly against the intent of the law," said Selectman Tom Callahan who dissented. "I simply thought it was the wrong decision."

That is not to say Callahan was against the individual's retirement personally.

"I'm very sympathetic to the two individuals and appreciative of the years of service," said Callahan, noting that not including the employees in the plan did not prevent them from retiring, but rather from retiring under the benefits of the legislation. "But the town was not supposed to be taking a financial hit to do this and I think that it is wrong that the taxpayers have to bear an expense for it."

Elizabeth Soule is glad that the process is over.

"This was good, this was fair," said Soule. "Now we just have to get the paperwork straightened out."

Sargent was also excited by the development.

"I just put it in (his request to be included) when they rescinded the other part," said Sargent. "I was going to retire in two years anyway. It makes a big difference percentage wise, because I will be considered 65."

Callahan was upset at the way the complaints were handled by Elizabeth Soule

"The one particular retirement (Soule's) was accompanied by a campaign of letters and pressure brought upon people to make the decision that was made," said Callahan. "I can't divorce my decision from the context of how this all came about. I don't think that the employee can divorce himself from the letters that were written on his behalf. They were vitriolic, they were personally insulting to the town manager, the board of selectmen and frankly to anybody in town who voted for the school project.

Callahan said Elizabeth Soule completely misunderstood the law, mischaracterized how the decision the board made originally was made and why it was made.

"I don't think we should make public policy in response to that kind of pressure and the kind of insults and threats and innuendo was made," he said. "I just think it is the wrong message to send to people to think that they can get away with things like that."

Wastewater panel to unplug problems with septic issues

Volunteers sought from new districts

By Mary Ford
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Spectacular ledge is one of the traits that makes Cohasset uniquely beautiful.

But, no matter how lovely, ledge is unfriendly to drainage and therefore, the disposal of wastewater.

Combine rocky terrain with poor soil conditions and wetlands and you have a septic system nightmare.

So it's no secret that lack of adequate sewer capacity for this lovely seaside town has been the topic of a lawsuit with the state and innumerable newspapers stories for more than 20 years — never mind the headaches homeowners have faced if they must replace their septic system.

Now with the North Cohasset connected to the Hull Sewer Treatment Plant and the expanded Central Cohasset Sewer System – a good part of the town's wastewater woes have been solved for the time being.

But there are still lots of neighborhoods around town with wastewater problems and the selectmen want to have a plan to help deal with those issues. Also the inter-municipal sewer agreement with Hull expires in 30 years, begging the question: should the town renegotiate the contract or look into constructing a satellite treatment plant?

The answer to that question and more could come from the newly formed Wastewater Committee that will include representatives from the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Sewer Commission, Chamber of Commerce and six neighborhoods or districts.

Selectmen are seeking volunteers to serve on the committee from the following areas:

- Brewster Road District
- Beechwood District
- Little Harbor District
- Forest Avenue (West Corner District)
- South Main Street District
- Sohier/Fairoaks/Rose Hill District

Volunteers should contact the Selectmen's Office at 781-383-4105 or stop by Town Hall. The office is on the second floor.

The committee will make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen to:

- Identify areas that fall into logical districts in terms of wastewater needs and problems
- Study available technical options for disposing of wastewater
- Investigate available options, and develop the outline of a logical plan that would efficiently and economically manage wastewater disposal requirements
- Address existing or potential problems

"Should we look at joint septic systems or satellite plants?" Selectman Merle Brown asks. "Should we stay with grinder pumps or go with a different type?" These are just a few of the questions, Brown hopes the new board can answer.

He also points out the town is paying 50 percent of the cost of the installation of the sewers, but those replacing septic systems have to foot the entire bill. He hopes the new committee will also look into how wastewater solutions should be paid for.

Expansion not on DiNero's plate

By Mary Ford
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The Zoning Board of Appeals has denied DiNero's request to expand its restaurant building and parking lot.

In a Sept. 3 decision, the ZBA denied DiNero's application for a special permit to expand the building because the addition would cause an increase in traffic congestion along busy Hull Street. The board also stated the 26-foot-long extension of a wall that is only about 4-1/2 feet from the street would present a "significant danger to cars and pedestrians." DiNero's currently doesn't meet the 15-foot minimum setback requirements and was seeking a special permit to "expand a preexisting non-conforming structure." The restaurant asked to add 1,242 square feet to the south of the existing building.

The ZBA did grant DiNero's a variance to lay out a parking lot using parking spaces that are a foot shorter than required but only on the condition that the ledge on the premises not be disturbed in any way. DiNero's sought to clear some 2,600 cubic yards of ledge to expand the parking lot and increase the number of spaces to go along with the proposed expansion.

The ZBA said the bylaw prohibits the removal of more than 10 cubic yards of ledge from the site. DiNero's said if necessary, all the ledge would be crushed and remain on site, but no plan for that solution was presented, the board stated in its decision.

The ZBA said no variance was required for the placement of a second 19-square-foot sign on the south-front of the building.

DiNero's has 20 days from the date the decision was filed with the Town Clerk to appeal. DiNero's officials could not be reached for comment by press time.

Does MCAS pass the test?

School board seeks opinions

By Brian J. Scully
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The School Committee has decided to seek out public opinion on the state-wide testing program, the MCAS. This year is the first year that passing the 10th-grade test will be a graduation requirement.

During a general discussion on the topic last week in response to an article and editorial published in the Mariner, Vice-Chairman Chartis Tebbetts raised the question of trying to ascertain where the public stands on the issue.

"It is an issue that our School Committee is asked to vote on in our conference every fall," said Tebbetts. "It would be a natural reaction for us as a committee to be supportive of the test because we do so well, but I think that there are some issues that have come up to me that raise questions."

For Tebbetts, those questions revolve around the use of a single assessment tool across a varied student body.

"It's really not a good way to assess students who are not going traditionally through the school system, like special needs students or vocational technical students," said Tebbetts. "We really should find out what the parents of Cohasset think about this one-test-for-a-diploma system."

Tebbetts is also concerned about the schools "teaching to the frameworks," and missing out on creative educational opportunities.

"It is good to have a dialogue with parents as to what their sense is (as to MCAS)," said Tebbetts. "It is always good to do this out in front of the people to show that we don't just march along and do what we are told.

The board agreed that research could be helpful and is asking anybody who wishes to comment to contact one of the committee members by phone.

The numbers are: Mark DeGiacomo – 383-6413;Pat Martin - 383-3279; Rick Flynn -383-6754; Chartis Tebbetts - 383-1662; and Jane Pescatore - 383-2660.

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'BULLY BUSTERS'

Every other Friday beginning Sept. 20 from noon to 1p.m.at the beautiful Dillon Gallery in the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset Village a different speaker will be presented. The first week's featured speaker is **Dr. Alan Jacobson**, a psychologist that offers a Parent Workshop titled "Bully Busters." Dr. Jacobson is Director of Outpatient Services at BayView Associates and holds a clinical appointment at McLean Hospital.

Recent surveys have rated bullying as a leading cause of stress and involves a majority of students. Dr. Jacobson offers parents strategies to deal with children that have been bullied and teaches methods to open lines of communication and build assertiveness and self-esteem.

This informal talk is open to everyone, there is no fee, and feel free to bring a snack or your lunch. A brief Q &A will follow. Sponsored by the Social Service League of Cohasset Donations can voluntarily be made at the South Shore Art Center.For more info call 781-383-0771

SPECIAL YARD SALE

The South Shore Community Center will hold its first annual Yard Sale on Sept. 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the SSCC located at 3 Main St. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing), which are tax deductible, for the Yard Sale with all proceeds going to support the> Center.

Donors can drop off items at the SSCC from Sept. 9-13 between 9 a.m. to noon each day. For questions, please contact the SSCC at 781-383-0088. Thank you in advance for making this first annual event a success! Yard sales are so much fun and you never know what can be found. Come on down on Saturday and see what treasures you could bring home.

LIBRARY KUDOS

A big thank you to **Jenna Fegreus** for holding a book-discussion group this summer and a big thank you to **Marjie Murphy** for an encore of "The Puzzle Club". Both contributed to the creative summer entertainment sponsored by the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. **Sharon Moody**, the children's librarian, is so happy to have been able to offer these programs and work with such dedicated and talented folks.

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WEDDING MARCH

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The bride (Holly Pompeo) and groom (Shawn Rayden), along with the wedding party, take a stroll across Cohasset Common on their way to the reception at the Red Lion Inn. The wedding was held Sept. 1 at the Second Congregational Church.

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ROARING 20S PARTY

A Roaring 20s Garden Party and Antique Car Parade will be held Sept. 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. Lions Gate, the Cohasset estate of **Diane and Robert Johnston**.

The event will benefit Our World, the children's global discovery museum that will soon be under construction in a two-story wing of the former Joseph Osgood School. The hands-on museum and a related global-themed playpark are set to open in the fall of 2003.

Lions Gate, the site of the garden party, is a four-story American Gothic mansion built in 1904 for shoe magnate **Thomas Gustave Plant** and his wife, Carolyn.

Plant later built "Castle in the Clouds," a sister house to Lions Gate, in New Hampshire. A frequent guest there was **Teddy Roosevelt.**

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This week is very hard for me to write about as it just brings the emotions that are inside right to the front again. I cannot believe that a year has gone by and that we are in a heightened sense of security to the point of so much fear. I am scared, saddened and angered that this is the way we live now and my feelings and sympathy are with the families who have lost so much and also, to the families who have loved ones fighting for our country and working on keeping our country safe.

I am also so sad and concerned for our children as they try to make sense of all of this and realize the importance 10 times over of reassuring, comforting and keeping the routines going that help for our children to feel safe. In this day and age, that becomes a harder and harder task to do.

That is all for this week. Make sure to send all information to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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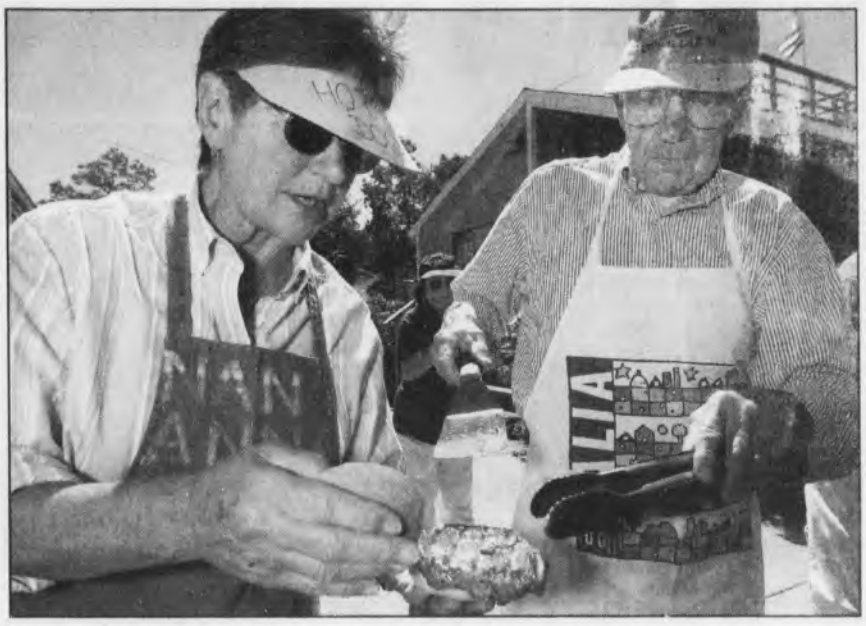
Capping off the summer



Above: Ham Tewksbury, right, and Anna Abbruzzese prepare hamburgers at the grill.

At right: Pat Sargent, Phyllis Leighton and Louise Smullen are all smiles at the annual end-of-summer picnic sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs.

SENIOR SCENE

Upcoming September events at the Council on Elder Affairs are:

Friday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. move to a new house without ever leaving home - come and meet Jo Remillard and learn how to do "right sizing" brown bag lunch with the CEA providing drinks and desserts donation $10 Must sign up in advance.

Bonsai and brunch - Friday, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Bill Wennenburg, Bridge instructor, is going to help participants create a bonsai planting and explain the best method of growing the plant. Lunch included $5. Must sign up in advance

Mark your calendar for October Seminar, Caring for your aging parents. Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23:

Moghegan Sun, Thursday, Oct. 17, - $25 leave at 8 am -return at 6:50 p.m. Call CEA for reservations trip includes a $10 meal and $10 matched betting coupons no reservations without payment

Ikebana demonstration - Friday, Oct. 28, Fran O'toole Fran is a master flower judge and Ikebana master - come and enjoy the wonderful world of flowers.

Shopping on Federal Hill Wednesday, Oct. 31, - $25 donation - call CEA for reservations

Boston Symphony Orchestra open rehearsals four Thursday mornings at Symphony Hall with BSO. $130 for series includes round trip transportation to Boston call CEA office for reservations

Don't forget the wonderful other programs:

Triad mee'ings - fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Health Screening - second Thursday of each month 11 a.m. at CEA

Gourmet Cooking with Anna the first and third Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. $20 registration free.

Bridge Mondays at 12:30 p.m. Second Congregational Church.

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EDITORIAL

Rising from the ashes

So much has been said and written in the last few days about the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001. Yet words seem so inadequate to describe the unspeakable tragedy, the unbearable loss suffered by so many and the amazing resilience of the American spirit.

Even though you tell yourself you're not going to watch another 9/11 memorial show, or read another tribute story, you can't help but get caught up in the drama and sadness. It's like reliving that tragic day over and over again. But many of us are detached from the actual pain, not having lost a loved one on that fateful day. For those who did lose a husband, wife, son, daughter, mother or father in New York, Washington or Pennsylvania, their loss is unimaginable. The pain of having to relive the event — watching on TV as countless stations replay the moments when the planes hit the World Trade Center — must be more than they can bear.

Somehow, though, through it all many of the survivors have been remarkable examples of poise and courage. You read and hear their stories, marveling and in awe of their strength and character. As we mark this first anniversary, our thoughts and hearts should be with the survivors of that day and the victims' families.

In our own ways, we can remember them today and throughout the week — whether it be by wearing red, white and blue, displaying the flag, lighting a simple candle or offering up prayers. They need to know the American people will never forget. They need to know we feel, in some small way, the pain and loss they bear.

As the Rev. Ken Read-Brown of Hingham so aptly said in this week's paper, we are all connected by this. It is a bond we would rather not share, but it is a bond nonetheless.

And as many of us get caught up in the sorrow and tragedy of Sept. 11 and question how this could happen, we can be somehow comforted by Rev. Read-Brown's words:

"We are profoundly related to one another and to all life. Once again, as we humans have done before, we need to act as if we knew it — to answer hate with love, to answer destruction with new creation. It will not be easy. It has never been easy. But how else would we choose to live?"

Marshfield psychologist Nate Murray also reminds us in any crisis or tragedy, "there are positive things that occur in that people begin to recognize the importance of having a sense of community, having relationships and being tolerant of other people. They realize how precious and fragile our time is here."

Living and carrying on, in the end, will speak volumes about the American people and their ability to rise above the devastation. It's unfortunate if we forever associate Sept. 11 with death and destruction. It does a disservice to the memories of those lost and those left behind.

COHASSET REFLECTS ON SEPTEMBER 11

Twin Towers

In the past I remember:
Waking up with dreams meant I've slept.
After that day in September:
Tossing and turning means I've wept
For twin towers burning in the day,
Tiny figures gazing, hapless turning for a way
Over orange flames above and below
To escape, to flee, but nowhere to go!
Orange flames pouring from a ruptured side,
Black clouds forming, swirling and then ride
The portentous billowing toward the sky.
Before the question how and why
In slow motion in a dream without sound
Everything dissolves and crumbles to the ground.
Try as I might to escape the dream's glare
The vision inscribed a looming nightmare.
With the dust of the vanished towers
It is clear the nightmare is ours!

— Uve Friederich
38 Forest Ave.

From a lifetime New Yorker

The Mariner's call for reflection prompted me to pull out some photographs I had taken during the time that ensued post Sept. 11. As a lifetime, New Yorker, I could not help but remember, now as I had then, how touched and proud I was by our local communities' response to the tragedy. The display of a giant, yet tattered, American flag hung proudly from a crane; the strength reflected in the handwritten posters urging participation in the grass root efforts of a neighborhood New York fund-raiser; the cessation of construction long enough to mark a moment of remembrance; and finally, perhaps the most poignant, a neighbor's gentle placement of our flag in the hands of a child .

These crude "snapshots" helped our family remember the purity and spontaneous goodness demonstrated by our families and local citizens. It is the preservation of that sentiment which will guide us forward.

Elaine Breslow
714 Jerusalem Road

GREENBUSH QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Can you tell us about the recreational bike trail proposed for Cohasset?

The MBTA will plan, design and construct a recreational bike trail along an old rail spur across from the driveway into the Cohasset Station off Route 3A. The paved trail will be eight-to-10 feet wide and about 7,000 feet (1-1/2 miles) long and will stretch from 3A into Wompatuck State Park.

If you have a Greenbush question that others may be interested in, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com or call the Greenbush hotline at 781-682-6350.

E-mail us at: MFord@cnc.com

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grateful to the Firemen's Association

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Recreation Department is appreciative to various town departments and individuals who have lent their time, effort and experience in support of our services this summer.

The Cohasset Recreation Department and staff wish to thank the many individual of the Cohasset Firemen's Association for their generous donations to the Playground Program's annual barbecue.

Their support, involvements and extremely thoughtful contribution to the children and program is greatly appreciated. The youngsters and employees of this Recreation program are truly indebted for their interest in our community.

Again, our very sincere thanks to the Cohasset Firemen's Association for their magnanimous efforts and donations.

Jack Worley
Recreation Director

Highway lunacy

TO THE EDITOR:

I think it would be fun to award yearly, an "Idiot of the Year Award," asking your readers to nominate anyone in the public sector for this award.

For example, this is my nomination for this year's "Idiot of the Year Award": the person in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Highways that was awarded, in the same season, the repair of the bridge on Route 3A at Hingham Rotary; the reconstruction of Route 228 through Hingham and the resurfacing of Route 3A through Hingham.

As difficult as it was during the summer months to traverse this obstacle course of detours, now that school buses travel the same course, it is truly a challenge to get from here to there.

On more than one occasion, I had to go through Norwell, via Beechwood Street in Cohasset to get to the boat at Hingham Shipyard. Since most gasoline taxes are used to pay for road construction, perhaps that gentleman is smarter than I in forcing me through detours to burn more gasoline on a, normally five-mile trip, to a 15-mile trip on a daily basis.

Especially smart on the part of the responsible person was to award the two reconstruction road jobs to the same company. That enabled the company to do some work on both jobs, stretching their crews out to the max.

No doubt in my mind, this person at the Department of Highways deserves this "Idiot of the Year Award!"

Jim Lagrotteria
104 Howe Road

Legal counsel needed

DEAR MR. CHITTICK, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

As Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, I urge you to request from the Board or Selectmen the necessary financial means to hire legal counsel and experienced consultants to help research the impact that a project like the one proposed by Avalon Bay, will have on Cohasset.

My concern is that for every Avalon Bay developer at our doorstep, another is soon to follow. It is imperative that we thoroughly research this matter and develop a plan that is consistent with the needs of the town. I urge you to take control of the future of Cohasset and not leave it to the fate of developers operating under the guise of 40B.

I ask that you consider the impact a development of this size could have on Cohasset. This project will ultimately raise taxes with the addition of school children and drain town resources. The resulting population increase will be more than the town has grown in 10 years; all without local control.

There are many issues to consider and viable solutions. We need affordable housing, especially for local seniors, but the town of Cohasset, should determine how and where these needs are addressed. Don't let this be something we all live to regret. I respectfully ask you to allocate the financial resources necessary to fully review this project and other affordable housing alternatives.

Monique Armstrong
255 Pond St.

Editor's note: Mrs. Armstrong provided The Mariner with a copy of her letter.

Remember to vote Tuesday!

TO THE EDITOR:

Our long hot summer is almost over and fall elections are closing on us. Unlike political parties or issue oriented special interest groups, the 'Get Out The Vote' efforts of the Hingham League of Women voters are not about influencing the outcome of campaigns but about increasing civic participation.

Our goals include informing voters and producing an electorate that is larger, more diverse and more representative of town and state and country than ever before. The percentage of Hingham voters in a non-presidential primary has never been high. Remember your vote does count. We live in a time when voter confidence in the political system is low, voter apathy is high and public cynicism is rampant. Make your voice heard at the ballot box - a vibrant, responsive democracy needs informed and involved voters. Vote in the primaries on Sept 17.

Hingham League of Women Voters
Helga Jorgensen
President

Treasurer's race may bring out the voters on Tuesday

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fellow Republican Jim Rappaport of Concord, who won the endorsement of the state Republican Convention last April.

All these candidates and others on the ballots, however, are unlikely to attract more than 20 percent of the town's registered voters to the polls.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas is cautiously predicting a little more than 1,000 of the town's 5,168 registered voters will cast ballots on Tuesday. The polls are open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at Town Hall, where both precinct one and precinct two vote.

Primaries are being held for Republican, Democratic, Libertarian and Green Party candidates. Registered voters in those parties may only pull ballots for their particular political party. Unenrolled candidates may choose any of the available party's ballots.

Republicans currently outnumber Democrats in Cohasset by a count of 1,236 to 1,098. There are also a smattering of registered voters in the Libertarian, Mass. Green Party, Reform, and Interdependent Third parties. But the majority of voters – a total of 2,816 – have not chosen to join a political party and are unenrolled.

Democrats vying for their party's nomination, along with O'Brien, include: Thomas Birmingham of Chelsea, Robert Reich of Cambridge, and Warren Tolman of Watertown. Millionaire Steve Grossman of Newton dropped out of the race, but his name still appears on the ballot.

Apart from the Rappaport-Healey and Herzfelder-Grabauskas races, there are no other Republican races.

In addition to governor, Democratic races include; a three-way race for lieutenant governor (Christopher Gabrieli of Boston, Lois G. Pines of Newton and John P. Slattery of Peabody); state treasurer (Michael P. Cahill of Beverly, Timothy P. Cahill of Quincy, Stephen J. Murphy of Boston, and James W. Segel of Needham); fourth district councilor (Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., of Boson and Stephen F. Flynn of Hull); register of probate (Patrick W. McDermott of Quincy and Mark H. Tobin of Quincy); and county treasurer (Joseph A. Connolly of Weymouth, Michael J. Joyce of Braintree and Thomas P. Koch of Quincy).

Last call for the donor wall!

COMMENTARY

PATIENCE G. TOWLE AND SHEILA S. EVANS

In July, the Cohasset Mariner printed a list of donors of $1,000 or more to the Cohasset Library Building Fund, Inc. The names of donors of $1,000 or more will be permanently displayed on the Donor Wall of the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The names of donors of all gifts will be reported in the Final Report of the Cohasset Building Find.

At the present time it appears that shelving and furniture and then books can be moved in during the first of the year and the Grand Opening of the library will be in February or March.

The article indicated that Sept. 15, 2002, is the cut-off date for new donors to pledge $1,000 or more, although pledge payments may be made in 2002 and 2003. A number of very nice gifts have been made to the Building Fund since May. While gifts to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are always welcome, a deadline for inclusion of names for the Donor Wall of the new Library is necessary in order to have the Wall completed for the Library opening. New pledges may be made by telephoning Patience Towle at (781) 383-1954 before next Monday.

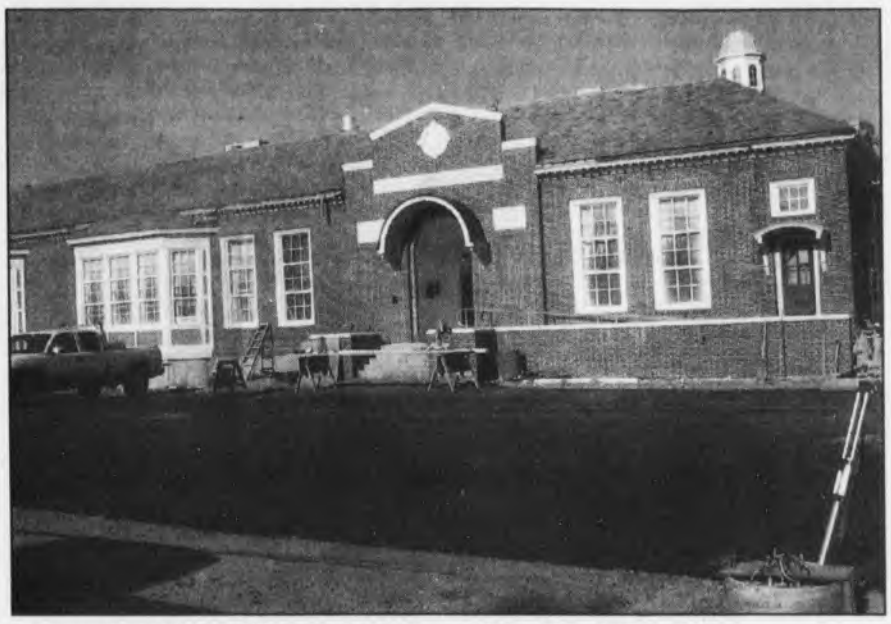
Progress on the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library has been going along pretty much on schedule, as can be seen with each drive past the building. The interior has been plastered, but woodwork, ceilings, painting and more are still to come. Furniture and fabrics have all been selected and are out for bid at this moment. At the present time it appears that shelving and furniture and then books can be moved in during the first of the year and the Grand Opening of the library will be in February or March.

Two much-loved aspects of the hundred-year-old Paul Pratt Memorial Library will move to the new Paul Pratt Library. First, photographic reproductions of the McIvor Reddie murals of the history of Cohasset have been made, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Cohasset Library, and will be installed on the interior of the rotunda in the new library. The original murals now in the Rotunda of the present library were given to the Library in 1946 by long-time Librarian, Charlotte Tower. Unfortunately, the existing murals cannot be removed from the plaster to which they are firmly attached, but the reproductions are of excellent quality.

The second artifact making the move is the historic mackerel weathervane which will move from the cupola on South Main Street to the cupola on Ripley Road. William Cavanaro, President of Cohasset Collision Center, has very generously and expertly had the weathervane completely rebuilt for its next 100 years on Cohasset's library.

While Cohasset received its $1.5 million Library Construction Grant early in 2002 because the Town of Acushnet withdrew its plans for a new library, the Massachusetts Legislature has voted a $75 million bond bill for Library Construction Grants and Governor Swift has recently signed it. Since Cohasset was first on the waiting list for these grants, Cohasset's library would have been funded in this fiscal year if Acushnet had not withdrawn. The Trustees had predicted such a course of events at the November, 2001, Town Meeting and are pleased to have the facts corroborate their research.

Library Trustees Patience Towle and Sheila Evans are also president and secretary, respectively, of the library building fund.



Construction of the new library at the old Osgood School is making progress.

What's in a number?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I guess it was the headlines that caught my eye

"Target drops items over hate symbols," thundered the Globe.

"Target pulls racist caps, shorts," heralded the Herald..

What's this? A true blue American retailer caught selling Nazi swastikas? A top-flight American discount house hustling hoods for the Ku Klux Klan? Is it a T-shirt left over from World War II urging us to "Zap the Japs?"

None of the above.

The "hate symbol" and the "racist" items are caps and shorts with the numbers "88," which as everybody but me knows is a code used by white supremacists and neo-Nazis and stands for "Heil Hitler," the H being the eighth letter of the alphabet.

Apparently they've run out of words so now they're demonizing numbers.

The dastardly plot to assault America with forbidden numbers was exposed by one Joseph Rodriguez, an alert video producer at the University of California at Davis, on a shopping trip to the Target store in Sacramento.

He was looking at a pair of red shorts when he discovered the hateful "88" hiding in mixture with some other less frightening symbols, like skulls and cross bones.

"I just thought they were cool," Rodriquez was quoted as saying by the Southern Poverty Law Center. "But when I saw the 'eighty eight,' I couldn't believe it."

He was so horrified that he took his concerns to the Center in Birmingham, Ala., which put it on its Web site, which is how the Target stores headquarters in Minneapolis learned 88 was a crime. The offending symbol was removed from all 1,100 Target stores nationwide.

"The noxious thing is when these symbols make their way into popular culture and gain wide-spread acceptance in the mainstream," said Mark Potok of the Center.

The number (dare I say it?) 88 apparently has not gained wide acceptance in the mainstream because I never heard of it.

Now that 88 has been declared off limits by the guardians of political correctness, what will the piano-makers do to replace the 88 keys on a standard piano? Will they drop to 87 or increase to 89?

What will lonesome truck drivers, who communicate on CB radios, do now that 88s, which means "love and kisses and sign off" in CB lingo, may soon go the way of 78s in the record industry?

Of course, 88 is not the first number to outrage the easily outraged.

Take 666, for instance. That's the number assigned as early as the first century to the beast who is the agent sent by the Devil to prepare the world for Armageddon. He has been variously identified as several people from the Emperor Nero to Adolph Hitler, including several mothers in law.

Or the number 13, reviled for centuries as unlucky because there were 13 at the Last Supper and one of them turned out to be a rat. It was held in such low esteem that buildings were built without a 13th floor, going from 12 to 14 without explanation.

One day, so the story goes, an English shipbuilder decided to demonstrate to all that an unlucky number was so much baloney. He outfitted a 13-ton ship with a 13-man crew. The ship sailed on the 13th of the month, leaving the dock at precisely 13 minutes past 1 p.m. (1300 by naval reckoning) on a 13-day sail.

It was never heard from again.

HEALTH NOTES

County Sheriff's office and health

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The system is now serving about 250 elders in Norfolk county and has the capability of serving many more.

Last Friday, Cheryl Bambery of the Norfolk County sheriff's office gave a presentation to the Old Goats, a local group of retired citizens, on the "Triad" program, which uses the proceeds of fines and fees to support citizen's initiatives in Norfolk County. The program serves the community by working with various town agencies and the Council on Aging to develop programs which suit local elder's needs.

Ms. Bambery manages the "Are You OK?" project; a system by which elders, after registering with the Sheriff's office, are called at a specific time each day by Sheryl and asked 'Are you OK?,' to which they can respond by saying yes, or by telling her their problems. The system is now serving about 250 elders in Norfolk county and has the capability of serving many more. The program is similar to others offered by health-care groups and senior services most of which charge a monthly fee of about $30. The "Are you OK?" is free to anyone in Norfolk county.

Other Triad projects include free lectures for towns on elder victimization, frauds and scams, abuse prevention and reporting, and a free emergency beacon and flashing light for installation in homes. For information on any of these programs, call 1 866 900-7865 or 781 849-0672..

One of the more useful of the Sheriff's programs consists of a simple refrigerator magnet which contains a form to be filled out by an occupant. The form contains space for name, address, phone, etc, but then goes on to provide for listing of emergency contacts, doctors, medications, etc and much other information which would save vital time for arriving medical assistance, in the event of incapacitation of the occupant. Emergency responders know to look on the refrigerator for a form in a red envelope refrigerator magnet saying "File of Life." I have one on my refrigerator; it's not as attractive as my granddaughter's art, but it's just as useful. A supply of these magnets is available at the Board of Health. Get yours, today.

Health screening

Don't forget Cohasset Health Screening Day!

Tuesday Sept. 17 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church (next to Town Hall) All Cohasset residents are welcome. Free screenings include: Vision and Hearing, Cholesterol and Blood Sugar, Blood pressure, many others. Healthy Snacks will be served.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Gov. candidates get testy as primary looms

STATHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government ending Sept. 6

Inevitably, the campaign for governor turned more negative last week, as candidates discerned the finality of the Primary Day deadline looming darkly ahead. Only one Democrat can advance in the Sept. 17 primary election, and with a week and half left in a year and a half campaign, everybody's getting – testy.

Bob Ochs of WBUR had to threaten to turn off the microphone last Tuesday (Sept. 3) as the quartet jostled for position, literally and figuratively, in a small studio room during a debate promoted as a "conversation."

With Warren Tolman running negative ads questioning Robert Reich's honesty, Reich seemed disinclined to repeat his assertion, made directly to Tolman, during a debate in a more cordial stretch of the campaign: "I think you'd be terrific."

That day in July, Reich went on to say: " . . . I think I'd be even better." A point he reiterated, only this time with a snarl. Tolman's spending his new Clean Elections money (ironically) on negative ads about Reich's credibility, and polls show it's working. It's sure irritating Reich, anyway.

Further elaboration on the negativity would be re-transmission of the conventional wisdom – the opposite of real journalism. So let's curl a few conventional lips by asking a novel question: what's there to like about these candidates after you've studied them awhile? You might be surprised to learn it's an easy question to answer, and here goes.

Thomas Birmingham: Extremely smart. Funny. Really does play basketball – not just for TV commercials. He is not just claiming to have accomplished a lot as Senate president. When he takes credit for improvements in education, worker's comp, environmental management and worker rights, it's because he deserves it, and no one disputes it.

Shannon O'Brien: Is extremely not full of it, or full of herself. That is, talking to her is like talking to your neighbor – the un-annoying, un-weird one. She comes across as a regular and likable normal human being, who likes sports and her family and people. Also: when she talks about inspiring and creating opportunity for her nieces and daughters, the journalist's B.S. detector stays totally silent. She means it.

Tolman: Absolutely earnest. If he's on a mission, he's locked in – so much so that the jaded are always wondering if he's for real. He is. He has that quality that Bill Clinton is said to have – in a good way – of being really, really with you when he's with you. At the same time, he's easy to be with – low-key and well measured.

So let's curl a few conventional lips by asking a novel question: what's there to like about these candidates after you've studied them awhile?

Reich: even from afar, it's obvious what his strength is. Funny, funny, funny. He's also smart and famously so, but his standout quality is being a gas. Like asking Tolman in a debate, "but enough about me – what do you find admirable about me?" – and doing it non-obnoxiously, as only a person with a great sense of humor would. Or saying at a labor forum, "I want" — then knocking over his water glass, and without missing a beat, finishing up with, "— to spread water all over this table." This kind of thing goes on and on with Reich.

"Positivity" from the press at the apex of a political campaign is sure to curl conventional lips, but citizens soaked in negativity can take heart that there's something to like about these people too.

Pleasant as they all may be as people, with Labor Day past, the candidates got serious about beating one another, and occasionally nasty.

• The debate over who's best to take on Mitt Romney, and then the challenges facing Massachusetts, consumed the week, culminating in a debate last Thursday at Boston University. It may have been the first good look many of the swing voters who'll decide the election had of the Democratic crop. Reich and Tolman extended their dispute over mudslinging and truth telling; Birmingham touted his record; O'Brien aimed for the middle of the electorate and said her opponents have distorted her record on financial management. The major tension of the debate was the other candidates trying to associate O'Brien as closely as possible with House Speaker Thomas Finneran – and Romney doubtless took heed.

• The lone Republican running for governor had a stress-less week in comparison to the Democrats. Mitt Romney had the pleasure of accepting the endorsement of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police. The chiefs' organization declined to make an endorsement in the lieutenant governor's race, a development that did not go unnoticed by a press watching Kerry Healey struggle with a strong challenge from Jim Rappaport.

• After drawing attention for languishing so long, the bill to prevent and punish terrorism and terror threats sped from the early stages of passage onto the law books in a week – last week. Acting Gov. Swift signed the measure last Thursday after it cleared the House and Senate during informal sessions. The new law sets up specific crimes regarding terrorist threats, possession of dangerous materials, and carrying out hoaxes such as the one that disturbed the North Shore this week after white powder was received in the mail deliveries of 11 police departments

• Opening hearings that could wind up resolving the Medicaid pharmacy impasse, the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy heard veteran lawmakers testify that a cut in reimbursement rates to drugstores that fill Medicaid prescriptions was ill-planned. "It's clear we had no idea what we were doing," said Rep. Daniel Bosley, D-N. Adams. A 12 percent rate cut has the major chains threatening to stop serving Medicaid recipients; they have agreed to hold off and the old reimbursement rates are in place until Oct. 2. The complexity of drug pricing is clearly making it more difficult to say what rate is a fair one.

• The state collected $37 million less in August than it needed to meet budget projections, the Executive Office for Administration and Finance said. Combined with July revenues, which fell short by $4 million, the budget gap stands at $41 million two months into the fiscal year. Acting Gov. Swift has asked state agency managers to prepare a list of spending cuts totaling $200 million. She may implement some or all of those cuts this fall, depending on revenue performance.

• The agency needs to erase a $1.2 million shortfall in its own accounts, so two managers and all 26 "tax examiner one" workers are being let go. DOR spokesman Tim Connolly said he did not expect processing of returns, or the department's ability to collect revenue, to be affected.

• The state will still be able to immunize anyone who wants a flu shot, but spokespeople did ask healthy residents to delay getting their shots by a few weeks this year. Reductions in funding make it necessary for DPH to order 132,000 fewer doses, or 19 percent less this year. Still, DPH says, the department expects to have 560,000 doses available this flu season.

• The high school class of 2003 is the first one that must pass the MCAS exam to graduate – and 81 percent of that class has now cleared the bar, Acting Gov. Swift announced. The pass rate is up from 76 percent last winter. In her annual "state of education" address, Swift said 60 percent of the $50 million devoted to MCAS remediation will be directed toward high schoolers. Education Commissioner David Driscoll said 81 percent is better than he expected after this round of MCAS extra chances.

Craig Sandler writers for the Statehouse News Service.

AvalonBay is confident it can please Cohasset

By Brian J. Scully
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AvalonBay has done a lot of building already, despite the fact that the Virginia-based company is still in the hearing phase of its proposed 200-unit 40B project in Cohasset.

The controversial project has sparked a wave of public reaction, highlighted by the start of a new citizens' group, dubbed Cohasset Action, aimed at dismantling 40B.

For AvalonBay, though, the reaction is expected.

A veteran of more than a decade of 40B development, the company has completed six comprehensive permit developments in Massachusetts and holds three more permits for projects under construction. According to Vice President of Development Scott Dale, who is overseeing the Cohasset project, if the usual pattern holds true, much of the maelstrom over the project will die down when residents learn more about the AvalonBay, the company, and the way it prosecutes the 40B process.

"Typically, through the approval process and the public hearing process most residents' concerns are addressed," said Dale. "We present a lot of information and try and get the accurate facts out there relative to the impacts of each of our communities. Once people really have an understanding of what our communities are about, that allays most people's fears."

Dale was quick to point out, however, that not all people will be convinced.

This is apparent as the Anti-40B group continues with plans to ask Special Town meeting to declare a moratorium on 40B. That moratorium is more symbolic, than substantive, with its intention to raise the issue in the courts and on Beacon Hill. The group is also looking into hiring legal and expert advice to review Avalon's application and find deficiencies.

"I think people are more educated about 40B today than they were 12 months ago and than they were 12 months prior to that," said Dale. "To some degree, I think that the focus on 40B has precipitated some of the response. Part of what we are experiencing is a backlash against 40B and not our project in particular."

Therein lies the quandary: Can 40B, the law, and individual 40B projects be separated? Dale thinks so.

"If it is approached the right way and it is approached the way that AvalonBay consistently approaches 40B projects, there will be a benefit to Cohasset," said Dale. "We are a well-capitalized company committed to managing the asset long-term."

But Michael Wescott of Cohasset Action doesn't trust Avalon.

"AvalonBay is an aggressive organization exploiting a poorly written law to bypass local control," he said.

"Once people really have an understanding of what our communities are about, that allays most people's fears."
— Scott Dale, Vice President of Development

Westcott claims AvalonBay has misrepresented the facts and cites the company's estimate of adding about 30 children to Cohasset schools as an example. Cohasset Action plans a mailing alerting the public that the number of children could be much higher.

But Avalon says the Cohasset project can be geared toward empty-nesters *(see related story)*.

Working together

Dale points to Weymouth AvalonBay project as an example of the company's ability to work with the town.

"In Weymouth (another Avalon Project) there were existing sewer problems," said Dale. "By working with the Town of Weymouth we actually left the sewer system significantly better off after the project was completed."

AvalonBay provided a four-page list of references that range from institutional or non-profit agencies like the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency to Boston-area municipal and business references.

Also attached is a page of quotes from the towns of Quincy, Wilmington, Peabody and the Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority. Peter Kolsen, the Quincy City Council President at the time of the Grand Opening of Avalon at Faxon Park in 1998, had a comment included that is illustrative of the nature of those quotes:

"Working with Avalon, the word integrity comes up an awful lot," said Kolsen. "We've learned from what they say and negotiating with them, (that) you can trust their word and that is a big factor."

The Town of Wilmington has two AvalonBay projects, both under comprehensive permits.

"We have two 40B projects with AvalonBay with one of them up and running and occupied for a couple of years and the other one may be totally occupied at this point in time," said Duncan, who was reached by telephone. "Our experience has been very positive. The development that has been around for a few years is now a development that the town is very proud of."

But having a project that the town could be proud of was not something that came easily.

When the first Avalon Project was proposed by a different company 10 years ago, the town fought the application through the courts. That company eventually went belly-up and Avalon bought the land and, ostensibly, the permit. But instead of launching into the previous project design, which greatly concerned the town, Avalon sat down with officials and proposed several redesign options. A similar Avalon takeover of a another project the town was unhappy with, led to the second development.

The process was lengthy, but productive, and in the end both sides got what they wanted — Avalon had a productive and economically viable community and the town had a say in the matter.

"I can't pat myself on the back to much for the negotiations," said Duncan. "AvalonBay is very easy to work with and very willing to negotiate."

According to Duncan, that negotiation took place in good faith.

"When we were receiving the second AvalonBay Project, our traffic manger asked to do traffic counts on the original development," said Duncan. "Avalon gave us permission to do that, knowing that there was a possibility of the number being way more. It actually turned out to be less and the same for the amount of school-aged children. That's been our experience."

Avalon also emphasized the accuracy of its impact figures.

"If you look at our track record, you will see our impact numbers have been very accurate," said Dale. "People are always concerned about traffic and people are usually skeptical about the number of traffic numbers we present. We know based on our actual experience that our numbers are very accurate and in many cases overestimate the impact."

Town officials in Peabody (where there is one non-40B project and a new 40B project under AvalonBay jurisdiction) and Brookline (a non 40B project) had positive reviews for the company.

The process begins next Monday with the first ZBA hearing, but Dale is confident that in the end the majority of residents will support his company's efforts.

"We've been through this before," said Dale. "It's not unusual that there would be some level of opposition, but we have been very successful in dealing with that type of opposition that has presented itself in other projects."

Local anti-40B group gets signatures

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that gets underway at 8:30 p.m., Monday at Town Hall. Members will also be handing out flyers and pledge cards outside the polls on Primary Day, Tuesday.

The group, which has obtained non-profit status and a tax ID number, is trying to raise $5,000 initially to hire legal counsel and pay for educational materials that may include newspaper inserts.

About 10 people attended Monday's Cohasset Action meeting at Town Hall. The mood was upbeat as group members, who are led by Michael Westcott, exchanged ideas and concerns about the proposed 200-unit, first phase of the AvalonBay project. Avalon is planning a total of 254 units in two phases.

Westcott said the group's game plan is about "finding obstacles."

"It is unlikely the ZBA at this point is going to deny the project outright, but will more likely put some number of conditions on the project, which can be appealed at the state level," he said. "Frankly, we need to find as many obstacles as possible."

The potential of the AvalonBay project flooding the schools with more children than they can handle was one of the issues of greatest concern to the group.

Westcott suggested taking the school issue to the next level by to using the "fear factor" through a town-wide mailing to make sure residents are "painfully aware of the impacts of the project."

Although Avalon is predicting about 30 children, Cohasset Action thinks the complex could attract far more. Lexington's Avalon project has 198 units and close to 220 children, who attend Lexington Schools, says member Justine Vanderlugt, who researched the issue.

Barbara Mullin said Cohasset's new schools are designed to cope with 10 new houses a year for the next five years.

"There is no way they can cope with that," she said about the prospect of hundreds of new children moving in.

But William McLaughlin of Avalon said Lexington is a very different project. He explained Lexington sought "family housing" so the project includes a majority of large three- and two-bedroom units and only a few one-bedroom apartments. The Lexington project is also 28 percent affordable (20 percent low income and 8 percent moderate income).

He pointed out the Avalon project in Wilmington that has 204 units only has about 30 kids.

McLaughlin said the town's views with regards to its needs for senior housing would "clearly be on the table" during negotiations and the project could be geared more toward "empty-nesters."

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Lives are changed forever

Terrorist attacks force all Americans to reflect, rethink

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For the first time in his life, Hanover resident Jon Frattasio introduced himself to the person sitting beside him on an airplane last winter. He would usually keep to himself on a flight — but on this one, he and many other passengers shook hands with their neighbors before take-off.

"In a way we were all saying — 'we're all in this together,'" he said, adding that he walked the aisles of the plane carefully before he sat down, profiling everyone very carefully. "We know who the enemy is, but we're here now, together."

Whether people have joined a health club, spent more time with their families or told a few more people "I love you," the passing year since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the nation has changed everyone. And many people on the South Shore say the changes have been for the better.

"It's given people a greater appreciation for everything — especially for this country," Scituate Town Clerk Barbara Maffucci said.

But more than that, many area residents said living through the tragic experience has increased their awareness of their surroundings. Not only on planes and in large public places, but in their small South Shore hometowns, where they feel the most safe.

"It's given people a greater appreciation for everything — especially for this country."
Scituate Town Clerk
Barbara Maffucci

"I haven't seen anything different or strange," Frattasio said. "I live my life, I work my jobs — I do what I have to do. But now I'm definitely awake."

Pembroke resident Deborah Reich agreed, and noted that she has also been "on edge" for the past year. With her oldest daughter Andrea a flight attendant for United Airlines, Reich said she still worries every time Andrea goes to work.

"When I fly now I find myself looking around, wondering who else is on the plane with me," Reich said. "Even though you know it's not right, you still can't help it — you have to wonder."

Reich said that although her daughter flies as little as possible since Sept. 11, it hasn't stopped the rest of the family from traveling when they need to. She said she "can't let it get the best of (her)."

And "moving on" is the best medicine most area residents are calling for. Not forgetting what happened, they say, but keeping it all in perspective.

"I don't want to be scared," Marshfield resident Cathy Brennan said, noting her daughter often flies cross-country. "But if we let it change our lives too much then in a way they've 'won.'"

"We all have to go on," Frattasio said. "We can't let them run our lives."

People of the South Shore have chosen to "move on" in many ways — Executive President of Healthtrax Fitness and Wellness Center in Hanover

Brian Cassidy said there was a significant increase in the number of visits to the fitness center for the first few months following September. Cassidy said faced with such a life-changing event, he believes people began to re-prioritize their lives.

"When something like this happens…I think people certainly began to live each day to

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In tribute: *The area near Ground Zero in New York has been cleared of debris from the Sept. 11 attacks, but memorials are evident everywhere to remind us all we can never forget those lives lost. This photo taken just recently by Hanover photographer Robin Chan shows a powerful makeshift memorial at the World Trade Center area.*

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Scituate resident Debbie Sampson looks out of the window where she has kept a candle lit since last Sept. 11.

Light one candle

Scituate family ignites symbol of hope, healing

By Alice Coyle
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Debbie Sampson didn't lose anyone in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

She didn't know anyone on United Flight 93 which crashed into rural southwestern Pennsylvania when the crew and passengers fought back against hijackers hell-bent on completing their mission of destruction.

But since Sept. 11, 2001 Sampson has kept one candle lit in the window of her Scituate home to remember those who lost their lives that awful day, to honor the families of victims who must some how find a way to get on with their lives, and to remind her own family about the hope, courage and strength we all need to heal.

"The candle is to remind me and my sons that there are people out there who haven't gotten back to their lives. It's a reminder that people are still going through that pain."
Scituate resident
Debbie Sampson

No strangers to tragedy, the Sampson family suffered a painful loss seven years ago when Debbie's ex-husband, Dan — the father of her two sons Michael and Matthew — was killed by a drunk driver.

The events of Sept. 11, and their impact on so many American families struck a familiar chord with Sampson

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Bringing law and order to Afghanistan

Local JAG member leaves family behind to serve

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US Army Capt. William Ramsey of Hingham stands in front of the Kandahar airport building after his arrival in Afghanistan.

Bill Ramsey rises early in the morning to go for a run and watch the sunrise.

It's a peaceful time, before the sunlight reveals the harsh reality that is Afghanistan.

Ramsey, a Hingham native, is known as Capt. William Ramsey here, a member of the Army's Judge Advocate General Corps attached to 82nd Airborne Division. He is the Task Force Judge Advocate for Task Force Panther, a lawyer who advises on everything from legal assistance for service members to interpreting the Rules of Engagement. He, like so many on the South Shore — particularly those serving in the military — was affected dramatically by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

"Each morning I love watching the sun rise up over the mountains to our east and gradually light up the desert sands below," said Ramsey in an email interview. "It's sobering, however, to see the remnants of the Soviet/Afghan War everywhere. As a result of that conflict, the countryside is covered with landmines and there are pieces of blown apart Soviet MIG Jets and helicopters everywhere. Not far from where I work is an old Al Qaeda training camp."

Such is the role of an American serviceman or servicewoman – duty calls and soldiers respond.

"As soon as we heard this was a terrorist act, I realized this event would have a significant impact on my life," said Ramsey, who was returning from breakfast at a mess hall in Ft. Bragg, N.C. when he heard about the attacks. "At about 1900 that evening the Division Staff Judge Advocate held a meeting of all the officers and told us to ensure all of our bags were packed and ready to go. I had no idea what to expect, but I knew anything was possible given that the 82nd Airborne is the Army's only unit that has the capability of being wheels up, fully deployed 'Anywhere in the World in 18 Hours.'"

Ramsey left behind his family and his girlfriend, both of whom he misses very much. The opportunity to serve as his brother's best man at his upcoming wedding has gone by the wayside as well. Instead, he works as a lawyer in a desert where temperatures soared to 115 degrees when he first arrived and where minefields left over from the Soviet-Afghan War loom with insidious invisibility under every rock and patch of vegetation.

"I miss my girlfriend and family tremendously and I think about them all the time," said Ramsey. "This feeling is common amongst all of us here. Just last week a friend of mine came up to me and handed me a cigar.

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Lives are changed forever

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its fullest," Cassidy said. "And I think many people put their personal health at the top of the list."

And on the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, many say in order to keep their lives in perspective, the country needs to be reminded of the existence of a possible threat. Brennan said not only was it a horrific day in American history, but a real eye-opener for the nation.

"We felt like we were well-insulated until this all happened," she said.

And regardless of someone's direct or indirect connection with the terrorist attacks, Frattasio said people have definitely changed. Whether they're giving an extra hug that might not have been shared last year, or giving a second glance to a stranger in a crowded place — everyone has changed, he said.

"I would hope and think that it's changed everybody's life," Frattasio said. "We need to remember what happened, but we need to move on as well."

Police join forces to work together

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Crime is nothing new to police officers on the South Shore whether they serve in a small town like Cohasset or a city like Weymouth.

And since Sept. 11 the basic mission of local police to "serve and protect" hasn't changed but the pressure and responsibilities are greater.

"Life is quite different," says Hingham Police Capt. Taylor Mills. "We're never going to have the luxury of having our guard down as we did prior to Sept. 11, 2001.

"You never feel like you can take a deep breath without expecting the other shoe to drop."

Just over a year ago, police lexicon didn't include words like Anthrax or phrases such as "weapons of mass destruction." But now those words are on every officer's mind.

But police also know when faced with a major incident — whether terrorist-related; an act of God, such a as tornado; or a plane crash — they can't go it alone.

What 9-11 put into high gear is a regional, mutual-aid organization that stretches across about 40 towns from Westwood to Duxbury, and over to Wrentham on the Rhode Island border through which police can tap the additional resources needed to handle a large-scale emergency.

Hingham Police Chief Steven Carlson, who sits on the executive board of Metro-LEC (Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council), said the group was in the works prior to the World Trade Center disaster.

"We needed to do this anyway," he says. "9-11 moved this forward and made those slow to get on board realize we have to combine our resources.

"Individual departments can't manage significant events for prolonged periods without outside assistance. They may have the leadership and expertise, but they don't have the bodies," Carlson says.

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In a show of patriotism, Hingham police officers Sgt. Rusty Corcoran, Officer Bob Ramsey, Det. Robert Mansfield, Officer Corey Farina and Officer David Petitti serve as an honor guard in Hingham's Fourth of July Parade.

Member police departments pay a yearly fee and provide trained officers, who can respond to a crisis situation in another member town. Special uniforms, weaponry and other equipment is covered by the officers' home departments and communities with very small departments can provide administrative time for the council in lieu of officers.

In a crisis situation, a member chief or his designee calls the Wellesley Police Department Communications Center for help in a range of areas from critical negotiation, special weapons and tactics (SWAT), canines, search & rescue, and more. Wellesley police have been trained to receive and process the requests.

Metro-LEC is modeled after the NEMLEC (Northeast Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council) on the North Shore and is an outgrowth of Northstar, a regional mutual-aid organization that was started by Braintree police in the mid-'90s.

Area help is critical because it takes one-to-three days for significant federal resources to arrive, Carlson explains.

"In a crisis situation such as a hostage stand-off, we need the ability and confidence to utilize all the resources that the public believes we have," he says. "Metro-LEC is in response to a changing environment in which it's OK for a police department to say 'we can't do it alone.'"

Also providing support, but more specifically in the fight against terrorism, is S.A.T.U.R.N. that stands for Statewide Anti-Terrorism Unified Response Network, and was developed under the Executive Office of Public Safety. Launched in March, S.A.T.U.R.N. is creating a statewide intelligence and information-sharing network to detect and prevent terrorist threats. It also provides training and workshops. Most area police departments have assigned two officers to S.A.T.U.R.N.

Weymouth Chief Rodney Rumble says chiefs receive constant emails with warnings and updates about potential terrorist activities or threats. He said police today live in a different environment.

"It was always over there, never here," he says. "We were lucky until 9-11-01 and that was a wakeup call for all of us."

Carlson, the Hingham chief, says his department has a special protocol to deal with the mail.

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Attack gives birth to 'anniversary reaction'

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While the country watched in horror as the events of Sept. 11 took place last year, Pembroke native Stephanie Ventura was getting ready to have a baby.

Ventura went into the hospital to be induced on Sept. 12 and the tragedy of the day before was still fresh in everyone's minds.

"I spent six hours in labor and the news was on the whole time," Ventura said. "It was almost like what was happening to me at the time was second in line. When you're pregnant, you're emotional as it is. That day just amplified all that emotion. I was in a lot of pain that day, but the pain didn't end after the baby was born because the news was still on."

Ventura eventually had a happy, healthy baby girl that day.

There were also plenty of other parents who had babies the day of and the day after the disaster. There are people who celebrate wedding anniversaries near that time every year. Some of those people are wondering how those typically happy occasions will ever be the same again.

Scott Pickard, spokesperson for South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, said those women who gave birth last Sept. 11 were going through a lot of mixed feelings.

"It caused a real series of conflicting emotions," Pickard said. "People wanted to be happy about their own wonderful experience, but at the same time, they felt that was somehow inappropriate given the events that played out. They seemed to be feeling a sense of subdued joy."

"The day I had the baby I was happy, but I also felt sad for all the pregnant women who had lost their husbands," Ventura added.

Jacqueline Rose Ventura

Ventura said she is not sure how the events of Sept. 11 will affect her baby daughter's birthday down the road.

"I want her birthday to always be happy, but I also want her to know what happened the day before," Ventura said.

Hingham resident Priscilla T. Keough has a son who's birthday falls on Sept. 11. She said that day, her son was struggling to understand how such a thing had happened.

"Later that night we sang 'Happy Birthday' and my son blew out his candles," Keough stated. "In the days that followed my son asked through tears why such a bad thing happened on his birthday. The one thing we could answer him was that yes something very bad had happened but lots of babies had been born that day too and that was a reason for joy."

Keough's husband, an obstetrician at South Shore Hospital, was on duty the day of the terrorist attacks. He was the one that called her to break the news of those horrible events.

"He called to tell me 'They've hit the Twin Towers and the Pentagon,' " she stated. "A woman was in labor with her first child and the TV set was on in the birthing room...it was one of the most unusual births he had ever attended."

Nate Murray, a psychologist at Mass Bay Counseling in Marshfield, said some people who have birthdays or anniversaries on or around Sept. 11 will be feeling the effects this year. He calls that "anniversary reaction."

"Anniversary reaction will typically occur around the time of the traumatic event," he said. "The first time people experience it, they experience it with significant intensity. In the case of Sept. 11, it seemed like it happened yesterday. The loss is still just as bad and the emptiness is just as deep."

Murray said the anniversary reactions can sometimes be as painful as the tragic event that spawned it. Sometimes it can be even worse.

"Those most closely affected by that day did not seek a lot of help because they didn't see that they needed help," Murray said. "That's a normal response to trauma—in the beginning, we're numb. As time goes on, we begin to feel the effects."

Murray said those who have birthdays, anniversaries or anything else on or around Sept. 11 should not lessen the significance of those events. Murray said he doesn't think that will happen.

"Two clients of ours had children at that time," Murray said of Sept. 11. "And the tragic events did not overshadow that very joyous occasion. If you got married around that time, you'll definitely remember what happened on Sept. 11 but it won't take away anything from the marriage itself. It'll make that day even more important than it already was. The preciousness of marriage and the preciousness of new life is going to be paradoxically even more important and special."

"It caused a real series of conflicting emotions. People wanted to be happy about their own wonderful experience, but at the same time, they felt that was somehow inappropriate given the events that played out. They seemed to be feeling a sense of subdued joy."

Scott Pickard, spokesperson for
South Shore Hospital in Weymouth

He added children who have birthdays that day will come to understand the significance of that date in time.

"A child's reaction to that depends on his or her age," he said. "It probably won't event be an issue for them unless they were closely affected by a loved one dying."

Murray said one of the ways people can cope with the first anniversary of Sept. 11 is to open the lines of communication with friends and family.

"One of the things that will be helpful to people on the first anniversary of Sept. 11 would be to talk to other people about it," Murray said. "You could also do something as simple as attending a service or putting a flag out."

Whether birthdays or anniversaries are involved, Murray said from a psychological standpoint, everyone will remember the significance of that day no matter what.

"We'll always associate that event with the things that happened that day," Murray said. "It's interwoven with the fabric of American culture. It's just like how people remember where they were when John F. Kennedy was shot. But in any crisis, and in any tragedy, there are positive things that occur in that people begin to recognize the importance of having a sense of community, having relationships and being tolerant of other people. They realize how precious and fragile our time is here.

"When 9-11 happened, one lesson really came home—each day counts. We don't know if we'll even have a tomorrow."

Light one candle

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— it took her back to the early days following Dan's death. She put the candle in her window that day and vowed to keep it lit every day for a year.

"I did it to bring me — to bring us back," Sampson said. "Sept. 11 brought back those feelings all over again." Sampson said she recalled when the "high part" of their personal tragedy was past, there was just grief and a hope for healing left. She knew that would be the reality for thousands of families in the days, weeks and months after the national tragedy.

"The candle is to remind me and my sons that there are people out there who haven't gotten back to their lives," she said. "It's a reminder that people are still going through that pain."

Sampson said she knows well how difficult the first year can be for families when a loved one is suddenly ripped from their lives. The next birthday they would have celebrated, the next family event or milestone is shrouded in sadness.

For Sampson's sons the first Father's Day without their dad was very difficult. And for Sampson, whose own father past away last March, she shared that connection.

"I could connect with those suffering during all those days in the first year," she said. "I was hoping in this household that the candle would remind us that someone else out there may be remembering their dad, or another loved one."

Sampson had planned to take the candle down after the first anniversary of Sept. 11, but her sons, now 19 and 17, urged her to keep it lit at least through Christmas.

In the days immediately following the tragedy the Sampson family did many of the things other local families did. They watched the news. They went to church and to a candlelight vigil at the high school.

And then they did one more thing.

They lit one candle, a symbol of hope, to help illuminate the dark days ahead.

The spiritual voyage from Sept. 11

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In the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11, people gathered in their faith communities to seek religious solace, and that remains the case almost a year later.

"I think that across the board, there is still an increase in spirituality in general and church attendance specifically," said the Rev. Daniel Harris, pastor of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Weymouth. "It's my sense that's true everywhere."

President Rhonda Swartz of Temple Beth Shalom in Holbrook expressed similar sentiments.

"Sept. 11 changed a lot of people," she said. "After what happened, I think that a lot of people were glad to be among others. I think that continues today."

Like many others, Swartz feels as though she was changed by the unprecedented terrorist attacks on American soil.

"It's hard to explain it, but I feel very different," she said. "My son's going to school in Europe for a year. I'm very nervous because he'll be going outside of the United States, but I don't want to give him my nervousness."

The Rev. Harris, the chaplain of the Weymouth Fire Department, believes that the first anniversary of Sept. 11 is "particularly difficult" for those who actually spent time at what became known as Ground Zero in New York City.

He should know. He was one of them.

"It was very hard to determine the extent of the damage from watching TV coverage," said the Rev. Harris, who arrived at the site of the destruction of the World Trade Center on Sept. 16.

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The Rev. Daniel Harris,
pastor of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Weymouth

He was one of a group of 10 members of the Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains invited by the International Association of Firefighters and the New York Fire Department to bring a compassionate presence to the scene of shattered buildings and aching hearts.

"There was a square mile of devastation," the Rev. Harris recalled. "It was a dark place even in the sunlight. Smoke was still billowing from the rubble. A pall hovered over the area. There was a physical feeling of desolation and despair."

The Rev. Harris was assigned to the makeshift morgue housed in two tents on the corner of West Street, right next to Ground Zero. The chaplains worked an eight hour rotation, with two on each shift.

"Our mission was to bring light and hope to a dark place and bring a compassionate presence to hell," the Rev. Harris said. "Our goal was to bring honor and dignity to the remains of everyone found. Everyone at the morgue was aware of our presence."

Although the chaplains found unimaginable tragedy in New York, there was never a thought of leaving before the next rotation arrived.

"All of us who served felt that it was a real privilege to do so," the Rev. Harris said. "It was a privilege to be of service in something as horrific as this."

According to the Rev. Harris, there were two schools of thought about the way the initial anniversary of Sept. 11 should be observed.

"Some felt that there should be large gatherings, while others felt that they wanted to be alone and quiet that day," he said. "For many who were closest to the tragedy, the people at Ground Zero, there was a sense that they wanted to mark the anniversary in a personal, instead of public, way."

Both of these schools of thought were appropriate, the Rev. Harris said.

"Part of the need to do something public was a desire to pay tribute to those who died," he said. "Many people now have a much better understanding of and appreciation for the people who put their lives on the line every day."

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How do we move forward in a post-Sept. 11 world?

FAITH REFLECTIONS

By Rev. Ken Read-Brown

There are those who say that their faith in God was shattered by the events of Sept. 11: "What kind of God would permit good people to die in such a way?" or "Where was God on Sept. 11?" Books and articles and television programs have addressed these kinds of questions; but more important than what others think is what each one of us thinks for ourselves.

One can certainly understand that those who have lost someone dear to them, particularly in a sudden or cruel way, may question the religious or philosophical foundations of their lives. At the same time we can't escape the reality that Sept. 11 was hardly the first time that good people have been killed in a senseless or brutal way. Human life and human history are, sadly, filled with the tragedies of accident or natural disaster as well as the unspeakable horrors of hate: the rape and murder of a child... the beating death of a young gay man... the genocidal rage in Rwanda... the Holocaust.

So this means that faith, whether expressed as faith in God or faith in love or faith in humanity, has never been easy to come by. A faith or a philosophy of living that has any staying power has always needed to take into account the realities of suffering and hate and evil. If we feel that our faith has been shattered, maybe it was too easy a faith. If we feel that our philosophy no longer makes sense, maybe it never really did.

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What then? How do we move forward in what some call the "post-Sept. 11 world"? Maybe it would be worth beginning by recalling that in most essential ways the world actually has not changed. The world is as filled as it ever was with joy as well as suffering, kindness as well as cruelty, beauty as well as ugliness. And it is simply a mystery that it should be so.

I don't know why the world is exactly this way, but it is. Yet, remarkably, we know how to live in this world — or at least how we would like to live.

Moved by what and by whom we love, moved by the beauty of other human beings, moved by the beauties of flower and sea and mountain, we can and we often do act to care for each other and to care for the earth, to speak and act with kindness and compassion, for justice and peace and ecological sustainability — even and sometimes especially in the shadow of all that would negate life and deny love.

We are profoundly related to one another and to all life. Once again, as we humans have done before, we need to act as if we knew it — to answer hate with love, to answer destruction with new creation. It will not be easy. It has never been easy. But how else would we choose to live?

Back, then, to the question of faith. Faith is not the same as a belief that everything will turn out all right if we just behave or believe in a certain way. That kind of faith will be shattered again and again. Rather, enduring faith — which is a faith that includes and transcends all particular religions and philosophies — is manifest in our loving and creative response to whatever life in all its mystery brings. May we move forward faithfully together.

The Rev. Ken Read-Brown is pastor of First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship Church).

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Many South Shore residents have turned to their faith in search of answers and hope in the year after the terrorist attacks.

Bringing law and order to Afghanistan

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I said, 'What's this for?' He replied, 'My wife had a baby boy.' "

But like most of the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces, Ramsey loves what he does.

"My friends joke that when they go to work they carry brief cases and their days are spent in court rooms and negotiating sessions," said Ramsey, a self-described "paratrooper/lawyer." "I get paid to jump out of airplanes and carry an M-4 Assault Rifle to work."

It has been quite a transition for Ramsey, who only two years ago was studying law at Suffolk University.

"I guess I'm not your typical lawyer," said Ramsey. "I sometimes think how strange it is that only two years ago I was studying for the Bar exam and now I'm practicing law on the other side of the world in Afghanistan."

It is important to note, however, that he loves the job because he is proud of the job. And he is proud of the job because of it's importance to the world. Few are lucky enough to have such a tangible and productive outlet for dealing with the emotions that Sept. 11 raised across America.

"The day I was notified that I would be the Task Force Judge Advocate, I was pretty excited," said Ramsey. "Being over here is my way of contributing to the fight against terrorism and ensuring that an attack of that magnitude never occurs again."

Ramsey asked that his family's names and addresses not be included in this article under the advice of his superiors. "The enemy we face in this conflict is like no other we've ever faced," said Ramsey. "I would not want to inadvertently put them at any risk."

"Every morning I wake up and if I hear anything about Afghanistan I immediately snap-to," said his mother. "I listen intently and if I feel that it is nowhere near where he is or isn't going to influence him in anyway, I can relax."

His mother describes a void in her life, a void mitigated only by knowing the importance of what Ramsey is doing and the fact that she knows how much he enjoys what he does.

"I worry about him," said his mother. "We miss him terribly. His sister misses him, his brother misses him, we all miss him."

Still, mother and son are quick to point out that his is a relatively safe job during a time of war.

"We were apprehensive about him going, but at the same time we felt he would be safe because of the position he was in," said his mother. "He said to me one time that while he feels that he is doing something very important, it is nothing like those boys that are going out walking beyond the wire. Those are the fellows who are doing the really intense job. Basically they are going out there and risking their lives."

"I miss my girlfriend and family tremendously and I think about them all the time. This feeling is common amongst all of us here. Just last week a friend of mine came up to me and handed me a cigar. I said, 'What's this for?' He replied, 'My wife had a baby boy.' "

— William Ramsey

The "wire" is the extent of the US camp where Ramsey is stationed. The times he has gone "beyond the wire" have given him a small sampling of what the Afghan culture is like.

"The area where I am stationed was the former stronghold of the Taliban/Al Qaeda so their influence is still very noticeable," said Ramsey. "It's not uncommon to see women still wearing burkas or carts being pulled by mules. Every male in this country carries a rifle and the Afghan people live primarily in adobe structures."

Ramsey carries a loaded weapon when he ventures outside the wire, along with a healthy fear of straying from the road and finding a land mine. Again, though, the mission drives him on.

"Those who care about me know that what am I doing over here is important and support me 100 percent," said Ramsey. "The encouragement all of us have received from back home is amazing and we all appreciate it. Being away is at times difficult, but I'm proud to be a part of what we're doing over here and all of us are committed to doing whatever it takes to accomplish our mission."

A year later, so much has changed. The psyche of a nation is still heavily scarred by the loss of innocence. But all can take solace in the comforting words of Capt. Bill Ramsey. There is a mission and there are thousands, many with ties to the area, dead set on accomplishing that mission.

In the Army, there is a word that is used as an as a reply of unity, understanding and dedication to mission. It is all too appropriate here. To Ramsey and all those serving the United States abroad, "Hooah!"

Police join forces to work together

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"There's not a day goes by that I don't think about terror," he says.

Hanover Police Chief Paul Hayes says his department is going to conduct a training workshop with a joint-terrorism task force from New York and New Jersey in December that he will open up to other towns.

"Metro-LEC is in response to a changing environment in which it's OK for a police department to say 'we can't do it alone.'"

— Hingham Police Chief Steven Carlson

He said before 9-11, chiefs rarely, if ever talked about terrorism.

"Now it's a focus," he says.

Police officers are more vigilant and more observant to everything around them today than they were before 9-11. For example, when once they might have been curious why a car was parked at a certain location, now they always check it out.

But area chiefs said although increased vigilance and regional mutual aid is now a necessity, the basic job of the "local cop" hasn't changed since 9-11.

"We're still on the front lines," says Chief Hayes of Hanover. "We're still here to serve and protect. That's what we're trained to do.

"Never in my 28 years have I heard a police officer say, 'I'm not going there.'"

Spiritual voyage from Sept. 11

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As a pastor, the Rev. Harris understood why grieving relatives preferred to stay out of the spotlight.

The Rev. Harris said that he received "invitations from all over, both locally and statewide" to participate in anniversary ceremonies.

"In one way, I was honored by this, but on the other hand, my first thought was that I would rather sit by the ocean by myself," he said.

However, since a key aspect of the anniversary was to honor firefighters, the Rev. Harris agreed to participate in a couple of ceremonies, as well as conduct a quiet prayer service at 5 p.m.

"People now seem to better understand the spirit of self sacrifice," he said.

Memorials honor local lives lost

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Three South Shore victims were among the thousands killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Abington resident Jeffery Coombs, who is remembered by many for his dedication to the community and his love for his wife and three children, was aboard American Airlines Flight 11 en route from Boston to California on business when the plane struck the World Trade Center in New York.

Norwell resident Jay Corcoran, a well respected former youth basketball coach and adoring father, was also aboard that plane.

Kingston native William Hunt, who is remembered by many as a sports fanatic and a loving father, was working on the 84th floor of the second World Trade Center tower when the unthinkable happened — the entire building collapsed.

To keep their memories alive, friends, families, and strangers have set up memorials and scholarships in their names to remember those who were lost.

The Coombs family in Abington said they have been overwhelmed with the support and kindness they have received from the community.

Three days after the anniversary of the Sept. 11, Abington residents along with Christie Coombs and her three children, Matthew, Meaghan, and Julia, will take part in the Jeffrey Coombs Memorial Road Race.

Donna Cherry, the organizer of the memorial race, said the idea behind the event was to bring the community together to remember him and at the same time, do something in the spirit of his kindness. One of the things Jeffery is remembered for was his dedication to the community through his work for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Parent Teacher Organization and youth soccer.

Jeffery Coombs

Jay Corcoran

William Hunt

"Christie and Jeff always went above and beyond on what an average person does," said Cherry. "They were involved in so many community organizations. This is a way for me to give back and pay it forward to them."

"She called me up and said she wanted to do this," said Coombs. "It's so touching and its a great way to come together on such a sad occasion. The shock of what happened has worn off some what. This is a chance for some relief."

All the proceeds from the event will go toward the Jeffrey Coombs Educational Foundation. The Coombs family set the fund up shortly after his death as a way to remember Jeffrey and to carry on his tradition of helping others in the community. The goal of the fund is to aid children in educational programs.

"The money would help students who need it," said Coombs. "The money will be used in a lot of different ways. A child who needs money to go on a field trip or a family who need financial assistance, the foundation will help in a lot of different ways."

His tragic death also sparked developers of the Meadow Brook project in Abington to name a street after him as a way to memorialize him forever.

"He was so well respected in the community," said developer Richard J. Buccheri. "After hearing about his life and how he died, we wanted to do something."

Dan Olson, of Olson Real Estate who is in charge of marketing the homes, said the idea to name the street after Coombs was a unanimous decision by everyone involved in the project. Olson and Buccheri were propelled in doing so after watching an Oprah Winfrey show that did a profile on Coombs' life.

"Mrs. Coombs thought it was a great idea to memorialize Jeff," said Olson.

"I told the kids about it and they got a big chuckle out of it," said Coombs. "They said he always wanted his way and now he finally has it. The most touching part of it is that we're not full-fledged Abingtonians. We weren't born here or raised here. We just moved here a few years ago. It really makes us feel like we're a part of the community. It's a real honor and several of our friends are trying to buy homes there."

The Corcoran family, like the Coombs family, wanted to something to remember Jay. After his death, Corcoran's wife, Diann, wanted to do something in his memory and in the spirit of his kindness. In the end, she came up with the Jay Corcoran Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The idea behind the scholarship fund is to help send Norwell high school students to college by giving academically inclined students $2,500 each year for four years. The main reason Diann started the scholarship was because Corcoran had a passion for education.

Corcoran was remembered by friends and family as a youth sports coach, supporter of the local drama club and a strong advocate for education.

Kingston residents Diane and Larry Hunt lost their son in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He was remembered by family and friends as a beloved son, wonderful brother, loving husband and adoring father. While the grieving is still not over for William's wife Jennifer, she has one thing that will always remind her of her husband, their daughter Emma.

William's younger brother Daniel, along with his fellow students at Bedford High School, raised money to give to his niece a savings bond for the future.

In Norwalk, Conn., where William and his wife lived, the community is in the process of setting up a permanent memorial in his memory.

For the friends and family members who lost loved ones on that fateful day, it will take more than memorials to help them come to terms with their loss and to say goodbye. A lot of the families say the main purpose is to make sure that they will never be forgotten.

Sept. 11, Dec. 7 — bookends on history

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"It was a beautiful crisp fall day, just like it was on Sept. 11. We climbed as far up the Statue of Liberty as we could. I took some beautiful photos of the World Trade Center. It was a good visit. We had good memories. It is still a lot to comprehend that the twin towers are not there," veteran Stu Chipman recalled about a 1983 visit to New York City.

When two jets slicing into the World Trade Center brought those twin towers crashing down into a smoking pile of debris strewn with broken bodies and broken dreams — when the Pentagon was rammed by a third hijacked airliner — when Flight 91 was brought down in a field in Pennsylvania by heroic passengers and crew sacrificing themselves to stop the terrorists on board — some compared the sudden, deadly assault on America to Pearl Harbor.

The attacks on America on Sept. 11, 2001, and Dec. 7, 1941, had nothing in common.

And everything in common.

The surprise assaults were bookends on 60 years of history.

Both were attacks on American soil: one, an American military installation on Hawaii; the other, on twin towers in New York City, on the Pentagon, and potentially on the White House.

One launched America into a world war; the other is launching America on a surgically-precise war on terrorism cells scattered around the world.

Perhaps both aggressors made the same fatal mistake. The Japanese thought they were dealing America a crushing blow that would prevent the United States from entering the war in Europe. Maybe the terrorists thought they could deal America one blow that would crush the country.

It may take the perspective of time to judge how the strikes, separated by six decades and thousands of miles, compare in impact on the American people and the world.

"I don't think there is any comparison. It was a different situation all together," said Weymouth's Town Clerk Frank Fryer, a World War II marine veteran. "Pearl Harbor was an attack on a government installation. We lost boys, ships, it started a war. Sept. 11 was an attack on buildings. Now we are looking for terrorists. Sept. 11 was a terrible tragedy, but Pearl Harbor was worse. This was also American soil. This was the first attack on the United States. It sent our boys all over the world. Our people never saw anything like that before. Everybody always said, 'It could not happen here.' But it did."

One thing is certain. On Dec. 7, there was no doubt who you were fighting and where you could find them.

"When you saw the planes coming in, they had Japanese insignia everywhere. There was no doubt who was doing it," Fryer said. "In New York on Sept. 11, they didn't know what happened until the second plane crashed. Then they began to think it was terrorists."

Sixty years from today, what will Americans be thinking and doing on Sept. 11?

There is a subtle link between the two events, agree Fryer and Chipman, a Vietnam-era veteran.

"We have not learned our lesson from Pearl Harbor. We let our guard down," Chipman said. "The government had good warning about Dec. 7, similar to how the government had good warning about Sept. 11, that is what we are hearing. Several factors indicated something would happen. In both cases, the government just didn't put all the pieces together."

In both cases the government missed the ball.

"They just didn't get it," Fryer said.

Media coverage of the immediate aftermath of the two attacks was markedly different.

There was no television in 1941, people relied on radio. There were no endless instant replays. In 1941, the country did not realize the impact of Pearl Harbor until the following day, when President Roosevelt declared that the country was at war.

There could have been more attacks on American soil in World War II.

"It could have happened many times over, but our boys were sent overseas to prevent that from happening here," Fryer said.

One of the more visible differences between Pearl Harbor and Sept. 11 is that during World War II, South Weymouth had an active naval air station. Weymouth and neighboring towns centered on a military hub.

With the base closed and nearing redevelopment, an era that began in the days of Pearl Harbor is over forever.

Chipman hopes to be a chronicler of the former South Weymouth base.

"I always had a deep interest in the naval air station. I grew up three houses away from the old main gate on White Street. I got interested in the base early on. All the base comings and goings of the base passed by my door," Chipman said.

In his grammar school days when Chipman went to the Edwin B. Nevin School (now the spot where the Nevin Professional Building stands), his childhood sweetheart was the daughter of the base commander. In 1967, Chipman was drafted, serving in Korea. After the military, Chipman returned to being a neighbor of the still-active Weymouth air base and went into the printing industry.

Then the Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act put the South Weymouth Naval Air Station on the list to be commissioned. Twice, Weymouth's state legislators and congressmen saved the base.

The third and final DoD BRAC list again targeted the air base. This time, in spite of the aggressive efforts of then Commanding Officer Captain Robert A. Duetsch, local citizens, and state and federal legislators and politicians, the naval air station stayed on the closure list on a vote in June, 1995.

In 1995, when the incredible news came that the base was being closed, Chipman started his role as a base historian

"I had a lot of things over the years, but I never saved them. I thought the base always would be there," Chipman said. Since then, he has collected 50 or 60 8X10 photos and a dozen or more 16X20s.

The base is gone now. The memories of the sudden onslaught of war on Dec. 7, 1941, will always remain, now especially stirred up as America enters a more subtle conflict.

"It is much more difficult to track all the individuals responsible for terrorism," Chipman said. "Al-Qaeda is a sparsely settled, much wider network. Many counties have cells. There are less people, but they are spread over a wider area. There is an uneasy feeling here — what's next?"

Sixty years from today, what will Americans be thinking and doing on Sept. 11?

"I'd like to say we won't forget, but it seems like we forget about Pearl," Chipman said.

Until that tragic date just one year ago today brought all the memories crashing back.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

The impact of Sept. 11 reverberated throughout the country and world. Signs of the American spirit where everywhere. Here, a simple flag flying at half-mast at the Scituate Light, expresses our grief.

Approaching Zero

By Greg Hren
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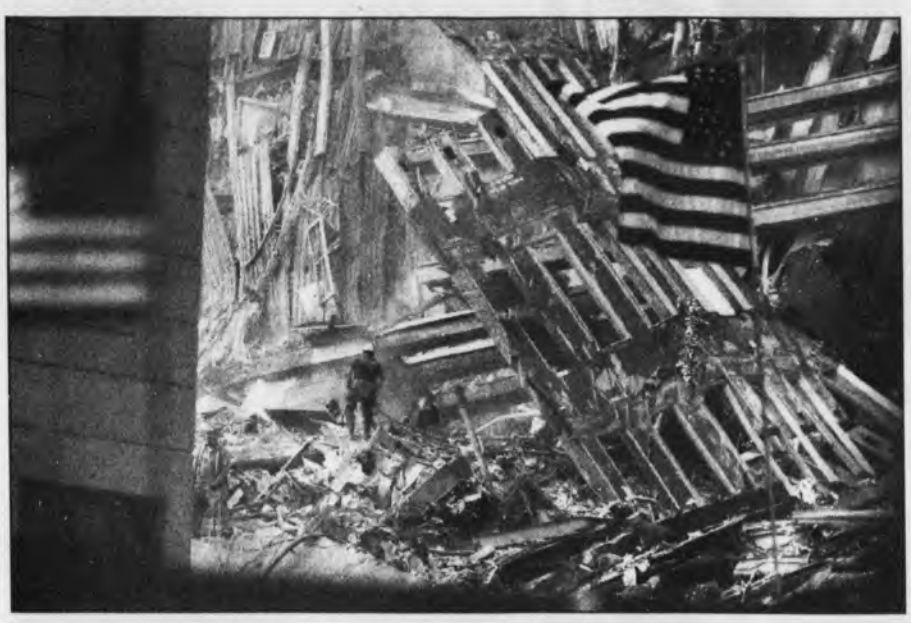
Editor's note: Greg Hren wrote this just a few days after the events of Sept. 11, 2001.



I am a commercial photographer living just south of Boston in a town called Hingham where life always seemed so real.

With regard to the events of Sept. 11 in New York City, I guess we all deal with the stress of a tragedy in different ways.

Since that morning, I have seen all sorts of coping methods. There were kids walking with candles, flags flying on the fronts of homes, banners draped over highway overpasses, and truck windows painted with red, white, and blue colors. All of this seemed so serious, and yet, it hadn't hit me.

There was all the television coverage, yet this horrible event seemed terribly surreal. I heard talk of Pearl Harbor and comparisons to the Titanic and mumbles of Vietnam. "Vietnam" — I knew these words. That was a country. It was also a war. I had seen the PBS; I knew what it was. *That* was history! These words were part of my vernacular. I had learned these things in school and been indoctrinated by the History Channel.

But now the word "war" was closer. It didn't seem to make as much sense. There were bomb threats here, in *my* community. People warned me of fuel shortages to come, and the National Guard Armory behind my house was put on alert, and yet it did not feel real.

So what was real? The television said the nation was on the "eve of war." We couldn't go to war? I didn't get it yet.

I thought long and hard, and came up with a plan. If I was to "get it," I was going to have to go and see for myself. See what had started it all. I had to see what our President had seen — the thing that he was going to base all his future decisions on. And to do this, I had to go to Manhattan.

As a photographer, I knew that what I could do for the country was to document what had happened. It was under these pretenses that I began my experience in New York.

Saturday morning I woke up at 6 a.m., departing an hour later. Into my truck I jumped and onto the highway I sped. There was no traffic, and I guess no police were around, because I made the 250-mile trip in less than three hours.

I must have been too focused on counting the miles to think, but where I was going slammed into me as I rounded a corner on 95 just north of the city and was confronted with everything.

There it was. The Manhattan skyline. It was almost too much to take. The television pictures of this place had been haunting my living room for the past four days. It did not now seem possible that I was here, entering this place. That is when I began to get scared.

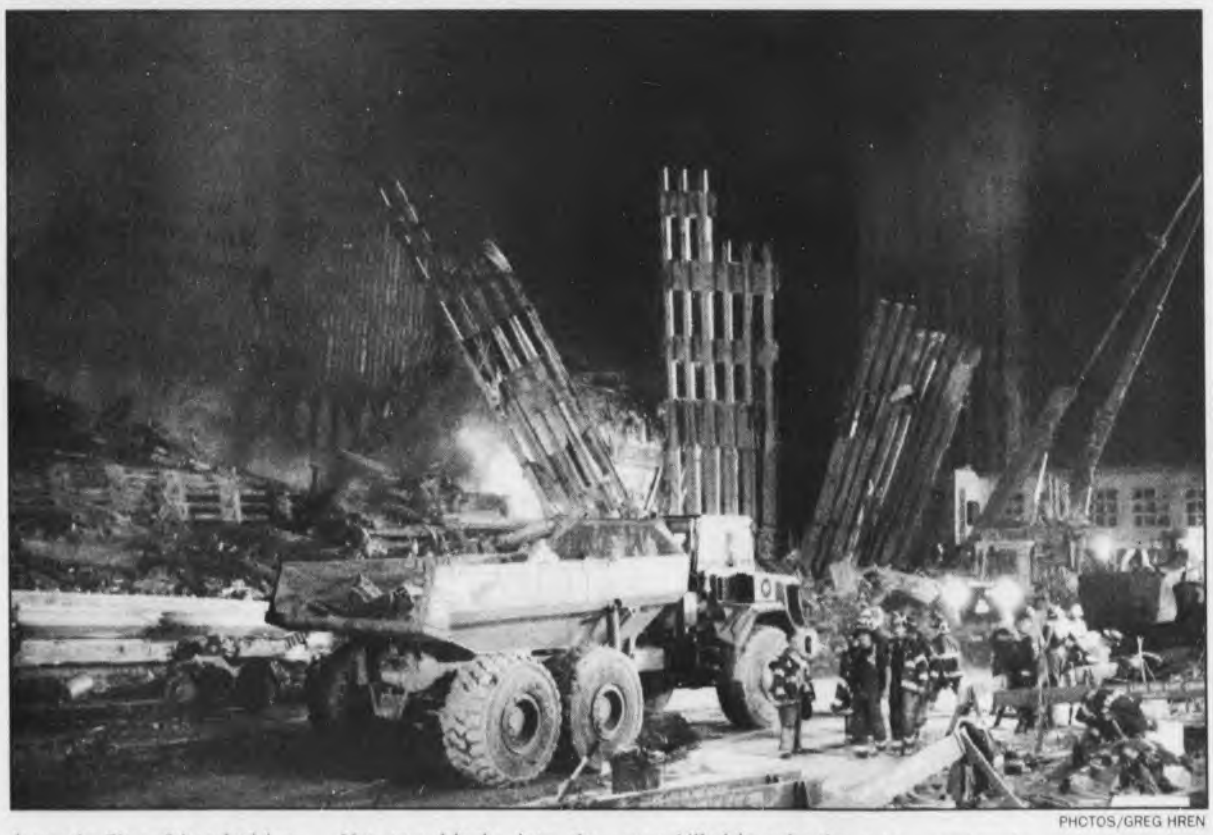
I made my way to the F.D.R. parkway, where I was immediately confronted with several armies of "Humvee"s in convoy and a huge military helicopter overhead. Police cars with their lights flashing dotted the side of the highway.

Entering the city above Canal Street, I began to make my way south toward the former site of the World Trade Center. It was a strange feeling. Once in the city, it seemed like any ordinary Saturday. There was traffic and people milling about as if they had no idea there were military vehicles circling their homes.

I decided to ditch the car and parked it a couple of blocks north of Canal Street. The atmosphere quickly changed as I walked south and came upon my first checkpoint. I crossed the street and was passed by a flatbed truck carrying two twisted, burned, and mangled New York City fire vehicles. It was starting to seem real, I thought.

I was directed to police headquarters, where I was issued my press credentials. This, a seemingly easy task, took five hours, because the police were unprepared for the media onslaught.

I spent most of my Saturday in line with a large selection of the press corps. This was ironic, as it was the filter of the television that I was trying to escape, and here I was spending my day with Montel Williams.



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I had passed the day in line behind a veteran photojournalist, and once issued my pass, I decided to follow his advice to head straight for "Ground Zero."

I began to get a bit scared once we slipped past the first Army checkpoint.

"Don't look back when someone calls, don't look the soldiers in the eyes, and keep moving," the photojournalist told me. "Keep your credentials in your shirt and act like a tourist. We will be all right."

I guess this was my disaster baptism.

Not two blocks into the restricted perimeter, we began to hear screaming. I looked up, and around a corner came several police officers and soldiers running at us. They screamed for us to "get the hell out of" there. One of the buildings was about to collapse and I had no idea what to do. Was this real?

The photographer I was with did not seem alarmed. My heart was pounding out of my chest, but he did not panic. It did not seem very real to him. But people were screaming. And people were running. This had elements of being real.

Several days earlier in a situation just like this, hundreds were killed in quite the same scenario. But that was on television, I thought.

We found out which building to watch, and we quietly hid behind a corner. My guide began to take pictures, so I did the same.

When the "all clear" was given, we got up. Apparently a pigeon had flown into one of the building's sensors and set the panic in motion.

The closer we got, the more the dust became apparent. We passed a sign that read, "Keep your mask on at all times." We looked at each other and dug the face masks out that each of us had brought.

The masks did little to keep out the smell, which began to get intense. It was the smell of burned plastic, the sort that lingers in the back of your nose. And it wasn't just your nose that became bothered. The wind began to blow and fine bits of concrete dust were whisked up into your eyes, causing them to water.

There was debris everywhere — papers and dust were all around. Car windows were covered and storefronts clouded. People had begun to write messages on the dirty glass — "God bless America" and "United we stand."

We were close. The bull on Wall Street had been decorated with flags as if to defy its surroundings, and it did.

Two more corners, two more checkpoints, and there it was. We came upon the last barrier. A soldier stood guard, allowing semi-trucks with dump beds through one by one. Each truck attempting to get in was only allowed access when a full one exited. I stood against a police barrier in awe. I could not believe what I was looking at.

From my vantage point, I could just see a corner of one of the towers. Below, men were climbing on the rubble pile with torches. The area was flooded with emergency personnel and vehicles. Heavy equipment moved continuously as if part of an enormous ballet.

A man came up to me and pointed to a giant piece of a building, yelling over the machinery, "See that, looks like the side of the building. Get up closer and you can read the inside, '74th floor.' It fell from the other tower and impaled the ground!" That couldn't be real? That doesn't happen in real life, I thought.

All around there were donated supplies. Medicine, Gatorade, sandwiches, socks, hard-hats, masks, gloves, anything you could think of. All items were sent by people wanting to help and distributed by volunteers.

I was close, but I was not close enough. There was still one barrier between "Ground Zero" and myself. My veteran friend did not want to go any further. Maybe it had to do with our 20-year age and wisdom difference, or maybe he had waited too long for his credentials and knew getting caught meant having his pass confiscated and possibly an arrest.

I had come too far, and was now too close, not to push forward. Under the barrier and around the corner I went. Just one short block and I arrived in hell. Debris was everywhere and the landscape was unrecognizable. What once were streets were now strewn with hunks of destruction.

The rain had mixed with the concrete dust and spawned a gray muck that stuck to everything. Fire trucks and ambulances were tossed aside, burned, and twisted. Huge cranes muscled steel beams from piles of rubble and tossed them into trucks only to be dumped again.

Hundreds of firefighters standing arm to arm passed buckets of debris from the center of the disaster through small paths that snaked their way along the wreckage to meet front-loaders. Those in turn placed the mess into trucks headed for the barges to the south.

I could finally see it. That day, I was at the center of the world. It was as if I could feel all the eyes of the country, and beyond them, the rest of the world looking over my shoulder at this indescribable horror.

When I lived in Los Angeles, I worked on motion pictures. It has been said before, but what was in front of me was "just like the movies." It was as if a set dresser had been working all week to complete the finishing touches. One could almost picture our superhero swooping in and tossing some huge chunk of iron off the chest of some beautiful woman. Nothing made any sense.

Still-hot steam wept from between masses of iron, giving the quiet pile movement and life. The total scale of the tragedy could only truly be noticed when one looked across the expanse of rubble to see a lone iron worker standing as if an ant atop the pile with his torch, cutting the steel beams into palatable sizes for the Goliath cranes.

It was only then that the enormity of the event gave rise to the unmasking of reality for me.

This was real! I was there. I could see it, hear it, and taste it. It was not a movie!

In the end, the most overwhelming part of my experience at "Ground Zero" was not the wasteland, nor the enormity of the wreckage, nor the scope of the disaster, but the sheer presence of the men and women involved in the rescue effort. This is especially true of the firefighters and their tireless work at a seemingly impossible and fruitless task.

That day I wasn't sure what I was supposed to do, so I did what I knew how to do best — made photographs.

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Surrounded by hazards

Golf team eyes uphill rebuilding in stacked SSL

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

This fall, the Cohasset varsity golf team will be playing in one of the most talented leagues in the state.

Now factor in that the CHS golfers lost their number one player to the football team. On top of *that*, the team will be forced to start multiple inexperienced players due to the havoc wreaked by graduation.

This may not be the most uplifting way to begin a season, yet ever-optimisitic coach Torin Sweeney remains convinced that his squad will stay competitive enough for playoff golf.

Norwell has dominated the league in recent years, riding on the shoulders of the Spitz brothers. However, 2001 realignment moved punching bag Hanover up to the Patriot League and imported Cape Cod towns Mashpee and Harwich, two cape towns where golf is king. Both the Falcons and Ruff Ryders beat the Norwell teams last season, though the Clippers did manage to edge them both in the home return match as Scituate Country Club to capture a share of the SSL crown.

With those teams in the league, it left the still talented programs from Cohasset, Abington, Carver and Norton little to no chance to win the league for at least a few years.

"As inexperienced as we are, and with the strength of the league being what it is, a .500 record would be respectable," noted the veteran Skipper coach, who has coached wrestling, football and girls lacrosse in his CHS tenure.

Starting at number one for the Skippers will be senior Greg O'Brien, the captain of the team. O'Brien is a third year starter who has put the most work into his game in the off season, and truly deserves the top spot.

"Greg has taken six strokes off his game," reported Sweeney, of his captain's score of 41 in their latest practice. "I have been very impressed with him."

Although the line-up is only based on the few practice rounds the Skippers have had, the two and three on the team will be senior Pat Reardon and Mike Hajjar, not necessarily in that order. Both gained varsity experience last year as lettermen, and will be looked to for much needed support against very deep teams.

The way it looked to Sweeney at the time of this writing, a trio

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset captain Robert Hickey keeps the ball away from Norwell midfielder in Tuesday night's upset win for the Skippers.

Stunner

Norwell boys shocked by rebuilding Skippers, 2-1

By Mike Spellman
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A scintillating solo effort by Cohasset's Dave Santiago midway through the second half of Tuesday's showdown with Norwell broke a 1-1 deadlock, lifting the Cohasset boys soccer team to a stunning 2-1 win.

The Cohasset and Norwell boys soccer teams have waged some truly memorable battles over the last two years, and they were battles in most senses of the word: five grueling and physical matches, all decided by one goal, including one in the 2000 semifinals of the South Sectionals.

But this was the year that was supposed to change. Norwell returned 8 of its 11 starters, while Cohasset was decimated by graduation and one killer transfer.

In short, if betting were allowed, everyone and his brother would have put their money on Norwell in Tuesday's South Shore League opener for both teams, and everyone and his brother would be a few dol-

BOYS SOCCER, PAGE 16

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset's Maura McKenney tries to get around Scituate's Kaitlynn Travis (#10) in Thursday's non-league showdown. Scituate won the hard fought battle, 1-0. For game report, see page 16.

Vikings pillaged in opener

Cohasset field hockey starts on right foot

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

If the field hockey team's first game this past Tuesday was any sort of indication of the season ahead, Lady Skipper fans should be in for quite an enjoyable ride. Cohasset led the whole way over non-league opponent East Bridgewater, winning 2-1 at Alumni Field.

"The kids really worked hard," noted veteran coach Deb Bostwick. "They concentrated on what they had worked on in the preseason."

The Lady Skippers seemed to be more fired up than usual for this contest. That this was the season opener, of course, played a part. But there was also the history: the Lady Skippers tied E.B. last year, 1-1, in a game that, had they won, would have sent them to the State tournament.

It took only eight minutes and change for the Skipper attack to wear down East Bridgewater's defense with relentless shots on net. Junior Courtney Caron, who has earned a starting spot on the front line, redirected a crossing shot by junior middie Kelly Hurley to the weak-side post for the games first tally.

Cohasset then held off the tenacious attack of the East Bridgewater wingers to go to the locker room with a 1-0 lead. Junior Caitlin Condon, starting as the varsity goalie for the first time in her career, made some key saves to hold the shutout for the first half. Condon ended the game with an admirable total of seven saves on eight shots.

Just 3:32 in to the second half, senior captain Sarah Dennis rifled a free hit towards the E.B. goal into a crowd of opposing defenders and Cohasset forwards. Junior midfielder Danielle Pinkus managed to get a stick on the shot and sneak it into the left corner of the goal.

Trailing 2-0, the East Bridgewater team refused to die without a fight. The Lady Vikings stormed right back for a fast flurry in front of the Cohasset goal. However, the defensive line of juniors Megan Marr, Kelly Hurley and Jessie Guild were tremendous in keeping the shots on net down.

With under five minutes remaining in the game, EB's quick wingers managed to creep in behind the defense and score on a breakaway, but that proved too little too late, as they could not mount a second surging attack for the tie.

"Winning over a team like that was a great accomplish-

FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE 16

Sailing takes Flynn away

Cohasset teen wins gold at world sailing championships

By Mike Spellman
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Too bad they don't give odds on who will have the best back-to-school "what I did this summer" essay. All of the smart money this fall at B.C. High would most definitely have been on sophomore Andrew Flynn.

Flynn started sailing at the age of eight in the pursuit of nothing more than fun. Over the next few years, not surprisingly, the allure of competition began to sneak in to that equation. It's only been in the last few years that the Cohasset teen, now 15, has begun to think sailing might actually "take him a few places." In his wildest dreams, however, Flynn conceded he never envisioned anything on a scale with what he did on his most recent summer vacation: winning a gold medal in the International Junior Olympic 420 sailing championships in Portugal.

"Yeah, I never really thought I'd get a chance to do something that big," said Flynn with a shy chuckle. "It was a pretty incredible experience, and then winning (the gold medal) made it all the more special."

The gold medal was actually won in the Silver Fleet, the second strata of sail teams in the 83 team world competition that saw 18 countries represented in Tavira, Portugal from July 8-20.

Flynn and "Skipper" Dave Siegal, of South Dartmouth, were actually the final team eliminated after four days of qualifying races from the field of 41 for the Gold Fleet. Neither of the young men hung their heads, however, as they went on to prove they were indeed the best of the rest.

"It was a little disappointing that we just missed making the Gold Fleet, but we had some real good competition in the Silver Fleet too," noted Flynn, who won the Southern Massachusetts Optimist Sailing Championship last summer as a solo act.

Flynn knew little about team sailing, and even less about the 420 World championships when Siegal rang him up this past winter asking him to "crew" for him in the 2-man

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Cohasset's Andrew Flynn (left) and Skipper Dave Siegal sailing in the International 420 Championships.

Countdown is on

Offense shines, but questions remain on defense for gridders

By Mike Spellman
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With his team not opening until Saturday, Tony Rolfe has one day more than most of our area football coaches to prepare. From the sound of things, the Cohasset High head coach will be looking to maximize each and every one of those additional minutes.

"We've still got a few things to iron out," noted Rolfe the day after his Skippers scrimmaged Cape Cod Tech to mixed results. "I thought we did some things well, and some other things not quite so well. That extra day to prepare is probably a good thing."

The fifth year head coach noted that "some tweaking" was needed in just about all areas for his South Shore League defending champion Skippers, though he honed in predominantly on the defensive line and backfield in his post-game critiquings.

Cohasset High football opener
Skippers at Nantucket
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"We're going to be spending a lot of time in practice in those areas this week," Rolfe conceded.

One area Rolfe and his coaches were reassured on Friday probably did not need a whole lot of "tweaking" was the offensive "skill" play. Quarterback Mike Snowdale and backs Ted Straughn and Braun Goodson made the most of what their line

FOOTBALL, PAGE 18

CHS weekly sports schedule

Football
Middle School, Freshman and Varsity
Sept.
14 @ Nantucket (Fr.) noon
14 @ Nantucket (V) 2 p.m.

Varsity Golf
12 Abington @ Strawberry Valley 3:30 p.m.
17 Harwich @ Cranberry Valley 4 p.m.
18 Sacred Heart @ Indian Pond 3:30 p.m.

Girls Field Hockey
Sept.
12 Hanover (V) 3:30 p.m.
12 Hanover (JV) 5 p.m.
13 Sandwich (V) 3:30 p.m.
13 Sandwich (JV) 5 p.m.
18 @ Hingham (V) 3:30 p.m.
18 @ Hingham (JV) 5 p.m.
All home games at Alumni Field unless otherwise noted.

Girls Varsity Soccer
12 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
17 Holbrook 3:30 p.m.

Girls JV Soccer
12 Mashpee 4 p.m.
17 Holbrook 3:30 p.m. (@Alumni)

Boys JV Soccer
12 Mashpee 4 p.m.
13 @ Chatham 4 p.m.
All home games at Milliken Field unless otherwise noted.

Boys Varsity Soccer
12 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
13 @ Chatham 4 p.m.
All home games at Alumni Field.

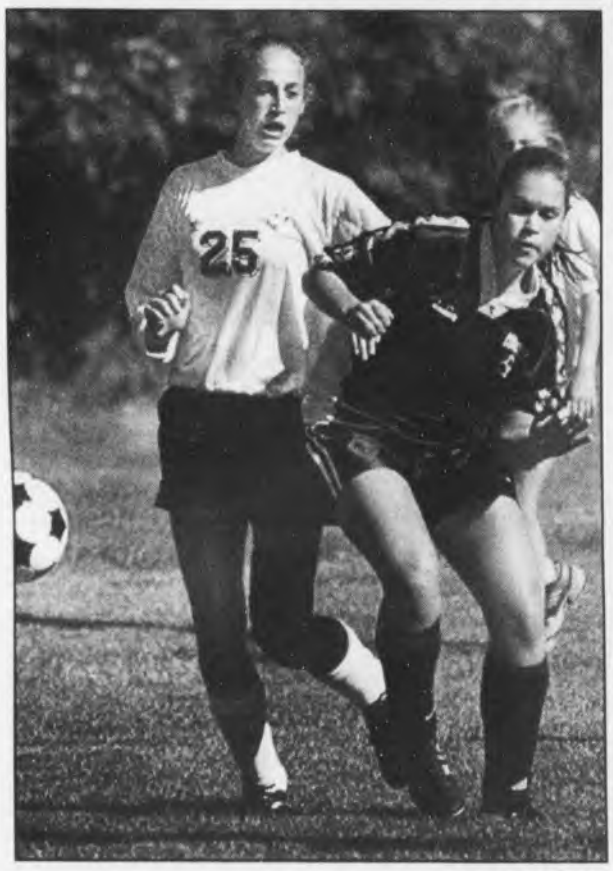
Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

Varsity Golf
9 lost to Norwell, 34.5-19.5 @ Cohasset GC

Girls Soccer
5 lost to Scituate, 1-0
10 lost to Norwell, 1-0

Field Hockey
9 Silver Lake- postponed
10 beat E. Bridgewater, 2-1

Boys Soccer
10 beat Norwell, 2-1



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Who says soccer isn't a contact sport? Scituate and Cohasset player jostle for position in Thursday's showdown won by Scituate, 1-0.

Lady booters fall to 0-2

The Cohasset girls soccer team has surrendered two goals this season, but that's been enough to cost them two decisions.

The Lady Skippers will be looking for their first goal of the season, as well as their first win, when they travel to Mashpee this afternoon for their second South Shore League match of the fall (4 p.m. start).

Coach Deb Beal's girls played unbeaten Scituate (3-0) as tough as anyone has to date this season, but a goal by Lady Sailors star Lauren Glancy at the 20 minute mark of the first half turned out to be all the offense either side would muster.

In Tuesday's South Shore League opener for the Lady Skippers, Norwell captain Minnie Doherty netted the game's lone goal in the first half, and goalie Sarah Cox thwarted all Cohasset salvos, sending the locals to their second consecutive 1-0 defeat.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset coach Dave Nigro (kneeling, center) tries to rally the troops at halftime Tuesday night in Norwell.

Norwell boys shocked by rebuilding Skippers, 2-1

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lars lighter today.

You got the sense last week, though, that Norwell coach Jack Browne would have wanted no part of that action. Indeed, the words he spoke on the subject of Tuesday's game proved prophetic: "You throw out all the assumptions when Norwell and Cohasset play."

It appeared early on this game would go according to assumptions, as gifted Norwell striker Garrett Bates put the host Clippers out in front just 2:33 in, as he took a through pass from Ryan Henry, beat Cohasset sweeper John Oronte and then slipped the ball past Cohasset keeper Curt Kahn.

The Skippers responded with a lot of the fight that was no doubt left over from last year's meetings, and it was junior Chris Clark who benefited from this renewed passion when he collected a pass from captain Robert Hickey just five minutes later and drilled a shot past powerless Norwell keeper Mike Allen from 15-yards out just inside the left post, making it a 1-1 game.

To no surprise, the Clippers rallied to control the tempo and territorial struggle throughout most of the remainder of the first half, but they could not push one past the surprisingly sharp Kahn, a junior starting his first varsity game in net after playing the last few years as a midfielder.

Norwell's best chance of the half came near the 12 minute mark when a defensive mix up allowed a clean break-in on Kahn, but the rushing goalkeeper forced a quick shot that caromed wide off the right post.

The Cohasset backline of Hickey (fullback), Craig Laugelle (fullback), Conor Buick (stopper) and Oronte seemed to settle down after that, though, to contain Norwell's explosive front six, headlined by returning league all-stars Bates and Jason Grier as twin strikers.

"We had a few breakdowns defensively in the first half, but our guys (on defense) really pulled it together after that and played a great game," lauded Cohasset coach Dave Nigro,. "We bent a few times, but we didn't break. They did a good job on some talented Norwell players."

Still, Kahn (11 legitimate saves in the 20+ shots he faced) was called on several more times in the game, answering the challenge each time. The junior even stoned returning league scoring champ Grier on a clean break-in early in the second half.

Grier's tough luck continued, as he rang a shot off the crossbar early in the second half, with Norwell continuing to dominate the territorial war. Norwell also had a handful of shots sail just wide over the course of the second half.

"It seemed like Cohasset only broke it out of their end a handful of times in the second half, but just one of those times proved to be enough," noted Norwell's coach Browne glumly.

At the 20 minute mark, Santiago took a long clearing pass near midfield to find himself one-on-one with the Norwell sweeper. The Cohasset junior striker went wide and maintained an angle on net, forcing Norwell's Allen out of the crease to cut down the angle, at which point Santiago cooly popped it over his head and into the open net.

With the lead in hand, Nigro moved midfielder Jesse Brewer back to the defensive end, which helped thwart the Norwell attackers, who struggled valiantly down the stretch to net the equalizer.

"I'm thrilled with the effort our guys gave tonight," summed up Nigro. "(Norwell) had more chances, but we did a nice job of taking advantage of our opportunities and we had a goalie who came up big. That was the difference."

Browne knew going in to the season his team would have its hands full in the first two games, but conceded his disappointment following Tuesday's loss that the Clippers didn't come away with at least one win.

The 3-2 loss in last Thursday's opener to Hingham, the number 8 ranked team in Massachusetts by the Boston Globe, presented a similar storyline to Tuesday's heartbreaker.

The Clippers maintained a territorial advantage throughout much of the contest, but simply could not finish on numerous golden opportunities. Juniors Bates and Rob Beach tallied for Norwell, each time answering a Hingham goal, but the host Harbormen put the game away with just 12 minutes remaining off of a scrum in front that featured several failed clearing opportunities by Norwell defenders.

"There are a few things we could be doing better right now," offered Browne. "We need to defend a little better in some areas, we need to work both sides of the field more, but the big thing is we need to finish our chances to score."

The second year Norwell coach admitted he was at something of a loss to explain why his team, which returned all six starters at forward and midfield and led the South Shore League in scoring last year, has struggled at the offensive end in the first two games.

"I still think we'll be OK in the long run," concluded the coach. "Hopefully, we'll just snap out of this, and then go on the type of tear I think we can. It's a long season. We have plenty of games to go, and we'll see Cohasset again. That's a good thing."

At least that's the way he's trying to get his team to think.

"I told the guys to remember how they felt right now," said Browne, sharing the final message he delivered to his troops following Tuesday's loss. "They've got to use this as a motivational tool, to get them to work a little harder in practice and dig down a little deeper in games."

Cohasset field hockey starts on right foot

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ment," said senior captain Heather Peraino, who moved from center halfback to left forward. "They were very aggressive trying to beat us to the ball. The last five minutes were really intense, and we knew we had to make a stand."

Possibly the most exciting thing about this win was that Cohasset could outduel a team such as East Bridgewater while playing with what only slightly resembles the normal line-up. Five of the team's twelve seniors were serving as peer counselors at the CHS version of freshman orientation at Camp Marist in Ossippee, New Hampshire.

This Thursday the team should have the full line-up back. Starting goalie captain Sera Genovese, starting middies Rachel Smith and Sarah Brady and starting fullbacks Holly Dinsmore and Kimmy Ulmer should solidify a team with loads of varsity experience.

It is a good thing the whole team will be playing today because the Lady Skippers will match up with the Hanover Indians, the team that kept Cohasset from earning the South Shore League title in 2000. Although Hanover has brought its athletics to the Patriot League, the field hockey rivalry remains as heated as any that can be found in the current SSL.

Though Bostwick was not completely satisfied with every aspect of the team's opening effort, overall, she was quite pleased with the season's outlook.

"They know they made a few mistakes, but they were correctable mistakes," observed Bostwick. "But I was very impressed with the team unity. Everyone relied on everyone else."

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Cohasset's Andrew Flynn (left) and Dave Siegal on the podium in Tavira, Portugal after winning first place in the Silver Fleet at the International 420 Sailing Championships.

Sailing takes Flynn away

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national 420 Junior Olympics sailing championships in San Diego in June. Nevertheless, Flynn agreed. Siegal, 19, applied for entry, banking heavily on the stellar individual records of both Flynn and himself, and they were accepted.

Serving as the one man "crew", Flynn was responsible for manning both the spinnaker and jib (the two smaller sails), while the Skipper was in control of the main sail. It was also Flynn's job to advise the Skipper on the whereabouts of chasing boats and basically to just act as a second set of eyes. Of course, knowing what to look for with those eyes and pass along was the key.

"I'd never crewed before, but I learned pretty quickly," noted Flynn, also a standout with the B.C. High Sail team, which finished seventh in the New England championships last year. "There's no doubt the experience made me a better sailor."

Siegal and Flynn finished fifth in the elite national field at the San Diego venue to qualify for the International Championships. Also qualifying were four other male teams, with all eight of those sailors haling from San Diego, and a female team.

It probably should not come as a surprise to learn that Flynn seemed more eager to talk about his experiences themselves than the actual races, which lasted approximately a half hour each.

"The whole competition had an Olympic feel to it," reported Flynn, who is helped to stay in shape for sailing by wrestling with the B.C. High team in the winter. "Everything about the experience was really great, except the food. I wasn't too crazy about that."

Indeed, the small seaside community of Tavira quickly came to resemble a small scale Olympic Village, as athletes from most of the 18 countries hung their nation's flags over their balconies.

Despite the high stakes and national pride on the line, Flynn said there was also quite a bit of camaraderie between the sailors, though he did note there were a few exceptions. Flynn and Siegal became quite chummy with their fellow American sailors, and the Americans also got on famously, not surprisingly, with the Australian teams.

Relationships between the Americans and sailors representing other nations were aided in that most of the foreigners seemed to speak at least some English. Flynn collected several email addresses, and looks forward to keeping in touch with his new friends from the international sailing set.

Of course, he's hoping to renew a lot of these acquaintances face-to-face next summer, as he and Siegal are currently intending to compete at next year's national championships, with an eye towards the 2003 International's in England.

"To be able to do something like this again would be incredible," said Flynn. "This was definitely the most unbelievable experience I've ever had."

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Cohasset Little League Major League Tryouts

Cohasset, MA...The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association (**CYBSA**) has announced that on **Sunday, September 29, 2002 @ Noon at Barnes Field on North Main Street**, the tryouts for the *2003 MAJOR LEAGUE* baseball season will be conducted. Youngsters who will be 10, 11, or 12 years old *on or before* **July 31, 2003** and are *not* currently playing at the Major League Level, are invited and encouraged to participate in this once-a-year tryout event.

All those who are eligible should plan to attend, as this is the ***only opportunity*** to tryout. Applications are available at Town Hall or can be completed upon arrival at Barnes Field. Participants are *requested to arrive at Noon* to facilitate the registration process. There is NO MONEY REQUIRED for this exercise but each participant should bring a baseball glove, hat and long pants.

Any questions regarding these tryouts may be forwarded to: Mark DeGiacomo (6413), Dan Leahy (1005), or Bob Morgan (3265).

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Hingham Flag Football registration

Registration will be held for Hingham Flag Football, Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at Pal Field, Beal St., Hingham, behind Lincoln Plaza. Children ages 5 to 12 are eligible.

Registration fee is $50 per player or $90 cap per family.

Directions from Scituate: North on Route 3A past Hingham Rotary. Take left opposite commuter boat exit. Pal Field is at the end of the street.

For more information, call 781-383-9122.

T.K. O'Malley 10k Road Race runs Oct. 6

Registrations are now being accepted for the seventh annual T.K. O'Malley 10k Road Race Oct. 6. The TK-10k is a huge community event. It attracts hundreds of runners, involves many local businesses as sponsors and benefits town recreation activities for all ages.

Registration forms are available at all area health clubs, and at the following sponsors: T.K. O'Malley's Sports Café on Front Street, Front Street Book Shop, Kennedy Bros. Physical Therapy in Braintree and Boston and Café Morada on Front Street.

Other sponsors are New Balance, Joseph's Hardware, Premier Dodge, D.J. Electric Co. Inc., M.J. Hallin Co. Inc., Hingham Federal Credit Union of Scituate, Hingham Orthodontics and Pipeline Salon.

The race begins at 1 p.m. Oct. 6 at Scituate Common. The course goes through Scituate Harbor, along the coast to the Lighthouse and back to the Common. The course is New England Track and Field Association certified, so that participants will be able to use their times to qualify for marathons.

Prizes go to three male and female finishers in each of the following categories: 18 and under; 19-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70 and over. Refreshments will be available. As always, a post-race rally will be held at T.K. O'Malley's Sports Café.

Registration costs $15, and early registrations are encouraged, the first 300 entrants are guaranteed a T-shirt. Completed forms should be mailed with a $15 check payable to TK-10K, to Howard Ardolino, 299 First Parish Road, Scituate, 02066.

The race benefits the people of Scituate by raising money for the Friends of Scituate Recreation. Proceeds help pay for Recreation Department programs and activities for Scituate citizens of all ages.

For more information, call Howard Ardolino at 781-545-1463.

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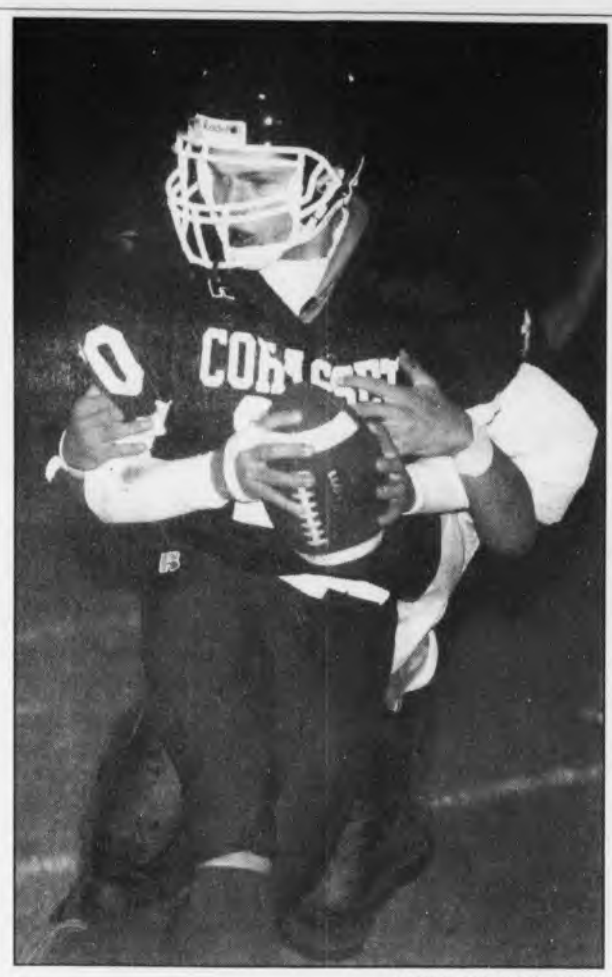

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Cohasset QB Mike Snowdale did a nice job of directing the offense in the pre-season finale Friday.

Countdown is on

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gave them on Friday, as these three led the charge on a couple of impressive drives against CCT's top defensive unit.

Given time to look downfield, Snowdale, a proven big time chucker, was able to keep all three of his proven big time receivers — tight end Tom Anderson and wideouts John Durkin and Chris Bilodeau, all returning starters – involved in the game plan.

Goodson — a 210-pound senior who moves from fullback to halfback this season, filling the huge shoes of 1,400-yard rusher Jason Brown — was particularly impressive, according to the coach.

"Braun isn't quite the same kind of back as Jason, but he looks really strong," noted Rolfe. "He runs through a few more people that Jason could run around, but he's faster than people think too."

It sounds like the most pleasant surprise for the coach since camp opened on Aug. 19, though, has been the steady improvement on the offensive line, which features only two returning starters: senior Cosimo Cambi and junior Stephen Davis.

In terms of individual surprises, two of Rolfe's more pleasant ones have been provided by the play of 6-foot-2, 245-pound freshman Nick Arment and left tackle Dan Tarpey.

"I'd say Dan is our most improved player overall so far," lauded the Cohasset coach of the 6-foot-2, 170 pound junior, a seldom used reserve tight end last year.

As for his assessment of Arment, Rolfe started by confessing he generally preferred not to use underclassmen on the line, but then noted: "He just keeps getting better and no one has taken the job away from him. Nick has really learned the things we've asked of him quickly, and he's doing some other things instinctively that are real encouraging."

The situation at center is similar, where sophomore Matt Casey quickly established himself as the frontrunner for the starting nod, and has done nothing but cement that claim over the last few weeks.

"We were really looking at that offensive line in (Friday's) scrimmage," said Rolfe. "But I think we've pretty well settled on what we're going to do now. The guys we have there now have solidified themselves."

Captain Ben Lynner, who's missed the last week due to an injury and will sit out the opener, will likely figure in this mix once he returns.

It is on the defensive line, though, where the absence of the 6-foot, 210-pound returning league all-star is really being felt. This was obvious in Friday's exhibition, as an alarming number of Cape Cod runs reached the secondary.

Rolfe notes there are several candidates still vying for playing time up front, saying the only player who has distinguished himself from this group to date has been 6-foot-4, 220-pound junior defensive end Sean Connolly.

While play at linebacker has been relatively solid, the coach reports, the situation in the defensive backfield is quite similar to that up front. In other words: there are still many questions.

"It seems like we've got a lot of guys on defense who play well on one play, but then not on the next," sums up Rolfe. "Part of that is that we have new people who aren't acclimated to the position or to one another. That takes time. We just have to figure out how to move that process along as quickly as we can in this last week."

Surrounded by hazards

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of sophomores will round out the remaining three starting spots. Colin McGruder, Danny Allen and Jack Carroll all have played solid practice rounds and should continue to improve throughout the season.

"I have been happy with my sophomores," said Sweeney. "They all played a lot in the off season, and they will be a little less nervous with some competition under their belts."

Finishing out the top eight, seniors Ross Lieb-Lappen and Ian Kidder will be vital to the team's success filling in roles off the "bench."

Playing two against Harwich, Mashpee, and Norwell will make it very difficult for the team to make it to the state tourney for a second straight year. It makes every other match that much more important, starting this Thursday against Abington. Cohasset also scheduled two non-league matches against Sacred Heart of Kingston, a team the Skippers have played on a par with the past few years.

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The event will benefit Our World, the children's global discovery museum that will soon be under construction in a two-story wing of the former Joseph Osgood School. The hands-on museum and a related global-themed playpark are set to open in the fall of 2003.

Lions Gate, the site of the garden party, is a four-story American Gothic mansion built in 1904 for shoe magnate Thomas Gustave Plant and his wife, Carolyn.

Plant later built "Castle in the Clouds," a sister house to Lions Gate, in New Hampshire. A frequent guest there was Teddy Roosevelt.

Carolyn Plant remained at the Cohasset house, which she surrounded with beautiful gardens. Those gardens have been restored, along with the house itself.

Period dress (1900-1920s) is encouraged for this event, but optional. After a parade through town, the antique cars will be parked around the estate's circular drive. Violin soloist Eugene Kaplan will entertain and works by well-known portrait artist Peter Quidley will be on exhibit. Refreshments will be served.

The cost for the benefit is $150 per ticket, much of which is tax deductible. For further information, call 781-383-3198. Reservations by check or credit card can be sent to Our World, P.O. Box 422, Cohasset, 02025.

Boat race around Minot Lighthouse

Cohasset Maritime Institute announces the 15th Annual Minot Light Roundabout on Sept. 21

The roundabout is an exhilarating five-mile race from Cohasset Harbor breakwater, around Minot Light and back to the breakwater:(open water course with sea swells) Registration Fee: $20 per competitor

Schedule of Events

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Registration and check in. Pre-registration is highly recommended.

9:30 a.m. Cox's and skippers' meeting CMI Boathouse, end of Parker Avenue, Cohasset, Mass.

10:30 a.m. Minot Light Roundabout Race starts, off Cohasset Breakwater

12 p.m. Lunch /Barbecue at CMI Boathouse

1 p.m. Awards and announcements

1:30 p.m. Informal races

For further information contact Jack Buckley at bbuckley1@attbi.com or 781-383-8261 or Lisa Hewitt Dick at Lmhewitt@attbi.com or 781-383-0204.

Volunteers are needed for food prep, registration tables, race committee, and chase boats. If you are interested in helping with the Roundabout, please contact Jack Buckley or Lisa Hewitt Dick.

Farmers market having great year

The Cohasset Farmers Market, which is held from 2:30-6:30 p.m. every Thursday until Oct. 17, is having another successful year. Boston Magazine voted it again the "Best Farmer's Market" two years in a row.

The market is run by a small group of people that work very hard all year to guarantee success.

The market also appreciates any donations people can give to the organization. Hot dogs are sold each week to pay for the entertainment that is provided.

On Sept. 26, the market is having a second dog show costume parade at 4 p.m. so get your dogs ready. Georgette Stamoulis from Heads and Tails is running the event.

On. Oct. 3, a cooking demonstration will be held by Bernard's Restaurant with vegetables from the local farm stands.

Oct. 17, will be the last farm stand of the year. Michael Bleakie will be giving rides on his vintage fire truck along with many other events.

Brass concert at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series now in its 12th year, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting the Huntington Brass Quintet in concert on Sunday, Sept., 22, at 3 p.m.

The Huntington Brass, founded in 1997 at Boston's New England Conservatory by Bron Wright, trombonist, is a group in residence at St. Stephen's, and its players include Mark Emery and Tom Cupples; trumpet, David Ohanian; horn, Bron Wright; trombone, and Randall Montgomery, tuba.

Founder Wright frequently performs with the Boston Pops and many of the orchestras in and around Boston, and is a soloist with the New England Symphonic Ensemble. A new member to the group this year is horn player David Ohanian, a founding member of the Empire Brass and player with the Canadian Brass.

The theme of the day's concert will be "Scenes in Music," and composers represented will be Albinoni, Hindemith, Sampson, and the noted Bostonian, Daniel Pinkham.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave. and there is plenty of parking available at the village car park. The concert is free of charge, but donations will be accepted. Come early and hear a playing of the bells of the church's 57-bell carillon a half-hour before the program.

'Hills of Hull' house tour

On Saturday, Sept. 28, there will be a unique opportunity to tour seven private homes tucked away in special locations in the neighborhoods of Hull to benefit Wellspring, a community-based human service organization serving Hull and surrounding towns.

Each of these 'Hills of Hull' homes is perched high on one of the town's many hills and captures a commanding view of the open ocean, harbor and even the Boston skyline. These lovely vistas also include Worlds End, and many of the islands of Boston Harbor, depending on which property is being visited.

Called "The Hills of Hull," the tour will be held between10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Advance tickets may be purchased for $20 prior to Aug. 28 at the following locations: Bookport, Hingham; Cards & Shards, Cohasset; and Mermaids in Hull. Tickets may also be purchased by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull 02045 with an enclosed check.

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Town to buy Barnes estate

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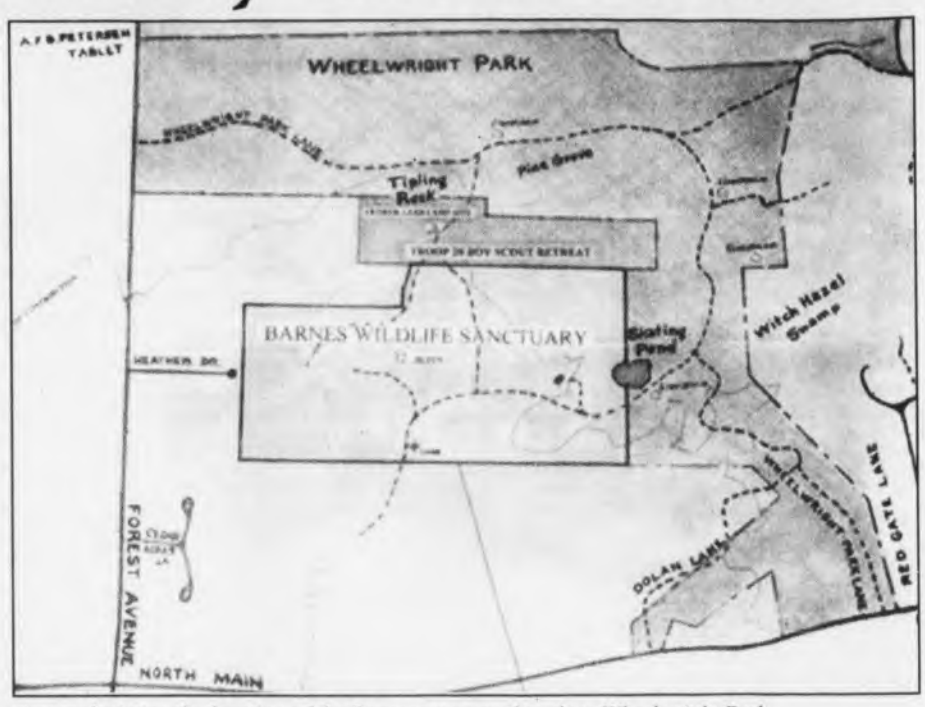
The unique aspect to the purchase is that none of the $1 million dollar price tag will hit the tax roll, excluding the 1.5 percent real estate surcharge that helps fund the Community Preservation Fund. On top of that, if the town mobilizes in support and a state grant works out, there could be no impact on the CPF, allowing them to further stretch its dollars for other projects.

The creative funding solution will utilize $500,000 from the MBTA as part of the right of way/open space mitigation, and a guaranteed $100,000 from the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private organization. The remaining money will come one of three ways: First, the Conservation Trust has also committed $150,000 in matching funds for any private donations. If a full private participation comes to fruition, that would total another $300,000 towards the project. The Community Preservation Committee has also applied for a state grant. Were there to be any gaps, the CPC would step in with funding, but hopes that it doesn't get that far.

"We operate on a smaller budget than most towns," said Richard Silvia of the CPC. "Unlike other towns in the area that have a 3 percent surcharge, we have a 1.5 percent. So, we really need to stretch our money to the benefit of the town."

Sullivan was happy with the proposal.

"With the money that we are getting for the right of way, and some other funds, it's not going to hit the tax rolls," said Sullivan. "So, when you are able to buy conservation land and not have to put it in the operating costs of the town, that's great."



A map depicting the location of the Barnes property that abuts Wheelwright Park.

Selectman Tom Callahan, also a member of the CPC, pointed out that this type of hybrid-funding is the only way a town can effectively work for conservation.

"We've come to learn over the last few years that given the land prices in Cohasset, the town alone can rarely bear the whole load of a land purchase," said Callahan. "It's going to have to be mix of a variety of resources. When we did Turkey Hill it was a similar thing. Two towns getting together, a private land trust and a state grant."

Silvia, who spearheaded the project, is excited to see his work become "real."

"I'm excited., I'm really, really excited," said Richard Silvia. "I've been working on this for about six months. First it was just me and then Stuart (Ivimey, Chairman of the CPC) got involved and he's been tremendous and the Barnes people have been really supportive. The biggest thing for them was naming it after their father and having it stay the way it is."

Silvia noted that the property purchased is hard to distinguish from Wheelright Park.

"A lot of people go through Wheelright Park," said Silvia. "I wouldn't hesitate to say that thousands go through there, walking, riding horses and doing all kinds of things. But a lot of what people think is Wheelright Park, is the Barnes Property."

Pending a town meeting vote, that will no longer matter.

Plan for protecting surface water supply

The Cohasset Water Commission recently issued their new Surface Water Supply Protection Plan for Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir, which was prepared by its watershed protection consultant, Norfolk Ram Group, LLC.

Some of the key recommendations of the Plan are:

• Protect the Zone A of Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir by amending the Water Resource District bylaw to prohibit certain potentially hazardous land uses in that area, which is the strip of land 400 feet from the banks of the water bodies and 200 feet from the banks of their tributaries. The Water Commission is preparing a Warrant Article for the next Town meeting to adopt the recommended Zone A protections.

• Establish a partnership with the other three towns, Hingham, Norwell, and Scituate, in the watershed area for the Cohasset surface water supply, to see how these towns can work with Cohasset to protect the resource.

• Perform a limnological study of Lily Pond to determine the sources of nutrient loading, which include septic systems and storm water runoff, which is causing the growth of weeds and algae in the Pond. The Water Commission recently received a $25,000 state grant to perform this study, which is being conducted by ENSR, a national environmental consulting firm.

• Install groundwater monitoring wells between the former Norfolk Conveyor site and Lily Pond, to assess the potential migration of contaminants from the site, which is a state hazardous waste site because of historic contamination from industrial uses, to Lily Pond.

The Surface Water Supply Protection Plan was prepared by Norfolk for the Water Commission under a $45,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Copies of the Surface Water Supply Protection Plan are available for review at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.

Legal Notices

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Docket No. 02P1980EP

In the Estate of WILLIAM E. NAST

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Date of Death July 20, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that W. ROGER NAST of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **SEPTEMBER 25, 2002.**

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SATURDAY, AUG. 31

12:26 a.m. Norman Todd Rd., noise complaint.

12:43 a.m. Norman Todd Rd., noise complaint.

1:04 a.m. Norman Todd Rd., noise complaint.

5:10 a.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle accident.

7:37 a.m. King St., medical aid.

10:55 a.m. South Main St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

1:44 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:39 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Rd. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4 p.m. South Main St serve restraining order.

4:26 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:44 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:50 p.m. Sohier St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5 p.m. Elm St,. property found.

6:20 p.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle accident.

7:30 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire investigation.

9:16 p.m. S. Main St., assist citizen.

9:35 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

10:49 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle accident. Arrest: William H. Gaudette, 48, 85 Dunstable St. Charlestown. Chrgs. OUI failure to use caution at intersection.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

12:39 a.m. Joy Place, disturbance.

1:47 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Nichols Rd., disturbance.

1:49 a.m. Nichols Rd., disturbance.

5:52 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:58 a.m. Elm St., vandalism.

8:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, structure fire.

9:21 a.m. Aaron River Rd., general services.

9:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:25 a.m. South Main St., serve restraining order.

11:24 a.m. Highland Ave., building checks.

12:11 p.m. South Main St., serve restraining order.

1 p.m. Glades, fire outside.

1:36 p.m. town common, North Main St., animal control.

2:06 p.m. S. Main St., serve restraining order.

3:29 p.m. Mendel Rd. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:35 p.m. Elm St,. larceny.

7:40 p.m. Hull St,. larceny.

7:46 p.m. S. Main St., serve restraining order.

8:14 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire investigation.

8:35 p.m. Heather Dr, officer wanted.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

12:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

2:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:13 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:35 a.m. South Main St, serve restraining order.

8:39 a.m. King St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:07 p.m. Collier Ave. extension, medical aid.

2:21 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:27 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:33 p.m. Beechwood St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:35 p.m. South Main St, suspicious auto.

10:56 p.m. South Main St, assist citizen.DVM

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

12:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

2:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:13 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:35 p.m. South Main St., served in hand a 209A restraining order.

8:39 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:21 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:27 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:33 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:35 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

10:56 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

12:35 a.m. Aaron River Road, general services.

6:48 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:15 a.m. Cedar St., boat accident.

10:15 a.m. Sohier St., parking complaint.

10:30 a.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

11:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

11:59 a.m. Cedar Acres Lane, annoying/harassing phone calls.

12:48 p.m. Cedar St., served in hand a 209A restraining order.

2:41 p.m. Black Horse Lane, general disturbance.

2:59 p.m. Beechwood St., 209A restraining order message/summons not delivered.

3:09 p.m. Beach St., larceny.

3:24 p.m. Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:44 p.m. Beechwood St., assist motorist.

6:48 p.m. Whitney Woods, larceny.

7:41 p.m. Elm St., request for police/officer, services rendered.

8:46 p.m. King St., fire, structure, extinguished.

11:10 p.m. Black Rock Beach, suspicious activity/person(s).

11:50 p.m. HQ, fire, departmental action.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

12:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

1:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

6:21 a.m. Nichols Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:50 a.m. Bancroft Road, general services.

7:34 a.m. HQ, power outage.

7:44 a.m. HQ, general information.

9:20 a.m. South Main and Beechwood St., assist citizen.

10:18 a.m. Pond St., fire investigation.

11:27 a.m. Pond St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:10 p.m. Margin St., animal call or complaint.

1:03 p.m. Stockbridge St., suspicious activity/person(s).

1:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:1 p.m. King St., assist municipal agency(ies), services rendered.

2:30 p.m. King St., motor vehicle violation/s.

2:47 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general disturbance.

4:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., trespassing, area search negative.

5:10 p.m. Elm St., property found.

6:34 p.m. Elm St., fire.

POLICE BRIEFS

Speed patrols on Lamberts Lane

Police will continue to direct more patrols on Lamberts Lane and will ticket anyone violating motor vehicle laws, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

Bill Foley, 184 Lamberts Lane, wrote a letter to Jackson on Sept. 4 outlining his concerns especially now that school has started.

Foley says he encountered three speeding vehicles (two dump trucks and a jeep) while driving his 12-year-old daughter to school on the first day of school last week. One of the vehicles was well over onto his side of the road and forced him into the gutter, he wrote.

In his letter, Foley requested on-going police patrols and speed traps on Lamberts Lane for the next few weeks "to catch the violators and send the message to all drivers who use this road that speeding and reckless driving will not be tolerated…"

Jackson said residents along the roadway are very sensitive to speeding because the road is narrow and there are a lot of children on the street. The Cohasset Golf Club is also on Lamberts Lane. The posted speed limit on the road is 15 m.p.h.

Police arrested 12 last month

August was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were 12 arrests, one for disorderly person, three for operating under the influence of liquor, two for outstanding warrants, one for possession of a class A and C substance, one for assault and battery on a child, one for operating after license is suspended, and finally three for protective custody.

During the month of August, the police department investigated 20 motor vehicle accidents nine of which resulted in personal injury. There were 157 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $7,280 in fines. Additionally, there were 383 parking tickets issued for $9,450 in fines. There were 10 criminal complaints issued.

Also in August, the emergency dispatch center received a total of $1,311 calls for police services, of those 137 were emergency 911 calls.

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'Beyond Tolerance' is topic Sept. 30

The Cohasset Diversity Committee is sponsoring the program "Beyond Tolerance" at Cohasset Middle High School on Monday evening, Sept. 30. The guest speaker will be Victor Kazanjian, Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life and Co-Director of the Peace and Justice Studies Program at Wellesley College. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Cohasset Middle High School's new cafeteria.

ASP kickoff meeting

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project will hold its informational meeting for the ASP-2003 trip this Sunday, Sept. 15, from 8-9 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, next to Town Hall. All interested 10th-, 11th- and 12th-graders and their parents are urged to attend — registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. ASP would also love to see any adults interested in coming along as "advisors" on the trip!

The theme this year is "Handprints in Appalachia."

The meeting will start with a slide show from last year's trip. Veterans and their parents are welcome to come and share the memories.

Registration forms and schedules will be distributed and explained. The deadline for registration will be Oct. 1. Information is also available on line at www.CohassetASP.org.

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Cohasset selectmen, from left, Fred Koed, Michael Sullivan, Tom Callahan, Merle Brown and Ronnie McMorris show their respect while taps is played during the town's 9-11 observance yesterday.

Town pays quiet tribute to 9-11

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"I would like to see it become an annual event," said Selectman Merle Brown, out of whose suggestion the ceremony was born. "Very sedate, not a lot of flare with it as we (did today), right along the same idea."

Brown and Town Manager Mark Haddad met with several religious leaders from around town last week to formulate a plan.

"Merle (Brown) and I met with Rev. (Cliff) Cutler, Rev. (Gary)Ritts, Rev. (Patricia) Hart and Fr. (John) Mulvehill," said Haddad. "We sat down and said we want to do something dignified, something to remember the tragedy, but we don't want to really do too much. So Father Mulvehill recommended that we start at 8:46 a.m. with the bell-ringing, do that from 8:46 a.m. to 9:03 a.m. followed by a moment of silence, followed by taps."

What followed was a solemn, tasteful and wonderful remembrance that was a credit to the town and those who planned it.

Most people remember exactly where they were on Sept. 11, 2001. It would be safe to say that those in attendance will also remember exactly where they were one year later.

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PHOTO/T. CHARLES ERICKSON

Hingham resident and actress Alice Duffy (left) as Nurse Guiness in the Huntingdon Theatre Company's production of George Bernard Shaw's "Heartbreak House."

Hingham actor lands another role in Huntingdon Theatre production

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

For many years, the only way you were likely to see a local actor at Boston's Huntington Theatre is if he or she was in the audience for a production. With few exceptions, under former Artistic Director Peter Altman, the respected regional theater rarely cast locally. Instead, most actors came from New York, Chicago or Los Angeles.

With the appointment two seasons ago of Nicholas Martin as the company's new artistic director, however, all that began to change.

Actress Alice Duffy, 73, plans to keep on acting as long as she can find good roles to play.

Indeed, "A Month in the Country," the Martin-directed drama which opens the Huntington's 21st season this week, features not one, but five local actors including Alice Duffy of Hingham.

"I knew Nicholas Martin's work only by reputation, before he came to Boston," explains Duffy. "I did know, of course, that he was regarded as an actor's director. He was even an actor himself, earlier in his career, which really helps. When he arrived here, I joined a group of professional local actors at an 'open call' audition that he held. I did a speech from 'Wit,' and not too much later I got the call about a small part in 'Dead End.'"

Duffy was cast in that play, which Martin directed, and later that same season in the Huntington's production of "Heartbreak House."

Duffy is delighted to be continuing her association with Martin in his production of "A Month in the Country," the Ivan

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In full bloom

NRAS artist Kelleher picks flowers for Ventress show

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Norwell painter M. David Kelleher is an artist enraptured by natural beauty, particularly that of the floral variety.

It has been, by some considered fairly conventional, even cliched, subject matter for the creative muse. But Kelleher manages to give it a fresh and engaging perspective with his collection of 24 oil works contained in "Flora," a one-man show on view at Marshfield's Ventress Library through Sept. 20.

The exhibit is part of the Library's ongoing series showcasing members of Marshfield's North River Art Society (NRAS). Kelleher has enjoyed two previous individual shows in his Norwell hometown since 1999 while studying with NRAS's longtime instructor John Kilroy, both privately and in Kilroy's demanding Intensive Figure and Portrait Workshop.

Kelleher, a retired physician, began painting eight years ago while still active in his career as a senior M.D. serving at numerous Boston area hospitals and medical offices. An internist with a sub-specialty in endocrinology, Kelleher, boldly walked away from his lifelong profession several years ago in protest of then newly enforced HMO policies and regulations, Kilroy said.

At this point, the doctor immersed himself in his other major interests, including not only painting but also wood and craftworking. Kelleher's Ventress Library show displays some of the best results of the last few years' activities, with the artist also providing his own frames with moldings, trim and gold leaf.

Kelleher's works present the single-minded focus indicated by the show's title with a notably diverse array of subjects and perspectives, ranging from still lifes and landscapes to intimate sidewalk and backyard views. All of the works contain some type of floral element, many with self-descriptive titles such as "Red Maple," "Gomphrenas" and "Hydrangeas."

One of the most intriguing items is a direct product of Kelleher's study with Kilroy. "Statice," a flower-filled vase and book still life study, was a class project in which Kilroy's Workshop students were assigned to produce

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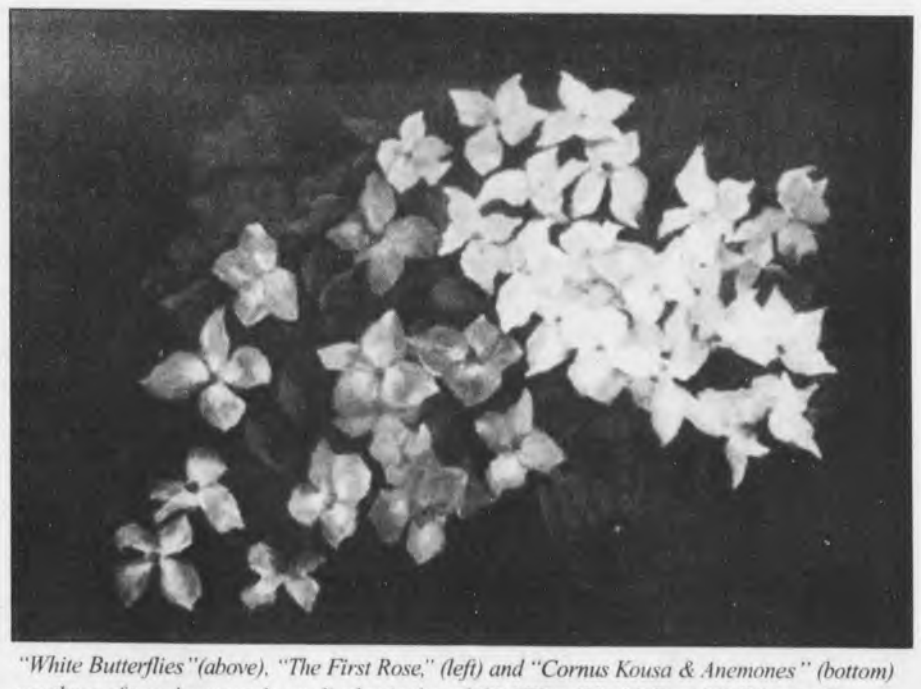

"White Butterflies" (above), "The First Rose," (left) and "Cornus Kousa & Anemones" (bottom) are three of two dozen works on display in the exhibit "Flora" by M. David Kelleher at the Ventress Library Gallery.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

James Franco and Robert De Niro worry about what's at the top of the stairs.

Nightmare by the sea

City by the Sea (B+)

Three of the best actors of our day come together in this terrific film. Oscar winner Robert De Niro plays a Long Island police officer, Vincent LaMarca, and Oscar-winner Frances McDormand plays the fictional role of the policeman's lady friend. They live one floor separated and share dinners and intimate moments but haven't wed, and she learns more, and rapidly, about Vincent than she expected. And James Franco — James who? — plays Vincent's son, Joey, who, during a botched drug purchase and in a panic stabs the dealer and goes on the lam, pursued both by his father and by the dealer's boss (William Forsythe, in another of his now almost trademark performances, of the kind of man you wouldn't want to cross).

Franco had a lead role in the short-lived, critically acclaimed but commercially unsuccessful series, "Freaks & Geeks," the only TV series in years to portray high schoolers believably; he was one of the freaks. Last year, in a TNT film biography, for which he received a Golden Globe award, he played James Dean, one of the best portrayals of a real figure on TV in a long time. Franco also played the son of the Green

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Food & dining

Baked plums with marsala and orange

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

There are many recipes for poached or baked fruit which include white wine, sweet wine, or fortified wine. In my opinion, one of the best fruit/wine combinations is plums and marsala – the plums have enough flavor and tartness to stand up to the sweet marsala. I started with a recipe from a cookbook which called for 3 pounds plums and 2 1/2 cups of marsala and set out to get just the right balance between fruit and wine.

The first issue was the plums themselves. Anything but perfectly ripe fruit is a waste of time – the plums bake up mushy, not tender, and the flavor is second-rate. Some recipes suggest baking the fruit whole but I found that one saved cooking time by quartering them. As an added bonus, it is then easy to remove the skins, a step that dramatically improves the dish.

As far as the baking goes, I tested a variety of oven temperatures but 350 degrees was best; higher temperatures turned out unevenly cooked fruit. Covering the baking dish for some or all of the cooking time simply made the plums softer and I preferred the texture when baked uncovered.

As for the liquid, I added white wine, vermouth, red wine, and fruit juice. The white wine and vermouth thinned out the marsala syrup although the red wine wasn't bad although not better than the all-marsala version. Fruit juice made the liquid too sweet. I also tested dry versus sweet marsala and preferred the latter – it had more flavor and body. Other ingredients tested were cinnamon sticks, vanilla beans, lemon peel, almond extract, and orange peel. The only winner was orange peel – the others were either overpowering or unpleasant. I also liked a bit of orange liqueur added after cooking. I did find that the liquid needed to be reduced in a separate saucepan after the plums are baked to thicken it and to concentrate flavors. I tested using thickeners such as cornstarch but by reducing the liquid by half, it was clean-tasting and just right in terms of a syrupy consistency. I prefer to serve this dish the same day it is made, either warm, at room temperature, or cold. They are nice on their own or served with vanilla ice cream.

BAKED PLUMS WITH MARSALA AND ORANGE

Only make this dish with ripe, delicious plums, the sort that you would eat out of hand.

6 sweet, ripe plums
1 cup sweet marsala wine
1/3 cup sugar
3 strips orange peel, 1 by 3 inches, with the bitter white pith removed
1 tablespoon orange liqueur such as Cointreau or Triple Sec

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Quarter plums, removing pits. Arrange in a single layer in a small baking dish. (An 8 by 11-inch glass pan works well.) Mix the marsala and sugar and pour over plums. Bake until tender, about 25 to 30 minutes.

2. Pour off liquid into a small saucepan. Add the orange peel to the liquid and bring to a boil over high heat. Simmer briskly for about 5 minutes or until liquid is reduced by half. Remove from heat and add the liqueur.

3. When plums are cool, remove skins with a small paring knife. (They should slip off easily.) Serve plums with syrup spooned over the top. If serving later, pour syrup over plums, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate.

Serves 6 to 8

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Turgenev classic which has been adapted by Brian Friel.

"Nicholas Martin has been just heavenly to work with. And, this is such a beautiful play. Each time we perform it, we learn something new about it," said Duffy by telephone last week just prior to a rehearsal. "Brian Friel's adaptation is exquisite and true to the spirit of the piece.

"Written in 1850, Turgenev's arresting portrait of marriage and romance in 19th century Russia encompasses five days in the lives of an aristocratic family. Duffy's character, "Anna," is the mother of the landowner and his troubled wife who are the central characters in the story.

"Anna is austere, domineering and very much a force in the household," according to Duffy. "Friel, however, has also given her a sense of compassion. She is not like anyone I've played before.

The thing I am enjoying most about this experience is that while Anna seems to be just a matronly old lady at first, she progresses and becomes much more interesting as the play goes along."

Duffy's life has progressed, too. She was been appearing in a production of one of her favorite plays, "The Importance of Being Earnest" in Rochester, N.Y., with plans to pursue acting in New York City, when she decided to suspend her career in favor of a life in Hingham.

That was 36 years ago. Duffy and her husband now have three children and three grandchildren. In 1986, Duffy decided the time had come to return to acting.

Since then, the 73-year-old actress estimates she has done more 1,000 performances of "Shear Madness" at the Charles Playhouse. Duffy also appeared in many productions with the now-defunct Nickerson Theatre in Norwell, and has done several plays with Boston-based theater companies. Her film and television credits include "Housesitter," "School Ties," "Autumn Heart," "Against the Law" and "Unsolved Mysteries."

"The theater is a very hard life, but it is always rewarding. I'm very lucky to be able to work professionally in the Boston area. Also, my husband and family could not be more supportive. This is very fortunate for me, because I plan on continuing to act as long as I can find good roles."

("A Month in the Country" will be presented by the Huntington Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston,. through October 6. For tickets and information, call 617/266-0800.)

In full bloom

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a painting work strictly from a verbal, written description and no visual model. The artist's resulting interpretation is skillful, although he is clearly more impressive with the benefit of working from a present subject as shown in his other works.

A favorite retreat for Kelleher is Newton's scenic Arnold Arboretum. Two of the artist's pieces, "Japanese Maples" and "Enkianthus," effectively apply his use of rich oil textures and interpretation of shadows and light. Kelleher also offers a sense of overcast, autumnal atmosphere with the waterfront landscape pieces. "Scituate Harbor" and "Goldfinch," the latter's title referring not to the boat anchored in the cove but to well-placed dabs of black and yellow perched in the marshes.

The artist's explorations further expand to the lush varieties of gold shadings highlighting his "Sunset" series, with scenes rendered "...from Castle Island," "...over Chinese Dogwoods" and "...over Commonwealth Avenue." "White Butterflies," a floral still life, adds a keen interpretation of shape and motion.

"Flora" an exhibit by North River Arts Society member M. David Kelleher will be on display through Oct. 19 at the Ventress Library Gallery in Marshfield Center. For more information call the NRAS at (781) 837-8091.

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Plant bulbs in autumn for springtime rewards

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

The sights and sounds of nature filled the air as dusk fell on a warm September eve. Bambi emerged from the meadow alongside her attentive mother, pausing to graze on the lush, overgrown lawn. Each sampled a flower here and there as they meandered through the landscape on their way to the wooded lot beyond. Among the fading blossoms of bee balm, a tiny iridescent female hummingbird hovered momentarily, then darted off to sip nectar from a nearby Rose-of-Sharon. Temporarily satiated, the little jewel perched in the slender branches of an autumn olive, gurgling and twittering as she preened her magical wings.

Several resident frogs bobbed among the lily pads having jumped to safety when startled by our stalking tiger kitten. Moments later, she leaped into the air, successfully snaring an unsuspecting cicada, a giant insect resembling an oversized fly that started buzzing loudly as she gently pawed it in the grass. Cicadas are fascinating insects that produce a long, loud rattling hum from the treetops during late summer and early fall. Only the male of the species generates this distinctive, vibrating song.

The life cycle of these unusual insects is intriguing. Females insert their eggs into slits made in the tender young twigs of trees. Young hatch and fall to the ground, burrow into the soil and suck the juices from tree roots over a 2 to 20 year period depending on the species. During this phase, they molt periodically and resemble beetle larvae with large front legs, which they use as scoops. When full grown, the nymph emerges, climbs a tree trunk and attaches itself by its front claws. The external skin splits down the back and the adult emerges leaving behind a papery, brown, beetle-like shell. Large clear wings develop in a matter of a few hours.

The large dogday or harvestman cicadas have 2 to 4 life cycles and appear in late summer causing relatively little damage to trees. Their relatives, the periodical cicadas, which require 17 years to complete their life cycle, appear in early summer. Incorrectly referred to as the 17-year locust, the emergence of large broods of these cicadas can be predicted by entomologists.

These smaller cicadas can cause significant damage to fruit trees during the egg-laying phase. Winged adults generally live only one to five weeks.

Once I had rescued the hapless buzzing bug from my expert little hunter, I strolled through the yard with notebook in hand and started making a list of fall and springtime projects. This is an ideal time of year to critically view and analyze your lawn, gardens and shrubbery. Note trees and shrubs that require springtime pruning and perennials that need to be divided or transplanted. Photograph attractive plant combinations in containers and borders. A series of photographs taken throughout the growing season are invaluable tools to document your plantings. Those taken at season's end serve as reminders of the mature size of established plantings, a factor which many of us fail to recall during the spring planting season when there appears to be so much empty space between the plants in our borders. Take head counts on successful plantings of annuals that you may want to repeat next season. List changes to be made and open spaces that may need to be filled in this fall or next spring.

Each fall, I eagerly hunt for these open spaces in my overgrown borders, hoping to find homes for the numerous perennials that remain unplanted and spots to tuck in just a few bulbs. No garden seems complete without a few patches of crocuses, daffodils or tulips and autumn is the season for planting these hardy, spring-flowering bulbs.

Success with bulbs begins with the all-important process of selecting healthy, top quality stock. Purchase top-sized bulbs from reliable catalog sources or local nurseries. When buying locally, choose firm bulbs that are free of soft spots, deep cuts or blemishes. Do not be concerned by small nicks or the loss of the papery brown covering known as a tunic found on tulips, daffodils or crocuses, as this will not adversely affect the development of the bulbs. Select the largest specimens of each type of bulb or in the case of daffodils, ones having multiple noses, as these will most likely produce more flowers of greater size. Store in a cool, dry location if you anticipate a delay in planting.

All bulbs prefer loose, porous soils with excellent drainage to prevent rotting during dormancy. Soils comprised of sandy loam are ideal. Additions of organic material, including peat moss or compost, will improve drainage in heavy soils. Raised beds may necessary in low, damp locales. Loosen and prepare the soil prior to planting so the roots of the bulbs can develop easily.

While bulbs contain all the nutrients they require to flower the first year, to continue healthy growth and flowering, bulbs need phosphorus, a mineral that moves very slowly through the soil. To ensure its availability in future seasons, mix a teaspoon of superphosphate or bulb booster in the soil at the bottom of the planting hole. Although bone meal serves as an alternative, organic source of this nutrient, you may wish to avoid its use as animals often detect its scent and dig up your newly planted bulbs.

Nightmare by the sea

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Goblin in "Spider-Man." His star is on the ascendancy: Locate a tape of the Dean biography, see "City by the Sea" and start telling the neighbors. Franco smoothly holds his own with De Niro and McDormand.

LaMarca was in Boston recently and said that much of has story has been "Hollywoodized," including the girlfriend, the contentiousness with his ex-wife (Patti LuPone plays an understandably shrill woman and carries it just to the edge of unlikeability), and a media frenzy about the young killer's dad being the son of a killer. Although the outlines of LaMarca's story are accurately found in the film, the divergences from it are worth noting if not worth fretting about. Still, I almost wish I didn't know how much of the film is pure fiction.

What sticks in the memory is the dialogue, a little pat in spots but not devolving into the kind of tough-cop-offers-tough-love or the you-abandoned-me-as-a-kid-so-why-should-I-trust-you-now cliches. The action relies more for its impact on the infrequent use of violence even in a story chockfull of opportunities for overkill. Joey is falling apart, realizing that he'll either fall to the cops or to the man whose subordinate he killed. He has a baby and a girlfriend, the baby's mother (Eliza Dushku), whom he avoids since he knows that they're both in danger from the villain, and the girlfriend feels incompetent to take charge of her life or raise her son adequately. Vincent's life, too, is hovering on unraveling; his son's has already crumbled.

"City by the Sea," set in a once pleasant, safe Long Island community that had become crime-ridden and derelict, is shot in a sometimes grayish-greenish hue that lends an other-worldly quality to it, as if it's something of a dream, a raw nightmare. The real story *was* a nightmare, for both LaMarcas, and the movie might be a hard sell. It doesn't suggest a happy time at the movies and offers only scant comfort in its final vignette.

Written by Ken Hixon; directed by Michael Caton-Jones. Rated R

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Mark your calendar

THE HINGHAM CIVIC MUSIC CENTER presents Cole Porter's Musical Comedy **"Anything Goes"** Oct. 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 at Hingham High School, 17 Union St, Hingham. Tickets $15/students and seniors #12. Call 781-749-4327 for tickets. Group rates available at 781-749-0083.

THE BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER at Massasoit Community College, Brockton, presents a New England Bluegrass Concert featuring Northern Lights with Amy Gallatin and The Hot Flashes in Concert on Oct. 4, at 8 p.m. Tickets $14 general public; $14 students and senior citizens. Call 508-427-1234 for tickets, major credit cards accepted.

A NIGHT WITH DAME EDNA – THE SHOW THAT CARES at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Performances are Sept. 24, to Oct. 6. For tickets call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theater box office. For other information call 617-426-9366.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, GREATER BOSTON MEMORY WALK on Sunday, Sept. 22. Walk begins and ends at Canal Park at the Cambridgeside Galleria in Cambridge. Every dollar raised in your community stays in your community and provides care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's disease. For more information call the Alzheimer's Association at 617-868-6718 ext. 208 or email memorywalk@alzmass.org or visit our web site www.alsmass.org

NEWPORT WATERFRONT FESTIVAL- 14th Annual Aquafina Taste of Rhode Island. The festival offers culinary creations from restaurants such as Castle Hill Inn and Resort, Stickyfingers, 22 Bowen's Wine Bar and Grille, Cowesett Inn and Perella's Ristorante. The Newport Yachting Center's 14th Annual Aqyafina Taste of Rhode Island festival will offer appetizer-sized portions from more than 30 of the state finest restaurants. This is a festive celebration of Rhode Island's culinary delicacies, as well as its crafts, talents and cultures. Held on the historic waterfront at the Newport Yachting Center on America's cup Avenue in Newport, REGISTRATION INQUIRY. Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission $5 adults, $3 if purchased in advance by Sept. 7. Children under 12 admitted free. Food and beverage priced range from $1 to $6. For more information, call 401-846-1600 ext. 218 or visit www.tasteofri.com

JOHN SEBASTIAN IN CONCERT to benefit educational programs at The Children's Museum in Easton, will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 3 Barrows St., North Easton. 508-230-3789. Admission is $30 per person or $50 premium tickets include preferred seating, complimentary beverage and post-concert reception with John Sebastian.

FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury on Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org

HOSPICE OF THE SOUTH SHORE will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

Thurs. 12

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will be closed from Sept. 11 through Sept. 21 in order to prepare for the upcoming exhibitions: Gadgets, Gizmos and Games; The Inner Eye: Pinhole Photographs by Jesseca Ferguson and Rotations: Complex Tools and Inventions. These exhibitions are scheduled to open Sept. 22 with an opening reception Sept. 29 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

South Shore Science Center presents **Nature Photography** with **Melissa Kurkoski**, naturalist, from 4 to 5 p.m. Get ready for close encounters with turtles, a modern dinosaur, meat-eating plants and more. Bring along a camera and your imagination to discover and practice ways to capture nature at its best. Call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org for additional information.

Grove Manor Estates, 160 Grove St., Braintree presents its fall programs. On Sept. 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. a panel discussion - "Elder Issues Related to Assisted Living" presents by Attorney Anthony S. Falco and Rita Evans, RN from Senior Resource Center, Inc. in Quincy. Come hear what legal and financial planning are essential to protecting your assets and extending your long-term care dollar when planning for future aging challenges. Light refreshments will be served. Call Mary Baillie at 781-843-3700 to reserve your space today.

King Richard's Faire, Route 58, Carver, now through Oct. 20. Magicians, musicians, stiltwalkers, dancers, jugglers, fire-eaters, swordsmen, more $22 adults/$11 children age 5 to 12, under age 5 free. For more information call 508-866-5391 or visit www.kingrichardsfaire.net

Newport International Boat Show in its 32nd year will take place Sept. 12 though 15, at the Newport Yachting Center and surrounding locations, will feature more than 350 in-water boat displays and more than 500 exhibits on-land. For more information call 401-846-1115 or visit www.newportboatshow.com

Cat's Blues Club located at **Cataloni's Restaurant**, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland, presents **New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano** every Thursday night during September. All shows start at 9 p.m.. No cover. Handicap accessible. 781-878-0834.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Kara Tondorf and the Matt Chase Group** on Sept. 12. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Ladies Night** on Sept. 5, from 8 p.m. to close.. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

Fri. 13

Opening Night Gala and Awards benefit for the 35th Annual Juried Art Show sponsored by the **Plymouth Guild for the Arts** will take place under the tents, at the Plymouth Public Library in Plymouth, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Reservations are $30 each and are available by mail from the Plymouth Guild, P.O. Box 3152, Plymouth MA 02361. The show will run from Sept. 14 to 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Free admission.

The Seventh Annual PJ Steverman Golf Classic will be held on Friday, Sept. 13, at Widow's Walk Golf Course. It is held in memory of PJ Steverman, a young man from Scituate who died tragically in 1995. The money raised from the tournament is given back to the Town of Scituate, benefiting the recreation department's sailing program, CPR training equipment for the fire department, Scituate Community Christmas, SHS All-Night graduation party and various town scholarship funds, along with maintaining the PJ Steverman In-Line Skating Hockey Rink.

New England Walkers accept 50-Mile challenge on Cape Cod to fight MS One thousand walkers representing all six New England states are participating in the 50-mile, Three-day MS Challenge Walk through Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, Orleans, Brewster, Eastham, and Dennis on Sept. 13, 14, and 15, to fight multiple sclerosis. Historic Cape Cod lighthouses and seashore provide a beautiful backdrop for the walkers. The Challenge begins with a boat ride from Plymouth, to Provincetown, and then a 20-mile walk to Truro. Overnight accommodations are at Cape Cod Sea Camps in Brewster. The second day takes walkers another 20 miles from Brewster to Truro, and the third day walk is 10 miles from Brewster to Dennis. To top off the Challenge, walkers assemble and walk the final mile together into Plymouth. Along the way, Walkers pass the Highland (Cape Cod Light), and the Three Sisters Lighthouses in Nauset. For more information call 1-800-493-9255 or visit www.msnewengland.org

Expo Design Center hosts 2002 EXPO Home Show, Sept. 13-15, 180 Pearl St., Braintree. The Expo Design Centers nationwide will feature a wide variety of activities and events for homeowners, builders and designers. Expo's professional designers will be on hand to offer expert design advice during the weekend.

Grove Manor Estates, 160 Grove St., Braintree presents its fall programs. On Sept. 13, at 2 p.m. "Residents Personal Needs Clothing of Holbrook" presents its new line of clothing for active seniors in independent/assisted living communities. Quality clothing, reasonable prices and alterations available. Browse and take care of your holiday gift-giving need. Light refreshments will be served. Call Mary Baillie at 781-843-3700 to reserve your space today.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance April 12, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fatwall Jack** on Sept. 13. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Irish Explosion Boxing Card, National Guard Armory in Braintree. Sept. 13, doors open at 7 p.m. with the first bout scheduled at 8 p.m. Scheduled to fight on the under card in separate bouts are Worcester cruiserweight Roy "House of" Payne (14-11-4, 6 KOs), South Boston lightweight Eddie McAloney (11-5, 5 KOs), New Bedford lightweight David Marmood (3-1), and South Boston middleweight Martin "The Irish Assassin" Thorton (1-0-1, 1 KO). Powell (1-0, 1 KO), a junior middleweight from Brooklyn, is a southpaw many boxing experts believe is a future world champion. He is matched against Many "Cheeks" Teo (4-9, 3 KOs), of Hudson (MA), in a scheduled four rounder. In the eight-round main event, super middleweight Shaun "Big Trouble" Creegan (13-1-2, 2 KOs), of Plainfield via Lynn, faces Brockton tough guy Danny Sheehan. WIBA No. 1 ranked middleweight Leaticia "Baby Girl" Robinson (8-0, 7 KOs), of Chicago, puts her unbeaten record on the line in the six-round co-feature, against Evelyn Holley (1-2-1), of Pennsauken, NJ. All matches and boxers are subject to change. Ticket prices are $40 (limited) ringside and $25 general admission. Call Pendarvis Boxing Promotions at 617-825-3283 to order tickets or for more information. Tickets are also available at Tara's Pub (1912 Dorchester Ave. 617.282.5637) and will also be sold at the door. (The National Guard Armory in Braintree is located at 275 Union St., off exit 17.) Contact publicist Bob Trieger for press credentials by noon Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 978-664-0386 or bobtfcp@hotmail.com

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Sat. 14

The Old Ship Kitchen Tour- Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will feature eight private kitchens and the Square Café's kitchen for viewing. Tickets are $18 in advance and $20 on the day of the tour. Ticket on tour day will only be sold at Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. Advanced tickets are available at the following locations: Buttonwood Book Store in Cohasset, Bowl & Board and Bookport in Hingham Square, Corson's Glass House on Route 53, and the Hingham Public Library.

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Second Annual Stroll For Seniors, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m. at D.W. Field in Brockton to benefit the support of homecare services. For more information call Old Colony Elderly Services at 508-584-1561.

MDC and The Department of Fire Service will sponsor **Family Fire Safety Day** on Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Stop , drop everything and roll on over to Houghton's Pond. Tour the displays of new and antique fire trucks. Meet Smokey Bear, Sparky the Fire dog and their friends. Check out the fire education displays, demonstrations, vendors, games and activities. For more information call 617-698-1802.

The Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society, Hewitt's Cove Hingham will wrap up the summer season with a family cruise of the Boston Harbor Islands on Sept. 14. Departing from Hewitt's Cove at noon aboard the Massachusetts Bay Lines Freedom, the Fort Revere Park staff will be joined by re-enactors from several eras of American History and historical interpreters ready to share their knowledge of the harbor's legends and lore. A stop at Peddock's Island will allow kids to play games as adults can opt for a guided tour of Fort Andrew, before re-boarding for a spin through the harbor. Tickets $35 adults/$15 children. Lunch is provided with the ticket price. For more information, call 617-727-4468.

MADD's Eighth Annual Canal Walk, Sept. 14 at the Scusset Beach Fish Pier, MADD's Southeastern Mass and Cape Cod Chapters invites the community to join Pixy 103's Ken Allen, 96.3 The Rose's Shane Blue and Cool 102's Randy Clemens as they duel for "Top DJ". These radio personalities will be at the walk and are challenging listeners to pledge money for their team. To sponsor a DJ, send your check payable to MADD, 184 Wapping Road, Kingston, 02364 with a note as to which DJ you are sponsoring. To walk with the DJs call 866-906-6233 to request a registration form.

The South Shore Genealogical Society invites the public to a meeting on Sept. 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Norwell Public Library, 64 South Street. The speaker will be Carol E. Mesheau, historian and educator and currently the Vice Chairperson of the Norwell Historical Society. For more information call 781-837-8364.

26th Annual Corn Festival at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. celebrating the natural and cultural heritage of New England...the foods, crafts and traditions centered around the fall harvest. Highlights will include a pie contest, a miller in colonial garb from the Jenney Grist Mill, who will demonstrate the corn milling process. Learn the history of johnnycakes, see traditional craft demonstrations and vendors with handcrafted items for sale, musical performers, a farmer's market, corn chowder and annual scarecrow contest, animal demonstrations, nature walks, hayrides and more. The center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. To enter the pie baking contest you'll need to bake two mini-pies (4-inch pie pans will be provided) one will be sold at the farmer's market bake table, and the other will be entered into the competition Call 781-659-2559 for a registration form or stop by the center to pick up the pie pans for the contest.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, will host the **Skinner Appraisal Day** on Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Single item $10 members/$15 non-members. Three items $25 members/$30 non-members. All proceeds benefit the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Light refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-925-5433 or visit www.bostonharborheritage.org

Prowse Farm City Festival, Ninth annual event featuring Raptor Project of exotic birds of prey, rock climbing walls, championship competition oxen pulling, 4-H, farmer's market, equine exhibitions, sheepherding dogs, chain saw wood displays, live entertainment including The Poni-Tails from New York ("Born Too Late"), antique car show. Admission free. Parking $5 per vehicle with on-site parking. For more information call 781-828-3276 or www.prowsefarm.org

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW, 22 Church St., Rockland will sponsor a **penny sale** on Sept. 14 from 1 to 4 .p.m. Proceeds for auxiliary charities. Raffle drawings will be held for chairmen's projects. For information or for donations call Joan at 781-8789-2354.

The Dessert Club Coffee House, located at the First Parish Church of Taunton Church Green across from City Hall, Taunton, will feature **Carol Noonan/Rick Harris,** both formerly of Knots & Crosses. Show starts at 8 p.m. doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets $12. Coffee, tea, cold soda, water and desserts at every show. For more information call 508-824-4143 or email thedessertclub@aol.com

Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Braintree presents **The New Blue Revue All Star Jam** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano** and featuring 16-year-old **Ryan Fardy**. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-356-4311.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **KD Bell Review** on Sept. 14. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

ricky t's, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Mill No. 3, North Plymouth presents **Fat City Band** on Sept. 14, from 9 p.m. to close. For more information call 508-732-9700 or visit www.rickyts.com

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Elizabeth Hause of Scituate creates her own masterpiece during Donna Rossetti-Bailey's pastel class at the SSAC. Pastels — Still Life to Landscape will be offered Wednesday mornings.

Autumn Adult art classes begin Sept. 17 at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. Courses include the Basics of Drawing, Intermediate Drawing-The Next Steps, Drawing and Painting for the Petrified and more. The art center is located at 19 Ripley Road. For more information and to register call (781) 383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Sun. 15

Adams National Historical Park, 1873 Carriage House, 135 Adams St., Quincy invites visitors to a Constitutional Convention on Sept. 17, 1787, at 1 p.m. on Sept. 15. Members of the audience will assume the roles of various delegates to the convention and will represent their state in a debate that will determine the fate of a nation. Admission is free. To reserve a space and for more information, call 617-770-1175.

Eighth Annual Folk & Fur Fest 2002- Standish Humane Society's Benefit Walk for Animals - Sunday, Sept. 15 , (rain or shine) Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A three-mile walk. paved route, handicapped accessible. Your walk begins as soon as you sign-in. Festivities include Life folk performances, 4-H demonstrations, rescue groups, refreshments. Dog contests for largest dog, smallest dog, loudest bark, best tail wagger, best trick, best smoocher. For more information call 781-834-4663 or visit wwwstandish-humanesociety.com

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. Sept. 15, a difficult walk, strenuous and steep, 2.5 miles. Great Blue Hill read dot trial to the North and South Skyline loop. Meet at the Trailside Museum not lot on Route 138 in Milton. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

Veteran's Memorial Park in Hull is venue for three free concerts sponsored by Pyne Funeral

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Reunions

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL- A reunion for all Rockland High School classes up to the year 1957 will be held at the Sons of Italy, 75 Market St., Rockland, on Sept. 21. Social hour at 6 p.m. buffet at 7 p.m. along with music and dancing. $20 per person Wheelchair accessible. For information call 781-878-1772 or 781-878-4935.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH CLASS OF 1982 20th High School Class Reunion. Friday, Oct. 4, at Venezia Restaurant in Quincy. Send all new address information to Weymouth South High 1982 Reunion P.O. Box 505 Hingham, MA 02043 or email to wshs1982@hotmail.com

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE 150TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON All classes invited on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 12:30 p.m. at the Radisson, Boston. If you are not on our mailing list, call Helen Segouin at 781-289-9567.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com <mailto:indelicato@attbi.com>.

MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 REUNION will be held on Friday, evening, Sept. 20, at DoubleTree Guests Suits, Waltham. The reunion committee is still looking for some classmates. If you are or know a member of the class of 1952 who has not yet received any mail on this subject, call addresses in to Ed Landry at 781-273-6664 for inclusion in the upcoming mailing of invitations.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 AND 1968 will hold a joint class reunion on Sept. 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the new function hall at the Rockland Golf Course. A buffet dinner will be served with music and dancing to follow. Classmates will receive an invitation in the mail soon. For further information, contact Dave Marsden (1967) at 781-689-4244 or Jan (Palli) Fredericks (1968) at 781-837-2074.

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Home of Hingham. "Music at the Gazebo" concerts will take place on Sept. 15, and 22, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. On Sept. 15, **Gregg Savage Quintet** featuring swing and big band tunes. Sept. 22, **The Pastels** featuring Big Band and Broadway show tunes. The park is located at the intersection of Nantasket and Samoset Avenues across from Hull Donut House. Free parking is available at the Hull Redevelopment authority. Concert goers should bring their own seating. Performances will be cancelled if it rains.

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The South Shore Conservatory's Staircase gallery features the paintings of Hingham artist Dianne Dolan through the end of October. The gallery is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Admission to the gallery is free and it is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

Mon. 16

Scared Heart High School announces that spaces are available for its 21st Annual Hollyberry Fair to be held on Nov. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 100 spaces, Saturday evening Pasta Dinner. Proceeds to benefit the Alumni Fund which helps to provide scholarship assistance. For an application, contact Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Highway, Kingston, MA, 02364, 781-585-7511, ext 345 or email shhsalum@hotmail.com

Tues. 17

Singles In The Suburbs is a non-profit club for singles from ages 21 to 45, offering activities for people to meet in a casual environment. For more information or a newsletter call 781-721-4220.

The Olde Kids On The Block, a 20-piece orchestra will be at the Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday beginning Sept. 17 through Aug. 19, 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person, all are welcome, no smoking, wheelchair-accessible.

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to senior citizens (65 years old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify. For more information, call 1-800-246-6010.

Wed. 18

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will host Dr., Sanford Auerback, a behavioral neurologist, assistant professor of neurology and assistant director of neurology at the Boston Medical Center. He is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and also a founding director of the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore. The meeting is free and open to anyone interested in learning more about the disease. For more information call 781-749-0795 or 781-740-2426. Respite care for the patient is available at no cost during the meeting at Harbor House in Hingham so family may attend this lecture. Call Gervaise Haley at 781-749-4774 x843 by 3 p.m. on Sept. 18.

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Thurs. 19

South Shore Women's Business Network Brown Bag Seminar Sept. 19, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Murphy Hesse, Toomey, & Lehane, Quincy Topic will be Recent Legal Decisions in Employees Benefit Law. This presentation is a comprehensive overview of the past year's developments in labor and employment law, including all types of discrimination, harassment, leave issues, employment contract issues, basic and hiring and firing, and employee benefits. To register call 781-749-8883 or fax 781-749-3130 or visit www.sswbn.org

Tea Tasting hosted by **Woodacres Farms Soap,** 46 Columbia Park, Pembroke. Celebrate Teas of the World with **Jennifer Geronaitis**, founder of Tea Time World Wide. Discover the history and magic of the leaf, while you learn to brew the perfect cup. $10 per person, limited seating. Call 781-826-9720 to reserve a seat.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Jo Ann Burns** will demonstrate painting in oils. the public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

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George Washington (portrayed by John Stanwich) prepares to lead the Constitutional Convention at the Adams National Historic Park.

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Jimbos Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners presents **9 Year Anniversary Show** hosted by **Chris Johnston** featuring **Paul D'Angelo, Annette Pollack, Joe List, Mindi Fay, Scott Higgins and Troy Diamond.** For more information, call 781-848-0300.

Cat's Blues Club located at **Cataloni's Restaurant**, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland, presents **New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano** every Thursday night during September. All shows start at 9 p.m.. No cover. Handicap accessible. 781-878-0834.

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Fri. 20

The Company Theatre in Norwell presents **Songs For A New World**. This energetic revue-style musical by Tony Award-winning composer, Jason Robert Brown, is a compilation of songs of personal discovery; from ballads to pop to R & B. The show runs Sept. 20 and 21. Both shows at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced in advance $18 and $21 the day of the show and are on sale at the box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787. Visit the web site at www.companytheatre.com

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Ongoing Events

Artica Gallery 22, Depot St., Duxbury presents **Adventures in Art,** featuring folk artist **Jeanne Replogle**. The exhibit will run from Sept. 7 through Oct. 31. An opening reception will be held Sept. 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free. Two steps at the door.

The James Library and Center for the Arts presents **"Sweet America"** a show of recent primitive oil paintings by Hanson artists Virginia Young to be shown during the month of September through Oct. 2.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Pursue activities that help you to maintain a peaceful, positive attitude this morning. Jupiter opposes Neptune at 8:07 a.m., and the moon continues its travel in intensive Scorpio. Take time out for yourself; reflect on and learn from past experiences. Open your heart to higher visions. Read yesterday's advice. The Scorpio moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive at 6:52 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The moon enters Sagittarius at 1:44 a.m., generating a lighter, brighter mood today and tomorrow. It is best to start new activities before 5:04 p.m., when the moon aligns with Jupiter, the planetary ruler of Sagittarius. On the other hand, don't go to extremes or make foolish promises or purchases. Use common sense. A lunar alignment to Mars at 5:28 p.m. warns you to drive defensively and be extra cautious when operating machinery. The remainder of the evening rates high for fun and games.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

It may be difficult to focus on practical matters and be productive today. Try to get work projects out of the way early in the day, so that you can spend extra time enjoying favorite sports and hobbies. The first quarter moon occurs at 2:08 p.m. A full moon is building up and will culminate September 21. The Sagittarius moon continues to generate an upbeat, adventurous mood. A lunar alignment to Uranus makes this a great evening for partying. Take a walk on the wild side.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The planet Mercury takes the spotlight today. At 3:39 p.m. Mercury, standing at 13-degrees of Libra, begins retrograde travel until October 6. That means that you should avoid making major decisions, purchases, commitments in this period. The Sagittarius moon becomes inactive at 3:54 a.m. until 6:47 a.m., when a Capricorn moon takes over. If you have work projects to accomplish, this is a great weekend for it. Tackle jobs you have been putting off; you can get them out of the way.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

The moon continues to travel in pragmatic Capricorn throughout the day. Zero in on responsibilities you have taken on or commitments you have made to others. Now is the time to follow through. Plan a busy day. Don't sabotage your efforts by getting caught up in worries or fears. Focus on work or study projects. You can be most productive.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

The Capricorn moon aligns with the sun and becomes inactive at 1:58 a.m., making for a slow-starting morning. Take your time. Make up a list of things to do; tackle chores, errands, jobs that need a finishing touch. Influences begin to turn around at 2:54 p.m., when the moon enters innovative Aquarius. The remainder of the day is prime for participating in group activities, team sports, charitable drives, community endeavors.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

An Aquarius moon sets the stage for an upbeat, social day. A lunar polarity to Jupiter this morning, however, warns you to know your limits. Don't overdo or overextend. Sleep on new ideas and don't make major commitments. The Aquarius moon forms easy contacts to Mercury in the afternoon and Pluto this evening. Planetary influences are prime for problem-solving, troubleshooting. Keep an open mind. Be willing to explore new ideas; be open to new experiences. You can cut through obstacles and find new inspiration and insights.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today. Avoid rigid time schedules; be flexible. An Aquarius moon may point you in directions you would not normally travel. This day is ideal for trying something new and different. Others may bring interesting or exciting news or ideas. Spend extra time on the information highway; chat, network, collaborate. Social activities get the green light this evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The moon enters Pisces at 1:18 a.m., and the final windup to this month's full moon begins. The full moon will culminate Saturday, at the tail end of Pisces. Today a 90-degree alignment of Venus and Neptune warns you to stay alert and use common sense. Don't take anything at face value. Postpone making purchases or promises. On the other hand, this planetary combination is ideal for developing projects that require your imagination and creativity.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Lunar alignments to Mars and Pluto this morning warn you to take it slow and easy. Drive defensively. Give greater attention to accuracy and details. Keep a cool head. The Pisces full moon continues to build throughout the day. Channel high energy constructively. You can make great headway developing creative and artistic projects. The stage is set for an exciting, 'anything can happen' kind of evening. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

Lend a hand

TRAINING FOR NEW POOL OF SWIM VOLUNTEERS Swim With A Special Child hopes to expand its pool of volunteers as the program plunges into its 31st year of weekly swim classes for students with mental and/or physical disabilities. SWASC will hold orientation and training sessions for new and returning volunteers Sept. 17 and 24 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton. Free child care is provided for training and for weekly Tuesday classes beginning Oct. 1. Swimmers of all ability levels are needed to swim one-on-one with students age 3 to 22. No special skills are required, and a SWASC staff of class leaders and swim instructors works with each pair of swim buddies. Volunteers may swim for one, two or all three class sessions on Tuesdays from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m., Johnson said, and "floaters" and "snowbirds" are also welcome to come when they can.

PARENTAL STRESS LINE: Make a difference for children and their parents. parents' and children's services needs volunteers as telephone counselors for the parental Stress Line. A comprehensive training is given and volunteers can choose from a weekly three and a half hour shift, day or evening, weekday or weekends. Located by the Back Bay T stop. There is training class scheduled for Sept. 28, at 10 a.m.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON is sprucing up for the busy year ahead as it closes its doors for its annual Fall Spruceup from Sunday, Sept. 1 through 16. Volunteers are needed. If you can clean, paint, sew and mend, launder, do light carpentry or have any other skills, we can use you. For more information call 508-230-3789.

BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS Offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office, 1458 Hancock St., and weekly ones at the Boston office. An informational session will be held Sept. 18 from noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. in Quincy. Call 617-328-1061 or 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org.

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Good grades for the opening of school last week

By Brian J. Scully
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Despite two major construction projects and a week-old school department-based busing plan, the Cohasset schools opened with minimal problems last week.

The construction at the Deer Hill School and the middle-high school continues, with the Deer Hill scheduled for completion this December and the middle-high school one year later, but students and faculty are beginning to see the benefits of the renovations. The students are operating in new areas of construction and the buildings were ready to open as scheduled.

"It is absolutely a credit to the people that have been involved in this," said Supt. Edward Malvey, listing all the town factions involved in the smooth opening. "I've been involved in seven construction projects. They are never always 100 percent easy, but this has been the most time-pressured one in terms of making sure that we were ready in a livable safe environment."

As for the busing situation, Malvey feels that the first week of operation was a success, given the circumstances.

"We had some new drivers, so sure there were some glitches, stops being missed or routes not fully understood by the drivers," said Malvey. "We were able to make the final arrangements just a week before we got into school, but again, with Ivan (Klimko, business manager) and the bus drivers we are making things work."

"It is absolutely a credit to the people that have been involved in this."

— Supt. Edward Malvey

The problems that did present themselves the first day were minimized thereafter.

"I think that the first day was probably a little rough time-wise trying to get everyone in, but we didn't lose anyone," said Malvey. "The mishaps the second day smoothed out a little more and I anticipate that the third day and the fourth day will just get better and better and better."

Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford was present at last week's School Committee meeting in order to highlight some of the people involved in the smooth transition to the start of the school year.

"I received a letter from the architect today, stating from both the contractors, architect, and all the sub-contractors, that this project would not have gone as smoothly as it has without all of (Project Manager) Simon Tempest's work.," said Spofford. "I know that you spent a fair amount of money in the budget on that project manager and that really has come back to us 100 fold."

Spofford also complimented Malvey for his work on the project as well as the teachers.

"In walking around these past evenings, it is obvious that the teachers really made an effort working here over the weekend," said Spofford. "Labor Day weekend is intended to be a time where we sit back and enjoy ourselves. Particularly at the Deer Hill School, with the elementary school environment, at least from a layman's perspective, you can really see the teachers had gone in there over the Labor Day weekend and I understand from Ted (Malvey) and Paul (Callahan), those teachers did give up their Labor Day Weekend this year because we did push the envelope a little bit, maybe closer than we intended to do."

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First-grader Antje White musters her classmates before they file into the Osgood School for the first day last week.

School Committee member Pat Martin then singled out Spofford for praise as well.

"I'd like to thank you as well Rob for providing the leadership for this project as well as back with the Osgood School project," said Martin. "You did a find job of keeping this project, which is twice the size of the last project in the same mode as being on-time, and on-schedule without a lot of glitches."

School Committee chairman Rick Flynn summed up the opening from his perspective.

"I think it was just a fantastic effort by everyone involved," said Flynn. "Given the condition of the school for the opener, it really is a testament of everyone working together. It's not done, but the schools opened on time and they are safe."

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Highland Ave. hosts primary politicking

32 percent is local turnout

By Mary Ford
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The folks walking their dogs, playing with their children, or sitting on the benches and watching the ducks in the pond on a pristine late summer day on the Town Common seemed oblivious to all the politicking along Highland Avenue.

And who could blame them. The lawn had returned green with recent rain and the sun was sparkling through the blue-sky overhead — making the 300-year-old Common more a place for relaxation and reflection than one to play out the hard world of politics.

Nevertheless, diehard campaigners for a range of candidates lined "political row" along Highland Avenue as they do in Cohasset for every town, state or national election.

They were there again Tuesday supporting hometown candidates Bruce Herzfelder (state treasurer) and Nathaniel

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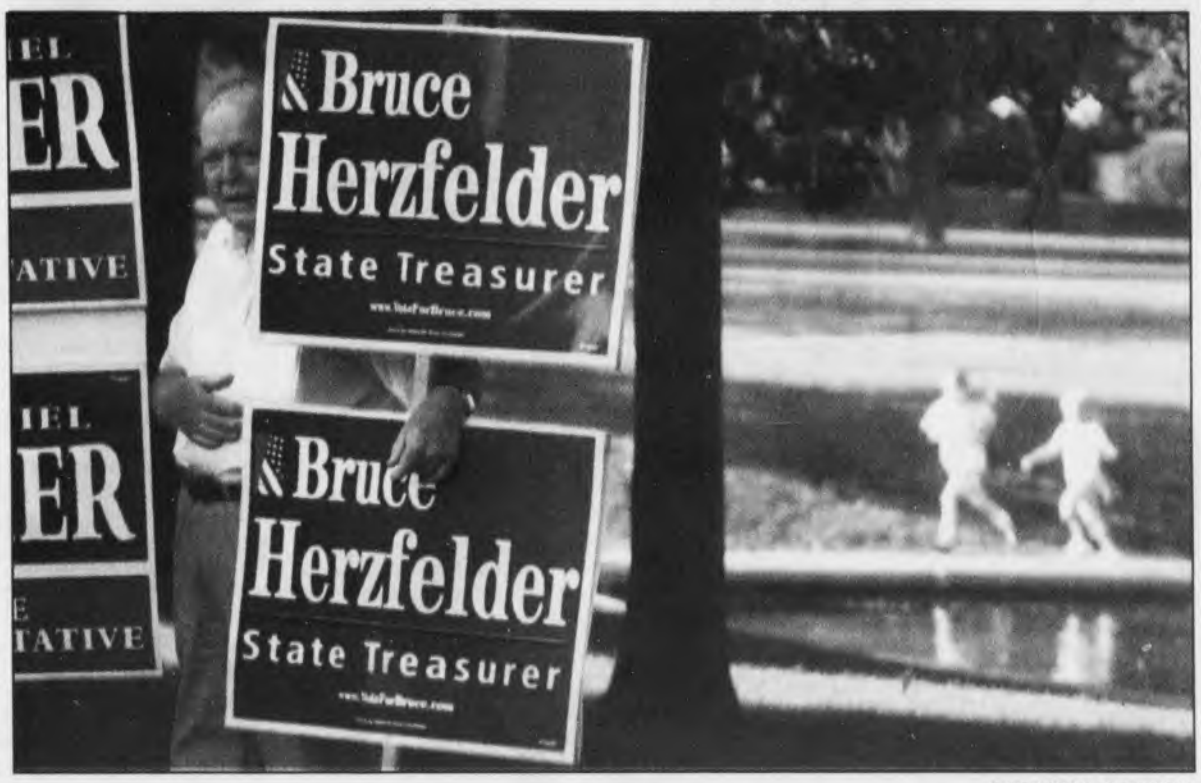

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Jim Mullen holds a placard for Cohasset's Bruce Herzfelder near the duck pond during Tuesday's primary.

Police, fire HQ add on floated

Would add space to existing building

By Brian J. Scully
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It's no secret the police and fire department have cramped quarters.

Back in 1962 when it was built, the police side of the facility housed 10 full-time police officers, plus the chief. Today it serves 19 full-time officers, plus six civilian dispatchers, a secretary, an animal control officer and three seasonal police officers.

Where the police station was built the communications center consisted of a wooden desk, rotary telephone and radio.

And 40 years ago, female firefighters and paramedics were virtually non-existent. Today, they need accommoda-

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Train right-of-way is railroaded, critics say

Land taking at midnight

By Mary Ford
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If you've never read the Massachusetts Constitution, you're not alone.

But John Bewick, head of the anti-Greenbush Advocates for Transportation Alternatives, dubbed AfTA, has read it and he understands what "Article 97" means. And it's likely the state legislators know what it means too.

Article 97 protects land from being taken out of conservation or parkland use without a two-thirds roll call vote of the both houses of the state Legislature.

So when Cohasset agreed last year to a friendly land-taking by the MBTA of its town-owned, six-mile rail bed in exchange for $1.6 million for not opposing the matter in court – it got Bewick's attention.

AfTA subsequently launched a lawsuit telling Cohasset it didn't have the right to give up the right-of-way without the vote. The opportunity to vote should have provided a public hearing on the issue and a chance to debate Greenbush on Beacon Hill.

But any hope for a public airing on Greenbush was doused at 2:01 a.m., Aug. 1 just before the end of the legislative session (that was supposed to end two hours earlier on July 31), when the 40-page, $401 million Transportation Bond Bill got its two-thirds vote in the Senate without any debate, save a lone voice from state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth. The bill passed the House that same night. Bond bills provide authorization for the state to borrow money for construction projects.

Buried in the bill was the blanket authorization enabling the MBTA to perform land takings.. Attaching the authorization to the bond bill, may have killed the lawsuit, although AfTA lawyers are still reviewing the matter.

"It was very disappointing not to even get a hearing on such an issue," said Bewick, a former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs. "The process, without open hearings, diminishes Article 97 protections of open space and conservation lands, and should be of significant concern to environmentalists around the state."

In the House, state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who is a Greenbush opponent, tried to strike the "Greenbush language" but to no avail.

"My feeling was Article 97 means we were supposed to have an up or down vote and not try an end-run around a lawsuit with language stuck in a 40-page bill at 2 a.m.," said Bradley, also pointing out there was only one copy of the bill floating around for 160 legislators.

Bradley explained the bond bill also contained money for local projects, making it difficult to rally any support from fellow legislators to oppose it.

"The majority of legislators had something they wanted in it, so it was very hard to get enough votes against the bill because so many have a stake in it," he said.

Bradley, who voted against the bond bill, said it was his understanding the Secretary of Transportation inserted the language to "codify the mitigation agreements" with Cohasset and Scituate, which also owned its right-of-way, and make the lawsuit moot by a two-thirds vote on this bill.

"This is certainly not the way to do business," he said. "I'd rather have a true Article 97 vote."

Hedlund, who is a member of the Transportation Committee, said the Greenbush right-of-way, land-taking authorization is just a small example of the "textbook, sleazy back-room politics" that took place with the bond bill, which he voted against.

For one thing the bond bill never went to Conference Committee, which irons out differences between the Senate and

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Taking community preservation to heart

New act has both benefits, challenges

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Stuart Ivimey outside the Cohasset Historical Society's John Wilson House, which is being renovated thanks to the Community Preservation Act that the town adopted last year.

By Brian J. Scully
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Should you happen upon Stuart Ivimey strolling through the Village one sunny morning, beware.

Comment on the weather, ask about his family, but under no circumstances mention the Community Preservation Act.

Should even the slightest breeze inadvertently turn your head towards the vicinity of Elm Street and the John Wilson House renovation – the first tangible work of the Community Preservation Committee, of which Ivimey is chairman – your fine, warm morning will soon become late afternoon.

Consider yourself warned.

The above is obviously a dramatization, but it is firmly rooted in fact. Stuart Ivimey is many things – a former Navy Lieutenant, a lawyer, and a husband among them – but the fairly new Cohasset resident (The Ivimeys moved to town in May of 1999), has attacked his role as the chairman of the CPC with a ferocity worthy of his military background and an aptitude derived from his legal training.

"It's probably the law background and the desire to do something for and in the town (more so than the military background)," said Ivimey of decision to serve on the committee. "It seemed like a great opportunity to make a contribution to the town at a time when the town is facing many fundamental changes with the train, revitalization of downtown area and with 40B."

But sitting down in Ivimey's office, you get the feeling that there is something deeper driving him. He loves the CPA something fierce, despite its flaws.

The CPA is a unique structure, which is what attracts Ivimey to it. It draws its funds from two sources – the real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset it is 1.5 percent) and some level of matching funds from the state, derived from a roughly

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The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Sept. 16:

School Committee, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m., at the High School library.

Democratic Town Committee, Sept. 21, at 9 a.m.

Sewer Commission, Sept 23 at 5:00 p.m. (Jerusalem Road Estates), Oct. 21, at 7 p.m.

Board of Health, Sept. 24 and Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

Open Space Committee, Sept. 24 and Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Sept. 24, at 5:30 p.m., Oct. 7 and Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, Tues., Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Resources Committee, 7 p.m., Sept. 25

Conservation Commission, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, and Oct. 24 at 7:30 p. m.

Conservation Commission, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Growth and Development Committee, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

491 Jerusalem Rd. hearing continued

The Zoning Board of Appeals decided to continue the hearing until Oct. 7 on the remodeling of 491 Jerusalem Road (across from Linden Drive) because the revised plans were not on file at Town Hall for two weeks prior to Monday's hearing.

The initial decision, which came in February, was appealed by the owners, Margaret Fitzpatrick and William Shelton. The court remanded the case back to the town's Board of Appeals.

"We had a decision in February," said Heidi Condon, of HC Design in Cohasset, the architect hired by the owners. "It was a limited decision. The only reason we appealed it was to give us time to work within the limitations that the town put on the project."

Condon stated that the mix-up was "merely a misunderstanding," and that the plans will be on file as soon as possible.

Coastal cleanup

Coast Sweep of Straits Pond and local beaches is from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 21.

Meeting place is Gun Rock Playground, Atlantic Avenue, Hull (Wear gloves, long sleeves and boots.)

For more information contact: Lawry Reid Tel: 925-8659, email: viaspeech@mediaone.net

$25K grant to study Lily Pond

ENSR, a national environmental consulting firm, is performing a water quality study of Lily Pond for the Water Commission under a $25,000 grant from the state Department of Environmental Management.

"This study will help us to improve drinking water quality," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "by giving us valuable information about the sources of nutrient loading into Lily Pond and what to do about it. Lily Pond is beset by weeds and algae, in a condition known as eutrophication, caused by the drainage of nitrates and phosphates, primarily from septic systems and storm water runoff from the surrounding area into the pond."

The Lily Pond study includes sampling of pond water and sediments, review of available data and past efforts to manage vegetation, evaluation of key watershed features that impact the pond, assessment of pond biota including existing plants, use of multiple nutrient and water load estimation strategies to characterize the range of likely nutrient inputs, and evaluation of the full range of possible management actions and selection of recommended alternatives on the basis of expected water quality improvements, technical feasibility, and cost effectiveness.

"This study will also evaluate the amount of total organic carbon (TOC) in the pond," said McNabb. "Since TOC is a precursor of the production of trihalomethanes (THM's), a contaminant caused by the interaction of chlorine with solid matter in the water, this study will help us to further reduce THM levels in the water supply to better protect public health."

The study will cost a total of $50,000, paid for by a $25,000 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection with a local match from the Water Commission. The study began in July and is expected to be concluded by the end of December, 2002.

Public invited to tour new schools

Supt. Edward Malvey, the School Committee and the School Building Committee are extending an invitation to all interested citizens for walking tours of the newly finished sections of the middle-high and Deer Hill school construction projects.

An Unguided tour of both schools is scheduled for 8:30-10:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21. Although visitors will be on their own, someone will be available to answer questions, Malvey said.

Anyone with questions, should call Malvey's office at 781-383-6111.

40B ZBA-Avalon schedule listed

The Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled the following 40-B meetings related to the AvalonBay project:

10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21 (site visit, 155 King St.)

7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 23 (Avalon's presentation)

7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 28 (Avalon's presentation)

Nov. 18 - Special Town Meeting

7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16 (input from various town boards)

Meeting dates are subject to change. All 40B meetings, with the exception of the site visit and Special Town Meeting, will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Free thermometer exchange Oct. 26

Cohasset residents who bring toxic mercury thermometers or thermostats to the hazardous waste collection on Oct. 26 will be given a free digital fever thermometer. The Town of Cohasset joins a statewide effort to eliminate mercury from households and from the environment in providing this opportunity, in conjunction with American Ref-Fuel at SEMASS and the South Shore Recycling Cooperative. Thermometers may also be swapped at the Cohasset Board of Health during regular office hours while supplies last.

The toxic heavy metal is liquid at room temperature, and evaporates readily. A mercury thermometer contains about a gram of the element, an amount sufficient to render a ton of fish unfit for consumption. Proper cleanup of a broken thermometer is very difficult and should be done by a professional. If incinerated, mercury becomes airborne, and washes into lakes, streams and groundwater when it rains. It is concentrated in the bodies of organisms that consume it as it moves up the food chain. Improper disposal of mercury thermometers is a major source of mercury contamination in fish. It is estimated that 17 tons of mercury from thermometers is released into the environment annually.

Other common household products that contain mercury include fluorescent lamps, non-electronic thermostats, and many button batteries. Such products should be disposed of separately from household trash at the Oct. 26 Household Hazardous Product Collection from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., or at the Universal Waste Shed, at the Recycling Transfer Station.

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For further information, contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

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Mon. 23	12:54	10.0	7:00	1:11	9.9	7:20
Tues. 24	1:32	9.8	7:36	1:46	9.9	7:59
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Zoning Board settles in for a long Avalon process

By Brian J. Scully
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It was more of an orientation session than a public hearing, but Monday night's ZBA meeting regarding AvalonBay's plan to develop a 200-unit apartment complex at 155 King Street (across from Atlantic Bagel on 3A) under a comprehensive permit signaled the first appearance of Chapter 40B in Cohasset in over a decade.

The town has previously faced two proposed developments, in 1987 and 1989, but both projects stalled and were not built, despite being approved with conditions.

> **"We will be in session until everybody has been heard, at least on relevant issues."**
> — ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Woody Chittick began the meeting with a 15-minute introduction, laying down the ground rules for what he expects to be a hearing measured in months, not weeks. Most importantly, at least to the 30-some-odd people in attendance, was the decision not to allow public participation until after all the facts involved have been presented. At that time, though, Chittick promised that all pertinent questions would be entertained.

"We will be in session until everybody has been heard, at least on relevant issues," said Chittick. "We do believe though that the up-front time is going to be most valuably spent if we assemble a common fact base, rather than having one person having assumption A and another person having assumption Z."

Zoning Board member Barbara Power noted that it will be very easy to get information on where the hearing stands by attending the meetings themselves or watching them on cable. Power also pointed out that transcripts of the meetings will be available within two weeks of each meeting.

"We will not stop these hearings until everybody has had the opportunity to ask questions," said Power, who urged the public to stay informed on the issue.

Chittick first established several facts in terms of the board's responsibility before shifting into the ground rules. Chittick noted that the board is sworn to "uphold state law," and at this point in time that state law is Chapter 40B. He also stressed that the board was entering into the process from an unbiased viewpoint. Chittick went on to add that the board must be careful not to stray from its areas of jurisdiction – health, safety, and the environment. To do so would open the door for a successful appeal by the proponent.

After Chittick spoke, AvalonBay Vice President of Development Scott Dale launched into a broad overview of the project, addressing, at least topically, issues as varied as the amount of school-aged children the new development would bring, and the procedure for trash disposal.

"I think the board set the stage for a positive hearing process, which is nice to see right from the start," said Dale.

Above is a view of Avalon Estates in Hull, and to the right is Avalon Orchards in Marlborough. The Hull project is not 40B, but the Marlborough project is. Avalon says that the building style is indicative of what is planned for Cohasset.

"I think that it always helps to set people's expectations on how it's going to work.."

Both sides touched on the theme of negotiation, with Chittick saying that "negotiation and compromise are essential components of the process."

"In the final analysis, we'll have to make a decision whether to approve this project or not approve it and under what conditions or modifications," said Chittick. "That is our job and we have to be unbiased, like a court of law would have to be unbiased."

Process for Avalon hearings explained

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Woody Chittick took the first 15 minutes of the opening of the AvalonBay hearing Monday to make some clarifications and lay down some "ground rules."

The main points are:

- The ZBA is sworn to uphold state law and the state law that the board needs to uphold in this case is Chapter 40B (the state affordable housing law).
- The board noted that this hearing was to determine the merits of the application of AvalonBay Cohasset Inc., not to debate the merits of Chapter 40B.
- The ZBA can only base judgement on the areas of health, safety, and the environment.
- The board noted that there is a difference between a public hearing and a public forum. After board members feel comfortable that they have heard all the facts, there will be ample time allowed for legitimate concerns to be heard.
- Up until that point, any citizen comment should come in the form of a written letter, which the board will take into consideration.
- The board expects this to be a lengthy process, but intends to keep the public fully informed. The meetings will be televised on cable.
- The board urged all involved to provide "fact-based, not emotional" testimony.

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The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation has reduced its hours of operation from full-time to part-time. As a result the CRC will no longer have regular office hours. The office will be open in the day or evening by appointment only.

If you need assistance or would like to make an appointment please leave a voice message for Dean Rizzo, Executive Director at (781) 383-2449. The CRC office is located at 87 Elm St., which is across from Kimball's By The Sea.

Health programs

Parents, teachers, and school and health professionals are invited to attend "Making Connections, Making a Difference, Making It Work," a free community program presented by the South Shore School Partnership for Health, on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham.

The evening's presenter will be Edward Hallowell, MD, director of The Hallowell Center for Cognitive and Emotional Health. Hallowell is a psychiatrist and author of several books; his newest, "The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness," will be released this fall. He will lead a discussion focusing on the importance of connections between students and adults in the home and school settings, and identify practical strategies to build and sustain those connections.

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Police, fire headquarters add on is floated

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tions.

The good news is the police and fire departments could see improvements to their headquarters. But the bad news is those improvements, estimated at costing more than $600,000, will not solve all of their issues.

"It's a Band-Aid approach to a hemorrhage situation," Police Chief Robert Jackson told selectmen last week.

Jackson, however, is pleased selectmen supported the placement of an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant for $50,000 that would cover the cost of detailed architectural designs to expand the existing building. If voters give the OK at the Nov. 18 Special Town meeting, the bid process will begin and ideally the town would approach the spring Town Meeting for the money to cover the rest of the project, which would be paid for through retiring debt service and not affect the tax rate.

"I'm pleased that they supported it," said Jackson of the plan. "It's something that I'm going to have to deal with, but it is a good temporary fix."

However, the cost gave Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan pause. The project will add 1,500 square feet of space, through an addition in the front and the back of the existing structure. Since the project is so small and it will require six to eight months of construction, the price per square foot stands at more than $400, nearly twice that of the school project.

"It's not the long-term solution, and it seems like a lot of money for what we are accomplishing," said Sullivan said. "And that remains to be seen how that might be reduce from the $622,290 figure they were talking about."

Gene S. Raymond of Strekalovsky and Hoit Architects, which did the initial design and cost estimate, said he would rather quote a high price than have to come back and ask for more money from the town. Town Manager Mark Haddad pointed out Strekalovsky and Hoit have an excellent reputation in terms of cost estimation and that until the project is put out to bid, the accuracy of that estimated price cannot be known.

"My understanding is that they want to fund fees to design the project and put it out to bid and then come back to Town Meeting with a bid in hand," said Raymond.

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The addition on the front of the existing building, which will blend into the existing architecture, will create a large squad room for the police station, a report writing area, and an office space and on the fire department side, the expansion will add female firefighter quarters. A room for the captains, who presently exist in a cramped space, will be built on the back of the building..

"Well, they are never working together," said Fire Chief Roger Lincoln of his captains. "But the problem is that they each have their own designation Fire Prevention, EMS, Training and Administrative Assistant. They need a workspace where their records can be kept so that whoever is filling in for them when they are not working goes into that work area and retrieves the proper paperwork or research that is needed."

While concerned about the price, Sullivan sees the need for the expansion.

"I understand where the police and fire are coming from, but you are kind of caught between a rock and hard place," said Sullivan. "We don't have the funds right now to do the whole project and yet they have space constraints that they need to respond to, especially with the female firefighters and such."

An article to build the police department a new $4 million, 11,000-square-foot headquarters on land that resident Paul Barry donated to the town for that purpose off Route 3A, and let the firefighters take over the current station failed last year.

"Unfortunately we went to Town Meeting last November with a proposal to move the police station out," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "Because of the uncertainty of the school building and all of the other outstanding capital projects and the impact on the taxes, the town said, "Whoa, slow down. We understand the need, but we don't think we can afford this."

Despite its failure last year, the plan to move the police is still the long-term plan.

Strekalovsky & Hoit Architects' rendering of the front elevation of the proposed addition to police-fire headquarters.

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Library building to get exclusive real estate agent

$700K needed for the property

By Brian J. Scully
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The sale of the Paul Pratt Library on South Main Street has once again proven that these days, everybody needs an agent.

For the library, that agent will be of the real estate variety, but nonetheless, after two unsuccessful turns out to bid, the town is considering hiring one of the local real estate vendors to market the property.

"By allowing them to exclusively market, by soliciting bids from them to exclusively market, this might give them an incentive to bring someone to the table," said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

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The selectmen, on the recommendation of Haddad, rejected the latest bid of $500,000 from Mitchell Properties of Boston at their last meeting on Sept. 10. Mitchell would have paid $700,000 if the building could receive a variance allowing it to house seven units — $100,000 per unit — but Haddad said that obtaining such a variance would be impossible because of the density.

The property is zoned single-family residential so multi-family use would require a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, Building Inspector Bob Egan said.

The sale is linked to the renovation of the old Osgood School into the new Paul Pratt Library, because the town built a sale price of $700,000 into the new library's project budget. The new library is already under construction. The remainder of the financing came from a Town Meeting appropriation of $600,000, a state grant of $1.5 million and $1.1 million raised through private donors by the Library Trustees.

"Right now, we just can deal with the bid submitted, it just doesn't fit our finances," said Haddad.

The town will solicit bids from Atlantic Brokerage Group, Coastal Countryside Properties, Coldwell Banker Hunneman Hallmark, and Dwyer and Mullen. In order to be in compliance with state law, the property will still have to be put out to bid. This means that an agency, if one is selected, would bring a bidder to the town. The town would then open the property up to bid again. If the agency's bidder was the high bidder, the town would pay the fee, otherwise, the town would sell to the highest bidder, not paying the real estate fee.

The Attorney General and Town Counsel both signed off on the plan.

Numbers to be run on burying wires

By Brian J. Scully
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Telephone polls are ubiquitous.

They are so common, that they tend to blend into the surroundings.

If selectmen are so inclined and Town Meeting agrees, the telephone polls in the village could pull a disappearing act.

One of the options selectmen are considering for the Village Revitalization Project, which is now coming into focus, is burying the utilities underground. That aspect of village revitalization could cost from $800,000 to $1.2 million depending on the scope: whether to bury utility wires in all or part of the village. In order to pay for burying the wires, the town may have to ask Town Meeting for either a debt exclusion or capital exclusion of Proposition 2-1/2. If Town Meeting gives the go ahead, the project would still have to win a simple majority at the ballot box.

Last week, selectmen asked Haddad to "run numbers" on what the cost would be under various scenarios. A capital exclusion to Proposition 2-1/2 is a one-time, one-year override, while a debt exclusion provides an override for the life of the debt service.

"There's a shortfall of between $400,000 and $800,000 depending on which options the selectmen take," said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

The rest of the project is already funded by a variety of sources. The town received a $1.5 million state Public Works Economic Development grant for the for the streetscape revitalization, $1 million for the James Brook culvert as part of the MBTA mitigation package, a $169,000 Transportation Enhancement grant for the St. Stephen's sidewalk, while the installation of a new water main, at a cost of $38,000 will be paid for by the Water Department. (The MBTA is going pick up the tab, estimated at $500,000, to fix up the town parking lot, which was also part of the Greenbush Mitigation Agreement).

Haddad will report to the board at its Sept. 24 meeting.

Last winter an article seeking authorization for a surcharge on residents' utility and cable-TV bills to pay for installing underground wires was withdrawn prior to Town Meeting due to lack of support. The Planning Board and selectmen were opposed to assessing surcharges.

Board has doubts about illegal sewer hookups

By Brian J. Scully
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Despite recent rumors, Sewer Commissioner Gary Vanderweil does not believe that residents are connecting to the town's sewer system clandestinely, but warned that anyone who was would be caught.

"I really don't believe that anyone has connected surreptitiously," said Vanderweil. "In the end, everyone has to have a permit, so as everyone hooks up we'll find out."

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— Gary Vanderweil, Sewer Commission

Vanderweil said that as the process draws to a close, the commission will investigate those parties who have not yet connected.

"We'll count up connections and permits and visit homes in the end, so no one can get away with it for too long," said Vanderweil. "If, and when we catch them, we would back charge them fully."

Fellow Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz echoed Vanderweil's statements at a recent meeting.

"All I can say, and what I think that Gary told you, is that we don't know of anyone," said Kasperowicz. "Obviously, at some point we have to reconcile who has signed up. We'll look at houses on a street, and see which ones have signed up, and whoever hasn't signed up, see are they on a financial waiver or something like that, but it is just a process."

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Right-of-way gets railroaded

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House versions, as is the usual practice. However, under the rules, the bill can reach the floor if both versions are "melded together" so each side gets what it wants. That appeared to be the case, until Hedlund discovered the Massport provision that would have allowed communities affected by Logan and Hanscom airport traffic a seat at the table, was no longer in there.

"The ultimate Transportation Bond Bill package was done in violation of the rules by a few selected leaders in a backroom deciding what should be in there," said Hedlund.

In addition to the land-taking issue and the Massport Advisory Board (that contains no provisions to give a voice to communities like Hingham, Hull and Cohasset that are most affected by the proposed Logan expansion), also packaged in the bill were a change in the makeup of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Board, and full funding from the state's general fund for the development of the Fall River-New Bedford Commuter Rail Line.

"Within this bill are several gifts to leadership members that have been carefully crafted to evade further legislative action in some cases, and exclude parties with interests in the process from involvement in others," Hedlund said.

Hedlund, a vocal Greenbush critic, said he is not upset about the Bond Bill solely because of the Greenbush provision. He had doubts an Article 97 vote on the land transfer would have gone the way AfTA had hoped, even if the Legislature did it in the light of day.

But he is outraged by the change in the Mass. Turnpike Board that weakens the autonomy of the board by allowing two more members appointed by the governor, and the state funding of the Fall River-New Bedford line. He said two years ago, the Legislature agreed the MBTA would be financially self-sufficient.

"Now language tucked in the Transportation Bond Bill says that work will not be done under the MBTA's bond cap and not under its normal funding structure."

The whole scenario showed a lack of leadership and openness in government, Hedlund said.

Bewick said open government is the best protection against special interests "that put self interest above the public interest."

"We may or may not have prevailed, but an open debate would have illuminated the issue and led to better decision-making in my view," he said about the Greenbush right-of-way issue.

New train lawsuit looms

John Bewick, head of AfTA, says the group expects to take legal action in the near future over state Department of Environmental Protection wetlands permit issues in Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

"In this case, we will be defending the powers of local conservation commissions that are built into the Wetlands Protection Act and will be working with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions in defending positions taken by all three local conservation commissions," he said.

Bewick explained when a request for a wetlands permit is denied by the local conservation commission for inadequate information, as is the case with the MBTA's Greenbush project, then the DEP must remand the request for a permit back to the local conservation commissions after the information is complete.

But the DEP denied the permit on the basis of statutory requirements (the project will impact more than 5,000 square feet of bordering vegetated wetlands) without sending it back to the local commissions, he said.

"The MBTA has now gone forward and applied for a variance to the Wetlands Protection Act," Bewick said. "We agreed with the unified positions of all three local conservation commissions and the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions that this is a violation of the act and will challenge the process being used."

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Student services director resigns

By Brian J. Scully
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The School Department's Director of Student Services, Steve Kaplan, has informed Supt. Edward Malvey that he will be leaving the Cohasset School system to take a position in the Lincoln-Hanscom School District.

"He has notified me verbally that he is in the process of accepting a position in the Lincoln-Hanscom school district," said Malvey. "Steve was not actively looking to leave Cohasset, but apparently as people refer people to other people, someone wanted to talk to Steve."

The resignation is not official as of yet, but it should be soon and Malvey said he expects that the departure will come some time in October.

"Steve Kaplan was knowledgeable and professional in his field of expertise."

— Supt. Edward Malvey

"I think it is going to be a tremendous loss for us," said Malvey. "Steve Kaplan was knowledgeable and professional in his field of expertise. In his several years here in the district he has assisted us in matters as we have come to grips with some tremendous deficits not too long ago and he steered us through the process of the special education audit of which we are still following up with. "

Malvey credited Kaplan with righting the special education program in the district, noting that he was responsible for creating the position of school psychologist. This year, thanks to his work, the school will have a school psychologist intern as well.

"He has put the special education program here onto the right track relative to the changes that came about in the statutes," said Malvey.

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Taking community preservation to heart

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$20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office, mostly mortgages and refinancing. Cohasset is one of 32 towns in Commonwealth that adopted the legislation at first opportunity, but over 50 towns will participate next year. It is estimated by the Community Preservation Coalition, which lobbied for the creation of the law, that the funds generated by the fees will be sufficient to fund a 100 percent match for the first three years the law is in existence. It also contains what Ivimey terms an "Anti-Raiding provision." The money can only be spent by the legislative body of a municipality under the recommendation of the town's Community Preservation Committee in accordance with the statute. It's not just another emergency slush fund.

"They've created this multi-million dollar funding without creating a political machine and bureaucracy to siphon off it," said Ivimey of the Act. "It doesn't have to go through the Town Manager, it doesn't have to go through the selectmen, I like to say it is completely outside of the ordinary political process."

Ivimey keeps a copy of the CPA – all four-inches thick of it – in a binder near his desk and consults it several times during the interview. The pages are marked and worn, with sticky notes protruding from the juiciest sections. He is probably one of the only people not directly involved in the writing of, or lobbying for, the bill that has read the entire thing.

But how did the Connecticut-native, Washington and Jefferson College grad (Pennsylvania), with law degree from the University of Denver and a tour of duty during the Gulf War end up in Cohasset, studying the CPA?

"I quit my job in Connecticut to follow my wife, being a man of the 90s." said Ivimey with a chuckle. "She lived in Boston, I lived in Hartford. There's not too much to talk about there."

It was his duty to find a house on the South Shore and he settled upon Cohasset, a decision he is grateful he made.

"I've met a lot of great people," said Ivimey. "I'm amazed at just how passionate a lot of people are about this town. Cohasset is not short of opinions on just about anything."

And that is one reason he fits in so well. He has a vision for the law and given that this is the Act's first year in existence, there is some leeway in terms of its interpretation.

"There's no case law on the subject, there aren't volumes written on it coming out of Harvard Law Review," said Ivimey. "It's brand new, and that is one of the difficulties and the exciting challenges about it, determining, whether a particular program would qualify under this."

That's not to say Ivimey and the rest of the nine-member board, which includes mandated representatives from the selectmen, historical commission, planning board, housing authority, and open space committees, are wielding the law recklessly.

"We go out to the people with the expertise and say, 'What is it that you have identified and what are your needs. What do you think is the most important thing for the town to do in your field?'" said Ivimey. "We're the financial partner, we're not the operating partner."

Grace period

The committee enjoys a five-year grace period, after being voted into existence by the town. After that point, the town could vote to disaffirm its participation in the CPA. Ivimey and the board are determined not to let that happen.

"It's important that the committee be active and spending our money in a way that is fiscally sound, giving the taxpayer value on the dollar," said Ivimey. "We need to be active in a way that does the greatest good for the greatest number so that we will be viewed as an organization that is a benefit to the town."

The committee is committed to investigating cost-effective ways to meet goals in the three areas covered by the statute, historical preservation, open space, and affordable housing.

For instance, the committee recommended $600,000, which was then approved by Town Meeting, towards the purchase of 13 acres off of Beach Street. The rest of the money was left to be raised through other means such as private donation by those who had brought the proposal forward. If the rest of the funding does not come through, the money is not lost. If it does, the commitment of funds by the CPC will require that the town own the land. The end result, the town purchases land for pennies on the dollar.

More recently, with the proposed acquisition of the Barnes Estate which abuts Wheelwright Park, the CPC has been involved in the purchase of land that may not even cost them anything. $500,000 of the $1 million total will come from the MBTA mitigation package, and another $100,000 from the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private organization. The Conservation Trust has also pledged $150,000 in matching funds for private donations which could add another $300,000 to the coffers. If a state grant comes through, the CPC will have played a role in conservation without having to spend a dime.

Since the committee needs to spend at least 10 percent on each of the three divergent areas, there is often healthy debate.

"It's almost impossible to reconcile those three interests, so it is not a meeting of the minds, it's a meeting of the interests which are served by the committee, and those interests are competitive," said Ivimey. "Put it this way, it is impossible to find an antique building, where you can put low-to-moderate income housing, that has a big backyard."

But in many ways that is his, and the committee's charge. Find a way to preserve the community in the most effective way it can given the fact that land, preservation, and affordable housing are expensive.

It is a charge, though, that Ivimey takes seriously. He has adopted this piece of legislation personally, and in many ways it his baby. Just don't ask him about it unless you are prepared to know everything you ever wanted to know about the Community Preservation Act.

Community Preservation Act at a glance

· Cohasset is one of 32 towns that adopted the Community Preservation Act for this fiscal year.

· Funds from the CPA can be spent in three specific areas: open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation.

· Aside from minor administrative costs, the CPC does not spend money. The CPC only makes recommendations to the legislative authority in a town or municipality, (in Cohasset's case, Town Meeting).

· Each year, the CPC must spend or bank 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of the three specific areas.

· CPA funds are generated from two sources, a town real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset 1.5 percent) and a some level of state match, determined from year-to-year. The state funds are derived from a $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office statewide.

· The state contribution to a town's Community Preservation Fund takes place in three rounds. The first round takes 80 percent of the state's annual revenue raised pursuant to the CPA (through the funds raised at the Recorder of Deeds) and distributes that money as matching funds at the highest percentage possible across all the towns enrolled in the program. Cohasset does not qualify for the second two rounds, which require the town to have enacted a 3 percent real estate surcharge.

· According to the Community Preservation Coalition, which lobbied for the Act's creation, the level of state match should be 100 percent for the first three years of the Act's existence.

· The Department of Revenue, which oversees the state portion of funding can take up to 5 percent of the total amount raised on the state end for administrative costs.

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IT'S A BABY BOY!

Jim Lunt of Chapaquidick Island and Paris, France and his gorgeous wife **Laurel (Tinory) Lunt**, who the daughter of Cohasset's **Claire Babcock Tinory and Rick Tinory**, legendary record producer, gave birth to a baby son named **Taylor James Lunt**. All are doing excellent!

BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON...

I am sure many of you remember **Denise and Gary Bismore**, former owners of "The Silver Spoon". I had the pleasure of spending time with Denise this past weekend at South Shore Hospital and meeting their second son, **Kyle**! Kyle joins older brother **Tyler** at home and Denise looks fantastic and very happy start spending time being the mom of two. Congratulations to this fantastic family and we hope to have them come to town soon and let everyone get a peek at Kyle, he is a real cutie.

KATIE'S TEAM

On Sept. 29, Katie's Team will lace up their sneakers for the fourth year to participate in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. **Katie Egan**, whose father **Bob** is Cohasset's Building Inspector, was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma in October of 1998. After a major operation and a year of chemotherapy, Katie is in her third year of remission and doing great!

The walk is a way for Bob and **Ginny** to give back something to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the people who give care and hope to so many. Because of your generosity, Katie's Team has raised more than $47,000 over the past three years. They ask you again to join them in honoring the courage of the children and adults who are struggling with cancer and to honor the memory of those who have died. Please send checks made out to Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk to Bob at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave, Cohasset MA, 02025. Thanks so much for your support.

PET PARADE

Mark your calendar and please note the correct date! The Farmers' Market second annual dog show and costume parade is Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. on the Town Common! Last week had the wrong date listed and we want to make sure that all stuffed, live and wonderful pet is ready for this fun and enjoyable day!

DESIGN SEMINAR BENEFIT

Christine Gritzan of Interiors By Decorating Den will be hosting a Design Seminar to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation on Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Parish, Cohasset. Christine, along with local muralist, **Nancy Erving** and Ralph Lauren representative, **Louise Woodruff**, will share their wealth of talent and experience in creating dramatic room transformations. Refreshments and Door Prizes will add to your enjoyment; and your $20 donation will aid in the fight against breast cancer. Reservations are required: 781-383-1611.

AQUARIUM TO VISIT

The Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research (CCSCR) welcomes the New England Aquarium, Saturday, Sept. 28, starting at 11 a.m. for some hands on fun for all. This will give a glimpse to see what the center has to offer. In addition to the New England Aquarium visit one of our local lobsterman at his boat. Come listen about his day at "the office." The Cohasset Historical Society will be on hand to give a talk on the history of the former Hagerty House, Mariners Park area as well as a highlight of Cohasset harbor's rich history. On display you will see the worthwhile works of Cohasset students' field studies needed by our Board of Health, mandated by the EPA, such as fecal coliform, salinity and flushing studies of the harbor. Half the pollution entering our waterways is from surface water runoff which is being tested by student efforts. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.. Come appreciate a spectacular Fall afternoon on beautiful Cohasset harbor.

LOCAL SAILORS

Hobart College sailors junior **John Pearce** and sophomore **John Storck**, both of Cohasset, finished in the top four at the Navy Laser Open this weekend. Pearce finished second and Storck took home fourth place, earning both sailors a berth in the Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA) Singlehanded Championships, Oct. 12-13, at Navy.

Sophomore **Wiley Wakeman**, also of Cohasset narrowly missed joining his teammates at the MAISA Singlehanded Championships, finishing eighth, two spots away from the final qualifying position. Cohasset students finished with the following standings.

Fantastic job to all of you.

BOOSTERS BREAKFAST

The Cohasset Soccer Booster Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to noon. at the new Cohasset Middle High School cafeteria. Great food, lots of raffle prizes and, new this year, games for the children. Tickets are $5 per person and are available in advance from any Middle or High School soccer player or at the door. This is the Booster Club's main fundraiser so your ticket will help to support our high school soccer teams!

HOLLY HILL FARM TOUR

On Sunday, Sept. 29, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. there's a tour at Holly Hill Farm for local residents and their families interested in learning more about the farm that brings the community vegetables and flowers, both at the Farmers' Market and at the farm stand on 236 Jerusalem Road.

There will be guided walks about the historic farm buildings, the growing fields and the surrounding woods. Visitors will also learn about the farm's long history and organic farming. **Jean White**, who many know from visiting the farm's booth at the Cohasset Farmers' Market, will be one of the tour leaders as will new resident farm managers **Kate Sullivan** and **Tim Ashton**. Make sure to stop in with your family to see this wonderful farm.

NEW NONAGENARIAN

PHOTO/ALTHEA STAMP

The "Cooney Girls" Chrisie, Nancy and Carolyn, help their mother Eleanor Trowt Cooney-Smith celebrate her 90th birthday at the Red Lion Inn.

DEAN'S LIST

Nicholas Mincolla of Cohasset made the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire. A lot of hard work Nicholas, congratulations.

CHITTICK ART EXHIBIT

Skipjack's restaurant on Clarendon Street, Copley Square in Boston, is exhibiting watercolors of Cohasset artist **JoAnne Chittick**. The paintings, which feature Boston scenes, including the Swanboats, Trinity Church, and Beacon Hill townhouses, will be on display through the month of September. JoAnne is a gallery artist of the South Shore Art Center. Enjoy a delicious meal while you view the numerous paintings!

WALKING FOR CANCER RESEARCH

For the fifth year, **Kim Canney** of Cohasset will help raise funds for cancer research simply by walking. She plans to join thousands of others on Sept.29 for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, which is expected to raise $4.5 million for cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk is the only event, other than the Boston Marathon itself, that is sanctioned to use the historic 26.2-mile route from Hopkinton to Boston. Walkers can choose different routes (26.2 miles from Hopkinton, 13.1 miles from Wellesley or they can join patients and families on a three-mile route that begins at Harvard Medical School on Longwood Avenue. All walkers finish at the Copley Square finish line. Participants can register with a team or as an individual and each participant must raise a minimum of $100. For more information about supporting a walker or joining the event, call 800-632-3562 or visit www.jimmyfund.org.

SAILING IN CALIFORNIA

Ashley Ulmer, a 2001 CHS graduate, spent 10 weeks in California this summer teaching sailing at the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco and on Tinsley Island. She received her training in Cohasset Yacht Club's 5-year Flag Program, spent two years competing with the CYC Junior Racing Team, three years as an instructor at the Cohasset Sailing Club, and has been a member of the Williams College Sailing Team this past year. She is certified in Level I from U.S. Sailing, Red Cross Senior Lifesaving and CPR. Congratulations, Ashley — Cohasset missed you, but what a summer!

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Sale of Pratt town history to help fund annual award

Annual garage sale in Saturday

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset Historical Society will sell the remainder of its collection of The Narrative History of the Town of Cohasset, Volume II, Saturday at the garage sale the society is holding at the Caleb Lothrop House at 14 Summer St.

Kathy O'Malley, co-president of the society, said the remaining volumes are being sold in order to raise funds for the annual Burtram Pratt Memorial Award the organization gives out to a graduating senior at Cohasset High School's Class Night.

In previous years, the award has been an inscribed volume of the book, which was written by Pratt, a former member of the society. O'Malley said that, starting this year, the society hopes to turn the award into a scholarship.

"We would like to be able to put some money with the award," O'Malley said.

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— Kathy O'Malley, historical society

For weeks now, the society, which boasts a membership of more than 500, has been collecting donated items for its second annual yard sale, being held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a rain date scheduled for Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will feature everything from books and knickknacks to old television sets and radios.

"We hope people will stop by and find a treasure," said Patricia Steel, who volunteered to organize the sale.

Steel, whose husband, John, just finished his second term as treasurer of the society, took on the project singlehandedly, O'Malley said. She has spent countless hours collecting, sorting and pricing the items.

It was at Steel's suggestion that the society held the first yard sale, which raised more than $2,200 last year.

"We hope to do better this year, or at least match that amount," Steel said.

Cohasset Historical Society member Martha Gjesteby sets up last year's garage sale while some children get a sneak peek at the items for sale.

PHOTO/AMANDA GONTARZ

The Caleb Lothrop House is in need of painting and repairs.

O'Malley, who shares her presidential duties with Paula Kozol, said that while last year's sale was successful, this year's event will feature many more items that she thinks will attract more customers.

The money raised from the sale will be put toward the repairs and maintenance of two of the society's buildings, the Lothrop House, the group's headquarters, and the Maritime Museum, located on Elm Street. The buildings need to be painted while O'Malley said ultraviolet protection must be put over the windows to help preserve the society's artifacts and collections. Included in those collections are more than 1,000 costumes and gowns that the society would like to put on display, either in their buildings or on loan to museums.

O'Malley also said that the displays in each of the society's buildings need to be upgraded.

"In old buildings, doing the upgrades appropriately is difficult," she said.

Residents who pass by the Captain John Wilson House, at the corner of Elm and North Main streets, may notice the giant fund-raising thermometer outside the building. Since November, the society has tracked the money donated for the preservation and maintenance of the Wilson House. Almost $33,000 has been donated, so far. Also, the society received a $150,000 grant from the Community Preservation Act. That money, however, was awarded solely for the restoration of the Wilson House and making both the Wilson House and Maritime Museum handicap accessible.

"It sounds like a lot of money, but the project is bigger than that," O'Malley said.

While physical repairs and upgrades are at the top of the society's goals, increasing membership is always a priority. Though there are more than 500 members, O'Malley said she would like to have a member from each family in Cohasset join the society.

"The more members an organization has, the more active its committees can be and the more it can do," she said.

Community outreach programs are something upon which the society would like to expand. O'Malley said she would like to see the society working with the local schools and senior citizens, as well as residents new to town.

The Historical Society is still accepting donations for Saturday's sale. If you have useable items (anything but clothing) that you would like to give, please contact Pat Steel at 383-2545.

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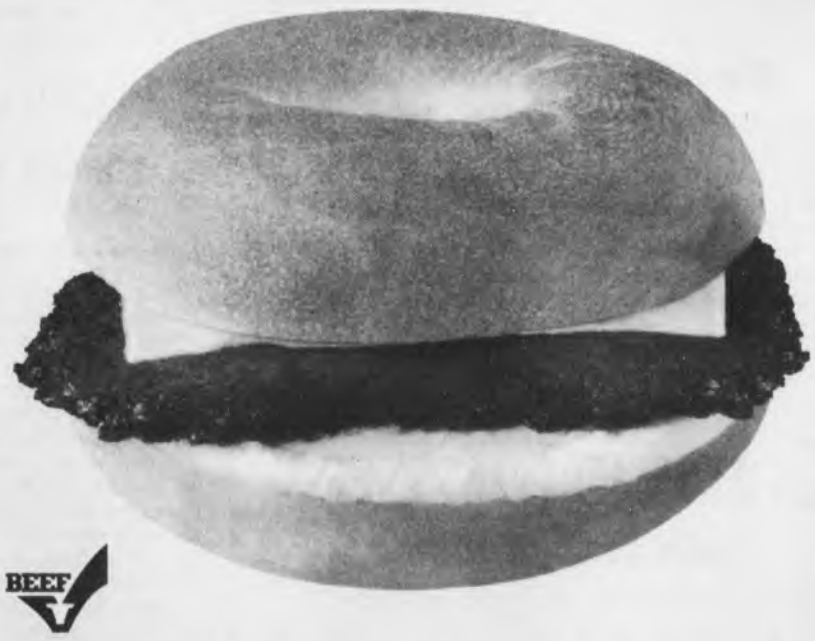

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EDITORIAL

Business as usual

Regardless of your feelings about restoration of the Greenbush Line, the short shrift given Article 97 of the state Constitution should give you pause.

So should the way the state Legislature handled the $400-million Transportation Bond Bill, which was rammed through during the wee hours of the morning on Aug. 1.

Article 97 protects conservation and parkland from development without first winning a two-thirds vote of both houses of the state Legislature.

Therefore, Hingham-based AfTA, an anti-Greenbush group, believes the Legislature must vote before the MBTA can take the town-owned Cohasset and Scituate railroad right-of-ways for restoration of the train. It filed a lawsuit to that effect, and had hoped the issue would have been aired in the light of day.

But that's not the way Beacon Hill does business. Bond bills are chockablock with goodies for the districts, making it difficult to find legislators with the courage to vote against them. The bills also contain attachments, and buried in this bill was a blanket authorization for MBTA land-takings, among other controversial matters.

Not one to mince words, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, described the bond-bill scenario as a textbook example of "sleazy backroom politics." The bond bill passed the 40-member Senate, 36-1, with Sen. Hedlund as the lone nay.

The bill passed the 160-member House with a vote of 138-13. State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who tried to strike the Greenbush language and voted against the bill, said only one copy of the mammoth bill was floating around for state representatives to look at prior to the vote. On the Senate side, Sen. Hedlund said he grabbed a copy of the bill from the copier, quickly perused the document that was still warm. Ten minutes later the bill was up for consideration.

Not only was MBTA land-taking issue in there, but the bond bill also did not provide a voice at the table for communities most affected by Logan and Hanscom air traffic, as was in the original version.

"This representation would have allowed communities, including Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Weymouth to have a say in long-range planning of these facilities, and input concerning related capital expenditures," Sen. Hedlund said. "The advisory board has approved no such provisions, so communities that have been desperately striving for a voice in the process of the Logan expansion project have once again been shut out, their opinions of little concern to those who make transportation policy at the state level."

The bond bill also changed the makeup of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Board that weakens autonomy of the board by allowing two more members to be appointed by the governor; and authorized full funding from the state's general fund for construction of the Fall River-New Bedford Commuter Rail Line when the MBTA is supposed to be self-sufficient.

Sadly there is little accountability on Beacon Hill, and responsibility for that ultimately belongs to the voters.

The turnout at Tuesday's primary is indicative of an apathetic electorate that isn't paying attention.

John Bewick, head of AfTA, put it best. He warned that environmentalists should be concerned that the process without open hearings diminishes Article 97 protections of open space and conservation lands.

"Where will the next special interest strike?" he asks.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Hiding the facts' on Avalon Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

I am compelled to provide some stark contrasts to all the positive comments about AvalonBay in last week's Mariner, as well as their presentation on Monday night at the ZBA hearing.

AvalonBay states that "...there will be a benefit to Cohasset." The only likely benefit is that Cohasset will supposedly have met its 40B obligations with one project. But the fact is that this project will only give us 40-51 affordable units for a limited time. This is far below the 10 percent state mandate and far less than we really need. And this is just simply not right. It shortchanges those who work here and cannot afford to live here, it short changes seniors who have lived here all their lives and are now forced to leave town because there are no affordable options. This is the biggest flaw in the law and the project. 40B shortchanges everyone it was designed to benefit: the town, those who need affordable housing, seniors and the citizens of Cohasset.

AvalonBay cannot be trusted to properly state the impacts of its projects. At several meetings and in previous discussions with the town, AvalonBay has stated that they expected to add "roughly 30 children" to the Cohasset school system. They also stated that they had approximately 80 children in a smaller (198 unit) project in Lexington. Both are gross understatements. A discussion with their own manager in Lexington and subsequent confirmation revealed that there are nearly 200 children in AvalonBay Lexington.

A highly rated school system like Cohasset will likely attract hundreds of new children to a system that is now designed to handle just 10 new families a year for 10 years (matching our current rate of growth). The AvalonBay project is likely to exceed that in its first year of operation. At the $7,000 per student that Cohasset invests in its students, this one project could cost the taxpayers of Cohasset millions per year in additional taces.

Every town AvalonBay tries to use for comparison is far larger than Cohasset and can absorb their large luxury apartment projects more easily. Cohasset cannot. The proposed AvalonBay Cohasset project is simply far too big for a community of 7000 to absorb. At this week's hearing they again tried to compare AvalonBay Wilmington to Cohasset, stating they added only 35 children there. And again an independent confirmation with their manager in Wilmington indicated approximately 100 children. The fact is Wilmington is three times the size of Cohasset and their school system is not comparable. Why do they continue to hide the facts?

And they have publicly stated that they do not do seniors only housing, nor would they consider a more appropriately scaled project half the size, nor would they entertain a mixed use project for the site that might also allow Cohasset to recoup lost commercial tax revenue. They have made it clear that they have successfully overcome resistance before and they will use the 40B law to ram this project through. Please join Cohasset Action in this effort to get the size and type of project that Cohasset residents and taxpayers truly need. It is the right thing to do. Cohasset Action PO Box 35, Cohasset, MA 02025

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Yard sale

TO THE EDITOR

The South Shore Community Center would like to thank everyone who donated items to the yard sale. It was a huge success. We hope everyone will start saving items for next Fall's Yard Sale.

Stephanie Church
Program Director

Putting politics aside on 9-11 anniversary

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government ending Sept. 13.

Once again last week, politics in Massachusetts stopped because community mattered more. Once again, leaders drew respect from understatement.

And as it was a year ago, the special cynicism reserved for politicians and journalists was suspended briefly, put aside as inappropriate, and again both groups generally responded with dignity. The main difference this year was that the shock was gone, but an irreversible ache had taken its place. At no time since last Sept. 11 had the longing for last Sept. 10 seemed so keen.

The names of the 166 Massachusetts victims were read in front of the State House – and no speeches or other words were added. Faneuil Hall, which has weathered its share of dark moments for freedom, once again was the scene of exhortations to have courage. Acting Gov. Jane Swift presented a medal for public sacrifice named for the late flight attendant Madeline Sweeney, and told the somber audience: "One infamous day will never outweigh the memories, the smiles and the spirit of our loved ones."

This was the anniversary of Swift's best moments as governor. When it comes down to it, the only really effective thing ordinary citizens can do to counter terrorism is refuse to be terrified. Swift seemed to grasp this point of leadership last Sept. 11 much better than she subsequently seemed to grasp many points of politics.

She told people they should fight tyranny by exercising democracy. She resisted a call from the secretary of state to postpone a primary for Congress in the Ninth District. She said that despite the strong sense that afternoon of the world ending, the people should get out and vote. She opened the government for business the next day. Her approval rating at the end of September hit 68 percent.

Swift's rising to her challenge was a small part of an unforgettable, horrible, noble few days that no one could help remembering last week. Polls showed more people were planning private, quiet commemorations than participation in public events. That means, as one radio commentator put it, that as the governor and senator and president and family members spoke and millions listened, millions more were conducting simultaneous hidden ceremonies, no less poignant than the ones on CNN.

And yet, by last Thursday afternoon, life and politics were up to their old tricks again. The primary is only four days away, and most candidates had only one day to spare. Gently but forcefully, they started their battles back up. Political ads, including the "comparison" kind, started running again. The House and Senate met; the education commissioner released the latest details on MCAS results.

Many Massachusetts lives were lost last year, and many survivors found their old lives ended. But for most of the political world and for most citizens, normal life, whatever that is, couldn't wait for long.

A return to normal these days means it's back to bad news. News from the treasurer's office was normal.

• Treasurer Shannon O'Brien's latest cash-position report, obtained by the News Service, shows the state is going to have to borrow $1.6 billion this year to keep up with its bills, despite last year's $1.2 billion tax hike and the use of more than $1 billion in cash reserves. Most members of the general public are probably unaware of just had bad fiscal affairs still are, even though citizens are well aware their taxes went up. Revenues continue to miss the benchmarks that continue to be lowered; the governor has warned of another $200 million in potential budget; legislative leaders have never amended their earlier statements that taxes may have to be raised yet again.

• Swift named Richard K. Anderson of Milford to the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Board of Directors Thursday. Anderson joins John Moscardelli on the board, expanded from three to five members under this summer's transportation bond bill. With the choice, Swift appointees now control the turnpike board – though Christy Mihos and Jordan Levy are likely to continue the dissension and questioning that got them by fired by Swift, then reinstated by the courts. Mihos and Levy have been critical of Big Dig management; Anderson said he has yet to form a firm opinion about toll increases on the turnpike.

• A new United We Stand Massachusetts license plate commemorating the September 11 attacks was approved last week by the state Legislature during the final regularly-scheduled session before the anniversary. Lawmakers also approved a Red Sox license plate. If Acting Gov. Jane Swift signs the bill, both plates may be ready for sale in four to eight weeks; they'll cost $40.

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Fond memories of Deer Hill School

A LINCOLN HILLSIDE LIFE

KATHLEEN O'DONNELL

Growing up in the Lincoln Hillside neighborhood in the 1960s meant Deer Hill School was an important part of our lives. One aspect of living away from Cohasset is when I return to visit I sometimes discover that exciting new developments are underway with which I am unfamiliar. Like many of my former classmates, distance and time has not diminished my love for my hometown.

On the day of my arrival last summer I passed by Deer Hill School and was surprised to see the extensive addition and refurbishment project that was well underway. I hadn't heard of the plans to improve and expand Deer Hill, and was impressed that so much progress had been made in what seemed like a short time.

I attended Deer Hill in the mid to late 1960s. Coming in from the airport a few months ago, I passed by its stone walls on Sohier Street and many faces flashed through my memory. Teachers and school support staff are a significant part of a child's life in those tender years of ages 8 – 12; Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Daunt, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Truesdale, Miss Wenmark, Mrs. Kablotsky, Miss Ohl, Mr. Schultz, Mrs. Bleakney, Mrs. Tewskbury, Mr. Becker, Mrs. St. Onge, our nurse Mrs. Gormley, our secretary Miss Conte, Principal John Creamer, the benevolent Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Pratt, Mr. Kuntz, our librarian Mrs. Tower and the unforgettable Mrs. Rachel Lent.

I was fortunate enough to have Mrs. Lent as my third-grade teacher. By the time I became her pupil she had been teaching for many years, but her genuine affection for children and her determination to tame us into mathematicians and literate beings was undiminished. In her classroom we felt safe, valued and welcome. Her students were like a little family. 1965 was a very different time; I remember many in her class giving and receiving a morning hug as we trouped past her into our classroom. All those little arms encircled her neck and started the school day with a loving affirmation. If one of us had a new haircut, new shoes, a lost tooth, a new coat or family news, we looked forward to sharing it with Mrs. Lent the next morning. Her birthday was April 1st and I'm certain that I'm not the only one of her former students who still gives a passing thought to her memory on that date. As a class we read the Ernest & Bertha Cobb chapter books "Arlo," "Clematis" and "Andre," which were published in the 1930s and 1940s. These were simple and old-fashioned stories with exciting plots and strong moral messages. I still have copies of these books on my library shelf at home.

Mrs. Russell came to us once a week or so to teach us spelling, how to diagram a sentence and recognize nouns, verbs, prepositions, prepositional clauses, adverbs, articles and more. Fortunately it was decided that we weren't too young to begin learning these valuable tools. We had notebooks with five pages titled "Her First Nurse Works Early" and were expected to fill each column with examples of all the words we found during the school year with those blends. Mrs. Russell taught us all the handy tricks which we'd need to know to become good writers, like drop the "e" and add "ing" to the end of a word to give it action. The silent "K"s were a sneaky bunch and we were expected to memorize alphabetic lists of all the words in which they liked to appear so that they wouldn't sneak up and surprise us. We learned all the rules about "E"s which appeared at the end of a word, and which were denoted by a double line under it and the rule number. Mrs. Russell somehow packaged all this teaching into an entertaining format which made us view her visits as a pleasant break from what we considered real schoolwork. She was a gentle, warm and smiling woman who brought another positive dimension to our 1960s Deer Hill School experience.

The building which housed all those children, all that learning, all those memories, was a good and sound one.

1968 election

Mr. Becker was our new teacher toward the end of my tenure at Deer Hill. 1968-69 was a year in which sixth-graders had Mr. Becker for science and more. The projects he assigned to us and his teaching methods were innovative. It was a presidential election year and we were expected to follow the campaigns of Richard Nixon, George Wallace, and Hubert Humphrey and cast our votes a few days before Election Day based on informed judgements of the three candidates. I think I missed the entire point of the "informed voting" exercise because I voted for Hubert Humphrey in our mock election. My reason?: I felt sorry for him because he was old. At the time he was 57 years old and only two years older than the winner of that race. Coincidentally, our student election poll accurately reflected the outcome of that race, with Richard Nixon winning the election in both our classroom and the country.

The academic year in Mr. Becker's science class was also the year of Apollo Missions 7, 8, 9 and 10. As part of our science requirement we were expected to build up a scrapbook of news clippings from each night's newspaper which would chronicle the development of the space program that year. By the end of the year each of us had compiled a valuable keepsake of an important piece of modern history. Unfortunately once again I missed the value of the exercise, and lost or discarded my space scrapbook some time after I graduated. As I grow older there are fewer and fewer books, papers, knick-knacks, and general *stuff* which I feel the need to keep. That space scrapbook is probably the single item of my Deer Hill years which I now wish I'd kept, so that I could share it with my children.

The building which housed all those children, all that learning, all those memories, was a good and sound one. Deer Hill School of the mid to late 1960s was light, spacious, well-designed, well-maintained by friendly and dedicated janitors and featured interior walls which were made of modern, pastel-coloured, highly glazed blocks. There was a central courtyard. We had an excellent and well-stocked library.

At our sixth-grade graduation ceremony in 1969, we sang "Happiness Is..." from the Charles Schulz musical "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" which was in its second season on Broadway. We also sang "The Impossible Dream" from the 1965 Broadway hit "Man of La Mancha" (and also as I recall the theme from the 1967 Red Sox World Pennant race). I hoped that this last song was not a reflection of our teachers' thoughts on our future academic prospects! After six years of climbing our way to the top of the elementary school pile we would be moving on to CHS, to be returned to the bottom of the hierarchy, to begin working our way up through another six years. Like many of my sixth-grade graduating classmates, I was a Lincoln Hillside child, as were some of our parents before us. Many of us knew we would be taught by some of the same teachers under which our parents learned when they attended high school in Cohasset decades earlier.

I have good memories of my Deer Hill years. It is more than slightly concerning for me that I can easily remember the names and faces of almost all my teachers of 1966, but I can't recall the ages of my children when they first began to walk or speak in full sentences. This disturbing discrepancy is perhaps not something on which I should dwell too much. Perhaps my memory is designed to work perpetually backwards and in 20 years time I'll recall with ease the ages at which my children reached these milestones. My class left Deer Hill School looking forward to a new decade and new challenges at CHS. As a generation we had experienced the benefits of caring and committed teachers and almost equally important: a spacious, well-maintained and well-supported school building. I know that improving and expanding Deer Hill School is expensive and that the costs of this improvement won't affect my pocketbook, but I have to admit I'm pleased that this generation and future generations of Cohasset children will be receiving their Deer Hill School education, as I did, in a building for the future.

Kathleen O'Donnell, a CHS graduate, grew up in Cohasset and now lives and works in the UK with her family. Her reflections about growing up on Lincoln Hillside appear occasionally in the Cohasset Mariner.

Special interests and Greenbush

GREENBUSH VIEW

MARTHA REARDON BEWICK

Greenbush Question of the Week: What hasn't changed in 155 years?

Answer: Midnight legislation on Greenbush which favored special interests, and passed without hearings, without discussion, and without representation of the votes and concerns of the local communities. On April 30, 1847, in the middle of the last night of the legislative session, the legislature voted to override the Greenbush alignment which had been surveyed and designed by the South Shore communities.

The original alignment would have connected with Quincy Center, run along the coastline, and bypassed the village center of Hingham. Instead, in 1847, led by business interests of Boston, Cohasset and Weymouth, they legislated a new alignment, to begin somewhere in Braintree, and avoid the heads of navigation for the Weymouth Fore and Back Rivers. The business interests wanted to keep the navigational channels open in order to continue to pick up cheap lumber in Weymouth Landing.

This midnight override of the public interest led to an impassioned speech by Hingham's representation Jotham Lincoln, who became so distraught, that he was carried off to the Charlestown Hospital "furiously insane."

Some time after midnight on the last night of the legislative session, July 31,2002, the Massachusetts legislature voted to take 8.2 miles of vernal pools, and walking and hiking trails, part of the recreational fabric of Cohasset and Scituate, and owned by those towns. This is the old rail right-of-way, which was abandoned more than 40 years ago, and transferred to the towns. There were no hearings on this taking. There was no opportunity for voters to find out how much land was to be taken, and to raise a voice of concern for the wetlands, the endangered species, the biodiversity, and the recreational and bike trails. With no notice, this item was railroaded through by the legislature as part of the Transportation Bond Bill. Following the ordinary process, this taking of 8.2 miles of recreational and conservation land would have required posted hearings, and a two-thirds vote of the legislature. This was a Article 97 taking of constitutionally protected recreation land. (Where there were other midnight takings of Article 97 land, there was editorial opposition from regional newspapers.) The construction and land development business interests, who have been generous in their contributions to key legislators and statewide elected officials, want this Greenbush job to be built.

Martha A. R. Bewick of Hingham is a member of AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives).

Helping kids make good decisions

Project Safeguard for Middle School students

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, seventh-grade students at Cohasset Middle School will participate in special program known as Cohasset Project Safeguard. What makes this program special is the fact that it attempts to involve the entire community in helping young people avoid making harmful decisions regarding the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs.

Alcohol and drug abuse is well recognized as a societal problem that has many contributing factors. The Project Safeguard Committee, comprised of educators, clergy, and parents, believes that the cooperation of the entire community is necessary if the drug and alcohol abuse problem is going to be effectively addressed. Project Safeguard will bring seventh-grade students and their parents together for a half-day of presentations and discussion designed to supplement school health education and guidance programs by encouraging students to make healthy choices and by providing support and guidance to parents in their effort to raise "drug-free" children. The Project is subsidized by the Parent-School Organization and community donations making it a true community effort.

This year's featured speaker is Ed Gerety. Gerety is one of America's top youth motivational speakers and leadership trainers. His inspirational, educational, and entertaining messages focus on respect, character, leadership, and personal responsibility.

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Students will also view and discuss the play "Jesse's Journal," an innovative health program for middle school students developed by The Women's Crisis Center of Newburyport. This presentation uses drama as an educational tool to address a variety of middle school issues including family and peer relationships, appearance and behavior, dating, gender issues, substance use and abuse, and social and academic stress. Cohasset Middle School and High School students will act out the play. In addition, there will be opportunities for small group discussions and interaction among the students and adults.

Parents of seventh-grade students, as well as other interested community members are invited and encouraged to attend. The program will utilize a "campus on the common" format beginning at the Cohasset Town Hall at 7:30 a.m.. and also making use of the Second Congregational Church and St. Stephen's Church. The program for students will be completed by 11:30 a.m. to be followed by a parent luncheon.

For more information, or to reserve a space, contact Dr. Michael Gill, Health Education Coordinator (781-383-4205) or community liaisons Sally Sisson (781-383-6190), Karen Oronte 383- 6737 or the Rev. Cliff Cutler (781-383- 1083).

Dress codes out of fashion

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

It seemed like a good idea at the time but so, they tell me, did prohibition.

It appears that the strict school uniform codes which were held out as a panacea in the 1990s for everything that is wrong with our public school systems have started to go the way of the McGuffy Readers.

In sunny California, where the school uniform craze was begun to reduce violence and distractions and promote equality a decade ago, at least 50 school districts have abandoned the idea.

Everybody thought it was a good idea when it started in Long Beach in 1994.

Gang colors, like those flaunted by the Crips and the Bloods, and provocative dress, like the low-cut denims and short blouses made famous by Britney Spear, were out.

Identical uniforms, worn by rich kids and poor, majority and minority, so that you couldn't tell the difference, replaced more casual clothing. For good measure, the school logo was added.

Everybody thought it was a good idea when it started in Long Beach in 1994.

There was some grumbling. Parents found they now had to supervise dress before they hurried off to work. Kids found they had to keep two separate wardrobes, one for school and one for the mall.

The schools relented. They took the logo off the uniforms. Then they proclaimed "casual Fridays" when the youngsters could wear what they wanted. Then they made the uniform code optional by waivers.

"Soon," said the New York Times the other day, "teachers were wasting the first 10 minutes of class trying to figure out who had waivers and who was breaking the rules."

"It became a huge distraction," said Beth Shedd, head of the math department at Sierra Vista Junior High School. "It increased friction, it increased discipline problems, having to worry about who was wearing what. It wasn't worth the fight." Sierra Vista gave up on uniforms.

(Has anyone explored the idea that the alleged sorry state of our public schools is caused by the fact that teachers are so often called on to break up fights, check dress codes and collect lunch money that they don't have time to teach? But I digress . . .)

School dress codes — but not uniforms — have led to some unusual ways of handling youngsters who are likely to come to school looking like hookers and pimps.

Old Mill High School in Millersville, Md., holds an annual fashion show for incoming freshmen and their parents in which upperclassmen model both appropriate and inappropriate dress from their own closets.

And every teacher at Old Mill High has a box of school T-shirts to distribute to those girls who show up with belly buttons showing and boys with inappropriate words and diagrams on their own shirts. Brophy Elementary School in Framingham has a simple test to determine if a student is wearing an acceptable shirt. He or she has to stand and raise his or her arms. If the student's midriff shows, it's back to the drawing board for a longer one.

And that's an elementary school!

POLITICAL NOTES

Cohasset GOP to meet Sept. 24

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the Lightkeeper's Cottage in Cohasset. All who would like to get involved volunteering for the upcoming November elections are invited to attend. For more information, please call Janet Fogarty 617-742-1221 or Lee Jenkins 781-383-0023.

Salute Republican candidates night

Norfolk, Plymouth, Barnstable, Bristol County GOP candidates and leaders will salute republican candidates Thursday, Sept. 26 at the John Carver Inn in Plymouth. Social hour is at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and meeting at 7 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public but reservations are required. To RSVP, call Larry Novak at 508-581-8400; Polly Logan at 781-383-0031; Chris Fava at 508-745-6239; or Tom Barry at 781-834-6763.

Another highlight of the meeting will be how to organize a drive for the absentee ballots and to work on telephone banks to insure all votes.

Bradley announces two new Web sites

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, is announces that the Commonwealth's new Web site is up and running. The Mass.Gov Web site (www.mass.gov) is a customer-centric portal organized around customer needs, not state agencies. The tag line "Your Government, Your Way," featured on the sites homepage, conveys the goal of the portal: to provide flexible, intuitive access to government services at the customer's convenience.

"It is important that taxpayers have easy access to agencies they fund," said Bradley.

Bradley also announces a tracking Web site for planes arriving and departing from Logan Airport. This will enable his constituents of the Third Plymouth district to actually see how many planes travel through the district and how frequently they fly over our homes. The Massport web address for tracking the planes is: (www.massport.com/logan/airpo_noise_airmo.html).

"This Web site will allow all of us to see how over burdened the airspace of this district already is," Bradley said.

Bradley, Palmer head for Nov. 5 finish

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(This is the first of the series of the Mariner's coverage of the Third Plymouth District Race)

If you are a politician, you've got to like primaries like this one.

In the Third Plymouth District both Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham and Cohasset Republican Nathaniel Palmer ran unopposed. Bradley received votes from 696 of the Democratic voters with one ballot left blank and Palmer received 577 votes from Republican voters with 3 ballots left blank.

But the next ballot, which pits Bradley and Palmer against each other in the general election which is less than six weeks away, promises to be much more hotly contested.

Palmer, 32, who is co-owner of the Delphi Group, a consulting firm that focuses on growth strategies for high-tech companies, thinks is business expertise is something the Legislature desperately needs. Palmer, a relative political newcomer, is also a member of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee and served on the Housing Authority in Milton before moving to the South Shore.

Nathaniel Palmer

Garrett Bradley

Palmer expects a tough race against Bradley, a seasoned campaigner, who can raise a lot of money.

Bradley, also 32, an attorney and a former Plymouth County prosecutor, faced challenges from Josh Cutler and Walter Murray, both of Hull, in the Democratic primary during his first try for the Third Plymouth District seat four years ago. He won the primary but lost to long-time incumbent Republican Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset in the general election. Two years ago, Bradley beat Democrat Michael Holden of Hingham in the primary, and Republican Mary Anne McKenna of Hingham and Walter Murray, in the general election.

"For me as a challenger, the race began back in March or April when we turned in the signatures," said Palmer, a Cohasset resident. "For the incumbent, the race typically gets more serious following the primary."

According to Bradley, though, the race began for him during the last election cycle.

"I think my race started two years ago when I got elected," said Bradley, who lives in Hingham. "This has been a two-year race for me. I believe that I have delivered on my promise to be a strong independent voice for the district."

Palmer said he was driven to join the race by what he perceived to be a "gross imbalance up on Beacon Hill."

"We've seen so many symptoms or manifestations of that in the past couple of years," said Palmer. "There are more Democrats than Republicans, and with the ratio being so skewered, the power basically falls into the hands of one person. Everything is done in committee, without visibility."

Bradley, though, believes that he is not a participant in that balance, providing, "strong, independent leadership" for the district.

"One representative can have an impact," said Bradley. "You can make a difference and stand up and fight the leadership and vote the way your district wants."

The district, which currently consists of Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset will have one precinct from Scituate added to it come Jan. 1., due to redistricting.

Highland Ave. hosts primary politicking

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Palmer (state representative), along with other Republicans, state incumbent Sen. Robert Hedlund and the Romney-Healey team at the top of the ballot. (Herzfelder was a big local favorite beating Republican Daniel Grabauskas 607-100. But Grabauskas had the edge statewide and will face Democrat Timothy P. Cahill in the Nov. 5 general election.)

On the Democratic side, activists for state Rep. Garrett Bradley, gubernatorial candidate Shannon O'Brien, Mark Tobin for Register of Probate, and state Senate candidate Ted LeClair, among others, weren't in short supply.

The turnout beat expectations as 1,606 or about 32 percent of the town's registered voters cast ballots by the time the polls closed at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said voting activity was "steady" all day. For complete results, see page 12.

Most of the campaign workers had taken a day off from work for the "standout" that involved holding signs, waving to passersby, and chatting with each other.

"Participatory democracy is a wonderful thing," said Martin Corry of Pleasant Street, campaigning for Tobin.

Gail Collins proudly held an O'Brien sign.

"I'm happy to spend time supporting a woman with depth of experience," she said.

Dick and Lorna Larracey of Hingham have supported Bradley since 1998 when he first ran for state representative.

"We adore him and his family," Dick Larracey said. "We adopted them back in 1998."

Barbara Dillon was standing at the corner of Jason Road and North Main Street with a Palmer sign.

"He's my neighbor," she said. "I'm not really involved in politics, but I believe in this guy."

State senate candidate LeClair was making the rounds about 4 p.m. along Highland Avenue where he got embroiled in discussion on the problems with Chapter 40B with Roger Hill, a member of Cohasset Action, a group opposed to the AvalonBay 40B project in Cohasset. Chapter 40B is the controversial state affordable housing law and Cohasset Action members distributed literature on the issue outside the polls all day.

LeClair said he was discouraged by the low turnout statewide and expected after 9-11 more people would think voting was important.

"There are good spirited candidates in both parties," he said. "They put a lot into it."

A TOWN REMEMBERS

The view of townspeople assembled to observe the first anniversary of 9-11 last week as seen through the window of First Parish Church.

Staff photo Alan Chapman

Primary election results

Precincts	1	2	Total
REPUBLICAN			
Senator in Congress			
Write-ins	25	26	51
Blanks	404	297	701
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
Governor			
Mitt Romney	393	294	687
Write-ins	3	2	5
Blanks	33	27	60
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
Lieutenant Governor			
Kerry Healey	293	210	503
Jim Rappaport	133	108	241
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	3	5	8
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
Attorney General			
Write-ins	17	19	36
Blanks	412	304	716
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
Secretary of State			
J.E. Robinson III	179	160	339
Write-ins	3	1	4
Blanks	247	162	409
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
Treasurer			
D.A. Grabauskas	54	46	100
B.A. Herzfelder	357	250	607
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	18	27	45
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
Auditor			
Write-ins	9	11	20
Blanks	420	312	732
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
Representative in Congress			
Luiz Gonzaga	222	179	401
Write-ins	0	1	1
Blanks	207	143	350
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
Councillor			
Write-ins	12	13	25
Blanks	417	310	727
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
Senator in General Court			
R.L. Hedlund	354	273	627
Write-ins	1	1	2
Blanks	74	49	123
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
Representative in General Court			
N.G. Palmer	328	249	577
Write-ins	1	2	3
Blanks	100	72	172
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
District Attorney			
Write-ins	8	12	20
Blanks	421	311	732
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
Register of Probate			
R.P. Schmidt	256	204	460
Write-ins	0	1	1
Blanks	173	118	291
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
County Treasurer			
Write-ins	9	14	23
Blanks	420	309	729
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**
County Commissioner			
Write-ins	7	12	19
Blanks	422	311	733
Total	**429**	**323**	**752**

Precincts	1	2	Total
DEMOCRATIC			
Senator in Congress			
John F Kerry	354	338	692
Write-ins	2	3	5
Blanks	70	87	157
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
Governor			
T. Birmingham	66	78	144
Steven Grossman	0	3	3
Shannon O'Brien	143	164	307
Robert Reich	134	91	225
Warren Tolman	76	85	161
Write-ins	1	1	2
Blanks	6	6	12
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
Lieutenant Governor			
C. Gabrieli	156	183	339
Lois G. Pines	128	100	228
John Slattery	78	97	175
Write-ins	0	2	2
Blanks	64	46	110
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
Attorney General			
Thomas Reilly	325	309	634
Write-ins	3	1	4
Blanks	98	118	216
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
Secretary of State			
William Galvin	301	297	598
Write-ins	2	0	2
Blanks	123	131	254
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
Treasurer			
Michael Cahill	38	36	74
Timothy Cahill	197	231	428
Stephen Murphy	49	39	88
James Segel	76	67	143
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	65	55	120
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
Auditor			
A.J. DeNucci	279	279	558
Write-ins	2	0	2
Blanks	145	149	294
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
Representative in Congress			
Wm. Delahunt	325	326	651
Write-ins	1	1	2
Blanks	100	101	201
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
Councillor			
C. Iannella Jr.	166	150	316
Stephen Flynn	148	171	319
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	112	107	219
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
Senator in General Court			
Ted LeClair	283	294	577
Write-ins	0	1	1
Blanks	143	133	276
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
Representative in General Court			
Garrett Bradley	345	351	696
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	80	77	151
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
District Attorney			
William Keating	283	283	566
Write-ins	1	1	2
Blanks	142	144	286
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
Register of Probate			
P. McDermott	121	123	244
Mark Tobin	173	182	355
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	131	123	254
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
County Treasurer			
Joseph Connolly	117	159	276
Michael Joyce	117	110	227
Thomas Koch	54	50	104
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	137	109	246
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**
County Commissioner			
Peter Collins	263	270	533
Write-ins	1	1	2
Blanks	162	157	319
Total	**426**	**428**	**854**

LIBERTARIAN			
Senator in Congress			
Michael Cloud	1	3	4
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0
Total	**1**	**3**	**4**
Governor			
Carla Howell	1	3	4
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0
Total	**1**	**3**	**4**
Lieutenant Governor			
Richard Aucoin	1	3	4
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0
Total	**1**	**3**	**4**
Auditor			
Kamal Jain	1	3	4
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0
Total	**1**	**3**	**4**

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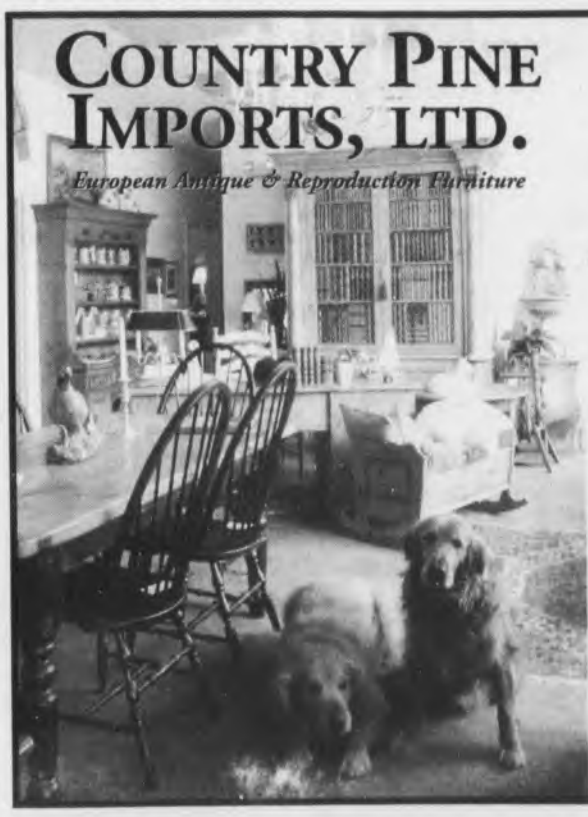

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OBITUARIES

Marie Alice Feola

Marie Alice (Dyson) Feola, 81, of Bonita Springs, Fla. and Lakeland, formerly of Cohasset, a homemaker, died Sept. 10, 2002, in Lakeland.

She enjoyed cooking, sewing and collecting plates and knick-knacks.

Mrs. Feola was born and educated in Weymouth, and had lived in Bonita Springs for many years and in Lakeland for a brief time.

She was the wife of the late Randolph A. Feola, who was the Cohasset Police Chief from 1967 to 1980. He died in 1999.

Mrs. Feola leaves two sons, Randolph A. Feola Jr. of Old Towne, Fla., and Ralph Feola of Lakeland; two daughters, Ruthanne Semel of Palmdale, Calif., and Suzanne M. Ross of Cohasset; two sisters, Anna Seely of Weymouth and Frances Desmond of Braintree; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham 01701.

Arnold A. Brandt

Arnold A. Brandt, 85, of Cohasset, a former chief engineer in the Merchant Marines, died Sept. 10, 2002 at Quincy Medical Center from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Born in Boston, Mr. Brandt joined the Merchant Marines as a young man and traveled the world. He worked his way up from ship hand to chief engineer.

He was a member of the Halifax Golf Club and the Pembroke Country Club.

Husband of the late Helen (Wallace) Brandt, he leaves his son, John Brandt; his three daughters, Eleanor Brown, Jessica Grace and Andrea Davis Lawson; three brothers, Roland, Earl and Chet Brandt; a sister, Dorothy Doyle; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to charity.

Mildred Stoddard Salyards

Mildred Stoddard Salyards, 79, of Cohasset, a retired employee of the Cohasset Public Schools, died at home on Aug. 29, 2002 following a long illness.

Mrs. Salyards worked 25 years in food service for the Cohasset schools system, retiring in 1989.

Wife of the late James R. Salyards, she leaves her two sons, James R. Salyards, Jr. of Exeter, N.H. and Russell D. Salyards of Santa Cruz, Calif.; her daughter, Joyce N. Salyards of Cohasset; two brothers, Sheldon and David Stoddard; her four sisters, Nellie Stoddard, Lillian Lincoln, Olive Morris and Hannah Sawyers; her eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service was held at Beechwood Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mrs. Salyards' memory to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02184.

Guy C. Tringali

Guy Charles Tringali, 47, of North Weymouth died at home on Aug. 27, 2002.

Born, raised and educated in Boston, Mr. Tringali was a Cohasset resident for 25 years.

He was a member of the Atlantic Club House in Quincy for 20 years and enjoyed music, movies, astronomy and the outdoors, and had a particular interest in meteorology.

He leaves his mother, Helen (Irving) Murley of Cohasset; his two brothers, Joseph of Bartlett, N.H. and Henry of Randolph; his sister, April Chantler of England; two nephews and two nieces.

Funeral services and interment were private.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset

Donations may be made in his memory to the Atlantic Club House, 338 Washington St., Quincy 02169.

Dorothy M. Flynn

Dorothy M. (Quilty) Flynn, 80, of Cohasset died Sept. 13, 2002 of a stroke at her daughter's home.

Born in Newton, she had lived in Cohasset for 48 years. She was a graduate of Mount Alvernia Academy and Lasell College in Newton.

Mrs. Flynn hosted several teas for John F. Kennedy during his 1960 presidential campaign.

She was a stewardess for American Airlines in Boston and worked several years as a model for the Hart Modeling Agency in Boston. She also worked for The Talbots in Hingham as a saleswoman and as a hostess at PJs Country House on Route 3A in Scituate.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset.

Wife of the late Peter L. Flynn, Jr., she leaves her daughter, Doreen T. Trahon of Cohasset; her son, Peter L. Flynn III of Newton; three sisters, Audrey Keenan of Centerville, Rosemary "Rosebud" Martin of Cotuit, and Paulina Connolly of Hyannisport; her five grandchildren; and 18 nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 17 at St. Anthony's Church by the Rev. Joseph C. Gengras, a family friend. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Dorothy's memory to either the Friends of the Unborn, P.O. Box 692246, Quincy 02269; or to the Champions for Children, c/o Children's Hospital Trust, 138 Harvard St., Brookline 02446.

Radio station owner says rights were violated

Questions practice during incident at Hanover Mall

By Ed Baker
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WATD station manager Edward Perry is charging a Hanover Mall security officer with obstructing his attempt to gather information on a possible carjacking in the mall parking lot on Sept. 9 .

Perry, 61, was arrested by police after a security officer charged him with trespassing. He faces a pre-trial hearing in Hingham District Court on Oct. 18 to answer charges of being a disorderly person, interfering with a police investigation and resisting arrest. Perry has owned the Marshfield-based station for nearly 25 years.

Perry said he went to the mall to get details about an alleged carjacking that reportedly occurred at approximately 5:30 p.m. He heard a description about the incident from a police scanner in the studio newsroom. The report was later determined to be an attempted theft of a 1990 Buick LeSabre by a unidentified white male near the Ames department store. The car owner was slightly injured when the suspect struck him while driving away from the shopping complex.

"The suspect drove the car through the mall parking lot and struck the owner and caused a superficial laceration on his hand," said Lt. Walter Sweeney. The owner was not identified by Sweeney for privacy considerations

Police also recovered a 1991 Chevy Caprice in the mall parking lot that was stolen hours earlier from Kohls department store in Pembroke. Sweeney said its possible this car was stolen by the suspect that drove away in the Buick.

Perry said his rights to gather information for a news story were breached when a security officer prevented him from asking questions to witnesses at the scene. "I got of my car and parked it," said Perry. "A mall security guy came running toward me and said 'get off the property. You are trespassing.' I said I'm here to gather information."

Perry said the mall officer continued to insist that he leave the property. "I then turned on my mike and tape and asked him if he would tell me for the record why I should get off the property," said Perry. "He then said 'I'm not going to talk into that mike.' " He said he repeated his question at least several times to the mall officer.

Perry said the security officer then grabbed his microphone and tape. A small scuffle occurred between them. "A cop at the scene then told me it's illegal for me to record him without his (mall officer's) permission," said Perry. "He then said 'this man told you to leave.' I said I would not leave without my tape and they arrested me."

Police Chief Paul R. Hayes said he could not say much about the incident because it's in litigation. "There appears to be a conflict on priority," said Hayes. "His job is to report and we have to investigate. He has his opinion on how he should be doing his job, but that is what the court will decide. The mall is private property."

Perry said his Constitutional rights were violated and that his audio tape was erased by someone shortly after being arrested. "I have my own theories about who did it but it remains to be seen," said Perry without elaborating. "The recorder was in my car in the parking lot when I came back to the mall to get my car after being released, but it (recording tape) was erased."

He said the tape erasure is troubling from a public-interest standpoint. "It's troubling from a Constitutional perspective," added Perry. "To have this kind of thing happen is clear that there are some self interest here. This was a public area where the trouble happened. The safety of the people who use that area was affected. I think it shows a blatant disregard for the public interest,.."

Mall marketing director Lisa Mazzotta said the mall's management always accommodates news reporters seeking information. "We would never turn away a reporter whenever we have an incident," said Mazzotta. "We are always available. I don't know what transpired between him and the Hanover police."

PHOTO/SETH JACOBSON

Ed Perry, owner of WATD, was arrested and charged with trespassing at the Hanover Mall while trying to cover a news story.

WORSHIP NEWS

Being educated about sexual abuse

Parents are asking for help in educating themselves in order to protect children. To that end on Sept. 25, from 7-9 p.m., in the St. Paul School hall, Voice of the Faithful will host a program designed to meet the needs of families dealing with these complex issues. A panel of professionals with particular expertise in this area will present information and share resources with concerned families. All are welcome.

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A whale of a comeback

Two fourth quarter TDs lift Skippers past Nantucket

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset football Skippers might not be up to their Super Bowl playoff form of a year ago yet, but they did pull together for a opening week 19-12 win in Nantucket.

"For a first game, we played well," noted head coach Tony Rolfe, whose team has won the season opener in all five of his years in Cohasset. "Had we done what we were supposed to, though, we could have shut them out."

It is not surprising that Rolfe expects such big things from his defense, which held six opponents under 10 points last year.

The defense did make big stands when it was needed to on Saturday, cutting down the Whalers offense the entire fourth quarter. Senior Chris McKenna and Cosimo Cambi had exceptional games on defense for Cohasset, according to Rolfe, as the Skippers managed to control the line of scrimmage for most of the game.

Cohasset held the field position advantage during the first quarter, but neither team sustained any lengthy drives. The Skippers squandered both of their potential scoring opportunities with turnovers, a Braun Goodson fumble and a Mike Snowdale interception. Nantucket finally capitalized on the mistakes of their young visitors, mounting a scoring drive early in the second quarter, capped by an eight yard pass play for a touchdown.

The Skippers came right back on the ensuing possession to march deep into Nantucket territory with a balanced attack of run and pass plays. McKenna, formerly a defensive specialist who has recently become part of the team's goal-line package, muscled in a two-yard run for a touchdown to tie the game 6-6 before halftime.

The Whalers struck again late in the third quarter, riding their large offensive line to a running touchdown from inside the Skippers red zone. After a failed extra point attempt, the home team held a 12-6 lead into the final quarter.

"We kept our composure very well," lauded Rolfe, pleased that some his younger players did not collapse after falling behind late in the game. "In that respect, we played an outstanding game."

On Cohasset's first drive in the fourth, senior Snowdale began showing why he was the league's best passer in 2001, connecting to receivers John Durkin, Chris Bilodeau, and Tom Anderson. Snowdale tied the game when he hit Anderson from 15 yards for a touchdown. The Boston Globe credited Snowdale with 120 passing

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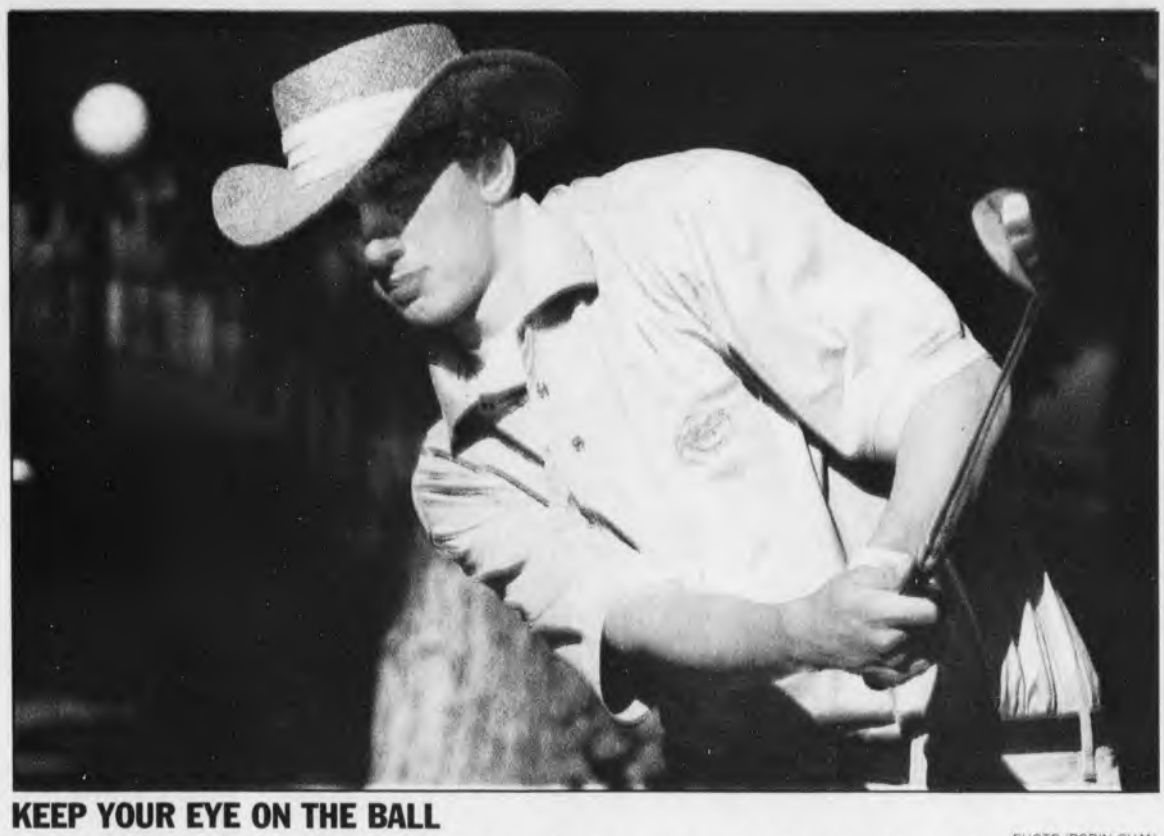

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Rob Lehr watches his chip shot in match action against Abington last week at Strawberry Valley Golf Course. The Cohasset High golf team fell to 0-3 this week. For report, see page 17.

Boys learn hard lesson

Cohasset booters bounce back after sloppy effort in Mashpee

By Mike Spellman
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"Obviously, I would have preferred a win, but I think this tie reinforced what we need to be doing."
Cohasset boys soccer coach Dave Nigro

Sometimes non-wins can be a coach's best friend.

Coming off a huge 2-1 upset over purported South Shore League powerhouse Norwell in the season opener Tuesday, the members of the Cohasset boys soccer team may, according to head coach Dave Nigro, have spent a little bit too much time reading their own press clippings.

And this situation wasn't helped by the first half of game number two on the season in Mashpee Thursday. The Skippers got out to a 2-1 lead on tallies by Chris Clark and John Andrade, and their collective surging confidence grew unfettered, as they controlled play against their SSL rival Falcons and had several opportunities in the first 40 minutes to blow the game open. Even the one lapse, a defensive breakdown that led to Mashpee's goal, did not seem to concern the kids much.

Nigro, who coaches soccer year round at the Club level, probably wasn't all that surprised by what happened in the second half.

"We had a bunch of guys who thought they could put on dribbling clinics rather than sticking to our game plan, and it cost us," he noted. "We played the style of game Mashpee wanted us to play rather than playing the kind of game we need to play to be successful."

The cost was a win. Rather than going to 2-0 in SSL play, the Skippers could manage only a tie, 3-3.

After Mashpee knotted the score at 2-2, Andrade scored

BOYS SOCCER, PAGE 18

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset goalie Sera Genovese turned back 19 of 21 shots in tough 2-1 loss to Sandwich last week.

Drama aplenty

Field hockey squad opens season with three straight one goal games

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

The first three games of the Cohasset field hockey season had plenty of excitement. However, the scores of the final three games got into a bit of a rut.

The first game was, 2-1. The second game was, 2-1. Guess what? The third game was, 2-1.

There was just a slight change in the way those scores were reported, though. Cohasset beat East Bridgewater in the season opener, but Hanover and Sandwich turned the other two games around.

"We played a couple of very tough games," said coach Deb Bostwick. "One of the teams, Sandwich, was a Div. 1 team. However, we're happy to play the tough ones. The kids get some good competition and the games help us improve just that much more as the season moves along."

Cohasset started out with the first goal of the season, blanking East Bridgewater, 1-0 in the first half. Danielle Pinkus scored goal number two for Cohasset and East Bridgewater picked up a point in a mismatch.

"We got some excellent play from the kids," declared the coach. "Junior Kaitlin Condon did a nice job at goal along with some good play from captain Sarah Dennis and captain Heather Peraino.

"The Cohasset team was outstanding. We lost five seniors

FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE 16

Taking a bite out of Bulldogs

Lady booters improve to 2-2 with win over Holbrook

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Jen Buckley finished her terrific day by scoring a pretty line-drive shot from 15 yards out, completing her first career hat trick.

Over the past few years, the Cohasset and Holbrook girls soccer teams have met for a handful of very close and competitive games, almost always ending in a tie or a one-goal decision. But this past Tuesday at Alumni Field, the Lady Skippers were clearly the superior team, knocking out the Bulldogs, 5-1, in their visitors' season opener.

"We have played very competitively with Cohasset," noted Holbrook coach Sharon Farell, whose team was originally scheduled to open with Westport last Friday, but that school dropped its varsity program this fall. "Everything is still pretty rusty."

Holbrook actually held the ball-control advantage for the opening minutes of the game, but the Skipper defense managed to thwart every attack by forwards Megan Piasecki and Amy Breen. Although the Cohasset defenders and midfielders could clear the ball past the center-line for potential breakaways, Holbrook effectively pulled their defense way up. This strategy forced the Lady Skippers into seven offsides infractions in the first half alone, totaling 10 in the game.

"I was happy with how we played," reported Cohasset coach Deb Beal, in her fifth year. "(Holbrook) is tough because they play that trap."

Finally, a looping through-ball off the foot of senior Maura McKenney was timed perfectly by speedy junior Jen Buckley. Buckley controlled the pass and, standing alone with all the defenders caught retreating, popped it over the head of Holbrook keeper Shauna Sullivan for a 1-0 lead.

Cohasset appeared to be building up serious momentum, as Buckley hit the crossbar and senior attacker Molly Flanagan hit the post within two minutes of the goal. But the Lady Bulldgos used their quick wingers to advance the ball and force a free kick off a tripping call.

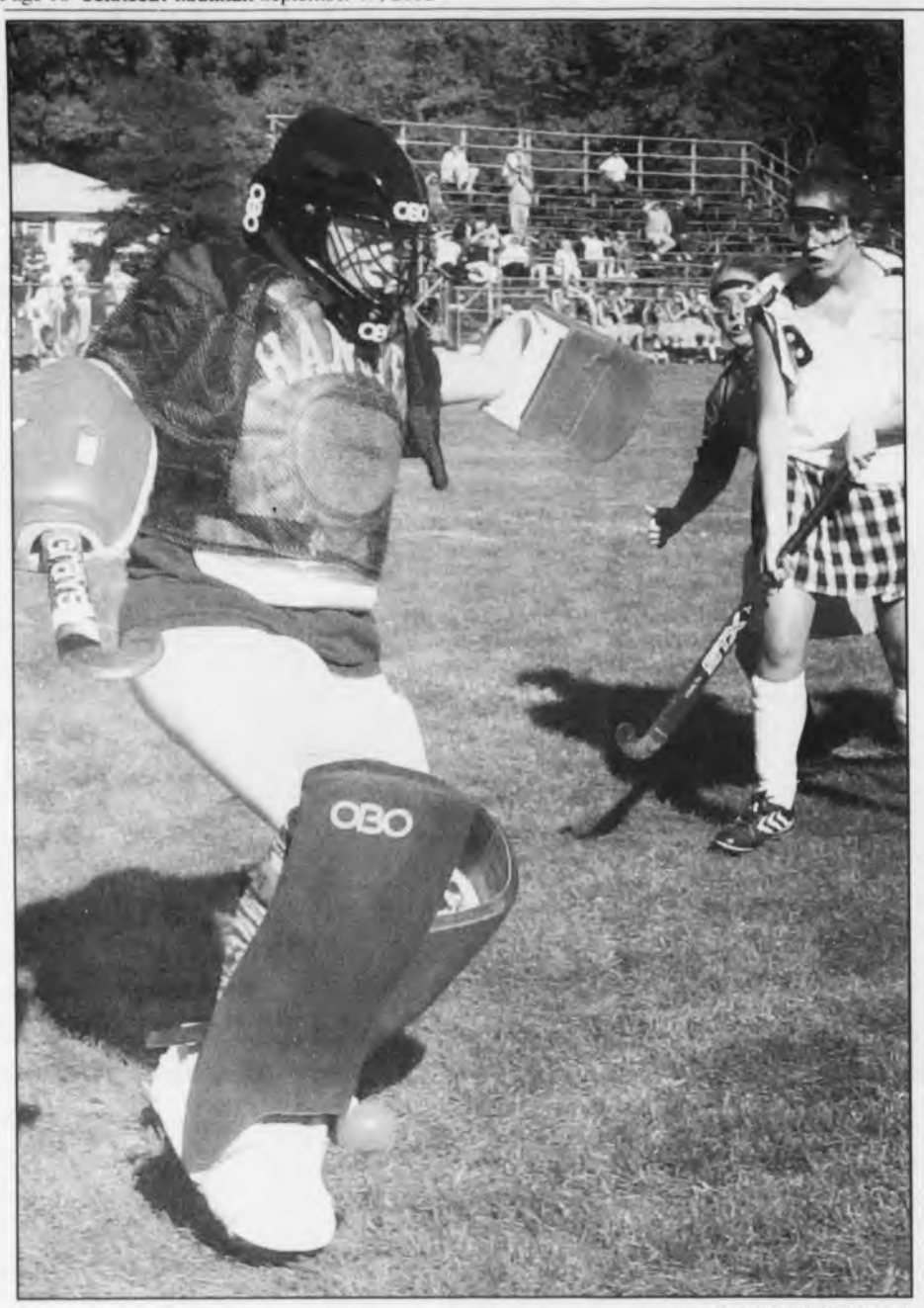
Senior defender Jessie MacNeil set up the indirect kick to the weak-side where Breen tapped the ball to Piasecki. The freshman, playing in her first varsity game, scored the equalizer, sneaking the ball past Cohasset's Kelly Holway.

"[Piasecki] had a good game today," lauded Farell, who watched her frosh blossom as a junior varsity eighth grader a year ago. "And Jessie [MacNeil], we just love her. She's unbelievable."

GIRLS SOCCER, PAGE 18

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset's Gillian Weber (right) tries to "hold off" Scituate's Katie Hess in race to the ball in action last week.



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Hanover goalie makes a pad save in last week's showdown with Cohasset as Lady Skippers Danielle Pinkus (white shirt) looks for a rebound opportunity.

Drama aplenty

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who missed the game for a school trip, plus a goalie. Four juniors stepped up and did an excellent job."

Also doing a fine job for Cohasset were Kristen Howard and Deanna Brown.

Cohasset and Hanover played scoreless hockey up to the final moment of the first half when Hanover moved ahead with a score.

Hanover added a second goal in the second half and Cohasset closed the gap by one goal with a score by Courtney Caron. Cohasset later scored a second goal, but it was called back.

The Cohasset girls gave a good accounting of themselves in the opening eight minutes of the Sandwich game, but could not punch one home. At the nine minute mark, Sandwich was awarded a free hit and cashed in to take a 1-0 lead. Sandwich added a second goal before the end of the first half.

Cohasset played strong over the last 15 minutes. Senior Kim Ulmer scored a goal, but a potential tying goal off a free hit was waved off.

"The kids came up with a couple of great corners, that just couldn't make it in," declared the coach, "but they just kept on fighting."

Coach Bostwick singled out a number of Cohasset players for their efforts, including Frannie Noble, Pinkus, Brown and Sarah Genovese, who was sensational in goal, turning back 19 of 21 shots.

Cohasset was scheduled to play perennial powerhouse Hingham, yesterday, in non-league action.

Welcome to Mannyworld

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

I got to thinking the other day about the time I caught my then three year old son (now 11) taking crayons to the Living Room wall.

Obviously, I was aggravated. Obviously, I chastised him, but even before I got into the heart of the lecture, the frustration had abated. He was just a kid, after all; he didn't know what he was doing was wrong.

This trip down memory lane was prompted, not so oddly, by the recent tour de force week of Manny Ramirez. You see, I have come to the conclusion that Manny, in terms of social refinement and interpersonal maturity, is stuck somewhere between where my son was eight years ago and where he is now. This would certainly seem the most logical explanation for what we've seen in recent days. No one wants to be a pariah, after all.

It would thus follow Manny simply does not realize there's anything wrong with doing an about face in her batter's box when he hits a comebacker to the mound, or laughing and joking in the runway while teammates are standing respectfully at the top step of the dugout during the Sept. 11 ceremonies or completely ignoring the Police Officer that accompanied him out the field during introductions for that game.

Manny is, in a word, oblivious to everything that does not have to do with what he likes to do: hit the ball hard and occasionally push it to make a play in the field. We've heard this before, and laughed – an obvious exaggeration, right? Well, actually, as difficult as that might be to believe, no. That pretty much nails it.

We're guessing that Manny, for whatever biological or environmental phenomena, possesses an eensy weensy scope with which to view the world around him. Fortunately, he stumbled in to baseball at an early age, so this acute case of tunnel vision has not been a major problem in his life. In fact, it no doubt served him well in many regards. Blinded to the distractions every day life seems to rain on the rest of us, he was able to concentrate solely on the most difficult of all athletic feats: hitting the round ball with the round bat square.

Up through high school and minor league ball, and then finally with Indians, Manny had people shielding him, protecting him from that ever-troublesome reality. He could hit a ball better than anyone else, after all. Those around him adopted the "If it ain't broke, don't mess with it" position.

However, now Manny is playing baseball in Boston, where, as so many players have discovered before him, there is no way to hide. Here, the media and fans compete to see who can find their players' Achilles' heels faster, and both forces are relentless.

Well, we found it, and the situation has now reached the point where something is going to have to give.

A trade is out of the question. The eight year-$160 million contract makes Manny virtually untradeable in this day and age. Clearly, the Sox would never get equal value for the player who might just be the best overall hitter in the game.

Another possible remedy would be Boston fans becoming more understanding or even (tee hee) tolerant. Damn!...almost made it through that flight of fancy without laughing.

The only remaining option is that Manny is himself going to have to change, at least in appearance. And that's what brings me full circle to the anecdote involving my three year old. Although I stopped being angry with him for augmenting our wallpaper design, I still lectured him. He didn't know what he was doing was bad, but that's how he learned.

Working in our favor here is the fact that Grady Little and Mike Port both have kids. They know how this needs to work. Maybe next time Manny doesn't run out a ground ball, they should take away his home perm kit. Or how's about the next time he behaves in a sociopathic manner while in uniform, they put him in a hotel room that doesn't have the Cartoon Network. But these are just suggestions.

Bottom line: this shouldn't be too hard. My son, taste in music aside, is a perfect gentleman today.

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If Manny was going to reveal his true nature in all its splendor, at least he chose an opportune time. At the time of this writing, it was difficult to find anyone who even knew how many games the Red Sox won in the three game weekend set with Baltimore (by the by, I checked: it was one of three against the team that had won just once previous to this in its last 20 games.)

You'd think Manny would send the Patriots a box of candies or something for yanking virtually all attention from him...but perhaps we're assuming a lot to think he's even noticed the change.

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A few more random and irrepressible musings on the Patriots:

Could these first two weeks have been any better for Our Defending Super Bowl Champs? Two insulting underdog designations, two blow out wins against bitter rivals.

Might I suggest the Steelers change their rallying cry from "Sometimes the best team doesn't win" to "at least we didn't get smacked around as bad as the Jets."

The best thing about these whoopings on the detestable Steelers and Jets is they just keep giving. The Patriots game films are being used as "how to" manuals for opposing teams.

I think the genius labeling might be a little overdone, but there's no denying the way Belichick and staff have been able to unearth and exploit opposing weaknesses on a near unprecedented scale. Just as the Steelers fell big again this week to the Raiders, you can probably bank on the Jets taking it on the chin this coming Sunday down in Miami (not that the scarily improved Dolphins should need all that much help).

Does anyone think it's honestly a coincidence the Rams are 0-2? The Patriots Super Bowl tape was reportedly one of the most widely sold NFL Films ever. We're guessing there are one or two real grainy copies of this video in the offices of Mike Shanahan and Jim Fassell.

Though I remain both a Drew Bledsoe fan and believer, after watching Brady and Drew in successive games this past Sunday, I will now state without reservation that Belichick absolutely made the right decision on which QB to keep, and I say this without consideration of financial matters. The stats tell us Bledsoe had a great game. Common sense and knowledge of the game tell us Brady had an even better game.

Circle Oct. 6 on your calendars. That's when the Patriots travel to Miami to take on the Dolphins. This game, in addition to providing the winner with a big early lift in the AFC-East title race, could reveal much to those trying to get a handle on who should be considered the favorite to represent the Conference in the Super Bowl.

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Soccer Club registration

The 2002/2003 Soccer Season is about to begin. Registration for grades pre-K - 4 will close on Saturday, September 28,2002. All players must register to play. Forms can also be picked up and left at the Cohasset Recreation Dept office during working hours this week. The soccer season for grades pre- K through 4 will begin Saturday September 21,2002.

Cohasset Little League Major League Tryouts

Cohasset, MA...The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association (**CYBSA**) has announced that on **Sunday, September 29, 2002 @ Noon at Barnes Field on North Main Street**, the tryouts for the *2003 MAJOR LEAGUE* baseball season will be conducted. Youngsters who will be 10, 11, or 12 years old *on or before* **July 31, 2003** and are *not* currently playing at the Major League Level, are invited and encouraged to participate in this once-a-year tryout event.

All those who are eligible should plan to attend, as this is the ***only opportunity*** to tryout. Applications are available at Town Hall or can be completed upon arrival at Barnes Field. Participants are *requested to arrive at Noon* to facilitate the registration process. There is NO MONEY REQUIRED for this exercise but each participant should bring a baseball glove, hat and long pants.

Any questions regarding these tryouts may be forwarded to: Mark DeGiacomo (6413), Dan Leahy (1005), or Bob Morgan (3265).

Hingham Flag Football registration

Registration will be held for Hingham Flag Football, Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 11 at Pal Field, Beal St., Hingham, behind Lincoln Plaza. Children ages 5 to 12 are eligible.

Registration fee is $50 per player or $90 cap per family.

Directions from Scituate: North on Route 3A past Hingham Rotary. Take left opposite commuter boat exit. Pal Field is at the end of the street.

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Cohasset's Tim Pilczak follows through on putt in match action against Abington last week at Strawberry Valley Golf Course.

Golfers fall to Harwich

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset golf team fell to 0-3 on Tuesday with a lopsided loss to SSL power Harwich, a team that dismantled six time defending league champion Norwell on Monday, 38-16.

The match was held at Harwich High's home Cranberry Valley course. The only Cohasset player to win his head-to-head battle was number five player Rob Lehr, whose 48 earned him the 5-4 edge over his counterpart. Senior Pat Reardon shot a team best 44 against Harwich's top golfer.

Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney — who saw his team fall in its previous two matches to league rivals Norwell and Abington — not surprisingly, had little to say after this match.

"Harwich is a very good team, and they're especially tough at home," said Sweeney, who is in his third season of coaching the golf team. "Hopefully, we'll give a little better accounting of ourselves when we get them up here (at Cohasset Country Club) later in the season (Sept. 30)."

The Clippers loss to Abington last Thursday at Strawberry Valley was by the score of 31.5-22.5. Cohasset senior Pat Reardon shot a strong nine-hole round of 36, while teammate Mike Hajjar earned points with his score of 38.

Abington's Al Redman was the medalist, shooting an excellent round of 32, while teammate Bill Carey matched Reardon's 36 for second best overall score.

A whale of a comeback

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yards for the game, but Rolfe believed that to be way low.

The Skipper defense then stifled the Whalers, forcing a three-and-out on their next two possessions, as Cohasset won back the battle for field position. Goodson, a senior starting his first game as at tailback, atoned for his first-half miscue and powered in a 25 yard touchdown run.

Rolfe credited his new offensive line — which features one senior in Cosimo Cambi, two juniors, Dan Tarpey and Steve Davis, sophomore Matt Casey and freshman Nick Arment — for the score.

"They made very few mistakes," reported Rolfe. "Braun was not at 100 percent (physically) this game, but they did a very good job."

Next up for Cohasset is Arlington Catholic, a non-league opponent who the Skippers trounced by nearly thirty points last year. However, according to Rolfe, who scouted AC's big win over Shawsheen last Friday night, this looks like a very different team this year.

Cohasset has opened their season with three straight non-league wins in each of the past three years. The Skippers are also now three-for-three in their annual meetings clashes with Nantucket.

Junior high boys lax league starts at Hanover YMCA

A first-of-its-kind regional lacrosse program for middle-school and junior high boys will be launched this September by Cohasset High varsity boys' coach Kevin Orcutt.

The program, to be held Sundays at the Hanover YMCA complex at Mill Pond, will be open to any South Shore player interested in improving both his individual and team skills, said Orcutt.

"Eventually, we plan to develop this as a group that will enter age-appropriate tournaments during the off-seasons and in summer," said Orcutt, who coached Cohasset to the state finals in 2001 and the quarterfinals last spring, and led a pair of Bay State Games gold-medal winning teams in 2001 and 2002.

The program – which will be called Hawks Lacrosse – begins on Sunday, September 15. It will run as a 10-week session this fall.

The program will go from 9 am until 11 am each Sunday. The total program cost will be $90 per player. Players will be expected to bring their own equipment, including stick, helmet, gloves and shoulder pads.

Players and their parents who would like to pre-register for the program can do so by calling Coach Orcutt at either 781-837-7764 or 617-827-4160, or by e-mail at kocoach4@aol.com. Registration forms will be available at the Hanover Mill Pond YMCA on Sunday, September 15 at 9 a.m.

"Whether you're someone who's learning the game, or someone who's got a lot of experience," said Orcutt, "this is a program that's going to make you a better, stronger player."

CHS weekly scoreboard

Football

Sept.
14 beat Nantucket, 14-12

Varsity Golf
12 lost to Abington, 31.5-22.5 @ Strawberry Valley
17 lost to Harwich @ Cranberry Valley
18 Sacred Heart @ Indian Pond- ppd to 10/16

Girls Field Hockey
12 lost to Hanover, 2-1
13 lost to Sandwich, 2-1
18 @ Hingham

Girls Soccer
12 beat Mashpee, 4-0
17 beat Holbrook, 5-1

Boys Soccer
12 tied Mashpee, 3-3
13 beat Chatham, 6-1

Middle School sports schedule

GIRLS SOCCER

Date	Field	A/B Team vs. Opp.	Time	H/A
Sept.				
18		A vs. Thayer	3:00	away
		B vs. Thayer	4:15	away
20		B vs. Carver	3:30	home
	Milliken			
23		B vs. Wixon	4:00	home
	Milliken			
24		A vs. Carver	3:30	home
	Milliken			
25		A vs. Harwich	4:00	away
		B vs. Harwich	4:00	away
27		A vs. Plymouth South	3:30	away
Oct.				
1		B vs. Sacred Heart	3:30	away
3		A vs. Harwich	4:00	home
	Beechwood			
		B vs. Harwich	4:00	home
	Milliken			
15		B vs. Carver	3:30	away
16		B vs. Plym. South	3:30	home
	Beechwood			
18		A vs. Carver	3:30	away
24		A vs. Sacred Heart	3:30	home
	Milliken			
Nov.				
1		B vs. Thayer	3:15	away
5		A vs. Thayer	3:15	home
	Milliken			
		B vs. Thayer	3:15	home

BOYS SOCCER

Date	Field	A/B Team vs. Opp.	Time	H/A
Sept.				
20		A vs. W. Bridgewater	3:30	away
20		B vs. Carver	3:30	away
24		A vs. Carver	3:30	home
	Beechwood			
25		B vs. Cath. Memorial	4:00	away
26		A vs. Wixon (Dennis)	4:00	away
27		A vs. Plym. South	3:30	away
Oct.				
1		B vs. Sacred Heart	3:30	away
3		A vs. St. Francis (Hyannis)	3:45	away
4		A vs. St. Sebastian's	3:30	away
10		B vs. Derby	3:30	away
11		A vs. W. Bridgewater	3:30	home
	Milliken			
15		B vs. Carver	3:30	away
16		B vs. Plym. South	3:30	home
	Milliken			
18		A vs. Carver	3:30	away
18		B vs. Thayer	3:30	away
21		B vs. Cath. Memorial	4:00	home
	Milliken			
24		B vs. Sacred Heart	3:30	home
	Beechwood			
25		A vs. St. Sebastian's	3:30	home
	Milliken			
30		@ Mattacheese	4 p.m.	
Nov.				
6		St. Sebastian's	4 p.m.	

FIELD HOCKEY

Date	Field	A/B Team vs. Opp.	Time	H/A
Sept.				
19		A vs. Wareham	4:00	home
	Deer Hill			
20		B vs. Carver	3:30	home
	Deer Hill			
27		B vs. Canton	3:30	away
30		A vs. Walpole	4:30	away
Oct.				
2		B vs. Thayer	3:30	home
	Deer Hill			
3		A vs. Derby	3:15	away
7		B vs. Canton	3:30	home
	Deer Hill			
8		A vs. Carver	3:30	away
11		A vs. Wareham	4:00	away
15		B vs. Carver	3:30	home
	Deer Hill			
17		B vs. Harwich	4:00	home
	Deer Hill			
21		B vs. Harwich	4:00	away
25		A vs. Carver	3:30	home
	Deer Hill			
29		A vs. Derby	3:15	home
	Deer Hill			
Nov.				
1		A vs. Thayer	3:15	home
	Deer Hill			
		B vs. Thayer	3:15	away

Middle School Football

Sept.
27 Thayer 3:30 p.m.

Oct.
2 @ River's School 4 p.m.
23 Wixon 4 p.m.

Nov.
6 St. Sebastian's 4 p.m.

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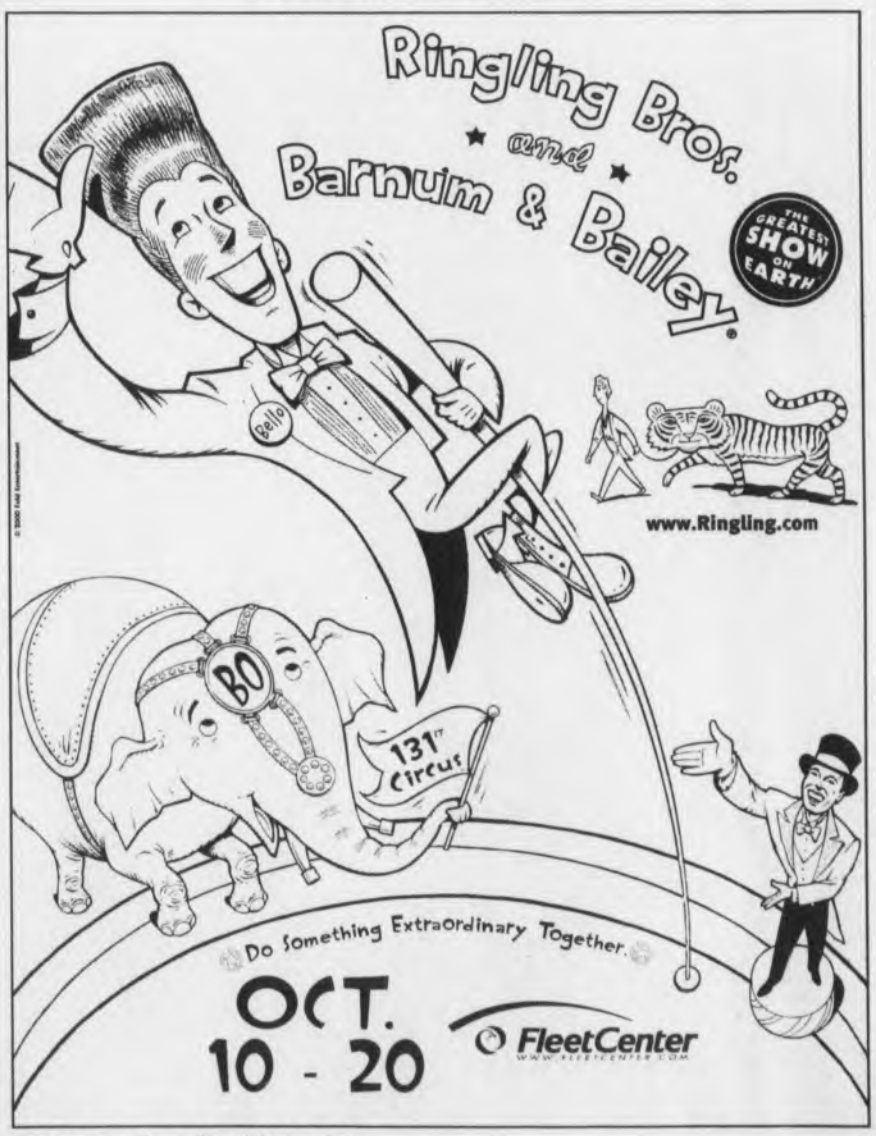

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Boys learn hard lesson

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his second goal of the game to give the visitors back their one goal edge. However, Mashpee punched goal number three past keeper Curt Kahn to tie the game at 3-3 near the 75 minute mark, and that was how it ended.

"Once players start playing an individual game, a lot of the parts of the game start going flat," noted Nigro. "We had too many guys standing around and watching, and our defense kind of flattened out. Mashpee was a counterattack team that looked to send guys through on goal quick, and they managed to hit us a few times when we weren't ready."

Nigro was probably able to slam this point home harder when the same Norwell team his squad had beaten just seven days earlier dominated Mashpee this past Tuesday, 4-0, coach Jack Browne emptying the bench after the Clippers made it 4-0 three minutes into the second half.

The Cohasset coach made a point of saying none of the Mashpee goals were the fault of senior goaltender Curt Kahn, who moved from midfield to keeper at the end of pre-season and was starting just his second varsity game.

Though displeased with the overall performance, Nigro was pleased with the post-game reaction of his players.

"To their credit, most of them didn't need me to tell them they'd played a bad game," said Nigro. "We had some guys who were pretty upset, like (captain) Evan Pestone, and that's good. They should have been.

"Obviously, I would have preferred a win, but I think this tie reinforced what we need to be doing."

Still, the coach noted he wasn't banking on anything until he saw evidence on the field. Fortunately, he only had to wait 24 hours to get his evidence.

The Skippers were back on the Cape on Friday, traveling to Chatham for a non-league game.

Though Chatham did not present quite the challenge most SSL teams provide, Nigro was happy to see his troops revert to his prescribed brand of possession soccer, which calls for more short crisp passing and less ballhandling and dump and run attacking.

The 6-1 final was not as close as it sounded, as Chatham did not record its first shot on goal until late in the second half when most of the Skippers, including Kahn, were on the sideline.

Jesse Brewer scored twice for the Skippers, and Pestone got off the schneid with his first tally of the season. Striker David Santiago also scored his first goal of the season, and freshman Aidan Buick recorded his first ever high school goal.

"I would have liked a little bit more competitive a game, but we did the things we needed to and built up some confidence in our game plan, I think," noted Nigro.

Boys soccer notes

After three straight games on the road, the boys were finally slated to play a home game tomorrow, with SSL rival Abington coming to town (3:30 p.m. start). It's back on the road Saturday, though, the Div. 3 Skippers traveling to Newton South for a non-league game against a tough larger division (2) team.

"That should be a good test for us," noted Nigro. "Newton generally has good soccer teams, and they should really make us work, which is what we want right now. We don't want to go in to the tourney without having been pushed a few times."

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset captain Julie Lordan (right) collides with Scituate freshman Lindsay Home in non-league tilt last week.

Taking a bite out of Bulldogs

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Before the end of the half, the Lady Skippers struck again for a 2-1 halftime lead. Again, McKenney led Buckley to the goal, this time with a rolling pass, after which Buckley faked a shot, then deked around the goalie and slipped one through in to the low corner.

Although a Holbrook comeback was not out of the question in the second half, Cohasset put those thoughts to rest, as Flanagan scored just 90 seconds in. Junior Gillian Weber was credited with the assist, beating MacNeil and Sullivan with an outside-foot pass.

"Maura (McKenney) is just playing out of her mind. She and Jen are my two staples."

Cohasset girls soccer coach Deb Beal

Buckley finished her terrific day by scoring a pretty line-drive shot from 15 yards out, completing her first career hat trick. Flanagan became the second multi-goal scorer when she added an icing on the cake goal with less than a minute left. McKenney had the assist on Flanagan's second tally, giving her three for the game.

"Maura is just playing out of her mind," complimented Beal. "She and Jen are my two staples. I always preach the first five and the last five minutes of each half are the most important."

The Skippers will attempt to keep their momentum going today with a road game at league rival Abington.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

Football

Middle School, Freshman, and Varsity

Sept.

19 Arlington Catholic (Fr.) 4 p.m.
21 @Arlington Catholic (V) 1:30 p.m.

Girls Field Hockey

24 @ Scituate (V) 3:30 p.m.
24 @ Scituate (JV) 5 p.m.
All home games at Alumni Field unless otherwise noted.

Varsity Golf

23 Norwell @ Scituate CC 3:30 p.m.
24 Carver-home @ Cohasset GC 3:30 p.m.
25 Abington-home @ Cohasset GC 3:30 p.m.

Boys Varsity Soccer

20 Abington 3:30 p.m.
21 @ Newton South 2 p.m.
24 @ Carver 3:30 p.m.
All home games at Alumni Field.

Boys Jr. Varsity Soccer

20 Abington 3:30 p.m.
21 @ Newton South 2 p.m.
24 @ Carver 3:30 p.m.
All home games at Milliken Field unless otherwise noted.

Girls Varsity Soccer

20 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
24 Carver 3:30 p.m.
All home games at Alumni Field unless otherwise noted.

Girls Jr. Varsity Soccer

20 @ Abington 3:30 p.m.
24 Carver 3:30 p.m.
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Cohasset golfer Ian Kidder follows the flight of his tee shot on the first hole last week at Strawberry Valley Golf Course in Abington.

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EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

As jobs go, Schoolboy Sports Editor is a pretty fun gig.

It's a refreshing release from every day life to know that 99 percent of what we write is expected to be upbeat and positive. It's also great to know that most of what you're responsible for putting in the paper is genuinely appreciated.

Of course, like any job, this one is not without its headaches.

One of the largest nuisances, for example, is the steady torrent of calls we receive from the public wondering why their cause or subject is not receiving more coverage. While this can indeed by a pain to deal with, the angst experienced here pales in comparison to that created by our number one pet peeve — which is, ironically, exactly the opposite kind of situation.

By far, what bothers us most is when we have every intention and desire to devote coverage to a cause or subject and get no cooperation from the person who is in the foremost position to assist in that endeavor.

I'm speaking, of course, about the coaches.

There are several coaches in our publication area who it seems have not yet figured out how to dial the phone. Unless we go to see them or are fortunate enough to get them to actually answer the phone, we don't talk.

Some of these coaches are apologetic when we finally hook up with them, while some seem unperturbed by the matter. Others, however, get defensive and even nasty when we, say, leave repeated messages on their voice mail. A few times, we've even had tables turned on us, as coaches have asked why we can't come out to the field to talk.

The short answer to that question is we'd love to...heck, who wouldn't want to hang around a field rather than an office? Unfortunately, this is not possible. We have two full-timers covering 13 towns – that's a whole lot of teams to cover and not a lot of time.

Not that this is pertinent to the overriding issue here. Getting the word out there about their teams and athletes is as much the coaches responsibility as it is our's. This doesn't come from us; this is what the hiring bodies and school administrations espouse. Beyond that, every parent who pays a user fee and kid who puts it on the line for that coach has a right to expect it.

If that's not being explained clearly to coaches at their job interviews, it should be. Of course, you'd figure common should kick in too, but that's another issue.

Naturally, coaches are busy folks, especially in season. All of them have separate full-time jobs, and "real lives" beyond that. However, if any is so busy they can't devote five to 10 minutes every now and again to getting the word out there, it says here they're too busy to have the job at all.

Sorry to complain so openly, but it's getting real tiresome fielding calls from members of the community who are disheartened by the lack of exposure their child or favorite team is receiving due to these uncooperative coaches.

"Why is a baseball team getting coverage every week, but the track team gets next to nothing," I remember one parent asking me not to long ago.

As much as we'd love to tell the truth, we generally find ourselves covering for these incommunicado coaches. We don't want it getting back to him or her, after all, that we'd ratted them out. Indeed, the thought of him or her becoming more uncooperative is a daunting one.

I should point out here that the vast majority of coaches in our area are extremely cooperative. Several even make a point to call in results on their own (Norwell golf coach Ken Camerota, Scituate golf coach Bob Beatty, Silver Lake girls tennis coach Kevin Dunn and Cohasset three season coach Torin Sweeney come immediately to mind). A few even e-mail reliably. Cohasset lacrosse coach Terry Kahn and retired Scituate track coach Bill Smith (who will be deeply missed at this address for a lot more reasons than that) practically did the job for me.

Some may say this much help is making us lazy as reporters. I'd say it frees us up to provide more and better coverage for other kids. Whatever...the bottom line is the kids are getting quality coverage. Show me the downside of that.

Who knows, maybe we're taking the wrong approach. Maybe we should start naming names, and not just to inquiring minds, but in this space as well.

It's worth thinking about.

SPORTS NOTES

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Shoulder season underway at Widow's Walk

Widow's Walk's 'Shoulder Season' began Tuesday, September 3 and this means weekday savings for both residents and non-resident golfers.

The cost for 18 holes, Monday through Friday*, for a Scituate resident drops from $27 to $22 and for a non-resident from $32 to $27.

The green fees for 9 holes drops from $16 to $14 for Scituate residents and from $19 to $17 for non-residents.

The 18-hole rate for Seniors drops from $24 to $22 and for 9 holes from $15 to $17. .

*Note: Fridays are regarded as weekdays during 'Shoulder Seasons.' Current rates for Saturday and Sunday, will remain in effect until after Columbus Day.

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Additional weekday savings are available for 'Early Bird' golfers with our on-line Web Coupons that are available on our website *www.widowswalk.com.*

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For additional information visit our website or email us at *widowswalkgolf@scituate.com.*

T.K. O'Malley 10k Road Race runs Oct. 6

Registrations are now being accepted for the seventh annual T.K. O'Malley 10k Road Race Oct. 6. The TK-10k is a huge community event. It attracts hundreds of runners, involves many local businesses as sponsors and benefits town recreation activities for all ages.

Registration forms are available at all area health clubs, and at the following sponsors: T.K. O'Malley's Sports Café on Front Street, Front Street Book Shop, Kennedy Bros. Physical Therapy in Braintree and Boston and Café Morada on Front Street.

Other sponsors are New Balance, Joseph's Hardware, Premier Dodge, D.J. Electric Co. Inc., M.J. Hallin Co. Inc., Hingham Federal Credit Union of Scituate, Hingham Orthodontics and Pipeline Salon.

The race begins at 1 p.m. Oct. 6 at Scituate Common. The course goes through Scituate Harbor, along the coast to the Lighthouse and back to the Common. The course is New England Track and Field Association certified, so that participants will be able to use their times to qualify for marathons.

Prizes go to three male and female finishers in each of the following categories: 18 and under; 19-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70 and over. Refreshments will be available. As always, a post-race rally will be held at T.K. O'Malley's Sports Café.

Registration costs $15, and early registrations are encouraged, the first 300 entrants are guaranteed a T-shirt. Completed forms should be mailed with a $15 check payable to TK-10K, to Howard Ardolino, 299 First Parish Road, Scituate, 02066.

The race benefits the people of Scituate by raising money for the Friends of Scituate Recreation. Proceeds help pay for Recreation Department programs and activities for Scituate citizens of all ages.

For more information, call Howard Ardolino at 781-545-1463.

Hingham Indoor Lax signups extended

South Shore Sports Center (in Hingham) will be hosting a Fall/Winter indoor lacrosse program for all youth levels (Grades 3 – 8). Program includes staff coaches, league certified referees, skills development and regulation games, competitive playing conditions, and convenient hours (doesn't conflict with other sports!). This a great way to sharpen your skills or get an introduction to the game while having fun playing on a full-sized astro-turf field.

Due to overwhelming response, the sign-up period has been extended through today, Thursday, Sept. 19, with the season now starting on Friday, Sept. 20 (rather than previously announced Sept. 13). This will allow more teams and players to join in the fun and increase the competitiveness of the program for everyone. To sign up or to get more information, please contact 781-740-1105 or contact us online at maxlax@msn.com.

Seadogs/AAU baseball clinic/tryouts starts September 28, 29 in Scituate

HINGHAM - The South Shore Baseball Club's has announced its clinic/tryouts schedule for the Seadogs/AAU Travel Team Baseball Program's 2003 season, starting September 28-29 in Braintree and Scituate.

The Seadogs will field seven teams in 2003: 10-and-under through and including 16-and-under. Players are selected from a series of clinic/tryouts held throughout the fall and winter. The clinic/tryouts schedule for Team 2003 will be on the following dates and respective times (July 31, 2003 is cut-off day to determine proper age group) and sites:

2003 Seadogs Clinic/Tryouts

10U, 11U & 12U

Sunday, Sept. 29, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Hollingsworth Park, Braintree

Sunday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Hollingsworth Park

Sunday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Hollingsworth Park

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

13U & 14U

Saturday, Sept. 28, 1-3:30 p.m., Scituate High School

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1-3:30 p.m., Scituate HS

Saturday, Oct. 19, 1-3:30 p.m., Scituate HS

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

15U & 16U

Sunday, Sept. 28, 4-6:30 p.m., Scituate High School

Saturday, Oct. 12, 4-6:30 p.m., Scituate HS

Saturday, Oct. 19, 4-6:30 p.m., Scituate HS

TBA, Winter Indoor Clinic/Tryout at SSBC, Hingham

"Members of our Seadogs program benefit from skill development, quality coaching, and tournament experience, national competition," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. said. "They also have the opportunity to experience a unique vacation with family members, meet new friends, and have lasting memories."

The Seadogs program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which been a member ofthe Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The Seadogs compete against other Massachusetts AAU teams for the right to qualify for the AAU National Baseball Championships held all across the country. The Seadogs program is intended to supplement, rather than replace, local Little League, Babe Ruth, or American Legion baseball programs.

The South Shore Baseball Club is a year round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players (boys and girls), ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or the Seadogs call 1-888-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

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Police Chief Robert Jackson, at right, stands at attention as Cohasset police officers and firefighters pay a solemn tribute last week to the victims of Sept. 11 during a special ceremony on the town common.

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POLICE/ FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

7:01 p.m. Cedar St., parking complaint.

8:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., sex offenses.

9:31 p.m. Hingham P.D. assist municipal agency(ies).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

9:43 a.m. Pleasant St., fire, log entry.

10:15 a.m. Border St., parking complaint.

10:38 a.m. Sanctuary Pond Road, property lost.

10:40 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

1:32 p.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

1:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:27 p.m. Rocky Lane, suspicious activity/person(s).

5:38 p.m. Nantasket Ave., animal call or complaint.

5:59 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle violation/s.

6:47 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

6:59 p.m. Bancroft Way, parking complaint.

7:36 p.m. Atlantic Ave and Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

7:43 p.m. Nichols Road, suspicious activity/person(s).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

6:42 a.m. Lamberts Lane, investigation.

8:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

8:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:10 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

10:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:02 a.m. Beechwood St., served a 209A restraining order.

2:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:25 p.m. Margin St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

3:05 p.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

4:07 p.m. Lantern Lane, missing person, returned to home or family.

4:55 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:29 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:42 p.m. Mohawk Way, animal call or complaint.

5:57 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

6:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:15 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:35 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

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7:28 p.m. Town Lot, noise complaint.

7:39 p.m. Town Parking Lot, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:30 p.m. South Main St., request for police/officer, services rendered.

8:56 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:01 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

9:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

9:15 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, general services.

9:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

4:10 a.m. Old Pasture Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:41 a.m. King St., vandalism.

3:06 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:17 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:17 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property found.

5:57 p.m. James Lane, general disturbance.

6:15 p.m. James Lane, general disturbance.

7:39 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:54 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

12:19 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, lost property.

12:31 a.m. HQ, assist citizen, services rendered.

1:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:22 a.m. Sohier St., assist citizen.

8:37 a.m. Beechwood St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

9:37 a.m. Highland Ave., parking complaint, advised civil action.

10:07 a.m. North Main St., property found.

12:15 p.m. Border St., animal control, call or complaint.

1:14 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, animal call or complaint.

1:27 p.m. North of Minot Light, assist boater.

2:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. Arrest of John M. Kahaiyan, 41, of 394 Cedar St., East Bridgewater. Charge: Shoplifting by asportation of merchandise.

3:20 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity/person(s).

4:03 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

5:18 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious activity/person(s), no police service necessary.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

7:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:18 a.m. Doane St., fire, miscellaneous.

9:38 a.m. Mendel Road, animal call or complaint.

1:49 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:26 p.m. Border St., harbor enforcement/services.

5:45 p.m. Black Rock Road, domestic disturbance. Arrest of James R. Fife, 40, of 138 Vernon St., Rockland. Charge: Assault and Battery.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

1:20 a.m. HQ, assist other police department.

8:36 a.m. Reservoir Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:34 a.m. Black Horse Lane, general services rendered.

10:10 a.m. Hill St., medical aid.

11:03 a.m. Ripley Road, fire, inspections.

12:55 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

2:35 p.m. King St., general services rendered.

3:35 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

4:11 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

5:44 p.m. South Main St., vandalism.

5:50 p.m. Beechwood St., 209A restraining order, served.

9:01 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

9:39 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

11:07 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

God Bless America

12:42 a.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

6:57 a.m. Rocky Lane, noise complaint.

7:58 a.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

11:33 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:30 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

3:33 p.m. South Main St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

3:42 p.m. Lamberts Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

3:42 p.m. Jerusalem Road, outside fire, services rendered.

3:50 p.m. Hull St., power outage.

4:55 p.m. Beechwood St. and Locust Road, outside fire.

5 p.m. Pond St., tree down.

5:09 p.m. Border St., assist boater.

5:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen, services rendered.

5:56 p.m. Beach St., tree down.

6 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

6:03 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation, weather or power related.

6:04 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, wires down.

6:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., power outage.

6:39 p.m. Black Rock Road, tree down.

6:55 p.m. Cedar St., tree down.

7 p.m. Cedar St., tree down.

7:07 p.m. South Main St., tree down.

7:12 p.m. South Main St. and Elm St., tree down.

8:20 p.m. Elm St., general services.

8:24 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity/person(s).

8:57 p.m. Tupelo Road, wires down.

9:02 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general disturbance.

10:35 p.m. Cedar Acres Lane, assist other police department.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

6:45 a.m. Pond St., fire, miscellaneous.

7:58 a.m. Beach St., power outage.

8:35 a.m. Pond St., noise complaint.

9:21 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

10:49 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:06 p.m. Pond St., suspicious activity/person(s), no police service necessary.

2:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:59 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, services rendered.

3:06 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:22 p.m. Rocky Lane, noise complaint, services rendered.

10:05 p.m. Nichols Road, suspicious activity/person(s).

10:21 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:23 p.m. Cedar Acres Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

6:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

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Market watch

Staff photos by Alan Chapman

Above: Madison Coffin keeps a tight hold of her mother's hand as she explores the market held on the town common.

Top left: Louise McCarthy waits for customers for her eggs brought from Lou Ann Farms in Rockland.

At left: Marilyn Vacca admires the sunflowers grown at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset.

Fred Doran buys some organic salad mix. The Farmers Market is held from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Above: Wyatt Newall with his sunflower at the Cohasset Farmers' Market.

At right: Madison Jones, Grace Vanderlugt and Maiah Jones are happy to be undercover during a rainy Thursday at the Farmers Market.

Legal Notices

MCCARTHY ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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Date of Death August 6, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARY J. MCCARTHY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 23, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, September 10, 2002.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

School lunch menu

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18
BBQ riblet on a bun or ham and cheese sub, corn, pudding.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 19
Pizza; cheese or pepperoni or fish sticks, veggie sticks, yogurt.
MONDAY, SEPT. 23
Chicken dippers, sliced bread or turkey sandwich, mixed vegetable, pudding.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 24
Cheeseburger on a bun or tuna pocket, lettuce and tomato, peaches.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25
Pasta with meatsauce, dinner roll or garden salad, sliced apple.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 26
Breakfast for lunch: French toast sticks with maple syrup, sausage, potato bucks, raisins.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 27
Pizza: cheese or pepperoni or seafood sub, carrots, fresh fruit.
MONDAY, SEPT. 30
Chicken patty on a bun or bologna sandwich, mixed vegetable, fruit.

Water video explores 'Wonders of Water'

Aquarion Water Co. of Massachusetts is presenting its "Wonders of Water" educational video to Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset-area schools as an introduction to Aquarion's water science educational partnership.

The video, tailored for middle school-aged youngsters, describes aspects of water treatment and how pollution affects the water supply, as well as the importance of protecting area wetlands and watersheds.

The video packages also provides teachers with hands-on water science lesson plans and curriculum guides.

'Beyond Tolerance' is topic Sept. 30

The Cohasset Diversity Committee is sponsoring the program "Beyond Tolerance" at Cohasset Middle High School on Monday evening, Sept. 30. The guest speaker will be Victor Kazanjian, Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life and Co-Director of the Peace and Justice Studies Program at Wellesley College. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Cohasset Middle High School's new cafeteria.

Send in your school news!

The Cohasset Mariner would like to hear from teachers, principals, parents, school groups and organizations with school news to share. Items may be sent by email to editor Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com.

Please let us know well in advance if you would like the Mariner photographer to cover your school event or activity. The Mariner also welcomes story ideas about school projects and activities. Call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 for more information.

Hands-on fun at Cohasset Harbor

The Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research (CCSCR) welcomes the New England Aquarium, Saturday, Sept. 28, starting at 11 a.m. for some hands on fun for all. This will give a glimpse to see what the center has to offer.

In addition to the New England Aquarium visit one of our local lobstermen at his boat. Come listen about his day at "the office."

The Cohasset Historical Society will be on hand to give a talk on the history of the former Hagerty house, Mariners Park area as well as a highlight of Cohasset harbor's rich history.

On display you will see the worthwhile works of Cohasset students' field studies needed by the Board of Health, mandated by the EPA, such as fecal coliform, salinity and flushing studies of the harbor. Half the pollution entering waterways is from surface water runoff which is being tested by student efforts.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m..

StepUp Consortium chairman selected

Roger Shea of Abington has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Tech Prep (StepUp) Consortium. Shea succeeds John Kosko, superintendent director of South Shore Regional in Hanover.

StepUp programs combine high school with the first two years of college. Students are given the opportunity to explore career options and determine which pathway best match their interests and abilities.

The consortium includes 13 area high schools, including Blue Hills Regional of Canton, Brockton, Avon, Bridgewater-Raynham, East Bridgewater, Quincy, Randolph, Silver Lake Regional in Kingston, South Shore Regional in Hanover, Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School in South Easton, Stoughton, Weymouth and Whitman-Hanson Regional High School. The consortium also serves post-secondary institutions, such as UMASS-Boston, Massasoit Community College, Southeastern Technical Institute and Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston.

Shea has been involved in vocational education at Massasoit Community College since 1992. He has been a full time faculty member at Massasoit since 2001. He served as regional director for former Congressman Brian Donnelly. He also served as chairman of the consortium during the school year 1998-99.

Karen Ward, executive director of the consortium "congratulated Shea on his election and his commitment to public education." Ward also praised John Kosko "for his tenure especially for assisting her during her first year as director."

Parent workshop on 'Bully Busters'

Every other Friday, beginning Sept. 20 from noon to 1 p.m., at the Dillon Gallery of the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset Village, a different speaker will be presented. The first speaker is Dr. Alan Jacobson, a psychologist who offers a parent workshop called "Bully Busters."

Jacobson is director of Outpatient Services at BayView Associates and holds a clinical appointment at McLean Hospital in Belmont.

Recent surveys have rated bullying as a leading cause of stress and involves a majority of students. Jacobson offers parents strategies to deal with children who have been bullied and teaches them methods to open lines of communication and build assertiveness and self esteem.

This informal talk is open to everyone, there is no fee, and feel free to bring a snack or your lunch. A brief question and answer period will follow.

Sponsored by the Social Service League of Cohasset, donations can voluntarily be made at the South Shore Art Center.

For information, call 781-383-0771.

VOLUNTEER HONORED
Secretary of the Commonwealth, William F. Galvin, recently hosted the Statehouse Summer Volunteer Luncheon and Anita Smith Scholarship Award Ceremony at the Massachusetts Statehouse. This event was an opportunity to recognize high school students, including Elyse Portanova of Cohasset who is shown here with Galvin, for their outstanding service as volunteer Statehouse tour guides this summer.

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CEA presents educational series for children of aging parents

By Molly Pierson
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Those struggling with questions and issues involving their aging parents may find answers and reassurance during a four-part educational series taking place in October at Cohasset's South Shore Community Center.

Cohasset Elder Affairs will present four seminars led by professionals in the legal, health and public safety fields. Each Wednesday evening in October, caregivers, with or without their parents, can enjoy a light supper at 6 p.m. followed by a two-hour program and a discussion session.

"We're trying to bridge the gap between what the parents know and what the children need to know," said Kathy Bryanton, director of the Cohasset Senior Center. "Legal aspects are often the most important and least discussed between the generations."

Those issues will be addressed Oct. 2 in the first seminar, "Before the Crisis Hits!", which will be led by Paul Tierney and Susan Cox, both local elder law attorneys. They will discuss protecting parents' assets, wills, trusts and other legal issues.

The Oct. 9 seminar, entitled "Getting Involved in Your Parents' Affairs," covers several thorny issues.

Cohasset Police Chief Robert Jackson will talk about home alarms, preventing break-ins and other safety concerns. Norfolk County Deputy Sheriff Cheryl Bambery will focus on "Are You OK?," the telephone reassurance program.

Michelle Ellick from the state Registry of Motor Vehicles will discuss the 55 Alive program and licensing issues. "The elderly are living longer and keeping their licenses longer," said Bryanton. "We have to talk to them about when it's time to give up that license and turn to community resources for transportation. It's a tough discussion."

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— Kathy Bryanton, director of the Cohasset Senior Center

Barbara Farnsworth, who has worked in every aspect of the elder care field, will discuss the availability of adult day care and other respite possibilities for caregivers and explain how adult children can act as advocates for their parents.

The October 16 program, "How to Beat the High Cost of Health Insurance," covers senior health insurance options, prescription drug coverage and long term care insurance. "We've seen a lot of changes in the health care system and more are coming," said Bryanton.

Peggy McDonough, state director of the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program, and attorney John Martin, who is also a SHINE counselor, will address those issues.

The Oct. 23 seminar, "Confronting a Tough Issue," concerns elder fraud and dishonest caregivers. Dorothy Anne Vitale, Norfolk County Director of Senior Initiatives, and Norfolk Assistant District Attorney David Raftery will discuss how to check on people who work with seniors in their homes and when to contact the District Attorney's office if fraud is suspected. Attorney Pamela Meister from the state Attorney General's office will talk about scams against the elderly and how to protect against them.

The cost is $10 for the entire series, which is open to all area residents. The light supper before each session will be prepared by Anna Abbruzzese's senior gourmet club. The community center is located at 3 North Main St., Cohasset. To register or for more information, contact Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

There will be a free focus group meeting to identify caregivers' needs at 6 p.m. Sept. 25 at the community center. This session will be co-sponsored by South Shore Elder Services and Cohasset Elder Affairs. Register at 781-848-3910, extension 439 or 335.

Hospital to honor Cohasset man with leadership award

The Franciscan Children's Hospital and Rehabilitation Center will honor Cohasset resident Douglas Chamberlain for his many years of commitment and support during the hospital's annual Community Leadership Award Dinner on Sept. 25 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston.

The Community Leadership Award is the hospital's way of recognizing special heroes for their outstanding leadership and contributions in the community. This year in addition to Chamberlain, The Boston Celtics and Citizens Bank will be recognized.

As Chairman of the Board since 1995, Chamberlain led the efforts of the Board of Trustees to restore the fiscal health of the hospital at a time when its survival was at risk and the potential discontinuation of services, a reality. The American Hospital Association honored the Franciscan Children's Hospital in 1997 when it was awarded the "Great Comeback of the Year Award" for its financial soundness, pursuit of mission and responsiveness to community.

Chamberlain is also a Founder & President of Appleton Partners, Inc., in Boston. In addition to his service to the hospital, he is involved with the Boston Academy of Music; is a member of the Advisory Board of Boston University's Graduate Management program and received the Alumni of the Year Award from the University earlier this year.

This year's dinner called "Recognizing Our Heroes", will include a dinner, an awards ceremony and silent and live auctions. The dinner's keynote speaker will be WEEI AM Host and former New England Patriot Steve Nelson. Comedian Lenny Clarke will participate as the guest auctioneer and WCVB TV anchor, Natalie Jacobsen will be the emcee.

Doug Chamberlain with Franciscan Children's Hospital patient Jack Shadduck of Braintree.

For tickets and information, please call 617-254-3800 ext. 1136

SENIOR SCENE

CEA events

Upcoming September events at the Council on Elder Affairs are:

Friday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. move to a new house without ever leaving home - come and meet Jo Remillard and learn how to do "right sizing" brown bag lunch with the CEA providing drinks and desserts donation $10 Must sign up in advance.

Bonsai and brunch - Friday, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Bill Wennenburg, Bridge instructor, is going to help participants create a bonsai planting and explain the best method of growing the plant. Lunch included $5. Must sign up in advance

Mark your calendar for October

Seminar, Caring for your aging parents. Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23:

Moghegan Sun, Thursday, Oct. 17, - $25 leave at 8 am -return at 6:50 p.m. Call CEA for reservations trip includes a $10 meal and $10 matched betting coupons no reservations without payment

Ikebana demonstration - Friday, Oct. 28, Fran O'toole Fran is a master flower judge and Ikebana master - come and enjoy the wonderful world of flowers.

Shopping on Federal Hill Wednesday, Oct. 31, - $25 donation - call CEA for reservations

Boston Symphony Orchestra open rehearsals four Thursday mornings at Symphony Hall with BSO. $130 for series includes round trip transportation to Boston call CEA office for reservations

Don't forget the wonderful other programs:

Triad meetings - fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Health Screening - second Thursday of each month 11 a.m. at CEA

Gourmet Cooking with Anna the first and third Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. $20 registration free.

Bridge Mondays at 12:30 p.m. Second Congregational Church.

Knitting, **Senior Fitness Firming and Toning, Tai Chi**, Thursday 7 to 8 a.m.

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Outdoor fun for the family

All Children's Programs require pre-registration with Marge Balzotti at 781-821-2977.

Autumn outings

Autumn outings for kids are Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. at the following locations:

World's End, Hingham: Oct. 7, 21, 28

Norris Reservation, Norwell: Nov. 4, 18,27

Whitney & Thayer Woods / Turkey Hill, Hingham/ Cohasset: Dec. 2, 9, 16

Geared for children age five years or younger, our nature outings will explore the seashore, pond, field, and forest. Member: $45, Non-member: $55.

Mom & Me

Mom & Me mornings 9:30-11 a.m.

Mom & Me afternoons 1- 2:30 p.m.

Tuesdays Sept. 10- Oct. 8

Wednesdays Sept.11- Oct. 9

Weir River Farm and Whitney Thayer Woods, Hingham.

Bring your 4-5 year old to explore Weir River Farm and the fields and forests of Whitney Thayer Woods. Member: $25 Non-member: $35. Second child in family is 50 percent off.

Nature program

After School Nature Program

6-year-olds: Tues. Nov. 5 – Dec. 10, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

7-8 year-olds: Weds. Nov. 6 – Dec. 11, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

First 3 weeks at Whitney &Thayer Woods (Meet at the lot at end of Turkey Hill Lane). Last 3 weeks at World's End, Hingham

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Barnyard tours

Barnyard Tours at Weir River Farm, Hingham

Weekends June 22 - Oct. 13

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Special tour dates and times: Saturdays: Nov 2, Nov 23, and Dec 14 at 1 p.m.,

Members of The Trustees of Reservations: free; Non-members: $2

Come to Weir River Farm to spend an afternoon with the barnyard animals. Farm staff is on-hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Park in lot at end of Turkey Hill Lane.

Nature at night

Turkey Hill Nature at Night

Saturday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Turkey Hill, Hingham

Bring your family for a fun-filled, nighttime nature walk followed by stories & tasty s'mores around the campfire. Learn about nocturnal animals' adaptations that make them suited for nightlife. Free to all.

Family fun day

Weir River Farm Family Fun Day

Saturday, Oct. 12, noon – 3 p.m.,.

Weir River Farm, Hingham 781-821-2977

Join your community in old time games, pony rides, pie-eating contests, and pig scrambles. Enjoy an educational component while learning more about barnyard animals. Parking in the lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane in Hingham. Members $3 Non-members $5.

Foliage paddle

North River Foliage Paddle

Saturday, Oct. 5, 11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Bill Stanton of NSRWA 781-659-8168

Trustees members are invited to join North and South River Watershed Association members and Trustees' Volunteer Bob Costello on this North River leisurely canoe trip. Bring your canoe/kayak, life jackets, warm clothes, & picnic lunch. Some canoes are available to borrow. Limited to 10 canoes. Please pre-register. Union St. canoe launch in Marshfield. Free to all.

Met the vet

Meet the Veterinarian

Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m.

Weir River Farm, Hingham 781-821-2977

The farm's local veterinarian will be on site for a regular check-up of the barnyard animals. Find out what care is required for such animals as horses, llamas, and sheep. Bring your questions to this once a year opportunity. Members: Free. Nonmembers $2

Patience Towle, Mary Larson, Diane Johnston and Leah Roy get ready for a Roaring 20s Garden Party and Antique Car Parade to benefit Our World, the children's global discovery museum set to open in Cohasset in the fall of 2003, will be held 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Lions Gate, the Cohasset estate of Diane and Robert Johnston. The 1903 American Gothic mansion and its surrounding gardens have been restored. There will be refreshments violin solos by Eugene Kaplan and a display of portraits by well-known artist Peter Quidley. Period dress (1900-1920s) is encouraged, but optional. The cost is $150 per ticket. For further information or to reserve, call 781-383-3198.

LIBRARY CORNER

Fall story hour

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is now accepting registrations for the Fall Preschool Story Hour. Children between the ages of three and five are welcome to participate. The program will consist of six sessions and will begin Sept. 30, and end Nov. 7.

The library will offer a Monday or Thursday morning session from 10 to 11 a.m. and a Tuesday afternoon session from 1 to 2 p.m. You may register by calling the library at 781-383-1348 or by signing up in person.

Space is limited. *Children currently on the Spring Story Hour waiting list are considered registered and will receive a telephone confirmation.

At right: Emma Humphrey and her father, Paul, working on a "Star Spangled Banner" summer activity at the library.

Toys, kids' clothes for benefit yard sale

Our World, the children's global discovery museum, needs your gently used children's clothes and toys along with children's books, videos, baby equipment and furniture for a Sept. 21 yard sale.

The museum is set to open in Cohasset in the fall of 2003 in a two-story wing of the former Joseph Osgood School. The $1 million project will include an associated global-themed playground.

The yard sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21, in the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium.

Children's items can be dropped off at the auditorium from 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, and from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20. Donations will be welcome from all nearby towns.

Yard sale chairman Kelly Ziff needs at least 20 volunteers to help receive, sort, price, display and sell the goods. Contact her at 781-383-0225.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Writers group meets

The Buttonwood Writers Group's mission is to motivate, encourage and support both new and experienced writers. Buttonwood Writers Group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Shaw's Plaza on Route 3A in Cohasset . For additional information call 781-383-2665

Drama club auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for "Babes in Toyland" at the Cohasset Town Hall Sunday Sept. 22 from 1-4 p.m. for kids 7-teenage and Tuesday Sept. 24 from 7-9 p.m. for adults.

Cast consists of nine adults male/female and many children. Be prepared to read from a script and sing an upbeat song. Production will start Thanksgiving weekend and run three weekends. For more information call Jean 617-750-8987.

Day trip

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is sponsoring a day trip to Nantucket on Wednesday, Oct. 2. For reservations, call Nancy Gilmore at 781-383-1612.

'Hills of Hull' house tour

On Saturday, Sept. 28, there will be a unique opportunity to tour seven private homes tucked away in special locations in the neighborhoods of Hull to benefit Wellspring, a community-based human service organization serving Hull and surrounding towns.

Each of these 'Hills of Hull' homes is perched high on one of the town's many hills and captures a commanding view of the open ocean, harbor and even the Boston skyline. These lovely vistas also include Worlds End, and many of the islands of Boston Harbor, depending on which property is being visited.

Called "The Hills of Hull," the tour will be held between10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Advance tickets may be purchased for $20 prior to Aug. 28 at the following locations: Bookport, Hingham; Cards & Shards, Cohasset; and Mermaids in Hull. Tickets may also be purchased by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull 02045 with an enclosed check.

The day of the tour tickets may be purchased for $25 at the Hull Town Hall. Further information about the tour is available by calling the staff at Wellspring at 781-925-3211.

Wellspring serves many towns throughout the South Shore. It is financed by income from its thrift shop, community donations and private grants.

Pancake breakfast benefits soccer

The Cohasset Soccer Booster Club's annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be held this year on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the new Cohasset Middle High School cafeteria (please note change in location from previous years). Once again the breakfast will feature a choice of blueberry, chocolate or plain pancakes, sausages, bagels, coffee and juices, as well as raffles of numerous items. Tickets are available in advance from any middle or high school soccer player or at the door for $5 per person.

New this year will be a section of games for the children. The breakfast is the main fundraiser for the Booster Club, which supports the high school soccer teams.

Boat race around Minot Lighthouse

Cohasset Maritime Institute announces the 15th Annual Minot Light Roundabout on Sept. 21

The roundabout is an exhilarating five-mile race from Cohasset Harbor breakwater, around Minot Light and back to the breakwater:(open water course with sea swells) Registration Fee: $20 per competitor

Schedule of Events

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Registration and check in. Pre-registration is highly recommended.

9:30 a.m. Cox's and skippers' meeting CMI Boathouse, end of Parker Avenue, Cohasset, Mass.

10:30 a.m. Minot Light Roundabout Race starts, off Cohasset Breakwater

12 p.m. Lunch /Barbecue at CMI Boathouse

1 p.m. Awards and announcements

1:30 p.m. Informal races

For further information contact Jack Buckley at bbuckley1@attbi.com or 781-383-8261 or Lisa Hewitt Dick at Lmhewitt@attbi.com or 781-383-0204.

Volunteers are needed for food prep, registration tables, race committee, and chase boats. If you are interested in helping with the Roundabout, please contact Jack Buckley or Lisa Hewitt Dick.

Brass concert at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series now in its 12th year, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting the Huntington Brass Quintet in concert on Sunday, Sept., 22, at 3 p.m.

The Huntington Brass, founded in 1997 at Boston's New England Conservatory by Bron Wright, trombonist, is a group in residence at St. Stephen's, and its players include Mark Emery and Tom Cupples; trumpet, David Ohanian; horn, Bron Wright; trombone, and Randall Montgomery, tuba.

Founder Wright frequently performs with the Boston Pops and many of the orchestras in and around Boston, and is a soloist with the New England Symphonic Ensemble. A new member to the group this year is horn player David Ohanian, a founding member of the Empire Brass and player with the Canadian Brass.

The theme of the day's concert will be "Scenes in Music," and composers represented will be Albinoni, Hindemith, Sampson, and the noted Bostonian, Daniel Pinkham.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave. and there is plenty of parking available at the village car park. The concert is free of charge, but donations will be accepted. Come early and hear a playing of the bells of the church's 57-bell carillon a half-hour before the program.

Collector's Choice exhibit at art center

The work of artists John Singer Sargent, Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee, Grandma Moses, Marc Chagall, Rembrandt, and August Renoir couldn't be more different. These artists, however, all share one little-known commonality.

They all have had their masterpieces on display at the South Shore Art Center in its traditional Collector's Choice exhibition. The Collector's Choice exhibition affords residents of the South Shore and beyond, an opportunity to view, in their own regional art center, museum-quality works of art from private collections. Artwork procured thus far includes work by Andy Warhol, William Wegman, Abe Morrell, Anders Zorn, Marc Chagall and Salvador Dali. Collector's Choice '02 will feature recent acquisitions and focus primarily on what collectors have collected in the last 10 years. The public will have only three days to view the exhibition before the work is returned to its owners and is no longer accessible to the public.

Collector's Choice is scheduled for Sept. 27-29. A gala opening reception will take place at the South Shore Art Center on Friday, Sept. 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at a private seaside home. The exhibition preview party will be enhanced by the opportunity to purchase collectible frames decorated by popular celebrities. Twenty personalities from the art world as well as the world of sports, politics and literature have agreed to decorate and ersonalize wooden frames that will be offered to the highest bidder in a silent auction.

Tickets for this exhibition fundraiser are $135 ($125 for South Shore Art Center members). On Saturday, Sept. 28, the exhibition will be open to the public from 10a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sunday, Sept. 29, the exhibition will open at 11:30 a.m. with Music Amidst the Masterpieces, an informal brunch and at 1 p.m. a concert by the Boston Chamber Music Society, Ronald Thomas, Artistic Director. Tickets are $35. Reservations for both events can be made by calling 781-383-2787.

Fall barn sale at fire museum

A fall barn sale will take place at Bare Cove Fire Museum on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 19 Fort Hill St., rain or shine. Donations are gratefully accepted; please call 781-749-0028.

The Bare Cove Fire Museum has a history of supporting the cost of the non-profit museum by holding a bi-annual barn sale in a storage building in Bare Cove Park. Items for sale include skis and poles, books, records (78s and other sizes), tapes, speakers, dishes, furniture, toys, puzzles, clothes, computer games, tools, art, holiday decorations, sports equipment and household appliances. Aside from raising money on the day of the barn sale, museum members will be on hand to answer questions you may have about the history of firefighting in Hingham.

The museum's neighbor, the South Shore Model Railroad Club is having an open house the same day. Everyone is welcome to both venues!

Buttonwood hosts children's author

Marie-Louise Gay will visit Buttonwood Books in Cohasset on Wed. Sept. 25 from 3- 4:30 p.m.. Gay has won innumerable awards for her children's books and is the author/illustrator of the best-selling Stella series ("Stella, Fairy of the Forest", "Stella, Queen of the Snow" and "Stella, Star of the Sea"). Gay has the wonderful ability to create "attitude" with a few strokes of her pen and is equally clever with words. She is a frequent visitor to schools in Canada and enjoys working with children. Her presentation will include an interactive drawing activity which Buttonwood's young friends won't want to miss! Please call 781-383-2665 for additional information or to order your signed copy if unable to attend. Free

Chamber music at the art center

The Boston Chamber Music Society will present an afternoon concert in the Bancroft Gallery of the South Shore Art Center, Sunday, Sept. 29, during the Collector's Choice exhibition. The Music Amidst the Masterpieces concert will culminate three days of activities celebrating this extraordinary exhibition.

The Boston Chamber Music Society is an ensemble of eight musicians who come together in different combinations to prepare and perform chamber music.

The performance will begin at 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept.29 at the South Shore Art Center. A light brunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m.. This concert will benefit exhibitions and programs at the South Shore Art Center. Tickets are $35 ($25 for members of the South Shore Art Center). Seating is limited. To reserve a seat, or for more information call 781-383-2787.

World's End walk

Join the Weir River Watershed Association for a Nature Walk at World's End The walk will be led by Trustees of Reservations' ecologist, Andy Walsh, at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 22. (rain date Oct. 26). Bring binoculars and wear comfortable walking shoes

For further information, contact: Samantha Woods: 781-925-5544 or visit: www.weir-river.org

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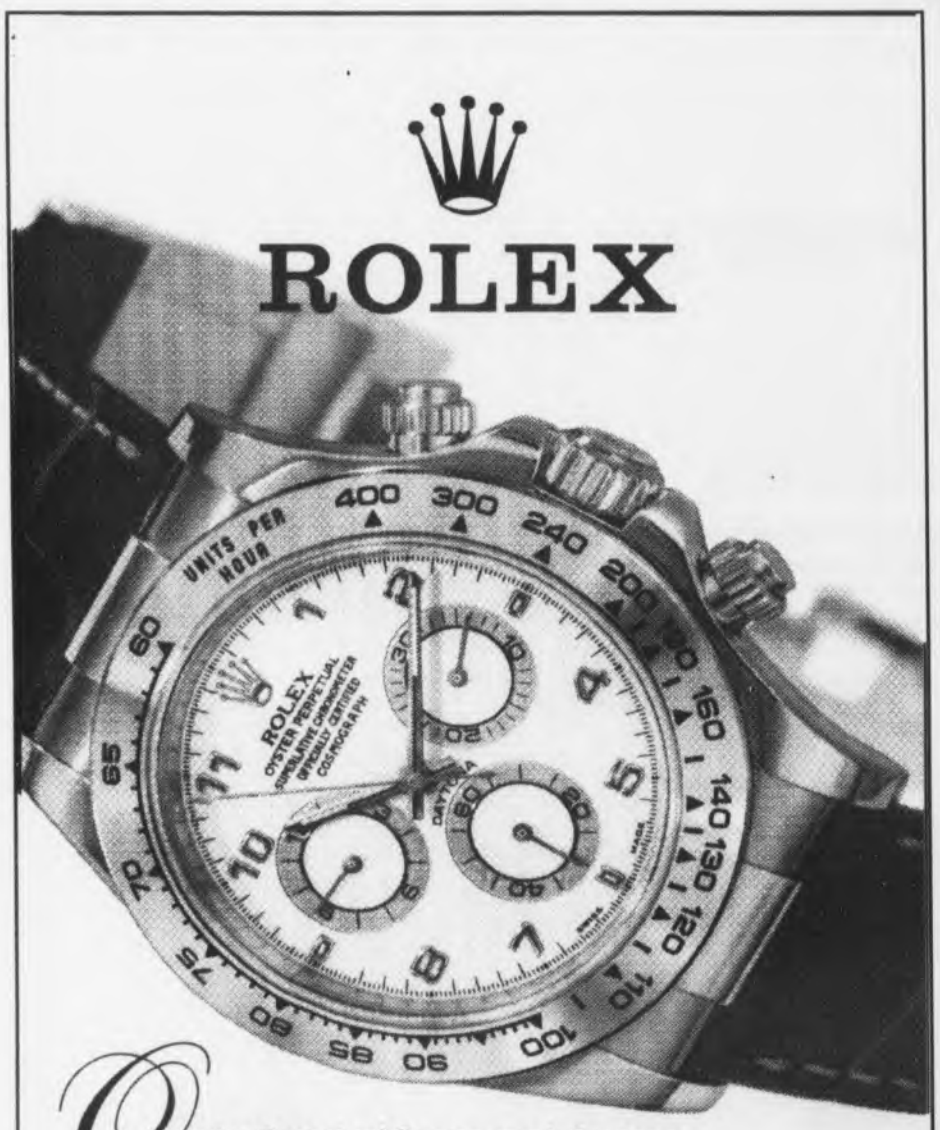
Walter relaxes on a brick wall as he awaits adoption.



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Breaking ground

Greek Church to build community center

Photos by Robin Chan

Above: From right, altar boys Peter Bukuras, Mark Carey, John McEachern, Nichoas Belezos and the others helped in blessing the ground for the new community center.
At left: Ben Kangos, 3, helps blow out the candles from the service held before the groundbreaking ceremony.

Choir director Evelyn Czaja lifts a shovel of earth to make way for the church's new community center.

Anna Doggett, 3, stands in the shade of the Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem Road while watching the other children play.

Metropolitan (Archbishop) Methodios leads the blessing over the ground where the new community center will be built.

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All is Faire in love

Couple exchanges vows in Renaissance splendor

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

For eight weekends in late summer and early autumn, a piece of South Carver steps back in time and place to16th century England as King Richard's Faire takes over the bucolic and black forest surroundings on Route 58.

"This seemed like a natural for us to have our wedding here. Julie's (Andreone's) been a huge fan of King Richard's Faire for a long time and we had our first date here about a year ago."
Tim Forrester of Bourne

Each season in Carver since 1982 has brought a dazzling and enchanting array of new attractions to the Faire, which draws thousands of visitors into a magical recreation of a medieval English marketplace at festival time. The usual mainstays of actors, dancers, puppeteers, storytellers, jugglers, fire eaters, stilt walkers, minstrels, magicians and musicians, plus a roving cast of royalty and beggars, highwaymen and guards, knights and wenches, swordsmen and soothsayers,

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King Richard was on hand to give his blessings to the marriage of Bourne residents and Faire fans Tim Forrester and Julie Andreone, pictured with Forrester's 8-year-old daughter, Jessica. The couple tied the knot last weekend at the Faire grounds in Carver.

With this ring....Tim Forrester and Julie Andreone exchange vows and rings dressed in appropriate Renaissance wedding garb.

America in focus

Photographer captures country's beauty in Science Center show

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The photography of John Lewieckl is on display through the end of the month at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell.

Be it mountains and waterfalls in California, vast plains in the Midwest, or scenes from our own backyard in Wompatuck State Park, Hingham photographer John Lewiecki is fascinated with the splendor of natural scenery found throughout the United States. He also believes that scenery is too often taken for granted.

Lewiecki's one-man photo show, titled simply "United States Travels," is currently on display at Norwell's South Shore Natural Science Center through Sept. 30. His collection of choice color shots could persuade some world-travelling viewers to not forget what there is to see right here in the states. But mostly they serve to emphasize the photographer's genuine passion for the American landscape on its own terms.

"The United States for me is an incredible place to travel around, take in scenery and take photos. The changes in landscape, architecture and culture as you go from one region to the next are just amazing."
Hingham photographer John Lewiecki

"People are often eager to travel outside of the United States, or at least that's the first thing they think of when they think of travelling. They tend to overlook taking the opportunity to see what's in their own backyard," said Lewiecki, who has been an amateur photographer for 20 years.

"The United States for me is an incredible place to travel around, take in scenery and take photos. The changes in landscape, architecture and culture as you go from one region to the next are just amazing," he said.

Lewiecki, 37, has found more time to pursue his interests in photography these days. An engineer by trade, he was laid off in May from his job as a technical support manager at a Needham software company. He currently runs a small photo studio, called The Painted Turtle, from the basement of his home and which he'd like to expand into a full-time operation for in-studio and on-site work.

A painted turtle is also the subject of one of Lewiecki's series of exhibit shots taken in Florida, which tend to focus on close-ups of wildlife and botanical life. Along with "Boy With Turtle" — a boy's hand holding the multi-colored shelled creature, there's attention-grabbing pieces such as "Hummingbird," "Butterfly" and "Alligator," the last-named featuring a particularly ornery set of eyes on the beast. The floral studies "Yellow," "Pink" and "Red" are named for the colors of their subjects.

In various panoramic landscape

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Familiar faces will be on stage for the Company Theatre's production of "Songs For A New World" Sept. 20-21.

Cast reunion

Familiar faces on stage in Company's 'Songs For A New World'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Since joining the artistic staff of the Company Theatre 18 years ago as Musical Director, Michael Joseph has helped present countless fully staged Broadway and off-Broadway musicals to South Shore audiences. This week, however, Joseph will be trying something just a little different when he leads the band for the Norwell-based theater's first concert musical, "Songs For A New World."

"We've never done a show concert-style before," Joseph explained recently by telephone. "This piece is very exciting, because the composer, Jason Robert Brown, has written so many wonderful songs for it."

Michael Joseph

Brown, a Tony winner for Best Original Musical Score for the short-lived "Parade,"

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Food & dining

The cream cheese soufflé

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Most soufflés are no more than whipped egg whites folded into a simple white sauce (a béchamel) or a similar mixture of milk, flour, and butter. The mixture is then baked and the resulting dessert is light, creamy at the center, and delicate. However, soufflés can also be made with a variety of "alternative" bases.

I tested a few including applesauce, pureed bananas, and even apricot baby food (it seemed like a good idea at the time) but the one ingredient that outshined the rest was cream cheese. It has enough substance to work much like a béchamel, but it provides more flavor and texture.

However, a cream cheese soufflé is quite different than the standard French construct so I needed to perform a series of tests. For starters, I found that, to lighten the mixture, I had to beat the egg yolks with sugar and then add the cream cheese which is also whipped. When I simply added yolks to the cream cheese and then tried to fold in beaten egg whites, the mixture was much too heavy. I also found that room temperature cream cheese was essential since cold cheese is difficult to aerate while beating. I then experimented with other ingredients and found that a half cup of heavy cream was helpful in lightening the cream cheese mixture. I also liked just one tablespoon of melted butter for flavor along with a teaspoon of vanilla. Finally, I played around with additional flavorings and remembered a recipe from Cook's Magazine from the 1980's that called for ground cardamom. I tried it here and loved it. It adds an unusual but complementary flavor to the cream cheese. You can, if you like, serve this dessert with a fruit sauce. (puree fresh or defrosted frozen fruit with some superfine sugar.) However, it is perfectly fine on its own with a good cup of coffee or espresso.

CREAM CHEESE SOUFFLE Note that cream cheese soufflés have a rather smooth, tough-looking top, unlike the more extravagant visuals offered by classic soufflés. Inside, however, the soufflé is rich and exciting. It is very important to leave the center of this soufflé runny; the still liquid cream cheese makes its own sauce.

Butter and sugar to coat soufflé dish or ramekins
3 egg yolks, room temperature
1/2 cup powdered sugar
8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
1 tablespoon flour
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon melted butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
Pinch of salt
5 egg whites, room temperature preferred
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 tablespoon granulated sugar

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Coat soufflé dish or ramekins with butter and sugar.

2. Beat the yolks and powdered sugar together with an electric mixer until light yellow and fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add cream cheese and continue beating until light and fluffy, another 2 minutes. Add flour, heavy cream, melted butter, vanilla, cardamom, and salt. Mix until just combined.

3.Add the egg whites to a large metal mixing bowl. Whip on medium high speed (setting 6 on the KitchenAid) for 30 seconds, add the cream of tartar, and then add the 1 tablespoon sugar gradually, beating until the whites hold a 2-inch peak. They should still be soft and glossy.

4. Fold the egg whites into the cream cheese mixture with a large rubber spatula. Gently add the soufflé mixture to the prepared dish(es) and bake for about 18 minutes for individual ramekins and 20 to 25 minutes for a soufflé dish. The center should still be very moist and a bit loose. (Soufflés may be checked. Remove from oven, use two large spoons to cut a small hole in the center. If not cooked, place back in oven.)

5. Serve as is or with a fruit sauce. Serves 6 to 8

All is Faire in love

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not to mention the front-gate greeting from King Richard himself, offer a feast for the eyes and ears.

Adding to the festive atmosphere in this 21st season are court jesters (or standup comics, if you will), pipers, more balladeers and jugglers, the exotic and mysterious gargoyles and His Lord The Royal Falconer, Knighthawkes.

And for the first time this past weekend the Faire played host to a couple's nuptials. On Saturday the Faire featured the a real-life wedding of festival fans and Bourne residents Tim Forrester and Julie Andreone. The bride and groom donned traditional British Isles garb for the occasion and were surrounded by friends and family along with other merry faire-goers on their big day.

"This seemed like a natural for us to have our wedding here," said Forrester following the ceremony. "Julie's (Andreone's) been a huge fan of King Richard's Faire for a long time and we had our first date here about a year ago. She's been coming here for a lot longer than I have, but I'm now really getting to like the event myself."

Forrester, 33, is a Gulf War veteran who served in the 24th Infantry Marines Division in Desert Storm. He is now a sergeant in the Delta Company, the 1st of the 182nd Infantry in the Army Reserves and has an eight-year-old daughter, Jessica, from a previous marriage. Andreone, 30, also with a military background, is now retired from the U.S. Coast Guard. Both of the newlyweds are natives of Bourne and graduated from Bourne High School.

While Andreone strolled the aisle in the always traditional, custom-designed white gown, Forrester got even more into the spirit of the Faire, sporting a plaid kilt along with other various shades of Celtic green.

The couple joined the opening procession with family members to the accompaniment of a piper's fanfare, and were serenaded with a fiddle duet of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" as the ceremony concluded.

Among the new features added to the Faire's program this season, the most publicized are two first-time comedy revues, the dubiously titled "Puke and Snot" and the sword fighting-themed "To the Hilt." The former is named for the not-so-flattering stage names of the standup comic team Peter Moore and John Gamoke, who deliver three half-hour sets per afternoon of rapid-fire, nightclub-style routines charged with healthy doses of double-take, double-entendre and innuendo, sort of like Las Vegas goes to 16th century Canterbury.

"To the Hilt" features the Elizabethan spurned-lover characters Katya and Leonardo, played by actors/comedians Jennifer Christa Palmer and Ryan H. Gigliotti respectively. Though not quite as risque as "Puke and Snot" in its snappy dialogue material, "Hilt" manages to get not just modestly suggestive in its own right, particularly during the sword fighting segments.

The Faire also marked a somber milestone this year — the passing of the Faire's original Queen Katherine, Barbara Burinski Shelton, who died July 17. Shelton, for many years played the Queen to Faire founder Richard Shapiro's King Richard. Shapiro passed away in 1997. Out of respect for the late Katherine, the Faire's current King Richard greets visitors without a Queen this season.

King Richard's Faire will run every weekend in Carver through Oct. 20 including the Columbus Day holiday. For more information call \ 508-866-5391 or visit www.kingrichardsfaire.net

Cast reunion

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has described "Songs For A New World" as a musical about "hitting a wall and having to make a choice, or take a stand, or turn around and go back. Brown has said that the musical is an autobiographical look at his early years as a composer trying to make it in New York. The show has been produced in New York, New Orleans and, last season, at Boston's Speakeasy Stage.

As Joseph learned when Company announced its plans to present "Songs For A New World," the show appeals not only to audiences, but also to performers.

"We auditioned an amazing number of excellent performers. People are really attracted to this show, because each song is like a one act play. The show has so many musical styles, from pop and ballads to R&B. There is something for everyone."

There may be someone for everyone, too, especially frequent visitors to the Company Theatre who have favorite performers from past shows. "Although we didn't set out to make this any kind of a Company Theatre reunion, we ended up casting the show with people who have played leads or featured roles in our previous shows. Our cast is made up entirely of people who could be working in the professional arena. That so many talented people would turn out, is a true testament to how much they love this show," explained Joseph.

And, perhaps evidence that these particular performers were ready and willing to take on something new. "The music is very challenging, and the harmonies are very difficult, but everyone in the cast has or her opportunity to shine vocally."

("Songs For A New World," under the musical direction of Weymouth's Michael Joseph, and featuring Melissa Andronico, Joyce Avitable, Barbara Baumgarten, Caroline deLima, Brian Duarte, Jackie Duffy, Peter Dupre, Mike Foley, James Jackson Jr., John King, Sherry Malone, Paula Markowicz, Christine Maus, A. John Porcaro, Steve Shannon, and Tracey Silva will be presented by the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, September 20-21. For tickets and more information, call' 781/871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com).

America in focus

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views including "Badlands National Park," "Glacier National Park" and "Vernal Falls, Yosemite," Lewiecki makes good use of the effects of shadows and light under sunlit skies. A series of shots from Bermuda, including scenes in Hamilton Harbor and Warwick Long Bay, are distinctly diverse but all conveying a strong sense of land-meets-water synergy.

Closer to home, the photographer devotes a solid portion of the exhibit to subjects of woodlands, under brushes, ponds, coves and ravines taken in Wompatuck State Park, hinting that views amidst the grounds of the local public estate hold their own in allure and charm with the more famous national sites featured elsewhere in the show. The overall subject matter also diversifies to manmade, intimately detailed objects, such as the elegant "Acoma Pueblo Pottery" from the Southwest.

In addition to Lewiecki's 27 photos on display, the show includes up to forty more of his pieces in boxes that viewers can sample by hand.

John Lewiecki's photographs will be on display at the South Shore Natural Science Center's Vine Hall gallery through Sept. 30. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information, please call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

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Plant bulbs in autumn for springtime rewards

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

While the memories of a long, hot, dry summer are sure to linger into the winter months, cooler temperatures and soaking rains have rekindled the gardening spirit as the fall planting season gets underway. Our local nurseries are overflowing with colorful fall-blooming plants and decorations. Spectacular chrysanthemums in warm harvest hues, brilliant yellows and whites, burgundy, and shades of purple and pink create a kaleidoscope of festive color. Carefree sedums and pots of asters, smothered with multitudes of daisies in vibrant tones of rich royal purple, glowing pink, vivid raspberry and glistening white, intermingle with the long-lasting foliage of decorative kale to produce a dazzling display. Bittersweet, gourds, pumpkins and cornstalks will soon appear to decorate and revitalize our tired landscapes and announce the arrival of autumn.

A glorious selection of enticing spring-flowering bulbs awaits. The term "bulb" has come to encompass a large group of plants that are able to store energy in fleshy, underground structures. The majority of these commonly grown spring-flowering bulbs are "true bulbs" including onions (Alliums), glory-of-the-snow (Chionodoxa), checkered lily and crown imperial (Fritillaria), snow drops (Galanthus), hyacinths, grape hyacinths (Muscari), daffodils (Narcissus), squill (Scilla), and tulips. If you were to slice one of these true bulbs vertically at this time of year, you would discover a complete plant inside, with miniature flower buds, leaves and stems. The outer area is actually modified leaves or scales that contain food to sustain the plant during dormancy and early growth. These scales are joined at the bottom with a basal plate from which the roots will emerge. Set true bulbs in the planting hole on their flattened end, known as the basal plate, with the tip of the bulb up.

A planting of true bulbs usually expands each season by producing new bulbs alongside the original parent bulb that also continues to grow and produce flowers. Daffodils are a prime example, their offspring readily seen when one purchases bulbs with multiple "noses", each of which has the capability of producing blossoms the following spring.

Although tulips are also true bulbs, after a few growing seasons, the parent bulb often dies, leaving only immature bulbs behind that usually produce only leaves until these new bulbs grow large enough to produce flowers. To ensure a continuous show of glorious tulips from season to season requires that new bulbs be planted every second or third year.

In addition to true bulbs, many plants that feature enlarged stems or swollen roots tend to be considered bulbs. Crocuses are technically corms characterized by multiple growing points or "eyes" on top with a basal plate from which the roots emanate. These quickly multiplying harbingers of spring should be planted on their flattened end with the rounded portion of the bulb on top. During growth, the corms shrivel away and new ones form on top or next to the old ones.

Greek anemones (Anemone blanda), which produce charming, daisy-like flowers in pink, blue or white set off by deep green divided foliage, and winter aconites (Eranthis) whose very early, honey-scented yellow flowers resemble buttercups, are classified as tubers. These oddly shaped bulbs are best soaked for 24 hours prior to planting. Like potatoes, roots and stems emerge from eyes scattered all over the surface so the bulbs have no top or bottom.

Plant most spring-flowering bulbs at a depth three times their diameter at the widest point. Be sure to read labels for recommended planting depths and keep a ruler handy while planting to ensure reasonable accuracy. The majority of spring-flowering bulbs are best planted in clumps or drifts rather than isolated or in single rows like marching soldiers. I prefer to use a shovel to dig one large hole for each grouping, loosening the soil in the bottom of the hole and spacing the bulbs within that hole. Be sure to firm the soil and water well immediately after planting all bulbs.

Each season, once the borders are clipped back, I manage to find several spaces to tuck in just a few additional bulbs. In the past, I was inclined to plant them toward the front of the perennial border as many are of short stature, but in recent years, I have found it advantageous to plant daffodils, in particular, toward the middle of the bed. These early bloomers sprout, flower and begin to decline before many other perennials have barely emerged and as the bulb foliage begins to yellow and fade, the leaves of the expanding perennials conceal the unsightly, yet critical, ripening leaves of the bulbs. Daylilies are especially good companions for bulbs as their slender, arching foliage gracefully shrouds the curing bulbs and fills the voids left once the bulbs go completely dormant later in the season.

While daffodils, tulips and crocuses tend to be the most popular choices, there are numerous delightful bulbs to add beauty to the spring garden. Look for early-blooming miniature Iris reticulata or Fritillaria meleagris, which naturalizes beautifully in filtered shade with their unique flowers resembling tiny lampshades. For moist soils, plant Camassia, which produces 3-foot blue or white spikes in late spring or the summer snowflake, Leucojum aestivum, which blooms in June with 2-foot spikes and attractive green tipped white bells that are reminiscent of giant snowdrops. Try something new this fall and watch the miracle unfold next spring.

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17TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST – House of Prayer Lutheran Church lawn, 916 Main St,. Hingham. Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sept. 29, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission, King Ludwig's Bavarian Band, dancing, childrens' table authentic German food and beverage, bake table boutique and prizes. Professional crafters for the benefit of local south shore charities.

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FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury on Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998; after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambertFoundat

Thurs. 19

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce will hold the monthly **Good Morning Metro South** on Sept. 19, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn/Metro South, 195 Westgate Drive in Brockton. The featured speaker is the newly appointed director of the Old Colony United Way, Thomas O'Rourke. In addition, Diane Gryzb from Cardinal Marketing will be presenting effective networking. To register call 508-586-0500 ext. 221. The cost is $15 for members/$22 non-members.

The Nathan Gallery, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover, presents "The Second Show" now until Nov. 12. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

South Shore Women's Business Network Brown Bag Seminar Sept. 19, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Murphy Hesse, Toomey, & Lehane, Quincy Topic will be Recent Legal Decisions in Employees Benefit Law. This presentation is a comprehensive overview of the past year's developments in labor and employment law, including all types of discrimination, harassment, leave issues, employment contract issues, basic and hiring and firing, and employee benefits. To register call 781-749-8883 or fax 781-749-3130 or visit www.sswbn.org

Tea Tasting hosted by **Woodacres Farms Soap,** 46 Columbia Park, Pembroke, Sept. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m.. Celebrate Teas of the World with **Jennifer Geronaitis**, founder of Tea Time World Wide. Discover the history and magic of the leaf, while you learn to brew the perfect cup. $10 per person, limited seating. Call 781-826-9720 to reserve a seat.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Jo Ann Burns** will demonstrate painting in oils. the public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners presents **9 Year Anniversary Show** hosted by **Chris Johnston** featuring **Paul D'Angelo, Annette Pollack, Joe List, Mindi Fay, Scott Higgins and Troy Diamond.** For more information, call 781-848-0300.

Cat's Blues Club located at **Cataloni's Restaurant**, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland, presents **New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano** every Thursday night during September. All shows start at 9 p.m.. No cover. Handicap accessible. 781-878-0834.

Fri. 20

Blood Drive sponsored by the **Hingham Community**, **South Shore Baptist Church** and the American Red Cross will be held Sept. 20, from 2 to 7 p.m. at South shore Baptist Church, 578 Main St., Hingham Call 1-800-Give-Life with any questions or visit the website at www.newenglandblood.org.

The Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents **Adventures in Art** featuring folk artist **Jeanne Replogle** now until Oct. 31. Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays.

Artful Things Gallery presents **Colors of Hull**, a collection of paintings by South Shore Artist, **Ros Farbush.** The collection includes a range of works from 1980's to present day Hull. Paintings will be on display from Sept. 20, through Oct. 6. Opening reception will be held on Friday, Sept. 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Artful Things Gallery is located at 263 Washington Street (route 53) Norwell. Gallery Hours are Mon. through 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For more information contact Dan Bennett at 781-659-6595.

The Company Theatre in Norwell presents **Songs For A New World**. This energetic revue-style musical by Tony Award-winning composer, Jason Robert Brown, is a compilation of songs of personal discovery; from ballads to pop to R & B. The show runs Sept. 20 and 21. Both shows at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced in advance $18 and $21 the day of the show and are on sale at the box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787. Visit the web site at www.companytheatre.com

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center Inc. presents "Breakfast Club" on Sept. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 22 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $8 Adult, $5 child.$6 per person. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing **Joyce Anderson** and **Eric Fontana**. The open mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/ssfolk.shtml

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Lydia Warren Band** on Sept. 20. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 21

The Great Melonseed River Race on the scenic and historic North River will be a revived and new version of the Sailing category. The NSRWA has scheduled a special race event, on Saturday, Sept. 21, beginning at the 3A Bridge. The public is invited to view this event, watching approximately 15 to 20 Melonseed Sailboats sail up the river with the tide to the Union Street Bridge, and back again to 3A. The sight of the fleet of Melonseeds silently winding their way up the North River and back is guaranteed to be beautiful sight. The best public viewing places of the race are at the route 3A Bridge at the noon start or at the Union St. Bridge at approximately 12:30 at the halfway point where the fleet will turn around.

Afternoon Tea hosted by **Windsor Tea Shop** will be held at **The Inn at Scituate Harbor**. Each tea will feature a different guest speaker. Judy McColgan, owner of the Windsor Tea Shop will give a brief history of the discovery of tea and the difference in the processing of the tea leaves. Bring one favorite tea related item and Andrea Hunt, owner of the **Peg Leg Duck Antiques and Collectibles** of Scituate will be available to give an appraisals. A menu will be provided by **The Borrowed Butler** of Scituate. Price per person $33. For more information call 781-545-7100.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet on Sept. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. **John Marshal Dyke** will demonstrate air brush painting. The meeting is open to the public and is free. Refreshments will be served.

Adopt-A-Pet event hosted by BJ's Wholesale Club and Pedigree and Faxon Animal Rescue League are partnering together to find homes for cats and dogs currently living at the shelter. Animals will be on site at the event and families will have the opportunity to interact with them.

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. Moderate walk, hilly terrain, three miles. Wolcott Path to Wildcat Notch and return via halfway path. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

Designer Show House - The Pilgrim Society Designer Show House returns Sept. 21 through Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday evenings. A new home valued in excess of $1 million dollars at The Pinehills in Plymouth will be featured this year. Tickets are $20. The Pinehills is located off Route 3 exit 3 and follow signs. For more information call 508-746-1620.

Annual Walk to D'Feet ALS: Sept. 21, at Quinsigamond State Park in Worcester and Oct. 19 at Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield. The Outback Steakhouse of Medford and Ben 7 Jerry's Ice Cream of Newbury Street in boston will be providing lunch at the walk in Wakefield. Teams, walkers, volunteers and corporate sponsors are needed. Everyone will receive a free t-shirt for registers. To register, visit www.als.ma.org or call 781-326-8884x17.

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The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union St. Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. The club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

Benefit Yard Sale - child-themed yard sale to benefit **Our World**, the children's global discovery museum set to open in Cohasset in the fall of 2003. The sale is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium, 41 Highland Ave. Children's clothes, toys books, video furniture and equipment. Children's items for the sale can be dropped off at the auditorium Sept. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sept. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For further information, call 781-383-3198.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Marshfield is holding its Third Annual Flea Market on Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot at Furnace Brook School, Route 139, Marshfield. There will be a large variety of vendors selling new and used items. Artists and craftspeople will be present. A variety of books, children's clothing and jewelry will be available. For vendor information, call 781-319-0049.

Newport Waterfront Festival-14th Annual Aquafina Taste of Rhode Island. The festival offers culinary creations from restaurants such as Castle Hill Inn and Resort, Stickyfingers, 22 Bowen's Wine Bar and Grille, Cowesett Inn and Perella's Ristorante. The Newport Yachting Center's 14th

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The Holbrook Library will be exhibiting watercolors by Norwell artist Virginia Wilson for the month of September. The exhibition features a series of paintings of scarecrows that the artist discovered at homes and gardens on the South Shore, a series of bird houses, and a series of windows. Ms. Wilson is a gallery artist at the South Shore Art Center and Cape Cod Art Association. The library is located on Plymouth Street,. in Holbrook center. For more information call 781-767-3644.

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The Quincy Dinner Theatre will host Celebrities on Stage, starring the Edwards Twins, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22. Saturday dinner at 7, show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 for dinner and show, $20 for the show only. The Quincy Dinner Theater is located at 1170 Hancock Street. For more information call (781) 843-5862.

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Annual Aquafina Taste of Rhode Island festival will offer appetizer-sized portions from more than 30 of the state finest restaurants. This is a celebration of Rhode Island's culinary delicacies, as well as its crafts, talents and cultures. Held on the historic waterfront at the Newport Yachting Center on America's Cup Avenue in Newport, Registration Inquiry. Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission $5 adults/Children under 12 admitted free. Food and beverage priced range from $1 to $6. For more information, call 401-846-1600 ext. 218 or visit www.tasteofri.com

Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Weymouth Landing, at 8 p.m. presents **Bob Niles** along with **Annette Pollack, Melissa Hunt, and Debbie +3.** Host for the evening is **Stephen Holda**. For more information, call 781-356-4311.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Loaded Dice** on Sept. 21. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 22

Bad Abbots Fourth Annual Irish Music Festival, 1546 Hancock St., Quincy is returning Sept. 22. The one day rain or shine event promises to be a celebration of music and entertainment for family's of all ages. The event will take place in the parking lot at Bad Abbots under large tents and will have continuous music for 10 hours, featuring a pipe band, parade, dance exhibitions, children's area and food court. Irish entertainers, 4 Men and a Dog and Beatle Juice. Admission is $10 children under 12 are admitted free. For more information visit our website at ww.badabbots.com or call 617-774-1434.

Weir River Watershed Association – Nature Walk at World's End, Hingham. Walk led by the Trustees of Reservations' ecologist, Andy Walsh. Bring binoculars and wear comfortable walking shoes. For further information call 781-925-5544 or visit www.weirriver.org This event is free of charge.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands presents Boston Light Cruise, Sept. 22, the last trip of the season to Boston Light, the oldest lighthouse site in North America, climb the 76 steps for a breathtaking view of Boston Harbor. (children must be at least 8 years-old or 50 inches tall) to ascend the lighthouse stairs. Bring your own picnic lunch, beverages, camera binoculars, and dress for weather, and snacks are available on the boat. The Cruise leaves Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf Boston, near the Aquarium T Stop at 12:30 a.m. returning at 5:30 p.m. Prices are: Adults $29; Seniors $26 members of FBHI $24, children 3 to 12 $17. Children 3 to 12 and under free. For more information call 781-740-4290.

Plymouth County Democratic League will hold its annual Unity Breakfast on Sept. 22, at 10 a.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, Market Street, Rockland. Tickets are $15 each may be purchased from any PCDL Executive Board member, town or ward chairperson or by calling Arnie Briggs, Coordinated Campaign Chairperson at 781-834-7842.

New England Wildlife Center in Hingham presents a Walkathon and Children's Fair on Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include tours of the hospital, hayrides, pony rides, clowns, food, moonwalk, wild animals, balloons. Admission is free. There are charges for some of the activities. For more information, call 781-749-5387.

A Roaring 20's Garden Party and Antique Car Parade to benefit Our World, the children's global discovery museum set to open in Cohasset in the Fall 2003, will be held 3 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 22, at Lionsgate, the Cohasset estate of Diane and Robert Johnston. The 1904 American Gothic mansion has been restored, along with the original perennial gardens. Violin soloist Eugene Kaplan will entertain and works by well know portrait artist Peter Quidley will be on exhibit. Refreshments will be served Period dress (1900-1920's) is encouraged but optional. The cost is $150 per ticket. for further information, call 781-383-3198. Reservations by check or credit card can b e sent to Our World, P.O. Box 422, Cohasset, 02025.

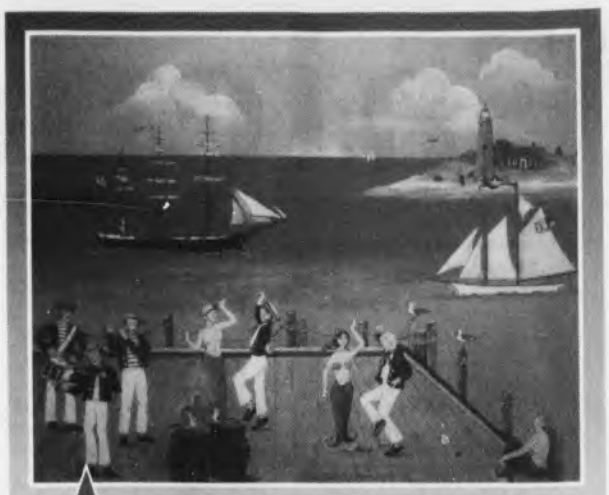
Sixth Annual Blue Hills Mountain Bike Day, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet at the Houghton's pond main parking lot on hillside Street in Milton. Explore the blue Hills on two wheels with the MDC Rangers, Blue Hills TrailWatch and the New England Mountain Bike Association. Marked loops and guided rides for all abilities. Special rides and events for kids. Expo area with bike repair demonstrations. Share the trails, responsible riding information and free-giveaways. Bring your own bike, helmet are required. For more information call 617-698-1802.

"Tour des Farms Bike Tour" The First Annual Tour des Farms fundraiser bike ride and harvest tasting tour. Avid cyclists weekend bikers and families will ride in this day-long event, meeting local farmers along the route. State and local officials have been invited to participate. Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The ride begins and wer will wind through Westport, Dartmouth, Mass., and Little Compton and Tiverton, R.I.

J's Jumpin Blues Bash, 63 Summer St., Cohasset. **Day of Fest** with Sweet Willie D's succulent southern style fish fry and barbecue featuring The J Place Band, Nasty J & The Grinders, Basic Black, JuJu Cocktail, The Jellyrollers. Tickets available at Rhythm Room Records, 55 Snow Road, Marshfield. For more information call 781-378-1060.

Veteran's Memorial Park in Hull is venue for a free concert sponsored by Pyne Funeral Home of Hingham. "Music at the Gazebo" concert will take place on Sept. 22, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. **The Pastels** featuring Big Band and Broadway show tunes. The park is located at the intersection of Nantasket and Samoset Avenues across from Hull Donut House. Free parking is available at the Hull Redevelopment authority. Concert goers should bring their own seating. Performances will be cancelled if it rains.

Alzheimer's Association, Greater Boston Memory Walk on Sunday, Sept. 22. Walk begins and ends at Canal Park at the Cambridgeside Galleria in Cambridge. Every dollar raised in your community stays in your community and provides care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's disease. For more information call the Alzheimer's Association at 617-868-6718 ext. 208 or email memorywalk@alzmass.org or visit our web site www.alsmass.org



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"The Sailor's Hornpipe" is one of many original paintings by folk artist Jeanne Replogle on display through Oct. 31 at the Artica Gallery, 22 Depot Street, Duxbury.. Replogle's one- woman show, Adventures in Art can be viewed during gallery hours 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The exhibit is free.

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"Seraffyn of Victoria," a 24-foot Lyle Hess Cutter will be one of the featured boats in the in-water classic boat show Sept. 21-22 in Duxbury. The Classic Boat Weekend is sponsored by the Duxbury Bay Maritime School, Duxbury Yacht Club, Snug Harbor Boat Works and the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society. For more information call (781) 834-6401.

The North River Arts Society presents **China Passage**, Sept. 22, from 3 to 5 p.m., at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old main St., Marshfield Hills Village. Trek through China with photographer Viola Kaumlen. Donation of $5 members and $7 non-members includes a reception. For more information, call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Mon. 23

Scared Heart High School announces that spaces are available for its 21st Annual Hollyberry Fair to be held on Nov. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 100 spaces, Saturday evening Pasta Dinner. Proceeds to benefit the Alumni Fund which helps to provide scholarship assistance. For an application, contact Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Highway, Kingston, MA, 02364, 781-585-7511, ext 345 or email shhsalum@hotmail.com

The Kingston Parent and Teachers Organization seek crafters for their annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kingston Elementary School, 150 Main St., (across from Bickford's Restaurant). Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the morning and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. There will be more than 60 crafters selling wonderful craft items. There will also be a kid's craft table and a PTO bake table. Admission is $1 with plenty of parking.

Tues. 24

Confronting the Terrorist Threat Co-chairs of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century and former U.S. Senators Gary Hart and Warren Rudman discuss the security challenges facing the nation today. Their report, "Seeking A national Strategy: a concert for Preserving Security and Promoting Freedom," was published in February 2001 before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and predicted such an attack. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and further information, call 617-929-4571.

Singles In The Suburbs is a non-profit club for singles from

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A concert featuring John Sebastian of the Lovin' Spoonful to benefit educational programs at the Children's Museum in Easton, will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 3 Barrows Street., North Easton. Admission is $30 per person or $50 premium tickets include preferred seating, complimentary beverage and post-concert reception with John Sebastian. For more information call (508) 230-3789.

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Sat., Sept. 21	Miguel Poveda Flamenco - *Spain*
Sun., Sept. 22	Boban Markovic Orkestra - *Balkans*
Sat., Sept. 28	Voices of Africa - *Africa*
Sun., Sept. 29	Liam Clancy & Robbie O'Connell - *Ireland*
Sat., Oct. 5	Juan Martin Flamenco - *Spain*
Sun., Oct. 6	Mamar Kassey - *Niger*
Sun., Oct. 6	Tama - *Mali*
Sat., Oct. 12	Chava Alberstein - *Israel*
Sun., Oct. 13	Cherish the Ladies - *Ireland*
Sat., Oct. 19	Dracula - New Vic Theatre of London - *England*
Sun., Oct. 20	Canterbury Tales - New Vic Theatre of London - *England*
Sat., Oct. 26	World Heritage Dancers - *tbd*
Sun., Oct. 27	Caravan from Paris - *France*

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ages 21 to 45, offering activities for people to meet in a casual environment. For more information or a newsletter call 781-721-4220.

The Olde Kids On The Block, a 20-piece orchestra will be at the Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday beginning Sept. 17 through Aug. 19, 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person, all are welcome, no smoking, wheelchair-accessible.

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to senior citizens (65 years old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify. For more information, call 1-800-246-6010.

Meet the Maestro: Music director, Steven Karidoyanes presents a free-of-charge preview of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's 87th season on Sept. 24, at the Plymouth Public Library. Handicapped accessible. Call 508-746-8008 for more information.

Highway to the Past; The Archaeology of Boston's Big Dig presented by the Dedham Historical Society. Ann-Eliza H. Lewis Ph. D., assistant director , Commonwealth Museum, Boston, will be the first speaker Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Lewis will present an illustrated tour of the archaeological sites excavated in Charlestown, the North End, South Boston, and on Spectacle Island as part of the Big dig project. Non-members $5 No charge for members. The lecture will be held at the society's auditorium at 612 High St,. Dedham. For more information, call 781-326-1385.

A Night With Dame Edna – The Show That Cares at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Performances are Sept. 24, to Oct. 6. For tickets call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theater box office. For other information call 617-426-9366.

Wed. 25

Artica Gallery 22, Depot St., Duxbury. **The Sailor's Hornpipe** is one of many original paintings by folk artist **Jeanne Replogle** on display at the Artica Gallery. Mrs. Replogle's one woman show, **Adventures in Art** will be exhibited through Oct. 31. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The exhibit is free.

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset presents author/illustrator **Marie-Louise Gay** on Sept. 25, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Ms. Gay has won innumerable awards for her children's books and is the author/illustrator of the best-selling Stella series ("Stella, Fairy of the Forest", "Stella Queen of the Snow" and "Stella, Star of the Sea". Her presentation will include an interactive drawing activity for Buttonwood's young friends. Call 781-383-2665 for additional information or to order a signed copy if unable to attend.

Families interested in adopting from China: Alliance for children, a non-profit adoption agency will be holding a free information seminar specifically for families interested in adopting in China. For more information or to register call 781-431-7148.

The Holbrook Library will be exhibiting watercolors by Norwell artist Virginia Wilson for the month of September. The exhibition features a series of paintings of scarecrows that the artist discovered at homes and gardens on the South Shore, a series of bird houses, and a series of windows. Ms. Wilson is a gallery artist at the South Shore Art Center and Cape Cod Art Association. The library is located on Plymouth Street,. in Holbrook center. For more information call 781-767-3644.

Thurs. 26

The Lightkeepers in Cohasset will feature oil paintings on sale for four hours on Sept 26, from 4 to 8 p.m.. Take advantage of the chance to buy original oils in gallery quality frames at Wholesale prices. Art dealer to stores and decorators will make available his collection for the afternoon. Themes include land, sea, and cityscapes, portraits, animals and more. Wholesale Prices range from $190 to $2,300. Any questions call Classic Art Direct 781-383-0201.

South Shore Science Center - Day Trip to Salem 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. $47M/$52NM Join us on an early fall trip to Salem, to The House of the Seven Gables. This historic site showcases the Turner-Ingersoll mansion, the oldest surviving mansion in the United States, and one of the few remaining Post Midevil houses in America. We'll be taken on a guided tour of the spectacular Colonial Revival Gardens, circa 1909, featuring raised flower beds in an English Jacobean pattern. Plant selections include kinds that have been grown for 400 years, such as snapdragons, foxglove, hollyhocks, delphiniums, and lilies. A dazzling view of the sea further enhances the tranquility and "old-fashioned" charm of this treasured place. Lunch will be at Pickering Wharf and enjoy an hour to visit the many shops there before heading home. The fee includes admission, transportation and lunch.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce will hold a **Business After Hours** on Sept. 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn/Metro South, 195 Westgate Drive in Brockton. This is an opportunity to meet and mingle with potential clients, customers and other local business people. To register, call 508-586-0500 ext. 221. The event is $5 members/$10 non-members.

Fri. 27

Hospice of the South Shore will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

Tarot Readings at Artful Things Gallery Well known medium, **Terry Porter** will be available for private spiritual and tarot readings at the gallery on Friday, Sept. 27, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule a reading, contact Dan Bennett at 781-659-6595. Artful Things is located at 263 Washington Street (Rte 53) Norwell. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday noon to5 p.m.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Sept. 27, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Collector's Choice is scheduled for Sept. 27 to 29, A gala opening reception will take place at **the South Shore Art Center** on Friday evening, Sept. 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by an elegant dinner at a private seaside home. The exhibition preview party will be enhanced by the opportunity to purchase collectible frames decorated by popular celebrities. Twenty personalities from the art world as well as the world of sports, politics and literature have agreed to decorate and personalize wooden frames that will be offered to the highest bidder in a silent auction. Tickets for this exhibition fundraiser are $135 ($125 for South Shore Art Center members). On Saturday, Sept. 28, the exhibition will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sunday, Sept. 29, the exhibition will open at 11:30 a.m. with Music Amidst the Masterpieces, an informal brunch and at 1 p.m. a concert by the Boston Chamber Music Society, Ronald Thomas, Artistic Director. Tickets are $35. Reservations for both events can be made by calling 781-383-2787.

John Sebastian in concert to benefit educational programs at The Children's Museum in Easton, will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 3 Barrows St., North Easton. 508-230-3789. Admission is $30 per person or $50 premium tickets include preferred seating, complimentary beverage and post-concert reception with John Sebastian.

Hope and Healing for AIDS an ecumenical "Vesper Service of Hope and Healing" will be held Sept. 27, at Heritage United Methodist Church, 218 Grove St., Braintree. The service will begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. For more information, call 617-773-6100 ext. 2040.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat City Band** on Sept. 27. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Designer Show House —The Pilgrim Society Designer Show House returns Sept. 21 through Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday evenings. A new home valued in excess of $1 million dollars at The Pinehills in Plymouth will be featured this year. Tickets are $20. The Pinehills is located off Route 3 exit 3 and follow signs. For more information call 508-746-1620.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Pursue activities that help you to maintain a peaceful, positive attitude this morning. Jupiter opposes Neptune at 8:07 a.m., and the moon continues its travel in intensive Scorpio. Take time out for yourself; reflect on and learn from past experiences. Open your heart to higher visions. Read yesterday's advice. The Scorpio moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive at 6:52 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The moon enters Sagittarius at 1:44 a.m., generating a lighter, brighter mood today and tomorrow. It is best to start new activities before 5:04 p.m., when the moon aligns with Jupiter, the planetary ruler of Sagittarius. On the other hand, don't go to extremes or make foolish promises or purchases. Use common sense. A lunar alignment to Mars at 5:28 p.m. warns you to drive defensively and be extra cautious when operating machinery. The remainder of the evening rates high for fun and games.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

It may be difficult to focus on practical matters and be productive today. Try to get work projects out of the way early in the day, so that you can spend extra time enjoying favorite sports and hobbies. The first quarter moon occurs at 2:08 p.m. A full moon is building up and will culminate September 21. The Sagittarius moon continues to generate an upbeat, adventurous mood. A lunar alignment to Uranus makes this a great evening for partying. Take a walk on the wild side.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The planet Mercury takes the spotlight today. At 3:39 p.m. Mercury, standing at 13-degrees of Libra, begins retrograde travel until October 6. That means that you should avoid making major decisions, purchases, commitments in this period. The Sagittarius moon becomes inactive at 3:54 a.m. until 6:47 a.m., when a Capricorn moon takes over. If you have work projects to accomplish, this is a great weekend for it. Tackle jobs you have been putting off; you can get them out of the way.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

The moon continues to travel in pragmatic Capricorn throughout the day. Zero in on responsibilities you have taken on or commitments you have made to others. Now is the time to follow through. Plan a busy day. Don't sabotage your efforts by getting caught up in worries or fears. Focus on work or study projects. You can be most productive.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

The Capricorn moon aligns with the sun and becomes inactive at 1:58 a.m., making for a slow-starting morning. Take your time. Make up a list of things to do; tackle chores, errands, jobs that need a finishing touch. Influences begin to turn around at 2:54 p.m., when the moon enters innovative Aquarius. The remainder of the day is prime for participating in group activities, team sports, charitable drives, community endeavors.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

An Aquarius moon sets the stage for an upbeat, social day. A lunar polarity to Jupiter this morning, however, warns you to know your limits. Don't overdo or overextend. Sleep on new ideas and don't make major commitments. The Aquarius moon forms easy contacts to Mercury in the afternoon and Pluto this evening. Planetary influences are prime for problem-solving, troubleshooting. Keep an open mind. Be willing to explore new ideas; be open to new experiences. You can cut through obstacles and find new inspiration and insights.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today. Avoid rigid time schedules; be flexible. An Aquarius moon may point you in directions you would not normally travel. This day is ideal for trying something new and different. Others may bring interesting or exciting news or ideas. Spend extra time on the information highway; chat, network, collaborate. Social activities get the green light this evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The moon enters Pisces at 1:18 a.m., and the final windup to this month's full moon begins. The full moon will culminate Saturday, at the tail end of Pisces. Today a 90-degree alignment of Venus and Neptune warns you to stay alert and use common sense. Don't take anything at face value. Postpone making purchases or promises. On the other hand, this planetary combination is ideal for developing projects that require your imagination and creativity.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Lunar alignments to Mars and Pluto this morning warn you to take it slow and easy. Drive defensively. Give greater attention to accuracy and details. Keep a cool head. The Pisces full moon continues to build throughout the day. Channel high energy constructively. You can make great headway developing creative and artistic projects. The stage is set for an exciting, 'anything can happen' kind of evening. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

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"Frustrated Monkey," by Tim O'Halloran

The Nathan Gallery presents "The Second Show" on display Sept. 7 through Nov. 12 on the second floor of The Frame Center. The Frame Center is located at 152 Rockland Street in Hanover. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information (781) 826-6500.

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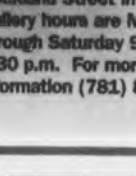

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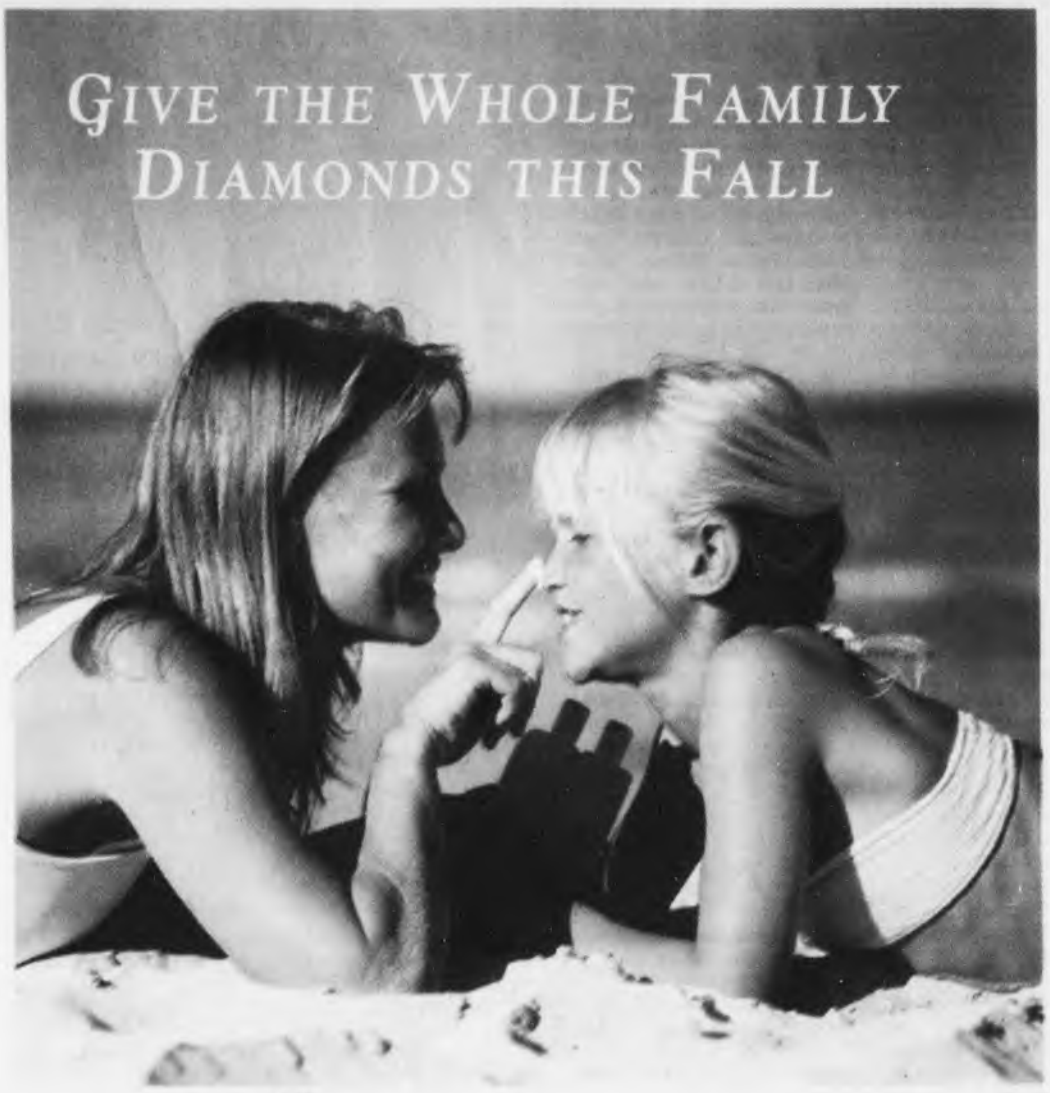

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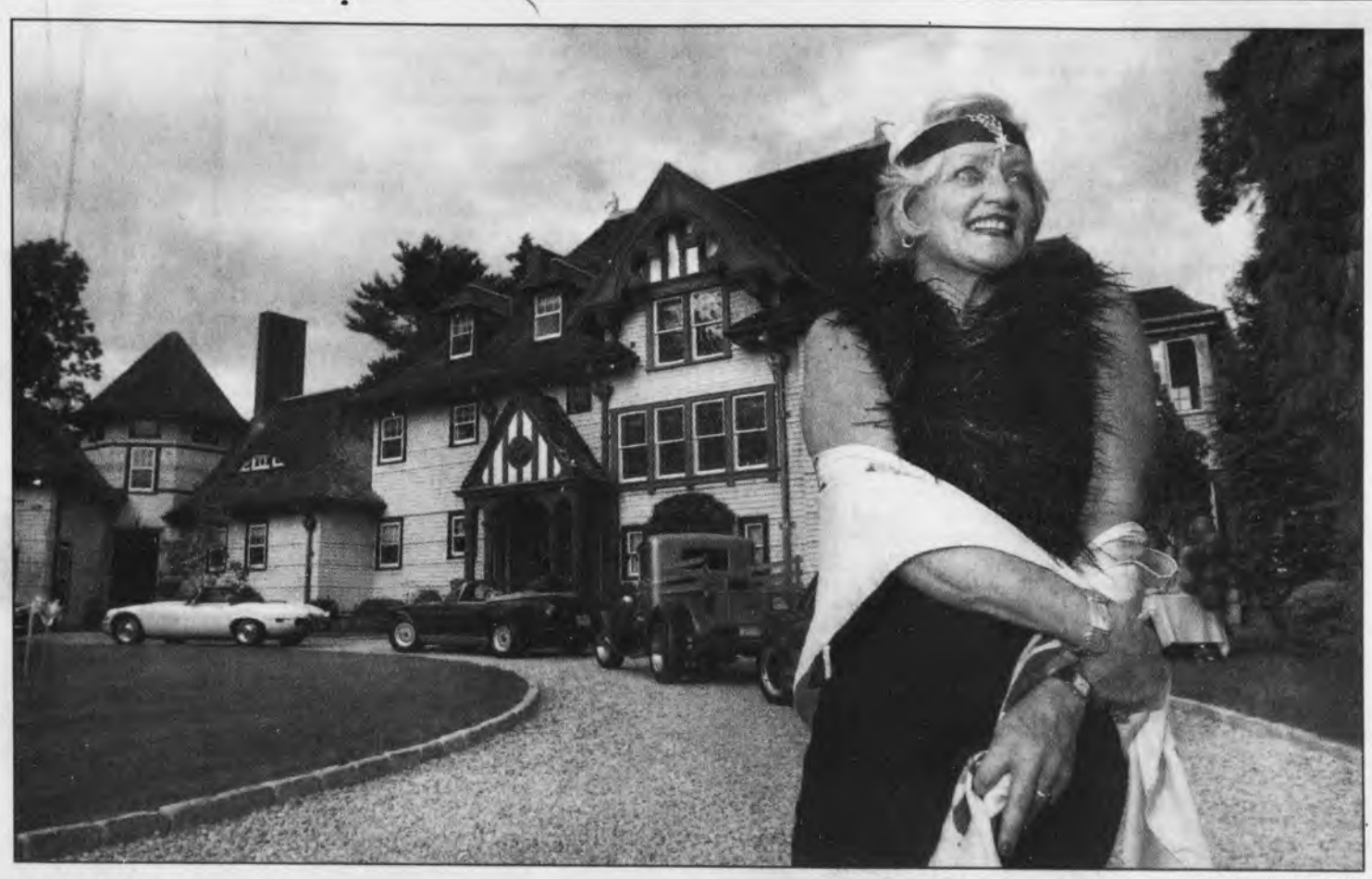

FLAPPER FLARE

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Estey Manning in period 1920s garb stands in front of Lions Gate for Sunday's garden party benefiting the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum to be built in a wing of the old Osgood School. For more photos see page 21.

Sewer options on the table

By Mary Ford
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Jerusalem Road Estates? Remember them?

The controversial subdivision across from Straits Pond that took root more than six years ago still has to clear several hurdles before the first spade of dirt can be dug.

The proposed 25-home subdivision needs a place to dispose of the wastewater it will generate – a problem that needed to be resolved before the project could move ahead. The ledge and soil conditions on the 43-acre site make it infeasible for an on-site system, said Charles Humphreys, an attorney representing the developers.

The Sewer Commission has consistently taken the position it wants to reserve any available capacity that the town secured in an inter-municipal agreement with Hull back in the mid-90s for existing homes.

So Jerusalem Road Estates, at

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Schools to seek $99K

By Brian J. Scully
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The school department will ask the Nov. 16 Special Town Meeting to approve $99,000 worth of additional funding for contingencies that have presented themselves with the opening of school. That's on top of the $100,000, the school department was expected to ask for to fully fund its fiscal year 2003 school budget approved last spring's Annual Town Meeting.

"So if they vote no, that program goes away, the two health teachers go away."
— Business Manager Ivan Klimko

The large majority of the $99,000 will come in the form of a separate article for a capital expenditure to buy a new school bus for approximately $60,000. An additional $39,000 is now needed in order to fund the early retirement of custodian Kevin Soule ($7,000) and to save the elementary school health program ($32,000), which would

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GOLD TREATMENT

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

David Hassan of Hassan Sign and Woodworking off Route 3A painstakingly applies 23-carat gold leaf to the 100-year-old mackerel weathervane to be installed atop the new library at noon tomorrow. For story, see editorial page 10.

Avalon hosts walk-around

By Mary Ford
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At first it took a little imagination.

A pot-hole ridden driveway, worn-out asphalt parking lot, rusty dumpsters and a dilapidated metal building with an 85,000 square-foot footprint, among other smaller, falling-down structures, disrupted the landscape where a 200-unit, luxury apartment complex is proposed.

But with the help of diagrams provided by engineer David Kelly, and a walk-around of the former Webb-Norfolk property led by Avalon's Scott Dale, the controversial project came into focus.

Five members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, which posted Saturday's 10 a.m. walk-around as a public meeting, and a handful of other town officials and interested citizens made the trek up the hill — across from the strip mall that houses Good Sport, Hancock Paint and Atlantic Bagel — for the tour, which was peppered by frequent stops and question-and-answer sessions.

Avalon has filed for a comprehensive permit for the project, which under Chapter 40B, the state affordable housing law, allows a developer to skirt local zoning in exchange for setting aside 20-25 percent of the units as affordable for those with moderate or low incomes. The Avalon project is proposed for commercially zoned land.

The 62-acre site is 8,000 feet wide, 3,000 feet deep and has

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School department in the 'bus business'

Worries about double runs

By Brian J. Scully
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If any of the other buses go down, or if a driver is sick, the department is forced to double route, which can make children late for school.

Buy or lease? Trade-in or new? Bluebird or Thomas Bus?

These questions are hardly the typical quandaries that face a school department. But since the department has taken the busing service in-house again, it has been the reality.

The town entered the school year with five buses to cover five runs, not to mention only four drivers for those buses. The latter problem forced the school to sign a three-month contract with Totman Enterprises, a bus company out of Scituate

Exacerbating the situation is the fact that one of the town's buses is already in the shop for major mechanical problems, so the count is now down to four buses. If any of the other buses go down, or if a driver is sick, the department is forced to double route, which can make children late for school. Since curriculum cannot be taught without the full complement of students, it affects everybody.

The school department is going to ask Special Town Meeting to approve a capital expenditure to purchase a new bus for around $60,000. But that doesn't necessarily solve the problem. The goal is to have six buses. One bus has what School Business Manager Ivan Klimko calls "proven mechanical problems," which wouldn't seem to bode well for its reliability. Also, next year, the school has to decide whether to purchase two 1999 Bluebird buses that it has been leasing. To do so would cost $21,000 apiece for a balloon payment. The committee could also turn those buses in and lease new buses for roughly $8,000 apiece for the upcoming fiscal year. There is also a pressing need to find a mechanic to service the buses, which could include attempting to involve the town's Department of Public Works.

Lurking in the dark is the issue

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This week in COHASSET

Focus on Route 3A

The Growth and Development Committee is holding the first in a series of focused Master Plan discussions to examine Route 3A development trends and opportunities on Monday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m., Room 2B, Town Hall. Other topics explored will include train and traffic impacts, the need for improved design standards and the market potential for new commercial development.

A focused discussion on housing issues, including the development of an affordable housing strategy, is being planned for mid-October. A date and time for this meeting will be released shortly.

The Growth and Development Committee is charged with drafting a town master plan to provide a thoughtful and long term strategy to manage town growth. The ultimate goal of the Committee is to work with all town citizens to build consensus and help create an overall shared vision and strategy for the future of Cohasset.

For more information on the Route 3A or housing discussions, please contact Liz Harrington, Town Planner, at 781-383-3517.

Library marketing deal close to fruition

The town is progressing with its plan to market the Paul Pratt Library through a real estate agent.

"I've had good conversations with four realtors, and I'm going to have a tough decision to make," said Haddad. "I'd like to hire all four of them, but obviously I can't."

The town was forced to consider this option after putting the property out to bid twice, both times receiving bids less than the desired amount of $700,000. That amount has already been included in the budget for the renovation of the old Osgood School into the new Paul Pratt Library, which is already underway, making it important that the town reach that threshold.

Haddad expects the decision on which realtor will be hired to be made within the week.

New signs reserve spaces at Town Hall

At the suggestion of Selectman Merle Brown, Town Manager Mark Haddad had four signs installed at the parking spaces closest to Town Hall.

The signs says the spots are reserved for people conducting town business.

Haddad said with some church events and other activities on the common, during which some folks park at Town Hall, there haven't been any spaces available for residents with business at Town Hall.

He said the parking restriction is only in effect during regular business hours.

Bound Brook dredging

The proposed dredging of Bound Brook, near Beechwood Street has hit a snag, after the town of Scituate informed Town Manager Mark Haddad that it was not in its plans to dredge the portion of the brook that runs in Scituate.

"It doesn't make sense to do it unless Scituate does it as well," said Haddad. "Because if we do our end, where does the water go?"

Haddad and DPW Supt. Carl Sestito will still walk to length of the brook to determine access points and what can be done to clear the brook short of dredging.

One way on Elm Street?

The Board of Selectmen is considering a plan to test out Elm Street as a one way street on a temporary basis.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, and Craig Miller of the Waterfield Design Group will visit businesses in the area this week to get feedback on the plan.

"We're talking to people this week," said Haddad. "We're going to go up and say to the businesses, 'Hey, this is our idea, what do you think?"

The group will bring their report to the Board of Selectmen's next meeting.

Sewer plant bidding to start

The Board of Selectmen has reversed its decision to hold off on opening the bid process for the renovation of the Wastewater Treatment plant in the marsh of Elm Street.

The board was hesitant to send the project forward if the public had not had a chance to comment on the plan, but has changed its mind after it received several letters from residents in the area, informing them that they were well aware of the plan.

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Sun. 29	5:10	8.3	11:10	5:21	9.4	11:52
Mon. 30	6:07	8.3	——	6:19	9.5	12:07
Tues. 1	7:06	8.4	12:51	7:19	9.7	1:07
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For the third season in a row, an "Evening of Song" will be presented at Norwell's Cushing Center on Friday October 4, and Saturday Oct. 5 at 7:30 P. M. Led by musical director and cast member Meri-Lee Mafera (Marshfield), "Evening of Song" will leave you humming some of your favorite tunes from a variety of decades including "Sentimental Journey," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "In the Still of the Night" that will delight audiences of all ages. With a talented cast including Virginia Kulka (Norwell), Bill and Brenda McColgan (Whitman) and Michael Hammond (Holbrook), the show's seasoned performers will make for a great evening of entertainment.

Andy Mahony and Peter Kulka, both of Norwell are once again coupled as co-emcees, playing off one another with light comedy between numbers.

The five piece band will include Meri-Lee Mafera at the piano, Tim Maynard (Weymouth) on drums, Connie Reisdorf (Watertown) synthesizer, Brett Willmott (Weymouth) guitar, and Tony Sumbury (Watertown) on bass.

"Talent abounds in the past performances that we've had," says Mafera, "and you won't be disappointed this year either."

The show was originally conceived by Peter Kulka as a way to raise funds for some of the programs of Norwell's American Legion. All proceeds the first year went toward helping the Town of Norwell erect a Veteran's Monument and the common area. Last year's proceeds went to helping the American Red Cross and other noteworthy programs that the Legion sponsors.

This year the proceeds will be directed to additional needs such as hospice care for Legionnaires and continued work on the monument.

Herb Fredrickson, Commander of Norwell's Legion Post is very enthusiastic about the show. "Come on down and enjoy a great night of entertainment while giving support to our noteworthy causes. Everyone who has come to our other performances in the past have really had a great time."

"Each year our audiences keep getting larger," says Kulka. "Last year there was standing room only. When we sang our patriotic songs, there wasn't a dry eye in the audience."

Prices are $20 for general admittance, $15 for seniors and children under 12.
For tickets and information call (781) 659-4325

Avalon officials drive discussion on traffic issue

ZBA to hire its own consultant

By Mary Ford
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It seemed as though they were speaking a different language until traffic came up.

For the first part of Monday's hearing, representatives from AvalonBay went through a litany of bylaws that the project may need relief from, but had no specifics.

But the Zoning Board of Appeals wanted the specifics.

For example, how big are the proposed signs at the entrance and how much relief is needed?

"With each and every piece of relief you need, you need to let us know what you want and why, and with some modification, why you can't comply," chairman Woody Chittick said, adding the signs were just an example.

"Don't leave it up to guess (how big the signs would be)," he said.

Stay tuned – Avalon said it got the message and will be back with the details.

But what created a dialog that both sides could understand was a preliminary discussion over the traffic impacts of the proposed 200-unit luxury apartment complex.

Zoning Board members listened intently to the presentation, but reserved judgment until their own consultant conducts a study.

Chittick asked for a layman's explanation of what the project would add to an already "dicey traffic" situation on Route 3A and got his wish.

Richard Bryant of Rizzo Associates, a consultant who has worked with Avalon on eight projects, provided a brief overview of the existing conditions and a forecast of the future, incorporating the Avalon project and MBTA stations.

The site does not qualify for a traffic light because it would not meet the state's traffic density threshold.

He said the complex would provide a modest increase in traffic and the access is safe, meaning there are adequate site lines in both directions for motorists to get in and out safely. He also said 3A, a state highway, has adequate capacity and can accommodate the increase. The site does not qualify for a traffic light because it would not meet the state's traffic density threshold, Bryant said.

The speed limit on that section of 3A is 45 mph, and about 15 percent of the cars exceed that. About 1,630 vehicles pass by during the peak hour, which is 7:30-8:30 a.m., a number which is expected to decrease once the Greenbush line is built because some motorists will exit the highway for the stations in Cohasset and Scituate.

Bryant said the complex, which would accommodate 400 cars, would see a total of 125 trips in the peak hour, both on and off the site. If the area was developed for an industrial use, that number would be 215 trips, he said, or 800 if the acreage were fully developed.

Bryant said there could be as much as a 55- to 60-second wait during peak times to exit the site, but due to stacking several cars might be able to exist one right behind the other after a wait for gaps.

Chittick asked if Avalon would consider running a shuttle bus to the train station, but Bryant said ride-sharing would be more viable.

The Zoning Board also asked about sidewalks and a potential pedestrian bridge over 3A, in the interest of safety.

Avalon representatives said a shuttle bus is expensive to run and manage.

A pedestrian bridge would not be aesthetically pleasing and most would opt not to use it, Bryant, the traffic consultant said.

"Most people choose to cross at-grade rather than go up and down," Bryant said, unless it was a road like Storrow Drive in Boston.

The Zoning Board said the continuation of the hearing on Oct. 21 would focus on traffic and environmental issues.

The board also asked Avalon to provide actual numbers of schoolchildren in their other projects. One of the biggest town concerns is the potential for the project to flood the schools with kids. Avalon says it is willing to discuss the mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments to meet the town's needs. The company says complexes with more three-bedroom apartments usually have more children.

Avalon hosts walk-around at proposed developement site

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

From left, David Kelly of David Kelly Engineering, and Liz Smith and Scott Dale of Avalon lead a walk-around the former Webb-Norfolk Conveyors site on Saturday morning.

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300 feet of frontage along Route 3A, of that Avalon plans to develop 10-12 acres, which nearly matches what was developed by Norfolk Conveyor.

Most of the zoning board's questions centered around drainage and wastewater treatment issues, which will be dealt with in-depth as part of the ongoing public hearing for the project.

On the 3A side atop the hill, there is a clear view of the Atlantic Ocean and Minot Light — views that will no doubt be used as marketing points if the project is approved.

The opposite side of the site is heavily wooded and surrounded by Thayer and Whitney Woods, a nature reserve, which is owned by the Trustees of Reservations. To the north are the former Cohasset Heights Landfill, town water tank, and Massachusetts DPW garage.

"This is a gorgeous piece of land and it's important we put what we're doing in context here," said Dale who is vice president of development for Avalon.

Dale explained the apartment complex would look like a cul de sac and occupy almost the same area that was developed by Norfolk Conveyor, a manufacturer of airport conveyor systems that closed in the mid-90s. Avalon will take up about one-sixth, or 10-12 acres, of the property and about seven acres of that will be impervious.

"We'll be constructing over the previously disturbed part of the site," Dale said.

Kelly explained the storm-water drainage would be improved from what exists now. Currently water runs off a rusty, metal roof on the large Norfolk building, which would not allowed today under state environmental regulations. The Avalon complex will have sloped asphalt roofs. Storm-water runoff from the roofs will be collected in catch basins where it can infiltrate back into the ground, Kelly said.

There will also be pollution controls on the parking lot and blacktop areas, something that doesn't exist today at the site, Kelly said. The driveway and parking areas will have curbs and gutters for storm-water control.

Because the site is atop a hill, the apartment buildings around the perimeter of the complex will be terraced, so they have two stories in the front and three in the back. The buildings will be shingle-style with vinyl siding, which is very durable, Dale said.

The complex will have a total of 18 buildings. A variety of floor plans for one-, two- and three-bedroom units with square footage ranging from about 750 for a one-bedroom, to 1,500 for a three-bedroom unit with loft is planned. Avalon has made it known to the zoning board, it is open to discussing the mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom units to best serve Cohasset's housing needs.

The first thing people will see when they come up the driveway to the main entrance is the clubhouse, Dale said. The new driveway, which is the only access planned for the property, will be flattened out a little to a 10 percent grade (it is currently 12 percent).

After the walk-through, Dale invited the zoning board members and others in attendance to a tour of Hull Estates, an Avalon project whose architecture could be similar to what is planned for Cohasset.

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Sewer options on the table

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considerable expense, secured its own capacity from Hull.

Now, the developers are back before the Sewer Commission and presented three options Monday, plus a strong caveat – "if the answer is no to all three, we'll see you in court."

"We are trying to move forward with the project," said Humphreys, urging the board to make a quick decision about the sewer issue. The subdivision obtained approval with conditions from the Planning Board back in April 1999, a decision capped three years of negotiations.

The hearing process before the Conservation Commission has also begun. Developers need approval to disturb more wetlands than the town bylaw and state allows, and are on the Conservation Commission agenda Oct. 10.

Humphreys told the Sewer Commission that its position of reserving capacity for existing homes discriminates against owners of vacant land, who are still taxpayers. But still, Jerusalem Road Estates went directly to Hull and will pay $650,000 for 13,750 gallons per day, which is enough capacity to serve its proposed 25, five-bedroom homes. Also as part of the agreement, the developers will lay sewer main for two homes on Rocky Beach in Hull that are not connected to that town's sewer.

(Jerusalem Road in the Straits Pond area is part of the North Cohasset Sewer District. The town has a 30-year agreement with Hull for 80,000 gallons per day to serve homes in the district.)

Jerusalem Road Estates filed three applications with the Sewer Commission:

- Use its own capacity in Hull, but install a private sewer force main some 2,000 feet eastward to Atlantic Avenue in Hull, which would cost about $250,000 including connecting the two Hull homes.
- Use its own capacity in Hull, but connect to the town sewer line along Jerusalem Road that connects to Hull near West Corner, and pay the town $100,000 for the use of the pipe.
- Use some of the town's capacity and connect to town line along Jerusalem Road

"We're entitled to all three, I believe," said Humphreys, who said under state law a municipality cannot reserve sewer capacity for future use if there is a present need.

Humphreys explained if Jerusalem Road lays a private sewer main to Hull, the pipe would be maintained by the proposed homeowners association.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis told the Sewer Commission he had concerns about a homeowners association, that at this point doesn't even exist, being charged with maintenance of a sewer pipe in a public way. He is concerned the town would ultimately be held responsible for possible pollution problems if such an association didn't agree to perform needed work.

"If a majority (of a homeowners association) doesn't want the road plowed, it doesn't get plowed," DeRensis said, adding some anecdotal experience he's had with municipalities having difficulties dealing with homeowners' associations.

"I'm sorry you've had that experience in life," Humphreys countered. "But modern homeowners associations have to do the work."

Developer Stephen Corey said if the town was concerned about maintenance, then he would consider deeding the sewer main to the town.

The Sewer Commission said it was upset that Jerusalem Road Estates paid top dollar for Hull capacity, which the town would like to have more of. Commissioners said they've been "stonewalled" by Hull in their efforts to seek more capacity.

But Corey said Cohasset "slammed the door in our face" when it initially applied to connect to the North Cohasset Sewer District.

"It wasn't our choice to go to Hull, you forced us to go to Hull," he said.

There was also some discussion about how much of the 80,000 gallons per day, that Cohasset has from Hull, is not being used. The figures that Humphreys presented show the town has available capacity, but sewer commissioners want to do their own research.

But Corey said he didn't want to fight the battle over capacity. He said Jerusalem Road Estates either needs a street opening permit to install pipe to connect to Hull or permission to connect to the existing line.

Humphreys warned if the developers take the issue to court and it is determined the town has capacity, other landowners may "intervene" in the lawsuit and jump on board.

"It would be open season on open lots," he said.

The town is still under a court order to solve its wastewater problems and as a result, has expanded the Central Cohasset Sewer District that connects to the town plant on Elm Street, in addition to creating the North Cohasset Sewer District that is connected to Hull.

The Sewer Commission did not reject the Jerusalem Road Estates applications out of hand. Commissioners said they wanted to make sure the town didn't jeopardize the agreement with the state before making a decision, and took the matter under advisement.

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According to Council spokesperson Diane Kennedy, these grants can be used to support a variety of artistic and cultural projects that benefit citizens in Cohasset — including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, as well as cultural workshops and lectures.

Kennedy also says that the Cohasset Cultural Council will entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups through the PASS Program, a ticket subsidy program for school-age children that allows them to attend a Massachusetts-based cultural event.

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Application forms and additional information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available on the MCC Web site at masculturalcouncil.org/lcc-grants.html. Contact Diane Kennedy, Chair, Cohasset Cultural Council at 781-383-1304 to learn more about available grants.

The Local Cultural Council Program, of which Cohasset Cultural Council is a part, comprises a network of 335 councils across the state. It is the second largest program of the MCC. MCC provides allocations to each LCC annually to support cultural activities in every city and town in Massachusetts. This is the largest program of its kind in the United States.

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Schools seek new bus, also want to save health program

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have been cut after the state cancelled the grant that funded the positions.

The School Committee points to the fact that all of the costs could not have been anticipated.

Just prior to the start of school, the district learned it would have to operate its own busing system. *(See accompanying article).*

"We need the bus," said Business Manager Ivan Klimko, who is running the transportation system. "We only have five buses now and we have five runs in the morning (for each school). So any time there is a mechanical problem with the bus, we don't have enough buses and there is a liability there."

When the school department last operated the buses, it owned six buses, but one was lost in an accident three years ago. The was no need for a spare the last two years, because Ingle Bus Services of Hanover, which was operating the town's buses, would provide one of his own in case of a problem.

Ingle decided not to renew the contract this year and the town did not receive any bids from private vendors to operate the service, largely, because the town is so small.

Michael Gill, the school health director, approached the School Committee about saving the elementary healt program earlier this year, and the committee agreed to do so temporarily, so long as Town Meeting approved the added $32,000 for this year.

"If the good citizens of Cohasset say no, then we are going to have to make up whatever it has cost us thus far in the budget, but not the full $32,000," said Business Manager Ivan Klimko. "So if they vote no, that program goes away, the two health teachers go away."

No guarantees were made for this year or beyond, but Gill is diligently working to find a replacement funding source. For the School Committee it was a low-risk way to attempt to save the program.

"That health program is a major part of the curriculum throughout the district," said Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts. "We had assumed that we would be getting that grant to pay for those teachers."

The Board must also seek $7,000 to fund the early retirement of custodian Kevin Soule. Soule had not been originally included in the early retirement program, but the School Committee reversed its position and asked the Board of Selectmen to include him.

"With the retirement, we didn't know it was coming," said Klimko. "They just changed those laws. We have one of the oldest workers in town, and he has the most seniority, so where do you get that money, well, we're going to go to Town Meeting."

Supt. Edward Malvey said that if the committee asked him to, he would find that $7,000 (in the event Town Meeting decided not to fund it), but that it would require some cutting. According to Malvey, there simply isn't any "wiggle" room in the budget.

"That's the way I am analyzing it right now," said Malvey. "Seven or eight months down the road, we might be in a different position if we are able to free up some of that $100,000, but right now it is all committed."

School department in the 'bus business'

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regarding the amount of students to be transported. It hasn't happened, and it may not, but if all the schoolchildren in Cohasset were to ride the bus to school in the morning, there would not be enough space on the buses. Drivers have been instructed to make a second trip should that occur, and would, under no circumstances, overload the buses.

While many of those issue are decisions that have not presented themselves, the mechanical problems already have.

Just last week, a bus wouldn't start in the morning due to a battery problem. The issue was resolved in time for the afternoon runs, but it forced the department to scramble for the morning routes.

"(Last week) is proof of the need," said Klimko, who is responsible for the day-to-day running of the busing operation. "You have a bus that just doesn't start in the morning. We had to double up and that causes kids to sometimes be a little later getting to school, so we lose instructional time. It's just not acceptable."

The town used to have six buses, but lost one to an accident a few years back. Having a spare bus wasn't a big issue when a large bus company was in charge of operation.

"Steve Ingle refused to take the third year of our contract," said Klimko. "He was running our (town-owned) buses, but whenever we needed an extra bus, we just had one from his company to make the runs. Now, we don't have that convenience."

The department is hoping that the Special Town Meeting appropriation will prove to be the salve that sooths the problem. It is also confident that things will smooth out as the department gets used to being "in the bus business" once again.

"Hopefully (the temporary contract with Totman) will get us to town meeting and that is the way we are getting our sixth bus now," said Klimko. "We're having one worked on right now, we're kind of ad-libbing until then."

Klimko also pointed out that as the season turns, the lack of a spare bus may become more noticeable.

"It's somewhat doable in September," said Klimko. "But how long can you stand out there in the winter waiting for a bus to make a double run?"

Arts and crafts

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for the grades K-Three Arts and Crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and Crafts for grades K-Three will be held from 3-4:30 p.m. on Mondays and will be held t the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $42 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 21, continuing through Nov. 25. The class will not meet on Monday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

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Lauren Albanese shines at American Academy of Ballet

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

BUNDLE OF JOY

I received a wonderful message from **Heidi (Smith) Daileader**, formerly of Hingham. The note reads "My husband **John** and I welcomed our second child, **Katherine Mary,** on Sept. 4. She was 7 pounds 13 ounces and arrived just after midnight, right on her due date. Big brother **Matthew** is excited to show Kate the ropes now that we're back home in upstate New York. She is the second grandchild of proud grandparents **Judy and Lee Peacock** of Hingham, **Russ and Susan Smith** of Cohasset and #17 for **Bob and Marion Daileader** of Clifton Park, N.Y."

Thank Heavens For Little Girls..... Congratulations to all of you. **Uncle Adam** and **Auntie Emma** are so excited about this new little lady, I am sure!

TOP BALLERINA

Lauren Albanese, of Cohasset, attended the American Academy of Ballet in New York for three weeks this summer. Lauren began dancing each day at 9 a.m.,

Lauren Albanese holds her gold-medal award certificate, demonstrates a perfect ballet position, and at right, poses with teacher Dean Vollick.

with classes in intensive technique, Classical ballet, Pointe, Pas de Deux, Repertoire, and Variations. Lauren ended her stay with the A.A.B. with a grand performance and an evening of competition in the Performance Awards. The Performance Awards Program is the unique concept of the American Academy of Ballet. The program is taught by more than 100 teachers throughout the United States, as well as by teachers in Greece, Holland, Belgium, the Philippines, Japan, South Africa, the Bahamas and Spain. The beautifully choreographed dances give students an opportunity to dance a solo before an audience which generates excitement for the event.

Lauren brought home a *gold* medal in the Performance Awards. Lauren has performed with the Boston Ballet at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts in professional ballets, including The Nutcracker, for four years, The Sleeping Beauty, and A Midsummer Nights Dream. Lauren has been a student at The Boston Ballet Center for Dance Education for the past nine years. She is 12 years old.

Lauren is also an honor student at South Shore Christian Academy, in Weymouth. Last year, she won an honorable mention ribbon at the ACSI Science Fair. This past June, Lauren was awarded a Certificate Achievement in Science at the S.S.C.A. awards ceremony. Pictured with Lauren in New York, is one of her many teachers from The Boston Ballet Center for Dance Education, Mr. **Dean Vollick**. These are fantastic accomplishments Lauren, I know that your family and friends are all so very proud of you!

BEYOND TOLERANCE

The Cohasset Diversity Committee is sponsoring the program 'Beyond Tolerance' at Cohasset Middle High School on Monday evening, Sept. 30. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Cohasset Middle High School's new cafeteria. The guest speaker will be **Victor Kazanjian**, Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life and Co-Director of the Peace & Justice Studies Program at Wellesley College. **Dean Kazanjian** will discuss moving beyond the destructive forces of intolerance which have marked so much of human history, and even moving beyond the limits of tolerance, which often acts as a state of suspended ignorance, to that place we will ultimately discover where all human beings are inextricably bound together in a global web of interdependence. Please join the Cohasset Diversity Committee for this insightful program. For more information, please call **Connie Afshar** at 781 383 6006.

HANDS-ON HARBOR FUN

Calling all Cohasset kids and their families! Please plan to stop by the *new* "Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research" on the Harbor, at the end of Parker Avenue on Saturday Sept. 28 from 11am-3pm. The New England Aquarium will have touch tanks for some hands-on fun from 11a.m.-1p.m., you will be able to hear and see about a day in the life of a lobsterman.....and there will be a *free* lunch cookout!! Find out how you can get involved in future CCSCR classes and events! Want to help out? Please phone **Susan Galligan** 383-0765. Hope to see you there :)

A SPECIAL EVENING

Come party so they can play! The playground fundraising committee of the South Shore Community Center Nursery School cordially invites all to a special evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dancing and a silent auction. Catering is provided by **Tony Ambrose** of Ambrosia on Huntington in Boston. Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham. Cost is $50 per person. RSVP to **Linda Kleir** at 781-383-6061.

GO BLUE!

Calling all CHS football fans! It's football season again, and we need our fans to come out in full force this Friday night at 7 on Alumni Field. CHS is playing a Division 1 team (we are Division 5), North Quincy. We will need the fans' support to keep the guys fired up. We'll never forget the way the town turned out to cheer on the team in its win over Abington, the favored team. This is a great way to spend a Friday evening with friends and family and help to cheer on a talented team on to victory. Go Blue, Go White!

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Boston Breakers' McCann at boosters' pancake breakfast

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PRO SOCCER PLAYER

The Soccer Boosters Club's annual Pancake Breakfast is being held on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 8 am-12 p.m.. This years breakfast will feature an appearance by **Christine McCann** of the women's professional soccer team, the Boston Breakers. Christine will be at the high school cafeteria to sign autographs from 10-11 a.m. Your ticket will also enter you in this year's Raffle. Prizes include tickets to a Bruins and a Celtics game, gift certificates to several local restaurants and numerous other items. Proceeds from the breakfast support our High School soccer teams. Tickets ($5 per person) are available in advance from any middle or high school soccer player or by calling **Debbie Shadd** at 383-1624.

TRINITY SOCCER STAR

Senior soccer tri-captain forward **Morgan Sandell** of Cohasset netted the first Trinity goal in the college's season-opening 2-1 victory against rival Bates College on Sept. 7. Morgan followed that up with Trinity's lone goal in its 1-1 tie with Middlebury on Sept. 14. Morgan was named to the NESCAC honor roll for scoring a goal in each of Trinity's first two games. This young man is certainly making a name for himself, I am sure we will hear a lot more about Morgan in the future.

LUNCHTIME SPEAKER

Lunchtime Speaker Series continues on Friday Oct. 4 from noon to 1p.m. at the South Shore Art Center. Professional image consultant, wardrobe manager and personal shopper, **Julie Foley**, will be our next guest at the Social Service League sponsored speaker series. Ms. Foley speaks to groups nationally and has been featured in Vogue. Her array of services helps her clients to look and feel their best by analyzing personal color, body type and lifestyle. Julie will introduce the five looks of lifestyle, social/casual, work, formal and recreation. Her array of services also include closet clutter control and wardrobe makeovers. Her services have been offered as fun gifts and her presentation should make for an entertaining lunch hour. Free and open to all. For more info call 781-383-0771.

HARVEST SUPPER

The Beechwood Congregational Church is holding its Harvest Supper on Thursday evening, Oct. 24 at 6:30. Ham, green beans, beets, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and a beverage will be served. Following dinner, harvest items will be auctioned off. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

RENSSELAER MEDALLIST

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute announced that **Elizabeth Reynolds** of Cohasset was this year's honoree at Cohasset High School. The Rensselaer Medal, the oldest prize of its kind in the United States is awarded at 2,700 secondary schools throughout North America, Latin America, Europe and Asia. This award is given to students who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science. To be honored with the Rensselaer Medal, a student must be a member of the junior class and the high school's single most promising science and math student. Each medallist who is accepted and subsequently enrolls at Rensselaer receives the scholarship of $40,000, payable in four yearly awards of $10,000 each. Congratulations Elizabeth!

That is all for this week, Cohasset. Please make a huge effort to get me all of your news, events and information BY or BEFORE Mondays at noon! Although writing this column is a very fun and enjoyable part of my week, it is one of many jobs that I do. When I get things thrown my way late Monday and Tuesday, it makes it very difficult for me to add or change the column in time for my deadline to the Mariner. Thank you in advance for keeping this in mind, it is a very huge help!

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Standing up against hate

Take a Stand in the Sand to spell out "The South Shore Is No Place For Hate" in a human letter chain Oct. 6, 12-4 p.m., on Nantasket Beach at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse in Hull. A coalition of 13 South Shore No Place For Hate communities is hosting the free event which promotes diversity and respect for difference. The free event, which runs till 4 p.m., will feature live music, a hip-hop dance troupe, free refreshments and other surprises. For information, call Sumner Goldberg, Hull NPFH chairman at Hull Town Hall, 781-925-0305. Or members of the Cohasset Diversity/No Place for Hate Committee — Susan Etkind (781-383-6602), or Chartis Tebbetts (781-383-1662).

The 13 community-members of the South Shore NPFH Coalition are: Brockton, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Milton, Norwell, Plymouth, Quincy, Scituate, Sharon and Stoughton.

Image coach is next speaker

The "Lunchtime Speaker Series" continues on Oct. 4 from noon to 1p.m. at the South Shore Art Center will be Julie Foley, an image coach, wardrobe manager and personal shopper that help women look and feel their best by utilizing personal body types, hair color and complexions.

Foley helps to balance personal lifestyle that enhances self esteem and makes her clients feel their very best. As a member of The New England Association of Image Consultants, Foley has been featured in "Vogue" and "Who's Who in Women's Business." Please feel free to bring your lunch to the South Shore Art Center. Question and answer session after her presentation, admission is free, open to all. For more info call Cohasset Social Service League 781-383-0771.

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Bradley takes challenges head-on

Seeks reelection; points to record

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There he was in 1991, future state representative Garrett Bradley standing ready on the Boston College 30-yard line preparing himself to run downfield on the suicide mission that is otherwise known as kickoff coverage.

At this point, it is best to let Bradley, the Third Plymouth District state representative for the past two years, recount the story – at least the parts of that story which he can remember.

"So it was against Georgia Tech, the second game of the year, that I was called upon to go in for the first time on the field with the special teams," said Bradley. "And I ran, on kickoff, I don't know about 60-65 yards full speed and this outside linebacker for Georgia Tech took two steps forward and leveled me."

Besides a headache, the play earned him a regular position on the Boston College football team's special teams. Coach Tom Coughlin, now the coach of the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars, liked what he saw in the former walk-on and found a place for him on special teams.

"Coughlin was watching on film, and here I am one of the slower guys on the team, and I am the first one downfield," said Bradley (Note: It's unclear whether this memory is from the actual day or from viewing the tape after The Hit). "So he said, 'Well if that guy works that hard on the field, I want him."

That play led to an opportunity to travel with the team to Penn State, Syracuse and Temple, as well as to a varsity letter.

While exploits on the gridiron are far from legislative battles, the key component of the Hingham native's success was – and still is – hard work.

People may feel free to disagree with his stance on the issues, or his party affiliation, but no one can question the man's dedication to working for what he believes in.

State Sen. Bob Hedlund (a Republican) stopped by the Mariner office and noted that Bradley was practically wearing himself thin by making appearances as every event possible (Bradley – "He just gets mad, because he knows if I am going somewhere, he needs to be there"). Still hard work is a trait that was instilled in Bradley as a child and reinforced by his time with Coughlin.

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>
> — State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham

"Coughlin used to teach us that it's the little things, and this is the reason that most of the time I am early to stuff," said Bradley. "He used to say, that 'If you are late to a meeting, you run at 6 a.m., and the meeting begins when I enter the room, and I'm always five minutes early.'"

Punishment consisted of "running until you dropped" according to Bradley, a harsh penalty that filled the team meeting room 10 minutes prior to the "official" meeting time everyday, with all parties looking straight ahead with their feet on the floor.

The little things still matter to the former Plymouth County Prosecutor, who lives in Hingham with his wife Heather and two young daughters. During a Friday morning tour of the Statehouse, which he graciously provided, he would not set foot into the meeting room for the House of Representatives.

"I don't have a tie on, and I don't enter that room unless I have a tie on," said Bradley.

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State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, campaigns outside the Scituate Polls at the state primary last week. On Jan. 1, North Scituate becomes part of the Third Plymouth District that also includes Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

It is those little things that have made the Bradley a rare Triple Eagle (after attending Hingham Public Schools until the eighth grade, he pulled off a trifecta, attending BC High, Boston College, and BC Law School).

"If you read in the (State) Constitution what the job of State representative is, it is to be closest legislative body to the people," said Bradley. "And you can't do that by sitting at the State House 24-7 and not going to things."

After two years, Bradley says that the job of state representative has been mostly what he expected.

"The job is what I had hoped it would be when I ran for office, namely, that one representative can make a difference," said Bradley. "One representative voting as his district wants, can make a difference, and I have found that that is the case."

Bradley has established a reputation for challenging party leadership on several issues including Chapter 40B, cutbacks in school building assistance funding, and the housing bond bill of last year. Though he is satisfied he is making a difference, he has been sometime frustrated with the pace of the process, which he points out is just the nature of the legislative process at this point in time.

"The level of debate was not what I thought it would be," said Bradley. "I would like to see more debate on the issues."

Bradley believes that there is a change needed up on Beacon Hill, but that he is a part of the solution, not the problem.

"Years ago it was 'We need more Democrats,' now it is 'We need more Republicans,'" said Bradley. "That's not what it is about. It is not about sending politicians up here. It is about sending people here, whoever they may be, male, female, Republican, Democrat, who are going to vote their district, and that is how you are going to reform Beacon Hill."

Bradley feels free to challenge party leadership, but not just to say he did it ("I have nothing personal against the leadership"). He feels that his responsibility is to his district, and that they will be the final arbiters of the job he has done.

"If you come up here and you are a career politician, you want to vote in a way that will get you back here and get you in with leadership, and that is not what I am here to do," said Bradley who doesn't see himself occupying his current position 20 or 30 years from now. "I am here, because I grew up in my community and I love my community. I want to make a difference and I think I can."

As to those, who would say that it was safe for him to vote against his party on an issue to placate his district, knowing that the vote would still pass along party lines, Bradley is almost offended.

"It's not always about winning, its about saying, 'I'm not afraid to do this,' and showing others that it is OK to challenge leadership, it's healthy to challenge leadership," said Bradley pointing to one of the last votes he participated in. "The vote on the housing bond bill was very indicative of people saying 'Hey, you know what, they're right. They are standing up and saying that this is a bad bill that doesn't go far enough and that the leadership in the Conference Committee didn't do their job, and we're going to go with them."

For Bradley, the election boils down to his track record.

"This election is basically, 'Did I do the job I was sent here to do?'" said Bradley. "If I have, I would ask people to vote for me again, and if I haven't I can understand people not voting for me."

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Nathaniel Palmer: Problem solver from the start

Says business approach needed at the Statehouse

By Brian J. Scully
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At age13, Nathaniel Palmer, knew something was wrong.

As his peers in Santa Barbara, Calif. spent their time skateboarding, Palmer was opening his first small business.

It was a only a minor venture, known as "Make Your Mom Proud," but for the man who at 32 is now challenging Garrett Bradley for the Third Plymouth District seat in the state's House of Representatives, it began a lifelong fascination with business and problem solving.

"If you wanted to send your mother flowers, you'd give me the note, and I'd have it transcribed in calligraphy," said Palmer. "It would be attached to a single rose with a bit of trimming on it, and I'd have some young, handsome guys in suits who would go knock on the door and deliver it to her."

It was, admittedly, small potatoes, but the feeling of successfully filling a need stuck with Palmer.

"That was pretty rewarding," said Palmer. "It didn't solve any major problems, but it was pretty successful and everybody had a lot of fun."

For Palmer, California was a bit too slow paced. It wasn't until he arrived in Massachusetts that he felt comfortable.

"I always felt a little bit out of place in California," said Palmer, discounting his sojourn on the West Coast as a cruel trick of fate. "I was a little bit intense for people out there, but when I came here, it all made sense."

So, after graduating Santa Barbara High School and attending a year of community college in California, Palmer packed his bag and followed the voice calling in his head – 'Go East Young Man!' With only his car, which was filled with his worldly possessions, and enough money for about one semester, Palmer headed to the Boston area to attend Babson College. After arriving, he decided that he was interested in the business of technology and ended up attending Bentley College where he graduated in 2 fi years (thanks in part to the one semester of junior college in California).

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— Nathaniel Palmer, Republican candidate

But money, presented a problem, and Palmer approached it the same way he always had – in search of a solution. He had met his future wife ("I was very taken with her and I wanted to give her the best possible treatment') and needed a way to ensure he enough money in order to court her effectively. He also needed a computer. Again, opportunity presented itself.

He called IBM to ask about a program in which the company sold computers to students for about 40 percent of the market rate. But the representative he spoke with told him he couldn't sell him one because there wasn't a sales representative in the area.

"I'll tell you what," Palmer told IBM. "If I open the area for you, will you give me a computer?"

Eventually, IBM agreed, which led to a job with the company for about a year. It ended, when, despite Palmer reaching a tentative multi-million dollar agreement with Bentley to exclusively market IBM computers on campus, IBM cut the student sales program.

Bradley, who also worked as a Resident Assistant at Bentley (which paid for his room and board), decided to leave the company.

He made a phone call to Delphi Group, after looking its CEO up in the Bentley Alumni Directory and offered to work for free. He is now part-owner of that company, and has watched the company grow from three people when he joined, to a high of 100 employees.

The real question is why? Why leave a secure job in the private sector for a position in government?

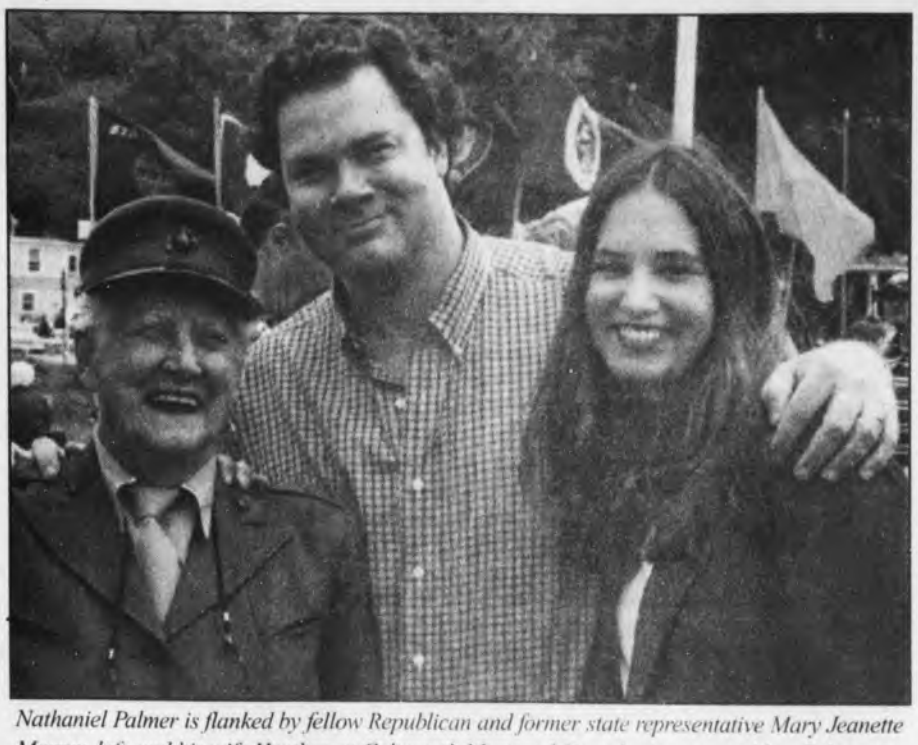
"That's a fair question, and more often than not it is asked that way," said Palmer. "It's asked in almost an incredulous way – 'Why would you do this?'"

Palmer says that the reason is part a sense of duty and part a calling. Despite his relative inexperience in the political world (he served two terms as an elected member of the Milton Housing Authority), he never strayed too far from politics.

"The timing is right in that, while I always wanted to serve in this role, I didn't want to do it until I had achieved something in the private sector," said Palmer. "I didn't want to seek a position of this magnitude until I had gone through the process of running a business, knowing what is entailed in that, and being responsible for several people's livelihood."

It is exactly that – creating jobs for others – that Palmer says truly drives him.

"I remember one of the first times when somebody that I hired when he was single, who was then a young guy right out of school, got married, bought a home, had his first child and was having his second child," said Palmer. "It finally hit me that, 'Hey, I have a lot of responsibility here.'"



Nathaniel Palmer is flanked by fellow Republican and former state representative Mary Jeanette Murray, left, and his wife Heather, at Cohasset's Memorial Day observances in May. Palmer is the Republican candidate for the Third Plymouth District.

Palmer called that responsibility both "humbling and empowering," and said it was a perspective he thinks is sorely lacking on the political scene.

"If you haven't gone through that (the process of operating a business), you can't have that perspective," said Palmer. "Most on Beacon Hill don't come from that background."

When the possibility of becoming directly involved in the process was floated by his political friends, Palmer was intrigued.

"The time is also right from the standpoint of the opportunity as well as the risk of not realizing that opportunity," said Palmer. "The biggest issues are around education and providing services to the community, especially to those that are most vulnerable and are in need of state assistance."

Palmer is also extremely displeased with Chapter 40B, and its impact on the communities in his area. He also feels that the problems that have presented themselves are the result of a lack of foresight in general by the legislative body.

"Stewardship at the state-level is going to be critical more than ever," said Palmer. "Two years ago, it was not an issue. The economy was peaking. We were at a point where the attitude in the legislature among most was 'How can we spend this money,' not 'What can we do to make sure that the economy stays strong?'"

Palmer would rectify the situation by concentrating on creating jobs on the South Shore, by encouraging the appropriate businesses to settle here, namely businesses whose infrastructure would fit into the existing landscape.

"There is a tremendous opportunity here," said Palmer. "The intellectual power of the residents here, the resources, the attractiveness of the area. All of these present a great opportunity for local economic development."

Such an opportunity is exactly what excites Palmer. In short, he is very plainly a problem-solving junkie.

"Most people would say 'I don't want to have anything to do with (the problems on Beacon Hill)," said Palmer. "But when I look at a problem, I think, 'What can I do to change it."

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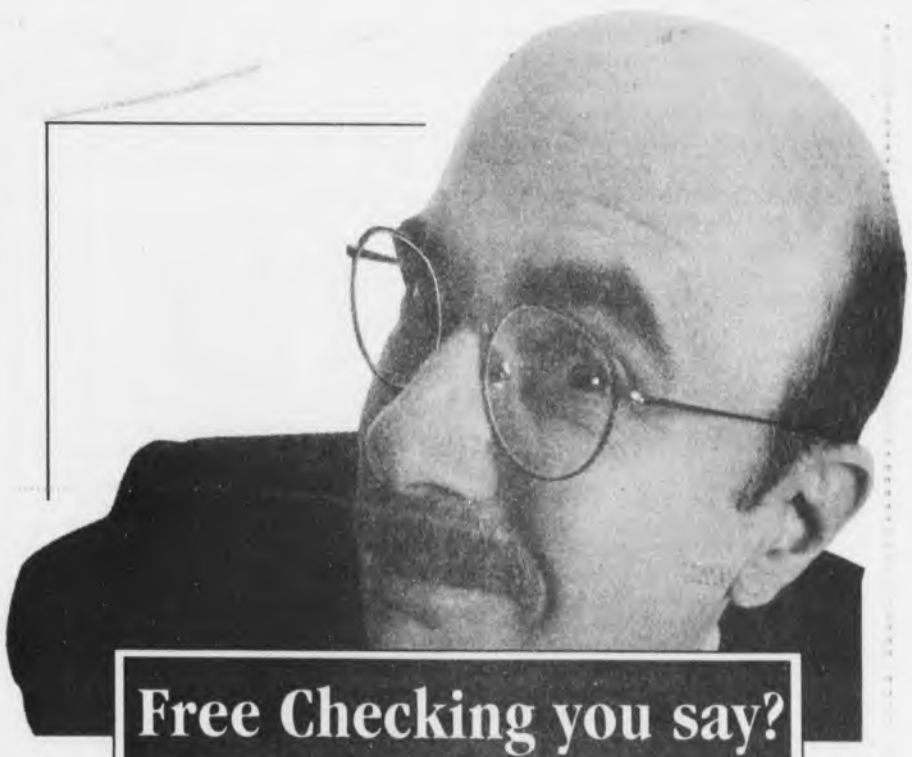

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EDITORIAL

Mackerel raising

Weather permitting, the mackerel weathervane, so long a feature atop the Paul Pratt Memorial Library building, will be installed atop the new cupola on the new library being constructed in the old Osgood School at noon on Friday.

Thanks to Bill Cavanaro of Cohasset Collision and David Hassan of Hassan Woodcarving and Sign Company, the 100-year-old weathervane looks as good as new.

Cohasset Collision removed the dents in the copper mackerel and balls, replaced the copper pole, and fixed the inner workings. Hassan Sign sanded the structure down, painted on primer, sealer and painstakingly applied the 23-carat gold leaf.

What many residents may not know is the mackerel is a symbol of the town's rich past. A fleet of 50 mackerel schooners once graced Cohasset Harbor with a catch that was second to none.

According to town historian David Wadsworth, mackerel fishing hit its peak just before the Civil War, and Cohasset briefly ranked as the largest fishing port in terms of catch.

Vessels sailed in Canadian waters and returned to Cohasset Harbor with their bounty which spawned many other businesses that brought prosperity to the town.

Rope makers, wood carvers, shipbuilders and the salt industry all flourished.

But as the mackerel schools depleted and engine-powered vessels arrived – the regal majesty of the two-masted fishing schooner in Cohasset waters was relegated to the pages of the town's history books.

One reason for the industry decline, according to Wadsworth, was small ports like Cohasset didn't make the transition from sailing to the new engine-powered ships.

So there atop the 1903 Pratt library on South Main Street, the mackerel was positioned for nearly a century alerting us to wind direction, with most of us taking little note.

Edward Nichols, who designed the Paul Pratt building, said about the weathervane in one of the town's history books:

"The roof is of copper and is crowned by an octagonal cupola terminated by a vane in the form of a mackerel – typical of Cohasset's former industry."

But townspeople and library trustees made sure Cohasset's library didn't become obsolete like the mackerel sailing ships.

As the town embarks on the 21st century, the mackerel has again become a symbol – not of the past but of the future.

The weathervane will proudly sit atop a new town library on Ripley Road, which will feature all the comforts of the venerable old building, but have the room for all the modernization that libraries of today need to keep up with the Information Age.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AvalonBay project is not a done deal

TO THE EDITOR:

Is Cohasset prepared to add 700 to 800 residents to our current population of 7045 in one year's time? Is our school system prepared for an additional 100 plus children? Can 3A accommodate an additional 400 cars turning on and off 3 to 4 times daily? Can you afford an increase in your taxes?

AvalonBay's development would create such questions while it makes only a small contribution towards our 40B, affordable housing requirement. Since only 50 out of the 254 units of this project will be truly affordable, Cohasset will have to continue to grow rapidly over the next several years to meet the state's affordable housing requirement.

Cohasset Action was formed to encourage the town to put together a plan of affordable and senior housing that fits our projected growth. Contrary to some reports you may be hearing, the AvalonBay development is not a done deal there are things we can do as a community. We need help by addressing concerns such as health, safety and environmental impacts. We need to gain support from citizens and to hire appropriate consultants to research and evaluate the facts in the AvalonBay proposal.

If you would like to join in our efforts to save Cohasset please attend our next meeting Oct. 1, 7:30p.m. at Town Hall or send a donation to Cohasset Action PO Box 35, Cohasset MA.

Justine Vanderlugt
344 King St.

Best chance to stop Greenbush

TO THE EDITOR:

When I first became involved in the Greenbush resistance, an acquaintance summed up his reaction to the rail restoration in one word: "Politicians."

Several articles in last week's (Cohasset Mariner) served as a reminder of just how politically tainted Greenbush is, and I compliment Mary Ford for revealing some of the shenanigans that take place on Beacon Hill under the guise of representative government. Hopefully residents will be sufficiently angry to continue to support those of us who are doing battle with the MBTA over Greenbush.

There's another reason why I think residents should support AfTA and that is because of the tremendous personal effort John Bewick has made and continues to make on our behalf.

John is a most remarkable public servant. I have known him for more than 20 years, even prior to his becoming Secretary of Environmental Affairs in the King administration. And I was more than thrilled when Martha Reardon approached me at a Greenbush meeting several years ago and said she had met a friend of mine named John Bewick. Within months they were married and it wasn't long before John, as a new resident of Hingham, got embroiled in the Greenbush controversy.

When Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA) was formed in the wake of the Hingham selectmen's tunnel deal with the MBTA, John became its president and was quick to turn the "anti"-Greenbush message into a set of positives: the "alternatives" to Greenbush.

John brought the experienced environmental law firm, Anderson and Kreiger, into the equation to map out a legal strategy. He was also instrumental in identifying the audience that AfTA needed to appeal to.

One of John's first presentations was to the Massachusetts Taxpayer's Foundation, a group that, in concert with the Pioneer Institute, recently published a scathing report on MBTA fiscal irresponsibility. The study claimed that the MBTA could "afford Greenbush and little else" and that much needed maintenance and modernization would go unfunded if Greenbush were to be built. How much John's presentation influenced the report's conclusions is not known, but he was right on target with his audience.

In the ensuing months John gave unsparingly of himself to help advance the AfTA message. He contended that, among other negatives, at $257,000 per new rider, Greenbush was profligate spending, especially during these tough economic times.

With the help of Sen. Bob Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley, John personally made numerous presentations to state legislators. And it was, as a result of John's efforts and the threat of legal challenge, that the MBTA and its friends on Beacon Hill were compelled to bury the Article 97 issue deep within the "midnight legislation" referred to in last week's paper.

John has also made sure that the Greenbush profligate spending issue is in front of the gubernatorial candidates at a time when campaign issues are being carefully crafted. Mitt Romney's Commuter Bill of Rights is very consistent with John's contention that the money earmarked for Greenbush is being spent in the wrong place when far more effective public transit projects are in need of funding. The termination clauses in the MBTA Greenbush contract allow the project to be cancelled almost at will should a new fiscally responsible governor decide to reorder MBTA priorities. It's an important and timely card to play and John is making a concerted effort to play it.

John recently met with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions to rally support for the Conservation Commissions of Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate. The local CCs are demanding more information from the MBTA in order to properly perform their duties of protecting the local environment against the vagaries of Greenbush. Much of the information the CCs seek is unavailable since Greenbush, as a design build project, has not been fully designed. It is clear that the MBTA would like it to stay that way. The less information to scrutinize by those pesky CCs the better.

These are just a few of the initiatives John has undertaken since moving to Hingham only four years ago. They do not include the many hours spent on the phone garnering support, organizing fund raising efforts (approximately $80,000 to date) and meeting with South Shore citizens groups opposed to Greenbush. Thanks to his efforts, the Greenbush opposition is alive and well and about to challenge the MBTA on its most crucial permitting application to date: a variance to the Wetlands Act.

In seeking financial support, John has often referred to AfTA as the "last" chance to stop Greenbush. I would put it slightly differently: Under John Bewic'◊s guidance, I believe AfTA is one of the "best" chances we have ever had to stop Greenbush.

I urge all South Shore residents to support AfTA in its continuing litigation against the MBTA.

Michael Weymouth
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Why you should vote

TO THE EDITOR:

The Hingham League of Women Voters want to thank all the candidates for running for election in last week's primary. Congratulations to the winners. Cohasset had about a 30 percent voter turnout. We are very pleased with that number though it is a shame that so many Americans do not bother to vote when there are new democracies in the world that have over 90 percent turnout, and too many people who have no voting rights at all.

For all the people who don't bother to vote, they are missing out on a great thing. Government at all levels has a big effect on our lives. Voting is a way to say what is important to you and say it straight to the politicians and government officials. Politicians pay attention to who votes. If your candidate does not win, it still shows that there was support for another point of view.

Young people and new US citizens have not voted in high numbers in recent elections, so many youth issues,(example; college loan programs) are not addressed by some politicians. This needs to change and your choice of one politician over another does make a difference on issues that affect your lives. Most Americans know that government can make a difference in their lives. Voting gives you a feeling of being part of America and your community. Voting is one of the few times when all Americans are equal.

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New found nature in Newfoundland

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

Every year, sometime in late summer, my friend Ellen and I squeeze in a short road trip. Where we go depends on a few things, first and foremost that it be somewhat off the beaten path although these days, what with all sorts of ecotourism and "extreme" tours, there seem to be fewer and fewer roads less traveled. Still, we try to go where too many others are not going. Where other travelers look for weather, food, accommodations and shopping adventures to define their vacation experience, we look for local history, music, beer and wildlife, not necessarily in that order. Which isn't to say that we haven't been known, on occasion, to bask hedonistically in the sun or collect our fair share of kitschy souvenirs (mine, this trip, was a stuffed puffin in a can).

This year's adventure took us to Newfoundland, a place locals refer to as the "rock," a place of pristine, brooding wilderness whose mention, more often than not, elicits a perplexed look from people who ask, "But is there anything there?" Indeed there is.

If readers will indulge me, I'm venturing far afield this month to write about Newfoundland not only because I saw so much new nature, but because I was reminded, though somewhat far from Hingham, that we really are connected, ecologically, to everything. It all is one, and that oneness, that interdependence, makes one feel at home in the great big world. The humpbacks and minke whales we saw are the same magnificent creatures who roam our own plankton-rich, offshore feeding ground, the Stellwagon Bank. The frigid Labrador Current that oxygenates the waters off Newfoundland also nourishes our Gulf of Maine.

There were other reminders, too, that we are all links in a long chain of life. The intrepid Pilgrims stopped off in Renews, Newfoundland before resuming the journey that ultimately brought them to Plymouth. Guglielmo Marconi changed the way people communicated with his transatlantic wireless transmissions, first from the desolate, windswept Cape Spear in Newfoundland in 1901 and soon there after from a lonely, windswept scarp at Wellfleet on Cape Cod. When I heard folks in Newfoundland referring to the island's treacherous coastal waters as the "Graveyard of the Atlantic," I was reminded that, during the era of sail, the same notorious moniker was given to our Cape Cod shoals. And from Newfoundland waters, fishermen were harvesting the snow crabs that would, the next day, arrive on dinner tables in Boston restaurants.

Still — and here is the whole point, I think, of travelling — there were many new things to see — puffins, capelin and bakeapples, to name just three — and new opportunities to throw open the field guides and experience another small, unique miracle in the circle of life.

Earning distinction as Newfoundland's official bird, the Atlantic puffin — every visitor's favorite bird — is a short, stocky, black and white bird with a prominent (during breeding season) red and yellow triangular beak. Comical, even gaudy, in appearance the "sea parrot," formerly known as the common puffin, is a member of the Alcidae family which includes murres, razorbills and auks.

More than 340 bird species call Newfoundland home and during the summer more than 35 million seabirds gather in 20 major colonies. Scientists continue to study seabird coloniality and surmise that birds find not only safety in numbers (as fish do in schools) but also opportunity for social interaction and stimulation. Seabird behavior, it seems, begets behavior. Eggs are laid and hatched in synchrony and hatchlings learn and fledge together.

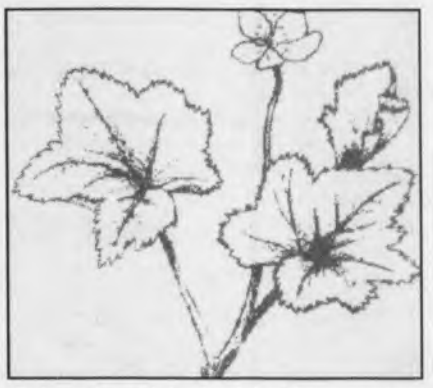
The largest concentration of breeding puffins in North America is found on the three islands of the Witless Bay Ecological Reserve just south of St. John's. The puffin, like many seabird species, is oceanic — or pelagic — and comes to land only to nest. Penguin-like, puffins court on the water, their brilliant beak the focal point of amorous displays (they've been called the love birds of the sea), and then dig a burrow (also with their beak) several feet into crevices where the pair, who mate for life, build a nest lined with grasses. One white egg, sometimes with ghostly brownish or lavender markings, is laid in mid-May in the dark recesses of the burrow and incubated, by both the male and female, for about 40 days. Once hatched, the puffling is brooded — or protected — for about a week after which it remains alone in the burrow, day and night, while its parents hunt for food offshore, returning to the burrow two to six times a day with beakfuls of fish.

The Atlantic puffin, also called a sea parrot because of its prominent and colorful beak, is the official bird of Newfoundland.

When ready to fledge, the puffling emerges from the burrow at night, to avoid predators, and takes to the wing. If the young can survive their first year they, like many seabirds, can live for more than 20 years. With their stubby wings puffins, like their fellow alcids, find flight a bit tedious, "running" across the water to become airborne. They are, however, agile swimmers and divers, using their wings to "fly" underwater and their feet to control direction. For three to five years the young puffin remains at sea, returning to land only when mature and ready to breed. Thick waterproof feathers protect the bird against the extremes of a North Atlantic winter and a special gland, common to all seabirds, enables puffins to excrete salt from the water and satisfy their need for fresh water.

Puffin populations, like the populations of many seabirds and migratory birds, suffered serious declines during the 19th and early 20th centuries due to commercial hunting (for feathers and food) and egging (for specimens). Today's threats come from burgeoning gull populations — a large Black-backed gull can swallow a young puffin whole — and from humans in the form of habitat disturbances and fishing practices that reduce the availability of the puffin's favorite food, the capelin.

A slender, smelt-like pelagic fish, capelin are the most important food species in the North Atlantic and are fed on in a frenzy during their June spawn by whales, seals, seabirds and predaceous fish including cod, squid and halibut. Like our local food species, the sand lance, capelin feed on planktonic crustaceans. Vast schools swarm inshore to spawn — each female is accompanied by two males — and the sticky eggs are laid on the substrate. Easy to catch during the spawning period, capelin were a traditional fertilizer for Newfoundland gardens and were snacked on after being roasted. These days, the commercial fishing of capelin provides the Japanese market with roe-bearing females. However, tens of thousands of tons of small females and males are discarded from the catch, raising concerns by many Newfoundlanders that capelin stocks and the many species that depend on capelin may be threatened.



Bakeapple, with its five-lobed leaves and solitary five-petalled flower, grows in boggy areas.

Popular on the Newfoundlander's family table is a quirky little berry known as a bakeapple, no relation at all to apples but, rather, a low-growing, amber-colored cousin of the raspberry. Known in Scandinavia as a cloudberry, the name bakeapple is thought to be an anglicized version of the French, "Baie qu'appelle," meaning "what do you call this berry."

Berries have, traditionally, been an important part of the Newfoundlanders' diet and berry-picking is a sacred seasonal, multigenerational pastime in Newfoundland, much as it was here a generation or two ago when berry thickets skirted roadsides, dune edges and backyards. Unfortunately, development here has made it harder and harder for us to find the sweet jewels of nature, and though Newfoundland's pristine wildernesses can still offer a bounty of strawberries, partridgeberries, raspberries, squashberries, blueberries and bakeapples, they too are feeling the pressures of an encroaching modern society.

A delicacy in Newfoundland and Labrador where it is used in jams, crumble and tarts, or just sprinkled over ice cream, the native bakeapple, sometimes called a bog apple, grows in the moist, acidic soil of northern peat bogs, reaching a height of no more than 10 inches. By late July, a solitary, five-petalled white flower yields the sweet and juicy berry, rich in vitamin C.

I can vouch for its succulence and unique taste, having savored it in butter tarts and as a jam (as I did partridgeberries). Indeed, it was one of the souvenirs I carried home along with a six pack of St. John's brew and a slew of CDs by traditional Newfoundland bands with roots deep in the Celtic tradition. As for sampling the seal flipper pie, the squid burgers and the fried bologna, they'll have to wait until next time.

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Acronyms take over

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I was reading the other day about how something called MCAS was discriminating against minorities, the poor and doctor wannabes who might find a cure for cancer if we got off their backs, when I was hit by a sudden thought.

I didn't have the foggiest idea what MCAS stood for.

It only took a couple of phones calls and a half hour or more of research to determine it stood for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, which is about to assess a whole generation of us as dumbkopfs.

Now I have nothing against MCAS. I can see why anyone who has ever tried to fit Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System into a one column headline would be all for it too. But we are rapidly becoming a nation of acronyms, not words.

Instead of immersing immigrants in English, maybe we should go directly from Spanish or Cambodian right to Acronym, skipping English altogether as a classical student might pass over Latin and ancient Greek as dead languages.

I don't know exactly where in history the language of Acronym originated but it's probably been there since the beginning. I can picture St. Peter, at the Last Supper, calling across the room, "Over here, J. C. There's a seat over here."

If FDR (that stands for Franklin Delano Roosevelt) didn't invent it all, he certainly gave the alphabet soup that describes our government a healthy push with his WPA, CCC and TVA.

If you were with me when ice covered most of the earth you can recall that WPA stood for Works Progress Administration, CCC for the Civilian Conservation Corps and TVA for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The acronyms themselves often become part of the language to the extent that we have to think a moment before we can recall the full name of the organization for which they stand.

Quick now, what does MBTA stand for. Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, of course. But you had to think a moment, didn't you? Same with MWRA, which stands for Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

Sports is notorious for acronyms. I thought I was familiar with all of them — RBI, ERA, QB, PGA — when they sprung a new one on me — LCS. It was a couple of years before I was comfortable with that one, which stands for League Championship Series.

Some acronyms are made up first, then words are fitted to them, sometimes awkwardly.

Remember, a few years ago a group of ladies of the evening decided to call their union COYOTE. This, they said, stood for Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics. PETA, the animals rights group, was fitted with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

The current crisis in the Roman Catholic Church so far has spawned two acronyms — SNAP for Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests; and STOP for Speak Truth to Power.

And a bunch of TNTMEN recently were arrested for indecency in Canada. Their acronym stands for Totally Naked Toronto Men Enjoying Nudity. The judge threw the case out of court. The men weren't naked. They had their shoes on.

Where is our Judge Maria Lopez when Canada needs her?

HEALTH NOTES

Diet, health, and the Cohasset Public Schools

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

One of the first topics of discussion was the vending machines, their contents and how they were supplied.

On Wednesday last week, the Board of Health participated in a meeting between Mike Gill, the School Health Coordinator, and Jane Lanzilotti, a registered dietician and nutritionist for the Tufts School of Medicine, and Bob Levy of Chartwell's, the school food-service provider, in the high school's new cafeteria.

The discussion centered on the rising health problem associated with too much food and improper diet of our youth. Clearly, this is a complex problem involving economics as well as exposing students to healthy as well as interesting food.

One of the first topics of discussion was the vending machines, their contents and how they were supplied. It seems that the school receives more than $40,000 a year in cash and gifts from Coca-Cola for exclusive rights to the drink vending machines in our school system. This locks the school system into an eight-year contract. While some of the products in the machines such as Dasani water, are benign or beneficial, other products like Fruitopia are little more than water and sugar.

The machines carrying snack items are controlled by Chartwell and the food distributor which they use. We would like to see nothing but healthy snacks in these machines in lieu of potato chips, and the like.

We were also dismayed to learn that the ice cream novelty vending machine will soon be returning. Fat and carbohydrate loaded desserts are not exactly what the doctor ordered. By offering those not-so-healthy items, the school appears to be sending a mixed message: the health curriculum encourages a healthy diet and yet the vast majority of food snacks and desserts sold from vending machines fly in the face of the items offered for sale.

Mike Gill is in a constant battle to reduce the fraction of empty calories purveyed in these machines with those in the school staff, who need the money to support beneficial programs. Carbonated sodas have been removed from the machines and our observation of students during a break was that the machines are less used than the new attractively designed cafeteria lines where one could get a healthy snack as well as a great variety of healthy foods.

At lunch the made-to-order sandwich line is especially popular. Still the battle goes on between balancing proper nutrition with the economic operation of our food services. In summary, anyone would be delighted with the quality and variety of food service provided at our high school cafeteria, even though there is a preponderance of high fat food. There are some problems with the system, but those responsible for feeding our children are highly motivated and intelligent. The Board of Health Hopes to help by assisting in menu planning for a week in which nothing but "so-called" healthy foods will be served. We are hoping this will occur the week of Oct. 7.

Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Studies

For five years now, the building on the now Town owned former Hagerty property has been the center of a controversy. It's no secret that the Board of Health has wanted it to be used as a center for student education and environmental monitoring to fulfill the Town's needs to assess the condition of our natural resources. Finally, the Town has agreed to lease the Hagerty building to the new organization under Jack Buckley and those science teachers who will be mentoring the kids doing volunteer monitoring as a part of their student activities.

You'll get a chance to learn something about the goals and functions of the new organization by attending a family day at Mariner's Park next Saturday (at the end of Parker Avenue 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) where the New England Aquarium will have experts and marine life tanks and exhibits for questioning, viewing and touching.

Several of the teachers who have been contributing their time to the project will be available to explain the types of environmental monitoring and assessment the Town asks the students to accomplish.

In addition, you can learn something about lobstering, our largest local maritime industry. One of our local lobstermen will have his boat at the Mariner's Park dock, where you can go aboard, and see how a lobsterman hauls, baits and empties the lobster pots used in the fishery.

Several of the town's elders, familiar with the town will be available to answer questions about its history.

I understand there will be free hamburgers, and other refreshments.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

School business manager is also a computer geek

Sets up user-friendly system for principals

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At the completion of the school construction project, administrators will able to complete requisitions and purchase orders directly from their offices.

When School Business Manager Ivan Klimko arrived in Cohasset prior to the last school year, he had one goal in mind – streamlining the district's financial system.

Klimko arrived a month early to design a 21-digit accounting system that would make it easier for faculty members and auditors to understand the school's budget.

But along with standardizing various aspects of the accounting process, Klimko has also greatly increased the technological capacity of the accounting system. What was once stored on a single computer in the Business Office at the middle-senior high school, is now a secure network that can be accessed at 14 workstations in schools around town. The network allows the principals of each school to check real time balances and monitor budgets from their desks.

At the completion of the school construction project, the system will go online even further, with administrators able to complete requisitions and purchase orders directly from their offices as well (with all the construction, the current connections aren't reliable enough to make the full transition).

"I'm thrilled that we have it," said Supt. Edward Malvey. "It's taken some time to build up our computer capacity here in Cohasset, but the town has been very supportive over the years. With Ivan's expertise coming into the district as a business manager, there has been real value, not only on the financial end, but on the technology end as well."

Klimko is also excited by the new system. He seems to love punching keys as much as crunching numbers, but he still believes in having back-up. No less than once a week, Klimko backs up the school's files onto zip disks and takes them home for safekeeping in case anything were to happen to the school building. When the requisitions and purchase orders are done online, he will insist that there be paper back-ups as well.

"I love the machines, I truly do, I think we all do these days," said Klimko. "But there should really always be matching paper back-up in case anything ever happened to the system,"

Another feature of the system is its compatibility with everyday applications.

"Suppose I just want to work with the general ledger accounts," said Klimko, after he has downloaded the entire Fiscal Year '02 budget to Microsoft Excel in less than 60 seconds. "I just get rid of the stuff I don't want and I total it and I have my total legal budget for the fiscal year."

Tasks that used to take 3-4 hours, such as reconciling the school activities account (another budget that has received a separate upgrade), now take less than 10 minutes.

It is almost as easy to fix as to operate, since the system, designed by Lawrence Braverman Associates of New Jersey, can also be worked on remotely by the company.

"I just sit here at my desk, on the phone, while they work on my computer," said Klimko. "It's amazing."

The system, when fully integrated, will also cut back on user errors.

"The point-and-click function of the program is wonderful," said Klimko motioning to a three-ring binder that is currently used as a reference point for interpreting the accounting system. "Not only for the reduction of errors and the amount of time spent, but for seeing your account, with all sorts of drop down-menus and titles right next to them. You just go right down to what you want to do and you just click."

Town still plugged in to burying utility wires

Selectmen are still mulling over whether to bury the electrical wires underground in the Village as part of the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Town Manager Mark Haddad ran numbers on what the cost would be to taxpayers depending on the scope of the project. The other portions of the project, the downtown streetscape, James Brook culvert, St. Stephen sidewalk, and new water main for South Main Street have been funded through grants and other sources, such as the MBTA mitigation agreement.

"Well have something on for the selectmen next Tuesday," said Haddad.

The board is looking at the possibility of a debt exclusion to Proposition 2-1/2 which would allow the town five years to pay back the money, or a one-time capital exclusion that would pay for the project in one year.

The price of the project ranges form $400,000 to $800,000. The board has all but excluded the biggest option, which would cost $1.6 million. A capital exclusion would cost the average home $280.15 this year for an $800,000 project while a $400,000 project would cost the average home $140.07.

"It's going to be a debate until the vote is taken," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan. "It's a tough thing, because we are in a tough economy, but yet at the same time, the train is coming, we've got to do the James Brook restoration, so it is all coming together."

The project received a bit of a blow when Craig Miller of the Waterfield Design Group, which is overseeing the project was informed that the only acceptable alternative to burying the wires would be to use standard wooden telephone poles, instead of fancy concrete ones.

"The right thing to do seems to be to bury the wires," said Sullivan. "But then you think fiscally, do you want to add more taxes to the taxpayer? Then again, are you going to regret the fact that you didn't do it if you decide not to do it. So, it's a real Catch 22."

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Right-of-way gets a trim

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No, construction on the Greenbush Line hasn't begun, although some may think so if they've seen the giant weed-whacker in action.

Starting yesterday (Sept. 25) in Hingham and Oct. 1 in Cohasset, preliminary brush cutting is being conducted along the right-of-[redacted]y by a machine [redacted] is a backhoe with [redacted]shredder on it that swings from side to side.

According to community liaison Tom Carroll, who is with Cashman-Balfour Beatty – the company that will construct the train line — brush is being trimmed back a maximum of 10 feet along both sides of the center of the track, with the exception of wetlands.

"This cutting is being performed to make the right-of-way accessible to surveyors and light equipment," Carroll said. The brush along the rail bed that is very close to houses is being trimmed back by hand, he said.

Wetland areas are being marked off with tape, so when the brush-cutter reaches a wetland area, it will exit the right-of-way and then is put on a trailer and moved to the next part of the rail bed.

"This cutting is being performed to make the right-of-way accessible to surveyors and light equipment."
— Tom Carroll, train community liaison

"Surveyors are in front of the machine marking out wetlands," Carroll said, noting earlier surveys are not being relied upon to delineate wetlands.

Brush cutting is being conducted from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

"It's a very quiet machine," Carroll said.

Flyers printed on green paper were mailed to direct abutters alerting them of the brush cutting.

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The brush cutter, shown here along the right-of-way in Weymouth, is trimming brush back along the rail bed in all the Greenbush towns.

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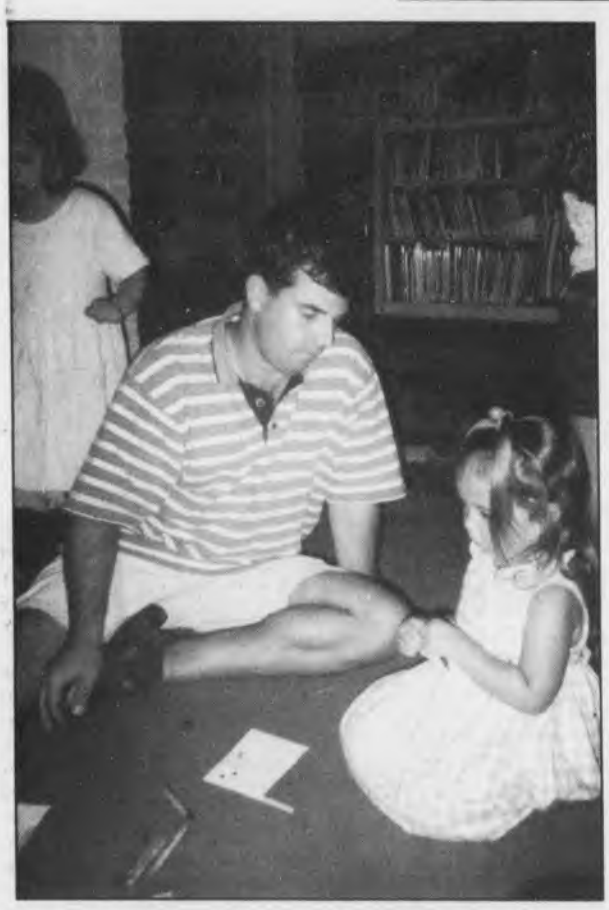

Emma Humphrey and her father, Paul, working on a "Star Spangled Banner" summer activity at the library.

Video contest

Congratulations to Sam Kusek, Michael Martone, and Adam Chang for participating in the South Shore Video Contest. They submitted two videos entitled, "The Tales of Poe" and "The Journey West". They competed with other students ages 13-15 from many communities on the South Shore and communities as far away as Sharon and Martha's Vineyard. They were presented an Oscar for the "Best Outtakes" at the recent Oscar Awards night at the Duxbury Free Library.

Sam has participated in the Video contest for the last three years, Michael for two years, and Adam was a recent participant.

The library hopes they continue to explore the world of film making and we look forward to their next project.

Fall story hour

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Student's good writing wins recognition for art teacher

By Brian J. Scully
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Like any good writer, Whitney Jaffe is quick to deflect praise away from her writing skills and towards her subject matter.

But unlike most good writers, Whitney is only nine-years-old. Her essay on her art teacher, Besty Ogden, who teaches at the Osgood School, has been named one of 20 finalists nationwide in the Barbie Arts Teacher of the Year Search. The contest asks students to write an essay of 250 words or less nominating the teacher "whose talent and creativity have a lasting impact on children." The essay garnered the school a $5,000 grant through the National Arts Education Initiative, which is a program of the Entertainment Industry Foundation. That foundation is a 60-year-old philanthropic collaborative of Hollywood types currently headed by 007 himself, Pierce Brosnan.

"I couldn't have written such a great essay if she wasn't such a great teacher," said Whitney as she presented the award to her teacher in front of the entire Osgood School, representatives from the EIF (Brosnan was not there), and a gaggle of reporters.

Writing comes naturally to Whitney, says her parents, which makes sense since both of her parental units are journalists.

Her father, Charles A. Jaffe is a financial columnist for the Boston Globe, and her mother, Susan Jaffe, is a former contributing editor for Nation's Business, which was a publication of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

"They certainly aren't afraid of it," said Chuck Jaffe of his two daughters and writing (Whitney's older sister Thomson also entered the contest). "They like expressing themselves and they understand the editing process better than most kids their age, because they know that that's what we do."

But Mom and Dad stayed out of the writing process.

"The essay is Whitney's personality and she wrote this herself," said Susan Jaffe. "We sort of said, 'Here's the spell-check button, and you might want to put a period there,' but it is really Whitney's essay."

The essay highlights the 14-year career of Ogden, who teaches art through the medium of life, incorporating current events and curriculum into her art classes. She greets her students every morning with a "Hello Artists!" and encourages civic responsibility through a series of community based art projects.

But true to form, Ogden passed on a lot of the praise.

"It takes more than just one person to be a good teacher, whether it's in the arts or music or a classroom teacher," said Ogden. "Just working together to teach the kids and to give them as much as we can and to relate things to their lives as well as outside of school."

The EIF and Barbie also introduced "Art Teacher Barbie," a doll which came in two styles, one a brunette and one a blonde.

"Its exciting to see an Art Teacher Barbie," said Ogden. "I thought it was going to look like the winner, but I knew that it wouldn't have gray hair. It's a wonderful recognition of art educators around the country."

And, at least from observing those around Ogden for her big day, it was a wonderful recognition of art educators around the country.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Art teacher Betsy Ogden gives her student Whitney Jaffe a hug, as she comes to the podium to accept her Barbie Arts Teacher Award during a special ceremony last week at the Osgood School.

"Whitney was bouncing, as you might have seen and is really truly excited for Betsy Ogden," said Susan Jaffe. "She's said, "I know I'm not supposed to, but I hope she wins the whole thing, because Mrs. Ogden is so, so neat!' Betsy does such wonderful things with the kids , she's just very giving."

Ogden credits her students for possessing the same giving quality.

"I wouldn't be up here if it wasn't for all the art students that I've had," said Ogden. "They're great artists, they're very enthusiastic, and I've learned as much from them as they have from me."

Dana Sterling of the EIF is on a nation-wide tour, delivering the awards to the various finalists, a trip which she has enjoyed.

"It's so rewarding to come out," said Sterling, who usually operates out of Los Angeles. "Seeing the 3,000 essays on paper and then actually being there, seeing the principals, the teachers who win and the students who wrote the essays is great."

Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan was very proud and noted how the award was a testament to not only Ogden, but to the whole Osgood community.

"That is why I tried to have the theme of partnership, because it is a partnership that has actually extended beyond the community to this foundation that is now supporting education," said Sheehan. "This is really a committed staff, they are all really wonderful."

School department says Kaplan will be missed

By Brian J. Scully
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Judging by the accolades heaped upon departing Director of Student Services Steven Kaplan at last week's School Committee meeting, his presence in the district will be sorely missed.

Supt. Edward Malvey had informed the board at a previous meeting that Kaplan had notified him verbally that he intended to resign, but had not yet submitted an official notice.

"Steve has been a tremendous asset to the Cohasset Public Schools," said Malvey. "He's knowledgeable, he's a gentleman, he's loyal."

Kaplan will take a position in the Lincoln-Hanscom school district, which is closer to his home.

"I'll miss the outstanding people that I worked with — the administration, the School Committee — they've all been extremely supportive," said Kaplan, who attended the meeting to present results of the Special Education Audit.

According to Kaplan — who's been with Cohasset schools for two years and was paid nearly $75,000 last year, according to the 2001Town Report — it was not his intention to leave the district.

"It was the last thing on my mind(to leave Cohasset)," said Kaplan. "It really was something that happened because I happened to run into somebody by chance."

He said by far the biggest factor in the decision was the reduction in driving time.

"It will reduce my daily commute by almost an hour each way," Kaplan said. "It is a way of making my life at my age more livable, but I am going to miss Cohasset."

The School Committee, "with regret" and a wish of "good luck," accepted Kaplan's resignation.

"I think that he organized the (special education) department and got the budget under control," said Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts, citing two of Kaplan's major accomplishments during his term in Cohasset.

Malvey echoed Tebbetts' sentiments.

"He did a tremendous job in terms of straightening out our house fiscally," Malvey said. "I have nothing but the best to wish him as he moves on to his new school district."

Malvey will fill the position on an interim basis for this year.

"I m going to be looking for an Acting Director of Student Services for the year," said Malvey. "It's tough to do a search at this time with school up and running. We'll locate an Acting Director on a full-time basis, and evaluate from there to see whether that person would work out, or if we need to do a search at that time."

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Gridders roll along

Skippers go to 2-0 on strength of line play, ground game

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

For the second week in a row, the Cohasset football team escaped a non-league match-up with a narrow win, beating Arlington Catholic, 14-6. Although the team has not played the dominating brand of football displayed by last year's co-league champions, they are 2-0 heading into the third week of the season.

"This is the best Arlington Catholic team we've seen," noted fifth year coach Tony Rolfe, who has played Catholic the last three years. "They think they are pretty good, and I agree."

After also playing (Rolfe said) "the strongest Nantucket team we have seen" last week, the coach affirmed that this seems to be an "up" year for many teams. South Shore League teams have played a total of 12 games, and the SSL team has lost only twice. Carver lost to Plymouth North and Norwell lost to Hopkinton, and both those winning teams could very well end up in the Super Bowl of their divisions.

At Arlington Catholic, the Skippers took on a very standard approach with their new power runner, Braun Goodson. They ran between the tackles all day as the senior tailback piled up 176 yards on 29 carries behind a solid and improving offensive line.

Goodson picked up positive yards on nearly every carry, leading to some extended drives that let the defense rest on the hot day and an advantage in the field position battle. In the second quarter, Goodson broke through the Catholic secondary for a 12-yard touchdown to give the Skippers a 6-0 halftime advantage. The extra point attempt was blocked.

Because it was such a hot day, Rolfe rotated in more second string players than usual to keep his starters rested. Sophomore fullback Ted Straughn spent most of the game on the bench because of the heat, and the offensive line was constantly being shifted around. Nevertheless, for the second week in a row, Cohasset clearly had the advantage on the line of scrimmage.

Even on defense, Cohasset managed to contain Catholic's third year starting tailback, Ernie Adolino, a talented and quick runner. Senior Cosimo Cambi, playing both ways on the defensive and offensive lines, combined with Ben Lynner, back from an injury, for

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's David Santiago (near) shows no fear as he races for ball on collision course with Abington's Tim Akins last Friday. Cohasset won this South Shore League game with Santiago scoring the game's lone goal.

Boys remain unbeaten

A pair of late goals keep soccer team out of loss column

By Mike Spellman
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One thing Dave Nigro will not question his team on is hustle.

The Cohasset High boys soccer coach, who last week lambasted his players for their decision-making following a 3-3 tie to Mashpee both in person and in this space, made it clear after a 1-0-2 run over the past week that he continues to be thrilled with the physical effort his troops are putting forth.

"We're a thin team in terms of depth, but the kids just keep plugging, I'll give them that," said the third year Cohasset head coach, whose team remains unbeaten at 3-0-3, on Tuesday night. "I'm happy with the way they've played over the last few games, including tonight.

"We kept just missing on scoring chances, but the kids didn't hang their heads. They kept coming, and eventually they scored right in the nick of time."

Indeed, after Jesse Brewer headed in a shot past Carver's keeper in the 79th minute, the ball was just off the foot of the Carver center on the ensuing kickoff when the final whistle sounded.

After a scoreless first half that was marked by Cohasset's territorial domination and several missed scoring opportunities , Carver struck on a quick counterattack 14 minutes in to the second half when a long clear was taken near midfield by a Carver middie Rich Gurney and slipped by the covering Cohasset sweeper to attacker Chris Spicer, who had gained a step on the fullback, to walk in one-on-one with Cohasset keeper Curt Kahn. Spicer slid the ball past Kahn to make it 1-0.

Robert Hickey and Dave Santiago both had headers sail over the next in the latter stages of the second half, as Cohasset redoubled its efforts on the attack. Brewer's header from six yards out came off of a desperation all-hands-on-deck attack with just two seconds showing on the timekeeper's clock.

"It was just a weird game," noted Nigro. "We expended a lot of energy on Saturday, and the kids just seemed to be in a little bit of a fog. They kept trying to fight through it, though, and we should probably feel pretty good that we managed to pull out a tie."

Nigro and the Skippers probably felt this way on Saturday as well after shocking a strong Div. 2 Newton South team with a 2-2 tie.

Late game heroics again kept Cohasset out of the loss column through six games. This time it was junior Chris Clark pulling the Skippers collective fat out of the fire with five minutes remaining on the game clock. After taking a nifty pass out of the left corner from freshman Matt O'Connell, Clark made a quick cross over move to free his right foot up and drilled a beautiful hooking shot from the right over the leaping Newton South keeper and just under the cross bar.

"I think Newton might have

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Cohasset's Mike Hajjar shot a team best 39 in golf team's 36.5-17.5 win over Carver on Tuesday. For CHS golf team report, see page 18.

Major changes on tap for Pilgrim Conference?

10 schools geared to break away after 2003-'04 season

By Mike Spellman
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All seven schools of the Atlantic Coast League and three from the Old Colony League have informed the MIAA of their intent to break away from the Pilgrim Conference after the 2003-'04 school year.

Pilgrim Conference officials claim they are trying to reach a compromise that will keep these schools in the fold, which currently consists of 32 teams in five separate leagues, but a spokesperson for the 10-school faction says he's seen little movement on that front since the announcement to disband was made in early July.

"We heard there were going to be more discussions, but we've been hearing that for months," said Al Sullivan, athletic director at Nauset High Regional High School in Eastham, one of the seven Atlantic Coast League schools involved in the secession. "It makes you wonder how much of a priority it really is with this group."

The secession card was played by Atlantic Coast League school principals, according to Sullivan, a few weeks after Pilgrim Conference officials did not respond favorably to proposals made by these schools at a realignment meeting in mid-

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Lady Skippers swamp Sailors

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The local field hockey rivalry of Cohasset and Scituate has produced some very tight and competitive games over the past few years. Even though there was much anticipation in Scituate for this match-up last Tuesday, the visitors were clearly the superior team, rolling to a 5-2 victory.

"These two towns are always competitive," said Scituate head coach Marcia McKeever. "Normally, it's a little closer."

Scituate actually began the scoring, taking a 1-0 lead just two minutes into the game. Off a beautiful cross from senior wing Kathryn Noonan, senior Christine Stark hit the back of the net as Noonan was credited with her fifth assist in five games.

However, Cohasset dominated the rest of the first half, building up a 3-1 lead at the halfway point. Junior Jessie Guild scored the tying goal at the 17 minute mark off a pass from senior Deanna Brown.

Senior Heather Peraino gave the visitors their first lead of the game when she netted a corner play off junior Courtney Caron's assist. The front line of Brown, Guild and Caron has been very successful this year, with Peraino moving from center forward to center midfield to help set up the plays.

Brown added Cohasset's third goal of the half unassisted, breaking through the Scituate defense and beating Scituate sophomore goalie Sarah Meyrick to the weak side corner.

"This was a very important game for us," noted veteran Skipper coach Deb Bostwick. "They were very disciplined out there today."

In her first season on the varsity squad, Meyrick has performed well, recording 15 saves and some nice plays to break up

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Cohasset's Kimmy Ulmner (left) battles Hanover's Michelle Long for position in non-league action last week.

Key stretch

Girls soccer team eyes win streak

By Mike Spellman
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A one goal win to improve to 2-4 might not sound like a big deal, but Cohasset girls soccer coach Deb Beal feels it could be a big step in the quest to get the Lady Skippers into the state tourney for the first time in her 5-year tenure.

Coming off an "uplifting" 2-0 loss to perennial South Shore League power Abington last Friday, the Lady Skippers had what Beal considered "a very good practice" on Monday, and took that in to Tuesday's home showdown with Carver

"We played a good game with Abington," said Beal. "I didn't know what to make of them with all of the players they lost to graduation, but they're still a good team. But our girls played hard and they played well. We just couldn't score.

"We were outscored, but we weren't outplayed, and I think that meant a lot to the confidence of the girls. They weren't happy with the loss, but they were happy with their performance."

The host Skippers carried play in the first half, doing everything the coach was hoping they'd do…other than score — an all too familiar theme.

"We're not going to be a high scoring team, but we can score if we're playing to our strengths," continued Beal. "We've been working a lot on overlapping and dumping the ball into the corners, and just becoming more opportunistic, and I think that might be starting to take root.

"We've got so much speed up front and forwards who really hustle. We have to take advantage of that."

After a halftime refresher on these messages, leading scorer Jen Buckley got free on a quick attack and finished for her fourth goal of the season, half of the Lady Skippers offensive output on the season.

"Jen has just beert unbelievable," lauded the coach. "She's a horse. She can run all day, and she has a great sense of when to change pace and accelerate, and she does it so quickly."

The Skippers continued to carry the bulk of the play, but could not push another one past the Carver keeper.

"We weren't communicating well at times (Tuesday), which kind of concerned me," said Beal. "That's something else we're going to have to work on in practice, because we've got some games coming up where I think we could really start piling up a few wins."

The Cohasset girls travel to Harwich to take on a reportedly weak Rough Ryders squad today (4 p.m.), and then to Hull to take on another struggling team, on Monday.

Beal's main concerns about those games seemed to be the periphery intangibles.

"You never know what's going to happen on Hull's windy little field, and you never know how your players are going to react to a 90-minute bus ride (to Harwich)," offered Beal. "But those are things we have to deal with if we want to be a tourney team."

The Lady Skippers close out next week at home with Norwell (who squeaked by Cohasset, 1-0, back on Sept. 10) coming in on Wednesday and Mashpee (who Cohasset topped 4-0 on Sept. 12 after a long bus ride) makingthe long trek north on Friday to play under the lights at Alumni Field (7 p.m. start).

"We've got winnable games coming up," Beal concluded. "If we're serious abut making the tourney, this is the time to get serious."

The coach also lauded the recent work of Gillian Weber, who has been shuffled back between midfield and forward, and goalkeepers Kelly Holway and Brittany Novak, who have been splitting halves between the pipes. Novak has also been providing some needed depth in the midfield rotation.

Gridders roll along

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a very effective pass rush.

"With Cosimo, we almost take him for granted now — that's how good he is," lauded Rolfe. "And having Ben back really helped."

Cohasset scored its second touchdown in the third quarter on a 27-yard Mike Snowdale pass to wideout John Durkin. The tandem hit the end zone again on the two point conversion to give the Skippers a 14-0 advantage. With Cohasset focusing on pounding the ball on the ground, Snowdale only threw 10 passes, but completed eight of them for 99 yards, with one touchdown and one interception.

Catholic did come back with Adolino scoring on a 42-yard screen pass on the first offensive play of the fourth quarter. Adolino looked like he would be caught for a short gain, but somehow managed to escape a gang of Skipper tacklers for the score that made it 14-6. The senior finished the game with 113 yards on 19 carries for the Cougars.

Cohasset put all thoughts of a comeback to rest by effectively running down the clock behind Goodson.

"They spent a lot of time trying to cut down our pass," observed Rolfe, who also mentioned that Catholic's defense was strikingly similar to that of Nantucket. "That's probably why Braun was able to rush for so many yards."

Cohasset plays North Quincy this Friday night, its first home game of the year.

MaxLax off to great start

By Curt Mills
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This past weekend, over 175 youth lacrosse players suited up to play as part of the new indoor lacrosse program being hosted at the South Shore Sports Center in Hingham. Players from each age group (grades 3 – 8) had a great time shaking off the cobwebs as it didn't take long to get back into the swing of things as the games were well matched and produced many exciting moments for the players and their fans.

Game of the Week: U14 Cohasset v Scituate

In an early season preview of what could be two of the U14 league finalists, Cohasset and Scituate showed why this

match-up has turned into a classic area rivalry. Both teams came out strong by trading goals for the first four tally's of the game with Peter Oswald getting two for Cohasset and Alex Cuomo and Jack Dings getting the marks for Scituate. Cohasset then opened up a 5 – 2 lead on scores by Mark Flibotte, Mike Grimm, and Jake Cuneo who scored on a great rush from his defensive position. Scituate's Austin Winters kept the score within reach with a sleek quick stick, but scores from Charlie Czerkawski, Matt Burgess, and another from Grimm on a no-look pass from Chris Mills closed out the first half with Cohasset leading 7 - 3.

With Cohasset sitting on a 4 point advantage, Scituate came out strong and caught their opponent off guard with quick stingers by Dings and Cuomo that launched a 5 – 0 run and secured a 8 – 8 tie with less than five minutes to play. With time running down, Scituate's Ben Wicks seized the moment and put Scituate ahead 9 – 8 in what looked like the game winner. But with less than a minute on the clock, Czerkawski notched his 2nd of the day on a multi-dodge piece of art that brought cheers from both sides while sending the game into OT. In a fitting end to a great contest, Cohasset managed to fend off a strong first rush when Scituate won the ensuing face-off. A crunching defensive stand resulted in a fast break for Cohasset where Czerkawski found Oswald streaking down the side and the game ended when he found the upper right corner of the goal (for his hat trick) and the 10 – 9 win in OT.

Wes Ulmer was also masterful in the goal for Cohasset with 11 saves two coming in the opening moments of the overtime period.

Player of the Week: Charlie Czerkawski - 2Goals/2 Assists

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Pair of late goals lift soccer team

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been coming in here taking us a little lightly," noted Nigro. "They were probably a more talented team, but our guys just outworked them, I think. It was a satisfying tie."

Dave Santiago scored the other Skippers goal to counter a Newton South first half tally.

Santiago also scored the lone goal of the game in the Skippers 1-0 win over Abington on Friday, the third goal of the season for the junior attacker.

This was a game similar to the Carver game in that the Skippers created the bulk of the opportunities and controlled the ball in their offensive end for much of the game, but simply could not break through.

"We're creating opportunities, which I obviously like, but we're just not finishing," said Nigro. "Hopefully, we can start finishing a few more of those chances, but I know we're not an explosive offensive team. When the good chances are there, you hope we finish. The key for us is playing good, sound soccer."

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Girls Varsity Soccer
20 lost to Abington, 2-0
24 beat Carver, 1-0

Boys Varsity Soccer
20 beat Abington, 1-0
21 tied Newton South, 2-2
24 tied Carver, 1-1

Girls Field Hockey
24 beat Scituate, 5-2

PHOTO/LYNNE LAYMAN

The Cohasset Maritime Institute boat, in foreground, heads for Minot Light with Duxbury's Saquish and Judy Simods in an Alden single, at right, at the 15th annual Minot Light

Boat Race around Minot Lighthouse

The Cohasset Maritime Institute sponsored the 15th annual Minot Light Roundabout Race this past Saturday, Sept. 21.

The roundabout is an exhilarating five-mile race from Cohasset Harbro breakwater, around Minot Light and back to the breakwater . This is an open water course with sea swells.

Paul Adams from Cohasset rows in an Alden single and finished the five-mile race in 55:57.

The Mike Jenness, Sr. and Saquish battle it out. The Saquish was 1:19 faster.

SPORTS NOTES

Change in CHS admission prices

There has been a change in the game admission prices for South Shore League games this season. Admission for adults will be $4 and students and seniors will be admitted for $3.

Discount tickets

Student Pass: Students can purchase a year-long athletic event pass. The passes are only good for on-campus home events. The cost is $25.

Adult Pass: Parents and fans can purchase 10 event tickets. The passes are only good for on-campus, home events. The cost is $25.

The discounts tickets may be purchased from Mr. Ford's in the Athletic Director's office or from Mr. Leary at the gate on game days.

Changes to Alumni Field

Due to the ongoing construction project there will be some changes to Alumni Field.

Parking: Please park in the main parking lot in front of the school. Additional parking will be available along the entrance driveway by the main office and at Milliken Field, handicap parking will be available in the main parking lot on the right as you enter the lot.

Please do not park on Bancroft Extension (the road which leads to the visitors side gate) and along the driveway that leads from the lower lot to the main entrance of the school.

Entrance: There will be two entrances available. One entrance will be on the visitor's sideline behind the visitor's sideline. There will also be a temporary access entrance this will allow spectators to enter Alumni Field from the main parking onto the track.

Restrooms: There will be two portable restrooms on the visitors sideline adjacent to the bleachers. Indoor restrooms will also be open in the front entrance of the High School.

Concessions: A temporary concession stand will be set up on Alumni Field in the scoreboard end of the field for night games and home football games.

Cohasset Soccer Club registration

The 2002/2003 Soccer Season is about to begin. Registration for grades pre-K - 4 will close on Saturday, September 28,2002. All players must register to play. Forms can also be picked up and left at the Cohasset Recreation Dept office during working hours this week. The soccer season for grades pre- K through 4 will begin Saturday September 21,2002.

New Youth Soccer opportunity

The Cohasset Soccer Club has expanded the age eligibility for the pre-K kids. All children who will turn 5 by August 2003 can now sign up to play in the town league. The U5 players will be placed on teams with other players their own age. The Soccer Club is offering this program as a result of numerous family requests. All players must register and a copy of their birth certificate must accompany the registration. Forms can be picked up at the Recreation Dept.

Cohasset Little League Major League Tryouts

Cohasset, MA…The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association (**CYBSA**) has announced that on **Sunday, September 29, 2002 @ Noon at Barnes Field on North Main Street**, the tryouts for the *2003 MAJOR LEAGUE* baseball season will be conducted. Youngsters who will be 10, 11, or 12 years old *on or before* **July 31, 2003** and are *not* currently playing at the Major League Level, are invited and encouraged to participate in this once-a-year tryout event.

All those who are eligible should plan to attend, as this is the ***only opportunity*** to tryout. Applications are available at Town Hall or can be completed upon arrival at Barnes Field. Participants are *requested to arrive at Noon* to facilitate the registration process. There is NO MONEY REQUIRED for this exercise but each participant should bring a baseball glove, hat and long pants.

Any questions regarding these tryouts may be forwarded to: Mark DeGiacomo (6413), Dan Leahy (1005), or Bob Morgan (3265).

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Major changes on tap for Pilgrim Conference?

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June.

At the June meeting, Atlantic Coast League school principals and athletic directors were looking to head off the Pilgrim Conference realignment in 2005 that would go strictly by student enrollment numbers. Specifically, they were concerned Dennis-Yarmouth and Sandwich could be moving "up" to the Old Colony League and Nauset "down" to the Patriot League, moves that would break up some natural rivalries as well as necessitate an increase in travel costs to already strapped athletic budgets.

"It just didn't seem like the (other Pilgrim Conference officials) were sympathetic to our situation," reported Sullivan. "We felt we had to take action now, while we still had some control. If we'd waited to the beginning of school to inform the MIAA, that would have cost us another year, because the (bylaw) says you've got to give two full years notice."

Sullivan felt it made more sense to secede from the Conference a year prior to scheduled realignment, explaining that trying to do both in the same year would cause "mass confusion" and "possible further fragmenting."

Subsequently, the principals of the seven ACL schools — Nauset, Sandwich, Dennis-Yarmouth, Plymouth North, Whitman-Hanson, Randolph and Quincy — voted to form their own independent athletic league, and principals from three schools currently aligned with the Old Colony League — Plymouth South, Falmouth and North Quincy — voted to join them. These 10 schools then formally notified the MIAA of their intent to split with the Pilgrim Conference after the 2003-'04 school year in order to form this new independent league.

The tentative plan at this time is to form two divisions of the Atlantic Coast League, with Nauset, Dennis-Yarmouth, Sandwich, Plymouth South and Falmouth in the South Division and Plymouth North, Whitman-Hanson, Randolph and the two Quincy teams in the North Division.

In sports such as soccer, field hockey, basketball, hockey, baseball and softball, divisional rivals would meet twice during the season, while South and North teams would meet only once. This would mean only two or three long trips south or north a year, and more "free dates" to arrange non-league games against schools from neighboring towns – all of which could account for considerable savings in the travel budgets.

"There is pressure from school committees to cut budgets and principals can go back and show them this," said Sullivan. "We're cutting the budget without completely disrupting athletic issues here."

"We wanted to control our own destiny to a certain extent. The schools in the ACL right now are great partners in sports. We all work well together. If there's a problem, we can call one another and work things out. We don't have people who hide in bunkers and avoid the situations. We have a good situation right now. Why wouldn't we want to keep it?"

One of the specific frustrations expressed by Sullivan and his ACL counterparts was the decision by representatives from the Patriot and South Shore Leagues, the two "small school" Pilgrim Conference leagues, to delay action on their proposals. He even charged that representatives from several of these smaller schools were never even informed of the realignment issues raised at the mid-June meeting.

However, Norwell High Athletic Director Jim Sullivan (no relation to Al) countered that he and his small school partners saw no reason to rush a decision on the proposals offered by the ACL schools, noting that the scheduled realignment was still three years away.

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Norwell High has been entrenched in the smallest of the Pilgrim Conference's Leagues for years, the South Shore, but Jim Sullivan pointed to several other schools that have been moved repeatedly as part of recent realignments, which are voted on every four years, including his own home town school, Scituate High.

"These ACL schools voted Scituate back and forth all those times between leagues," continued the Norwell AD. "No one is innocent in all of this. I think we should be looking at the best interests of the group, not individuals, and I think that's what the South Shore League and Patriot League folks are trying to do."

Clearly, the schools that would be most greatly affected by this secession are the five remaining schools in the OCL — Barnstable, Taunton Bridgewater-Raynham, Marshfield and Silver Lake – the Pilgrim Conference's "big school" league.

In terms of student population, according to figures used for the 2001 realignment, Barnstable (1,978 students), Taunton (1,852), Silver Lake (1,765) and Bridgewater-Raynham (1,533) are the four largest schools in the current OCL, followed by the three schools looking to secede (Plymouth South, North Quincy and Falmouth). Marshfield, with 1,251 students, is the smallest of the eight current Old Colony League schools.

Middleboro, with 926 students, is the largest of the 15 "smaller school" leagues, and enrollment figures drop precipitously from there: Duxbury- 891, Hingham- 862, Rockland- 763.

"Marshfield has just sort of been left hanging there," noted Norwell's Jim Sullivan. "I'd say all the teams in the OCL have got to be upset. Who are they going to play? Big Three teams? That's not too likely."

The Big Three League — with New Bedford (approximately 4,500 students), Brockton (4,200) and Durfee (3,800) – is part of the Pilgrim Conference. Currently, in order to induce other Pilgrim Conference schools to schedule games against teams from these three huge schools, the MIAA allows for losses not to be counted against overall records.

Not surprisingly, officials from these five OCL schools which would remain after 2004 are among those most desperate to work a compromise with the 10 renegade schools.

"I know a lot of ideas have been thrown out there," said Silver Lake Athletic Director Bill Johnson. "I've thrown some out there, and others have too. We're having discussions among ourselves right now, and I imagine at some point pretty soon we'll get together and come up with a few solid ideas for compromising."

Of course, Johnson's school is in a rather unique position. Pembroke is in the process of splitting from the Silver Lake school district, and the fall of 2005 has been targeted for the opening of Pembroke High School (the current Silver Lake Junior High School) – corresponding with the next Pilgrim Conference realignment. It is estimated Pembroke is home to roughly half of Silver Lake's current student base of 1,765, so both Silver Lake and Pembroke may be looking to move down to the Patriot League or even South Shore League if that target date is met.

"Right now, there are a lot of different thoughts at work here, and that's part of it" conceded Johnson. "But, obviously, none of us want to see this split."

The next meeting of all Pilgrim Conference schools has been scheduled for Nov. 5.

"I'm sure there's going to be some lively discussion at that meeting," noted Jim Sullivan.

Present Pilgrim Conference alignment

With Fall, 2001 student enrollment

Schools in bold are proposing to secede to form new league in 2004.

Big Three League
New Bedford- 4,500 (approx)
Brockton- 4,200 (approx)
Durfee- 3,800 (approx)

Old Colony League
Barnstable- 1,978
Taunton- 1,852
Silver Lake- 1,765
Bridgewater-Raynham- 1,533
Plymouth South- 1,430
North Quincy- 1,384
Falmouth- 1,275
Marshfield- 1251

Atlantic Coast League
Quincy- 1,239
Dennis-Yarmouth- 1,155
Whitman-Hanson- 1,125
Randolph- 1,040
Sandwich- 1,037
Plymouth North- 1,021
Nauset- 994

Patriot League
Middleboro- 926
Duxbury- 891
Hingham- 862
Rockland- 763
Scituate- 747
Hanover- 711
East Bridgewater- 674

South Shore League
Harwich- 610
Norton- 610
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Golfers get first 'W'

By Mike Spellman
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The rebuilding Cohasset High golf team got out of the loss column with an impressive showing over South Shore League rival Carver on Tuesday, topping the Crusaders, 36.5-17.5 on their home Cohasset Country Club Course.

Captain Greg O'Brien, ione of the few upperclassmen on the team, and junior Mike Hajjar each shot 39 to win their head-to-head match-ups decisively.

24 hours previous to this win, which lifted the Skippers to 1-4 on the season, the Cohasset boys traveled to the Scituate Country Club to take on six time defending SSL champ Norwell. The 40.5-13.5 loss didn't seem to come as all that much of a surprise to Cohasset golf coach Torin Sweeney.

Norwell's five scoring players – Brian Dorney (35), Brendan Boyle (38), Max Schenkein (39), Anthony Reggiannini (40) and Mike Dempsey (41) – all shot better than all but Cohasset's top player on the afternoon, sophomore Tim Pilczak, who shot a career best nine hole round of 39.

O'Brien and sophomore Colin McGruder shot 44s in the second and third spots in the Cohasset lineup, while senior Pat Reardon shot a 45 in the fourth spot.

"We've got some freshman and sophomores who have shown a lot of promise, and I'd like to start getting them an opportunity to play."
Cohasset Golf coach
Torin Sweeney

With seven matches remaining for the Skippers, including rematches with two teams that have already beaten them (Abington and Harwich) and two against league power Mashpee (who has beaten Norwell twice), Sweeney is looking to the future of his program, knowing a .500 season and the state tourney berth that goes along with it is now a long shot.

"We've got some freshman and sophomores who have shown a lot of promise, and I'd like to start getting them an opportunity to play, though we'll still try to keep the upperclassmen involved too" said the third year head coach.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN
Cohasset's Dan Allen casts a big shadow as he prepares to "chip up" in recent match with Abington at Strawberry Valley in Abington.

Lady Skippers swamp Sailors

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corner shots on top of that.

"[Meyrick] is still learning," reported McKeever, all-in-all pleased with her rookie netminder. "Cohasset was quick with the ball and quick with their shots."

Cohasset held the position advantage for most of the game, as the Skippers' senior goalie faced 10 shots, half the total thrown on Meyrick. The Skippers even had 11 corners, three of them leading to goals, including Sarah Dennis' from Peraino, which gave her team a 4-1 advantage with 12 minutes left to play.

Scituate senior Ashley Lever brought her team to within two, notching a tally on Katy Baldwin's assist just four minutes later. But Cohasset's defense shut the home team down for the remainder of the game. Cohasset senior Rachel Smith scored her first of the season with less than a minute left, with Peraino giving the assist. Peraino, with three points in this contest, now leads the team in scoring.

Bostwick noted that the key to her team's success was consistent attacking of the free balls, and not waiting for the opposition to make the first move.

"You've got to be aggressive, you've got to want it," the coach noted, "and today, I saw girls who wanted it."

CHS weekly sports schedule

Football

Middle School, Freshman, and Varsity

Sept.
26 @ N. Quincy (Fr.) 3:30 p.m.
27 Thayer (MS) 3:30 p.m.
27 N. Quincy (V) 7 p.m.

Varsity Golf

30 Harwich-home @ Cohasset GC 3:30 p.m.
1 Mashpee-home @ Cohasset GC 3:30 p.m.

Girls Field Hockey

26 @ Duxbury (V) 3:30 p.m.
26 @ Duxbury (JV) 5 p.m.
30 @ Carver (JV) 5:30 p.m.
30 @ Carver (V) 7 p.m.
2 @ Norwell (V) 3:30 p.m.
2 @ Norwell (JV) 5 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer

26 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
30 @ Hull 7 p.m.
2 Norwell 5p.m.

Girls Jr. Varsity Soccer

26 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
30 Hull 3:30 p.m.
2 @ Norwell 3:30 p.m.

Boys Jr. Varsity Soccer

26 Harwich 4 p.m.
30 Hull 3:30 p.m.
2 @ Norwell 3:30 p.m.

Boys Varsity Soccer

26 Harwich 4 p.m.
30 Hull 3:30 p.m.
2 Norwell 7 p.m.

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Collector's Choice at Art Center

The work of artists John Singer Sargent, Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee, Grandma Moses, Marc Chagall, Rembrandt, and August Renoir couldn't be more different. These artists, however, all share one little-known commonality. They all have had their masterpieces on display at the South Shore Art Center in its traditional Collector's Choice exhibition. The Collector's Choice exhibition affords residents of the South Shore and beyond, a unique opportunity to view, in their own regional art center, museum-quality works of art from private collections. Artwork procured thus far includes work by Andy Warhol, William Wegman, Dale Chihuly, John Constable, Marc Chagall and Salvador Dali. Collector's Choice '02 will feature recent acquisitions and focus primarily on what collectors have collected in the last ten years. The public will have only three days to view the exhibition before the work is returned to its owners and is no longer accessible to the public.

Collector's Choice is scheduled for Sept. 27-29. A gala opening reception will take place at the South Shore Art Center on Friday evening, Sept. 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by an elegant dinner at a private seaside home. The exhibition preview party will be enhanced by the opportunity to purchase collectible frames decorated by popular celebrities. Twenty personalities from the art world as well as the world of sports, politics and literature have agreed to decorate and personalize wooden frames that will be offered to the highest bidder in a silent auction. Tickets for this exhibition fundraiser are $135 ($125 for South Shore Art Center members). On Saturday, Sept. 28, the exhibition will be open to the public from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. On Sunday, Sept. 29, the exhibition will open at 11:30 a.m. with Music Amidst the Masterpieces, an informal brunch and at 1 p.m. a concert by the Boston Chamber Music Society, Ronald Thomas, Artistic Director. Tickets are $35. Reservations for both events can be made by calling 781-383-2787.

Illustrator at Buttonwood

Harry Bliss will visit Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset on Fri. Oct. 4 from 3 –5 p.m.. Observant readers may recognize Harry Bliss as the illustrator whose work enlivens a number of magazines. He is a staff artist for the New Yorker and has had fourteen covers on the magazine since 1997.

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This event is part of the read Around New England Celebration. This event is free and open to the public. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order you signed copy if unable to attend.

Relaxed elegance in your retirement

The Cohasset Historical Society kicks off its Fall Lecture Series with Phil Smith of Phillip Hugh Smith & Associates, Interior Designers ,on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers' Residence.

Smith's presentation, "Cutting Back in Semi-Retirement" will offer advice on redesigning your present home or designing a new home to reflect a relaxed elegance in your new lifestyle without sacrificing your roots. The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

Parenting group meets on Oct. 17

On Thurs., Oct. 17, from 7:30-8:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Church, Highland Avenue, hosts an ongoing weekly Mindful Parenting Group; How to balance parenting, work and relationships in our hurried lives. Facilitated by Licensed Social Worker, sponsored by Cohasset Social Service League. Free. For more info call 781-383- 0771.

BAYDAY is Sept. 29

South Shore ARC's Ninth Annual BAYDAY will be held Sunday, Sept. 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the 65-acre Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. The abbey is near the intersections of Routes 3A and 228.

A $5 per-car-load admission to this family fun day includes a live broadcast by Seamus Mulligan and radio station WATD 95.9 FM, stage entertainment by Davey the Clown (unicycle, juggling and accordion music), Dumbo and Jumbo Magic Show, Royal Sorrell (mime), Rami Salami (balloon artist), a Hug-a-Bunny area, and Patricia Haley's Irish Step Dancers. A silent auction will feature goods and services donated by South Shore businesses and a food court will feature favorite children's foods.

Other children's activities include pony and pony cart rides, games, moonwalk, giant slide, pumpkin and face painting.

Proceeds from BAYDAY will be used to provide disability services to individuals and families on the South Shore. Major sponsors of BAYDAY are The Frye Agency, South Shore Savings Bank and F.X. Messina Enterprises.

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For more information, call the ARC office at 781-335-3023.

Books Cook!

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades one and two "Books Cook" program by calling 781-383-4109.

Books Cook for grades one and two will be held from 3:15-4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School. Children will enjoy making bread boas after reading "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" or making yummy candy houses after reading "Hansel and Gretel," as examples.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $55 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Oct. 23 and will continue through Nov. 20. Each week will feature different books and cooking.

PAC to meet Oct. 2

The Cohasset PAC (Parents Advisory Council) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2 in the Osgood School Music room. The meeting is open to parents of children with special needs and other interested citizens. For information call, Beverly Koswick, 383-2751 or Wendy Kennedy 383-6008.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

6:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:55 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, miscellaneous.

7:07 a.m. Nichols Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, log entry.

10:06 a.m. Nichols Road, fire, log entry.

10:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disorderly conduct.

10:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., verbal warning.

10:47 a.m. Hull St., outside fire, area search negative.

11:09 a.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint, ticket issued.

11:14 a.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint, log entry.

12:42 p.m. Pleasant St., vandalism.

1:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., outside fire, extinguished.

4:11 p.m. George Washington Blvd., motor vehicle accident, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:34 p.m. Hull St., assist other police department.

5:21 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

5:50 p.m. Briarwood Lane, parking complaint, ticket issued.

5:54 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

8:15 p.m. Aaron River Road, suspicious activity/person(s), area search negative.

8:53 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:23 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint.

9:58 p.m. James Lane, noise complaint.

10:11 p.m. Linden Drive, parking complaint, area search negative.

10:26 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:51 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

1:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

7:13 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Kerry Seerattan, 20, of 26 Taft Ave., Newton. Charges: Operating motor vehicle after license was suspended/revoked; failure to submit to a police officer; operating recklessly so as to endanger; illegal possession of a Class D substance; failure to stop for red light; failing to slow down at intersection; speeding in violation of special regulations.

7:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, structure.

9:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Stephen J. Sunnerberg, 30, of 15 Whiteisland Pond Road, Plymouth. Charges: Operating motor vehicle negligently so as to endanger; failure to submit to a police officer; speeding in violation of special regulations; failure to use caution.

9:33 a.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

11:15 a.m. North Main St., tree down.

11:39 a.m. Brook St., parking complaint.

11:45 a.m. Pawtucket, R.I. Police Department, assist, services rendered.

12:01 p.m. Turkey Hill, animal call or complaint.

4:12 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:29 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

5:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

5:54 p.m. Nichols Road, suspicious activity/person(s), area search negative.

8:08 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

9:09 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

9:18 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:32 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:59 p.m. Arrowwood Road, general disturbance, area search negative.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

10:38 a.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint.

4 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint, ticket issued.

5:51 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation, extinguished.

7:25 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s).

8:51 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Bow St., officer wanted.

8:59 p.m. Nichols Road, power outage.

9:04 p.m. Atlantic Ave., power outage.

9:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16

1:31 a.m. Power outage

1:46 a.m. Power outage.

2:02 a.m. Beach St., assist citizen.

4:13 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

8:46 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious.

8:52 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.

9:56 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

10:40 a.m. Black Rock Rd., disturbance family.

10:49 a.m. Summer St., escort.

12:58 p.m. Forest Ave., power outage.

3:14 p.m. Highland Ave., threats.

3:20 p.m. King St., suspicious.

5:02 p.m. Elm St., fire.

5:20 p.m. South Main St., larceny.

8:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious.

9:22 p.m. Lamberts Lane, open door/window.

9:44 p.m. Border St., wires down.

10:08 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

12:12 a.m. Pond St., open door/window.

5:13 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.

6 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:40 a.m. North Main St. and Rocky Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:02 a.m. North Main St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle complaint

7:33 a.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, animal control.

8:49 a.m. Linden Dr., fire, inspections.

11 a.m. South Main St., Hazmat incident.

11:53 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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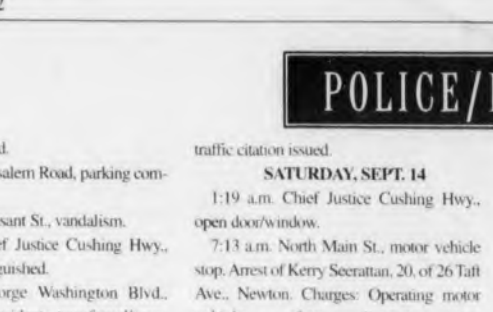

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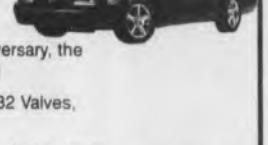

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Lions Gate roars for '20s garden party benefit

CHS sophomores MacKenzie Holway and Nicole Whitney volunteered their time to greet arrivals at the estate which dates back to 1904. The event raised money for the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum.

Event co-chairs, from left, Patience Towle, Diane Johnston, Leah Taylor Roy and Mary Larson at the Garden Party and Antique Car Parade benefiting Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum.

Violin soloist Eugene Kaplan performs for those who attended the Roaring '20s-themed party to benefit a museum for children to be built in the two-story wing of the old Osgood School. The hands-on museum and a related global-themed play park are set to open in the fall of 2003.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman

Well-known portrait artist Peter Quidley, center, chats with Dorothy and Greg Adams near his portrait of homeowner Diane Johnston and her daughter Sidney. The Lions Estate, the site of the garden party, is a four-story American Gothic mansion built in 1904 for shoe magnate Thomas Gustave Plant and his wife Carolyn.

Event hostess Diane Johnston with Viking, who was one of many highlights of the afternoon benefit which attracted more than 100 attendees, who paid $150 per ticket for event held at Lions Gate, 300 S. Main St. The estate has a rich history of hosting benefits.

Leah Taylor Roy is flanked by pianist Maxim Anikushin and violinist Eugene Kaplan, who were featured at the Our World museum benefit.
At left: Violinist Eugene Kaplan plays in the sitting room of Lion's Gate, during Sunday's benefit at which people dressed in 1920s garb.

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Third time's a charm

Comedy Night opens new season at No-Wey Cafe

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Live comedy is back for another season in North Weymouth at the No-Wey Cafe, this time with a twist or two.

What began as a mild gamble two years ago has turned into a staple of accessible, bargain-priced night-out entertainment on the South Shore. For reasons of both amusement and practicality, the No-Wey's monthly Comedy Night series has gained a foothold with a loyal and steady following, according to Weymouth residents and series originators, Cafe owner Art Tagliaferri and regular Comedy Night emcee Bob Niles.

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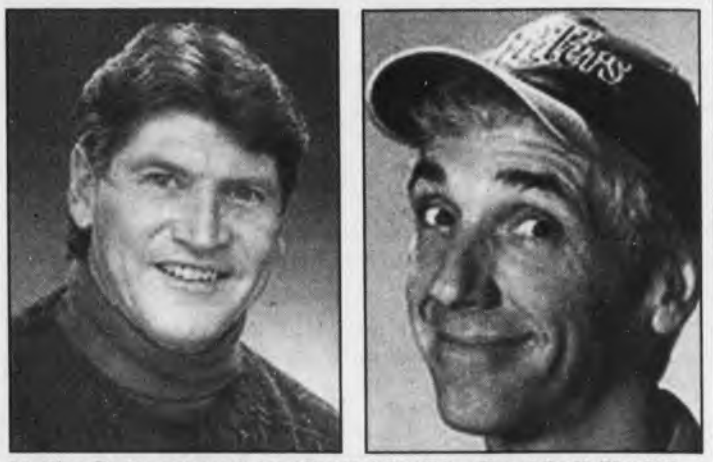
No-Wey Café Comedy Night emcee Bob Niles

The third season of Comedy Night kicks off Saturday (Sept. 28) at 9 p.m. The show stars headliner and longtime Boston area comic Larry Norton, plus a newcomer to the live comedy stage from Braintree, Jack Hurney, and in a first step to broaden the scope of the comedy series, live music with the South Shore-based folksinging vocal/guitar duo (serious, not comedic, no less) Ivy & Larry.

"Like anything else starting out, we really had to hustle to get the publicity and word-of-mouth out when we began the comedy series two year ago," said Niles. "But sometime last season, we started noticing a good amount of repeat business, and felt like we were building something of a reputation.



Longtime Boston area comic Larry Norton, left, will headline at the No-Wey Café as it kicks off its third year of the Comedy Night series Sept. 28. Comedy Night regular Bob Niles, right, will be back as emcee.

By our last show in June, we were getting consistently good crowds and a regular following. At this point, we don't feel we have to hype the series quite as much, it's become a sort of self-perpetuating thing."

Niles is a veteran Boston-based comic who has worked the mike in clubs for well over a decade, when not busy in his regular career gig as a welder in Weymouth. His impressive list of comedic credits includes appearances all over New England and New York, among them a memorable date opening for Rock and Roll Hall of Famers the Young Rascals in Providence two years ago.

It was through his day job that Niles met rookie comic Hurney, who himself is an electrician with union Local 103, and who the emcee said has a very natural comedic nature. But first, in regard to headliner Norton, "The Comic On the Harley," as he is widely known in the business, is so dubbed because of his custom to ride his Harley two-wheeler pretty much everywhere he goes, even to performances in good and sometimes bad weather.

Norton has been a nationally known, Boston-bred comic for close to two decades. Described by Tagliaferri as an exciting performer and consummate storyteller, the comedian is also known for hilarious impressions in his live sets, including Mel Blanc-style cartoon voices and the like. Norton has spent the last five years living and working in Florida and his No-Wey date will be his first Massachusetts appearance since then.

Hurney has just recently begun making local live standup appearances at the urging of his friend and co-worker Niles. Saturday's show will be only his third professional date overall and Niles further describes him as confident onstage and at ease with a microphone.

Ivy & Larry is the twosome of vocalist Ivy Dever and guitarist Larry Horton. Dever is a Braintree native who Niles heard recently at Cambridge's Kendall Cafe and was so impressed by her distinct, strong vocal style that her urged Tagliaferri to expand the Comedy Night format to music by booking her duo with Horton, a South Shore-based player with some thirty years experience in numerous rock and folk bands. Niles said he most closely compares Dever's way with a song to Stoughton folk club favorite Lori McKenna.

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"We were thinking of ways we could draw different types of clientele to possibly expand on the audience we have already, and the idea of a folk/acoustic music act seemed like a good way to go," Niles said. "This singer has a really good voice and I think people are going to like her a lot."

Tickets for Comedy Night at the No. Wey Café are $10 and can be purchased by calling (781) 340-1879 or (781) 337-1020.

Chan has never been afraid to ham it up for the camera.

From Hong Kong to Hollywood

Chan makes millions mixing martial arts and humor

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

For decades, James Brown has deserved the moniker "the hardest working man in show business." But the Godfather of Soul, who has an amusing cameo appearance in the new Jackie Chan film, "The Tuxedo," may have to move over. The affable, excitable, good-humored Chan may now deserve the title.

Entering his 40th year in the film business — he started acting in Hong Kong at the age of 7 — Chan is on a roll. His string of recent box office successes, including "Rumble in the Bronx," "Rush Hour," "Shanghai Noon" and "Rush Hour 2," have bumped him up into the $20 million club — that's $20 million per film. And he's not about to slow down.

Since he finished "The Tuxedo" almost a year ago, he starred in the upcoming "Highbinders" opposite comic actor Lee Evans, and he completed filming the "Shanghai Noon" sequel, "Shanghai Knights," again opposite Owen Wilson. He's now back in Hong Kong to star in the Mandarin-language film "Titanium Ring" and in November he'll begin rehearsals for a remake of "Around the World in 80 Days," in which he'll star as Phileas Fogg. When that dust settles, he'll begin work opposite Chris Tucker on "Rush Hour 3," and if the script ever gets finished, he'll do "Nosebleed," with Roberto Begnini.

"But you don't even need a script," he shouts happily. "Begnini! Jackie Chan! You don't *need* a script."

He's only kidding, but he's got a point, since he and Begnini are masters of physical comedy. But Chan also knows the intricacies of moviemaking. His education came from his 10 years at the Peking Opera School and from on-the-job training, first as a stuntman and then as a stunt coordinator.

"When I was a stunt coordinator, I realized that some directors didn't know how to fight, didn't know what an action movie was," he says. "So I decided to be a director myself. But then I found out that there was no actor who could fight. So I wanted to be an actor and direct myself. Then I found out that the scripts weren't right for action sequences. So I wrote my own scripts. And I started producing by myself and editing by myself. And soon I started hiring directors and training them. And when I started training young stuntmen, I had them watch me editing. I told them, 'If you want to be a good stunt coordinator, you have to know how to edit a scene.'"

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Best Bet

"Moire' Pattern Machine" by Wes Reddick, "Narcissus" by Anne Lilly, and "Alchemist Longing" by Rob Milliard are three of the Gadgets, Gizmos and Games pieces on display now through Jan. 12 at the Art Complex Museum.

The Art Complex Museum presents Gadgets, Gizmos and Games —a celebration of the contraption from Sept. 22 to Jan.12. The exhibition features the creative, buzzing, spinning, clanking and whirring works of two dozen artists.

An opening reception will be held Sunday, Sept. 29, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Also on display at the museum are "The Inner Eye: Pinhole Photographs" by Jesseca Ferguson, "Rotations: Complex Tools and Inventions, "Emerging Spirits," an outside installation by sculptor Jean Ainslie Richardson on view on the museum's patio, and the interesting ladder-like work of artist-in-residence Terry Slade which can be found on the museum grounds.

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CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Bad rice pudding is inedible regardless of whether it is baked in the oven (heavy and custardy) or when made on the stovetop (thick and indigestible). The other problem with rice pudding is that it is time consuming – many recipes take up to 2 hours of simmering. I wanted to taste the rice, not just the dairy, wanted some interesting flavors, and wanted it quick – a half hour was my outside time limit.

I started with the notion of stovetop cooking using Arborio rice (it is starchy and available everywhere), a liquid (water and/or dairy), sugar, and flavorings. Some recipes (including one of my own) start by cooking the rice in water and then cooking it in milk. This tasted just fine but took an hour and a half. My next step was to combine the water and dairy (in this case, milk) and cook it all at one time. The ratio of liquid to milk in the recipes I examined was from 4 cups liquid to 3 tablespoons rice to 5 cups liquid to 1 cup rice. I decided on splitting the difference, using 4 cups of liquid (3 cups milk, 1 cup water) to a half cup rice. The good news was that I made rice pudding in 30 minutes by simmering it on the stovetop; the bad news was that it was much too thick and "milky" and I needed to infuse some flavors to punch up the dish.

My first thought was to add more rice. I tried 3/4 cup and then settled on a full cup. I was surprised that I did not need to add more liquid and, this time, the rice had a bit more tooth, although it was fully cooked. (I also tested long and medium-grain rice, both of which rendered a thinner pudding; Thai sticky rice and sushi rice both produced a gooey dessert.) Next, I kept dropping the ratio of milk to water, finally ending up with 2 1/2 cups of water to 1 1/2 cups milk. Now the texture was lighter and brighter. I ended up preferring half and half to milk (it was a bit smoother and creamier) although either is fine.

As far as sugar goes, I started with 1/4 cup, increased it to 5 tablespoons, and finally settled on 1/3 cup – just enough to add flavor but not enough to make it sticky sweet. Two teaspoons of orange zest added at the end gave this sleepy dish some bite and vanilla extract rounded out the flavors. In an effort to add some texture, chopped pistachios sprinkled on top were just the thing, adding a lot more flavor than almonds. Still, this rice pudding tasted a bit flat so I added 1/4 teaspoon of salt, an ingredient that turned out to be obvious but essential. Finally, I came up with a rum/raisin variation for those more traditional about their tastes in rice pudding.

QUICK RICE PUDDING

Pistachios can be toasted in a 350 degree oven for about seven minutes or in a dry skillet over medium heat for about five minutes or until very lightly colored and fragrant. I prefer this dish served warm (it can be served cold as well) and it can also be served as a porridge for breakfast.

1 cup arborio rice
2 1/2 cups water
1 1/2 cups half and half or whole milk
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoons finely chopped orange zest
1/4 cup finely chopped toasted pistachios

Place the rice, water, half-and-half, sugar and salt in a large saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil and adjust heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Cook uncovered for about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until the mixture is quite thick but still wet. The pudding will thicken further as it cools. Off heat stir in the vanilla and orange zest. Serve warm, at room temperature or cold topped with the pistachios.

Serves 4

Rum Raisin Variation

Omit the vanilla, orange zest and pistachios. Add one 2 to 3-inch piece of cinnamon bark to the saucepan along with the other ingredients. Meanwhile soak 1/3-cup raisins in 1/4-cup dark rum. Once the pudding has cooked for twenty-five minutes add the rum-raisin mixture to the pudding for the final minutes of cooking.

From Hong Kong to Hollywood

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And slowly, I put together my own team."

But Chan, 48, who stands at 5'9" and weighs in at 168 pounds, is always a driving force on a film, even if he isn't directing it.

In "The Tuxedo," he plays the limo driver of a secret agent, but when he dons his boss' super-powered Armani-designed monkey suit, he finds himself being mistaken for the agent.

"When action scenes were coming up, I told [director] Kevin [Donovan] where I should stand, where I should be going," says Chan. "Then I would ask him what he wanted in certain scenes. He would say a certain kind of thing. So I would say, 'What about this, this and this?' Then he would show me where he wanted to put a special effect. Then we would compromise over everything."

The only real difficulty Chan encountered was the fact that is character was supposed to be awkward and totally unfamiliar with the art of fighting, when in reality Chan is graceful and is a combat master.

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Jackie Chan

Chan's ability to fight has garnered him a huge international fan base. But it took him a long time to break into the American market. In the mid-'80s, he costarred in the flops "Cannonball Run" and "Cannonball Run 2," then went back to Hong Kong with his tail between his legs, and made hits such as "Police Story, Armor of God" and "Project A."

"Then all those videos came to Chinatowns in America," says Chan. "Many Chinese families sent their children to America. Some of the boys had a girlfriend who was American, or maybe she had a boyfriend who was American. They would bring them to Chinatown to get a Jackie Chan movie, and that slowly introduced me to American audiences. And later, the school children would see my movies. And there was good word-of-mouth.

"Suddenly I made 'Rumble in the Bronx' with a little more English — because it took place in New York — and then the studios recognized me," he adds. "They bought the movie, called me to redub some dialogue in English, and boom! So it wasn't because of 'Rumble in the Bronx.' It was because the audience was ready. And 'Rumble' helped me to make 'Rush Hour.' And everybody went to see it. Then audiences started looking back at my old movies, and then came 'Shanghai Noon' and 'Rush Hour 2' — Boom! More success."

"The Tuxedo" opens nationally on Sept. 27.

Add color to the early autumn garden

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Throughout the fall season, Mother Nature's little creatures scurry about our landscapes gathering food and making preparations for the chilly days ahead. Squirrels and chipmunks dart across the lawn, their cheek pouches filled with nuts and seeds or precious spring-flowering bulbs uprooted from our flowerbeds. Skunks and raccoons leave telltale holes in our lawns and gardens as they forage for grubs and other soil borne bugs. Occasionally, they may raid our trash in their instinctive quest for food to sustain them once the snow flies.

Overhead, the distinctive honks of Canadian geese and the noisy chatter of blackbirds roosting in the treetops are sure indications that the fall season is upon us. Migrating warblers flit about in the thickets. Hummingbirds quickly empty feeders and probe the depths of lingering flowers for energy-rich nectar. Twittering goldfinches scatter as I approach my gardens only to reappear moments later and resume plucking seeds from the heads of purple coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, cosmos and alliums. Chickadees and tufted titmice join the finches, perching atop seed heads which often bend over as they alight and spring back as the small birds move from stem to stem.

For migrating birds, substantial quantities of seeds, fruits and insects must be consumed during the fall season to provide the energy essential for their survival during the long, arduous journey south to warmer climates. Year-round avian residents join the feeding frenzy, devouring berries and frequenting bird feeders as they fatten up to endure winter weather. Some species, including blue jays, may be seen hiding acorns and seeds, presumably to be recovered later in the season.

Butterflies drift through the landscape on warm, sunny days, sipping nectar as they float from flower to flower. During the latter half of September, Monarch butterflies tend to be particularly plentiful, especially in coastal areas, as eastern residents of this species prepare to make their miraculous journey to the mountains of Mexico. Although scarce this season due to a severe freeze this past winter, these handsome black and orange butterflies are likely to be seen on butterfly bushes, asters, goldenrod or sedums.

September is a month of transition in the garden. Shorter day length initiates the dormant phase of many of our early blooming perennials causing foliage to yellow as the plants store energy to survive the winter ahead. Plants seem to flop and sprawl and the perennial border may become a bit unsightly but with a little weeding and trimming, the garden can regain its tidy appearance. Be sure to leave seed heads behind for the birds and to provide winter interest. Add a few fall bloomers to provide colorful accents and extend the bloom season.

Container gardens may also benefit from a facelift during the waning days of the growing season. Just as we grow tired of our summer attire and don our new fall wardrobes, so our planters seem to require updating at this time of year. Leggy, overgrown annuals lose their appeal and even colorful, robust plantings may become tiresome. Replacing just a few straggly plants with brightly colored chrysanthemums, ornamental peppers, kale or asters can tremendously improve the overall appearance of a whiskey barrel or plant box. Although many gardeners become ruthless and start from scratch, I enjoy the mature trailing plants and find just a few substitutions sufficient to give my containers a fresh, new look.

Perhaps the most popular additions to the fall landscape are chrysanthemums. Extensively hybridized over hundreds of years to produce an endless array of flower forms and colors, these vigorous clump-formers are available at every nursery, roadside stand and grocery store. Nearly all possess strongly aromatic foliage and branched, woody stems. There are so many from which to choose, it can be overwhelming trying to make a decision. Select plants with only a few blossoms open for the longest display. With early, mid-season and late-blooming varieties, it is often wise to grow some of each to extend the bloom season.

Chrysanthemums are technically hardy perennials but often succumb during the winter months. Plants that show evidence of new foliage growth around the base of their stems in their containers are the most likely to multiply and return next season. Plant as early as possible giving the mums full sun in fertile, moisture-retentive, but well-drained soils. Add peat, compost or well-rotted manure to sandy or heavy soils. Be sure to spread the roots of potbound specimens and water regularly to ensure their ability to become established in a well-prepared planting hole.

When plants finish blooming in late autumn, cut back their stems to a few inches tall and once the ground has frozen, apply a light winter mulch such as pine needles. It is critical that this cover, and any other soggy debris that may have accumulated over the winter, be removed in early spring to prevent rotting and disease. Divide every other year using the soft new growth around the perimeter of the clump and discard the old, woody centers. Pinch back stems around Memorial Day and July 4th for bushier, compact plants with more flowers and to delay flowering until fall.

The addition of a few colorful, fall-blooming mums will provide instant color and extended beauty for the weeks to come. Snip a few blossoms to bring a touch of autumn indoors.

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SEACONKE WAMPANOAG TRIBE TO HOST HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL POWWOW on Oct. 12, and 13, at Francis Farm, Route 118, Rehoboth. Gates open at 10 a.m. with a grand entry at noon. Featured will be native dancing, singing, and drumming, a wide selection of Native American crafts, food, and games for children. Admission is $3 for adults with children under 16 admitted free. For additional information call 401-437-9020.

UNWIND AT THE SHERATON PLYMOUTH'S GOURMET WINE DINNER to be held on Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. held in the Harbor Grille room at the Sheraton Plymouth, located in the heart of Plymouth harbor, the promise of a special evening of culinary delights during five course, wine dinner. Reservations suggested. $50 per person, inclusive of wine, tax and gratuity. For reservations and information call 508-591-5007.

FRIENDS OF SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL HOSTS FASION SHOW AND LUNCHEON on Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. at Barker Tavern in Scituate. The event will raise funds to support care for hospital patients and their families. The show which will be preceded by an 11:30 a.m. socialhour and a noon luncheon will feature fashions from Talbots. Tickets for the luncheon and fashion show are $30 per person and must be purchased in advance. Fore more information call The Friends of South Shore Hospital at 781-340-8520.

COMPANY THEATRE in Norwell, presents the play "Steel Magnolias," opening Friday, Oct. 11, and running through Sunday, Oct. 27. Directed by Lisa Rafferty and produced by Company Theatre artistic directors Zoe Bradford, Jordie Saucerman and Michael Joseph, "Steel Magnolias" explores the strong relationships and unique personalities of six Southern women. The show includes hilarious one-liners and poignant drama as we journey through the seasons with these fascinating individuals. Featured in the show is a strong local cast of talented actresses, including Cindy Capra, Kris Connelly, Susan Waterman, Theresa Chiasson, Julianna Dennis and Cinda Donovan. Tickets are priced at $16 in advance and $18 day of performance for Thursdays (7:30pm) and Sundays (3 p.m.), and $18 in advance and $20 day of show for Fridays (8 p.m.) and Saturdays (8 p.m.). Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit their website at www.companytheatre.com.

THE SOUTH SHORE ARTS CONNECTION PRESENTS AN AFTERNOON TEA AND GALLERY TOUR on Sunday, Oct. 6, The South Shore Arts Connection presents its first in a series of artists? studio and gallery tours. Travel by shuttle bus from the South Shore Art Center to Artful Things Gallery, Salty Dog Studio and Art for Living Gallery for demonstrations and an eclectic mix of artwork to enjoy along with good food, drink and live music. Admission to the event is $28. To order tickets call Dan Bennett at Artful Things Gallery 781-659-6595 or visit the gallery at 263 Washington St. (Route 53) Norwell. Gallery hours are Tues-Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 12-5 p.m.

EDAVILLE USA TO HOST THE MASSACHUSETTS CRANBERY HARVEST FESTIVAL to be held Oct. 12, 13, 14. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors will experience the Massachusetts cranberry tradition combined with activities for the whole family. The festival, which includes demonstrations of cranberry harvesting, live entertainment, a craft fair, rides and more. Admission is $1 per person; children 10 and under free. Free parking. Edaville Railroad is located off Route 58 on Rochester Road in South Carver. For more information call 508-759-1014 ext. 12 or visit www.edaville.com.

THE HINGHAM CIVIC MUSIC CENTER presents Cole Porter's Musical Comedy "**Anything Goes**" Oct. 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 at Hingham High School, 17 Union St, Hingham. Tickets $15/students and seniors #12. Call 781-749-4327 for tickets. Group rates available at 781-749-0083.

FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury on Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25
The moon continues its travel in practical Taurus throughout the day. A harmonious contact to Mars adds an energy boost this morning. Take on a big work project; you can get a lot accomplished. Influences are ideal for cleaning out and getting rid of items that are no longer useful or valuable. Plan a quiet evening. Enjoy a romantic dinner with the love in your life.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26
This morning may be slow-starting. Don't take on more than you can handle. Enjoy a relaxed, leisurely pace. The Taurus moon aligns with Uranus at 5:27 a.m. and becomes inactive. Planetary influences turn around completely at 2:26 p.m., when the moon enters lively Gemini. Because Gemini is ruled by retrograde Mercury, this two and one-half day period may be difficult and frustrating. Things won't go as planned. There are likely to be upsets, breakdowns, reversals.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27
Wake up in a good mood. This day has its challenges. The moon travels in Gemini, forming four major alignments to planets. In addition, the sun and retrograde Mercury conjoin. That means that new starts or signings are definitely off limits. Expect the unexpected. Projects may take unanticipated turns. People are likely to be late for appointments. Choose your words carefully. Avoid confrontations this evening, when the moon opposes Pluto.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28
The moon continues to travel in Gemini; it forms stressful contacts to Mars in the morning and Saturn in the evening, when it becomes inactive. Think before you do or say anything you will later regret. Careless or insensitive remarks will come back to haunt you. Spend time alone; look within for answers, and you will find what you need to get back on track.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29
At 1:01 a.m. the moon enters Cancer, placing the focus on family and domestic responsibilities. This is a great day to tackle projects around the home, like remodeling or repainting. Be more nurturing and sensitive to the needs of loved ones. Go on a cooking or baking spree. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 1:03 p.m. A new moon will culminate October 6.

MONDAY, SEPT. 30
The moon continues to travel in emotional Cancer all day. Avoid getting caught up in morning hassles or the blues. Be sure to initiate new activities before 2:59 p.m., when the Cancer moon aligns with Mars and becomes inactive. Influences are prime for cleaning out and reorganizing. Get your life in order. Plan a quiet evening. Renew your spirit through time spent in solitude, meditation, art or nature.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
October brings its share of challenging planetary influences. The good news is that Mercury turns direct on October 6, when a new moon occurs. However, a few days later Venus and Saturn begin retrograde travel. The combination of a Leo moon and sun-Neptune alignment makes today prime for vacationing. At 7:58 a.m. the moon enters Leo, remaining there for the next 2 1/2 days. The sun-Neptune alignment occurs at 11:50 a.m., and the moon interacts with the sun and Neptune this evening. Enjoy favorite leisure activities; follow your bliss.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
Retrograde Mercury returns to the sign Virgo at 5:27 a.m. and prepares to align with Saturn. All important decisions, signings or new beginnings are definitely off limits. The Leo moon interacts with Venus and Pluto this morning, prompting you to review your priorities and readjust your sights. Be more forgiving and sensitive to the needs of others. Work out differences and heal relationships that have broken down. Pursue activities that help you to relax and maintain perspective.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
Wake up in a good mood. Focus on the positives instead of getting caught up in worries or self-doubts. Take on a busy work agenda. Tackle jobs that have been left hanging and need a finishing touch. Clean out the clutter; reorganize, make repairs. The Leo moon becomes inactive at 9:16 a.m., when it aligns with Saturn. A Virgo moon takes over at 10:52 a.m., setting the stage for a challenging 2 1/2 day period. Retrograde Mercury forms a stressful 90-degree alignment to Saturn at 7:10 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
The moon continues to travel in Virgo, ruled by the planet Mercury. That means that there are likely to be unexpected snags or reversals. Allow extra time; be flexible. A lunar alignment to Pluto at 11:37 a.m. may spark emotional thunderstorms. Stay busy with practical projects; jobs that need to be finished or redone. Zero in on health and physical fitness concerns. Start a new diet; spend extra time working out with exercise programs.

Thurs. 26

The Norwell Middle School Music Association is holding it's 2nd annual Yard Sale on Sept.26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the front lawn of the Norwell town hall. on Main Street. The rain date will be on Sept.29, same time and place. All money will directly benefit the music department in the Norwell Middle School. Every thing from antiques, sporting goods, toys, household items, and our "making music makes you smarter" bumper stickers will be available.

The Lightkeepers in Cohasset will feature oil paintings on sale for four hours on Sept 26, from 4 to 8 p.m.. Take advantage of the chance to buy original oils in gallery quality frames at Wholesale prices. Art dealer to stores and decorators will make available his collection for the afternoon. Themes include land, sea, and cityscapes, portraits, animals and more. Wholesale Prices range from $190 to $2,300. Any questions call Classic Art Direct 781-383-0201.

South Shore Science Center - Day Trip to Salem 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. $47M/$52NM - An early fall trip to Salem, to The House of the Seven Gables. This historic site showcases the Turner-Ingersoll mansion, the oldest surviving mansion in the United States, and one of the few remaining Post Midevil houses in America. Take a guided tour of the spectacular Colonial Revival Gardens, circa 1909, featuring raised flower beds in an English Jacobean pattern. Plant selections include kinds that have been grown for 400 years, such as snapdragons, foxglove, hollyhocks, delphiniums, and lilies. A view of the sea further enhances the tranquility and "old-fashioned" charm of this treasured place. Lunch will be at Pickering Wharf and enjoy an hour to visit the many shops there before heading home. The fee includes admission, transportation and lunch.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce will hold a **Business After Hours** on Sept. 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn/Metro South, 195 Westgate Drive in Brockton. This is an opportunity to meet and mingle with potential clients, customers and other local business people. To register, call 508-586-0500 ext. 221. The event is $5 members/$10 non-members.

Cat's Blues Club located at **Cataloni's Restaurant**, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland, presents **New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano** every Thursday night during September. All shows start at 9 p.m.. No cover. Handicap accessible. 781-878-0834.

Fri. 27

Art of Music Chamber Players open their fourth season Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. Featured works include Mendelssohn, Sonato for cello and piano No. 2 in D, Op 58; Mozart, String quartet in D, K.590; Elgar, piano quintet in A minor, Op. 84; at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Players are Irina Muresanu, violin; Biliana Voutchkova, violin; Don Krishnaswami, viola, Timothy Roberts, cello; Bonnie Anderson, piano. Reception following the concert. For tickets and information, call 781-837-2705. General admission $20/$15 seniors/$5 students.

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Scituate artist Jean Ainslie Richardson will show "Emerging Spirits," an exhibition of sculptures through Dec. 1 at Duxbury's Art Complex Museum. An opening reception will be held Sunday, Sept. 29 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Museum hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

The First Parish Church in Scituate will host a performance by musicians Jay Ungar and Molly Mason on Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. First Parish is located at 330 First Parish road and is wheelchair accessible. Tickets are available for $20 Tickets may be purchased at the Front Street Book shop in Scituate Harbor, buttonwood Books in Cohasset, or by call in 781-545-5604. If available, tickets will be sold at the door.

The South Shore Art Center presents **Collector's Choice.** A three-day exhibition of museum quality work from private collections will be held Sept. 24 to 27. Exhibition hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Call 781-383-2786 for more information or visit www.ssac.org

Hospice of the South Shore will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 27, at Widow's Walk, Scituate. 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and awards hosted by T.K. O'Malley's for more information call Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

Tarot Readings at Artful Things Gallery Well known medium, **Terry Porter** will be available for private spiritual and tarot readings at the gallery on Friday, Sept. 27, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule a reading, contact Dan Bennett at 781-659-6595. Artful Things is located at 263 Washington Street (Rte 53) Norwell. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday noon to5 p.m.

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held Sept. 27, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m., and door prizes. For single professionals age 35-55 years old. Proper business attire is required, ties and jackets. Admission is $10 before 7:30 p.m., $15, thereafter. Sponsored by the Single Executives Club and the Young Professionals Club. For more information call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Sept. 27, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Collector's Choice is scheduled for Sept. 27 to 29, A gala opening reception will take place at **the South Shore Art Center** on Friday evening, Sept. 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by an elegant dinner at a private seaside home. The exhibition preview party will be enhanced by the opportunity to purchase collectible frames decorated by popular celebrities. Twenty personalities from the art world as well as the world of sports, politics and literature have agreed to decorate and per-

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Reunions

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH CLASS OF 1982 20th High School Class Reunion. Friday, Oct. 4, at Venezia Restaurant in Quincy. Send all new address information to Weymouth South High 1982 Reunion P.O. Box 505 Hingham, MA 02043 or email to wshs1982@hotmail.com

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE 150TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON All classes invited on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 12:30 p.m. at the Radisson, Boston. If you are not on our mailing list, call Helen Segouin at 781-289-9567.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com <mailto:indelicato@attbi.com>.

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sonalize wooden frames that will be offered to the highest bidder in a silent auction. Tickets for this exhibition fundraiser are $135 ($125 for South Shore Art Center members). On Saturday, Sept. 28, the exhibition will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sunday, Sept. 29, the exhibition will open at 11:30 a.m. with Music Amidst the Masterpieces, an informal brunch and at 1 p.m. a concert by the Boston Chamber Music Society, Ronald Thomas, Artistic Director. Tickets are $35. Reservations for both events can be made by calling 781-383-2787.

John Sebastian in concert to benefit educational programs at The Children's Museum in Easton, will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 3 Barrows St., North Easton. 508-230-3789. Admission is $30 per person or $50 premium tickets include preferred seating, complimentary beverage and post-concert reception with John Sebastian.

Hope and Healing for AIDS an ecumenical "Vesper Service of Hope and Healing" will be held Sept. 27, at Heritage United Methodist Church, 218 Grove St., Braintree. The service will begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. For more information, call 617-773-6100 ext. 2040.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat City Band** on Sept. 27. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 28

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands Last trip of the season for lighthouse lovers. A cruise to get up close to a number of lighthouses, including Boston Light, Minot's and many others on Sept. 28. An experienced narrator will answer all questions. In Plymouth you will have one and a half hours to enjoy lunch or explore the waterfront. The Cruise leaves Mass Bay Lines at Rowes wharf, Atlantic Avenue between South Station and Aquarium T stops. Leaving at 10:30 a.m. returning at 6 p.m. Drinks and snacks are available on the boat. Prices are: Adults $37; Seniors $35, members of FBHI $33, children 3 to 12 $20 Children 2 and under free. For more information call 781-740-4290.

Meetings

THE BUTTONWOOD WRITERS GROUP meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Shaw's Plaza on Route 3A in Cohasset. The mission of the group is to motivate, encourage and support both new and experienced writers. For additional information call 781-383-2665.

SOUTH SHORE SPINNERS GUILD Are you fascinated by fibers? Do you knit embroider or quilt or need special yarns and threads? The South Shore Spinners Guild offers every crafts person an opportunity to expand skills and learn together. Meetings are shared experiences in all the phases of spinning from fleece preparation to pack looms. using natural dyes or drop spindles we share the artistry of our ancestors in a woman-organized and directed organization. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell.

MOTHERS & MORE: South Shore Chapter. If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about MOTHERS & MORE! Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers", those who have altered their career paths to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women to choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street, Hingham. Contact Sue Chaisson at 781-545-1043 for more information.

PARENTAL SUPPORT GROUP Do you have a child who has been referred to as "difficult," "intense," "over the top," "challenging," "explosive" (ADD, ADHD, Sensory Integration) or something along these lines? You are not alone. Share your experiences, good and bad, easy and hard, with other parents who are also struggling to make sense of what's going on in their lives. This is an informal gathering. of parents looking for and sharing ideas, support, empathy and reassurance held the first Thursday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Route 123, Norwell. For more information call 781-659-7320.

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP: Meets every second Tuesday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Arc of Greater Plymouth, 4 Main St., Kingston, for more information, contact Janice Stephen at 781-585-1310.

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Actress Alice Duffy of Hingham is featured as Anna in the Huntington Theatre production of Ivan Turgenev's classic drama "A Month in the Country," adapted by Brian Friel and directed by Nicholas Martin. Written in 1850, Turgenev's arresting portrait of marriage and romance in 19th century Russia encompasses five days in the lives of an aristocratic family. The play will be presented by the Huntington Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through October 6. For tickets and information, call 617/266-0800 or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org.

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The First Parish Church in Scituate will host a performance by musicians Jay Ungar and Molly Mason on Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. First Parish is located at 320 First Parish Road and is wheelchair accessible. Tickets are available for $20 Tickets may be purchased at the Front Street Book shop in Scituate Harbor, buttonwood Books in Cohasset, or by call in 781-545-5604. If available, tickets will be sold at the door.

Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Weymouth Landing, at 8:30 p.m. presents **Bob Niles** along with **Annette Pollack, Melissa Hunt, and Debbie Plus Three.** Host for the evening is **Stephen Holda**. For more information, call 781-356-4311.

Bridgwaye Inn in Humarock Beach, Marshfield, presents **Olde Kids on the Block**, a 22-piece orchestra. Enjoy the classics of Goodman, Shaw, Dorsey, Miller and other big bands of the 30's 40's and early 50's. The band will perform from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is $10. Dinner is available beginning at 6 p.m. Call the Bridgwaye for reservations at 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible and smoke-free.

17th Annual Oktoberfest – House of Prayer Lutheran Church lawn, 916 Main St,. Hingham. Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sept. 29, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission, King Ludwig's Bavarian Band, dancing, children's' table authentic German food and beverage, bake table boutique and prizes. Professional crafters for the benefit of local south shore charities.

Blue Hills Walking Club is a group of adults that meet on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 and older is welcome. Walks are normally two to five miles. Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. Moderate/difficult walk, some hills, three plus miles. Bugbee Path to Buck Hill. Return by Doe Hollow and the Massachuseuck Trail meet at the Houghton's Pond main lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Dress appropriately, wear sturdy footgear and carry water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802 or www.state.ma.us/mdc

The Hills of Hull tour to benefit **Wellspring**, a community-based human service organization serving Hull and the surrounding towns, will be held Sept. 28, between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour seven private homes tucked away in locations in the neighborhoods of Hull. Each of these homes is perched high on one of the town's many hills, and captures a commanding view of the open ocean, harbor, and event he Boston skyline. Tickets $20 prior to Sept. 28, on the day of the tour $25. For more information call 781-925-3211.

Let's All Fish, the Marshfield-based nonprofit organization providing recreational fishing and boating opportunities for individuals with disabilities will be holding its second annual fundraiser on Saturday evening, Sept. 28, from 6 p.m. to midnight, at the Nautical Mile Restaurant in Humarock. Tickets are $20 and may be purchased in advance at the Nautical Mile or at the offices of Let's All Fish's parent company. Road to Responsibility. For more information call 781-834-1300 ext. 260.

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union St. Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. The club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Greg Piccolo** and **Heavy Juice** on Sept. 28. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 29

South Shore ARC to hold BayDay in Hingham on Sept. 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the 65 acre Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. A $5 per car load admission to this family fun day includes a live radio broadcast by Seamus Mulligan and WATD 95.9 Fm, stage entertainment by Davey the Clown, Dumbo and Jumbo Magic Show, Royal Sorrell (Mime), Rami Salami (balloon artist, a hug-a-bunny and Patricia Haley's Irish Step Dancers. a silent auction will feature goods and services donated by South Shore businesses. for more information call 781-335-3023.

Organic Farm Tour at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset Sept. 29, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring the whole family to this harvest season walking tour of the farm's fields and gardens. Free event. The tour will begin at the farm stand at 228 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset.

Special 9-11 Exhibit at JFK Library Ten panels of the United in Memory: 9-11 Victim's Memorial Quilt are on display through Sept. 30, at the John F. Kennedy Library. Admission to view the quilt is free. A global volunteer undertaking, the Memorial Quilt honors each victim of Sept. 11. Quilt squares honoring 11 Massachusetts citizens and seven others from New England are included in the panels on display at the Kennedy Library. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and located next to the UMass/Boston campus. Parking is free. Free shuttle from JFK stop of the T's red line. Fully handicapped accessible. For more information call 617-929-4523.

Handi Kids will host the Second Annual Road Race for Handi Kids on Sept. 29 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 48, Schoosett St,. in Pembroke. Registration will take place on race day from 8 to 10:45 a.m. The race starts at 11 a.m. $20 entry fee. Call 509-697-7557 or visit www.coolrunning.com for more information.

Gadgets, Gizmos and Games at The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, a celebration of the contraption - Sept. 22, to Jan.12, 2003 Opening Reception, Sept. 29, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Inner Eye: Pinhole Photographs by Jesseca Ferguson and Rotations: Complex Tools and Inventions. Emerging Spirits, an outside installation by sculptor Jean Ainslie Richardson is on view on the museum's patio. and the interesting ladderlike work of artist-in-residence Terry Slade can be found on the museum grounds. For more information, call 781-934-6634.

Games People Play presented by the Duxbury Art Association and sponsored by Abbott Real Estate Development, LLC at the Ellison Center for the Arts opens Sept. 29 and continues through Dec. 6. The exhibition showcases artworks including images of or representing games. Opening reception is Sept. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibition and reception are open and free to all. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org

Discover Hemlock Gorge, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m. Meet at the Hemlock Gorge parking lot on Hamilton Place for an exploration of this secluded 23 acre wild area along the Charles River. The park is dominated by the steep river gorge, surrounding hemlocks and Echo Bridge, a huge granite structure that spans the river. When built in 1877 by the Boston Water

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The Boston Chamber Music Society is an ensemble of eight musicians who come together in different combinations to prepare and perform chamber music. The performance will begin at 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002 at the South Shore Art Center, Cohasset, MA. A light brunch will be served beginning at 11:30. a.m. This concert will benefit exhibitions, and programs at the South Shore Art Center. Tickets are $35 ($25 for members) Seating is limited. To reserve a seat, or for more information call 781-383-2787.

Mon. 30

John F. Kennedy Forums: James Meredith and the Integration of Ole Miss. Participants will include **James Meredith,** the first African-American to attend the University of Mississippi in 1962; **Ernest Green**, one of nine black students to integrate Central High School in Little Rock following the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision that declared segregation illegal; **Burke Marshall**, assistant attorney general for civil rights under Robert F. Kennedy; **John Doar**, civil rights attorney who assisted James Meredith in 1962 and served as prosecutor of the 1967 "Mississippi Burning Trial." **Juan Williams**, journalist, author, and commentator will serve as moderator, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. For reservations and information, call 617-929-4571.

Scared Heart High School announces that spaces are available for its 21st Annual Hollyberry Fair to be held on Nov. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 100 spaces, Saturday evening Pasta Dinner. Proceeds to benefit the Alumni Fund which helps to provide scholarship assistance. For an application, contact Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Highway, Kingston, MA, 02364, 781-585-7511, ext 345 or email shhsalum@hotmail.com

The Kingston Parent and Teachers Organization seek crafters for their annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kingston Elementary School, 150 Main St., (across from Bickford's Restaurant). Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the morning and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. There will be more than 60 crafters selling wonderful craft items. There will also be a kid's craft table and a PTO bake table. Admission is $1 with plenty of parking.

Tues. 1

Singles In The Suburbs is a non-profit club for singles from ages 21 to 45, offering activities for people to meet in a casual environment. For more information or a newsletter call 781-721-4220.

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to senior citizens (65 years old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify. For more information, call 1-800-246-6010.

Wed. 2

Food Allergy in Children lecture to be held Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Furnace Brook Middle School auditorium 500 Furnace St., in Marshfield. Dr. Michael c. young, pediatric allergist and author of "The Peanut Allergy Answer Book", will present the most up-to-date information regarding food allergies, most notably peanut allergy in children. A question and answer will follow the lecture. For more information call, 781-837-1403.

Educational Series for Children of Aging Parents - Lectures will be held every Wednesday night from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in October at the Cohasset Senior Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset. A light supper will be followed by seniors for caregivers and elders. On Oct. 2, Legal issues including protecting assets; Oct. 9, How to get involved in parents' affairs; Oct. 16, Beating the high cost of health insurance; Oct. 23, Protecting elders from fraud and dishonest caregivers. Donation for the series is $10. Call Cohasset Elder affairs at 781-383-9112. Open to area residents.

Thurs. 3

Photography displayed at On Rye Deli South Shore photographer **Judith Enright** is featured on the walls of On Rye Deli, 119 Washington St. (Route 53), Norwell, as an ongoing exhibit, courtesy of Artful Things Gallery in Norwell. Enright, a resident of Norwell, won First Place in color photography at this summer's Pembroke Art Festival and has won awards previously from the Duxbury Art Association, North River Art Society, at the South Shore Art Center's Festival and in the Quincy Art Association summer show. Artful Things Gallery, 263 Washington St. (Route 53) Norwell, represents Enright and displays a number of her works. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and Monday by appointment.

Bingo is held every Friday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 440 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Games start at 6:45 p.m. and are open to anyone over 18 years old. Separate non-smoking room. The progressive jackpot is up to $3,000. The pull tab ticket jackpot is up to $2,000.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Timetations** on Oct. 3. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Art of Music Chamber Players open their fourth season Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. Featured works include Mendelssohn, Sonata for cello and piano No. 2 in D, Op 58; Mozart, String quartet in D, K.590; Elgar, piano quintet in A minor, Op. 84; at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street, Duxbury. Players are Irina Muresanu, violin; Biliana Voutchkova, violin; Don Krishnaswami, viola, Timothy Roberts, cello; Bonnie Anderson, piano. There will be a reception following the concert. For tickets and information, call 781-837-2705. General admission $20/$15 seniors/$5 students.

Fri. 4

Lunchtime Speaker Series: Next speaker on Oct. 4, from noon to 1 p.m. at the SSAC will be **Julie Foley**, an image coach, wardrobe manager and personal shopper that help women look and feel their best by utilizing personal body types, hair color and complexions. Ms. Foley helps to balance your personal lifestyle that enhances your self esteem makes her clients feel their very best. As a member of The New England Association of Image Consultants, Julie has been featured in Vogue and Who's Who in Women's Business. Please feel free to bring your lunch to the South Shore Art Center. Question and answer after her presentation, admission is free, open to all. For more info call Cohasset Social Service League 781-383-0771

Recent paintings by members of the Scituate Art Association will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Oct. 4, to Nov.6. An opening reception will be held Oct. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for more information call 781-659-7100.

Blue grass concert featuring **New England Bluegrass Northern Lights with Amy Gallatin and the Hot Flashes** in concert at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College. Tickets $14, general public; $12 students and senior citizens. Call 508-427-1234 for more information.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St., (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Ellen Schmidt, Cheryl Perreault, Steve Rapson, Deborah Rocha** on Oct. 4. All shows start at 7 p.m. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Swinging Steaks** on Sept. 28. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing Events

The Holbrook Library will be exhibiting watercolors by Norwell artist **Virginia Wilson** for the month of September. The exhibition features a series of paintings of scarecrows that the artist discovered at homes and gardens on the South Shore, a series of bird houses, and a series of windows. Ms. Wilson is a gallery artist at the South Shore Art Center and Cape Cod Art Association. The library is located on Plymouth Street,. in Holbrook center. For more information call 781-767-3644.

Artica Gallery 22, Depot St., Duxbury. **The Sailor's Hornpipe** is one of many original paintings by folk artist **Jeanne Replogle** on display at the Artica Gallery. Mrs. Replogle's one woman show, **Adventures in Art** will be exhibited through Oct. 31. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The exhibit is free.

A Night With Dame Edna – The Show That Cares at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Performances are Sept. 24, to Oct. 6. For tickets call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theater box office. For other information call 617-426-9366.

Lend a hand

TRAINING FOR NEW POOL OF SWIM VOLUNTEERS Swim With A Special Child hopes to expand its pool of volunteers as the program plunges into its 31st year of weekly swim classes for students with mental and/or physical disabilities. SWASC will hold orientation and training sessions for new and returning volunteers Sept. 17 and 24 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton. Free child care is provided for training and for weekly Tuesday classes beginning Oct. 1. Swimmers of all ability levels are needed to swim one-on-one with students age 3 to 22. No special skills are required, and a SWASC staff of class leaders and swim instructors works with each pair of swim buddies. Volunteers may swim for one, two or all three class sessions on Tuesdays from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m., Johnson said, and "floaters" and "snowbirds" are also welcome to come when they can.

PARENTAL STRESS LINE: Make a difference for children and their parents. parents' and children's services needs volunteers as telephone counselors for the parental Stress Line. A comprehensive training is given and volunteers can choose from a weekly three and a half hour shift, day or evening, weekday or weekends. Located by the Back Bay T stop. There is training class scheduled for Sept. 28, at 10 a.m.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON is sprucing up for the busy year ahead as it closes its doors for its annual Fall Spruceup from Sunday, Sept. 1 through 16. Volunteers are needed. If you can clean, paint, sew and mend, launder, do light carpentry or have any other skills, we can use you. For more information call 508-230-3789.

BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS Offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office, 1458 Hancock St., and weekly ones at the Boston office. An informational session will be held Sept. 18 from noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. in Quincy. Call 617-328-1061 or 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org.

SOUTH SHORE THERAPEUTIC RIDING seeks volunteers There are a group of kids from the South Shore who need your help this fall. A long waiting list of riders with cerebral palsy, autism, and other motor dysfunctions are waiting for treatment involving horse back riding (called hippotherapy), but the program needs volunteers. "Sidewalkers" walk along beside the horse while the physical or occupational therapist works with the patient. A "horse leader," who is experienced working with horses, leads the horse. Sidewalkers do not need to know anything about horses or physical therapy but they must be great cheerleaders and ready to lend a steady hand to some of the most courageous riders on the South Shore.

Sidewalkers and horse leaders can be an adult or teen, and simply must commit to one or two hours per week, walking beside Peaches or Tilly as these gentle horses and therapist Cindy Spooner help disabled clients gain strength and coordination through riding. Call Cindy Spooner at 781-826-4970 if you can spend an hour or two a week helping some of these aspiring riders realize a dream at River Wind Farm in Pembroke. All volunteers will be trained. Both sidewalkers and horse leaders are needed.

ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION, GREATER BOSTON Volunteers are needed to help organize walkers, work on logistics, and help along the walk route for the 10th Annual Alzheimer's Association Greater Boston Memory Walk on Sept. 22. The walk, begins and ends at Canal Park at the Cambridgeside Galleria in Cambridge, benefits the Alzheimer's Association's programs that provide care and support for individuals and families touched by the disease. Volunteer and make a difference. For more information call the Alzheimer's Association at 617-868-6718 x 208 or email memorywalk@alzmass.org

KINGSTON COUNCIL ON AGING needs volunteers to deliver Meals On Wheels to Homebound elders. Mileage reimbursement is available. Contact the Council On Aging at 781-585-0511 or 781-585-0512.

VISION COMMUNITY SERVICES (A Division of the Massachusetts Association for the Blind). Did you know that your eyesight can be as valuable to others as it is for you? Vision Community Services needs volunteers to read or shop with a blind neighbor, to help that person maintain independence. Two hours per week and a desire to help is all you need; hours are flexible. We'll provide the training and support. Opportunities are available throughout Massachusetts. Mass. Call Donna Bailey at 1-800-852-3029. or visit our volunteer page at www.mablind.org

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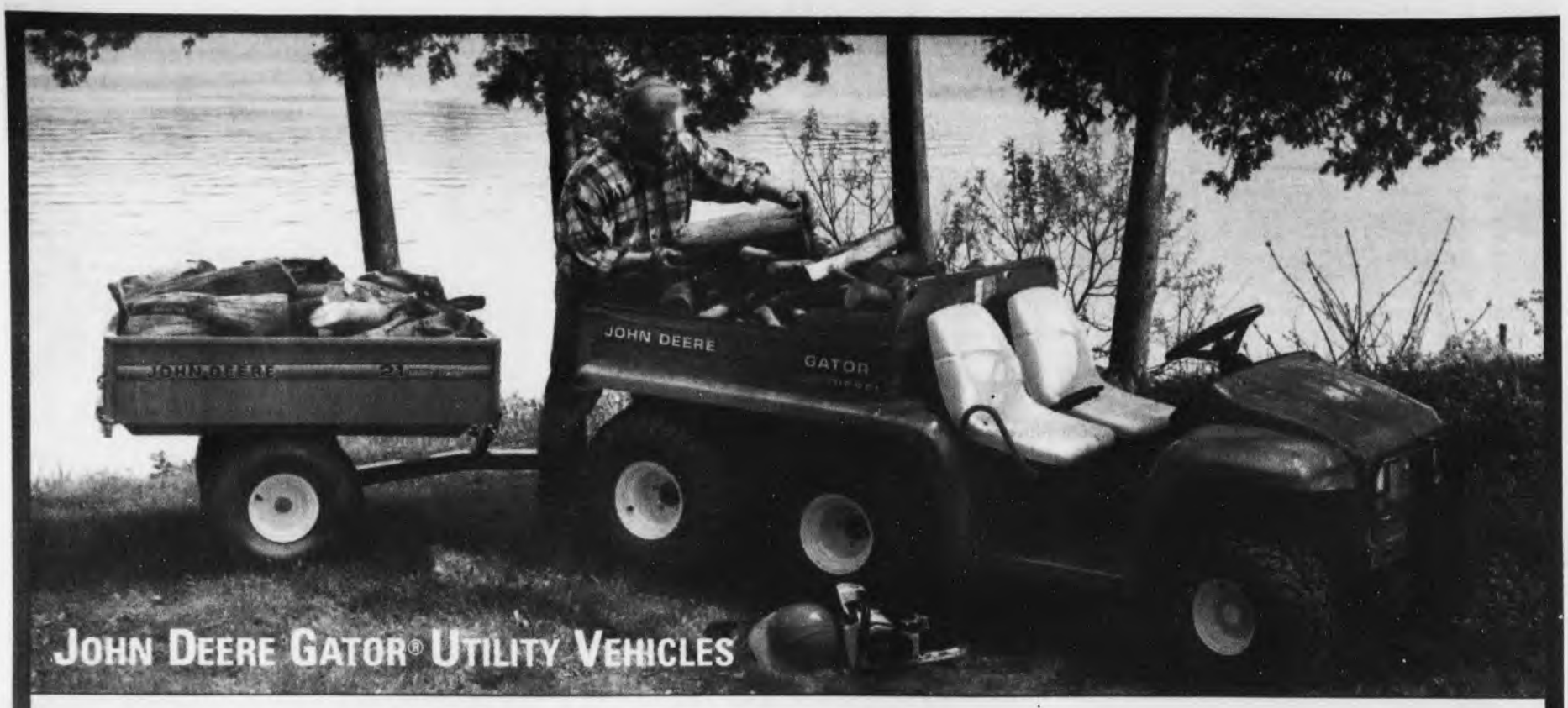

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Callahan steps to plate

Wants board to reiterate opposition to field naming

By Brian J. Scully
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What's in a name?

If you are talking about the new ball fields at the site of the old gravel pits – everything.

In a debate that refuses to go away, Selectman Tom Callahan, citing support from fellow member Ronnie McMorris (who was not present at the meeting), challenged his fellow board members not to back down on their opposition to the Little League selling the naming rights to the new fields. Callahan made his comments during the board's meeting Tuesday.

"The decision shouldn't have been made for us and hoisted upon us in this way," said Callahan. "We were put up against the wall and I think that some of the selectmen are feeling the pressure that we have a bill to pay and no way to pay it."

The project was funded by a $200,000 appropriation from the general fund at last year's town meeting, a $100,000 fund from the Community Preservation Committee, and a $150,000 commitment from the Little League.

As part of the $150,000 that Little League has raised for the $450,000 project, $100,000 was pledged on a naming rights commitment.

The Red Lion Inn contributed $50,000 to the fields and asked for the right to name the three field complex through commu-

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BLAST OFF!

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Deer Hill School principal Paul Callahan, sixth graders Owen Landon and Ian Lyster watch as Nick Simmons launches a rocket during week-long activities at Camp Bourndale. The programs help students develop teamwork, science skills and better understand nature. See more photos, pages 14 and 15.

Town picks Realtor to promote Pratt

By Brian J. Scully
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The town has chosen Grand Gables Realty Group Inc. of North Scituate to market the Paul Pratt Library.

Town Manager Mark Haddad had been talking to area Realtors in an effort to secure a better price for the library. Twice, the property has gone out to bid and twice, the town has not received an adequate selling price. The town needs to recoup at least $700,000 for the property as that money is directly tied to the remodeling of the old Osgood School into the new Paul Pratt Library. According to Town Manager Mark Haddad, the new library will be completed in January and the move from the old building will take place in February.

"I'm very excited," Haddad said about selecting a Realtor. "I'll tell you right now it was tough, because I think that all of the Realtors who came to the table would do a great job for us, and I just had to go with somebody."

In order to comply with state regulations, the property will still have to go out to bid. Grand Gables' role will be to bring a buyer to the table for that bidding process. Final details of the deal have yet to be decided.

"It's going to be an exciting

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Campaign kicks into high gear

Hedlund, LeClair define issued

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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The sorry condition of state government tops the list of issues as incumbent state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and challenger Ted LeClair, D-Marshfield, rev up towards the Nov. 5 election for the state Senate seat in the Plymouth/Norfolk District.

Other issues are the yet-to-be-achieved cardiac surgery license for South Shore Hospital, education, the state tax hike, and Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law.

Neither Hedlund nor LeClair has kudos for the goings-on on Beacon Hill, where the budget crisis seems to worsen daily, but they differ on how the legislative quagmire should be approached.

Hedlund said the lack of a strong two-party system is part of the problem.

"They're like lemmings up here," Hedlund said. "State government is currently a disaster, from a financial standpoint and a process standpoint. If the people knew how legislative leadership is letting things function, they would revolt. One

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Improvement ideas floated for harbor

Upcoming meeting targeted for discussion

By Brian J. Scully
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Town Manager Mark Haddad scheduled 15 minutes at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting for Dean Rizzo of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation to talk about the group's plans for possible improvements to the Harbor.

It wasn't even close to enough.

In order to gather public opinion on the subject and digest the issue, the decision – and discussion – were put off until the board's next meeting on Oct. 8.

Rizzo said it was important to have the support of the selectmen, at least in principal, before it invests more money into the project.

But, approximately 15 area residents attended the meeting and what was meant to be a quick overview quickly devolved into a debate.

The fence at the site seemed to generate the most interest. Currently the fence consists of two horizontal beams placed on posts about six feet apart. The fence as it stands, is grandfathered in, but if it is changed in any way, it must be brought up to code.

However, if the fence *is* replaced and brought up to standards, the state transportation grant could be applied to $1 million of the $1.3 million price tag on the project. That grant provides 90 percent funding for a project, but takes into consideration planning that is already completed. With the planning provided free to the town by the CRC, the level of funding for the sidewalk and fence restoration could reach 100 percent. The remaining portion of the

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Adam Yeager, Samantha Murphy, Gabriella Flibotte, and Justin Connors take a test row on land at the Hagerty property open house held on Saturday.

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Part of Elm St. to become one way

The Board of Selectmen has decided to make the downtown portion of Elm Street one way on a one-month trial basis, after receiving positive feedback from area business owners.

The idea was floated by Town Manager Mark Haddad at previous selectmen meetings and culminated in a visit to the local businesses by Haddad, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, and Craig Miller of the Waterfield Design Group.

The street would become one way from the Hingham Institute for Saving to the Cohasset Hardware Store.

The new regulation will take effect from Oct. 14 to Nov. 15, at which time the board will re-asses the situation.

ZBA schedule set

The Zoning Board of Appeals has announced its tentative schedule for meeting in the upcoming months, both for the AvalonBay 40B hearing and their regularly scheduled hearings.

All AvalonBay hearings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Public comment on the issue will be held until all of the evidence had been presented, but at that time there will be ample opportunity for all relevant questions and comments to be heard.

The schedule is as follows:

Mon., Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting.

Mon., Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m., Avalon hearing. – Avalon's presentation

Mon., Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting.

Wed., Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Avalon hearing – Avalon's presentation

Mon., Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting.

Mon., Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., Avalon hearing – Input from Town of Cohasset Boards.

Reservoir capacity continues to withstand drought

While Southeastern Massachusetts is still in a drought "watch" status, dozens of cities and towns still have outside watering bans, and the rest of the state is in a continuing drought advisory, Cohasset's Aaron River Reservoir is still almost completely full.

"The Reservoir is holding at about 80 percent of capacity," said John McNabb, chairman of the Cohasset Water Commission. "Which means that we have continued to successfully withstand one of the worst droughts in decades, and we still have more than enough water to provide all of Cohasset's needs. Compare this to the Summer of 1997, when the Reservoir was at about 50 percent of capacity and there was no need to consider an outside watering ban."

"Unlike just about every other town on the East Coast, the Cohasset Water Department did not impose restrictions on outside watering this year, and" said McNabb, "because of the continued healthy condition of the Reservoir, we do not anticipate any need to do so."

"This situation is largely due to the vision of the Water Commission and the Town in the 1970s, when the Reservoir and the Lily Pond Treatment Plant was constructed, and because of the support we have received from the Town over the years, and we want to thank the Town once again for providing the Water Department with this support," said McNabb

"When full, the Aaron River Reservoir contains 323 million gallons of water," said McNabb. "This should give confidence to the people of Cohasset that we have more than enough water for our needs now and into the future."

"Cohasset's water supply, which includes Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir," said McNabb, "has a "safe yield" of 3.5 million gallons a day. This is much greater than our average demand of 710,000 gallons a day and our projected water demand twenty years or more into the future."

"The Cohasset Water Dept. has not had an outside watering ban since 1995, said McNabb, "because of the massive size of our water supply. The outside watering bans we had in 1994 and 1995 were because of problems in our distribution system, which have been fixed, and because of our ongoing water system capital improvements program."

Bids requested for water treatment plant improvements

The Water Commission has issued Request for Bids for construction of improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant. Sealed Bids for this project are due no later than 2 p.m., Nov. 6, at the Town Manager's office at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

"These improvements will help improve the operation of the Lily Pond Treatment Plant by allowing the Plant, for the first time, to produce water continuously, and will benefit all of our ratepayers," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission.

This project include installation of Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) on the finished water pumps, new finished water pumps, and flow paced chemical feeds to automatically regulate the injection of treatment plant chemicals into the water.

The project is planned to commence no later than January 1, and be finished by June 1, 2003. Plans and specifications are available from Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. at their offices a 5 Centennial Drive, Peabody, Mass. for $50.

Main replacement program begins

Water Department contractor D&C Construction has begun the Water Commission's new water main replacement program, which will replace about 1.2 miles of undersized water pipes to improve fire protection and water service throughout Cohasset.

The schedule for construction is as follows:

September 2002

Begin Lothrop Lane, to replace approximately 1,000 feet of undersized 6-inch pipe with 8-inch Ductile Iron Pipe

Begin Redgate Lane, to replace approximately 1,050 feet of undersized 6-inch pipe with 8-inch Ductile Iron Pipe

October 2002

Begin Hobart Lane, to replace approximately 1350 feet of undersized 2-inch pipe and 6-inch pipe with 8-inch Ductile Iron Pipe

November 2002

Begin Sheldon Road, to replace approximately 500 feet of undersized 2-inch and 6-inch pipe with 8-inch Ductile Iron Pipe

December 2002

Begin Windsor Road/Westgate Lane, to replace approximately 900 feet of undersized 2-inch pipe with 8-inch Ductile Iron Pipe

January 2003

Replace Fire Hydrants on Church St and Evergreen Ln.

Begin Nichols Rd, replace 8-inch water main located in Cat Dam Bridge to restore Nichols Road water distribution loop.

Begin drainage project at Hammond Ave and Locust Rd, install drainage pipe (approximately 1000 feet of 12 to 24-inch drain pipes, and 50 feet of 24x36 Box Culvert) and structures (Drain Manholes Drop Inlets and Catch Basins) to improve drainage conditions.

February 2003

Begin water project at Hammond Ave and Locust Rd,, to replace approximately 200 feet of undersized 2-inch pipe, and create a distribution loop with a 8-inch Ductile Iron Pipe

March 2003

Begin Beechwood Street, to replace isolation valves at intersection of Doane and Beechwood Streets, and to replace approximately 200 feet of undersized 6-inch pipe with 10-inch Ductile Iron Pipe.

Begin Bound Brook Lane, to replace approximately 550 feet of undersized 2-inch pipe with 8-inch Ductile Iron Pipe.

April 2003

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Churches to host parenting seminar

St. John's Episcopal Church, along with the First Church of Christ Scientist, Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, and other area churches, invite you to attend a seminar titled "10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting" to be held Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. John's church, 172 Main Street, Hingham. The talk will be followed by a book signing and refreshments. The event is free and open to the general public.

"World events have prompted families to search for new ways to become closer to one another and new ways to incorporate a sense of spirituality into their lives," says the Rev. Robert Edson, rector of St. John's. "We are delighted to join with other churches in the area to help all families explore this vital aspect of raising children."

The program will be presented by Mimi Doe, M.Ed., the author of 10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting: Nurturing Your Child's Soul, which won the 1998 Parents' Choice Seal of Approval and was a finalist in the Books for a Better Life Award. Her latest book is Busy, But Balanced: Practical and Inspirational Ways to Create a Calmer, Closer Family. Ladies Home Journal called Mimi "a parenting guru" and her work has been covered in publications such as Child, Parenting, McCalls, Family Circle, Publisher's Weekly, and USA Today. She has appeared on talk radio and television programs including Oprah. Mimi is the co-author of Drawing Angels Near: Children Tell of Angels in Words and Pictures and she holds a master's degree in education from Harvard. Mimi's name is synonymous with spirituality and families. Her workshops and seminars have changed the way thousands of parents interact with the children in their lives. Mimi's popular on-line newsletter, Spiritual Parenting Thought for the Week has over 30,000 subscribers from around the world and she is a parenting expert on Beliefnet.com.

During this non-denominational talk, Mimi will share specific techniques and practical, creative suggestions for ways to nurture and address your child's inner life day to day—how to add magic to the ordinary, make each day a new beginning and release the struggle. For more information about the program, call Amy Tunnicliffe at 749-1836 or Mary Kay Burnett at 383-9644.

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Fall special shaping up

Selectmen review draft warrant

By Brian J. Scully
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Special Town Meeting season is upon us again and the latest edition, scheduled for Nov. 18, promises to be hotly contested, with issues as far-ranging as an article for a new school bus and a citizen's petition asking the town to declare a moratorium on Chapter 40B affordable housing projects.

Town Manager Mark Haddad declined comment on the warrant, simply because it is not yet in a finalized format. The warrant closed at 4:30 p.m. on Sept 24, just hours before Haddad presented the rough draft to the Board of Selectmen.

"It's so preliminary at this point, because a lot of people will have to come in to give us more information on everything, and we'll have further debate about them," agreed Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, after the warrant was first presented. "I think that Mark got it all together very quickly, so at least everybody knows, in the public, what's going to be on the warrant so that if they have an interest in getting more information about particular articles, they can start to do so."

Below are the highlights:

- One of the most controversial issues will be the citizen petition articles brought forward by the group Cohasset Action. The articles ask the town will create a plan for affordable housing within the town and to declare a moratorium on Chapter 40B (see related article).
- The School Committee will be asking for an additional $99,000 in funding at the Special Town Meeting, on top of the $100,000 that was held back from its budget at the Annual Town Meeting. The request for additional funds is split up into $60,000 for a school bus, $32,000 to replace grant funding that paid for the elementary school health teachers, and $7,000 to cover the cost of the early retirement of janitor Kevin Soule.
- The warrant also includes an article for $60,000 to hire architects to further design the proposed renovation of the Police/Fire Station on Elm Street.
- There will also be an article that will ask for either a debt exclusion of Proposition 2 fi in order to bury the electrical wires underground in conjunction with the Downtown Revitalization Project. The selectmen are undecided on the matter, but have will let the public debate the issue at Town Meeting.
- The Senior Housing Committee has an article which seeks to create an overlay district for senior housing. Those meetings began Tuesday night with the presentation by the Cohasset Action Group.
- The Community Preservation Committee will present an article to purchase the Barnes property, as well as a secondary small project that will restore the gates of the Beechwood Cemetery.

Articles open door for 40B debate

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The two citizens petition articles aimed at curbing Chapter 40B have been edited and approved by Town Counsel and received a favorable reaction from the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday night.

The articles intent have not changed, but their wording has, in order to correct a violation of the separation of powers. The articles originally mandated that the town take action, first on a plan to meet their 40B requirements, and second to declare a moratorium on 40B affordable housing projects within the town. Since Town Meeting is the legislative body, a directive from them to the town's boards (the executive body) would be illegal.

The original articles will still appear on the warrant, because of the petition, but the Board of Selectmen voted to include the revisions as motions, printed on the warrant, below the articles in order to reduce confusion.

The articles now request that specific town boards take action on creating an affordable housing plan by Jan. 1, 2003. The proponent of the articles, Michael Westcott — the head of the Cohasset Action, the town's anti-40B group — said such a goal could be accomplished in a short time.

"I think they've demonstrated their support," said Westcott. "Everybody still has their individual issues, but overall to get that support was good, I thought it went well."

Cohasset Action formed and brought the articles forward in response to the plans by AvalonBay to build at 200-unit 40B project at 155 King St. The project will not be directly affected by any of these actions, because it has already begun hearings with the town's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he is pleased to see a group of citizen taking an active role in the town.

"I think it is great to come forward and help," said Sullivan. "There are so many different pieces to this discussion that the more people out doing research on it and bringing it forward the better off the town is."

There was a hearty debate on the issues relative to the subject, but despite many different viewpoints and possible scenarios, it seemed that all involved wanted to insure that the town has as much control as possible over the project.

"Part of the issue is we desperately need to get affordable housing, we frankly need rental housing," said Westcott. "What we can't afford as a town is that much of it all in one fell swoop, all together like that. That's the fundamental issue, because we absolutely need to diversify the housing."

The board did not take a vote on whether to recommend the article at the meeting.

"We'll all slowly reach a conclusion about this issue as a town, but it is not a black and white issue," said Sullivan.

ON THE ROPES

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Ryan Connors pretends to go up the mast in the Hagerty property boat house during Saturday's open house.

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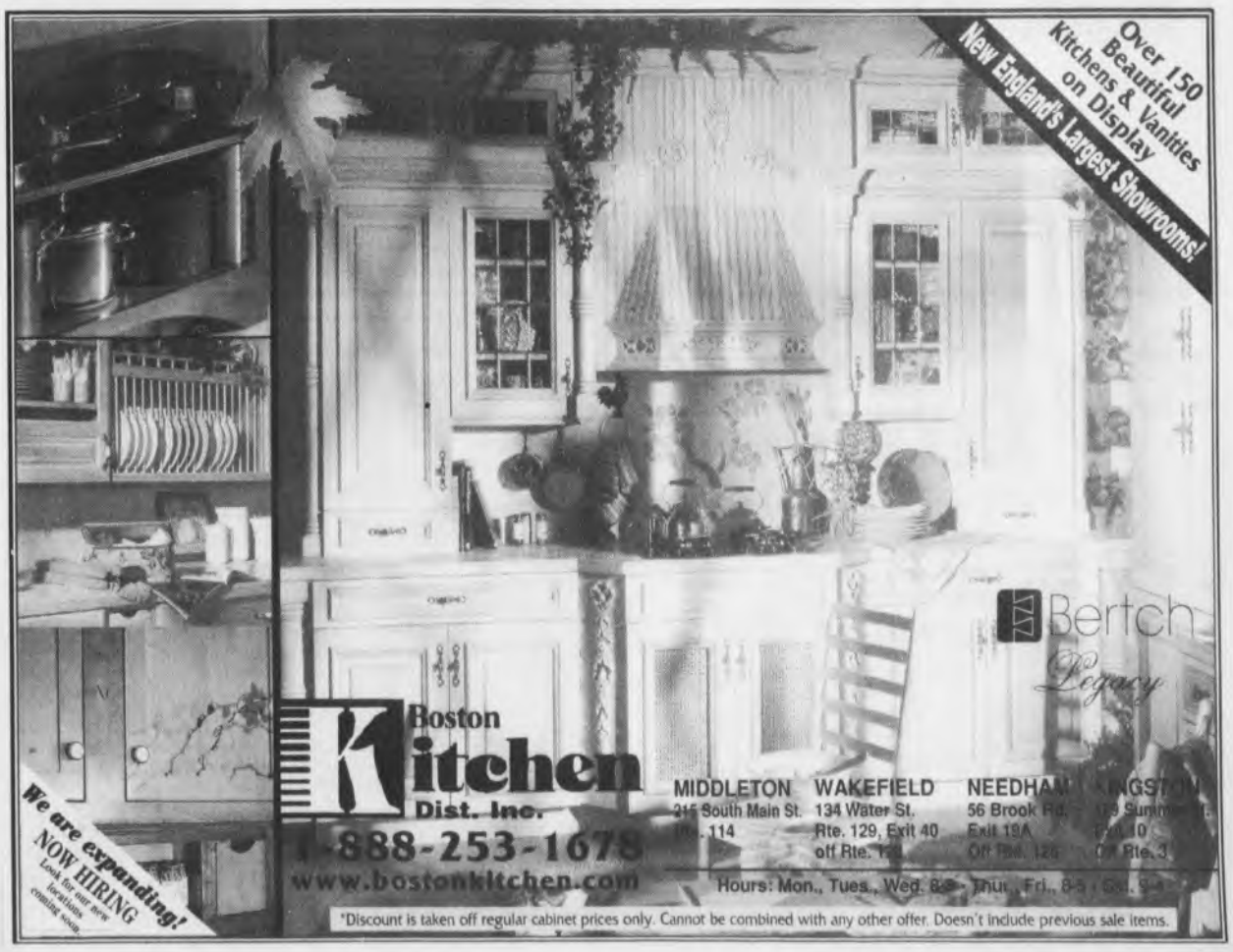

The Portland revisited

Maritime museum hosts underwater archeological exhibit

By Alice Coyle
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It sank during an epic storm more than 100 years ago.

It was discovered on the ocean floor off Cape Anne by John Fish and Arnie Carr of American Underwater Search and Survey in 1989 and rediscovered in July by Stellwagen Bank Sanctuary and NOAA researchers.

But the mysteries surrounding the ill-fated paddle wheel steamer Portland continue to intrigue and capture the imagination of Scituate Historical Society trustees and authors David Ball and Fred Freitas.

In 1995, Ball and Freitas released "Warnings Ignored," their story of the Portland Gale — an Atlantic tempest that sank 100 ships and claimed some 400 lives up and down the east coast from Virginia to Nova Scotia.

In Scituate, there is a permanent, visible reminder of the storm which literally changed the geography of the town when the raging ocean broke through the North River separating Fourth Cliff, from Third Cliff. Today, the only way to Humarock by land is through Marshfield.

The gale and the wrecked vessel for which it was named will be revisited and remembered this weekend in a special one-day exhibit at Scituate's Maritime and Irish Mossing Museum. The program is being done in conjunction with the state Board of Underwater Archeological Resources to mark Massachusetts Archeology Week.

In the room that houses artifacts from the ship — including two stateroom doors and a life jacket that washed ashore in Provincetown in the storm's wake — the board's assistant director David Truby will bring some of the equipment used to locate wrecks like the Portland.

Truby said the main tool researchers use, the side scan sonar, is a device towed behind the research boat that sends out sound waves that travel through the water column and bounce of anything on the bottom. The sonar then creates an image of the submerged object on a computer screen. Visitors at this weekend's exhibition will get an up-close look at this and other surveying tools.

"We'll have the side scan sonar, the software to show how surveys are done and even some sonar images of famous wrecks, like the Edmund Fitzgerald," said Truby.

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, groups and organizations in towns across the state are doing archeological week programs, said Truby, who noted the Scituate exhibit is the first his board has organized.

And while the program will highlight recent relocation of the Portland, Truby said the Scituate exhibit plan didn't start out that way.

The board, which issues all permits for underwater archeology, became interested in doing a Scituate exhibit when local divers Tom Miloy of Scituate and Bill Carter of Marshfield came in to renew their underwater excavation permits. The two have done extensive work on the Forest Queen — a ship that went aground off Sand Hills in 1853 loaded with the silver that many believe accounted for Irish mosser and immigrant Daniel Ward's fortune. The board had come to know of Scituate's Maritime Museum through Miloy and Carter and even held one of its meetings there about two years ago, Truby said.

"It's very professional and well done," Truby said of the museum.

Its standing exhibit of Portland artifacts made the museum an even more attractive location for an archeology week exhibit, when the wreck of the steamship was relocated in July.

"When the Portland story came out again we decided we could include it in our exhibit," said Truby.

The program which will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday will feature video footage from the recent survey of the Portland wreck, widely known as New England's "Titanic."

While it is not known with certainty the number of lives lost on the Portland — Freitas and Ball have a count of 192 crew and passengers in their book — the tragedy touched hundreds of lives all over the region.

A passenger vessel, the Portland was a 280-foot long, 42-foot wide, side wheel steamer. With a top speed of 15 knots, the Portland traveled between Boston and its home port, Portland, Maine regularly.

In "Warnings Ignored," Ball and Freitas write the Portland's captain, Hollis Blanchard had received weather reports that day indicating a storm was brewing, but probably believed he could outrun it on his return trip to Maine. "The winds had died down and shifted direction earlier in the afternoon, which may have made Blanchard think the storm was heading out to sea," Ball said.

But the Portland's sister ship, The Bay State, remained in port heeding the weather warnings, Hollis ignored.

The Portland departed Boston at 7 p.m., Nov. 26, 1898, with a full load of passengers heading home following the Thanksgiving holiday.

They never made it.

Freitas said debris from the ship began coming ashore in Provincetown, along with bodies by Sunday evening. Only about 35 bodies were ever found — Ball surmises many more must have missed the outer tip of the Cape along with much of the debris from the wrecked ship.

Today, some of the ship's paddle and the engine sit along with the hull in deep waters off Cape Anne. Board of Underwater Archeological Resources Director Victor Mastone was out on the research vessel that relocated the Portland in July. Being aboard when what he called "the big wreck for Massachusetts and all of New England" was found was an amazing experience, Mastone said.

"The Portland is such a mystery," he said. "To be there when it was relocated was very exciting."

Mastone said while NOAA and Stellwagen Bank Sanctuary researchers knew about where the Portland was located, it was not until recently they turned their attention to finding the wreck again. Focused on marine life and resources, the researchers began to focus on cultural resources within the bank, including shipwrecks, Mastone said. With a general knowledge of where the wreck, was researchers began looking for its exact location and hit their target July 27.

"We were not sure at first that we had the Portland," Mastone noted. "We measured it, it looked like the right length so we sent out the ROV — remote operated vehicle."

Once researchers saw the remnants of the side wheel paddle, Mastone said they were sure they had rediscovered the wreck of the Portland.

"It was the right size and there were no other side wheel paddle ships lost in that vicinity," he said.

The depth of the water — a figure NOAA researchers won't reveal to keep the curious from disturbing the site — and its cold temperature has helped to preserve far more of the wood structure than Mastone expected to find. Except for the hull, side paddle and engines, the rest of the ship's superstructure, including all of the staterooms is gone. It is believed that during the height of the storm the superstructure was wiped off, Mastone said.

"Large waves probably knocked the structure off and swamped the vessel," he said, noting "the hull went down and is sitting flat on its bottom and upright."

Still unanswered after 104 years and a haunting question to both Ball and Freitas, is the time the Portland succumbed to the towering seas and raging storm. Watches found on the recovered bodies stopped at 9 o'clock. But Ball and Freitas wonder was it 9 a.m. or p.m. Considering the magnitude of the tragedy and the terrifying conditions the passengers and crew had to endure at the height of the storm, Ball said he has always hoped that the Portland's demise came the following morning and did not extend until 9 p.m. on Nov. 27.

"I just hope those poor people weren't tortured with it for 26 hours," said Ball.

Ball and Frietas both hope the relocation of the Portland will answer some of the questions surrounding the ship and its end.

"There is a lot more to learn on future trips to the wreck," Mastone said. There will be more field work and mapping of the site, which Mastone said has become a nice marine habitat.

"There are a lot of huge cod there."

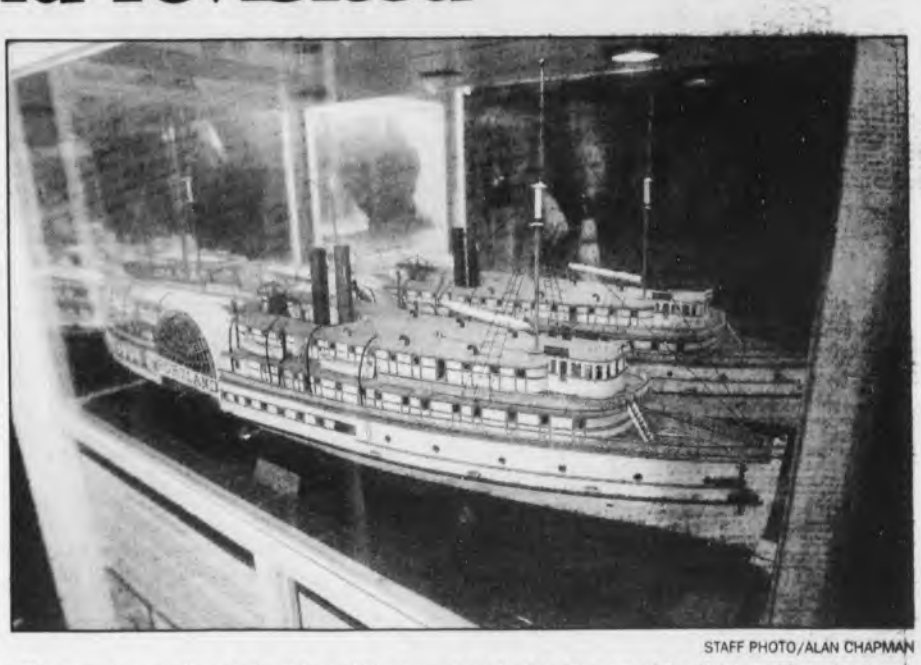
There are also several gill nets draped over the wreck which researchers discovered when the remote operated vehicle became entangled in them.

Mastone said he is not sure what, if any artifacts may be found within the wrecked vessel and what might be done with items discovered. But a public exhibit, like those that followed the discovery of the Titanic would be of great interest and value especially to the many relatives and descendents of those who lost their lives aboard the Portland.

For now, the only Portland display to see is in Scituate, and Ball and Freitas are pleased to be hosting this unique, collaborative exhibit — a program they hope will expose more area residents to the museum and its collection of historic artifacts and resources.

"We're the only maritime museum that has a standing exhibition on the storm and the wrecks," said Freitas.

The exhibit "Marine Archeology in Massachusetts; Locating Lost Ships and the Forest Queen Site," will be held Saturday, Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Scituate's Maritime and Irish Mossing Museum. The museum is located at 301 Driftway. Admission to the event is free. For more information contact the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archeological Resources at (617) 626-1032 or the Scituate Historical Society at (781) 545-1083.



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This exquisite replica of the side paddle steamship Portland is part of the Scituate Historical Society's standing exhibit on the devastating 1898 storm. In the background is Scituate Historical Society Trustee and Marshfield resident Fred Freitas, who, with David Ball co-authored the book "Warnings Ignored," on the storm and the wreck for which it is named.

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For the third season in a row, an "Evening of Song" will be presented at Norwell's Cushing Center on Friday October 4, and Saturday Oct. 5 at 7:30 P. M. Led by musical director and cast member Meri-Lee Mafera (Marshfield), "Evening of Song" will leave you humming some of your favorite tunes from a variety of decades including "Sentimental Journey," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "In the Still of the Night" that will delight audiences of all ages. With a talented cast including Virginia Kulka (Norwell), Bill and Brenda McColgan (Whitman) and Michael Hammond (Holbrook), the show's seasoned performers will make for a great evening of entertainment.

Andy Mahony and Peter Kulka, both of Norwell are once again coupled as co-emcees, playing off one another with light comedy between numbers.

The five piece band will include Meri-Lee Mafera at the piano, Tim Maynard (Weymouth) on drums, Connie Reisdorf (Watertown) synthesizer, Brett Willmott (Weymouth) guitar, and Tony Sumbury (Watertown) on bass.

"Talent abounds in the past performances that we've had," says Mafera, "and you won't be disappointed this year either."

The show was originally conceived by Peter Kulka as a way to raise funds for some of the programs of Norwell's American Legion. All proceeds the first year went toward helping the Town of Norwell erect a Veteran's Monument and the common area. Last year's proceeds went to helping the American Red Cross and other noteworthy programs that the Legion sponsors.

This year the proceeds will be directed to additional needs such as hospice care for Legionnaires and continued work on the monument.

Herb Fredrickson, Commander of Norwell's Legion Post is very enthusiastic about the show. "Come on down and enjoy a great night of entertainment while giving support to our noteworthy causes. Everyone who has come to our other performances in the past have really had a great time."

"Each year our audiences keep getting larger," says Kulka. "Last year there was standing room only. When we sang our patriotic songs, there wasn't a dry eye in the audience."

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Soccer Boosters Club's annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 6th, 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. at the High School will feature an appearance by Christine McCann of the women's professional soccer team the Boston Breakers. Christine will be at the High School cafeteria to sign autographs from 10-11 a.m. Your ticket will also enter you in this year's Raffle. Prizes include tickets to a Bruins and a Celtics game, gift certificates to several local restaurants and numerous other items. Proceeds from the breakfast support our High School soccer teams. Tickets ($5 per person) are available in advance from any Middle or High School soccer player or by calling **Debbie Shadd** at 383-1624.

PARTY TIME

Come Party so they can play! The playground fundraising committee of the South Shore Community Center Nursery School cordially invites all to a special evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dancing and a silent auction. Catering is provided by Tony Ambrose of Ambrosia on Huntington in Boston. Saturday, Oct. 19, 7pm. Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham. Cost is $50 per person. RSVP to **Linda Kleir** at 781-383-6061.

SPEAK UP

LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES: Friday Oct. 4 noon to 1p.m. at the South Shore Art Center. Professional image consultant, wardrobe manager and personal shopper, Julie Foley, will be our next guest at the Social Service League sponsered speaker series. Ms. Foley speaks to groups nationally and has been featured in Vogue. Her array of services helps her clients to look and feel their best by analyzing personal color, body type and lifestyle. Julie will introduce the five looks of lifestyle, social/casual, work, formal and recreation.Her array of services also include closet clutter control and wardrobe makeovers.

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Osgood first-grade teacher Laura Keating reads with Michael Linvingstone.

HARVEST TIME

The **Beechwood Congregational Church** is holding its Harvest Supper on Thursday evening, Oct. 24, at 6:30. Ham, green beans, harvard beets, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, dessert and a beverage will be served. Following dinner, harvest items will be auctioned off. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

GET YOUR T-SHIRTS

A note from **Sharon Moody**, the children's librarian at the Paul Pratt Library. There are still many T-shirts waiting to be picked up at the library for participants in the library program this past summer.

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NEELY MAKES WAVES

Senior defender **Neely Wakeman** of Cohasset is a member of the 2002 William Smith College field hockey team.

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Joel R. Carpenter, 370 King St.; **Gregory M. Donovan**, 422 King St.; and **Daniel P. Kinchla**, 12 Hillside Drive, are members of the Class of 2006 at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.

SPEED RACER

Andrew Chang, 13, of Cohasset successfully completed the Junior Race School at F1 Boston in Braintree. Andrew is now eligible to take part in F1 Boston's Junior Leagues and practice sessions.

SAFEGUARDING YOUR KIDS

Calling all parents of children in Seventh Grade. This coming Tuesday, Oct. 8, is the Project Safeguard program for students and their parents. The program kicks off at 7:30 am on the Town Common and runs till noon. Make the plans to come and spend this time with your child as the information is so important to hear and share together.

Seventh grade students at Cohasset Middle School will be participating in this special program known as Cohasset Project SAFEGUARD. What makes this program special is the fact that it attempts to involve the entire community in helping young people avoid making harmful decisions regarding the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs.

Alcohol and drug abuse is well recognized as a societal problem that has many contributing factors. The Project SAFEGUARD Committee, comprised of educators, clergy, and parents, believes that the cooperation of the entire community is necessary if the drug and alcohol abuse problem is going to be effectively addressed. Project SAFEGUARD will bring seventh grade students and their parents together for a half-day of presentations and discussion designed to supplement school health education and guidance programs by encouraging students to make healthy choices and by providing support and guidance to parents in their effort to raise "drug free" children.

The Project is subsidized by the Parent-School Organization and community donations making it a true community effort. This year's featured speaker is Ed Gerety. Mr. Gerety is one of America's top youth motivational speakers and leadership trainers. His inspirational, educational, and entertaining messages focus on respect, character, leadership, and personal responsibility.

Students will also view and discuss the play Jesse's Journal, an innovative health program for middle school students developed by The Women's Crisis Center of Newburyport. This presentation uses drama as an educational tool to address a variety of middle school issues including family and peer relationships, appearance and behavior, dating, gender issues, substance use and abuse, and social and academic stress. Cohasset Middle School and High School students will act out the play. In addition, there will be opportunities for small group discussions and interaction among the students and adults.

Parents of seventh grade students, as well as other interested community members are invited and encouraged to attend. The program will utilize a "campus on the common" format beginning at the Cohasset Town Hall at 7:30 A.M. and also making use of the Second Congregational Church and St. Stephen's Church. The program for students will be completed by 11:30 A.M. to be followed by a parent luncheon.

Please call **Karen Oronte** at 781-383-6737 with any questions or to register your attendance.

That is it for this week. Please send me all information that you have by noon on Mondays. EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com PHONE: 781-383-0143 MAIL: 622 CJC Highway

Troy Chatterton and his bride, Jennifer McAuliffe, who were married Aug. 3 and held their reception at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's House.

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Baker puts feelings to music

Releases CD with his band

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

"Feelings are feelings no matter who has them," said Steve Baker about the songs on his debut CD with his band, Violet Fame.

A Hull resident who grew up in Cohasset, Baker wrote the six tracks that appear on the disc, entitled Gallery of Hearts, which is being sold on Amazon.com and CDBaby.com. Drawing on his life for inspiration, he said he believes people can connect with the emotions in the songs, a mixture of folk and blues styles.

Steve Baker and his band Violet Fame have performed for years at events around the South Shore.

Steve Baker plays a song from his debut CD, which he recorded over a period of two years.

"Workboot Valley" is a song Baker wrote at a time in his life when he felt financially trapped.

"I was working a lot, but it seemed to be for nothing," he said. "I was working and working, but didn't seem to be moving forward."

Baker and his band have performed for years at events around the South Shore and said he always received a strong reaction for these particular six; thus, they were the ones he chose to record.

Though he's been in a band for a good portion of his life, this is the first attempt Baker has made to record music. He plays all the guitars on the album, which took a couple of years to record and produce, while his fiancée, Nadine Henry, sings the lead vocals.

The couple met when Henry was singing karaoke one night at KoKo Island. Baker said he asked her to join the 30s jazz band he was playing in at the time and a romantic relationship eventually grew out of the collaboration. Baker wrote "21st Century PO Blues" based on Henry's career at the Hingham Post Office.

Baker moved to Cohasset at the age of 12 and attended the high school, during which he took a few music lessons but eventually taught himself to play the guitar. After graduating in 1984, he took a few college courses, but his father soon opened 3A Carpet in Cohasset and Baker was needed in the store, where he has worked ever since.

While Baker has sent the disc into a few local radio stations and has aspirations to break into the music industry, he said he's realistic about it as well.

"I'm not going to quit my day job, but it's something that's always been in the back of my mind," he said.

Being a professional musician, however, is the last thing on Henry's mind.

She said, "I love to sing, but I just do it for fun. This is his dream and I support him completely."

A new approach to learning

School adopts new education theory

By Brian J. Scully
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It seems like a fairly basic concept. Students learn in different ways.

But what to this point was matter of teaching style, is now going to be codified in the Cohasset Public Schools in the form of an educational theory called differentiated learning.

The program is an amalgamation of research over the years that studied how, why, and when students learn. Teachers build lessons plans geared toward students that will teach across multiple intelligences and multiple personalities. It concentrates on creating a safe, effective learning environment that checks for not only attentiveness, but the understanding and retention of ideas. The process has been implemented heavily in special education, but has made inroads into regular education as of late.

"Differentiated learning has been around for a great number of years," said Supt. Edward Malvey. "However, there is a greater emphasis this day and age. There's value for all students, no matter what their learning ability may be."

While the program will be implemented starting this school year, it will take 5-7 years for the full conversion.

"This isn't something that you just pull out and say, 'Right now, Monday morning, we are going to do Differentiated Instruction,'" said Malvey. "It's a way of having teachers look at that learning situation differently then they may have in the past."

That is not to say that the teachers have been doing anything wrong.

"There's value for all students, no matter what their learning ability may be."
Supt. Edward Malvey

"The last thing I would want to happen to teachers would be to look at it and say, 'Here's something now that is being promoted, what are we doing wrong that we have to do this now?" said Malvey. "They're not doing anything wrong , but it is taking the best of what they are doing and the best of what the research is saying and really stepping back and looking at what is happening in that class."

In fact, Malvey thinks that many will find that the basic tenants of differentiated learning are simply good teaching techniques already incorporated into their classrooms.

"They may say, 'Gee, I do many of these things anyway," said Malvey. "But they may not have done it under the rubric of Differentiated Instruction. They may have thought, 'Well, here's an appropriate strategy to use with my student, so I'll do this."

Ultimately, the program should benefit the students.

"We are hopeful that if this gets up and running to a greater extent, each of the students in the class will be able to have varying experiences that are in tune with the way they learn," said Malvey.

But with the statewide assessment test MCAS, still the barometer for academic success, the program's implementation may have to be curbed slightly.

"If we weren't living in the era of standardized testing, that concern may not be as important," said Malvey of catering to standardized education. "By going into differentiated instruction, it may be better for a student individually in terms of how they learn, but the final test still is going to be how do they match up with standardized testing."

That presents a fundamental problem to the district.

"The challenge is 'How do you develop those learning situations for student to meet the content piece, while adjusting for their learning style?" said Malvey.

Over the next five to seven years, that question will be answered.

Watts tapped as special ed leader

By Brian J. Scully
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The School Department has hired Karen Watts as an acting Student Services Director to replace out-going director Steve Kaplan, who officially resigned only two weeks ago.

Kaplan, who was lauded by all for resurrecting a special education program that had fallen on hard times financially, left Cohasset to take a position in the Lincoln-Hanscom School District, which is closer to his home.

Watts will oversee special education programs and needs in Cohasset

"Dr. Watts is currently an assistant superintendent for Student Services in Scituate, but she has resigned that position and she is going to be coming to Cohasset on an acting basis for the year," said Malvey.

Malvey cited Watts' strong experience and knowledge as a major factor in the decision.

"This hiring will allow me to do two things," said Malvey. "First of all, I can have an experienced administrator step into that position and secondly, and most importantly, to provide continuity to us because of her knowledge."

The placement of a qualified person in the position is important to maintain the momentum that Kaplan generated.

"(With Watts in place,) we will be able to continue with the corrective action plan that we have filed with the state Department of Education, because of our special education audit," said Malvey.

Watts currently serves as the president of the Special Education Administrators Association

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Trust announces challenge grant

Cohasset Conservation Trust president Gary Vanderweil, announced last week that the Cohasset Conservation Trust has offered a $150,000 challenge grant for the acquisition of the Barnes property, in addition to a $100,000 gift.

"The Cohasset Conservation Trust believes the Barnes property is one of the most important properties remaining in Cohasset. That is why the Trust is willing to commit substantial financial support," said Vanderweil. "We sincerely hope the people of Cohasset will get excited about this land purchase and help us raise $300,000 toward the $1 million purchase price of this property."

Recently the town signed a purchase and sales agreement with the Barnes family to purchase the 32-acre parcel, which adjoins Wheelwright Park. Rich Silvia, who spearheaded the negotiations, said the Barnes property has been identified as a rare deep forest core habitat, because it is part of 230 acres of undeveloped land, which also includes the White Holly Farm forest, Wheelwright Park, Witch Hazel Swamp, the Bancroft Bird Sanctuary and the Arthur Lehr Boy Scout Retreat.

"Wildlife biologists told me that if the Barnes property was developed, this deep forest habitat would be greatly harmed and the wildlife living there would be driven out, forced to compete for scarce food and habitat in surrounding neighborhoods," said Silvia.

He added that many people who walk on trails in Wheelwright actually are on the Barnes property some of the time.

So far $600,000 has been committed to the purchase of the land. In addition to the $100,000 gift from the Cohasset Conservation Trust, the selectmen recently voted to give $500,000 from the MBTA's open space acquisition grant to the purchase of the Barnes property.

Stuart Ivimey, chairman of the Community Preservation Committee said, "People look to the CPC, as they should to help fund open space acquisition, but we know there are several other important parcels of land we would like to acquire. Unfortunately we have limited funds, which won't go very far with the price of Cohasset real estate. That is why I am so pleased about the Cohasset Conservation Trust's challenge grant – rarely, if ever, will we have the generosity of the Trust to help us generate such substantial funds. Their generosity will allow us to leverage our limited CPC funds for more open space acquisitions and I urge people to take advantage of this challenge grant to save a very important piece of property."

Debbie Cook, chairman of the Open Space Committee concurred. "When we did our town-wide open space survey two years ago, of the 500 respondents, 51 per cent had visited Wheelwright Park in the last year. I hate to think how they would feel if in the future they go, and their favorite trail is blocked off by a house."

The funds must be raised before Town Meeting which is November 18. Donations, which are fully tax-deductible, may be sent to the Cohasset Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 314, Cohasset.

Health programs offered

Parents, teachers, and school and health professionals are invited to attend "Making Connections, Making a Difference, Making It Work," a free community program presented by the South Shore School Partnership for Health, on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham.

The evening's presenter will be Edward Hallowell, MD, director of The Hallowell Center for Cognitive and Emotional Health. Hallowell is a psychiatrist and author of several books; his newest, "The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness," will be released this fall. He will lead a discussion focusing on the importance of connections between students and adults in the home and school settings, and identify practical strategies to build and sustain those connections.

For more information on the program, call Kim Noble, RN, at 781-794-7415.

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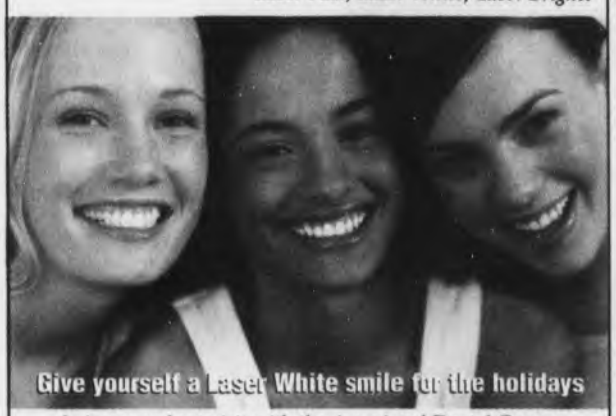

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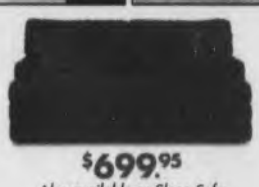

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Celebrating differences

Forum focuses on diversity

By Brian J. Scully
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Tolerance is a key buzzword among those who fight for diversity.

All people must have tolerance for others, be it for their cultures, race, or religious beliefs.

On Monday night, however, the Cohasset Diversity Committee presented a speaker who claims tolerance isn't enough.

Victor Kazanjian, the dean of religious and spiritual life at Wellesley College, spoke to 30 residents about the importance of going "Beyond Tolerance," when it comes to diversity issues.

At Wellesley, Kazanjian heads up an interfaith consortium, a group that stresses building relationships as a way to bridge the gaps in belief. That program has been a success, incorporating all of the faiths on campus with equal representation. The individuals educate each other about their faiths and use friendship as a building block for understanding.

It is a grass-roots approach, but it is one that Kazanjian believes is crucial to reaching new levels of cultural exposure. It is also an approach that Kazanjian feels is applicable in other situations.

"I think in every town and every city, there are opportunities for people to get to know each other across these lines," said Kazanjian. "It takes an intentional effort by the community to create places where people really are encouraged to get to know each other across lines of difference."

The major hindrance to developing relationships is the lack of access to people of different backgrounds.

"We live in very stratified ways, where we often associate with people who are more like us then not," said Kazanjian. "And to create places where the interaction is more intensive is a great way to do it."

Once the effort is made though, things happen quickly.

"We live in a small metropolitan area," said Kazanjian. "It doesn't take a long time to get ourselves in connection with others."

Kazanjian was impressed with the turnout, noting that he feels it only takes a small portion of a community to enact change.

"This is where it starts," said Kazanjian. "It starts grassroots, it starts with people talking about their own communities and introducing new concepts and struggling to see how they can implement them."

School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts attended the meeting and noted the power of small-town activism.

"If you have five or 10 percent of the people who are actively engaged, doing diversity work, that the community can be transformed," said Tebbetts. "I don't mean that Cohasset is a bad community at all, it's just that it's a transforming experience to go beyond tolerance and to really be interested in the diversity that is here."

The Diversity Committee believes that the groundwork has been laid in Cohasset, but that continuing programs are necessary to enhance the town's general awareness.

"I think that there are a large group of residents in Cohasset that are already beyond tolerance," said Beth Myers, who emceed the event. "Programs like this help to raise awareness and get people to take time out of their busy lives to think about diversity."

Susan Etkind pointed to the event as an example of how much there is to learn about others.

"I think that his point was not merely accepting that these other people are there, but really finding out about them," said Etkind, another member of the Diversity Committee. "I feel like I know a little bit about the religions in Cohasset and not so much about the religions on the video, but to really understand each other, we really need to learn about each other."

Callahan steps to plate for fields

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nity input and possibly a contest.

William Allard, a fairly new resident to town, donated $25,000 to CYBSA and asked the baseball field be named "Allard Field" in honor of his father, a long-time supporter of Little League.

Finally, Shellanne and John Durkin, contributed $25,000 to the fields and asked the softball field be named "Freedom Field" in honor of their friend who died at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

"I feel very strongly that selling town institutions is not the way to go," said Callahan. "More importantly is it not only the way to go generally, if that decision is to made, it should be made by the town – the owners of the property – and not by private groups or the users of the property."

Town Manager Mark Haddad emphasized that the Little League has not backed down from its commitment, but that if the naming rights aren't allowed, it will take a little while longer to generate the funds. All agreed that the contractor must be paid by the town for services rendered and the issue of the Little League commitment would be dealt with afterwards. Mark DeGiacomo, president of the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association, could not be reached before press time.

When the proposal was first raised back in July, the board appeared to be unanimously opposed. Merle Brown and Chairman Michael Sullivan both expressed reservations.

Callahan felt the need to bring the issue to the forefront, after he heard rumors that there was going to be an agreement that would allow naming rights in some form.

"I just feel that some of my colleagues don't want to go to the town and explain this," said Callahan. "But I fell that the town will see what's going on here and say 'No, this isn't the way to do things.'"

The selectmen will take up the issue at their next meeting, Oct. 8.

Illustrator at Buttonwood

Harry Bliss will visit Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset on Fri. Oct. 4 from 3 –5 p.m.. Observant readers may recognize Harry Bliss as the illustrator whose work enlivens a number of magazines. He is a staff artist for the New Yorker and has had fourteen covers on the magazine since 1997.

William Steig's new book, "Which Would You Rather Be?" (Harper Collins) poses a question that is right up a kid's alley. What youngster hasn't pondered what it would be like to be a particular animal or to have a special power? The bold illustrations of Harry Bliss suit this text to a T and add immeasurably to its appeal. Bliss is also the illustrator of two other critically acclaimed books which will be available at this signing, "A Fine, Fine School", by Sharon Creech and "Countdown to Kindergarten" by Alison McGhee.

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EDITORIAL

Spirited season

October brings with it crisp mornings, early sunsets, a burst of color. And, of course, political season. Across the state and on the South Shore in particular, political issues are heating up as candidates for state offices gear up for election day, Tuesday, Nov. 5. It will be full-steam ahead for the next five weeks in those contested races.

At times it may seem just a bit overwhelming or overkill. But these next five weeks will provide voters with an opportunity to weigh in with our concerns and hear what candidates have to say and decide who will best represents our interests.

Here at the newspaper we are providing extensive coverage and additional space in the weeks ahead to provide you, our readers, with the most complete coverage on the issues and the candidates. Our plans include an in-depth look at the issues and challenges facing the South Shore as well as close-up portraits of the candidates. We'll also let the candidates speak directly to you, in their own words, about where they stand.

We'll do our best to provide a balanced political forum, with our candidates corner, question and answer formats and issue-oriented articles.

This year, as in the past, we are privileged to host political debates where the candidates address the issues, and where they have been occasionally known to spar with each other. On Wednesday, Oct. 16, Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz will face off against Democratic challenger Tim White. The debate, at 7 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall Auditorium, will be moderated by the League of Women Voters and features a panel of our journalists along with ample time for questions from the audience.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund and his Democratic rival Ted LeClair will take the stage at our debate on Thursday, Oct. 24 — same place, same time, same format.

The goal throughout the hurried weeks ahead is to give all of us a chance to have a voice in this democratic process and make educated choices. We encourage readers to attend the debates as well as talk to us at any time this month about issues and concerns they believe relevant during the campaigns.

So here's to a spirited and informed election season.

Wait till next year

Last season year the Red Sox season ended in disgust. The players gave up long before the weather turned, with players and management pointing angry fingers at each other as their disappointed fans turned to football.

But this year, Sox fans got everything they asked for. A bungling owner and clueless general manager were replaced by a slick team from out of town. Carl Everett and other bad attitudes were sent packing, replaced by leaders and cheerleaders like Tony Clark and Carlos Baerga. This team scored straight A's in clubhouse chemistry.

The Sox sparkled on the field as well, judging by the fine print in the sports section. They had two 20-game winners - Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe -both legitimate contenders for the Cy Young. Nomar Garciaparra and Manny Ramirez delivered the runs promised when Manny was signed two years ago, and Manny may yet capture the American League batting title.

The traditional slow-pokes even had speed. Johnny Damon is among the league leaders in runs, hits, infield hits, triples and stolen bases. Closer Ugueth Urbina will finish among the league leaders in saves.

This team had personality as well as talent. It escaped major injuries to key players. With people like Rickey Henderson, Lou Merloni and Baerga (the league's top pinch-hitter), waiting in the wings, the Sox had more bench strength than most teams in memory.

This team had it all - OK, it didn't have much of a bullpen, despite valiant efforts by management to shore it up - and what it had was enough to win more than 90 games. But not enough, alas, to win a spot in the playoffs.

The Sox were mathematically eliminated when they lost in Chicago Wednesday night. Every year, the Red Sox manage to find a new way to break their fans' hearts. This year it was by amassing all the talent and good vibes fans have asked for and still falling well short of the prize.

It shows that you can put together a fine team, manage them effectively and do everything right, and still sometimes a seeing-eye grounder will elude the infielder's glove with the go-ahead run on third. Urbina's down-and-in fastball will drift out over the plate and be deposited in the screen over the Green Monster. Nomar will sometimes strike out with runners in scoring position. An easy double-play will sometimes be flubbed. And sometimes other teams no more talented than yours will catch the right breaks and string together enough wins to take away your playoff berth. That's why they call it baseball.

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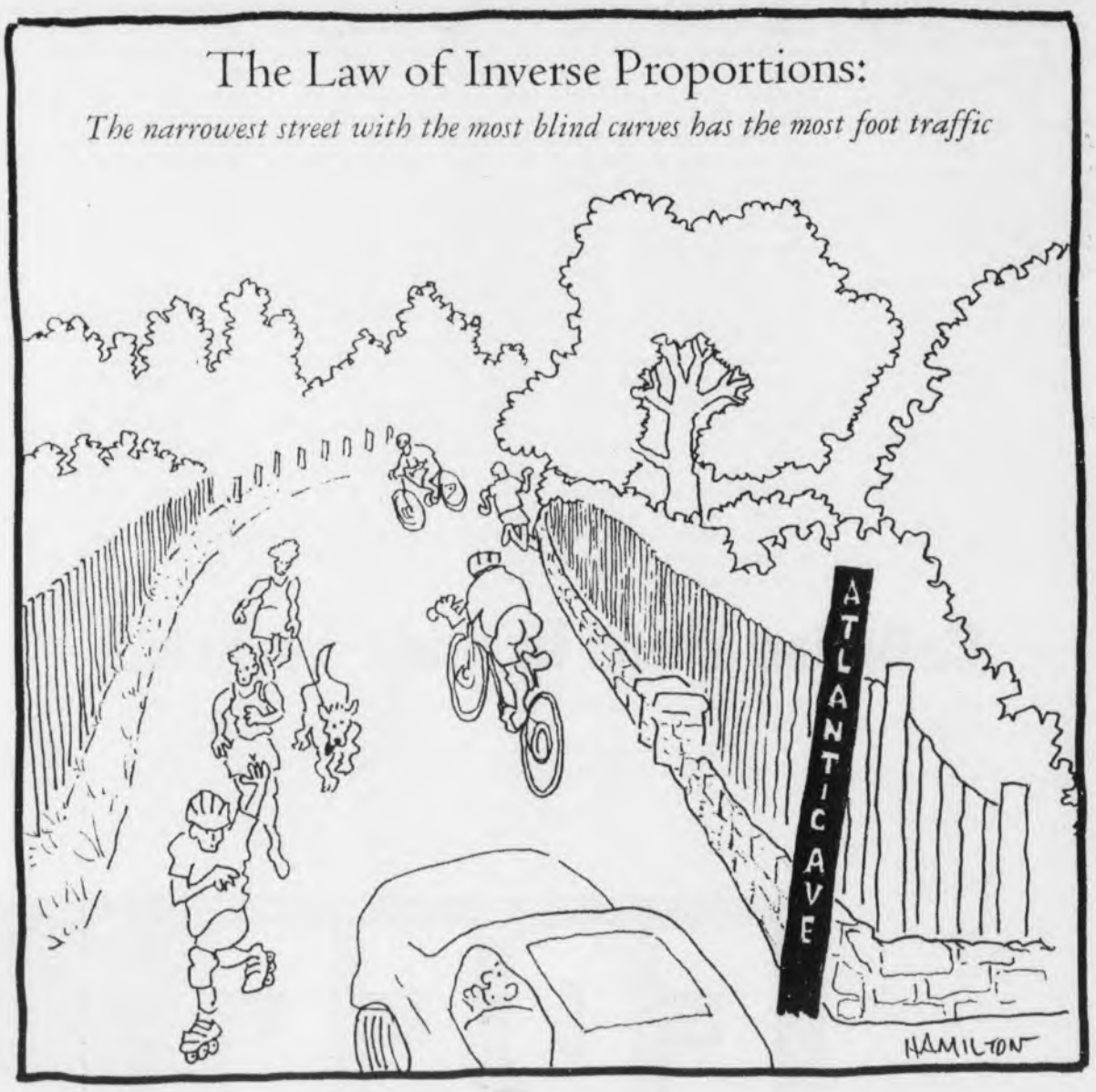

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

Gender card comes into play in governor's race

By Craig Sandler
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

On the premiere of "The West Wing" Wednesday, the First Lady, a doctor, caused political problems for the Democrats by saying that without a medical license, she's "just" a wife and mother.

Discussing the fallout, one political advisor says: "It's a women's issue." To which C.J. the press secretary replies: "It's a DUMB women's issue."

Nobody knows whether Mitt Romney's recent attack on Acting Gov. Jane Swift will play out as a women's issue or a dumb women's issue. He said Shannon O'Brien was similar to Swift, meaning a long-time Beacon Hill player disinclined to pursue significant change.

But O'Brien counterattacked that Mr. White Male was engaging in gender stereotyping by drawing the comparison. "For him to make a comment trying to lump all women together is pretty insulting to women," O'Brien said.

If it's a dumb issue, women will perceive Romney as trying to lump all Beacon Hill insiders together, regardless of gender. Or they'll take offense at O'Brien's playing the gender card. But if it's got legs — if women share O'Brien's professed sense of insult at the comparison – Romney may have made the first significant mistake of the campaign.

No matter what, Romney's criticism of his own party's governor is a big gamble. Swift is unpopular, and his decision to push her out of the race obviously means he doesn't think too highly of her. And Swift is now the status quo, and Romney badly wants to be seen as the alternative. Nevertheless, his sudden lapse of graciousness towards Swift will only advance his cause if all voters feel their distaste for Swift outweighs their dislike of privileged men criticizing women who are supposed to be on the same side.

If there's a political truth Romney understands, it's that modern American voters make their decisions in large part on personality. His new ads are proof. He's really, really nice in the new ads, but does not say a whole lot about running the government. He's spending the money on that approach because it's been shown to work.

That's part of the reason attacking Swift seems so fraught with peril. He was concentrating on building a white-knight persona who would defend himself when old time pols like O'Brien attacked, but who was mostly about cleaning things up and making them better. Attacking the sitting Republican governor – whom Romney praised in March – does nothing to advance that image.

Romney came out of his first big test – Tuesday night's debate – in fine shape, having earned much better reviews than he received in his last statewide race in 1994, and having forced O'Brien to apologize for an unsubstantiated charge of patronage-dealing against the Republican.

But now, for the Bay State political world, the theme of this campaign's exciting new episode is: how much difficulty did he just cause himself?

• Swift chalks up Romney's comment, and O'Brien's rebuttal to politics: If Swift was upset by Romney's comments or O'Brien's reaction, she wasn't saying. She told reporters: "I have been in politics for over 12 years now and I recognize the current political climate and how that drives the strategies of both candidates. I wasn't surprised nor did I take it personally. "

• Poverty down and income up in one state out of 50 — ours: The Census numbers streamed in as an echo of a previous economic period in Massachusetts, the same way old TV shows are just now arriving at far-away solar systems. The Bay State was the only one in the nation where poverty dropped and income rose in 2000-01. Since then, with the technology and finance industries going through major declines, unemployment and the number of uninsured people in Massachusetts are on the rise, while unemployment is falling nationally. Key leaders are beginning to predict that it will take Massachusetts longer than the rest of the nation to work itself out of the recession.

• Third alternative candidate joins Governor's race: Barbara Johnson of Andover is focusing on "men's rights," the idea that the family court and legal structure of the state is biased in favor of mothers in disputes over child custody. Her philosophy is stated on her Web page:

"Americans should have a common purpose. Americans do not want bitter partisan debates. Americans do not want 'gender wars' and 'culture wars.' Americans want simple problems solved, without regard to special interests." She qualified for the ballot by collecting 10,000 signatures.

• Certificate of local completion approved, debated: The Board of Education asked for public comment on a proposed change to the rules governing education reform that would allow seniors who fail the MCAS test to participate in local graduation ceremonies, by accepting a certificate of completion, or achievement – they're not sure yet what to call it. But critics of the state's new diploma requirements said the certificate would still be more like a certificate of stigma under a system where access to a quality education is unequal.

• DOE'S approved history may misrepresent Muslims: Some academics also had unkind words for the state's new world history curriculum guidelines. According to professors from Harvard and Boston University, the frameworks purportedly include materials painting an overly hostile, militaristic picture of the Arab world.

• Landscaping, fishing, construction most dangerous: The Public Health Council released the latest data on occupational deaths, and just as "The Perfect Storm" brought home so forcefully a few years ago, fishing is one of the most dangerous jobs. Officials said the data will help them focus their efforts to protect workers and hopefully save lives.

• Got something you want to confess to DOR? Do it soon: The state announced the first full "tax amnesty" program since 1984 – designed to generate an extra $43 million in unpaid delinquent taxes. Under the program, announced by Swift last week, scofflaws who pay up will face no penalty charges, but will remain accountable for the interest on the unpaid levies. But they must send in their money by Nov. 30.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

Anatomy of a politician

GUEST COLUMNIST

SUSAN BELL

Recently I heard Tom Birmingham, who was being interviewed by a reporter, say "it isn't about anatomy." This made me think that, yes; it really is about anatomy. Of course, not the female anatomy that Tom was referring to, but the male, instead. And if it isn't about anatomy now, it certainly has been in the past.

The first woman to run for elected in office in Massachusetts in the 1960's, Betty Taymor, recently wrote a book titled "Running Against the Wind", which is illustrative of the atmospheric conditions for women running for elected office in Massachusetts. Betty's unsuccessful bid for state representative from Newton took place at a time when there was still great faith in both government and public service. It was on the heels of President John F. Kennedy's call to service –

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Bradley: changes needed on 40B

By Brian J. Scully
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(As part of the Community Newspaper Company coverage of the Third Plymouth District race, the candidates participated in a Question and Answer session on the issues).

Name: Garrett Bradley — Incumbent
Age: 32
Hometown: Hingham
Marital Status: Married, wife Heather
Children: Two daughters
Party: Democrat

Q. Chapter 40B has riled up citizens all over the South Shore. How do you feel about the law as it is written, the needs it intends to address (i.e. the affordable housing shortage), and the best way to approach fixing it (or leaving it alone)?

A. It is clear that there must be major changes to Chapter 40B. After attending numerous meetings with residents in my district and working closely on this issue with my colleagues in the State Legislature, it is obvious to me that local communities must be given more control over these developments. While I agree with the goal of building more affordable housing, I do not believe that Chapter 40B is accomplishing this goal. That is why I voted against it in the House this year. Along with a number of my colleagues, I drew a line in the sand on Chapter 40B and called for major reforms in the way it is implemented in our communities as well as a moratorium on current proposals until such reforms are in place.

To accomplish the goal of building more affordable housing in our area, we must give communities the tools to do it. This can be done by allowing housing units built under "inclusionary zoning" (where a town can mandate a portion of any development be affordable) to count as part of the town's affordable housing stock. Also, we should allow communities to count accessory dwellings (also known as in-law apartments) as affordable as long as the occupant meets the affordable income definition. Communities should then develop a plan to get to the ten percent state goal in a reasonable amount of time. If communities are accomplishing this, they should be able to deny any 40B permits.

Q. There has been much public debate over the current climate on Beacon Hill. Do you think there is a problem in the way things run on Beacon Hill? How would you combat that problem if you believe one does exist?

A. Yes, I do believe that there is a problem with the way things are run on Beacon Hill. Since being elected in 2000, I have fought hard to make sure that that citizens of our district have a strong, independent voice fighting for our interests on Beacon Hill. I have stood up to the House leadership to fight for the voter approved Clean Election Law. I also voted against the $1 billion tax hike proposed by leadership which called for, among other things, freezing the income tax roll back. I have worked hard to make sure that the citizens of this district have a strong independent advocate in the State Legislature. I am also committed to reforms that will make the House of Representatives a more open, democratic legislative body. These reforms include giving committee chairs more authority over legislation, ending closed-door budget meetings and giving individual Representatives more say in the legislative process. The best way to reform Beacon Hill is to elect Representatives that will vote the wishes of their district regardless of party.

Q. Passing the MCAS is a requirement of graduation for the first time this year. Do you feel that the test is serving its intended purpose at this point in time?

A. No, I do not believe that passing the MCAS test should be a requirement for graduation. My position on this issue is that the MCAS test should be one part of an overall evaluation of students to help ensure accountability and high standards in our classrooms. I believe that a student's performance in the classroom should be more important than his or her performance on a single test. My concern is that teachers will be forced to gear their curriculum to "teach to the test" and that this may take away the ability of our teachers to develop new and creative ways to educate.

Q. The state and national economies are no longer what they were just a few years ago. What plan would you have, as a legislator, to maximize the state budget in harder fiscal times?

A. I did not support the House tax package which included, among other things, freezing the tax roll back. The residents of Massachusetts voted overwhelmingly for the tax cut, and just as I have supported the Clean Elections law for the same reason, I did not vote to override the will of the voters and their clear intentions on these issues. Instead, I supported a mix of budget cuts and targeted increases in revenue. With a $21.8 billion budget that has almost doubled within the last ten years, I believe we should start the budget process by looking for ways to eliminate waste wherever possible. Last year, I sponsored a plan that would have generated over $1 billion to help close the budget gap and protect our local schools, public safety, and town services without raising arbitrary taxes. This plan would have utilized the unused portion of this year's tobacco fund settlement, provided more local aid by reducing the payouts from the Lottery, implemented a tax amnesty program for the state to secure delinquent taxes, and explored placing video gaming machines at the state's four existing race tracks. These solutions would have closed the budget gap without breaking our promise to the voters to reduce the income tax. Many of these same proposals should be reviewed in the next legislative session as we begin to debate the budget.

Also, I have filed legislation to solve what I see as the biggest factor in the budget gap of last year and the potential gap of next year. During the 1990s, the legislature relied far too much on capital gains taxes. Last year we saw an approximate $800 million drop in capital gains revenue in one year. To address this, I have proposed that we spend only 1/3 of any capital gains, that we save 1/3 in our rainy day fund and we return 1/3 to the taxpayers. This will protect the hardworking taxpayers of the Commonwealth by ensuring that the budget is not based on uncertain revenue.

Q. What are the three biggest issues that you feel face the state in the next two years?

A. The three biggest issues we face are: (1) adequately funding our public schools and our school building construction projects in a recession, (2) providing affordable health care for all residents; and, (3) dealing with development and quality of life issues in our community. Since my election in 2000, I have worked hard on all three issues. I have fought for additional funds for our public schools, and filed legislation to ensure that the state keeps its promise on funding our school construction projects. I have also supported efforts to reduce the cost of prescription drugs for our senior citizens. Finally, I have worked hard to reform Chapter 40B, improve our transportation options on the South Shore and provide funds for local projects such as the Bernie King Pavilion in Hull and the infrastructure improvements at the Hingham Commuter Boat.

Palmer: Chapter 40B has flaws

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(As part of the Community Newspaper Company coverage of the Third Plymouth District race, the candidates participated in a Question and Answer session on the issues).

Name: Nathaniel Palmer – Challenger (Presently Vice President/Co-Owner Delphi Group)
Age: 32
Hometown: Cohasset (Originally from Santa Barbara, CA)
Marital Status: Married
Children: None
Republican

Q. Chapter 40B has riled up citizens all over the South Shore. How do you feel about the law as it is written, the needs it intends to address (i.e. the affordable housing shortage), and the best way to approach fixing it (or leaving it alone)?

A. The law as written has two fundamental flaws: 1) it does not provide for true affordable housing in the it communities most directly affects; 2) by definition it subjugates the will and the interests of local communities to the desire of commercial developers. Chapter 40B was written to address the urban housing crisis of the 1960s, but never achieved its objective. It should be eliminated not amended, and replaced with an incentive for local communities to address the growing need for affordable homes, with the flexibility to prevent overtaxing of local services or infrastructure. Such an incentive should promote multi-use zoning, balancing density with open space preservation, and long term planning.

Q. There has been much public debate over the current climate on Beacon Hill. Do you think there is a problem in the way things run on Beacon Hill? How would you combat that problem if you believe one does exist?

A. There is a big problem on Beacon Hill. We are all suffering the consequences of this problem: higher taxes and more frivolous spending combined with cuts in services. The problem in a nutshell is a legislative body monopolized by members beholden to special interests and lobbyists, rather than the citizens they represent. The first thing I have already done is to refuse any money from special interest groups or lobbyists. My loyalties and motivation are not in question. As a result, I can do everything in my power as a State Representative to ensure a true democratic process in the legislature. Lastly, I would also support a rule that no new investment would be made without first proving positive cost/benefit. This would have overruled the millions spent on Convention Centers, at time when seniors in nursing homes are taxed an additional $3300 per year.

Q. Passing the MCAS is a requirement of graduation for the first time this year. Do you feel that the test is serving its intended purpose at this point in time?

A. The purpose of MCAS is that of a diagnostic tool, to establish a benchmark by which to measure student progress at specific intervals. Ideally this should allow educators to better focus personalized attention, however, it also presents the danger of over-standardizing education by "teaching to the test." It is too early to truly assess the success of this goal, however, having the test in place is certainly better than a lack of any comprehensive or objective measure of student success across districts. It is an honest attempt to solve the problem of diagnosing learning deficiencies with enough time to correct them. But it should not be viewed as a replacement for individualized attention. There are no standardized students.

Q. The state and national economies are no longer what they were just a few years ago. What plan would you have, as a legislator, to maximize the state budget in harder fiscal times?

A. The way to maximize the budget is to eliminate areas of spending which provide no measurable value other than jobs for state employees. There are over 1700 individual state agencies, many of them fraught with redundancy. The axe should fall on redundant agencies, not necessary services and aid to communities (which were both severely cut this past year). In addition, town services and agencies are often at odds with state counterparts. These include those involved with public safety, environmental management school administration, and often work more effectively when managed locally rather than at the state level. Instead of overburdening town budgets (property taxes), they should receive additional state funding, to be offset by reductions among state agencies and the overhead incurred in managing multiple agencies.

Q. What are the three biggest issues that you feel face the state in the next two years?

A. In order: waning job security and pending layoffs, the shifting burden to local communities for financing public projects, and the stranglehold on the legislature by special interest groups.

The individual problems face by citizens of this state all directly relate to one or more of these. From the need for quality education, to the threat of having to move away from the community you call home, to overriding of local interest by vehicles such as Chapter 40B.

Addressing these three problems are my priorities as a State Rep, as the only candidate with experience in both business and elected office, as well as the only candidate refusing to accept special interest money.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Bradley holds office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D–Hingham, will be holding district office hours Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Hingham Sons of Italy Hall, upstairs, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with the Representative, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Palmer wins endorsement from Small Business leaders

Nathaniel Palmer, Republican candidate for state representative, wins a key endorsement from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's largest small business advocacy group.

Representing 600,000 members nationwide and 11,000 members in Massachusetts, the NFIB picked Palmer's campaign to endorse for the local legislative race, based on his support for issues affecting small business.

"Small business and independent tradesmen are critical to our district and the local community," explains Palmer. "We need a strong local business community to support the commercial tax base to pay for schools, provide jobs for local residents, and deliver crucial services to our district."

Palmer adds, "Small business is the fastest growing sector of the local economy and the lifeblood of the local business community. Yet without an appreciation for what it takes to run a business, the current Legislature has often failed to address the needs of this important part our community."

Palmer has made the issues facing small businesses and independent tradesmen a top priority in his campaign. These include fixing Massachusetts' insurance regulations that force us to pay some of the highest rates in the nation, implementing tax incentives for the creation of local jobs, and streamlining state government's role in starting new businesses.

As Palmer explains, "When you talk about small business in our community, you are talking about working families, single parents, retirees, and often those just entering the workforce. All of these individuals are affected by the impact our state has on small business."

Although Palmer does not except PAC donations or special interest money, as a small business owner he is pleased to win this important endorsement, with many members represented in his district.

"As the challenger in this race, it is an honor to receive this vote of confidence from such an important and influential constituency," explains Palmer. "As a small business owner, I have a unique appreciation for what it takes to make payroll, pay taxes, and deal each day with the burden of business regulations that favor big business, and harm small businesses."

Leclair says Beacon Hill is 'out of focus'

Ted LeClair, candidate for State Senate in the Plymouth/Norfolk district, is looking to change the focus of Beacon Hill.

"I am running for the State Senate because I believe that we can do more if our elected officials once again focus on people rather than politics," stated LeClair. "I believe that Beacon Hill has lost its focus. My campaign is about working to fix what is broken and helping to make our state government once again serve the needs of our citizens.

"We have a glaring example of this problem in our own back yard," stated LeClair. "Heart disease is the number one cause of death on the South Shore. Licenses to perform heart surgery are granted through our legislature. South Shore Hospital has partnered with major Boston hospitals and is ready to open a cardiac surgery unit. Yet, we cannot get the license for South Shore Hospital because, each year, politics in the State Senate keeps it from happening. This is unacceptable and, when elected, I will do something about it.

"I know we can do more if our elected officials focus on people, not politics. As a product of our public schools on the South Shore, I understand the importance of providing our children with the highest quality educational system. I will focus on our public education system so that our children can have excellent and safe schools. I will not accept level funding of education as an acceptable political compromise."

"It is clear to me that state government has not gotten better over the past 10 years. We need to change the focus of Beacon Hill. To do this, our elected officials must take responsibility for their actions and be directly accountable to the voters."

Rep. Bradley hosts a pre-election pasta supper

State Representative Garrett Bradley will host a pre-election pasta supper on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Sons of Italy in Hingham. The Sons of Italy Hall is located on Route 3A at the comer of Kilby Street, just 1/4 mile from the Hingham Rotary.

The event will provide residents with the opportunity to speak with Bradley about important issues facing the district. Tickets are $25, $50 and $100 and are available at the door. For more information call 781-740-3127.

A few useful tips for fall birding enthusiasts

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Fall migration is much more leisurely and drawn out than spring migration. Shorebirds begin migrating back from the Arctic in mid-July. Juvenile shorebirds come later in the summer. By mid-September, songbird migration is in full swing. Migrants continue passing through until mid-November. That is the good news.

The hard part is that many birds molt out of their bright distinctive breeding plumage into something more drab for the fall and winter months. Many young males look just like females. Roger Tory Peterson devoted two whole pages in his field guide to "confusing fall warblers". Sparrows, which are particularly numerous in October, are frequently referred to as "LBJs". These "Little Brown Jobs" are hard to see and tend to look alike as they disappear into tall grass and the middle of thick underbrush. Shorebirds all have varying combinations of gray, brown and white plumage.

First, find the bird

Often birds are heard before they are seen. Listen for bird song and call notes. There is much less bird song in the fall, but there is some. Look for movement. This is easier when the wind is not blowing too hard. Look for dark "blobs" or abnormal shapes in trees and bushes. These are very likely birds. A little practice will make it easy to notice things that don't look quite right. Still, you may occasionally mistake a white plastic bag for a Snowy Owl, or think that a transformer box is an interesting hawk, or be convinced that a dried seedpod is a small bird. Most birders eventually will make an embarrassing "positive" identification of a bird that turns out to be some inanimate object.

Next, check important characteristics

General size and shape, type of bill, and head pattern, are the best things to check out first. Bearing in mind that size at a distance can be misleading, try to compare the size to birds you know. Is it as small as a sparrow, or the size of a crow, or something much bigger? Is the bird long and slender, or chunky? Is the bill thin and pointed like a warbler's? Is it conical like a finch's? Is it hooked like a hawk's? Is it wide-gaped like a flycatcher? Is it dagger-like as with herons? Is it a color other than black? As you focus on the head, determine whether there are head stripes. Does it have a crest, or an eye ring? What is its face pattern? Is the throat the same color as the head? It is good to note as many different field marks as possible, so also check for tail spots, breast streaking or coloration, wing bars and leg color.

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Behavior and habitat give important clues

The way a bird behaves often gives a good clue to its identification. Eastern Phoebes bob their tails up and down. Nuthatches go headfirst down tree trunks. American Kestrels hover as they hunt. Cormorants perch on rocks with their wings spread out to dry. Habitat is also an important clue. Ponds, deep woods, fields, thickets and marshes all attract different types of birds. Edge habitat is the area where two different habitats converge. Edges are attractive for birding because of the greater diversity this convergence provides. It is also usually easier to see birds while standing at the edge rather than being surrounded by thick vegetation.

Warbler tips

Noticing that a warbler has wing bars is not much help, because about half the species have them and half do not. It is much better to concentrate on the face and head. According to Jack Connor in "The Complete Birder", "...most fall warblers of both sexes can be identified by head pattern alone." Warblers are similar to vireos, but vireos are a little less active than warblers and their bills have a slight hook on the end. Both are found in deciduous trees and low bushes or tangled undergrowth, especially if there is fresh water nearby. Learn which warblers tend to stay in the top canopy of trees and which prefer lower branches or the ground and low underbrush.

Sparrow Tips

Almost all sparrows have streaking on their backs. Some also have streaked breasts, some have a central breast spot, and some have unstreaked breasts. Here again the head and upper breast pattern are the most help. "Birds of North America" published by Golden Press has two pages showing sparrow heads. The length and shape of the tail is a good supplemental field mark. This can often be viewed even as the bird is flying away.

Some general tips

Keep looking at the bird for as long as the bird is there, noting as many characteristics as possible. Refrain from studying the field guide until after the bird flies away or you will lose your chance to observe details. Stop periodically when you are walking and just wait with eyes and ears alert. You will be surprised how often birds will fly in while you are standing quietly. On the other hand, if nothing seems to be happening, don't stay in one place forever. Flocks of chickadees often indicate that other small birds are nearby as well. If you see bird activity in a tree, focus your binoculars on the general area, then when you want to look at a specific bird, it will take less time to fine-tune the focus wheel. With warblers, every second counts!

Hawks and Shorebirds

Hawks migrate in large groups along certain flyways. For information about good hawk watching sites in Massachusetts, check out http://massbird.org/EMHW. Going to one of these sites provides a chance to see hundreds, or even thousands, of hawks flying by on a good day. Studying their wing shapes and flight patterns will give you more confidence when looking at single birds elsewhere. Shorebirds, that wide assortment of sandpipers and plovers, congregate on beaches and mud flats. They feed at low tide and roost at high tide. They are often too far away to identify easily with binoculars. If you can join a group trip with a leader who has a spotting scope, it will save some frustration and provide a good chance to learn.

Birding in a new place

If you plan to bird while traveling, study your field guide before you go. Try to get a list of possible birds for that area. Knowing what birds to look for gives you a good head start. Range maps are useful for determining whether your tentative identification is a real possibility in that location. For instance, if you are in California, any meadowlark will be a Western Meadowlark, but if you are in northern Texas, you could see either Eastern or Western Meadowlarks and need to learn their songs to tell them apart.

Practice in the field is what will give you experience and ability, so get outside to bird as often as possible. Watch for northwest winds that bring migrants back from their breeding grounds. Details are important, so check as many field marks as possible. Study common birds that you already recognize, noticing individual variations. These will become so familiar that more unusual species will immediately stand out as being different.

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Anatomy of a politician

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"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." This challenge to give back to our country was to leave a lasting impression on the lives and careers of many children.

As the title of Betty's book indicates the road to success is laden with many challenges. That is, no women had been elected to statewide office in Massachusetts on a single ticket until Shannon O'Brien won her bid as State Treasurer three years ago. In the book, she cites the many obstacles that women have faced. The one obstacle that stood out was women themselves. Women most of all weren't supporting women candidates who ran, that anatomy business again.

In my professional experiences, I have often found male peers to be more supportive of their female peers than women, themselves. The reasons for this go beyond the basic attraction factor between the sexes. This trend is in stark contrast to the generations of men in Massachusetts who have been supported by both women and men.

The children that were inspired by President Kennedy's words have now come of age and are trying to self-actualize them. Our state and our country need strong leadership now more than ever given these very uncertain times. We need a Governor who can build coalitions and work with the Legislature. We cannot let anatomy cloud our understanding of who the best leader is for Massachusetts, and we need to remember that the children, boys and girls, are watching.

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reason is the one-party system. It is the rank and file members who have ceded their authority to the leadership. There are very few people like myself who will vote for their districts' best interests rather than follow the leadership. What I am focusing on is my independence and my effectiveness for the district. I have stood by my district rather than follow the leadership."

LeClair said that Beacon Hill "is out of focus" because the legislature is focusing on politics, not people.

"I am running for the state senate because I believe that we can do more if our elected officials once again focus on people rather that politics. I believe Beacon Hill has lost its focus. My campaign is about fixing what is broken and helping to make our state government once again serve the needs of our citizens," said LeClair, whose campaign manager is former 10-year state Rep. Paul Haley, a prominent Weymouth Democrat.

LeClair cited the so-far-unsuccessful attempt of South Shore Hospital to receive a state license to perform cardiac surgery as a "glaring example" of the legislature's lack of focus on the right priorities. South Shore Hospital has partnered with a major Boston Hospital and is ready to open a cardiac surgery unit, LeClair noted.

"Heart disease is the number one cause of death on the South Shore. Licenses to perform heart surgery have been granted through our state legislature. For the fourth year in a row, the House has passed a bill allowing cardiac surgery, yet the Senate has not. We cannot get the license for South Shore Hospital because, each year, politics in the state Senate has kept this from happening," LeClair said.

Hedlund has long advocated for South Shore Hospital and said that the problem lies with the influence in the Senate exerted by the state Dept. of Public Health, the agency with the authority to grant licenses for cardiac surgery.

"The Dept. of Public Health sees it as a legislative intrusion on their statutory role," Hedlund said. "Paul Haley was chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee during this time, and for two consecutive years, he couldn't get the bill through the joint conference committee."

On the issue of education, Hedlund says funding should be a priority.

"We want to see that education funding is prioritized and to protect the School Building Assistance program. This is especially important in this district," Hedlund said.

Weymouth has a $58 million high school building project underway and Duxbury, Cohasset, and Norwell each have two projects on the SBA list, as does Scituate, where town officials are concerned about reimbursement for one of those projects.

"These communities are on the list. The question is when reimbursement will occur," Hedlund said.

State Sen.

Ted LeClair

Towns can only do short-term borrowing to cover their school building projects for five years. After that, the town has to pick up the tab until reimbursement comes in. One community faces a potential $800 yearly tax hike for the average-priced home if reimbursement falters. How quickly towns receive reimbursement depends on how much money the towns put into the program each year

"I have fought to ensure that adequate funding is included in the state budget so that local school projects can move forward," Hedlund said.

LeClair said this was another sign of the focus problem.

"I know we can do more if our elected officials focus on people, not politics. As a product of our public schools on the South Shore, I understand the importance of providing our children with the highest quality educational system," said LeClair, a Scituate native now living in Marshfield. "I will focus on our public education system so that our children can have excellent and safe schools. I will not accept level funding of education as an acceptable political compromise."

Another issue is Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law that allows developers to bypass local board rejections and apply for approval from the state, as long as 25 percent of their units meet the definition of affordable housing.

Hedlund feels that the Omnibus Housing Bill pushed by Democrats keeps the status quo.

"The South Shore delegation is united in opposition," Hedlund said. "The current law has been in place 33 years, and Massachusetts has the worst record on affordable housing in the nation. This shows the law has not worked."

Hedlund has filed a bill in the Senate seeking to return a significant amount of control to local cities and towns, so that developers will be less able to circumvent local boards. LeClair agrees local towns should have more control.

"Otherwise, we might as well throw our conservation commissions and zoning boards out the window," LeClair said.

Hedlund adamantly opposes the $1.3 billion state tax hike.

"I am unconvinced that the leadership has made any strides to go after waste. There has been no reform, no cost savings on projects we could have saved money on, just a knee-jerk reaction to raise taxes," Hedlund said.

Hedlund said one potentially cost-saving area that should be investigated is the duplication of state agencies.

On the local level, state cuts caused Weymouth Mayor David Madden to reorganize town government from the bottom up, combining some departments and eliminating other departments and personnel.

"There are duplicative agencies and duplicative staffing. What Weymouth was forced to do, the state didn't even look at," Hedlund said.

One example of overlapping state agencies is in Weymouth, where the MDC and the Dept. of Environmental Management split up running the town's state parks, Hedlund said.

LeClair said that next year, Beacon Hill should focus on waste.

"This year, if it had not been for the Rainy Day Fund, we would have had a very serious problem" LeClair said.

Both contenders are looking forward to the Oct. 24 debate at Hingham Town Hall to be sponsored by Community Newspaper Company and the League of Women Voters.

Harbor ideas floated

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project is to repair the seawall that the sidewalk and fence are constructed on. The CRC has identified a grant that would pay for half of that aspect of the project, provided the town provides matching funds (It is important to note that the town has not signed on to the project, or committed any funds at this point).

When the project was first introduced, there were three levels of construction. It appears that the CRC is asking the selectmen to recognize the need for improvement, which would seem to point toward the third, and larger option.

The first option is a "no improvements" approach, which will undertake no changes to the waterfront area save new asphalt patching to fill reoccurring potholes. Existing walkway and infrastructure conditions would remain the same.

The second option is a "minimum improvements" approach, which consists of primarily replacing the existing asphalt sidewalk with a new scored concrete or asphalt surface material. A rollover curbing system could be installed but no lighting, railing, sidewalk width or road width changes are incorporated in this approach.

The third option is to make "moderate improvements," which would reconstruct and widen the existing sidewalks along with an application of scored concrete. There would also be an installation of vertical granite curbing, new lighting as appropriate, tree planting, a new wood or steel railing system and minor repairs of the seawalls as needed.

The Board of Selectmen requested that anyone wishing to comment on the situation is to do so in writing by Friday. All letters should be directed to the Board of Selectmen at the Town Hall.

"There are a couple of things there that I could envision," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan of the different fence types that Rizzo displayed. "There were a couple that we didn't have to spend any time on. It's trying to figure out, 'Do you want to make those types of improvements and does the Town as whole want to make them?'"

Sullivan noted that involving the abutters to be involved in the process is important to its success.

"If we could get the neighbors there to be comfortable with a change and it works out for the town then then it could work out well," said Sullivan.

Sullivan is also comfortable with private companies bringing forward non-binding proposals to the town, especially given the state of the economy.

"Free planning is free planning," said Sullivan. "If we get the benefits of some private party going out and spending money to look at options that the town might implement without any obligation on the part of the town, and we get to say no, to me it is like, 'Thank you very much."

Town picks Realtor to promote Pratt

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opportunity for us and the town," said Grand Gables President David Drinkwater. "We're looking forward to sitting down with (Haddad) and the town counsel to make this happen."

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Students put to the test

Sarah Coggins, Rachel McMorris, Carley Zappolo, Alyssa Schegler are all smiles during their week-long adventure.

Kyle Desisto is spotted by a counselor on gallows while at Camp Bourndale. Students from Cohasset spent one week at the camp where they learned about nature, science and teamwork.

Staff Photos by Alan Chapman

Katie Gaumer, Alyssa Schegler, Lauren Johnson, Kristin Fiori, Christine McQuade, Jean Thomae', Erica Orner

At left: Mike Fithian and Nick Savage intently work on their creation in ceramics session.

Alyssa Schegler launches her rocket. The exercise was meant to help students develop hands on experience with science.

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by John Klefeker, BC-HIS
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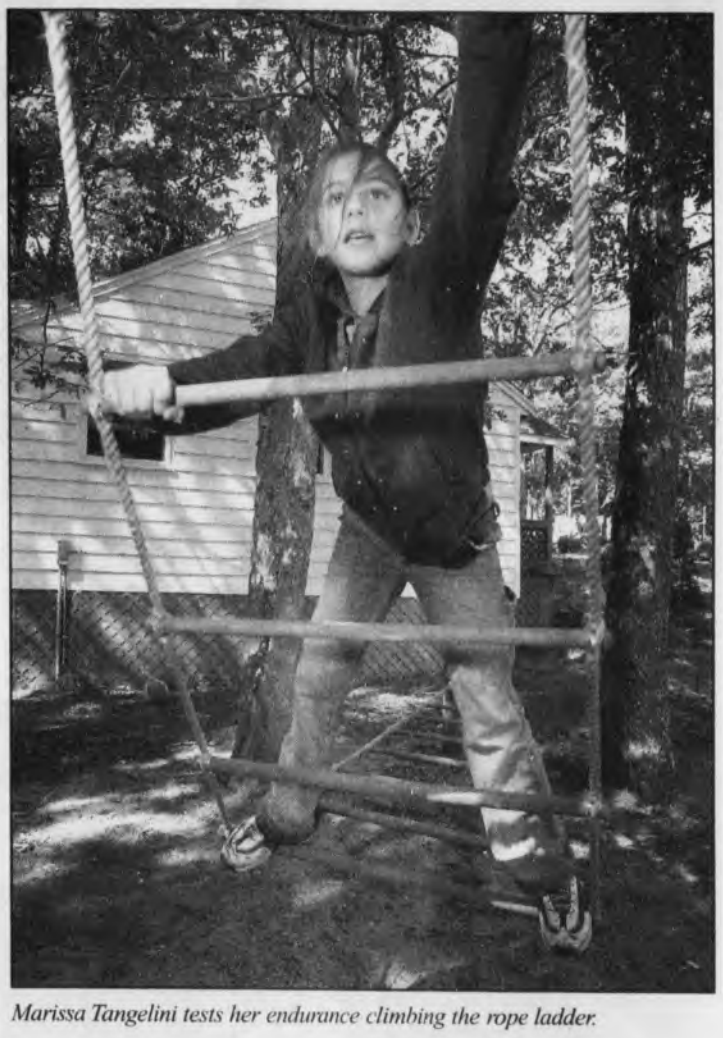

Marissa Tangelini tests her endurance climbing the rope ladder.

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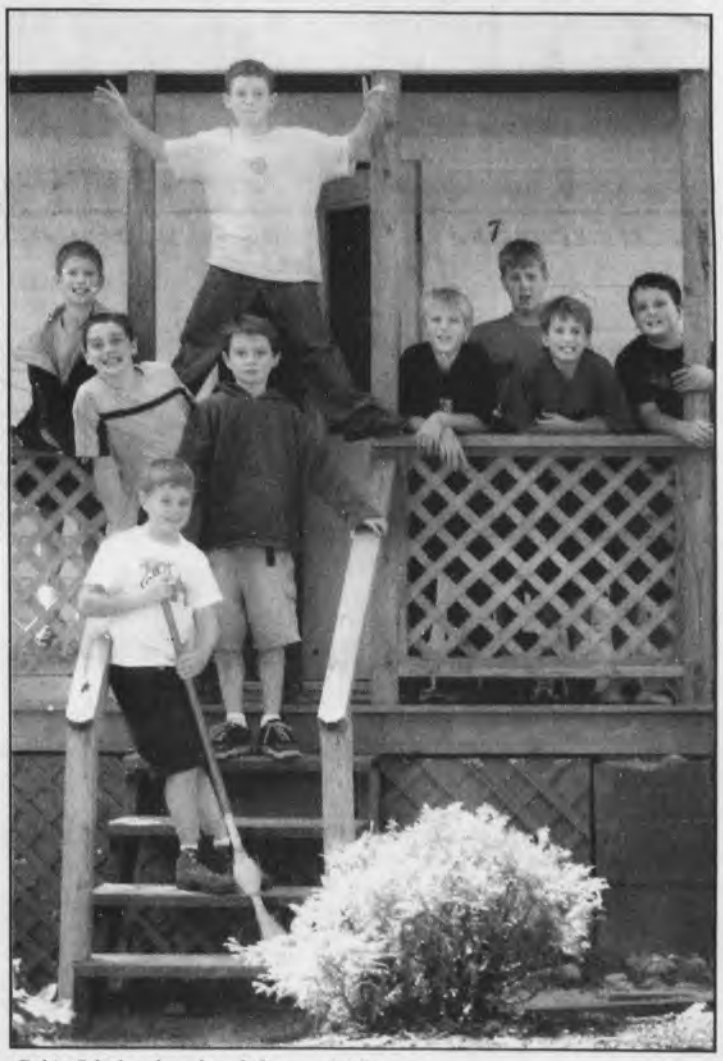
Brittany Dunn works on her ceramic creation, in a class to help encourage creativity in the youngsters.

Carley Zappolo uses her tennis racquet as an air guitar.



Cabin 7 kids take a break from activities.

At left: Middle School students Kyle Desisto, Evan Richardson, Will Harper buddy around in cafeteria.

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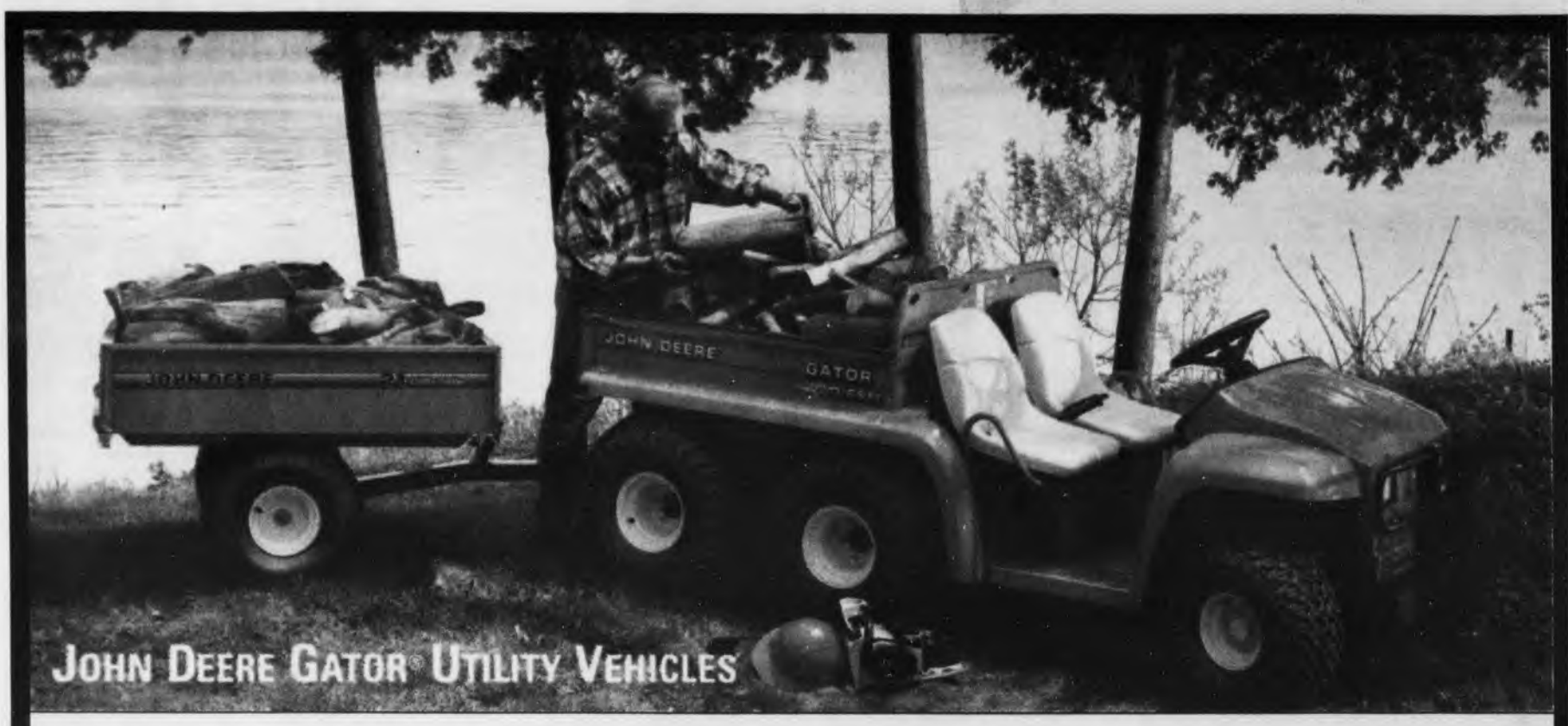

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SPORTS

Star of the Week

Braun Goodson

The 6-foot-2, 210-pound Cohasset High halfback rumbled for four touchdowns and 106 yards on 12 carries in the Skippers' 34-0 romp over North Quincy on Saturday.

Living

On the South Shore

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On a roll

CHS lady booters wins third straight

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

With three straight wins, the girls soccer team has climbed up to the .500 level, and now looks to make a run at a state tourney berth.

"Morale is definitely different," effused fifth year coach Deb Beal, who has not yet made post-season play with this team. "It's exciting because we're winning. You can do 100 good things in a game, but you forget them all if you lose."

The team started off the season 1-4, but the Lady Skippers were in every game. Norwell downed them, 1-0, scoring the goal late in the second half of a game in which Cohasset was arguably the superior team. Cohasset also nearly came away with a huge road win in Mashpee, but lost 3-2.

Yet, they have turned things around in the past week. Last Monday, the Lady Skippers won in Hull for the first time in the team's existence, outplaying the Lady Pirates to a 2-0 win.

"It's always scary going to Hull," started the coach. "It's windy, it's sandy; you don't know what to expect."

Cohasset beat their neighbors 2-0 last year at Alumni Field before getting throttled 6-0 at the Gut. This year, the Lady Skippers came in riding high on a two game win streak, and senior captain Molly Flanagan kept the momentum rolling scoring just six minutes in.

The goal, Flanagan's third of the year, came on a cross from junior Gillian Weber. She is now second on the team in scoring behind Jen Buckley (five goals, four assists). Buckley and Molly have combined to score more than half of their team's 15 goals this year.

Scoring in the opening minutes has been a key to much of the Lady Skippers recent success. Cohasset scored on Holbrook just three minutes in, en route to a 5-1 victory at home. The same wave of momentum that carried Cohasset over Holbrook carried the Lady Skippers again in Hull.

"I always preach first five minutes and last five minutes of the half," noted Beal. "It sets the tone and gets everyone on the same page."

Beal went on to say that scoring the early goal gave her defense confidence to shut down the Hull attack. Beal had particular compliments for the play on the backline of senior

GIRLS SOCCER, PAGE 19

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's David Santiago (right) shows no fear as he races for ball on collision course with Abington's Tim Akins last Friday. The Skippers won this South Shore League game with Santiago scoring the game's lone goal. Editor's Note: *This is the photo in its proper form that ran last week in this precise spot. A formatting error caused last week's version of this photo to come in at four-times its intended size. Apologies to David Santiago, who now has six goals in his last three games.*

Up, down and all around

Consistency remains elusive mark for unbeaten boys soccer team

By Mike Spellman
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Eight games into the season, Dave Nigro is still left scratching his head at times over his Cohasset boys soccer team.

There have been a few times now this fall where the third year head coach swears he almost didn't recognize his team from the way it was playing on the field. Last Thursday down in Harwich was definitely one of those occasions where he was both scratching and shaking his head, as he watched his Skippers fritter away a two-goal lead late in the second half as a result of some sloppy defensive play and have to settle for a 3-3 tie with the host Rough Ryders.

On the upside, the tie kept the Cohasset boys unbeaten at 4-0-4. On the downside:

"We were just disorganized on defense and we had some guys who just had bad games," stated Nigro. "I don't know exactly what caused it, but we just had a lot of trouble getting the ball out of our end, and a couple of times it came back to bite us."

Captain Evan Pestone scored two first half goals and junior Dave Santiago added another 10 minutes into the second half to make it a 3-1 game – a lead Nigro admitted he felt "pretty good about" at the time. Then came the collapse…and the head scratching.

"I was pleased with the way we played up front, and our midfield play was pretty good," continued Nigro. "And I can't blame (goalie) Curt Kahn for any of the goals. He played well. It was just the guys playing in front of him let down."

The Skippers bounced back for a 6-0 win on the road over Hull on Monday, with Pestone (three goals) and Santiago (two goals) continuing their torrid pace of late. Midfielder

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset High golfer Dan Allen gets some air under the ball during recent chipping practice. The CHS squad was swept by the powerhouse Cape teams, Harwich and Mashpee (currently

Complete team effort

CHS gridders ground Rockets, 34-0

By Mike Spellman
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"Offense, defense and special teams all came together just like you hope they will. This was just a complete team win."
Cohasset football coach Tont Rolfe

"Everything that could go right did go right."

This is the way Cohasset High football coach Tony Rolfe summed up his Div.5 team's 34-0 shocker over Div. 1 North Quincy at Alumni Field Saturday night.

"Offense, defense and special teams all came together just like you hope they will," continued the fifth year head coach whose Skippers improved to 3-0 with the win. "This was just a complete team win."

It took all of four plays for Rolfe and company to figure this might be a pretty special night. Coverage on the opening kickoff pinned the visiting Red Raiders inside their 25-yard line, and three straight stuffs brought out the punting unit. Cohasset's Chris McKenna broke untouched through the line on the snap, and blocked the attempted boot to bring Cohasset's offense on to the field for the first time at NQ's 16-yard line.

Three plays later, halfback Braun Goodson smashed his way in to the end zone from 7-yards out for his first of four touchdown runs on the night. The 6-foot-2, 210 lead runner also finished with 106 yards on just 12 carries before taking a seat for good in the third quarter.

The Skippers got the ball back moments after their opening score when Matt Davis picked off an errant long throw from NQ quarterback Jim Burke and returned it back across midfield.

It was three more offensive plays and six more points, as Goodson bulled his way through the line and went the distance from 27-yards out.

A conventional Cohasset drive early in the second quarter ended the same way as the two

FOOTBALL, PAGE 19

To split or not to split?

That is the question P.C. officials must address soon

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

The guess here, for whatever it's worth, is there will ultimately be a compromise that keeps the Pilgrim Conference together.

In case you missed the story first reported in last week's Mariners, all seven schools of the Atlantic Coast League and three from the Old Colony League have recently informed the MIAA of their intent to break away from the Pilgrim Conference after the 2003-'04 school year. The secession card was played by principals from these 10 schools after officials from the Pilgrim Conference's other 23 schools did not respond favorably to proposals they made at a realignment meeting in mid-June.

Citing concerns over growing travel expenses and the dissolving of natural rivalries, these 10 schools — Nauset, Sandwich, Dennis-Yarmouth, Falmouth, Plymouth South, Plymouth North, Whitman-Hanson,

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Frannie Noble flips her stick in an attempt to knock one by Hanover goalie as teammate Courtney Caron (#16) battles for position in the hopes of a rebound.

Time now the issue

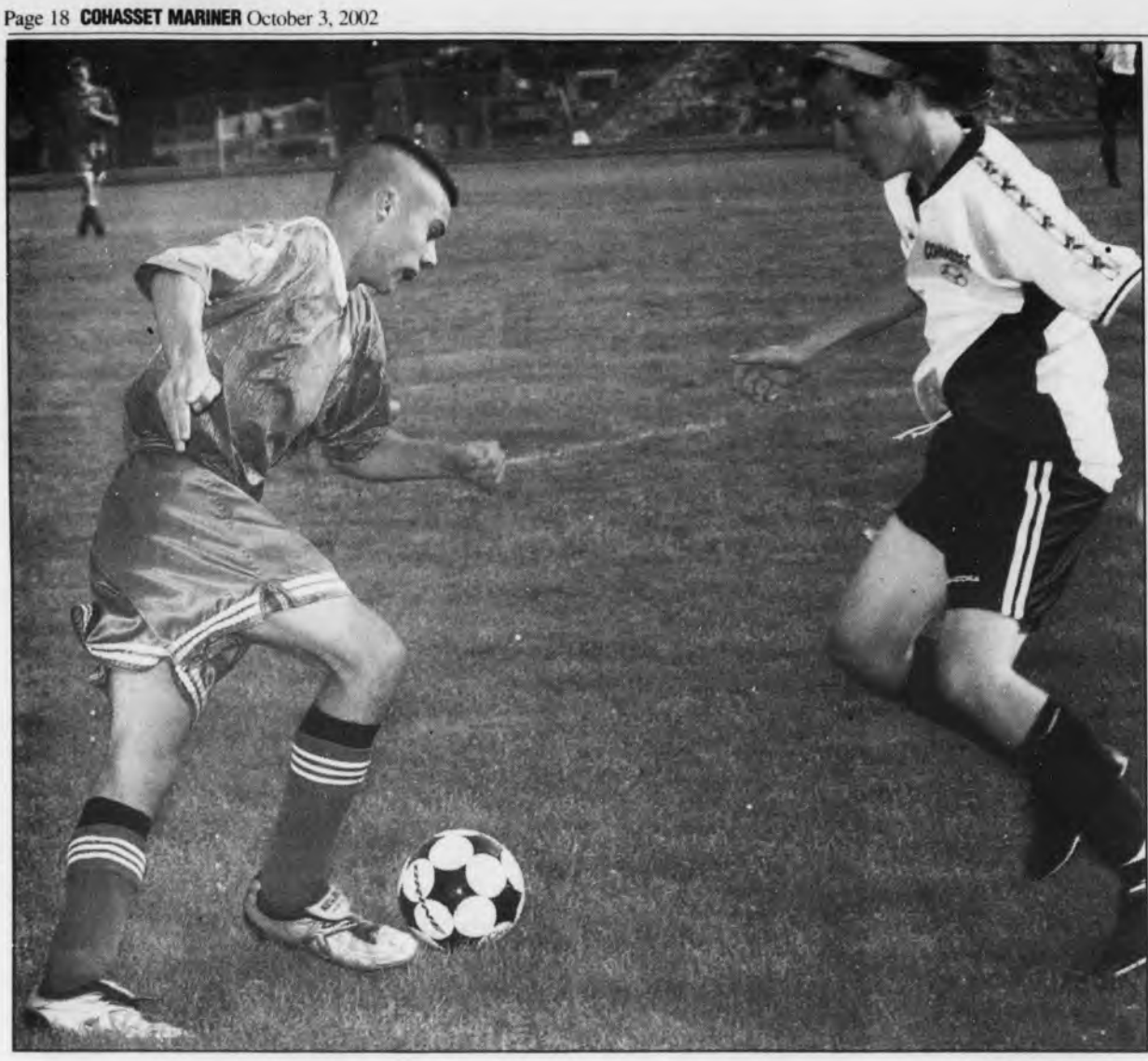
Field hockey team falls to 2-5

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset field hockey team long ago declared that 2002 would be the season where the team returned to its position of power atop the South Shore League. But with two losses in the past week, things need to turn around quicklyfor the Lady Skippers if they are to make a post-season run.

"We still have a shot," noted

FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE 19



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Cohasset's Jesse Brewer (right) swoops in for an attempted steal from Abington's Steve Pearson.

Up, down and all around

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Jesse Brewer also added a solo tally.

However, even that did not get Nigro all that excited, as the Pirates are struggling this year, and the game was played on Hull's fast, small field, which tends to contribute to lopsided wins.

"We scored a lot, and that was nice to see, but it's tough to get a read on how we played overall," noted the coach. "I hope it gave us a spark. We'll probably find out Wednesday (yesterday). If we play then like we did at the end against Harwich, we could be in trouble."

Indeed. Norwell was slated to come to town yesterday, and everyone knew the pre-season anointed favorite Clippers would be loaded for bear with memories still fresh from their 2-1 loss to Cohasset in the season opener back on Sept. 10.

Boys soccer notes

Nigro said he continues to be "pleasantly surprised" by the work of Curt Kahn in goal. The senior has been a regular in the midfield rotation each of the previous two seasons, but offered to make the move to goal late this fall when the incumbent expressed a desire to play elsewhere on the field.

"Curt is really doing a fine job, especially considering the lack of experience he has (in net)," said Nigro. "He's made the plays he's needed to and come up with some big plays too."

Among the other players Nigro made a point to laud for recent play were, not surprisingly, his one-two scoring punch partners, Santiago and Pestone, and junior defensive midfielders John Andrade and Conor Buick.

The junior class — with starters Santiago, Andrade, Buick, Brewer, Chris Clark and J.T. Oronte – definitely appears to be the strength of this year's team.

To split or not to split?

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Randolph North Quincy and North Quincy — petitioned to form a new 10 team Atlantic Coast League with North and South subdivisions. When that request was not addressed in a manner this faction deemed suitable, officials from these schools went ahead and made the move toward doing precisely what they'd requested independently.

So why doesn't this typist think it's going to happen?

Simply put, both sides have something the other side wants: numbers. There is power in numbers, and the folks on both sides of the fence would have to be inordinately vindictive or dopey not to exhaust every possible means of reaching a compromise that would make it possible to retain some semblance of what is currently in place.

Going from a 33 school body to two separate bodies of 10 and 23 would prove detrimental on numerous fronts, not the least of which would be the loss of influence and clout at the state level.

Hitting closer to home, long standing partnerships would be wiped out in the blink of an eye and games would become much more difficult to arrange. It sounds good in theory for an Athletic Directors to say more games could be set up with "neighboring schools," but a lot of those neighboring schools have their own scheduling obligations within their own Conferences. For many A.D.'s filling out bigger non-league schedules would, in fact, become a nightmare.

And what about growth and recession. What happens if say student enrollment at Nauset High, already the smallest in terms of student population in this 10-school faction, continues its steady decline? The various Warriors teams wouldn't stand much of a chance pitted by league affiliation against schools with 400-500 more students from which to select. And what would be that school's options if this happened beyond simply taking its lumps?

Or what if a grass roots parents group in Whitman or Hanson suddenly starts a push to de-regionalize, as Pembroke is in the process of doing from the Silver Lake district.

It's a simple fact of life: things change. Another simple fact of life is that dividing numbers also divides options and the ability to adapt to these changes.

It might be easy and convenient for these schools to walk away from their conference right now. We're guessing that if things change, however, it won't be quite so easy for any of them to get back in to a conference, the Pilgrim or another, particularly given the acrimony behind this proposed split.

What this boils down to for the 23 schools that would remain in the Pilgrim Conference is not wanting to set a dangerous precedent. With very few exceptions, alignment within the Pilgrim Conferences four primary leagues – the Old Colony, Atlantic Coast, Patriot and South Shore Leagues — have been based exclusively on student enrollment numbers. If they allow these 10 schools to establish a whole bunch of new exceptions, there is real concern for what will come their way next.

What this boils down to for the 10 renegade schools is either not wanting to give up what they've got or, particularly in the case with the three OCL schools (Falmouth, Plymouth South and North Quincy), wanting something better.

If the majority of the 23 schools remain unwavering, would the 10 actually follow through with the course to which they've tentatively committed? Yeah, more than likely.

The Cape schools are tired of being jockeyed about.

Reportedly, Randolph and the two Quincy schools have been eyeing a break from the Pilgrim Conference for a few years now. Fed up with spiraling out of control travel budgets, these three schools were reportedly quite close to jumping ship to the Greater Boston League prior to the Pilgrim Conference's last realignment in 2001.

Then you've got Plymouth South, whose athletic teams haven't won much of anything since opening its doors and being placed immediately in the OCL. That school's student population keeps it in the Pilgrim Conference's "big league," but the reality is the athletic participation at that school is more on a par with the smaller schools. Plymouth South is home to the town's Technical Education Program, so it draws "Tech" students from both the north and south districts — students who, generally speaking, are not active in athletics.

There are valid concerns and issues on both sides of the table here, but you've got to believe reason will eventually win out.

The next meeting of all Pilgrim Conference schools has been scheduled for Nov. 5. Hopefully, folks on both sides will have cooled down enough by that point to let logic prevail.

Parting shots

So, who out there still believes having a "true leadoff hitter" is overrated? If you do, try rationalizing this:

When the Red Sox record reached a season best record of 40-17 on June 6, Johnny Damon was making a strong run at MVP consideration with a .348 batting average, 51 runs and 15 steals. For the final 105 games, over which the Sox went 53-52, Damon batted .251 with 67 runs and 16 steals.

Sure, I'm concerned about the Patriots sudden inability to stop the run. However, unlike a few acquaintances and associates, I'm nowhere near ready to begin openly questioning whether or not the defending Super Bowl champs have what it takes to make it back to the playoffs.

Puh-leaze! It's the first loss since mid-November, folks. This is still a very, very good team.

Most football games between two good teams come down to two or thee big plays, and luck (as much as we sometimes hate to admit) is often a factor.

Forget what happened in weeks one and two. Luck was immaterial there. The Steelers and Jets, as we now know, are not good football teams – much unlike the Charges who, with that defense, are eminently legit.

The Patriots had Lady Luck in their corner in playoff wins over the Raiders, Steelers and Rams this past winter. This past Sunday, the fickle Lady switched allegiances to the Chargers. That's all.

Most weeks, the Pats won't have to worry about luck.

SPORTS NOTES

Change in CHS admission prices

There has been a change in the game admission prices for South Shore League games this season. Admission for adults will be $4 and students and seniors will be admitted for $3.

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Student Pass: Students can purchase a year-long athletic event pass. The passes are only good for on-campus home events. The cost is $25.

Adult Pass: Parents and fans can purchase 10 event tickets. The passes are only good for on-campus, home events. The cost is $25.

The discounts tickets may be purchased from Mr. Ford's in the Athletic Director's office or from Mr. Leary at the gate on game days.

Changes to Alumni Field

Due to the ongoing construction project there will be some changes to Alumni Field.

Parking: Please park in the main parking lot in front of the school. Additional parking will be available along the entrance driveway by the main office and at Milliken Field, handicap parking will be available in the main parking lot on the right as you enter the lot.

Please do not park on Bancroft Extension (the road which leads to the visitors side gate) and along the driveway that leads from the lower lot to the main entrance of the school.

Entrance: There will be two entrances available. One entrance will be on the visitor's sideline behind the visitor's sideline. There will also be a temporary access entrance this will allow spectators to enter Alumni Field from the main parking onto the track.

Restrooms: There will be two portable restrooms on the visitors sideline adjacent to the bleachers. Indoor restrooms will also be open in the front entrance of the High School.

Concessions: A temporary concession stand will be set up on Alumni Field in the scoreboard end of the field for night games and home football games.

T.K. O'Malley 10k Race runs Oct. 6

Registrations are now being accepted for the seventh annual T.K. O'Malley 10k Road Race Oct. 6. The TK-10k is a huge community event. It attracts hundreds of runners, involves many local businesses as sponsors and benefits town recreation activities for all ages.

Registration forms are available at all area health clubs, and at the following sponsors: T.K. O'Malley's Sports Café on Front Street, Front Street Book Shop, Kennedy Bros. Physical Therapy in Braintree and Boston and Café Morada on Front Street.

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The race begins at 1 p.m. Oct. 6 at Scituate Common. The course goes through Scituate Harbor, along the coast to the Lighthouse and back to the Common. The course is New England Track and Field Association certified, so that participants will be able to use their times to qualify for marathons.

Prizes go to three male and female finishers in each of the following categories: 18 and under; 19-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70 and over. Refreshments will be available. As always, a post-race rally will be held at T.K. O'Malley's Sports Café.

Registration costs $15, and early registrations are encouraged, the first 300 entrants are guaranteed a T-shirt. Completed forms should be mailed with a $15 check payable to TK-10K, to Howard Ardolino, 299 First Parish Road, Scituate, 02066.

The race benefits the people of Scituate by raising money for the Friends of Scituate Recreation. Proceeds help pay for Recreation Department programs and activities for Scituate citizens of all ages.

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MAXLAX REPORT

Game of the Week: U12 Cohasset v Hingham

Well, it seems that overtime contests are becoming the routine rather than the exception as another outstanding weekend of indoor play was capped off with a MaxLax thriller between the kids from these two perennial lacrosse powerhouses. Only this time it was the younger kids turn as these 5th and 6th graders showed that they also had an "A" game and it was definitely on display in this hard fought adventure.

Cohasset opened up the action with a nice give and go tally by Kevin Ciardi from Andrew Smith. This early lead would quickly disappear as Hingham's John Fitzgerald went on a tear, netting two himself and assisting Tom Kelly on another with a "college level" no look pass on a rush down the center of the field. Not to be outdone, Smith rallied his squad with some outstanding defense in his own end that produced a fast break goal on an assist from Connor Queenan and then followed it up with a nifty upper corner strike from the right side. With the score tied at 3 – 3 and time running down in the first half, both goalies stood tall in the net rejecting several last minute shots until Kelly and Fitzgerald teamed up again to close out the half with Hingham ahead by one.

Hingham's Ricky Boyle got into the action quickly in the second half as he notched a solo shot after dodging several Cohasset defenders and then assisted on another Fitzgerald score that gave Hingham what seemed like a commanding 3 goal lead. In a game that featured a number of multiple goal scorers, the trend continued as Cohasset battled back with two quick tallies by Chris Brown with assists from Jackson Dean and Conor Murphy – who took a BIG hit, but still delivered the ball where it is was needed. With two minutes left in the game, Cohasset tied the score on a fast break goal by John Kearney on a cross-court feed from Smith (who would finish the day with 4 points). Hingham's tag team tandem of Fitzgerald and Kelly struck once again (for their 6th and 3rd points of the day) to put Hingham up by one going into the waning moments, but Matt Wasel of Cohasset tied it up in the last ticks of the clock on an end to end rush finding the back of the net as regulation ended.

During the 2 OT periods that followed, the goalkeepers and defense controlled the pace of the play as both teams battled toe to toe in this sudden death format. With Hingham getting off 7 shots to Cohasset's 5, this was as evenly matched a group as we've seen and when the last buzzer went off, the players, coaches, and the fans had a great one for the memory books where everyone came out a winner.

Player of the Week: John Fitzgerald, Hingham (4 Goals, 2 Assists)

MaxLax is now accepting registrations for the Winter session that begins play November 4th. Space will be limited and registrations for teams and individuals will be on a first come first served basis. For more information, please contact us at maxlax@msn.com or 781/383-0413.

FILE PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset head football coach Tony Rolfe (left) has not had to call on quarterback Mike Snowdale (right) and his sensational receiver corps much this year, but that could change soon with South Shore League play right around the corner.

Time now the issue

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veteran coach Deb Bostwick, whose team fell short of a state tourney berth last season after qualifying in 2000 with a historic 15-win season and run to the Sectional semi-finals. "We just haven't found a nucleus for our team yet."

Last Thursday, the Lady Skippers traveled to Duxbury, where the Div. 1 Lady Dragons shut out their visitors 4-0. With 16 seniors and two juniors to their varsity roster, Duxbury is clearly one of the teams to beat in the state.

However, Bostwick seemed more than encouraged by her team's performance. Her troops allowed one goal eight minutes in, but held the Lady Dragons scoreless until halftime. Cohasset did a terrific job of thwarting the Duxbury attack for the most part, limiting their hosts to just three corners.

"That was one of the best team games we have played," started the coach. "We made them earn every shot that they took and every goal that they made. We can compete with them, and we did scare them."

Bostwick had particular accolades for senior Sarah Dennis and junior Danielle Pinkus for their strong drives that helped keep the Duxbury forwards out near midfield. On defense, Bostwick noted the performances of juniors Rachel Doyle and Frannie Noble as "wonderful." This duo helped keep a ferocious Dragon attack at bay until the end of the game.

Cohasset did amass 13 shots on net, a creditable total for any game, especially against a top opponent.

"I am very impressed with everyone," Bostwick lauded. "Four-nothing is a very respectable score."

On Monday, Cohasset suffered a league loss to Carver, 2-0. The key for Carver was winning the ball control game, as they utilized their team speed to reach loose balls and stay the aggressive team.

"Carver outplayed us, they out-stepped us, and they beat us to the ball," reported Bostwick, whose team now stands at 2-5 with 11 games remaining. "Our major hang-up was in the center of the field. We had no control."

On Carver's slow, thick field, it became very difficult for Cohasset defenders to pass the ball up to their forwards. The quick Carver midfielders took advantage and kept the ball in the Lady Skippers' end for the vast majority of the game, as reflected by their 22 corner attempts.

"When we did get the ball to our forwards, we were good," noted the coach. "But they had speed, and they played a little smarter. We played a very defensive ballgame."

Complete team effort

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abbreviated pushes. Goodson plunged in from 1-yard out. QB Mike Snowdale then hit John Durkin with a pass for the two-point conversion and a 20-0 Skippers lead wit h nine minutes still to go before the halftime break..

The rout was on but good shortly before the break when Cohasset's Cosimo Cambi took away a quick "out" pass as it was being bobbled by a North Quincy receiver and raced 33-yards for the score. The Tom Anderson kick made it 27-0.

The Skippers opened the second half with their most impressive push of the night, with the offensive line of Cambi, Dan Tarpey, Nick Armond, Mike Casey and Steven Davis simply blowing Red Raiders off the line to open huge holes for Goodson.

"Our offensive line and inside running game has really emerged as a strength for us in these first four games," said Rolfe. "The line is getting better and better as they get used to one another. We've got some pretty good weapons in (returning league all-star quarterback) Mike Snowdale and our receiving corps too, but we haven't had to use them a lot yet."

Goodson polished off this opening drive of the second half wit h a 12-yard scoring burst up the gut, earning himself and most of his fellow first teamers the rest of the night off.

Football notes

Ironically, this is a game many urged Rolfe to steer away from for fear of shaking the confidence of a few of his younger and less experienced players so early in the season.

Clearly, Rolfe expected a much more spirited encounter with the Div. 1 team, as he initially defended his decision to play the game by stating: "The way it looks like the powers in the South Shore League are lining up, these are the kinds of games you've got to play to get ready."

Rolfe and staff have made a point of practicing punt and kickoff coverage more than most teams the last few years, and the extra work continues to pay off, as the Skippers have consistently forced opponents in the first three games to start drives from the wrong side of their 30-yard line.

This game was originally slated to be played under the lights at Alumni Field on Friday night, but wet conditions and the threat of more rain prompted Cohasset Athletic Director Ron Ford to push the game back 24 hours.

The annual Homecoming festivities are planned for this weekend, with Cardinal Spellman's football team coming to town this Saturday for a 1:30 kickoff. The following Friday night, the Skippers begin their quest to repeat as South Shore League champs as they travel to Carver.

Cohasset 34, No. Quincy 0

NQ (1-2)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**- 0**
Coh(3-0)	**12**	**8**	**7**	**7**	**- 34**

Braun Goodson 7 run (kick failed)
Goodson 27 run (rush failed)
Goodson 1 run (John Durkin pass from Mike Snowdale)
Cosmo Cambi 33 interception return (Tom Anderson kick)
Goodson 12 run (Anderson kick)

Fall sports injuries, early intervention

Back to school — Back to sports — Back to fall sports injuries. With the return to school and sports, typically comes the return of injuries to many of the participants in the fall sports programs. For mom and dad, it means that the "nicks" and "dings" that occurred at age 12 and 13 mean real injuries at ages 14, 15 and 16. The skeletons have changed. So have the responses to stress and strain. According to Peter Stone co-owner and physical therapist at Prescription Orthopedic Sports Therapy in Cohasset, the most important part in the process is early recognition and early intervention to the injury process.

For the athletes that condition themselves beginning in June and July, the injuries will tend to be less sustaining. For the athletes that took the summer off, they may find themselves taking the fall off as well. So what do you do when your child comes home and says that he or she was hurt at school playing a sport? Most importantly — get some answers — a diagnosis. Get some early treatment at home, RICE (rest, ice, compression, elevation). Get some early intervention with exercises, isometric exercises (decrease motion at site of injury), continue to recondition the other joints (upper extremity for lower extremity injuries, or lower extremity for upper extremity injuries) and minimize the loss of skill (balance, shooting, passing etc.).

The early intervention mode ensures the highest likelihood of minimizing the time lost from injury. Consult with your pediatrician immediately. He or she will rule out pathology (fractures). Most sports injuries are defined as soft tissue (non-bony structures) such as muscles, tendons, ligaments, fascia etc. Once you know what it is not, find out what it is and how to treat it. Well-trained physical therapists and athletic trainers are skilled at differentiating muscles and tendons from ligaments and fascia. More importantly, early treatment with modalities (massage, electrical stimulation, icing) in conjunction with exercise techniques (stretching), mobilization technique and strength techniques minimize the loss of function. Al Blaisdell, co-owner of Prescription Orthopedic Sports Therapy in Cohasset and athletic trainer for Hingham High School, states the philosophy we have is to provide a continuum of care from acute onset of the injury, to guided rehabilitative techniques designed specifically for each injury, followed by a complete evaluation including functional tests and functional criteria that will assure a safe return to sports.

CHS lady booters wins third straight

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captain Julie Lordan and juniors Brenna O'Donnell and Holly Graham for their play on Monday.

The midfield also played a crucial part in Cohasset's advantage in the territorial game against Hull. Buckley and senior Maura McKenney consistently fed through balls to the forward line, passes that kept the Hull fullbacks retreating for most of the game.

Cohasset has 10 games remaining on the schedule, and needs to win half of these to qualify for the post-season. Fortunately, eight of the final 10 will be played in Cohasset.

Cohasset and Norwell played yesterday, while the Lady Skippers play their Homecoming match on Friday night at 7 pm in a re-match versus Mashpee.

The Lady Skippers are now fourth in the South Shore League, but they have four of their next five games against SSL opponents, and the league this year is very even. Abington sits atop the league with a 4-0 league record, but second through sixth are separated by three games.

CHS weekly sports scoreboard

Football
28 beat N. Quincy, 34-0

Varsity Golf
30 lost to Harwich
1 lost to Mashpee

Field Hockey
26 lost to Duxbury, 4-0
30 lost to Carver, 2-0
2 @ Norwell

Girls Varsity Soccer
26 beat Harwich
30 beat Hull, 2-0
2 Norwell

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30 beat Hull, 6-0
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Mary Reardon

A tribute to Mary Reardon

Mary Groden Reardon, of Cohasset, died at the Colonial Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Weymouth MA, on Wednesday, September 25, 2002, at the age of 90, after a brief illness.

Mary was born in New London, CT on August 24, 1912, the daughter of the late Michael F. Groden and Flavia (Grady) Groden. She was the 6th of 10 children and was raised in Cambridge and Green Harbor MA. She graduated from Cambridge High and Latin School and received her bachelor's degree in History from Emmanuel College in 1935.

Mary was the wife of the late Norbert V. Reardon, Jr. She is survived by three daughters, Susan R. Chisholm of Wellesley Hills, Jane R. Russell and Elizabeth R. Good of Cohasset and two sons, Norbert V. Reardon, III of Cohasset, Mark A. Reardon of Hanover and the late Lt. Dennis J. Reardon, USMC, who was killed in action, at the age of 24 on November 29, 1969, during the Vietnam War.

Recently, Mary was named a Gold Star Mother in honor of losing her son in service to his country. A ceremony, dedicating a monument in her honor, was held on Veterans Day, November 11, 2001, at the Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset MA.

In addition, Mary is survived by twelve grandchildren: Kristen C. Fisher of West Hartford CT, John K. Chisholm Jr. of Hingham, Emily R. Heythaler of Duxbury, Dennis J. Reardon, Amy R. Farber, and William J. Good, Jr. all of Cohasset, Michael A. Russell, Jr. of San Francisco CA, Julie E. Good and Elizabeth F. Good of South Boston and Daniel M. Reardon, Lauren A. Reardon and Terence M. Reardon all of Hanover MA.

She is also survived by three great-grandchildren: Cameron M. Fisher, Max A. Farber, Samuel A. Farber and many devoted nieces and nephews.

Mary also leaves two sisters, Elizabeth G. Dewire and Anne M. Groden both of Duxbury and a brother Joseph A. Groden of Plymouth. She was also the devoted sister of the late Alice M. Daly, Dr. Henry Groden, John F. Groden, Eleanor G. Groden, Dr. Harold M. Groden and Dorothy G. McLaughlin.

Mary and her husband Norbert were former residents of Newton Center from 1941 to 1955, until they moved to the South Shore where they raised their 6 children in Cohasset for 47 years.

Mary was employed as an elementary school teacher for many years in the Boston, Hull and Cohasset Public School Systems. She was also an active member of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset, the South Shore Art Center and was a regular communicant at St. Anthony's Church.

A former member of the Hatherly Country Club in Scituate, Mary was an avid sportswoman who enjoyed both tennis and golf throughout her life. She also loved the arts and enjoyed taking many courses at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Her favorite hobbies included reading, arranging flowers, knitting and needlepoint. For many years, Mary also volunteered at The Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset.

A Funeral Mass and Liturgy celebrating Mary's life was held at 10:00 o'clock Friday morning, September 27, 2002, at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment was at Holyhood Cemetery in Chestnut Hill MA.

Memorial donations in Mary's memory may be made to either Emmanuel College, 400 The Fenway, Room A 102, Boston, MA 02115 or to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Building Fund, 106 South Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St. Cohasset MA.

Hazel L. Smith

Hazel L. (Morris) Smith, age 80, of Cohasset and formerly of Marshfield and Hingham, died Sept. 29, 2002 at the Jewish Memorial Hospital in Boston after a long illness.

Born in Tiltonsville, Ohio, she was raised and education In Martins Ferry, Ohio. During her years in Ohio, Mrs. Smith worked as a nurse's aide.

She was a Hingham resident for many years where, for 27 years, she was associated with the Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance Co., retiring at age 65 as assistant vice-president. She lived in Marshfield 15 years before moving to Cohasset four years ago.

She was a volunteer at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth as well as for the Children's Wish Foundation in Marshfield. She also volunteered for the "Talking Books" for the blind. Mrs. Smith was also a member of the Massachusetts Women's Insurance Association.

Mrs. Smith leaves her two sons, David J. Smith of Ridgefield, Conn. and Kenneth E. Smith of Omaha, Neb.; her sisters and brother, Margaret Young and William Morris, both of Clearwater, Fla., Evelyn Comegys of Baltimore, Md. and Mary Ellen Benfield of Taylorsville, N.C.; her grandchildren, Tamara Hatch of Plymouth, Lisa Douglas of East Weymouth, Adrienne Smith of Omaha, Neb. and Lauren Smith of Boston; and her three great-grandchildren. She was also the mother of the late Sharon S. Hatch.

A memorial service will be conducted at the Sunrise of Cohasset, 125 King St. (Route 3A) on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. Interment will be private.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel of Hingham.

Donations may be made in Mrs. Smith's memory to the South Shore Visiting Nurse Association, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02184.

Karen Thorsell Sause

Karen Thorsell Sause died on Sept. 10, 2002.

Born in Framingham, she was the daughter of the late Ernest A. and Helen L. Thorsell:

A former Miss Maine, Dartmouth Carnival Queen, Skidmore Carnival Queen, and Renssalear Polytechnic Institute Queen, she graduated from Skidmore College in 1957 with a B.S. in Drama and a minor in Music. Upon graduation she moved to New York City, and for 14 years performed on and off Broadway, on television in soap operas and commercials, and in numerous show tours and packages.

In 1972 she moved to Cohasset, where she was a soloist at First Parish in Cohasset as well as an avid tennis player, sailor, and an active member of the League of Women Voters and the Cohasset Yacht Club.

Mrs. Sause moved to Wilmington in 1979 with her family, where she was a member of St. James Episcopal Church and sang in the choir for 20 years. She was a former VIP board member of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, the Cape Fear Country Club, and the Cape Fear Garden Club.

In 1982 she started VR Business Brokers, which she ran until 1992 when she took, over her husband's check cashing business after his death. She had retired in January 2000.

She was an active tennis player, as well as an avid gardener and gourmet cook. Her greatest passions were for food and music; she had a particular love for opera, musicals, and the liturgy of the church.

Mrs. Sause is preceded in death by her husbands George L. Sause and Don W. Cornelius.

She leaves two sons, Adam J. Cornelius and Ian M. Sause, his wife Amy, and three grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Lauren, and Emily; two stepdaughters, Barbara Sause-Roberts, her husband, Craig, and their children, Mark and Julia of Severna Park, Md.; Bailey Bartlett, her husband, John, and son, Benjamin of Jupiter, Fla.; a brother, E. Kevin Thorsell and his wife, Eleanor Hugh of Laconia, N.H.; a niece, Erika, and nephew, Nathan, and his wife, Cathy, of Sanford, Maine.

Services were held at St. James Episcopal Church, 25 S. 3rd St., Wilmington, N.C. 28401 by Rev. Steve Teague.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Francis Garden at the church.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

2:43 a.m. South Main St., burglar alarm.

8:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglar alarm.

8:26 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

8:39 a.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:03 p.m. North Main St., fire, referred to fire department.

1:57 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:25 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:53 p.m. Sohier St., property found.

4:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:48 p.m. Black Horse Lane, general info, area search negative.

5:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property found.

5:49 p.m. Briarwood Lane and Bancroft Way, parking complaint, ticket issued.

6:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:09 p.m. Jerusalem Road, summons service, not delivered.

9:23 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

12:08 a.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint, area search negative.

1:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., tree down.

2:23 a.m. Jerusalem Road, dog barking.

5:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglar alarm.

7:35 a.m. Border St., open door/window.

8 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, miscellaneous.

8:38 a.m. Gannett Road and Hatherly Road, 911 call verification.

9:15 a.m. Jerusalem Road, summons service, not able to deliver.

9:32 a.m. Pond St., 911 call verification.

10:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, with PI, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:49 a.m. Summer St., animal call or complaint.

12:03 p.m. Elm St. and Stevens Lane, parking complaint, ticket issued.

1:24 p.m. Parker Ave., 911 call verification.

3:27 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist motorist, services rendered.

4:21 p.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.

4:54 p.m. Milligan Field, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:57 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:51 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:15 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:19 p.m. Sohier St., request for police officer.

9:03 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

12:32 a.m. King St., burglar alarm.

7:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, miscellaneous.

7:30 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, fire, miscellaneous

8:27 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:05 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:14 a.m. King St., fire, structure, services rendered.

11:24 a.m. Stagecoach Way, 911 call verification.

11:29 a.m. Pond St., request for police officer, services rendered.

11:41 a.m. Whitney Woods Lane, animal call or complaint.

12:28 a.m. Elm St. and Stevens Lane, medical aid.

4:39 p.m. Dolan Lane, general disturbance.

5:17 p.m. Wheelwright Park Road, general disturbance, area search negative.

7:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:43 p.m. Sohier St., fire, structure.

10:13 p.m. Pond St. and Bancroft Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

5:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident.

12:35 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

12:44 p.m. Jerusalem Road, 911 call verification, referred to other agency.

1:58 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal call or complaint, referred to other agency.

2:17 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

2:25 p.m. Cohasset Board of Health, assist other agency.

4:39 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:44 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, patient sign-off.

8:46 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

6:56 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

7:12 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Nichols Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:09 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Red Gate Lane, general information, referred to other agency.

4:43 p.m. Norfolk Road, missing person, investigated.

5:37 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

6 p.m. South Main St., soliciting.

6:06 p.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.

6:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8 p.m. Jerusalem Road, soliciting, area search negative.

8:13 p.m. Jerusalem Road, soliciting, area search negative.

8:27 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services, referred to other agency.

8:40 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:59 p.m. Jerusalem Road, abandoned 911 call, departmental action.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

3:53 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:30 a.m. Jerusalem Road, abandoned 911 call, departmental action.

10:11 a.m. Bancroft Way, parking complaint, ticket issued.

11:07 a.m. Jerusalem Road, burglar alarm.

11:13 a.m. Forest Ave., burglar alarm.

11:59 a.m. Highland Ave., fire, structure.

12:35 p.m. Jerusalem Road, request for police officer, investigated.

1:42 p.m. Summer St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

3:23 p.m. Elm St., assist other agency.

4:07 p.m. Nichols Road, burglar alarm.

5:06 p.m. Elm St., property found.

5:24 p.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:40 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:43 p.m. Jerusalem Road, abandoned 911 call, false call.

5:43 p.m. Bancroft Road, motor vehicle accident.

7:16 p.m. Surry Drive, suspicious activity/person(s).

7:23 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity/person(s), area search negative.

7:45 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well-being check, log entry info.

7:54 p.m. Summer St., parking complaint.

8:13 p.m. Jerusalem Road, burglar alarm.

10:29 p.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

10:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Ridge Top Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny, departmental action.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

12:44 a.m. Border St., assist other police department.

1:14 a.m. Border St., assist other police department.

1:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

11:27 a.m. Atlantic Ave., 911 call verification.

11:42 a.m. Jerusalem Road, vandalism.

12:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., escort, services rendered.

12:36 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

12:49 p.m. Jerusalem Road, 911 call verification.

12:53 p.m. Surry Drive, burglar alarm.

1 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property found.

2:57 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, 911 call verification.

4:16 p.m. Fox Run and Forest Ave., missing person, returned to home or family.

7:09 p.m. Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle violation/s.

6:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle complaint, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:14 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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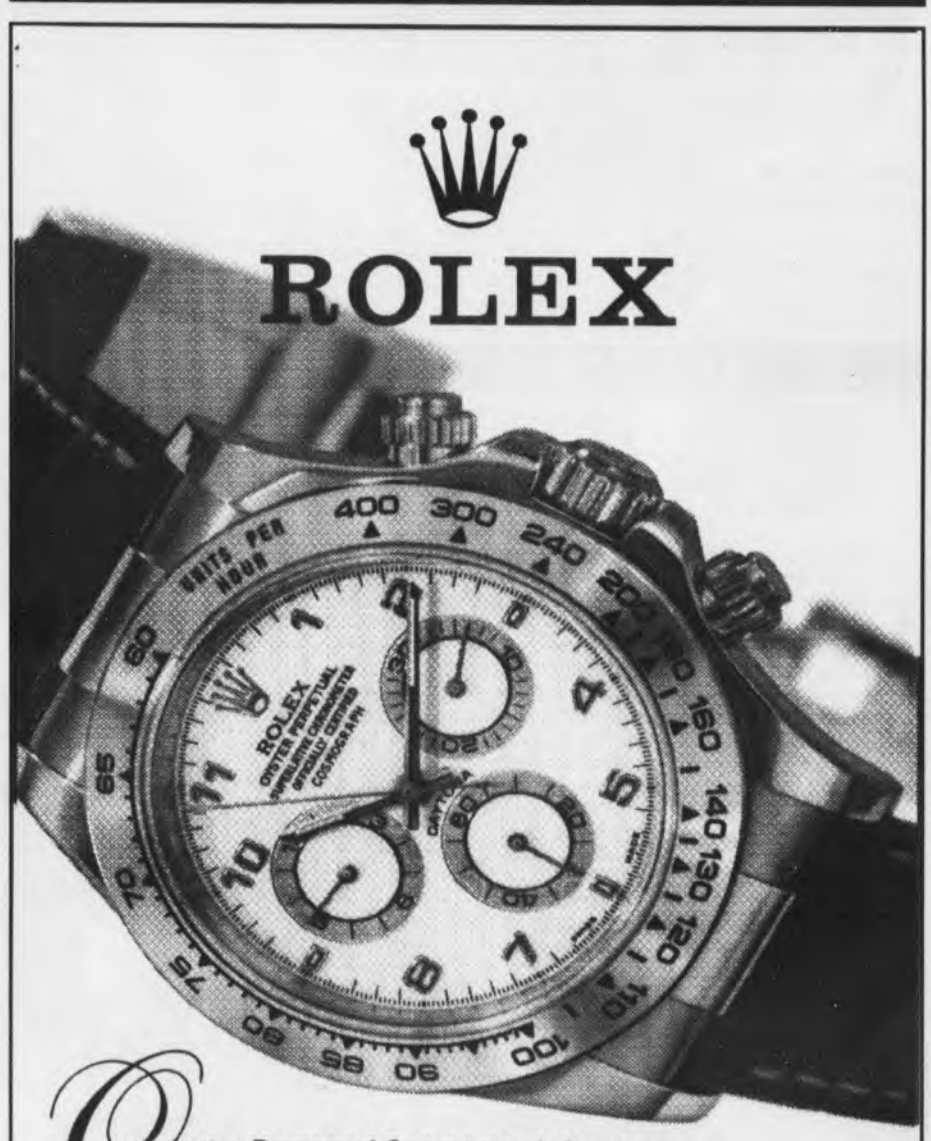

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IT'S HAPPENING

Series for children of older parents

Cohasset Elder Affairs presents an educational series for children of aging parents titled "A Seminar for Elders and Caregivers" Wednesday evenings at 3 North Main St. From 6-6:30 p.m. a light supper will be served, 6:30 8:30 p.m., program. Donation of $10 is requested. Call 781-383-9112.

- Oct. 2: "Before the Crisis Hits!" (Protecting assets and other legal issues). Speakers: Paul Tierney, CPA, Elder Law Attorney; and Susan Cox, Elder Law Attorney.
- Oct. 9: "Getting Involved in Your Parents' Affairs" (How to approach the subject). Speakers: Cheryl Bambery, Norfolk County Deputy Sheriff; Robert Jackson, Cohasset Police Chief; Barbara Farnsworth, Adult Day Center and Respite; Michele Ellick, Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.
- Oct. 16: "How to Beat the High Cost of Health Insurance" (Senior health insurance, prescription drug coverage and long-term care insurance). Speakers; Peggy McDonough, Director for HESSCO SHINE program; John Martin, Esquire, SHINE Counselor.
- Oct. 23: "Confronting a Tough Issue!" (Preventing elder fraud, dishonest caregivers). Speakers: Dorothy Anne Vitale, Norfolk County Director of Senior Initiatives; David Raftery, Assistant District Attorney, Norfolk County.

Cohasset Board of Health to hold Flu Clinic:

There will be a Flu Clinic for Seniors (65+ yrs) and those people with chronic health problems such as cardiovascular and pulmonary disease, diabetes, renal dysfunction, HIV positive or immune compromised individuals, on Tuesday October 15, 2002 from 10 am – 12 pm at the Second Congregational Church (next to the Town Hall).

The Flu vaccine is free but seniors are reminded to bring their Medicare insurance card or Medicare "HMO" card with them and all are asked to wear a short sleeve shirt for ease of administration. Contact the Public Health Nurse for more info at 781-383-2210.

Dance hosted at The Garage

There will be a dance at The Garage on Friday, Oct. 18 from 7-10 p.m. Everyone in grades-six-and-up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Red Cross hosts blood drive

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, Oct. 9. The Blood Drive will be at St. Anthony Parish Center at the corner of South Main and Summer streets from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. As in the past, baby-sitting will be provided from 3 to 5 p.m. Ample parking is available.

The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors in the Cohasset area to give blood when the bloodmobile comes to Cohasset. According to Cathy Pray, director, "Only five out of every hundred people give blood, and the number of new donors decreased dramatically last year. First-time donors are urgently needed to replace donors who have moved away or become ineligible to donate."

"The biggest obstacle seems to be overcoming that initial fear," said Pray. "That's why we're counting on our regular donors to help by bringing a friend to this blood drive."

TheRed Cross area community of which Cohasset is a part requires over 1,600 pints of blood per day to meet usual demand for blood and blood products.

Most people can give blood through the American Red Cross. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have any questions, call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290. You can also call the Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

Newcomer's Club kicks off season

The Scituate/ Cohasset Newcomers club will be hosting it's first social of the season with hors d'oeuvres and drinks this Saturday, Oct. 5, from 7-10 p.m. at the home of Scott and Carrie Peters, 27 Beach Plum Lane, Scituate.

The club is an organization open to all residents of Scituate and Cohasset for both social and charitable purposes. Through its sponsored activities, the club offers members the opportunity to meet new people through both special events and ongoing group activities.

You do not have to be new to join the Newcomers' Club. More details can be found in the membership form posted at the town library and the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset.

Sign up now and attend the first fall kickoff party this Saturday. For questions call 545-5202.

Arts Groups Ponder Air Base Arts Complex

The Board of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra invites artists, arts organizations and any interested parties to attend an organizational meeting to discuss the development of a multi-purpose, multi-arts complex at a site on the former Naval Air Base in Weymouth.

The board will assess the need for a regional facility that reflects and spurs the growth of the arts on the South Shore, and how that center might serve arts organizations, individual artists, and the entire community. The meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7 9 pm at the

Ocean Village Nor0easter Function Hall, 33 Pidgeon Rd., on the base. For more information, or if you can0t attend the meeting but want to be involved, call Nina Wellford, 781-740-5694.

Boosters host breakfast

The Cohasset Soccer Boosters Club's annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will take place this coming Sunday, Oct. 6, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Cohasset Middle High School cafeteria. Christine McCann of the Boston Breakers will be hand to sign autographs from 10 to 11. There will be games for children and a raffle featuring gift certificates to many local restaurants and businesses and tickets to a Bruins and a Celtics game.

Tickets are $5 and are available from any High School soccer player or at the door. Proceeds support our High School soccer teams. For more information contact Debbie Shadd at 383-1624.

Silent film presented

The Cohasset Historical Society presents "Movie Queen" — step back in time to 1940 Cohasset. This silent film, presented courtesy of Mary Jeanette Murray promises an evening of nostalgia for those who remember such local sites as Delory Drug and the Jenny Gas Station. For those who don't, it's a chance to peek into the past.

The cast is made up entirely of Cohasset residents of the day, with Bettina Bancroft Gray starring as the "movie queen." Follow her adventures as she visits local businesses and mingles with the local "characters," while catching a glimpse of the way we were.

Come on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers' Residence. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. For information, call 781-383-1434.

Wrestling clinic offered

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that Torin Sweeney, head CHS wrestling coach will offer a 12-session, fall wrestling clinic for area students in grades seven to 12. Classes will meet each Monday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

The first class and registration will be held Monday, Oct. 7 at Cohasset High School's new, all-purpose Sports Room at 6 p.m.. The fee for the 12 sessions is $50 per participant.

Questions regarding this unique wrestling opportunity may be directed to the recreation office at 781-383-4109.

This program is open to Cohasset as well as area students from surrounding towns. The program will end on Thursday, Nov. 21.

The 2002-2003 symphony season begins in October, and Hingham Symphony has announced an 8-month program that brings the very best classical music to audiences on the South Shore. With the continuing leadership of Music Director Jin Kim, the HSO has developed an orchestra composed of more than 50 of the very best graduate student and professional musicians from the

conservatories in Boston, as well as a number of local professionals. Their passion for music and superior skill come through in performances that have been called "exciting, rewarding music-making" by critics and audience members alike.

The opening concert of the season will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall. On the program are Dvorak0s festive Carnival Overture, Ginastera0s Variaciones Concertantes, and Brahm0s passionate Symphony No. 3. Jin Kim will give a pre-concert explanation of the program at 7:15 pm. All are invited to meet the musicians

at a reception after the concert. On Oct. 18, HSO will perform the same program as a benefit concert for South Shore Hospital.

HSO performs 10 full-orchestra concerts and a chamber recital each season. In addition, members of the HSO bring a KidsConcert into elementary schools as requested. An active group of volunteers, called Fanfare, helps the Board and staff manage logistics of the season.

The HSO, as a non-profit organization, relies on contributions of all kinds from people across the South Shore, and will work closely with businesses to develop mutually beneficial relationships. For more information, to receive a brochure, or to buy tickets, please call the HSO at 781-740-5694.

Craft programs for kids

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades K—three Arts and Crafts Program by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and Crafts for grades K—three will be held from 3-4 p.m. on Mondays at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $42 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 21 and continue through November 25. The class will not meet on Monday, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day.

For information, details and registration, call the rec office at 781-383-4109.

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Fall barn sale at fire museum

A fall barn sale will take place at Bare Cove Fire Museum on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 19 Fort Hill St., rain or shine. Donations are gratefully accepted; please call 781-749-0028.

The Bare Cove Fire Museum has a history of supporting the cost of the non-profit museum by holding a bi-annual barn sale in a storage building in Bare Cove Park. Items for sale include skis and poles, books, records (78s and other sizes), tapes, speakers, dishes, furniture, toys, puzzles, clothes, computer games, tools, art, holiday decorations, sports equipment and household appliances. Aside from raising money on the day of the barn sale, museum members will be on hand to answer questions you may have about the history of firefighting in Hingham.

The museum's neighbor, the South Shore Model Railroad Club is having an open house the same day. Everyone is welcome to both venues!

Barnyard tours at Weir River Farm

Barnyard tours at Weir River Farm in Hingham are: Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.; Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., through Oct. 13.

Members of The Trustees of Reservations: free; Non-members: $2.

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Garage rentals

Garage rental is $75 for two hour blocks of time. However, there is some leniency on time constraints, allowing set up and clean up time, before and after the function.

While renters may utilize the games, electronic equipment, pool table, ping pong table, TVs, etc., they will be charged for additional fee for damages to any equipment or the facility.

A $50 security deposit check will be required prior to the function. This check will not be cashed unless there are damages due to use. Otherwise the check will be returned or destroyed after your function.

Trash and/or garbage must be removed before leaving the garage.

Call the recreation department at 781-383-4109for more information.

LEGAL NOTICES

ZBA/139 BORDER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, October 21, 2002, at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 5.3.1 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Fred Blossom,** seeks to relocate a nonconforming barn at **139 Border St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-09-30.

AD#969467
Cohasset Mariner 10/3, 10/10/02

ZBA/282 CEDAR ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, October 21, 2002, **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.6 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Bruce & Lori Frost,** seek to extend a nonconforming dwelling at **282 Cedar St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-09-17.

AD#965990
Cohasset Mariner 10/3, 10/10/02

ZBA/231 POND ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, October 21, 2002, **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Thomas & Ann M. Dooley,** seek to appeal Building Commissioner decision dated August 22, 2002 re. **231 Pond St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-09-04.

AD#965838
Cohasset Mariner 10/3, 10/10/02

ZBA/81-83 SUMMER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, October 21, 2002, at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to 8.9 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **James & Liane Seppala,** seek to reconstruct a nonconforming dwelling at **81-83 Summer St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-09-30B.

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Kara Hutchinson: Sandwich
Emily Kukstis: Scituate
Kelly Maguire: Hanover
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Students earn honors

By Ed Leonard

Leornard is a guidance counselor at Cohasset High School

Recently, the College Board notified Cohasset High School of the students who have earned Advanced Placement Scholar Awards. These prestigious awards are for outstanding academic achievement in Advanced Placement exams. To earn the Scholar Award a student must have an outstanding performance in three AP Exams. The Scholar With Honor Award goes to students who an outstanding performance in four AP Exams and the Scholar With Distinction Award to students with exemplary scores in five AP Exams.

Cohasset High School's 2002 Scholar Award winners are Caroline Carter, Cara Foley, David Ingber, Ross Lieb-Lappen, Robinson Murphy, Matthew Ogrodnik, Elizabeth Reynolds and Kimberly Ulmer. The Scholar With Honor winners are Connor Avery, Matthew Bilodeau, Daniel Littauer, Suzanne Lynner, Liam Martin, Megan McCain and Corey Sullivan. The Scholar With Distinction winner was Katherine Grimm.

Congratulations to all the award winners for their outstanding academic accomplishments.

Water video explores 'Wonders of Water'

Aquarion Water Co. of Massachusetts is presenting its "Wonders of Water" educational video to Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset-area schools as an introduction to Aquarion's water science educational partnership.

The video, tailored for middle school-aged youngsters, describes aspects of water treatment and how pollution affects the water supply, as well as the importance of protecting area wetlands and watersheds.

The video packages also provides teachers with hands-on water science lesson plans and curriculum guides.

Kids classes at the community center

Gymnastic Classes

Sports for Kids

Ages 4-6 Monday, 1 to 2 p.m.; ages 3-5 Monday 3 to 3:45 p.m.; ages 6-9 Wednesday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; ages 3-5 Friday 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Gym Explorers

Ages 4-6 Monday 2 to 3 p.m.; ages 4-6 Tuesday 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.; ages 4-6 Wednesday 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; ages 4-6 Friday 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Tumblebugs

Age 3 Tuesday 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.; age 3 Wednesday 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

Beg/Int. Girls

Ages 5-8 Monday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; ages 6-11 Monday 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.; ages 7-11 Thursday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; ages 7-11 Friday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Babysitting for Boys and Girls

Ages 10+, $45M/48NM, four weeks, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Children will learn first aid, fire safety, entertaining young children and nutrition.

Halloween Fun

Ages 3-6 Monday, Oct. 28, 1:30 to 3 p.m., $15M/20NM. Come celebrate Halloween with face painting, music, storytelling and games.

Puppet Show

"The Three Bears," Friday, Oct. 4, $3 per person at the door.

Free Play

Ages 14 months-3+, Oct. 18, 9:30 to 11 a.m., $9 at the door, siblings $2. Come drop in where you and your child can explore Community Center gym equipment.

Helping kids make good decisions

Project Safeguard for Middle School students

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, seventh-grade students at Cohasset Middle School will participate in special program known as Cohasset Project Safeguard. What makes this program special is the fact that it attempts to involve the entire community in helping young people avoid making harmful decisions regarding the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs.

Alcohol and drug abuse is well recognized as a societal problem that has many contributing factors. The Project Safeguard Committee, comprised of educators, clergy, and parents, believes that the cooperation of the entire community is necessary if the drug and alcohol abuse problem is going to be effectively addressed. Project Safeguard will bring seventh-grade students and their parents together for a half-day of presentations and discussion designed to supplement school health education and guidance programs by encouraging students to make healthy choices and by providing support and guidance to parents in their effort to raise "drug-free" children. The Project is subsidized by the Parent-School Organization and community donations making it a true community effort.

This year's featured speaker is Ed Gerety. Gerety is one of America's top youth motivational speakers and leadership trainers. His inspirational, educational, and entertaining messages focus on respect, character, leadership, and personal responsibility.

Students will also view and discuss the play "Jesse's Journal," an innovative health program for middle school students developed by The Women's Crisis Center of Newburyport. This presentation uses drama as an educational tool to address a variety of middle school issues including family and peer relationships, appearance and behavior, dating, gender issues, substance use and abuse, and social and academic stress. Cohasset Middle School and High School students will act out the play. In addition, there will be opportunities for small group discussions and interaction among the students and adults.

Parents of seventh-grade students, as well as other interested community members are invited and encouraged to attend. The program will utilize a "campus on the common" format beginning at the Cohasset Town Hall at 7:30 a.m.. and also making use of the Second Congregational Church and St. Stephen's Church. The program for students will be completed by 11:30 a.m. to be followed by a parent luncheon.

For more information, or to reserve a space, contact Dr. Michael Gill, Health Education Coordinator (781-383-4205) or community liaisons Sally Sisson (781-383-6190), Karen Oronte 383-6737 or the Rev. Cliff Cutler (781-383- 1083).

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Boston Herald

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Boston Homes

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Braintree Forum

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3rd Place	Editorial	*Cathy Conley*
3rd Place	Social Issues Feature Writer	*Cathy Conley*

Brookline TAB

1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Infographics	*Donna Handel*
Honorable Mention	Color Photo	*Glen Cooper*

Burlington Union

Honorable Mention	Spot News Photo	*Susan Sickler*

Cambridge Chronicle

1st Place	Photo Series	*Staff*

Cambridge TAB

Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*David Ortiz*
Honorable Mention	Personality Photo	*Jennifer Lindberg*

The Cape Codder

1st Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Doreen Leggett*
2nd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Joe Burns*
2nd Place	Photo Series	*Scott Button*
3rd Place	Feature Photo	*Merrily Lunsford*
3rd Place	History Reporting	*Pat Sherlock*
Honorable Mention	Business/Economic Reporting	*Staff*
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Chelmsford Independent

1st Place	Photo Series	*Ellen Bulloch*
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Cohasset Mariner

1st Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Mary Ford*
Honorable Mention	General Excellence	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Rick Collins & Alice Coyle*

The Concord Journal

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Betsy Levinson*

Country Gazette

1st Place	History Reporting	*Heather McCarron*
2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
3rd Place	Front Page	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Shannon Haley Daggett and Heather McCarron*

The Daily News Tribune

1st Place	Health Reporting	*DeAnna Putnam*
2nd Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Nikki Misra*
2nd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*DeAnna Putnam*
2nd Place	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	General News Story	*Nikki Misra*

Danvers Herald

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Myrna Fearer*
Honorable Mention	General News Photo	*Mike Mergen*

Easton Journal

1st Place	Investigative Reporting	*Staff*
2nd Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Brock Parker*

Hanover Mariner

1st Place	Sports Column	*Julie Ann Nevero*
3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Edward Baker*

Harwich Oracle

3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Stephanie Foster*

The Hingham Journal

2nd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*
2nd Place	Special Award	*Staff*

Holliston TAB

3rd Place	Sports Photo	*Ed Hopfmann*

Hopkinton Crier

1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
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Marblehead Reporter

1st Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Serious Columnist	*George Derringer*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Christopher Bolick*
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Honorable Mention	Headline Writing	*Staff*

Marshfield Mariner

1st Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*

Medford Transcript

2nd Place	History Reporting	*Nell Escobar Coakley*
3rd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Cheryl Harrison*

Melrose Free Press

1st Place	Photo Illustration	*Dan MacAlpine and Brigid Alverson*
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Merrimack River Current

1st Place	Photo Series	*Robert Branch*
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The MetroWest Daily News

1st Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
1st Place	Humor Columnist	*Kurt Blumenau*
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2nd Place	Photo Series	*Art Illman*
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3rd Place	Design	*Staff*
3rd Place	Editorial Writer	*Rick Holmes*
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3rd Place	General News Story	*Peter Schworm*
3rd Place	Pictorial Photo	*Milton Amador*
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Honorable Mention	Serious Columnist	*Tom Moroney*
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The Milford Daily News

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3rd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Nathan Eddy*
3rd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Donna Daley*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Investigative Reporting	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Social Issues Feature Story	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Spot News Photo	*Ken McGagh*

Needham Times

3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Dave Gradijan*

The Neponset Valley Daily News

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2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
3rd Place	General News Story	*Liz Taurasi*
3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Shaun Michael Smith*
Honorable Mention	Human Interest Feature Story	*Jennifer Kovalich*
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Newton TAB

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2nd Place	General News Photo	*Ken McGagh*
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North Shore Sunday

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Norton Mirror

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3rd Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*

Norwell Mariner

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1st Place	Special Award	*Staff*
2nd Place	Personality Photo	*Chris Bernstein*
Honorable Mention	Sports Column	*Mike Spellman*

Parents and Kids

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The Register

3rd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Joe Burns*

Scituate Mariner

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3rd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Seth Jacobson*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Section	*Staff*

Sharon Advocate

Honorable Mention	Environmental Reporting	*Peter Hartzel*

Stoneham Sun

1st Place	General News Photo	*Marc Vasconcellos*

Stoughton Journal

3rd Place	Sports Story	*John Hanlon*

Swampscott Reporter

2nd Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Bryan Cote*

The Upper Cape Codder

2nd Place	Investigative Reporting	*Peggy Aulisio & Doreen Leggett*

Wakefield Observer

1st Place	Health Reporting	*Jill Anderson*
2nd Place	Environmental Reporting	*Jill Anderson*
3rd Place	History Reporting	*Jill Anderson*

Watertown TAB & Press

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The Wayland Town Crier

2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
2nd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
2nd Place	Living Page or Section	*Staff*

The Wellesley Townsman

1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Christine Junge and Michelle Xiarhos*
Honorable Mention	Headline Writing	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Cathy Brauner*

West Roxbury Transcript

3rd Place	Coverage of Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Jordana Haspel*

The Westborough News

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Westford Eagle

1st Place	Color Photo	*Lisa Cassidy*

The Weston Town Crier

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Weymouth News

3rd Place	Personality Photo	*Tom Gorman*

Wilmington Advocate

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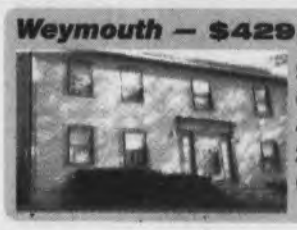
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Pilgrim Society Show House shines

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

The Designer Show House at The Pinehills, benefiting the Pilgrim Society and the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, provides visitors an opportunity to see the latest in home decor, fabrics, fixtures, and appliances. It's also an opportunity to gather home decorating ideas and view the best work of some top area designers.

"Working in a brand new home gave us some freedom that we may not have had in other show houses, in that we can choose everything from the ground up. It's entirely our own vision."
Rick Botieri of Cliffside Design Custom Interiors

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The large, uncluttered entry welcomes visitors to the Designer Show House in the Pinehills.

And while this is the third Show House benefiting the Society, it's the first hosted in a brand new home in a brand new community, allowing designers to get in on the "ground floor" of the project, which is months in the making.

The home, a newly-built three bedroom home in The Pinehills development, was a blank canvas before the designers began their work, according to Rick Botieri of Cliffside Design Custom Interiors, a Plymouth interior decorating firm.

"Working in a brand new home gave us some freedom that we may not have had in other show houses, in that we can choose everything from the ground up. It's entirely our own vision," said Botieri.

But Botieri said doing a show house in a modern home, built with today's concept of an open floor plan, presents it's share of challenges, too.

"When you get a group of several different designers together that's always concern about the flow of the house. And in a house like this one, with each room open to the next, flow is especially important," said Botieri, who designed the furnishings for the home's spacious outdoor deck.

"But it works, and works beautifully. There are several different designers here, who did rooms in several styles, including traditional, contemporary, Oriental and country, but it works and blends well together," he said.

The first floor of the Cape Cod-style home greets visitors with soaring ceilings and open spaces. The foyer is graced with hand-painted pine branches and twin canvases of Native Americans and natural themes, paying homage to the pine forests of North America.. A view of the living room, painted in a striated technique in a soothing pale green, is visible from the front entrance to the home. The elegant dining room, furnished with French antiques and whimsical fabrics, is near the state-of-the-art open kitchen. Also on the first floor is a soothing sunroom,, the master bedroom and bath, furnished with Oriental flair.

Visitor Ginny Rothwell views the efficient and expertly designed kitchen.

Upstairs are two bedrooms, one furnished with fine antiques and the other in more contemporary elements, show visitors two different ways to create comfortable guest retreats. A library, filled with unusual objects from the around the world and boasting as it's centerpiece an 1810 rosewood piano forte refashioned into a partner's desk, is also upstairs.

Outside, the wide deck, which runs the length of the home, has been divided into separate areas for eating, entertaining and relaxing. Designer Botieri, who said he considers outdoor living to be an extension of indoor living, uses weather-safe fabrics and furniture to make the area comfortable and sophisticated.

The garden level of the home has been transformed, with a café and a boutique sporting wares from some of the area's best shops, including Octavia's in Duxbury, Voila in Norwell and the Assinippi Trading Co. In Hanover.

Visitors should leave plenty of time to visit the gardens of the home, which include a small waterfall, a Japanese garden and a terraced garden.

Some special events held in conjunction with the Show House included a floral arranging seminar, by Winston the florist Sept. 26. On Oct. 3, interior design experts from Boston and the South Shore will discuss "ready-to-wear" fashions for your home, design and space planning and tips on achieving and uncluttered, yet personalized, environment. And Oct., 1, a makeup and skin care presentation by Lily's Apothecary of Plymouth is scheduled along with a fashion show presented by Potpourri Designs of Hanover.

The 2002 Designer Show House at The Pinehills to benefit the Pilgrim Society and the Pilgrim Hall Museum runs through Oct. 13. Tickets are $20 available at the Pilgrim Hall Museum and the Plymouth Antiques Trading Company in Plymouth Center; Pilgrim furniture in Manomet; the Studio in Duxbury and Country Pine Imports, Ltd. In Norwell. For more information call the Pilgrim Hall Museum at 508-746-1620, ext. 6.

Above: The master bedroom in the show house is located on the first floor.

Right: Soaring ceilings set this Cape style home apart from most others. Visitors tour the bright and open living room in the Pilgrim Society's Designer Show House in the Pinehills.

The upstairs library features among other beautiful furnishings an 1810 rosewood piano forte refashioned into a partner's desk as its centerpiece.

Schooled in music

Faculty showcases its talent in Conservatory concert

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The South Shore Conservatory of Music tested the waters last fall with a new Sunday afternoon event — the "Piano Faculty in Concert."

The test paid off, as the debut drew a sold-out audience to the Conservatory's Cox Hall auditorium. The Conservatory's Assistant Director Lanci Valentine noted recently that last year's audience members were astounded by the level of musical talent found in their own backyard. Many thought they had to go to Boston for this level and quality of music.

The piano faculty at the Conservatory is back this year for another concert this weekend, which is expected to be equally

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South Shore Conservatory Faculty performing in Sunday's piano concert include: from left to right; Paul Hoffman, Edwina Li, Juyeon Kang, John Kramer, Margarita Gurevich, Stephen Deitz, Margaret Li, Hui-Min Wang.

Outdoor living

Workshop prepares men and women for adventures in nature

By Amy Lamblaso
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There's nothing like spending time in the great outdoors especially if you have the skills to make the experience safe and enjoyable.

For seven years the Cape Outdoor Discovery group has been dedicated to preparing nature loving women for outdoor adventures and encouraging those who haven't tried activities like kayaking and backpacking, to give it a go. The one-day fall Outdoor Skills Workshop is held annually at Camp Clark in Plymouth.

This year the group is opening up the grounds to women and men in two separate sessions.

"It's always been just for women, and been very successful," said Cape Outdoor Discovery Executive Director Don Dyer. "But we've decided to give the men's event another try — so we'll see."

The annual women's event kicks-off Saturday, Oct. 5, with the men's event following two weeks later —Oct. 20. And although several of the workshops offered will be common to both events, there are a few special attractions for each weekend.

Dyer said the workshops have something to offer both men and women will different interests. Both weekends will feature workshops for archery, surf casting, tree stands for archers and photographers, wildlife tracking, learning about Native American harvest tactics, kayaking and fire starting. The group will bring in experts from the area and Cape Cod to lead the workshops, Dyer said.

"Some of them have a real unique way of teaching these subjects," Dyer said, speaking specifically about "King," who will teach the wildlife tracking workshop on how to interpret

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Food & dining

Burnt sugar custard

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

One of my favorite desserts is the classic Crème Caramel – the "burnt sugar" syrup as it sometimes called in American cookery marries nicely to the light, rather bland taste and texture of the custard. I wondered if I could combine the two in order to make a "burnt sugar custard" that would be richer and more satisfying than Crème Caramel and also show off the distinctive color and flavor of a caramelized sugar syrup.

Traditional Crème Caramel uses a combination of milk and either light cream or half-and-half. This produced custard that was too light for this purpose – I wanted something mouth-filling so I changed the mixture to milk and heavy cream in equal proportions. With 4 cups of liquid, I followed a basic rule of custards told to me by Julia Child: one egg per half cup of liquid for thickening. This would mean 8 eggs but I found that 4 whole eggs plus 4 yolks was a better combination – it made for a silkier, almost lighter dessert. A touch of salt and some vanilla extract were also added to boost flavor. Now I had to make the sugar syrup.

My basic formula for any sugar syrup is one part water to two parts sugar – this helps the sugar dissolve. (The water evaporates during cooking.) I finally settled on 1 1/3 cups sugar to 5/8 cup water. The trick is to cook the sugar syrup long enough to create flavor. If the syrup is too light, it's bland and is too sweet much like a fancy Grade A maple syrup. When cooked longer, however, it develops a slightly bitter flavor that has a lot of character. (Too much cooking, however, and the custard will indeed taste "burned.") The trick, I soon discovered, was to take the saucepan off the heat as soon as the syrup starts to take on color and swirl the contents. Do this a number of times, putting the saucepan back onto the heat, removing it, swirling, and repeating. This way you can slow down and control the process, getting just the color you want. I prefer the syrup to be a rich mahogany color. Don't forget that the syrup will continue to cook after it comes off the heat so watch it carefully.

My final adjustment was to add 3 tablespoons of granulated sugar to the eggs before adding the milk/sugar syrup mixture. I found that this took the edge off the bitterness of the caramelized sugar and gave the dessert a nice boost of flavor. By the way, beating the eggs with the sugar in an electric mixer was not only unnecessary but created too much froth.

There is no need to unmold this dessert – it can be served directly in the ramekins. I prefer this dessert warm or room temperature for best flavor. They will keep in the refrigerator overnight but I find that the flavor is less intense the next day.

BURNT SUGAR CUSTARD

Make sure that the custard is barely set in the center before taking it from the oven. The very center should be slightly undercooked. You can scale this recipe down to serve 6 by reducing everything by a quarter.

2 cups milk
2 cups heavy cream
1 1/3 cups sugar plus 3 tablespoons sugar
5/8 cup water
1/4 scant teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
4 whole eggs
4 egg yolks

1. Heat the oven to 325 degrees. Put a kettle of water on to boil. Lightly butter 8 large custard cups and place them on a kitchen towel in a roasting pan.

2. In a large saucepan, heat the milk, cream, and salt together over medium heat until the mixture reaches 160 to 170 degrees on an instant read thermometer. (It should be very hot but not yet at a simmer.)

3. Meanwhile, place the sugar and water over high heat in a small saucepan. Cook until the mixture turns a rich mahogany color. (Swirl the pan a few times to remove sugar crystals from the sides. When the mixture starts to color, take the saucepan off the heat and swirl it for 10 seconds. This allows one to control the cooking process, slowing it down so the sugar syrup does not overcook. If the syrup is too light, it will not have much flavor. It should be a rich, deep mahogany color.)

4. Whisk the caramel syrup into the milk/cream mixture until well blended. (Some of the syrup may stick to the tines of the whisk – just keep whisking and most of it will eventually dissolve.) Whisk in the vanilla.

5. Whisk the whole eggs, yolks, and 3 tablespoons sugar to blend in a large bowl. Gradually add the hot cream mixture, whisking constantly. Strain the mixture if you like. Pour the custard mixture into the prepared custard cups. Bake until the custards are set, 40 to 60 minutes, rotating the roasting pan after 20 minutes. (The baking time can vary a great deal depending on the size and shape of the ramekins.) They should be barely set in the center and still jiggle a bit when moved. Remove to a cooling rack. Serve at room temperature or slightly warm. Serves 8

Dame Edna has fun with her South Shore subjects

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Hurricane Isidore may have taken it easy on our area, but the same cannot be said for Dame Edna.

The self-proclaimed Australian megastar landed in town last week and wasted no time in beginning her latest reign of comic terror — a three-week engagement at Boston's Colonial Theatre — by showering several of her South Shore "subjects" with a torrent of her patented barbs.

The Dame merely arched her eyebrows in humorous disdain when introduced to "Shirley" from Walpole, but by the time she got to "Estelle" from Sharon she was in rare form.

"We're women with a lot in common," the mauve-coiffed comedy maven explained to Estelle, an audience member at "A Night With Dame Edna" with the good fortune to be seated in the front orchestra.

"I used to make my own clothes, too. Apparently I was a little better at it."

If anyone else had made that comment, Estelle might have considered bringing a suit for slander. Edna, however, earned hearty laughs for this and other such verbal swipes made during more than two-hours of sidesplitting silliness. Before she was through, Edna had even persuaded Estelle to don a Prince Charles costume and join her on-stage in an over-the-top tribute to the British Royal Family.

Dame Edna performs at the Colonial Theatre through Oct. 13.

This is Dame Edna after all — created 46 years ago by Australian actor Barry Humphries — who describes her own "priceless gift" as "the ability to laugh at the misfortunes of others."

And laugh she does, along with appreciative audiences who will pass her their shoes if asked and laugh out loud when she lampoons them. Her show may take her all over the world, but Dame Edna always manages to make personal connections wherever she visits.

"I've dated Ben Affleck and Matt Damon," she points out. And her romantic adventures may soon lead her to Foxborough. "Even the Patriots' little Tommy Brady is after me."

("A Night With Dame Edna" continues at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through Oct. 13. For tickets, call 617/931-2787.)

Outdoor living

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footprints and tracks left by humans and different wildlife. "It's all very fascinating."

Highlighting the women's workshops is backpacking, fishing preparation and cooking, where to find wild, edible plants and how to construct a survival shelter using all natural materials. Dyer said there are currently about 20 women signed-up for the weekend workshop and he is hoping to see a similar turnout as past years of close to 40 or 50 women at the event.

"We have a core group of women that come every year and just have a great time," Dyer said. "Hopefully some men will hear about what's going on and come enjoy what we have also."

Camp Clark is an 83-acre area in South Plymouth owned by the YMCA in Old Colony. In addition to the outdoor workshop series, Cape Outdoor Discovery offers field classes for school groups — the staff has traveled to Falmouth, Sandwich and other beach areas around the South Shore and Cape Cod in past years, a residential outdoor education program typically for school groups to stay overnight and experience and learn about the wildlife in the area. Outdoor discovery puts on teacher workshops for a state-wide summer training program focused on elementary science education and hosts a winter series of workshops in February as well.

"Camp Clark is really a wonderful site," Dyer said. "It's been here for years and has really taken on a nice setting."

Women and men who come along for the weekend can participate in two sessions of workshops, with the first session beginning at 9:30 a.m., the second at 1 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m. A day learning about different aspects of wilderness from expert instructors costs $55 and an extra $15 for an overnight stay in one of the cabins.

"The area is just so great to have an event like this," Dyer said of the vast acres of ocean, marshland and forest land. "It turns out to be a great weekend with the group we have."

Add color to the early autumn garden

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Part 2

As the season changes, warm, sunny days intermingle with crisp, comfortable evenings. Our glorious fall weather and occasional soaking rains have provided South Shore gardeners with the ideal conditions to prepare our landscapes for the colder days ahead. Many drought-stressed lawns and plants have regained a healthier appearance in recent weeks in response to our abundant rainfall despite the fact that the most are preparing to enter a dormant period. New plantings should become easily established given autumn's warm soils and consistent moisture. Barring a severely cold, dry winter, the outlook for the upcoming growing season seems optimistic.

While many of the perennials in the mixed border tend to decline during early autumn, the fall garden is not without its star performers. Few rival the ease and beauty of the carefree sedums. Commonly known as stonecrop or live-forever, this broad genus of succulent plants includes upright, clump-forming types ideal for the middle of the border and trailing, stoloniferous varieties suitable for the front of the garden. Flower color may be white, yellow, pink or red and may be borne during different seasons depending on the variety. Although the majority of sedum family members are not too fussy about their growing conditions, most favor full sun in well-drained, sandy soils.

Widely grown throughout our area, Sedum 'Autumn Joy' provides an especially long season of interest. Its fleshy, gray-green leaves appear on un-branched stalks topped by broad flower heads that resemble broccoli in July and gradually produce pink, star-shaped flowers in late summer. As the fall progresses, the flattened domes acquire a deeper tone of reddish-bronze before turning a warm copper which persists throughout the winter as snow collects on the stiff seed heads.

Additional upright varieties include a number of excellent cultivars that resemble 'Autumn Joy' in appearance and growth habit although their flowers lack some of the lasting qualities of their cousin. Sedum 'Brilliant' and S. 'Neon' bear electric, purplish-pink clusters and S. 'Stardust' is similar with flowers of snowy white. 'Frosty Morn' displays stunning variegated foliage with a thick white rim around each leaf adorned by pink and white flower clusters which create a striking appearance even from a distance. A handsome newer cultivar, Sedum 'Matrona', exhibits dramatic, rigid, reddish-purple stems and leaves slightly tinged rosy-purple topped by massive flower heads producing a multitude of star-shaped, dusty pink blooms.

For the front of the border, look for Sedum 'Vera Jameson', a lovely selection that forms a mound, 8-inches tall, of handsome, rosy-purple leaves and stems that produce small clusters of rose-pink flowers. Foliage color intensifies as the temperatures cool down. Sedum sieboldii exhibits blue-gray leaves rimmed with a thin, rosy band complemented by pretty pink flowers in autumn. These distinctive, carefree perennials offer an attractive foliar display all season and their showy, early autumn flowers sparkle in the late season landscape.

Our wetlands are ablaze with color, as asters, goldenrod and grasses glow in the warm midday sunshine. Many of these hardy wildflowers escape yearly from my butterfly meadow and burst into bloom during the fall season having eluded my periodic attempts to weed them out. Once they begin to flower, their cheerful exuberance earns them a temporary reprieve until their colorful blossoms fade.

Hardy fall-blooming Asters offer a wonderful diversity of heights and colors, all characteristically producing a profusion of single or semi-double disk flowers with yellow centers in vibrant tones of rich royal purple, glowing pink, vivid raspberry and glistening white. Although somewhat coarse in appearance in addition to having a preponderance for sprawling, their fantastic floral display during the fall season more than compensates for their occasionally weedy demeanor.

The showiest, most colorful members of the genus tend to be hybrids of our native species, the New England asters (A. novae-angliae) and the New York asters (A. novi-belgii), commonly referred to as Michelmas Daisies. Recent cultivars boast a rainbow of colors ranging in height from barely a foot tall to over 4 feet in stature. Aster 'Alma Potschke' is a personal favorite for its stunning profusion of blooms in a unique color of bright, salmon-rose on 2- to 3-foot stems. I am equally fond of Aster 'Purple Dome', a shorter variety completely smothered in elegant, deep purple daisies for weeks. Mature clumps are spectacular when combined with Sedum 'Autumn Joy', a compact charming goldenrod called Solidago 'Golden Fleece' and the large-leafed lamb's ear, Stachys 'Helen Von Stein'.

The majority of fall-blooming asters perform best given moist soils in full sun. When grown in partial shade, they tend to sprawl and flop all the more. Moist soils are essential to minimize browning of the lower leaves and overhead watering should be avoided to reduce powdery mildew. Pinch young shoots regularly until mid-July to keep plants compact, bushy and increase the quantity of flowers that are delightful in fall bouquets. Division every two to three years in early spring is advisable to rejuvenate woody clumps and reduce their tendency to wander.

Asters and sedums offer hardy, low maintenance color to brighten the sunny border in autumn. When combined with the lingering blooms of roses, Russian Sage, and members of the Rudbeckia family, the declining foliages of early blooming perennials are all but forgotten. In addition to their spectacular color, these sturdy fall-bloomers are an irresistible lure to multitudes of bees and butterflies.

Faculty showcases its talent in Conservatory concert

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well-received. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m., once again in Cox Hall at the South Shore Conservatory's Hingham facility.

For the performance, nine pianists/instructors will perform Romantic and early 20th century period works by Chopin, Debussy, Liszt, Scriabin and Rachmaninoff. One faculty member will also play an original piece. All ticket sales will go toward a planned 1,000 square-foot extension to the Conservatory building.

As it was last year, this year's concert has been organized by the Conservatory's Piano Department Chairperson and Dean of Students Hui-Min Wang, who has recruited most of the faculty performing for the showcase. Wang is also one of the concert performers, all of whom have impressive training and background credentials. The faculty includes; pianists and Boston area residents Shu-Hui Chen, Stephen Deitz, Margarita Gurevich, Paul Hoffman, Juyeon Kang, John Kramer, Barbara Lysakowski and Jane L. Viemeister.

Wang herself is Taiwanese native currently living in Weymouth and beginning her fifth year at the South Shore Conservatory teaching at both the Hingham and Duxbury campuses. Her musical career and trajectory from Taiwan to the South Shore has been an intriguing one, with stops in Germany, Austria, Texas and Boston along the way. The 36-year-old pianist/violist began her musical training at age four, earned the Excellence Award in Artistic Talents from the Taiwanese Ministry of Education at 15, then, inspired by a postcard of the Alps, convinced her parents she should study in Munich, Germany. "Growing up in Taiwan and studying classical music, it seemed like Europe was the place to go to really get the kind of background training that I wanted," Wang said. "Europe was where the music had traditionally come from while Taiwanese culture was very Eastern. When I arrived in Munich, I found everything about the city — the surroundings, the people, the culture and the architecture — very complimenting to learning the traditions of the music as I heard them."

After six years in Munich, Wang's studies took her to Vienna, then to Waco, Texas and Baylor University, mainly through the circumstance that a Bulgarian pianist she had studied with in Vienna accepted a teaching position in Texas. Wang earned a Masters degree in Music Education from Baylor, then after brief further study in Boston, worked as an opera coach and staff pianist at a school in Hartford, Conn. before coming back to Boston to teach at the New England Conservatory.

"I decided to come back to Boston because I thought the city was more important culturally," Wang said. "Since I've been in America, I've always found the culture around the classical music industry to be very positive and uplifting, where back in Europe the training was always so traditional and conservative. There was more of an openness among musicians and patrons here, and people were very friendly and optimistic."

Wang added that Sunday's piano faculty concert will be intimate and informative as well as entertaining, with performers offering stories and background information about the selected pieces. She also mentioned that Conservatory staff expect the show to repeat last year's sellout and advises customers to "get there early to get a good seat."

Tickets for the "Piano Faculty in Concert program are $15, $12 for students and seniors. The South Shore Conservatory is located at 1 Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565, ext. 23

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CURTAIN CALL THEATRE in Braintree announces the production of Neil Simon's "RUMORS." Production dates re Nov. 1, 2, and Nov. 7, 8 and 9th. All shows are at 8 p.m. Contains some strong adult language. Tickets are $15 to reserve tickets, leave message 781-356-5113. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree.

THE FULLER MUSEUM OF ART, 455 Oak St,. Brockton, announces a community-wide fundraising event to support the programs and exhibitions of the Fuller Museum of Art: "Through the Looking Glass," its annual fundraiser dinner/dance. The event takes place Nov. 1, at the museum. Silent Auction and cocktails from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Catered dinner at 8 p.m.; dancing until 11 p.m. to the music of Java Jive. Tickets $100 per guest and price included one raffle ticket for a chance to win a Paul Stankard paperweight valued at $4,500. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 508-588-6000.

SEACONKE WAMPANOAG TRIBE TO HOST HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL POWWOW on Oct. 12, and 13, at Francis Farm, Route 118, Rehoboth. Gates open at 10 a.m. with a grand entry at noon. Featured will be native dancing, singing, and drumming, a wide selection of Native American crafts, food, and games for children. Admission is $3 for adults with children under 16 admitted free. For additional information call 401-437-9020.

UNWIND AT THE SHERATON PLYMOUTH'S GOURMET WINE DINNER to be held on Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. held in the Harbor Grille room at the Sheraton Plymouth, located in the heart of Plymouth harbor, the promise of a special evening of culinary delights during five course, wine dinner. Reservations suggested. $50 per person, inclusive of wine, tax and gratuity. For reservations and information call 508-591-5007.

FRIENDS OF SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL HOSTS FASION SHOW AND LUNCHEON on Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. at Barker Tavern in Scituate. The event will raise funds to support care for hospital patients and their families. The show which will be preceded by an 11:30 a.m. socialhour and a noon luncheon will feature fashions from Talbots. Tickets for the luncheon and fashion show are $30 per person and must be purchased in advance. Fore more information call The Friends of South Shore Hospital at 781-340-8520.

EDAVILLE USA TO HOST THE MASSACHUSETTS CRANBERY HARVEST FESTIVAL to be held Oct. 12, 13, 14. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors will experience the Massachusetts cranberry tradition combined with activities for the whole family. The festival, which includes demonstrations of cranberry harvesting, live entertainment, a craft fair, rides and more. Admission is $1 per person; children 10 and under free. Free parking. Edaville Railroad is located off Route 58 on Rochester Road in South Carver. For more information call 508-759-1014 ext. 12 or visit www.edaville.com.

THE HINGHAM CIVIC MUSIC CENTER presents Cole Porter's Musical Comedy "**Anything Goes**" Oct. 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 at Hingham High School, 17 Union St, Hingham. Tickets $15/students and seniors #12. Call 781-749-4327 for tickets. Group rates available at 781-749-0083.

FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury on Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Retrograde Mercury returns to the sign Virgo at 5:27 a.m. and prepares to align with Saturn. All important decisions, signings or new beginnings are definitely off limits. The Leo moon interacts with Venus and Pluto this morning, prompting you to review your priorities and readjust your sights. Be more forgiving and sensitive to the needs of others. Work out differences and heal relationships that have broken down. Pursue activities that help you to relax and maintain perspective.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Wake up in a good mood. Focus on the positives instead of getting caught up in worries or self-doubts. Take on a busy work agenda. Tackle jobs that have been left hanging and need a finishing touch. Clean out the clutter; reorganize, make repairs. The Leo moon becomes inactive at 9:16 a.m., when it aligns with Saturn. A Virgo moon takes over at 10:52 a.m., setting the stage for a challenging 2 1/2 day period. Retrograde Mercury forms a stressful 90-degree alignment to Saturn at 7:10 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

The moon continues to travel in Virgo, ruled by the planet Mercury. That means that there are likely to be unexpected snags or reversals. Allow extra time; be flexible. A lunar alignment to Pluto at 11:37 a.m. may spark emotional thunderstorms. Stay busy with practical projects; jobs that need to be finished or redone. Zero in on health and physical fitness concerns. Start a new diet; spend extra time working out with exercise programs.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Stormy astrological weather continues until 9:22 a.m., when the Virgo moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. Avoid morning hassles. As the day goes on, moods lighten and brighten. The moon enters Libra at 10:51 a.m., beginning the final stage to the new moon culmination. A lunar alignment to Neptune affects the evening. Renew your spirit through time spent in solitude, meditation, art or music.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

The new moon culminates at 7:17 a.m., 13-degrees of the sign Libra. In addition, the sun and moon form flowing 60-degree contacts to optimistic Jupiter. The moon continues active travel in Libra throughout the day, making it ideal for social activities. The planet Mercury begins direct travel at 3:26 p.m., and the green light goes on for new beginnings of all kinds.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Get an early start to this day. The most auspicious period for launching enterprises occurs before 8:29 a.m., when the Libra moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. At 9:57 a.m. the moon enters Scorpio, traveling there today and tomorrow. In addition, an applying alignment of the sun and Pluto affects this period. Influences are prime for beginning new studies, research projects or any type of investigation. Spend time alone this evening. Meditate for inner peace and vision.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. If you have been considering making a major change in your life, now is the time to initiate. The moon continues its travel in Scorpio, and the sun aligns with Pluto, the planetary ruler of Scorpio. This is an excellent combination of influences for achieving self-improvement. You can recognize and break bad habits, eliminate negativity, free yourself from fears. Open your mind to new possibilities.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Saturn urges you to streamline your workload; don't make any more commitments until the backlog has been cleared. The Scorpio moon becomes inactive at 8:38 a.m., when the moon aligns with Mercury. At 10:21 a.m. the moon enters Sagittarius. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

The planet Venus takes the spotlight today. At 2:35 p.m. Venus, standing at 16-degrees of Scorpio, begins retrograde travel until November 21. This is not a favorable period for making major financial investments or long-term commitments to others. On the other hand, it brings a time to reflect, reorient, refocus; redress the balance in personal or professional relationships that have become too one-sided. An upbeat Sagittarius moon is a major plus in today's planetary picture.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Gear up for another challenging day. Mercury returns to the sign Libra at 1:56 a.m., remaining there until October 31. The planet Saturn turns retrograde at 8:58 a.m., 29-degrees Gemini. This is a time to conserve and consolidate what you have rather than borrowing, spending, taking risks. The Sagittarius moon forms stressful contacts to Mars at 9:01 a.m. and Saturn at 12:07 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Maintain a low profile. Don't rock the boat in business or romance. The moon enters conservative Capricorn at 1:45 p.m.

BEST BET

Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" — the international sensation that has already broken box office records in more than 30 countries — opens in Boston this week for four performances only. Michael Flatley, who originated the role of the Lord, serves as artistic director for this show that in only the last five years has helped catapult Irish dancing into the global spotlight. "Lord of the Dance" will be at The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, October 3-5. For tickets, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.com.

Thurs. 3

The James Library Center for the Arts presents **Storytime** on Oct. 3, at 10 a.m. "Let's Begin". Explore new beginnings and make new friends through stories and songs. led by Caroline Chapin. Forty-five minutes of participatory songs and stories for children ages 3 to 5. Free. Call 781-569-7100 to register in advance. Limited seating.

Jimbo's Restaurant, at Braintree 5 Corners "Best of Boston Showcase" with: **Mark Riley, Lauren Verge from WZLX In The Morning with Steve Sweeney, Paul Keenan, Annette Pollack, Dave Rattigan, Malissa Hunt, Vernon Harrison, John Perrotta, Jessica Casciano and Lamont Price**. Hosted by **Larry Lee Lewis**. Show starts at 8 p.m. Call 781-848-0300 for more information.

The South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program is hosting an 8-week Quit Smoking Program conducted by Jordan Hospital. The program is designed for the smoker who is ready to quit. The program runs through Nov. 14, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at our office at 197 Rockland St.. Hanover. Participants learn about why they smoke, new behaviors to help them stop, healthy eating during the quitting process, and relaxation techniques. The cost of the program is $10 and is facilitated by a Certified Tobacco Treatment Counselor. The nicotine patch is available at a discounted rate per week for a total of six weeks. Registration is required and participants are asked to commit to attending all eight sessions for success. To register for this program call 781-829-4301. It is never too late to register.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Timetations** on Oct. 3. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 4

Buttonwood Books & Toys presents **Read Around New England** Oct. 4 to 14. During these 10 days the New England Booksellers Association and some 70 plus independent bookstores in New England will be celebrating the work which independent booksellers do every day to bring books and authors to their communities. This week-long celebration will feature readings, signings and other events, with particular emphasis on New England authors. Storybook Cove in Hanover, Front Street Books in Scituate and West Winds Bookshop in Duxbury are among the area bookstores which will be participating. At Buttonwood, **Harry Bliss,** noted illustrator for the New Yorker and a number of children's books on Oct. 4 and 8, will host the fall "Coffee With the Authors," featuring three New England writers. For more information call 781-383-2665.

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Lunchtime Speaker Series: The speaker on Oct. 4, from noon to 1 p.m. at the SSAC will be **Julie Foley**, an image coach, wardrobe manager and personal shopper that help women look and feel their best by utilizing personal body types, hair color and complexions. Ms. Foley helps to balance your personal lifestyle that enhances your self esteem makes her clients feel their very best. As a member of The New England Association of Image Consultants, Julie has been featured in Vogue and Who's Who in Women's Business. Please feel free to bring your lunch to the South Shore Art Center. Question and answer after her presentation, admission is free, open to all. For more info call Cohasset Social Service League 781-383-0771

Recent paintings by members of the Scituate Art Association will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Oct. 4, to Nov.6. An opening reception will be held Oct. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for more information call 781-659-7100.

Blue grass concert featuring **New England Bluegrass Northern Lights with Amy Gallatin and the Hot Flashes** in concert at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College. Tickets $14, general public; $12 students and senior citizens. Call 508-427-1234 for more information.

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***"Kayaking in Ketchikan, Alaska" by Chris Hotarek* Scituate artist Chris Hotarek will exhibit work at the South Shore Art Center from Oct. 4 through Nov. 3. An opening reception will be held Friday, Oct. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. For gallery hours and information call (781) 383-2787.**

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Sat. 5

Berrybrook Harvest Festival held at the Berrybrook School on Winter Street in Duxbury will hold a fun-filled, family oriented Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 6) Events include hay rides, children's entertainment by Wayne Potash, refreshments, face painting, crafts and games. Bring a picnic lunch and a carved pumpkin for display. All proceeds from the $10 per family ticket (sold at the gate) will benefit enrichment programs for the children. Sponsored by the Berrybrook Parent Association. For more information call 585-2307.

The Daniel Webster Farm Day will be held on Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Music with the Back Eddy Bluegrass Band, the Family Folk Chorale, story telling and puppet show with the Tail Spinners, games and crafts for kids, hayrides, farm animals, giant hay maze and munchkin maze, Naturewatch, Bee Keeping Demonstration, 45 crafters and exhibitors, Janet's Country Kitchen and more. Admission $5/children age 4 and under free. Located at the end of Winslow Cemetery Road in Marshfield. Look for the cow.

Seventh Annual Outdoors Skills for Women Oct. 5, at. YMCA Camp Clark, in Plymouth. Hosted by Cape Outdoor Discovery (with support from masswildlife) To register and for more information call 508-833-3040 or go to www.capeoutdoor.org The program continues with all day hands-on workshops including Surfcasting (with the Cape Cod Salties), Native American harvest (with Tim Turner of Plimoth Plantation), wild edibles (with naturalist, author Lee Roscoe), kayaking (with Billington Sea Waterworks), fire starting, fish prep and cooking, wildlife tracking (with poet and master outdoorsman King) Archery (with the National Bowhunters Education Foundation), survival Shelters, backpacking (with EMS), setting up a tree stand and more. Lunch provided.

The South Shore Natural Science Center presents a photography exhibit by **Nancy Harrison** in their Vine Hall Gallery Oct. 1 to 31. Nancy's show has two themes: Geese Being Themselves and Growing Things. Geese Being Themselves includes intimate portraits of geese showing their unique personalities. Growing Things is a collection of photographs showing flowers in their natural states, whether in a cultivated garden or in the wild. Ms. Harrison's philosophy is that in addition to sound bites, there are "sight bites" that we experience everyday, things that may be passed un-noticed, or if noticed, unremembered. She attempts to capture those moments on film. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, off Route 123, and less than one mile from exit 13 off the Route 3 interchange. For directions or more information, call the Center at 781-545-1062.

Seaside Mothers of Multiples Club is having a Tag Sale at St. Christine's Parish in Marshfield Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children's items, fall and winter apparel, baby equipment, toys and much more will be available. Cash only - no early admittance.

The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomer's Club is starting it's new season and welcomes new members. The club is an organization open to all residents of Scituate and Cohasset for both social and charitable purposes. Through its sponsored activities, the club offers members the opportunity to meet new people through both special events and ongoing group activities. Sign up now and attend the first fall kickoff party on Saturday, Oct. 5. You do not have to be new to join the Newcomers' Club. More details can be found in the membership form posted at the town library and the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset, or call Vicki Defreitas at 545-5202.

The South Shore Writer's Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Rockland Public Library, 336 Union St. Rockland, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to writers of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memories. The club's purpose is to assist one another in the professional preparation of material for publication. Call Jerry Elsden at 781-749-6604 for information.

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Sun. 6

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forums On Oct. 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. **Cuban Missile Crisis:** A Historical Perspective. A panel discussion with Soviet, Cuba, and international relations experts James G. Blight, Philip Brenner, Julia Sweig and Svetlana Savranskya. The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and further information, call 617-929-4571.

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The work of architect Peter Thibeault is included in the South Shore Art Center's new exhibit "Architectural Ornamentation: Fragments and Elements."
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The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will feature the music of **Edward Grieg and Claude Debussy** . Featured artists will be violinist, **Biliana Voutchkova**, and pianist **Sara Takagi.** The concert starts at 4 p.m. is free of charge. For more information, call 781-934-6634.

Piano Faculty In Concert, Cox Hall at South Shore Conservatory One Conservatory Drive, Hingham 781-749-7565, ext. 23 Oct. 6, 4 p.m. $15, $12 students/seniors. Nine artists from South Shore Conservatory's Piano Department will perform selections from the classical repertoire. The musicians include: **Shu-Hui Chen** (Kingston), **Steven Deitz** (Boston), **Margarita Gurevich** (Stoughton), **Paul Hoffman** (North Easton), **John Kramer** (Quincy), **Juyeon Kang** (Hingham), **Edwina Li, Margaret Li, and Hui-Min Wang** (all,) Weymouth. The concert provides an afternoon of music and showcases the skills and stylistic diversity of this talented faculty.

T.K. O'Malley's 10K Road Race will be held on Oct. 6, at 1 p.m. at Gates Middle School. This event benefits the Friends of Scituate Recreation Department. For more information call 781-545-1463.

Town of Weymouth Recreation Program will feature **Foliage Day Boating** on Oct. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet at Great Esker Park. Free. For more information call 781-682-6124.

The South Shore Arts Connection presents **An Afternoon Tea And Gallery Tour** on Sunday, Oct. 6, The South Shore Arts Connection presents its first in a series of artists? studio and gallery tours. Travel by shuttle bus from the South Shore Art Center to Artful Things Gallery, Salty Dog Studio and Art for Living Gallery for demonstrations and an eclectic mix of artwork to enjoy along with good food, drink and live music. Admission to the event is $28. To order tickets call Dan Bennett at Artful Things Gallery 781-659-6595 or visit the gallery at 263 Washington St. (Route 53) Norwell. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday noon to5 p.m.

First Annual 5K (3.2 mile) Walk for Seniors at Sinai Adult Day Health Care. Race begins and ends at Albert's Restaurant, 217 Washington St., Stoughton. Walkers may pre-register on the morning of the race. For a registration form and race information call 781-297-1369.

Mon. 7

South Shore Women's Business Network - Braintree Luncheon/Informal Networking held at Jimbo's Fish Shanty, Braintree, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration $20 members/$30 non-members; at the door $25 members/$30 non-members. To register call 781-749-8883 or fax 781-749-3130 or visit www.sswbn.org

Scared Heart High School announces that spaces are available for its 21st Annual Hollyberry Fair to be held on Nov. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 100 spaces, Saturday evening Pasta Dinner. Proceeds to benefit the Alumni Fund which helps to provide scholarship assistance. For an application, contact Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Highway, Kingston, MA, 02364, 781-585-7511, ext 345 or email shhsalum@hotmail.com

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The Sea Note presents The Timetations in concert Thursday, Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. There is an $8 cover charge for this dynamic performance of song and dance. The Sea Note is located on Nantasket Avenue in Hull . For more information call (781) 934-2256

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The Kingston Parent and Teachers Organization seeks crafters for their annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kingston Elementary School, 150 Main St., (across from Bickford's Restaurant). Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the morning and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. There will be more than 60 crafters selling wonderful craft items. There will also be a kid's craft table and a PTO bake table. Admission is $1 with plenty of parking.

Tues. 8

The South Shore Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life will hold its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House, Fearing Road, Hingham. New members are welcome.

"Women Taking the Lead in Education" is the focus of the Oct. 8, meeting of the local American Association of University Women (AAUW) branch. The featured speakers are two of the South Shore's veteran superintendents: Dorothy Galo, Superintendent of Schools in Hingham and Eileen Williams, Superintendent of Schools in Duxbury. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St. There will be refreshments, conversation, and a brief business meeting until 8 p.m., when the program begins. To learn more call Priscilla Johnsen at 781-337-2143.

Bring in 'DA Noise, Bring in 'DA Funk starring **Savion Glover** at the Wang Theatre, Oct. 8 to 13. Noise/funk utilizes the rhythms and energies of tap to celebrate the history of the beat by presenting text and songs, which are comprised of Mr. Glover's tap; poetry by Reg. E. Gaines; and music by Ann Duquesnay, Zane Mark and Daryl Waters. Performances are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Sunday at 7 p.m. with matinees on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Tickets are $68.50, $48.50, $38.50 and $28.50 for all performances; all prices include a $3 restoration and education fee. Tickets are on sale at the Wang Theatre Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or www.wangcenter.org or through Telechrage at 1-800-447-7400.

Buttonwood Books & Toys will present its fall **"Coffee with the Authors"** on Oct. 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m., coffee; 10 a.m., program) at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset. Authors **Brian McGrory,** "The Nominee") **Roland Merullo**, "In Revere, In those Days" and **Rose Connors**, "Absolute Certainty" will be featured.. For more information call 781-383-2665 for information.

The Hingham Public Library and Hingham Historical Society will present **Anne C. Bromer's** lecture titled **"Dorothy Abbe: Clarity, Focus, solitude."** on Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. The lecture is free and will be held in the Library's Whiton Meeting Room. For more information, call 781-741-1405.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Route 139 in Marshfield. The guest speakers will be Leo and Stephanie Pfieffer, of Hawke Hill Farm, who will bring their own alpaca yarns and discuss their love for llamas and alpacas. New members and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information call, Heidi at 781-740-4961.

The Home for Little Wanderers invites prospective volunteers to "The Home for Little Wanderers Volunteer Recruitment Happy Hour" Oct. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Flash's Bar and Grill, 310 Stuart Street, Boston. Free hors d'oeuvres and with cash bar. For more information, call 617-585-7521 or visit www.thehome.org

Wed. 9

Educational Series for Children of Aging Parents - Lectures will be held every Wednesday night from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in October at the Cohasset Senior Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset. A light supper will be followed by seniors for caregivers and elders. On Oct. 2, Legal issues including protecting assets; Oct. 9, How to get involved in parents' affairs; Oct. 16, Beating the high cost of health insurance; Oct. 23, Protecting elders from fraud and dishonest caregivers. Donation for the series is $10. Call Cohasset Elder affairs at 781-383-9112. Open to area residents.

Thurs. 10

The Pleasant Grill, 1229 Washington St., Weymouth will host a showing of "Art by Isabel" on Oct. 10, at a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. **Isabel Shamitz** is an award-winning local artist and member of several art associations, and her paintings inspired by impressionism and realism, capture transitional moments in time and evoke the empathy of memories shared. Her work will be on display until the end of October.

The Pilgrim Society Designer Show House at The Pinehills will conduct a Fall Fashion Show and Makeup Demonstration on Oct. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Summerhouse in the Pinehills of Plymouth. Presented by Potpourri Designs and Lily's Apothecary, this program will introduce participants to the fall styles and provide skin-care tips. Tickets are $10 per person. The event is being held in conjunction with the Pilgrim Society Designer Show House at the Pinehills Sept. 21 to Oct. 13.

The Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Anet Paglierani**, will exhibit will oil paintings for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

Glastonbury Abbey Series: will focus on the issue of Hope - how does one hold on to hope, not only in the face of events such as Sept. 11, but in the face of all of life's violence, fragmentation and apparent meaninglessness. It is a discussion which, from now on, must be held in an inter-religious forum. This year Glastonbury Series is dedicated to inter-religious conversation, begins on Oct. 10, at the Abbey at 7:15 p.m. Rita Nakashima Brock, an Asian American author, theologian and international speaker, will open the series with a presentation on "The Search for What Saves Us." Future speakers in the Series include former Washington Post reporter and prison activist Patrice Gaines, Management Expert Terry Paulson, Harvard Divinity School's Dr. Harvey Cox, Rabbi Karyn Kadar, and a Middle East Panel which will share personal stories of living and coping in a homeland ravaged by war and despair. For more information call the Abbey at 781-749-2155. The lectures are free. Donations are welcome.

Fri. 11

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Oct. 11, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Company Theatre in Norwell, presents the play "Steel Magnolias," opening Friday, Oct. 11, and running through Sunday, Oct. 27. Directed by Lisa Rafferty and produced by Company Theatre artistic directors Zoe Bradford, Jordie Saucerman and Michael Joseph, "Steel Magnolias" explores the strong relationships and unique personalities of six Southern women. The show includes hilarious one-liners and poignant drama as we journey through the seasons with these fascinating individuals. Featured in the show is a strong local cast of talented actresses, including Cindy Capra, Kris Connelly, Susan Waterman, Theresa Chiasson, Julianna Dennis and Cinda Donovan. Tickets are priced at $16 in advance and $18 day of performance for Thursdays (7:30pm) and Sundays (3 p.m.), and $18 in advance and $20 day of show for Fridays (8 p.m.) and Saturdays (8 p.m.). Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit their website at www.companytheatre.com.

Joyful Listening "More Than Tickling the Ivories" - A musical and social history of the Piano," will be offered on Friday's, Oct. 11, 18, 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the James Library, Norwell. Taught by pianist Alison Barr, this class is part of the "Joyful Listening!" series , most recently offered in the Czech Republic. Tuition is $60 for the three classes. Call 781-982-8920 for more information.

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Ongoing Events

Photography displayed at On Rye Deli South Shore photographer **Judith Enright** is featured on the walls of On Rye Deli, 119 Washington St. (Route 53), Norwell, as an ongoing exhibit, courtesy of Artful Things Gallery in Norwell. Enright, a resident of Norwell, won First Place in color photography at this summer's Pembroke Art Festival and has won awards previously from the Duxbury Art Association, North River Art Society, at the South Shore Art Center's Festival and in the Quincy Art Association summer show. Artful Things Gallery, 263 Washington St. (Route 53) Norwell, represents Enright and displays a number of her works. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and Monday by appointment.

Bingo is held every Friday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 440 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Games start at 6:45 p.m. and are open to anyone over 18 years old. Separate non-smoking room. The progressive jackpot is up to $3,000. The pull tab ticket jackpot is up to $2,000.

Singles In The Suburbs is a non-profit club for singles from ages 21 to 45, offering activities for people to meet in a casual environment. For more information or a newsletter call 781-721-4220.

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to senior citizens (65 years old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify. For more information, call 1-800-246-6010.

Gadgets, Gizmos and Games at The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, a celebration of the contraption - Sept. 22, to Jan.12, 2003 The Inner Eye: Pinhole Photographs by Jesseca Ferguson and Rotations: Complex Tools and Inventions. Emerging Spirits, an outside installation by sculptor Jean Ainslie Richardson is on view on the museum's patio. and the interesting ladderlike work of artist-in-residence Terry Slade can be found on the museum grounds. For more information, call 781-934-6634.

Games People Play presented by the Duxbury Art Association and sponsored by Abbott Real Estate Development, LLC at the Ellison Center for the Arts opens Sept. 29 and continues through Dec. 6. The exhibition showcases artworks including images of or representing games. Opening reception is Sept. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibition and reception are open and free to all. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org

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Reunions

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH CLASS OF 1982 20th High School Class Reunion. Friday, Oct. 4, at Venezia Restaurant in Quincy. Send all new address information to Weymouth South High 1982 Reunion P.O. Box 505 Hingham, MA 02043 or email to wshs1982@hotmail.com

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 25th Reunion at the Clarion Hotel at Nantasket Beach on Nov. 9, Many missing classmates are trying to be located. Call 781-826-4668.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE 150TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON All classes invited on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 12:30 p.m. at the Radisson, Boston. If you are not on the mailing list, call Helen Segouin at 781-289-9567.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com <mailto:indelicato@attbi.com.

THE NORWOOD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 will be holding its 35th reunion on Nov. 9, at the Four Points Sheraton, Route 1, Norwood. Many mising classmates are tying to be located. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call Frank Surette at 1-800-590-8651, Judi Hershman at 508-543-9005 or Sheryl Victorson at 781-828-5006.

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Artica Gallery 22, Depot St., Duxbury. **The Sailor's Hornpipe** is one of many original paintings by folk artist **Jeanne Replogle** on display at the Artica Gallery. Mrs. Replogle's one woman show, **Adventures in Art** will be exhibited through Oct. 31. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The exhibit is free.

A Night With Dame Edna – The Show That Cares at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Performances are Sept. 24, to Oct. 6. For tickets call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theater box office. For other information call 617-426-9366.

The Olde Kids On The Block, a 20-piece orchestra will be at the Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday beginning Sept. 17 through Aug. 19, 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission $5 per person, all are welcome, no smoking, wheelchair-accessible.

BEST BET

Blues performer Big Jack Johnson will make his only New England club appearance at the Sea Note in Hull, Saturday, Oct. 5. Show starts at 9:45 p.m. 21 and over admitted. The Sea Note is located at 159 Nanatasket Avenue. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

For Your Health

LAMBERT-NIELSON EYE CENTER will be offering free eye screenings for cataracts and glaucoma, by appointment only in the Hingham office at 99 Derby St. and the Quincy office, at 100 Congress St., Crown Colony Office Park, now through October. Call for a free vision screening and information at 1-800-273-5655.

DEPRESSION AND BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE (previously known as DMDA) from 7 to 9 p.m. in Conference Room #3, second floor of the Westwood Lodge, Hospital, 45 Clapboardtree Street, Westwood. Free and open to the public. For those diagnosed with depression or bipolar illness and their family and friends. For more information, call the hospital 781-762-7764 Ext. 412.

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Designer Show House - The Pilgrim Society Designer Show House returns Sept. 21 through Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday evenings. A new home valued in excess of $1 million dollars at The Pinehills in Plymouth will be featured this year. Tickets are $20. The Pinehills is located off Route 3 exit 3 and follow signs. For more information call 508-746-1620.

The Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents **Adventures in Art** featuring folk artist **Jeanne Replogle** now until Oct. 31. Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays.

Artful Things Gallery presents **Colors of Hull**, a collection of paintings by South Shore Artist, **Ros Farbush.** The collection includes a range of works from nostalgic 1900's to present day Hull. Paintings will be on display from Sept. 20, through Oct. 6. Artful Things Gallery is located at 263 Washington Street (route 53) Norwell. Gallery Hours are Mon. through 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For more information contact Dan Bennett at 781-659-6595.

The Nathan Gallery, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover, presents "The Second Show" now until Nov. 12. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

King Richard's Faire, Route 58, Carver, now through Oct. 20. Magicians, musicians, stilt-walkers, dancers, jugglers, fire-eaters, swordsmen, more $22 adults/$11 children age 5 to 12, under age 5 free. For more information call 508-866-5391 or visit www.kingrichardsfaire.net

The USS Constitution Museum located in Boston's historic Charlestown Navy Yard, just yards away from the USS Constitution will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Oct. 15.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

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Violinist Biliana Voutchkova will perform Sunday at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury.
The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, will feature the music of Edward Grieg and Claude Debussy in a Sunday, Oct. 6 concert. Featured artists will be violinist, Biliana Voutchkova, and pianist Sara Takagi. The concert starts at 4 p.m. is free of charge. For more information, call 781-934-6634.

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The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

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Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at 781-834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns, call 781-843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

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Dead crow tests positive

By Brian J. Scully
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West Nile Virus (WNV) has arrived in Cohasset once again.

After several dead birds tested positive for the virus last year, the Board of Health announced two weeks ago that a crow found dead at the Cohasset Golf Club has tested positive for the virus.

The disease can prove fatal in humans, especially in the case of the elderly and the young. It is transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito.

Health Agent Joseph Godzik said that residents should not panic, but take the discovery as an opportunity to be more diligent in terms of preventing exposure to the virus.

"We're no more worried about it than we were earlier this year," said Godzik. "This is not a great surprise because we had six or seven of them last year. It was just a matter of time before we found a dead bird that was positive."

The main difference between this year and last, and perhaps the reason that it took this long to find a bird that was infected is that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is only testing dead crows and

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FAMILIAR FISH

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Construction foreman Mickey Grealish installs the mackerel weathervane atop the cupola on the new town library being constructed in the old Osgood School on Ripley Road. The weathervane stood on top of the Paul Pratt Library on South Main Street for 100 years.

Issue is not benched at angry meeting

Haddad attacked for taking action

By Brian J. Scully
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When the sprinkler head above Town Manager Mark Haddad began to leak during Tuesday's selectmen's meeting, it appeared the session would be cut short.

After a tempestuous meeting that was more vaudeville than public debate, involving the naming of the baseball fields and the revitalization plans for the Harbor, it was water, appropriately, that had arrived to cool the heat of flaring tempers.

But, with a fire truck rumbling outside, the sprinkler still dripping and several firefighters in gear waiting in the side hallway, the meeting continued and took a turn for the worse.

Mary Larson, of the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission, asked Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan for five minutes to address the board on an issue that was not on the agenda.

Larson was upset that Haddad had placed two benches on the Town Common after the CCHDC had voted against the proposal, preferring the benches to be placed across the street on the island in front of Town Hall.

Sullivan responded that he would like to table the issue until next meeting. Larson persisted and spoke, prodding the committee to force Haddad to send an apology for placing park benches on the Town Common after her committee had said no. Larson cited two letters from the commission to the board which generated no official response, as well as, what she described as bad publicity for the commission in the Cohasset Mariner. Larson also accused Haddad of leaking pro-bench letters to the press (Those letters, which were in response to a short article that had

"There is a permitting process here and they ignored it and they put permanent structures on the common after we said they could not."
— Mary Larson, Common Historic District Commission

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Housing issues on fast track: Subject of Oct. 21 Master Plan forum

By Brian J. Scully
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The arrival of AvalonBay and its 200-unit Chapter 40B project in Cohasset has sparked a new level of awareness around Cohasset when it comes to civic planning.

One reason that Cohasset is presently so vulnerable to comprehensive permits filed under Chapter 40B (which allows the builder to skirt local zoning laws) is the lack of preventative action taken by the town to address its affordable housing needs.

But not for long.

Convened in 2000 to draft a Master Plan, the Growth and Development committee, a 10-member board, hopes to present a draft to the Annual Town Meeting next year. There is also a possibility that the committee could send at least a finalized version of the housing aspect of the plan to Annual Town Meeting for approval in order to address Chapter 40B as quickly as possible.

"We are really hoping to have a draft of the plan available this spring," said Town Planner Elizabeth Harrington, who serves on the board. "It all depends on how quickly we move through the approval process, and getting approval from key boards such as the Planning Board and the Selectmen."

The process is currently in what Harrington termed a "vetting of ideas" period. Two weeks ago, the committee held a

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HOMECOMING COURT

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Saturday's homecoming court (minus the king Tom Anderson, who was in the locker room at halftime), from left, Bryan Bilton, Molly Flanagan, Robert Hickey, Yasmine Afshar, the queen Katherine Coyne, Curt Kahn, Megan Chastain, and Lindsey Grossman. For more about the Skippers' 31-0 win over Cardinal Spellman, see sports.

One-way traffic starts Tuesday

The first tangible example of the Downtown Revitalization Project arrives in Cohasset on Tuesday when the downtown portion of Elm Street becomes one-way on a one-month trial basis.

The street will be one way from Hingham Institution for Savings to Cohasset Hardware.

"This is the first thing people are going to see in regards to the Downtown Revitalization project," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "We really need the input from the businesses and the community."

Haddad urged all those with input to call the selectmen's office so that the board could make an informed decision that reflects the will of the people.

The board approved the one-month trial after Haddad and Craig Miller of the Waterfield Design Company visited with area business owners to gauge whether a trial would work.

Haddad said that there will be ample signage on Tuesday to direct motorists.

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FLAG BEARERS

Area citizens representing South Shore towns and organizations parade on Nantasket Beach during the No Place For Hate event Sunday. For another photo, see page 2.

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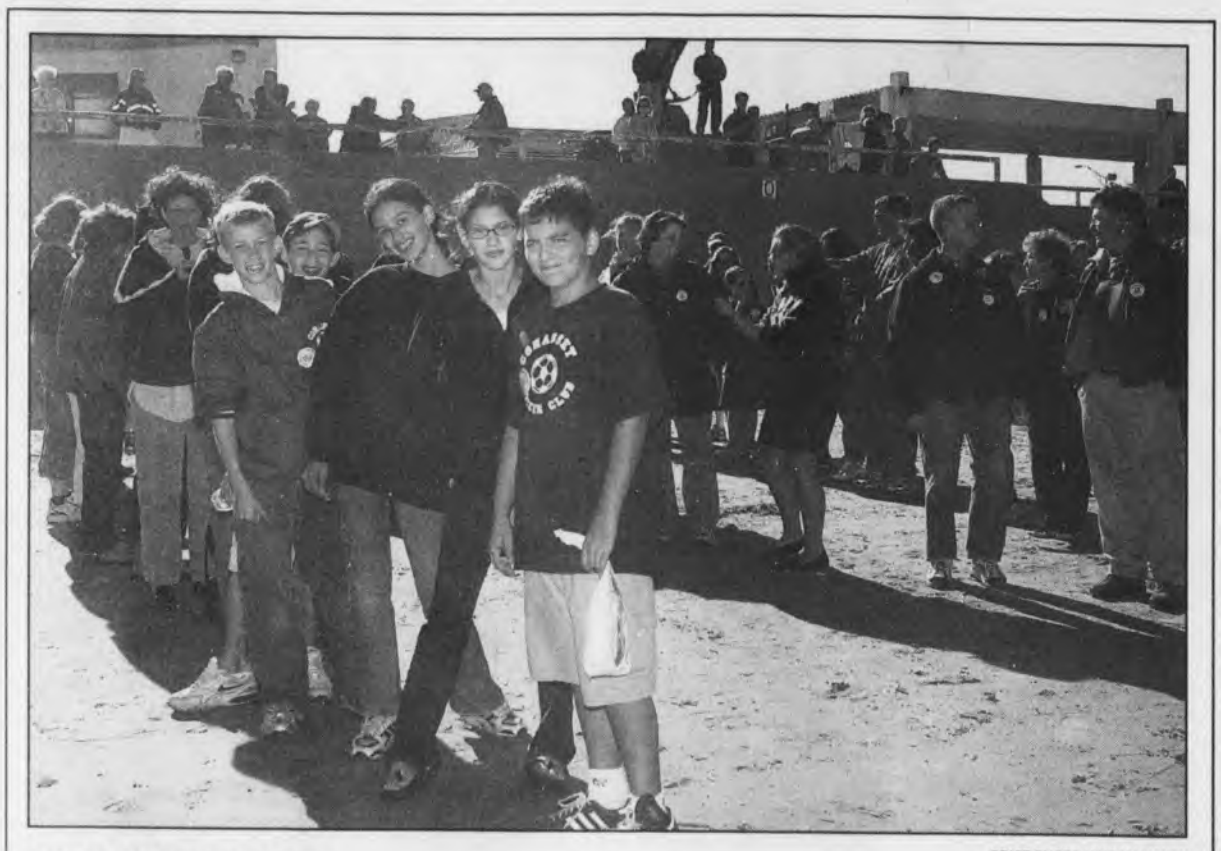

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NO PLACE FOR HATE

Cohasset residents form the "N" in "NO" in the No Place for Hate Stand in the Sand event Sunday in Hull. The five kids at the left are, from left, Evan Deutsch, Ramsey Davis, Ali Boehmke, Caroline McElhinny and Emerson Oronte. The annual event urges citizens to stand in the sand and spell the "South Shore is No Place for Hate" in a human letter chain on Nantasket Beach. A coalition of 13 South Shore communities, including Cohasset, hosted the free event that also included live music, a hip-hop dance troupe, free refreshments and gifts.

Sidewalks on agenda

Selectmen have announced that they will discuss Special Town Meeting Article 10, which would construct sidewalks on Forest Ave. on Oct. 22.

There is not enough money in the budget to fund the entire project, but there area a variety of options available to the town, ranging from not doing any work, to doing some of the work, to borrowing and doing all of the work.

The Special Town Meeting is Saturday, Nov. 18.

Bradley holds office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D–Hingham, will be holding district office hours Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Hingham Sons of Italy Hall, upstairs, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with the Representative, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Sept. 30:

School Committee, Oct 10 at 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 10, and Oct. 24 at 7:30 p. m.

Turkey Hill Management Committee, Oct. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Board of Assessors, Oct 15 at 4 p.m.

Zoning Advisory Board, Oct. 15 at 6: p.m.

Library Trustees, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Growth and Development Committee, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.

Water Commission, Oct. 22 at 8:30 p.m. at the Town Hall (At Selectmen's meeting), Oct. 16 and 24 at 8 p.m. at the Water Treatment Plant on King Street.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 21 (Avalon), Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 14 (Avalon), Dec. 9, Dec. 16 (Avalon), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Committee on Town History, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Lothrop House.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Hedlund hours at Cohasset Town Hall

The October office hours for state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, are from noon-1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17 in the 2A vestibule at Town Hall.

Hedlund also has a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth, that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator.

The district office phone number is 781-340-9866.

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Mon. 14	6:42	8.9	12:18	6:55	9.7	12:34
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Town History Committee to present maps to schools

By Brian J. Scully
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The Committee on Town History brought something important to the selectmen's meeting last night and it wasn't their maps.

It was instead, laughter.

In meeting full of issues laced with vitriol, the committee's presentation of a large map, copies of which will be presented to the schools and the town hall, was a shining example of cross-organizational teamwork. The feel-good presentation brought smiles to the faces of all in attendance, and even incited laughter – no small task given the candor of the rest of the evening.

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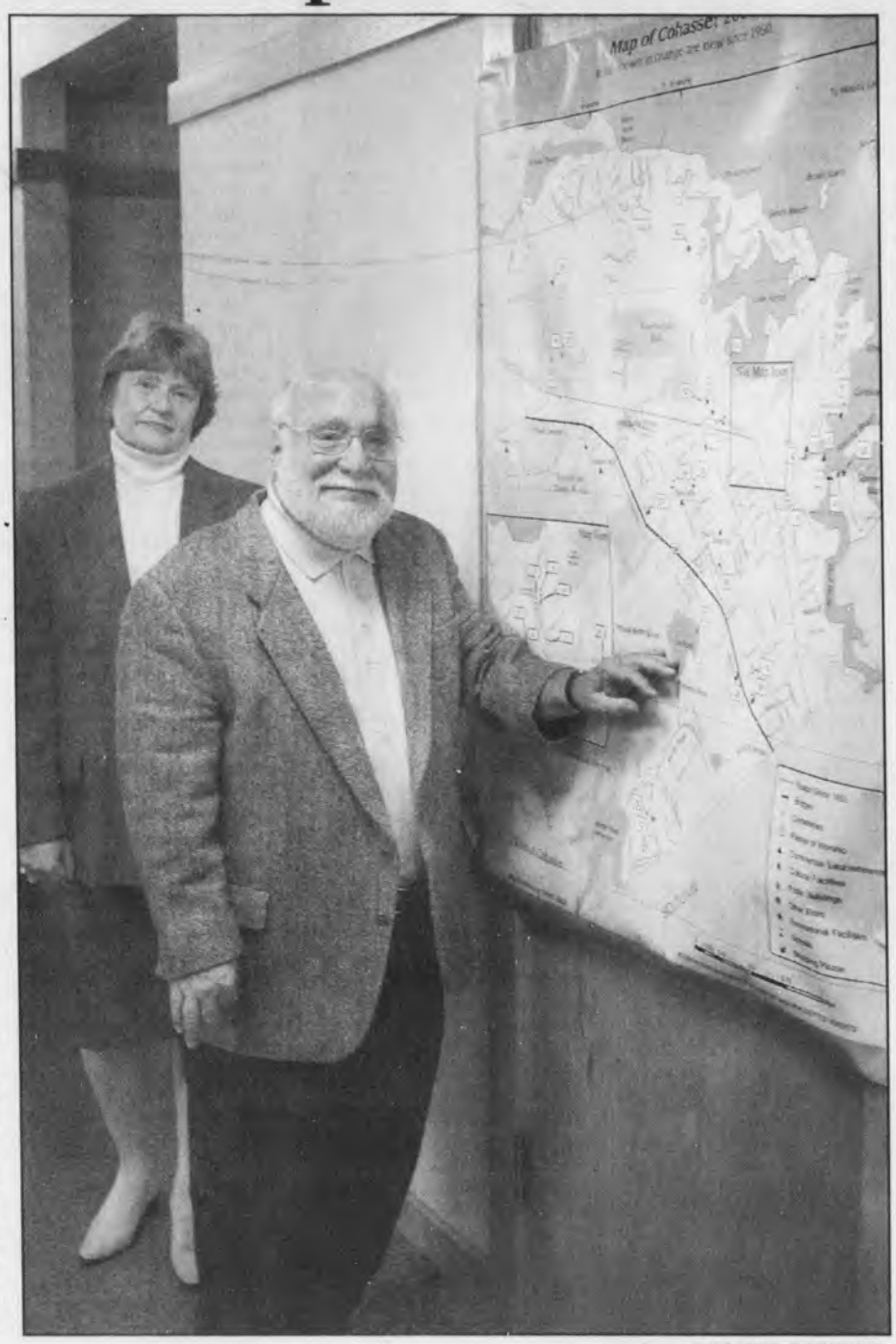

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Wigmore Pierson, chairman of the Committee on Town History, and Ruth Fennessy, schools curriculum coordinator, pose with the new Cohasset map to be used in the schools.

Chairman Wig Pierson arrived with the full complement of his committee to present their innovative attempt to tie in town history and the Cohasset Public Schools curriculum.

The map is only one phase of the overall project (headed by education sub-committee chairman Lou Harvey), which will include a timeline that juxtaposes major Cohasset events with world events. According to school officials, who also turned out in force, the relationship has provided the schools with valuable curriculum material that will allow the children to gain a better understanding of the world at large, through the medium of Cohasset. The maps will be provided to the first, third, and eleventh grades, and will help build student's map skills.

But it wasn't as simple as just providing the schools with a map and a timeline (which is still under construction).

"What I have found during the whole project is that we had some state curriculum requirements and the challenge was whether we could really translate the feeling of town history and the emotion of town history into the curriculum system, which is so structured," said Harvey.

A willingness to work though the issue – on both sides – allowed for creative solutions to meeting the state's guidelines.

"It's been great working with the Committee on Town History," said Ruth Fennessy, the curriculum director for the Cohasset school system. "They've just been so open to all the suggestions that we have had, it's been so terrific."

The committee also announced that a gift box set of the three volumes of Cohasset Town History will be available in "handsome packaging" in time for Christmas. Pierson also reported that the committee was "on-time and ahead of budget." The committee recently published the "Narrative History of Cohasset Volume III," by Jacqueline Dormizter.

"I think that the town has been very receptive and very enthusiastic," said Pierson. "I think that you saw tonight that the Selectmen are very receptive, the teachers are receptive, the Principle of the Osgood School is very receptive, and hopefully it will be a teaching tool about our town that will be able to be used for a long time."

Town common adds Romney to its résumé

By Brian J. Scully
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If you did a double take when you saw the latest Mitt Romney for Governor television ad, you weren't alone.

Featured as the backdrop to the ad is a familiar site to Cohasseters – the Cohasset Town Common.

"If Shannon O'Brien wants to use the Common, that's great."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

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While mainstream Hollywood hasn't come calling this year, the commercial business is thriving..

The common's current representation, Town Manager Mark Haddad, is always pleased to see his client "in the pictures."

"I got a phone call from a filming crew," said Haddad. "They said that they wanted to shoot a commercial on the Common, and I said "Absolutely," I never say no."

Haddad noted that the Romney commercial was strictly business and maintained that the appearance was not an endorsement by the town in any way. (Rumor has it the Common itself is a registered independent).

"In fact, this week, a helicopter will fly over town for a Walgreen's commercial, so it has nothing to do about party," said Haddad. "If Shannon O'Brien wants to use the Common, that's great."

Each company that uses the Common as a backdrop is requested to make a donation to the Town Common Gift Fund.

Haddad said that he believed the Romney campaign contributed, but he was unsure of the exact amount.

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Issue is not benched at angry meeting

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appeared the week before in the Mariner about the CCHDC being upset with the benches, were a part of the selectmen's correspondence and therefore, part of public record).

From that point, the meeting devolved into an insult-fest by members of the audience, directed at mostly at Haddad and partly at Sullivan for wishing to table the discussion. Members of the audience spoke out of turn without giving their name and address as is required, which led to a rumbling of insults.

Marian Atkinson of the CCHDC called Haddad "arrogant" and his actions "inappropriate." An unidentified male in the back row yelled out, "He thinks he's God. He should be fired."

The arguments spilled over after the meeting, several expletives were fired at town representatives in the parking lot.

The CHDC voted back in May to allow the benches be placed temporarily directly in front of Town Hall on the grassy area under the trees near the mailbox. The commission wanted them off the common side out of concern for safety of senior citizens because children play Frisbee and soccer there.

But despite being reminded of the terms of the CHDC certificate, Haddad placed the benches where he originally wanted them facing the duck pond under the trees near Long Road [where the farmers market is held].

For Sullivan, Tuesday's brouhaha was a bit too much, considering that he thought that the issue was dealt with.

"I thought that it was totally unnecessary to bring it back to a public forum," said Sullivan. "I thought the situation was being taken care of."

Sullivan attended a recent meeting of the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission to address its concerns. He told the members he would have Haddad apologize for the way he went about the process and would re-submit paperwork to allow the CCHDC to vote again on the issue.

PHOTO/MARY FORD

Two benches installed on the Town Common caused a brouhaha at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting.

What was more surprising was that the vote would have passed unanimously *in support* this time around.

"I attended the meeting and they were emotionally frustrated with the fact that benches were put on the common," said Sullivan. "But unanimously, they went on to say that the benches went in right place."

The Mariner obtained a copy of the minutes from that Sept. 18 meeting, which corroborated Sullivan's statement.

"The Commission agreed that the placement of the benches is appropriate to suit the needs of the seniors and agrees that the benches should stay where they are," states the minutes. It goes on to require, "a re-application to the CCHDC, an apology, and a promise not to act independently with disregard for the CCHDC's decisions."

"They were strictly emotional over the fact that Mark had done that without their permission," said Sullivan. "I spent an hour at that meeting, I apologized, I told them that I didn't think that the process was handled correctly, but that the benches ended up in the right places."

Sullivan said that the letter of apology and the new paperwork was on its way. That was enough, according to CCHDC member Peter Wood who was not present at Tuesday's meeting.

"Watching on television, I felt badly for Mark," said Wood. "He was blindsided, he had no clue what was coming. I am a member of that commission and I had no idea that the benches were going to be discussed that night and I'd be interested to know how many other members of the commission were aware of it as well."

It was even more surprising to Wood, because he felt confident that the issue had been dealt with.

"It was a dead issue," said Wood about the Sept. 18 CCHDC meeting. "It was a done deal. Mike was going to back and the town was going to reapply for the benches in their existing condition. It makes our commission look petty to be taking this approach, given everything that is happening in the world right now."

"I didn't tell Mark that he had to have it done by Friday," said Sullivan. "He probably has it on his list of things to do, but I can see why he might not have seen it as a high priority."

Larson said she was not upset after the selectmen's meeting and that is was important that the town follow procedure.

"There is a permitting process here and they ignored it and they put permanent structures on the common after we said they could not," said Larson. "They have to be held to the same standard as other citizens."

Haddad refused to comment on the matter.

Selectman Merle Brown felt that Haddad overstepped his boundaries with the decision to unilaterally place the benches and "deserved to take some heat." At the time, Haddad said he checked with town counsel and was informed that as executive of the town he was entitled to do as he saw fit on the Common.

Selectman Fred Koed said that it was important for the town to follow its own rules.

"I do feel that — even the US Congress and the Massachusetts legislature — that when legislative bodies make rules and exempt themselves, they shouldn't be doing that," said Koed. "If the rule is good enough for the townspeople, the town itself should follow it also."

Dead crow tests positive

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blue jays. Last year, all dead birds were tested.

"This year there have been very few submissions," said Godzik. "With them only testing crows and blue jays, they eliminated a lot of the other birds that had been sent in for testing in the past."

The good news is that as the temperatures cool, the mosquito population dies off.

"We're getting to the end of the mosquito season now," said Godzik. "But as long as they are here, there is the potential for West Nile to spread, so it is important to take normal precautions *(see sidebar)."*

On Sept. 6, an 81-year-old Weymouth, who contracted WNV, died. Two others, an 87-year-old woman from Boston and an 80-year-old female from Malden, have also died after contracting WNV. Overall, 17 Massachusetts residents have tested positive for the disease, two of whom are believed to have contracted the virus out of state.

"The whole prevention effort is to try and avoid this," said Dr. Alfred DeMaria, chief of communicable diseases for the state Department of Public Health. "We really need to make sure our elderly know how to protect themselves."

The MDPH maintains a Web site on West Nile Virus which is located at http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv.

West Nile prevention tips

There is no vaccine for West Nile virus (WNV). The best way to protect yourself is to keep mosquitoes from biting you. Follow these steps every summer if you live in or visit an area with mosquitoes:

- Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn, if possible, since this is the time when mosquitoes are most active.
- If you must be outdoors when mosquitoes are active, wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants.
- Use a mosquito repellent that contains DEET (the chemical N-N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) and follow the directions on the label. DEET can be toxic if overused. Never use DEET on infants and do not apply repellents to the face or hands of children. Avoid using repellents with DEET concentrations above 10-15 percent for children and with concentrations above 30-35 percent for adults. Cream, lotion or stick formulas are best for use on the skin. However, avoid products with high amounts of alcohol, as these may be absorbed through the skin.
- Most mosquito repellents will remain effective for many hours, so it is not necessary to reapply the repellent. Once inside, wash off insect repellents thoroughly with soap and water.
- Take special care to cover up the arms and legs of children playing outdoors. When you bring a baby outdoors, cover the baby's carriage or playpen with mosquito netting.
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Information courtesy of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Making fire hydrants easier to locate

The Water Commission has taken steps to make it easier for the Fire Department to find fire hydrants.

Every second counts when responding to a fire," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission, "so we have made it easier to find all 396 Fire hydrants in Cohasset (including the 58 hydrants supplied by Aquarion Water of Hingham) by painting the caps of the hydrants with a highly reflective glass-bead paint, which is similar to the paint used on street line markings, which will make it much easier to find fire hydrants at night or in a storm."

"We also have spent $10,000 to provide the Fire Department with a laptop loaded with software that will help them locate fire hydrants," said Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt, who managed this project.

"With this software," said Pratt, "the Fire Dept. Shift Commander, while on the way to an incident, will be able to input the address of the fire, and a map will appear on the computer screen showing all fire hydrants in a 600 foot radius, locating all nearby hydrants by the closest street address. The 911 dispatch center has also been provided with this software."

"Additional information will also be displayed," explained "including the fire flow available at each hydrant, or the size of the water main serving the hydrant if fire flow is not available, and any hazard materials or conditions known to be at that location. This system, which is based on the Water Department Geographic Information system (GIS) database for the water system will be updated periodically as the Water Department adds new hydrant locations."

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Housing issues on fast track: Subject of Oct. 21 Master Plan forum

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meeting that addressed the issues of Route 3A including traffic and commercial areas. On Oct. 21, the committee will address the current housing situation. Meetings that will address the town's services, facilities and natural and cultural resources will follow.

"We've been through the 'vision process,'" said Harrington. "That was really to get the overarching themes as to what the community wants, where it sees itself, and identifying what values to the town holds."

The committee has yet to make recommendations on any of the areas, but that could change after the housing meeting. The committee is tentatively planning to hold a meeting to make recommendations on the housing aspect of the Master Plan in the upcoming weeks in order to jump start that part of the process.

"I think people will be particularly interested in this particular talk (on housing) given the environment and the comprehensive permit that is pending," said Harrington. "We really need to look at what the affordable housing situation is in Cohasset, and what strategies the town would like to adopt to address that situation."

"I think there is a real impetus to get an affordable housing plan together."
— Selectman Tom Callahan

Selectmen Tom Callahan, who is also a member of the committee, said that clarifying the town's direction in terms of affordable housing is key to protecting the town's interests.

"I think there is a fast track on (the housing issue)," said Callahan. "In light of the ongoing interest in some kind of senior housing development, the presence of the 40B project, I think there is a real impetus to get an affordable housing plan together."

Callahan said that to this point, he feels the committee has done a good job of making sure all the town's interests are represented.

"Everyone is welcome," said Callahan. "We hope that people will come and let us know what they think."

That being said, it is important that those that were invited to the discussion attend, because their input is vital to the success of the process.

"All of the people we targeted for invitation have a particular interest or stake," said Callahan. "We can't accomplish our goals without information."

Cohasset Facts

- Median age is 41.
- 28 percent of the population is under 18; 15 percent is 65 or older.
- 75 percent of households are family households including married couples with children.
- Net population growth in the town over the past 30 years has been less than 5 percent.
- 42 percent of the housing was built before 1940.
- 30 percent was built between 1940-1970.
- 2001 single family home median sales price — $630,000.
- Average single family tax bill is $5410.

Master Plan Goals

The Master Plan looks to address the following areas:

- Forming a Goals and Policies Statement.
- Land use analysis and plan.
- Housing market analysis and plan.
- Economic development plan.
- Natural and cultural resources plan.
- Open space and recreation plan.
- Service and facilities plan.
- Traffic/circulation/transportation plan.
- Financial plan and objectives.

Master plan vision statement

Cohasset in 2020 is a historic residential community renowned for its quality of life, the exceptional beauty of its coastal setting, a lively village center and harbor front, all supported by effective and sustainable town management:

The town's natural beauty and wildlife habitats are assured by a network of protected open spaces and parks.

Prudent planning and careful management of the town's natural resources protect the quality and quantity of the town's waters - drinking water supply, streams and wetlands, and coastal waters.

The harbor and the village center serve the community with the variety and number of successful businesses appropriate to these area's scale and character.

Historic buildings and sites have been preserved for future generations.

New or expanded homes are appropriate to the context of their neighborhood and surrounding natural setting and resources.

The town continues to provide and excellent education for its young people.

Housing is available for households with a range of incomes, as well as for senior citizens and town employees.

Route 3A businesses contribute both to the attractiveness and the tax base of Cohasset, through sensitive landscape, appropriate building and parking design and effective traffic management.

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Harbor is on hold again

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After being bogged down in another discussion, the Board of Selectmen placed the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation's proposal for harbor improvement on hold for a second-straight week Tuesday, in order to further clarify the issue.

The issue came up last week, when Dean Rizzo of the CRC asked the board for support, in principle, as to the need for improvements because of safety. The CRC does not want to invest more money in the project if the town will not support it. The selectmen are considering placing an "concept" article on the warrant that would allow the town to vote on the issue.

Selectmen Ronnie McMorris made a motion to take the article off of the warrant for the upcoming Nov. 18 Special Town Meeting, but the vote was held when Chairman Michael Sullivan asked that Town Manager Mark Haddad further clarify the issue.

McMorris said that she was felt that there had not been "a demonstrated need for improvements" to the harbor area.

McMorris' comments were met with applause from the audience, which spoke out against the plans to change a fence and widen a road.

Sullivan disagreed, citing the safety hazard of the sidewalk.

"You need to look at the big picture. And maybe that big picture is not to change anything, but it seems prudent to me to evaluate the situation."

— Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan

"You need to look at the big picture," said Sullivan. "And maybe that big picture is not to change anything, but it seems prudent to me to evaluate the situation."

And that evaluation process would be funded by the CRC free-of-charge. Several residents objected to the notion of private companies proposing projects for the public, but Sullivan is not concerned.

"I don't have a problem with them bring ideas forward," reiterated Sullivan. "We don't have to adopt them, we can modify them."

When the fire sprinkler above Mark Haddad began to leak, the issue was held and Haddad was directed to verify that what CRC director Rizzo stated in his proposal was accurate.

"Any time you deal with change, it is a very passionate, very emotional issue for a lot of folks, because change is difficult," said Rizzo. "Everybody is trying to protect what they love about the town."

The area residents who attended do not want the fence changed in any way. According to Rizzo, though, replacing the fence could qualify the project for grants that could cover a large portion of the estimated $1.3 million price tag.

Sullivan directed Haddad to research what the code is for fence (the current fence is grandfathered in) and at what point would any changes to the sidewalk require the fence to brought up to code.

"I have some work I need to do," said Haddad. "I need to get some information on grants, and verify all the information that Dean Rizzo has provided in the past and that's my job."

Reaching out to the wider community

Lecture series tackles issues

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"The fast growing segment of our population here in Cohasset is the 85 and older group. Primarily they are still living at home, they want to live at home, and we want to support that."

— Kathy Bryanton, CEA director

The Council on Elder Affairs is not just for senior citizens anymore.

Not that it ever was.

In its latest effort to expand services to seniors through intergenerational programming, the CEA is offering a four-lecture educational series for the children of aging parents.

"We've always tried to offer the most pertinent, current information, whether it is property, wills, trusts or medical safety," said Director Kathleen Bryanton. "We always do it in the fall and we always include other towns. Usually it happens every two years."

Previously, the speaker series was aimed at supporting older people who were caring for a sick spouse, sibling, neighbor, or friend, but more and more Bryanton saw the children of senior citizens attempting to manage care from afar.

"We live in a mobile society," said Bryanton. "We are seeing a lot of children moving out of Cohasset to other areas, while mothers and fathers remain in Cohasset."

The distance between the generations presents yet another hurdle when it comes to things like caring for a sick parent.

The series began with a lecture on Oct. 2 that addressed dealing with potential problems before a medical crisis hit. On Oct. 9, the topic was how to get involved with your parents' affairs in a non-threatening way, while Oct. 16's lecture will discuss beating the high cost of health insurance. On Oct. 23, the lecture deals with preventing elder fraud and avoiding dishonest caregivers. The speakers who will present the lectures are all experts in their fields.

All four are extremely important – not to mention touchy – subjects. But they are also extremely relevant.

"The fast growing segment of our population here in Cohasset is the 85 and older group," said Bryanton. "Primarily they are still living at home, they want to live at home, and we want to support that."

For Carol Barrett, who services as the Outreach Program Coordinator, it is important to branch out to all those involved in the care of seniors.

"The goal is not to be satisfied with the status quo, but to be constantly looking to improve our services," said Barrett.

It certainly shows.

Of the 1,650 seniors in town, 800, or almost 50 percent utilize the service. The CEA provides a newsletter, lunches on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and a schedule of events, programs and activities to keep everybody interest. Medical appointments are made and kept through the Medical Assistance Program (MAP5) and the Medical Transportation to Boston program (MTB5).

"There is no public transportation here in Cohasset, no taxi service," said Bryanton. "When they have a medical appointment they need to go to in Boston, they call us."

What if someone just wants to get away from their regular schedule for a while? Perhaps a trip to the Pops, a turn cooking a gourmet meal, or a little bit of Tai Chi will do the trick?

The abundance of services provided are a reflection of the dedication of those who work to make it all happen.

"I became interested in gerontology when, at 55, my mother had a massive stroke," said Bryanton. "To keep my mother at home we had to find every piece of medical service ourselves. I realized that in 1976, there was no coordinator service to help out people in that situation."

Her desire was simple: "All I wanted to do was bring my mother home," said Bryanton

For Barrett, this is a "second career," but the first was not much different. She served the elderly population as a nurse then and continues to do so now.

"There was an elderly woman living by herself in town who had a niece and nephew living in Texas," said Bryanton. "Carol not only provided transportation to Boston for chemotherapy, she involved the local clergy and got the niece and nephew to come up to visit several times."

For a single woman, who never married and whose immediate family was deceased, the CEA provided a community that cut through the isolationism that could have settled in. The last three years of her life were marked by interaction with people who cared, including a relationship with family that lived half a country away.

Both Bryanton and Barrett deflected praise though, crediting a staff and a stable of volunteers that reads like a like a Cohasset List of Residents.

"What we are trying to do is to assist elders to live safely and independently in a community." Carol Barrett, Director of the Outreach Program.

It would seem that Barrett forgot to mention "happily" in the above sentence.

After all, it appears that there are more benefits to senior citizen status in Cohasset, than just discounts at the movies.

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Fundraising for playground project picks up momentum

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As it stands, the playground at the South Shore Community Center isn't much to look at.

But by as early as next summer, the children of the center's nursery school — and those residents who come to enjoy it during after-school hours — could enjoy a new park that eliminates the current flooding problem, updates the equipment and brings the park up to code.

"We are at a little over $30,000 and we need to raise $50,000," said South Shore Community Center Nursery School's playground building committee chairman Trish Hart. "We've done most of it through brick sales and other little things like the going to the farmer's market and selling things."

The new playground construction will add "a new central play structure, a new swing set, and several ride-on and imaginary toy systems."

The nursery school hopes to raise the remaining $20,000 through a silent auction to be held Oct. 19.

"We have a tremendous fundraising event on Oct. 19," said Hart. "We have $10,000 worth of silent auction items, which we hope will raise the remaining money."

The project took a major step forward when selectmen unanimously voted to enter into a revocable licensing agreement with the South Shore Community Center that offers the nursery school program for a small parcel of land that the project needs in order to create a safety buffer zone for the children.

"Last week, we secured an additional parcel of land, about 1200 square feet," said Hart. "That area will provide and additional safety buffer zone, and a nature seating area for the children, which is huge because we are kind of jammed in there right now."

The community center has been authorized to remove a half-dead pine tree, but a black walnut on the grounds will remain.

"Right now, it looks bad," said Hart of the park, mentioning flooding and freezing problems. "The equipment is falling apart, it is just time to do it."

The effort has been aided by several town residents.

"We have an extremely active group of parents as well as people around town," said Hart. "Hap Pompeo has provided all the engineering. Brendan St. John will do the masonry work, Bob Driscoll has contacted us and will help out with the contracting aspects, and Joe Sesito has offered to help with the landscaping work."

Hart also thanked her committee and her two vice chairmen.

"I have been so happy with the way things have gone," said Hart. "I have a wonderfully strong committee, especially with my vice-chairmen Kari O'Donnell and Nancy Whelan."

But the work is not done yet. There is still an auction to hold and more bricks to sell. Small bricks with engravings cost $100, large bricks cost $500.

Anyone interested in helping can contact the nursery school at 781-383-0036.

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— Trish Hart, building committee chairman

Nursery school director honored

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After 12 years of "wonderful service," Lynne Sheridan, the director of the South Shore Community Center is leaving.

In honor of her service, the parents of the SSCC's nursery school program dedicated a Star Magnolia tree and plaque as a sign of "heartfelt gratitude" for all her work.

"We all have been positively affected by you and your professionalism through our children and your wonderful staff," reads the dedication letter signed by the parents. "The tree symbolizes your values and philosophies regarding the growth and development of teaching."

Trish Hart, who serves as the Chairman of the Nursery School's playground committee thought that the ceremony was fitting of the subject.

"It was moving and touching," said Sheridan in an email. "She was truly amazing and will surely be missed."

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Trish and Noel hart, Lisa and Annalise Hotchkiss, and Melissa and Chase Bomeisler help raise money to refurbish the playground at the South Shore community Center.

Community Center October classes

Gymnastic Classes
Sports for Kids
Ages 4-6 Monday, 1 to 2 p.m.; ages 3-5 Monday 3 to 3:45 p.m.; ages 6-9 Wednesday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; ages 3-5 Friday 1 to 1:45 p.m.
Gym Explorers
Ages 4-6 Monday 2 to 3 p.m.; ages 4-6 Tuesday 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.; ages 4-6 Wednesday 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; ages 4-6 Friday 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Tumblebugs
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Halloween Fun
Ages 3-6 Monday, Oct. 28, 1:30 to 3 p.m., $15M/20NM. Come celebrate Halloween with face painting, music, storytelling and games.

Free Play
Ages 14 months-3+, Oct. 18, 9:30 to 11 a.m., $9 at the door, siblings $2. Come drop in where you and your child can explore Community Center gym equipment.

Adult Cooking Classes
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7 to 9 p.m., $45M/50NM.
Soups & Winter Warmers
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For information, details and registration, call the rec office at 781-383-4109.

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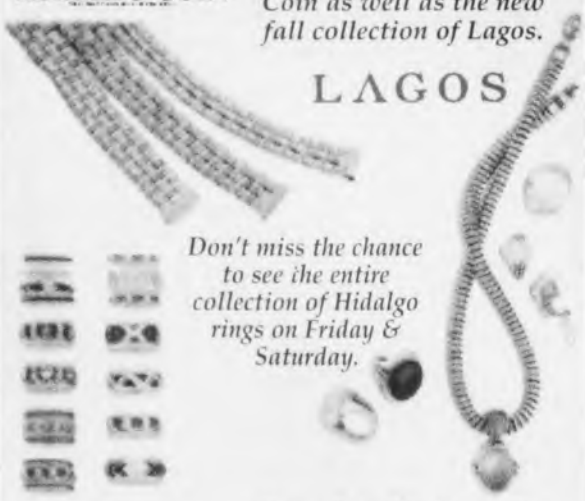

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SEMESTER IN AUSTRALIA

Jesse L. Zerendow of Cohasset, a junior at Colby College, is spending the fall semester of the 2002-2003 academic year in Australia enrolled in a course of studies at the University of Sydney. Jesse, a CHS graduate, is the daughter of **Donald and Victoria Zerendow**. Jesse is majoring in international studies at Colby.

NDA HONORS

Three Cohasset seniors at Notre Dame Academy were inducted into the National Honor Society last spring. They are **Martha Henderson**, who was elected treasurer of the National Honor Society, **Laura Kondrat** and **Rachel McElroy**. All three senior girls were inducted into the Foreign Language National Honor Society as well, with Martha serving as secretary. Rachel was elected co-president of the Latin National Honor Society. Also Laura, Rachel, and Martha auditioned and were selected into Notre Dame's a capella choir with Laura as its current president.

THANKS, GEORGE!

Congratulations to members of the Middle School football team! They played their first game of the season on Wed. and beat River School! Most likely the workout that they got on Saturday at Olympic Citco owned by **George Roukounakis** helped get them in shape for the game. George allowed the seventh- and eighth-grade boys to wash cars at his station as a fundraiser to benefit the team. The team would like to thank George for his support!

HAT'S OFF TO GREG

Greg Johnson of Cohasset was among 150 students in Providence College's Class of 2006, who spent their first days in Providence participating in the college's 12th annual Urban Action program. The freshmen and 26 upperclassmen leaders volunteered more than 3,000 hours of service at the Shared Harvest Community Farm in Cranston, R.I., a satellite operation of Providence's Southside Community Land Trust (SCLT). Greg worked at the community farm, an extension of the urban garden and farming projects sponsored by SCLT since 1981.Once a working farm, the 50-acre site of fields, pastures, outbuildings and a farmhouse had fallen into a state of disrepair. The students brought their energy and enthusiasm to develop about 15 acres of the farm. They cleaned buildings, cleared land, removed accumulated trash, and began to prepare the land for planting next summer. The farm will be the "incubator" for the ambitious new SCLT project designed to enable Providence's immigrant and low-to-moderate income families to pursue farming as a business opportunity. This sounds like a very worthwhile project.

Some news from Coast Guard, Trinity College that senior co-captain forward Morgan Sandell of Cohasset scored for the college's men soccer team, the Bantams. Trinity ended up losing to Coast Guard, 5-2. Joel R. Carpenter, 370 King St.; Gregory M. Donovan, 422 King St.; and Daniel P. Kinchla, 12 Hillside Drive, are all freshmen at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. Way to go guys, keep up the great work.

HURRYING IS TOPIC

On Friday Oct. 17, **Bob Whitney** of Hingham, a senior vice president at Trigen Boston Energy and a member of The National Speakers' Association speaks nationally to a variety of groups on motivational, leadership and spiritual topics. Bob has his own news column in the Mariners, Good Vibes, and will be addressing the topic of one of his latest columns; "Hurry, Hurry, Hurry." Why have we become too preoccupied and have settled for less as a society? Come listen and learn. Noon to 1p.m.at the South Shore Art Center, Free for more info call 781-383-0771.

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BOOKS COOK PROGRAM

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for first-and-second-graders' "Books Cook" program by calling 781-383-4109.

Books Cook for grades one and two will be held from 3:15 -4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays starting Oct. 23. It will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School. Children will enjoy making bread boas after reading "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" or making candy houses after reading "Hansel and Gretel," as example.

The program will be five weeks in duration and costs $55 per child. Programs start Oct. 23 and continue through Nov. 20. Each week will feature different books and cooking.

For information, details and registration, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109.

Hat's off to Andrew Chang, 13, of Cohasset, who successfully completed F1 Boston's Junior Race School in Braintree, and is now eligible to take part in F1 Boston's Junior Leagues and Practice Sessions.

That is all the news for this week. Please get me your news, event information, photos and any other bits and pieces you may have no later than Mondays at noon.

EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com

MAIL: 622 CJC Highway

All photos may be dropped off at Cohasset News in an envelope labeled, "Cohasset Mariner, Around Town."

Musical Mystery Dinners help Conservatory

The evening begins at 6 p.m., with a reception at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, followed by dinner parties hosted by generous friends of the Conservatory.

Music, friends and food are all the right ingredients for a Saturday evening, at South Shore Conservatory's Musical Mystery Dinners on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The evening begins at 6 p.m., with a reception at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, followed by dinner parties hosted by generous friends of the Conservatory. At the reception guests will enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a performance by Hui-Min Wang of the Conservatory piano faculty. When guests arrive at the reception, the mystery of their dinner destinations is solved as guests receive their directions to one of the host homes. The Conservatory extends sincere thanks to this year's hosts, Deborah Allinson and Thomas Lamb, Margaret and Brian Curtis, Linda and Robert Goulding, Christine and Michael Puzo, Katharine and William Reardon, Jane and Vcevy Strekalovsky, and Andrea and William Young.

Proceeds from the evening, and a similar event at The Ellison Center in Duxbury, benefit educational programs and scholarships of South Shore Conservatory. Tickets at $50 per person are available in the Conservatory office, or by calling Laura Carleton at 781-934-2731, ext. 14.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Plan strikes out

The Verizon call to the bullpen. The Nextel Half-time report. The Mobil Speed Pass stolen bases leaders. In professional and college sports these days everything has a price. You want to name a field, name your figure.

It's big business today with the high player salaries and it takes big bucks to make a professional team financially successful. A winning record also helps, but it isn't apparently the driving force. Who you can get to sponsor the replays on the Jumbotron or who foots the bill for the half-time report matters.

The college scene isn't immune from the lure of the mighty dollar, either. Whatever happened to it just being the Fiesta Bowl or the Orange Bowl. Now it's the Minute Maid Orange bowl and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

Commercializing our sports has become so common place. We are jaded now about it and have accepted the fate — just as we New Englanders have come to understand post-season baseball isn't in the cards for the Red Sox.

Somewhere, though, we have to draw the line when commercializing sports goes to far. And we would like to think that the buck stops in Cohasset.

Make no mistake, we applaud the Little League's ambitious efforts to secure the $150,000 to pay for the fields, but selling the naming rights or any parts of the fields are off base. We recognize the organization's desire to limit the expense to taxpayers and it has come up with ways to accomplish that goal. But at what price? Are we too naïve in thinking that Little League should still remain in its purist form and not be over-commercialized?

The league — after abandoning the idea of naming the fields to the highest bidder — has reached a compromise of sorts which would involve recognizing donors on dug-outs, bleachers and the scoreboard as "Diamond Donors." It still sounds all very commercial to us. Why can't kids just go out and play the game, parents and friends just sit in the stands without having to be confronted with what boils down to advertising.

We applaud Selectman Tom Callahan who raised the issue again last week. We happen to agree with the selectmen who as a majority believe the fields should be named as recognition to someone who stands out in the community. Someone who has dedicated his or her life to youth sports and the children of Cohasset. Someone whose family may not have the bucks to cough up.

And what's also wrong with just calling them the Little League fields for now? Why the big push, other than money, to name the fields?

We're in full support of the league, our own children participate in league sports in our communities. The league leaders are dedicated to helping foster sportsmanship and growth in youngsters. We're not against them and that's not what this is about. We just happen to think youth programs are one of the last vestiges where the sport is still in its purist form.

We hope it stays that way.

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If the photographer is Alan Chapman, he may be reached by calling 781-837-4570. Leave a detailed message and he will return your call as soon as possible.

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Senior Center volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed at the Cohasset Elder Affairs office.

People of any age who are interested in improving the quality of life of older people can find a wide variety of meaningful and enjoyable work by volunteering at the senior center.

The nature of work and the time commitment is flexible from answering the phones to helping in the kitchen or driving the van once a month. Sending out our the newsletters once a month.

There is a stipend for (60 years old and over) who are interested in working 15 to 20 hours in the office.

College students are welcome to help during their summer break.

Cohasset Elder Affairs is a community based program and our volunteers are our most valuable resource.

Call 781-383-9112 for more information.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Avalon concerns

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently wrote a lengthy letter to Woody Chittick, Chairman of the Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals outlining some of my concerns with the Avalon Bay Project currently being reviewed under the Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit process. Woody called me personally to thank me for the letter and to reiterate that the Board is seeking public comment so that they can make a case to either deny the permit or to approve it, but with reasonable conditions. The purpose of this letter is to urge the residents of Cohasset who have any issues or concerns with the project to make them known in writing to the Zoning Board of Appeals so it can make an informed decision and have a strong basis for negotiation if needed. Below are excerpts from my letter to Woody outlining three major areas of concern, which may be shared by others in town or which may spark new thoughts and ideas.

Project size

My greatest concern is the number of units being proposed. 200/254 units increase Cohasset's population by 7-9 percent in one swoop. I think that is a lot for a town that has had moderate growth over the past years. Maybe the first phase could be a smaller amount of units to see how it really impacts the town? In addition, Avalon is predicting 2 cars per unit. Although they were confident there would be enough parking spaces in their complex, can the town accommodate 400 more cars in the Center of Town, at Sandy Beach, at the new Commuter Rail lot, at Shaws or Stop and Shop, etc.? Will Avalon Bay help fund additional parking spaces in these places? Or as an example, maybe a condition of the permit could be "one Sandy Beach sticker per family not per car".

Number of children

I am happy that the Board has requested that Avalon Bay provide it with the demographics of all 12 Apartment Complexes and that the board is concerned with how many school age children this complex will add to town. However, my concern is greater for the number of children age 0-5 this complex will bring to town, most likely by the young couples living in the two-bedroom units of which there will be 120. Avalon Bay did not include these counts in their presentation. As a parent of a 2-year-old, I am very aware of the "baby boom" in Cohasset over the past few years and the fact that the town does not have the Nursery School space to support it. Already, there is a lottery system and large wait lists at the nursery schools in Cohasset and our neighboring towns. I would like to see the Board collect data on the predicted number of children in this under-five age group and negotiate with Avalon Bay to either place a Nursery School on sight to accommodate the children living there or to make financial contributions to the Community Center, Carriage House, and Sand Castles Nursery Schools so that they may expand their facilities, faculty, and number of classes to accommodate this increase in pre-school population. To me, this does have an impact on the health, safety, and environment for my daughter who I want to be successful in the Cohasset school system if I have to ship her off to another town because there is no space for her in Cohasset or if she cannot go to preschool at all because the other towns do not have the space either.

Traffic flow

Listening to Avalon's traffic consultant, I do think they underestimated the traffic flow in the peek rush hour times. On the one hand they stated that the proposed complex would have mostly single or married couples in their early or mid-career stage of life (say 70 percent) and a smaller proportion of retirees and stay-at-home moms (say 30 percent). If this is the case, then I calculate 280 cars going off to work in the morning not 90. They also were saying that it took the Board 40 seconds to make a turn onto 3A after your Saturday tour – I believe the wait time would be a lot more during the week. I am also concerned that the driveway to Avalon Cohasset is so close to and somewhat blinded to the driveway at Fitness First. I can just see someone making a quick left onto 3A out of Avalon and running into a car waiting to go left into Fitness First.

I understand that the Avalon complex does not qualify for a traffic light installation; however, I think the town should build into the permit, if issued, a stipulation that if there are X number of accidents or if the state changes its current standards for a traffic signal, then Avalon or any future owner should be required to work with the state to install a light at its entrance onto 3A.

Moreover, Avalon predicted that the traffic on 3A would decrease once the train came because people currently going north on 3A to the commuter boat will get off to park at the Scituate stations before reaching Cohasset. I do agree with this statement in part, but once those stations become full, people will drive to Cohasset. And more importantly, Avalon did not count the increase in cars that Route 3A will experience from those commuters who live in Duxbury, Marshfield, Hanover, and Norwell that drive currently on Rte 3, but who would now take the train and drive up 3A to get to it. (If that increase doesn't happen, then the MBTA's case for having the train restored is flawed.)

Jean Patterson
12 Ledgewood Farm Drive

Support Barnes property purchase

TO THE EDITOR:

For years Cohasset has talked about the desirability of increasing the size of Wheelwright Park. We finally have the opportunity to purchase 32 additional acres that directly abut the park and the adjoining Boy Scout retreat. The land is called the "Barnes Property". Earlier this year, a real estate developer offered the Barnes family one million dollars for the land; instead of jumping at the offer, the family consulted with the town to see if it still had an interested in the property – we do!

The town should make every possible effort to acquire this land. What makes the acquisition of this property a truly great opportunity is its proximity to Wheelwright Park (one of Cohasset's most visited areas of public open space). Most visitors will be surprised to learn that many of the most popular walking trails are not located in the park; rather, they are within the Barnes property. By way of example, most visitors will recall the pond that is located a few hundred yards inside the park. The opposite side of the pond is not part of the park; rather, that land lies within the Barnes property. Many of the popular trails that are surrounded by ancient oak trees and tall hollies are also on the Barnes property. We must act now to protect these areas from development. The town will lose this unique opportunity if we do not raise the money necessary to buy the land by the Nov. 18, 2002 Special Town Meeting.

Last week the Cohasset Conservation Trust announced a challenge grant for the purchase of the Barnes property. The Trust will match (dollar-for-dollar) all private contributions up to a total of $150,000. All money donated will be held by the Trust for this purchase. Please help us preserve one of the town's favorite rural areas by sending a tax deductible contribution to the Cohasset Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 314, Cohasset, MA 02025 – note on the check "Barnes Property". Since the Conservation Trust will match all donations, any contribution (no matter how small) will have a great impact on our ability to preserve this gem. Six hundred thousand dollars has already been raised!

Al MacDonald
41 Oak St.

Temple, not church

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Oct. 3 issue of the "Cohasset Mariner" on page 2 in an article titled "Churches to host parenting seminar" Congregation Sha'aray Shalom is referred to as a Church. Congregation Sha'aray Shalom is a Jewish House of Worship. This is a Temple or Synagogue and not a Church.

I am a member of The Second Congregational Church of Cohasset and have attended services there for more than 20 years and will continue to do so faithfully and happily. However, many years ago, when I went to college and over half the student body was Jewish I learned to distinguish between Temples (also called Synagogues) and Churches. It's a matter of respect. I am bringing this matter up to enlighten this region with knowledge which I learned in upstate New York. The purpose of this letter to the editor is to promote respect and understanding. After all, Jesus was Jewish.

Peter Guild
119 North Main St.

LWV should host state rep debate

TO THE EDITOR:

I was surprised to read that there was no debate scheduled between Bradley and Palmer of State Representative by the Hingham League of Voters.

As a former member of the Cohasset league I am concerned that the voters won't have a chance to compare the candidates. If one of them doesn't want to debate then the empty chair should be there.

Democracy is a precious commodity and to have it stifled by mis information or the right of the people to know as much as possible of their candidates is wrong There must be a debate.

Martha Gjesteby
81 Old Pasture Road

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Barnes property is worth the price

COMMENTARY

SANDRA DURANT

The Friends of the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary has launched a fund-raising drive to meet the Cohasset Conservation Trust challenge grant of $150,000. This will save 32 pristine acres adjacent to Wheelwright Park (an area everyone who has walked there has believed to be a part of Wheelwright Park) for the Town of Cohasset.

This 32-acre wildlife sanctuary is part of a very special deep forest habitat of roughly 230 acres. It is a vital organ in the Jerusalem Road-Forest Avenue core forest habitat which includes: Wheelwright Park, White Holly Hill Farm-forest, The Arthur Lehr Boy Scout retreat, Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary, Witch Hazel Swamp, the Bancroft Bird Sanctuary, and numerous other supporting habitats.

The Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary's vegetation is critical to maintaining the high quality of the town's water supply from the Sohier Street Well field zone of contribution. It has played a vital role in the development of generations of Boy Scouts. For decades adults and children alike have enjoyed its skating pond in the winter. In addition, its paths have become a well-used favorite for hikers and dog walkers. Wildlife has thrived in this precious forest habitat for thousands of years. All of this would be lost to Cohasset, its youth, and its wildlife if this property were to be developed.

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In the spring, the Barnes family was in the process of signing a purchase and sales agreement with a developer to build houses on this wildlife sanctuary. Members of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) intervened and, after listening to the concerns of the family and explaining the role of Cohasset's new CPC, it became obvious that both had the same interest at heart. The Barneses wanted the land to be kept as a wildlife sanctuary but had serious reservations about the Town's willingness to raise $1,000,000. ·After being given assurance that the funds would be raised to rescue the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary(William T. Barnes, their father, was the town's beloved Highway Surveyor who died while serving the town in 1955), the family gave their word that they would give the Town until the end of this year to buy the land. If the town failed to raise the funds, then the sanctuary would be sold to developers. In the ensuing months, while the CPC studied the land, developed funding partners and courted the town fathers, the Barnes family, under relentless pressure from developers, remained true to their word.

We now have a signed purchase and sales agreement between our Selectmen and the Barnes Family. We all owe them a very sincere debt of gratitude!

The Board of Selectman, the Cohasset Conservation Trust, the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, the Trustees of Reservations and many others support the Barnes family's wish to sell their 32 acres to the Town of Cohasset rather than to developers. However, we must act quickly. To date, the Selectmen have committed $500,000 in MBTA mitigation funds, and $100,000 has been committed by the Cohasset Conservation Trust. Additionally, the Trust has challenged the community to raise $150,000 in funds that it will match dollar for dollar. With a $100,000 contribution from the CPC (pending approval at the Town Meeting), we will reach the purchase price goal of $1,000,000.

For more information, or to find out how you can volunteer contact the Friends at jeanhajjar56@hotmail.com or call Jean Hajjar at 383-9917. A map of this property showing the trails and skating pond is also available.

All tax-deductible donations should be written to "The Cohasset Conservation Trust" with a note, Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary, and sent to:

Cohasset Conservation Trust
PO Box 314
Cohasset, MA 02025

Sandra Durant is a Member of the Open Space Committee.

About the Cohasset Conservation Trust

By Richard Avery
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Past and ongoing articles in the Cohasset Mariner regarding the town's purchase of the Barnes property off North Main Street raise questions regarding the Cohasset Conservation Trust.

1. What constitutes the Trust?
2. Why did the Trust commit funds toward the purchase?

The Cohasset Conservation Trust was created in 1967 with the purpose of holding title to undeveloped parcels of land in Cohasset so as to maintain open space for wildlife habitat and passive recreation. In addition to about a dozen smaller parcels scattered around Cohasset, the Trust owns Bassing Beach extending from the Sailing Club out to the breakwater and beyond. Behind Town Hall are extensive walking trails in Great Brewster Woods, which is owned and maintained by the Trust. Acreage along the Gulf River near River Road is safeguarded via Trust ownership.

The Trust relies mostly on charitable donations of property from generous landowners, but receives tax-deductible monetary gifts as well. Some unrestricted property donations can be sold or swapped for purpose related parcels. One of our properties, Golden Memorial Swamp, which is southwest of North Main Street and runs from King Street to Woodside Cemetery, included a segment of the former railroad bed. In addition to money paid to the Town of Cohasset, the MBTA wrote a check to the Conservation Trust because of its "taking" of our strip for the Greenbush restoration. These funds are now being offered to the Town of Cohasset to help acquire the 32 acres constituting the Barnes property. That parcel is nestled in the "crook" of Wheelwright Park where it arcs from North Main Street to Forest Avenue. It is comprised of woods, wetlands, streams, rock outcroppings, and a skating pond – all connected by paths used daily why those who assume it is all Wheelwright Park.

The trustees of Cohasset Conservation Trust are greatly interested in preserving the status quo of the rich habitat and open space of the Barnes property. Development pressures to build on that land are great. Construction of commuter rail will intensify the drive for more homes while pushing wildlife away from their environs. This is why the Conservation Trust has committed both an outright gift of $100,000 plus a donor-matching challenge fund of $150,000 to secure a timely purchase.

We hope today's Cohasset residents will respond to this opportunity so that future generations of humans and other dwellers can benefit as we have.

Richard Avery is treasurer of Cohasset Conservation Trust, Inc.

Blondes extinct?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Was it Miss Clairol, the hair coloring people, who came up with the advertising slogan: "If I have but one life; let me live it as a blonde?" Well, last week the blondes among us, the ones gentlemen prefer, weren't so sure after they got through reading and hearing about the results of the latest World Health Organization report.

It warned blondes everywhere, particularly in Scandinavia where they were invented, that due to a recessive gene they will be extinct within 200 years. In other words, they are an endangered subspecies.

I hope you realize the seriousness of such a situation.

It wasn't that long ago that a Masai chief in Kenya offered to buy Carroll Baker, the blonde who sucked her thumb in "Baby Doll," for 150 cows, 200 goats and $750 in cash. The going rate for brides in Kenya at the time was 12 cows and $200 in cash.

It was Carol Channing, the best known blonde of them all, who once said:

"When you're a blonde, people sort of lean forward when you ask them a question. They take your arm to keep you from falling into an open manhole. But when you're a brunette . . . you're just one of the bunch."

Word of the coming blonde extinction appeared first in English newspapers and even made it to CNN...

Even psychiatrists like Dr. John McGeorge, the Australian, took notice: "A woman has a much better chance than a man of being acquitted on a murder charge. If she happens to be a blonde, her chances rise about 45 per cent. Juries sometimes have to be restrained from handing them a medal for their crimes."

Word of the coming blonde extinction appeared first in English newspapers (where it was suggested that the last true blonde would be found in Finland) and even made it to CNN and the ABC news program "Good Morning America," before someone thought to call WHO.

"WHO has no knowledge of how these news reports originated," said the man from WHO, "and we would like to stress that we have no opinion of the future existence of blondes."

And that should snatch blondes back from the brink of extinction, right?

Not necessarily.

The next time you're nibbling brie and guzzling Chablis at Muffy's fundraiser for Mitt Romney in Duxbury, someone is bound to regale you with the information that the Eskimos have as many as 200 words for snow.

This bit of info got started in 1911 in a book called "Handbook of North American Indians" in which the author, Franz Boas, sought to compare the number of English words for water (liquid, lake, river, etc.) to the number of Eskimo words for snow (piqsirpoq for drifting snow, qimuqsaq for snow drift, etc.)

By 1958, it was noted as a fact in some scholarly language books and the number was set at 50 in a Broadway play, "The Fifth of July," 100 in a New York Times editorial, and 200 on a TV weather report in Cleveland.

The celebrated author, columnist and cynic H. L. Menken found that he had too much time on his hands one day in 1917 so he sat down and wrote a story entitled "A Neglected Anniversary," the 75th anniversary of the introduction of the bathtub into America.

In it, he mentioned in passing that President Millard Fillmore, who was not then or even now known for anything else, ordered the first bathtub for the White House.

By 1926, the story began to appear in reference books and quite possibly on the MCAS tests if they had them in those days. Menken was horrified and admitted the hoax for all the good it did.

Twenty-five years later, another president, Harry Truman, used to amuse visitors to the White House by recounting the story of Millard Fillmore's bathtub and as late as 1992, the Washington Times took note of it in a feature story.

So the next time the subject of blonde extinction comes up over a beer and pretzels at a fund raiser for Shannon O'Brien at the union hall, don't argue. It won't do any good.

HEALTH NOTES

Septic systems, Title 5, and house expansions

The construction at 3 Jerusalem Lane personifies, in the eyes of many in town, what can occur when an existing house is torn down and an expanded structure is constructed. This note discusses these expansions from the standpoint of wastewater disposal. Some time ago, the previous owner came before the Board of Health and received approval for an onsite wastewater treatment plant using Innovative/Advanced (so called IA) technology. The system used a commonly specified high-tech design with the addition of ultraviolet disinfection of the effluent. Moreover, the soil absorption system (leaching) was to be an experimental pilot system using a technique called drip irrigation.

The State has pilot programs for 15 of these systems throughout the state, three of which are in Cohasset. In general, they seem to operate well. They have the characteristic that generally the lawns they cover stay bright green all winter. These systems are tried when there is just not enough soil anywhere on the property to cover a system having the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) required four feet of pervious soil under the leaching area.

There is also the issue of 'manifest injustice', which the Board must consider. That is, it would be a manifest injustice to deny a permit for a system to an existing house even if there's nowhere to put a system. The Board must find a way to take care of the effluent from such a house. One solution to the problem is placing them on a "tight tank", which requires frequent regular pumping. If it were feasible, drip irrigation would be preferable. The State DEP must approve each of these special cases separately.

In the case of 3 Jerusalem Lane, the State approved an IA system with drip irrigation but required the Board to inspect the system monthly for proper operation. By a majority vote, the Chairman was therefore required to do so. All of this was done for an older house, with four bedrooms, grand fathered on the lot. This house was then torn down and the current house was erected. Upon an inspection, to determine the number of bedrooms for purposes of sizing the septic system, it was determined by the board, that the house had 10 rooms, requiring by Title 5 regulations, a five-bedroom septic system. This was discussed with the builder who elected to remove a downstairs wall combining two rooms into one, giving it nine rooms, to meet the four-bedroom requirement. The Board has previously approved such an arrangement under the manifest injustice requirement of Title 5.

However, On Friday Oct. 4, 2002 Neil Murphy the engineer, Ron White (DEP) and Joe Godzik, Town Health Officer met at the site. They agreed to have the area of the soil absorption system staked out by Murphy's surveyors. Then we will have a joint site visit with the drip irrigation representative and hand dig some holes to see what is left of soil. The drip irrigation system representative will then decide if they want to put the system in. We may or may not see new plans for the septic system. It will all depend on the results of the site visit.

Flu season

In a Sunday past, the Globe reported that the state cut Cohasset's flu vaccine allotment by 20 percent. In the article, Judy Fitzsimmons, the Town's Public Health Nurse goes on to say that this reduction will have little effect on Cohasset's program. Judy pointed out that the town will have "more than enough doses" for seniors, and others at high risk for complications from influenza. The state allocates vaccine according to a complicated formula, which seeks to get the right dosage to the right towns. Thanks to Judy, we always seem to have enough for those who really need the vaccine, but for the program to work, you need to help.

Those who should receive flu shots include anyone 50 years old or older, residents of long-term care facilities, people of any age who have chronic medical problems (heart or lung disease, asthma, diabetes, etc.), pregnant women, and people whose immune systems have been weakened (by cancer, AIDS, or other cause). People who work or live with a high-risk person should also get a flu shot so they don't spread the flu. People who just want to avoid the flu can also get the shot. A new flu shot is needed each year. The best time to get it is in the fall, but it's not too late to get it later, even after December. Flu vaccine is made from killed viruses so it cannot give you the flu. We should have enough vaccine for all who require it.

Our first clinic on Oct. 15 and 22 will only be for seniors 65 years and older and those with chronic conditions noted above. The clinic on Oct. 15 will be at the Second Congregational Church and on Oct. 22 at the Town Hall Auditorium. Both clinics will be from 10am to Noon. There will be a Town Clinic for those who are not in the above category on Saturday Nov. 2 from 10 am to noon at the Town Hall Auditorium.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Cohasset history moves Into cyberspace

The Town of Cohasset announced its book, "A Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III" (Dormitzer) is now available on amazon.com, the online superstore. The book was released in June, 2002 and immediately sold more than 1500 copies, making it one of the summer's best sellers on the South Shore.

The availability on amazon.com makes the Cohasset history book available to online buyers around the world.

"It's true, but hard to imagine that someone in Australia or Japan or England can order a copy of our history book in a few seconds", said Wig Pierson, chairman of the committee that published the book.

For those who prefer to shop in a more conventional way, the book is available in Cohasset at Buttonwood, Cards & Shards and Cohasset Hardware.

"A Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III" (Dormitzer) covers the period from 1950 to 2000, during which the Town evolved into one of the South Shore's finest communities. The book traces the events and people that made their mark on Cohasset, ranging from the anti-war marches of the 1960s to the great train debate of the 1990s and include both scandals and the committed efforts that took place in that era. The book is 388 pages long and is packed with pictures and maps.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support more free CRC harbor study

TO THE EDITOR:

Board of Selectmen:

I urge you to accede to Dean Rizzo's request for an expression of support for further studies by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation of the harbor area, focusing on the walkway, fence and seawall issues. This privately funded study, at an estimated cost of $75,000, does not commit the Town but would provide vital information and conceptual choices on which the voters can make informed decisions and on which grant applications can be made.

Although we may be reluctant in the immediate future to expend taxpayers' dollars to rectify the disgraceful condition of the walkway and replace the sorry excuse for a fence, eventually civic pride surely will prompt remedial action. If such action is to be funded in large part by grant moneys, comprehensive plans must be available as a basis for grant applications as well as for voter decision.. It would be foolhardy not to take advantage of the generosity of the CRC backers, rather than let it be dissipated by a combination of lukewarm support by our elected representatives and destructive hostility by a small band of activists. Granted most citizens seem indifferent, but our representatives have a responsibility not to be indifferent, to be leaders, and to take a leading stand that best serves the Town's long-term interests

Surely our harbor can be graced with a fence that compliments its beauty, rather than be diminished by the present gimcrack excuse. Clearly, doing a decent job on the walkway will require some interference with the existing fence and thus trigger the requirement that a replacement fence meet code .Fortunately, the code can be satisfied with a fence far more attractive and far more suitable to our harbor. To argue that a safety hazard has not been demonstrated is ridiculous; we don't need statistics of small children falling through to supplement a common sense observation that it is inadequate as well as being unattractive.

Government Island has been much improved, and is now joined to Mariner Park by an interesting walkway .and is much enjoyed by townspeople and our guests. That good work should eventually be continued by attention to the rest of the waterfront., and comprehensive study is long overdue.

I urge you therefore to serve the interests of the townspeople by taking a leading position to encourage further study which is being volunteered by the Revitalization Corporation and its several dozens of financial backers.

R. Murray Campbell
Old Pasture Road

Mr. Campbell provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter.

State economists paint bleak budget picture

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government ending Oct. 4

election-year autumns the Statehouse tends to become more scenery than stage. It's illegal to campaign inside the building, so what politicians say outside tends to get more attention than what goes on inside.

Last week proved an ironic case in point. While Shannon O'Brien and Mitt Romney garnered banner headlines and statewide TV time with dueling assurances of their management brilliance, Jane Swift was up at the State house, managing.

O'Brien and Romney's main focus in last Tuesday's debate was on who has the experience and temperament best suited to solve the problems facing the state. Meanwhile Swift, the acting governor whose lack of experience and problematic temperament cost her the chance to earn her job in her own right, described the biggest problem on government's list of challenges.

Swift's economists tell her the current budget calls for spending $350 million more than the state will collect by the time the budget year ends June 30. That imbalance is driven, the economists said, by the sad state of business here. The economic rebound won't be as robust as they thought. Businesses will sell less and earn less; unemployment will be higher than predicted, so tax revenue will drop.

It's a familiar refrain, one heard often since the recession began in 2001. Swift's response was proactive. Even though tax collections were actually a bit better than projected in September, she said she would order agency managers to eliminate $200 million in programs and services. Another $150 million in budget-balancing strategies need legislative approval, which is unlikely before the new governor is in office. By that time – January is the middle of the fiscal year – there will be less to save and less to cut.

Another sign of the damage budget problems are causing came last week. The Department of Environmental Protection said it will lay off 50 employees – the first major round of layoffs in its 26-year history. "The layoffs and budget reductions will have a direct impact on the department's ability to protect public health and the environment, impairing environmental compliance and enforcement efforts, delaying the handling of permits, and drastically reducing technical assistance provided to municipalities and community groups," the DEP told the public.

Expect more of these announcements. The administration has exhausted non-layoff personnel reduction efforts. The DEP layoffs had nothing to do with the present problem – they were forced by last summer's imbalances, the ones partially tempered with a tax increase. This budget year, it may not be possible to get a tax hike through the House. House leaders say the political appetite is not there after this year.

After Swift met last Wednesday with Senate President Thomas Birmingham and House Speaker Thomas Finneran, Birmingham was the only one who emerged saying a tax hike might be worth considering. He's also the only one who won't be at the Statehouse next year, when either Romney or O'Brien will get the chance to back up their claims of management acumen.

The struggle to lead the next era in Massachusetts politics was the story of the week.

•The role of the gender gap in the governor's race was probably solidified last week when the National Abortion Rights Action League and Planned Parenthood endorsed O'Brien. The groups said they thought O'Brien would show more leadership on protecting abortion rights; both candidates have opposed abortion rights in the past but now call themselves pro-choice.

• The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education put out report cards for all the states ranking how well their education systems and other factors prepare young people to do well in college. Massachusetts got the highest "marks" of any state, but there was a down note: the Bay State got a D- for its programs to help kids pay for college.

• Companies that contract with the state to serve the mentally ill announced a unique voter-registration drive. They're organizing their clients to get out and vote. The rationale is simple: the people getting the services ought to have a say in electing the policy makers behind them.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Police unions back Hedlund

The Cohasset Police Association, Local 641of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers has unanimously endorsed Bob Hedlund's candidacy for re-election to the Massachusetts State Senate.

Hedlund is the first candidate for public office that has ever received an endorsement from the Cohasset Police Association Union. In their letter of endorsement, the President of Local 641, William P. Quigley, wrote, "You should know that we do not take these votes lightly."

As a member of the Criminal Justice Committee, Hedlund is proud that his strong record of working for tough, effective laws and proper public safety funding has earned him this endorsement.

"It is especially rewarding to be the first-ever candidate for public office to get an endorsement from the Cohasset Police Union," Hedlund said. "As State Senator, I've made public safety a top priority and I will continue to work hard on behalf of the hard-working men and women of the law enforcement community."

In addition to the Cohasset Police endorsement, Hedlund has been honored to receive the endorsements of the Hull Police Local, Duxbury Police Union, Hingham Police Local, State Police Association of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Correction Officers Association and Kevin Mahoney, President of the Weymouth Patrolmen's Union.

For more information on Hedlund's campaign, please visit www.bobhedlund.com.

Police unions back Bradley

Garrett Bradley received the endorsement of the Hull Police Union Local #344, Cohasset Police Association Local # 641, and State Police Association of Massachusetts in his bid for re-election to the House of Representatives.

"Our Local #344 members are pleased with Rep. Bradley's unrelenting support of law enforcement officers throughout the State of Massachusetts. The law enforcement community is truly privileged to have such a devoted professional fighting for them," stated union officials Detective Coggins and Sergeant Billings.

Garrett's "continuous advocacy for measures that provide the resources to purchase public safety equipment so that State Troopers are able to perform their duties in a safe and effective manner is respectfully and greatly appreciated," stated President John Coflesky of the State Police Association of Massachusetts.

"I am truly honored to receive the endorsements of the Hull Police union, the Cohasset Police union and the State Police union," stated Bradley. "These men and women work tirelessly to protect our communities and it is a privilege to work on issues of importance to them and to the safety of our communities."

"As a former Assistant District Attorney in Plymouth County, I know the importance of supporting crime prevention programs, new crime fighting technology, and tougher sentencing guidelines," stated Bradley. "Since elected to the Legislature in 2000, I have fought for these issues which are important to all citizens. I look forward to working with these police unions and other public safety officials in the future to further improve the quality of life for our residents."

LeClair wants less talk, more action

"There is a great deal of talk that comes from Beacon Hill. Our elected officials talk about our children's education, about healthcare and about our economy," said State Senate candidate Ted LeClair, "and I believe that we need to do more than just talk about these issues. Results are what matter and that's why I am running for the State Senate"

"Where are the results on the cardiac surgery unit at South Shore Hospital? Where are the results on the battle to stop the runway at Logan airport? Where are the results to develop the Weymouth Naval Airbase? Where are the results to bring more funding to our School Building Assistance program? Where are the results to change 40B? Where are the results to change the way Beacon Hill operates? We need leadership that will fight the battle with more than talk. We need leadership that will bring results to our South Shore communities"

"I have been a small businessman on the South Shore and I understand the responsibility of delivering on my commitments. As a naval officer, who served on a destroyer in the Persian Gulf, I understand the importance of taking responsibility and being accountable for your actions."

"I want Beacon Hill to focus on people not politics," said LeClair. "Beacon Hill must be accountable and responsible to the people of the South Shore. I will be a leader that understands that results are what really matter to our communities. We need to focus on people not politics."

CLT backs Palmer

Nathaniel Palmer, Republican candidate for State Representative, wins a key endorsement from the Citizens for Limited Taxation 2-1/2 PAC, the most prominent tax reform and clean elections activists in the state.

"Taxpayers need people like Nathaniel Palmer in the State Legislature," explains executive director Chip Faulkner. "Nathaniel has signed the taxpayer protection pledge, which means he is serious about not raising taxes and will change the focus on Beacon Hill from tax hikes to better management of state revenue."

Nathaniel's experience and dedication to sound government has also earned him the endorsement of the largest organization of small business owners in Massachusetts, the National Federation of Independent Business.

Palmer is a graduate of Bentley College with a degree in Computer Information Systems, has completed post-graduate study at Babson College's Olin School of Management, and is a principal of Delphi Group, a global consulting firm headquartered in Boston. Nathaniel is a respected business advisor frequently quoted by business and technology press, and is co-author of The X-Economy (Texere, 2001) an acclaimed management text on the economic realities of the post-dotcom era.

Nathaniel was elected twice to serve consecutive terms in the Milton Housing Authority, where he held the position of Treasurer. He has also been a student mentor, peer counselor, and actively worked with high school and college students.

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Senate contenders share some common ground

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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Many issues divide state Sen. Robert Hedlund, a Weymouth Republican, and Marshfield Democrat Ted LeClair, Hedlund's challenger in the Nov. 5 Plymouth-Norfolk state Senate election, but they have several things in common.

They both approach public service and the political arena with stellar intensity.

They both agree that state government is in a shambles.

They both volley barbs and backhanded compliments like they were going for the Davis Cup.

Inside the wall of the arena lies some common ground.

Both enjoy antiques. Both are sports fans.

Both are driven to be in the state Senate.

"I had a great public school education," LeClair said. "At Scituate High School, I went to Boys State. Serving the public is important to me. I believe in public service. We need people who will serve the public. There have been many missed opportunities at the Statehouse in the past 10 years, such as the failure to secure a cardiac surgery license for South Shore Hospital. We can't afford any more missed opportunities."

Hedlund is driven to seek reelection by the "disaster" in which he currently sees state government.

They both agree that state government is in a shambles.

"There are problems both with the process and respect for the taxpayer," he said. "Respect for the process of government and for the taxpayer is worse than at any time since I've been here. We need to change the way the government is operating."

One of LeClair's hobbies is studying naval history. One of his heroes is Admiral Donald Callaghan, who died in World War II. The ship LeClair served on was named after Callaghan. One of the traits LeClair admired about the Medal of Honor recipient was Callaghan's selflessness.

"I didn't make the connection between that trait and public service when I first learned about him, but I certainly do now," LeClair said.

Hedlund, who plays basketball, enjoys bike riding and is on the men's softball team, is described as the best political athlete by his friends, someone who always hit the homer that brought in his teammates.

Hedlund — who grew up in Hingham, attended Hingham Public Schools and has lived in Weymouth full-time since 1989 — collects antiques and attends local auctions. He collects some furniture and old brewery items, such as trays and signs.

LeClair is a Patriots fan and a lifelong Red Sox fan. LeClair, who later served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy, was a runner while earning his bachelor of arts degree from Villanova University, taking part in four marathons. He was also a swimmer, which prepared him well for his Navy SEAL training.

LeClair is rebuilding and renovating the antique Marshfield cape he has lived in since 1997. There are a lot of projects, big and small, involved in refurbishing the 1728 home.

State Sen. Bob Hedlund

"I'm doing most of the work on my own, bit by bit, project by project," he said.

LeClair comes by his penchant for building naturally. His father, Don LeClair, was a builder in addition to being a full-time firefighter. At times, Don LeClair worked four jobs while raising his family in Scituate.

"That is where I derived my work ethic," LeClair said.

LeClair can appreciate Hedlund's love of antiques.

Ted LeClair

"When I'm finished, he can help me decorate the house," LeClair said.

LeClair won a luncheon date with Hedlund in the silent auction at the last Weymouth Education Foundation Know-It-All-Night.

While in the Navy, LeClair was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal. Following his naval service, LeClair returned home to found the LeClair Brothers Cranberry Company in Norwell and also became part owner of Webster Cranberry, Inc.

He recently took a leave of absence as a heath care executive to address issues in the district as a candidate for the state Senate.

Hedlund, who says his blue collar roots have been helpful in his senate career, shined shoes as a child at his grandfather's Weymouth restaurant and pumped gas at the Lincoln Street Mobil Station after classes at Hingham High. He ran his own trucking business before being elected to the senate back in 1990.

Hedlund prides himself on his accomplishments for the towns in his district, including sponsoring legislation that created a Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund which led to $10 million in savings for Mass American Water Consumers in Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset and funding for numerous capital projects throughout the district from seawalls to roads and bridges.

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Coastal Center teams up with ocean life

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

A sampling of sea animals common to Cohasset was on hand to help the town's new Center for Student Coastal Research officially announce its arrival.

"We wanted to use the event to highlight what the facility is to be used for," said board member Karen Oronte, who organized the day's activities, which included a barbecue lunch and talk by a local lobsterman.

The New England Aquarium brought the sea stars and hermit crabs that children were able to pick up.

The New England Aquarium brought the sea stars and hermit crabs that children were able to pick up while aquarium workers taught them a little bit about the creatures at a special event Sept. 29.

The center, located on the harbor at 40 Parker Avenue in the Hagerty house, will aim to educate and raise awareness about the mariner and coastal ecosystems in Cohasset. Working with the local schools, the facility will provide programs that will not only teach children about the sea life, but will also benefit the town.

Jack Buckley, social studies teacher at the high school and head of the center's board, said programs designed for high school students will address specific issues affecting the town.

PHOTO/AMANDA GONTARZ

Zach Connors, 5, and Minnie Stavis, 3, hold a pair of sea stars brought to Cohasset by the New England Aquarium as part of the Center for Student Coastal Research's kick-off event.

PHOTO/AMANDA GONTARZ

Elanor West, 7, shows her mother Beth Myers, a sea star at the Coastal Center open house.

Board member Paul Adams said the center will help find answers.

"Cohasset used to have an unbelievable amount of clam beds and sea life, but now so much of it is gone," he said. "We're going to work to find the causes of it, whether it was pollution or something else."

High school chemistry teacher Ann Thomae said the center is a low-cost yet effective way for the town to get tests and research done, which could later lead to receiving grants for further studies.

The programs will vary depending on the grade level of the students. Thomae said, for example, the eighth grade generally learns about weather and, therefore, the science classes will be able to use the center for that.

"It helps greatly that we have block scheduling at the high school," she said. "The 90-minute classes give us the opportunity to bring the students down to the center and work for about an hour and 15 minutes."

Whereas the high school does not a marine biology facility, those classes will take advantage of the center's capacity, Thomae said.

Summer programs will also be a big part of the center, giving students a hands-on exploration of Cohasset's coast. While the programs for high school students will focus more on in-depth study, activities for younger children will be geared more toward exposing them to the outdoors and waterways of Cohasset.

The center, which is leasing the facility from the town for a nominal fee, will feature a conference and presentation space, as well as a computer room. While the basement and first floor will belong to the center, the top two floors have been leased as studio space for the South Shore Art Center. The five-year lease will provide the center with income to maintain the building.

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Some suggestions for St. Stephen's sidewalk curbing

COMMENTARY

HAM TEWKSBURY

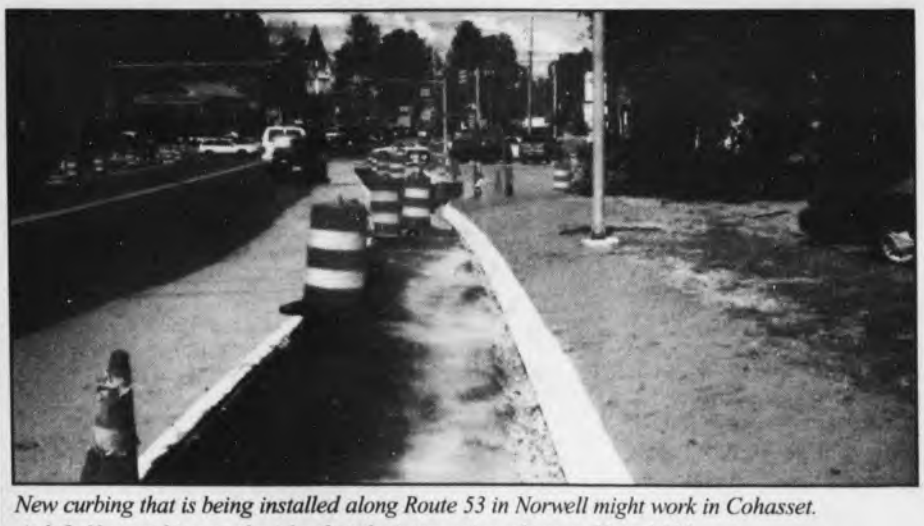
Here are pictures showing a type of curbing that would be ideal for the S. Main and Border Streets requirements.

You will see from the photos it is an angled granite curb. These shots were taken at the intersection of Routes 3 and 123 (Norwell) where the angled curbing is being installed.

When you think of the sidewalk along S. Main Street in the shadow of Episcopal Church this type of curbing would be the answer to the problem of the blending of the road into the sidewalk. None of us want motor vehicles riding/driving on the sidewalk but there are cases, such as this, where the reality of the situation overshadows the standard specifications of a road and sidewalk.

The Border Street sidewalk/road is a similar situation. This angled curb would work beautifully allowing the parked vehicle to be on the curb but not on the sidewalk. With a standard curb the parked vehicle is 4 to 8 inches away from the curb thus cutting down on the travel lanes. It's human nature not to park against the curb – we are poor judges of widths, lengths. We need, in both cases, as much travel width as we can get. This angle curbing would seem to be the answer.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury lives on Elm Street.



New curbing that is being installed along Route 53 in Norwell might work in Cohasset. At left: New curbing on the island at the intersection of routes 53 and 123.

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Unicorn, Broad Cove Chorale collaboration is music to the ears

By Nathan Collins-Jensen
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

It seems, in our era of factory produced teen idols and eye-popping videos, a musician is anyone who dares jump, jiggle, and gyrate to a synthesized bass. Forgotten are the days where music was revered as a "concord of sweet sounds", the offender of which "is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils". Now, money is the driving force, not beauty, and the signals that once transmitted powerful emotion are lost in the static of commercialism.

Yet, some among us struggle to wade against the beating surf of fad, whim, and craze — anchored by a passion for the music itself. Two groups counted in this happy few are the South Shore's own Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale.

The Broad Cove Chorale, a group of highly accomplished female musicians, was created in 1975 by choral director Margo Euler. In 1978, Euler wished to do a staged piece titled "The Unicorn, the Gorgon, and the Manticore" by Menotti. One necessary component, though, was missing: men. As she was new to the area, Euler enlisted the help of her performers in the recruitment of male singers. Musician contacted musician to take part in the collaboration, and they were successful in acquiring enough men to perform the piece. A new group, The Unicorn Singers, was born. Today, the Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale both combine and perform separately to create distinctive programs throughout the year.

It quickly became apparent to Euler, and to her audience, that the diverse talents of her choral members could be utilized in a very distinctive, unique fashion. She was working not only with exceptional voices, but also with actors, songwriters, arrangers, lyricists, and instrumentalists.

The Fall Gala will be held at House of Prayer in South Hingham on Oct. 19 and 20, both performances at 8 p.m. with reception to follow.

She correctly chose to expand her performances to include all of the diverse talents at her disposal and bound them together with music. The result is the eclectic versatility seen at each group's six annual concerts. Aside from straight choral singing, which is common to any choral society, these groups offer staged numbers — often in full costume. Euler conducts, choreographs, blocks, and directs these quasi-theatrical sequences.

Both the Broad Cove Chorale and the Unicorn singers perform an amazing variety of choral, opera, Broadway, instrumental, classical, madrigal, spiritual, pop, barbershop, and original parody works, among others. These seemingly disparate genres combine (many times in one driven, tightly woven concert) to form an exciting, energetic, and wonderfully entertaining spectacle.

Both groups have pooled talent from across the South Shore, and bring to their performance many (many) years of experience in music creation, direction, production, and scholarship. They pride themselves not only on their ability to reach across all genres of music, but also their desire to imprint their musicality onto those who see them perform.

There are six concert programs offered annually. The Fall Gala in October and the Winter Encore! in February feature both ensembles in the same performance. The Christmas Concerts in December (performed at five different churches, with the proceeds going to a different charity of the church's choosing) and the Spring Concerts in late April/early May feature the two choruses separately.

Fall Gala

In the upcoming Fall Gala, which was first performed in Euler's living room but has now grown to the much larger and acoustically superior House of Prayer in South Hingham, you will hear and see an eclectic mixture of Broadway, lyric opera, spiritual, madrigal, folk, and pop arrangements, including sequences from Candide and Camelot. Both the Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale will perform. Each individual talent has been highlighted and ultimately conflated to form a richly textured, controlled sound. The pieces are tight, intricate, and entertaining. Hallmarks of both groups have been variety and versatility, and this show is in no danger of becoming monotonous.

The Fall Gala will be held at House of Prayer in South Hingham on Oct. 19 and 20, both performances at 8 p.m. with reception to follow. When purchasing tickets, it is recommended that you subscribe for the season, wherein you will receive tickets for the Christmas and Spring concerts as well. The season begins with the Gala. Individual tickets become available shortly before the show dates, for a price of $25 each. For ticket information, and to be placed on their mailing list, please call the business office at 781-749-6561. You can also reach them via email through their website at www.bcc-us.com.

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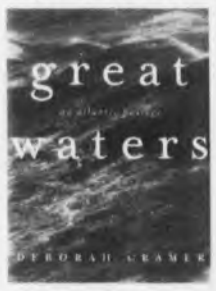

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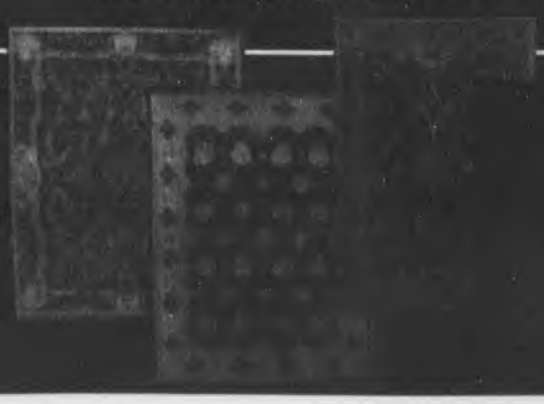

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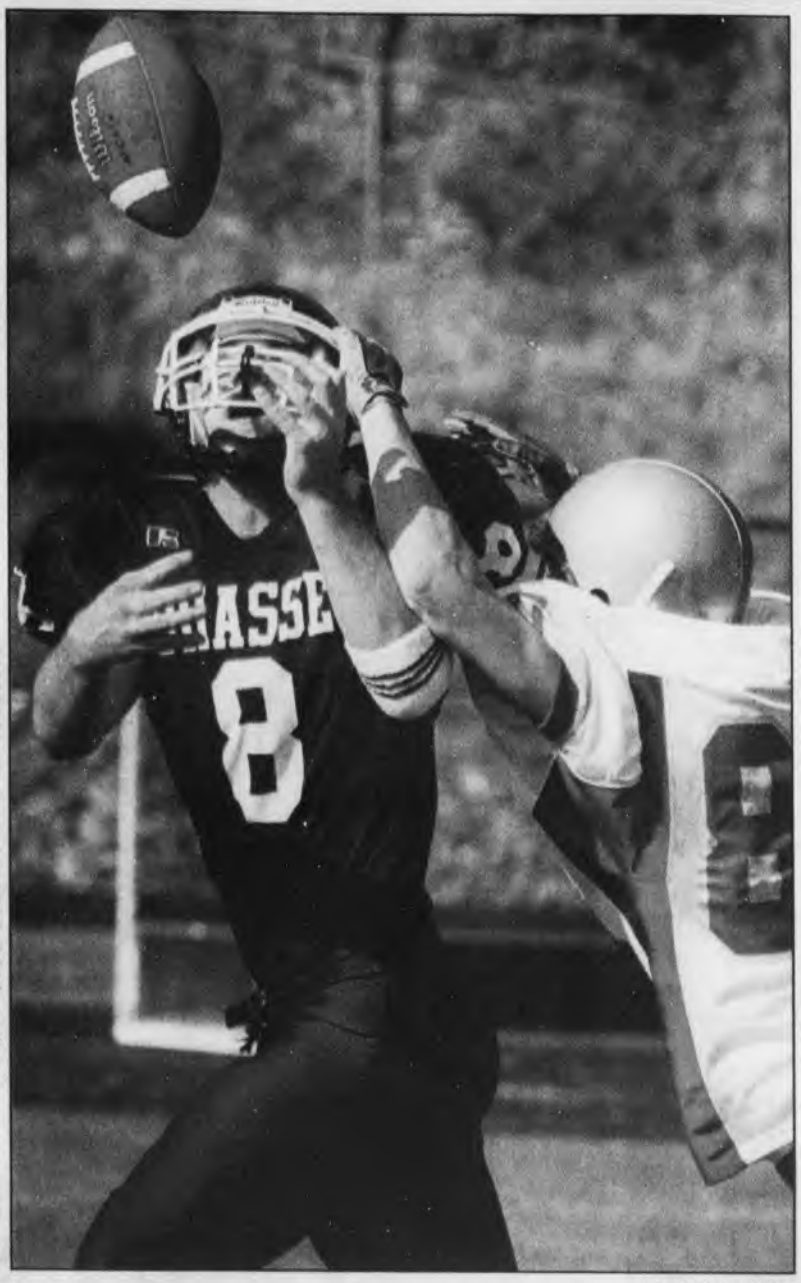

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above: Cohasset's Tom Anderson (#8) needed all his concentration to haul in this 23-yard touchdown pass from Mike Snowdale in Saturday's 31-0 Homecoming washout of Cardinal Spellman.

At right: This one really does say 1,000 words. Cohasset's Chris Bilodeau (#28) and Mike Snowdale (#10) celebrate their first quarter touchdown hookup, much to the chagrin of Spellman player.

And the beatings go on

Cohasset gridders roll over Spellman to move to 4-0

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

For the second straight week, the Cohasset High football team dismantled a non-league foe. On Saturday, the Skippers topped the visiting Cardinal Spellman Cardinals 31-0, delighting the large Homecoming crowd at Alumni Field.

Cohasset improved to 4-0 on the season after its second shutouts in as many weeks. In fact, the Skippers have beaten their last two opponents by a combined score of 65-0 after demolishing North Quincy two weeks ago.

Cohasset dominated in every facet of the game, starting on the first play. The kickoff coverage team pinned the Cardinals back at their own 23-yard line. On their first play from scrimmage, senior cornerback Matt Davis picked off an errant long pass and ran it back into Spellman territory. Davis, a first year player for the Skippers, now has three interceptions on the year. He would later add a fumble recovery to his impressive take-away total.

Cohasset promptly took over and marched down the field with a perfectly balanced touchdown drive featuring four pass plays and four rush plays. The touchdown came on a pass from senior Mike Snowdale to junior Chris Bilodeau.

Bilodeau suffered a broken wrist in the game, an injury that required surgery earlier this week. Although his status is not certain, he will likely miss the rest of the season.

"Maybe he'll be back for the last game of the season," Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe said, "but that would be a stretch."

With Chris out of the line-up, senior John Durkin will be looked to shoulder a heavier load as a wide receiver. Durkin appears also to have the inside track to take over Bilodeau's punt return duties.

FOOTBALL, PAGE 19

Booters clipped by fast start

Early three goal explosion lifts Norwell boys past Cohasset

By MikeSpellman
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Jack Browne knew his boys were seriously pumped up last Wednesday night. He knew his talented cast of soccer players would come out buzzing, but this went beyond even his expectations.

Before the much anticipated second go-round with Cohasset last Wednesday night was even 17 minutes old, Norwell had already scored three times. The Clippers hung on for a 3-1 win, avenging an early season 2-1 loss to the Skippers.

"This was a win the kids really wanted, and it's really a big one for us," said Browne, whose team is now 6-3-2 (4-2-2 in South Shore League play). "Cohasset's a good team, like they showed us in the first game and in most of this game tonight. It's just a good thing the kids came out flying like they did, and got up quick."

It took the Clippers all of 100 seconds to get on the board. The 1-0 lead came on a textbook rush, beginning with a quick dump in from the midfield by Jason Grier that was quickly headed from 30-yards straight out by Shawn Collins to Robbie Beach streaking up the left side. Beach got a step on his mark as he raced toward the end line, freeing him for a left footed cross to Ryan Henry camped 10-yards in front for the easy re-direct back to the left past helpless Cohasset keeper Curt Kahn.

The Clippers continued to buzz all around Kahn in the opening minutes, with several good, quick passes leading to clean looks on the Cohasset keep.

The second goal wound up coming, however, on a questionable referee ruling. Coner Buick made a nice slide take-away in the top right corner of the box well ahead of Henry's attempt to reach it. However, the ball rolled up Buick's body, accidentally making contact with his hands, which were above his head. The contact was brief and seemingly inconsequential, but the official on this

BOYS SOCCER, PAGE 21

Cohasset's JT Oronte plays keep away with Abington's Tim Akins in recent South Shore League action.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

MaxLax Report

Week 3- MaxLax Game Highlights & Summaries

Game of the Week:
U12 Jackals 5, Cannons, 4

Week 3 of MaxLax play ended like the ones before it, with another series of games that all qualified for the highlight reel, with another contest that was decided in OT, and some great lacrosse action throughout. This week however, the nod for Game of the Week goes to a fabulous defensive contest between these two U12 teams.

The Jackals opened up the game on a quick note, with two scores from John Fitzgerald and Ricky Boyle, but then the defense of the Cannons got into a groove and put on an impressive stand turning back numerous "sure goals" on daring checks and outstanding goaltending by Jack Murphy. The Jackals continued their relentless pressure and their persistence paid off when Fitzgerald teamed up with Connor Fallon to put them ahead by 3 goals. The Cannons aggressive defensive play paid off when a strong stick check resulted in a fast break that found Max Shipp one-on-one with the Jackals goalie and he managed to sneak one in on the back side to close the gap to 3-1 at the end of the half.

Over the first five minutes of play in the second half, the game featured back and forth action that resulted in a half a dozen chances at either end, but no goals until Boyle finally broke the ice with a nice reverse move that snuck in as a deflection to move the Jackals ahead by three. Chris Walsh proved the "never say die" attitude of the Cannons, when he scooped up a loose ball, dodged several Jackal defenders and found the

MAX LAX, PAGE 20

Numbers adding up for lady booters

Girls soccer team eyes first tourney berth of Beal era

By Mike Spellman
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Just do the math.

The Cohasset girls soccer team is 4-5-1. These Lady Skippers have nine games remaining, five of them against teams they've already beaten.

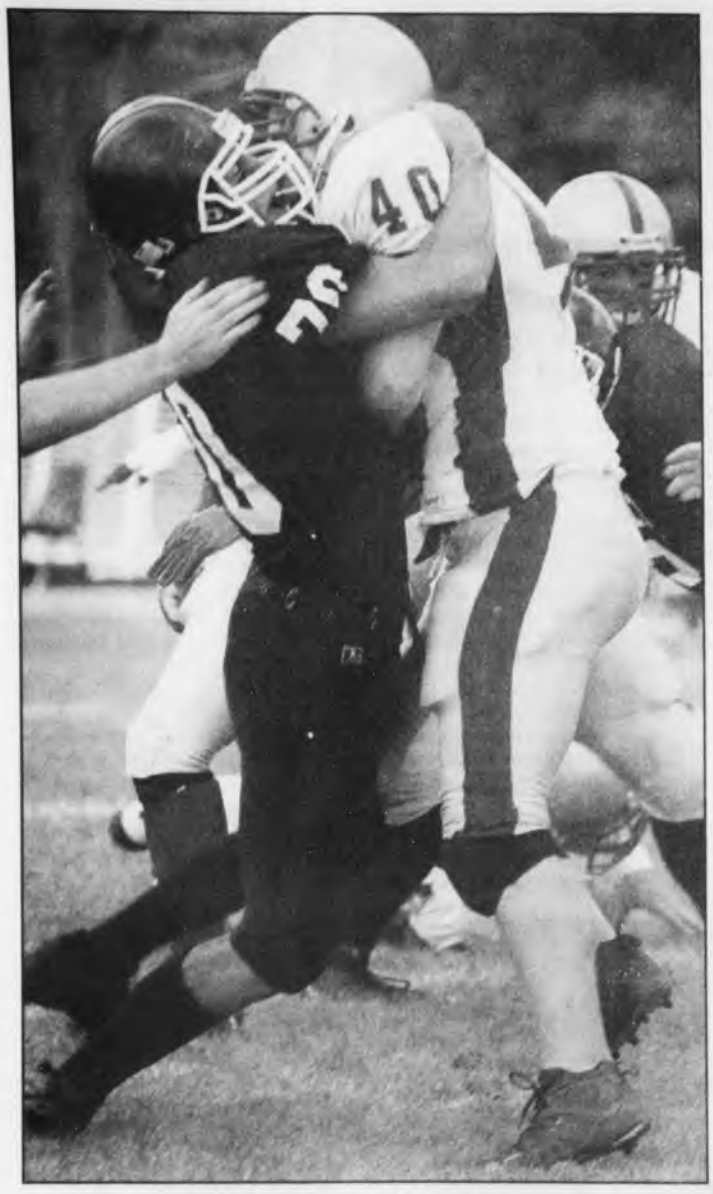
Could there finally be a state tourney for Deb Beal after four frustrating seasons?

"I'd like to think so," said Beal, eyeing hard that magic .500 winning percentage needed for post-season qualification. "If we win the games we're supposed to win, we'll be in, but we've got to take care of business. I'm certainly not going to assume anything."

Who can blame her? It's been tough sledding for girls soccer at Cohasset High for most of Beal's tenure playing in the ultra-competitive South Shore League against schools that all have far larger student populations from which to draw. However, it appears the fast-improving Lady Skippers may now finally be coming into their own.

Consider this recent testimony of Norwell High coach Bruce Emerson. Emerson's perennial SSL powerhouse Norwell squad topped the Lady Skippers, 3-1, last Wednesday under the lights at Cohasset

GIRLS SOCCER, PAGE 21



Photos by Robin Chan

Above: A click later: a continuation (from the front page photo) of Tom Anderson's spectacular 23-yard touchdown pass.

At left: Crunch! Obviously, with Cardinal Spellman being held scoreless, there were a few defensive highlights as well. Here, Cosimo Cambi (#70) makes one of his game high eight tackles.

At right: Two TD passes from Mike Snowdale helped put Spellman away early.

Below: Cohasset defensive stalwarts (L-R) Chris McKenna (#4), Nick Spirito (#27), Mike Dooley and Matt Davis performed heroics early and often in the shutout effort.

Homecoming King and Queen Tom Anderson and Katherine Coyne pose during halftime ceremonies at Alumni Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Tale of the Tape

Cohasset 31, Cardinal Spellman 0

The Skippers improve to 4-0 with their second consecutive shutout.

On Saturday, at Alumni Field, the Skippers defense shut down Cardinal Spellman's offense all day long, and Cohasset's balanced offensive attack scored five touchdowns in route to a 31-0 Homecoming day victory.

The Skippers capitalized on several first quarter turnovers to jump out to an early 12-0 lead. Senior safety Matt Davis intercepted the first play by the Cardinals and returned it 18 yards to the Spellman 23 yard line. After several rushes by Braun Goodson, Chris Bilodeau then made two receptions during the drive, the second catch a leaping grab of a Mike Snowdale pass for the first score of the day. On the next Cardinal Spellman drive Bilodeau caused a fumble

With a jarring hit, Cohasset's offense took over, and senior halfback Braun Goodson then sprinted 54 yards untouched for his 7th touchdown of the season. The blocking of fullback Ted Straughn, and the offensive line of Dan Tarpey, Ben Lynner, Matt Casey, Steve Davis and Cosimo Cambi cleared the way for Goodson.

In the second quarter, Cohasset's defensive front of Nick Spirito, S Davis, Lynner and Sean Connolly plugged the holes, while the linebackers, Cambi, Tony Truglia, and Chris McKenna stopped the rushing attempts of Spellman. After a 15 yard punt return by Bilodeau, Goodson proceeded to twist and turn his way 57 yards to the end zone behind the downfield blocking of Cambi, which followed the initial blocks of Tom Anderson at tight end and the offensive line of Tarpey, freshman Nick Arment, Lynner, and S Davis. Cambi halted a fourth and two rushing attempt on Cardinal Spellman's next series, and Anderson then capped off the first half scoring with an acrobatic catch of a 23 yard touchdown pass from Snowdale to make the score 24-0 at the break.

Goodson recorded the fifth touchdown for the Skippers early in the fourth quarter with a 9 yard rumble up the middle, Anderson's kick made the final score 31-0.

Other offensive highlights included a 28 yard kick off return by John Durkin, and an 18 yard burst up the middle by sophomore running back Brendan Michaud behind the blocking of underclassmen, Jim DeGiacomo, Pat O'Brien, John Keniley, Matt Baroudi, Leo Clougherty and Dan McCarthy.

Coach Bob Silvia's defense has allowed one touchdown in the last thirteen quarters of play, and for the second week in a row have caused early game turnovers to enable Cohasset to capitalize and jump out to early leads.

The starting defense for the Skippers Saturday consisted of Sean Connolly and Nick Spirito at defensive ends, Ben Lynner and Stephen Davis at defensive tackles, Cosimo Cambi, Tony Truglia, and Chris McKenna at linebackers, and Tom Anderson, Matt Davis, Mike Dooley, and Chris Bilodeau in the defensive backfield. With reserve help on the line from Matt Baroudi and Matt Casey at linebacker.

Tackles: Cambi 8, McKenna, Lynner 5 each, M Davis 3, Bilodeau, Connolly, Joe Durkin, Truglia 2 each, S Davis, Spirito, Dooley, D J Silvia, and Rick Grassie 1 each.

Interceptions: M. Davis

Fumbles recovered: C Bilodeau

Offensively the Skippers lined up with Dan Tarpey and Cosimo Cambi at tackles, Stephen Davis, Nick Arment at the guard positions, while Ben Lynner split time at guard and center, and Matt Casey at center. Tom Anderson at tight end, D J Silvia, John Durkin and Chris Bilodeau alternated at the wide receiver slots, with a backfield of Mike Snowdale at quarterback, Ted Straughn at fullback, and Braun Goodson at halfback.

Passing: Snowdale was 11 for 15, for 60 yards with 2 touchdowns.

Receiving: Bilodeau 3 for 28 yards and 1 touchdown, Anderson 5 for 44 yards and 1 touchdown, Goodson 2 receptions -6 yards and John Durkin had 1 catch -6 yards.

Rushing: Goodson 17 carries for 216 yards and 3 touchdowns, Snowdale 2 for -3 yards, Straughn 1 for 5 yards, Dwayne Morris 4 for 16 yards, Michaud 3 for 18 yards, Joey Kehoe 3 for 4 yards, and Casey Coleman 1 for -3 yards.

Scoring Summary

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Mike Snowdale 4 yard pass to Chris Bilodeau. Kick blocked.

Braun Goodson 54 yard run. Pass conversion stopped short.

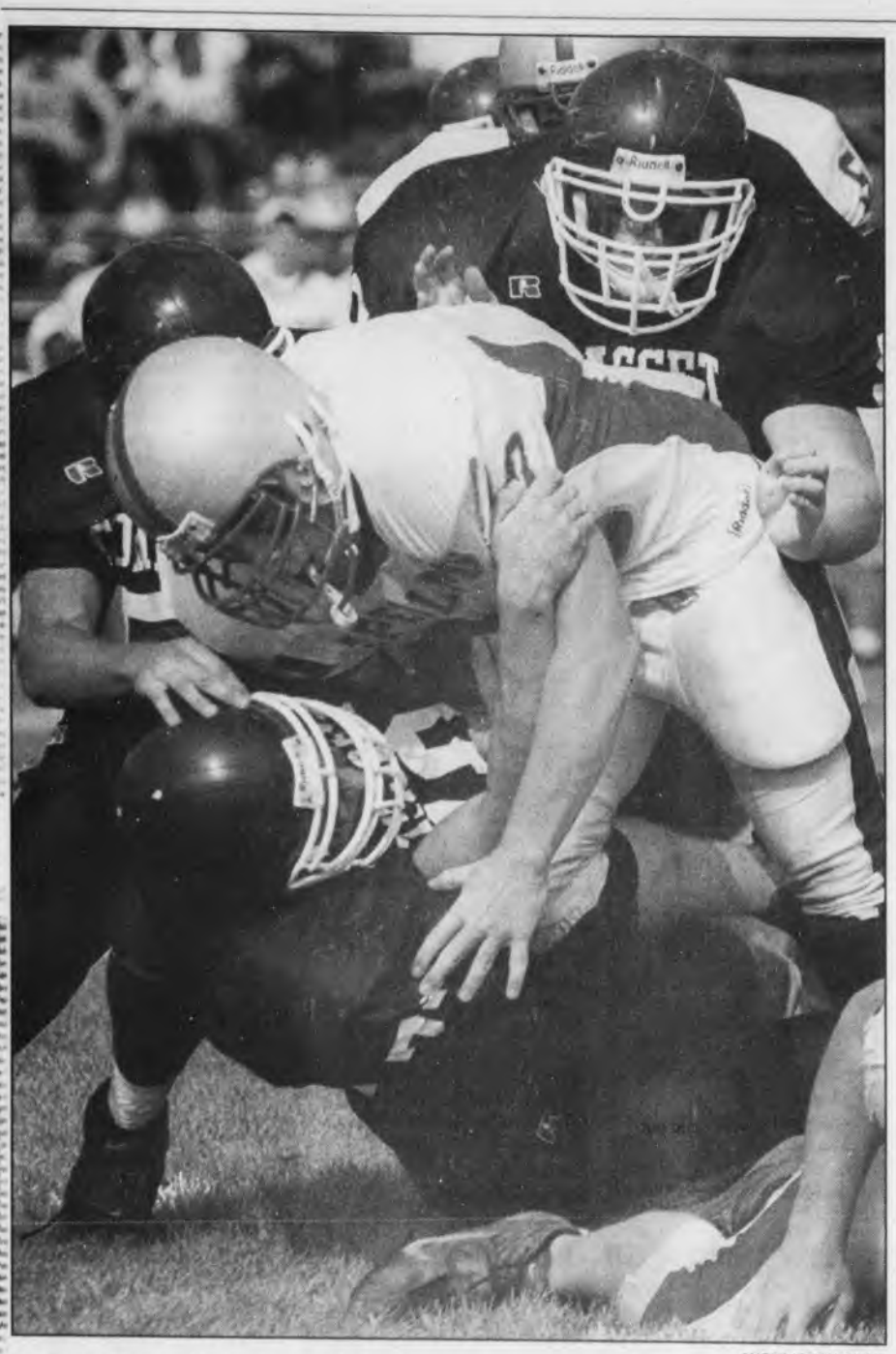
Goodson 57 yard run. Pass conversion stopped short.

Snowdale 23 yard pass to Tom Anderson. Pass conversion incomplete.

Goodson 9 yard run. Anderson kick.

Also, last week: Cohasset JV 8 Spellman 0, and Cohasset Middle School won 14-0.

Next varsity game is Friday 10/11, 7PM at Carver High School..



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This Cardinal Spellman ballcarrier never had a chance.

And the beatings go on

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Snowdale finished the day passing 10-of-14 with no interceptions and another touchdown strike, a 23-yarder to senior and Homecoming king Tom Anderson.

"I couldn't be any happier with Snowdale," said Rolfe. "He never makes a glaring mistake. So far, his decision-making has been superb."

The running game was as solid as it has been, with senior Braun Goodson rushing for 210 yards on only 16 carries. Goodson scored three touchdowns, including two from more than 50 yards out. Capping his day with a nine yard scoring run on the first play from scrimmage of the second half, Goodson took an early exit from the game with the outcome already set.

The Skipper defense smothered the opposing offense, shutting down both the running game and air attack completely. Seniors Ben Lynner and Cosimo Cambi led the way, both recording double-digit tackles. Cambi also had three quarterback sacks, as he and the very effective pass rush kept Spellman's quarterback under pressure all afternoon.

Game Notes

-The Cohasset defense has surrendered just 20 points, an average of five points per game.

-Cohasset picked up 18 first downs to Spellman's four.

-Senior rookie Nick Spirito has been credited with at least a half-sack in every contest this season.

-Cohasset was only flagged with one penalty, a third quarter holding call.

-Sophomore Brendan Michaud, in the game at tailback for Braun Goodson, burst through the middle for a 25 yard gain in the fourth quarter.

SPORTS NOTES

Wrestling clinic offered

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that Torin Sweeney, head CHS wrestling coach will offer a 12-session, fall wrestling clinic for area students in grades seven to 12. Classes will meet each Monday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

The first class and registration will be held Monday, Oct. 7 at Cohasset High School's new, all-purpose Sports Room at 6 p.m.. The fee for the 12 sessions is $50 per participant.

Questions regarding this unique wrestling opportunity may be directed to the recreation office at 781-383-4109.

This program is open to Cohasset as well as area students from surrounding towns. The program will end on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Cohasset Youth Basketball tryouts

Boys Travel- Gr. 6,7,8

Tryouts will be held for the "Patriot League" boys' teams for grades 6,7,8. All those trying out should be at both tryouts. All tryouts will be at the Osgood School gym.

The dates and times are as follows:

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Thursday, Oct. 17, 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 24, 6-7:30 p.m.

Contact Person: Dan Martin 781-383-3279

Grade 7:

Wed, Oct. 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

Wed, Oct. 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

Contact Person: Tim Bilodeau 781-925-1792

Grade 8:

Thursday, Oct. 17, 7:30-9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:30-9 p.m.

Contact Person: Dan Smith 781-383-6953

Registration For Max Lax 2nd Session

MaxLax, is now accepting team and individual player registrations for the second session of indoor lacrosse at the South Shore Sports Center. Play begins on November 8th and is open to all boys youth players in grades 3 thru 8. Based on the popularity of this new local program, space will definitely be limited, so please call us directly at 781/383-0413 or visit our Website at www.maxlax.net for more information on our program and to reserve your spot on the field for the next session.

Change in CHS admission prices

There has been a change in the game admission prices for South Shore League games this season. Admission for adults will be $4 and students and seniors will be admitted for $3.

Discount tickets

Student Pass: Students can purchase a year-long athletic event pass. The passes are only good for on-campus home events. The cost is $25.

Adult Pass: Parents and fans can purchase 10 event tickets. The passes are only good for on-campus, home events. The cost is $25.

The discounts tickets may be purchased from Mr. Ford's in the Athletic Director's office or from Mr. Leary at the gate on game days.

Changes to Alumni Field

Due to the ongoing construction project there will be some changes to Alumni Field.

Parking: Please park in the main parking lot in front of the school. Additional parking will be available along the entrance driveway by the main office and at Milliken Field, handicap parking will be available in the main parking lot on the right as you enter the lot.

Please do not park on Bancroft Extension (the road which leads to the visitors side gate) and along the driveway that leads from the lower lot to the main entrance of the school.

Entrance: There will be two entrances available. One entrance will be on the visitor's sideline behind the visitor's sideline. There will also be a temporary access entrance this will allow spectators to enter Alumni Field from the main parking onto the track.

Restrooms: There will be two portable restrooms on the visitors sideline adjacent to the bleachers. Indoor restrooms will also be open in the front entrance of the High School.

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back of the net. Following in his footsteps, David Hernon was also able to put one on the board as a result of another outstanding defensive play that featured a leaping interception at midfield and a quick outlet pass to set up the score. The Cannons Will Wise put a nice exclamation point on their comeback efforts when he rolled left and faked a move around the net only to find an opening down low to tie the game at 4 – 4 with 3 minutes to play.

Then came the true crowd-pleaser from the Cannons goaltender Jack Murphy. The Jackals picked off a clearing pass and came down on a 3-on-1 break for what seemed like a sure goal. Undaunted, Murphy came charging out of the net to stop the play dead in its tracks by "stuffing" the charging Jackal. As the ball came loose, Fitzgerald picked it up and quickly shot the ball towards the open goal as Murphy tried to move back into position. At the last instance, the goalie jumped across the crease (ala Bobby Orr) and miraculously made the save coming down with the ball in his cross as he fell to the ground. With both sides cheering the action and the adrenaline pumping, the two teams traded spirited advances as the seconds ticked down. Finally, Boyle secured the game winner for the Jackals as time ran off the clock finishing off an impressive show.

Player of the Week: Jack Murphy - Jackals Goaltender with 14 saves

For information on joining the MaxLax program, please visit our Website at www.maxlax.net , or contact us directly at 781/383-0413. Registration deadline for the second session is Nov. 4.

Week 3 Game Summaries

U14

Bulldogs 14, Shark 11

Bulldogs: Minwitz 8g/2a, Johnson 2g/2a, Boucher 2g/1a

Sharks: Donovan 3g/2a, Rice 2g/1a

Talons 11 ,Scorpions 9

Talons: Z. Gray 3g, Sears 3g, Winters 3g

Scorpions: Degiacomo 3g, Oswald 2g, Rose 2g

Blades 16, Panthers 8

Blades: Grimm 3g/3a, Burgess 4g/1a, Mills 3g/2a

Panthers: Bottiggi 3g/1a, A. Brown 2g, Thomson 1g/2a

U12

Hawks 8 , Blazers 7 (OT)

Hawks: Davis 2g, Forrer 2g, Wade 2g

Blazers: Chase 2g, Queenan 3g, Toomey,Kearney

Jackals 5, Cannon 4

Jackals: Boyle 3g, Fitzgerald 2g

Cannons: Hernon, Shipp, Wise, Walsh

U10

Mavericks 3, Bullets 2

Mavericks: Plant 2g/1a, Noyce 1g/1a

Bullets: Weber 1g, Blair 1g, Mcgoldrick 1a

Lazers 7, Crusaders 6

Lazers: Martina 3g/1a, Meehan 1g/2a, Thomson 1g/2/A, Schorle 1g/1a, Milton 1g/1a

Crusaders: Ernst, Carrier, Salerno, Routhier

Pros swing for Jimmy Fund at Hingham's Fore Seasons

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

Golf professionals from around New England will give free private lessons Saturday, Oct. 12, at Fore Seasons Golf on Whiting Street in Hingham in support of the Jimmy Fund's Golf Tipathon.

The professionals will give 15-minute lessons to people of all skill levels, from the very beginner to those who already know a few things about the sport.

> **"It will be a lot of fun and it's for a great cause."**
> — Joe Pustizzi, Fore Seasons Golf

Some of the professionals who will volunteer their time include Chip Johnson, the 2002 New England PGA champion who also is the head golf pro at Hatherly Golf Club in Scituate; Sandra Palmer, the first $1 million winner of the LPGA who instructs at Fore Seasons; and Tom Civichi, who was honored with the New England PGA Teacher of the Year award.

Fore Seasons' owner and operator, Joe Pustizzi, organized the fundraiser, to be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and said the event will give people a chance to receive one-on-one quality instruction from a professional golfer.

"The private lessons will allow people to practice whatever they want," he said. "It's a great time for a beginner to come out and just learn how to swing the club."

The event is free, but representatives from the Jimmy Fund will be accepting donations.

"People are under no obligation to give, but we hope most will give something," Pustizzi said.

Fore Seasons wants to raise at least $4,000, all of which will go directly to the Jimmy Fund.

"No matter how much we raise, I'll good about it and we're definitely going to do it again," Pustizzi said. "It will be a lot of fun and it's for a great cause."

While other charities were considered, Fore Seasons chose the Jimmy Fund for the event for a simple reason. "They're affiliated with Dana Faber Cancer Institute and they do great work with children," Pustizzi said.

A member of the New England PGA, Pustizzi said he plans to host the fundraiser annually, adding more charities as the event grows.

Fore Seasons has covered and heated booths, allowing the event to be held rain or shine.

For more information about the event, contact Joe Pustizzi at 741-8305.

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Middle School gridders win opener

With just three seconds left on the halftime clock, Cohasset's Fletcher Smalzel hauled in a bomb from quarterback John Harrington and raced to the end zone for a 60-yard touchdown play, breaking a scoreless tie and sending the Cohasset Middle School football team into the break with a 6-0 lead over Rivers School (Weston).

Fullback Alex Hunt added a 15-yard TD scamper in the second half to help the "Little Skippers" to their season opening win last Wednesday. Nick Zappolo was on the receiving end of a Harrington pass a moment later for the 2-point conversion to close the scoring out at 14-0.

Several members of the defensive squad came up big in the shutout, including Colin Conway (four sacks) and TJ Kennedy (three tackles).

The Middle Schoolers will be back in action a week from Wednesday, Oct. 23 vs. Wixon School at Alumni Stadium (4 p.m. start).

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Booters clipped

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side of the field went by the letter of the law and awarded a penalty kick.

Collins drilled the freebie off the inside of the crossbar and in to the left of the again powerless Kahn, making it 2-0 at the10:50 mark.

The real heartbreaker, and the one that really quieted the partisan home crown at Alumni Stadium, though, came less than six minutes later when Collins potted his second goal of the game off a beautiful feed from Matt Hunt.

The Norwell frontliners showed remarkable patience on this back-breaking tally, as they calmly worked the ball around the perimeter after Cohasset defenders got back to stem one of the countless strong first half rushes of the Clippers.

Henry kept his mark on his back by the top right corner, as he calmly scanned the field over his shoulders, finally spinning and booting a pass all the way to Hunt on the left wing. Hunt carried the ball into the left corner away from pressure, and served a picture-perfect cross to the streaking Collins for a quick one-timer short side on Kahn.

"For whatever reason, we just seemed to come out flat," offered Cohasset following the loss, the first for his team in South Shore League play this season. "But you've got to give Norwell credit too. They really came out with a lot of intensity. That penalty kick for a goal really hurt us, and that third goal took the wind out of our sails a little."

The host Skippers seemed to shake out of their doldrums in the latter stages of the half, finally forcing Norwell keeper Rory O'Connor to serve as something other than a glorified bystander.

And Cohasset captain Evan Pestone made the game a little more interesting, scoring on a scintillating solo effort in the 39th minute. After collecting a throw-in, Robert Hickey slid a pass into Pestone 20 yards out to the right of O'Connor. Pestone settled the bouncing ball, got his man to bite on a fake to the middle and then spun toward the sideline to quickly drill a shot that beat the Norwell keep high farside.

The majority of the second half was played near midfield, with Browne dropping several of his more talented players onto defense and his team content to simply protect the goal box. Of course , the regular backline of Grier, Matt Sammartino, Jake Cleaves and Pat Manning (at the all important sweeper position) did an outstanding job of this all on their own for much of the game.

"All of those guys really came to play today," lauded Browne. "They were all stepping up and playing aggressive. Pat Manning made great decisions about when to come up and play the ball. People just aren't getting by him."

Norwell actually seemed to have the better scoring chances in the early stages of the second half. Kahn was forced to make a couple of point blank saves on Garrett Bates to keep his team within shouting distance, and Henry fired a rebound chance just wide in the 70th minute.

The Skippers owned the final 10 minutes, however, as their midfielders and backs pinched up to support the attack. Pestone was sent in all alone on O'Connor with a nice through pass with seven minutes remaining, but the Norwell goalie charged the ball aggressively to smother the attempted shot.

A Cohasset free kick from 30-yards out inside the final five minutes resulted in a ball that bounced behind O'Connor and toward the goal line, but Bates was able to clear it away at the last instant.

"We knew they'd make that kind of run in the second half," said Browne. "Fortunately, we withstood it. Our kids played a real strong game. Hopefully, this is a win that will keep us going strong for a while."

The Skippers were no doubt feeling the loss talented center midfielder John Andrade. The junior suffered a concussion in the previous game, a 6-0 win over Hull last Monday, and coach Nigro freely admitted his team did not have the depth to make up for that kind of significant absence.

"We've got a lot of youth and inexperience right now," noted the third year Cohasset skipper. "We've got some talented younger players, but they're not ready to step in for a guy like Andrade. That would be asking a lot at this stage."

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset boys soccer captain Robert Hickey gets a step on his man on the attack.

Boys soccer Notes

The Skippers bounced back with a solid effort and a win with Mashpee in town Thursday to improve to 4-1-2 in league play, but fell in non-league action to Hanover on Monday, 3-1, to fall to 5-2-4 overall.

Jesse Brewer put one home four minutes in against Mashpee on Thursday, and Pestone scored on a pass from Matt O'Connell later in the half to send the Skippers into the break with a 2-0 lead.

Mashpee scored in the second to create some anxious moments down the stretch. Kahn made eight saves in the Cohasset net, including a huge stop on a late break-in.

The Skippers were without a few key players on Monday, and the absences showed early, as the bigger and deeper Indians potted two unanswered goals in the first half.

Coner Buick helped make a game of it 10 minutes into the second half with a solo tally, and Cohasset had a couple of chances to tie the game (including a post ringer from Chris Clark) before Hanover clinched it with a late goal for the 3-1 final.

Numbers adding up for lady booters

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High. The longtime coach felt it was more like an escape, however.

"We beat Cohasset twice this season, and we were very fortunate to come up with the two wins," asserted Emerson. "We see Cohasset as the most dangerous team in the league. They are skilled in everything: good defense, good foot skills. They have some trouble scoring but they are dangerous."

"We played a horrible first half against Norwell and a good second half," said Beal. "It's frustrating sometimes. We've got some good players, but we don't always put it together for one reason or another."

The frustration mounted on Friday when the Lady Skippers played what Beal felt might have been their "most complete effort" of the year against tourney bound Mashpee. The host Cohasset girls carried a 1-0 lead into the late stages, only to see the Falcons punch one home in the waning minutes to escape with a tie.

Though consistency has been an issue in general with the Cohasset girls, one player this has most certainly NOT been the case with is center-midfielder Jenn Buckley. The junior has scored better than half her team's goals this season, including each of the solo tallies against Norwell and Mashpee last week.

"Jenn has just been incredible," said Beal. "She must run four miles a game. I've been tempted to move her up to forward, but she's so important to us coming back to help on defense as well. And she never complains."

Other players the coach went out of her way to acknowledge for their play of late were junior defender Holly Gramm, senior midfielder Lindsay Grossman and senior midfielder Maura McKenney. The latter took a ball to the face against Norwell, causing a heavy nose bleed all over her uniform, but returned to the field a few minutes later wearing another shirt.

In SSL play, the Lady Skippers have Hull twice more and Harwich once, teams they easily trounced in previous meetings. There are also two non-league games left against Holbrook, who Cohasset beat 6-1 back in the first week of the season. If they win these five games, the worst they can finish is 9-9-1, just good enouhg for a tourney berth.

The other three games on the slate are against SSL rivals Abington and Carver and Patriot League powerhouses Hanover (5-2-2) and Scituate (8-4). Cohasset lost a 1-0 heartbreaker to Scituate in the season opener.

Beal is hoping her team can win more than five games and move up a few rungs on the seeding chart to avoid one of the monsters in the Div. 3 Sectionals. More than that, she seems to believe it can happen.

"I think we should be able to compete in all of those games," asserted Beal. "We just have to learn to win. Winning becomes contagious, and I'm hoping we catch it."

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IT'S HAPPENING

Bird walk Saturday

Sat. Oct. 12. Straits Pond area bird walk led by Hull birder, Helen Cross. Meet at the Atlantic Avenue playground in Hull at 8 a.m., then walk the area until 10 a.m. Sponsored by the Straits Pond Watershed Assoc.

Information: Nancy Kramer, 781-925-9066

Fall barn sale at fire museum

A fall barn sale will take place at Bare Cove Fire Museum on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 19 Fort Hill St., rain or shine. Donations are gratefully accepted; please call 781-749-0028.

The Bare Cove Fire Museum has a history of supporting the cost of the non-profit museum by holding a bi-annual barn sale in a storage building in Bare Cove Park. Items for sale include skis and poles, books, records (78s and other sizes), tapes, speakers, dishes, furniture, toys, puzzles, clothes, computer games, tools, art, holiday decorations, sports equipment and household appliances. Aside from raising money on the day of the barn sale, museum members will be on hand to answer questions you may have about the history of firefighting in Hingham.

The museum's neighbor, the South Shore Model Railroad Club is having an open house the same day. Everyone is welcome to both venues!

Dance at The Garage

There will be a dance at The Garage on Friday, Oct. 18 from 7-10 p.m. Everyone in grades six-and-up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Halloween fair

Pumpkins and cornstalks are appearing at local farm stands. Orange and black decorations are showing up in stores and plans are being conjured up for the South Shore Community Center Nursery School's annual Halloween Fair.

This year's fair will take place on Cohasset Common on Oct. 27, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. a South Shore tradition for more than 30 years, the fair offers Halloween fun for the entire family. Spooks and cartoon characters of all shapes, sizes and ages are encouraged to begin preparing to join in the howlish fun.

For more information about the fair or the programs of the South Shore Nursery School, contact the Nursery School at 781-383-0036.

Historical Society lectures noted

• Thursday Oct. 17: Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, will speak about what the National Register program is (and what it is not), why it is a useful program, and what sorts of resources qualify for listing. She will present examples (with slides) of the kinds of stories that historic resources can tell about our past. Lightkeepers' residence 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday Oct. 30: Jerusalem Road Revisited "The most prominent feature of the town, that by which we are most widely known in the world, as Jerusalem Road, along which so many delightful summer homes have been built overlooking the sea." So E. Victor Bigelow wrote over a century ago in his "Narrative History of Cohasset, Massachusetts."

This remains as true today as it was when written in the 1890s. The Victorian mansions of Jerusalem Road will be featured in a slide presentation by David Wadsworth, the Society's Historian. Lightkeepers' residence, 7:30 p.m. Both events are free, light refreshments will be served.

Speaker series

On Friday, Oct. 18, Bob Whitney of Hingham, a senior vice president at Trigen Boston Energy and a member of The National Speakers' Association speaks nationally to a variety of groups on motivational, leadership and spiritual topics. Bob has his own news column in the Mariners, Good Vibes, and will be addressing the topic of one of his latest columns; "Hurry, Hurry, Hurry." Why have we become too preoccupied and have settled for less as a society? Come listen and learn from noon to 1 p.m. at the South Shore Art Center. For more information call 781-383-0771.

Hingham Cemetery foliage tour Oct. 13

The last walking tour of the season at historic Hingham Cemetery will be held Sunday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m. and will highlight the cemetery's fall foliage and recent monument restoration. The cemetery's 150-year-old arboretum consists of several hundred specimen trees, both native and "exotic." The alees of sugar maples are expected to be at their height of color around this time.

Cemetery Director Lucinda Day will lead the tour, which includes the history of the cemetery dating from 1672, important cemetery monuments and notable burials, as well as social commentary.

The free tour will last about 1-1/2 hours and is open the public. Those interested should meet at 1 p.m. at the Hingham Bell Tower (next to Old Ship Church). Rain date is the following Sunday, Oct. 20. For further information, call 781-749-4868.

Hingham Symphony announces new season

The 2002-2003 symphony season begins in October, and Hingham Symphony has announced an eighth-month program that brings classical music to audiences on the South Shore. With the continuing leadership of Music Director Jin Kim, the HSO has developed an orchestra composed of more than 50 of graduate student and professional musicians from the conservatories in Boston, as well as a number of local professionals.

The opening concert of the season will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall. On the program are Dvorak's festive Carnival Overture, Ginastera's Variaciones Concertantes, and Brahm's passionate Symphony No. 3. Jin Kim will give a pre-concert explanation of the program at 7:15 p.m. All are invited to meet the musicians at a reception after the concert. On Oct. 18, HSO will perform the same program as a benefit concert for South Shore Hospital.

HSO performs 10 full-orchestra concerts and a chamber recital each season. In addition, members of the HSO bring a KidsConcert into elementary schools as requested. An active group of volunteers, called Fanfare, helps the Board and staff manage logistics of the season.

The HSO, as a non-profit organization, relies on contributions of all kinds from people across the South Shore, and will work closely with businesses to develop mutually beneficial relationships. For more information, to receive a brochure, or to buy tickets, please call the HSO at 781-740-5694.

Musical Mystery Dinners help Conservatory

Music, friends and food are all the right ingredients for a Saturday evening, at South Shore Conservatory's Musical Mystery Dinners on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The evening begins at 6 p.m., with a reception at South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, followed by dinner parties hosted by generous friends of the Conservatory. At the reception guests will enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a performance by Hui-Min Wang of the Conservatory piano faculty. When guests arrive at the reception, the mystery of their dinner destinations is solved as guests receive their directions to one of the host homes. The Conservatory extends sincere thanks to this year's hosts, Deborah Allinson and Thomas Lamb, Margaret and Brian Curtis, Linda and Robert Goulding, Christine and Michael Puzo, Katharine and William Reardon, Jane and Vcevy Strekalovsky, and Andrea and William Young.

Proceeds from the evening, and a similar event at The Ellison Center in Duxbury, benefit educational programs and scholarships of South Shore Conservatory. Tickets at $50 per person are available in the Conservatory office, or by calling Laura Carleton at 781-934-2731, ext. 14.

Dolan featured at Staircase Gallery

"The beauty of nature, quiet moments in favorite places, and the wish for time to stand still," explains Hingham artist Dianne Smith Dolan whose paintings are featured in South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery through the end of October. "These are the ideas the paintings explore."

Colorful and expressive, Dolan's exhibit is a combination of watercolor paintings and oil paintings. "While they have their origins in actual places, they are more about memories that change over time. That instant briefly captured in the mind and stored away to be revisited time and time again."

Currently teaching in the Foxborough Public Schools, Dolan is an active member of the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset.

Dolan received an MS degree in Art Education from Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Conn., and a BFA degree from Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford. She also attended Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Md.

Admission to the Staircase Gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5 pm, and Saturday, 9 am to noon. The Staircase Gallery is a partnership between South Shore Conservatory and South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information, call 781-749-7565, ext. 16.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery will be replaced by professional gallery space as part of a $3.5 million capital campaign to renovate the existing Hingham campus building and build an addition. Groundbreaking is scheduled for early 2003. Please call 781-749-7565, ext. 23 for more information on the campaign.

Wine, dinner series

Tosca in Hingham, will offer guests a chance to learn the secrets of pairing wine with a meal at Tosca's ninth Annual Wine Dinner series.

The series, which will kick-off on Oct. 28 and continue through Feb. 3, features a line-up of four events that combine the cuisine of Executive Chef Kevin Long with wines from around the world.

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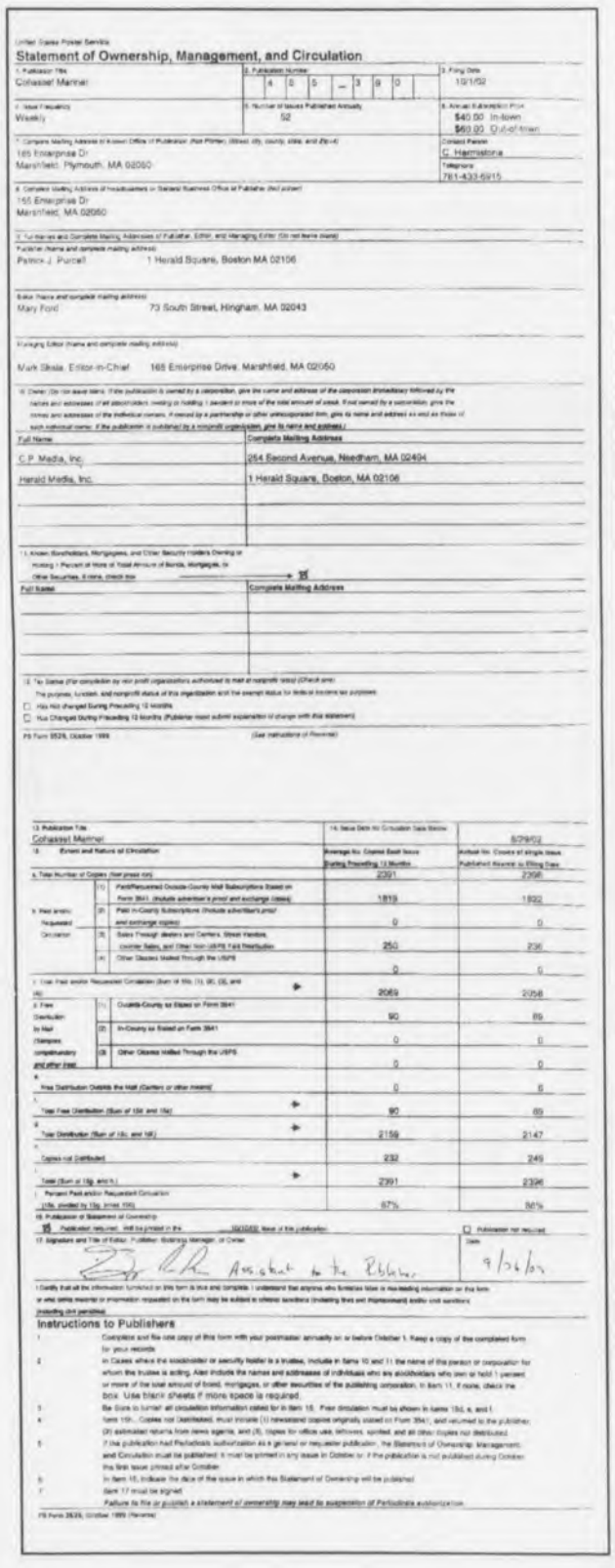
The dinners will showcase signature Tosca creations paired with Bedford International Wine Company on Oct. 28; the wines of Destino Vineyards on Dec. 9; Beringer Vineyards on Jan. 13; and DeLoach Vineyards, concluding the series on Feb. 3. Each of the Wine Dinners begins at 7 p.m.

Admission to each of the wine dinner series events is $75, and the combined cost to attend any three events is $200. For more information on the wine dinner series, please call Tosca at (781) 740-0080.



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Family Fun Day at Weir River Farm

The Trustees of Reservations invite families to explore Weir River Farm in Hingham during the second annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, Oct. 12, from noon-3p.m. Kids can meet Liberty the llama, Sebastian the pig, and dozens of other barn yard animals. Pony rides and face painting will be offered, and everyone can compete in pie-eating contests and old-time games, such as sack races.

In addition to the games and food, the day will feature barnyard tours, hands-on crafts, and a demonstration of equine massage. "The Gathering" will provide bluegrass music throughout the afternoon. Refreshments will include hot dogs, cider, and cookies.

"Fall is a beautiful time of year on the South Shore," explains Trustees Superintendent Jim Freeborn, "and we thought people would like a chance to explore Weir River Farm and celebrate the season."

He explains that The Trustees of Reservations has preserved the former country estate for visitors to enjoy. In addition to the planned events, Freeborn says visitors will find acres of rolling fields, stables, a magnificent barn and views of Boston Harbor and the North Shore. Trails lead throughout the property, which is connected to more than 800 acres of nearby land that The Trustees has preserved for public enjoyment and wildlife protection.

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— Trustees Superintendent Jim Freeborn

"Even though we're close to Boston, I've seen everything from red-tailed hawks to wild turkeys and fox on the farm and in the nearby woods," says Freeborn, who lives on the farm year round.

While they're hoping for many first-time visitors, parents might know Weir River Farm through its educational programs, says Education and Interpretation Coordinator Tara Nieves. She's in charge of designing outdoor programs for local schools. Throughout the year, kids of all ages learn about ecology, wildlife, and natural history on the farm through a variety of programs.

Several local businesses have banded together to support the event. Morning Glories Bakery will provide pies for the pie-eating contest, Penniman Hill Farm is providing festive fall decorations, and The Gathering is providing their talents for free.

PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

A llama and all the other barnyard animals at Weir River Farm will be on hand to welcome visitors during Family Fun Day.

Parking for the event is in the lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane in Hingham. A hayride will ferry visitors to the farm, located at the base of Turkey Hill.

A $5 admission fee for non-members will help support the farm and its educational programs. Join The Trustees at the event and you'll be eligible to receive a $2 member discount per person. Rain cancels the event, call 781/740-7233 if you are concerned about the weather.

Outdoor fun for the family

All Children's Programs require pre-registration with Marge Balzotti at 781-821-2977.

Autumn outings

Autumn outings for kids are Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. at the following locations:

World's End, Hingham: Oct. 21, 28

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Barnyard Tours at Weir River Farm, Hingham

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Members of The Trustees of Reservations: free; Non-members: $2

Come to Weir River Farm to spend an afternoon with the barnyard animals. Farm staff is on-hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Park in lot at end of Turkey Hill Lane.

Family fun day

Weir River Farm Family Fun Day

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Help while on the 'Road to Recovery'

More volunteers are always needed

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

Volunteerism is thriving as demonstrated by the works of the South Shore unit of "Road to Recovery". This program, offering transportation to cancer patients to and from medical appointments, provides a needed service to many residents of seven towns south of Boston, ranging from Milton to Marshfield.

Laurie Berlinguet, resident of Hingham and co-coordinator of the local program headquartered at Hersey House, speaks enthusiastically of the accomplishments of the people who give their time to neighbors in need.

The program, affiliated with the American Cancer Society, began 30 years ago in Hingham.

Twelve volunteers staff the office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. During this time, phone requests are taken for rides to and from various facilities. These appointments are then coordinated with the availability of volunteer drivers. Destinations range from local doctors' offices to the large hospitals in Boston. Assisting Berlinguet with the daily operations as co-coordinator is Shelly Donze of Cohasset.

The program, affiliated with the American Cancer Society, began right here in Hingham, according to Berlinguet, herself a cancer survivor. Former Hingham residents, Lillian and John Valorz, started the service in 1972 by driving friends to radiation or chemotherapy appointments. Their work expanded as they spread the word about the benefits of this service, and recruited friends to assist them. The Road to Recovery has since become a nationwide offering. Locally, the program is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

The Hingham Unit, alone, provides approximately800 rides per year to those in participating towns.

The pool of drivers is diverse, including working professionals, homemakers, retired people and cancer survivors. Some make regular trips to the Boston medical centers, while others prefer to transport people to facilities on the South Shore.

To be a driver, the only requirements are a driver's license, a car and a desire to support neighbors in need.

Scituate resident George Kelly, real estate broker and owner of Kelly and Sons, has been providing rides for approximately 20 years. Kelly, also a cancer survivor, makes many of the trips to Boston, as he is familiar with city streets, and the locations of the many renowned hospitals.

"It's very hard for most families to have someone available every day for six weeks, or regularly for several months to help a relative get to chemotherapy or radiation sessions," he says. "It's important to feel that you are helping someone."

He pointed out that each patient's situation is unique. Some individuals form an immediate bond with the driver, and share the story of their battle with cancer. Others are tired and quiet during the ride and use the time to rest and relax.

Helen Stoltz of Hull, a cancer patient and recipient of the rides, expressed her gratitude for the service. She praised the volunteers, saying that the program was the "best thing" she "ever ran into. I'll soon be roller-blading up and down Nantasket Avenue!" she proclaimed, exhibiting the hope and optimism with which cancer patients are often blessed. Although she has family members supporting her, they are often unable to accompany her to appointments due to their work schedules. Many drivers have assisted her and she has been "glad for the kindness of each one".

Berlinguet spoke of the recognition program held each year to honor those who have donated their time to assist cancer patients. A tea is held at the Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage in Cohasset to acknowledge the dedicated volunteers. Plans are in progress for a special event to be held in the spring of 2003, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the organization. It is hoped that community leaders, guest speakers and supporters will be present to commemorate this milestone and honor the participants.

Berlinguet said her greatest motivation is her wish that "people not feel alone at such a devastating time of their lives. Knowing someone is there to call and to help can make all the difference."

A need for more volunteers remains, despite the success of the service. As the numbers and needs of cancer patients increase, continued growth of the program is essential. If you can contribute time each month by driving, or assisting with phone coverage, your participation is welcomed. If you are an ambulatory cancer patient, or know of one in need of the services described, please make your situation known. To volunteer or request transportation, please call (781)749-2535.

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Banjo clock talk is in tune with history

By: Constance Gorfinkle
SPECIAL TO THE HINGHAM JOURNAL

Ever since someone realized it was possible to tell the passage of time from the movement of a shadow cast by a stick stuck in the ground, mail has been fascinated with timepieces.

Paul J. Foley is no exception. Retired for some time from his job working for the Department of Justice, Foley's hobby for the past 30 years has been studying clocks, in particular docks deigned and built by Roxbury clockmaker Simon Willard in the early 19th century. Referred to as the banjo clock because of as distinctive shape, these wall timepieces interested Foley at the outset because of their mechanical simplicity and efficiency and the fact "that they were well-made and hand-made," said Foley during a phone interview from his home in Norwell.

"Later, I got interested in their connection to local history."

Having published this past May a book on the subject, "Willard's Patent Time Pieces," which is sold over the Internet at roxburyvillagepublishing .com, Foley will discuss the topic on Oct. 24, at Old Derby Academy in Hingham, as guest of the Hingham Historical Society.

Willard, originally a builder of tall clocks, developed a wall version - as did many other clockmakers of the late 1700s - simply because they would be less expensive to make and sell, especially to a buyer who was loathe to pay between $60 and $75, which "in those days was a lot," says Foley.

So fine was Willard's version of these wall clocks that he was awarded a patent for it in 1802.

Willard, one of a family of clockmakers from Grafton, where their homestead has been turned into a museum, eventually, with his brothers - also clockmakers - set up shop in what was then known as Roxbury Village, an area that today is Dudley Square. It was there he invented and made the banjo clock, which, apparently, Willard determined, would be as beautiful as it was practical.

"They're lovely, decorative objects," says Foley, "with first-class paintings on them," applied on the inside of the pieces of glass that cover the throat and the pendulum box.

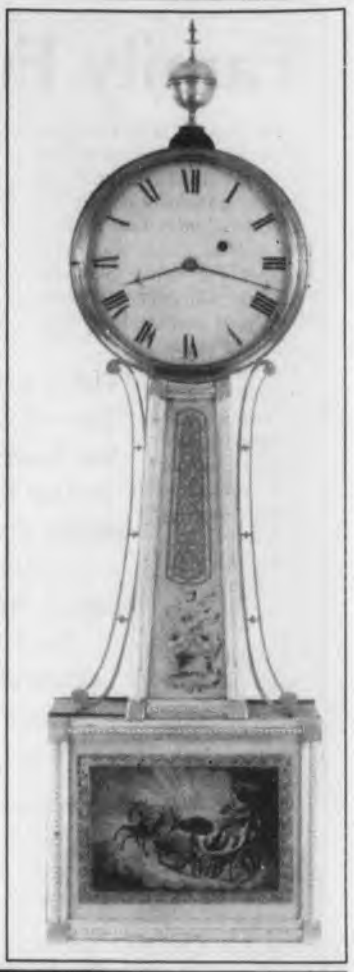
At first, the paintings were merely geometric patterns. But, later, they became pictorial with themes carried out on all the painted surfaces, says Foley. Those themes might be mythological or historical, such as depictions of scenes from the War of 1812.

Today, Willard's clocks cost considerably more than $60 or $75. Though, the average price of one runs between $3,000 and $5,000, a very early banjo clock in pristine condition can fetch as much as $50,000, says Foley.

While his Oct. 24 talk - accompanied by slides - will focus on Willard, Foley says he also will discuss a couple of Hingham clockmakers - Joshua Wilder and Rueben Tower.

Admission to Foley's presentation at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St., is $10 in advance (paid by Oct. 15) and $12 at the door, if seating available.

To purchase tickets, send a check for the number needed (payable to the Society) to the Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham, MA 02043. Reservations will be held at the door. For more information, call 781-749-0144.



At right: The history of the banjo clock is the subject of a talk Oct. 24 at Old Derby in Hingham Square.

Hingham Symphony announces new season

The 2002-2003 symphony season begins in October, and Hingham Symphony has announced an eighth-month program that brings classical music to audiences on the South Shore. With the continuing leadership of Music Director Jin Kim, the HSO has developed an orchestra composed of more than 50 of graduate student and professional musicians from the conservatories in Boston, as well as a number of local professionals.

The opening concert of the season will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall. On the program are Dvorak's festive Carnival Overture, Ginastera's Variaciones Concertantes, and Brahm's passionate Symphony No. 3. Jin Kim will give a pre-concert explanation of the program at 7:15 p.m. All are invited to meet the musicians at a reception after the concert. On Oct. 18, HSO will perform the same program as a benefit concert for South Shore Hospital.

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Pretty pooches on parade

Farmer's market hosts doggie day

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Ava Worthington snuggles with Marco, her husky-Australian shepherd mix.

Ann Mitchell holds Dixie the winner in the costume class at the dog parade held on Cohasset Common.

Zoe kisses her boyfriend Carleton at the dog parade held during the Cohasset Farmer's Market.

Laurie Hamilton with the Pointer Sisters, Ava and Ruby, at the Farmer's Market annual dog dress-up parade.

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OBITUARIES

Joan M. Larrabee

Joan M. (Cunningham) Larrabee, 64, of Cohasset, a retired secretary, died Sept. 19, 2002 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Mrs. Larrabee worked in the accounting department of the former New England Telephone Co. from 1955 to 1971. She was also a recess teacher at Deerhill and a secretary at Queen Anne Nursing Home from 1996-2000.

Mrs. Larrabee was a member of St. Anthony's Church and taught Confraternity of Christine Doctrine classes.

Born and raised in Mattapan, she lived in Cohasset for 31 years.

She attended St. Angela's School in Mattapan and was a 1955 graduate of St. Joseph's Academy in Brighton.

She leaves her husband, Joseph G. Larrabee, her two daughters, Joanna M. Larrabee and Julie Ann Larrabee of Cohasset; and her sister, Arleen Cunningham of Mattapan.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 23 at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y. 10016.

Charles F. Pape

Charles F. Pape, 86, of Cohasset, a retired businessman, died Oct. 2, 2002, at Life Care Center of the South Shore after a brief illness.

He was the proprietor of Pape's Auto Repair Shop for many years. Prior to that, he owned Pape's Dairy Farm in Cohasset.

He was a member of Konohasset Lodge and a Mason for 45 years.

He was born and educated in Cohasset.

He enjoyed golfing and often played at Dennis Pines Country Club in Dennis and Pembroke Country Club.

Husband of the late Maria (Laugellé) Pape, he leaves a daughter, Susan E. Basteri of West Wareham; two sisters, Ruth S. Hussey of Abington and Elizabeth Carpenter of Downey, Calif,; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service and interment held in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset, were private.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, P.O. Box 9060, Braintree, 02184.

John E. Woods

John E. Woods, 70, of Port Charlotte, Fla., died Sept. 30, 2002.

Mr. Woods was born in Boston, the son of the late John E. and Eleanore (O'Donoughue) Woods.

He lived most of his life in Cohasset and raised his family there. He graduated from Tabor Academy, and attended Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He served his country in the U.S. Navy. He went on to earn a Masters License U.S. Merchant Marine; retiring from Moran Towing and Transportation Company New York and Miami. He was a member of the American Legion Post 110; Destroyer Escort Association of SW Fl; Propeller Club of the United States Port of Boston.

Mr. Woods leaves his wife, Jackie Woods; a son, Captain John E, Woods III and wife, Martha of Greentown, Pa.; a daughter Alison Fahlberg and husband, Robert, of Richland Washington, Pa.; three granddaughters and one grandson; stepchildren: Blake Dolloff of Port Charlotte, Fla., Laura (Dolloff) Gaura of Port Charlotte, Steven Dolloff of Mount Pleasant, S.C. and Craig Dolloff of Duxbury; three step grandsons and three step granddaughters; a sister Margaret (Woods) Harrington of Longmeadow, and James Woods of Chatham and Pine Island, Fla.; and many cousins nephews and nieces.

He was the brother of the late Joanne (Woods) Sweeney.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at 11am, Nov. 2 at St. Anthony's. All are welcome.

Spiritual parenting seminar offered

St. John's Episcopal Church, along with the First Church of Christ Scientist, Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, and other area houses of worship, invite you to attend a seminar titled "10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting" to be held Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. John's church, 172 Main St., Hingham. The talk will be followed by a book signing and refreshments. The event is free and open to the general public.

"World events have prompted families to search for new ways to become closer to one another and new ways to incorporate a sense of spirituality into their lives," says the Rev. Robert Edson, rector of St. John's. "We are delighted to join with other churches in the area to help all families explore this vital aspect of raising children."

The program will be presented by Mimi Doe, M.Ed., the author of 10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting: Nurturing Your Child's Soul, which won the 1998 Parents' Choice Seal of Approval and was a finalist in the Books for a Better Life Award. Her latest book is Busy, But Balanced: Practical and Inspirational Ways to Create a Calmer, Closer Family.

LEGAL NOTICES

MARSH ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P1561EP

In the Estate of HERBERT B. MARSH

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death August 23, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ALICE M. BELLEFONTAINE formerly known as ALICE M. LIBBY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 6, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, October 1, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#974718
Cohasset Mariner 10/10/02

ZBA/139 BORDER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, October 21, 2002, at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 5.3.1 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Fred Blossom,** seeks to relocate a nonconforming barn at **139 Border St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-09-30.

AD#969468
Cohasset Mariner 10/3, 10/10/02

ZBA/15 BORDER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Cohasset Town Hall on Monday, October 28, 2002, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7 & 8.9** of the zoning bylaws, and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Michael & Rosemary O'Connell,** seek to renovate barn at **15 Border St.,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #02-10-02-03.

AD#975998
Cohasset Mariner 10/10, 10/17/02

ZBA/231 POND ST.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, October 21, 2002, **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Thomas & Ann M. Dooley,** seek to appeal Building Commissioner decision dated August 22, 2002 re. **231 Pond St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-09-04.

AD#965839
Cohasset Mariner 10/3, 10/10/02

ZBA/282 CEDAR ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, October 21, 2002, **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.6 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Bruce & Lori Frost,** seek to extend a nonconforming dwelling at **282 Cedar St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-09-17.

AD#965991
Cohasset Mariner 10/3, 10/10/02

ZBA/81-83 SUMMER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, October 21, 2002, at **7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to 8.9 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **James & Liane Seppala,** seek to reconstruct a nonconforming dwelling at **81-83 Summer St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-09-30B.

AD#969490
Cohasset Mariner 10/3, 10/10/02

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, SEPT. 30

5:56 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:58 a.m. North Main St., fire, services rendered.

11:39 a.m. Border St., parking complaint.

12:16 p.m. Nichols Road, animal control.

1:26 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop.

2:45 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle crash, traffic citation issued.

5:38 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop.

6:03 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:08 p.m. Margin St. and Margin Court, soliciting.

6:47 p.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

7:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop.

7:31 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle violations, arrest of Donna T. Ward, 41, 11 Carleton Road, Hingham, operating under the influence of liquor, marked lanes violation, license not in possession, red light violation.

TUESDAY, OCT. 1

7:23 a.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle accident, verbal warning.

7:43 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:23 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:47 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:48 a.m. Aaron River road and Riverview Dr., officer wanted.

12:45 p.m. South Main St., property found.

1:40 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

2:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

2:32 p.m. Beechwood ball park, motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital.

4:12 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:54 p.m. Border St., soliciting.

7:04 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:51 p.m. White Head Road and Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital.

9:49 p.m. Norman Todd Road, assist other agency.

11:32 p.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

8:19 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:23 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:42 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:16 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:19 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person.

11:23 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:34 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1 p.m. Bay St., investigation.

2:02 p.m. Church St., noise complaint.

2:23 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:36 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Howe Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:44 p.m. Elm St., summons service.

4:24 p.m. Cedar St. and North Main St., well being check.

5:36 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:13 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:41 p.m. Elm St., summons service.

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

3:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:59 a.m. Lamberts Lane, traffic complaint.

12 p.m. Elm St., investigation.

12:02 p.m. Ripley Road, traffic complaint.

12:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, parking complaint.

12:56 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Black Rock Road, parking complaint.

1:32 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious.

4:35 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

5:52 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane, well being check.

5:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:55 p.m. Highland Ave., general services.

10:54 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle violations.

FRIDAY, OCT. 4

1:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

2:18 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

8:31 a.m. Nichols Road, vandalism.

10:22 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle violations.

10:38 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:56 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:38 p.m. King St., suspicious person.

1:53 p.m. Elm St., general services.

3:25 p.m. Nichols Road, vandalism.

3:39 p.m. Jerusalem Road, vandalism.

3:42 p.m. Lamberts Lane, vandalism.

3:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations, verbal warning.

4:46 p.m. Elm St., fire.

4:46 p.m. North Main St., property lost.

5:39 p.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint.

7:15 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., suspicious person.

8 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

8:09 p.m. Norman Todd Road and Beechwood St., suspicious person.

8:27 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:43 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

9:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital, arrest of Gweneth E. Raymond, 22, 17 Beaver Dam Road, #17A, Scituate, operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

1:18 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

9:43 a.m. Hull St., motor vehicle crash.

9:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

10:38 a.m. Rocky Lane, well being check.

12:59 p.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint.

1:26 p.m. Norfolk Road, parking complaint.

2:51 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:16 p.m. Spring St., animal control.

4:34 p.m. Highland Court, animal control.

4:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:35 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

5:50 p.m. Beechwood St., fire extinguished.

6:47 p.m. Hull and Cedar Streets, motor vehicle crash.

7:38 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:33 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

9:03 p.m. Elm St., gathering disturbance.

10:14 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

10:20 p.m. Summer St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

10:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, family disturbance.

10:42 p.m. South Main St., gathering disturbance.

10:44 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

10:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:17 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:27 p.m. Pond and King Streets, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:35 p.m. South Main St., suspicious person.

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

6:30 a.m. Pond St., vandalism.

10:35 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., investigation.

11:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:19 p.m. Pond St., animal control.

3:24 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:33 p.m. Nichols Road, family disturbance.

POLICE BRIEFS

Police arrest seven in September

September was a quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were seven arrests; two for operating under the influence of liquor, one for shoplifting, one for assault and battery; one for operating after license is suspended; one for failure to stop for a police officer and finally one for protective custody.

During the month of September, the police department investigated 10 motor vehicle accidents, which results in 11 injuries. There were 104 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $5,030 in fines. Additionally, there were 68 parking tickets issued for $1,800 in fines. There were six criminal complaints issued.

Also in September the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,219 call for police services, of those 111 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of September there were no breaking and enterings.

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OCTOBER 9 - 11, 2002

PHOTO COURTESY OF CAP VINAL IN HIS BOOK "JOSEPH W. LINCOLN: ACCORD, MASSACHUSETTS"

A photograph of Hingham wood carver Joseph Lincoln at work painting a black duck decoy. Cap Vinal's new book on Lincoln includes dozens of photographs of the carver and his craft.

A slice of Hingham

New book pays tribute to famed decoy carver Joseph Lincoln

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Hingham is a town that's rich with history, in ways that a lot of people don't know about," said Cap Vinal from his Hingham business office.

"Slowly in recent years though, some people have begun taking a more in-depth look at the smaller parts of the whole."

Vinal is discussing his own motivation to take a more in-depth look at a smaller part of the whole, carving out a distinctive slice of Hingham's history as well as his own lifelong passions for duck hunting and antique decoy collecting. He's carried out this pursuit by authoring a newly published hardcover book in tribute to Joseph W. Lincoln, an acknowledged master of the art of wooden decoy bird carving who lived and worked in Hingham in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Decoy carving, firmly rooted on the South Shore, is recognized as one of only two indigenous American art forms, along with whaling scrimshaw from Nantucket. Vinal's book, titled simply "Joseph W. Lincoln, Accord, Massachusetts, 1/26/1859 - 2/16/1938," is an attractive, glossy coffee table volume with minimal text presented in easy-to-read, large-print format.

It's also well-stocked with more than 60 vintage black-and-white photographs and 90 color plates of Lincoln's decoy works that really bring the carver's rustic, Yankee world of a century ago to life.

"It was difficult at times to gather information about Lincoln when I was putting the book together. The world of Hingham-Accord in his time seems so long gone now."
Author Cap Vinal

Vinal is a Hingham native now living in Duxbury. He began decoy collecting as a logical outgrowth of the duck hunting introduced to him by a childhood friend as well as his father, "Commander" Lyons. The nature of duck hunting as well as decoy collecting, involving often intense study of the forms and effects, naturally attracted the author to the work of Lincoln and a long-term desire to seek out often hard to come by information about the master carver.

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Charity begins in the kitchen

PHOTO/DAVE GORMAN

FIRED UP!
Mount Blue Executive Chef Larry Weigel turns up the heat on an entree in the restaurant's kitchen. Weigel is organizing Monday's benefit event for Timber Creek, an Iowa-based ranch that offers equine-assisted and aquatic therapies for individuals stricken with M.S., autism, brain injuries and other illnesses.

Mount Blue chef organizes benefit bash for Timber Creek

By Mark Skala
STAFF WRITER

Executive chef Larry Weigel has something cooking at Mount Blue. He's hoping a good dose of charity, a dash of celebrity, and a heaping of Mount Blue food will be the right ingredients to attract a crowd at a benefit on Monday, Oct. 14.

Timber Creek, the beneficiary of this latest soiree, is a little known charity in a small town in Central Iowa. And Weigel is counting on South Shore residents coming to the table, despite the fact that the culinary event supports an out-of-town charity.

"What can get done at Timber Creek is so much bigger than this event. But I knew I had to do something and that's where this comes in."
Mount Blue Executive Chef Larry Weigel

"If it's a good charity, does it matter where it is?" asked the confident chef about the charity where he says he has seen miracles performed. "I don't see location as being an issue. If a charity is worthwhile people will respond."

Weigel is so passionate about Timber Creek — a 225-acre ranch specializing in equine assisted and aquatic therapy for adults and children with such illnesses as autism, MS, brain injuries, to name a few — that he's stepping out of his normal role in the kitchen at Mount Blue to make this event happen.

But he isn't doing it alone.

He's recruited one of the South Shore's hottest celebrities, Jeff Corwin of Animal Planet TV fame and a Marshfield resident, to host the

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Director Lisa Rafferty takes notes during a dress rehearsal of the Company Theatre's production of "Steel Magnolias." The show opens Friday and will run through Oct. 27.

'Magnolias' in bloom

Company Theatre production opens Oct. 11

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

It's been more than a dozen years since "Steel Magnolias" went from off-Broadway to the silver screen. The story of the laughter and tears shared by six Southern women who congregate at a beauty salon still resonates today, however, according to Lisa Rafferty, director of the current Company Theatre production of the Robert Harling play.

"Good material is eternal. The beauty of this piece is that it captures a slice of life perfectly, and with genuine humanity," explained Rafferty by telephone last week from her Scituate home. "The play reminds us that the warmth of our friends can sustain us even during the worst of times."

First produced in New York in 1987, "Steel Magnolias" concerns a close-knit circle of women who frequent Truvy's Beauty Salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana. The women — whose never seen men are either absent, depressed or dead — are more interested in gossip than a wash and set.

A national tour — top-lined by Barbara Rush, Marion Ross and Carole Cook — played Boston's Wilbur Theatre in October 1989. Later that year, a feature film version was released with a cast that

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Steel Magnolias Director Lisa Rafferty is surrounded by her cast in a recent rehearsal at the Company Theatre.
Back row, left to right: Susan Waterman as Annelle, Cinda Donovan as Truvy, Kris Connolly as Shelby. Front row, Cindy Capra as M'Lynn and Theresa Chaisson as Ouiser.

Food & dining

Four star boiled dinner

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Boiled dinner sounds like something you would eat as a last resort, when all you have in the house is a tough piece of meat and some old vegetables. The French don't see it that way, they often make "pot au feu," and it isn't viewed as a second-class dish. The notion is simple. Take tough cuts of beef (some recipes also include chicken, sausage, etc.) and vegetables and simmer them in water. This produces a first-class broth (which the French serve as a first course) plus tender meat and flavorful veggies. The problem with this recipe is choosing the right meat and vegetables and coordinating the cooking times.

Let's start with the key cooking principle here. Simmering meat in water is a terrific way to cook tough cuts. In a test at Cook's Illustrated, we found that roasting never gets the meat hot enough to become fork tender (air is a lousy heat conductor) and that boiling meat is just as good as braising it (cooking in a covered dish with a small amount of liquid). There is a simple bit of physics at work here. Tough cuts of beef must reach and maintain an internal temperature of over 200 degrees in order for the collagen to break down which results in fork tender meat. So boiling can be a very good thing indeed.

Okay, now for the cuts of beef. I tested chuck roasts, short ribs, beef shank, veal shank, oxtail, pork ribs, ham hock, lamb shank, chicken, and sausage. Anything with bones increased the flavor of the broth, the chuck roast was nice for slicing, but the chicken and sausage added nothing to the broth. So the winners were a chuck roast combined with beef or veal shanks.

I was using 3 quarts of water (too much water produces a weak broth) and I had found that simmering the meat the day before, chilling the broth, and then removing the solid fat that rose to the surface was the easiest method of defatting the liquid, a crucial step. As for the vegetables for serving, I found that cooking them separately in the defatted broth was best since the meat didn't get in the way. As for the vegetables and herbs I wanted to flavor the broth (which would be discarded), I settled on two medium to large onions, one leek, one celery stalk, two carrots, 1 large ripe tomato, 3 medium cloves garlic, 6 whole cloves, 10 sprigs parsley, 4 sprigs thyme, and 2 bay leaves. I also added one teaspoon each of salt and peppercorns. The dish may need more salt at the finish but you must be careful not to add too much salt now since the broth intensifies as it cooks.

As for the vegetables for serving, the losers were leeks, sundried tomatoes, and artichokes. I liked potatoes, carrots, turnips, peas, pearl onions (frozen are fine), green beans, peas, asparagus, fennel, parsnip, and rutabaga. They each have their proper cooking times and so I divided them into three categories: 20 minutes, 10 minutes, and five minutes. You can use any combination you like.

To finish the dish I tried a variety of sauces including horseradish cream, gremolata, ginger/garlic, and a simple salsa verde. The latter was the winner and is included below. (It is, however, optional.)

FRENCH-STYLE BOILED DINNER WITH SALSA VERDE

This is a good recipe for company since most of the work can be done the day before. It also provides both meat and vegetables – all you need is bread and wine. Don't depend on the cooking time for the meat – keep cooking it until it is really fork tender.

For the meat and the broth:
4 pounds chuck
4 pounds beef short ribs, beef shank, or veal shank or any combination
2 medium or large onions, peeled and quartered through the core
1 leek, trimmed and cut into large pieces
2 medium to large carrots, cut into large chunks
1 large ripe tomato, quartered
3 garlic cloves, smashed
6 whole cloves
10 sprigs parsley
4 sprigs thyme
2 bay leaves
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon peppercorns

To finish the dish:
7 to 8 pounds prepared vegetables of your choice (see below)

20 Minute Cooking Time
Small Red Potatoes Washed and left whole
Carrots Peeled, halved, thin end halved lengthwise, thick end quartered
Fennel Bulb Tops cut off, bulb quartered through the core
Turnip, Medium Peeled, quartered
Rutabaga Peeled, cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks

10 Minute Cooking Time
Parsnip Peeled, halved, thick end quartered

Five Minute Cooking Time
Peas Fresh or frozen
Asparagus Thick ends snapped off
Green Beans Trimmed
Pearl Onions Frozen

1. Place all of the ingredients for the broth with three quarts of water into a large Dutch oven or soup pot. Bring to a boil skimming scum as necessary. Reduce heat to maintain gentle simmer and cook, covered, for 2 to 3 hours or until the meat is fork tender. Cool to room temperature and refrigerate overnight.

2. Remove solid layer of fat that has formed over the broth. Reheat until warm over low heat. Strain broth into a large saucepan. Separate the meat from the vegetables and discard vegetables. Place the meat back into Dutch oven and ladle a couple cups of broth over meat. Continue to cook over low heat until hot.

3. Bring remaining broth to a boil. Taste for seasoning adding additional salt if necessary. Add vegetables from the 20 minute category and once the broth comes back to a boil cook for 10 minutes. Add vegetables from the 10 minute category and cook for five minutes once broth has returned to a boil. Add vegetables from the five minute category and boil for five minutes. Place the meat on a large platter or cutting board. Cut the chuck into thick slices on the bias. Arrange the vegetables on a large platter. Ladle a small amount of broth over the meat and vegetables. Serve with optional green sauce.

Serves eight to ten.

GREEN SAUCE

This sauce can be made and refrigerated up to two days ahead but should be allowed to sit out for about 20 minutes to come up to room temperature before serving.

1/2 cup best quality olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine or white balsamic vinegar
1 slice day old European style bread cut into 1-inch cubes, about 1 cup
2 tablespoons capers
1 medium garlic clove, coarsely chopped
2 cups flat leaf Italian parsley, coarsely chopped and loosely packed
2 anchovy fillets, coarsely chopped
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/8 teaspoon salt or to taste
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Add oil and vinegar to the bowl of a food processor. Place bread cubes in puddles of oil and vinegar and let sit for five minutes. Add all other ingredients and process for about 40 seconds or until the mixture is finely chopped and homogeneous stopping to scrape down the sides of the bowl if necessary. Taste for seasoning adding additional salt and pepper if desired. Serve immediately.

'Magnolias' in bloom

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included Sally Field, Shirley MacLaine, Dolly Parton, Julia Roberts, Tom Skerritt, and Dylan McDermott.

"The play beautifully captures the unique, intimate relationships that exist between women," according to Rafferty. The director says she doesn't expect local audiences to have any trouble understanding their Southern sisters.

"New England women are darn funny, too, and should really be able to relate to these characters. The women are Southern in their accents and clothes, of course, but otherwise this salon could be anywhere on the South Shore."

Unlike the movie, the stage production has only one set and no male characters. Rafferty thinks that theatergoers familiar with the story only from its big screen rendering will be drawn to the simpler stage version.

"When people who loved the movie remember it, they think of the interaction between the women and their many zingers. People fell in love with the movie, because of the story's great humanity."

A New Jersey native, Rafferty is married and has three small children. With a Master's in Theater from Montclair, NJ, State College and many directing credits behind her, Rafferty has made a smooth professional and personal transition to life in Scituate.

"The theater scene is so vibrant in greater Boston," she says. "It is also astonishing to find such a vital community theater presence here."

Since moving to the area in January 2000, Rafferty has directed productions for Hingham Civic Music and other theater companies. Early next year, she is slated to helm Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" for the Cohasset Dramatic Club. Rafferty has also branched out into playwriting with "MOM-ologues," which she co-authored with Stefanie Cloutier and Sheila Eppolito. The play, a comedy about motherhood which Rafferty also directed, was presented at Boston's ICA Theatre last season. The play did so well in its original run, according to Rafferty, that it will be mounted again at the ICA in the spring of next year.

("Steel Magnolias" will be presented by the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, from October 11-27. For tickets, call 781/871-2787, or for further information, visit www.companytheatre.com).

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A slice of Hingham

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"It was difficult at times to gather information about Lincoln when I was putting the book together," Vinal noted. "The world of Hingham-Accord in his time seems so long gone now. But I tried to keep the book in its time context, everything except for the color plates. All of the photos and information that I finally included are relevant to his time. Because there is very little, if any, conjecture about him, I tried to keep the text to hard, factual information in an economic way."

The information collected for final draft is arranged in neat, graphical order amidst the book's 90 pages. An opening, succinctly drawn biographical summary is followed by a detailed without being superfluous description of the art and craft of decoy making. Then the book offers intriguing artifacts shaping a multi-faceted portrait of Lincoln the man, such as a 1918 Boston Sunday Globe profile ("Decoy Making His Unique Trade"), a topically focused 1926 piece from the Boston Traveler ("Joseph Whiting Lincoln, Expert Decoy Maker, Urges Fair Play for Duck Hunters of State") and an additional Traveler feature from 1933. Finally, there's a recollection of Accord's early 20th century North Shore Gun Club of which Lincoln was a member.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CAP VINAL IN HIS BOOK "JOSEPH W. LINCOLN: ACCORD, MASSACHUSETTS"
Lincoln, pictured in 1926, sands one of the decoys he carved before painting.

"Back in Lincoln's time, Accord was really like a little metropolis of its own," Vinal said. "Lincoln lived there where he farmed, hunted, fished, rode his bicycle to the post office, virtually his whole life was wrapped up in Accord. But his decoys were so expert and artfully done that he became well known up and down the East Coast."

"Joseph W. Lincoln" is a limited edition volume of 1,000 copies and published independently by Vinal. It's available by mail order from the author's office at 41 Sharp Street, Hingham or by phone at 781 337-1030.

Charity begins in the kitchen

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evening. The event will mirror Mount Blue's summer benefit with an auction, food, beer and wine from the restaurants vendors, and live entertainment.

Mount Blue co-owners Aerosmith have anted up with some signed memorabilia for the auction as have area restaurants, artists and merchants. There will also be a few surprises on the auction block, including sports memorabilia — highlighted by a baseball with Mickey Mantle history which Weigel says was headed to the Hall of Fame before its owner offered it up to Weigel. He is also trying to get a few celebrities from the entertainment and sports field to make an appearance, but didn't want to give too much away.

"Everybody I approached has been great about saying they would help out," Weigel says with an enthusiasm that is obviously contagious.

Weigel has known Timber Creek Director Cindy McCarthy all his life and has marveled at the good work at the farm.. He's hoping to raise $20,000 through the benefit to help Timber Creek charities provide therapy for people who have exhausted their insurance and other financial resources. Known as a Center for Healing and Hope, Timber Creek offers equine-assisted physical, occupational and speech/language therapy.

"Volunteers are paid in miracles. It really is amazing," said Weigel. "There was an autistic boy who finally recognized his mother after nine years because of the therapies he's received. There was girl who couldn't even move before she went to Timber Creek. How can you tell people like that they have to be turned away when their insurance is up?"

Weigel, who has been organizing the evening for several months, says this event is his way of giving something back. He considers himself fortunate and wants to help out.

"What can get done at Timber Creek is so much bigger than this event," he says. "But I knew I had to do something and that's where this comes in."

Mount Blue's summer bash has become a must-attend event in the last few years, with the restaurant pulling out all the stops with food and its vendors graciously providing the tempting libations. And, of course, there's the music. No less is expected for Monday's program which will feature live entertainment by the Joe Mac Band and the Joe Leary Band with Dicky Barrett of the Mighty Bosstones serving as honorary chairperson. Weigel promises the Norwell restaurant will be jumping.

Tickets for the event are still available at $50 per person. Call the restaurant at 781-695-0050 for reservations and further information

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THE MASSASOIT THEATRE CO. presents the musical "Chicago" two weekends, Nov. 15 to 24, at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets are priced at $15, general public; $13 with Massasoit ID, senior citizens and students; all seats reserved. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE in Braintree announces the production of Neil Simon's "Rumors." Productions dates are Nov. 1, 2, and Nov. 7, 8, 9. All shows are at 8 p.m. The play "Rumors" contains some strong adult language. Tickets $15, to reserve tickets call 781-356-5113 and leave message, someone will call back with your confirmation. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and commercial Streets in Braintree.

THE FULLER MUSEUM OF ART, 455 Oak St,. Brockton, announces a community-wide fundraising event to support the programs and exhibitions of the Fuller Museum of Art: "Through the Looking Glass," its annual fundraiser dinner/dance. The event takes place Nov. 1, at the museum. Silent Auction and cocktails from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Catered dinner at 8 p.m.; dancing until 11 p.m. to the music of Java Jive. Tickets $100 per guest and price included one raffle ticket for a chance to win a Paul Stankard paperweight valued at $4,500. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 508-588-6000.

THE HINGHAM CIVIC MUSIC CENTER presents Cole Porter's Musical Comedy "**Anything Goes**" Oct. 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 at Hingham High School, 17 Union St, Hingham. Tickets $15/students and seniors #12. Call 781-749-4327 for tickets. Group rates available at 781-749-0083.

FOURTH ANNUAL BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury on Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org

Thurs. 10

The Pleasant Grill, 1229 Washington St., Weymouth will host a showing of "Art by Isabel" on Oct. 10, at a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. **Isabel Shamitz** is an award-winning local artist and member of several art associations, and her paintings inspired by impressionism and realism, capture transitional moments in time and evoke the empathy of memories shared. Her work will be on display until the end of October.

The Pilgrim Society Designer Show House at The Pinehills will conduct a Fall Fashion Show and Makeup Demonstration on Oct. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Summerhouse in the Pinehills of Plymouth. Presented by Potpourri Designs and Lily's Apothecary, this program will introduce participants to the fall styles and provide skin-care tips. Tickets are $10 per person. The event is being held in conjunction with the Pilgrim Society Designer Show House at the Pinehills Sept. 21 to Oct. 13.

The Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Anet Paglierani**, will exhibit will oil paintings for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth.

Glastonbury Abbey Series: This year Glastonbury Series is dedicated to inter-religious conversation, beginning on Oct. 10, at the Abbey at 7:15 p.m. Rita Nakashima Brock, an Asian American author, theologian and international speaker, will open the series with a presentation on "The Search for What Saves Us." Future speakers in the Series include former Washington Post reporter and prison activist Patrice Gaines, Management Expert Terry Paulson, Harvard Divinity School's Dr. Harvey Cox, Rabbi Karyn Kadar, and a Middle East Panel which will share personal stories of living and coping in a homeland ravaged by war and despair. For more information call the Abbey at 781-749-2155. The lectures are free. Donations are welcome.

Fri. 11

The James Library and Center for the Arts will host an exhibit featuring works by Gallery Artists of the Scituate Art Gallery. Original paintings across various mediums will be on display from Oct. 4, through Nov. 6, The opening reception is scheduled for Oct. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. and is open and free to the public. The James Library is located at 24 West St., in Norwell. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 781-659-7100.

Starcreations Theater from **the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center**, Inc. presents **"Young Frankenstein"** on Oct. 11, 12, 18, 19, 24, 30, and 31, at 8 p.m. at Cordage park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. All seats $10. For more information call 508-747-1234 or visit www.starcreations.org

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South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Oct. 11, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Company Theatre in Norwell, presents the play "Steel Magnolias," opening Friday, Oct. 11, and running through Sunday, Oct. 27. Directed by Lisa

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Rafferty and produced by Company Theatre artistic directors Zoe Bradford, Jordie Saucerman and Michael Joseph, "Steel Magnolias" explores the strong relationships and unique personalities of six Southern women. The show includes hilarious one-liners and poignant drama as we journey through the seasons with these fascinating individuals. Featured in the show is a strong local cast of talented actresses, including Cindy Capra, Kris Connelly, Susan Waterman, Theresa Chiasson, Julianna Dennis and Cinda Donovan. Tickets are priced at $16 in advance and $18 day of performance for Thursdays (7:30pm) and Sundays (3 p.m.), and $18 in advance and $20 day of show for Fridays (8 p.m.) and Saturdays (8 p.m.). Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit their website at www.companytheatre.com.

Joyful Listening "More Than Tickling the Ivories" - A musical and social history of the Piano," will be offered on Friday's, Oct. 11, 18, 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the James Library, Norwell. Taught by pianist Alison Barr, this class is part of the "Joyful Listening!" series , most recently offered in the Czech Republic. Tuition is $60 for the three classes. Call 781-982-8920 for more information.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Chris Fitz Band**, Oct. 11. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 12

First Parish Church in Plymouth, 19 Town Square, Kendall Hall, Plymouth presents **Direct Art,** local artists exhibits and art sale on Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. The artists are from the Plymouth area. Their art ranges from sculptures, pottery, jewelry and paintings of watercolor, oils and acrylic.

South Shore Genealogical Society invites the public to a meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 12, at the Norwell Public Library, 64 South St. The speaker will be David L. Mishkin, president of "Black and White" of Portland, Maine. He is an authority on processing, copying and restoration of historic and family photographs; an author and noted speaker at national genealogical conferences. For more information call 781-837-8364. Or email silverfox1@erols.com

Blue Hills Trailside Museum – Columbus Day events **Fest O'Fall** on Oct. 12 and 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate the delights of autumn.. Costumed fall characters, storytelling pumpkin carving, honey collection, apple treats, crafts, fleas and bees yard sale and John James Audubon Stamp unveiling. Join Trailside staff, local politicians and the Boston Postmaster, for a special unveiling of the new John James Audubon stamp. $4 NMadult/$3NM senior/$2.50 NM child; MAS members $1/person. For more information, call 617-333-0690 ext. 223.

Edaville USA to host The Massachusetts Cranberry Harvest Festival to be held Oct. 12, 13, 14. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors will experience the Massachusetts cranberry tradition combined with activities for the whole family. The festival, which includes demonstrations of cranberry harvesting, live entertainment, a craft fair, rides and more. Admission is $1 per person; children 10 and under free. Free parking. Edaville Railroad is located off Route 58 on Rochester Road in South Carver. For more information call 508-759-1014 ext. 12 or visit www.edaville.com.

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library will be exhibiting new works in Watercolor by Becky Haletky. The show will run through Nov. 30, with an opening reception and demonstration on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Merry Room. Haletky has this year received first place at Pembroke Arts Festival, Plymouth Guild and Blue Ribbon at The South Shore Art Center. She has obtained 250 plus awards national and regional. She teaches at the Fuller Art Museum and the South Shore Art Center. The Duxbury Free Library is located at 77, Alden St., Duxbury. Admission is free, wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-934-2771.

Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe to host Harvest Moon Festival Powwow on Oct. 12, and 13, at Francis Farm, Route 118, Rehoboth. Gates open at 10 a.m. with a grand entry at noon. Featured will be native dancing, singing, and drumming, a wide selection of Native American crafts, food, and games for children. Admission is $3 for adults with children under 16 admitted free. For additional information call 401-437-9020.

Plimouth Plantation Theme Dining. On Oct. 12 and 13 and Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, Attend a dinner set in 1620 Plymouth England, just before the departure of Mayflower for the New World. Dine with Mayflower passengers who will share the stories of their lives, their fears and their hopes about the future. Enjoy 17th century English faire in the manner of the period. For reservations, call 508-746-1622 x8365.

United Church of Christ New Beginning Singles Group A yard sale to benefit the group will be held on Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 460 Main St., (Route 123) Norwell.

Bring in 'DA Noise, Bring in 'DA Funk starring **Savion Glover** at the Wang Theatre, Oct. 8 to 13. Noise/funk utilizes the rhythms and energies of tap to celebrate the history of the beat by presenting text and songs, which are comprised of Mr. Glover's tap; poetry by Reg. E. Gaines; and music by Ann Duquesnay, Zane Mark and Daryl Waters. Performances are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Sunday at 7 p.m. with matinees on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Tickets are $68.50, $48.50, $38.50 and $28.50 for all performances; all prices include a $3 restoration and education fee. Tickets are on sale at the Wang Theatre Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or www.wangcenter.org or through Telechrage at 1-800-447-7400.

The Chamber Music Society of Easton and the Sharon Music Academy will sponsor a benefit concert to help raise money to support the concert season of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra, Saturday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. First Baptist Church of Sharon, 2 South Main St., Sharon. Adrienne Meyers performs "Lark" Glinka-Balakirev Shi Shi Chen plays Schumann's "ABEGG" Variations Luke Zhou & Roland Zhou play Waltz-Fantasy piano duet The Swan from Carnivale of the Animals, the complete version of which will be performed on May 3, 2003 will be performed by Grace & Sam Han Grace. Han will also perform the Poulenc "Improvisation" dedicated to Edith Piaf and Tanya Schwartzman will perform on the pipe organ, selections from the Mozart Church Sonatas in chamber ensemble version together with BCO artistic director, violinist Harris Shilakowsky, and a guest cellist other surprise pieces. For reservations, call 508-677-2393.

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Sun. 13

Roofer Madness is coming to the Art Complex Museum at Duxbury on Oct. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be an opportunity for everyone to play the unique game created by Craig Bloodgood, special projects curator for the museum. Anyone old enough to enjoy the game of chess, should be able to participate. Instructions and a handout on the game will be available. For more information call 781-934-6634 or visit www.artcomplex.org

Friends of South Shore Hospital hosts Fashion Show and Luncheon on Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. at Barker Tavern in Scituate. The event will raise funds to support care for hospital patients and their families. The show which will be preceded by an 11:30 a.m. social hour and a noon luncheon will feature fashions from Talbots. Tickets for the luncheon and fashion show are $30 per person and must be purchased in advance. Fore more information call The Friends of South Shore Hospital at 781-340-8520.

Science Center join Forces with Wildlands Trust to offer nature walks. In collaboration with Wildlands Trust, a non-profit land conservation organization, naturalists from the South Shore Natural Science Center will lead several walks this fall on a number of their properties stretching from Pembroke to Bourne. The properties include Willow Brook Farm Preserve in Pembroke, a former working dairy farm, the Captain David Cushman, Jr. Preserve in Duxbury nestled along the banks of the tidal Bluefish River, Halfway Pond Preserves in Plymouth, Old Field Pond Preserve, the last working farm on the upper Cape and Striar Conservancy in Halifax. All walks are open to the public, free of charge. On Oct. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m., the walk will be at the Capt. David Cushman, Jr., Preserve in Duxbury. For more information, or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library will be exhibiting new works in **Watercolor by Becky Haletky.** The show will run from through Nov. 30, with an opening reception and demonstration on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Merry Room. Haletky has this year received first place at Pembroke Arts Festival, Plymouth Guild and Blue Ribbon at The South Shore Art Center. She has obtained 250 plus awards national and regional. She teaches at the Fuller Art Museum and the South Shore Art Center. The Duxbury Free Library is located at 77, Alden St., Duxbury. Admission is free, wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-934-2771.

Pembroke Assembly of God, 786 Washington St. (Route 53) Pembroke presents **Jimmy Blackwood,** gospel singer, Grammy award winner, Nationwide Evangelist, on Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. For more information call 781-826-2247.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **James Montgomery Band,** Oct. 13. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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"Love is Eternal," by Sally Santosuosso
The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery at Bridgewater State College presents "Journey of the Heart" a mixed media exhibit by Sally Santosuosso through Oct. 25. A reception will be held Thursday, Oct. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mon. 14

Quit Smoking at Artful Things Gallery Certified Hypnotist and Tobacco Cessation Councilor, Michael DiRemio will be at Artful Things Gallery, 263 Washington Street (Route 53) Norwell, on Tuesday Oct. 15, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday Oct. 22, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To make an appointment for group hypnosis, contact Dan Bennett at 781-659-6595. The cost per session is $30. A percentage of all proceeds donated to Pathway Center for Cancer Support. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and Monday by appointment

The Mount Blue Autumn Party hosted by **Mount Blue Chef Larry Weigel** and **Animal Planet's Jeff Corwin.** An evening tasting of wine, beer, food and music on Oct. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. A benefit for **Timber Creek Charities** associated with Timber Creek Therapies A Center for Healing and Hope a 225 acre ranch in central Iowa specializing in Equine Assisted and Aquatic therapy to help fund adults and children in successful therapy for a wide range of diagnoses such as Multiple Sclerosis, Autism, Brain Injury, Stroke, Spina Bifida Cerebral Palsy, Sports Injuries. Fun rock and blues music by **The Joe Leary Band** and **The Joe Mack Band**. Silent auction signed Aerosmith Memorabilia, special signed sports memorabilia and much more. Tickets on sale at Mount Blue for $50 per person. To mail a donation and be on the guest list call 781-659-0050.

26th Annual Tufts Health Plan 10K for Women is part of a daylong celebration of health and fitness. Sites on the Boston Common will offer various activities for runners and spectators including body fat testing, sports massages; fitness demonstrations; blood pressure screenings and breast cancer awareness information. The event will also feature a 1K fitness walk for children of all ages, a pre-race aerobic warm-up and a post-race aerobic stretch. The race begins on Beacon Street and ends on Charles Street between the public garden and the Boston Common. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Celebration of Health and Fitness. The race begins at noon. Women may register up until the morning of the race. Online registration and event information is available at www.tuftshealthplan.com or by calling 888-767-RACE.

Tues. 15

The South Shore Conservatory invites students, ages 7 to 18 to join in the fun of an improvisational drama workshop at the Ellison Center for the Arts on Oct. 15, at 4 p.m. the workshop, conducted by drama instructor Ellen Kelly is free of charge. Students only need to bring their imaginations. After the workshop, students and par-

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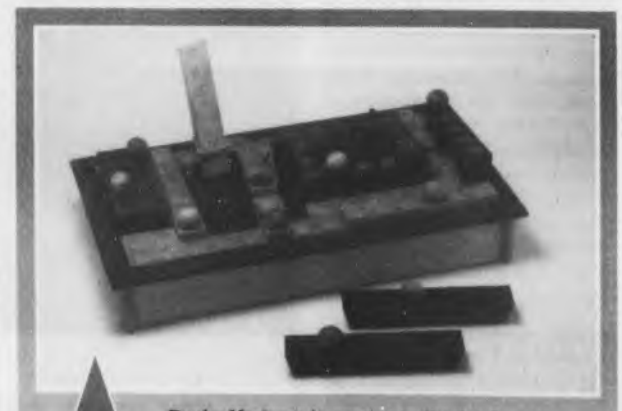

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ents are invited to stay for refreshments and conversation. For more information call 781-749-7565, ext. 16.

Cranberry Shores Chorus – Free vocal coaching sessions and introduction to the chorus for women who love to sing. At Swift memorial Activities Center, Sagamore Beach on Oct. 15, at 6:45 p.m. registration; 7 to 8 p.m. coaching; 8 to 9:30 sing with chorus. Call Roberta at 508-240-0405 or Helen at 508-888-3788.

Spooky World located on 60 acres Deep In the Woods at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, opened its 12th season of haunted fun on Oct. 4 through Oct. 26. The Halloween theme park, which is one of the largest in the country features many new attractions for 2002, including six highly themed, elaborately detailed haunted houses and three museums, celebrity guests every weekend. Tickets are available at The Spooky World box office and all Ticketmaster locations or by calling the 24-hour hotline at 978-838-0200 or visiting www.spookyworld. com

Wed. 16

Ongoing Writing Workshop - Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life, Wednesdays, Oct. 23 to Nov. 20, 1 to 3 p.m.. Sample ways to record life experiences, discover rich inner worlds, meet interesting new people, and explore dreams of writing for yourself or others. No writing skills are necessary, only curiosity and a pen. Advance registration is required: $53 includes materials fee. Workshop is held at Four Seaport Drive, North Quincy (wheelchair-friendly). Call Department of Elder Services, 617.376.1243, for information and directions.

John Kennedy Library Public Forums on Oct. 16, **The Art of Political Humor** Join comedian **Al Franken, Congressman Barney Frank,** and **CNN's Jeff Greenfield** in a discussion of the use, history, and importance of humor in national politics. from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and further information, call 617-929-4571.

Educational Series for Children of Aging Parents - Lectures will be held every Wednesday night from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in October at the Cohasset Senior Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset. A light supper will be followed by seniors for caregivers and elders. How to get involved in parents' affairs; Oct. 16, Beating the high cost of health insurance; Oct. 23, Protecting elders from fraud and dishonest caregivers. Donation for the series is $10. Call Cohasset Elder affairs at 781-383-9112. Open to area residents.

Raffael's Restaurant Dinner Theatre presents **S'Wonderful a Frank Sinatra Tribute.** For ticket information and to make reservations call 617-328-1600 or visit the restaurant during regular business hours. Raffael's Restaurant is located at 1 Enterprise Drive, N. Quincy.

Thurs. 17

Unwind at The Sheraton Plymouth's Gourmet Wine Dinner to be held on Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. held in the Harbor Grille room at the Sheraton Plymouth, located in the heart of Plymouth harbor, the promise of a special evening of culinary delights during five course, wine dinner. Reservations suggested. $50 per person, inclusive of wine, tax and gratuity. For reservations and information call 508-591-5007.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **David Curtis** will demonstrate painting a seascape in oil the public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater presents world premiere **of A New War,** latest Gip Hoppe comedy which opens Oct. 17 and runs Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. through Nov. 2. Set in the future, A New War is a fast-moving satirical play that takes audiences "live" to the set of the cable news channel as it broadcasts the fast-breaking events of an American war. Inspired by current events. Tickets for all performances are $21 (1/2 price student standby) may be reserved by calling 508-349-6835. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.what.org

The Bob Shrago Memorial Brotherhood Blood Drive will take place at **Temple Beth Emunah,** 479 Torrey St., corner of Pearl St., on the west side of Brockton, on Oct. 17, from 2 to 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate blood may come to the temple during the above hours. No appointment is needed. For information call 508-583-5810.

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The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents "Steel Magnolias," opening Friday, Oct. 11, and running through Sunday, Oct. 27. Directed by Lisa Rafferty and produced by Company Theatre artistic directors Zoe Bradford, Jordie Saucerman and Michael Joseph, "Steel Magnolias" explores the strong relationships and unique personalities of six Southern women. The show includes hilarious one-liners and poignant drama as we journey through the seasons with these fascinating individuals. Tickets are priced at $16 in advance and $18 day of performance for Thursdays (7:30pm) and Sundays (3 p.m.), and $18 in advance and $20 day of show for Fridays (8 p.m.) and Saturdays (8 p.m.). Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit their website at www.companytheatre.com.

Fri. 18

Starcreations Theater from **the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center**, Inc. presents **"Young Frankenstein"** on Oct. 18, 19, 24, 30, and 31, at 8 p.m. at Cordage park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. All seats $10. For more information call 508-747-1234 or visit www.starcreations.org

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be Michael Troy and **JP Jones**. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held Oct. 18, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at The Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary buffet all night, and free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper business is required, ties and jackets suggested. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com For more information. A non-smoking event. Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and the Single Executives Club.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Racky Thomas Band,** Oct. 18. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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"Almost Sunset," pastel by Susan Hollis
The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery is featuring "Fall Classics," the works of S. Evans, Susan Hollis, Chris Hoterek, T. Phakos and Ted Polomis through Nov. 3. The art center is located at 119 Ripley Road. For gallery hours and information call (781) 383-2787.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Saturn urges you to streamline your workload; don't make any more commitments until the backlog has been cleared. The Scorpio moon becomes inactive at 8:38 a.m., when the moon aligns with Mercury. At 10:21 a.m. the moon enters Sagittarius. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
The planet Venus takes the spotlight today. At 2:35 p.m. Venus, standing at 16-degrees of Scorpio, begins retrograde travel until November 21. This is not a favorable period for making major financial investments or long-term commitments to others. On the other hand, it brings a time to reflect, reorient, refocus; redress the balance in personal or professional relationships that have become too one-sided. An upbeat Sagittarius moon is a major plus in today's planetary picture.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
Gear up for another challenging day. Mercury returns to the sign Libra at 1:56 a.m., remaining there until October 31. The planet Saturn turns retrograde at 8:58 a.m., 29-degrees Gemini. This is a time to conserve and consolidate what you have rather than borrowing, spending, taking risks. The Sagittarius moon forms stressful contacts to Mars at 9:01 a.m. and Saturn at 12:07 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Maintain a low profile. Don't rock the boat in business or romance. The moon enters conservative Capricorn at 1:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
A Capricorn moon makes this an excellent weekend for working, studying, repaying debts or fulfilling promises. Keep your nose to the grindstone. Hard work will pay off. The Capricorn moon forms one alignment today, an easy 60-degree contact to Venus at 5:48 p.m. Enjoy a quiet evening with close friend and family.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 1:33 a.m. This moon is growing in light until October 21, when the full moon culminates. Read yesterday's advice. The moon continues active travel in Capricorn, and Mars prepares to align with Saturn, the planetary ruler of Capricorn. You may have to face the facts about situations that have been troubling you and make tough decisions. The Capricorn moon becomes inactive at 6:42 p.m. until 8:51 p.m., when an Aquarius moon takes over.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14
Planetary action tops the charts for vacationing. Take a break from routine and responsibilities. Treat yourself to a day of leisure; enjoy favorite friends and pastimes. The Aquarius moon conjoins with Neptune at 12:32 p.m., generating a relaxed, freewheeling kind of mood. Don't take anything too seriously. Follow your bliss.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
It may be difficult to get back to business and practical matters today. The moon continues its travel in freedom-loving Aquarius. The planet Mars enters Libra at 1:38 p.m., remaining there until December 1. After that the green light goes on for new beginnings of all kinds. Be more adventurous and open to new experiences. A lunar alignment to Uranus makes for an exciting evening. Spur of the moment ideas will be the most successful.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16
The Aquarius moon aligns with Saturn at 5:15 a.m. and becomes inactive. At 7:07 a.m. a Pisces moon takes over, beginning a 2 1/2 day period that is ideal for creativity and developing intuitive skills. However, organization and efficiency may take a back seat. Postpone business negotiations, transactions, major purchases. Get extra rest; pay attention to your dreams.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
A 90-degree alignment of Venus and Jupiter warns against overdoing on any level. Use common sense. Don't make impulsive or extravagant plans, promises or purchases. On the other hand, this planetary alignment evokes an easygoing, social mood. Take extra time out for rest and relaxation; enjoy favorite pastimes. An applying alignment of Mercury and Neptune continues to highlight all creative endeavors. You can find new inspiration and achieve breakthroughs.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
This is a great morning to change your routine; be more relaxed, playful. Enjoy the moment. Mercury aligns with Neptune at 6:50 a.m., and the sun forms a harmonious contact to Uranus at 10:07 a.m. In addition, the moon continues to travel in laidback Pisces, active until 5:16 p.m. An Aries moon begins at 7:13 p.m., bringing an energy boost. However, a lunar opposition to Mars is in effect this evening and warns against taking chances or doing anything risky.

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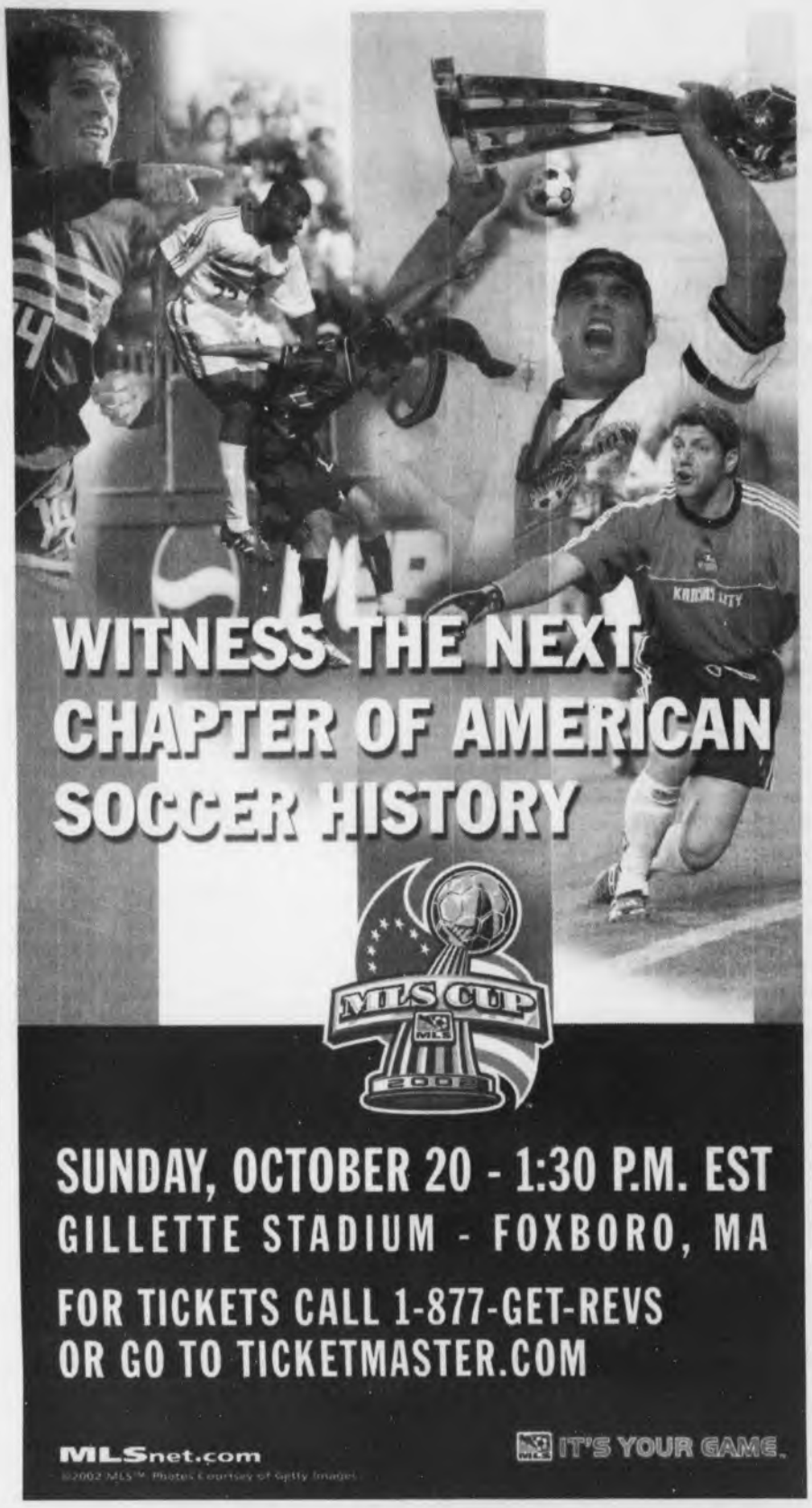

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Homecoming dance leads to suspensions, vandalism

By Brian J. Scully
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The Homecoming Dance is supposed to be a time of celebration.

Instead, this year, it was an event marred by several students who arrived under the influence of alcohol, which resulted in a student/administrator confrontation and subsequent suspensions. Later in the evening, vandals smashed the front windows of the school. It is unclear whether the events are related, but the school is cooperating with the police department to track down the perpetrators.

It began when an a male student at the Oct. 5 dance was accused of being drunk. He was escorted to a room to be questioned by Middle-Senior High School Principal Mike Jones and Health Education Coordinator Michael Gill. Several of the individual's friends followed the administrators to the office, and a verbal confrontation ensued.

"We had problems at one or two of the dances last year as well as the first dance of this year. We are seeing a pattern here."
— Supt. Edward Malvey

"At the dance there were several students that were under suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol," said Supt. Edward Malvey. "As is typical, a chaperone will speak to the youngster, then if it needs to be further reviewed, they will go to an nearby office and interview the student. In this instance here, a couple of other students come to try and intervene on behalf of the student."

According to Malvey, the student involved aggravated the situation. A large group of students also gathered outside the window of the office where the interrogation was taking place.

"The students were defiant towards the administrators and those students were told to leave," said Malvey. "Suspensions were meted out to several students."

The police investigated the incident and took pictures. Chief Robert Jackson said police will prosecute if the vandals can be identified. The penalty for being under the influence of alcohol at a school event is a two-day suspension for school, coupled with a 30-day suspension from all extracurricular activities, including sports.

The Homecoming Dance problem highlights a growing trend of open defiance to the administration that has Malvey concerned.

"Last year there were a number of students involved in a beach party," said Malvey. "We

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No way one way?

Early reviews on Elm Street try are negative

By Brian J. Scully
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It is early yet, but the it appears that many people are saying "No way" to the new one-way traffic pattern on Elm Street

Selectmen voted earlier this month to make Elm Street one way from Hingham Institution for Savings to St. Stephen's Church on a one-month trial basis. The move is meant to test out whether that kind of a traffic pattern would ease parking and pedestrian concerns in the village as the town moves forward with the Village Revitalization Project.

Yellow pylons delineated where the new curbs could be

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A letter carrier asks a detail officer which way is one-way on Elm Street Tuesday, the first day of the one-way traffic pattern pilot program.

MCAS scores make the grade

By Brian J. Scully
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It used to be that the SAT's were the most important test high school seniors faced.

This year, as the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System becomes a graduation requirement, all that has changed.

Beginning with the Class of 2003, the state requires students to pass the Grade 10 tests or re-tests in math and language arts in order to graduate from high school.

Last month, the state released the scoring information from last year's test to the public.

In Cohasset, which has always scored well on the test, the news is good.

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Ted Guild left his mark on Cohasset

Friends, family say goodbye

By Mary Ford
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Most people don't think about sewers until they have a problem or get a betterment bill.

But Edward M. "Ted" Guild of Jerusalem Road thought about sewers just about every day of the past 20 years.

Solving the town's wastewater woes was an issue he was passionate about. He'd be the first to say he didn't do it all alone – but the fact is, Guild was the driving force behind the town's expanded sewer system.

During his10 years as chairman of the Sewer Commission, Guild spent innumerable hours on the town's sewer projects and often worked seven days a week, late into the evening.

So as Guild's family and many friends reflect on his full life this week, they can take solace that the husband, father, grandfather and World War II veteran, who also had a successful career in the private sector, left his mark on his adopted hometown. Guild succumbed to cancer last week at the age of 80.

"The town owes him a great deal," says Henry Rattenbury, who served on the Sewer Commission with Guild for many years. "He worked very hard and was very diligent and now the town has a state-of-the-art treatment plant that was well worth the investment.

"The town owes him a great deal."
— Henry Rattenbury

"Some may not have always agreed with him, but Ted did his homework and the town benefited from it."

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said Guild always had the town's best interest at heart

"Ted for years and years and years contributed significantly to the town," Sullivan said. "Through some of those years, he was controversial at times but he had the interest of the community in mind and he did a nice job."

Guild opted not to run for reelection to the Sewer Commission in the spring of 1999, after 17 years on the

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WORK OF ART

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David Avery hangs paintings for the recent Collector's Show at the South Shore Art Center. In the foreground is the portrait of the "Lady in Red," by Charles Ailen Gay. The exhibition featured museum quality works from private, local collections.

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While many others wait their turn, Polly Logan gets a flu shot from Corinne Cahill, R.N. during Tuesday's free clinic for senior citizens at the Second Congregational Church.

This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday, Oct. 15:

Growth and Development Committee, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Oct. 22 at 8:30 p.m. at the Town Hall (At Selectmen's meeting), Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. at the Water Treatment Plant on King Street.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 21 (Avalon), Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 14 (Avalon), Dec. 9, Dec. 16 (Avalon), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p. m.

Committee on Town History, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Lothrop House.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Forest Ave. sidewalk

Selectmen have announced that they will be discuss Special Town Meeting Article 10 that concerns constructing sidewalks on Forest Avenue at their Oct. 22 meeting at Town Hall.

There is not enough money in the budget to fund the entire project, but there are a variety of options available to the town, ranging from not doing any work, to doing some of the work, to borrowing and doing all of the work.

Harbor Committee

The Board of Selectmen accepted Daniel S. Evans' resignation from the Harbor Study Committee last week.

Under the suggestion of the committee, selectmen appointed Matthew Steele to take his place.

Bates resigns from CCHDC

Elizabeth Bates has announced her resignation from the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission in a letter to the Board of Selectmen dated Sept. 20.

Bates does not cite a reason and wishes the commission "continued success in (its) efforts to preserve and enhance the beauty of Cohasset's Common."

Butman steps down

Jody Butman has announced she is resigning from the Youth Resource Committee.

Jack Worley, the Director of the Recreation Commission, lauded Butman for her work in a letter accepting her resignation.

"It is with much regret that we must accept your resignation from the Youth Resources Committee," stated Worley. "Your effort, time and direction were absolutely vital towards our effort transforming the old highway garage into a functioning Teen Center for our youngsters."

Worley stated that it is "infrequent" that volunteerism rises to the level of commitment and productivity that Butman provided the Youth Resources Committee during her time on the board.

Free legal clinic

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? The Bar Association of Norfolk County is sponsoring free legal clinics as a public service to the community. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions.

All consultations are strictly confidential. The evening legal clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Quincy District Court on the following dates: Oct. 29, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, June 3, July 1.

For further information, contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

Hedlund hours at Cohasset Town Hall

The October office hours for state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, are from noon-1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17 in the 2A vestibule at Town Hall.

Hedlund also has a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth, that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator.

The district office phone number is 781-340-9866.

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Sun. 20	11:30	9.9	5:17	11:51	9.7	5:38
Mon. 21	——	——	5:52	12:04	10.1	6:15
Tues. 22	12:28	9.6	6:28	12:38	10.1	6:53
Wed. 23	1:05	9.5	7:04	1:13	10.1	7:31
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Deal OKs naming of Little League diamonds

By Brian J. Scully
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Editor's note: Due to an editing error, the following story covering the compromise between selectmen and the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association was inadvertantly omitted from last week's Cohasset Mariner. However, a cartoon and editorial on the subject did run, which should have been accompanied by this story. The Mariner regrets the error. The story has been updated for this week.

The new ball fields located at the gravel pits will soon have names – possibly lots of them.

A compromise was reached just minutes before last week's selectmen's meeting, that will allow the Little League to sell naming rights to the diamonds, not the fields, for $25,000 and inscribe that name on the scoreboards. The overall complex will be named by a contest, which may be sponsored by the Red Lion Inn, but the selectmen will have the final say over which name is chosen.

"That is all it has ever been about – to give our donors, our very generous donors, the recognition that they deserve."
— Mark DeGiacomo, CYBSA

"We're pleased that what was an unpleasant situation has finally been resolved," said Mark DeGiacomo, president of the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association. "All the Little League ever wanted to do was to have the ability to raise the money that we promised the town we would raise. That is all it has ever been about – to give our donors, our very generous donors, the recognition that they deserve."

The selectmen's vote was unanimous in favor of the compromise, ending a controversy that reached an apex at its prior meeting when SelectmanTom Callahan asked the board to take a stand on the issue.

"I am glad a compromise got worked out," said Callahan after the agreement was reached. "I am not happy with all of the elements of the compromise, but that is one of the tests of how good a compromise is – everybody doesn't end up happy."

Callahan's sentiments were largely echoed by a board that appeared happy to have reached an agreement, but still not completely happy with the process.

"I wish we could have had a compromise that both sides were happy with," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris. "This is what the town needs to do now to move on."

Selectman Merle Brown was happy to get the deal done after initially being against the idea.

"I didn't think that this needed to go on any longer," said Brown. "We do not have a policy in this town as to what we should be doing with these fields and that is one of the problems that we have had in the past. Now we are looking at that situation more in-depth and we have to do something about it."

DeGiacomo was greeted with hugs and pats on the backs by a large contingent of Little League supporters downstairs in the Town Hall after the board voted.

"Anyone who compares the Little League fundraising effort to commercialization is clearly uninformed about what we are trying to do," said DeGiacomo. "To say naming a diamond "Freedom Diamond" in honor of a casualty of Sept. 11 or in honor of a deceased relative is in any way similar to Bob Kraft selling the naming rights to his stadium is ridiculous."

Town Manager Mark Haddad was also glad to have the issue resolved and the concentration back on the completion of a "beautiful" complex.

"I'm very pleased that the Little League and the Selectmen were able to resolve their differences," said Haddad. "Go out and look at the field, it is absolutely beautiful. I can't wait to see the first game on the field next year."

Over the course of the week since Callahan asked for community input on the subject, Town Hall received 78 responses in favor of the Little League and three in favor of the Callahan stance. Those responses came in the form of phone calls, faxes, and emails.

The Little League circulated a flyer over the weekend (Oct. 5-6), urging supporters to contact the selectmen to communicate their view. The flyer also outlined the Little League's position on the issue. That flyer and other efforts by the Little League during the process left Callahan displeased.

"We were bad-mouthed, characters were attacked, our integrity was attacked," said Callahan. "I think we were put into this position by a lot of misrepresentation and misinformation that was put out there, such as the flyer that was distributed this weekend. I don't like being pushed into a corner with a gun to my head."

The project was initially funded by a $200,000 appropriation from the general fund at last year's Town Meeting, a $100,000 from the Community Preservation Fund, and a $150,000 commitment from the Little League.

As part of the $150,000 — which Little League has raised for the $450,000 project — $100,000 was pledged on a naming rights commitment.

The Red Lion Inn will reportedly contribute $50,000 to the fields and had asked for the right to name the three field complex through community input and possibly a contest.

Finally, Shellanne and John Durkin, contributed $25,000 to the fields and had asked the softball field be named "Freedom Field" in honor of their friend who died at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. After the initial backlash against naming the fields, the Durkins told the Little League to take the money regardless of whether their request would be honored.

A third donor the Little League had secured dropped out after the controversy erupted.

Fire hydrants to be a lot easier to locate

The Water Commission has taken steps to make it easier for the Fire Department to find fire hydrants.

Every second counts when responding to a fire," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission, "so we have made it easier to find all 396 Fire hydrants in Cohasset (including the 58 hydrants supplied by Aquarion Water of Hingham) by painting the caps of the hydrants with a highly reflective glass-bead paint, which is similar to the paint used on street line markings, which will make it much easier to find fire hydrants at night or in a storm."

"We also have spent $10,000 to provide the Fire Department with a laptop loaded with software that will help them locate fire hydrants."
— Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt

"We also have spent $10,000 to provide the Fire Department with a laptop loaded with software that will help them locate fire hydrants," said Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt, who managed this project.

"With this software," said Pratt, "the Fire Dept. Shift Commander, while on the way to an incident, will be able to input the address of the fire, and a map will appear on the computer screen showing all fire hydrants in a 600 foot radius, locating all nearby hydrants by the closest street address. The 911 dispatch center has also been provided with this software."

"Additional information will also be displayed," explained "including the fire flow available at each hydrant, or the size of the water main serving the hydrant if fire flow is not available, and any hazard materials or conditions known to be at that location. This system, which is based on the Water Department Geographic Information system (GIS) database for the water system will be updated periodically as the Water Department adds new hydrant locations."

The Water Department, as part of its annual fire hydrant maintenance program, has also been testing, greasing, and painting all of the fire hydrants, and has been clearing brush and shrubs around each hydrant.

Reaccreditation goes well for high school

By Brian J. Scully
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The New England Association of Schools and College's visit to Cohasset High School is over, and according to the administration, it appears the school has passed with flying colors.

"I think it went very well," said Principal Mike Jones. "I expect to receive a positive response from the Commission on Secondary Education reports back to us."

From Sept. 29-Oct. 2, a visiting committee from the NEASC was at the school, rating its performance in seven specific areas — mission and expectation, curriculum, instruction, assessment of student learning, leadership and organization, school-based resources for learning, and community-based resources for learning.

Every 10 years, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges visits public secondary schools in the region for the purpose of re-accreditation.

The visiting committee compiles a draft report about a month afterwards, but a final decision will not be made until March of next year.

"It's a fairly lengthy process," said Jones. "Within a month or so, the chair of the Visiting Committee will send me a draft and I will check that draft for factual accuracy and return it to the chair. Then, he will finalize it and submit it to the Commission on Secondary Education for the NEASC and they will review it and make a decision."

The actual accreditation visit is only a small part of the process. The school must first complete at 12-month self-assessment prior to the visit and then must follow up with a plan of action, as well as filing progress reports at the two-year and five-year marks.

"I think the faculty did a very thorough job with the self-study," said Jones. "The Committee was impressed with the quality and detail of our report."

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Cohasset MCAS scores are on the mark

GRADE 4
MCAS
ENGLISH AND MATH RESULTS

Rank	Comm.	Eng. Adv. %	Eng. Prof %	Eng. NI %	Eng. Fail %	Avg Scaled Score	Eng. No. Tested	Math Adv %	Math Prof %	Math NI %	Math Failed %	Avg. Scaled Score
17	Marshfield	19	65	15	1	249	370	28	41	28	3	247
30	Hingham	19	59	20	3	248	261	26	40	25	8	246
37	Scituate	19	63	16	3	249	270	21	39	33	7	244
50	Hanover	14	62	23	2	246	203	22	41	34	3	245
60	Braintree	11	59	24	6	246	392	20	33	38	9	243
63	Cohasset	10	63	22	4	246	134	21	37	36	7	243
69	Norwell	14	61	23	2	247	183	16	35	44	5	241
71	Weymouth	12	56	28	4	245	540	18	36	37	9	242
74	Pembroke	14	61	23	3	246	256	16	36	39	9	241
94	Duxbury	10	55	31	5	243	263	21	32	39	8	242
154	Rockland	8	54	33	4	241	206	14	29	45	12	238
163	Kingston	11	49	36	4	242	192	10	28	47	14	236
167	Holbrook	7	47	43	3	241	109	11	30	48	11	237
169	SS Charter	0	55	45	0	241	20	5	45	35	15	237
188	Abington	3	53	35	9	240	207	9	27	48	15	235
230	Hull	2	55	35	8	239	103	5	22	54	19	232

GRADE 8
MCAS
MATH, HISTORY, SOCIAL STUDIES RESULTS

Rank Tested	Comm.	Math Adv %	Math Prof %	Math NI %	Math Fail %	Math Avg Scaled Score	Math No. tested	His./ SS Adv %	His./ SS Prof %	His./ SS NI %	His/ SS Fail %	His/ Avg. Scaled Score	His/ SS No.
18	Norwell	25	34	33	8	245	147	3	32	53	13	235	146
30	Cohasset	29	40	28	3	248	113	0	12	67	21	228	113
32	Hingham	22	42	24	12	244	283	1	19	66	15	231	282
33	Scituate	20	44	25	11	243	254	0	29	56	15	232	254
49	Duxbury	19	37	31	13	242	259	1	17	62	20	229	259
50	Hanover	16	35	38	12	240	221	2	22	56	19	231	221
57	Marshfield	17	34	35	14	240	348	0	19	60	21	229	347
84	Abington	8	29	46	17	236	181	1	17	59	23	229	181
115	Braintree	12	28	37	23	235	422	1	12	53	34	226	421
136	Silver Lake	7	27	37	29	231	554	1	16	53	30	227	554
177	Hull	11	20	34	35	231	100	0	9	54	37	224	100
182	Rockland	5	21	43	30	229	247	1	10	56	32	225	247
200	SS Charter	0	9	68	23	227	22	0	14	59	27	226	22
208	Weymouth	3	22	41	34	228	538	0	9	44	47	223	534

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Only five students have not passed the 10th-grade test (out of 90 at the school) and the administration is confident that those who have yet to pass, are capable of doing so.

The main reason for that confidence is a rigorous extra help program, that identifies problem areas and works to strengthen them.

"I think if we are going to be measured, we want to be on the positive side of things," said School Committee Chairman Richard Flynn. "The teachers, the students, and the administrators have all rallied around the test in order to get the performance up to where it needs to be."

The purpose of the high-stakes MCAS exams is to help school districts align their curriculum with the state curriculum frameworks so that certain subject matter is covered at a particular grade level regardless of in what town the student lives.

The tests have come under attack by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, which opposes linking the test to graduation.

Pending state funding, a tutoring program will be available to students to help them prepare for a MCAS re-test in December.

Individual student reports and school results are used to identify areas in which students need assistance to improve their performance.

Curriculum Director Ruth Fennessy presented an overview to School Committee members at their meeting last Thursday.

On the 10th-grade English test, 47 percent of the students were rated advanced, 44 percent were rated proficient, 7 percent were rated needs improvement, and 2 percent failed. At the state level, only 19 percent scored advanced, 40 percent scored proficient, 27 percent scored needs improvement, and 14 percent failed.

On the 10th-grade math test, 42 percent scored advanced, 31 percent were proficient, 20 percent were needs improvement, and 7 percent were failing. Those numbers again were well ahead of state averages.

But just because Cohasset scores well, doesn't mean all is well.

"Well, I think we all believe in standard," said Fennessy. "Every one of us in favor of standards. What we would like to see is the test reflecting those standards and sometimes that doesn't seem to be the case."

Case in point, according to Fennessy, is the eighth-grade Social Studies test.

No Cohasset students scored advanced on the test, while only 12 percent tested proficient. The large majority of the grade tested in the needs improvement category, while 21 percent failed the test.

Those numbers pale in comparison to the state numbers, where 88 percent of the students tested into the needs improvement or failing category. Of that 88 percent, 42 percent failed outright.

"The grade eight Social Studies scores being reported around the state are rather pathetic," said Fennessy. "I think the scope of the test is too wide."

Add to that the fact that the Curriculum Frameworks for history have changed five times since the inception of the Education Reform Act of 1993.

Despite the flaws of the test, everyone involved was pleased with the results.

"The graduation rate is very favorable," said Flynn. "Any students having difficulty are given the resources to raise their scores. It has been a great overall effort."

Fennessy agreed.

"The teachers have responded exceedingly well to various methods of helping children do better on the MCAS," said Fennessy. "They have used past tests that have been give, formulated the type of questions they will encounter, as well as offering after-school, small-group tutorials for kids in need of help."

Options for students who do not meet MCAS requirements

•MCAS support services

Governor Swift has provided $50 million for the second year in a row for before, during and after-school extra-help programs, summer school programs, Summer of Work and Learning programs, on-line and one-on-one tutoring. Beginning this year, all exiting 12th graders who have not yet met the MCAS requirement will have access to an "adviser" in their school or community to help determine a pathway after the graduation date.

•Local Certificates

The possibility for earning state-endorsed local credential certificates for those who do not meet MCAS requirements. This could be used as a stepping-stone to earning a diploma for students who can later pass MCAS.

•Summer help programs ending with August retest

A $5 million competitive grant is being offered for developing extra-help programs specifically for students in the class of 2003 who do not pass MCAS by June. A summer of work and learning and community college programs are examples. An additional $10 million will be spent on academic support programs in high schools around the state for 11th and 12th graders to focus on math and English testing. The program will end with a re-test in August offered only to students in the class of 2003 who participated in these programs.

•MCAS appeals

Students must have taken the grade 10 MCAS at least three times, scored at least 216 on the exam once, maintained at least a 95 percent attendance level during the previous school year and the year of the appeal and participated in the tutoring and support services made available by the school. Seven re-test opportunities will be given for students in the fall and spring. Students can re-take the exam as many times as needed after their graduation date.

GRADE 10
MCAS
ENGLISH MATH RESULTS

Rank	Comm.	Eng. Adv. %	Eng. Prof %	Eng. NI %	Eng. Fail %	Eng. Avg. Scaled Score	Eng # Tested	Math Adv %	Math Prof %	Math NI %	Math Fail. %	Scale Score	Math # Tested
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15	Cohasset	46	45	7	2	257	91	43	31	20	7	250	91
27	Norwell	50	39	8	3	255	140	40	33	22	5	250	141
38	Hanover	36	49	12	3	252	180	28	43	24	6	247	180
44	Scituate	27	58	14	1	250	148	35	35	21	10	248	150
57	Braintree	29	51	16	4	250	330	25	38	28	8	245	330
59	Duxbury	29	55	16	0	250	227	25	41	30	4	245	227
94	Abington	20	56	19	5	247	148	23	33	35	9	242	150
118	Marshfield	17	54	24	4	246	338	20	28	38	14	239	338
140	Silver Lake	19	49	24	8	244	442	17	30	36	16	237	447
171	Rockland	15	44	32	8	241	194	16	24	42	17	236	197
187	Weymouth	16	39	33	10	240	481	15	20	39	25	234	490
190	Hull	17	41	32	10	241	100	9	23	47	21	233	100
205	Holbrook	8	45	29	14	239	86	13	18	35	34	233	92
228	SS Charter	0	55	36	9	237	11	0	18	45	36	228	11
233	SS Reg Voc	3	39	49	9	235	138	4	21	46	29	229	140

Support for MCAS resolution sought

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The Massachusetts Coalition for Authentic Reform in Education recently contacted local school committees asking their support in passing a resolution "asserting you will continue to award graduation diplomas to seniors who have passed all local requirements," regardless of their MCAS scores.

The Hampshire Regional, Cambridge, and Falmouth School Committees have all passed such resolutions.

Tenth-graders must pass the math and English language arts MCAS in order to graduate.

The diplomas would be awarded instead of abiding by a proposed state system which would provide students who don't pass MCAS but would otherwise graduate with a "certificate of completion."

There is a concern among many school committees and administrators that students who don't graduate because they failed MCAS will have self-esteem issues.

While recognizing that education reform "had the laudable goal of redressing funding inequities and identifying students who need extra help to achieve academically," the coalition notes that the percentage of students dropping out, being held back, or leaving public school between ninth and 10th grade has increased from six to 13 percent a year since MCAS was implemented.

"We are relieved for those students who have managed to clear the MCAS hurdle in time to graduate this year, but the fact remains that no single test should determine a student's future, especially not one as flawed and controversial as the MCAS," the coalition wrote in its Sept. 18 letter to local school committees.

The coalition also requested school committees sign on to another resolution, which originated with the Brookline School Committee, asking the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) to affirm the right of school boards to retain diploma-granting authority.

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Schools nix request for $99K from Special Town Meeting

But bus issue won't go away

By Brian J. Scully
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In recognition of the tight financial state of the town, the School Committee has decided not to seek the additional $99,000 it expected to request to cover unexpected expenses at the Nov. 18 Special Town Meeting.

That does not include the $100,000 the school department needs to fully fund its fiscal year 2003 budget, an amount that was approved at the annual Town Meeting last spring.

The School Committee voted to withdraw a request for $7,000 to cover the cost of the early retirement of janitor Kevin Soule, hold a request for $32,000 to save the elementary school health program, and delay a request for $60,000 to purchase a new school bus.

The school department is obligated to pay for the retirement and will search for the money internally. As for the health program, both the schools and the town are scouring their budgets for a combination of funds that will save the program.

The agreement to delay the purchase of a new bus was brokered by School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, Supt. Edward Malvey, Town Manager Mark Haddad, and the Advisory Committee. The deal will put off the purchase of a new bus until the Annual Town Meeting this spring.

Come Dec. 1, though, the school's contract with Totman Enterprises of Scituate for an extra bus runs out, and the schools will attempt to run five bus routes, with only five buses.

According to Flynn, the agreement was reached with an understanding that if a severe problem were to arise, the Advisory Committee would approve a new bus purchase with funds from the reserve account.

"The transportation of students is very important, and if we have a problem we will be forced to go to the advisory board."
— School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn

"I think we need to work with the town given the current financial situation," said Flynn. "We're trying to tighten our belt as much as possible. That being said, the transportation of students is very important, and if we have a problem we will be forced to go to the advisory board."

Business Manager Ivan Klimko, who is heading up the busing operation, said that the town is using the time with the extra bus to update the town's current fleet mechanically.

But, despite the repairs that have been done, Klimko is still nervous about running with only five buses.

"Remember that on Aug. 19 is when we knew that we couldn't get anyone to run the buses for us," said Klimko. "That meant we had approximately two weeks before school began and we had to take back all the buses, have them inspected, make sure that they were mechanically sound. We ended up finding that they weren't satisfactory to us." (Ingle Bus of Hanover did not wish to renew its contract to operate the Cohasset school bus service).

If a bus breaks down, the school will have to run double runs. If the breakdown happens in the morning the delay will result in a loss of instructional time.

While remaining hopeful that things would work out, Klimko presented a skeptical view to the School Committee so it would be prepared for any alternative.

Klimko pointed to a State Police inspection a few weeks back, that grounded "two or three" of the buses for failing inspection. School buses are kept to a much stricter inspection regimen than ordinary cars and can be grounded at any time by the State Police who conduct routine checks. The school has since fixed the problems, most of which were minor, but even that scenario would force the double runs issue.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo wants the committee to watch the busing situation very closely.

"I want to have a hair-trigger on this situation," said DeGiacomo, after listening to Klimko speak. "And at the first sign of a problem, I want to pull that hair-trigger."

The School Committee has already invested $15,000 (a quarter of the $60,000 price of a new bus) for the three month contract. According to Klimko, there wasn't much choice. The buses that the town owned needed to be fixed and the students needed to get to school.

"We hedged by renting the sixth bus," said Klimko. "We would have not wanted to have spent $15,000, but they would take a contract for less than three months. It wasn't worth their while."

Homecoming dance leads to suspensions, vandalism

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had problems at one or two of the dances last year as well as the first dance of this year. We are seeing a pattern here."

As the situations become more serious, the school department will have to start looking beyond its walls for help.

"As students become more defiant, bordering on civil disobedience, we may have to have the involvement of the police," said Malvey. "There is only so much that the school can do."

School Committee Chairman Richard Flynn said he was "disgusted" with the incident, and wanted to make clear the committee's position on the issue.

"The support is clearly with the administration," said School Committee Chairman Richard Flynn. "It is up to the parents, students and administration to figure out how we are going to correct the problem."

School Committee Vice-Chairman Chartis Tebbetts is concerned that the current student leadership at the school isn't doing its job.

"I'm really concerned that the student leadership is not stepping up when it has to," said School Committee Vice-Chairman Chartis Tebbetts. "We have a very fine administration that wants to create an environment that will allow these students to go to fine colleges and develop their abilities, and they are slapping them in the face with this type of behavior."

Beyond that, Tebbetts called on the parents of the students to maintain a better watch over their children.

"Parents have to step up and be responsible for their children," said Tebbetts. "They should go to school events sober, and without alcohol. They should be dressed appropriately with all the 'T's' dotted and 'T's' crossed as to where they are going and how they are going to get home."

The Mariner received a letter to the editor from the Cohasset High School Student Council that denounced the actions.

"A few irresponsible people performed a malicious act against the high school, disgracing the students, faculty, and our town of Cohasset," states the letter. "We do not condone such behavior and we believe these actions to be a misrepresentation of the positive character of Cohasset High School."

Jones, the principal, has already held meetings with the student body and the various arms of student leadership to try and address the problem. The school is actively investigating the vandalism incident and will pursue all legal avenues once the people responsible are found. That being said, Malvey does not believe that this is indicative of the entire school.

"I don't believe that it is reflective of the student body in general," said Malvey. "However, we must raise the bar with them and their families, and the community that alcohol is not going to be tolerated in the schools."

Jones agrees that the event is out of character and represented only a small segment of the school's population.

"In many ways it is uncharacteristic of our students, who are wonderful to work with," said Jones. "When the Accreditation team (in the schools for the reaccreditation process) ask me what I like the most about working in Cohasset a few weeks ago, I said, 'the students.'"

Malvey is looking into updating the school's policies in order to deal with the rising problem.

"We are going to be taking a fresh look at it," said Malvey. "I believe that the appropriate policies are in place. If we get to a situation where students are showing up under the influence of alcohol more often than not, than we will need to address that."

Det. Rick Grassie said that Jones has approached him about the potential for having a detail officer at dances. NO decision has been made yet, but Grassie thinks that police presence would be a good deterrent to underage drinking. There is no school resource office because the police did not receive a grant to fund the project.

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Court decision could put Logan legal fight in limbo

Runway critics are determined to stay on course

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Opponents of a proposed new Logan Airport runway were dealt a blow last week when a judge dismissed a lawsuit attempting to stop the project.

On Friday, Plymouth Superior Court Judge Charles Hely made a summary (independent) judgment stating there wasn't enough evidence to support the opponents' viewpoint.

But they're not giving up the fight.

Still, runway opponent Thomas Maloney of Hingham finds it disturbing to hear that the judge "just threw the case out claiming there was not enough evidence to go forward. It shows us just how much power Massport has. Anyone reading the summary judgment document can see it's flawed and how much of a negative impact the new runway will have on Hingham and surrounding towns."

At the same time, the FAA claims air traffic congestion would be relieved by the construction of a new runway.

The lawsuit was filed in Plymouth County by Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, and Revere, challenging Massport's environmental findings on the project.

Just what the next step will be has not yet been determined, according to Attorney William Golden of Baker, Braverman, and Barbadoro, P.C., of Braintree, who represents the four towns in the lawsuit.

"There's a lot at stake with regard to present and future impacts," he said. "It's ultimately up to the elected officials in the towns involved, but we're providing all the information we can (with regard to the legal aspects)."

Hingham and Hull officials met with Golden and other members of his legal team Tuesday to discuss various alternatives.

The towns involved in the lawsuit have 30 days to decide whether or not to appeal the case.

"We have other options," Golden said. "One of them is requesting a motion for reconsideration. I still believe we have a strong case. We now have to decide whether to let the judge's decision stand."

Golden called the judge's ruling "difficult to understand but not unexpected."

"There are some very serious questions of law involved and a number of discussions to come," said Golden. "The judge acknowledged we provided significant proof of the negative impacts to the South Shore. Still, it's a question of law as to what our recourse is, which may be through an unreviewable environmental process. As it stands now, the Secretary of Environmental Affairs makes a decision and that's it."

"I still believe we have a strong case. We now have to decide whether to let the judge's decision stand."
— Bill Golden, attorney

Hingham Selectmen Chairman Mathew MacIver said the town is in the process of taking a close look at the summary judgment document.

"We have to think very carefully before making a decision," he said.

The runway issue will be addressed again at the Oct. 29 Selectmen's meeting.

Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he's questioning how strong the towns' case was to begin with.

"I think it's over myself," he said about the fight. "Unless someone has some good ideas.

"I think we can work to change flight patterns a little bit, but even that will take some doing."

While pleased with the outcome, Massport spokesperson Barbara Platt is offering an olive branch to communities opposing the runway.

"While this may mark the end of the legal case, we hope it will also mark the beginning of a new and more positive relationship between Massport and our South Shore neighbors," she said.

On the other hand, Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who along with a number of other legislators opposes the runway, is among those vowing to continue opposing the runway.

"This is just one step in the legal process," he said. "I would be interested in talking with Attorney Golden to see what his approach will be regarding an appeal. It's unfortunate the only avenue left is the legal process rather than the public policy arena — since Massport and the Federal Aviation Administration have already signed off on the project — unless we get a change of approach from the Governor's office."

Another lawsuit filed in Suffolk Superior Court to lift a 1976 injunction blocking construction of a new runway is scheduled for a hearing next spring.

"Our efforts will be concentrated there now," Bradley said. "The burden is on Massport to show that the circumstances surrounding that case have changed. The injunction remains our strongest argument."

Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, too, is disappointed with the outcome of the lawsuit.

"I feel strongly that Massport has consistently misrepresented data and the impacts of the proposed runway throughout the environmental process," he said.

Maloney notes there are already landings and take-offs passing over Hingham at the same time.

"Massport has every runway configuration sending planes over our area, some less than 2,000 feet over residents' homes, and directs all nighttime cargo planes to land over our town yet does not see this as a problem?"

Maloney and other runway opponents say Massport and the FAA need to make changes in those configurations whether the runway is built or not.

"The amazing thing is that changes could be made in a minute without affecting other communities, but our towns are being held hostage until they get the runway approved," he said. "Whether the planes take off toward South Boston or Winthrop, they end up over us."

Opponents have a number of solutions they would like to be considered, including requiring airplanes to continue to climb over the water, heading in the direction they are going rather than turning back over South Shore communities as they take off.

The FAA, which approved the runway with a number of conditions, is limiting its use to times when winds from the northwest or southeast exceed 10 knots per hour (11.5 m.p.h.), which causes delays on other runways, with penalties imposed if that stipulation isn't followed.

But that's not enough, say opponents, who cite serious noise and air pollution and health issues as key reasons to stop the project. They are also concerned that the number of flights passing over South Shore communities could triple if the new runway is built.

In dismissing the case, the judge further noted that state law does not allow communities to file a nuisance claim against a state agency.

The South Shore Jet Pollution Council and Hingham's Jet Noise Task Force have been fighting the plan for some time.

"Residents need to get involved now to get the distribution of flights over our area down to a reasonable level," Maloney said. "We all know we live near a major airport, but there is no reason whatsoever why every flight pattern has to send planes over our homes."

In April, Hingham Town Meeting appropriated an additional $100,000 to oppose the runway, bringing its total to $178,500 and Cohasset has spent $78,500.

MacIver, the Hingham selectmen chairman, recently noted that the end purpose of the litigation was to provide relief from air traffic generated from a new runway and explore ways to redirect existing traffic.

"I don't think local officials took asking for money from their respective communities to fight the runway lightly," Hedlund said. "There was a significant basis for them doing so."

Elm Street one-way trial starts with poor reviews

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located after the Revitalization project is completed, and a white sign that say "Do Not Enter" was placed in view of those cars traveling away from the Town Hall and Common on South Main Street. There was also a temporary stop sign in place on the left side of the end of Elm Street in order to emphasize the new one-way status.

"It's not too bad," said Sgt. David Pomarico, who was on detail at the site for the majority of the first day. "Most people are paying attention to the signs, and only a few people have tried to turn down here, but it is also creating other problems in the square."

Among those problems were illegal U-turns and increased traffic on Brook Street. Pomarico also notified Police Chief Bob Jackson that he felt the temporary stop sign was posted too high.

The new pattern of traffic generated several calls to the Town Hall, most of which were negative.

"This morning, the initial reaction was that people were adamantly opposed to it," Town Manager Mark Haddad said. "But then again, people have to get used to it. Give it a week or so, and if people are still opposed to it, I'm sure the selectmen will end the experiment."

Pomarico, watched the site all day, thinks that the problems may be associated more with the area, than with the change.

"It's such a congested area, it's difficult for a traffic pattern of any kind, especially a change like this," said Pomarico. "I don't know if there is a good solution or not, it is just such a tight area that anything would be difficult. Once they get acclimated to it, it might not work, but it is too early to tell."

Several business owners, who gamely agreed to go along with the experiment, are seeing their concerns come to life.

"I hesitate to pass judgement, but it seems like an illogical traffic pattern," said Jim Watson, owner of Cohasset Hardware. "I'd say more fairly come back in a week, but it seems to me that it doesn't make sense."

John Scott, of Cohasset News on Brook Street is concerned that confusion and increase parking in the vicinity of his store could hurt business.

"I think it is a bad idea," said Scott. "I don't know if it will affect me good or bad business-wise, but because people can't drive around the loop in order to park, they will just park here and I might lose business."

Joanne Reynolds, the branch manager for the Hingham Institution for Savings said many of her customers were unaware that the trial was beginning so quickly.

"We had several business customers come in today who said, 'Gee, I didn't know this was going to happen today," said "A lot of people in town don't like change and they have lived in this town a long time, we just have to wait and see how it plays out as far as the businesses go."

Will Sharafeldin, who works at the Tedeschi's on South Main Street, said that he didn't notice any change in business during the first day.

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Rail trail group is still at bat

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A group of area residents has resurrected the Rails-with-Trails concept pitched to the MBTA last year. The Scituate-based group is gaining support from surrounding towns in hopes of making the concept a reality.

Spearheading the cause is Scituate resident and Walking Magazine Editor Mark Fenton, who held an informational meeting in Scituate Wednesday after the Mariner wentto press. Fenton is trying to garner as much support as possible in his next endeavor to have the plan adopted by the T.

"Something like this would make for a phenomenal trail," Fenton said. "It really would be great for everybody."

Fenton envisions creating a corridor running from the Greenbush corner in Scituate to Hingham Center, passing through Cohasset. Ideally, Fenton said the plan would include a 6 to 10 foot wide asphalt or crushed gravel surface parallel to the tracks, with the tracks separated from the trail with as much space, along with a fence and vegetation.

Fenton says such a trail would encourage train riders to walk or ride their bicycles to the train stations, reducing the traffic and parking problems in the areas and be an overall benefit to residents' health. Fenton believes that people would also use the trail to walk to the train as well as to area businesses when the train is not running.

Historically the MBTA has not supported the concept of putting a walk or bike path next to an active rail line because of the safety concerns, and did not include any such plan in the town's mitigation agreements.

MBTA Spokesperson Joe Pesaturo said that not only is the whole idea behind the project a safety issue, but such a corridor isn't possible because design work for the Greenbush line has already been completed along with submitting final environmental reports for the project.

"We'd be very concerned about having a recreational path along an active rail line," Pesaturo said. "It's just not a good idea to encourage anyone, especially children to be near the trains."

Scituate Town Administrator Richard Agnew said that because the MBTA owns the "right-of-way" in each town, it controls the project and whether such a trail could be built.

"I don't think it's a good idea anyway," Agnew said. "There is enough intrusion already on these people's backyards — they don't need bicycles going through there too."

But town officials from Hingham and Cohasset are confident that the letter-writing campaign underway by Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, to the MBTA will get them the support they need.

"I think it's a terrific idea," Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad said. "And hopefully this latest effort and involving the state will make the difference."

Haddad said the plan already has the support of the Cohasset Board of Health and planning officials from both Hingham and Cohasset. Fenton was hoping to gauge other support more closely after the meeting Wednesday night.

"Not only would this bring in more business for the T," Cohasset Health Agent Joe Godzik said, noting that it would most likely increase the amount of riders on the train because it would be more accessible. "But the health benefits are great as well."

Rails-with-Trails has become increasingly more popular across the country with similar trails existing in more than 20 states, including in Western Massachusetts. More than 100 Amtrak trains that fly through towns at more than 100 miles-per-hour see a trail corridor alongside it.

In looking at the train path between Hingham Center and Greenbush, Godzik said the train would follow a fairly straight path, reducing the chance of derailment.

"Obviously (derailments) are a concern," Godzik said. "But that is always a concern for people on the train as well."

Fenton also said that certain federal funding programs are designed and given specifically to pedestrian and bicycle transportation and could be used to fund such a plan.

Senior Overlay district is on November 18 STM warrant

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The Senior Housing Committee is looking to create a senior-housing overlay district in order to enable the creation of independent senior housing in Cohasset.

The SHC is working on developing a town-based proposal for creating a senior housing development, that could include private collaboration. But the SHC needs changes to the zoning bylaws in order to get around density issues. The proposed changes are scheduled to be on the warrant for the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

"There are an awful lot of people in our community that have lived here for years and years and have made great contributions that are being force to leave," said Joe Nedrow, the chairman of the SHC. "They might have a house that they paid $50,000 or $60,000 for that is assessed at $700,000 or $800,000 and they don't have the cash flow to stay there and they have to move."

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On Tuesday night, Nedrow appeared before the Zoning Advisory Committee to discuss the proposed changes to the bylaw. The Zoning Advisory Committee was created about a year ago, in order to serve as a gatekeeper for the Planning Board for zoning bylaw changes presented by members of the community.

"There is no place for seniors to go, with the exception of the 60 or so units behind the police station, which is income restricted," said Nedrow. "As we said here tonight, anybody can cite numerous people that have moved to Duxbury(where a project similar to what the SHC is proposing was built), because somebody down there has developed a place for them to go."

The senior housing district would overlay the Residential B and C districts and would allow a project to have a higher density than the current regulations. That being said, it is not carte blanche for developers, town-based or otherwise.

"In order to be qualified for the higher density, you need to A) age restrict the project to residents 55-and-older, and B) you need to provide 25 percent of the project for residents of low or moderate income," said Town Planner Elizabeth Harrington, who drafted the new bylaw. The proposed regulations have been reviewed by Town Counsel with only minor structural revisions.

"We're looking for independent senior housing, because we have Sunrise Assisted Living and we have Cohasset Knoll, which is a nursing home," said Nedrow. "Our immediate need is to create independent senior housing and in order to do that, with the sites that we need to have this zoning change to allow that to happen."

The Senior Housing Committee has targeted a town-owned parcel behind Stop and Shop on Route 3A as a prime location for a 60-unit development. They are looking into bringing partners online in order to realize the development, but the overall goal is to create a development that will stay affordable to seniors into the future.

"They are great neighbors," said Nedrow. "The lights are off at 8:30 p.m. or 9 p.m. They're not racing cars through the area and generally speaking they do not place a lot of burden on the town infrastructure. The only thing they incur more of is their ambulance runs and normally, third party insurers pay that."

Once the town's percent of multi-family residences reached 20 percent, the bylaw would no longer be applicable. Currently the town is at 13 percent. "Were the proposed AvalonBay project constructed, the town would be close to that 20 percent figure. According to Harrington, the new regulations would allow either AvalonBay and one senior housing project, or no AvalonBay and approximately three senior housing developments.

"That is basically a cap on the number of projects that could be built," said Harrington. "It is a pretty standard way of controlling that type of development."

Nedrow is concerned that the lack of senior housing is draining a valuable town resource.

"We've all lost good neighbors that had to go to another town to live," said Nedrow. "They could have still made great contributions to our town, but there is just no place for them to go."

Storm-water plan gets OK from DEP

The Cohasset Water Commission's new Surface Water Supply Protection Plan for Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir has been approved by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

"We are pleased to announce that, on the 30th Anniversary of the national Clean Water Act, which is this Friday, Oct.18," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission, "that we have in place an approved comprehensive program for protection of our surface water drinking water resources for the next 10 years."

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Other important steps are being taken to protect the quality of our public drinking water supplies,

"We are performing an environmental study of Lily Pond to determine the sources of nutrient loading that promote weed and algae growth in the Pond," McNabb said. "Also, we are cooperating with other Town departments in a comprehensive storm-water mapping program to identify all storm-water structures in the Town so we can reduce or eliminate storm-water runoff of pollutants and nutrients into the water supply and can comply with the Clean Water Act requirements for storm-water regulation."

The Surface Water Supply Protection Plan was prepared by Norfolk RAM for the Water Commission under a $45,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Copies of the Surface Water Supply Protection Plan are available for review at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.

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Lambert to compete in finals

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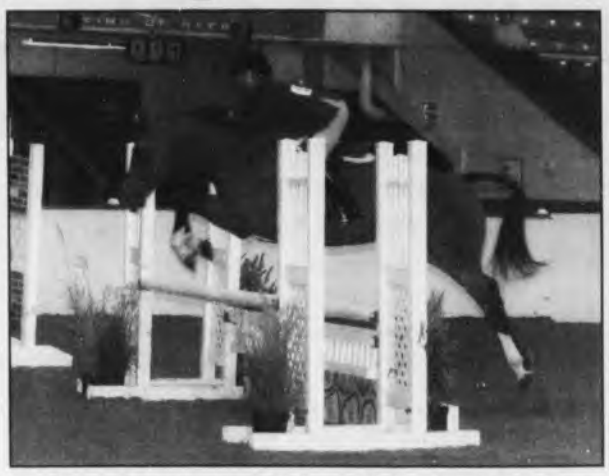
Local equestrienne, **Sarah Lambert**, a junior at Cohasset High School, qualified to compete this fall at the Massachusetts Horsemen's Council Equitation Finals held in Northampton and the New England Equitation Finals in Springfield . To be invited to the finals, a rider must win a medal class or accumulate points during the show season. At each event, Sarah will compete against 100 other top equestrians. Sarah trains at River Wind Farm and competes on the A-rated show circuit.

PARENTING GROUP

On Thursday Oct. 17 from 7:30-8:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Church, Highland Avenue will host an ongoing weekly Mindful Parenting Group; How to balance parenting, work and relationships in our hurried lives. Facilitated by a Licensed Social Worker; for more info call Cohasset Social Service League 781-383-0771.

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Lets Party so They Can Play! All are invited to join the Playground Fundraising Committee for the South Shore Community Center this Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7pm at the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham. Hors d'oeuvres, dancing, and auction and fun to be had by all! RSVP to **Linda Klier** 383-6061 For those who can't attend, raffle tickets are available and can be purchased in advance. Grand Prizes are two tickets to the Patriots/Broncos game on 10/26 with a limo to and from and a day of beauty at Adrian Morris salon. In addition there are 20 other items in the raffle including local merchant gift certificates and tickets to events. Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. Call Kari O'Donnell at 383-1108 to purchase raffle tickets. Visa Accepted!



Sarah Lambert, a junior at Cohasset High, aboard Teddy Bear.

ART CENTER HONORS

The South Shore Art Center announces its annual meeting to take place Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Bancroft Gallery at the Center. All members are invited to the annual meeting to hear reports of the officers and committees as well as to vote on nominations for Directors and Advisors.

In addition, **Beverly Bielewicz** and **Mary Foley** of Cohasset and **David Avery** of Marshfield will be given Volunteer of the Year awards for their hours of volunteer work at the Center and at Arts Festival on the Common. Quincy artist and teacher Patrice Ferrara will be presented with the Shirley F. Neer Chair in Children's Art. This award, given annually by the SSAC, is presented in recognition of the recipient's "expertise and dedication in teaching art to young children".

The South Shore Art Center is a regional center for the arts with two galleries offering changing exhibitions of contemporary work by regional and national artists and a year-round schedule of courses and workshops in the visual arts. The Center hosts the country's oldest outdoor art and craft festival. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Please make sure to take the time this week to tell the ones you care about how much you love them. Also, try to make time in your schedules to enjoy and relax your family and friends and slow down a little in your hectic, everyday schedule. I know that I have to try and do just that as my children are growing up so fast and life can just in the matter of a few seconds. Are the things that we do all so important in the big picture or do we just think they are? Something for all of us to think about.

That is all for this week. Please send me anything you may have no later than Mondays at noon.

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Nothnagles named to Special Olympics Team

Local Special Olympics coach and Marshfield resident, Francis Charles, as well as Cohasset residents, Jeff and Jay Nothnagle, have been selected to represent Massachusetts and Team USA at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin Ireland next June.

Special Olympics athlete Nothnagle will compete in sailing. Jeff Nothnagle will act as Unified Partner and will be paired with Jay to compete together Charles will act as sailing coach for the Nothnagles. In all, four coaches and 16 athletes from the Bay State will have the honor of representing Special Olympics Team USA in Dublin.

The Rack in Boston recently hosted a celebrity fundraiser to help raise funds for Special Olympics Athletes from Massachusetts attending the Special Olympics World Summer Games and to kick off the "Road to Ireland." The approximate cost for each athlete and coach will be $2,000. Coach Jim O'Brien of the Boston Celtics headed up the event and has been named honorary head coach of the team here in Massachusetts.

Other celebrities lending their support to the team included, Mike Vrabel of the New England Patriots, Red Sox legend Luis Tiant, WCVB's Ed Harding and Kelley Tuthill, ESPN's Steve Levy, Bruins' Goalies Steve Shields and John Grahame, and Boston Breakers Sarah Dacey and Sarah Yohe.

Pictured from left to right: Special Olympics Coach Francis Charles (Marshfield), Patriot Mike Vrabel, Special Olympics athlete Jay Nothnagle (Cohasset), and Unified Partner Jeff Nothnagle (Cohasset)

Unified Sports, pioneered in Massachusetts brings together athletes with and without mental retardation of similar age and ability to compete on the same playing field. This program increases opportunities for all athletes involved. Unified Sports has dramatically increased inclusion of people with mental retardation into their communities by breaking down barriers that have historically kept these people apart.

The Special Olympics World Summer Games will be one of the flagship events of the Special Olympics movement. The 2003 Games will showcase the athletic skills, courage, and dignity of 7,500 athletes with mental retardation from around the world. Special Olympics has chosen Ireland to host the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games. Support for the 2003 Games transcends political and religious affiliations across the entire Island, which is an enormous tribute to the athletes, families, volunteers, and staff of Special Olympics Ireland. Visit Special Olympics online at www.specialolympicsMA.org or the Special Olympics World Games site at: www.2003SpecialOlympics.org

Model railroad open house and show

The South Shore Model Railway Club will hold its annual Fall Open House and Show on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27.

The open house and show will be at the club in Bare Cove Park, Building 51, Hingham. The entrance to Bare Cove Park is located at 19 Fort Hill St., one-tenth of a mile west of the entrance to South Shore Country Club.

The event will include dealer tables selling model and rail-related merchandise, white elephant table, demonstration clinics, movies, club cars sales, and raffle. The club and show hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $2 for adults; $1 for seniors as well as children six-12 years; and children under five are free with an adult.

For more information, an event flyer, or directions, contact the club at P.O. Box 170, Hingham 02043-0170; or call the 24-hour information line at 781-740-2000; or visit the Web site at www.ssmrc.org.

Community Center classes are offered

The following classes are offered by the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main Street. For more information, call 781-383-0088.

CPR
Oct. 23, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. $45/$50NM

Pediatric CPR
Nov. 13 and 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. $50M/$55NM

Golden Self Defense Workshop
Nov. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. $15M/$16NM

Soups and winter warmers
Oct. 29, from 6:45 to 9 p.m. $45M/$50NM

Perfect Pasta
Nov. 5, 6:45 to 9 p.m. $45M/$50NM

Saporito's "How to Smoke" Cooking Class
Oct. 22, 7 to 9 p.m. $45M/$50NM

Saporito's Slow Roasted Duck and Pork
Nov. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. $45M/$48NM

Halloween Fun ages 3 to 6
Oct. 29, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. $15M/$20NM Come celebrate Halloween with face painting, music, storytelling and games.

Holiday Candy and Craft Ages 3 to 5 p.m.
Dec. 13, 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. $24M/$22NM

Puppet Show
Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m. "The Fifth Witch" $3 per person at door.

Gymnastic Classes
Sports for Kids
Ages 4-6 Monday, 1 to 2 p.m.; ages 3-5 Monday 3 to 3:45 p.m.; ages 6-9 Wednesday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; ages 3-5 Friday 1 to 1:45 p.m.
Gym Explorers
Ages 4-6 Monday 2 to 3 p.m.; ages 4-6 Tuesday 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.; ages 4-6 Wednesday 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; ages 4-6 Friday 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Tumblebugs
Age 3 Tuesday 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.; age 3 Wednesday 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.
Beg/Int. Girls
Ages 5-8 Monday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; ages 6-11 Monday 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.; ages 7-11 Thursday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; ages 7-11 Friday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Free Play
Ages 14 months-3+, Oct. 18, 9:30 to 11 a.m., $9 at the door, siblings $2. Come drop in where you and your child can explore Community Center gym equipment.

CPR
Oct. 23, 7 to 10:30 p.m., $45M/50NM, American Heart Association certificate.

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Train tunnel could unearth rare, colonial artifacts

Local historian wants experts to be on board

By Mary Ford
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Without professional archeologists harvesting and interpreting the treasure trove of artifacts in the strata, centuries of history will be lost.

First settled in 1633, Hingham is one of the oldest towns in the United States. And the community's history — which parallels that of America, itself — is buried beneath Hingham Square and along the old railroad bed, says John P. Richardson.

Richardson, 68, whose Fort Hill Street house is like a museum, has collected innumerable artifacts over the years from the old rail bed and other parts of Hingham Square. There are hand-blown glass bottles, pottery and ceramics of every size and description, coins, buttons, cooking implements and countless other items that early settlers used in their households, which are chockablock on every available surface in his home, known as the Old Fort House.

Richardson also believes the 10-20 feet of fill in the square holds Native American relics as well, including stone bowls and utensils, and perhaps the remains of a canoe.

But the local historian is concerned that without professional archeologists harvesting and interpreting the treasure trove of artifacts in the strata, centuries of history will be lost with the construction of the Greenbush line between North and South streets and the digging of the tunnel under Hingham Square.

To that end, Richardson has written to the MBTA and Cashman Balfour-Beatty, the company that is constructing the Greenbush line, about the "nationally significant historic resource in Hingham" and what needs to be done to protect it.

"But they don't pay much attention to me," says Richardson, who is so passionate about preserving the past that he has even threatened the MBTA and Cashman with a lawsuit if they destroy the public resource.

Richardson — who says he has received no evidence of a professionally structured plan for harvesting and protecting, recovering and interpreting of what has national archeological potential — has also requested under the state Public Records Law copies of all MBTA correspondence relative to the archeological resource in Hingham.

But the MBTA is bound by an agreement reached with the Army Corps of Engineers, Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Washington and the five Greenbush towns to ensure historic resources are projected in what is called a "Section 106" document.

"The agreement includes archeological surveys when needed," explains Maureen Cavanaugh of Epsilon Associates of Maynard. Epsilon has been selected as project conservator for the train project.

"The conservator's role is to make sure the MBTA lives up to the Section 106 programmatic agreement," she says.

In addition Cashman-Balfour Beatty has its own in-house cultural resource staff and the MBTA also has a cultural resource firm on board.

Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan is confident the town's historic resources will be properly handled.

"John's comments are valid," says Macmillan, a former chairman of the Hingham Historical Commission. "My feeling is these issues have been and will be dealt with." He says Richardson would be asked to an upcoming meeting with Epsilon and other members of the project team.

"I'm sure they (project team) will be very interested in hearing any information he can provide and take that into account," Macmillan says.

Unique

What makes Hingham unique among the other Greenbush towns that include Braintree, Weymouth, Cohasset and Scituate is the town's square, which is on filled land and the plans to dig the tunnel to protect the square that is on the National Register of Historic Places.

"Because the village developed along, and overlooking, a stream (Town Brook) terminated at Hingham Harbor, expanding residential and commercial activity over more than 300 years necessitated vast filling of wetlands," Richardson explains, adding the filling was accomplished by oxcart and wheelbarrow, so there are many strata containing artifacts.

The Greenbush rail bed runs nearly down the center of this sensitive archeological resource.

In the early 1800s Hingham Harbor that was a port of entry that included a custom house, a fleet of some 60 ships and 177,000 square feet of wharves. And nearly two centuries before that, where North and South streets meet (near where Buttonwood for Kids and Hingham Square Barbershop are today), was the early landing place for colonial settlers and Native Americans.

Before the Greenbush line raised the rail bed when it was first built back in 1849, Richardson explains there used to be common land on either side of Town Brook that runs between North and South streets (which still contain a large number of wood-frame 17th-century houses). Early residents of those homes along Town Brook would use the wetlands or backyard privies as places to dump their trash, which in those days consisted of mostly of broken dishes and other unwanted items that today could tell a story.

Recently, Richardson found in about 12 feet of fill over the original peat in a deep cut for a garage foundation behind 131 South St. contrasting strata some of which was loaded with glass, iron and ceramic artifacts.

"Now they're going to dig it all out for the tunnel," he says. "And disrupt what I consider to be important strata," he says.

Unearthed

Just what might be unearthed?

Richardson says beads, bottles, bricks and brickwork, buckles, buttons, candlesticks, ceramics, clock parts, coins, combs, cooking vessels, cutlery, glasses and decanters, firearms, furniture hardware, window glass, hinges, horseshoes and horse fittings, locks, porcelain, jewelry, silver, tiles, smoking pipes, toys and wig curlers are some examples.

Over the past 45 years recovered during public works and private digs along Town Brook, Richardson has in his repository fragments of stoneware bottles, sleigh bells, whole 17th-18th century wine bottles, stones used in bridges, harness and shoe buckles, a brass candlestick, many examples of British ceramics, gold coins, iron pots and skillets, drug pots, lead glass, and horse fittings, among many other finds.

Richardson hopes the MBTA will set up a program with experts doing the digging to harvest and interpret some 300-plus years of American history buried there.

"That doesn't happen in many places," he says about the concentration of potential artifacts from the early days of the country.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

John P. Richardson of Fort Hill Street in Hingham stands by a display of just a few of the many artifacts he's found when earth is dug up along the Greenbush railroad bed in Hingham Square.

There could also be a Puritan-era skeleton or two. Richardson says the hill in front of Old Derby on Main Street used to be a burial ground that extended out to where the Hingham Journal Building and CVS are today. When the sewer was installed along the stretch of Main Street in the square, several skeletons were discovered in front of Loring Hall.

Richardson, who was opposed to the train for a long time, says he isn't trying to stop it, and he's not against the tunnel.

"If it's going through, it's going through," he says.

He only hopes that someone is listening about the potential for destroying such a historic resource.

"In the fill, there's all sorts of stuff that can tell a story," he says. "But archeology doesn't seem to be as important as it used to be. The world is rushing too fast to take an interest in it."

Cohasset town history moves into cyberspace

The Town of Cohasset announced its book, "A Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III" (Dormitzer) is now available on amazon.com, the online superstore. The book was released in June, 2002 and immediately sold more than 1500 copies, making it one of the summer's best sellers on the South Shore.

The availability on amazon.com makes the Cohasset history book available to online buyers around the world.

"It's true, but hard to imagine that someone in Australia or Japan or England can order a copy of our history book in a few seconds", said Wig Pierson, chairman of the committee that published the book.

For those who prefer to shop in a more conventional way, the book is available in Cohasset at Buttonwood, Cards & Shards and Cohasset Hardware.

"A Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III" (Dormitzer) covers the period from 1950 to 2000, during which the Town evolved into one of the South Shore's finest communities. The book traces the events and people that made their mark on Cohasset, ranging from the anti-war marches of the 1960s to the great train debate of the 1990s and include both scandals and the committed efforts that took place in that era. The book is 388 pages long and is packed with pictures and maps.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Troubling

Students arriving under the influence of alcohol at school dances is nothing new. But the schools should be able to handle tipsy teenagers without fear that other students are going to gather around in an intimidating, defiant manner as was the case at the Homecoming Dance.

Cohasset has a bad history when it comes to teenagers showing a lack of respect for police officers as evidenced by two Halloween melees on the common. It is troubling that some teens in town have no respect for authority figures, including school administrators.

At dances chaperones speak to youngsters who are under suspicion of being under the influence, according to Supt. Edward Malvey. That's just what Health Coordinator Michael Gill and Principal Michael Jones did when a male student appeared to be drunk at the Homecoming Dance.

But it didn't stop there. A verbal confrontation ensued with some of the students' friends who followed the administrators to the office and then a large group of students also gathered outside the office window where the boy was being questioned.

Although there is no evidence the incidents are related, vandals later broke windows at the school.

Underage drinking is dangerous whether the student gets behind the wheel of a car or walks down the street, and it cannot be tolerated. School administrators, who act as chaperones at dances, have the obligation to make sure the students are safe and that no students are under the influence, which could cause harm to themselves or others.

We think detail officers at school dances – an option that is being considered – is a good idea. An officer in uniform stationed at the door can be a good deterrent. We'd also bet you'd find that most students would feel safer with an officer present.

The other option is canceling all school dances, which would punish all the students.

Clearly, the schools must take some action.

Dr. Malvey points out there have been problems at two of the dances last year and the first dance this year.

All this begs the question – where's Mom and Dad? Some parents come from the school of thought – that underage drinking is inevitable, and they condone it. That way of thinking is short-sighted and risky. Early drinking is not only a recipe for disaster in terms of personal safety, but can lead to alcoholism later on.

It's time for some tough love. Smell your kids' breath if you're suspicious and pay attention to who their friends are. Take away the keys. Say no.

As School Committee Chartis Tebbetts says:

"Parents have to step up and be responsible for their children," said Tebbetts. "They should go to school events sober, and without alcohol. They should be dressed appropriately with all the 'I's' dotted and 'T's' crossed as to where they are going and how they are going to get home."

Parents should also talk about police, teachers and school administrators with respect at home and not permit their children to rank on authority figures.. Negative dinner-time talk, can lead to the kind of inappropriate behavior exhibited at the Homecoming Dance.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chicken wire?

TO THE EDITOR:

Do we need to install a chicken wire barrier between the selectmen and the unruly and unmannered audience, like in the Blues Brothers movie? At least our local yahoos haven't (yet) thrown any beer bottles, and have limited themselves to angry invective. and bad manners.

As always, the opponents of something or other are out in force, making the noise, while the supporters are more passive (and absent).

R. Murray Campbell
Old Pasture Road

League speaks on debate issue

TO THE EDITOR:

As the president of the League of Women Voters of Hingham, I am writing in response to the "Letter to the Editor" published in the Oct. 10, 2002 Cohasset Mariner regarding a debate between the candidates for State Representative. The League would like to clarify why there was no debate scheduled. The League of Women Voters in Hingham is co-sponsoring this year's candidates debate with the Community Newspaper Company. The League proposed candidates forums for the office of State Senator, State Representative and District Attorney however the Community Newspaper Company decided not to sponsor a State Representative debate. Unfortunately, we were unable to come up with a date that was agreeable to all for a debate that would be sole sponsored by the Hingham League. We believed that this ended the prospect of a candidates debate for State Representative this fall.

The League of Women Voters of Hingham is a nonpartisan, political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. We will continue our efforts to sponsor candidates debated including this years State Representative race.

Helga Jorgensen
President HLWV

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HEALTH NOTES

Health Board plays a role in projects facing town

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Citizens in town have been sent several important initiatives recently. One is by Cohasset Action, and discusses the proposed Avalon Bay development at the Webb Norfolk property. The second is the notice of a meeting by the Growth And Development Committee notifying us of a meeting on Oct. 21 to discuss a master plan. A third is the several documents associated with the Cohasset Revitalization Committee. The Board of Health will have a part in all of these activities. And to some extent, we have not been doing our job with respect to some of the committees representing these initiatives.

Let us take, first, the activities of the Revitalization Committee. Much money and effort has been expended in an attempt to enhance our downtown by this committee. To some extent, to one who has paid too little attention to the effort, it looks like an unnecessary attempt to beautify an already pretty attractive town. From a Board Of Health standpoint, however, there is a great need emerging which should be a part of Revitalization's core purpose, and that is ease of communication by encouraging activities which promote exercise like walking and bike riding, and discourage the use of cars. The Board has identified lack of exercise as well as improper diet as the two greatest threats to our citizen's health for the next 30 years, and statistics back us up. If Dean Rizzo wants better support for revitalization, he will become allied with some genuinely beneficial initiatives such as the Rails with Trails initiative just beginning in town, and come up with a plan to enhance the safety of *all* of Cohasset's walkways; especially those along our gold coast on Jerusalem, Atlantic, and the other places where we see walkers and runners, where it's now sometimes scary to walk. Not, necessarily, by the way, by adding standard wide macadam sidewalks, but more environmentally friendly pervious gravel paths which are at once more attractive and, when properly designed, help the environment by permitting recharge of storm water.

Need specifics

And now, about the Growth and Development Committee, a public meeting will collect a number of viewpoints from those who come to the meeting, but if no specific initiatives are presented we are behind the curve. Everywhere we look, in town, our zoning laws are being tested by greedy builders and heedless projects. In many cases, it may be too late to save much of the character of the town. The Board of Health intends to implement new proposed standards for management of new small construction projects as a result of new EPA requirements, but it may be too late to do much about plans on the table at many town boards. Some projects deserve notice. The initiative by Joe Nedrow's Senior Housing Committee to put 50 units of senior housing behind the Stop and Shop meets all the requirements of excellent planning. Septic would not be a problem, seniors would have easy access to most parts of town and its services, and the housing is desperately needed. But elsewhere, there is precious little guidance or control in our Town ordinances over builders whose projects threaten much of our green space and groundwater.

Avalon Bay

And now, the Cohasset Action committee fighting Avalon Bay. The town is finally bringing to a conclusion, its battle to save our water supply from Cohasset Heights, a landfill, largely spearheaded by John McNabb. Now, on property even closer to the water supply, a similar threat is being mounted. This project is quite feasible from a developer's standpoint: Septic could be handled by obtaining a groundwater discharge permit, similar to that at Cohasset Knoll. The Board Of Health will have no opportunity to approve the plans. There's plenty of land for building; 60 acres or so. Why not 250 dwelling units? Just what rich old Cohasset needs to balance out its elite population. And it even gives us some low income housing for 5 years. Nothing could be better calculated to turn Cohasset upside down quicker than implementation of this plan. Neither our zoning nor the state's regulations would restrict the builder from creating an environmental disaster on that hill. In addition, the Cohasset Action mailer cites the effect on schools, traffic, and the effect of a 10 percent increase in population. The immediate reaction is how do we stop this horror?

But, if we think a bit, and look at the numbers justifying the project, we begin to see the shortcomings in our planning which put this problem on our doorstep. According to the state, 10 percent of our housing should be affordable. We desperately need elder housing. The 64 units we have behind the police station are not enough, and we probably need to double it. The town has about 7500 citizens, and 2500 homes. 10 percent affordable would be 250 homes and 750 people. Given that we now have about 50 (2 percent) homes considered affordable, 64 elder homes, and if the Senior Housing Committee units are built, 50 more elder homes we would have 164 homes. There is a number of apartments in town some of which represent low income dwellings; say 25. That leaves about 60 not 250 homes to meet the state's complete obligation. A development, properly planned, and under the town's control from an environmental and health standpoint (our environmental and health regulations are stricter than state requirements) built over five years, might comply with all the state's requirements.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Weavers, jumpers and other things that go bump in the night

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

With my favorite holiday, Halloween (All Hallow's Eve) creeping up on us, I got to thinking about all the creatures, both real and unreal, that are associated with the ghoulish evening our pagan ancestors called Samhain (SOW-en or sah-win). Like many of our Christmas traditions, our Halloween traditions trace their origins to the ancient Celts, country-dwellers whose rituals affirmed the interconnectedness of all realms of existence and honored the rhythms of the earth, the cycle of the seasons.

Samhain, meaning "summer's end," traditionally fell or Nov. 1, between the fall equinox and the winter solstice, and marked the Celtic New Year, one of the four high festival days on the Celtic calendar, the others being Imbolg on Feb. 2, Beltane on May 1 and Lughnasad on Aug. 1. With the crops harvested and winter approaching, Samhain was a time of inspiration and renewal, a time to take stock - as is our New Year - and to affirm life. (As a challenge to paganism, during the 9th century the Catholic Church established Nov. 1, as All Saints Day to honor Christian saints.) But as promising a day as Samhain was, the evening before was believed to be a time of great danger, an occasion when the barrier between the human world and the spirit world was thinnest, when witches, demons and the spirits of departed ancestors walked among the living, stealing souls and seeking revenge. To frighten them away, fearful villagers dressed in costumes and masks and roamed the countryside until dawn. Offerings of food and drink were made to insure well-being and children went door to door asking for kindling for the sacred communal bonfire that was lit atop the hills to honor the Gods and repel the powers of evil. From that bonfire, townspeople carried home an ember in a hollowed out gourd or turnip to rekindle their own hearth fire which had been extinguished to make the dwelling cold and inhospitable to the spirits.

Though English colonists brought Samhain traditions to the New World in the 1700s, Halloween was popularized by Irish immigrants during the mid-19th century. In time, All Hallow's Eve ceased to be a night of dread and instead became an occasion for spooky, scary fun, a night of smiling jack-o-lanterns, tricks, treats and decorations that exploited the myths and superstitions surrounding various animals, for instance owls, feared as messengers of death, their wailings from deep in the wood said to be the voices of ghosts. And bats, the world's only flying mammal, thought to be the night-wandering souls of the dead. It was said that if a bat flew three times around a house death would soon visit.

Cats, though worshipped in ancient Egypt, later became associated with witchcraft and black magic. Felines, particularly black cats were, like crows, owls, bats and toads, believed to be "familiars," people who had taken the form of animals and served as evil companions to witches.

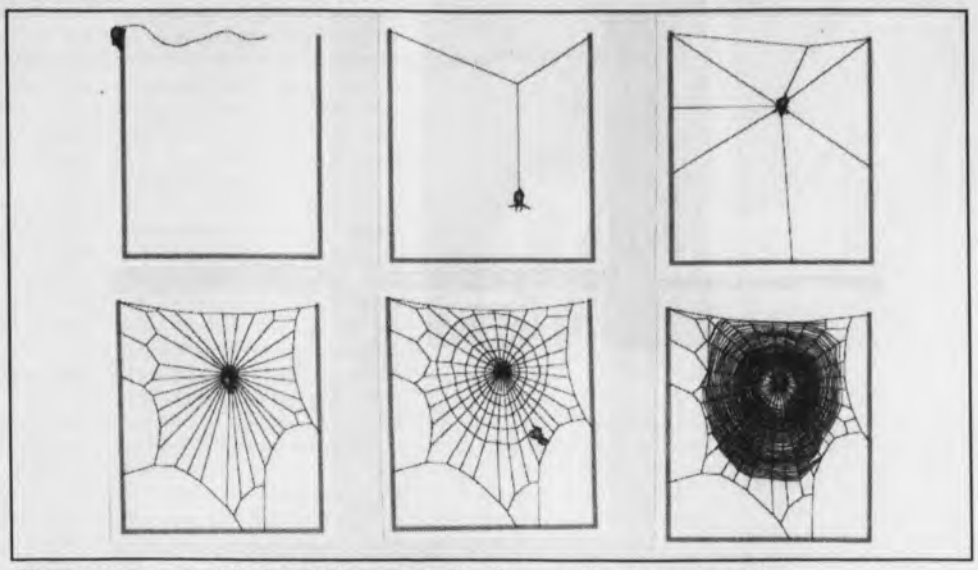
Though we are, today, less superstitious than our forebears, irrational fears still linger, perhaps none more so than our fear of spiders, a favorite ingredient in witches potions and "cures" and necessity for any respectable haunted Halloween house. Myths that perpetuate the "dangerous" reputation of spiders, as well as a popular culture that demonizes spiders have made them repulsive, Halloween or no Halloween.

Though all spiders are venomous only two, the black widow and the brown recluse are potentially toxic to humans. Most spiders are harmless and shy, though they can bite if threatened. European cultures associated spiders with the epidemics that plagued Europe from the Middle Ages, an association that perhaps accounts for the strong anxiety folks of European descent feel in the presence of spiders. Non-European cultures, however, considered spiders to be lucky. A spider in the house was said to be a sign of prosperity and happiness and should never be killed. "If you wish to live and thrive let the spider run alive," advises an old adage.

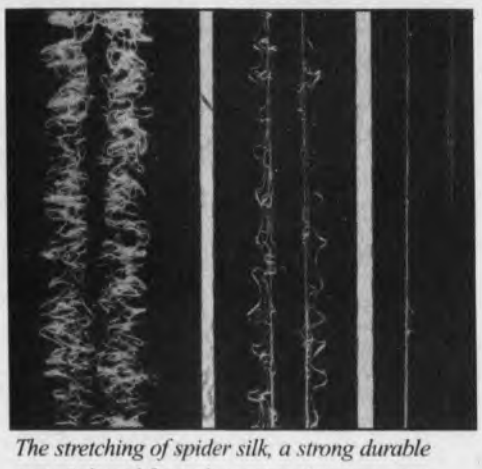
During these early weeks of fall when the slowing chirps of crickets remind us that summer really is over and fragrant swirls of wood smoke convince us that autumn really has arrived, spiders are their busiest, laying eggs wrapped in silken cocoons that will winter over and hatch in the spring. Most will live only one season.

Though we are not often aware of their presence, spiders are everywhere among us. By some accounts, several hundred thousand spiders can inhabit a backyard acre, controlling the insect population with their voracious appetite. If you sit some afternoon facing the low, late sun you'll see backlit wisps of spider silk, perhaps a magnificent woven spiral from the night before strung between garden stakes, flower stems or fence pickets. Or, rise early and step out into the dew-soaked backyard where glittering gossamer sheets spread across the lawn. What the backyard has lost in bloom and color it makes up for in shimmering weavings.

Often mistakenly grouped with insects, spiders, like mites, scorpions and ticks, are members of the Arachnid class which numbers more than 35,000 species worldwide, 3,000 of which are found in North America, 700 here in New England. Though both insects and spiders are arthropods - animals with hardened exteriors, segmented bodies and jointed appendages - spiders differ from insects in several important ways. Where insects have three body sections, spiders have two, a fused head and thorax called a cephalothorax and an abdomen. (To further muddy the picture, the Daddy long-legs, also known as a harvestman, though a member of the arachnid class, is not a true spider. It's head/thorax and abdomen are joined in a single body and it is non-venomous.) Eight legs (insects have six), no wings or antennae, and a pair of jaw-like structures called chelicerae (insects have mandibles) also distinguish spiders from insects. Special glands manufacture venom which the spider ejects through hollow, claw-like fangs in the chelicerae. After the poison paralyzes the insect prey, the spider injects a digestive enzyme. Because a spider can only ingest liquid, it must wait for its prey to dissolve. Wrapped in silk, the hapless victim is set aside until fully liquefied.



The spinning stages of the beautiful complex orb web, created by the garden spider.



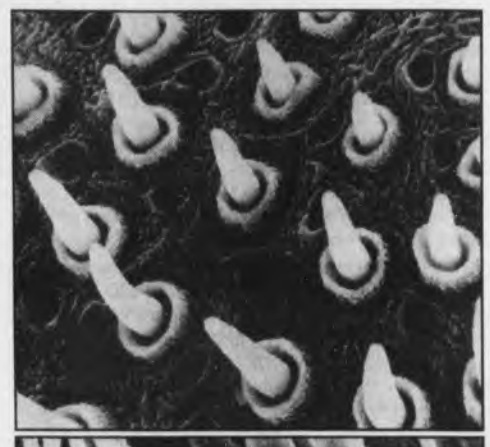
The stretching of spider silk, a strong durable material used for web construction, egg sacs, burrow lining, drag lines and wrapping prey.

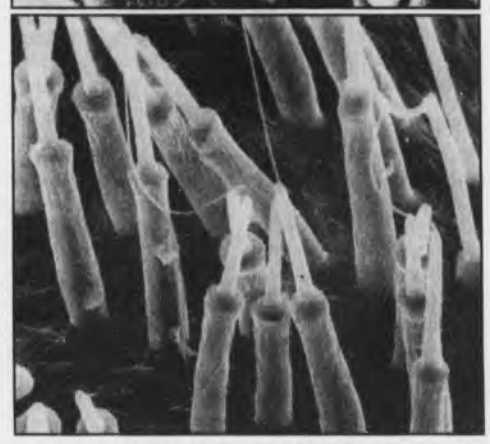
Despite our widespread arachnophobia, few can resist admiring the beauty and craftsmanship of a spider's silken web. Spider silk, dry and inelastic for a web's framework and spokes, and sticky and elastic for the capture threads, is an extremely strong material - relative to weight it is stronger than steel - and emerges from the spider body in liquid form from finger-like glands called spinnerets located near the tip of the abdomen. On contact with air, and when stretched (it can be stretched 30 to 40 percent before it breaks), the silk hardens. As many as seven different glands that produce silks for various purposes have been identified though no family of spiders seems to possess all seven. And though all spiders have silk glands, not all spiders spin webs to ensnare their prey. Wolf and jumping spiders, with their keen vision, pounce on their prey and use silk as draglines to escape danger and as lining for their living chambers. Most spiders use silk to encase their eggs and young spiders - spiderlings - spin lines of silk that catch the wind and parachute them through the air, a form of spider travel called ballooning.

Most of us, however, notice spider silk in the form of webs, either loose, untidy, dust-collecting cobwebs, glistening funnel webs or the intricate spiral creations known as orbs. And most web residents, patiently waiting in the web for unsuspecting passersby, are either female spiders or juveniles. Once the male molts into adulthood, it loses the silk glands that produce the all-important "sticky" capture threads.

The droopy cobwebs that cling to darkened, protected corners of ceilings and window frames are fashioned by the house spider, often called the "accidental invader." Hanging upside down in the center of its irregular web, the pale brown spider with mottled black and gray sides is the bane of homeowners, its year-round sticky web collecting insects while the web is occupied and dust after the web has been abandoned.

Broad, sheet-like webs that stretch across the lawn on dew mornings are home to the grass spider. The slightest vibration of the irregular web sends the spider dashing from its tube-like horizontal "funnel" tunnel to seize its meal. Should the web be threatened, the spider can make a quick escape through the funnel's back door, disappearing into the grass.





The spider's silk-producing spinnerets, finger-like glands located near the tip of the spider's abdomen.

Unarguably, the masterpieces of web building are the intricate orb webs, the roughly spiral creations that belong to the garden spider. Usually placed vertically in the path of flying insects, orb webs capture prey with a sticky spiral. Many orb weavers replace their web daily, recycling the silk by,eating the previous day's web and spinning a new web at night, entirely by touch, in about an hour, though large webs can take up to eight hours to complete.

Wind, and a little bit of luck, get the spider started. A primary thread of sticky silk is spun out and carried (hopefully) by a breeze to a support - a branch or a wall - where it attaches. Pulled taut, the horizontal thread is strengthened with additional silk. Another thread is hung in a Y formation, forming the first of as many as 50 spokes. Additional spokes are spun out and anchored to the support and framework is added to which spokes can also be attached.

With the framework and spokes in place, the spider walks in spiral, beginning at the hub, attaching a non-adhesive silk that forms a temporary spiral that stabilizes the framework. Then, working from the web's outer edge and using the temporary spiral as a guide, the spider spins out the sticky capture spiral, often with many U-turns, in one continuous strand. Its snare complete, the garden spider hangs head down, motionless in the center of the web, waiting. The slightest vibration sends the spider into action, scurrying across the, spiral - its leg structure prevents it from being caught in its own web - to secure its prey.

Perhaps by appreciating the spiders' webs we can better understand the much-maligned critters which have been called nature's engineers and acrobats. And today, generations removed from our European ancestors who arrived in the New World with Old World anxieties, perhaps it is time to let go of superstitions and irrational fears. Which isn't to say that when a spider drops down in front of you on its drag line you won't still let out a little shriek. Happy Halloween!

Amy Whorf McGuiggan is a freelance writer from Hingham.

Class of '52

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I get no respect, and I might have gotten credit for that observation if Rodney Dangerfield hadn't beaten me to it.

I say this because the 50th anniversary of my graduation from college has come and gone and no one seems to have noticed except the guy who collects money from well-heeled alumni and periodically reminds me that my classmate, Chris Barrecca, has contributed thousands, if not millions, to the coffers of Boston University.

Can you believe it? Fifty years! A half century!

John Silber, the current BU president, was still a student in Texas in 1952. The head of BU then was a Methodist minister named Danny Marsh, who spent most of his time trying to close down The Dugout, a student watering hole across Commonwealth Avenue. It's still there.

The school had a football team called the Terriers that played the likes of West Virginia, Syracuse, Maryland, and Iowa while I was a student there. Now there's no longer even a football team, and Nickerson Field, where boys and girls play soccer now, housed a baseball team known as the Boston Braves.

Bear with me now, kids, while I share a few memories of 1952 with the old folks.

That was the year when Elizabeth II became queen of England at the death of her father, King George VI. Only the Scots referred to her as Elizabeth I since the original Elizabeth I of England was not the queen of Scotland at the time.

It was the year that Ike Eisenhower was nominated by the Republicans for president and Dick Nixon was nominated for vice president, and when Nixon was accused of maintaining a gift "slush fund," he cleared himself in an emotional TV address in which he admitted receiving the gift of a dog called "Checkers" and added, "We're gonna keep it."

"The Green Hornet" ended a 16-year-run on the radio, still denying one of the airwaves' oldest myths: that Brit Reed's faithful houseboy Kato was Japanese until Dec. 7, 1941, when, without explanation, he became a Filipino houseboy.

Brockton's Rocky Marciano knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in the 13th round to win the world's heavyweight boxing championship; Sam Snead won the Masters golf tournament; George Mikan led the Minneapolis Lakers to the NBA title; and Ed Lopat and Allie Reynolds pitched the New York Yankees to victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World's Series.

"I've Got a Secret," hosted by Garry Moore; "The Jackie Gleason Show," featuring Art Carney, Audrey Meadows and Joyce Randolph; and "See It Now," a documentary hosted by Edward R. Murrow, made their debuts on television. The best variety show was "Your Show of Shows," starring Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca.

Humphrey Bogart won an Oscar as best actor for "The African Queen;" one of the hit songs was "High Noon (Do Not Forsake Me, Oh My Darling)" sung by Frankie Laine; Bill Haley & The Comets were the hottest new recording artists; and actor Ronald Reagan, star of "Bedtime for Bonzo," married actress Nancy Davis.

Having settled the most critical part of the negotiations, the shape of the table, the Korean truce talks entered their second year and the National Security Council recommended that the United States give financial aid to the French in their fight to maintain their control in Vietnam.

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Booster breakfast was a big success

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Soccer Booster Club would like to thank all those who helped make our Oct. 6 Pancake Breakfast fundraiser such a success. Our thanks go to the Middle High School administration, in particular Jack DeLorenzo, and Chartwells Foods for arranging for our use of the wonderful new cafeteria facilities at the school.

We are very grateful for the generosity of the following businesses and individuals who donated food, gift certificates and other raffle prizes for the event: Ambrosia Restaurant, Atlantic Bagel, Atlantica, the Barker Tavern Bakery, Bernard's, Mike and Rosemary O'Connell for Celtics and Bruins tickets, the Clarion Hotel, Coastal Nissan, Cohasset Collision Center, Dunkin Donuts, Endless Summer Tanning Salon, Entercom Boston, French Memories, Good Sport, Hingham Car Wash, Jamie's Pub, Michael Libby, the 99 Restaurant, Par-Tee Indoor Miniature Golf, the South Shore Music Circus, RGP, Red Lion Inn, Riva Restaurant, Stop & Shop, Tedeschi's, T.K. O'Malley's Pub and WATD Radio. The support of these businesses contributed much to the success of this fundraiser.

We are grateful also for the support of the Boston Breakers, who arranged for forward Sarah Yohe to make an appearance at the breakfast. Finally, we would like to thank all those who bought tickets to the event and joined us for a great breakfast, and all the soccer players and parents who helped set up, cook, run the children's games and clean up. We hope to see you all again at next year's breakfast!

James Ross, President
for the Cohasset Soccer Booster Club

Wrong message from election signs

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset observes its public events in its own special, small town ways. We look forward to the excitement of the Little League Parade, the solemn ceremonies on Memorial Day, the fun that is part and parcel of Snapper Sneaker Day, the Strawberry Festival, the Hallowe'en Festival, and the Jingle Bell Walk. We love our special traditions that make up Cohasset's character and we mark the seasons' changes by them.

Election days in Cohasset follow traditions too. Colorful election signs are an important part of local elections and usually, two weeks before voting day, dozens of signs from all parties and proponents materialize on our lawns overnight. Traditionally, the signs just as quickly disappear the morning after Marion Douglas posts the results on the doors at Town Hall.

So, with our traditions in mind, it is disappointing to see so many political signs still up around Cohasset long after Primary Day. Several candidates continue to put up signs and another candidate has signs up on 3A even though he is running in another district!

We cherish our right to express our views and support our candidates, but we also appreciate a traditional start and finish to an election season. This protest is probably no big deal in larger towns; and yes, we surely have plenty of other local issues to resolve. But someone should point our to these candidates that they have nudged our Town a little further away from its small town ways and a little closer to becoming just another area to conquer come Election Day.

Mike Dick
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Hedlund, LeClair to debate on Oct. 24

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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The two contenders for the state Senate seat in the Plymouth-Norfolk District will joust on campaign issues next Thursday at a debate moderated by the Hingham League of Women Voters..

Incumbent state Sen. Robert Hedlund, a Weymouth Republican, and challenger Ted LeClair, a Marshfield Democrat, will take to the podium at 7 p.m. on Oct. 24 at Hingham Town Hall.

The event is sponsored by the Community Newspaper Company, publishers of the Weymouth News and the Hingham Journal.

"The debate provides a unique opportunity for voters to hear an airing on the issues in a very public forum," said CNC Executive Editor Mark Skala. "There is a certain amount of politeness and sparring mixed in with tradition and formality. We are privileged to help bring this to the voting public."

The moderator chosen by the Hingham LWV is Massasoit professor T.P. Eliott-Smith, former town moderator in Halifax. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization dedicated to encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government.

"A debate is always a good way to expose candidates to the voters," said Hingham LWV President Helga Jorgensen.

Issues expected to be debated are education, the impact of Chapter 40B — the state's affordable housing law — on growth and development, health care, and the sorry condition of state government.

Hedlund said he always welcomed a debate.

"I am so thankful that Community Newspaper Company and the League of Women Voters teamed up to make this debate possible. I do believe it is important for the voters to see some substance in a campaign beyond campaign signs and slick brochures," Hedlund said.

Hedlund said that he has never turned down a debate, no matter what participating organization

Bob Hedlund

Ted LeClair

sponsored the event.

Both contenders for the state Senate seat see the upcoming debate as a means to clarify the differences in their platforms.

"I very much look forward to the opportunity to distinguish what I stand for from the record of my opponent," LeClair said. "This race is about values and priorities. I believe that Beacon Hill has lost its focus. Our elected officials care more about politics and have lost their focus on the people of the Commonwealth. My campaign is about working to fix what is broken and helping to make our state government once again serve the needs of the residents of Massachusetts. The upcoming debate will serve to highlight my differing priorities from my opponent."

The state's affordable housing law allows a developer to apply to the state for a comprehensive permit to build a project that has been turned down by town boards, as long as 25 percent of the project's units qualify as affordable housing.

"Chapter 40B is the latest symptom of unfettered growth on the South Shore," LeClair said. "In my opinion, results are what matter, and this is just another example of missed opportunities by my opponent. We need to do more than just reform 40B. We need to change our state laws so that local communities can control growth and provide housing to the teachers, elderly, and our children who now call the South Shore their home. Why aren't we moving toward sound solutions to these issues? We need to do these things now, not years after they become a problem."

Hedlund said that he has proposed a series of amendments aimed at returning local control to towns, including provisions allowing for a more accurate count of exiting affordable housing.

One of the main amendments, filed last fall, provided a 12 month cooling off period for submitting 40B applications when the developer's initial plan did not include a low income or affordable housing component.

An example of this occurred in Weymouth, where a developer filed with the state for 396 units of affordable housing at Arbor Hill after a proposal for 275 market-rate units for the same site had been turned down by town boards.

This spring, Hedlund introduced legislation that gave local boards of appeals the right to impose reasonable restrictions and conditions regarding open space issues, building size, density, setbacks, and structure heights.

The bill would also give local boards of appeals the right to turn down a comprehensive permit application on land it deemed unsuitable based on engineering or environmental constraints.

An earlier amendment filed by Hedlund included a provision that a decision by a local board of appeals consistent with the conditions of that amendment could not be overturned by the state Housing Appeals Committee.

"In addition, I cosponsored a bill allowing local housing boards of appeals to take the financial feasibility of the proposal into account when considering whether or not to grant a comprehensive permit," Hedlund said.

Hedlund and LeClair agreed that the "mess on Beacon Hill" needs to be addressed.

"We need to stop talking about the mess on Beacon Hill and do something about it," LeClair said. "If elected, I will propose legislation that if the budget is not passed and submitted by the legislature by June 30th, then the paychecks will stop for the legislators. You get paid only for work done on time. I will propose legislation that requires the budget conference committee to work in open session, not behind closed doors. We are the taxpayers. We deserve to know what is going on with our money. I will also propose doing away with all legislative bonuses."

The Legislature could very well be called back into session next month or in December to deal with the out-of-kilter state budget, Hedlund said.

In an attempt to balance the budget, acting GovJane Swift is making additional emergency cuts.

"It is the governor's responsibility under the law to balance the budget. The Legislature should go back into session to address these cuts. If we do not go back in session, we are ceding to her all our authority over these cuts when we should have a role in the decisions," Hedlund said.

Hedlund said that one of the steps that needed to be taken to straighten out the mess on Beacon Hill was to eliminate waste on the state level.

"There is a recognition at the State House that we need to eliminate waste, but there are too many sacred cows," Hedlund said.

According to Hedlund, an example in Weymouth of wasted state dollars is the overlapping maintenance of town parks by the MDC and the state Department of Environmental Management, while a statewide example is the overlapping of MassHighway and the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

"Separate maintenance of state highways does not make sense," Hedlund said.

Hedlund also questioned the financial sense of subsidizing two conference centers in Boston.

"We are subsidizing the Hynes Center at $20 million. We are now building a bigger white elephant in South Boston," he said.

Hedlund, LeClair spar on schools

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A letter to the editor of the Weymouth News from current and former members of the Weymouth School Committee slamming incumbent state Sen. Robert Hedlund's record on education has sparked the first major controversy in the campaign for the Plymouth-Norfolk District Senate seat.

Hedlund said that the letter originated with supporters of his opponent in the Senate race.

Two of the signers of the letter, Weymouth School Committee Vice Chairman Susan Peters and former School Committee Member Carol Karlberg, are active supporters of Marshfield Democrat Ted LeClair, Hedlund's challenger in the Nov. 5 election.

Karlberg is listed on LeClair's campaign website as a staff member. Peters and Karlberg are listed on the website as school coordinators.

"This letter was self-serving. Karlberg is a full-time staffer for LeClair. The rest are members of the Democratic Town Committee," Hedlund said. "They are active, partisan Democrats. That they would do something to support LeClair is not the issue. It is when they deceive that I am troubled. LeClair is using surrogates to run a negative, deceitful campaign, rather than taking a stand on education issues."

Karlberg does not agree that campaign politics inspired the letter.

"I totally disagree," she said. "Each and every School Committee member decides who he or she will support. I don't think there was a partisan issue here."

Due to the short time until the election, it is editorial policy to deal with such letters in the body of the paper, rather than running it on the editorial page.

The letter, in response to an election story in the Oct. 2 News, stated, "We read with concern about our state senator's recent position on education. Sen. Hedlund clearly states that education is a priority, yet even in this difficult budget season, he adamantly opposes a tax increase. If the senator really values education, how can he support cutting $2 billion from the state budget? If, in fact, education is a priority, why has the funding for a comprehensive health education, a parent/home child literacy program, and a class size reduction grant already been eliminated? When is Sen. Hedlund going to admit that level funding the education budget is in actuality a decrease in funding? You just can't have it both ways."

Signing the letter, in addition to Peters and Karlberg, were Weymouth School Committee Chairman Michael Gallagher, current School Committee Member Karen Berry, and former School Committee Members James Keenan and Mary Akoury.

Hedlund said that the charges in the letter to the editor of the News were full of inaccuracies.

"The LeClair campaign gets an F in research," Hedlund said. "I make a pledge in my campaign that should my supporters say something incorrect about LeClair, I will call on my supporters to retract. I am calling on him to do the same."

In reference to the class size reduction grants, these grants have not been eliminated or even reduced, according to Hedlund.

"In fiscal year 2002, the funding was $18 million. In fiscal year 2003, the funding was $18 million. There has not been a penny cut from that program," he said.

The Comprehensive Health Education Grant was eliminated,

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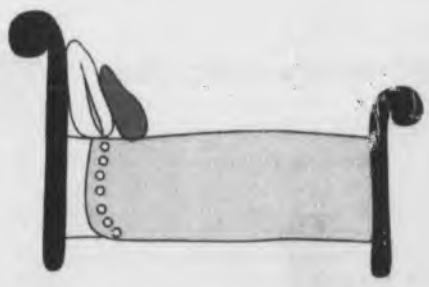

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Bob Hedlund, Ted LeClair spar on school funding

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but the issue never came to the floor of the Senate for a vote. The $10 million grant, a line item in the joint conference committee report, was vetoed by acting Gov. Jane Swift. The House, where vetoes must originate, made no attempt at an override, according to Hedlund.

"The Democratic leadership chose not to bring it up for a veto override," he said.

The John Silber Early Childhood Literacy program, while not eliminated, did see a reduction from $20.6 million in fiscal year 2002 to $18.3 million in fiscal year 2003, but again, the Senate had no opportunity to debate the cut, Hedlund saaid.

"The cut came from the Democratic leadership in the House and the Senate," he said. "The reduction was part of the Senate Ways and Means budget and then part of the House Ways and Means Committee budget, finally emerging from the joint committee. The cut never came up for a debate or a vote on the Senate floor."

The Parent-Child Home Program, funded at $3.3 million in fiscal year 2002, was cut to $2.5 million in conference committee for fiscal year 2003. This program also fell to the governor's veto.

"They got their tax increase and the Democratic leadership still did not fund education," Hedlund said. "I have seen nothing about LeClair's position on education. Instead of negative attacks, I encourage Ted to put out some information on where he stands on education issues."

When asked to respond to the funding of these programs, LeClair affirmed his support for education funding.

"I cannot speak for the Legislature, but this question highlights one of the reasons I am running for the state Senate," LeClair said. "This race is about values and priorities. Our current senator has vastly different priorities from me. Our children's education is a top priority for me, and I am proud to have the public teachers' union standing in my corner. I cannot justify to the constituents of the Plymouth/Norfolk District any cuts in education. Our economy, our children, and our future depend on an educated population. If we do not make education a priority, then every other interest we believe in will suffer. Our prosperity is based on the foundation of education."

Neither candidate supported cutting $2 billion from the state budget.

"I do not support cutting $2 billion from the state budget, especially in light of its impact on our children's education," LeClair said. "Public education is a top priority of mine. I am proud to have the support of the Massachusetts Teachers Association. They believe that I am the best candidate to safeguard our children's education. The Legislature is faced with record decreases in revenue and has failed to adequately address the question of government waste. My vision of how to balance the budget is to first make significant cuts in expenditures. The engine of government must be streamlined while we also work to strengthen the Rainy Day Fund."

In addressing the issue of cutting $2 billion from the state budget, Hedlund said that the budget had actually been reduced by one-tenth billion. In fiscal year 2002, the state budget was $22.7 million; the current estimate for the fiscal year 2003 budget is $22.6 billion.

Hedlund did vote against the tax hike.

"The tax package raises approximately $1.8 billion in revenue. Apparently they are construing my vote against the tax hike as 'cutting the budget by $2 billion.' Ted supports the biggest tax increase in the state's history. I voted against it. There are other ways for the state to generate additional income," Hedlund said. "Voters want value for their tax dollars and want certain programs, like education, prioritized. That is what I have done."

Hedlund said that there were definitely wasted dollars in the state budget.

"In good conscience, I cannot support having the biggest tax hike in the state's history until I see waste eliminated. The I will support a tax hike," he said.

Hedlund challenged LeClair to find alternate ways to raising revenue other than the tax hike.

"I don't see where Ted LeClair has said where we can earn the money to make education a priority," Hedlund said.

Hedlund stressed that he was a leader in the Senate to strengthen the School Building Assistance program, which is vital to many towns in the district. He said that Chapter 70 money for Weymouth steadily increased until fiscal year 2003, when the line item was level funded at $19,551,520.

Level funding did not mean that education was not prioritized, according to Hedlund.

"We made education level funded when programs around the state have been drastically cut because of the economic downturn," he said.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Hedlund backs 40B changes

Addressing a forum held by Marshfield Selectmen recently Sen. Hedlund addressed the issues surrounding Chapter 40B reforms. Hedlund has addressed these concerns consistently since the Fall 2001 when he offered a series of amendments during a debate on the Omnibus Affordable Housing Bill. All the amendments were aimed at returning local control to our towns, including provisions allowing for a more accurate count of existing affordable housing.

The "Affordable Housing" law known as Chapter 40B is a continuing concern. Minor changes to the law have been made, but these changes do not go far enough to return some form of control and accountability to our local communities. In answer to these concerns, Hedlund has filed legislation to address the Chapter 40B crisis. The bill, much like the earlier budget amendment, titled "An Act Relative to Low and Moderate Income Housing," empowers local boards of appeals to review Chapter 40B "comprehensive permit" applications and impose reasonable restrictions and conditions with regard to open space issues, building size, density, setbacks and structure heights. The bill would also allow local boards of appeal to condition and/or deny a comprehensive permit application on land that it deems unsuitable based upon engineering or environmental constraints. The state's Housing Appeals Committee could not overrule a decision by a local board of appeals that relies upon the language of the bill in its determination of suitability.

Hedlund has also co-sponsored a bill allowing the local housing board of appeals to take the financial feasibility of the proposal into account when considering whether to grant a comprehensive permit.

LeClair says his experience counts

Ted LeClair, candidate for State Senate in the Plymouth/Norfolk district, will use his experience to represent the South Shore in the State Senate.

Born in Scituate in 1969, the South Shore's Ted LeClair's lifetime experiences have prepared him for the challenges of reforming Beacon Hill. After graduating from Scituate High, he went to Villanova where to pay for his education he enlisted in the ROTC program. Two days after graduating, LeClair left for San Diego to serve in the Navy. LeClair served on a destroyer in the Persian Gulf in the winter of 1994 and attained the Navy Commendation and Achievement Medals. LeClair left active service to return home and work with his father in the family cranberry business where production on the family bogs more than doubled. LeClair then moved to the health care industry concentrating on government affairs working on the complex issues of health care delivery.

"Next year will be a challenge for everyone in state government," said LeClair. "My experience in the navy, business and healthcare has prepared me to make tough decisions. Unlike the 90s, money will be tight, cuts will have to be made. Like any successful officer or businessman, I will protect our essential services, such as education and health care and work to cut waste wherever I can find it."

Hull firefighters endorse Bradley

Garrett Bradley announced this week that the Hull Firefighters Local #1657 and the Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union have joined the list of Public Safety Unions to endorse his bid for re-election to the House of Representatives. Recently Bradley was endorsed by the State Police Association of Massachusetts, the Hull Police Local #344 and the Cohasset Police Association Local #641. Also endorsing Bradley this week were the United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

Bradley has "stood tall and firm on many issues that have benefited the working people of his district and the state of Massachusetts" stated Russell Regan, President Local #791 UFCW. "There is no substitute for the dedication, care and knowledge that Garrett has demonstrated during his service as a State Representative."

"I am honored to receive the endorsements of these organizations," stated Bradley. "These men and women work tirelessly to improve the quality of life in our communities and I look forward to working with them in the future."

Bradley was elected to the House of Representatives in 2000. During that time, he has distinguished himself as a strong, independent voice for our district. Bradley fought for and passed the Hull Police Technology Fund Bill to help modernize police equipment and acquire new crime-fighting technology. Bradley has fought for critical local issues such as more local control over Chapter 40B developments, additional funding for the school building assistance program and improvements to our local infrastructure. He has also stood up to House leadership to support the will of the voters by voting against a freeze in the income tax reduction as well as against attempts to kill the voter approved Clean Elections Law.

Scituate event set for Palmer

In a strong show of support for his campaign, Scituate residents host a reception for Nathaniel Palmer, Republican candidate for State Representative for North Scituate, Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. The reception will be Wednesday Oct. 23, from 7-9 p.m., at the Scituate Knights of Columbus Hall at 234 Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

"I have been overwhelmed by the support we have received from Scituate throughout this campaign," explains Palmer. "This latest event is one of several rallies we have held in the past few months. The response has been tremendous!"

With Scituate being new to the district, Palmer has spent much of his time during the campaign meeting with the residents of North Scituate and Minot, which make up Scituate's Precinct 3. Currently represented by Frank Hynes, Precinct 3 joins Palmer's 3rd Plymouth district as of January 2003.

The event on the 23rd is expected to draw nearly 100 residents from throughout Scituate and the surrounding area. The event will feature cocktails, a light dinner and desert, the chance to meet with the candidate, as well as with a number of current elected officials and Republican office holders who represent Scituate. For more information about the event contact George Harris at (781) 545-5741 or Ron and Ethyl Wheatly at (781) 545-7997

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Bradley, Palmer debate over debates

By Brian J. Scully
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To debate or not to debate, that is the question.

Or is it?

Last week, the Massachusetts Republican Party issued a press release accusing incumbent state Rep. Garrett Bradley, a Democrat, of being "afraid to debate" Republican challenger Nathaniel Palmer.

It termed Bradley as "desperate to avoid discussing the issues."

A letter to the editor authored by Cohasset Resident Martha Gjesteby, a Palmer supporter, echoed the complaint in last week's Mariner.

But, Bradley says he has not ducked any debates and is ready to participate in a debate "anytime, anywhere."

In the press release, Jean Inman, the chairman of the Massachusetts GOP called Bradley's refusal to debate "…irresponsible for an incumbent legislator." It goes on to add that the Hingham League of Women Voters had offered to hold the debate.

But according to Helga Jorgensen, of the HLWV, that isn't true. She said the League had approached Community Newspaper Company (parent of the Cohasset Mariner) about tacking time on at the end of a debate the two parties hosted last night (Oct. 16) for Plymouth County District Attorney. But when that could not be worked out, there was no further discussion about a debate with Palmer/Bradley.

"Basically, when we asked CNC to include the state representative race they said no," said Jorgensen. "By the time we learned that it wasn't going to happen, it was too late for us to come up with a League debate."

Mark Skala, editor in chief for CNC/South, said he didn't think the DA debate was the appropriate forum for the state rep. debate. He went on to explain that CNC was hosting two debates this political season, but none were for state rep. (The other debate is Thursday, Oct. 24, between state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth and his challenger, Democrat Ted LeClair. The debate is at Hingham Town Hall auditorium at 7 p.m., co-sponsored with the league.)

"We were clear with the League back in September that we could only host two debates," Skala said. "Given we have a number of contested state rep. races in our South Shore geography, we didn't feel we could pull off debates for all of them, so we opted to do none. It wouldn't have been fair to host a Bradley/Palmer debate and not others in our area."

As for Bradley's willingness to participate, Jorgensen again contradicted the message of the Republican party press release.

"When I talked to Garrett Bradley, he was very busy," said Jorgensen. "But he said that yes, of course, he would debate."

Bradley was upset at the report.

"Number one, it is very unfortunate that my opponent has chosen to go negative, because he has nothing positive to say on the issues," said Bradley. "He is trying to grab headlines in the last few weeks of the campaign. If you are going to go negative, it is important to get the facts right, and these allegations are outright lies."

Bradley cited three debates, first on the "Grand Old Party" show in the Town of Hull last month; again on Oct. 3 in a Cohasset debate that was televised on local cable; and the third, an upcoming debate on WATD on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

"When I was contacted by the Hingham League of Women Voters about doing a debate, I said I was happy to participate in a debate, just let me know the date," said Bradley. "I was told that they were unable to schedule a debate in conjunction with the Community Newspaper Company and that that they didn't have the manpower to put it on themselves. I indicated to them that if that changes, I would be happy to debate anytime, anyplace."

Palmer, though, says he talked with Jorgensen Sept. 29 and she indicated to him that the League wasn't pursuing the debate because Bradley didn't want to participate. He also said his campaign was willing to stage the debate.

"The chair of my campaign, Janet Fogarty, offered to provide all the resources," said Palmer. "If he is willing to debate at any time, I'll call Garrett and find out when he is available."

Palmer is upset that there has yet to be a one-on-one debate between the candidates.

"He and I were on a television show together," said Palmer. "And the other debate ended up being a multi-candidate roundtable, not a one-on-one debate."

Palmer accused Bradley of manipulating the Cohasset debate so that the press would not be involved and there would be more candidates participating.

Bradley remained incredulous.

"I don't see how they can say I am refusing to debate," said Bradley. "I appeared on the 'Grand Old Party' cable television show in Hull, which is a Republican show. Somebody made a mistake, whether it was Nathan Little or Nathaniel Palmer and whoever it was should stand up and take responsibility for it."

Bradley, Palmer battle on campaign finance issues

By Brian J. Scully
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Garrett Bradley

Nathaniel Palmer

When voters go to the polls on Nov. 5 to elect their state representative (among other positions), they will consider the issues.

For many in the Third Plymouth District, Chapter 40B which is the state's affordable housing law, state aid for services, and the culture of Beacon Hill will be preeminent in their minds.

But how exactly does a candidate's message reach a potential voter?

One important factor is money, and the race for the Third Plymouth District seat is no exception.

Bradley, owner of the most expensive state representative campaign in Massachusetts political history (more than $126,000 in 2000), has again displayed his fundraising prowess, reporting that he has collected approximately $55,000 in his election coffers.

"It is critical for a candidate to reach as many voters as possible so that on Election Day the voters are able to make an informed decision as to who is the best candidate," said Bradley. "I was in the unique position two years ago, in that I had a strong challenge in the primary and in the general election, which in effect means that I had two elections in one year. If you break it down, it averages $55-60,000 per election." Bradley called that figure "average" for a state representative campaign.

Palmer, who raised approximately $15,000 for his campaign by his own estimate (not in including more than $16,000 of Palmer's own funds), sees the fundraising in a different light.

"Mr. Bradley has taken what I would characterize as an absurd amount of special interest money," said Palmer. "Where I have taken no special interest money, Bradley has taken about 70 percent of his money from outside the district, over 20 percent alone from trial lawyers and lobbyists. This does not serve the district."

But what is special interest money?

Palmer says that anyone from outside of the district who contributes to a campaign and "stands to benefit from influencing the legislature" qualifies for the special interest label.

"All of my money comes from friends, family and supporters," said Palmer. "Seventy-seven percent come from within the district, compared to 30 percent for Bradley, and that received from outside of the district is exclusively from family or friends." Those Palmer totals do not include his own contributions.

There is obviously a fine line though, because every person who contributes money to a candidate is seeking to influence the legislature in a way beyond the power of their single vote.

The Mariner conducted an investigation of the candidates' fundraising from Jan. 1 to Aug. 30, 2002, based on the documents obtained from the State Office of Campaign and Political Finance. The Mariner tallied the total amount of contributions from those who listed an in-district address when giving money. The state does not require candidates to report the individuals who donate under $50, only the total amount donated. The Palmer campaign reported all donations, but the Bradley campaign, in accordance with state regulations, included specific names only on amounts above $50.

From Jan. 1 to Aug. 30., Bradley raised $37,361. Bradley also had $29,849 prior to Jan. 1. Of that total, $3,310 came from small donations (under $50), which are typically from in-district residents. Since that $3,310 cannot be immediately identified via public records, that figure has not been included in this investigation.

With Bradley's total reduced to $34,051, 33 percent came from in-district residents, or $11,225. Of the rest of the contributions, $21,901 (65 percent) came from within the state of Massachusetts, and $925 (two percent) came from outside the state.

Palmer raised $27,903 during that same period, $16,643 (60 percent) of which came from his own money, and $5,930 (21 percent) of which came from in-district contributions. Not counting his own money, 52 percent of the total of $11,260 raised during that period came from in-district. Forty-eight percent came from out of district sources, most of whom are family and friends according to Palmer, who is originally from California.

During that period, Bradley outspent Palmer $50,126 to $24,677, which is almost exactly a 2-to-1 ratio.

The difference, according to Palmer, is that he has not "asked for, nor accepted any money from business associated, or business interests," a practice Palmer called "lucrative," but against what he believes in.

"For a gubernatorial campaign or another statewide race, it is appropriate to solicit and receive money from business interests (within the state) and others directly connected the state," said Palmer. "But a State Representative race is very different. Effectively, the State Representative is the person elected by the district to represent the *District's* interests on Beacon Hill."

Bradley, however, says that the issue is a non-factor. He says his objectivity has not been tainted by the source of his campaign funding.

Bradley points out the fact that he has gone against party lines to support Clean Elections, the voter approved tax cut, and against the leadership's tax package. He has also sponsored a plan that would have generated more than $1 billion to help close the budget gap and protect local services, a plan he said he will continue to fight for.

"I am beholden to only one group of individuals and they are the residents of this district," said Bradley. "In the year 2000, they elected me to represent them and their needs at the Statehouse. I have done my best to do just that."

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Minnesotan Alarik has been collecting, writing and singing songs, and writing folk music criticism for many years. His mellow voice, often likened to stronger Burl Ives, and adept guitar playing deliver humorous and insightful songs without preaching.

The coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main. St., Hingham Square a few doors up from the Loring Hall Theater.

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HSO concert benefits South Shore Hospital

Supporters of the South Shore Hospital will be the first to hear the talented musicians of the 2002-2003 Hingham Symphony Orchestra, at a benefit concert performed Friday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m., in Sanborn Auditorium, at the Hingham Town Hall.

The fully-professional orchestra of more than 50 musicians, under the direction of conductor Jin Kim, will perform Dvorak's Carnival Overture, Ginastera's Variaciones Concertantes, and Brahms' Symphony No. 3.

Jane Frank, Scituate resident and volunteer with the South Shore Hospital Health and Educational Foundation, expressed gratitude to the HSO for their support. "What a wonderful opportunity to bring together two great South Shore resources, that serve the community on two different levels," said Frank. All proceeds from the concert will support patient services, through the Foundation's Promise Campaign.

Tickets to the benefit are available by calling 781-340-4061. $50 per person, or $75 with a pre-concert reception at Casa del Rey on Hingham Harbor.

Hingham Symphony will open its2002-2003 season the following night, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. in Sanborn Auditorium, with the same program. Jin Kim will give a pre-concert lecture at 7:15, and the audience is invited to a post-concert reception. Tickets at $20 adults, $18 seniors, $10 through age 18 are available at the door, or call 781-740-5694.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset Council on Aging book club moderator Addie McGrath holds up the club's monthly selection at the group's opening meeting last week at the Senior Center.

Sunday Concert Series at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 12th year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting organist John Clodig in a recital on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 3 p.m.

Clodig is an international performer, has given recitals at major cathedrals and basilicas throughout the U.S., Canada and England, and has been heard on the nationally-syndicated public radio organ music program, "Pipedreams." Clodig is organist at St. Thomas More Roman Catholic church in Munster. Ind.

The program at St. Stephen's will be played on the church's 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ and will include works of Vivaldi, Handel, Liszt, and the 94th Psalm of Julius Reubke. There will also be a playing of the bells on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon by carillonneur Sally-Slade Warmer.

The church is at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, is handicap-accessible, and has ample parking in the village car park.

There is no admission charge, although donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Find out about Derby

Derby Academy in Hingham will hold Information Sessions and Campus Tours for parents on Tuesday, Oct. 22 starting at 8:45 a.m. (for adults), and on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. for adults and children.

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Parents of the current Derby students will lead visitors on tours of the 27-acre campus after a short introduction. A question-and-answer period will wrap up each session. For directions to the school or more information, call the school at 781-749-0746, Ext. 46; or visit their Web site at www.derbyacademy.org.

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TUESDAY, OCT. 22
Chicken nuggets, breadstick; or tuna sandwich, mashed potato, fruit.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23
Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll; or Greek salad/pita, pears.

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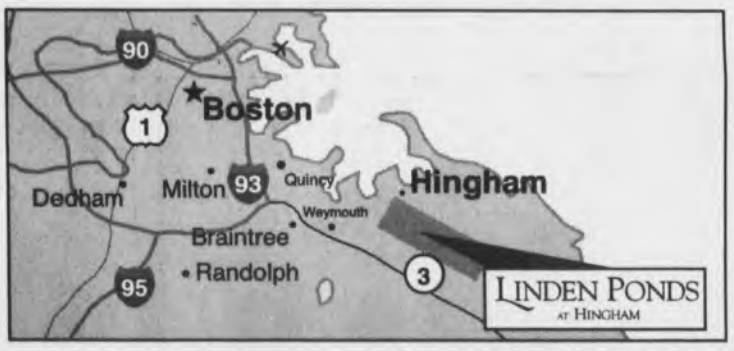

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Closing in

Lady booters won't be satisfied to simply make tourney

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

For five years now, the current female senior soccer players have played under Deb Beal. They have paid their dues with five consecutive seasons of no more than four wins. This year, however, it appears the drought of playoff seasons is over.

"Last year, I said that if we could do it, then this would be the year," Beal noted. "Just look at the seniors I've got."

The Lady Skippers now stand at 6-6-1, with five games remaining. Although they need to win at least three more wins to officially clinch a berth, it has been made quite clear that nobody wants her team to squeak into the playoffs with a record just above sea-level.

Their next four games are against league opponents they have already beaten this year, and their final regular season game will pit them against local rival Scituate, a team to whom Cohasset lost a close 1-0 decision in the season opener. Beal reported if her team could "take care of business" — i.e. win out their final five — they may even land home-field advantage in the preliminary round.

"We don't want to be at the bottom," affirmed the coach. "We want to be up in the high .600's (winning percentage)."

Leading the way for the Lady Skippers has been junior Jen Buckley, who has emerged this year as a lethal scorer with the ability to shoot from a longer than normal range. She has accounted for nine of her team's 22 goals this year, while tallying three assists.

Yet, her numbers, as impressive as they are, can be attributed somewhat to the players surrounding her. Not one of Buckley's goals this year has been unassisted, and 11 players have recorded assists on this much more pass oriented team. Cohasset has four players who have scored multiple goals this year: Buckley, senior captain Molly Flanagan, and juniors Gillian Weber and Sarah McMorris. Even the defenders are helping with the scoring, with senior captain Julie Lordan recording three assists.

"There is huge camaraderie on this team," Beal noted. "There are no real superstars on this team. We communicate well, and we play well as a group. It's their time."

Although it may seem like a paradox, Beal connected the existence of a superstar on past teams to some of its shortcomings. In 1998 and 1999, Eileen Ridge shouldered the scoring load. In 2000 and 2001, Maggie O'Neill took control of the field. Yet the lack of someone as

GIRLS SOCCER, PAGE 20

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Jen Buckley (white shirt) has emerged this year as a lethal scorer. The junior midfielder has accounted for nine of her team's 22 goals, while tallying three assists.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Braun Goodson (#33) breaks off anothr long gainer. The senior halfback scored his 10th touchdown through five games in Friday night's 7-6 win for the Skippers in Carver, to go along with his 166 yards rushing on 25 carries.

Skippers nearly bogged down

Gridders stay perfect with 7-6 escape in Carver

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Skippers closed out the first half of their season with a hard fought 7-6 victory on the road over Carver, Friday night, a second quarter TD run by Braun Goodson and extra point boot by Tom Anderson proving just enough to keep the Skippers' record on the season perfect.

This was the South Shore League opener for both teams, so Cohasset is now 1-0 in league play and 5-0 overall.

A steady rain made for sloppy conditions down in "bog land," so it was hardly surprising that both teams relied heavily on the run.

Cohasset got on the board first midway through the second quarter. After an 18-yard punt return by senior John Durkin, a 7-yard pass reception by sophomore D.J. Silvia had 15-yards tacked on thanks to a roughing the passer penalty against Carver.

Halfback Braun Goodson (25 caries for 166 yards) then followed the right side of the offensive line — Matt Casey, Steve Davis, Cosimo Cambi — and the lead block of fullback Ted Straughn for a 21-yard touchdown romp. This was Braun's 10th touchdown of the season. Anderson added the extra point to give Cohasset a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter.

The host Crusaders responded immediately with a nine play scoring drive, a 5-yard touchdown pass from Keith Hooley to Mark Dowling capping it off with 36 seconds left in the half. However, the 2-point conversion pass failed, leaving the Skippers clinging to the 7-6 advantage.

Carver's offense never really threatened for the remainder of the game, whereas Cohasset had three additional opportunities to score. Unfortunately, the rainy

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Field hockey team weathers rough stretch

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

The last five matches for the Cohasset field hockey team have been tough ones, as the Skippers have gone 0-5 during the stretch—bringing their record to 2-9-1 on the year.

But, the hometowners aren't hanging it up quite yet.

"We still believe we can make some good things happen," head Coach Deb Bostwick said. "We might be out of the tournament now (officially), but we can still be the spoilers for this year and, figure out some of the things we need to improve on for next season."

October 2nd vs. Norwell

Trying to jump back on a winning track in 2002, the Skippers took the field against the Clippers at Norwell, but wound up falling to the nearby town rivals, 1-0.

The loss marked the first time in several years that Cohasset was beaten was the Lady Clippers.

"We were just very flat," Coach Bostwick said of her team's play. "We were very passive."

October 4th vs. Harwich

Looking to bounce back from a rough Norwell match two days' earlier: the lady Skippers returned to Cohasset High for a meeting with the Rough Riders.

Though the locals were ultimately defeated, 6-0, by Harwich, Coach Bostwick stated she was very happy with the efforts given by the Skippers.

"My girls definitely held their own against an awesome Harwich team," Bostwick said. "The score didn't really [indicate] how tough we played them."

Starting in net for the Skippers: senior captain Sera Genovese did an admirable job despite an all-out Harwich offensive assault, stopping 21-of-26 Rough Ryders shots-on-goal. Sophomore netminder

FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE 20

Boys hit rock bottom

Soccer team needs to shake off shocking loss to Abington

By Mike Spellman
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They say that sometimes you have to hit rock bottom before meaningful change can take place.

Whether or not that's true and regardless of who "they" are, Cohasset boys soccer coach Dave Nigro certainly hopes his boys don't fall any lower than they did last Thursday with a 4-1 loss to Abington, and he clearly believes they should learn from it.

"Hopefully, that's a big wake up call," said the third year coach following this loss. "We just went out and tanked that one. We were making mistakes you thought we'd be done with in the preseason. It was just ugly."

This one was never close. The host Green Wave scored all three first half goals, two coming as a direct result of glaring defensive errors.

Chris Clark got the Skippers on the board early in the second half, but any thoughts of a dramatic comeback were extinguished when the hosts regained their three goal cushion not long thereafter.

The loss dropped the Skippers to 5-3-4 overall and 4-3-3 in South Shore League play. The win was just the second on the season for Abington, who the Skippers shutout in the first go-round three weeks ago.

The Skippers were without

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset High golfer Rob Lehr follows the flight of a drive at recent South Shore League golf match. The Cohasset High golf team finished up their season on Tuesday, taking fifth at the South Shore League tourney on Tuesday in Mashpee with 274 points. Number one Cohasset player Greg O'Brien was named a league all-star after the event.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The leg and toe of Tom Anderson (#8) has been a huge part of the Skippers 5-0 start. In addition to making big plays on both offense and defense, the senior has handled the kicking and punting duties with aplomb.

Skippers nearly bogged down

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weather played havoc with their execution of plays, including what would have been a touchdown pass slipping out of the receiver's hands in the end zone on the opening series of the game, a short pass sailing over the head of a wide open receiver in the end zone in the first series of the second half, and a fumble on Carver's 5-yard line with under two minutes to play to give the hosts one last shot at a winning drive.

Carver moved the ball over their own 30 yard line, but that was as far as they would advance, as junior tackle Steve Davis sacked Carver's quarterback for a loss on second down, and then junior d-back Mike Dooley intercepted the Crusaders third down pass at midfield to secure the victory.

An outstanding game was turned in by sophomore Matt Casey. Matt played offensively at center, opening up holes for Cohasset's running backs, who totaled over 200 yards rushing. Defensively, Matt played middle linebacker. He recorded six tackles, 1includign the first quarterback sack of the game.

Sophomore fullback Ted Straughn had his best offensive game of the season, contributing 40 yards rushing on seven carries, with several key first downs.

Senior Tom Anderson pinned the Crusaders deep in their own territory with his kickoffs and punts, while racking up eight tackles from his cornerback slot on defense.

Senior John Durkin handled the kick returns for the Skippers, and had a key 38-yard reception from senior QB Mike Snowdale for a first down late in the fourth quarter. He added five tackles from his safety position, including a touchdown saving takedown on Carver's first drive of the second half.

Junior defensive back Mike Dooley had five tackles to go along with his interception to ice the game.

Defensive linemen Ben Lynner, Nick Spirito, Sean Connolly and linebackers Cosimo Cambi, Tony Truglia, and defensive back Matt Davis also helped shut down the Crusaders.

Cohasset's defense forced an interception and five punts to end six of Carver's seven possessions.

Offensive left tackle Dan Tarpey and left guard Nick Arment teamed up with Casey, S. Davis, and Cambi to open the holes for both Goodson and Straughn. This duo combined to average over six yards a carry.

Defensive stats:

Tackles: Tom Anderson- 8, Matt Casey- 6, John Durkin and Mike Dooley- 5 each, Cosimo Cambi and Ben Lynner- 3 each, Steve Davis, Matt Davis, and Tony Truglia- 2 each, Nick Spirito, Sean Connolly and Ted Straughn- 1 each.

Quarterback sacks: Steve Davis, Matt Casey, and Sean Connolly.

Interceptions: Mike Dooley

Carver was 4-for-9 passing.

Offensive stats:

Passing: Mike Snowdale 3-for-8, 52 yards.

Receiving: John Durkin 2 for 45 yards, D J Silvia 1 for 7 yards.

Rushing: Goodson 25 carries for 166 yards, Straughn 7 for 40 yards.

Fumbles Recovered: Goodson 2, Snowdale 1

Miscellaneous:

Carver had seven offensive possessions, five ending with a punt, one with an interception, and one touchdown pass.

Cohasset had eight offensive opportunities, two ending with a punt, two on failed fourth down conversions, two by the clock, one by fumble, and one rushing touchdown.

The next game is tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 18, at Mashpee High School.

Cohasset 7, Carver 6

	1	2	3	4	Final
Cohasset (5-0)	0	7	0	0	7
Carver(0-4)	0	6	0	0	6

Cohasset-Braun Goodson 21 yard run. Anderson kick.

Carver-K Hooley 5 yard pass to M Darling. Pass conversion incomplete.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Senior defensive back Matt Davis pulls down an interception in recent action.

MAXLAX REPORT

Game of the Week: U14 Bulldogs edge Blades, 11-10

By Curt Mills
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Usually, the late game is somewhat laid back, but this contest refused to provide the crowd with a restful backdrop as the non-stop action showcased "full-season" form on both sides of play.

Jake Cuneo, one of the more physically "imposing" defenseman from the Blades, started off the scoring with a well executed middie-back play that put the home team on the board with a fast break goal. The Bulldogs quickly responded when Bennett Boucher tied it up when he finished off his own an end-to-end rush and then the 'Dogs went ahead on some great ball movement that resulted in a tally from Colin Dwyer on an assist from Andrew Johnson.

After some nice defensive play on both sides, Mark Flibotte notched the first of his six points on the night (5G/1A) with a "scoop and shoot" that found the back of the net after a scramble in front of the Bulldog's cage. The league's top scorer, Jake Minwitz, then took his cue and netted the first of his 6 points (4G/2A) to keep the Blades in check.

After a hard-hitting exchange at center field that resulted in a frenzied ground ball drill, Johnson found Patrick Day alone on the crease for another Bulldog score. This tandem then reversed the combination when Day found Johnson coming up on the back side of the cage for to close out the first half with the Bulldogs up by three, 5 – 2.

Flibotte was obviously getting anxious to get "on with it" as he opened the second half with a gorgeous quick stick off of well executed face-off possession.

The Minwitz show then went into high gear with three unanswered goals that left the Blades a little dazed and confused and had some of the fans thinking that the lateness of the hour had finally settled in. But, as in the past, this Blades team only gets better when they get down "a few" and with Flibotte throwing in another goal and an assist, they went on a tear of their own with scores from 4 different players: Alex Shipp, Justin Connors, Chris Rose, and Ryan Mitchell with assists from Chris Mills and Evan Deutsch.

During this barrage, the Bulldogs managed to stem the tide for a moment with Mark Cheney getting his first of the season on a pass through traffic by (guess who ?) Minwitz. With the score now even at 9 – 9 and the clock winding down, the intensity picked up a notch as both sides knew this one was coming down to the wire. With 2 minutes remaining, Minwitz finished off a fabulous night by feeding his scoring partner Johnson to take the lead, but this sense of victory was short-lived as "Big Jake" Cuneo found Flibotte wide open on the left side for the tying banger as time ran out.

The first sudden death period was punctuated with near misses and some very physical and aggressive defense that stymied both teams, but clearly showed that neither one was ready to go into the night peacefully. As the second OT wore on, the pace continued at both ends until this thriller was decided with a pro-level offensive move from behind the net by Johnson, that drew the double team and left Dwyer open on the crease for the one-timer and the victory. It just doesn't get any better than this . . .

Players of the Week:
Jake Minwitz, Bulldogs, 4G/2A
Mark Flibotte, Blades, 5G/1A

This one was just TOO close to call

Week 4 game summaries

U14

Bulldogs 11, Blades 10 (2 OT)

Bulldogs- Minwitz 4g/2a, Johnson 2g/3a, Dwyer 2g, Boucher 1g/1a, P. Day 1g/1a, Cheney 1g

Blades- Flibotte 5g/1a, Cuneo 1g/1a, Shipp 1g, Rose 1g, Connors 1g, , Mitchell 1g, Mills 1a

Talons 17, Panthers 6

Talons- St. Clair 2g/3a, Taylor 3g/2a, Cuomo 3g/2a, Sears 2g/2a, Stella 3g, Dings 2g, Wicks 1g/1a, Ferris 1g

Panthers- Carlson 3g/1a, Bottiggi 2g, Bak 1g

Scorpions 11, Sharks 5

Scorpions- Oswald 5g/1a, Mills 1g/2a, Pinkus 2g, Silvia 2g, Rose 1g

Sharks - Milliken 1g, Donovan 1g, Twomey 1g, Rice 1g, Jarzneicki 1g

U12

Hawks 13, Jackals 7

Hawks- Forrer 2g/3a, Evans 1g/2a, Yeager 2g/2a, Wahlberg 1a

Jackals - Hughes 2g/1a, Thompson 2g, Fitzgerald 2g, A. Kelly 1g, Gill 2a

Cannons 13, Blazers 6

Cannons - Driscoll 5g/1a, Wise 4g/2a, Shipp 3g/2a, Hernon 2g, Walsh 1g/1a, Maccarthy 1g/1a

Blazers- C. Murphy 2g, Stevenson 1g, Mushin 1g

U10

Mavericks 8, Crusaders 5

Mavericks- Noyce 6g, Lenaghan 1g, Costello 1g

Crusaders- T. Flibotte 4g, Murphy 1g

Lazers 6, Bullets 2

Lazers - Robertshaw 2g, Thomas 1g/1a, Milton 1g, Harrington 1a

Bullets- Rosso 1g, Murphy 1g

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SPORTS NOTES

Trendowicz named TopGun laxer of the week

Cohasset 8th grader Dan Trendowicz scored six goals and added three assists this week to earn "Player of the Week" honors from TopGun Lacrosse in Plymouth.

While Dan was a solid player last year, he has truly emerged as a force this season. He leads the league in goals (26) and assists (7), and has nearly three times as many points as the second leading scorer.

As most in town know, Dan is playing with special inspiration this season. It almost seems fitting that week in and week out, Dan's stat line looks like it should be for two players. Because, in a sense, it is.

Wakeman earns pair of honors

Cohasset's Neely Wakeman, a senior at William Smith College (and graduate of Holderness School), earned a pair of weekly honors this past week. On the strength of an 11-point week, the field hockey defender was named the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA) Player of the Week and the Rochester Area College Athletics (RACA) Female Athlete of the Week.

Wrestling clinic offered

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that Torin Sweeney, head CHS wrestling coach will offer a 12-session, fall wrestling clinic for area students in grades seven to 12. Classes will meet each Monday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

The first class and registration was held Monday, Oct. 7 at Cohasset High School's new, all-purpose Sports Room at 6 p.m.. The fee for the 12 sessions is $50 per participant.

Questions regarding this unique wrestling opportunity may be directed to the recreation office at 781-383-4109.

This program is open to Cohasset as well as area students from surrounding towns. The program will end on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Registration For Max Lax 2nd Session

MaxLax, is now accepting team and individual player registrations for the second session of indoor lacrosse at the South Shore Sports Center. Play begins on November 8th and is open to all boys youth players in grades 3 thru 8. Based on the popularity of this new local program, space will definitely be limited, so please call us directly at 781/383-0413 or visit our Website at *www.maxlax.net* for more information on our program and to reserve your spot on the field for the next session.

Change in CHS admission prices

There has been a change in the game admission prices for South Shore League games this season. Admission for adults will be $4 and students and seniors will be admitted for $3.

Discount tickets

Student Pass: Students can purchase a year-long athletic event pass. The passes are only good for on-campus home events. The cost is $25.

Adult Pass: Parents and fans can purchase 10 event tickets. The passes are only good for on-campus, home events. The cost is $25.

The discounts tickets may be purchased from Mr. Ford's in the Athletic Director's office or from Mr. Leary at the gate on game days.

Changes to Alumni Field

Due to the ongoing construction project there will be some changes to Alumni Field.

Parking: Please park in the main parking lot in front of the school. Additional parking will be available along the entrance driveway by the main office and at Milliken Field, handicap parking will be available in the main parking lot on the right as you enter the lot.

Please do not park on Bancroft Extension (the road which leads to the visitors side gate) and along the driveway that leads from the lower lot to the main entrance of the school.

Entrance: There will be two entrances available. One entrance will be on the visitor's sideline behind the visitor's sideline. There will also be a temporary access entrance this will allow spectators to enter Alumni Field from the main parking onto the track.

Restrooms: There will be two portable restrooms on the visitors sideline adjacent to the bleachers. Indoor restrooms will also be open in the front entrance of the High School.

Concessions: A temporary concession stand will be set up on Alumni Field in the scoreboard end of the field for night games and home football games.

Cohasset Youth Basketball tryouts

Boys Travel- Gr. 6,7,8

Tryouts will be held for the "Patriot League" boys' teams for grades 6,7,8. All those trying out should be at both tryouts. All tryouts will be at the Osgood School gym.

The dates and times are as follows:

Grade 6:
Thursday, Oct. 17, 6-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 24, 6-7:30 p.m.
Contact Person: Dan Martin 781-383-3279

Grade 7:
Wed, Oct. 23, 6-7:30 p.m.
Contact Person: Tim Bilodeau 781-925-1792

Grade 8:
Thursday, Oct. 17, 7:30-9 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:30-9 p.m.
Contact Person: Dan Smith 781-383-6953

Boys hit rock bottom

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

The Skippers struggled over the last week or so with valuable midfielder John Andrade out of action due to a concussion.

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both of their senior captains for the game, but Nigro did not feel this was an adequate excuse for the performance of the players who were in attendance.

"I think we have more talent than that on this team than to fall apart because we don't have a couple of players," said Nigro earlier this week. "Some of our guys might have been using that as an excuse. We should have everyone back for (yesterday's scheduled game at Carver), though, so hopefully that will help. There's no more excuses now."

Through the first eight games of this season, the Skippers were unbeaten, 3-0-3 in South Shore League play and 4-0-4 overall. They've now lost three of their last four, including two league games. Subsequently, the state tourney berth that was once looking all but a formality is now on shaky ground.

In order to qualify for a third straight post-season berth, the Skippers need to compile four points in their final six games — a win counting two points, a tie one.

If his Skippers were playing the way they were earlier in the season, Nigro would have felt pretty good about their chances against Chatham and Hull, teams they beat by a combined score of 12-1 earlier in the season, as well as against winless Scituate (0-8-4), but confidence is understandably not real high for the coach at the moment.

"The kids have got to want to start playing good soccer again," said Nigro. "They've shown they can do it, but they're the ones who have to get back to it.

"They've got to concentrate on what they're supposed to be doing. It's fundamental errors they've been making. This is late in the season. They should be physically fit now. They should all know the game plan. Each player just has to go out and do his job."

Haranguing aside, there were a couple of players whose recent play the coach made a point of lauding, most notably defenders Coner Buick, Craig Laugelle and Andrew Busk.

"Overall, the defense has been pretty sound," he said. "Coner has been doing a real solid job, and Andrew Busk's last few games have been really strong, his best of the year. Craig is a player who has been so steady I haven't said his name a lot. But he's done a real nice job."

Yesterday's scheduled game at home versus first place Carver (5-1-1, 7-3-1), who the Skippers tied 1-1 back on Sept. 24 in Carver, was postponed by rain. That game could be made up today or early next week.

The next game on the schedule is tomorrow's tilt with Harwich on the road. The fourth place Skippers tied the third place Rough Ryders (3-1-4, 7-1-4) at home on Sept. 26 after surrendering a 3-1 second half lead.

Either one of these opponents would be good for shaking the Skippers out of the current doldrums, according to Nigro.

"We need to get back on the field in a good competitive situation," concluded the coach, "and the sooner the better. The kids don't need to think about what they have to do; they just have to do it."

'Autumn Season'at Widow's Walk began Oct. 15

Widow's Walk's Autumn Season begins Tuesday, October 15, and this means additional savings on weekends* for both Scituate residents and non-resident golfers at the popular South Shore course.

The cost for 18 holes on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays during this period for residents drops from $35 to $27 and for non-residents from $42 to $32.

The 9-hole green fees on weekends drops from $18 to $16 for residents and from $22 to $19 for non-residents.

Current weekday rates, Monday thru Friday, remain in effect for the rest of the season: $22 and $14 for Scituate residents and $27 and $17 for non-residents.

*Note: Fridays are regarded as weekdays during Shoulder & Autum Seasons.

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Field hockey team weathers rough stretch

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Caitlin Condon then stepped in for the second-half and responded nicely, shying away 2-of-3 Harwich SOG during her stint.

Defensively, Cohasset's endeavor was led by the play of Sarah Dennis, Rachel Doyle, Frannie Noble, and Kimmy Ulmner.

October 7th vs. Hull

Anxious to put up another 'W' for the 2002 campaign, the Skippers traveled to Hull hoping to accomplish that very feat.

Up 2-0 at the break, Cohasset came within a second-half "breath" of making their ambition become reality, but broke down in the latter frame and had to settle for the 2-2 tie with the Pirates.

"We lost [momentum] in the second half for some reason," Coach Bostwick stated. "In the first (period), everything was going right for us, everything was clicking. Then, for some reason we started getting passive again and Hull was able to capitalize on it and tie us up."

Deanna Brown and Courtney Caron scored the goals for Cohasset in the equalizing effort, with Brown and Danielle Pinkus picking up assists in the match.

October 8th vs. Mashpee

After seeming as though the 'win drought' could be over following the strong contest against Hull, the Lady Skippers instead fell back a step versus Mashpee, losing to the Falcons by a heartbreaking 1-0 final.

"We were very evenly matched the rest of the way, but our passiveness again in the first half killed us," Coach Bostwick said. "It was too bad because, if we could have had the same intensity we showed in the second half in the beginning, we probably had a good chance to win this one."

Sarah Dennis and Rachel Doyle were again solid on the 'D' side of things for Cohasset; the culprit for the Skippers on this day was a quiet offense, as the locals managed only 10 shots-on-goal (compared to Mashpee's 21 SOG).

October 11th vs. Carver

Things can be bad enough when you're in a slump; they can be even worse when you're in a rut—heading into a matchup with a very solid team.

That was the case last Friday, as Cohasset took on the Crusaders of Carver at home. The Crusaders were eventual 2-0 winners on the afternoon.

"I'll tell you, it's not like these kids can work any harder, because right now they're playing their hearts out," Coach Bostwick commended of her team's recent play. "We're making the right moves and we're playing very solidly for the most part all around. We just could really use some of that Lady Luck that seems to be going against us to come our way."

Junior Caitlin Condon started between the pipes for Cohasset, and held things close as she swept away 7-of-8 shots in the first half. Sera Genovese then stepped in to take over the goaltending duties in the second frame, almost mirroring her counterparts' performance (11 saves on 12 shots-on-goal).

Up and down the 'D' side of play, the Skippers received yeoman-like performances from its roster. Along with the usual assistance of names like Sarah Dennis, Rachel Doyle and Frannie Noble, Cohasset was helped by the works of people such as Kelly Hurley, Holly Dinsmore and Heather Peraino.

The problem for Cohasset—as it has been for the balance of this 2002 season—offense.

"We're just unable to find the net," Bostwick stated. "On the other side of the field, we're playing very well. We just need to get a few (scoring) bounces to get us rolling there."

The Lady Skippers will search for those "bounces" this week, as Cohasset takes on Norwell, Silver Lake and Harwich.

Field Hockey Notes

Head Coach Deb Bostwick wanted to thank Mr. Brown of Brown Imports on Rt. 3A for his help with the Cohasset Skippers car wash fundraiser on Monday afternoon. The fundraiser, which is used to purchase necessities for the team throughout the school year, raised almost $600 this year.

We really owe a tremendous thanks to Mr. Brown at Brown Imports," Bostwick said. "He was very generous and very helpful with our fundraiser, supplying us with pretty much all the things we needed to make the car wash a success."

PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Abington's Erin Curran and Cohasset defender Alicia Sanchez (right) both react to bouncing ball in recent South Shore League tilt.

Lady booters closing in

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dominating on the field as these two girls on the current squad has forced a greater number of players to step up.

On top of their selfless team concept, Cohasset's schedule also has helped the team stand poised for late season success. The squad actually started off the season a disappointing 0-3, with consecutive one-goal losses in Norwell, Mashpee and Scituate.

However, eight of their final 10 games will be played at Alumni Field, and Cohasset is now riding the momentum of a run of 10 games where their record has been 6-3-1.

Local coaches and doctor to form a new running club

Chuck Martin, cross country and track coach at Norwell High. George Rose, cross country and track coach at Sacred Heart in Kingston, and Dr. Thomas W. Vorderer, a podiatrist in Norwell, would like to announce the formation of a running club open to those of all abilities and age. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Norwell High Track, starting at 6 p.m.

"We have all seen the need for a club that provides quality coaching for those who desire some direction in their training," said Chuck Martin. "The three of us have individually wanted to do something like this for awhile. Collectively, we have pooled our ideas with the hopes of forming a really unique club."

"For years I have seen runners come in with injuries that could be prevented with just some sound coaching," said Dr. Vorderer. "It is our hope to have a club that provides this coaching, as well as information that will ultimately lead to less injuries and a more enjoyable running experience."

"We are not going to be a club just for the elite runners," added George Rose. "On the contrary, we want any runner, either competitive or not, to be able to gain from being a member of this club. The club will also bring in individuals to speak on topics of interest such as nutrition and cross country training, to name a few. This will provide the club members a link to the sports medicine community and help them reach their desired goals."

It was a wonderful opportunity for the three of us to use our collective experience for the betterment of others." said Dr. Vorderer.

"Each of us has had the opportunity not only to run at a very high level of competition, but also to be coached by some of the best people the sport has to offer."

Chuck Martin is track and cross country coach at Norwell High. He resides in Norwell. His teams have won several state titles and accumulated several Globe and Herald All-Scholastic achievements.

In 1994 he was named the Boston Globe Coach of the Year. At Medford High, he was the state mile champ and a Boston Globe All-Scholastic. At the University of Massachusetts at Boston he was a national caliber cross country runner and excelled at the 10,000 meters on the track. He has also been the race director for Evan's Run in Norwell for the past two years.

Thomas W. Vorderer, D.P.M. is a podiatrist who practices at Children's Hospital, Boston, in the Division of Sports Medicine. He also has an office in Norwell. He resides in Norwell, with his wife and two children. His running began at Weymouth North High and continued at Westfield State College, Marquette University.

He held school records at each institution. While running for the University of Chicago Track Club, he was a member of their national cross country team that placed fifth at the TAC Nationals in the Meadowlands, N.J.

George Rose is the cross country and track coach at Sacred Heart in Kingston. He resides in Kingston. While in high school at Weymouth South High School, he was a Boston Globe All-Scholastic in the two mile. He continued his running at Bates College and then with clubs in the Boston area. He has also coached at Notre Dame in Hingham, where he was also a globe All-Scholastic cross country coach.

For more information, call Chuck Martin at 781-659-4033, Dr. Vorderer at 781-659-3443, or George Rose at 781-659-3443.

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Partnership takes healthy approach to suicide prevention

By Seth Jacobson
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Clinical psychologist Barbara Green of Cohasset saw a disturbing trend among South Shore teenagers several years ago and knew she had to do something about it.

"I did four consults in one week at South Shore Hospital with youngsters who had made suicide attempts, the last two of which were 12-year-old girls," Green said.

That was 1994.

"I had one of those professional moments," she said. "I just got grabbed. It really started raising questions in my head like, 'What are we not doing in terms of prevention?'"

Green's effort to work with these troubled teens grew into a program called the Adolescent Suicide Prevention Project. The program grew even bigger and is now part of a larger initiative called the South Shore School Partnership for Health.

The Partnership is two-pronged. One of its elements is suicide prevention. The other aspect of the program deals with health for school-age children. Green, a clinical psychologist at Whiting Place in Hingham and a member of the staff at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, runs the suicide program. Kim Noble, an RN at the South Shore VNA, takes care of the school health part, which she founded. Both programs are made possible with the support of South Shore Hospital.

Noble said the school health aspect of the program entails school nurses meeting about five times a year to talk about health issues in schools around the South Shore. The group also hosts four educational seminars per year.

"We talk about the issue of the moment," Noble said, adding some of the topics include things like peanut allergies, inhalant abuse and nutrition.

Many school officials and others in the community have realized the value of the Partnership. Norwell was one of the school systems that got involved with the program early on.

Missy Gerety, the Director of Social Health for the Norwell school system, helped create "Suicide Prevention Day," a program now heavily utilized within the suicide prevention project.

"It's basically a peer training program," Green said of Suicide Prevention Day. She said the program entails taking 7-10 students from four different schools around the South Shore and bringing them to a location to hear experts talk about suicide.

After the students have heard the presentation, they are asked to take the information they have just absorbed and turn it into a skit on suicide. After that, they're asked to present the skits for the other groups and they are also asked to take those skits back to their own schools to perform them to spread the important message that suicide is just not worth it. Suicide Prevention Day is held on a semi-annual basis.

"That program has been incredibly wonderful to watch," Green said. "If we can get the message out to students that it's OK to get help, that will de-stigmatize that whole process. And the kids seem to love it."

The school health piece of the puzzle came to be in 1996. Green and Noble eventually decided to merge both of their programs into one.

"It made sense in terms of utilization of resources," Green said.

When asked about the program's effectiveness since its inception, Noble said, "We get good feedback from those people who come to the meetings. If they didn't feel they were getting useful information, they wouldn't keep coming."

"It's hard to measure the level of success," Green added. "For lack of funding, we have not been able to do hardcore research and collect data."

But Green is satisfied with how the program has grown since she first founded the suicide prevention project, and she is glad some school systems are utilizing the program.

"It has continued to evolve and strengthen," Green said. "If money were not an issue, I would try to do more consulting within schools. But the health care community is under so much financial pressure and these kinds of programs are not where the health care dollar is spent."

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Barbara Green, a clinical psychologist, and Kim Noble, R.N., are working together to help prevent teen suicide.

Alzheimer's support group meets Oct. 23

On Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m., at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham, the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore presents Dr. Paul Raia of the Massachusetts Chapter of Alzheimer's Disease.

Dr. Raia will speak on "Adapting Habilitative Methods and Communication Techniques" in caring for a person with Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Raia is director of patient care and family support of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. He has been an expert in the field of habilitation therapy and has published many articles on Alzheimer's issues.

Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in learning about the disease. For information, call 781-749-0795 or 781-740-2426.

Respite care for the patient is available at no cost during the meeting at Harbor House in Hingham so that the family may attend the lecture. Reservations for respite care: 781-749-4774, Ext. 843 by 3 p.m. on Oct. 23.

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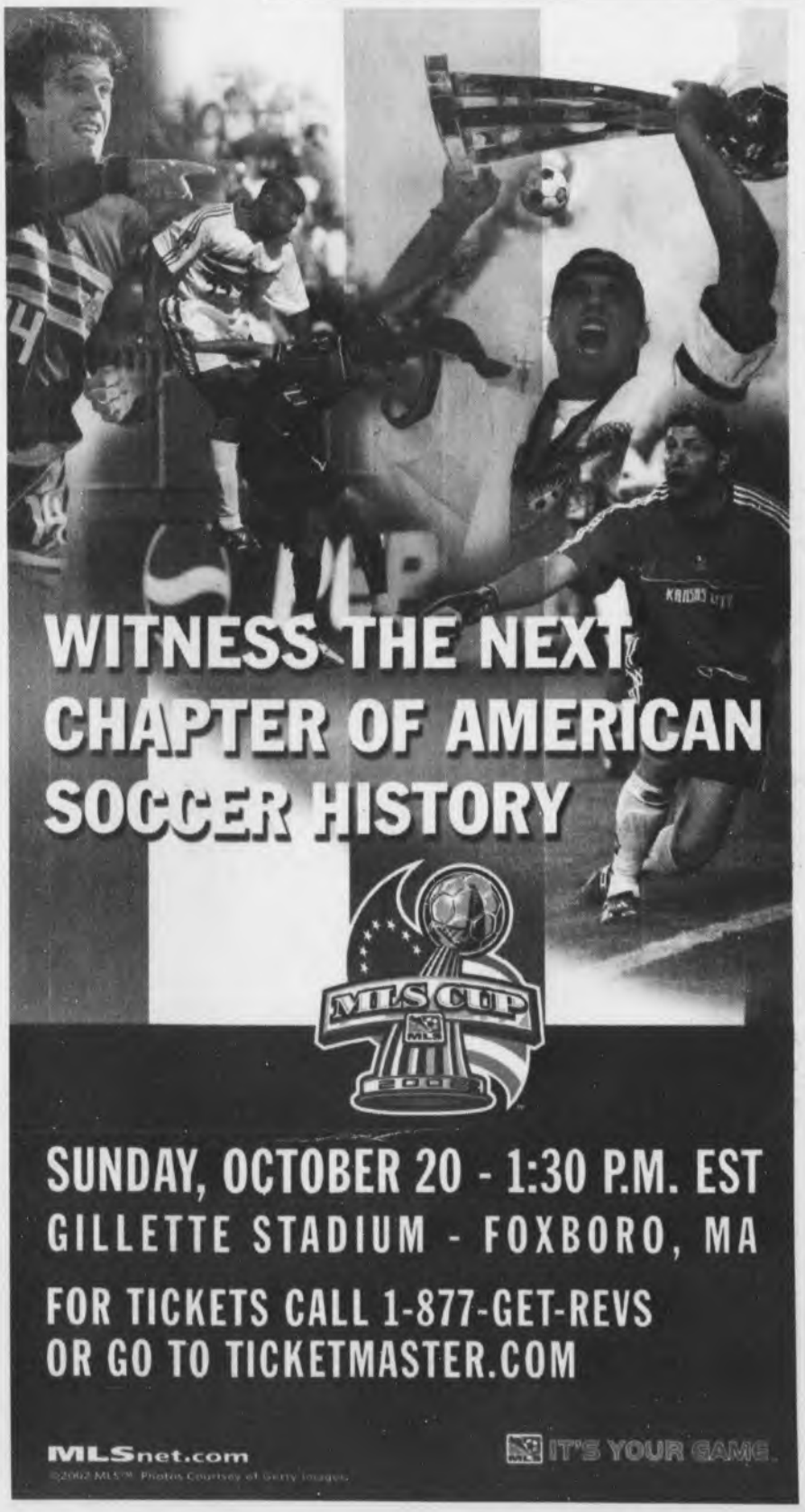

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Brookline TAB

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3rd Place	Infographics	*Donna Handel*
Honorable Mention	Color Photo	*Glen Cooper*

Burlington Union

Honorable Mention	Spot News Photo	*Susan Sickler*

Cambridge Chronicle

1st Place	Photo Series	*Staff*

Cambridge TAB

Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*David Ortiz*
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The Cape Codder

1st Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Doreen Leggett*
2nd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Joe Burns*
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Chelmsford Independent

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Cohasset Mariner

1st Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Mary Ford*
Honorable Mention	General Excellence	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Rick Collins & Alice Coyle*

The Concord Journal

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Betsy Levinson*

Country Gazette

1st Place	History Reporting	*Heather McCarron*
2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
3rd Place	Front Page	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Shannon Haley Daggett and Heather McCarron*

The Daily News Tribune

1st Place	Health Reporting	*DeAnna Putnam*
2nd Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Nikki Misra*
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2nd Place	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*
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Danvers Herald

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Myrna Fearer*
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1st Place	Investigative Reporting	*Staff*
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Harwich Oracle

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2nd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*
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Holliston TAB

3rd Place	Sports Photo	*Ed Hopfmann*

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1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
2nd Place	General News Photo	*Allan Jung*
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Honorable Mention	Business/Economic Reporting	*Brian Boyd*

Ipswich Chronicle

1st Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Lauresha Xhihani*
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1st Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
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Marshfield Mariner

1st Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
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Medford Transcript

2nd Place	History Reporting	*Nell Escobar Coakley*
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Melrose Free Press

1st Place	Photo Illustration	*Dan MacAlpine and Brigid Alverson*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Brigid Alverson*
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Merrimack River Current

1st Place	Photo Series	*Robert Branch*
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The MetroWest Daily News

1st Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
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3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Michael Kunzelman*
Honorable Mention	General News Photo	*Art Illman*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Peter Schworm*
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Honorable Mention	Living Page or Section	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Personality Photo	*Allan Jung*
Honorable Mention	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Bob Tremblay*
Honorable Mention	Serious Columnist	*Tom Moroney*
Honorable Mention	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*

The Milford Daily News

1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
1st Place	History Reporting	*Shannon Haley Daggett*
1st Place	Serious Columnist	*Tracey Lewia*
1st Place	Spot News Story	*Denise Mize and Michelle Hillman*
2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
2nd Place	General News Story	*Jennie Coughlin*
2nd Place	Personality Photo	*Suzanne Ouellette*
2nd Place	Photo Series	*Ken McGagh*
2nd Place	Sports Column	*James Whitters*
3rd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Nathan Eddy*
3rd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Donna Daley*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Investigative Reporting	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Social Issues Feature Story	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Spot News Photo	*Ken McGagh*

Needham Times

3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Dave Gradijan*

The Neponset Valley Daily News

1st Place	Best Newspaper Web Site	*Staff*
2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
3rd Place	General News Story	*Liz Taurasi*
3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Shaun Michael Smith*
Honorable Mention	Human Interest Feature Story	*Jennifer Kovalich*
Honorable Mention	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*

Newton TAB

1st Place	Design	*Staff*
2nd Place	General News Photo	*Ken McGagh*
3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

North Shore Sunday

2nd Place	Educational Reporting	*Adam Reilly*
2nd Place	Environmental Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
2nd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
2nd Place	Health Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
2nd Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Elizabeth Dinan*
2nd Place	Sports Story	*Elizabeth Dinan*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
3rd Place	Educational Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Peter Chianca*
3rd Place	Personality Photo	*John Harvey*
3rd Place	Sports Story	*Chad Konecky*
3rd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Adam Reilly*
Honorable Mention	Human Interest Feature Story	*Elizabeth Dinan*
Honorable Mention	Illustration	*Marty Riskin*
Honorable Mention	Photo Illustration	*John Harvey*
Honorable Mention	Social Issues Feature Story	*Adam Reilly*

Norton Mirror

1st Place	Environmental Reporting	*Meredith Holford and John Johnson*
3rd Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*

Norwell Mariner

1st Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
1st Place	Special Award	*Staff*
2nd Place	Personality Photo	*Chris Bernstein*
Honorable Mention	Sports Column	*Mike Spellman*

Parents and Kids

2nd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

The Register

3rd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Joe Burns*

Scituate Mariner

1st Place	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*
3rd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Seth Jacobson*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Section	*Staff*

Sharon Advocate

Honorable Mention	Environmental Reporting	*Peter Hartzel*

Stoneham Sun

1st Place	General News Photo	*Marc Vasconcellos*

Stoughton Journal

3rd Place	Sports Story	*John Hanlon*

Swampscott Reporter

2nd Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Bryan Cote*

The Upper Cape Codder

2nd Place	Investigative Reporting	*Peggy Aulisio & Doreen Leggett*

Wakefield Observer

1st Place	Health Reporting	*Jill Anderson*
2nd Place	Environmental Reporting	*Jill Anderson*
3rd Place	History Reporting	*Jill Anderson*

Watertown TAB & Press

2nd Place	Photo Series	*Winslow Martin*

The Wayland Town Crier

2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
2nd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
2nd Place	Living Page or Section	*Staff*

The Wellesley Townsman

1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Christine Junge and Michelle Xiarhos*
Honorable Mention	Headline Writing	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Cathy Brauner*

West Roxbury Transcript

3rd Place	Coverage of Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Jordana Haspel*

The Westborough News

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Westford Eagle

1st Place	Color Photo	*Lisa Cassidy*

The Weston Town Crier

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Weymouth News

3rd Place	Personality Photo	*Tom Gorman*

Wilmington Advocate

1st Place	Sports Photo	*Lisa Cassidy*

Woburn Advocate

Honorable Mention	Feature Photo	*Lisa Cassidy*

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Ted Guild has left his mark on Cohasset

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board.. He decided to step aside once the North Cohasset sewer project was underway and the Central district and plant expansion were approved.

"We're here!" Guild said in an April 1999 interview, with the energy and enthusiasm of someone half his age. "We're over the problems with the state and we're over the problems with the town, too."

But what many Cohasseters may not recall is the town spent 20 years in a legal wrangle with the state while the Sewer Commission, in particular Guild, spent countless hours working out an agreement and explaining the projects to a sometimes hostile citizenry.

Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo said few realize the magnitude of Guild's accomplishments.

"Ted gave of himself in a unique way," Bobo said. "His grasp of modern filtration technology enabled the Sewer Commission to transform Cohasset's waste management problem into an elegant, efficient cost effective and clean solution to what is a nagging problem for most towns of our size.

"This may not seem to be much but few in our town have done better things for Cohasset," Bobo said.

Sewer Commissioner Gary Vanderweil worked closely with Guild for more than 20 years on the sewer projects. They were also friends and often played tennis together.

"Ted was always looking out for the town's best interest," Vanderweil said. "He was indefatigable in his pursuit of any goal he set for himself.

"He was a great guy who was always upbeat and saw the glass as half full, not half empty. I'll miss him."

Guild, who grew up in Hingham, "officially" retired in 1987 from Ionics, Inc. in Watertown where he was vice president of the company that manufactured desalination equipment. He continued to serve as a consultant for four years, but then gave it up because it took too much time away from Cohasset's sewer projects.

Over the years, Guild spent as much as 60-70 hours a week working on sewer plans. He even spent one Christmas as the sewer plant when there was a personnel problem. He also worried over-development would hurt the character of Cohasset because developers are often right behind a sewer line.

Guild felt good about what the Sewer Commission accomplished.

"We've handed the citizens something that is still a lovely New England town while at the same time protecting the environment," he said in the 1999 interview.

Guild also enjoyed collecting maritime paintings and being treasurer of the Society of Cincinnati, whose members are descended from officers who served in the American Revolution.

He was a Harvard College graduate and a big follower of Harvard football.

"Dad went to a lecture on Harvard football and he raised his hand to say, 'Excuse me but you have the score wrong,'" recalls Juliette Reid, Guild's daughter.

"He also loved marine art and loved looking out at Minot Light from home," she says.

Julie Guild says her husband felt very fortunate to have lived a long life and said he had a lot to be thankful for.

"He was so courageous," she said about his battle with terminal cancer. "He said, 'All I want is a comfortable landing."

"I'm a very lucky person," Mrs. Guild said. "We had a wonderful time together. Ted was great fun and had a great zest for life."

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Ted Guild, shown here in an April 1999 photograph at his Jerusalem Road home after he stepped down from the Sewer Commission, loved the ocean and collecting maritime paintings. He passed away last week at the age of 80.

OBITUARIES

Edward M. Guild

Edward M. (Ted) Guild, 80, of Cohasset, formerly of Hingham died at his home in Cohasset on Oct. 10, after a brief illness.

Born, in Boston, Mr. Guild attended Derby Academy in Hingham and was a graduate of Exeter Academy and Harvard College, Class of 1944. He was captain of the Harvard Wrestling Team and a member of the Fly Club.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific with the Third Fleet as navigator of a destroyer participating in the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa Campaigns.

In 1955 he joined Ionics, Inc. of Watertown, a firm specializing in water desalination where he served as a vice president in charge of International Sales until his retirement. A major portion of his time was spent in the Middle East.

He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati in New Hampshire and served as their long time treasurer. Mr. Guild was in elected member of the Cohasset Sewer Commission for 17 years serving as chairman for 10 years.

Husband of Juliette (Day) Guild of Cohasset, he leaves three sons; Edward M. "Ned" Guild of Hingham, Thomas S. Guild of Belmont, Warner D. Guild of Hopkinton and a daughter, Juliette G. Reid of Brookline; seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 3 p.m. at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 172 Main St., Hingham.

Visiting hours and flowers omitted by request. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Church of St. John the Evangelist or to Hospice of the South Shore, P.O. Box 859060, Braintree, MA 02185-9060.

The interment was private.

Arrangements were handled the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham.

Susan S. DeMichele

Susan S. DeMichele, a prominent artist and South Shore resident, died on Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, in her home in Cohasset. She was 56.

Mrs. DeMichele was born in Utica, N.Y. in 1946. After attending Cortland State College for a degree in education, she pursued her true passion for art. She attended the Fine Arts program at Boston University. She continued to learn even after she had received her Fine Arts degree, taking additional courses at the Museum School and Kansas City Art Institute.

Following the receipt of her Fine Arts degree, Susan devoted most of her time early in her career to raising her three children, Daniel, Marnie and James. Although it limited her time with her pallet and easel, it did not stop her growth and accomplishment as a landscape/seascape artist.

Her paintings and pastel drawings are included in many private collections; she also has won many awards and prizes in juried shows throughout New England. Her work is included as part of the permanent collection in the Ogunquit Museum in Maine. Susan's love for the outdoors, along with her eye for the earth's natural colors, allowed her to capture beautiful landscapes and seascapes of the New England coastline. Her loose, almost impressionistic style, broad/bold brush strokes, and bright and vivid colors became easily recognizable throughout the region. Her love for the South Shore scenery was only rivaled by her love for Maine, where she and her husband planned to move for the summers.

A 23 year resident of Cohasset, Ms. DeMichele was active in school art programs, served on the board of the sailing club, and devoted many hours to community activities.

Along with her husband of 32 years, Donald, she leaves a daughter, Marnie, and two sons, Daniel and James. She also leaves her mother, Ethel Smith of Utica, N.Y., a sister, Margaret Parry of Tallahassee, Fla., and two brothers, Roger Smith of Lake George, N.Y., and Carl Smith of Fayetteville, N.Y.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., on the Cohasset Common. Donations may b given to the American Cancer Society.

Lyle E. Branagan

A funeral Mass for Lyle Edward Branagan was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset who died Oct. 7, 2002 at home at age 77.

Mr. Branagan, a retired civil engineer for Metcalf & Eddy in Boston. He was previously a professor at Northeastern University and worked for Charles T. Main Co. in Boston.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., he received a bachelor's degree from Brown University in Rhode Island in 1950 and a master's degree from Harvard in 1954. He had lived in Cohasset 34 years and served on the town's drainage committee.

Mr. Branagan was an Army veteran of World War II serving in the 750th Field Artillery Battalion.

He leaves his wife of 45 years, Elizabeth J. Buddlington) Branagan; his three sons, Lyle of Gastonia, N.C., Peter of Hingham and James of New York; his daughter, Katherine Branagan of Natick; two stepbrothers, John and William Branagan, bot of New York; and his 10 grandchildren.

Following the funeral Mass at St. Anthony's, interment was held in Beechwood Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the St. Joseph's Indian School, North Main St., Chamberlain, S.D. 57326.

James R. Paterson

James R. Paterson, 85, of Cohasset, a former bartender at the Red Lion in Cohasset and a World War II veteran, died Oct. 10, 2002 following a brief illness.

Mr. Paterson had also tended bar at the Veterans of Foreign War Satuit Post in Scituate.

He was born in Rumford, Maine.

He served in the Bismark Archipelago, East Indies and in New Guinea in the 2585th Army Air Force base unit. He was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and the Distinguished Unit Badge. He was a member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Elsie C. (Lutz) Paterson; his daughter, Patricia J. Vincent of Roxbury, Vt.; a stepdaughter, Barbara A. (DelSasso) Carlson of Marshfield; a brother, Edward Paterson of Rumford, Maine; a sister, Jean Bogins of Heartland, Maine and Florida; his three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mr. Paterson's memory to Coffee Kids, 1305 Luisa St., Santa Fe, N.M 87505; or to the National Kidney Foundation, 129 Morgan Drive, Norwood 02062.

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SUNDAY, OCT. 6

5:17 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:47 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance, arrest of Seanian O'Hara, 20, 354 Main St., Cohasset, assault with a dangerous weapon.

MONDAY, OCT. 7

2:49 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle crash.

8:20 a.m. Red Gate Lane, fire.

8:50 a.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

9:22 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:44 a.m. Pond St, reported death.

9:48 a.m. Nichols Rd., medical aid.

11:05 a.m. East St. and Route 228, animal control.

2:02 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint.

2:57 p.m. Lamberts Lane, parking complaint.

3:09 p.m. Margin St., outside fire.

3:23 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:27 p.m. Otis Ave. and Border St., wires down.

3:37 p.m. Forest Ave., malicious destruction.

6:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.

6:05 p.m. Cushing St., investigation.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8

4:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious.

4:12 a.m. Pond St., general services.

11:54 a.m. Pond St., investigation.

3:06 p.m. Wheelwright Park, drug/narcotic violations.

3:15 p.m. Forest Ave., and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., traffic safety inspection.

7:33 p.m. Mendel Rd, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:42 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

12:22 a.m. Nichols Rd., fire.

12:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

5:54 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:52 a.m. North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

7:16 a.m. Pond St., and Bancroft Rd., general services.

7:23 a.m. Red Gate Lane and Fernway, general services.

8:55 a.m. Bancroft Rd., assist citizen.

9:04 a.m. Red Gate Lane, fire.

10:08 a.m. Atlantic Ave., and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:35 a.m. King St., fire inspections.

2:12 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Robert V. Sullivan, 45, 67 Newport Rd., Hull, chrgs. two warrants.

3:20 p.m. Cedar St., illegal dumping.

4 p.m. Atlantic Ave., Meadow Lane, fire.

5:46 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:58 p.m. Fernway, fire investigation.

6:33 p.m. North Main St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:36 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:08 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

7:26 p.m. King St., general services.

7:49 p.m. Aaron River Rd., suspicious.

9:41 p.m. North Main St., fire investigation.

10:43 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

2:03 a.m. Assist other police departments.

4:27 a.m. Norman Todd Rd., structure fire.

8:11 a.m. Norman Todd Rd., medical aid.

8:33 a.m. Beach St, traffic complaint.

9:37 a.m. King St, medical aid.

9:57 a.m. Otis Ave., breaking and entering.

10:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, lost property.

10:39 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

11:07 a.m. South Main St., vandalism.

11:14 a.m. Crocker Lane, medical aid.

1:04 p.m. Otis Ave., investigation.

1:19 p.m. South Main St, noise complaint.

1:58 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway disorderly conduct.

3:34 p.m. Elm St., fire.

4:26 p.m. South Main St., serve restraining order.

4:36 p.m. Stagecoach Way, medical aid.

4:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person.

4:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway parking complaint, verbal warning.

7:31 p.m. King St., and Pond St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane. Arrest: Walter G. Ross, 159 South Main St., Cohasset. Chrgs. marked lanes violation, OUI liquor.

FRIDAY, OCT. 11

2:58 a.m. King St., medical aid.

7:18 a.m. Cedar St., illegal dumping.

9:27 a.m. Elm St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

9:40 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire.

10:40 a.m. Norman Todd Rd., parking complaint.

10:58 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., larceny.

12:25 p.m. King St., medical aid.

12:51 p.m. Briarwood Lane, parking complaint.

1 p.m. Lothrop Lane, animal control.

2:05 p.m. Norfolk Rd., missing person.

2:47 p.m. King St., medical aid.

3:34 p.m. Cohasset Harbor, lost property.

3:44 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

5:08 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle crash, traffic citation issued.

5:40 p.m. Nichols Rd., fire.

6 p.m. South Main St., summons service.

6:57 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and North Main St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:31 p.m. Parking Way, disturbance gathering.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

12:35 a.m. Crocker Lane, abandoned 911 call. 46-year-old Scituate man in protective custody.

7:29 a.m. Fernway, assist other police department.

9:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St. traffic complaint.

1:18 p.m. Newton Rd., animal control.

3:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

4:14 p.m. Bancroft Rd., medical aid.

4:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property lost.

4:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle crash.

5:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious person.

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DEBATE

Community Newspaper Company will be hosting a debate on **Wednesday, October 16 at 7 p.m.** between Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz and challenger Tim White

This is an opportunity to hear where the candidates stand on the issues before voting on November 5. The debate, to be moderated by the League of Women Voters, will begin at **7 pm at the Sanborn Auditorium at Hingham Town Hall**. A panel of journalists will question the candidates.

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Historical Society lectures series

• Thursday Oct. 17: Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, will speak about what the National Register program is (and what it is not), why it is a useful program, and what sorts of resources. qualify for listing. She will present examples (with slides) of the kinds of stories that historic resources can tell about our past. Lightkeepers' residence 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday Oct. 30: Jerusalem Road Revisited "The most prominent feature of the town, that by which we are most widely known in the world, as Jerusalem Road, along which so many delightful summer homes have been built overlooking the sea." So E. Victor Bigelow wrote over a century ago in his "Narrative History of Cohasset, Massachusetts."

This remains as true today as it was when written in the 1890s. The Victorian mansions of Jerusalem Road will be featured in a slide presentation by David Wadsworth, the Society's Historian. Lightkeepers' residence, 7:30 p.m. Both events are free, light refreshments will be served.

Fall barn sale at fire museum

A fall barn sale will take place at Bare Cove Fire Museum on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 19 Fort Hill St., rain or shine. Donations are gratefully accepted; please call 781-749-0028.

The Bare Cove Fire Museum has a history of supporting the cost of the non-profit museum by holding a bi-annual barn sale in a storage building in Bare Cove Park. Items for sale include skis and poles, books, records (78s and other sizes), tapes, speakers, dishes, furniture, toys, puzzles, clothes, computer games, tools, art, holiday decorations, sports equipment and household appliances. Aside from raising money on the day of the barn sale, museum members will be on hand to answer questions you may have about the history of firefighting in Hingham.

The museum's neighbor, the South Shore Model Railroad Club is having an open house the same day. Everyone is welcome to both venues!

Halloween fair

Pumpkins and cornstalks are appearing at local farm stands. Orange and black decorations are showing up in stores and plans are being conjured up for the South Shore Community Center Nursery School's annual Halloween Fair.

This year's fair will take place on Cohasset Common on Oct. 27, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. a South Shore tradition for more than 30 years, the fair offers Halloween fun for the entire family. Spooks and cartoon characters of all shapes, sizes and ages are encouraged to begin preparing to join in the howlish fun.

For more information about the fair or the programs of the South Shore Nursery School, contact the Nursery School at 781-383-0036.

Series for children of older parents

Cohasset Elder Affairs presents the final session in an educational series for children of aging parents titled "A Seminar for Elders and Caregivers" Wednesday evening at 3 North Main St. From 6-6:30 p.m. a light supper will be served, 6:30 8:30 p.m., program. Donation of $10 is requested. Call 781-383-9112.

• Oct. 23: "Confronting a Tough Issue!" (Preventing elder fraud, dishonest caregivers). Speakers: Dorothy Anne Vitale, Norfolk County Director of Senior Initiatives; David Raftery, Assistant District Attorney, Norfolk County.

Speaker series

On Friday, Oct. 18, Bob Whitney of Hingham, a senior vice president at Trigen Boston Energy and a member of The National Speakers' Association speaks nationally to a variety of groups on motivational, leadership and spiritual topics. Bob has his own news column in the Mariners, Good Vibes, and will be addressing the topic of one of his latest columns; "Hurry, Hurry, Hurry." Why have we become too preoccupied and have settled for less as a society? Come listen and learn from noon to 1 p.m. at the South Shore Art Center. For more information call 781-383-0771.

Books Cook program

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for first-and-second-graders' "Books Cook" program by calling 781-383-4109.

Books Cook for grades one and two will be held from 3:15 -4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays starting Oct. 23. It will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School. Children will enjoy making bread boas after reading "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" or making candy houses after reading "Hansel and Gretel," as example.

The program will be five weeks in duration and costs $55 per child. Programs start Oct. 23 and continue through Nov. 20. Each week will feature different books and cooking.

For information, details and registration, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109.

Hingham Symphony announces season

The 2002-2003 symphony season begins in October, and Hingham Symphony has announced an eighth-month program that brings classical music to audiences on the South Shore. With the continuing leadership of Music Director Jin Kim, the HSO has developed an orchestra composed of more than 50 of graduate student and professional musicians from the conservatories in Boston, as well as a number of local professionals.

The opening concert of the season will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall. On the program are Dvorak's festive Carnival Overture, Ginastera's Variaciones Concertantes, and Brahm's passionate Symphony No. 3. Jin Kim will give a pre-concert explanation of the program at 7:15 p.m. All are invited to meet the musicians at a reception after the concert. On Oct. 18, HSO will perform the same program as a benefit concert for South Shore Hospital.

For more information, to receive a brochure, or to buy tickets, please call the HSO at 781-740-5694.

GLORIOUS MUSIC

The glorious music of Candide is being rehearsed by the Unicorn Singers with Ed Bartholomew and Diane Mullen (Hingham) in front, surrounded by Cohasset singers Jane Forrer, Jo-An Heileman, Amy Martin, Leah Kisiel and other talent from around the South Shore. Variety and vitality abound in a dazzling mix of Broadway, classical, folk, barbershop and vocal jazz at this weekend's big FALL GALA CONCERT by the Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale. Performances are at 8 pm Oct 19 and 20 at House of Prayer in So.Hingham. Tickets (which include a gourmet reception) are $25 at Nobles in Hingham Square or Cards & Shards in Cohasset, or call 781-749-6561 for reservation.

Marc Brown at Buttonwood Books

Marc Brown will sign his latest book, "Arthur, It's Only Rock 'n' Roll" (Little Brown, $15.95) at Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham on Sat., Nov. 2 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. Arthur wants to be in on the action when Francine decides to form a rock band that will be "a million times better than the Backstreet Boys." But Arthur doesn't make it through auditions, and Francine chooses Molly, Binky, Fern and Mrs. MacGrady instead. Then the Backstreet Boys come to Elwood City and change everything! Brown is the author and illustrator of 26 titles in the best-selling Arthur Adventure book series, and of a second book series, featuring D.W., Arthur's little sister, as well as numerous other books for children. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call 781-749-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend. *To give everyone a chance to meet Mr. Brown, Buttonwood must request that no books be brought from home.*

Illustrator at Buttonwood

Giles Laroche, illustrator, presents his latest work, "Who Sees The Lighthouse" (G.P. Putnam's Sons, $15.99) by Ann Fearrington on Sat. Oct. 26 at Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham from 10 to noon. "Who Sees The Lighthouse", a counting book, is a cumulative rhyme featuring lighthouses from around the United States as observed from one sailor, two pilots, three gulls, and more.

Laroche incorporates a technique that he calls "paper relief". The result is an illustration with a three-dimensional effect. This method requires many stages of drawing, cutting, painting and gluing. The outcome is a beautifully textured picture with incredible depth. Giles will be bringing a piece of original artwork from each of his books to display during his visit to Buttonwood For Kids. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call 781-749-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Kids' craft programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades K—three Arts and Crafts Program by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and Crafts for grades K—three will be held from 3-4 p.m. on Mondays at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $42 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 21 and continue through Nov. 25. The class will not meet on Monday, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day.

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New England charm in watercolor

Veteran artist has one-man show at SAA gallery

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Artist T. Nicholas Phakos describes himself essentially as a New England Watercolorist.

His paintings are firmly rooted in the traditions of idyllic New England subject matter and scenery, with the emphasis on clarity and simplicity.

At 82, Phakos has imaginably experienced a lot of the native New England tradition he paints. Originally from Holyoke and a longtime resident of Milton, the artist is a graduate of Boston's Vesper George Art School and has had a lifelong career as a greeting card artist as well as a teacher of watercolor painting.

Much of this experience is reflected in Phakos's current one-man show on exhibit in the Scituate Art Gallery at 132 Front Street through the end of October.

The artist's evergreen New England scenes on display are rendered with such fittingly self-descriptive titles as "Autumn Walk," "Winter Beauty," "Out In the Country," "Pastoral Scene" and "First Snow."

"I like to take photos first of the subjects I want to paint," said Phakos. "Then sketch in the buildings or any other landmarks in the scene, then add fall colors or whatever is appropriate to the season when I'm painting. I often like to exaggerate the shadows and colors in the foreground."

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T. Nicholas Phakos

Phakos's lengthy artistic career has also included past memberships with Boston's Copley Society as well as others with art leagues and associations in Springfield, Massachusetts and New York City and State along with current memberships with the New England Watercolor Society and the Scituate Art Association. In addition, Phakos has had one-and-two-man shows in Boston, Holyoke and other areas of western Massachusetts.

The National Wildlife Federation has printed animal and bird paintings by Phakos and the artist's paintings are in many private and corporate collections throughout the country.

While conventional in subject subject matter, Phakos's watercolors carry a certain familiar charm particularly for those with similar New England roots. Featured subjects including "Old Mill," "Red Barn," "Farm House" and others are rendered from photographs by the artists in various spots around New England over the last 12 years.

"I feel that you can create more as a studio painter, rather than painting on-site," hhe said.

For more information, call the Scituate Art Gallery at 781 545-6150.

A selection of T. Nicolas Phakos artwork on display through the end of the month at the Scituate Art Gallery.

Chorales of distinction

Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Choral gearing up for Fall Gala concert

By Nathan Collins-Jensen
CORRESPONDENT

It seems, in our era of factory produced teen idols and eye-popping videos, a musician is anyone who dares jump, jiggle, and gyrate to a synthesized bass. Forgotten are the days where music was revered as a "concord of sweet sounds", the offender of which "is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils".

Music review

Too often today, money is the driving force, not beauty, and the signals that once transmitted powerful emotion are lost in the static of commercialism. Yet, some among us struggle to wade against the beating surf of fad, whim, and craze—anchored by a passion for the music itself. Two groups counted in this happy few are the South Shore's own Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale.

The Broad Cove Chorale, a group of highly accomplished female musicians, was created in 1975 by choral director Margo Euler. In 1978, Euler wanted to do a staged piece titled "The Unicorn, the Gorgon, and the Manticore" by Menotti. One necessary component for the performance was missing —men.

As she was new to the area, Euler enlisted the help of her performers in the recruitment of male singers. Musician contacted musician to take part in the collaboration, and they were successful in acquiring enough men to perform the piece. A new group, The Unicorn Singers, was born. Today, the Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale both combine and perform separately to create distinctive programs throughout the year.

The glorious music of CANDIDE is being rehearsed by the Unicorn Singers.

It quickly became apparent to Euler, and to her audience, that the diverse talents of her choral members could be utilized in a very distinctive, unique fashion. She was working not only with exceptional voices, but also with actors, songwriters, arrangers, lyricists, and instrumentalists. She correctly chose to expand her performances to include all of the diverse talents at her disposal and bound them together with music.

The result is the eclectic versatility seen at each group's six annual concerts. Aside from straight choral singing, which is common to any choral society, these groups offer staged numbers — often in full costume. Euler conducts, choreographs, blocks, and directs these quasi-theatrical sequences.

Both the Broad Cove Chorale and the Unicorn singers perform an amazing variety of choral, opera, Broadway, instrumental, classical, madrigal, spiritual, pop, barbershop, and original parody works, among others. These seemingly disparate genres combine (many times in one driven, tightly woven concert) to form an exciting, energetic, and wonderfully entertaining spectacle. To stay that way, Euler, a member of the American Choral Directors Association, is always searching for fresh, enticing material for upcoming programs. With such a wide array of music and talent at her disposal, the possibilities seem truly infinite.

Both groups have pooled talent from across the South Shore, and bring to their performance many (many) years of experience in music creation, direction, production, and scholarship. They pride themselves not only on their ability to reach across all genres of music, but also their desire to imprint their musicality onto those who see them perform. Whether it be a standard which leaves you humming its familiar motifs, or something more obscure which beckons you to open your ears and explore its challenges, the singer's relationship with the audience is immediately palpable. Music is the means of forg-

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Symphony of support

HSO preview concert benefits South Shore Hospital

By Alice Coyle
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Fans of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra will have a unique opportunity for a sneak preview of the 2002-3 season this Friday when the orchestra holds a benefit concert for South Shore Hospital.

All proceeds from the event held in the Hingham Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium will go to the hospital's "Promise Campaign" which has already raised $15 million to equip the new emergency, maternity and surgical wings built as part of the recent $68 million expansion.

South Shore Hospital's Philanthropy Officer Michael Rogers said the fundraiser with the HSO — the first partnership with the orchestra— is part of the campaign's final push toward its goal of raising $16 million.

"We wanted to do something different within the community and this concert with the HSO was a good match," Rogers said.

This will be the first chance to hear our orchestra this season, said HSO managing director Nina Wellford. And the program promises to be a memorable one featuring Dvorak's Carnival Overture, Ginastera's Variaciones Concertantes, and Brahms' Symphony No. 3.

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Michael Rogers

Wellford is especially looking forward to Ginastera's Variaciones Concertantes which she said features " a lot of wonderful brass."

The HSO's regular season opens Saturday, Oct. 19 with a repeat performance of Friday's benefit concert.

Benefit performances are not new to the HSO which hosted a performance in April in support of Habitat for Humanity and has another benefit event planned in February in support of Derby Academy's music program.

Prior to Friday's benefit performance there will be a pre-concert reception at Casa Del Rey restaurant in Hingham Harbor beginning at 6 p.m. There will also be a post-concert reception at Sanborn Auditorium, Wellford said.

Tickets for the South Shore Hospital benefit concert and reception are $75 per person, $50 for the concert only. To reserve tickets call (781) 340-4061 or (781) 340-8847. There will also be some tickets available at the door. For information or tickets for the HSO's opening concert Saturday, Oct. 19 781-740-5694.

Living

Food & dining

The souffléd omelet

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

The concept is simple. Take three or four eggs, separate them, whisk the yolks together with seasonings, fold in the whites, place the mixture in a skillet and finish cooking in the oven. The result is a quick and easy breakfast pan-soufflé for two. The problem with many of these recipes is that the mixture is too light both in texture and taste. I wanted more substance, more flavor, and a few variations on this simple theme.

I started with three eggs, an amount I considered just right for an 8-inch skillet and two servings. I tried separating all three eggs but the resulting omelet was too airy—leaving one egg whole was a better approach.

It is important not to whip the whites until they are stiff — you want soft 2-inch peaks so that they fold easily into the yolk mixture. Some recipes suggest beating the yolks until they are very light but this method reduces their character - the recipe starts to taste more like a soufflé than an omelet. Simply whisk them until blended.

As far as the butter goes, a mere two teaspoons in a non-stick skillet was fine. Any more and the omelet became greasy and the bottom browned a bit too much, making it tough. Some recipes suggest adding water to the eggs but I preferred a tablespoon of heavy cream (I also tested light cream and half-and-half) which provided a bit of richness and moisture. As mentioned above, non-stick skillets are essential - they are perfect for eggs since they release easily and therefore require less oil or butter.

Some recipes suggest cooking the omelet for two to three minutes on the stovetop and then transferring it to an oven. My tests indicated that just one minute on the stovetop followed by five minutes in a 400-degree oven eliminated the tough bottom crust that was often a problem.

My last thought was to develop variations. Since this is a relatively light dish, substantial additions such as ham or bacon seemed out of place.

Cheese, however, is a natural and I came up with two recipes: one with grated Gruyere or Swiss and the other using a combination of Parmesan and goat cheese. Finely chopped herbs are a classic (best for lunch or supper, perhaps) and finally, I liked a tablespoon of maple syrup added to the yolk mixture as a variation unto itself.

SOUFFLED OMELET WITH VARIATIONS

If you want to serve four instead of two, double the recipe and use a 10- or
12-inch skillet.
3 large eggs
1 tablespoon heavy cream
1/4 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 teaspoons butter

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Place one whole egg and two egg yolks in a medium bowl. Add the cream, salt and pepper and whisk to combine.

Place the remaining two egg whites in a medium bowl and beat into soft peaks. (Do not overbeat, as it will make them difficult to incorporate into the yolk mixture.) Fold the whites into the yolk mixture.

2. Heat an 8- or 9-inch heavy-duty non-stick or cast iron skillet over medium heat. When hot add the butter. Once the butter has stopped foaming swirl to evenly coat the bottom of the pan. Add the egg mixture, spread evenly and smooth the top. Cook for one minute. Place in the hot oven and cook for four to five minutes more or until the omelet is puffy and just set and may have started to brown ever so slightly on the top. Slide onto a warm plate and serve immediately.

Serves two.

Maple Syrup Variation

Add one-tablespoon maple syrup to the yolk mixture, the more flavorful lower grade dark amber preferred.

Cheese Variations

Add one half cup grated Gruyere, Swiss, cheddar or jack cheese to the yolk mixture along with the whites.

Goat Cheese Variation

Add one tablespoon grated Parmesan two ounces softened goat cheese to the yolk mixture and whisk until the goat cheese is well incorporated.

Herb Variation

Add two teaspoons finely chopped chives or flat Italian parsley or one tablespoon chopped tarragon or thyme along with the whites. The herbs may be added along with the cheese or by themselves to suit your taste. The thyme is particularly good with the goat cheese variation.

Christopher Kimball welcomes your comments. E-mail him at kitchendetective@hcpress.com

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

The Aquarius moon aligns with Saturn at 5:15 a.m. and becomes inactive. At 7:07 a.m. a Pisces moon takes over, beginning a 2 1/2 day period that is ideal for creativity and developing intuitive skills. However, organization and efficiency may take a back seat. Postpone business negotiations, transactions, major purchases. Get extra rest; pay attention to your dreams.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

A 90-degree alignment of Venus and Jupiter warns against overdoing on any level. Use common sense. Don't make impulsive or extravagant plans, promises or purchases. On the other hand, this planetary alignment evokes an easygoing, social mood. Take extra time out for rest and relaxation; enjoy favorite pastimes. An applying alignment of Mercury and Neptune continues to highlight all creative endeavors. You can find new inspiration and achieve breakthroughs.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

This is a great morning to change your routine; be more relaxed, playful. Enjoy the moment. Mercury aligns with Neptune at 6:50 a.m., and the sun forms a harmonious contact to Uranus at 10:07 a.m. In addition, the moon continues to travel in laidback Pisces, active until 5:16 p.m. An Aries moon begins at 7:13 p.m., bringing an energy boost. However, a lunar opposition to Mars is in effect this evening and warns against taking chances or doing anything risky.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

A full moon buildup promises an exciting weekend. Do something different. Visit or entertain friends, travel or embark on a new adventure. Put business or practical decisions on hold for a few days. The Aries moon aligns with Neptune at 11:48 a.m. and opposes Mercury at 3:55 p.m. A harmonious contact to Jupiter sets the stage for late-night partying. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Energy and enthusiasm run high, as the full moon continues to build. In addition, the planet Neptune plays an important role in today's planetary picture. At 9:51 a.m. Neptune, standing at 8-degrees Aquarius, begins direct travel. Seek a creative or romantic outlet for your energies. Let fun and games top your agenda.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

The full moon culminates at 3:20 a.m., 28-degrees Aries/Libra. At 5:55 a.m. the Aries moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. A Taurus moon takes over at 7:57 a.m., and an applying sun/Saturn alignment makes for a day to get things done. Zero in on business or financial issues that have been swept under the rug. You can explore options and make realistic choices.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

This day holds high potential for productivity. The sun forms a harmonious contact to Saturn at 9:31 a.m. Mercury forms flowing 60-degree contacts to Jupiter and Pluto. All communications are highlighted. This is an excellent time for brainstorming and troubleshooting ideas and options. Influences also rate high for making long-range plans and setting new goals. There is one pitfall, however, when the Taurus moon aligns with Jupiter this afternoon. Don't take on more than you can handle. Know your limits.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

The Taurus moon aligns with Uranus at 10:14 a.m. and becomes inactive until 8:17 p.m. There may be unexpected distractions, delays, reversals. Allow extra time. The sun enters Scorpio at 10:18 a.m., remaining there until November 22. Plan to catch up on unfinished business, handle routine chores and errands. Get your life in order. The moon enters talkative Gemini at 8:17 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

A Gemini moon sets a fast pace today and tomorrow. You must carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan, if you want to be productive. The moon forms harmonious 120-degree contacts to Mars at 7:23 a.m. and Neptune at 12:35 p.m. Write emails, letters, send packages, make phone calls. Communicate, network, collaborate.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Get an early start to this day. Initiate new projects before 10:43 a.m., when the Gemini moon aligns with Mercury. Sales and promotion campaigns get the green light. Overall, people will be upbeat and outgoing. Be sure to have a clear plan of action in order to avoid spinning your wheels and wasting time. A lunar alignment to Uranus makes this evening prime for socializing, partying.
.through obstacles and make objective decisions. This influence is also favorable for making personal changes, taking control of your life and transforming bad habits or attitudes.

Add color to the early autumn garden

Green thumbs up

Part 3

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As I pass through the pewter gray arbor that leads to my backyard sanctuary, I delight in the delicate perfume of the sweet autumn clematis (C. paniculata) that cascades over the arched passageway. Only planted a season ago, this vine quickly climbed the latticework this spring and with a little guidance, its vigorous stems have twined their way over the top erupting with a myriad of glistening white starry blossoms in recent weeks. Tolerant of partial shade, this is perhaps the easiest and most rewarding of the clematis to grow. An established plant, severely pruned in early spring, will rapidly recover to reach 15 feet in length in a single season smothered with a profusion of fragrant blooms each autumn. Silky, feathery seed heads shimmer in the setting sun weeks after the blooms have faded.

There are many wonderful late season treasures to brighten the autumn landscape. The expansion of our home several years ago afforded an opportunity to create a variety of new gardens to highlight many of these fall-blooming beauties. I strive for continuous color in all my plantings but particularly in those gardens that are in close proximity to walkways and window views. Adjacent to our new front entry, the living room addition boasts a handsome fieldstone gable that provides an elegant backdrop for a sunny cottage garden complete with roses, hollyhocks, peonies and iris. Daylilies, globe thistle, butterfly bush, purple cone flowers and hibiscus flourish during the summer months. In early autumn, among the lingering blossoms of pink Bonica roses, delicate lavender spires of Russian sage and the tall, bright yellow blooms of Rudbeckia nitida 'Herbstsonne', billowing clouds of tiny white daisies belonging to Boltonia 'Snowbank' glow against the backdrop of the rustic stonework. Held on upright 4-foot tall blue-green stems, the blossoms resemble our native fall-blooming asters but this hardy perennial readily adapts to drier soil conditions, producing an erect, dense bushy plant given full sun. There is a pink-flowering form, B. 'Pink Beauty', but this variety tends to have a more open, sprawling habit that requires support to look its best.

Nearby, the statuesque Aster Tataricus is just beginning to display its lovely clusters of lavender-blue daisies highlighted by yellow centers on 6-foot tall stems. As Allan Armitage comments in his fine reference Garden Perennials, "The good thing about this species is that plants multiply rapidly; the bad thing is that plants multiply rapidly." This Siberian native is a vigorous grower but I find it easy to eradicate when it wanders and consider its exuberance a small price to pay for its fabulous architectural presence and blooms through the month of October.

On the opposite side of our living room addition, a small, protected atrium garden receives only bright light during the spring and fall and a minimal amount of direct sunlight during the height of summer. Along the fieldstone path that leads to the entryway, several late-blooming gems provide a colorful splash as the growing season draws to a close. Pink anemones, white cyclamen, deep blue leadwort and the speckled purple and white blossoms of toad lilies intermingle with the rich evergreen fronds of Christmas fern, the finely textured foliage of dwarf goatsbeard and the silvery leaves of Japanese painted ferns.

The fall-blooming Japanese anemones deserve more popularity; commonly known as windflowers, their charming single, semi-double and double flowers in shades of pink, rose or white dance in the breeze on tall slender stems above handsome, divided foliage that is attractive in all seasons. When grown in partial shade and moist soils, clumps gradually expand producing a multitude of branched 3-foot tall stems with dozens of blooms during September and October.

Few perennials offer the intense, cobalt blue flowers of the fall-blooming leadwort (Ceratostigma plumbaginoides). Its brilliant blue flowers appear above mats of deep green foliage which gradually turns to a deep bronze as the season progresses. An excellent ground cover for sun or light shade in well-drained soils, it is an ideal choice for the front of a mixed perennial border.

Among the declining leaves of hosta and early-blooming perennials, the dainty flowers of hardy cyclamens, in shades of pink and white, emerge each fall from the surrounding leaf litter. Fleshy bronze flower stalks suddenly produce distinctive, nodding flowers like clusters of little butterflies atop stunning, toothed, deep green foliage mottled with bold silver streaks. These marginally hardy tubers should be planted in humus-enriched, well-drained but moist soils in protected areas beneath trees and shrubs where they will gradually spread to form colonies.

The unusual flowers of the toad lily (Tricyrtis spp.) never fail to bring a smile. Despite its unpleasant common name, this late-blooming perennial is a must for the shady border. The gracefully arching foliage produces numerous white or pale lavender-pink blossoms generously dotted with purple speckles. The overall appearance is much like an orchid. This fascinating shade-loving perennial should be grown where its unique flowers can be easily observed to appreciate its intricate mottling. Several toad lily cultivars are available which include slight variations in flower color and foliage that may be tinted gold or lightly variegated. All toad lilies prefer moist, well-drained soils in filtered shade. Locating a source for these odd-looking perennials may require a little wandering, but several South Shore nurseries stock them and they are well worth the search.

Chorales of distinction

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ing this connection, and that the interplay between performer and listener is paramount.

There are six concert programs offered annually. The Fall Gala in October and the Winter Encore! in February feature both ensembles in the same performance. The Christmas Concerts in December (performed at five different churches, with the proceeds going to a different charity of the church's choosing) and the Spring Concerts in late April/early May feature the two choruses separately. The upcoming Fall Gala, which was first performed in Euler's living room but has now grown to the much larger and acoustically superior House of Prayer in South Hingham, features an eclectic mixture of Broadway, lyric opera, spiritual, madrigal, folk, and pop arrangements, including sequences from Candide and Camelot. Both the Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale will perform. Each individual talent has been highlighted and ultimately conflated to form a richly textured, controlled sound. The pieces are tight, intricate, and entertaining. Hallmarks of both groups have been variety and versatility, and this show is in no danger of becoming monotonous. The Fall Gala will be held at House of Prayer in South Hingham on Oct. 19 and 20, both performances at 8 p.m. with reception to follow. When purchasing tickets for the concert you may also subscribe for the season and receive tickets for the Christmas and spring concerts as well. Individual tickets become available shortly before the show dates, for a price of $25 each. For ticket information, and to be placed on their mailing list, please call the business office at 781-749-6561. You can also reach them via email through their website at www.bcc-us.com.

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THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE RETURNS TO EDAVILLE USA from Nov. 9 to 17, for the annual Holiday Festival of Lights, an exhibit of more than 5 million lights displayed throughout Edaville's 1,300 acre cranberry plantation in Carver. Tickets for the Holiday "Day Out With Thomas" event can now be purchased for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville box office the day of the event. Children under the age of one will be admitted free. An $11 upgraded ticket allowing guests to enjoy all of Edaville USA's attractions is also available. Advanced purchase is highly recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have been sold out well in advance.

VALERIE HARPER In "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" performances begin Dec. 3, and run through Jan. 12, at Boston's Wilbur Theatre. Ticket prices are $25 to $67 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at the Wilbur Theatre box office. For more information about the show visit www.allergistswife.com

THE MASSASOIT THEATRE CO. presents the musical "Chicago" two weekends, Nov. 15 to 24, at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets are priced at $15, general public; $13 with Massasoit ID, senior citizens and students; all seats reserved. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE in Braintree announces the production of Neil Simon's "Rumors." Productions dates are Nov. 1, 2, and Nov. 7, 8, 9. All shows are at 8 p.m. The play "Rumors" contains some strong adult language. Tickets $15, to reserve tickets call 781-356-5113 and leave message, someone will call back with your confirmation. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and commercial Streets in Braintree.

THE FULLER MUSEUM OF ART, 455 Oak St,. Brockton, announces a community-wide fundraising event to support the programs and exhibitions of the Fuller Museum of Art: "Through the Looking Glass," its annual fundraiser dinner/dance. The event takes place Nov. 1, at the museum. Silent Auction and cocktails from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Catered dinner at 8 p.m.; dancing until 11 p.m. to the music of Java Jive. Tickets $100 per guest and price included one raffle ticket for a chance to win a Paul Stankard paperweight valued at $4,500. For more information or to reserve tickets, call

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The Museum of Fine Arts Boston presents Sargent's Seven Sisters on display through Jan. 5, 2003. Also recently opened are the exhibits "18th Century French Royal Furniture and the Egyptian Department Centennial. The MFA is located at 465 Huntington Avenue.

Thurs. 17

Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books presents author and scientist **Robert Thorson**. 'Stone by Stone: The Magnificent History in New England's Stone Walls" on Oct. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. Call 781-741-1405 for more information. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order a signed copy if unable to attend. This is a free event and the public is welcome.

Eastern Nazarene College, 23 East Elm Ave., Quincy, presents **The Sound of Music** Oct. 17 to 19 and Oct. 24 to 26. Call the box office at 617-745-3715 for advance tickets. Adults $12/children 12 and under $10.

Unwind at The Sheraton Plymouth's Gourmet Wine Dinner to be held on Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. held in the Harbor Grille room at the Sheraton Plymouth, located in the heart of Plymouth harbor, the promise of a special evening of culinary delights during five course, wine dinner. Reservations suggested. $50 per person, inclusive of wine, tax and gratuity. For reservations and information call 508-591-5007.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **David Curtis** will demonstrate painting a seascape in oil the public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater presents world premiere **of A New War,** latest Gip Hoppe comedy which opens Oct. 17 and runs Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. through Nov. 2. Set in the future, A New War is a fast-moving satirical play that takes audiences "live" to the set of the cable news channel as it broadcasts the fast-breaking events of an American war. Inspired by current events. Tickets for all performances are $21 (1/2 price student standby) may be reserved by calling 508-349-6835. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.what.org

The Bob Shrago Memorial Brotherhood Blood Drive will take place at **Temple Beth Emunah,** 479 Torrey St., corner of Pearl St., on the west side of Brockton, on Oct. 17, from 2 to 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate blood may come to the temple during the above hours. No appointment is needed. For information call 508-583-5810.

Fri. 18

Lunchtime Speaker Series, Oct. 18, from noon to 1 p.m. at the **South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, sponsored by the **Social Service League of Cohasset, Inc.,** presents **Speaker Robert Whitney**, columnist for all "South Shore Mariners" of "Good Vibes" column. He will address the topic of "Hurry" in our fast paced world. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-383-0771.

National Mammography Day is Oct. 18, and the **American Cancer Society** urges women to make their health a priority, starting with a mammogram. Many mammogram facilities offer special programs, including extended hours, lower fees or payment schedules during Breast Cancer Awareness Month or on National Mammography Day. To locate a low cost mammography site in your area or for more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org

Two Friends Art Exhibition at the Sparrow House Museum, 42, Summer St., Plymouth. "Two Friends" a joint exhibition of work by Plymouth artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann and her long-time friend York Maine artist Heather Lewis Sargent will be on view at the Sparrow House Museum from Oct. 18 to Nov. 30. A public opening reception will be held Oct. 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information call 508-747-1240.

Starcreations Theater from **the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center**, Inc. presents **"Young Frankenstein"** on Oct. 18, 19, 24, 30, and 31, at 8 p.m. at Cordage park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. All seats $10. For more information call 508-747-1234 or visit www.starcreations.org

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be Michael Troy and **JP Jones**. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held Oct. 18, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at The Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary buffet all night, and free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper business is required, ties and jackets suggested. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com For more information. A non-smoking event. Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and the Single Executives Club.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Racky Thomas Band,** Oct. 18. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Company Theatre in Norwell, presents the play "Steel Magnolias," opening Friday, Oct. 11, and running through Sunday, Oct. 27. Directed by Lisa Rafferty and produced by Company Theatre artistic directors Zoe Bradford, Jordie Saucerman and Michael Joseph, "Steel Magnolias" explores the strong relationships and unique personalities of six Southern women. The show includes hilarious one-liners and poignant drama as we journey through the seasons with these fascinating individuals. Tickets are priced at $16 in advance and $18 day of performance for Thursdays (7:30 p.m.) and Sundays (3 p.m.), and $18 in advance and $20 day of show for Fridays (8 p.m.) and Saturdays (8 p.m.). Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit their website at www.companytheatre.com.

Joyful Listening "More Than Tickling the Ivories" - A musical and social history of the Piano," will be offered on Friday's, Oct. 18, 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the James Library, Norwell. Taught by pianist Alison Barr, this class is part of the "Joyful Listening!" series , most recently offered in the Czech Republic. Tuition is $60 for the three classes. Call 781-982-8920 for more information.

The Berwick Boys Foundation is hosting its 20th annual Halloween fundraiser, the "House of Horrors - A Generation of Terror," at 335 West St. in West Bridgewater on Oct. 18-20 and Oct. 24-27. The House is open from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays and from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is $7 for all victims, which includes free popcorn and fire breathing sideshow for those that make it through safely. All proceeds will benefit the Berwick Boys Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization for teenage boys. More information is available on the web at www.berwick.org.

Sat. 19

The Student Safe Driving Program sponsored by the Massachusetts State Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation will present a **Unique Teen Driving Program** for local students. The SSDP coaches new drivers in the critical skills necessary for accident avoidance and emergency situations. Students spend most of the session behind the wheel, working with professional instructors, learning to think faster and drive smarter. This is the only program of its kind in the state – allowing students to practice emergency responses driving at highway speeds. Teenagers learn to handle a car in ways that they have never before experienced. This programs takes place Oct. 19-20 at South Weymouth Air Base. Participants must be students, at least 16 fi years old, with six months on-the-road experience, and a valid Class D license or Junior Operators License. There is a morning and afternoon session available. Registration fee is $75 per student. More information at www.skidschool.com/msada, by email at driving@msada.org, or by phone at 617-451-1051.

Story telling Festival will feature **Bill Harley** at The Montessori Community School in Scituate for its seventh annual storytelling festival on Saturday, Oct. 19, from noon to 3 p.m. This event is open to the public. Tickets are $7 per person or $25 per family and are available at the door. Lunch is included in the ticket price. Parking is available at St. Luke's Church on the corner of Route 3A and First Parish Road in Scituate. Shuttle buses will run from 1 to 3:30 p.m. For more information about The Montessori Community School, visit its web site at www.tmcs.us. For more information about Bill Harley, please visit his web site at www.billharley.com.

The Cantabile Quartet will be offering a program of Chamber Music on Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at The Whitfield House, 26 North St., downtown Plymouth. The evening concert will include Mozart's Divertimento No. 3, K439b for string trio, Mendelssohn's Piano Quartet No. 1 Op 1 and Dvorak's Piano Quartet Op. 87. Tickets are $10 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information call 508-746-5289.

A tour of the three Adams family homes in Quincy by trolley will be held on Oct. 19, at 10:30 a.m. The tour will begin at the Adams National Historic Visitor Center, 1250 Hancock St., across from the Quincy Center MBTA Station. The tour is $3 with free parking behind the visitor center upon validation. Allow two hours for the complete tour. For reservations and information call Ruthanne Kennedy at 781-337-1645.

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Spooky World located on 60 acres Deep in the Woods at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, opened for 12th season of haunted fun on Oct. 4 through Oct. 26. The Halloween theme park, which is one of the largest in the country features many new attractions for 2002, including six highly themed, elaborately detailed haunted houses and three museums, celebrity guests every weekend. Tickets are available at The Spooky World box office and all Ticketmaster locations or by calling the 24-hour hotline at 978-838-0200 or visiting www.spookyworld.com

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Hingham Symphony Orchestra opens its season Oct. 19, at 8 p.m. with Masterworks I - Dvorak's Carnival Overture, Ginastera's Variaciones Concertantes, and Brahms Symphony No. 3. Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham. Conductor Jin Kim gives a pre-concert lecture at 7:15 p.m.; all are invited to a post-concert reception. Call 781-740-5694 for tickets ($20, $18, $10)

The Weymouth Art Association will meet on Oct. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St, Weymouth. Jo Ann Burns will demonstrate painting in oils. The meeting is open to the public and is free. Refreshments will be served.

Nature Preserve Inc. of Pembroke will sponsor its annual Pondside Reflections spiritual service at 2 p.m. on Oct. 19, at its 70 acre sanctuary. Visitors may enter at 220 Washington St., Route 53, North Pembroke. For more information call 781-826-8888.

Starbucks Coffee Company presents a commitment to origins coffee tasting seminar on Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon at its location at 184 Lincoln St., Route 3A, Hingham. Learn bout environmentally-friendly and socially-responsible coffees. Participants will learn about Fair Trade, Shade Grown, Organic and Farm Direct Coffees, as well as future ecologically-friendly approaches. Seminar guest will receive a complimentary bag of ground coffee. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 781-749-5474.

Arts Alive at Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, 16 Hull St., Hingham on Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey's Annual Fall Event featuring arts and crafts, trash or treasure sale, book sale, bake sale, silent auction, raffles, live entertainment and more.

Arts and crafts fair sponsored by the M & M Club, will be held at Old South Union Church, 25 Columbian St., South Weymouth on Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Old South Union Scholarship Fund and outreach within the community. Featured will be works of many local artists and crafters; antiques and collectibles, home baked goods and lunch will be available.

Harvest Fair will be held at the **Norwell First Parish Church**, Route 123 and River Street, Norwell, on Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured will be a harvest table offering fresh produce, theme gift baskets, handicrafts, Grandma's Attic, baked goods, snack bar, silent auction, and more.

Harvest Fair will be held at **United Methodist Church** at the corner of High and Taylor streets off Route 53 in Duxbury, on Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featured items will include moonwalk, crafts, grandma's attic, silent auction, baked goods, luncheon and garden shop.

The Hingham Civic Music Center presents Cole Porter's Musical Comedy "**Anything Goes**" Oct. 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 at Hingham High School, 17 Union St, Hingham. Tickets $15/students and seniors #12. Call 781-749-4327 for tickets. Group rates available at 781-749-0083.

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Master portrait and figure painter Clemente Micarelli, of Marshfield, will present a two-day workshop at the Yankee Barn, 228 Main Street, in Kingston. The workshop will be based upon the drawing and painting of the poses of a live model. The mediums of oil paint, watercolor, pastel, or acrylic paint may be used. Graphite or charcoal mediums may be used, if desired. Intermediate and advanced painters are welcome. Beginners may also attend and will be coached and encouraged. Tuition, $150 for the weekend. Checks may be made out to the artist and sent to coordinator Lilias Cingolani, Box 52, Kingston, MA 02364. For information, call 781-585-5622.

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Two Friends Art Exhibition at the Sparrow House Museum, 42, Summer Street, Plymouth. "Two Friends" a joint exhibition of work by Plymouth artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann and her long-time friend York Maine artist Heather Lewis Sargent will be on view at the Sparrow House Museum from Oct. 18 to Nov. 30. A public opening reception will be held Oct. 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information call 508-747-1240.

15th Annual Head of The Weir River Race - The Hull Lifesaving Museum will host the Head of the Weir River Race, a celebration of open-water rowing and both the Weir River Estuary and Boston Harbor in autumn. The race starts at 11:30 a.m. Registration required for all participants, will begin at 10 a.m. at the race starting line behind the Hull Public Works building at Hull Town Line on Route 228. Race fee $15 per person. For more information call Ed McCabe at 781-925-5433 or visit www.bostonharborheritage.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Love Dogs** on Oct. 19. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 20

Fourth Annual Brittany Lambert Memorial Black Cat Classic 5k Run/Walk This USATF-sanctioned, officially timed course starts at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury on Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. This benefit walk is in memory of 13-year-old Brittany Lambert, who died in October, 1998, after a battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. All proceeds go to the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. which will benefit families whose children have a life-threatening illness or injury. Entry Fee: $15 T-shirts to the first 325 pre-registered applicants. Medals to top three finishers in each division. For applications call 781-582-2598 or 617-718-0187 or visit www.Brittany Lambert Foundation.org

Afternoon Tea hosted by **Windsor Tea Shop** will be held at **The Inn at Scituate Harbor**. Each tea will feature a different guest speaker. **Nick Lonborg from Lonborg Signs** of Scituate will be demonstrating how to carve designs on pumpkins. Delicious pumpkin recipes will be available. Halloween costume optional. A menu will be provided by **The Borrowed Butler** of Scituate. Price per person $33. For more information call 781-545-7100.

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Massasoit Radio Players, with special guest, **Jordan Rich** of WBZ radio and featuring the new faces of Massasoit students will relive the days of radio's yesteryear with an afternoon of comedy, drama, commercials and song. Hear them perform Duffy's Tavern, Fibber McGee & Molly, Sam Spade and Our Miss Brooks on Oct. 20, at 3 p.m. at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, off Rt. 27, Brockton. Tickets are $10 general public/$8 for Massasoit students and seniors. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

Science Center join Forces with Wildlands Trust to offer nature walks. In collaboration with Wildlands Trust, a non-profit land conservation organization, naturalists from the South Shore Natural Science Center will lead several walks this fall on a number of their properties stretching from Pembroke to Bourne. The properties include Willow Brook Farm Preserve in Pembroke, a former working dairy farm, the Captain David Cushman, Jr. Preserve in Duxbury nestled along the banks of the tidal Bluefish River, Halfway Pond Preserves in Plymouth, Old Field Pond Preserve, the last working farm on the upper Cape and Striar Conservancy in Halifax. All walks are open to the public, free of charge. On Oct. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m., the walk will be at Willow Brook Farm Preserve in Pembroke. For more information, or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

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Mon. 21

The North River Arts Society presents **Past and Present by Susan Davis**. Oct. 20 to Dec. 14, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. Opening reception Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. Gallery hours Monday through Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org

Weymouth Art Association will display work by its members at several locations around the town during October and November. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Kindred Spirits, a group of watercolor artists who paint together each week, is holding an exhibition at the Pembroke Library meeting room for the month of October. The exhibit represents a wide range of subjects and approaches in watercolor. Eddy Brown, Lee Daley, Wendy Hale, Isabella Hoell, Monique Mortell and Ginny Wilson are all juried gallery artists at the Cape Cod Art Association, and members of Braintree, North River, Duxbury and South Shore Art Associations. The library is located at 144 Center St., Route 14, Pembroke Center. For further information call 781-293-6771.

Tues. 22

The South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will feature Art Exhibitions - Architectural Ornamentation: Fragments and Elements Oct. 4, to Nov. 3, On Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. a panel discussion moderated by Ted Landsmark exploring "The Nature of Ornament: Why it Matters to Modern Architecture. For more information call 781-383-2787 Gallery hours Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Free admission, accessible to all

MADD Southeastern Mass invites the public to its first general meeting of the fiscal year. Learn about the many faces of MADD< from new programs to existing services that MADD offers community members. The meeting will be held at 184 Wapping road, Kingston Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Food, fun and facts will be provided. Call 866-906-6233 for more information.

Quit Smoking at Artful Things Gallery Certified Hypnotist and Tobacco Cessation Councilor, Michael DiRemio will be at Artful Things Gallery, 263 Washington Street (Route 53) Norwell, Tuesday Oct. 22, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To make an appointment for group hypnosis, contact Dan Bennett at 781-659-6595. The cost per session is $30. A percentage of all proceeds donated to Pathway Center for Cancer Support. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and Monday by appointment.

Spooky World located on 60 acres Deep In the Woods at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, opened its 12th season of haunted fun on Oct. 4 through Oct. 26. The Halloween theme park, which is one of the largest in the country features many new attractions for 2002, including six highly themed, elaborately detailed haunted houses and three museums, celebrity guests every weekend. Tickets are available at The Spooky World box office and all Ticketmaster locations or by calling the 24-hour hotline at 978-838-0200 or visiting www.spookyworld.com

Wed. 23

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will present Dr. Paul Raia of the Massachusetts Chapter of Alzheimer's disease. He will speak on "Adapting Habilitative Methods and Communication Techniques" in caring for a person with Alzheimer's Disease. The meeting is held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-749-0795 or 781-740-2426. Respite care is available at no cost during the meeting at Harbor House in Hingham. Call Gervaise Haley at 781-749-4774 ext. 843 by 3 p.m. on Oct. 23.

Ongoing Writing Workshop - Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life, Wednesdays, Oct. 23 to Nov. 20, 1 to 3 p.m.. Sample ways to record life experiences, discover rich inner worlds, meet interesting new people, and explore dreams of writing for yourself or others. No writing skills are necessary, only curiosity and a pen. Advance registration is required: $53 includes materials fee. Workshop is held at Four Seaport Drive, North Quincy (wheelchair-friendly). Call Department of Elder Services, 617.376.1243, for information and directions.

Educational Series for Children of Aging Parents - Lectures will be held every Wednesday night from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in October at the Cohasset Senior Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset. A light supper will be followed by seniors for caregivers and elders. How to get involved in parents' affairs; Oct. 16, Beating the high cost of health insurance; Oct. 23, Protecting elders from fraud and dishonest caregivers. Donation for the series is $10. Call Cohasset Elder affairs at 781-383-9112. Open to area residents.

Siro's Restaurant on Main Street in Hingham is the location for a benefit for Butlee's Handicap Outdoor Adventures featuring rhythm and blues artists, **The J Place Band** on Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. Butlee's Handicap Outdoor Adventures is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing challenged individuals the opportunity to experience and learn about the Great Outdoors here in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Raffael's Restaurant Dinner Theatre presents **S'Wonderful a Frank Sinatra Tribute** on Oct 23 and 24. For ticket information and to make reservations call 617-328-1600 or visit the restaurant during regular business hours. Raffael's Restaurant is located at 1 Enterprise Drive, N. Quincy.

Thurs. 24

The Pembroke Assembly 786 Washington St., Pembroke, presents "Parenting By Heart" on Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. Childcare provided. Call 781-826-2247 for reservations.

Norwell watercolorist, Ginny Wilson, is displaying a group of paintings, "Food is the Subject..." at the Boca Restaurant, 254 Church St., Pembroke, during October and November.

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Fri. 25

The 26th Annual Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair returns to the Hynes Convention Center as part of the "Works on Paper" Weekend. This is the oldest, continually-running antiquarian book fair in the United States and features more than 125 dealers from the U.S., Canada and Europe. Nearly 30 of the world's most respected dealers in old master and modern prints and drawings will feature the works of artists such as Durer, Rembrandt, Manet, Audubon, Toulouse-Lautrec, Whistler, Beckmann, and Picasso. Show Hours: Friday, October 25 (Opening Night), 5-9pm, Saturday, October 26, 12-7pm, and Sunday, October 27, 12-5pm. Tickets are $15 for Opening Night and are good throughout the weekend. Single day tickets for $8 each are available for Saturday or Sunday. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling 617-266-6540.More information available at: www.bostonbookfair.com and www.newenglandprint fair.com.

Lunchtime Speaker Series, Oct. 25, from noon to 1 p.m. at the **South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, sponsored by the **Social Service League of Cohasset, Inc.,** presents **Rep. Garret Bradley**. Bradley will discuss his thoughts on the controversial proposition 40B article, which is now affecting many South Shore towns. For more information call 781-383-0771.

Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts presents Gilbert and Sullivan's **The Mikado**, to be performed at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium Oct. 25, 26, and Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2. All shows at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are $12 for general public/$10 students and senior citizens. For more information or reservations, call the box office at 508-531-1321.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance on Oct. 25, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

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No student is exempt from MCAS

And some will fail, no matter what

By Mary Ford
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Developmentally delayed students at the Cardinal Cushing Center in Hanover and those high achievers at Cohasset High School, who are on the fast track for Harvard, have something in common: both groups are busy preparing for MCAS.

No student in public or publicly funded schools in Massachusetts is exempt from MCAS — the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System — which is a series of tests to measure student competency in a range of subject areas.

This year the high-stakes tests take on added significance because members of the Class of 2003 will have had to pass the 10th-grade math and language arts portions in order to receive a diploma this spring.

For Cardinal Cushing, whose students' principal diagnosis is mental retardation, diplomas are not an issue. The training center traditionally conducts a graduation each

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Karen Harkins works with Kolade Scott in language arts at the Cardinal Cushing Center. Teachers at the Hanover-based school compile portfolios on each student for the MCAS alternate assessment.

One-way trial is trashed

By Brian J. Scully
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It took a little over a week for the planned one-way trial on Elm Street to be scrapped.

In the end, it was the public reaction – it too, one-way in its nature – that ended what was scheduled to be a one-month long trial.

The trial made the portion of Elm Street from the Hingham Institution for Savings to Cohasset Hardware one-way heading towards South Main Street and St. Stephen's Church. Since there are no left turns allowed when traveling from the Common through the Village, the issues of safety and access to parking on the Tedeschi's side of the South Main Street presented problems.

Despite receiving an overwhelming amount of negative feedback, Town Manager Mark Haddad was glad that the town tried the experiment.

"It did what it had to do," said Haddad. "We needed to find out what the reaction would be. I thank everybody for their comments and now the selectmen have addressed the issue."

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Harbor issue thrown lifeline

By Brian J. Scully
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With the vote tied at 2-2 on the harbor improvements article and only Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan left to voice his opinion, Selectman Tom Callahan (who was for the inclusion of the article) challenged selectman Ronnie McMorris (who was against it) to a tug-of-war.

"You grab one arm and I'll grab the other, and we'll pull," said Callahan, who was sitting immediately to Sullivan's right, to McMorris, who was on the chairman's left.

It would nearly come to that.

Sullivan cast his vote first against the article, only to amend his vote moments later, paving the way for Article 17 to be included on the Nov. 18 Special Town Meeting warrant.

"Now we'll get a diversified debate and get a lot of input on it. "
— Dean Rizzo, CRC

The vote represented the end of a year-and-a-half long discussion, largely fueled by the opposition of neighbors on Border Street, who objected to the involvement of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation's involvement as the proponent of the plan, as to the merits of the project. This discussion – merely whether to recommend the article – had stretch across nearly a month, three meetings, and at least four hours of discussion.

"It's a tough issue, I totally understand where the folks out there who are against it are coming from," said Sullivan, who by the end of the evening had cast a vote for each side. "But we know that we need to do some work down there. If you have an organization that wants to pay for it and we can pick the engineer and we can control it, why reject it?"

The meeting was again packed with partisan sentiment, many from the Border Street area, but this time at least three residents expressed a desire to see the article go before town meeting. Still, the large majority of those present expressed opinions that were against the issue, mostly because of the involvement of the CRC.

"The CRC has never clearly established that there is a prob-

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Editors-in-chief David Ingber and Gia Petrakis will be spending long hours in front of the computer to produce the Spinnaker, Cohasset High's new student newspaper.

There's a new paper in town

Spinnaker arrives at Cohasset High

By Brian J. Scully
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The converted broom closet on the second floor of the Cohasset Middle-Senior High School is mostly bare, save some shelving, a few desks, and a couple of chairs. Aside from the fresh paint job, a wallpaper border near the top of the wall featuring sailboats, and an older model PC with a screensaver running the word "Spinnaker" across the monitor, there is little sign that this room is the scene of future greatness.

The room is home to the Spinnaker, the new student newspaper at the middle-senior high school.

It would seem bold to declare victory before their computers have even arrived – never mind before their first issue is printed – but the staff of the new paper is more than confident that their paper will be an award winner.

And why not?

Named after the sail used on sailboats when running before the wind and built more like a professional sports team than a normal school newspaper, there is no reason for the Spinnaker not to succeed.

Last year, a survey identified journalism as the popular choice for a new elective in the English Department and the student body displayed strong support for the creation of a school newspaper.

So the School Department (to their credit) did what had to be done – they brought in a ringer.

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Rush named CNC's associate publisher

Patrick J. Purcell, president and publisher of Herald Media Inc., has appointed Gregory R. Rush as associate publisher and chief operating officer for Community Newspaper Co., the parent company of the Cohasset Mariner. In this role, Rush will oversee day-to-day operations at CNC and act as liaison between the newspapers and the cities and towns CNC covers.

"Greg's hard work, determination and his grasp of the fundamentals of the business will be a very positive influence on the company," said Purcell.

"I am excited about the opportunity to work with the manage-

Gregory R. Rush

ment and staff at CNC more closely on a day-to-day basis, and to continue to build on the opportunities we have," said Rush.

Rush joined CNC earlier this year from Sun Trust Robinson Humphrey, where he was a vice president and founding member of the firm's Boston office. While at Sun Trust Robinson Humphrey, he was instrumental in the acquisition of Community Newspaper Co. by Herald Media.

His experiences at Sun Trust Robinson Humphrey included managing a variety of capital markets transactions, among them mergers and acquisitions, public equity and debt offerings, private placements and financial

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Brush chipping

Residential brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. No trees over 2 inches in diameter. No contractors.

Barn move is meeting topic

The Conservation Commission is scheduled to hear a request for a special permit for proposed work at 139 and 145 Border St.

The permit requests permission to relocate a barn and drive on the property of 139 Border St. and to relocate a shed and construct an attached garage at 145 Border St.

According to Heidi A. H. Condon, principal of HC Design, a Site Plan and Notice of Intent are on file at the Conservation Commission office in town hall.

Foreign objects clogging pumps

There are still many cases of foreign objects clogging sewer pumps, and this is to remind customers that only normal toilet and garbage disposer waste should be discharged. As the sewer department previously advised its users, it is necessary to charge for the Town's $85 ($100 on weekends) cost for service calls to remove foreign objects.

The following objects have caused repeated service calls: tampons, dental floss, baby wipes, Q-Tips. In addition, the following objects will also clog the pumps: bones, diapers, cloth, glass, metal, nuts, plastic, rags, rope, rubber, sand, sanitary, napkins, shells, towels.

Clarification on bus purchase

An article in last week's Mariner (Oct. 17) relative to the need for an additional school bus may have given the impression that the Cohasset Advisory Committee had met and voted on actions which would be taken in the event that the Cohasset Public Schools needed to purchase a bus at some point in time between this year's Fall Town Meeting and next year's Spring Town Meeting.

As clarification, the school department has not met with the Advisory Committee on this matter. School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, Supt. Edward Malvey, Town Manager Mark Haddad, and Advisory Committee Chairman Maureen Jerz have all agreed that the purchase of a school bus should be put off until the spring, given financial constraints this fall. If the need for an additional bus were to arise before the Spring Town Meeting, Jerz has agreed to support the school department in bringing forward an emergency funding request to the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee would then meet with the school department, discuss the request, and vote on the request.

Members Sought for Advisory Committee

The Cohasset Advisory Committee anticipates several vacancies over the next few months and is looking for citizens interested in town governance to fill those vacancies. The Advisory Committee is a nine-member committee appointed by the Troika (the Town Moderator, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and Chairman of the Advisory Committee). The Advisory Committee reviews and makes recommendations on all articles on the Town Warrant for Town Meeting (including the Town Budget Article), as well as approving any transfer of funds from the town's reserve fund. Advisory Committee members work with various town departments, town committees, citizen groups, and the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen in developing the town budget. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Cohasset Advisory Committee, please fill out a Town Government Resource Bank form, available in the Town Clerk's office, or call Advisory Committee Chairman Maureen Jerz (383-6592) for additional information.

Hurley appointed to Common panel

The Board of Selectmen have appointed William A. Hurley of 17 Highland Ave. to the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission.

Hurley had confirmed his interest in the position in a letter to Town Manager Mark Haddad dated Oct. 17.

Headline correction

The headline "Storm-water plan gets OK from DEP" that appeared on a story in last week's Mariner is erroneous; it was not a storm-water plan that was approved by DEP, it was a surface water supply protection plan, which is not the same thing. The Mariner regrets the error.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Oct. 21:

Water Commission, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. at the Water Treatment Plant on King Street.

Board of Selectmen, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 14 (Avalon), Dec. 9, Dec. 16 (Avalon), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 24 and Nov. 14 at 7:30 p. m.

Senior Housing Committee, Nov. 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Police/Fire Study Committee, Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Committee on Town History, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m., Lothrop House.

Library Trustees, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Thermometer swap

Cohasset residents who bring a mercury thermometer to the hazardous waste collection event to be held Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Recycling Transfer Station, will receive a free digital thermometer in return.

The Cohasset Board of Health is joining in a statewide effort to eliminate toxic mercury from the environment by providing this opportunity, which is sponsored by American Referred to fire department.-Fuel Company of SEMASS and supported by the South Shore Recycling Cooperative. Saturday's collection event will also accept other common household products that contain mercury, including fluorescent and HID lamps, non-electric thermostats, many types of button batteries, blood pressure gauges and various switches found in appliances, The Board of Health will continue to offer the thermometer swap on an ongoing basis after Saturday's collection.

Improper disposal of mercury thermometers is a major source of mercury contamination in fish. A mercury thermometer contains about a gram of the toxic element - an amount sufficient to trigger a fish advisory in a 20-acre body of water. One grain of mercury can render a ton of fish unfit for consumption.

It is estimated that 17 tons of mercury from thermometers is released into the environment annually. The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health has issued advisories against fish consumption or 80 bodies of water due to high levels of mercury. Several adverse health effects are related to mercury exposure. Saturday's event is designed to encourage safer product choices and to promote the proper hazardous material disposal.

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Senior housing request nixed

By Brian J. Scully
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The Senior Housing Committee felt that its proposed senior development behind Stop and Shop off 3A represented the perfect opportunity for the application of money from the Community Preservation Fund.

It addressed the need for affordable housing, guaranteeing at least 25 percent of the housing to be affordable and would cater to the need to provide senior residents with housing.

But concerns over whether the receipt of Community Preservation funds would handcuff the project, and later the town, led to a 4-4 vote by the committee, which translated into a denial of the $10,000 request for funding to further study the project.

The town adopted the Community Preservation Act at last year's annual Town Meeting. It derives it money from a 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate tax and some level of state match (This year 100 percent: see related story). Allocations are recommended by the committee and then voted on by Town Meeting. The committee's funds must be spent on three areas: open space, historical preservation, and affordable housing.

The meeting lasted about two hours and involved public comment from several residents from Old Pasture Road and Red Fox Lane. Most of the residents were concerned about their neighborhood being used as an access point for the development, but some touched on the theme of whether it was foolhardy for the town to be spearheading a senior housing development at this time.

According to Chairman Stuart Ivimey, if money from the Community Preservation Fund is contributed to a project, the town must maintain control over the property, which could limit the potential for further influxes of money, be it from grants or private investment.

"There is apparently some question if we use CPC money on a project like this and whether that will negatively impact the project's ability to attract federal and state grants," said Ivimey. "The question is still open and wasn't resolved last night. It wouldn't be wise for us to allocated a certain amount of money without know if that will force the town to have to fund the project themselves."

Senior Housing Committee chairman Joe Nedrow was disappointed at the decision, but vowed that the group will be back.

"We didn't really lose it, it didn't pass," said Nedrow. "We just have to do some more homework. It's clear that they have a mandate to provide funds for some low-cost housing."

Nedrow says that providing space for the senior population to move later in life fits well into his understanding of community preservation.

"We'll be back with another proposal," said Nedrow. "It's unfortunate. I would argue that seniors are the best thing that you could conserve within a community."

Town Planner Elizabeth Harrington said she understood the concerns the board expressed given the lack of precedence regarding the act itself.

"I think was is difficult for everybody is that we are one of the first communities to adopt the act," said Harrington. "In trying to do the research, we can't give a very clear consensus about towns that have already gone down the road of trying to develop a mixed income development with CPA funds."

The decision will not halt the project, as the Senior Housing Committee is considering several options to continue. Harrington cited several members of the community already on board from different aspects of the community, who will attempt to make the project a reality.

"We are just going to keep moving forward," said Harrington. "We still have the opportunity to get additional funds for technical assistance from the Massachusetts Housing Partnership fund. We are just going to try and do as much as we can pro-bono for the time being to keep the project moving."

Preservation fund gets 100 percent state match

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As expected, the Department of Revenue has announced that the state will match 100 percent of a town's contribution to the Community Preservation Fund.

"I am pleased to announce the matching funds under the Community Preservation Act reflecting surcharges on property taxes during fiscal year 2002," stated Commissioner of Revenue Alan LeBovidge in a letter to the Board of Selectmen. "The state matching funds this year are calculated at 100 percent of the amounts committed by the assessors based on the surcharge rate adopted (by the individual town).

For Cohasset, the award will be $215,525, matching the town contribution that was derived from a 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate taxes, for total budget of $431,050.

The 100 percent match was in line with what Chairman of the CPC Stuart Ivimey expected.

"It is tremendous that the program is working out as we hoped it would," said Ivimey. "The town volunteered to have the 1.5 percent surcharge with the understanding that there would be a significant contribution from the state, and they got it."

Cohasset is one of 32 towns that opted into the legislation in its first year. Money from the CPF can be spent in three specific areas: open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation. Each year, the CPC must spend or bank 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of those areas. All CPF expenditures in Cohasset must be approved by a municipality's legislative branch, which in Cohasset's case is Town Meeting.

Board is cool to overlay district

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The plan to create a senior housing overlay district in Cohasset did not seem to generate support from selectmen at their meeting Tuesday, though the idea of a town-led effort to create senior housing in town gained tacit support.

There was a bit of confusion as to which town board had sponsored Article 8 on the Special Town Meeting warrant. Joe Nedrow of the Senior Housing Committee and Town Planner Elizabeth Harrington arrived at the meeting to discuss the article, but it was later determined that it was actually sponsored by the Planning Board.

The article, drafted by Harrington, seeks to create a senior housing overlay district (covering areas zoned Residential B and C). The change would require a project to have 25 percent affordability and to be age restrictive, while stopping development under the law when 20 percent of the town's housing is multi-family. Currently, according to the Board of Assessors, the town sits at 13 percent. If the proposed 200-unit AvalonBay development at 155 King St. (Route 3A) were to go through, the town would probably only have room for one senior housing development.

The selectmen withheld a decision on recommending the article until the Planning Board, which will hold a public hearing on the issue Nov. 6, had the opportunity to present its case.

Despite the lack of an official decision towards the overlay district, the Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan told Nedrow that the board would support – in concept – the idea of targeted zoning relief for a town-based senior housing project.

"I thought it was very encouraging," said Harrington. "We were there to focus on the zoning change, but it was a very productive discussion, and it was nice to see that he support might be there to move it forward."

The SHC is in the beginning stages of developing a proposal for a 60-unit development behind Stop and Shop on Route 3A. Earlier this week, the Community Preservation Committee voted 4-4 (which translates into a denial) on a request by the SHC for $10,000 for further study of the plan.

Harrington said that as long as the support is there for the project, it doesn't matter if it comes to fruition via an overlay district or by targeted zoning changes.

"I'm comfortable with it as a planner as long as the outcome meets the town goal which is to get this particular development to go forward," said Harrington. "But, I personally believe that another project on top of this would make sense for the town, which the overlay district would help accomplish."

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The gloves come off in campaign for state senate

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Incumbent state Sen. Robert Hedlund has charged Democratic challenger Ted LeClair with running a negative campaign.

Hedlund, a Weymouth Republican, claimed that a series of recent mailings sent out by LeClair staffers show that his campaign is taking a negative turn.

"Ted LeClair told the voters that he would run a positive campaign," Hedlund said. "It seems he said one thing and does another."

The mailings are oversized postcards done in Hedlund campaign colors.

One stated, "Next time you see Bob Hedlund, please ask him why he skipped the meeting on the Runway," referring to an April 19 meeting with FAA Director Jane Garvey about the Logan runway expansion.

"I think the mailings were quite tasteful, and I stand by them," LeClair said. "Both of these mailings are very specific. One is talking about his missing a specific meeting. A meeting was set up with the chief of the FAA, and Hedlund chose not to be there. Why is this negative? He chose not to go."

The second stated, "Next time you see Bob Hedlund, ask him why the South Shore Hospital doesn't have a cardiac surgery unit."

The mailing criticized Hedlund for being "unable to break through the politics of the Senate and secure a license for a cardiac surgery unit at our hospital."

"LeClair's negative campaign is purposely misleading at worst or ignorant of the facts at best because they do not come close to telling the whole story," Hedlund said. "The facts are that the State Department of Public Health issues cardiac surgery licenses, not the Sstate Senate. Ted LeClair is either purposely deceiving voters or has no concept as to the licensing procedures for hospitals."

LeClair continued to focus on the length of time Hedlund has had to get an amendment through the Senate.

"He has had four years now," LeClair said. "The House has passed legislation. I am asking voters why South Shore Hospital has no cardiac surgery license. People all over the South Shore have applauded me for making South Shore Hospital such an important issue in my campaign. The proof is in the pudding. We still don't have a cardiac surgery unit for South Shore Hospital. My campaign is about getting results. Effort is one thing, getting results is another."

A bill previously signed into law allows up to six community hospitals to be granted a license by the state Department of Public Health in a phased-in period over time.

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— State Sen. Bob Hedlund

During phase one, licenses were granted to Cape Cod Hospital, South Coastal Hospital, and North Shore Hospital. The next round of DPH licensing that could lead to a cardiac surgery license for South Shore Hospital will not be until 2004, according to Rick Pozniak, South Shore Hospital's director of public affairs.

"We hoped to expedite the process by attaching an outside amendment to the state budget allowing the DPH to grant licenses now to South Shore Hospital, Brockton Hospital, and MetroWest Hospital," Pozniak said. "All three hospitals are well-qualified to perform cardiac surgery and meet all DPH criteria."

Bob Hedlund

Ted LeClair

Both Hedlund and state Rep. James Murphy, D-Weymouth, filed amendments in the Senate and the House, respectively. Murphy's amendment won House approval, but never made it out of the joint Senate and House Conference Committee.

Two key members of the Senate "put on the brakes," according to Pozniak.

"The chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, Mark Montigny, and Senate President Thomas Birmingham did not want the outside amendment to go through. Montigny is also the chief Senate budget negotiator. If the chief Senate budget negotiator says he doesn't want an amendment and the Senate president goes against it, the amendment will predictably fail on the Senate floor as well," Pozniak said.

"We don't want this issue politicized during a campaign. We do appreciate the advocacy both of Sen. Hedlund and senate candidate LeClair," Pozniak said.

Referring to the meeting on the MASSPORT proposed Logan Runway expansion, Hedlund said that he was represented at this one meeting in question by his chief of staff, Kate Putney.

"Ms. Putney is an attorney, admitted to the bar in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. She is a great chief of staff who is fully qualified to represent me," Hedlund said. "The fact of the matter is that I have been particularly active on the runway issue, helping to organize a regional work group comprised of impacted South Shore communities, organizing the Legislative Air Transportation Caucus."

Hedlund said he has attended dozens of meetings and publicly testified before the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

"Ted LeClair's campaign has proven to be an empty campaign," Hedlund said. "He has offered no policy positions or statements. LeClair just sends out fluffy flyers with big pictures and empty sound bites and clichés. His misleading pieces misrepresent my proven efforts on behalf of the South Shore."

Hedlund said his activities were posted on his web site, adding that he was out to public meetings almost every night of the week.

"I find it incredible that I am being called on by the press to explain missing one meeting when a $2 million lawsuit against my challenger is being ignored. It's a matter of public record," Hedlund said.

Hedlund was referring to a civil action filed in Plymouth County Superior Court on May 7, 2002, claiming breach of contract and fraud in the sale of cranberry bogs and farm equipment to the plaintiffs, Webster Cranberry, LLC, and John Kopacz, as trustee for the Kopacz Family Real Estate Trust.

Copies of the suit were mailed anonymously to the media at the end of last week.

Defendants named in the suit are LeClair's father, Donald R. LeClair, Jr., individually and as trustee of LeClair Family Trust and LeClair Brothers Cranberry Trust, Webster Cranberry Co., Inc., Theodore P. LeClair, individually, and DBA LeClair Brothers Cranberry Co. and Martha E. LeClair.

"I think the mailings were quite tasteful, and I stand by them."
— Ted LeClair, challenger

LeClair (Theodore P. LeClair) is included as a defendant as doing business as LeClair Brothers Cranberry Co. and as a director of Webster Cranberry Co.

The action claims that the defendants "coerced plaintiffs into purchasing the defendants' bog and farm lands by threatening residential subdivision development... the plaintiffs have uncovered one problem after another... that the sellers affirmatively misrepresented or failed to disclose and which may have influenced the plaintiffs not to proceed with the transaction or to seek a price adjustment."

LeClair said that the action was frivolous and without merit.

"They had an entire year to look at the property. For a full year, we have been in discussions and negotiation with them," LeClair said.

He said his father had asked him if he wanted to settle because of the Senate campaign.

"I told him I didn't want to settle, knowing that we were in the right. I would not be a very good businessman if I did, and I wouldn't make a very good Senator," LeClair said. "I think Sen. Hedlund is trying to distract people from the issues. I think this is a false charge that has no merit whatsoever. Anytime I have had an accusation against Sen. Hedlund, I have done it openly. I have not hidden behind anonymity or behind someone else. I stand behind what I say."

LeClair said that in the end, this was an issue of character and integrity.

"I think people should honor their commitments, just as the state should honor its commitment to its communities," he said. "It is unfortunate that my opponent has to resort to such tactics as to bring up frivolous lawsuits. I think most people who have come to know him have come to expect this kind of behavior from Sen. Hedlund. I am a decorated naval officer whose character and integrity has been viewed as being beyond reproach by several commanding officers and admirals. I cannot say the same for my opponent. In the following two weeks, I expect to stick to the issues and not personal attacks. The voters deserve no less."

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League to sponsor forum for state representative race

By Brian J. Scully
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After several stops and start, state Rep. Garrett Bradley (Democrat) and challenger Nathaniel Palmer (Republican) will participate in a candidate's forum on Oct. 30 at Hingham Town Hall in the race for the Third Plymouth District seat.

According to the Hingham League of Women Voters President Helga Jorgensen, the forum will be held on Oct. 30 at Hingham Town Hall. She said she expects the forum to take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. that night, but the exact location in Town Hall has yet to be decided.

"With all the controversy surrounding this issue it was obvious that we needed to do something," said Jorgensen. "We picked a date and the candidates agreed and rearranged their schedules. We're still working on the details."

Jorgensen said that a "tentative format" had been sent to the candidates, and that it will most likely rely heavily on questions from the audience. The event will be held in one of the Town Hall's conference rooms if the HLWV is unable to come up with money to pay for renting Sanborn Auditorium, as well as podiums and microphones.

As late as Wednesday of last week, the issue appeared dead, as the HLWV said it did not have the manpower to run the debates alone. Community Newspaper Company sponsored debates in the State senate and District Attorney races, but not the state representative races because of a fairness issue.

"We were clear with the League back in September that we could only host two debates," said CNC/South Editor-in-Chief Mark Skala last week. "Given that we have a number of contested state rep. races in our South Shore geography, we didn't feel that we could pull of debates for all of them, so we opted for none. It wouldn't have been fair to host a Bradley/Palmer debate and not others in our area."

Garrett Bradley

Nathaniel Palmer

The issue came to a head last week, when the Massachusetts Republican Party issued a press release accusing Bradley of being "afraid to debate." Palmer echoed the charge in an interview.

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— Helga Jorgensen, League of Women Voters

Bradley denied the charge as an "outright lie," and offered to debate "any time, any place." Jorgensen backed Bradley's claim that he was always open to debating.

"It is critical that we have an open debate that is a traditional debate, rather than the formats that we've had," said Palmer, after the announcement. "We really haven't had the opportunity to go one-on-one yet."

Bradley said his agreement to debate proves that he is unafraid.

"The Hingham League of Women Voters called me and said they were upset about the controversy," said Bradley. "They said, 'We never asked you to participate in a debate to this point, but we are asking you know,' and I said 'Absolutely, as I said before, just give me a date and I'll be there.'"

Palmer said a debate will finally allow a true comparison of the two candidates. His main concern will be demonstrating what he believes to be a gap between Bradley's reputation as an independent voice and his voting record.

"It is an issue that is difficult to get out through other forums, such as press interviews or our own materials," said Palmer. "It really only comes out in a one-on-one situation where you can offer immediate contrast."

Bradley feels his reputation and experience are his strong points, and will concentrate on them throughout the debate.

"What I'm going to be talking about is how I have been a strong, independent voice for the district during the last two years," said Bradley. "That experience makes me the better candidate."

Hedlund, LeClair thrash out the issues tonight

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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Points will be pondered, issues will be addressed, and stands will be clarified when the two contenders for the Plymouth-Norfolk District state Senate seat take to the podium tonight (Oct. 24).

Incumbent state Sen. Robert Hedlund, a Weymouth Republican, and challenger Ted LeClair, a Marshfield Democrat, will face off at the CNC-sponsored debate at 7 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall on 210 Central St.

The debate will be moderated by the Hingham League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization dedicated to encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League chooses a qualified, impartial moderator from recommendations made by a search committee. The moderator for tomorrow night's debate will be Massasoit professor T.P. Eliott-Smith, former town moderator in Halifax.

"The debate provides a unique opportunity for voters to hear an airing on the issues in a very public forum," said CNC Executive Editor Mark Skala. "There is a certain amount of politeness and sparring mixed in with tradition and formality. We are privileged to help bring this to the voting public."

Voters have few opportunities to see candidates in action which are as revealing and dynamic as a live debate, and this one is expected to be lively.

"A debate is always a good way to expose candidates to the voters," Hingham LWV President Helga Jorgensen said.

Issues expected to be debated are education, the impact of Chapter 40B — the state's affordable housing law — on growth and development, health care, the redevelopment of the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station, and the overall sorry condition of state government.

Both candidates are looking forward to the rhetorical tussle.

"I am so thankful that Community Newspaper Company and the League of Women Voters teamed up to make this debate possible," Hedlund said. "I do believe it is important for the voters to see some substance in a campaign beyond campaign signs and slick brochures."

The contenders see the upcoming debate as a way to clarify the differences in their platforms.

"I very much look forward to the opportunity to distinguish what I stand for from the record of my opponent," LeClair said. "This race is about values and priorities. I believe that Beacon Hill has lost its focus. The upcoming debate will serve to highlight my differing priorities from my opponent."

Absentee ballots for state election

Absentee ballots for the state election Nov. 5, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon Monday, Nov. 4, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

- Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open.
- Physical disability.
- Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Nov. 5 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check-in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your Town Clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the Town Clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

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The entire day was one to remember, from the morning meeting and lunch at The Red Lion Inn to the sunny afternoon spent combing the village for answers to the riddles of our 'Cohasset Quandaries' treasure hunt.

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

GET WELL SOON

I want to start this week by sending out a huge "hope you are feeling better soon" message to **Fred "Bud" Piepenbrink**! Bud is hopefully coming home from the hospital as I am writing this column and I want him to know that his family and friends are all thinking about you and want you to feel better real soon. You are a very special guy to us all Papa!

SUPPORT HOCKEY PLAYERS

It's that time again! The third annual holiday calendar raffle is underway! On Sunday, Nov. 3, the Cohasset High School Varsity and Junior Varsity hockey players will begin selling raffle tickets to their family, friends and neighbors. Raffle tickets cost $5 each. Tickets can also be purchased on Nov. 9 and 10 at Cohasset Stop & Shop. Every day during the month of December, prizes donated by local merchants will be delivered to a lucky daily winner. Winning tickets will be re-entered into the pool so every ticket has 32 chances to win! This year's prizes are valued at more than $2,000 including a pair of $250 Maui Jim Sunglasses and a special New Year's Day bonus of $150 in cash! The players, parents and Hockey Boosters sincerely thank the local merchants who donated to this fundraiser. All monies raised are used to purchase team equipment, continue team development and fund the "Coach Dennis Walsh Hockey Scholarship" sponsored by the Hockey Boosters.

Please join the fun and support our Varsity and JV Hockey programs by purchasing a raffle ticket,-you have 32 chances to be a lucky winner.

AT SYRACUSE

James Bertovich, 17 Summer St., has enrolled in Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts and is majoring in industrial design. This is great news James and we all wish you all the best.

Jason McCaffrey, 619 Jerusalem Road, has enrolled in Syracuse University's School of Law. We all wish you the best of luck as you begin this new time in your life.

SPEAKER SERIES

Rep. Garrett Bradley will be the guest speaker at the Lunchtime Speaker series at the South Shore Art Center on Friday Oct. 25 from noon to 1p.m. Rep. Bradley will be in Cohasset to discuss the controversial Chapter 40B article which is now affecting much of the South Shore. Bradley will present his views on 40B and how they impact our community and offer his suggestions on what can be done to improve this state mandated article. There will be a Q&A after his presentation. If you have any interest in this topic bring your lunch and join us. This event is open to the public. For more info call The Cohasset Social Service League 781-383-0771.

From left Scituate Regent Joan Powers, state Regent Marcelyn Karagosian, and Cohasset Regent Barbara Dillon at the DAR October meeting at the Lightkeepers Residence. For story, please read Around Town!

HARVEST SUPPER

The Beechwood Congregational Church is holding its Harvest Supper on Thursday evening, Oct. 24 at 6:30. Ham, green beans, Harvard beets, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, dessert and a beverage will be served. Following dinner, harvest items will be auctioned off. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

POST PROM MEETING

Attention all Senior Parents! There will be a meeting to discuss plans for Post Prom 2003 on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cohasset High School Cafeteria. Please bring your ideas and energy to help make this a successful event! Parents of underclassmen are also welcome to attend. For further information contact **Kim Maynard** via e-mail at cohassetpostprom2003@yahoo.com

DAR LUNCHEON, TALK

The Colonel Thomas Lothrop/Old Colony and Chief Justice Cushing Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters of Massachusetts held its October meeting and luncheon at the Lightkeeper's Residence in Cohasset on Sunday, Oct. 20. Three state DAR officers were guests. They were State Regent, **Marcelyn Karagosian**, State Corresponding Secretary, **Kathryn Kingsbury**, and State Treasurer, **Virginia Mucciaccio**.

State Regent, Mrs. Karagosian told about the history of the DAR and about the many projects that the National DAR and the state DAR have done since they were first organized. She presented American and DAR flags to the regents of each chapter. **Barbara Dillon** of The Colonel Thomas Lothrop/Old Colony Chapter and **Joan Powers** of the Chief Justice Cushing Chapter.

BUS SAFETY

This week is National School Bus Safety Week and a reminder is being sent out to all vehicle drivers to be mindful and respectful of busses at *all times*. All people need to keep in mind that their is a law that prohibits the passing of a school bus when it is stopped with red lights flashing and the stop arm is out! Bus drivers have the right to report any violations to the Cohasset Police. It may delay you a few minutes in your day to wait but it will save an accident from happening!

HALF DAYS

Cohasset children in grades 1-6 will have half days on Tuesday, Oct. 29 and Wednesday, Oct. 30. The Deer Hill School will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. and the Osgood will dismiss at 1 p.m. There will be no morning and afternoon Kindergarten on these days due to parent/teacher conferences.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

This Saturday, Oct. 26 is National Make A Difference Day. This day is a National Day of Volunteerism and so many things can be done around your town to make a difference. If you and your family find something that you can do, either by helping someone in need, cleaning or sprucing up an area in town or volunteering to help out at one of the schools it all makes a huge difference! Make sure to send me some of the ways that you were able to help out along with any photos you may have.

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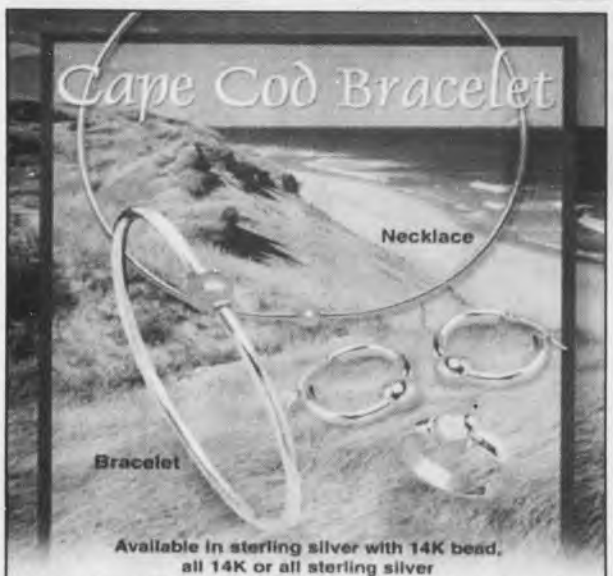

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Club learns about the fine art of flower arranging

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

When her youngest child went off to college in 1981, Nancy Perkins took a sabbatical from her position as an art teacher and planned a cross-country bicycle trip with her late husband, who quit his job as a school principal for the trip.

The couple flew to San Diego and biked their way across the country. While they were gone, their son kept watch over the 12-acre Merrimac farm, on which the Perkins were growing Christmas trees to earn money for their retirement.

The couple called home weekly to check in with their son, who had some bad news to report one week. Gypsy moths had moved onto the farm and began eating away at the Christmas trees. By the time they returned home, more than 4,000 trees had been destroyed.

Because the trees take about eight years to grow, Perkins and her husband decided to do something different with the land. They began to grow herbs and flowers, holding herbal luncheons and garden tours.

"Because I was a teacher, it seemed like a natural transition to go into flower arranging," said Perkins to the Community Garden Club of Cohasset.

She spoke to the club Tuesday, giving the members advice about how to grow and preserve flowers as well as arrange them in wreaths or decorative containers. Perkins used her works as examples, showing the club how to start similar projects. In addition to leading workshops for garden clubs all over the area, Perkins also teaches her art at Northern Essex Community College.

"It's an art form. The workshop is practice for flower shows, but also for our enjoyment."

— Lee Drew, garden club member

Lee Drew, the club's workshop committee chairwoman, said this workshop exposed members to preserved flower arrangement.

"It's an art form," Drew said. "The workshop is practice for flower shows, but also for our enjoyment."

One of three garden clubs in Cohasset, the Community Garden Club boasts a membership of more than 200 and holds several workshops and events each month, according to club president, Sally Avery. Guests such as Perkins are often brought in to lead a workshop or members teach the club various techniques or ideas.

Formed in 1959, the organization is involved in the preservation and beautification of various areas around town, including the Lightkeeper's Cottage, the Lothrop House on Summer Street, and Constitution Park. Avery said that the club also contributes to the Trustees of Reservations as well as sponsoring annual scholarships for Cohasset High School seniors.

The Community Garden Club also holds mini flower shows, which give new members the chance to learn how an actual flower show is managed and judged.

Tish Grinnell, a charter member of the club and former president, is a master judge of the Garden Club Federation in Massachusetts and said the club aims to educate its members about horticulture and flower arranging.

"We have these mini-shows because members have to know what a judge is looking for," Grinnell said. "It also encourages them to grow interesting plants."

Horticulture chairwoman, Lelia Weinstein, said she saw the club as a way to learn and teach others, not simply as a social organization.

"The members have an opportunity to grow in terms of knowledge and understanding of the Earth and how to protect it," she said.

She said she also plans to teach the club members about plants from Europe or Asia that have found their way over to the United States, but are not necessarily good for the environment.

Weinstein said, "Everyone's been cutting down the bittersweet plant because it looks nice, when, in reality, its berries are poisonous and it's been hurting our plants and trees."

PHOTOS/FRED ROBERTSON

Nancy Perkins, guest lecturer, sets up her display of floral designs for the Cohasset Community Garden Club meeting on Tuesday.

Nancy Gilmore, left, and Mary Hickey judge the flower arrangements from Cohasset Community Garden Club members for the club's monthly "in-house" show.

AROUND TOWN

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HALLOWEEN FAIR

This Sunday, Oct. 27 is The Annual Halloween Fair on Cohasset Common from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The Costume Parade begins at 1:30 and will be followed by games, moonwalk and oh so much more! Tickets are 3 for $1 and this event will happen rain or shine! In the event of rain, it will be across the street in the South Shore Community Center. All proceeds will go to benefit the Nursery School at the Center.

Jake, (age 5) and **Abbey** (age 1-1/2) **Johnson**, along with all family and friends of **Jeff and Deb Johnson** would like to send out a very special Happy 10th Anniversary wish! We all hope you guys enjoyed this very special day!

That is all for this week. Please send me all your news, event information and photos no later than Mondays at noon. Photos may be dropped off at Cohasset News in a marked envelope for the Cohasset Mariner, Around Town Column.

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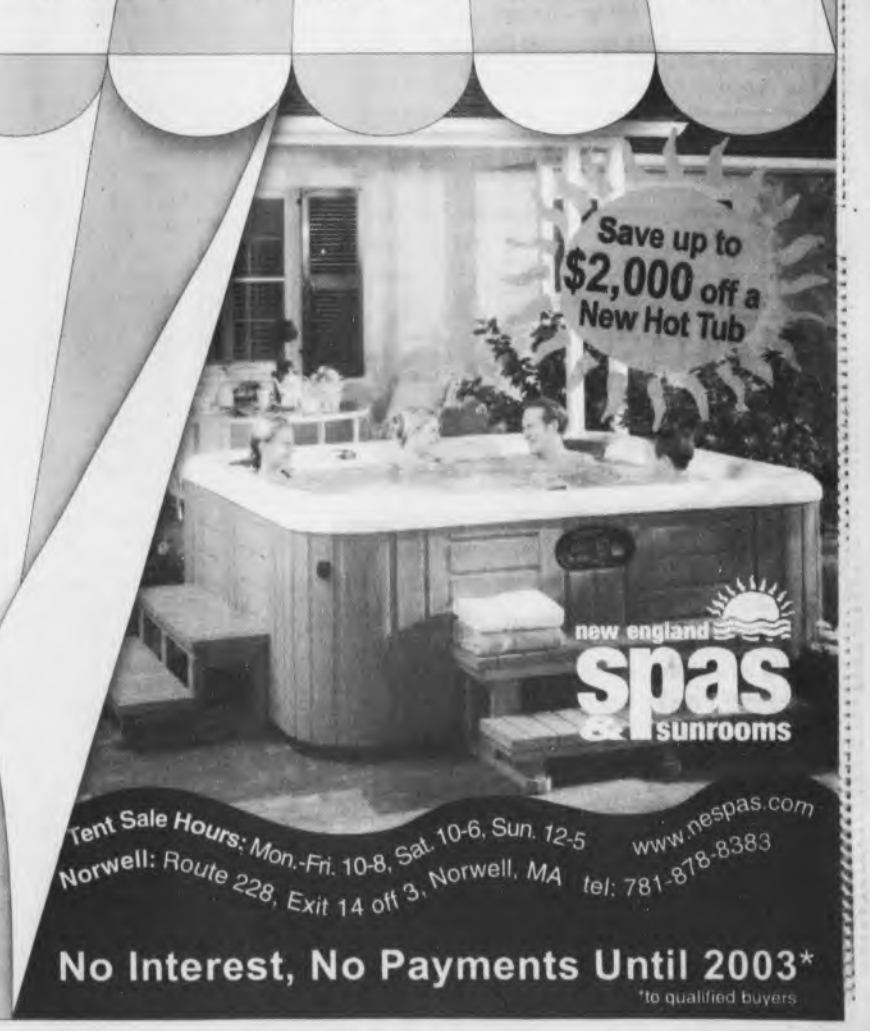

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Our 'Big Dig'

We've been writing about Greenbush for more than a decade, but one of the most interesting stories we've told is about the potential for colonial artifacts along the right-of-way in Hingham.

Thanks to the persistence of John P. Richardson, a historian and environmentalist, who lives on Fort Hill Street, the issue is coming to the forefront.

In our story last week in the Cohasset Mariner, we listed myriad items that might be unearthed during tunnel construction in Hingham Square, which is built largely on filled land. Those include beads, bottles, bricks and brickwork, buckles, buttons, candlesticks, ceramics, clock parts, coins, combs, cooking vessels, cutlery, glasses and decanters, firearms, furniture hardware, window glass, hinges, horseshoes and horse fittings, locks, porcelain, jewelry, silver, tiles, smoking pipes, toys, wig curlers and more. There's also the possibility of finding Native American artifacts and even the remains of an old canoe.

What makes Hingham unique among the other Greenbush towns that include Braintree, Weymouth, Cohasset and Scituate is the town's square, which is on filled land and the plans to dig the tunnel to protect the square that is on the National Register of Historic Places.

"Because the village developed along, and overlooking, a stream (Town Brook) terminated at Hingham Harbor, expanding residential and commercial activity over more than 300 years necessitated vast filling of wetlands," Mr. Richardson explains, adding the filling was accomplished by oxcart and wheelbarrow, so there are many strata containing artifacts.

The "Section 106" agreement hammered out among the Army Corps of Engineers, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Washington and the five Greenbush towns should ensure historic resources along the Greenbush Line are protected. And Epsilon Associates of Maynard has been hired as conservator for the project to make sure the MBTA lives up to the Section 106 agreement.

Our towns are among the oldest in the country and as Mr. Richardson says, what is unearthed can tell a story – *our* story.

We look forward to sharing more about what may lie beneath when the shovels come to town.

Election overload

There's a lot about the upcoming state election in our pages. We've committed to covering the state senate and state representative races because they are close to home. While the coverage may be putting a squeeze on our news hole for other stories – we think giving our readers the fullest picture possible of our candidates is important. There is no doubt in our mind that the incumbents and their challengers care about the South Shore and the many challenges that we face. Our hope is that you will care as well and make an educated choice on Nov. 5.

— Mary Ford
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student council on CHS vandalism

TO THE EDITOR:

(This letter was sent to the Mariner last week, but was just signed 'Cohasset High School Student Council.' The Mariner only prints letters signed by individuals..)

On behalf of the Cohasset High School student body, we would like to acknowledge the event that occurred during Homecoming Weekend. A few irresponsible people performed a malicious act against the high school, disgracing the students, faculty and our town of Cohasset. The offenders vandalized the school by throwing rocks and breaking 13 windows. We do not condone such behavior and believe these actions to be a misrepresentation of the positive character of Cohasset High School. We hope that the police find the culprit or culprits who damaged the school property and deal with them accordingly.

Ross Lieb-Lappen, President – C.H.S. Student Council
Curt Kahn, President – Class of 2003
Phil Strazzulla, President – Class of 2004
Jack Carrol, President – Class of 2005
Emilie Shea, President – Class of 2006

Goodwin thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

The American Cancer Society held its annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk along the Charles River, in Boston, on Oct. 6. A group of friends from the South Shore organized a team that we called Cheryl and Company to participate in the event to raise funds to help find a cure for breast cancer.

The team is proud to have raised more than $1400 for this worthy cause. We would like to thank all those in the community who supported us with a contribution and who helped to make our efforts a success. We are especially grateful to Goodwin Graphics, of Cohasset, that very generously donated the printing on our team T-shirts.

Barbara Cummings
8 Stratford Road
N. Weymouth

Sewer rebate

TO THE EDITOR:

Those who have connected their principal residence to the town's sewer system should be aware that part of the cost can be recovered by filing Schedule SC "Septic Credit" as an amendment to the latest state income tax. The credit is 40 percent of the cost, up to $6,000, with a max credit each year of $1,500. One must obtain a letter from the sewer department confirming that the hook up was mandated, and enclose a receipted bill from the hook-up contractor. The form SC is filed with form "Application for Abatement/Amended Return", both obtainable by phoning the Mass Dept. of Revenue. One does *not* file an amended return, only these two forms.

Please don't call me for further info; that's all I think I know. The instructions that accompany Schedule SC provide all needed information.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

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HEALTH NOTES

Walking and rails to trails effort

Most days, I walk; not through any great love of walking, although many of us who spent much time on boats or ships know that it's a great release to get out on land after being cooped up for a while and walk, walk, walk….. It was only later, that we learned that it was one of natures best defenses against getting physically rusty. Statistics say that about 25 percent of us walk or engage in other forms of exercise. The rest are, well, getting rusty. At the Cohasset Office of Elder Affairs at the Community Center, Kathy Bryanton and the Board of Health have decided to restart a program which was once very popular in Cohasset which we will now call the Senior Men's Activity Restoration Team — acronym: SMART. Now, Kathy has a number of programs designed to be a great benefit to seniors in Town, but she reports that few men respond with enthusiasm to calls for more exercise.

To this end, the Board of Health for which increased physical activity has become a crusade, is helping to sponsor with the Counsel on Elder Affairs, an event which honors senior men and women who walk the NIH prescribed 3 miles a day for at least four days a week. We will be announcing a convocation of these stalwarts each of whom will receive a breakfast at the Community Center, a citation, and an offer to get involved in a program to induce other colleagues, friends, cronies, etc., to become involved in walking to a different location in town four times a week.

We also hope to introduce you to Matthew O'Brien who can translate *elder to teen,* and much more, who will be helping us in this effort. His brother already works for the Board of Health on other issues. On the other hand, *this* member of the Board of Health is good with ideas, but awful on details, so please contact the Cohasset Office of Elder Affairs for particulars. When we know the size of the group of those wishing to participate we will publish more comprehensive plans. So please sign up by calling Elder Affairs or the Board of Health at 781 383-9112 or 781 383-4116, respectively.

Incidentally, Elder Affairs has a diversity of programs designed to support those of us who are getting on. They are always updating the listing of Senior Vista, the newsletter sent to all in Town over 50. They have a senior breakfast on Fridays, a nutrition program, and all sorts of fitness programs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, as well as a fit beginners program for those of us who don't understand dumbbells, pliés, or Tae Chi. And drop by the Community Center for free information on a large number of topics dealing with your personal life; many health related.

And, this just in: Cohasset Knoll on 3-A has a new fitness center, recently opened, which is free for everyone. They also have a physical therapist with whom you can discuss your exercise program. For Information, call 781 383-9060.

The PATH to better health

Also, the Joint Cohasset, Hingham, Scituate Rails with Trails initiative is developing nicely. Now called PATH the acronym for People for Active Transportation and Health has had a joint meeting which you may have read about. Last week, our Health Officer, Joe Godzik met with his counterparts in Hingham and Scituate together with Mark and Lisa Fenton, the walking advocates from Scituate and walked over a part of the proposed trail which may link the right of way between the three towns. In their subsequent discussion, they enlisted the support of James Scanlan, Secretary & MBTA Chairman, Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, who is having his staff revisit the feasibility of a trail in the Town Right of way. The trail would run along the west side of the tracks from Greenbush all the way to Hingham center.

There are compelling reasons for having a trail along this corridor. It will improve transportation quality and public health, will reduce negative impacts of the train, and will be a valued amenity for the towns.

a) Transportation — The trail will reduce traffic and parking requirements in Cohasset, Greenbush and North Scituate, as more users will be able to walk and bicycle to those stations.

b) Economic benefits — A trail will be used for non-train related transportation (trips to school, for errands) and will increase local commerce in Cohasset, Hingham, Greenbush and North Scituate.

c) Housing values —The trail will reduce negative impacts for abutters. Research shows trails often increase surrounding housing values; they are often advertised by realtors.

d) Safety — Rails with trails are safe; probably safer than without trails. Surveillance and legal access are improved, and unlawful activity and trespassing can be reduced.

e) Recreation — Many people already use the corridor for mountain biking, walking, and running; it will be usable by many more residents of wider ability when improved.

f) Health — A transportation and recreation trail will be good for the health of residents and will be a tool in the fight against a rising epidemic of inactivity and obesity in America.

Flu clinic

There will be a Flu Clinic at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday Nov. 2 from 10 to 12 for those who are above 50 or are immune compromised. Wear a short sleeve shirt.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

A really mixed up state of affairs

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY

A group is working hard to develop a senior housing project on a wooded parcel the Town already owns behind Stop & Shop. The preliminary plans show a typical "cookie-cutter" housing project.

Another group is working hard to oppose the proposed "cookie-cutter" 40B Avalon Bay rental apartment project on the former Norfolk Conveyor parcel. Does this begin to sound a bit crazy to you? Wait, there's more.

Cohasset is in the process of completing a $40 million Deer Hill and Middle/Senior High School addition/renovation. Before the beginning of the project, I phoned the project architect and asked if the project would result in a "green" building (one which would meet Energy Star or LEED standards.) He said, "No. No one asked us for that. We don't do that." So, long before this project is complete, it is energy-obsolete; in dire need of an energy retrofit. A bit crazy?

Even worse is the new parking lot at the high school. Apparently so many students drive to school that the parking lot had to be enlarged. I guess you could call it reverse ecology. How did we get to this mixed-up state of affairs?

In the scientific-technological stage of human development, from the early 18th century to the present day, Western man has treated the Earth as if only humans mattered. As if natural ecosystems could be destroyed at the whim of the human "owner". It is now painfully obvious that this attitude is leading to the total shutdown of Earth's living systems. We've polluted the air, poisoned the water and soil, brought tens of thousands of species to extinction, altered the global climate, and are contemplating a war to maintain our squandering of petroleum.

We can't keep building "developments" as if Earth's natural systems are irrelevant. It is time to learn how to build sustainable developments, and begin to restore natural ecosystems. If we build like nature does, our habitats will be sustainable. And lovely to behold.

Some of the basics are kindergarten stuff. Trees and other green plants absorb carbon dioxide and give off oxygen. The Earth needs this process desperately, because of the massive over-production of carbon dioxide by humans. This excess carbon dioxide is now causing global climate change. Humans need oxygen to live. So, don't destroy any more trees and other green life forms. Instead, plant them and nurture them.

Forests absorb rainfall and slowly filter it into the aquifer. The trees and plants are nourished, and water is available for other life forms. We can live a week at most without water. So, don't interfere with this process. Begin removing impervious surfaces, like asphalt and sprawl developments, from the Earth.

Nature self-organizes living systems according to the principles of complexity and miniaturization. Computer design has benefited from this approach. Early computers filled buildings. Now they fit in the palm of your hand. Natural systems tend toward rich mixtures. Therefore, build places for people to live that are miniaturized and complex.

Zoning seems to have benefited from one of those perverse laws of the universe, such as, "No good deed goes unpunished." How zoning has captured the mind of our culture defies common sense. Maybe it's because zoning allows building to proceed with little or no thought. It's like one of those sorting games kids play, putting all the red beads in one dish, all the blues in another, and so on. "We'll put all the elders over here, and all the school kids over there, and all the family houses somewhere else, etc." And this gets called planning? Drives me crazy.

Zoning results in the most boring arrangement of human habitation ever invented. Not only boring, but also people are segregated and isolated. Zoning encourages sprawl development, with its inordinately high costs for asphalt streets, driveways, parking lots, miles of wires, water pipes, sewer pipes, etc. Energy costs escalate exponentially. Nature doesn't zone. Therefore, find ways to build a sustainable community in spite of zoning. Overlay districts can be created that promote Smart Growth.

An article in last week's Mariner said, "The initiative by Joe Nedrow's Senior Housing Committee to put 50 units of senior housing behind the Stop & Shop meets all the requirements of excellent planning." With all due respect to Joe and his committee, all folks with the best of intentions, this proposal would cut down trees and other green plants, evict the life forms now residing there, add asphalt and other impervious surfaces, and create a zoned sprawl project.

Is there a way not senior housing but singles-single parent-couples-family-elder homes can be built in Cohasset that will be harmonious with what is here now? That will not add to the eco-destruction of the last three centuries? That will be sustainable and follow nature's laws? That can make Cohasset a lovelier town than it is now? Yes, of course. People have been building lovely, sustainable towns for millennia. We merely need to break out of the zoning-sprawl-suburban trance we're in, and follow Mother Nature's lead.

Jim Shipsky can be reached at Shipsky@cs.com

Saving Barnes Sanctuary for posterity

COMMENTARY

RICH SILVIA

Wheelwright Park, as most of you know it, is in serious trouble. In 1935, during the Great Depression, the Wheelwright Park "area" was held in such high regard by President Roosevelt's WPA that its landscape rehabilitation for enhanced public enjoyment was the ninth project funded in all of Massachusetts.

Those enhancements included: the building of a public skating pond with indigenous stone, much like we have on our common; fireplaces, benches, 4,000 feet of improvements to Native American trails, camping & pick nick areas and more.

Today the park is cherished by thousands who find its serene beauty a refreshing escape. Whether hiking in the holly groves, jogging by the squirrelly oaks, climbing glacial rocks, walking your dog under the cathedral of old pines, horseback riding, birding or just plain relaxing it is truly food for the soul. A public treasure, it is a special and relatively untouched piece of ancient "Quonahassit".

Enjoying the area as the Native Americans did 1,000 years ago may not be possible in the near future.

The Wheelwright Park area is not all public land. The northeast edge which stretches from North Main Street to Forest Avenue is town-owned. A narrow strip in the center, the Arthur Leah Boy Scout Retreat, is owned by our local Troup 28 Boy Scouts. The large 32 acre southern portion is the "private" Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Barnes family has recently been in the process of selling their 32-acre section to a developer for a housing development. As a member of your Community Preservation Committee (CPC), I was made aware of the pending sale. After visiting with the Barnes family, listening to their concerns and explaining the role of Cohasset's new CPC, it became obvious that we both had the same interest at heart. The Barnes wanted the land to be kept as a wildlife sanctuary but had serious reservations about the Town's willingness to raise $1,000,000.

After being given assurance that the CPC would make every effort to raise sufficient funds to rescue the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary, the family gave their word that they would give the Town until the *Nov. 18 special town meeting* to buy the land.

If the town failed to raise the funds, then the sanctuary would be sold to developers. In the ensuing months, while the CPC studied the land, developed funding partners and courted the town fathers, the Barnes family, under pressure from developers, remained true to their word. We now have a signed purchase and sales agreement between our Selectmen and the Barnes Family. We owe the Barnes family a very sincere debt of gratitude for this opportunity!

But! We only have until the Nov. 18 special town meeting to both raise the funds and win a two-thirds vote at that meeting.

Thus far over $600,000 has been raised that *will not* impact on the tax rate. Hooray for that! We have worked hard in the past months to both apply for and be in competition for large grants. (no guarantees of receiving a nickel)

The Cohasset Conservation Trust has come to the rescue with a very generous motivational challenge to all private contributors in the community. They will match your *tax free* contributions to a maximum of $150,000. That's a potential for an additional $300,000 raising the total to $900,000.

Your contributions and town meeting attendance are critical.

Your contributions, of any size, need to be made out to: Cohasset Conservation Trust Note: Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary

Mail to: Cohasset Conservation Trust PO Box 314 Cohasset, MA 02025

Please help by writing a check now We only have until Nov. 18!

The Cohasset Board of Water Commissioner's "2002 Water Quality Report" graphically illustrates the importance of this property, which is located in the James Brook Water Shed, as an integral part of the Sohier Street Well Field Zone of contribution to our drinking water. It also sits on part of our precious underground aquifer.

Here is why it is so important that we preserve the land:

"The Protection of the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary is critical in maintaining the ecological integrity of this area."

— J. Andrew Walsh, Ecologist, The Trustees of Reservations

"The Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program supports the efforts of the Cohasset's Conservation Trust and it's Community Preservation Committee to protect the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary."

— Joanne Singfield, Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife

"Wheelwright park would lose significant value as a place of quietude were the adjacent and embraced Barnes parcel to be developed for other than open space habitat."

— Richard Avery, Cohasset Conservation Trust

"The Barnes Sanctuary and Wheelwright Park have played a vital role in the education, leadership, and character development of scouts for generations. Its loss to development would deal a crushing blow to our scouting program."

— Arthur Lehr, Scoutmaster, Eagle Scout 1937.

Rich Silvia is a member of the Community Preservation Committee.

Downy Woodpeckers — our local drummers

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Circe is the Greek Goddess who is most famous for turning Odysseus' sailors into swine. She also, in a strange way, is responsible for the fact that woodpeckers belong to the *Picadae* family. Picus, the son of Saturn, was handsome and possessed the powers of prophecy. Circe fell in love with Picus and became angry when he did not return her love. So angry that she turned him into a woodpecker. The Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*) is the smallest woodpecker in North America. *Picoides* is from the Latin word, *picus*, which means woodpecker. The second part of its name refers to the downy or pubescent-looking feathers around its face.

Like other woodpeckers, the downy is black and white. Adult males have red on the back of the head. Juveniles have red on the top of the head. Adult females have no red feathers. Their chisel-shaped bill is good for drilling holes in hardwood trees and prying under bark for insects. To prevent headaches while hammering, the skull is extra thick and the frontal bones are more folded at the base of the bill to help absorb the shock of pounding. The prominent tuft of bristles around the nostrils helps prevent wood chips and sawdust from being inhaled. Its tongue is long; so long that it coils up between the skull and the skin, somewhat the way a roller shade works. The ability to extend the tongue beyond the end of the bill is useful for extracting insects from cavities, especially since the tip is usually barbed and sticky.

Most birds have four toes, although the way the toes point varies among species. All but two species of woodpeckers have four toes. These are positioned with two facing forward and two backward, an arrangement known as zygodactyl. The outer back toe is longer than the inner one in order to provide the bird more stability as it hitches its way up and down tree trunks. They descend tail first, unlike nuthatches that come headfirst. Even more stability is achieved from the tail. The two central tail feathers are slightly curved and unusually stiff to act as a prop. If you look closely at Downy Woodpeckers at your feeder, or on nearby trees, you will probably see this phenomenon at work.

The Downy Woodpecker looks almost exactly like the Hairy Woodpecker. The only difference is that the Hairy Woodpecker is bigger, has a much bigger bill, and has no black bars on its outer tail feathers. Both these birds have white backs, the only North American woodpeckers that do. The downy is happy in suburban yards and small woodlots or in urban parks. The hairy needs larger wooded or forested areas with more and bigger trees.

Downy Woodpeckers do not sing in the usual sense, although they sometimes make a sound resembling a descending whinny. Drumming is what they do to attract a mate, to show off a potential nest site, or to defend a territory. They may use a telephone pole, the side of a house, or a hollow branch for their tapping. Anything that makes a loud noise will do. Metallic surfaces work very well.

In the spring, Downy Woodpeckers, like other woodpeckers, excavate nesting holes in trees, usually dead snags. Both males and females help with this project. Some of the wood chips get left in the hole to cushion the eggs. The female lays three to eight white eggs. Both sexes incubate, but the male tends to take the night duty while the female sleeps in a nearby hole. In the fall, they dig out new holes for roosting in the winter. Males and females usually use separate holes for roosting. Other cavity nesters, such as chickadees, titmice or nuthatches, take advantage of the work done by woodpeckers and use their abandoned holes in subsequent years.

Although Downy Woodpeckers eat insects, larvae and insect eggs, they will also eat berries, including poison ivy. They locate insects under the bark by listening for movement after they hammer on the tree with their beak. Since they also enjoy sunflower seeds, suet and peanuts, they are attracted to feeders in the winter. In fact, more than 92 percent of Cornell's Project FeederWatch participants in Massachusetts reported Downy Woodpeckers at their feeders last winter. Downies are the most common woodpecker in North America. They are year-round residents in all parts of the United States except above treeline and in the southwestern desert.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SULLIVAN

Female Downy Woodpecker.

Since the Downy Woodpecker is a relatively tame bird, it is worth putting up feeders to try to attract them. They are fun to have around to watch in winter. The only trick is to figure out a way to keep the squirrels from stealing the special treats meant for the woodpeckers.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for Project FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

Our new state slogan?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Something tells me our new state slogan isn't going to make it into the finals.

Here it is barely a week out of the chute and already it's on the verge of retirement, maybe even sooner than acting Gov. Jane Swift.

"Massachusetts — Make It Yours."

Catchy, huh? Kinda makes you want to drive straight through to New Hampshire — or into the Atlantic Ocean, whichever comes first.

Personally, I'd drive straight through to Maine, where the slogan is "Ski Me." (The abbreviation for Maine is Me., get it?) I don't ski, but just reading that slogan makes me want to go to Maine and watch.

"Massachusetts — Make It Yours."

I'm not sure what that means. A number of people have tried to make it theirs, but the only ones I know who have been successful are the Kennedys, and even they are starting to thin out and spread out across the country.

I'd like to be able to tell you that the slogan was chosen after a nationwide search, but actually our Department of Travel and Tourism got only as far as 2 Park Plaza, home of CGN Marketing and Creative Services, where the slogan was born.

Since the department retains CGN for $300,000 a year, I hope they have more to do for us than just sit around and think up slogans.

Why couldn't they come up with something like "Virginia is for lovers," although after studying Virginia's blue laws, anyone with love on his or her mind had best stop at a motel on the other side of the Potomac.

Our state's old slogan — "The spirit of Massachusetts is the spirit of America" — never caught on, especially among the folk who had to fit it on a T-shirt.

Before turning to CGN, the Department of Travel and Tourism held a widely advertised contest with a free vacation weekend as a prize and even opened a web site so that contestants could reach them easily, to choose a new slogan.

There were more than 400 entries, and some of them were good ones, like "Massachusetts: Where Freedom Begins," but they were rejected.

I wonder who at CGN got the free weekend? But I digress . . .

Some states have had slogans or catch words designed to attract tourists' dollars for years.

Can't you just see the trout and bass leaping for your hook when Minnesota calls itself "The Land of 10,000 Lakes?"

That's why the Minneapolis basketball team called itself "the Lakers," and they liked it so well that Lakers they remained even after they moved to Los Angeles, where there isn't a lake for miles around.

Fortunately, acting Gov. Swift says she is not ready to sign on and confirm "Massachusetts — Make It Yours" as the state slogan.

That may become the first official duty of the Shannon O'Brien or Mitt Romney administration.

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Support purchase of Barnes property

TO THE EDITOR:

We have a unique opportunity to preserve some valuable open space by purchasing a parcel of land next to Wheelwright Park off of Main Street.

Why is it unique?

Because of the efforts of the Friend's of the Barnes Wildlife sanctuary the town can finalize purchase of the land for by raising the last 15 percent of the money needed to purchase the land.

What do you need to do?

First make a contribution to the
Cohasset Conservation Trust
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Second attend Town meeting in November and vote to have the town purchase this precious piece of land.

Why:

This will save 32 pristine acres adjacent to Wheelwright Park for the Town of Cohasset. These 32 acres are also adjacent to White Holly Hill Farm-forest, The Arthur Lehr Boy Scout retreat, Witch Hazel Swamp, and the Bancroft Bird Sanctuary.

It has played a vital role in the development of generations of Boy Scouts. For decades adults and children alike have enjoyed its skating pond in the winter. In addition, its paths have become a well-used favorite for hikers and dog walkers.

The Board of Selectman, the Cohasset Conservation Trust, the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, the Trustees of Reservations and many others support the Barnes family's wish to sell their 32 acres to the Town of Cohasset rather than to developers. However, we must act quickly. To date, the Selectmen have committed $500,000 in MBTA mitigation funds, and $100,000 has been committed by the Cohasset Conservation Trust. Additionally, the Trust has challenged the community to raise $150,000 in funds that it will match dollar for dollar. With a $100,000 contribution from the CPC (pending approval at the Town Meeting), we will reach the purchase price goal of $1,000,000.

For more information, or to find out how you can volunteer contact the Friends at jeanhajjar56@hotmail.com or call Jean Hajjar at 383-9917. A map of this property showing the trails and skating pond is also available.

Ken Roth
33 Riverview Drive

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Election 2002

Five questions were posed this week to incumbent Republican state Sen. Bob Hedlund and his Democratic challenger, Ted LeClair. The Plymouth-Norfolk District encompasses eight towns: Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, Scituate, Marshfield, Norwell, and Duxbury.

Hedlund shares his views

1. How should the mess on Beacon Hill be addressed?

State government is currently in disaster. One reason is the one-party system. It is the rank and file members who have ceded their authority to the leadership. There are very few people like myself who will vote for their districts' best interests, rather than follow the leadership. What I am focusing on is my independence and my effectiveness for the district. I have stood by my district, rather than follow the leadership.

Respect for the process of government and for the taxpayer is worse than at any time since I've been here. We need to change the way the government is operating. I am unconvinced that the leadership has made any strides to go after waste. There has been no reform and no cost savings on projects we could have saved money on, just a knee-jerk reaction to raise taxes. One potentially cost-saving area that should be investigated is the duplication of state agencies. There are duplicative agencies and duplicative staffing.

2. What is your stand on education?

Education is a priority. I am a leader in the Senate to strengthen the School Building Assistance program, which is vital to many towns in the district. Each year, I have fought to ensure that adequate funding is included in the state budget so that local school construction projects move forward. Major reforms were enacted in the program in 2000 designed to streamline the process and eliminate the financial disincentive for communities to undertake new construction, rather than renovation. This year, I offered an amendment during the budget debate to restore adequate funding levels to the program. Level funding does not mean that education was not prioritized. We made education level funded when programs around the state have been drastically cut because of the economic downturn.

3. Please give your stand on health care.

I have been a staunch advocate for numerous health care reforms and initiatives, which include playing a major role in the passage of the Senior Pharmacy Program and supporting reforms to the Prescription Advantage Program that have increased accessibility; advocating for HMO reform by supporting measures aimed at reining in rates and improving access; working closely with South Shore Hospital officials on the Determination of Need process

Robert Hedlund

with the Department of Public Health to secure a cardiac surgery license for South Shore Hospital; and acting as an intermediary between South Shore elders and Tufts Secure Horizons HMO to improve the flow of information on important coverage changes by arranging an informational meeting for seniors with Secure Horizons officials.

4. You can't turn back the clock, but in hindsight, and in light of subsequent developments, would the Mills Mall plan have been a good thing for the former Naval Air Station?

No. Regardless of current factors, it does not change what the negative impacts to the quality of life in the region would have been from what was to be the largest mall in New England. Tri Town Development is now implementing the initial phases for a more reasonable development plan. These plans will hopefully soon lead to benefits for the host communities. I am proud to have been the first elected official to stand with residents in opposition to the Mills Mega Mall, despite pressure from some interest groups like the South Shore Chamber of Commerce.

5. What was wrong (or right) with Chapter 40B changes in the Omnibus Housing Bill passed last summer?

The legislation would do nothing to provide affordable housing or return any control to local communities. This is why all legislators in southeastern, Massachusetts are opposed to this bill. My opponent is ill-informed with his announced support of this legislation.

The lone positive element of the bill has been implemented administratively by the governor. This provision would allow communities that create state-certified affordable housing plans and produce new subsidized or affordable housing at an annual rate of at least 75 percent of its total housing units to deny comprehensive permits for one year. If a community produces new affordable units equal to 1.5 percent of its housing stock, it could deny comprehensive permits for two years.

I have led efforts in the Senate to reform 40B. My legislation, "Our Act Relative to Affordable Housing," is what is needed for local communities to have input into this critical issue and return reasonable controls to our towns.

Endorsements

Unions and associations endorsing Hedlund are the Police Association of Massachusetts; the Massachusetts Nurses Association; Weymouth Firefighters; NAGE (the National Association of Government Employees); the Mass. Correction Officer Association; Hingham/Hull/Duxbery/Cohasset Police Unions; the Boston Carmens Union (MBTA employees); the UFCW, all union supermarket employees in eastern Massachusetts.; Local 4 operating engineers (heavy equipment), Local 133 Laborers Union; Local 103 Electricians; Citizens for Limited Taxation; and the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Prominent local Democrats supporting Hedlund include two former rivals, former state Sen. Brian McDonald of Weymouth and Ted Wheeler, who was a longtime campaign manager for former state Rep. Bob Ambler; former longtime Weymouth Town Moderator John Reilly, a Massachusetts Teachers Association organizer and mediator.

Current and former Hull officials supporting Hedlund include Tom Chirillo, former member of the Hull Board of Assessors and current business agent of Laborers' Local 223, who also serves as vice president of the Mass. AFL-CIO; two current members of the Hull Democratic Town Committee who also hold elected positions in Hull, Bartley Kelly of the Hull Re-development Authority and Bob Caisey of the Hull Housing Authority. Also, Brian McCarthy, a former member of the Hull Democratic Town Committee and current chairman of the Hull Council of Aging.

From Marshfield, Hedlund is endorsed by Democrats Jay and Jim Creed. Jay is a member of the Marshfield Planning Board. Jim is a longtime Marshfield selectman and former member of the Marshfield Board of Assessors.

Longtime former Weymouth Selectman and Town Councilor Bill Barry, Jr. is also among the prominent South Shore Democrats supporting Hedlund. Peg Goudy and Democrat John Bewick, former Secretary of Environmental Affairs in the King administration, also support Hedlund.

LeClair shares his views

1. How should the mess on Beacon Hill be addressed?

I am running for the state Senate because I believe that we can do more if our elected officials once again focus on people, rather that politics. I believe Beacon Hill has lost its focus. My campaign is about fixing what is broken and helping to make our state government once again serve the needs of our citizens. There is a great deal of talk that comes from Beacon Hill. Our elected officials talk about our children's education, about health care, and about our economy. I believe we need to do more than just talk about these issues. We need to work together so we can find solutions to our problems. If elected, I will propose legislation that if the budget is not passed and submitted by the legislature by June 30, then the paychecks will stop for the legislators. Results are what matter, and this is why I am running for the state Senate.

2. What is your stand on education?

Our children's education is a top priority for me. I cannot justify to the constituents of the Plymouth/Norfolk District any cuts in education. Our economy, our children, and our future depend on an educated population. If we do not make education a priority, then every other interest we believe in will suffer. Our prosperity is based on the foundation of education. The Legislature is faced with record decreases in revenue and has failed to adequately address the question of government waste.

Public education cannot be compromised. I am proud to have the support of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the public teacher's union. If elected, I will push for the state to keep its promise and help fund school construction, smaller class sizes, and after school programs. I will focus on our public education system so that our children can have excellent and safe schools. I will not accept level funding of education as an acceptable political compromise.

3. Please give your stand on health care.

As our population grows older, health care will be our most significant social problem. Everyone wants top flight health care; most everyone wants to be able to choose where and what health care they receive; but we cannot afford to pay the entire bill. We need to muster the courage to face this challenge and come up with solutions.

First we must solve the prescription drug challenge—that will be through bulk purchasing power of the state. Next we need to address the need to make health care available to everyone. At the very least, we

Ted LeClair

should open up the state employee system so that everyone who decides to can make the choice to purchase affordable health insurance. Locally we need to do what has not been done for the past four years, and that is obtain a license for South Shore Hospital to perform cardiac surgery.

4. You can't turn back the clock, but in hindsight, and in light of subsequent developments, would the Mills Mall plan have been a good thing for the former Naval Air Station?

The development of the Weymouth Naval Air Station, or lack thereof, is yet another example of a missed opportunity. The Mills Mall plan was not a good plan because it was one project that was driving the entire development.

It is a shame that the Weymouth Naval Air Station, unlike other base closing projects across the nation, has taken five years to discover that the way to go is through a master developer. The redevelopment of the air base is an obviously complex project that involves transportation, environmental, public access, and economic development issues. For the project to have been driven by a single engine (the Mills Mall) was misguided and, as proven by experience, a mistake

I applaud the present course of hiring a master developer who will present a plan where each and every one of the pieces successfully complement each other. An example of just such a plan is the closure of the Glenview Naval Air Station in Illinois. That base closed in 1995 (Weymouth closed in 1997), and today it has an elementary school, a senior center, a recreation center, two golf courses, multi-faceted housing, retail shops, office space, and a train station, all on 1,360 acres (Weymouth is 1,442 acres).

It is unfortunate that our state senator was too busy with the politics of the base, flip flopping on whether or not to build a mall, and did not concentrate on getting the job done through a master developer.

5. What was wrong (or right) with Chapter 40B changes in the Omnibus Housing Bill passed last summer?

The Omnibus Housing Bill made some positive changes to 40B, but did not go far enough. The bill allowed communities to reject a comprehensive permit if they created an acceptable housing plan and produced 0.5 percent affordable housing. instead of 2 percent. That means a town like Marshfield could stop comprehensive permits altogether if it had a plan and 50 affordable units per year were built.

The bill failed, however, to make changes that would allow communities to count housing that is already affordable, like mobile homes and single-family homes. The regulatory changes in August addressed some of these concerns by including accessory apartments and units created through locally subsidized projects and the Community Preservation Act.

A new regulatory change proposed on Oct. 7 will reduce the exemption threshold from 2 percent to .75 percent, and if a town produces 1.5 percent affordable housing, it will be entitled to a two-year exemption.

40B, as it presently is constituted, clearly does not work. The 33-year-old statute has failed in its intended purpose to create affordable housing throughout the state and overburdened our towns with projects that just don't make sense. The omnibus housing bill was a move in the right direction, as evidenced by the recent regulatory changes. Further changes are needed that give towns further control to protect their infrastructure, yet at the same time create effective incentives that will generate housing and allow our elderly, children, and municipal employees to live in our communities.

Ted LeClair

Endorsing LeClair are the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the AFL-CIO, and the New England Regional Carpenters Union.

Prominent Democrats supporting LeClair are Congressmen William Delahunt and Stephen F. Lynch; state Reps. James Murphy and Ronald Mariano; former state Reps. Paul Haley and Robert Ambler; newly elected Norfolk County Treasurer Joseph Connolly, also a councilor at large on the Weymouth Town Council; former state Sens. Allan McKinnon and William Golden; former state Senate candidate James Cantwell; and former Selectman Scott Curry.

On the local level,. Cohasset supporters include: Selectman Fred Koed, Selectwoman Roseanne McMorris, School Committee Chartis Tebbetts, Planning Board Christopher Ford; Duxbury supporter: Selectman Andre Martecchini: Hingham: Selectmen Matthew MacIver, Phillip Edmundson; Hull: Selectman Regina Burke and Jerry McLaughlin, Moderator John Russell Jr. Former Selectmen Jim Tobin and Leonard Colten, Planning Board David Carlon, school committee members Chris Shipps, Dr. John Silva, Steve Avakian, Former Hull School Committee Joel Gagne.

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LOGAN HONORED

The Scituate Republican Town Committee honored Polly Logan, vice chairman of the state Republican Party, last week with an honorary membership to the SRTC. At the meeting the SRTC also endorsed and made contributions to the campaigns for Mitt Romney (governor), Bob Hedlund (state senate), Tim Cruz (Plymouth County District Attorney), Nathaniel Palmer (state representative for the Third Plymouth District), Dan Grabauskas (state treasurer) and Luiz Gonzaga (U.S. Congress). In the photo, from left, are: SRTC officers Dick Lunn (vice chairman), Dave Nellis (membership), Beryl Denker (secretary-treasurer), Conley Ford (chairman), Logan, and Michael Bleakie (sergeant at arms).

Herb Chambers donates flag depository

The American Flag Code adopted by the United States Congress in 1942 says, "When a flag is in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset now has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. Their new Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this new service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.

From left, George H. Mealy Post 118 Commander, Steve Wigmore; Son's of the American Legion Commander, Tom Wigmore and Leo Kurtz who spearheaded the new program, stand with the post's Flag Depository

Rush named CNC's associate publisher

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advisory assignments primarily for clients in the media, technology, business services, general manufacturing and consumer products industries.

Rush's previous experience includes nine years in investment banking at Sun Trust Robinson Humphrey and Tucker Anthony Inc., and two years in commercial lending at FleetBoston. He graduated in 1992 from Dartmouth College with a bachelor of arts in economics. He lives with his wife Kathleen and three children in Wellesley.

In his new position, Rush will oversee Community Newspaper Co., which publishes 87 weekly newspapers, 4 daily newspapers, 14 shoppers, the award-winning online publication, Town Online (www.townonline.com) and numerous other targeted specialty products throughout eastern Massachusetts. The company's print publications have a combined circulation of nearly 900,000, distributed to more than 140 communities throughout eastern Massachusetts.

CNC's parent company, Herald Media Inc., also encompasses the Boston Herald, jobfind.com, bostonherald.com, homefind.com and carfind.com.

One-way trial is trashed

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Jim Watson, owner of Cohasset Hardware, attended the meeting and presented a petition signed by area business owners to end the experiment.

"I don't think that is the solution," said Watson. "I appreciate the selectmen's attention to it, though. I think they are trying to do the right thing, but it had to end. It didn't make any sense."

George Roukounakis, who owns the Citgo station in the village was also at the meeting, complaining of an increase in vehicles using his gas station as a turnaround.

There was initially some discussion about keeping the one-way in place until next week so that the Waterfield Design group could view it in action, but in the end, the selectmen directed Haddad to contact the Department of Public Works and have the road changed back as soon as possible.

Haddad and the selectmen thanked the local area business for agreeing to go along with the experiment in the first place, saying that it provided them with valuable knowledge as they move forward with the Village Revitalization project.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thoughts on senior housing

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm having difficulty developing sympathy for Joe Nedrow's model "senior" with a home worth $800,000 and who needs a public lift in order to continue living in this wonderful town. The median value for homes if I recall is somewhere in the $630,000 range. That means half the homeowners in town own property less than $630,000 and half own property worth more than $630,000. Those who own property worth less than the median value or less than $800,000 and want their tax dollars supporting housing for those who own property of $800,000 raise their hands. I'm guessing this isn't the strongest argument for the Senior Overlay District.

In addition, as recent events have demonstrated there has been an outbreak of "irrational exuberance" in Cohasset over the past few years regarding new spending items in general. It is always predictable that those supporting a spending issue overestimate the benefits or revenues while underplaying the costs and difficulties that add unforeseen costs. We've seen this with school spending, ball park building, library selling and free cash estimating. Some will say, however, "who could have predicted the terrible economy?" Indeed, prior to last fall's Town Meeting the state had already given a warning about its reduced capability to distribute state taxes back to the towns at prior funding levels. Still, Town Meeting spent some funds I 'll bet they (we) wish they hadn't.

My reason for bringing up the economy and past decisions is not to dwell upon them but rather to observe that, as explained in the Mariner, the Senior Overlay District appears to be another kind of blank check. Nobody argues against affordable senior housing. We do need it. But I remain unconvinced that the Senior Overlay District approach will meet the underlying need for affordable senior housing. Instead of a vague mandate to do good (we all agree on the need), it may be there needs to be more definition of what specific kind of housing is proposed. It may be that a specific site with a specific building footprint is preferable. And by referencing a town-owned parcel it is clear the Senior Housing Committee has already focused on a site. Maybe more information on the ramifications of that focus should be provided. Maybe that should have been the article on the warrant.

Terrance A. McCarthy
Old Pasture Road

40B talk meant to be informational

TO THE EDITOR:

If anyone has ever questioned what is Chapter 40B, then it is time you make it over the Art Center in the village and listen to Rep. Garrett Bradley discuss what Chapter 40B is, what its intended purpose and does it accomplish the goals it was designed for? The affordable housing statute is certainly a noble ideal but it has generated much controversy, not only in Cohasset but statewide.

There are many concerns about the viability of the law as it stands and who stands to profit from it. Many residents of Cohasset have concerns about development and this would be an ideal forum to learn how and why Chapter 40B was enacted and ask any specific questions they may have concerning this topic.

Rep. Bradley was invited several weeks ago to be part of the Social Service League's Lunchtime Speaker Series before any of the controversy surrounding his debates with his opponent Nathaniel Palmer. Our speaker series is meant to be a combination educational and entertaining topics. The choice to ask Rep. Bradley was made solely by the fact he is the sitting state representative and was asked to speak specifically about 40B for the purpose of informing the public. In no way does this appearance endorse one candidate over the other.

The Cohasset Social Service League is not a political organization and we make no endorsement or favor one candidate over the other.

Donald Ivas
Director Cohasset Social
Service League

Coastal Center thanks supporters

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the board members of the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research, we would like to thank all of the residents of Cohasset (and neighboring towns) who joined us for Family Day on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Mariners' Park. We greatly appreciated the enthusiasm expressed in support of our plans to establish an educational center and research facility at the harbor.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the following:

- to the sailing club for making their bathroom facilities accessible to our group
- to the historical society for leading a talk on the history of the building and site
- to Joseph's Hardware store for lending the use of a gas grill
- to Cohasset Lobster Pound for facilitating a dockside tour aboard a lobster boat
- to captain Lorren Gibbons for bringing her fishing vessel dockside for exciting hands-on exploration by the young and not-so-young
- and to the many volunteers who helped make the day possible.

We are now poised to prepare the building for occupancy, and look forward to establishing exciting programs to promote stewardship of our precious coastal resources. We thank all of you who attended our event as well as those who have supported us in previous forums. Your continued support is needed at this critical time.

Jack Buckley
Karen Oronte
Patty Connors
Susan Galligan

One Way Street

MARK HADDAD, TOWN MANAGER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Just what is the purpose of the one way section on upper Elm Street?

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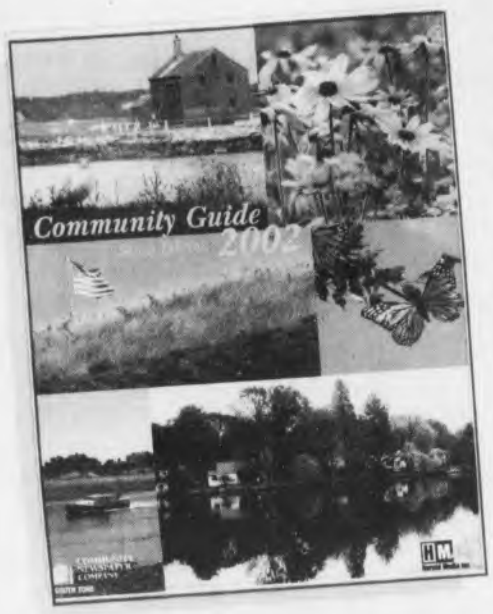
Is it to increase the traffic flow through the center of town? Is it to exacerbate the tangle between delivery trucks and passenger cars/SUVs? Is it to increase the difficulty of the police and fire services to give assistance to our town?

If so, your purposes are succeeding all expectations.

V.A. Lipsett
85 Elm St.

Mrs. Lipsett provided The Mariner with a copy of her letter for publication.



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Falcons grounded

Goodson leads way past Mashpee to keep gridders perfect

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset entered the bye week with a convincing 19-6 win over South Shore League rival Mashpee, Friday night, after making the long bus ride to the Cape.

The Skippers improved to a perfect 6-0 (2-0 in SSL play), as senior halfback Braun Goodson hit for the hat trick with three more rushing touchdowns, to bring his season total to 13 TDs for 78 points, good for second place among Div. 5 scorers.

The offensive line of Dan Tarpey, Nick Arment, Matt Casey, Steve Davis and Cosimo Cambi — with assistance from tight end Tom Anderson and fullback Ted Straughn, as we and the downfield blocking by wideouts D J Silvia and John Durkin — opened up huge holes all night for to help Goodson to a record setting performance of 274 yards rushing on 28 carries, nearly 10 yards a pop.

Huge holes were opened all night to help Goodson to a record setting performance of 274 yards rushing on 28 carries, nearly 10 yards a pop.

The first of the senior's three scores was a 49-yard romp around the right side, which capped a game opening four play drive. Sophomore fullback Straughn had the lead block with senior tight end Anderson and senior right tackle Cambi opening up the alley off tackle. Anderson's kick was down the middle, making it a 7-0 game.

Mashpee's opening drive was short lived. After junior DeWayne Morris upended Mashpee's kick returner at the 20-yard line, the Falcons moved the ball to the 30-yard line on several short rushes, then junior linebacker Tony Truglia picked off a pass in the flat and returned it to Mashpee's 21- yard line.

Two plays later and Braun

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PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset forward Sarah McMorris prepares to lay into one in recent South Shore League tussle with Abington.

Lady Skippers are in!

Girls soccer team holds off Holbrook comeback to sew up tourney berth

By William Wassersug
CORRESPONDENT

"We just needed one point in our last three. That scared me. It becomes almost terrifying. Today we came out a little flat. We scored, gave up a goal and then a 4-1 game turned into a 4-3 game. That was a little scary."

Cohasset girls soccer coach Debbie Beal

With time running down and a 4-1 lead, the Cohasset girls soccer team looked like it had an easy win wrapped up over host, Holbrook.

Not quite.

In a furious final effort, Holbrook rallied for two goals in the final six minutes to cut the lead to 4-3 and give favored Cohasset a scare in the third meeting between the two teams, all Cohasset victories.

Heading into the game, Cohasset needed a win or a tie to clinch a spot in the post-season, its first since 1995.

"We just needed one point in our last three," Cohasset coach Debbie Beal said. "That scared me. It becomes almost terrifying. Today we came out a little flat. We scored, gave up a goal and then a 4-1 game turned into a 4-3 game. That was a little scary."

Holbrook, which fell to 7-4 still needed a win to advance, but was looking for even more.

"We have to win one more game," Holbrook coach Sharon Farrell said. "Hopefully we'll get that Thursday. Then, if we win on Friday, we can claim second place in the league. If we get that, a win on Monday against Sacred Heart would make us co-champions again."

That may not be easy though.

"Sacred Heart is a very strong team," Farrell said. "The last time we got smoked by Sacred Heart. If we play

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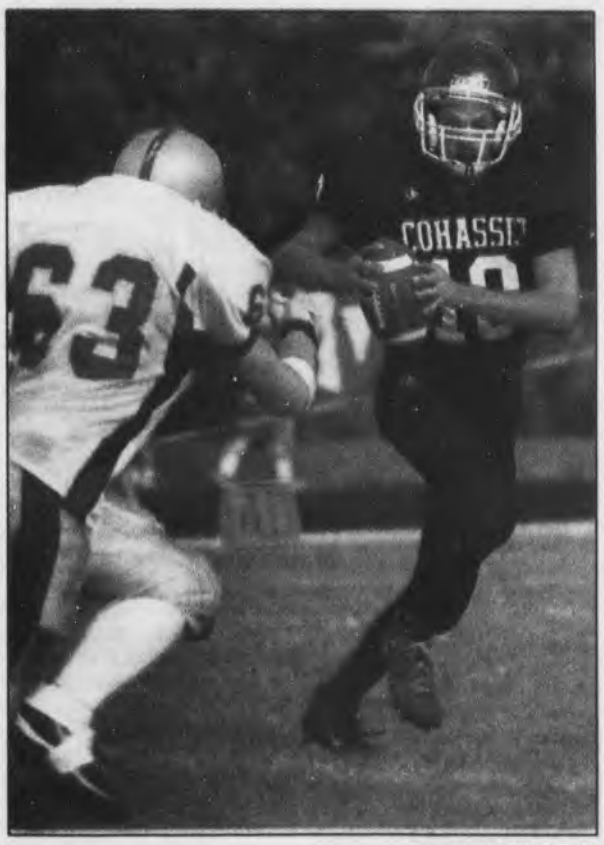

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset quarterback Mike Snowdale didn't have to do much Friday night in Mashpee with the running game eating up huge chunks of yardage.

Field hockey team snaps out of it

Losing streak ends with 3-1 win over Hull

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

They can finally breathe again.

The seemingly endless losing streak of the field hockey team came to a close last Friday as the squad held off Hull for a 3-1 win.

"We just couldn't get out of it," noted senior captain Heather Peraino of the five game skid her team was mired in. "It's not like we didn't want the games. We just woke up too late."

After floating around the .500 mark in the opening weeks of the season, the field hockey team dropped five in a row to fall to a 2-9-2 record, ending all playoff hopes. This win was not only needed by the team to get back on the right track before the season ends, but because it was the final time this group of 10 seniors would face-off against their South Shore rivals.

This fact was brought to light in the pre-game huddle, which helped lead to a fired-up team taking the field. Early on, however, the Cohasset girls could not quite take any advantage of the tenacious Lady Pirate defenders.

Hull actually held a slight territorial advantage in the opening minutes. Several corner opportunities almost resulted in

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Just one more

Boys soccer team needs one win in next four to sew up tourney berth

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Over the past few years, the Cohasset boys soccer team has set a high standard with finishes in the State semifinals and quarterfinals. Now, needing just a tie to qualify for postseason play again, coach Dave Nigro fully intends to live up to his previous season.

"I expect to be there," noted the fourth year soccer coach.""Not many people thought that about this team, but the team did. We talked before the season, and we thought it was an attainable goal."

The always fiercely-competitive South Shore League has been just as tough this year as it has in years past. The Skippers have more than held their own, with a league record of 5-2-3.

Yet Nigro dwells more on the three ties than he is the five wins. He noted that all three could have easily been wins, asserting his charges outplayed their counterparts in the draws versus Mashpee and Carver.

While their overall record may not be as gaudy as the 16 and 15 win season in 2000 and 2001, this year's team has been performing well with a very difficult schedule. With the exception of Chatham, every one of Cohasset's non-league opponents this year has been a Div. 2 opponent.

"We don't play any cupcakes," said Nigro. "The teams that do get knocked out in the first round, a lot of times it's because they aren't used to playing good teams."

Last Friday, the Skippers topped the SSL's first place team, Carver, 2-1, the contest which brought the team to the brink of a post season berth.

The Crusaders actually jumped out on top four minutes in, beating consistent senior goalie Curt Kahn. Nigro noted a miscommunication in the defense as the main responsibility for the tally.

Down 1-0, senior captain Robert Hickey tied the game just before the half with a rifle shot to the left post. While he

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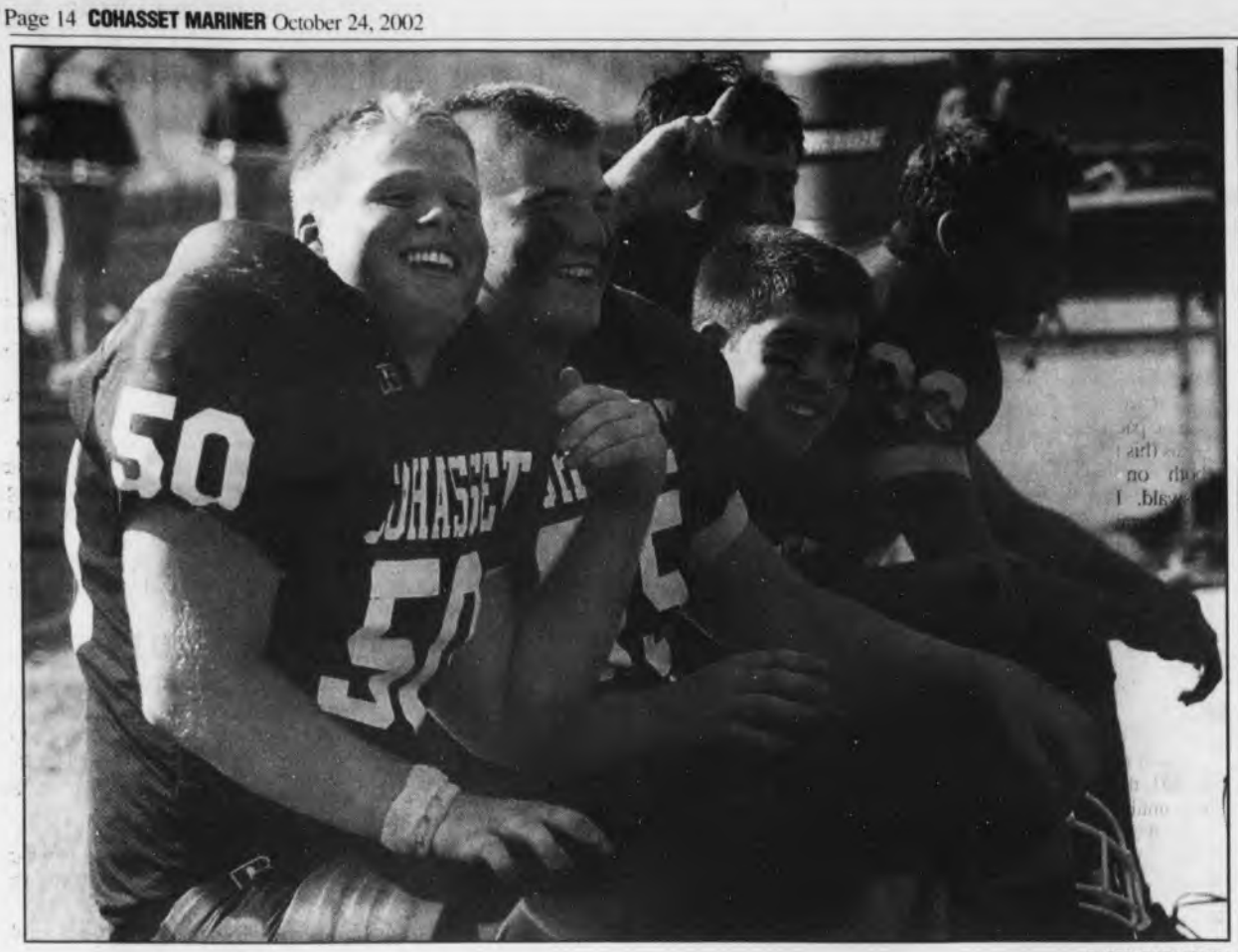
PHOTOSUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's David Santiago (foreground) stumbles as he tries to change direction to chase ball, as freshman teammate Matt O'Connell (background) looks on.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

It was all smiles on the Cohasset sidelines again this weekend.

Goodson leads way past Mashpee

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Goodson hit pay dirt again around the right side. The extra point attempt sailed wide left.

Mashpee tried to climb back in the game, as an 8-yard touchdown pass with less than a minute to go in the first half made the halftime score13-6 in favor of the Skippers. Cosimo Cambi broke through and blocked the extra point attempt.

The Falcons' opening drive of the second half featured a quarterback sack by linebacker Tony Truglia, which forced a punt. Earlier, Truglia had the hit of the game, stopping the Mashpee halfback in the backfield with a crushing hit.

After a key first down rush by quarterback Mike Snowdale, the Skippers left side of the offensive line created clear sailing for Goodson on a 2-yard blast to close out the scoring on Cohasset's opening series of the third quarter. The conversion rush was stopped short.

Mashpee moved the ball from its own 21-yard line to the Cohasset 7 with less than a minute to go. The defensive front of Nick Spirito, Steve Davis, Ben Lynner, and Sean Connolly, along with Truglia, Cambi and middle linebacker Matt Casey, limited the Falcons to short gains. While the backfield of Matt Davis, Anderson, John Durkin and Mike Dooley shut down the aerial attack.

Tom Anderson put the exclamation point on the victory as he picked off a Falcon pass at the goal line and returned it to the 42-yard line, and it was "warm-up the busses time," as the Skippers ran out the clock.

Along with Goodson and Truglia, strong games were turned in by leading tackler of the game, Cosimo Cambi (8), and the defensive front of S. Davis, Lynner, Spirito and Connolly, who had the Mashpee backfield continuously bottled up.

Cohasset 19, Mashpee 6

	1	2	3	4	Final
Cohasset (6-0)	13	0	6	0	19
Mashpee (2-3)	0	6	0	0	6

C-Braun Goodson 49 yard rush, Anderson kick.
C-Goodson 2 yard rush, Kick wide left.
M-Pazone to Pfundstein 8 yard pass, kick blocked by Cambi.
C-Goodson 12 yard rush, rush conversion failed.

Defensive Stats

Tackles: Cambi 8, Truglia 7, Dooley 4, Lynner, S. Davis, M. Davis, Casey, Anderson- 3 each, Morris 2, John Durkin, Connolly, and Spirito- 1 each.

Interceptions: Truglia and Anderson

Sacks: Truglia

Passing: Mashpee completed 6 of 14 passes, 2 interceptions, 1 touchdown.

Offensive Stats

Rushing: Goodson 28 carries for 274 yards, Snowdale 3 carries for 15 yards.

Passing: Snowdale 1 for 8, for 5 yards, 1 interception.

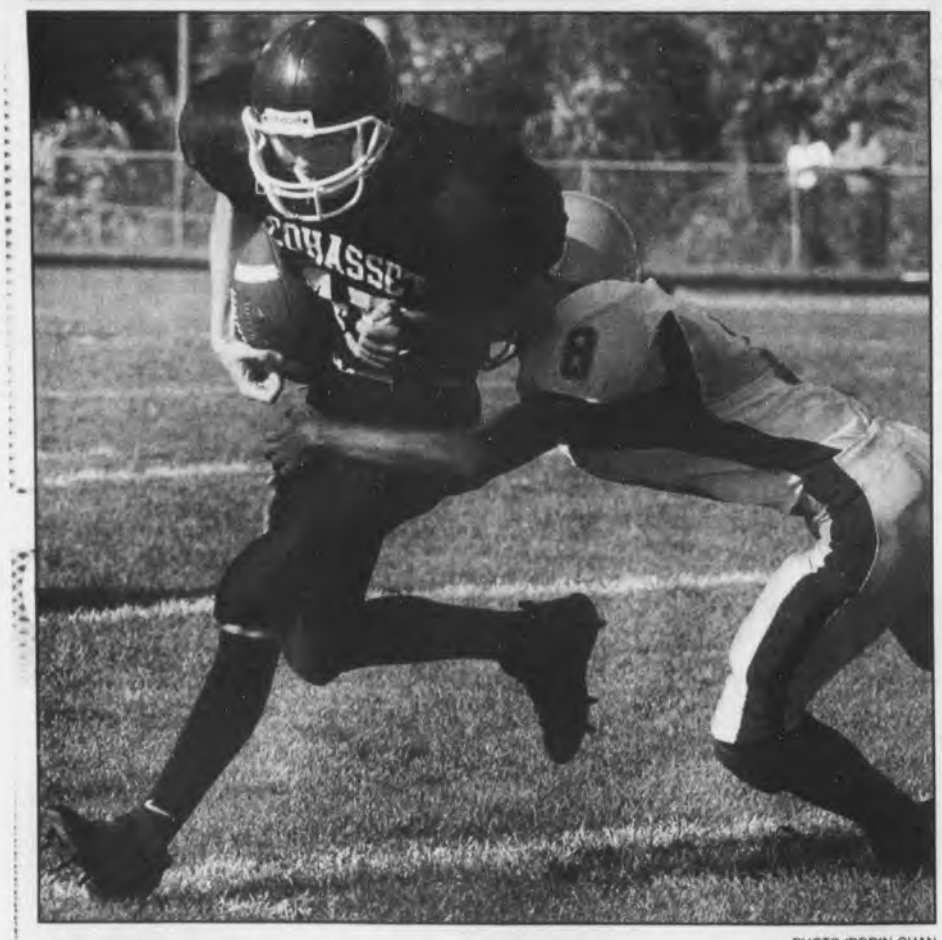
Receiving: John Durkin 1 for 5 yards.

Miscellaneous

- Mashpee had 8 offensive possessions, 5 ended with a punt, 2 by interception, 1 a touchdown pass.

- Cohasset had 9 offensive possessions, 2 ended by punt, 2 by clock, 1 by interception, 1 by downs, and 3 rushing touchdowns.

-Bye week. Next game Nov 1 at Alumni Field vs. Canton Bulldogs.



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A few recent blowouts have provided opportunities to back-up Cohasset tailback Casey Coleman (#45) to show his moves.

SPORTS NOTES

Youth Football/ Cheerleading Appreciation

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold an Appreciation Night Friday, Nov. 1, during the Scituate High School varsity football game vs Rockland.

All cheerleaders and football players are invited. All cheerleading teams will perform during halftime.

There will also be a Field Goal Place Kicking Contest during halftime. Two football players from each of the six teams will compete for prizes. Football players should wear their blue home jerseys.

All cheerleaders and football players will be admitted to the game free of charge

Wrestling clinic offered

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that Torin Sweeney, head CHS wrestling coach will offer a 12-session, fall wrestling clinic for area students in grades seven to 12. Classes will meet each Monday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

The first class and registration was held Monday, Oct. 7 at Cohasset High School's new, all-purpose Sports Room at 6 p.m.. The fee for the 12 sessions is $50 per participant.

Questions regarding this unique wrestling opportunity may be directed to the recreation office at 781-383-4109.

This program is open to Cohasset as well as area students from surrounding towns. The program will end on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Cohasset Youth Basketball tryouts

Boys Travel- Gr. 6,7,8

Tryouts will be held for the "Patriot League" boys' teams for grades 6,7,8. All those trying out should be at both tryouts. All tryouts will be at the Osgood School gym.

The dates and times are as follows:

Grade 6:
Thursday, Oct. 24, 6-7:30 p.m.
Contact Person: Dan Martin 781-383-3279

Grade 8:
Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:30-9 p.m.
Contact Person: Dan Smith 781-383-6953

Grade 7:
tryouts were held yesterday
Contact Person: Tim Bilodeau 781-925-1792

Registration for MaxLax session 2

MaxLax, is now accepting team and individual player registrations for the second session of indoor lacrosse at the South Shore Sports Center. Play begins on November 8th and is open to all boys youth players in grades 3 thru 8. Based on the popularity of this new local program, space will definitely be limited, so please call us directly at 781/383-0413 or visit our Website at *www.maxlax.net* for more information on our program and to reserve your spot on the field for the next session.

'Autumn Season' at Widow's Walk

Widow's Walk's Autumn Season has begun, and this means additional savings on weekends* for both Scituate residents and non-resident golfers at the popular South Shore course.

The cost for 18 holes on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays during this period for residents drops from $35 to $27 and for non-residents from $42 to $32.

The 9-hole green fees on weekends drops from $18 to $16 for residents and from $22 to $19 for non-residents.

Current weekday rates, Monday thru Friday, remain in effect for the rest of the season: $22 and $14 for Scituate residents and $27 and $17 for non-residents.

*Note: Fridays are regarded as weekdays during Shoulder & Autum Seasons.

Change in CHS admission prices

There has been a change in the game admission prices for South Shore League games this season. Admission for adults will be $4 and students and seniors will be admitted for $3.

Discount tickets

Student Pass: Students can purchase a year-long athletic event pass. The passes are only good for on-campus home events. The cost is $25.

Adult Pass: Parents and fans can purchase 10 event tickets. The passes are only good for on-campus, home events. The cost is $25.

The discounts tickets may be purchased from Mr. Ford's in the Athletic Director's office or from Mr. Leary at the gate on game days.

Changes to Alumni Field

Due to the ongoing construction project there will be some changes to Alumni Field.

Parking: Please park in the main parking lot in front of the school. Additional parking will be available along the entrance driveway by the main office and at Milliken Field, handicap parking will be available in the main parking lot on the right as you enter the lot.

Please do not park on Bancroft Extension (the road which leads to the visitors side gate) and along the driveway that leads from the lower lot to the main entrance of the school.

Entrance: There will be two entrances available. One entrance will be on the visitor's sideline behind the visitor's sideline. There will also be a temporary access entrance this will allow spectators to enter Alumni Field from the main parking onto the track.

Restrooms: There will be two portable restrooms on the visitors sideline adjacent to the bleachers. Indoor restrooms will also be open in the front entrance of the High School.

Concessions: A temporary concession stand will be set up on Alumni Field in the scoreboard end of the field for night games and home football games.

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Cohasset's Chris Clark (right) scored the game winner on a penalty kick in Friday's 2-1 defeat of first place Carver.

Just one more

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has arguably the hardest shot on the team, he has recently been moved back to the sweeper position, showing his versatility.

With the game heading towards what appeared to be the second straight tie between these two clubs, Cohasset was awarded a penalty kick when a Carver lapse in judgment resulted in the foul. Junior Chris Clark connected on the PK for the game-winner.

The Skippers have four games left, and need to win or tie any one of them in order to land a playoff seeding. They will play in Hull, a team they beat at Alumni Field. But anyone who has played at the Pirate's windy sand trap field will agree that previous results mean relatively little.

This Saturday, Cohasset will face-off against local rival Scituate, the only time the teams will meet this year. Last year's win over the Sailors was one of the season highlights, as the Skippers topped the playoff-bound visitors, 1-0, off a Matt Bilodeau penalty kick in front of the largest soccer crowd Alumni Field has seen.

The Skippers will go head-to-head with perennial Patriot League power Hingham (6-1-7) in Cohasset on Monday. While the Harbormen do not have as high a win total as they're accustomed to, they were the first team to score on the juggernaut Duxbury team as part of one of their two ties this season.

Field hockey team snaps out of it

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goals for the visitors, but senior goalie Sera Genovese had an impressive game thwarting the opposition.

With 12 minutes left in the first half, junior Danielle Pinkus connected for the first goal of the game, beating the Hull defense with a tap-in right in front of the net. Pinkus later scored Cohasset's final goal, the first multi-goal game of her varsity career.

"Danielle had an unbelievable game," affirmed Peraino. "She completely shined in that one. After (her first goal), we totally dominated the game."

Indeed, Cohasset commanded the rest of the game, territorially and with ball-control. Although the two teams had tied in Hull earlier this season, the speedy Skippers took advantage of the fast playing Alumni Field to wear down the Pirate defense.

Junior Courtney Caron continued her impressive campaign as a first-year starter, tallying Cohasset's second goal with a weak-side grounder 10 minutes into the second half.

A leader on defense all year, junior Rachel Doyle provided several crucial plays that, had she not made them, might well have resulted in Hull goals.

The team finishes the season this week, with games Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The final home game of this team will be played Thursday at Alumni Field against Silver Lake.

MAXLAX REPORT

Games of the Week

Blades 16, Scorpions 15 (OT)

Everyone knew going in that this was going to be a slugfest as these top two Under-14 teams faced off against each other in a classic ESPN shootout.

The Scorpions Teddy Galligan set the pace early with two quick goals (his first two of the season), both on assists from Peter Oswald. From there, it was just one barrage after another with lightning quick fast breaks, physical defensive plays, and back and forth action that was punctuated by "highlight reel" play from both goaltenders - the up and coming Jack Murphy for the Scorpions and the "wily veteran" Chris Mills for the Blades.

When time expired in regulation and the teams took the field for OT, the frenzied pace continued until Mike Grimm finished off a spectacular evening (7G/2A) with a double-fake low – then high, that found the back of the net for the victory. The Scorpions Oswald had the game of the season with 10G/2A, with Sam DeGiacomo netting two and Chris Rose one.

The Blades spread it out with scoring from Mark Flibotte had another strong night 3G/4A, Matt Burgess 3G/1A, Nathan Porter 1G/1A, and Alex Shipp and Charlie Czerkawski each getting one apiece.

Jackals 5, Cannons 4

In Under-12 play, this was just a fun one to watch as it was a great defensive contest that featured some outstanding offensive activity.

The league's leading scorer, John Fitzgerald (2G), opened the scoring for the Jackals with a nice "sneak attack" from behind that was assisted by Tom Kelly.

The Cannons quickly answered with two goals of their own from Chris Walsh and Will Wise (who had 2G on the night) and then the defense went to work shutting out the scoring on both sides until Ricky Boyle tied it up off of an assist by Joseph Mulieri (his first points of the season).

The Cannons opened up the 2nd with some point blank shots, but by the time it was all over, the Jackals had eked out the win in a hard fought battle. Andrew Kelly and Thomas Vangel added one each for the Jackals while the Cannons Andrew Littauer kept it within reach with one of his own until Fitzgerald capped the night with his game winner. Honorable mentions to the Cannons Goaltender – Jack Murphy with 17 saves on the night.

Bullets 4, Lazers 3

This is the first time the U-0's have gotten into the GOW column, but it seemed fitting that they get some air time, as this was one of the better games of the season. Highlighted by a GREAT defensive effort on both sides, the kids really showed that the hard work they've put in has been paying off. However, it was not without it's offensive "fireworks" as the Lazers Zach Robertshaw added one goal to his league leading total, followed by a goal by Colin Clark (with assist from Jonathan Meehan), and a solo tally by William Contento who scored a "long goal" from the other end of the field. The Bullets called on two of their "veterans" to put marks on the board and secure the victory as Luke Ernst and Thomas Flibotte both had 2G. Willie Davis get the credit for preserving the win as this first-time goalie used everything he had to turn back multiple rushes by the Lazers in the waning moments of the game to stifle their relentless attack.

Players of the Week: Goalies Chris Mills, Jack Murphy, and Willie Davis

Scoring Giants: Mike Grimm and Peter Oswald

U14

Bulldogs 10, Panthers 6

Bulldogs- Minevitz 3g/1a, Johnson 1g/1a, Dwyer 3g, Mellors 1a, P. Day 1g, Cheney 2g

Panthers- Carlson 4g/1a, Brown 2g/1a

Talons 15, Sharks 6

Talons- St. Clair 4g/2a, Thomson 3g, Sears 4g/2a, Stella 1a, Dings 1g, Ferris 1g, Cooney 2g

Sharks- Twomey 1g, Rice 4g/1a, Jarzneicki 1g

Blades 16, Scorpions 15 (OT)

Blades- Grimm 7g/2a, Flibotte 3g/4a, Burgess 3g/1a, Shipp 1g, Czerkawski 1g, Pj Mccaw 1g/3a, Cuneo 1a, Mills 1a

Scorpions- Oswald 10g/2a, Galligan 2g, Degiacomo 2g, Rose 1g

U12

Jackals 5, Cannons 4

Jackals- Fitzgerald 2g, A. Kelly 1g, Boyle 1g, T. Kelly 1g, Vangel 1g, Butler 1a, Mulieri 1a

Cannons- Wise 2g, Walsh 1g, Littauer 1g

Hawks 8, Blazers 5

Hawks- Davis 2g/2a, Quinlan 2g, Bell 1g, Yeager 1g, Porter 1g, Wade 1g

Blazers- A. Smith 3g, Stevenson 1g, Wasel 1g

U10

Mavericks 6, Crusaders 3

Mavericks- Noyce 2g/1a, Lenaghan 1g, Waterfield 1g/1a, Plant 1g/1a, Allen 1g

Crusaders- Horrigan 3g, Maccormack 1a

Bullets 4, Lazers 3

Bullets- Ernst 2g, Flibotte 2g

Lazers - Robertshaw 1g, Clark 1g, Contento 1g, Meehan 1a

CHS weekly scoreboard

Football

18 beat Mashpee, 19-6

Girls Field Hockey

17 lost to Harwich
21 beat Hull, 3-1
23 @ Mashpee
24 Silver Lake (V) 6:30 p.m.
25 @ Silver Lake (V) 3:30 p.m.
End of season

Girls Varsity Soccer

17 beat Carver, 3-2
18 beat Harwich, 3-0
22 beat Holbrook, 4-3
24 Hull 3:30 p.m.
26 Scituate 3 p.m.
End of regular season

Boys Varsity Soccer

16 beat Carver, 2-1
18 tied Harwich, 2-2
24 @ Hull 3:30 p.m.
26 Scituate 5 p.m.
28 Newton South 5 p.m.
29 Chatham 6 p.m.
End of regular season

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Lady Skippers are in!

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physical it could go either way."

Cohasset took the early lead at 8:04 of the first half when Sarah McMorris fed Gillian Weber in the middle for a breakaway.

Weber took the feed and beat goalie Shauna Silvia to Silvia's left from close range for the first of her three goals.

The Bulldogs tied it less than three minutes later when Holbrook managed to push the ball into the Cohasset defensive end and fired off a flurry of shots.

Goalie Brittany Novak knocked away two quick shots, but Jenna Mumme knocked home the rebound from Jessica Foley's shot a moment before.

Cohasset stole the momentum right back with aggressive play that kept the ball in Holbrook's defensive end for the next several minutes.

The rest of the half, the goalies took over.

With less than three minutes in the half, Holbrook's Amy Breen had a one-on-one shot against Novak. Novak came out for the angle and made the tough stop.

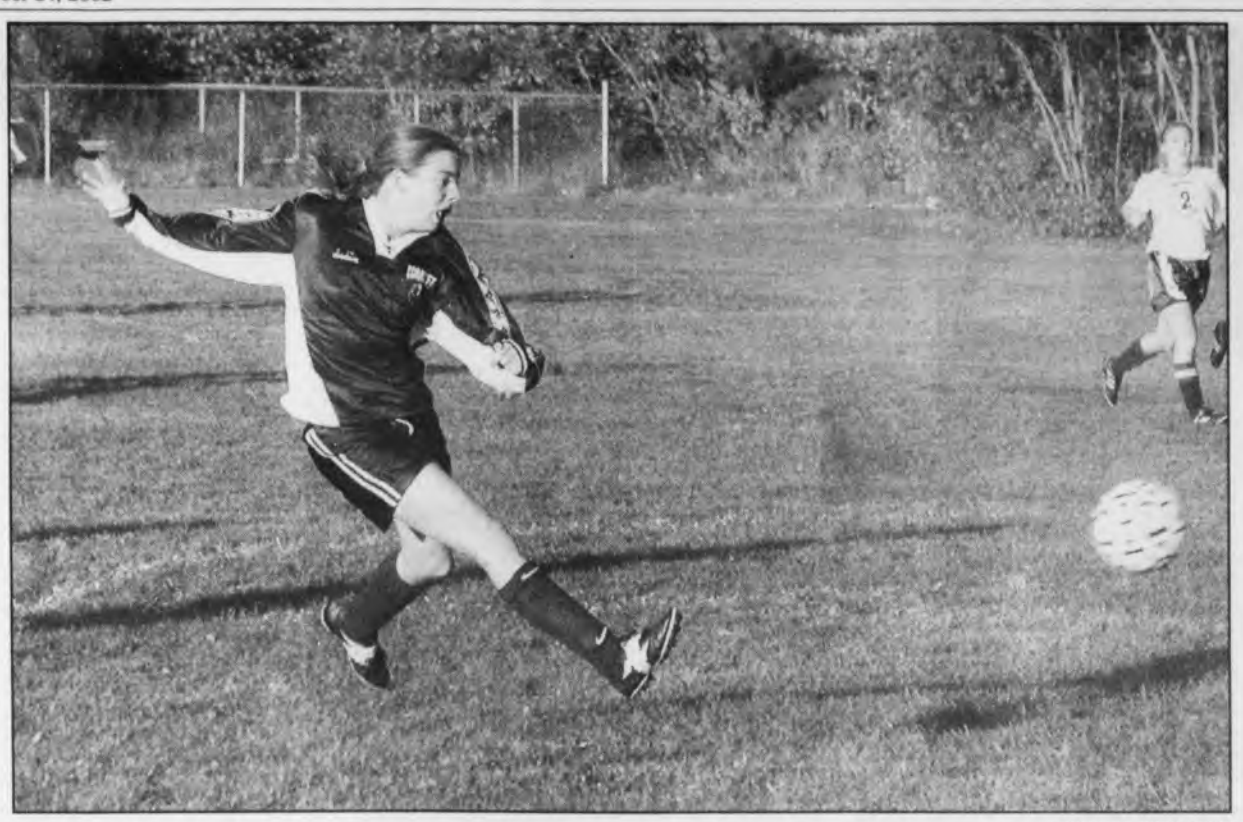
Less than one minute later, Weber had another breakaway. This time Silvia was up to the task and made the save, one of her 14 on the day.

"She (Silvia) kept them in the game," Beal said. "It could easily been 8-0."

Farrell agreed.

"Everyone talks about Shauna," Farrell said. "She's got a lot of skill and plays with a lot of confidence. She's not afraid of the ball."

Cohasset finally broke through late in the first half on another breakaway by Weber.



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Cohasset's Gillian Weber fires off one of her many shots in Tuesday's tourney-clinching 4-3 win over Holbrook. The Cohasset junior netted her first career hat trick in the game.

This time, Weber put a move on Silvia, who had come out of the net to cut down the angle.

"Gillie's been working hard," Beal said. "I think she had five goals coming in to this game, so she should have eight now. She hasn't scored a whole lot, but she's been a part of every goal we score. She's a real hustler."

Weber gave Cohasset a 3-1 lead just 4:21 into the second half, lifting a high shot over Silvia's reach. Katherine Coyne set up the goal with a long pass from midfield.

At the same time, Holbrook couldn't get anything going offensively.

"We came out much more aggressive in the second half," Beal said. "We were moving the ball with much more confidence and having fun. They were hustling."

Coyne added a goal of her own at 17:13 on a play that could have been on any highlight reel.

Yasmine Afshar got the assist on the goal with a centering pass that hit Coyne cutting in front of the net for a one-timer.

From there, Cohasset kept the pressure on — until Holbrook's Jessica MacNeil got out in front and fired a shot that just went over the net.

Seconds later, Cohasset had another chance when Nicole Needle had an open shot. Silvia came up big again, diving to her left for the save.

Buoyed by the big save, Holbrook turned the momentum around and went on the offensive, peppering Cohasset's second netminder of the afternoon, Kelly Holway, with a barrage of shots.

Holway made the stops, but couldn't get the ball out of the area and Holbrook's Jessica Foley capitalized with a quick shot past Holway's left at 35:20.

Mumme made it interesting less than three minutes later with her second goal of the game, cutting the lead to 4-3 with less than two minutes remaining.

"Cohasset is a very strong team," Farrell said. "They're big and strong. I'm proud of the girls. They didn't give up. Every time they've been down, they've fought to the end."

While Farrell was feeling good about her team's attitude, she thought they could have played better.

"We played so bad," Farrell said. "The last game against them we played much better. This was a good comeback, but we weren't aggressive. They beat us to every ball. When you win balls, you win games."

Win or lose, Farrell was glad her team was able to play a quality team from a strong league.

"It was a good game," she said. "I love playing Cohasset. It's a challenge. Half of the teams on our schedule we beat 12-0. That isn't as much fun. Playing teams like Cohasset make us stronger."

Having played Holbrook three times, Beal has seen the Bulldogs, a team with just seven juniors and seniors combined, progress.

"They're going to be a good team," Beal said. "They have a lot of young kids. Every time we play them they improve."

All of Holbrook's goals against Cohasset were scored by freshmen.

Farrell is hoping to keep the improvement going next season.

"I'm trying to build a schedule next year," Farrell said. "I'd like to get better competition."

For Cohasset, the victory was a milestone.

"Making it (post-season) is tremendous," Beal said. "We're in such a tough conference with teams like Abington, Norwell, Mashpee. You always feel good when you accomplish something."

Brockton Rox join new league

Brockton Rox owner Van Schley's club played its inaugural season in the independent Northern League. Schley announced the Rox will be part of a new league comprised of many of the clubs from the 2001 edition of the Northern League's East Division, as well as a new franchise, the North Shore Spirit from nearby Lynn.

The league was formed during a meeting of owners this week in Newark, N.J. Northern League co-founder and former Durham Bulls owner and Baseball America publisher Miles Wolff will continue as commissioner. Wolff served as commissioner of the Northern League's East Division in 2001.

According to Schley the principal reason the owners decided to form their own league was that the structure of the Northern League had become unwieldy and did not provide the individual clubs any appreciable benefit. "Last year there were 18 teams in the league, and the Rox never played 10 of them," said Schley "Except for the All Star game we never felt part of a bigger league."

Schley said that the only other time the Rox would have played any club from the Northern League's Central Division would have been in the post season, had the Rox made the playoffs and won two series against clubs in their own division.

Schley feels the new league will be stronger than its predecessor, due to the strength of its commissioner and the quality of its franchises. Those franchises include Brockton, New Jersey and Quebec City, which won the division's attendance crown in 2001. In addition, the new Lynn franchise recently invested more than $1 million to upgrade its ballpark.

"Miles Wolff is a brilliant baseball man with an unmatched track record for creating value whatever he goes," said Schley. "I have no doubt that under his continued leadership our league will emerge as the single most successful independent baseball league in the country."

The 10 teams in the midwest will operate as the Northern League in 2003 under the guidance of Central Division commissioner Mike Stone

"With the addition of a new stadium in Kansas City, Kan., and Gary, Ind., the Northern League will turn its attention to the midwest," Stone said. "We're looking forward to continuing to bring a great brand of professional baseball to our fans."

"We've enjoyed the competition of the all-star game and league championship series the last four years," East Division commissioner Miles Wolff said. "With a new facility in Brockton and a new team in Lynn, Mass., the east owners are glad to start fresh on our own."

The Northern League operations have been relocated to Fort Worth, Texas. The east teams will continue to be run out of the Durham, N.C., office. The east league name and lineup of clubs will be announced in the next two weeks.

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There's a new paper in town

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Enter Christine Berman, a English teacher with 29 years of experience teaching media related classes at Scituate High School, the last 15 years of which were spent at the helm of the Situation, a newspaper she founded and guided to national recognition.

Her mission in Cohasset was simple: Create an award-winning paper.

"When there was an opening for an English teacher (at Cohasset High School) they definitely wanted someone who could teach journalism and I was told they wanted a school newspaper to be developed," said Berman. "I said, 'I'm your candidate.'"

What followed was a model of organization and motivation, which included the renovation of the aforementioned broom closet, the ordering of supplies, and the establishment of a fully-staffed, working newspaper complete with an advertising department and business manager among other things. Your ordinary student newspaper this is not.

"She came in here with 30 years experience doing this," said David Ingber, one of the two Editors-in-Chief. "She knew exactly what editors we needed, what computers we needed. We didn't even know we needed a production room."

Ingber has worked as a sports correspondent for the Mariner since his freshman year, but jumped at the chance to play a larger role with the school paper.

"This is something that I'm considering as a career," said Ingber. "This is a perfect way to get started. We'll be covering controversy, sports, features, editorials. It's a great way to get your foot in the door."

But it is clear none of the student simply want a "foot in the door." They want more.

"I want to put out a paper that is interesting for the students, but is also tasteful and mature," said Gia Petrakis, the other Editor-in-Chief. "I want to prove to the school, as well as to the community, that we can put out a good paper."

News Editor Shawna Sullivan said the key is addressing current events in a way that is interesting to the student body.

"We will try to relate national and state news to our lives," said Sullivan. "We will always ask, 'How does this affect school lives? How does this affect our school in general. How does it affect the students?"

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Advisor Christine Berman, at right, stands with the staff of the Spinnaker, the new school newspaper at Cohasset Middle High School.

The paper is planning on publishing three issues this year, and then moving to a more regular schedule next year. It costs $1 an issue and $3 for a year's subscription. Excess funds generated will eventually go towards a scholarship for students attending college to study journalism.

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— Gia Petrakis, an editor-in-chief

"I think Cohasset needs something like this," said Berman. "The competition with other schools will be healthy and it will give them an idea of what is going on in the real world."

According to Berman, the students have already begun to change.

"Now, they are paying attention to the news," said Berman. "They are coming into the school and talking to me about what is going on, asking 'Can we write about this in the paper? Don't you think we should be covering this?' and that is exciting."

Many of the students see the Spinnaker as a conduit for communication between the youth of today and past generations.

"Older generations aren't really familiar with our generation," said Dave Kupsc, one of the sports editors. "There will be a section that discusses 'What's Hot, What's Not," and that will help show what things have a high interest level right now for high school students. It gives people an idea of what is going on in our lives."

The paper will also serve as a forum for those who go to the school to address concerns and trends in a constructive way.

"I think that, especially in a school newspaper, the social aspect of what is happening around the school with kids and teachers is a huge focus," said Ross Lieb-Lappen, an executive editor. "But we want to cover all of the major areas. We also want to keep parents and the community informed of what is going on at the school."

More than one student pointed to the Homecoming Dance incident as a perfect example. Several students were suspended for a range of problems, from being under the influence of alcohol to insubordination. The issue will be addresses in the first issue of the Spinnaker

"There are other sides to things," said Ingber. "We have great access to everybody because we can get five different perspectives on a story. We know at least 50 people who were at that dance."

.Berman has stressed to her students that they are responsible for upholding the tenants of journalism, particularly because Massachusetts is one of only a handful of states that extend freedom of the press rights to students in high school.

According to students, Berman has made the paper "real" to them. She has given them responsibility and expects them to uphold their ends of the bargain.

"I think it is great that we know that this is a real thing," said Allison Moje, an executive editor. "It's not just fooling around. We'll put as much effort as needed in order to make it successful."

That kind of response is exactly what drives Berman.

"I feel like I have died and gone to heaven," said Berman. "I feel like I have died and gone to Pleasantville. I have nothing negative to say about my experience so far."

The challenge has been laid out (win awards) and several references to an ongoing competition with the paper Berman left in Scituate have been made. Now all the students need to do is get their computers (which will be arriving shortly) and print their first issue. But those are minor details.

"Absolutely," said Berman of the paper's expected rise to the top. "I guarantee an award-winning newspaper."

Who's to doubt her?

Halloween safety for schoolchildren

The Cohasset Police Department and Chief Robert W. Jackson have the following safety tips to help make Halloween a safe and enjoyable time:

- Wear light-colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective tape
- Make sure children can see well through face masks, or make-up
- Adults should accompany young children
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay
- Stay within a neighborhood and only visit homes you know
- Watch for traffic
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it
- Keep costumed children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber which is soft and flexible

IT'S HAPPENING

Halloween dance

Due to the fact that Halloween falls on a school night this year, the Halloween dance will be held at the Garage on Friday, Nov. 1, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in Grade 6 and up is welcome and costumes are optional. This ghoulish dance will be free of charge. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Halloween fair

Pumpkins and cornstalks are appearing at local farm stands. Orange and black decorations are showing up in stores and plans are being conjured up for the South Shore Community Center Nursery School's annual Halloween Fair.

This year's fair will take place on Cohasset Common on Oct. 27, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. a South Shore tradition for more than 30 years, the fair offers Halloween fun for the entire family. Spooks and cartoon characters of all shapes, sizes and ages are encouraged to begin preparing to join in the howlish fun.

For more information about the fair or the programs of the South Shore Nursery School, contact the Nursery School at 781-383-0036.

Jerusalem Road subject of lecture

Wednesday Oct. 30: Jerusalem Road Revisited "The most prominent feature of the town, that by which we are most widely known in the world, as Jerusalem Road, along which so many delightful summer homes have been built overlooking the sea." So E. Victor Bigelow wrote over a century ago in his "Narrative History of Cohasset, Massachusetts."

This remains as true today as it was when written in the 1890s. The Victorian mansions of Jerusalem Road will be featured in a slide presentation by David Wadsworth, the Society's Historian. Lightkeepers' residence, 7:30 p.m. Both events are free, light refreshments will be served.

Sea celebrated in musical program

At 2 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 26 at Saint Anthony's Parish Center in Cohasset, the Hull Lifesaving Museum will present an performance of "A Celebration of the Sea," by the Revels Circle of Song. Circle of Song is the touring ensemble of the Revels, Inc., best known for Christmas Revels performed annually at Sanders Theater in Cambridge. Admission for adults is $10 for members ($12 non-members) and $6 for children ($8 non-members). For a family (five), admission is $28 for members ($30 non-members).

"A Celebration of the Sea" tells the story of those who went to sea during the great age of sail as whalers or merchant seamen and their families who remained on shore. Beginning with street cries on the docks of New Bedford, the program includes: the packing of a seaman's trunk, the farewell to family and friends, loading the ship, hoisting the anchor and sails, shipboard entertainment, a whale hunt, a storm at sea, and the celebration of the sailors' safe return.

The Circle of Song ensemble brings the voyage to life through an interdisciplinary form of musical theater that includes songs, instrumental music, dance, storytelling, and audience participation. For tickets and information please contact Victoria Stevens at (781) 925-5433. Tickets are limited so please purchase yours early.

This event is funded in part by a grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts, and with additional support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Jade Forest seminars

Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset will host visiting guest master Wei Lun Huang for a series of seminars on Saturday and Sunday, Oct 26 and 27. These seminars will cover various aspects of Chi Kung conditioning, flexibility and personal energy balancing for optimal health and fitness. Several of these seminars are entry level and will be open to the public. For further information, contact John Loupos at Jade Forest, at 781-383-6822 or visit www.jfkungfu.com.

Sunday Concert at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 12th year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting organist John Clodig in a recital on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 3 p.m.

Clodig is an international performer, has given recitals at major cathedrals and basilicas throughout the U.S., Canada and England, and has been heard on the nationally-syndicated public radio organ music program, "Pipedreams." Clodig is organist at St. Thomas More Roman Catholic church in Munster. Ind.

The program at St. Stephen's will be played on the church's 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ and will include works of Vivaldi, Handel, Liszt, and the 94th Psalm of Julius Reubke. There will also be a playing of the bells on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon by carillonneur Sally-Slade Warmer.

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No student is exempt from MCAS

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year where students, who are clad in caps and gowns, collect certificates of achievement, not high school diplomas.

But still, teachers in the Chapter 766-approved school must align their lessons with the state curriculum frameworks or guidelines, and compile a portfolio on each student that is subsequently sent to the state and evaluated as an MCAS alternate assessment. The school compiled about 80 portfolios last year and teachers at Cardinal Cushing were challenged on how to adjust the state curriculum that could include 10th-grade geometry, for example, so it was meaningful for their kids. (Chapter 766 is the state's special education law).

According to the Department of Education's Dan Wiener, assessment coordinator for the special education population, the typical student, who takes the MCAS alternate assessment, has moderate to severe cognitive impairment and cannot take a pen and pencil test.

For the most part these students, who are operating significantly below grade level, don't pass MCAS even though many hours have been spent on their portfolios, which demonstrate what the student has learned.

Out of 668, grade-10 portfolios graded by the state last year, only one passed both the math and language arts parts of MCAS, according to the Department of Education.

There's another group of students who have little chance of passing the MCAS, and for whom the denial of a high school diploma can be significant, educators say.

These students struggle with academics in regular high school — and no matter what accommodations are made — cannot pass the MCAS because of their lower ability level but, otherwise, satisfy the graduation requirements of their school.

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"For the student whose intelligence ability is truly borderline, but who is able to participate and get a job, driver's license and do all things that allow him or her to have a fulfilling life — that person may never be able to succeed on MCAS," says Betty Fish, director of special education for the Hingham Public Schools. "Are we doing them a favor by not awarding them a diploma?"

The Department of Education recently announced plans to approve certificates for students who complete high school coursework but fail MCAS. But that is not the answer, says Monty O'Neill, executive director of MassCARE, a group opposed to MCAS. About 19 percent of the Class of 2003 or 12,000 students have yet to pass MCAS, according to the Statehouse News Service.

"There is no evidence the certificate will allow a student to go on to college, get into the military or get a job," O'Neill says. "There is no evidence the certificate will help any student whatsoever."

O'Neill says the certificate is a political move on the part of the Department of Education to confuse school committees, which are in large part opposed to the MCAS graduation requirement.

MassCARE (Massachusetts Coalition for Authentic Reform in Education) doesn't believe a single test should determine a student's future and in a recent letter asked area school committees to sign a resolution affirming their rights as diploma-granting authorities.

The issue of whether MCAS should be a graduation requirement could be aired in the courts. A class-action suit was filed last month in US District Court by the parents of six students from the Holyoke and Springfield area who have failed the exam. The lawsuit says the MCAS discriminates against minority, limited English and special education students and that state education officials have no authority to set the MCAS test as a graduation requirement, according to MassCARE.

But Wiener of the Department of Education says MCAS is raising standards for everyone regardless of ability level or impairment.

He says the portfolios for the student population that is the most impaired still provide meaningful information, and regardless, under federal law, schoolchildren with special needs cannot be excluded.

"When administrators and teachers know those results are counted, they pay attention to those kids who get their piece of the pie," Wiener says.

He says the impetus behind MCAS is to have a high school diploma count for something and argues that the borderline student is likely getting a superior education than he or she was before MCAS became an issue.

"We want everyone to work as hard as they can and pull them up and over the bar, not lower the bar," Weiner says.

Stephen Kaplan, who served as Cohasset's director of student services until taking a position with the Lexington-Hanscom district this month, worries denying diplomas to students, who otherwise have satisfied their school district's requirements, is sending the wrong message.

"Yes, we should have high expectations for everyone," he says. "But does that translate into everyone passing the MCAS in order to graduate? Many kids, who don't get 1,000 on their SATs, go on to become surgeons and lawyers, but we're saying 'if he can't do geometry — he can't get his diploma.'

"For those who cannot pass, it sends another failure message — that they are all done and are a terrible person not to have this diploma," Kaplan says.

That failure message may be getting through.

According to MassCARE, students between the ninth- and 10th grades, who are either dropping out, being held back or leaving the public schools, has grown from 6 percent to 13 percent a year since MCAS began in 1999.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Heidi Domos prepares for the history part of MCAS with a creative lesson about Christopher Columbus at the Cardinal Cushing School in Hanover.

Melinda Ewing of Norwell, the parent of a child with special needs, does not mince words when it comes to MCAS.

"First, I'm appalled that school districts have to be forced to provide a quality education and raise standards," she says. "And the other major issue with MCAS is there haven't been enough reliability and validity studies to see how it stands up – the test hasn't been given over enough time.

"If Einstein, who was severely dyslexic, took the MCAS, he'd probably fail," she says. "And I think he proved himself."

Kaplan is also worried about the burden placed on special education teachers who must compile the portfolios for those students who qualify for the MCAS alternative assessment.

"It takes a tremendous amount of work to break down rubrics and standards for a low-functioning child, who might be on a feeding tube with a ventilator," he says. "It's a lot of work and then to get back a failed (grade)."

Fish, Hingham's special education director, is also concerned about the effect on parents of severely disabled youngsters.

"Children who have a constellation of disabilities — blind, deaf, retarded — all in one body and are in a pediatric nursing home, do the alternate assessment," she says. "This is another reminder to the parents how disabled their child is."

But Roberta Mahoney Pulaski, director of education at Cardinal Cushing, who admits the portfolios have increased the teachers' workload "tremendously," supports including even those children who are severely cognitively impaired in MCAS.

Pulaski explains MCAS has made the teachers more creative, as they break down the more complex learning tasks for their students.

"We always did creative lessons because we had to," Pulaski says. "But the (curriculum) frameworks kicked up the notch a bit."

She also says parents' eyes often well up when they see their child's portfolio.

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OBITUARY

Frank Loiacono

Frank "Lokie" Loiacono Jr. of Hull, a truck driver, died Oct. 19, 2002.

Mr. Loiacono was a union truck diver and operated heavy equipment in the construction industry.

He also opened Lokie's Restaurant on Route 228 and owned it for 20 years. After retiring, he bought JJ Dairy Hut on Route 3A and was active in its operations from 1977 to 1988.

Mr. Loiacono was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Hingham Sons of Italy and the West Corner Men's Club.

A graduate of Hingham High School, Mr. Loiacono was born in Cohasset.

He leaves a brother, John J. Loiacono of Hingham; two sisters, Nancy Clark and Mary Jane Silver, both of Hull; and several nephews and nieces.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, 01701-4688, or St. Anthony Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset.

Harbor issue thrown lifeline

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lem that needs to be solved with this kind of solution and that this kind of solution is primarily cosmetic," said Sam Knox, of 23 Border St. "It is based on making the harbor look more like the hotel, the restaurant and the plan for the boatyard."

Knox, and the majority of others in attendance who were against the proposal, were angered by the role a private organization is playing in public policy. The CRC is backed by Cohasset businessman Peter Roy, who owns Atlantica, the Olde House, and Kimball's, now called the Cohasset Harbor Resort, both of which are located in the harbor.

"I'm happy that it has been brought to Town Meeting," said Dean Rizzo of the CRC. "Now we'll get a diversified debate and get a lot of input on it. "

Rizzo said that any worries about the CRC exerting undue influence over the town were unfounded. He said that the CRC was offering to pay for research that the town could take and evaluate itself. He noted that the town would have the right to hire the engineer. All the CRC wanted was a confirmation that the town was behind the project and the investments that goes along with it.

"We can't commandeer town property," said Rizzo. "As Selectman Tom Callahan mentioned, the Selectmen and Town Meeting have the ultimate authority over town property. What we are offering is planning and design and assistance in order to improve the safety and access and aesthetic condition of town property."

Knox did not agree.

"I want to be really clear that I am not casting aspersions on anybody's motives here," said Knox who is the co-founder of the Friends of Cohasset Harbor, a group formed to counter-balance the CRC. "I am simply asking the town government to approach this with its eyes open. The idea of free planning is absurd. And if you think you are getting free planning, you are kidding yourself."

The town has already used a relationship with the CRC as a launching point for the Village Revitalization Project.

The CRC believes that it can find funding for the project through the Transportation Enhancement Grant, but only if improvements are slated for the fence in the area, a change abutters adamantly oppose. There was initially some discrepancy as to the regulations required of a new fence, but after research by Haddad, it appears the only mandated specification is that the fence be 42-inches tall.

For Rizzo, the idea is simple. The CRC is asking for support as it continues to invest money in planning.

"This is just an endorsement by town meeting that they support the need to improve town infrastructure and safety on the waterfront," said Rizzo. "It says 'We support the idea that the CRC is donating funds to help the town do that type of study.'"

The study will investigate the seawall, sidewalk and street areas, along the lines of the moderate plan the CRC has advocated. But the article — even if it passes — is not carte blanche. Any decisions regarding the expenditure of money or the use of land must be addressed after a plan for improvements is officially formulated.

"It is no endorsement of a plan, of a particular design concept," said Rizzo. "But it does endorse looking at the sidewalks, looking at the seawall, and looking at the fence."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who joined Fred Koed in dissent, was adamantly against the article.

"I think the concept is very confusing and I think we should have taken things in steps," said McMorris. "I think it would have made more sense to people to take the approach of looking at the seawall and seeing what needs to be done, which would give us a more concrete concept that people can understand and vote on."

Selectman Callahan felt it was only appropriate to put the issue before the town to decide.

" I think we need a wider view of the town of this before we go any further," said Callahan. "It is a town-wide resource and we really do need to get a sense of the whole town as to what direction to go with this."

The board also voted unanimously to create a companion article that would accompany the harbor article, asking town meeting to appropriate funds to study the seawall, should the CRC article fail. If the CRC article passes, the second article would be withdrawn.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, OCT. 14

2:02 a.m. Sandy Cove, noise complaint.

2:13 a.m. Sandy Cove, noise complaint.

2:24 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

2:48 a.m. Elm St., general services.

2:14 a.m. North Main St., noise complaint.

9:55 a.m. North Main St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:44 a.m. Bancroft Road, vandalism.

11:14 a.m. Elm St., larceny.

12:46 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well-being check.

2:42 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:35 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:02 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s).

7:30 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:58 p.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

9:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

9:42 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

10:08 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

10:49 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, OCT. 15

1:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

7:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

8:27 a.m. Border St., traffic complaint.

9 a.m., Elm St., animal call or complaint.

9:57 a.m. Highland Ave., traffic complaint.

10:15 a.m. Sohier St., traffic control.

11:01 a.m. Elm St., fire.

12:14 p.m. Brook St., traffic complaint.

1 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

1:39 p.m. Elm St., larceny.

3:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

3:12 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:49 p.m. Brook St., parking violation.

5:03 p.m. Elm St., general services.

5:37 p.m. South Main St., request for police officer.

6:15 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation/s. Arrest of Steven D. McDonald, 18, of 96 Fountain Lane, #14, Weymouth. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with license revoked; negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Arrest of Daryl T. Notrem, 19, of 15 Colonels Lane, Apt. 21, Weymouth. Charges: Unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

8:06 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:49 p.m. King St., well-being check.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

1:04 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity/person(s).

8:18 a.m. Aaron River Road, motor vehicle stop.

11:52 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:19 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave., general services.

12:27 p.m. Jerusalem Road, power outage.

1:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., request for police officer.

Voluntary curfew set for Halloween night

The Board of Selectmen has adopted Chief of Police Bob Jackson's request for a voluntary 8 p.m. curfew for trick-or-treaters on Halloween.

In addition, Chairman Michael Sullivan warned parents of teenagers to be aware of their activities on Oct. 31.

"Trick-or-treating is for the children," said Chairman Michael Sullivan. "I would suggest that parents of teenagers encourage their children to stay in and study."

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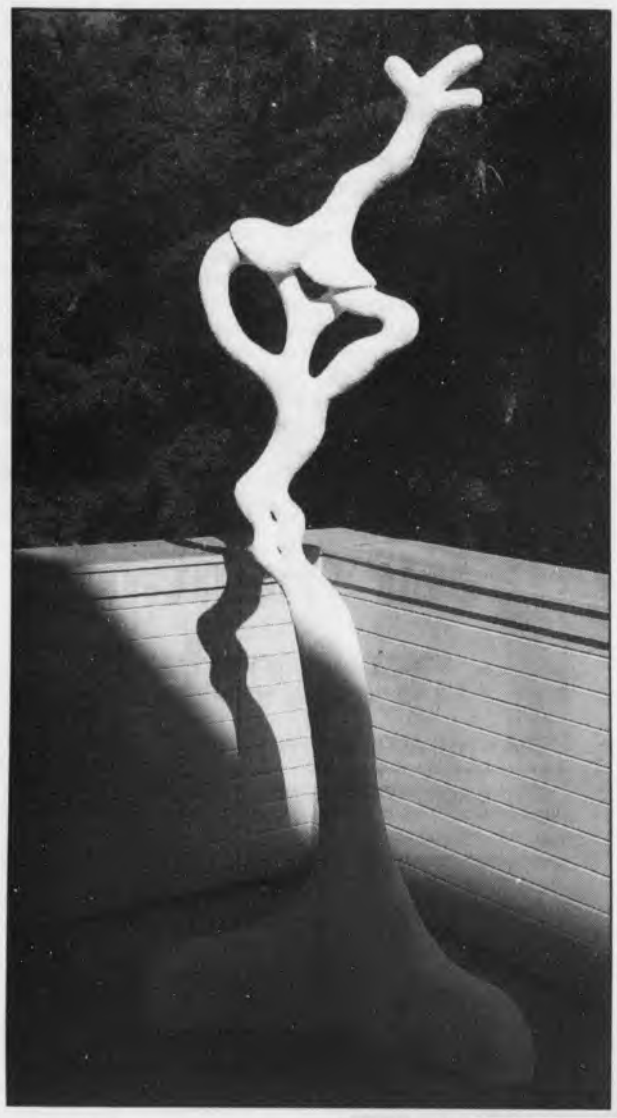

Nameless 'Spirits

Scituate sculptor entitles visitors to their own interpretations

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Scituate sculptor Jean Ainslie Richardson may have found the perfect showcase for her work with the current exhibit, "Gadgets, Gizmos and Games," on display at Duxbury's Art Complex Museum through Jan. 12.

In fact, you could say that the sculptor's multi-faceted, multi-pronged, multimedia creations emerge into the spirit of the ACM show.

Richardson's exhibition, "Emerging Spirits," is a collection of 15 conceptual sculpture pieces that are, to say the least, open to visual interpretation. And in fact, the sculptor offers the opportunity to do just that, by intentionally not titling her individual pieces, and inviting audience participation with a sign-in visitor's book including a section for viewers to write-in their own creative, interpretive titles for her works.

"Emerging Spirits" is not officially part of the "Gadgets Gizmos and Games" exhibit; the sculptures are on view in the ACM outdoor gallery through Dec. 1. But like the various side-stage and wandering attractions at the Lollapalooza Festivals of the 1990s, Richardson's collection of new sculptural life forms make a fitting adjunct to

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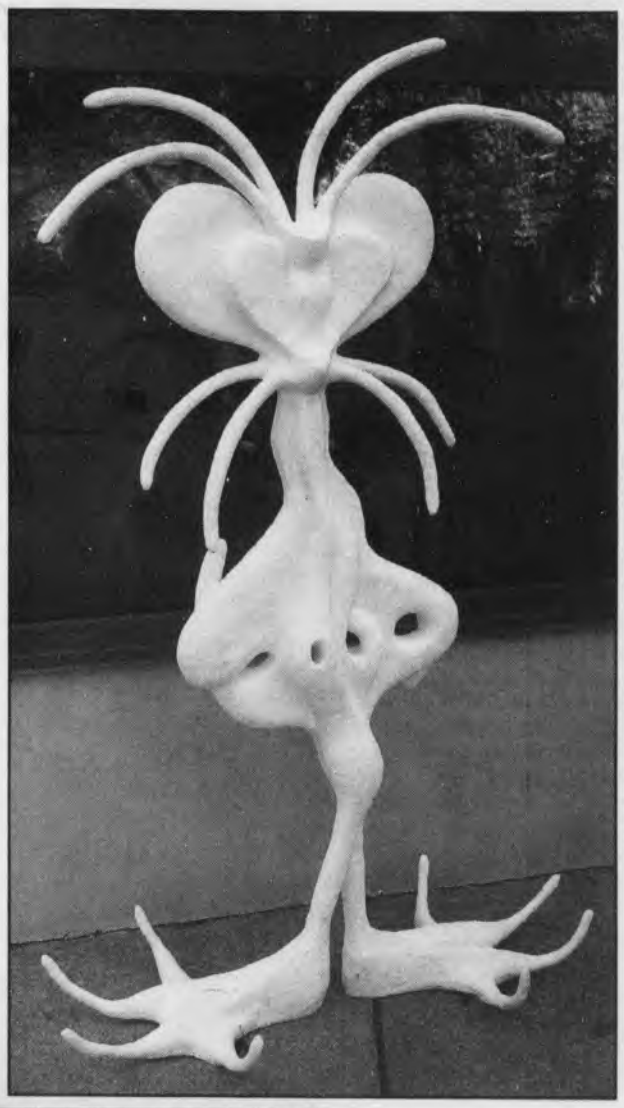

"The sculptures are fantasies based on realistic drawings of what I think are fascinating garden forms, especially tomatoes. I was mainly interested in the bold masses of the major botanical forms at first. But then I began to study more in depth the shapes, crevices and spaces within the forms, and from that came this improvisational series of sculptures."
Artist Jean Ainslie Richardson

STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Two of 15 sculptures Jean Ainslie Richardson is displaying as part of the Art Complex Museum show "Gadgets, Gizmos and Games."

Scituate artist Jean Ainslie Richardson shows off some of her sculpture works on display in her exhibit "Emerging Spirits."

'Hogan's' anti-hero

Kinnear finds the sleazy side of Bob Crane in "Auto Focus"

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Greg Kinnear has made the unlikely jump from host of "Talk Soup" to respected Hollywood actor.

Greg Kinnear was just another fresh face looking for a job in Hollywood when he landed one that would make that face familiar. He was the first host on the offbeat "Talk Soup," a TV show that skewered TV talk shows in the early 1990s.

But Kinnear always had his eyes on a jump to feature films. Since he took it — in the 1995 flop remake of "Sabrina" — he's rarely slowed down, jumping between leads in mediocre movies to character acting in some gems. After just a couple of years he scored an Oscar nomination as Jack Nicholson's gay neighbor in "As Good as It Gets."

Now he's starring, in the meatiest role of his career, in "Auto Focus," recreating the successful, but sordid, life of Bob Crane. The public knew him as the happily married actor who once entertained primetime TV audiences as Colonel Hogan. But off the set, Crane wiled away the evening hours playing drums in jazz clubs, making pornographic films and trying to satisfy his sexual addiction. He was bludgeoned to death by an unknown assailant. The case has never been solved.

Kinnear vaguely recalls hearing the story.

"I remember in high school hearing the same sort of shocking conversation I had the day somebody told me that Sonny and Cher got *divorced,*" he says. "I remember the feeling being similar to the day some friend of mine said, 'Hey you know Bob Crane, the guy from "Hogan's Heroes" — he had kind of a strange double life.' But I didn't know any of the details of his personality or how he got to be where he ended up."

Kinnear's film work so far has been mostly in the light comedy range, although there was certainly some depth to the "As Good as It Gets" part, and he played strictly against type in Sam Raimi's gothic horror film "The Gift." But he wasn't concerned about tarnishing his own image by taking the dark part of Crane.

"Maybe if we were doing the Triple X version of 'Auto Focus,' yeah, those types of things would start to matter," he says, laughing. "And I don't know that I'd want to do the Ted Bundy story. But Bob, for all of his shortcomings and all of his strange behavior, was kind of framed in the body of a guy who saw himself as a one-woman man, as a normal, red-blooded American gentleman, as a guy who had what he believed to be a real moral foundation. Yet the behavior was so wildly contradictory to that foundation, I was just instantly fascinated. How do these two people inhabit the same body?"

Kinnear's performance is a riveting one. He picked up on some

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Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

'Love' lifts Sandler up where he belongs

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

Punch-Drunk Love (B+)

If you can imagine Danny DeVito as Hamlet or the expansive gorgon who plays Mimi on "Drew Carey" as Cleopatra, then you might permit yourself the thought of Adam Sandler as a romantic hero, not a dollop of slapstick in his arsenal, no wacky accents or juvenile, arch doggerel at hand. Though we recall Sandler as Canteen Boy and Opera Man on "Saturday Night Live" and in gawky shlemiel doofus roles in his ongoing spate of successful and deliberately stupid comedies (exempt the ghastly "Little Nicky" and the woeful "Mr. Deeds"), always there is within him the prospect both of impassioned violence and of tenderness. The romantic ingredient in the moronic Sandler persona popped up in "The Wedding Singer," and in "Mr. Deeds" enough violence erupted to put an edge on what turned a remake of a classic into a pudding of treacle.

"Punch-Drunk Love," short, to the point, and deliberately bare bones in its theme and its realization, is the creation of Paul Thomas Harris, whom we remember most from "Boogie Nights," about another unlikely protagonist defying its star's image as an underwear model, and "Magnolia," anything but short, to the point, or bare bones.

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Food & dining

Orange, onion and fennel salad

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Orange and onion (usually served with oil-cured olives) is a classic Sicilian combination, one that has many variations. At its best, it is an intrepid salad, one that refreshes with bold strokes of complementary but assertive ingredients: sweet oranges, raw onion, and salty olives. At its worst, the oranges are lackluster and pithy, the onion is overpowering, and the dressing is harsh.

I began with the oranges which are key to this recipe. (Don't make this salad with lousy specimens.) I finally came across some navels and Valencias that were sweet and juicy. They cannot be peeled. Instead, the skin and white pith need to be cut away with a sharp knife. You can serve the oranges in slices or, if you want to be a bit fussier, in segments, which takes more preparation time.

The onion quickly becomes overpowering if sliced too thin or if too much of it is used. I preferred red onion and used extremely thin slices. I also tried soaking it in water, as one recipe suggested, but this did not ameliorate its bite and just made the salad watery. So one half of a medium red onion was sufficient for five oranges. Shallots and green onions were tried and voted down.

I tested both brined and oil-cured olives and preferred the latter — Italian, Greek, or French oil-cured olives were all great. Some are more pungent than others are so you may vary the quantity accordingly. I used anywhere from eight to ten olives that had been pitted and roughly chopped. I do think you want to taste some olive in every bite.

Although not unheard of in this recipe, I fell in love with fennel as an ingredient. It offers lots of crunch and its sweet, spicy flavor is subtle but strong enough to stand up to the orange and onion. One medium bulb cut into very thin slices was just right.

I felt the salad was crying out for something green even if it were just a garnish. I tried adding several herbs (chives, mint, thyme, parsley, tarragon) as well as tips from the fennel bulb. The herb that worked best was basil. I used about a quarter cup of thinly sliced leaves—about a dozen medium-sized. The basil fortifies the fennel and adds yet one more bold flavor.

The salad tastes best when dressed with one-quarter cup first rate extra-virgin olive oil. In terms of vinegar, I found less was best. (Some recipes don't even include vinegar.) My favorite vinegar was white balsamic and I only used one teaspoon, enough to lend a bit of bright flavor but not overtake the oranges. (Try rice wine vinegar if you can't find white balsamic.) Along with the oil and vinegar I used one-quarter teaspoon of salt and freshly ground black pepper.

The salad goes together easily. Instead of arranging the oranges, I simply toss the ingredients together with the dressing. Once the salad is composed it should be eaten fairly soon since the onion and fennel begin to wilt and lose crunch.

ORANGE, ONION, AND FENNEL SALAD

For this recipe the peel and pith must be sliced off the orange. This is done most easily by first cutting off a small section from the top and bottom of the orange. Stand the orange on one flat end and slice off the rind and white pith following the contour. Once all of the skin has been removed, the segments can be cut away by holding the orange in the palm of your hand and making V- shaped cuts along the membranes to free each section. For a less elegant but easier method, you may cut the skinned orange in half, pole to pole, and then cut each half into half-inch slices through the segments. A small, inexpensive mandoline (under $20) is a good tool for thinly slicing vegetables.

5 medium or 6 small sweet ripe oranges such as Navel or Valencia prepared using one of the above methods

1 small or 1/2 medium red onion peeled, halved and very thinly sliced

1 medium bulb fennel, trimmed, halved and very thinly sliced

8 to 10 oil-cured black olives pitted and coarsely chopped

1/4 cup best quality olive oil

1 teaspoon white balsamic vinegar

1/4 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1/4 cup loosely packed thinly sliced basil leaves, about 8 medium

Place oranges, onion, fennel and olives in a large bowl. Add the olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper and gently toss to combine the ingredients and coat evenly with the dressing. Taste for seasoning adding more salt or pepper if needed. Sprinkle with sliced basil and serve immediately.

Serves four to six.

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A little seriousness suits Adam Sandler.

'Love' lifts Sandler up where he belongs

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His new film is a paean to emotional intensity, centered on a Los Angeles fellow, Barry Egan, who sells novelty toilet plungers out of a large warehouse, totes a harmonium, left for some reason on the street, into his office, and contends with seven harpy sisters who remind him forever of his most notable childhood moment, when he smashed a window to bits. (The sisters are Mary Lynn Rajskub and six amateurs, four of whom are sisters). Sister Elizabeth (Rajskub) tries to fix Barry up with her pal Lena (Emily Watson, glorious here, as in "Red Dragon"), but Barry refuses. Lena persists, forces herself upon him, and he falls, smitten, as does she, but then they are smote by circumstances.

Well, not quite circumstances, but by the fruit of one of Barry's fitful efforts at connection with someone. Prior to meeting Lena, he called a phone sex line, idiotically gave his Social Security number to the seemingly caring woman on the other end, and soon found himself the object of extortion and, worse, violence, perpetrated by four blond brothers (played by four blond brothers), dispatched by their boss, Dean (Philip Seymour Hoffman, who comes to a more bitter end in "Red Dragon"), to beat up our hero. This does get in the way of romance, but Barry manages both to follow Lena to Hawaii to ply his troth, and to the Utah den of evil presided over by the impresario of the phone sex and extortion gang. There he points out that now that he has a love in his life, he has strength unimaginable by dreadful Dean. Love, we see, has set him free.

We know Barry is neurotic, maybe worse, a sweet guy on a surface just millimeters atop a raging cauldron of anger; we know he's a compulsive, and peddling toilet plungers is an apt if also blatant metaphor for the stoppages in his psycho-social development. But through Lena, who loves him, we come at least to like him, maybe to fancy that he might become a friend. And the romance, however jerky in movement, is not played for laughs but, rather, for acceptance. John Brion's score is inventive, diverse, never intrusive but invariably appropriate. And with Luiz Guzman ,as Barry's chief employee, in the cast, the performances are fine, and the settings calmly offset the schizy events they encompass. Sandler has found his "Truman Show," and like Jim Carrey, who leapt out of his previous incarnation as best suited to "Ace Ventura" and such, Sandler needn't turn back if he chooses to give himself up now to additional dramatic roles.

Written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson. Rated R.

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the main event, which is the assemblage of creative contraptions, devices, robots, high-tech toys and assorted mechanical whatchamacallits on display in the "Gadgets" show inside in the ACM's main gallery hall.

"The sculptures are fantasies based on realistic drawings of what I think are fascinating garden forms, especially tomatoes," said Richardson recently at the ACM's museum-wide opening reception for all its current shows. "I was mainly interested in the bold masses of the major botanical forms at first. But then I began to study more in depth the shapes, crevices and spaces within the forms, and from that came this improvisational series of sculptures."

The results of these improvisations on display almost defy description, but that didn't stop some visitors at the museum reception from venturing their attempts in the write-in book. Some of the more interesting responses include "Amoeba Traffic Cop," "Smiley Skeleton," "Spinal Smile," "Big Footed Love Bug" and "Alien Acrobats."

Richardson, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, has been an artist, photographer and sculptor for 30 years. Her career has included 15 years as a visual arts instructor at Whitman-Hanson Regional High School as well as a number of exhibitions and awards at South Shore art festivals and Rhode Island School of Design shows, working in media including drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking and apparel and textile design.

The artist compares the forms of her sculptures to the words of the famed gibberish poem "Jabberwocky," in that the forms and features shouldn't make sense but somehow they do. Media-wise, Richardson constructs the pieces with a wood and metal core for the armiture, then a fine coating of resin and fiberglass, plus plaster, paint and sand to make the works, as she said, sturdy and weatherproof.

"As I looked more and more at the garden forms, the more I understood about their true shapes inside and out," she said. "Then I began to play with the forms and expand on them, which finally led to the sculptures you see here."

Richardson's work will be on display in the outdoor gallery at Duxbury's Art Complex Museum through Dec. 1. For more information and gallery hours call the museum at (781) 934-6634.

Prepare your plantings for killing frosts

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Each year, a prediction for the first killing frost of the season creates a sense of panic for many gardeners. As soon as the weather service issues its first frost advisories, we dash around our yards as darkness falls, covering annual plantings and frost-sensitive vegetables with bed sheets, strips of burlap or heaps of newspapers. Tender tropical plants are hurriedly yanked from the ground and haphazardly tossed into empty pots and boxes and hauled indoors. Garages, sunrooms, porches and greenhouses rapidly fill with colorful container gardens, potted herbs and houseplants that were enjoying a summer vacation out-of-doors.

By the time October rolls around, most gardeners have grown weary of maintaining their borders and yet, when the moment of truth arrives, we cannot seem to let go. Perhaps we seek to prolong their growth because we have attended to their needs for months as steadfastly as we care for our children and we feel obligated to protect and nurture them. In some years, these efforts may not be in vain as a hard freeze may be followed by several weeks of mild temperatures during which time we are able to enjoy our colorful annuals and continue to reap the bounty of our vegetable gardens. More than likely, our efforts to save our tender treasures stem from our unwillingness to accept that the growing season has come to a close and that the cold winter months await. Eventually, after days of covering our annual plants at dusk and uncovering them again at daybreak, we finally accept defeat allowing delicate foliage to become limp and blackened by icy chills.

Each property tends to have its own unique growing conditions and within the same landscape there could be several different microclimates depending on exposure to light and wind, elevation or the presence of a water. Low-lying, inland areas often experience frosts earlier in the fall and later in the spring than those higher up. Similarly, wide open, exposed spaces may be prone to early frosts while lawns and gardens protected by a grove of trees, shrubs, fences or walls may remain frost-free for weeks beyond those which are not sheltered. The presence of water, whether it be the ocean, a lake, pond, stream or even a water garden, will often moderate the temperature of the immediate surrounding terrain, delaying the effects of chilly weather. Buildings usually generate significant heat, as well, enabling tender plants to survive several weeks of freezing temperatures and providing a warm, sheltered environment for marginally hardy plants.

Since the average killing frost in my garden varies only slightly from year to year, with an average date of Oct. 10, I cannot imagine why the prediction for frosty weather caught me off guard, but as usual, I was totally unprepared and found myself desperately lifting clumps of coleus and dragging large containers of tropical treasures into my garage well into the evening. Although temperatures dropped into the 30s, no frost was apparent the next morning. The potential threat served its purpose, however, forcing me to accept that the time has come to begin putting the gardens to bed for this season.

On warmer days, many of my rescued tropicals and houseplants will be moved back outside. This will allow me to gradually acclimate them to the lower light conditions they will encounter in my home environment. Even houseplants that spent the summer in the shade received much brighter light than they are likely to find indoors. If these plants can be moved into a sunroom or porch first, the gradual reduction in light will be less of a shock. Although nearly all plants experience some leaf-drop or dieback as they adjust to lower light and humidity in our dry, heated indoor spaces, fewer leaves will turn yellow and drop.

Inspect these plants closely for unwanted pests that may be lurking among their leaves. Somehow, all the little beasties seem to know which plants are destined for a warm, cozy winter indoors and manage to secretly hitch a ride into our homes. Many often go unnoticed for weeks while sucking the vitality out of our plants. Check the drainage holes of the containers as well. It is particularly unappealing to discover sow bugs, worms, slugs or snails crawling across the floors of your home.

Although no insects may be readily observed, eggs are often laid on the foliage and hatch once the plants are brought into warmer environments. One or two applications of a light horticultural oil spray, which is essentially odorless and nontoxic except to bugs, will eliminate a large percentage of the typical intruders including aphids, scale, mealy bugs, white flies, and spider mites.

Pick herbs for drying or freezing. Rosemary rarely survives the winter in the ground but can be grown indoors given a sunny location. Harvest your remaining frost-sensitive vegetables.

Take cuttings of tender annuals to root indoors for next season. Coleus and impatiens are easily propagated, especially if the stems are dipped in a rooting powder and inserted into pots of perlite or vermiculite; containers must be kept in a warm location. Ivy and vinca can be rooted in water. Smaller plants can be lifted and transplanted into containers filled with potting soil. Geraniums and begonias will flower all winter on a sunny windowsill, a welcome reminder of the season past and a new growing season to come.

'Hogan's' anti-hero

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of Crane's general behavior in interviews with his son, Robert Crane Jr. And he paid careful attention to director Paul Schrader ("Affliction," "Cat People"), who Kinnear describes as someone "who's been around a long time and knows the ins and outs, and tries to create an environment of trust" on the set. But Kinnear is hard pressed to say who taught him the ropes as far as acting.

"I don't know that I *know* the ropes," he says candidly. "I certainly feel like I know more than I did when I started a few years ago."

It's suggested that maybe he picked up some acting chops while hamming it up on "Talk Soup."

He laughs again and says, "That's an interesting observation. When I started that show I didn't know what my role was a host, and that certainly evolved. As I started as a an actor, I wasn't really sure what my role was as an *actor*. And I *hope* there's been some evolution of that. There's definitely a little more confidence and a little more of a sense of what I'm doing. But on more days than not, I still feel like what the *hell* am I doing *here?*"

He acknowledges that receiving the Oscar nomination came at a good time, since he had had very mixed success up to that point.

"I was asking questions of myself as to whether this was something I have a place in and maybe I had misjudged acting as a career and a future. Then to get that kind of validation — to have other actors say what you're doing is OK — was incredibly encouraging."

Thinking back on it, Kinnear knows that he made the right choice to leave television when he did — both "Talk Soup" and his own follow-up talk show "Later."

"My contract was up on 'Talk Soup,' " he says. "I had seen every horrific human element that I needed to see and raise an eyebrow over. It was easy to move on from there. And 'Later' was an easy one, too. Up until 'As Good as It Gets,' I was part actor, part talk show host. And the weight of that was getting heavier and heavier. Not just because there weren't enough hours in the day, but it felt to me like I was cheating on one or the other. So it became movies.

"And then," he adds, laughing, "I didn't work for a year."

Up next — Kinnear is reading scripts and going through what he calls "the process" again.

"There are two processes," he explains. "Making movies and looking for movies to make. Making's much better."

"Auto Focus" opens on Oct. 25.

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THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE RETURNS TO EDAVILLE USA from Nov. 9 to 17, for the annual Holiday Festival of Lights, an exhibit of more than 5 million lights displayed throughout Edaville's 1,300 acre cranberry plantation in Carver. Tickets for the Holiday "Day Out With Thomas" event can now be purchased for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville box office the day of the event. Children under the age of one will be admitted free. An $11 upgraded ticket allowing guests to enjoy all of Edaville USA's attractions is also available. Advanced purchase is highly recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have been sold out well in advance.

VALERIE HARPER In "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" performances begin Dec. 3, and run through Jan. 12, at Boston's Wilbur Theatre. Ticket prices are $25 to $67 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at the Wilbur Theatre box office. For more information about the show visit www.allergistswife.com

THE MASSASOIT THEATRE CO. presents the musical "Chicago" two weekends, Nov. 15 to 24, at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets are priced at $15, general public; $13 with Massasoit ID, senior citizens and students; all seats reserved. For tickets call 508-

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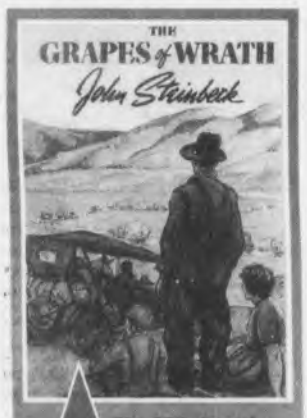
As part of its on going Literary Teas series, the James Library and Center for the Arts Presents, " I Dwell in Possibility – a literary and musical afternoon" about the friendship between Emily Dickinson and Mable Loomis Todd, who brought the poetry of Emily Dickinson to the world. Featuring Miriam Raiken-Kolb and Kelly Demers. A costumed dramatic and musical afternoon. For more information call 781-659-7100 or email JamesLib@gls.net

Thurs. 24

Fontbonne Academy will be holding two open houses this fall: Oct. 24, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 3, 1 to 3 p.m. All prospective students and their parents are invited to attend to tour the school's recently expanded campus and receive information about Fontbonne's students, administration, faculty, staff and program offerings. Tours will begin from Fontbonne's Lower Campus, located at 930 Brook Road in Milton. For additional information please call 617-696-3241

The USS Salem, AKA. "The Sea Witch" will again be host to ghosts, goblins, witches and the like in its annual "Haunted Ship" event. Located at the former Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, the USS Salem has hosted the areas largest haunted house for several years. A special "less spooky" event for young children will be held on Oct. 26, from noon to 4 p.m. The Haunted Ship will be open to the public Oct. 24, to 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is $8 for adults and $6 for children. The event is a fundraiser for the United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum. Group discounts are available. Call 617-479-7900 or check us out on the web at www.hauntedship.com



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The 26th Annual Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair returns to the Hynes Convention Center as part of the "Works on Paper" Weekend. This is the oldest, continually-running antiquarian book fair in the United States and features more than 125 dealers from the U.S., Canada and Europe. Nearly 30 of the world's most respected dealers in old master and modern prints and drawings will feature the works of artists such as Durer, Rembrandt, Manet, Audubon, Toulouse-Lautrec, Whistler, Beckmann, and Picasso. Show Hours: Friday, October 25 (Opening Night), 5-9pm, Saturday, October 26, 12-7pm, and Sunday, October 27, 12-5pm. Tickets are $15 for Opening Night and are good throughout the weekend. Single day tickets for $8 each are available for Saturday or Sunday. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling 617-266-6540.More information available at: www.bostonbookfair.com and www.newenglandprintfair.com.

The Pembroke Assembly 786 Washington St., Pembroke, presents "Parenting By Heart" on Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. Childcare provided. Call 781-826-2247 for reservations.

Raffael's Restaurant Dinner Theatre presents **S'Wonderful a Frank Sinatra Tribute** on Oct 24. For ticket information and to make reservations call 617-328-1600 or visit the restaurant during regular business hours. Raffael's Restaurant is located at 1 Enterprise Drive, N. Quincy.

The Berwick Boys Foundation is hosting its 20th annual Halloween fundraiser, the "House of Horrors - A Generation of Terror," at 335 West St. in West Bridgewater on Oct. 24-27. The House is open from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays and from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is $7 for all victims, which includes free popcorn and fire breathing sideshow for those that make it through safely. All proceeds will benefit the Berwick Boys Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization for teenage boys. More information is available on the web at www.berwick.org.

Fri. 25

The South Shore Natural Science Center, Cushing Center, Norwell will celebrate the season with an **Oktoberfest** featuring two live bands the Hofbrau Boys (an authentic Bavarian beer-hall style music and songs) and Disturbing the Peace (a late night dance band). Bavarian beers, wines and festival foods all to benefit, on Oct. 25, from 7 to 11 p.m.. Tickets in advance $50 per person. Reserve early, space is limited. Call the SSNSC 781-659-2559 for more details.

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Lunchtime Speaker Series, Oct. 25, from noon to 1 p.m. at the **South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, sponsored by the **Social Service League of Cohasset, Inc.,** presents **Rep. Garret Bradley**. Bradley will discuss his thoughts on the controversial proposition 40B article, which is now affecting many South Shore towns. For more information call 781-383-0771.

Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts presents Gilbert and Sullivan's **The Mikado**, to be performed at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium Oct. 25, 26, and Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2. All shows at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are $12 for general public/$10 students and senior citizens. For more information or reservations, call the box office at 508-531-1321.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance on Oct. 25, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Adams National Historical Park will host a candlelight tour of one of New England's oldest burying grounds, the Hancock cemetery. Three centuries of historic figures briefly come back to life to share stories and little known facts about Quincy's past. If you dare to enter the old graveyard on Hancock Street next to Quincy City Hall between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. on the appointed evening, you will witness the return of members of some of Quincy's first families including the Adamses, Quincys and Hancocks. Following the program, refreshments will be served at National Historical Park Visitor Center located at 1250 Hancock St., Quincy. This event is free of charge. For more information, call 617-770-1175 or visit www.nps.gov/adam

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. presents "Now and Then" on Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 25, 26, Nov. 1, 2, at 7 p.m. and Sundays, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission is $8 Adult/$5 child. For more information call 508-747-1234.

The World Goes Round at Quincy Dinner Theater , 1170 Hancock St., Quincy, on Oct. 25, 26, 27, Nov. 2, 3. Broadway and Hollywood musical review of Kander and Ebb hits from "Chicago," Cabaret," "Funny Lady," "New York, New York" and more. Friday and Saturday, dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinee, dinner at 2 p.m. show at 3:30 p.m. dinner and show, $37.50; show only $17.50. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The NightBirds** on Oct. 25. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Hingham Civic Music Center presents Cole Porter's Musical Comedy "**Anything Goes**" Oct. 25, 26, 27 at Hingham High School, 17 Union St, Hingham. Tickets $15/students and seniors #12. Call 781-749-4327 for tickets. Group rates available at 781-749-0083.

Starcreations Theater from **the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center**, Inc. presents **"Young Frankenstein"** on Oct. 24, 30, and 31, at 8 p.m. at Cordage park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. All seats $10. For more information call 508-747-1234 or visit www.starcreations.org

Company Theatre in Norwell, presents the play "Steel Magnolias," running through Sunday, Oct. 27. Directed by Lisa Rafferty and produced by Company Theatre artistic directors Zoe Bradford, Jordie Saucerman and Michael Joseph, "Steel Magnolias" explores the strong relationships and unique personalities of six Southern women. The show includes hilarious one-liners and poignant drama as we journey through the seasons with these fascinating individuals. Tickets are priced at $16 in advance and $18 day of performance for Thursdays (7:30 p.m.) and Sundays (3 p.m.), and $18 in advance and $20 day of show for Fridays (8 p.m.) and Saturdays (8 p.m.). Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit their website at www.companytheatre.com.

Joyful Listening "More Than Tickling the Ivories" - A musical and social history of the Piano," will be offered on Friday, Oct. 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the James Library, Norwell. Taught by pianist Alison Barr, this class is part of the "Joyful Listening!" series , most recently offered in the Czech Republic. Tuition is $60 for the three classes. Call 781-982-8920 for more information.

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Sat. 26

South Shore Conservatory presents **Musical Mystery Dinners**, an evening of dinner parties preceded by receptions at South Shore Conservatory, Hingham and at The Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury. Guests discover their dinner destinations at the receptions, where they will enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and performances by members of the conservatory piano faculty. Proceeds benefit educational program and scholarships. Tickets $50 per person are available in the conservatory offices in Hingham and Duxbury, or by calling Laura Carleton at 781-934-2732 ext. 14.

Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Weymouth Landing Comedy show Saturday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Reservations recommended. Call 781-356-4311. Last show sold out. Headliner - Spike Tobin just back from five years in New York. Host: Eric Cannon Other comics: Annette Pollack, Stephen leach, Laurie Rogers.

The South Shore Model Railway Club will hold its annual fall open house and show on Oct. 26 and 27. The open house and show will be at the club in Bare Cove Park, Building, 51, Hingham. The event will include dealer tables selling model and rail related merchandise, white elephant table, demonstration clinics, movies, club cars sales and raffle. The club and show hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $2 adults, $1 for children, For more information, an event flyer, or directions, contact the club at Hingham, call 781-740-2000 or visit www.ssmrc.org

The First Baptist Church, 660 Country Way in Scituate, is hosting a potluck supper on Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a dish to share. Wendy Bernhard will present her mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Saint Anthony's Parish Center, corner of South Main Street and Summer Street in Cohasset **and the Hull Lifesaving Museum** will present a performance by the **Revels Circle of Song** at 2 p.m. Circle of Song is the touring ensemble of the Revels, Inc. best known for their Christmas Revels performed annually at Sanders Theater in Cambridge. Tickets Child $6 m/$8 nm; adult $10m/$12nm; family $28 m/$30 nm. For more information and tickets call 781-925-5433.

The Silverwood Trio will perform works of Mozart, Schickele, Shubert and Goosens in Logan Auditorium of the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree on Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. The group brings a combination of flute/soprano, cello and piano, offering the varied colorations of the instruments and voice. The Trio has performed extensively in and around the Boston area. Featured is Paul Hoffman, piano, soprano Cindy Woolley, flute and Walter Halvorsen cell. The is a free concert, sponsored by The Friends of Thayer Public Library and the public is invited. For information call 781-848-0405.

October is National Heritage Month and the OSIA Italian Culture commission chairman, Orazio Buttafuoco announces a lecture program, the topic will be **Antonio Meucci – The True Inventor of the Telephone** to be held at 1 p.m. at the Taft Library, Broad St., Weymouth. Free admission.

Spooky World located on 60 acres Deep In the Woods at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, opened its 12th season of haunted fun on Oct. 4 through Oct. 26. The Halloween theme park, which is one of the largest in the country features many new attractions for 2002, including six highly themed, elaborately detailed haunted houses and three museums, celebrity guests every weekend. Tickets are available at The Spooky World box office and all Ticketmaster locations or by calling the 24-hour hotline at 978-838-0200 or visiting www.spookyworld.com

Giles Laroche, illustrator, presents his latest work, "Who Sees the Lighthouse" by Ann Fearrington on Oct. 26, at Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham. "Who Sees the Lighthouse," a counting book is a cumulative rhyme featuring lighthouses from around the United States as observed from one sailor, two pilots three gulls, and more. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call 781-749-2665 to order your signed copy if you are unable to attend.

Holistic Health Fair/Psychic Fair/Project KidsCare sponsored by Canton spiritualist Church; benefit outreach; at Trinity Parish, Canton, corner of Rt. 138, Trinity Parish, Canton corner, 138N and One Blue Hill River Rd., (exit 2B off route 128). Aura Camera, Acupuncture, Aroma therapy, energy Healers, Polarity, Reiki, Reflexology, Massage, jewelry, crystals, native American crafts, gifts, artists, therapists, vendors, tarot/psychic readings $15 per 15 minute private reading or $25 for 30 minutes. Projects KidsCare free photos ID's free QiGong demonstration and instruction at 4 p.m. and more. Food available, free admission. no handicap access. For information, call 617-469-2568.

Sociable Singles presents **Autumn Harvest Dance**, dancing to the music of DJ Cheryl of C & C Music on Oct. 26, in Wareham from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Wareham Elks. $7 members with valid care/$10 non members. All single adults are welcome. Proper dress required. No jeans. For information ca,, 877-626-4900 or visit www.sociablesingles.org

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Adams National Historical Park will host a candlelight tour of one of New England's oldest burying grounds, the Hancock cemetery. Three centuries of historic figures briefly come back to life to share stories and little known facts about Quincy's past. If you dare to enter the old graveyard on Hancock Street next to Quincy City Hall between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. on the appointed evening, you will witness the return of members of some of Quincy's first families including the Adamses, Quincys and Hancocks. Following the program, refreshments will be served at National Historical Park Visitor Center located at 1250 Hancock St., Quincy. This event is free of charge. For more information, call 617-770-1175 or visit www.nps.gov/adam

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat City Band** on Oct. 26. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **PB & J.** All shows start at 8 p.m. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

Sun. 27

The Captain Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton, presents **Halloween Story Telling** on Oct. 27, at 6 p.m. There will be a fun filled program of participatory ghoulish and suspenseful stories. The 45 minute program will be followed by light refreshments. Adult chaperones are complimentary and must accompany children throughout the program. Bring a flashlight, blanket, and war warm clothing. Admission is $3 per child for members and $4 per child for non-members. Suitable for ages 4 to 10, siblings are welcome. If the weather is inclement, stories will be told inside the museum. For more information, call 617-696-1815.

Literary Teas presented by the James Library Center for the Arts. On Oct. 27, **I Dwell in Possibility – a literary and musical afternoon** about the friendship between Emily Dickinson and Mable Loomis Todd, who brought the poetry of Emily Dickinson to the world. Featuring Miriam Raiken-Kolb and Kelly Demers. A costumed dramatic and musical afternoon. For more information call 781-659-7100 or email JamesLib@gis.net

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association will sponsor an Autumn Watershed walk at Nelson Memorial Forest on Oct. 27. Judy Grecco, life long watershed resident will introduce the group to a fund activity known as "Geocaching," or hunting for "treasure" that is hidden at the site. Don your walking shoes and your water bottle, and meet Judy at 12:30 p.m. at the Nelson Memorial Forest parking lot off Highland St., Marshfield. Pre-register by calling NSRWA at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org. suggested donation $5. For more information call 781-659-8168.

Duxbury High School Musical Haunted Schoolhouse, Oct. 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. Choreographed and staged by the high school music students, all the departments of the music program participate to create an evening to remember. Admission $3 students/$4 adults. Fortune telling, face painting, a cake walk, bake table, pizza, drinks and popcorn, will also be available. Duxbury High School is located on Saint George St., Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-7403.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's second annual **Classical Cuisine** specialty foods sale at 5 p.m. on Oct. 27. The free-of-charge reception/sale is in The Summerhouse at The Pinehills, which is also the event sponsor. In addition to purchasing made-to-order hors d'oeuvres, entrees, salads, desserts, entire meals and clever theme parties, guests at the complimentary wine-and-cheese reception can elect to take a tour of The Pinehills and watch a cooking demonstration by a professional chef. For more information call 508-746-8008.

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and singles dance will be held Oct. 27, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Pembroke Country Club, W. Elm St., Pembroke. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary buffet all night, and numerous free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper business casual dress acceptable. Admission is $10 before 7:30 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by Single Golfers of New England..

The Ventress Memorial Library and the Marshfield Historical Commission will present **Daniel Webster Day,** Oct. 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A complete day of activities is planned to commemorate the 150th anniversary of his death. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Marshfield historic sites will be opened to the public including the Daniel Webster Law Office, the grounds of the Webster estate and a viewing of the gravesite. From 1 to 5 p.m. events are planned at the Ventress Library. The library will be open for regular business. All events are free.For more information, call Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or cwoods@ocln.org

Mon. 28

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forums presents **The Cuban Missile Crisis and the Media** CNN's Judy Woodruff will moderate as White House correspondents Sander Vanocur and Robert Pierpont and former FCC Chair Newton Minow discuss the media's role during the 13 days of the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis and how today's media might react to a situation of similar magnitude. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and further information, call 617-929-4571.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is looking for area garden clubs, garden centers, floral designers and other organizations or individuals to decorate a wreath or tabletop tree using a natural theme, or a gingerbread house for exhibit and sale to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center. All of the decorations will be sold by silent auction at a festive holiday reception, open to the public on Friday, Dec. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Vine Hall Gallery at the Science Center. Registration forms for the event are available by contacting Joan Reid at 781-659-2559.

Tosca, 14 North St., Hingham, presents its Ninth Annual Wine Dinner series opening reception featuring the wines of Bedford International Wine Company and the cuisine of Executive Chef Kevin Long on Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. For more information, call Jennifer Cornella at 617-488-2890.

Tues. 29

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court on Oct. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Wed. 30

Norwell watercolorist, Ginny Wilson, is displaying a group of paintings, "Food is the Subject…" at the Boca Restaurant, 254 Church St., Pembroke, during October and November.

Thurs. 31

The First Baptist Church in Hanson, 214 Main St., Hanson presents **The Continentals**, an evangelical group of 30 vocalists and technicians, between the ages of 16 and 28 continuing a 35-year tradition of cutting edge music ministry with contemporary Christian music, choreography and personal testimony. Oct. 31, 7 to 9 p.m. Free child care. Free will offering will be taken.

Comedy night - Halloween Show at **Jimbos South Restaurant**, 405 Franklin St., Braintree. Prizes given to top costumes. Halloween Show featuring D.J. Hazard , Annette Pollack, Bob Niles Mike O'Neill, Brenda Nason, Tom Dustin, Mary Beth Cowan. Admission $10. Reservations recommended. Call 781-848-0300. Wheelchair accessible.

Fri. 1

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is pleased to present "Nature: Up Close and Personal," selected images by photographer **Michael Moran of Rockland** on display Nov. 1-30, in their Vine Hall Gallery. His exhibit includes photos taken around the south shore, featuring close up views of botanicals and other images found in nature. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located off Route 123, on Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information, or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of Neil Simon's "Rumors." Productions dates are Nov. 1, 2, and Nov. 7, 8, 9. All shows are at 8 p.m. The play "Rumors" contains some strong adult language. Tickets $15, to reserve tickets call 781-356-5113 and leave message, someone will call back with your confirmation. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and commercial Streets in Braintree.

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The World Goes Round is on stage at the Quincy Dinner Theater Oct. 25, 26, 27, Nov. 2, 3. The show is a Broadway and Hollywood musical review of Kander and Ebb hits from "Chicago," Cabaret," "Funny Lady," "New York, New York" and more. Friday and Saturday, dinner is at 7 p.m. ,show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinee, dinner is at 2 p.m. show at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $37.50 for dinner and the show, $17.50 for the show only. The dinner theater is located at 1170 Hancock Street in Quincy. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862.

The Fuller Museum Of Art, 455 Oak St,. Brockton, announces a community-wide fundraising event to support the programs and exhibitions of the Fuller Museum of Art: "Through the Looking Glass," its annual fundraiser dinner/dance. The event takes place Nov. 1, at the museum. Silent Auction and cocktails from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Catered dinner at 8 p.m.; dancing until 11 p.m. to the music of Java Jive. Tickets $100 per guest and price included one raffle ticket for a chance to win a Paul Stankard paperweight valued at $4,500. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 508-588-6000.

Lunchtime Speaker Series, Nov. 1, from noon to 1 p.m. at the **South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, sponsored by the **Social Service League of Cohasset, Inc.,** presents **Speaker Jackie Dormitzer,** local author of History of Cohasset. Jackie will speak about her book and the process of getting it published.. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-383-0771.

The Christmas Festival runs Nov. 1 to 3, at Boston's World Trade Center. Hours are Friday noon- 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.- 7 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens, and free for children under 14. For further information call 617-385-5000 or visit www.christmascraftfestival.com to print a discount coupon.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

The Taurus moon aligns with Uranus at 10:14 a.m. and becomes inactive until 8:17 p.m. There may be unexpected distractions, delays, reversals. Allow extra time. The sun enters Scorpio at 10:18 a.m., remaining there until November 22. Plan to catch up on unfinished business, handle routine chores and errands. Get your life in order. The moon enters talkative Gemini at 8:17 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

A Gemini moon sets a fast pace today and tomorrow. You must carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan, if you want to be productive. The moon forms harmonious 120-degree contacts to Mars at 7:23 a.m. and Neptune at 12:35 p.m. Write emails, letters, send packages, make phone calls. Communicate, network, collaborate.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Get an early start to this day. Initiate new projects before 10:43 a.m., when the Gemini moon aligns with Mercury. Sales and promotion campaigns get the green light. Overall, people will be upbeat and outgoing. Be sure to have a clear plan of action in order to avoid spinning your wheels and wasting time. A lunar alignment to Uranus makes this evening prime for socializing, partying.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

This morning may be slow-starting. The Gemini moon aligns with Saturn at 5:01 a.m. and becomes inactive until 7:10 a.m., when it enters Cancer. Zero in on family, domestic concerns. This is a wonderful day for handling projects around the home, making purchases or redecorating. Be more nurturing and give extra attention to children or pets. Slow down and don't take risks between 6:58-9:58 p.m., when the moon and Mars align.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

A Cancer moon makes this day ideal for family get-togethers. Plan to spend quality time with loved ones. Enjoy a special dinner at home or your favorite restaurant. A 120-degree alignment of Jupiter and Pluto also impacts the day. Focus on issues that have been problematic or confusing. You can cut through obstacles and make objective decisions. This influence is also favorable for making personal changes, taking control of your life and transforming bad habits or attitudes.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

At 3:22 a.m. the Cancer moon becomes inactive. Mars interacts with Neptune at 9:37 a.m., prompting you to take it slow and easy. Be more relaxed and spontaneous. A Leo moon arrives at 2:20 p.m., and the green light goes on for new beginnings across the board. A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Uranus also affects the day. Trust your first impression; live your ideals. This is a wonderful influence for learning, studying, grasping new ideas and concepts, gaining new insights.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Planetary action rates high across the board today. A Leo moon generates an upbeat, playful mood. Be sure to take time out for yourself, to enjoy favorite sports, hobbies or friends. Influences are also prime for getting things done. Projects will come together smoothly. People will be cooperative, helpful. A lunar alignment to Jupiter makes this a great evening for social or romantic activities.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

A lunar opposition to Uranus at 10:19 a.m. can make for a hectic morning. Stop, look and listen. Allow yourself extra time. You can be most productive this afternoon. The Leo moon interacts with Mercury and Saturn until 4:51 p.m., when it becomes inactive. However, a 90-degree alignment of Venus-Neptune warns against making major purchases or decisions. You may not have all the facts. The moon enters Virgo at 6:59 p.m. A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Saturn makes this evening ideal for catching up on work or study projects, signing contracts or making practical decisions.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

A Virgo moon urges you to plan a busy, productive day. Tackle jobs you have been putting off; follow through on unfinished projects. Postpone launching major new enterprises for a few days. A 90-degree alignment of the sun and Neptune may blur the lines between fact and fiction. On the other hand, this planetary influence is prime for fun and games, tricks and treats. Mercury moves into Scorpio at 5:43 p.m., remaining there until November 19.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The planet Uranus is slowing its rate of motion, preparing for direct travel November 4. That means that the first few days of November may bring unexpected surprises, discoveries or upheavals. Today a Virgo moon continues to place the focus on hard work. Instead of worrying about situations that are out of your control, keep your mind and hands busy with practical projects. Clean out, reorganize, get rid of items that are no longer useful or valuable. This moon aligns with Saturn at 6:19 p.m. and becomes inactive until 8:28 p.m., when it enters Libra.

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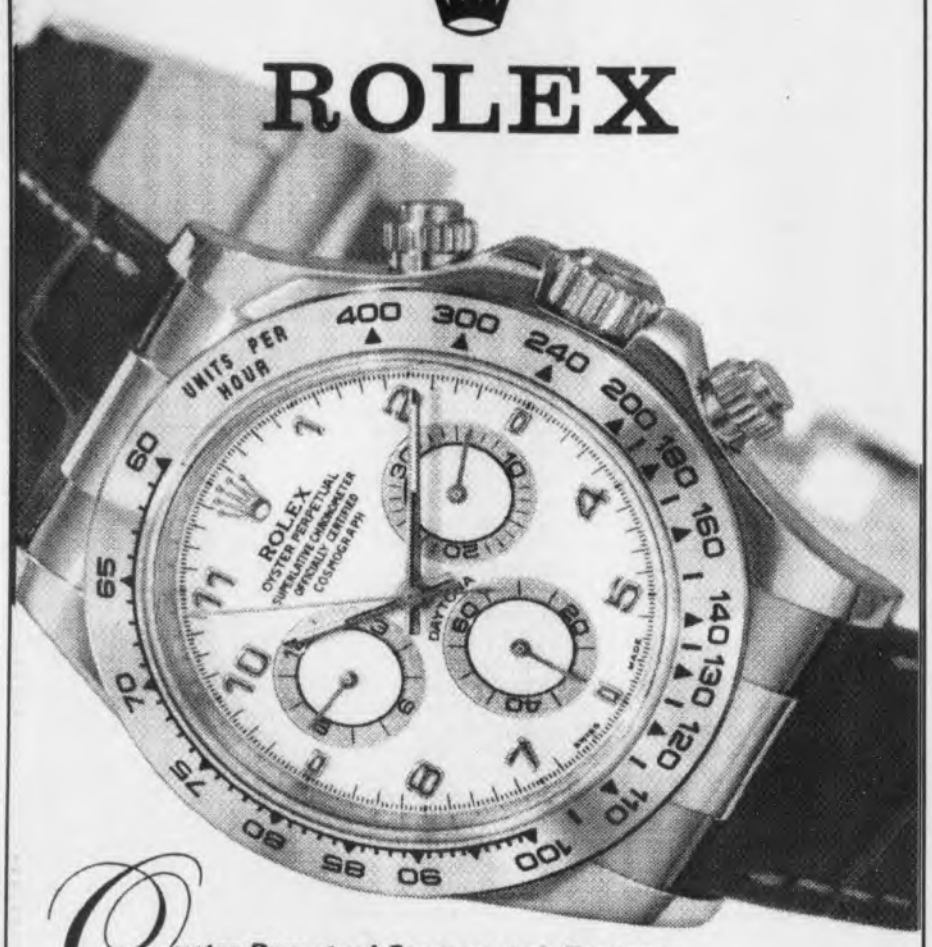

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Election to draw a crowd

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While the governor's race between Republican Mitt Romney and Democrat Shannon O'Brien may get the lead billing, the race for state representative between incumbent Democrat Garrett Bradley and Republican challenger Nathaniel Palmer may be the bigger draw in Cohasset.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas is hopeful that the election will draw 75 percent of the electorate, an number that will she expects to be slightly aided by the presence of Palmer, who is a Cohasset resident.

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Showdown for Senate seat

Bob Hedlund

Ted LeClair

Hedlund, LeClair highlight differences during debate

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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Democrat Ted LeClair said his campaign is about results, and Republican state Sen. Robert Hedlund said his track record proves that he gets them.

The contenders lobbed barbs while answering questions from a panel of CNC editors on the redevelopment of the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station, MCAS as a high school graduation requirement, Greenbush, the Clean Elections Law, and Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, during an Oct. 24 debate at Hingham Town Hall. The debate was sponsored by CNC and moderated by the Hingham League of Women Voters.

Positive campaigning sparked the biggest flare-up of the evening, with Hedlund saying LeClair had sent out misleading campaign literature and LeClair suggesting Hedlund was the source of a civil lawsuit involving LeClair that had been mailed anonymously to the press.

The suit was a civil action filed in Plymouth County Superior Court on May 7, 2002, claiming breach of contract and fraud in the sale of cranberry bogs and farm equipment. Defendants include members of the LeClair family, including Ted LeClair. LeClair has said the suit is frivolous and without merit.

"I think Sen. Hedlund could write the

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Dozer the bulldog, who was saved from the burning Elm Street structure in the background, at left, is retrieved by neighbor Paul Pattison and Police Officer Larry Ainslie.

Fire is put out quickly

By Brian J. Scully
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A second-story front window was smashed, a hole was cut in the roof, and the entire building was soaked by thousands of gallons of water, but thanks to a quick response, the five-unit apartment building at 108-110 Elm St., was still standing after fire broke out in a second story kitchen Friday.

"The building was saved due to the fact that the mutual aid system works so well," said Fire Chief Roger Lincoln. "We had the help come in right behind us from Hull and Scituate and we were able to institute an aggressive attack team."

While the official cause has yet to be determined, Lincoln said that he believed it would be recorded as electrical. The fire began in the wall of the kitchen, and give the old construction, that most likely contained no fire stops between floors, quickly spread up into the attic.

"I want to point out the great job that the firefighters did in getting the fire under control,"

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Three Cohasset teens escape tragedy in car crash

Police say alcohol, speed were factors

By Mary Ford
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A Cohasset High School senior, star athlete and honor roll student was arraigned Monday in Quincy District Court on myriad charges following a single-car accident on Beechwood Street.

Police say a combination of alcohol, speed and inexperience led to the crash Friday night that sent three Cohasset teens to the hospital, including the driver Robert Hickey, 18, of 473 Beechwood St.

Hickey, who is co-captain of the CHS soccer team that is heading to the state tournament, was driving a 1988 Mercury Grand Marquis at a high rate of speed toward Route 3A, according to police, when it slammed into several large rocks at about 9:45 p.m. just off Beechwood Street not far from its intersection with Norman Todd Road.

There were open containers of beer inside the car, as well as a quantity of beer in the trunk, said police, who arrested Hickey at the accident scene. When police arrived, he was outside the vehicle and appeared to have minor injuries. Hickey, while under police guard, was transported to Quincy Medical Center, and was subsequently bailed to his mother in the emergency room.

"What we're seeing is the tip of the iceberg. What will happen depends on how the community as a whole reacts and if there can be some consensus."
— Principal Michael Jones

Trapped inside were passengers Taylor O'Brien, 17, of 52 Jerusalem Road, and Maura Y. McKenney, 18, of 45 Spring St., both of whom appeared to have serious trauma to their faces, police said. The Jaws of Life were used to extricate the girls from the car. Ambulances from Cohasset, Scituate and Hull were called to the scene along with the Boston MedFlight helicopter.

All three teens were riding in the front seat of the Marquis and were not wearing seatbelts. O'Brien was airlifted to Brigham and Women's Hospital and was released from the hospital on Sunday. McKenney was transported to South Shore Hospital. McKenney's length of stay at South Shore was not immediately available, but all three teens were home Tuesday, and two were back in school.

CHS Principal Michael Jones, who said he was grateful the accident wasn't worse, said school administrators are very concerned about the physical and emotional health of the students in the accident, as well as other teens who went to the scene later.

"Mr. DeLorenzo (assistant principal), Mr. Ford (athletic director) and I have talked to several students who went to the scene," Jones said.

Although the accident was not connected to a school event, Jones said the schools and community need to work together to address the problem of teens and alcohol.

"The problem is very generalized and is not specific to

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This week in COHASSET

James Lane taking is off STM warrant

On the recommendation of Town Manager Mark Haddad, the article that was to appear on the Special Town Meeting Warrant to take portions of James Lane has been pulled.

After meeting with the representatives of the Red Lion Inn and Citgo station that abut the road, and noticing that the actual width of the lane does not match the paved area, Haddad and Selectman Merle Brown decided to hold off on any proposed plans.

The road was targeted because the James Brook drainage pipe could possibly be moved there during the Village Revitalization Project.

All sides have agreed to continued negotiating, with the hope of resolving the issue prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Lamberts Lane to be trimmed

After several calls to the police department, the Department of Public Works will trim an area of shrubs and trees on town land at the corner of Lamberts Lane.

The vegetation is blocking a vehicles from a clear view as they exit onto Hull Street.

The residents, who own the property on each corner of the street, have also been asked to remove the trees and shrubs on their land that are blocking the view in order to make the area safer.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Oct. 28:

Nov. 5 is Election Day, there will be no selectmen's meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Nov. 4, Nov. 14 (Avalon - Drainage and Septic), Dec. 2 (Avalon-Health and Environment), Dec. 16 (Avalon - Public Safety), Jan. 6 (Avalon - Infrastructure), and Jan. 27 (Avalon - Local Preference and Affordable Housing needs), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 24 and Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Senior Housing Committee, Nov. 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Planning Board, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. (Public Hearing on Senior Housing proposal), Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Growth and Development Committee, Nov. 2 and Nov. 21 at 7:30.

Water Commission, Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Water Treatment Plant on King Street.

Police/Fire Study Committee, Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Committee on Town History, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m., Lothrop House.

Board of Health, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Brush chipping

Residential brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. No trees over 2 inches in diameter. No contractors.

Foreign objects clogging pumps

There are still many cases of foreign objects clogging sewer pumps, and this is to remind customers that only normal toilet and garbage disposer waste should be discharged. As the sewer department previously advised its users, it is necessary to charge for the Town's $85 ($100 on weekends) cost for service calls to remove foreign objects.

The following objects have caused repeated service calls: tampons, dental floss, baby wipes, Q-Tips. In addition, the following objects will also clog the pumps: bones, diapers, cloth, glass, metal, nuts, plastic, rags, rope, rubber, sand, sanitary, napkins, shells, towels.

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Flag Code adopted by the United States Congress in 1942 says, "When a flag is in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset now has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. Their new Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this new service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.

Flu clinic Nov. 2

The Board of Health will hold a free flu clinic at the Second Congregational Church, Bates Hall (next to the Town Hall) on Saturday Nov. 2 from10 am – 12 noon. Residents 50 years of age and older and those with chronic illness are encouraged to get their flu shot at this time. Pneumonia vaccine will also be available. Seniors 65 years and older are asked to bring their Medicare and or Senior Health insurance cards to the clinic.

All are reminded to wear a short sleeve shirt. For further information call the public health nurse at 781-383-2210

Winter guidelines

The public works department has issued the following winter guidelines for residents:

- Do not rake leaves or other debris into roads.
- Uncover storm drains blocked with leaves, snow or other debris.
- Do not plow or throw snow from private property onto the street or sidewalk.
- Do not block sidewalks with plowed snow or motor vehicles.
- Overnight parking is prohibited from Nov. 15 through April 15. It interferes with snow removal and is prohibited by town bylaws.
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Assessors say town manager undervalues the board's role

But Mark Haddad disputes appraisal

By Brian J. Scully
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For the second time in less than a month, the chairman of a town board used the public comment period of the Selectmen's meeting to launch into an attack on Town Manager Mark Haddad.

The latest dispute, brought forward by Elsa Miller and Mary Granville of the Board of Assessors, was more civil than the last one — regarding the benches being placed on the town common against the will of the Common Historic District Commission, which devolved into an insult-fest by members of the audience.

The crux of the Board of Assessors' charge is that Haddad has not included them in the process of hiring a replacement for out-going deputy assessor Cheryl Pooler. Pooler announced that she would be leaving 18-months ago, as soon as the assessor's position in East Bridgewater opened up.

However, the Haddad maintains that the assessors are fully-vested in the hiring effort, pointing out that the Town Manager Act adopted by the town five years ago gives him the power to hire and fire.

Tuesday's controversy had its roots in a confrontation between Miller and Haddad that occurred just minutes before the Selectmen's meeting started.

Haddad had been informed by town Finance Director Michael Buckley that the Board of Assessors had twice mentioned that it had planned to go into executive session to discuss "other business" during its meeting earlier in the afternoon – ostensibly to discuss the one-page letter Miller and Granville wanted to present to the Board of Selectmen about Haddad.

"When the assessors' meeting started, Elsa said that they were going to go into executive session later to talk about some 'other business,'" said Buckley, who had to leave to attend a wake. "When I got up to leave to go to the wake, she again said they were going to go into executive session. Whether they did, I don't know. Whether they don't know how to go into executive session properly, I don't know. Whether they thought it was no longer needed because there was no one present at the meeting besides the assessors, I don't know, but she said it twice."

"I also made it very clear that I would bring the finalists to the board for their comment as I have done in every other position that I have hired."

— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Haddad confronted Miller about the executive session and says she told him that they in fact did go into executive session. Several witnesses who were in or near the room at the time confirmed this, but in a telephone interview Miller vehemently denied that she said that, or that there was even an executive session. Haddad says he also asked what the grounds for the executive session were, and Miller replied, "I'll find a reason." Miller says that quote was taken out of context and meant as a joke.

"Elsa Miller participated in two of the interviews," said Haddad who said after the meeting. "If she was so concerned with the issue, then why did she participate?"

Haddad also said that the Board of Assessors was involved in the process from the start.

"Prior to the interviews, I made it very clear that I would conduct the preliminary screening," said Haddad. "I also made it very clear that I would bring the finalists to the board for their comment as I have done in every other position that I have hired."

Miller contends that the Town Manager and Town Manager Act are making it impossible to fulfill their state-mandated duties.

"How are we supposed to function as we are mandated by the state, if our powers have been nibbled away at?" asked Miller after the meeting. "We don't have a problem with him hiring or firing, but we do want our issues addressed."

Miller would not elaborate on what issues – besides the speed of the replacement search – bothered the Board of Assessors, saying that it "wasn't the appropriate forum to discuss," them.

Miller and Granville presented selectmen with a one-page letter detailing their problems. It asks the board and Haddad to delay the decision to hire until "a REVIEW of the department's salary budget and clerk expenses is reviewed." Throughout the meeting, Miller continually said that the process was moving "too fast."

Haddad responded that the Board of Assessors had been well-informed of the process, the job had been posted for a month, and he was confident that the person hired would be well-qualified for the job.

At that point, acting-Chairman Ronnie McMorris (Michael Sullivan was not in attendance) directed Haddad to slow down the process. Haddad said that he would not, because everything was

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Cohasset High School senior Rachel Judge takes notes during the debate for her current domestic issues class.

State Senate candidate Ted LeClair gestures when making a point as Sen. Robert Hedlund awaits his chance at a rebuttal.

The candidates debate

LeClair and Hedlund tackled several tough issues during the debate including Chapter 40B, the new Logan airport runway and development of the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station.

Hingham League of Women Voters timers Catherine Salisbury and Julie Strehle keep the candidates to their two-minute limit.

Sen. Hedlund faces debate moderator T.P. Elliot-Smith while Ted LeClair addresses Community Newspaper Company panelists and editors Cathy Conley, Gregory Mathis and Alice Coyle.

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CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset High School International Relations students Ashley Faber (center left) and Elisa Jerome (center right) take in the debate as part of a current domestic issues class assignment.

Scituate Selectman Richard Lane, (far right) is among the crowd that turned out to attend the debate.

Bob Hedlund, Ted LeClair highlight their differences during Senate debate

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book on negative campaigning. What about things showing up anonymously in the mail? The definition of negative is when attacks are on a candidate's personal history or family," LeClair said.

"I have run a positive campaign," Hedlund said. "I received a copy of that in the mail, too. For you to accuse me of it is unfounded, unfair, and wrong. I did not do that. You need to look beyond me to find someone with an ax to grind. It wasn't me."

In his opening remarks, Hedlund reported having contrasting feelings about the future of politics he perceived during a debate at Weymouth High School and what he sees on Beacon Hill every day.

"I came away feeling proud about the process in America. At the Statehouse, I am frustrated with the lack of concern for taxpayers. What we see today in state government is what motivated me to run in the first place — the one-party system, the cuts made in human services while we are building a new $1 billion conference center and subsidizing the Hynes Center for $20 million, the same amount cut from the School Building Assistance program. It is my opponents' party that has put us in this predicament. The Democrat rank and file are voting with the leadership, rather than in the best interests of their districts. You should stick with the people who appointed you," Hedlund said.

LeClair stressed the theme of his campaign: Beacon Hill has lost its focus.

"I want to get back to valuing people, not politics. At South Shore Hospital, a surgeon jumps in the ambulance with the patient and does the surgery in Boston. I want to get that fixed. What this is about is valuing you. I want to put you first and politics second. Sen. Hedlund has been there for 10 years. The problems have gotten worse. Maybe I have the opportunity to take over a leadership role in the Senate," LeClair said.

Both candidates agreed that a master developer was the right choice for the naval air station, but differed on whether master developer Lennar Partnership and the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corp. should be in charge of the cleanup under the watchful eyes of the state Department of Environmental Management and the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The Tri-Town Corp. agreed on a master developer after struggling through a period of realigning the direction of redevelopment after braking off negotiations with Virginia-based Mills Corp. to build a mega-mall at the base. The mall was planned to be the economic engine driving base redevelopment.

"The South Shore Tri-Town Development Corp. came to the conclusion that it did not have the economic means or expertise to redevelop the base. Many of us felt that way this summer. When the Tri-Town Corp. courted Mills, it lost a lot of valuable time," said Hedlund, who came out in opposition to the mall.

"I supported a master developer more than two years ago. It is the biggest development in the South Shore, and we need people to be completely involved," LeClair said.

The Legislature is predominantly Democratic. A panelist questioned how LeClair could support reforms if he was a member of the predominant party.

"For five years, the state budget has not been done on time. No pay until the budget is done. It works in other states. There should be no bonus pay. The budget process should be done in open session. I hope future leaders can accept this in their future," LeClair said.

"The majority party controls the budget. Reforms have been proposed by the Republicans. The Republican Party has not put up enough good candidates. There is blame to go around for this one-party monopoly," Hedlund said.

Both agreed that Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, needs change. Chapter 40B allows developers to apply to the state to build housing projects turned down by local boards as long as 24 percent of the units meet the criteria for affordable housing.

Hedlund voted against the Omnibus Bill, which, he said, merely kept the status quo. Hedlund said he has offered several amendments to correct the flawed law.

"We have had the affordable housing law since 1969, and we have the worst record in the country for affordable housing. I stood with the region in opposition to a bill that kept the status quo in place. We'll get another bite at the apple," Hedlund said.

"It was a signal to the activists that their voice has been heard," LeClair said. "I propose a three-year moratorium to allow towns to do their own 40B. If that does not work, then enforce the law."

"You ran two years ago and never mentioned 40B," Hedlund retorted.

One panelist noted that 90 percent of the states have less building permits per person than Massachusetts.

Hedlund noted the impact of 40B in construction. He told the story of a contractor who, a year ago, had never heard of 40B. This year, he has three 40B applications with the state.

"He said to me, 'I think 40B is out of control, even though I'm making a lot of money.' We don't want to take any more control away from the people. Some red tape needs to be cut, but we need to rein in 40B," Hedlund said.

"Housing is a huge issue," LeClair said. "We need to work together to make the process go more smoothly. 40B is not the way to do it. People have a right to build on their land."

The candidates also agreed that MCAS should not be a graduation requirement.

"I think it is outrageous," LeClair said. "You can't set your people up to fail. People don't give the money and resources to people to pass, to become the important members of society they can be. MCAS is a tool. It can't be the only answer."

"When the Education Reform Act was passed in 1993, it brought significant reform. It was warranted and long overdue. For a while, there was a valid argument that there should be a yardstick to measure the effectiveness of the act, that the money was wisely spent, but that was years ago. I don't believe MCAS should be a graduation requirement," Hedlund said.

The road to true transportation improvements never runs smooth.

LeClair said he was opposed to Greenbush at first, "then I realized it was coming."

"I want them to do it right," LeClair said. "Do I think it is the best solution? No, but it is the solution we have now. My biggest concern is the parking. We have to be proactive."

Hedlund has been staunchly opposed to the restoration of the commuter rail line.

"My opposition to Greenbush led to better mitigation for the towns," Hedlund said. "Frank Hynes and I were directly involved in negotiations. It led to a better deal that they would have had. The book is not closed on this issue. The Weymouth Landing design is something I am still quite involved in."

Hedlund and LeClair both supported the Clean Elections Law, which was overwhelmingly supported by voters in a ballot question.

"I always respect the integrity of the petition process. I took that as my mandate, and I voted consistently for Clean Elections. It should have been allowed to take effect. I had planned to set up my campaign under Clean Elections, but before long, I realized the funding was not there. There will be a tough debate in the coming session. I hope to do my best by the voters, as I have in the past," Hedlund said.

"I support clean elections," LeClair said. "It was wrong of the Legislature not to fund it. We need to give Clean Elections a try. If it doesn't work, then we'll know the money thing wasn't the answer, and we can. try something else."

In closing, LeClair stressed his belief that Hedlund has not delivered.

"It is great to be able to explain problems, but you've got to fix them. I was very honored to serve you in the Navy. I would be very honored to serve you in the Senate," LeClair said.

Hedlund closed by citing examples of how he has delivered: helping to create a senior citizen pharmacy program, securing funding and open space for projects such as the new Abigail Adams State Park and Turkey Hill, creating a plan to clean up the polluted Hingham Annex and add more acreage to Wompatuck State Park, funding for seawall projects, and a self-help grant to help preserve the Nantasket carousel.

"My hard work as state senator has produced direct results that benefit our community and the people I serve," Hedlund said.

Cost of campaigning

LeClair outspends Hedlund by nearly $27,000 in race for State Senate seat

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When voters go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 5 to elect their state senator, there will be many issues to consider.

Among those issues in the Plymouth and Norfolk District are education, health care, local aid, Chapter 40B (the state's affordable housing law), Greenbush, and the state's unfunded Clean Elections Law.

An issue for the candidates as they head into the final week before the election is how they will get their message out to the voters. Whether by mailings, newspaper or television ads, radio spots, glossy brochures, or campaign signs, these methods all cost money.

Money talks, and how much of a war chest candidates acquire plays a big part in how a battle for the ballot is waged.

The state Office of Campaign and Political Finance requires candidates to file a disclosure of receipts and expenditures during a campaign period.

As of Oct. 18, Democratic challenger Ted LeClair of Marshfield has out-raised State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, by approximately $18,500 and outspent him by nearly $27,000.

LeClair had amassed $104,909.06 in donations and spent $107,218.98. Because he started with a balance of $20,438.98, campaign funds available to LeClair totaled $125,348.04.

Hedlund had received $86,433.77 in donations and spent $80,369.95. With a beginning balance of $41,175.87, Hedlund had campaign funds of $127,609.64.

Hedlund's campaign season took an unexpected turn, since he had hoped to file as a Clean Elections candidate.

"I had planned to set up my campaign under Clean Elections, but I realized the funding was not there," said Hedlund, who intends to continue to stump for funding of the law.

On Nov. 3, 1998, voters approved Question 2 — known as the Clean Elections Law — on the state ballot. The measure established a system of public funding for candidates for state office who agree to spending limits.

According to the OCPF web site, a Clean Elections candidate agrees to receive individual contributions of no more than $100 per cycle. For any election, a Clean Elections candidate may not accept contributions of more than $100 from a political committee.

In a primary election for the state Senate, a participating candidate would receive $46,500 in Clean Elections funds and have a spending limit of $58,400. In the general election for state Senate, a participating candidate would receive $31,400 and have a spending limit of $39,000.

One of the costs to candidates is campaign signs.

In a late afternoon development on Tuesday, Weymouth Building Inspector Jeffrey Richards ordered the LeClair campaign to take down some banner-style signs put up over the weekend.

Richards said he received four written complaints and four phone calls complaining about the oversized signs.

Residents complained of seeing 20 such signs. Driving around town, Richards spotted five.

Bylaws limit campaign signs to six square feet in size.

"I think they just didn't know the requirements under the bylaw," Richards said. "They agreed to have the signs down by 5 p.m."

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Three Cohasset teens escape tragedy in car crash

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Cohasset," he said. "But it is really clear as a community and as an educational institution, we need to make our environment safer in town and at school."

School officials have said drinking is a problem at school dances, the most recent example was the Homecoming Dance, where several students arrived under the influence of alcohol, which resulted in a student-administrator confrontation.

Jones said the middle-high school intends to conduct a series of focus groups with student leaders, parents and police to ascertain to what they think can be done.

"Then the administration will draft whatever changes in policy and procedures we think are necessary and present them to the school council and school committee for review," he said.

Jones said it is a town-wide problem.

"What we're seeing is the tip of the iceberg," he said. "What will happen depends on how the community as a whole reacts and if there can be some consensus."

He also said student leaders need to exhibit a different kind of leadership.

"Instead of being advocates for the class, they need to lead the class," Jones said.

Michael Gill, school health coordinator, said he is compiling the results from a youth risk survey he conducts every two years.

"There is no question with regards to alcohol, students who live in coastal towns like Cohasset are higher than the state and national averages," he said, explaining that coastal towns may tend to be more "party communities" because of their location.

The survey, which will be mailed to parents soon, shows 62 percent of Cohasset High students consumed alcohol in the past 30 days as compared with 53 percent in the state and 47 percent in the country.

"We have concerns about alcohol, binge drinking and marijuana," Gill said, noting other communities have problems with different drugs. "Alcohol and marijuana are the drugs of choice in Cohasset."

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Police say alcohol was a factor in the crash of this 1988 Mercury Grand Marquis that slammed into some rocks off Beechwood Street on Friday night.

Hickey, who was named to the high honor roll last spring, was arraigned Monday in Quincy District Court on several charges. They included: operating under the influence and causing serious bodily injury while operating negligently; OUI liquor; having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; minor in possession/transporting alcoholic beverages; speeding, failure to drive in marked lanes and not wearing a seatbelt. Hickey will return to court at 9 a.m., Dec. 23, police said.

Police Chief Robert Jackson said it was fortunate that no one was killed.

"Mixing alcohol, young people and cars often leads to tragic results," Jackson said.

At the time of the interview Tuesday, Jones, the principal, had not talked to the students regarding possible suspension from athletics. McKenney also plays soccer. But Jones did say Cohasset school policy is to suspend a student from athletics for 30 days following an alcohol or substance-abuse incident. The MIAA (governing body of high school athletics) mandates a 14-day or three-game suspension, whichever is greater, for consuming or being in possession of alcohol.

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Elm Street fire is contained quickly

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said Lincoln. "Cohasset along with Hull and Scituate did a fine job of fighting and containing this fire, while Norwell stood guard over the station."

No one was home at the time, but two dogs and two cats were rescued.

The fire was noticed by a passerby, who called the business number of the fire station. The station then relayed the information to the dispatcher.

"Most of the damage was sustained in the kitchen on the second floor," said Lincoln. "But, it also went into the attic and it also burned down into the ceiling of the first floor."

The section of Elm Street in front of the Cohasset Harbor Resort (Kimball's) was blocked and vehicles were forced to travel around the grassy triangle the separates Border Street from Elm. Six vehicles responded to the incident, two each from Cohasset, Hull, Scituate.

The home is owned by Peter Flaherty, who lives in one of the apartments. So far, no one has moved back into the house due to extensive smoke damage.

"No one is currently living in the house," said Flaherty, who was contacted earlier this week. "Right now, I'm just collecting information and dealing with insurance people."

A man at the scene of the fire who said he lived in the building declined to comment at the time.

No one who lived in the apartment was injured, but Capt. Mark Trask of the Cohasset Fire Station was transported to a nearby hospital as a precaution.

"He was in the initial attack team and took some smoke and heat," said Lincoln. "He took some oxygen and headed over to the hospital just to be checked out."

Nov. 5 election to draw a crowd

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"I think with all efforts like this, there is so much you wish you did," said Palmer before Monday night's candidates' forum on WATD. "At the same time I have been overwhelmed by the support I have gotten. I've said it before, so it is starting to sound trite, but each day the support grows and I think now we are in a position where we can win. Will we win? We'll find out in a week."

Bradley also feels confident that he is in a position to win.

"I think I have done everything possible to try and be successful," said Bradley. "We have an unbelievable amount of volunteers who have worked so hard making phone calls, putting up signs, and holding signs, so I'm going to continue to work hard for them, because it is they – not I – who have put this campaign in a position to win once again."

Bradley wishes that the campaign had focused more on the issues.

"I wish my opponent hadn't gone as negative as I he has gone which has distracted us from the issues that we should be talking about," said Bradley. "This is a very serious job and it will be a very difficult two years ahead and we need someone with experience and I think I am the person."

But Palmer says that there are fundamental changes that need to take place on Beacon Hill, which opens up Bradley to criticism.

"To most people, government is out of sight out of mind," said Palmer. "People are concerned about the economy, but I am not sure that people connect the role of government in the economy and the direction of the state. That is the one area where I think we have really had to push and show that it is not just about the guys who argue up there on Beacon Hill, but that the consequences of what they do have real affect on jobs and on the quality of life."

There are 5,225 registered voters in Cohasset. Of that total, 1,096 are Democrats; 1,248 are Republicans; seven are from the Green Party; four are Libertarians; and five list the political designation "all other." That leaves 2,865 unregistered voters — a group many feel will decide the election.

So far, 88 residents have pulled absentee ballots in the town's two precincts.

"We were very busy yesterday (giving out absentee ballots)," said Douglas. "We now have 38 pulled in Precinct 1 and 50 in Precinct 2."

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, and as usual, both Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 will vote at the Town Hall auditorium.

Absentee ballots for state election

Absentee ballots for the state election Nov. 5, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon Monday, Nov. 4, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

- Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open.
- Physical disability.
- Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Nov. 5 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check-in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your Town Clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the Town Clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

Payphones could make comeback at CMHS

On the request of Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo, the school department is considering installing two public telephones on the middle-high school grounds.

Prior to construction, there were two phones on the building grounds (one inside and one outside), but they cost the school nothing and actually generated a small amount of money for the school. Now, because of the increased use of cell phones (and the corollary drop in payphone usage) the phones will cost $2,350 to install this year and then $1,800 annually after that.

"The committee is still reviewing it," said Supt. Edward Malvey. "There are two locations in question, one outside and one inside. We'll probably end up with some type of phone inside for off-hours use, since the office is closed. It is more iffy with the one outside."

Business manager Ivan Klimko recommended the installation to the School Committee, which will take the issue up again Nov. 7.

The phones are primarily used by students involved in after-school activities, such as sports, though the outdoor phone also generates usage by fans attending sporting events and other student presentations. It is also hoped that the installation will cut down on the use of school phones by students to make calls, though Malvey was unsure how much the installations would impact that situation.

The approximate locations that DeLorenzo indicated for the payphones are in the corridor outside the cafeteria and outside the building near the turnaround that is in front of the entrance to the lower lobby.

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VASSAR FIELD HOCKEY

Elizabeth Pierson of Cohasset, daughter of **Wigmore Pierson** and **Janet Pierson**, is a returning member of the field hockey team at Vassar College. The team lost three starters from a squad that went 7-10 last year. But Elizabeth, a senior, who was one of two leading scorers last year, has helped the team reach a 5-8 record so far this season.

BUSINESS DEGREE

In September, **Matthew M. Conley** of Cohasset earned a bachelor of science in business administration from the School of Business Administration at Northeastern University.

AT GEORGETOWN

Katharine M. Grimm and **Anna E. Roche** are both freshmen at Georgetown University. Katharine is a CHS graduate and Anna, who is enrolled in the School of Nursing and Health Studies, graduated from Notre Dame Academy.

DORMITZER TO SPEAK

The Social Service League Speaker Series continues this Friday with the author of "Narrative History of Cohasset" by **Jackie Dormitzer**. Jackie has lived in Cohasset for more than 35 years and has been very involved in town politics as well as serving on the town's Advisory Committee, the South Shore Art Center and co-founded the Cohasset Village Renaissance. Her book traces the story of Cohasset and its people from 1950 to 2000. Jackie will be speaking from noon to 1p.m. at the South Shore Art Center. Free and open to all. For more info 781-383-0771.

IT'S TIME FOR A BALL!

This is an off year for the Community Garden Club's very popular Holiday House Tour and the first year for its Holiday Ball. A limited number of tickets are now being offered for sale to the general public. The Holly Ball will be held at "Stoneleigh", 478 Jerusalem Road on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7 p.m. until 11p.m.. Stoneleigh will be decorated for the holidays by garden club members. Included in the decorations will be many club-member designed holiday wreaths available for purchase by means of a silent auction. Guests will enjoy a buffet supper served throughout the evening. They will be entertained by a five-piece band playing music suitable for dancing. Suggested dress is optional black tie. The cost of admission is $75 per person. (Cash bar).

This is a fund-raising event to benefit club projects. The club maintains the gardens at three locations in Cohasset — the Lothrop House, the Lightkeeper's Residence, and Constitution Park. The club also supports local beautification projects, provides scholarships for three deserving Cohasset High seniors, and contributes to many environmental organizations. For more information phone 781-383-9689. Make checks payable to the "Community Garden Club of Cohasset" and mail them to One Windy Hill Road, Cohasset 02025.

Rebecca Kirk just received her MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management in Cambridge.

MISSING PHOTO ALBUM

I had this email sent to me recently and I am so hoping that someone out there can help in this most interesting search. The email reads, "My great-aunt **Frances Kent** died in Cohasset in 1979. Our family lived out of state, and was unable to make it to the funeral. She lived with a man named **Walter Egan** on Beechwood Street, and he died in 1985. At the time she died, Frances had a red felt-covered photo album with very old family photos and/or tintypes. We are very interested in locating the photo album, and believe it may have been acquired by someone in the Cohasset area. We have visited Cohasset, and inquired at several antiques shops, but nobody has any knowledge of an item from so long ago." If anyone knows of this photo album or has any other information that could be shared, please contact **Glenn Corbin** 3662 Twin Oaks Drive Smyrna, GA 30080 (770) 433-0850 glarco@netzero.net

VAN STORAGE

The Cohasset Sailing Club received a mini van generously donated by **Peter Cappazolli** of Cohasset Imports. This van was used by the race team and is worth it's weight in gold! The problem, where to store it this winter. The Sailing Club is now looking for a place to store it and wanted me to place this in this week's column to see if anyone has any extra garage space, extra parking space etc. If anyone thinks that may be able to help with this dilemma, please contact **Sandy Crough** at 781-383-1117.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

The South Shore Art Center will hold a Holiday Marketplace and Open House on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The marketplace will feature a select number of craft artisans selling jewelry, glass ornaments, clothing, soaps, holiday soft sculpture, and doll clothing. Holiday shoppers will find Arts Festival favorites Susan Arnold of Ad Libs Designs; photography products from Sandi Smith; jewelry by ek Designs of Cohasset; glass ornaments by Simple Syrup Glass Studio, and children's clothing by Fleece on Earth.The activities at the Art Center will be held in conjunction with the Annual Small Works Exhibition, showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists. All of the work is small in size and priced under $500.Highlighting the activities on Nov. 9 will be the chance for all visitors to add their own artistic creation to a creative quilt. The Art Center will provide paper and materials for artists young and old, talented and those just experimenting, to contribute their personal touch to this giant collage. Everyone is invited to visit the Center on Saturday Nov. 9, join in the creative community quilt project and enjoy the holiday marketplace. For more information call 781-383-ARTS.

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Lisa Berg celebrates her 101st birthday at Sunrise Assisted Living.

BOX TOPS WANTED

Attention all General Mills food lovers! Did you know that if you clip off the top of your cereal box that you are throwing away, you could be helping to raise money for books and other educational items for the Deer Hill School? That's right, each box top that is collected is worth 10 cents and your donation would be greatly appreciated. Boxtops for Education is sponsored by General Mills and you can send in your tops to Deer Hill School, c/o **Marge Murphy**, Sohier Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

NEW MBA

Rebecca Kirk just received her MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management in Cambridge. For the past two years, Rebecca has focused her studies in economics, finance, and marketing. Most recently, she served as the head teaching assistant for **Robert Pindyck**, a leading professor at MIT. Rebecca was also initiated into the nationally recognized honor society and asked to join the northeastern branch of Women in Management. Please congratulate her as she has headed back to Analysis Group/Economics this fall.

POST PROM

Are you good at keeping a secret? It's time to start thinking about the post prom party 2003! Senior parents are invited to call in ideas for a theme to **Kim** at 383-2702. The ideas will be presented and voted on by all senior parents who attend the post prom meeting in the high school cafeteria at 7:30 on Thursday, Nov. 7. But remember...the theme is a secret...shhhhhh!

101 YEARS YOUNG

Lisa Berg celebrated her 101st birthday at Sunrise Assisted Living last month. Lisa was the first woman school bus driver in the state and during World War II, she worked as a welder at Bethlehem Shipyard in Quincy. Best wishes, Lisa!

That is all for this week. Please send me all your news, information and events no later than noon on Mondays.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. James David Santacroce

Santacroce - Daley

Bronwen Marie Daley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Daley of 75 Whitehead Road, Cohasset, and formerly of Hingham, married Mr. James David Santacroce, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Santacroce of 290 High St., Hingham on June 8, 2002.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Sousa of Lynnfield and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Daley of Bronxville, N.Y. The groom is the grandson of Mrs. John A. Santacroce and the late John A. Santacroce, and grandson of Mrs. C. John Alessandrini and the late C. John Alessandrini of Weymouth.

The Nuptial Mass was held at St. Paul Church, Hingham and officiated by the Rev. James Rafferty. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Charles G. Daley.

Maids of Honor were Ashley B. Nelson of Weymouth and Jessica F. Starsiak of Hingham.

Bridesmaids were sister of the groom, Julie Burt, of Weymouth; Tess O. Doyle of Hingham; Kathleen E. Murphy of Centerville; and Allison M. Smaldone of Hingham. Flower girls were Erin Beth Abbruzzese of Kingston and Allyn Colby Reed of East Greenwich, R.I., both girls cousins of the bride.

Matthew T. McGonagle of Chicago, Ill. served as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Agostino of Hingham; John J. Pollick of Hingham; Michael R. Cunningham of Boston; Thomas J. DeGrann of Boston; C. Grant Daley III of Cohasset, brother of the bride; and Burke M. Reed of East Greenwich. R.I.

Mr. Michael J. Puzo and Mr. Michael Muldoon, friends of the couple, with Sal and Nicole Bartolotti provided the vocal and musical accompaniment at the Nuptial Mass. Capturing the day's festivities for the bride and groom was photographer, Julie Coletta.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Hingham High School.

The bride graduated from the University of Massachusetts - Amherst, College of Nursing and is employed as a pediatric oncology nurse at New England Medical Center in Boston.

Her husband is a graduate of Assumption College, Worcester and Suffolk University, Boston. He is employed at Harvard Pilgrim Health Co. in Quincy as corporate sales trainer.

A reception was held at The Red Lion Inn in Cohasset.

Following a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple reside in Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin D. Williams

Williams - O'Sullivan

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah F. O'Sullivan of Cohasset announce the marriage of their daughter, Kathleen Mary, to Kevin D. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams of Amherst, on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, at Saint Thomas the Apostle Chapel in Falmouth Heights.

The bride, wore her mother's silk faille gown and matching veil from Priscilla of Boston.

She is a graduate of Brown University and employed as a reporter at INC magazine.

Her husband is a graduate of Boston College and employed as a finance manager at Omgeo.

After the evening ceremony, celebrated by the Rev. John Mulvehill, a reception followed at the New Seabury Country Club.

The bride's sister, Meghan O'Sullivan served as maid of honor, and the groom's brother, Stephen Williams, was best man. Also in the wedding party were the bride's brother, James V. O'Sullivan, and cousins Emily and Mary Beth Orme. Friends Miranda Gordon and Rachel Salguero of Boston, and Karen Jones of Amherst were bridesmaids. Jon Derome and Patrick Korths of Boston, John Stretton of Guilford, Conn., and Joshua Liberman of Great Barrington, Ma., attended as groomsmen.

The bride and groom enjoyed a honeymoon in Kauai and Maui, Hawaii.

Bleakie - Fuller

Mairi Ann Fuller and Michael Scott Bleakie were married Sept. 21, 2002, at the First Parish Church in Cohasset. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Royce Fuller of Avonport, Nova Scotia, and the late Mr. Fuller. The groom is the son of Mrs. John M. Bleakie of North Scituate, and the late Mr. Bleakie.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. David S. Heald, minister of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Yarmouth, Maine.

A reception was held at the Bleakie's home, Lion's Pride.

Following a wedding trip to Maine, the couple is residing in North Scituate.

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GEMS of Hope is a non-profit organization that directly helps families to become self-sufficient. For ticket information and availability, please call Jane Forrer at 781-383-9256.

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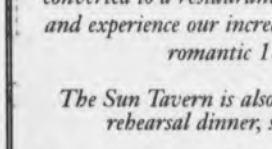

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EDITORIAL

Hedlund for reelection

So much needs to get accomplished in the next Legislative session Our state senators and state representatives will need to hit the ground running. The economy is continuing its downward slide and the state budget crisis looms large. There's no time for learning curves.

For these and other critical reasons, we support the reelection of Weymouth Republican Robert Hedlund as state senator for this district. Hedlund has shown surprising energy and enthusiasm this latest term. He demonstrated remarkable resilience coming off a bruising campaign against Democrat Jim Cantwell and a devastating defeat by David Madden for Weymouth mayor in late 1999.

In the last election, we endorsed his opponent because we thought Hedlund lost some of his spark and focus. He proved us wrong over this last session and we're only too happy to acknowledge that fact. His latest term was filled with accomplishments and achievements to benefit the many towns in his district. Here are but a few which stand out:

- Assisted in getting the state to pick up 100 percent of the repair costs for the Fitzpatrick Way Bridge in Hull and Sea Street Bridge between Humarock and North Marshfield. (That bridge is now renamed the Capt. Frederick Stanley Bridge.)
- Working with Hull to get $10 million in improvements to Nantasket Beach, one of the busiest public beaches in the commonwealth.
- As a member of the transportation committee, Hedlund has been able to get results on some projects of importance, particularly to Norwell, Hingham and Marshfield. Hedlund took the lead in the banning of 18-wheelers on Union Street. It was enacted as a citizens petition. Once it got to state level, Hedlund was instrumental in getting Mass Highway Commissioner Matthew Amorello down to Marshfield and Norwell to see first-hand the impact of the heavy trucks on the narrow roadways of Union and Bridge streets.
- Hedlund has been pushing Mass Highway on the reconstruction and reconfiguring of Queen Anne's corner. Again, Hedlund has taken the lead in getting the state to fund its portion of the work and has kept the project on the front-burner over the last two years.
- He continues to be a strong voice for Marshfield and Scituate's coastal concerns, including funding for seawalls, as well as his work on the Coastal Committee, which has included working closely with scientists and fishermen to study fishing stocks off the New England coast.
- Helped secure funding and open space for the new Abigail Adams State Park in Weymouth.
- Assisted in getting the MDC pool reopened in October after it was closed for the summer due to budget constraints. Last year when he came up against a logjam at the MDC about filling the pool with water, he contacted the National Guard to truck in water. This shamed the MDC into filling the pool.

He's proven he has renewed energy and commitment after 10 years on the job. Maybe it's because he wants to leave a legacy and is eyeing other career options. Whatever the case, he is in place to roll up those sleeves again at a critical time for the state. He's earned the reputation as maverick in the Democratic-controlled senate and he may have made a few enemies over the years, but his is a voice we need right now on Beacon Hill when so many others are speaking the party line. He has shown the district he can still work the system and be a player when needed to bring money and projects to our area.

Hedlund also has a vision for what he wants to accomplish in the next few years — help clean up the fiscal mess by voicing unpopular views on sacred projects like the new convention center and finally fixing the 40B affordable housing law so communities have real tools to address the issue on their own.

It's been a spirited campaign and Hedlund's opponent, Ted LeClair, deserves credit for raising important issues and giving the senator a challenge. LeClair is a smart, articulate and polished up-and-coming politician. In the end, though, we need the experience and voice of Hedlund at this time.

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A vote for Garrett Bradley

When newly elected state Rep. Garrett Bradley, a Democrat, took over the reins of the Third Plymouth District from long-time Republican incumbent Mary Jeannette Murray two years ago, he promised to be an independent voice for the district.

Murray used to joke she was a "Republi-crat" and was able to win votes from both sides of the political aisle. Her undying popularity was earned over more than two decades of putting service to her individual constituents first.

But times have changed, and constituent-centered service, although important, is no longer enough.

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we cover the complex issues pertaining to the our district [that come January will include a Scituate precinct] all year long.

So we can say with authority that Bradley is working hard for us — whether it's on reforming Chapter 40B, increasing funds for School Building Assistance grants, or preventing thousands of more aircraft overhead — just to name a few.

In his first term, Bradley showed dogged determination on Beacon Hill to make sure his district's interests were heard. He has demonstrated the courage to stand up to the leadership of his own party and support the will of his district – whether that's on clean elections, the tax roll back, voting against the $22 billion budget, and not supporting the knee-jerk reaction of the Legislature to raise our taxes to cope with the deficit. He is also a tireless worker who has been very visible in our communities, following Mary Jeannette Murray's fine example of constituent service. Bradley is a quick study and has an exceptional gift for sifting through information and facts to make complicated issues easier to grasp.

Two complex land swaps in Hingham requiring special legislation came to fruition during his first term thanks to Bradley and his colleague across the hall, Sen. Robert Hedlund.

The Hingham Shipyard legislation involved an exchange of 25 acres among the MBTA, Dept. of Environmental Management, and developer SeaChain so development of the 155-acre site could move ahead. The land swap also made it possible to increase badly needed, commuter boat parking.

The Old Ward/Main streets land swap enabled Black Rock Corp. to pursue its golf its golf course-residential development and provided Hingham with valuable open space on historic Main Street.

Bradley's challenger, Nathaniel Palmer, a Cohasset Republican, ran an excellent campaign. Mr. Palmer's business acumen and keen analysis of how to help small companies and attract more workers to the South Shore raised the level of debate. He's a political newcomer, but one whom we hope will stay involved and become a strong voice on the South Shore.

We agree with Mr. Palmer that there needs to be more balance on Beacon Hill. However, Bradley has shown he can rise above party politics and represent the district as a whole.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Should be grateful

TO THE EDITOR:

Do members of the Friends of the Harbor have any record of interest and constructive involvement in town affairs, or regular attendance at town meetings? Else why do they keep repeating their objections to the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation "because it is a private, rather than a governmental enterprise"?

As informed citizens well know, most of the organizations and activities that make the town so livable were developed and maintained by the initiative of groups of private citizens, not by a government agency. A few examples are: the Sailing Club, the town histories, the Community Center, the library, Bancroft Hall at the Lightkeepers residence, the garden clubs, the Minot Light replica, our churches, our sports activities, our road races, the Town Pump, the Farmer's Market, the children's museum, the Maritime Institute at the former Hagerty Property, the South Shore Art Center, the Conservation Trust, the Swim Center, the Sandy Beach Association, the Maritime Museum, the South Shore Music Circus, the dramatic club, the Social Service League, the Village Renaissance Committee, Mariners Park, the Wilson and Antoine Memorial, the Tennis and Squash Club, the Yacht club, The Golf Club, the Teen Center

Many of these depended heavily on the financial support of well-to-do residents, and we should be grateful to them for past and future generosity, instead of resentful.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

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HEALTH NOTES

More talking about walking

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

We wouldn't be talking about walking again if it wasn't important. We have some late news. Win Merrill formerly of Cohasset; now of Scituate, organizer of the Chanticleers, the well known breakfast club is interested in elder health. He hopes that the Chanticleers (we all know a Chanticleer is a rooster), with the help of Kathy Bryanton and the Board of Health, will become walkers. This possibility was discussed at the last meeting of the club Wednesday (yesterday). We are not aware of the outcome yet, but we expect that at least some of the 25 or so members from all over the South Shore will rise from their breakfasts in the near future and stroll with their friends at some pleasant spot, thereby improving,, hopefully, both health and disposition.

There's nothing like walking and sharing a discussion of a favorite topic with an old friend.

As we move into this crusade of ours at the Board of Health, we learn much about walking, and find it is a very personal thing. Many love to walk and reflect, with the mind running over the various issues important to the time. Others enjoy the companionship of walking with a friend or acquaintance. For many, it is a competitive thing with the 8 or 12 minute mile as a personal goal. I personally enjoy walking with my granddaughter Samantha, because the walk is timeless; she stops often and has so many things to wonder at. There's nothing like walking and sharing a discussion of a favorite topic with an old friend. Murray Campbell walks to the sound of bagpipes; says it keeps him from walking too fast. He also says that he's never seen a walker who isn't cheerful, nor a jogger who is. Joe Godzik, the Health officer citing the information received over a long military career points out that there are many ways to walk, and march, some, much more demanding and healthful than others. Suffice it to say that we pass through many gaits from youth to old age.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Dispelling misconceptions on efforts for senior housing

The following people contributed to this commentary: Joe Buckley, Anna Abbruzzese, Nancy Barrett, Gary Ritts, Margy Charles, Ronnie McMorris, Ed Mulvey, Carol Barrett and Kathy Bryanton.

The Cohasset Senior Housing Committee (SHC) has recently come under criticism for ostensibly proposing to use town-owned land to build an upscale housing project targeted for our wealthy residents. However, this project, as envisioned, is neither upscale nor targeted to the rich. Those of us who have either served on senior housing committees or supported those efforts wish to make clear our mission and attempt to dispel any misunderstandings or misconceptions about those efforts.

— COMMENTARY—

The recent necessity of school projects, sewer projects, and overrides to support the operating budget has driven significant increases in local taxes. This is also a time of escalating housing prices, assessments and tax bills. Residents on limited or fixed incomes are hardest hit, particularly the elderly. It has become apparent that many of our senior citizens who are rooted in the community are finding that they have to go elsewhere to be able to afford to live. The redevelopment of the former Osgood School into affordable condominiums seemed a promising place to begin to address this situation. However the Fall 1998 town meeting voted to re-use that building as the beautiful new home of the Paul Pratt library.

Following that town meeting the Board of Cohasset Elder Affairs created a subcommittee to explore the issue of housing alternatives for Cohasset seniors. As explained below in more detail, community needs were examined, siting and zoning options were reviewed, and the present SHC was created to facilitate the process of creating senior housing. The present concept is the product of several years of work by many concerned citizens and town officials.

The SHC mounted a multi-pronged approach to the task facing them. Visits were made to complexes in all the surrounding towns, including Housing for the Elderly in Milton and the Glastonbury Abbey's project in Hingham. An accessory dwelling by-law was successfully added to our zoning. Further zoning relief to allow multi-family dwellings continues to be pursued.

However, the most difficult task was to identify a parcel of land suitable for some type of senior housing project. Inventories

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were developed, sites identified and the 10-acre parcel behind Stop & Shop was prioritized both because it is already owned by the Town and its proximity to shopping. A preliminary development feasibility study, including site assessment and concept plan, were prepared in April of 2002. The committee decided to focus on the concept showing two apartment buildings.

Now, with a potential site in mind, the SHC is moving forward in its mission to develop housing for low- and moderate-income seniors who do not qualify to live in the subsidized housing at 60 Elm St. These are the seniors with limited resources and limited options. We recognize that as a group of volunteers, the development of a housing proposal is beyond our expertise. Professional assistance is needed with further pre-development study and preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP). We continue to look to the Community Preservation Fund to assist in this effort. If further study determines that the site is suitable, the town will then seek proposals from potential developers. The SHC holds as its goal a project similar to the Glastonbury Abbey's work in Hingham in both levels of affordability and quality of work. Examples to the contrary have been purely hypothetical.

Only if the site passes scrutiny, and suitable development alternatives are proposed, will a comprehensive, complete plan be developed and then presented to the town for approval. This is the Town of Cohasset's project to benefit Cohasset citizens, and it will only go forward if the town agrees.

Background

The work of the present SHC is the product of much effort by many dedicated residents over the past four years. After the fall 1998 town meeting vote to use the old Osgood School for the library, the Board of Elder Affairs redoubled their efforts in seeking a workable housing proposal and established their own sub-committee on housing. That group's final housing report stated, "the sense of the board was that there exists a need for housing options in town for seniors who are house rich and cash poor, who are struggling with rising taxes and upkeep costs, perhaps are on fixed incomes, and would like to downsize but do not have affordable options in town and therefore are moving elsewhere and leaving this community." The Board's goal was to research and identify options that would allow Cohasset seniors to remain in the community. That committee looked at what other towns were doing; compared zoning by-laws gathered and compared housing surveys; sponsored a forum on housing issues at the senior center in September, 1999 and initiated a plan with the McCormick Institute at UMass to survey the housing needs of Cohasset seniors. Suggestions were made that the Selectmen consider a parcel at the Osgood school site or the town land known as the "gravel pits for senior housing. A final report and recommendations were presented to the Selectmen on Nov. 2, 1999.

Those recommendations included: finance the survey of housing needs by the McCormack Institute; review the variety of housing options that exist in other towns; revise the zoning by-laws to allow accessory dwellings, cluster housing, retirement villages; and appoint a Selectman's committee to continue working on senior housing issues (the SHC), include in their charge visiting successful senior housing projects in other communities, and determine potential sites for a senior housing projects in Cohasset.

The Center for Social Policy at the McCormack Institute then conducted the No Place Like Home: Cohasset Senior Housing Survey and presented the results in April of 2000. The overwhelming conclusion drawn from the Executive Summary was that senior housing was needed in the town. Further, seniors in all income brackets were concerned about affordable housing options that would allow them to remain in the community they called home. The recommendations focused on rental apartments and identified the fears of many seniors with limited incomes and resources that they would be forced to move. Most cited the pressure from escalating taxes and home maintenance costs.

The SHC believes it is on the right track to address these concerns. Taking the next steps to study the site suitability and formulate development plans is essential. We ask the town's support to help us continue with the process, with the hope that we can produce a final proposal that the town can enthusiastically endorse.

The spirit of Peter Rugg

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

While you're out trick or treating this week, kids, keep an eye out for a spirited bay horse pulling a carriage with a man and a little girl while storm clouds gather behind them.

That'll be Peter Rugg and his daughter, a spirit of Halloween in these parts, and if they stop and ask you the way to Boston, tell them, for you may bring them peace after, lo, these many years.

Peter Rugg was a familiar sight on the highways of New England in the early days of the 19th century, forever on the move, forever asking the way and the distance to Boston, yet never reaching it.

A bold and curious stranger from New York once halted him on the road near Hartford and attempted to question him.

"My name is Peter Rugg," he replied. "I have lost my way. I am wet and weary and will take it kindly of you to direct me to Boston. I live on Middle Street."

"When did you leave Boston?"

"I cannot tell precisely; it seems a considerable time."

"But how did you and your child become so wet? It has not rained here today."

"It has just rained a heavy shower up the river. But I shall not reach Boston tonight if I tarry. The clouds are gathering in the south, and we shall have a rainy night. Ah, that fatal oath!"

And he was gone.

That same year, Mrs. Betsy Croft answered a knock on the door of her home on Middle Street in Boston and found a stranger on her doorstep, inquiring for Mrs. Peter Rugg.

Mrs. Rugg died 20 years before, an old woman, the stranger was told, and he seemed surprised when Mrs. Croft could not direct him to King Street, for there was no King Street, and he left muttering, "No home tonight!"

James Felt, an old, old man who lived near Middle Street, recalled that when he was but a youth, a man named Peter Rugg had lived nearby and disappeared with his daughter, Jenny, about the time of the Revolution.

Another man remembered his grandfather telling him this story:

A half century before, there was a man named Peter Rugg who lived on Middle Street with his wife and daughter. He was a prosperous horse trader and respected citizen. His one fault was a violent temper.

One morning in late autumn, he hitched his carriage to his spirited bay horse and went to visit a friend in Concord. On the way back, the travelers were overtaken by a fierce storm.

They stopped briefly for a glass of hot, spiced rum at the home of another friend, one Tom Cutter, in Menotomy (now Arlington), and Cutter urged them to spend the night for the storm was increasing in its ferocity, and they were in an open carriage.

He must have argued too long, for Rugg angrily declined, saying, "Let the storm increase. I will see home tonight, in spite of the tempest, or may I never see home." He flicked his whip at his horse, and they were gone.

Neither Peter Rugg nor his daughter Jenny were seen alive again, but the man who collected tolls at the Charlestown Bridge has seen them several times, the horse and carriage speeding through without stopping to pay the toll.

The toll collector once tried to halt the carriage and wound up throwing a stool at the onrushing horse. It went right through and clanged against the rail on the other side of the bridge. The toll taker never spoke of it again.

So if you happen to run into Peter Rugg and Jenny while you're trick or treating, be nice to them and point the way to Boston. You might be the one who finally saves them after all these years.

CPC's role in Barnes purchase

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

STUART IMVEY

The Community Preservation Committee, in partnership with the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private citizens group called the "Friends of Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary," the Conservation Commission and other private and public organizations is attempting to finance the purchase of 32 acres of forested land that is adjacent to Wheelwright Park. The purchase price is $1 million, of which $600,000 has already been raised. We still need to raise $400,000 to buy the land. This money must be raised by the Nov. 18 Special Town Meeting.

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The Community Preservation Committee does not have enough cash to pay the $400,000 shortfall. In an effort to act in a fiscally responsible manner, the committee has sought to partner with other funding sources including the Cohasset Conservation Trust, the Executive office of Environmental Affairs and other public and private groups. Fortunately, the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private tax deductible nonprofit foundation has agreed to match dollar-for-dollar all private contributions that it receives for this purchase. These donations are crucial to the project's success.

The Community Preservation Committee has already paid for two appraisals (both of which support the $1 million purchase price) and the initial down payment. In addition, the committee coordinated the entire project, which included negotiating the sale with the Barnes family, obtaining the approval from the Board of Selectmen, clearing-up legal issues, and organizing the appraisals. The committee also assisted the Conservation Commission prepare a grant application to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

As many townspeople are aware, Cohasset levies a 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate taxes in order to raise money for the community preservation fund. In addition, the state annually contributes money to Cohasset's community preservation fund. This year the state matched dollar-for-dollar all money collected by the town. The state contributed more than $215,000.

The money raised by the surcharge and received from the state may be spent exclusively on projects involving the acquisition of open space, low to moderate income housing and historical preservation. The money does not become part of the town's general fund. By law the money can only be spent on projects that are recommended to Town Meeting by the Community Preservation Committee.

Town Meeting must then approve the proposals.

The Community Preservation Committee is continually faced with funding requests that exceed its annual revenues. The committee cannot fund large projects without leveraging its limited revenues with the resources of other groups and individuals. The town is truly fortunate in this case to have received the $150,000 challenge from the Cohasset Conservation Trust; however, the Trust will donate this money only as a dollar-for-dollar match of private contributions.

Stuart Ivimey is chairman of the Community Preservation Committee.

Now is not the time to give up runway fight

LOGAN VIEW

ERIC ODDLEIFSON

Despite a temporary legal delay in Hull's suit over the runway, we are beginning to see the benefits of vigorously pursuing our case through the courts — an action supported by our congressman, Bill Delahunt. For the first time, our proposals to move traffic over the ocean, and off the South Shore, are being given serious attention by the FAA. Our suggested flight path modifications harm no community, are supported by the Citizens Advisory Committee to Massport which represents 27 cities and towns in the greater Boston area, and are of great benefit to us. Without the combination of legal action and a proactive stance on recommending new approach and departures tracks we would not be receiving the attention from the FAA that we are today.

A study, commissioned by the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, of air traffic between July 4 and Sept. 5, supports our nuisance claim against Massport. It indicates the following:

- Despite having less than 10 percent of the land mass of the greater Boston area, 60 percent of Logan's traffic passes over the South Shore.
- Planes departing Boston from Runway 22 were in violation of a 1980 ruling by the FAA requiring them to fly at least one mile north of the Hull peninsula, 20 percent of the time, passing either directly over Hull, or within one mile of its shoreline. We recorded over 800 violations during the two month period.
- Turning to head south, and with engines at full throttle, planes achieved the required height of 6,000 feet most of the time — indicating that the height requirement itself is faulty. Planes which depart Los Angeles to the west over water have a 10,000 foot requirement as they turn back east over land.
- Periodically the South Shore is subject to virtually all of Logan's landing traffic — over 600 flights per day, and night, on Runway 33L. Since an aircraft noise event lasts 45 seconds, we are subject to a continuous blanket of noise during these times. This becomes particularly onerous when planes are operating under visual flight rules (which is 80 percent of the time), as they are allowed to fly under the glide slope, passing over Cohasset at between 1,500 and 2,000 feet
- The noise metric adopted by Massport (a plane's noise becomes "significant" only when it is so loud that human habitation is no longer recommended!), motivates the FAA to direct planes over the South Shore during the nighttime hours of 10p.m. to 7 a.m. — the very time that the difference between ambient, or background noise (crickets chirping for example) and the thunder of the jets passing overhead, is the greatest.

These data continue to support our contention that the construction of Runway 14/32 will be an environmental catastrophe for the South Shore, as heavy jet arrivals on 33L will *triple* in number (Massport's own data, not ours). We can expect constant noise from landing traffic alone 50 percent of the time. It is the FAA's, and Massport's intention, fully revealed in the data, to make the South Shore the aviation gateway to New England.

Our case is a strong one. In support of it we now have hundreds of pages of testimony from the best experts in the country, which we are summarizing and will make available to both the press and residents of the South Shore. Judge Hely admitted in his decision that Hull has presented substantial summary judgement evidence of damages to the town. His problem was simply procedural (the apparent lack of a legal basis for imposing public nuisance liability upon a state government authority) and not with the facts.

Additionally, Massport's own noise consultant admitted in his deposition that the facts as presented are false and misleading.

Finally, our own experts, in their testimony, indicate the runway does not produce the delay improvement benefits that Massport claims. The facts are clearly on our side. I urge the three towns to appeal the case to a higher court, an option which is available to them. The work has been done, so the cost is minimal. The potential benefits in getting our case before the public are substantial. We need not prove fraud, but only that Massport knowingly concealed a material fact or knowingly submitted false information. Massport's Final Environmental Impact Statement was clearly, and knowingly, intended to mislead us. Its entire case was built on modeling assumptions, rather than clear, and available, factual data. The truth will emerge, one way or another.

Mr. Oddleifson is a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, established in 1999 by the towns of Hull, Hingham and Cohasset as an aviation noise advisory group. He is a Partner in Renewable Resources, LLC, engaged in sustainable forestry investment management, both in the US and internationally.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Supports MCAS for graduation requirement

TO THE EDITOR:

While it still needs some fine-tuning, the MCAS program is certainly a step in the right direction of higher expectations and accountability, and should not be abandoned. I noticed recently a report that 88 percent of the senior class at Plymouth High School had passed the test and therefore, became eligible for their diplomas. This seems to me a pretty good record if a diploma is to have meaning.

There should not be a guarantee that everyone completing high school is entitled to a diploma. The 12 percent may be disappointed but they will be offered further training or other form of recognition that should not be demeaning.

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Hedlund, LeClair on clean elections, budget

Is the Clean Elections Law a wasteful use of limited public funds or a way to reduce special interest money in campaigns and increase competition for incumbent legislators? How will you vote on Ballot Question 3?

Bob Hedlund

Ted LeClair

Ted LeClair

As someone who has supported the Clean Elections Law, I see it as a well-intentioned initiative, but with some flaws. I want to encourage individual participation while limit special interest influence in the political process. The choice to participate should be voluntary. I think the Clean Elections Law is primarily flawed in that it further burdens the taxpayer by using valuable public funds to pay for political campaigns. That's wrong. The political playing field should not be balanced on the backs of the taxpayers, and in these tough economic times, we certainly should not be using very valuable taxpayer dollars for election expenses, when we are already making cuts to valuable human services and education. Clean Elections should limit special interest contributions and encourage voluntary individual contributions. I will vote NO on Question 3. Nevertheless, while I am opposed to taxpayer funding of elections, I still strongly believe that the voters created the Clean Elections law, it is the law, and the legislature should follow that law until the voters decide to repeal it.

Bob Hedlund

I support the integrity of the initiative petition process and respect the will of the voters who approved the clean elections law. I have consistently voted to implement clean elections and voted against the legislative leadership's attempts to gut the law.

The influence of lobbyists and special interests in campaign financing is real, and everyone agrees it has a substantial impact on politics in Massachusetts. Today most would-be candidates, average people motivated by a genuine desire to enter public service, cannot even seriously contemplate mounting a credible race unless they are independently wealthy given the modern-day cost of campaigning. Public service should not be an exclusive club for the wealthy and politically connected, but continue to be an accessible goal available to every citizen, as it was meant to be. I believe the law should have been implemented in a timely fashion and given the chance to work. I and other candidates for the legislature fully intended to run as clean elections candidates. I went through all of the necessary procedures, sadly the Democratic leadership thumbed their noses at the voters and those of us who worked to implement clean elections.

The state budget was about $10 billion in 1990. And today, with some $23 billion, the legislature is unable to make ends meet. Does state government have a spending problem or a revenue problem?

Ted LeClair

The truth is the state has spending problem, a revenue problem and a problem with dealing with the problem. Spending is a problem because certain programs like Medicaid, the senior pharmacy program and the state health insurance program are growing uncontrollably at double digit rates. More importantly, the spending problem involves the waste and patronage on Beacon Hill. The legislature will have to make real cuts to legislative perks, pensions, benefits, and agency waste. Each and every agency must start with a zero dollar budget. Every single dollar budgeted will have to be justified or lost. Before the legislature asks the taxpayer for a single additional penny they must seriously address the spending problem. The taxpayer is entitled to see results with real cuts before they are asked for any more of their hard earned money. The legislature must grow up and face their responsibility to make accurate and conservative revenue projections early in the budget process. The next session must come to agreement on revenue projections with the governor no later than March 15. Furthermore, projections must be realistic, if there is a revenue "surprise" it better be that revenues are better than expected. Finally, the process must be open, each legislator must have access to the complete financial statements, debate must be open in open session, and a realistic budget must be submitted on time. The voter is entitled to results from our legislature and that means a realistic budget done on time.

Bob Hedlund

We have both a spending problem and a revenue problem. Unfortunately the spending problem is not a new development. Over the past decade state government has grown at an alarming rate, and instead of belt tightening, the Legislature has determined that the best way out of a temporary economic downturn is to spend down all our reserves and hike taxes.

These tax hikes completely undermine the will of the voters by including a freeze of the income tax rollback and an elimination of the deduction for the initiate petition process in 2000.

Unlike my opponent who supports the record $1.2 billion tax hike, I could not in good conscience support this disregard for the taxpayers when tremendous waste in state government exists. Democratic Leadership has demonstrated misplaced priorities. It is unconscionable that we have duplicative state agencies like the MDC and DEM or MA Hwy and MA Turnpike yet human service workers are either cut or fail to get living wages.

The Democratic Leadership cuts the School Building Program $20 million, and yet we continue to subsidize The Hynes Convention Center $20 million per year, even as we commit $1 billion to build a new convention center in So. Boston.

As taxpayers, we are forced to rein in our expenditures when our income decreases; however, the legislature has decided to force us to bear the burden for years of overspending and waste-filled budgets. I will continue to oppose tax increases until the Legislature gets serious about targeting and eliminating waste first.

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Bradley outspends Palmer 3-1 in month before Nov. 5

By Brian J. Scully
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Incumbent Democrat Garrett Bradley outspent Republican challenger Nathaniel Palmer in the campaign's final month-and-a-half, by a 3-to-1 ratio, in the race to represent the Third Plymouth District.

According to the latest report released Monday, Bradley outspent Palmer $17,014.46 to $4,929.79 from Sept. 1 to Oct. 18. Previously, Bradley held a 2-to-1 ration in terms of money spent from Jan. 1 to Aug. 30.

Bradley, well known for his ability to fundraise, was again on top of his game for this, his third election (Bradley lost to Mary Jeanette Murray in 1998, before winning in 2000). During the election (current to Oct. 18) Bradley spent $37,533.51 more than Palmer, who spent only $29,607.19 on his entire campaign.

Bradley is owner of the most expensive state representative campaign in Massachusetts political history (more than $126,000 in 2000), and is unapologetic for his ability to raise money.

"It is critical for a candidate to reach as many voters as possible so that on Election Day the voters are able to make an informed decision as to who is the best candidate," said Bradley when the first financial reports were released. "I was in the unique position two years ago, in that I had a strong challenge in the primary and in the general election, which in effect means that I had two elections in one year. If you break it down, it averages $55-60,000 per election." Bradley called that figure "average" for a state representative campaign.

Palmer, who raised approximately $15,000 for his campaign by his own estimate (not in including more than $16,000 of Palmer's own funds), sees the fundraising in a different light.

"Mr. Bradley has taken what I would characterize as an absurd amount of special interest money," said Palmer. "Where I have taken no special interest money, Bradley has taken about 70 percent of his money from outside the district, over 20 percent alone from trial lawyers and lobbyists. This does not serve the district."

CANDIDATES CORNER

Palmer fundraiser

You are cordially invited to meet Nathaniel Palmer, Republican Candidate for State Representative at Tosca, Sunday, Nov. 3 from 6-8pm. Enjoy scrumptious food and cordial conversation at this pre-election fundraiser. Requested donation is $50/person to be collected at the door. For further information, please call the Palmer campaign at 781-740-8010, Janet Fogarty (617-742-1221) or MaryAnne McKenna (781-749-5004)

McDermott campaign becomes family affair

The McDermott Campaign welcomed its newest supporter on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 11:45 a.m.. Alana Wilson McDermott was born 6 lbs. 10 oz. and 19 inches to proud new parents Patrick McDermott and Tracy Wilson.

McDermott has been campaigning for the past year for Norfolk County Register of Probate culminating in his Democratic Primary victory in September. Tracy McDermott recently left her law practice in Plymouth to await Alana's arrival.

"There are those in the political circles who believe we planned it this way," joked McDermott. "With her due date scheduled for Oct. 31, there was a good chance Alana could have been born on Election Day, Nov. 5."

McDermott reports that the birth of Alana created quite a hectic schedule to maintain between spending time at the hospital with mother and daughter and keeping up with the campaign. On Alana's birthday, and of course with his wife's blessing, McDermott "shot out" to Canton for a previously scheduled fundraiser at Nick's Restaurant.

"How many campaign events do you get to attend that have an 'It's a Girl' banner hung across the podium," joked Charlie Wilson, Tracy McDermott's father who has been assisting in his son-in-law's campaign. McDermott also had the opportunity to formally announce his daughter's birth at the Quincy Democratic City Committee breakfast on Sunday morning.

Hedlund lobbies for Barnes property

The Cohasset Community Preservation Committee's growing commitment to purchasing the 32-acre Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary, thereby saving it and the Wheelwright Park area from being destroyed by development, has received a major boost on Beacon Hill from longtime open space advocate Senator Bob Hedlund.

The Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary is vital to a much larger forest whose habitat thrives from Little harbor to the Golf Course and from Sohier Street to the ocean. The Sanctuary is cradled on two sides by Wheelwright Park, and the Arthur Lehr Boy Scout Retreat. They all abut the White-Holly Hill Farm and forest.

What most visitors haven't realized is that 32 acres of this deep forest park area are private property. The property line cleaves the skating pond in half. They will be shocked if it is developed.

Sen. Hedlund has been aggressively lobbing the governor, and other key officials to stress the importance of saving the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary and the Wheelwright Park area from potential ruin.

"He has been there when we need him through this whole long ordeal," said Stuart Ivimey, Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee.

"I have had my eye on the Barnes property for a long while," Hedlund said. "It's one of the reasons I worked so hard with the Cohasset Selectmen and town manager to insure that the railroad mitigation settlement included enough money to help make this kind of open space purchase possible."

Community Center classes are offered

The following classes are offered by the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main Street. For more information, call 781-383-0088.

Pediatric CPR
Nov. 13 and 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. $50M/$55NM

Golden Self Defense Workshop
Nov. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. $15M/$16NM

Soups and winter warmers
Oct. 29, from 6:45 to 9 p.m. $45M/$50NM

Perfect Pasta
Nov. 5, 6:45 to 9 p.m. $45M/$50NM

Saporito's Slow Roasted Duck and Pork
Nov. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. $45M/$48NM

Halloween Fun ages 3 to 6
Oct. 29, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. $15M/$20NM Come celebrate Halloween with face painting, music, storytelling and games.

Holiday Candy and Craft Ages 3 to 5 p.m.
Dec. 13, 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. $24M/$22NM

Puppet Show
Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m. "The Fifth Witch" $3 per person at door.

Gymnastic Classes
Sports for Kids
Ages 4-6 Monday, 1 to 2 p.m.; ages 3-5 Monday 3 to 3:45 p.m.; ages 6-9 Wednesday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; ages 3-5 Friday 1 to 1:45 p.m.
Gym Explorers
Ages 4-6 Monday 2 to 3 p.m.; ages 4-6 Tuesday 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.; ages 4-6 Wednesday 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; ages 4-6 Friday 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Tumblebugs
Age 3 Tuesday 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.; age 3 Wednesday 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.
Beg/Int. Girls
Ages 5-8 Monday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; ages 6-11 Monday 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.; ages 7-11 Thursday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; ages 7-11 Friday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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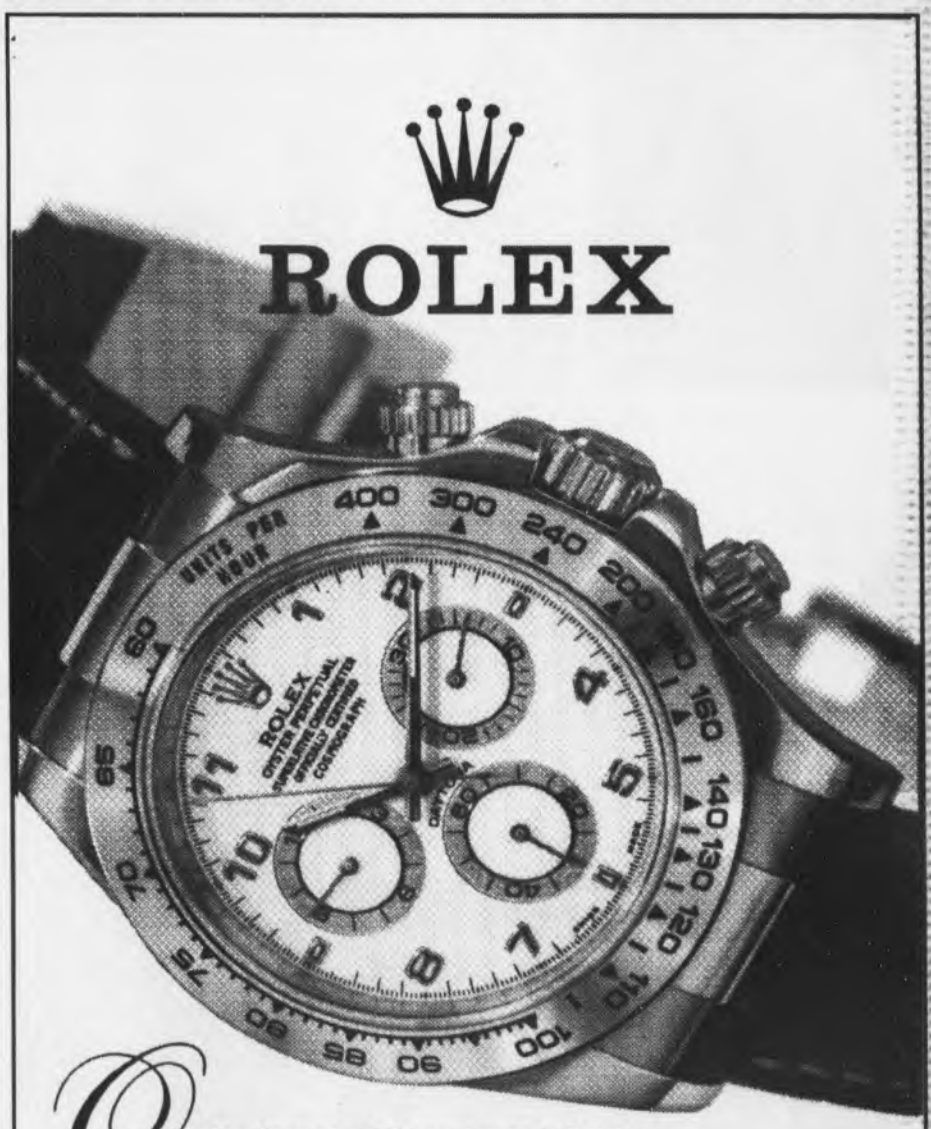

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Library director to retire early

By Brian J. Scully
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Now three months and two additional rounds removed from the Board of Selectmen's decision to opt into the state's early retirement plan, it appears that the issue is finally resolved.

At the its meeting two weeks ago, the Board of Selectmen approved the inclusion of Library Director Janet Husband into the plan, after learning she wished to participate.

"The reason that this came up now is that she was in the hospital and was unaware that we were taking it up," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "So I think that it is only fair that the board address that, and they did."

The deadline for inclusion in the plan is Nov. 1, which makes it unlikely that there will be any more additions.

The move was supported by the library trustees and will not affect this year's operating budget. Husband will stay on in an advisory capacity to oversee the move to the new library at the former Osgood School. The money that will be saved when Husband moves from her current salaried position, to the advisory position will fund the additional cost of her retirement. Husband was scheduled to retire in six months.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said that a search for a replacement will be underway soon.

This is the second time the board has amended its decision to include employees who wanted to participate in the plan.

"It's not going to have a significant impact, she is going to stay on through the transition and the library trustees are in favor of it."

— Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan

The law, known officially as Chapter 116, is intended to be a cost-saving measure for cash-strapped towns, so an employee would take an early retirement and the position would not be filled.

But Cohasset took s slightly different approach to the legislation. Initially, the town only included two Group 4 positions in the program, because both were firefighters and would be replaced by paramedics which would allow the town to raise the ambulance rates. However, Elizabeth Soule, sister of custodian Kevin Soule, complained that the decision to exclude Group 1 employees was unfair. The town has no Group 2 or 3 employees. After Soule came forward, Department of Public Works staffer Kenneth Sargent also asked to be included.

The selectmen initially voted for the two firefighters because of the cost benefit and decided not to include Soule. who falls under the jurisdiction of the school department, under the recommendation of the school superintendent.

After objections by Soule's sister, Elizabeth, the school committee changed their decision and asked the Board of Selectmen to reconsider.

Chairman Michael Sullivan was glad to help an employee retire early.

"I think if we can enhance someone's retirement package and allow them to retire a little bit sooner, and there is no cost to the town, it is great," said Sullivan. "It's not going to have a significant impact, she is going to stay on through the transition and the library trustees are in favor of it."

Husband, who lives in Braintree, was hired in June 1998 to replace Richard Hayes, who retired after 29 years as director of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Husband came to Cohasset after a 13-year tenure as the library director in Rockland. Initially 14 candidates applied for the position but the library trustees reopened their search after the three finalists withdrew from consideration for different reasons, including not wishing to relocate. Six new candidates applied during the second round, and the trustees recommended Husband, who was then hired by Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Assessors, Mark Haddad clash over hiring rights

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done within regulation.

Contacted on Wednesday, McMorris agreed that Haddad had conducted the job search properly, but that he should have been open to slowing down at the request of the board.

"One of the people, who was new to the board, wanted to talk about some of her issues," said McMorris. "I tough that was a reasonable request, granted the request should have been made to him directly, not in the public forum, but it is still appropriate to deal with that aspect."

Sullivan, who was not present at the meeting, is concerned with the way the last few selectmen meetings have gone.

"It's getting to me," said Sullivan. "It wears on you. You are trying to do a good job and make decisions in the best interest of the town, but unfortunately, some people like to go after people, and that is not really productive."

Sullivan feels the best way to combat the problems would be for all sides to remain respectful.

"I think people are always going to express their opinions," said Sullivan. "But I think it is important that they have respect for the people that are involved. It is a public meeting and people do have a right to speak and should have a right to speak, but they should respect the people that they are speaking to or speaking about."

Selectman Tom Callahan was incensed by the latest public display.

"It is disgusting," said Callahan. "This is now becoming standard operating procedure, that if you don't like what is happening, don't talk to anybody about it to their face or try to work things out like adults, but rather to come and just attack,"

Callahan said he was confused about what exactly the Board of Assessors were seeking.

"I have no idea what their issues are," said Callahan. "I have no idea what the problems are in that department and in part it sounds to me that this is, in part, a failure to accept the way the Town Manager Act has changed our town."

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Tourney pairings

Friday- boys soccer- South Shore Christian at Cohasset, 2:30 p.m.
Saturday- girls soccer- Ashland at Cohasset, 3:00 p.m.
Both games at Alumni Field

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On the South Shore
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Skippers primed for tourney run

Scituate boys give Cohasset booters all they can handle

By Mike Spellman
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One team was playing for pride, the other for playoff positioning. It turns out both can be pretty powerful motivators.

No one would have been critical if the Scituate boys soccer team had caved-in emotionally after falling behind powerhouse host Cohasset just two minutes in to Sunday afternoon's non-league tilt, a nifty solo effort by Chris Clark making it 1-0 before most folks had even found their seats.

Certainly, no one would have faulted the Sailors for not matching the intensity level of the Skippers (9-4-5), who were battling for each and every point down the stretch with a home game in the state tourney hanging in the balance. After all, this was a non-league game for Scituate, and their tourney dreams were long ago quashed.

However, the Scituate players (1-12-5), fresh off their first win of the season on Thursday over Abington, gave a noteworthy accounting of themselves, turning the Sunday afternoon tilt into an enjoyable hard-fought, back-and-forth soccer game.

Cohasset hung on to win the game going away, 3-1, thanks to a couple of late second half goals from Dave Santiago, but not before garnering some respect from the Cohasset players and coaches.

"Scituate played a more aggressive style than I'd heard they did," said Cohasset coach Dave Nigro. "They attacked us, and had a few chances in our end. It was a good game, and I was happy to come away with the win."

Scituate coach Jim Willis was also, not surprisingly, pleased with the level of play from his troops. His only complaint after the game is the same one he's been offering all season.

"We're always just one pass away from creating a real good scoring chance," said Willis, whose team scored just nine goals in 18 games this season. "Our inability to finish has killed us all season. Our defense has played well, but every time we make a mistake it just seems to wind up killing us."

With this latter remark, the fifth year Scituate coach was clearly thinking of Cohasset's second goal with just over 19 minutes left in the game. What appeared a harmless dump-in toward the middle of the goal box from Cohasset captain Evan Pestone became anything but when Scituate defenders Wil Falaro and Andrew Liedtka (in his first game back from injury) collided with one another while trying to play the ball in the air. This allowed Santiago to run on to the ball 30 yards out with only Scituate keeper Roman Grivalja between him and the twine.

Grivalja did what he could, charging out hard on Santiago while he tried to settle the bouncing ball, but the gifted Cohasset goal scorer (a team

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN
Cohasset captain Evan Pestone (white shirt) goes high over Scituate defender Wil Falaro to head the ball toward Sailors net in 3-1 win for the Skippers on Sunday at Alumni Field.

Fine tuning

Cohasset and Scituate lady booters prep fortourney with hardfought finale

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset and Scituate girls soccer teams may not have sterling records that would land them anywhere close to a top five seed in the upcoming State tournament, yet the coaches of both teams could breathe a sigh of relief after the match-up on Sunday. They're in.

Visiting Scituate downed the fellow tourney-bound Lady Skippers on Sunday evening, 1-0, on a slippery and wet field after the rain had postponed the game from Saturday. The win came as a tremendous load off the back of Scituate coach Joseph Strazdes, whose team had lost five straight before this one.

The win bumped Scituate's record to 9-8, enough to clinch a spot in the post season for the second consecutive year.

"We got contributions from everyone," noted the veteran Strazdes. "It was really a team effort."

Opposing coach Deb Beal, who played under Strazdes as a basketball and soccer player at Scituate High, seemed just as relieved as her counterpart. After four straight years with fewer than five victories, the Lady Skippers have finally made the tournament, coming in with a record of 10-7-1.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY
Greg O'Brien was the lone Cohasset golfer named to the South Shore League all-star team last week.

Gridders in three-team race for top spot

Battle of unbeatens with Canton precedes run at SSL mettle for Skippers

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The Skippers close out their non-league schedule tomorrow night at Alumni Field versus the Canton Bulldogs. This will be a battle of undefeated teams, both schools stand at 6-0.

Canton is a Div. 3 school, a former member of the Hockomock League.

After going 1-19 over the last two years, Canton is now playing an independent schedule. The Bulldogs have scored a total of 79 points in six games, while beating the likes of Norton, Randolph, North Reading, Weston and Sharon.

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Cohasset's offense has racked up 124 points in six games, while the defense has yielded a total of 30 points.

The Skippers are in a three team battle for the South Shore League championship — and the right to represent the league in the Div. 5 Super Bowl tournament — with Abington and Norwell. All three teams are undefeated in league play. Abington travels to Norwell this weekend, the winner will take over first place. The following week the Skippers visit Abington, and then host Norwell on Nov. 15.

So, pull out those longjohns and support your Skippers tomorrow night as they continue their quest to repeat as South Shore League Champs.

	SSL	Overall
Norwell	3-0	4-2
Cohasset	2-0	6-0
Abington	2-0	5-1
Hull	0-2	3-3
Mashpee	0-2	2-4
Carver	0-3	1-5

Key games:
Nov 1- Abington at Norwell
Nov 8- Cohasset at Abington
Nov 15- Norwell at Cohasset

Show of Pride

Cohasset field hockey team goes out fighting versus powerhouse SL

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Two teams locked horns last week to close out the field hockey season on Thursday and Friday, one a Div. 1 team headed for a top 10 seed in the post season, the other a Div. 2 squad with double-digit losses.

Sounds like a slaughter, doesn't it? One would think.

The tenacious Cohasset Skippers, taking on the juggernaut Silver Lake team for a back-to-back double-header, was playing only for pride, but impressed their opponents by dropping only 1-0 decisions in both games.

"We'll take the one-nothing," noted 11th year Silver Lake coach Marlene Lopes. "Our

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PHOTO/DAVE GORDON
Cohasset captain Sara Genovese (right) battles Silver Lake player for control in Friday's season finale.

Cohasset's Dave Santiago (white shirt) celebrates his second goal in 3-1 win over Scituate Sunday.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Skippers primed for tourney run

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best 11 goals and five assists this season despite missing a few games) deked right and then finished left-footed across his body, slipping it to the left of Grivalja and inside the right post to make it a 2-0 game.

Cohasset returned the favor with a defensive breakdown of its own four minutes later, and Scituate tri-captain Chet Miller made them pay to make it a 2-1 game with 15 minutes remaining.

Again, another seemingly innocuous dump-in became an adventure when a Cohasset defender did not hear his hard-charging keeper, Curt Kahn, yell him off. The ball got headed past Kahn away from the goal toward the back line to the right of the net, but Miller won the race to the ball, sliding into the goal mouth just ahead of Cohasset sweeper JT Oronte to knock it home.

Scituate turned up the pressure over the next several minutes, Miller, his fellow captain Ryan Cahill and Kyle Simpson leading rushes in to Cohasset's end. However, it was the counterattacking Skippers who managed to create the best opportunities over this stretch.

Grivalja twice took hard shots out of the air off the foot of Clark in the waning moments and Pestone had a shot sail just wide.

Santiago finally put the game away in the 77th minute with a great solo effort. Collecting a cross near the top of the goal box with a man on his back, Santiago tapped the ball to his left and then spun quickly to drill a low one-timer with his right just inside the left post past the helpless Grivalja.

Boys soccer notes

The Cohasset boys wrapped up the regular season on Tuesday with a far from surprising 6-1 whitewashing of Chatham, the same score the Skippers posted in their early season defeat of the struggling Cape team.

Santiago netted a pair of goals to improve his team best tally total to 13. Clark brought his own goal total to 11, joining Jon Littauer, Aidan Buick and Curt Kahn with solo tallies.

The goal for Kahn, a senior who has played virtually every minute this season in goal after performing as a key member of the attack the two previous years, was his first of the season. Littauer, a sophomore, played well in net, according to coach Nigro, when Kahn was moved in to the field.

- Between the Scituate and Chatham wins, the boys played in yet another non-league tilt, this one a 3-1 loss to Div. 2 powerhouse Hingham

The visiting Harbormen dominated the first half, scoring the only two goals before the break.

A few adjustments during the break, though, helped the Skippers make a game of it in the second half and even carry play for substantial stretches. Chris Clark scored his 10th goal of the season early in the half on a feed from Pestone to make it a one-goal game, and the Skippers continued to pepper the Hingham net over the balance of the half.

With the Cohasset defenders pinching up for an all-out assault on Hingham's end in the final minutes, the Harbormen were able to trigger a counterattack and put the game out of reach with their third goal with under a minute remaining.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset all-star defender Coner Buick (left) tries to get above Scituate's Conrad Williams in battle (#17) to get his head on ball.

"I was pleased with the way we played, especially in the second half," noted Nigro. "Hingham's a real strong team that should do well in their (Div. 2) tourney. This was a good tune up for the tourney."

- Seedings and pairings for the state tourney were supposed to come out yesterday, with announcements expected in today's daily papers.

With their second place finish in the South Shore League (6-2-4) and overall record of 9-4-5, the Skippers were hoping for a home game in the first round of the Div. 3 South Sectionals for the second year in a row.

"We've played a tough schedule and done pretty well in a tough league, so I think we should get some consideration," said coach Nigro. "A home game would be nice. It's always a great way to start the post-season."

- The Skippers had four players named to the South Shore League all-star team this week: senior captain Evan Pestone and juniors Chris Clark, Coner Buick and Craig Laugelle.

The annual all-star game against the Patriot League all-stars was scheduled to be played last night at Norwell High.

Clark was also one of five SSL players selected to play in the Eastern Mass. All-Star game after Thanksgiving at Silver Lake High School.

MaxLax Report

Game of the Week: U12 Hawks soar over Cannons, 10-9

As all of the players have started to get "playoff fever" in anticipation of next week's championship showdowns, this contest kept with MaxLax tradition (every week with an OT thriller) and gave us a glimpse of what's to come.

The Hawks opened the action first with two quick strikes from Geoffrey Evans with an assist from Enrico Terucci (his first points of the season), and then a minute later the lights flashed again on a nice slide move by Andrew Bell.

Two of the league's leading scorers then teamed up to get the Cannons on the board with a goal from Dean Driscoll on an assist from Will Wise. After some physical play that cost both sides some time in the penalty box, the Hawks took advantage of their "man-up" advantages with scores from Justin Yeager and Will Lynner. Will's brother, Andersen Lynner, then put up a tally of his own a few minutes later that gave the Hawks a 5-1 lead.

However, this sense of impending victory was short-lived as the Cannons answered with a 3-goal rally to close out the half (again from man-up penalty situations) on a goal by Sean MacCarthy and two from Jack Murphy to bring the score to within one goal.

The Cannons evened the game with a scoop and shoot goal from Derek Cyr (also his first goal of the season) and then they went ahead on a fast break score by Will Wise who found the back of the net with a great low fake.

With another penalty against the Cannons, Olly Forrer found the goal wide open for an easy Hawk tally which was followed by a fan rousing end-to-end rush from Eamon Davis that put the Hawks back up by one.

Max Shipp, one of the Cannons veterans, put their opponent on notice that they would not go down easily when he combined a solo tally with a great no-look pass to Murphy who puffed the back of the net to earn his "hat trick" for the day. With time running down and penalties continuing to provide prime scoring opportunities for both sides, the defense held the offense at bay refusing to give up anymore ground.

Davis broke the drought and tied it up again when he intercepted a clearing pass at mid-field and fired it right back for a "low skidder" that caught the goalie off balance. Typical of a battle of the titans, Shipp quickly put the Cannons back on top when he took the ball off of the next face-off and managed to evade several defenders before picking the upper corner for what appeared to be the game winner.

However, this day was for Davis as he took a page out of Shipp's playbook and returned the favor with a series of dodges that had the fans cheering as the he sent the game into OT with his last second score.

With the adrenaline pumping on both sides, the first minute of OT was as physical and aggressive as we've seen — with more than a few "pad-to-pad" sounds coming from the field. The Hawks thought they had it won on a back door shot, but it found the side of the net (rather than the inside) and on the Cannons next clear, the goalie found Davis free at mid-field and he took it into the upper right hand upper corner with a rocket (from 20 feet) for the game winner. Expect more of the same next week . . .

Player of the Week:
Eamon Davis (Hawks) 4 goals

Week 6 Game Summaries

U14

Scorpions 14, Bulldogs 11

Scorpions- Czerkawski 4g/1a, Mills 3g/1a, Deutsch 2g/2a, Rose 1g/1a, Davis 1g/1a, Degiacomo 1g, Kusek 1g,

Bulldogs- Minevitz 8g/1a, Johnson 1g/2a, Dwyer 1g, Ellison 1g/1a

Talons 14, Blades 6

Talons- Ferris 8g/2a, St. Clair 1g, Dings 1g/1a, Z Gray 1g/3a, Sears 3g/1a Blades-Grimm 3g, Flibotte 2g, Connors 1g,

Sharks 14, Panthers 8

Sharks - Twomey 5g/1a, Rice 4g/1a, Donovan 1g, Ciardi 1g, Jarzneicki 1g/1a, Armstrong 1g, Gormley 1g/1a,

Panthers- Carlson 6g/1a, Mitchell 1g/1a, Brown 1g

U12

Hawks 10, Cannons 9 (OT)

Hawks- Davis 4g, Forrer 1g, Evans 1g, Yeager 1g, Bell 1g, Wahlberg 1a, Terucci 1a, W. Lynner 1g, A. Lynner 1g

Cannons- Murphy 3g, Shipp 2g/2a, Driscoll 1g/1a, Wise 1g/1a, Cyr 1g, Maccarthy 1g

Jackals 8, Blazers 5

Jackals - Fitzgerald 2g/2a, Fallon 2g, Hughes 1g, Thompson 1g, T. Kelly 1g/1a, David 1g A. Kelly 1a, Butler 1a, Vangel 1a

Blazers- Smith 2g/1a, C. Murphy 1g, Stevenson 1g, Ast 1g

U10

Lazers 7, Mavericks 1

Lazers- Martina 2g, Contento 1g/1a, Meehan 1g/1a, Clark 1g, Robertshaw 1g, Milton 1g

Mavericks- Noyce 1g

Bullets 11, Crusaders 3

Bullets- T. Flibotte 5g, Ernst 2g/1a, Carrier 2g, Healy 1g, Routhier 1g, Dick 1a

Crusaders- Horrigan 2g/1a, Murphy 1g, Weber 1a

Last chance signups

This week is the last chance to sign up for the next session of play that begins on Nov. 8, as we do have some individual roster spots available at all levels. Contact MaxLax at 781/383-0413 or visit our website at www.maxlax.net for more information on how to register.

Basketball registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department/Booster's Basketball registrations will be held for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8, at the Town Hall, on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee for the program is $55. Checks should be made payable to Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club (CBBC), shirt charge is included in the fee. Details on the basketball program will be available at registrations. Games are played on Saturdays, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid any conflicts. The Recreational Basketball Program is made available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the Recreation Department, providing youngsters with a teaching and recreational opportunity.

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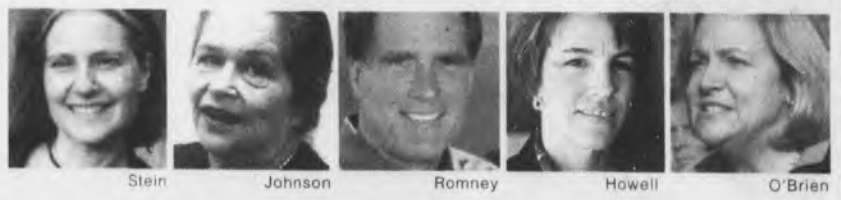

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Cohasset Youth Lacrosse adopts an Aussie sister

Finally, a place for kids to send their old uniforms

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse has adopted the East Fremantle Lacrosse Club in Australia as a sister program, and plans to begin sharing warm greetings and not-too-old equipment with the Aussies by the time the spring season begins next year.

The long-term goal of the sister program is to support lacrosse internationally, foster goodwill, help children learn about other cultures, create some pen-pal relationships and, perhaps, foster an international player exchange or tour at some time in the future.

East Fremantle is located about as far from Cohasset as possible, literally on the other side of the earth in Western Australia. It borders Perth, which is the most isolated city on the planet, located more than 2,000 miles from any other large population center.

The relationship between Cohasset and "East Freo" began last summer, when Cohasset Youth Lacrosse coordinator Chuck Jaffe traveled to Perth to participate in the World Games of Lacrosse.

While in Australia, Jaffe learned that Aussie programs often have a hard time getting the kind of high-quality gear that Cohasset youth players take for granted. In preparation for the World Games, Jaffe's team — Brine/Atlantic Sportswear USA — changed its colors from green-and-gold to red, white and blue; upon its return, the Brine/Atlantic players donated their green gear to the Wembley Lacrosse Club, which has identical colors.

"While that was being arranged," Jaffe says, "we learned that most Aussie programs don't have scrimmage vests and some other things that we take for granted. That's when we heard that East Freo's colors matched our scheme and knew we might be able to do something."

Jaffe contacted Tim Kennedy of the East Fremantle Club, and the idea of sister clubs was hatched.

The first real action — besides a link on their web sites ? involves taking up a collection of uniforms. Each year, Cohasset youth players get completely new two-sided jerseys. Many players also get Cohasset jerseys in summer camp.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is going to collect old jerseys to send to East Freo. "Every year, parents complain about all the jerseys and shorts they have piled up around the house," says Jaffe. "Now they have something cool to do with the extras."

"We've never quite had the budget for practice jerseys," Kennedy says, "so this will help our program, and our players will enjoy getting to wear something from a good program in America."

Further, Jaffe notes that any Cohasset player giving up an old jersey can write a note, affix the letter to the shirt and the East Fremantle club will arrange for one of its players of a similar age to receive the donation and write back.

Jaffe is encouraging players to say a bit about themselves, their lacrosse experience, how they've done wearing the jersey they're now donating, how their team has performed, as well as contact information, e-mail addresses and more.

"Our kids should think of this as extra credit work in lacrosse," says Jaffe. "It's like homework, in that the more effort they put in and the more they share, the better the relationship, the more likely that it will lead to cultural exchanges in the future. And you'd be hard-pressed to find a nicer place to visit — or nicer people to visit with — than the ones you will meet in Western Australia.

"If all this leads to is some smiles and emptier closets, that's good enough for me," says Jaffe. "But if it leads to a tour, a visit, a long-term friendship, hosting visiting players or, maybe, one of our players taking a tour of Australia as a paid coach and player when they graduate college, we'd have really created something outstanding."

To kick-start the program, Cohasset will be collecting jerseys, shorts and any other extra gear throughout the fall and early winter. Uniforms — shorts and jerseys — should be limited to Cohasset clothing, not gear accumulated from summer camps and other programs. Parents and players who want to clean their closets and contribute to the cause can drop their contributions in the mail to Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, Box 70, Cohasset, MA 02025-0070.

Players wishing to write a letter to an Aussie player should put the letter in an envelope, affixed to the jersey by safety pin. The program is accepting boys and girls uniforms, and the pen-pal program includes children from youth ages up through high school.

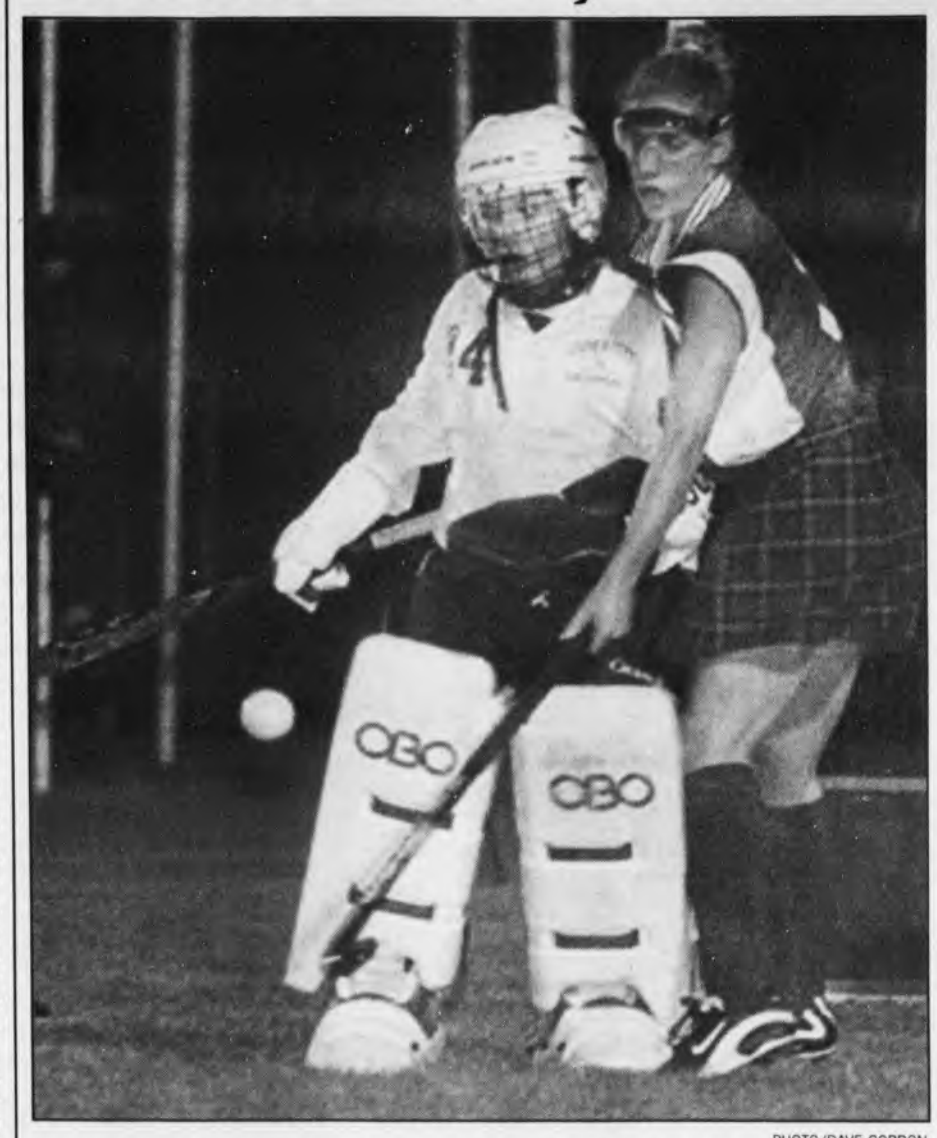
Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will also collect gear at its registration day — scheduled for the first Saturday in January — and will send its first box of goodies to Australia shortly thereafter.

A second donation will be made at the end of the season, when all of the gear Cohasset coaches find on their sidelines through the season gets shipped to Australia.

Says Jaffe: "The punishment for losing your gear and not coming to get it back this year won't just be the usual running, it will be having your forgotten equipment shipped to the ends of the Earth to someone who will take better care of it."

For more details on making an equipment donation, contact Jaffe at 781-383-9858. For a link to the East Fremantle Lacrosse Club web site, go to www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

Show of Pride by field hockey team



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Cohasset goalie Deanna Brown (left) looks to bat the ball away from Silver Lake forward on the doorstep.

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girls didn't give an inch. They did what they had to do."

The Lady Lakers, now with a 13-2-3 record, will head to playoffs peaking at exactly the right time. On Monday, Silver Lake was given the number seven seed in the upcoming Div. 1 tournament, and they will host Dartmouth (10th seed, 12-4-2) in round one tomorrow (2:30 p.m. start). They finished second in the Old Colony League behind Falmouth this year, as they qualified for post season play for the first time in four years.

If the Lady Lakers get by round 1, they'll likely have to face second seeded Norwood (14-1-2), the Bay State League champs, who tomorrow will face the winner of Tuesday's preliminary round game between Apponequet (8-6-3) and Wellesley (6-6-6)

"Now, everyone is equal," stated Lopes of any team's chances in the playoffs. "The team that wants it the most will come away with it. That's the beauty of high school athletics."

Since sophomore Courtney Struble took over the goalkeeping position for Silver Lake, she has recorded six shutouts in as many career starts. An exemplary athlete, Struble had played midfield and defense, but transitioned beautifully into her new role.

Like Struble, many of the Lakers possess the same type of versatility of their current goalie, as they brought a willingness and ability to play multiple positions. Lopes attributed some of her team's success to that type of players, particularly noting senior co-captains Renee Schneider and Krysten Conboy.

"Those two have been instrumental in leading the team on and off the field," she noted. "It's a mentality thing they have. They will do anything for the team. They understand what it takes."

Sophomore Courtney Smith, a second year varsity scorer, provided the differencemaker in both contests, on the same play. Coming in from the weak side, Smith was able to sneak a shot past Lady Skipper goalie, senior Sera Genovese.

Genovese had a terrific couple of days, thwarting relentless Laker shots, recording 43 saves in 45 chances.

Although Cohasset's field hockey is done for 2002, veteran coach Deb Bostwick seemed very pleased with the effort put on by her squad. If nothing else, the Lady Skippers proved that they could play competitively with Div. 1 and 2 powerhouses, dropping close one-goal decisions to Silver Lake, Hingham, East Bridgewater and Hanover.

"If we had played like this all year, we would be in tournament," said the coach. "My heart goes out to the seniors. I really wanted this to be the year that they shined. But we made the best of the end of the year."

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Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold an Appreciation Night this Friday, Nov. 1, during the Scituate High School varsity football game vs Rockland.

All cheerleaders and football players are invited. All cheerleading teams will perform during halftime.

There will also be a Field Goal Place Kicking Contest during halftime. Two football players from each of the six teams will compete for prizes. Football players should wear their blue home jerseys.

All cheerleaders and football players will be admitted to the game free of charge

Last chance MaxLax signups

This week is the last chance to sign up for the next session of play that begins on Nov. 8, as we do have some individual roster spots available at all levels.

The league is open to all boys youth players in grades 3 through 8. Based on the popularity of this new local program, space is definitely be limited, so please call immediately.

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Football fever...catch it

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

Whether your first sporting love is baseball, hockey, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey or whatever, any true sports fan must admit there is nothing that truly compares with a "big" football game.

Football has something for every kind of sports fan the way the sport naturally showcases brute strength, sheer athleticism and immeasurable desire all in one package. Plus, there is just something riveting about watching a week's worth of tireless planning, prepping and honing all come together in a three-hour pressure cooker.

The powers that be in the NFL finally wised up and started marketing the game around these undeniable attributes approximately a decade ago, and just look at the result: the MLB, NBA and NHL are now barely visible in the NFL's rearview mirror in terms of TV ratings and market clout.

Much of what is great about the NFL game can also be observed locally at the high school level. Each and every game is an event regardless of whether it features two unbeaten teams going head-to-head or a couple of 1-5 teams battling for pride and a little respectability.

Still, we in Marinerland feel fortunate we've got more of the former than the latter in our subscription area. For example:

- The battle for supremacy in the South Shore League has come down to three Marinerland team: Norwell, Cohasset and Abington. All unbeaten in league play, but all will see the other two over the next three weeks, beginning with Norwell's hosting of Abington Friday night (7 p.m. kickoff).

Both teams are currently 3-0 in league play and coming off of lopsided defeats of the SSL's pre-season favored Hull. Abington blew the Pirates out of the water, 34-0, this past weekend, a week after Norwell toppled them, 10-0, in a game that was not as close as it sounds. This week, Norwell trashed Carver's homecoming with a 20-0 whitewashing, another game not as close as the score might indicate (the yardage tote, 367-102, was a more accurate summation).

Both teams feature punishing ground attacks. Norwell boasts the league's top ground gainer in 6-foot-1, 210-pound Andrew Farinick (1,100 yards through seven games). As his size suggests, Farinick does the bulk of his damage between the tackle, one of whom is the league's most dominant lineman – 6-foot-3, 270-pound lineman John Chappell. Abington features a multi-back attack with Adam Bowser (108 yards versus Hull) generally the number one option.

If you love high school football, Norwell High is the place for you this Friday night (7 p.m. kickoff).

And the following week it's Abington High, as the Green Wave host Cohasset (2-0 in league).

Cohasset tied Abington for the SSL championship a year ago, but won it by virtue of their tiebreaker, an instant classic come-from-behind 26-23 win in their head-to-head meeting.

Cohasset, the SSL's smallest school by far with just over 300 students, is the dark horse in the mix, having been hit hard by graduation and injury. The loss of 1,400 yard halfback Jason Brown to the former and returning league all-star wideout Chris Bilodeau to the latter have been particularly tough. However, bruising tailback Braun Goodson (13 TDs) has stepped right into Brown's shoes, and better than expected line play has helped keep the Skippers unbeaten to this point.

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In the Patriot League, Hanover, in its first year under coaching legend Paul Costello, has opened a few eyes by staying alive in their league race to this point. The Indians surprised Scituate two weeks ago and also have wins over PL rivals Middleboro and Hingham. Their lone loss in league play came to East Bridgewater. A big test with Rockland awaits on Nov. 8, but if the Indians can pull that one out, they'll travel to Duxbury (unbeaten, but not invulnerable, as Rockland proved) the following week with a chance at the league title. Not bad considering this was tabbed a rebuilding season by most South Shore football pundits.

The Indians feature a solid ground attack, a good athlete at quarterback in Adam Pardo and a great defensive front anchored by Dan Cotrone and Mike Sirignano, and, oh yeah, a Massachusetts High School Hall of Fame coach in Costello, who came out of retirement after a brilliant 30-plus year career at Boston Latin to try his hand at rebuilding Hanover's program. Looks like he still has his fastball.

A stunner on a similar scale has been pulled off by Braintree in the Bay State Conference. A four game winning streak moved the allegedly rebuilding Wamps into a tie for first place in the Carey Division heading in to this past weekend in the always competitive BSC. Unfortunately, a heartbreaking 13-6 loss to Herget Division leading Norwood this past Sunday, the winning TD a 37-yard pass inside the final 30 seconds, puts Braintree in the position of needing a little help.

The Wamps feature a much improved defense this year (surrendering a league low 65 points), a fast improving first year QB in Drew Dominguez, and a solid ground game led by Joe Shea.

The Silver Lake gridders also now find themselves in the position of needing some help in their quest for an Old Colony League title. A 31-30 heartbreaker to Barnstable two weeks ago — with the host Red Raiders prevailing with two TDs in the final five minutes, the second on an interception return after a Silver Lake receiver fell down on his cut – has cost the Lakers a shot at competing for the second straight year for a Super Bowl berth with Bridgewater-Raynham on Thanksgiving.

The Lakers are a well rounded team with a quarterback capable of making them a "special team." Third year starter Dennis Hill is considered one of the top five QBs in the state and is being actively recruited by several colleges in this, his senior year. The 6-foot-1 signal caller is a double threat, capable of big strikes through the air or on the ground.

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"We are so eager for this tournament to start to see what happens," noted Beal. "It's a new experience for Cohasset soccer and one that is the start to a new trend."

Cohasset played a solid defensive game, with South Shore League All-Star sweeper Holly Graham having yet another great campaign. Skipper senior Julie Lordan, who made the SSL All-Star team for the second straight year, had another tremendous game on defense.

For Scituate, defender Katie Hess did a terrific job covering Cohasset's All-Star forward Jen Buckley, holding her to just four shots. Along with Patriot League All-Star Margaret Tansey, the Lady Sailors drew their opposition into five offsides penalties, three being called on Buckley.

Scituate sophomore Michelle Littke scored the game's lone goal, tallying it with 21 minutes left in the first half. Littke took a centering pass from senior captain middie Lucy Hayes and slipped it past Cohasset goalie Kelly Holway for the game-winner.

Hayes was playing for the first time in several weeks, after being knocked out of the game against Cohasset five weeks ago. Hayes' co-captain, senior Lauren Glancy, also returned to the line-up for the first time after an extended stint on the injured reserve.

Although they played sparingly, their on-field leadership proved to be a main reason why the Lady Sailors were able to pop out of a five game slide.

"Spirit-wise, they were great to have back," noted Strazdes. "They're the seniors, and they are getting their shot."

On top of the injuries to Hayes and Glancy, two crucial blows to this year's squad, the Lady Sailors have been hit with several other injuries. While Glancy (torn ACL) will probably not return for the playoffs, Strazdes did say that "We'll be as healthy as we've been all season."

Scituate will likely face a powerhouse of an opening round opponent in the Div. 2 South Sectionals, having finished right at .500 (after a regular season ending loss to Norwell on Monday). However, with 10 wins, it seems quite possible Cohasset could wind up with a relatively evenly-matched pairing in the Div. 3 South.brackets.

"We could fall anywhere," admitted Beal, looking over the possibilities of playing Mashpee for the third time this year. "But it's definitely exciting. The girls are pumped. We've worked really hard to get here. The competition level has increased."

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Mary Fegreus of Cohasset plays Helen Keller

By Amanda Gontarz
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"This is normal for me. I don't know what I didn't have."
— Jaimi Lard of the Perkins School for the Blind

Imagine, instead of buzzing exasperatingly, your alarm clock wakes you up by vibrating your bed.

Your doorbell doesn't ding, but flashes a bright light throughout your house.

Or someone has to accompany you every time you need to run to the store for a loaf of bread.

The average person may be inconvenienced by some of these differences, but, to Jaimi Lard, this is every day life.

"This is normal for me," she said. "I don't know what I didn't have."

And what Lard doesn't have is a world filled with sight and sound.

When she was a baby, her parents noticed that her eyes moved around a lot and that she didn't respond to their voices.

They brought her to a doctor who determined that their daughter was deaf and blind. He then suggested that she be put into an institution because, according to the doctor, she would never be able to walk, be educated or independent in any way.

Lard, 38, lives in a Watertown apartment, enjoys running and swimming and works as a spokesperson for the Perkins School for the Blind, the same school that educated Lard and taught her the skills she needed to live in today's world.

"I don't want to sit home isolated and people should understand that deaf and blind people shouldn't have to be isolated," she said.

With a sign language interpreter speaking, Lard talked to a group of students at Notre Dame Academy Wed., Oct. 23 about her life as a deaf and blind person in preparation for the school's upcoming production of "The Miracle Worker," which tells the story of Helen Keller.

Lard first learned to sign at the age of 2, when her parents brought a tutor into their home to help them communicate with their daughter. Three years later, she entered the Perkins School, where she spent the next 16 years learning everything from math and science to cooking and table manners.

Like many people, Lard spends a good deal of time in front her computer, reading the news and sending e-mails. Her computer has a special program that enlarges and darkens the text, which Lard is able to read it if she brings her face right up to the screen.

Though she hasn't let being blind and deaf stop her from trying anything, Lard said she admits that life often can be more challenging because of it.

"I can't go to the store by myself. I need someone to go with me. It's frustrating," she said.

Kathleen Walter, director of theater arts at Notre Dame, played the role of Keller in "The Miracle Worker" when she attended the school in the late 60s. In preparation for her role, she spent an afternoon with a blind woman and said she thought the students in this fall's production would benefit greatly from a similar experience.

To learn a little about Lard's world, the students put on blindfolds and earplugs and were guided around the auditorium by their classmates.

"It's like being in your own little world," said sophomore Mary Fegreus, a Cohasset resident.

Fegreus portrays Keller in the production and spent many of the early rehearsals behind a blindfold.

"I thought it would be cool to play someone who couldn't see or hear," she said. ""I talk a lot so the role gives me another perspective on life."

"The Miracle Worker" opens Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. in Notre Dame Academy's Cushing Auditorium with a second performance Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Emily Fitzmaurice, right, leads classmate Elizabeth Ryan, around so they can relate to what it's like being blind for the NDA upcoming production of "The Miracle Worker."

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Find out about Derby

Derby Academy in Hingham will hold Information Sessions and Campus Tours for parents on Tuesday, Oct. 22 starting at 8:45 a.m. (for adults), and on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. for adults and children.

Director of Admissions, Jay Sadlon and Beverly Koswick, Parents' Association Admissions Liaison are planning the events as information introductions for parents interested in learning more about the Pre-kindergarten through Grade 9, coed, independent day school.

Parents of the current Derby students will lead visitors on tours of the 27-acre campus after a short introduction. A question-and-answer period will wrap up each session. For directions to the school or more information, call the school at 781-749-0746, Ext. 46; or visit their Web site at www.derbyacademy.org.

Local teachers in 'Who's Who'

A select group of America's teachers are being honored by their toughest critics—their former students—in the seventh edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2002."

All of the approximately 114,000 teachers being honored were selected by their former students who themselves are currently listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students," or "The National Dean's List," publications which recognize five percent of our nation's high school and college students, respectively.

The students were requested to nominate the one teacher from their entire academic career who "made a difference in their lives" by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence.

Local educators honored in "Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2002" include:

Cohasset: David Russell Magnussen, Cohasset Middle/High School and Scott P. Newkirk, Cohasset Middle/High School.

PAC will meet Nov. 6 at Osgood

The Cohasset PAC (Parents Advisory Council) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 in the Osgood School Music room. The meeting is open to parents of children with special needs and other interested citizens. For information call, Beverly Koswick, 383-2751 or Wendy Kennedy 383-6008

School Menu

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MONDAY, NOV. 4
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SENIOR SCENE

What's up at Cohasset Elder Affairs. Call 781-383-9112 for more information:

Medical Transportation (handicapped accessible) is available to the seniors of Cohasset. On Tuesday and Thursday, a van goes into Boston for hospital, clinic and doctor morning appointments. The Cohasset Elder medical van is available all week for appointments within a 15-mile radius. Reservations must be made at least three days in advance. Call 781-383-0220.

Tai Chi Thursdays The classical system of Chinese exercise, which promotes health, balance, relaxation and flexibility through slow fluid movements. Call the center for times. 781-383-9112.

Senior Fitness Tuesday and Friday 10:15 to 11 a.m. Low impact class of muscle conditioning, aerobic movement and full body stretches. Held at he senior center, 3 N. Main St., Cohasset. $3 per class.

Programs/classes Firming and Toning Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. An invigorating workout to music. Increase cardiovascular, flexibility and muscular strength with hand-held weight and an aerobic workout to music. Held at the senior center, 3 N. Main St., Cohasset. $3 per class.

Lunch Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, at noon Nutritionally-sound meals served three days a week at the senior center, 3 N. Main St., Cohasset. Reservations a must at leâst two days in advance. Donation: $2 per meal. You can pick up the November menu at the senior center, 3 N. Main St., Cohasset.

Tuesday Lunch Programs for November. Nov. 5, Carolyn Housman, LICSW, with South Shore Mental Health and Bayview Assoc. will talk about When is Memory Loss Part of Normal Aging? Nov. 12, Betsey Grimmons from Greater Boston Legal Services will address issues of couples when one partner has Problems with Alzheimer's; Nursing Home Care, Medicare, Medicaid. Nov. 19, Amy Carlson, Family Caregiver's Specialist from South Shore Elder Services will speak about Caregiving Issues. Nov. 26, Our first visit of the year with one of the third grade classes from Osgood School. Their teacher is Mrs. Gately.

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Housing issues floated in forum on Master Plan

By Mary Ford
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Put away the crystal ball because it's not needed, say concerned residents.

They want to keep Cohasset just the way it is and are worried about over-development – especially AvalonBay's proposed 200-unit apartment complex off Rte. 3A and what "mansionization" is doing to the character of their neighborhoods.

But those doing the homework for the town's Master Plan say the best way to preserve Cohasset is not only to air current concerns but to look at existing conditions and trends, and see what steps the town can take to control its future.

To that end, the Growth and Development Committee has worked countless hours over the past year to set the stage for the Master Plan, a blueprint so to speak, of what direction the town could take with proper planning.

The committee conducted a workshop on housing issues last week, which was the latest in series of forums planned to help collect community input on what the issues and concerns are. Last month, a Route 3A talk was held. The committee is cautiously optimistic it can have an early draft of the Master Plan ready by the end of the year.

But that can't be soon be soon enough for Jack McCarthy, 278 Jerusalem Road.

"Developers are looking at the town as a nice big piece of cherry pie," he said. "How do we pick up the pace and nail this down, so developers won't come in here?"

Larissa V. Brown of Community Design Partnership, consultants hired by the town, walked some 50 attendees through the existing conditions in Cohasset related to housing development, what concerns townspeople, who responded to a recent survey have, and some options the town could consider to control growth.

Brown cited two town surveys that demonstrated residents' concern over housing issues. In the town-wide survey, respondents included limiting the size of house construction relative to lot size; limiting barriers to viewing the ocean; and limiting the amount of new residential development among their top seven issues. The survey of senior citizens showed a majority want to remain in Cohasset but tax increases could play a role in their decision whether to leave and that their current homes are too large or too expensive for people on fixed incomes.

It was probably inevitable that much of the conversation focused on the AvalonBay development and the town's lack of affordable housing. The proposed 200-unit, luxury apartment complex on one of the last tracks of commercially zoned land has been controversial since Avalon officials first floated the concept some 18 months ago.

Brown noted that under recent changes to Chapter 40B – the state's affordable housing law – having a Master Plan, could play an important role in whether the town would be vulnerable to developers seeking comprehensive permits.

Under the new regulations, the state will consider a town's credible affordable housing plan, she said. Earlier in the evening, state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, also told the gathering having a housing plan for the community is part of new 40B changes, which he said don't go far enough to allow communities more control.

"But the one thing that is a constant is having a master plan regarding housing for a community," he said.

Towns that don't meet the state threshold for affordable housing are vulnerable to comprehensive permits that allow developers to skirt local zoning, in exchange for providing 20-25 percent affordable or low-income housing.

Wayne Sawchuk, 432 Beechwood St., said the town needs senior housing, something besides the 64 units off Elm Street behind the police-fire station.

"I've had four friends leave," he said. Sawchuk said whether Avalon takes the onus of providing affordable housing off the town or not, is not the issue. [If Avalon goes through, the town could be out from under the 10 percent affordable housing threshold, because the state counts both market-rate and affordable units in a 40B *rental* project. The town has some 2700 housing units and currently, only 76 are affordable by state guidelines].

Sawchuk, who is a local developer, said he's tried twice to build senior housing but hasn't been able to because of zoning restrictions. He said the town needs to change its zoning to allow independent living units for the 55 and over population.

"This would allow our seniors to cash in (on their homes) and not take all their money and go to Scituate," he said. "I hope people will think of the elderly."

Selectman Tom Callahan, who also sits on the Growth and Development Committee, pointed out the town passed a zoning bylaw allowing up to 10 accessory dwelling conversions a year. It was a bylaw that had seniors in mind, he said. Callahan suggested offering amnesty for any illegal apartments in dwellings in town.

But Roger Hill, 19A Highland Ave., asked how many accessory dwelling permits had been applied for since the bylaw passed, and was told "none."

'Mansionization'

The debate moved onto the so-called "mansionization" which was defined as replacing a smaller home with one that is two to three times bigger than what was there before.

Steven S. Daley, 322 Jerusalem Lane said the current zoning laws are not being interpreted correctly, and pointed to a new 13,000 square foot house going up on Jerusalem Lane. He and others argued the plans should have gone before the zoning board for a special permit, but did not.

Later, zoning board chairman Woody Chittick explained the proper procedure for neighbors to challenge a building permit is first to review the project in light of existing building and zoning regulations with the building inspector.

"If a neighbor believes there to be a violation, that person should then write a letter to the building inspector requesting enforcement," Chittick said. "The building inspector has 14 days to respond in writing of his action or inaction. If no action is taken, the aggrieved party can then file an appeal with the Zoning Board within 30 days."

Preserving views was also a hot topic, with Brown, the consultant, saying creating scenic overlay districts could be a way to preserve views as a public resource.

Mark Baker of the Capital Outlay Committee said a philosophical discussion is warranted because one of the assets the town has is its ocean views and it should have the right to protect that asset.

Stacey Weaver of Nichols Road said residents' property values are tied to their view.

"If someone is cut out of a view, the assessors aren't going to say their house is worth less – they're still going to be paying (taxes) as if they had a view," she said.

Growth & Development chairman Rick Swanborg gave last week's housing forum high marks.

"I thought the meeting was well attended with great participation," he said. "We focused on key housing issues, which the town has identified should be addressed in the future."

Town Planner Liz Harrington said Community Design Partnership will provide a draft of the housing section of the Master Plan to the Growth & Development Committee in early November. The committee will decide if it wants to distribute the draft at the Nov. 18 Special Town Meeting.

Swanborg is working on an interim report that will summarize progress to date and the next steps, which will be distributed to town boards and other interested citizens in the next few weeks. A follow-up meeting on housing is slated for Dec. 9 during which specific strategies and recommendations will be presented and discussed with the goal of creating a consensus around specific proposals, Harrington said.

The committee will conduct a meeting focusing in the environment and open space aspects of the Master Plan on Nov. 21.

Current conditions

Households

- 2,673 total households
- 2,752 year-round housing units
- 2,196 single family homes
- 205 condominium units
- 85 percent owner-occupied
- 15 percent renter-occupied

Population

- 28 percent is under 18 years old
- 15 percent is 65 or older
- 75 percent of households are family households (including married couples without children at home)
- 22 percent single person households
- 35 percent of households include persons under 18 years of age

Housing trends

- 42 percent of housing was built before 1940 (30 percent built 1940-1970)
- Building permits for new dwellings currently averaging 15-20 per year
- Many substantial alterations and expansions of existing smaller houses

Average, single-family square footage

- 4,000-5,000 square feet in the 2000s
- 3,000-4,000 square feet in the 1990s
- 2,000-3,000 square feet in the 1950s-1980s

Affordability gap

- 2001 median price of a single-family home $630,000
- 2001 median Cohasset household income $ 92,782
- The median-income family can afford home worth $313,083
- Single family home affordability gap $316,917

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MCAS changes offered at state-wide issues forum

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The Massachusetts Association of School Committee' acronym, MASC, may share the same letters as the state's high-stakes test, the MCAS — but the two are very different.

In fact, the MASC may be the organization that brings widespread changes to the role of the MCAS in Massachusetts education, particularly in regards to the role it serves as a requirement for graduation.

Last Thursday, the Cohasset School Committee voted to support all three MASC resolutions in preparation for the MASC Conference, which began yesterday (Wednesday) and runs through Friday at the Worcester Centrum Center.. The resolutions target the MCAS test, bilingual education, and educational funding fairness *(see sidebar)*.

"We endorsed all the resolutions," said Chairman Rick Flynn. "Our feeling on the MCAS is that something needs to be done. We thought that (the MCAS) resolution was a little bit extreme, but the feeling is that it needs to be done."

Superintendent Edward Malvey sees the decision to endorse the resolution as merely a continuation of the school committee's long-held stance on the issue.

"This School Committee has dealt with the issue forthright since the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System)has come into existence," said Malvey. "The vote the other night to support the resolution is intended to serve as a wake-up call. A lot of communities are dealing with this issue, and we want to keep it on the front burner."

The committee believes that a strongly-worded departure from the Department of Education's policy is necessary in order to being about a fair negotiation.

"Whatever happens, it will have to be a compromise," said Vice-Chairman Chartis Tebbetts, who will be the voting member of the committee at the annual meeting. "We are very comfortable with the idea of supporting this resolution. We would prefer to make a strong statement and compromise from that."

Last year – presented with two resolutions on MCAS – the MASC voted to approve the weaker one. This year, there is only one (MCAS) resolution on the docket.

"If we pass it and it goes to the legislation it would be something that the Association would lobby for," said Tebbetts. "It would significantly water down the applicability of the MCAS as a graduation requirement."

The committee also voted to support a resolution on bilingual education and equal funding, though the committee termed the latter as "awkwardly worded and hard to get your hands around."

As for the bilingual education resolution, it is a matter of maintaining local control.

"We need to work hard to maintain local control, because both of these issues (MCAS and bilingual education) take something away from us," said Tebbetts. "For the Department of Education to tell us that someone, who in every other respect passes our standards for graduation, is ineligible because they did not pass the MCAS represents a loss of local control."

Spelling out the resolutions

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The following is a synopsis of the three resolutions that will be voted upon at the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Conference. The conference began on Wednesday and runs through Friday.

Resolution 1 – Education Funding Fairness Study

This resolution would indicate support for the creation of an Education Funding Fairness Study, particularly targeting communities with incomes below the state average who receive less than 25 percent of the net school funding from Chapter 70.

The resolution itself is based on a proposed amendment that was submitted by Sen. Robert O'Leary, D-Cummaquid, and Sen. Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester.

Resolution 2 – MCAS as a Requirement for Graduation

Out of concern that the MCAS does not "adequately support the different styles of learning," and that high-stakes testing is not "educationally justified," the resolution calls for the end of the use of the MCAS test as a graduation and seeks the return of local control to school committee in regards to the awarding of high school diplomas. There is also concern that the test is out of character with the Education Reform law in Massachusetts which "calls for the use of a comprehensive assessment system, not a single test, for determining academic competency.

Resolution 3 – Bilingual Education in Massachusetts

The resolution calls for the public "to reject the bilingual education initiative ballot question," at the polls on Nov. 5. The MASC is concerned that local school committees will lose the ability to implement educational plans that are specific to the needs of the community.

Forest Avenue sidewalks not curbed

Voters to have final say Nov. 18

By Brian J. Scully
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Sidewalks could come to Forest Avenue, nearly a decade after the need was first officially identified by the Sidewalk Study Committee.

Those who live in the area say they don't need a study to let them know that the street is dangerous. Several, who were in attendance at the last week's selectmen's meeting to urge the board to move forward with the project, said they do not allow their children to walk on the street.

"I think that it is time that we move forward," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan. "We've been talking about it for 10 years. Forest Avenue is a heavily traveled road and a lot of children live in the area. It might not be the best time from a financial standpoint, but we've been saying that for a long time. It's time to just do it."

The article will ask the Nov. 18 Special Town Meeting to appropriate $250,000 to completely fund the project. The town already has approximately $180,000 allocated towards the project. If the article is rejected, the selectmen would then investigate how best to utilize the money the town already has in order to address the safety issues.

Town Manager Mark Haddad was glad to see the issue put before the town.

"I think the town should make a decision," sad Haddad. "If they don't want to do it, we'll know what our marching orders are."

Selectman Merle Brown voted in opposition of the article, saying that it was fiscally irresponsible to be working on sidewalks when there are larger issues – such as the need for a new school bus – that were being put off over financial concerns.

"I think sidewalks are very good ideas, but I don't think sidewalks are good ideas when we don't have the money to construct them," said Brown. "I don't think it is right for the other selectmen to put it in the town meeting because it'll go through in town meeting, because (the proponents) will pack the meeting and push it through."

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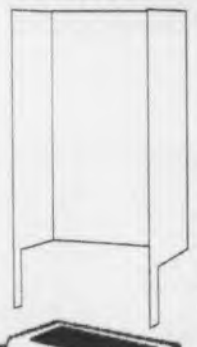
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Lisa Hotchkiss and Johanna Quinlan share a laugh at the silent auction fundraiser at the Sons of Italy in Hingham on Oct. 19 for the South Shore Community Center Nursery School Playground project.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris places her bid at the silent auction that raised more than $20,000 for the Community Center playground.

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Bird walk

The Straits Pond Watershed Association will host a Bird Walk led by Sally Avery on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 8-10 a.m. at Atlantic Avenue, Hull (at the foot of Summit Avenue).

Community center fund-raisers noted

The South Shore Community Center is having a raffle for a weekend for two at the Jared Coffin House in Nantucket. Reservations can be made from Dec. 1 through March 31. The package includes two nights lodging, full breakfast each morning, lunch one afternoon and dinner one evening. The drawing will be Nov. 21, at 2:30 p.m. at the Jingle Bell Walk in the gymnasium. You need not be present to win. Donation one chance $25 or five chances $100. All proceeds benefit the South Shore Community Center.

The South Shore Community Center is going to have a Ski, Skate and Sports Equipment sale on Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon.

If you have any ski, skate or sports equipment that is cluttering up your garage or basement then why not put it to good use and for a good cause. Donate it to the South Shore Community Center. You can drop off equipment from Nov. 13 through 16, at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, Ma. 02025

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Halloween dance

Due to the fact that Halloween falls on a school night this year, the Halloween dance will be held at the Garage on Friday, Nov. 1, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in Grade 6 and up is welcome and costumes are optional. This ghoulish dance will be free of charge. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Trick or treat at Stop & Shop

Local Stop & Shop supermarkets will be home to ghosts, goblins, witches, and other Halloween guests in the supermarket's first ever Trick-or Treat event. On Halloween night, Oct. 31, from 4 to 7 p.m.

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For more information, customers should contact their local Stop & Shop supermarket.

Newcomers host farm family fun day

The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club has arranged for a Family Fun Day at the Weir River Farm in Hingham on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 11 am. The farm has been reserved just for the club, so come out and enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

The farm staff will be on hand to lead an informal barnyard tour and answer questions. There will be a $2 fee per person for those who are not members of The Trustees of Reservations.

The farm is located in Hingham, with parking available at the end of Turkey Hill Lane. Light refreshments will be served, so please call Heidi Blanchard at 545-8066 if you would like to attend. For more information on the Newcomers Club, call Vicki Defreitas at 545-5202.

Arts, crafts offered

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades K-3 arts and crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and crafts for grades K-3 will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $42 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Tuesday, Nov. 5, continuing through Dec. 3.

For more information, details and registration, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109.

Dormitzer to speak

The Social Service League Speaker Series continues Friday, Nov.1 from noon to 1p.m. at the South Shore Art Center with author Jackie Dormitzer, author of "Narrative History of Cohasset." This book traces the story of Cohasset and its people from 1950 to 2000. It describes the changes to the town, its people and temperament. Dormitzer has lived in town and served on many political and civic boards for more than 35 years. Come and share her wealth of knowledge about Cohasset. Free and open to the public. For more info 781-383-0771 The next speaker will be Rich Sylvia, member of the Community Preservation Committee that is spearheading a town effort to save the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary. Nov.15.

Student job bank

The Social Service League provides a referral service to match high school students looking for work opportunities in Cohasset. If you are interested in hiring a student to work for you, please call the League Office at 781-383-0771 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A list of student names is available for the following services: lawn mowing, leaf raking, general yard work, cooking, computer skills work, babysitting, house sitting, pet sitting, etc. at $7 per hour.

Financial workshop

John Flanagan, the Edward Jones investment representative in Cohasset, will host a "Financial Workshop for Individual Investors." The two-week workshop will assist individuals in setting financial and investment goals.

The class will provide an in-depth look at the many different types of investments available to and suitable for investors who are working or retired.

The workshop will be held Nov. 4 and Nov. 12.

Classes will meet one night per week from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be held at the South Shore Community Center. The enrollment fee for the workshop is $15 per person or $20 per couple, which includes all course materials. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Flanagan at 781-383-1996.

Ice fishing course

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces telephone registrations will be accepted for a unique "Ice Fishing Course," designed for all ages, children through adults.

The course will be held on Island Creek Pond in Duxbury on Sunday, Jan. 19 from 9:55-11:55 a.m. No ice skates allowed! The fee for this very unique opportunity to learn how to ice fish is $34 per participant and includes all necessary equipment and bait.

You may register by calling the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109. Space is limited and early registration is strongly suggested.

Teaching the class will be Paul Bruce of Duxbury. Last year, his group caught 15 pickerel and two bass in three hours; there's fish under the ice with voracious appetites! You'll learn traps, tackle, bait and techniques. Take advantage of this opportunity and learn a skill for life!

Open house, market place

The South Shore Art Center will hold a Holiday Marketplace and Open House on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The marketplace will feature a select number of craft artisans selling jewelry, glass ornaments, clothing, soaps, holiday soft sculpture, and doll clothing. Holiday shoppers will find Arts Festival favorites Susan Arnold of Ad Libs Designs; photography products from Sandi Smith; jewelry by ek Designs; glass ornaments by Simple Syrup Glass Studio, and children's clothing by Fleece on Earth.

The activities at the Art Center will be held in conjunction with the Annual Small Works Exhibition, showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists. All of the work is small in size and priced under $500. Highlighting the activities on Nov. 9 will be the chance for all visitors to add their own artistic creation to a creative quilt. The Art Center will provide paper and materials for artists young and old, talented and those just experimenting, to contribute their personal touch to this giant collage. For more information call 781-383-ARTS.

Victorian fair

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents a Victorian Seaside Holiday Fair on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum at 1117 Nantasket Ave. in Hull.

The Museum Store will be full of amazing gifts for young and old and more than a dozen local artisans will display and sell their wares of jewelry, textiles, wood-turning, candles, seaglass and more. There will be activities and crafts for children—kids play while you shop, and you can enjoy delicious refreshments and holiday cheer.

Admission and parking is free. For information, call 781-925-5433. Come and enjoy the most rewarding holiday shopping of the season!

Pop-up book at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host Robert Sabuda on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 4-6 p.m. Sabuda is an artist who has taken paper engineering to its ultimate level. A paper engineer is an artist who creates pop-ups using paper as his or her primary medium. The term "pop-up" is a catchall phrase for all moveable and dimensional art. His newest book is a pop-up adaptation of Clement C. Moore's, "The Night Before Christmas" (Little Simon, $24.95). The illustrations are breathtaking as reindeers jump from the pages in your hand and Santa rises up the chimney. His work is fascinating to children but is also highly regarded by adult collectors. Sabuda will do a brief pop-up demonstration at the beginning of his visit. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2655 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

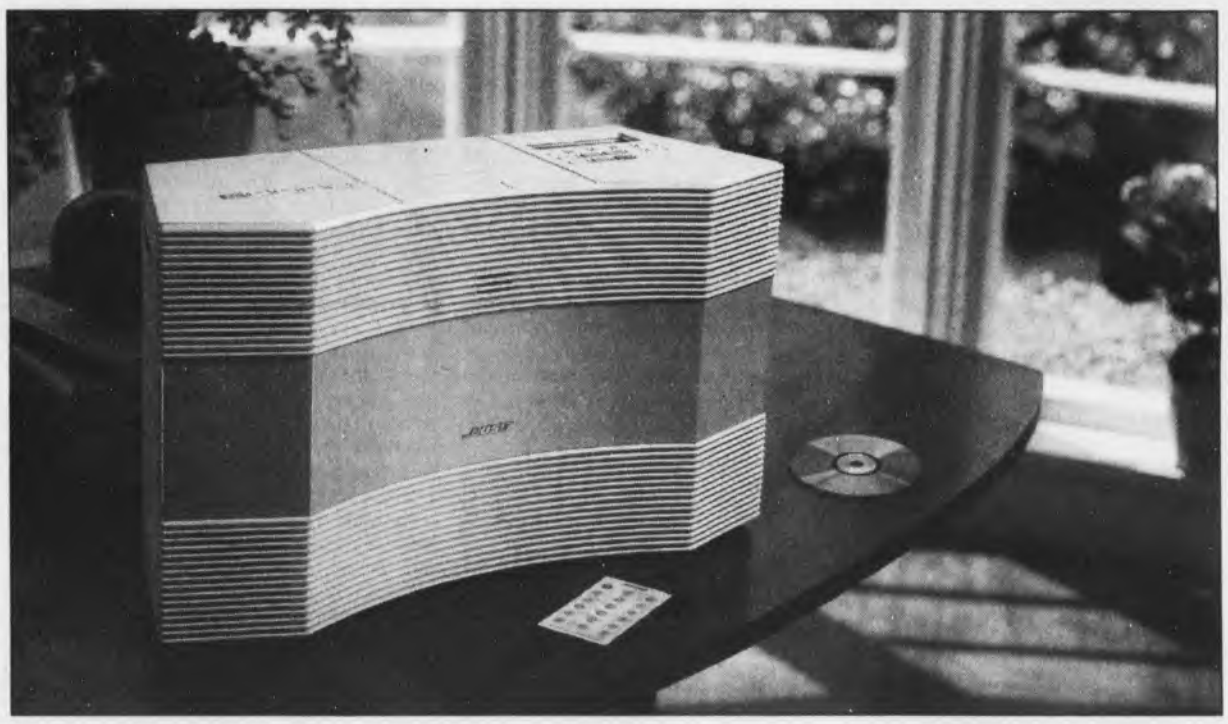
Festival of trees

Friends of the Paragon Carousel Inc., 205 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents the First Annual Festival of Trees at the Carousel. The gala grand opening will be Friday, Nov. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets: Child $2/Adults $10. Tree lighting entertainment, refreshments.

The event runs Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15. Hours: Friday, 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 4 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bring a can good or food item for the Wellsprings Food Pantry and receive a "Good Deed Coupon" for a free ride on the Carousel.

For more information visit www.enjoy-hull.com



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Coastal Research Center signs lease on Hagerty House

By Brian J. Scully
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The Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research took another step towards reality at the Selectmen's meeting Tuesday, when representatives Jack Buckley and Steven Daly signed a lease for the former Hagerty House.

The $1-a-year lease runs for five years and will self-renew as long as the project continues its forward momentum.

"It has been a long process for the town, certainly for guys like Jack Buckley," said Daly, who works in real estate in Hingham. "It's sort of the culmination of Kevin Ulmer's original vision and I think it is going to be great fun for the kids."

Ulmer was the proponent behind the Lobster Lab, an educational program that previously rented the Hagerty House. Selectmen terminated the lease when Ulmer failed to meet the terms of the agreement that included building upkeep and fundraising.

"We want to have programs for younger kids so that they can get excited about learning about science and finding new ways to explore the environment."
— Jack Buckley

"The main idea is to have a place for students to do research that is of importance to the town," said Buckley, a teacher at Cohasset Middle High School. "Already, the kids have worked on monitoring the salinity in the harbor, because of the concern from the increased effluent from the wastewater treatment plant and doing bacterial studies of coliform bacteria in Little Harbor."

The 10-member board heading the CCSRC hopes to have the building operational – at least in part – by the summer of 2003.

"We have $100,000 of need," said Daly. "We have half of that on hand or raised and we have another 15 percent of that which is committed as a guarantee. For the balance of it, we are also seeking guarantees in order to establish a credit line."

According to Daly, the line of credit will provide the Center with all of the working capital it needs to renovate the building. The Center also plans to lease the upper floor to the South Shore Art Center for studio space.

The selectmen pledged $25,000, which was left over from the Hagerty account, to fund a public bathroom in the building that would be accessible from Mariner's Park.

The Center would provide an educational tool to be used across the school system.

"We want to have programs for younger kids so that they can get excited about learning about science and finding new ways to explore the environment," said Buckley. "When the kids get older, they can then take on some more serious research projects."

Hagerty Committee chairman Russ Bonetti asked several questions before the lease was signed as to the financial stability for the plan and the zoning issues, but selectmen felt confident that their Aug. 8 decision to approve the project was the right move.

"We gave them the go-ahead last time," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris. "The Lobster Lab didn't make it, but Jack Buckley put together a good plan for using the building, and a great way to finance it. Signing the lease was just a formality."

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Project Safeguard helps kids make healthy choices

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, seventh-graders from the Cohasset Middle School attended a half-day community-sponsored seminar on the Common to kick off the revitalized "Project Safeguard" program. Project Safeguard is a national program model that encourages a family approach to adolescent health-related issues and substance abuse prevention, and can be adapted to meet specific community needs. This year's "Campus on the Common" event focused on three themes: social and academic pressure; drug & alcohol prevention; and gender & body image issues. Roughly 50 percent of students had at least one parent in attendance.

Keynote speaker Ed Gerety, one of America's top youth motivational speakers and leadership trainers, got things off to a rousing start at the Town Hall at 7:30 am. His energy and sense of humor kept kids alert, and by most accounts his thoughtful messages made them pause and think. Focusing on the importance of respect, appreciation, and kindness, Gerety told several poignant stories of his own childhood. He spoke about bullying and about being "egged on" to be mean to other kids, even when he knew in his heart it wasn't the right think to do. He repeatedly encouraged kids to "listen to your heart" when making decisions and to treat others with respect.

Next the group walked up the hill to St. Stephen's Church, where selected Peer Leaders from Cohasset High School put on a play called "Jesse's Journal." Four boy characters and four girl characters took turns reading from their journal entries. The interweaving stories touched on many sensitive topics, including eating disorders and the media's influence on body image; academic pressure and the "overscheduled kid" syndrome; gender stereotypes faced by boys, particularly surrounding sports; and peer pressure concerning drinking and drugs. Afterwards, the audience dispersed to form small student and parent discussion groups, and then convened all together to discuss problems and solutions.

Later, students attended another talk by Gerety while parents met with school guidance counselors to discuss the transition from Deer Hill to the Middle School. Students then took the bus back to school, leaving parents to enjoy a luncheon at the Second Congregational Church and casual conversation with school staff and discussion leaders.

Background

Similar but larger-scale Project Safeguard events were held in Cohasset in 1996 and 1997. These were coordinated by a group of three parent volunteers (Liz Bates, Maureen Smith and Susan Etkind), who worked closely with Dr. Mike Gill, Health Education Coordinator of the Cohasset Public Schools. These parents had attended a Project Safeguard event in Weston and were so impressed that they wanted to do the same in Cohasset. The Cohasset events in '96 and '97 received high marks from Cohasset parents and students alike and were well attended — 75 percent of students had at least one parent in attendance. Unfortunately, the program had to be shelved due to budget and time restraints.

Last year, the PSO decided to try to resurrect the program, this time on a smaller scale. Using a half-day, rather than a full-day format, the program is more cost-effective and hopefully more manageable for working families. Working together with Dr. Gill, the Health Education Advisory Committee, and the Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee, the group designed a curriculum to meet the developmental needs of seventh-graders. They also enlisted the help of Peer Leaders from the High School to cut down on speaker fees. PSO Community Relations reps Sally Sisson and Karen Oronte organized this event, with the help of parent volunteers from both Deer Hill and the Middle School schools.

What's next

The hope is that "Project Safeguard" will serve as an umbrella name for a host of programs for different grades. Plans are in place for a smaller-scale, in-school event for sixth-graders this spring, and for another "Campus on the Common" event for next year's seventh-graders in the fall. Peer Leaders selected from the High School will play an important role in both events. In addition, there are plans to show the play "Jesse's Journal" to current 8th graders some time during this school year. The future will depend on parent interest level, funding, and volunteers.

Many thanks

Many thanks to the following sponsors who made this program possible: Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee; Cohasset PSO (Parent School Organization); St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; Second Congregational Church; St. Anthony's Church; and Eagle Flag of America, Inc.

And to the following businesses that helped provide refreshments: Dunkin Donuts, Stop & Shop , and Shaw's

Many people helped to plan the "Campus on the Common" event. The Project Safeguard team included: Dr. Mike Gill, Middle School Administrative Coordinator & Health Education Coordinator of Cohasset Public Schools; Paul Callahan, Deer Hill Principal; Ed Leonard, Ann McCarthy-Egan, Betsy McGrath & Anne Porter, Guidance & Adjustment Counselors, Cohasset Public Schools; Karen Murphy, Lead Nurse, Cohasset Public Schools; Rev. Cliff Cutler, Director, Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee; Don Ivas, Director, Social Service League; and Sally Sisson & Karen Oronte, PSO Community Relations reps. Many of the team members served as discussion leaders and facilitators. Thanks also to Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Asst. Rector of St. Stephen's Church; Betsy Keefe, licensed social worker; and 7th grade teachers Marie Schlieff and Maureen Duffy for helping as well.

The following CHS Peer Leaders, who put on "Jesse's Journal," were a huge success: Tom Anderson, David Ingber, Bryan Bilton, Scott Faber, Emily Dean, Sera Genovese, Allison Moje & Holly Dinsmore.

These parent volunteers helped with preparation, setup and cleanup, refreshments and lunch: Eleanor Coughlin, Mary Goodwin, Melody Maurer, Jen Piepenbrink, Allison Moskow, Carolyn Queenan, Barbara Baumgarten, Sue Thompson, Amelia Buckley, Derry Schwantner, Beth Seraikas & Vicky Neaves. Bakers & cooks included: Barb Mullin, Mary Goodwin, Sheila Sinclaire, Olivia Baldwin, Monica McKenna, Joanne Allen, Gloria DiPaolo, Carolyn Queenan, Eleanor Coughlin, Donna Coughlin, Vicky Neaves, Susie Durant, Sandy Crough, Chris Harag & Doris Goodwin.

The following kids helped with setup and making signs: Sam Game, Terry MacCormack, Emerson & John Oronte, Carly Jane, Derek & Alex Schwantner, Emily St. John & Margaret and Tara Goodwin.

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SAFEGUARD is on the Web

"Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies," the Project SAFEGUARD Web site, is up and running. This site is designed as a resource to support the youth in the community. It's for parents, for kids, for teachers...for anyone who cares about making Cohasset an even more safe, nurturing, and responsible community.

Log on to www.cohassetpso.org/safeguard.htm to see what it's all about.

Along with a Parent Booklist of titles dealing with child development and adolescence, the Web site contains links to news articles, features, and resources for both parents and kids. Topics include Stress, Body Image, Bullying, and Drinking & Drugs. Over time the site may expand to cover issues for a wider age range. Content is researched and compiled by parent volunteer Sally Sisson, who also works as a freelance writer and editor specializing in educational publishing for the secondary-, middle- and high-school age ranges. Your ideas are welcome; visit the site and send in your comments or suggestions.

This site is designed as a resource to support the youth in the community

Project SAFEGUARD is a community initiative designed to supplement the health education program in our schools. It depends on parent and community volunteers, as well as community funding, to keep running.

Maggie Czajak, 5, gets her face painted during the Halloween fair.

Frightful fair

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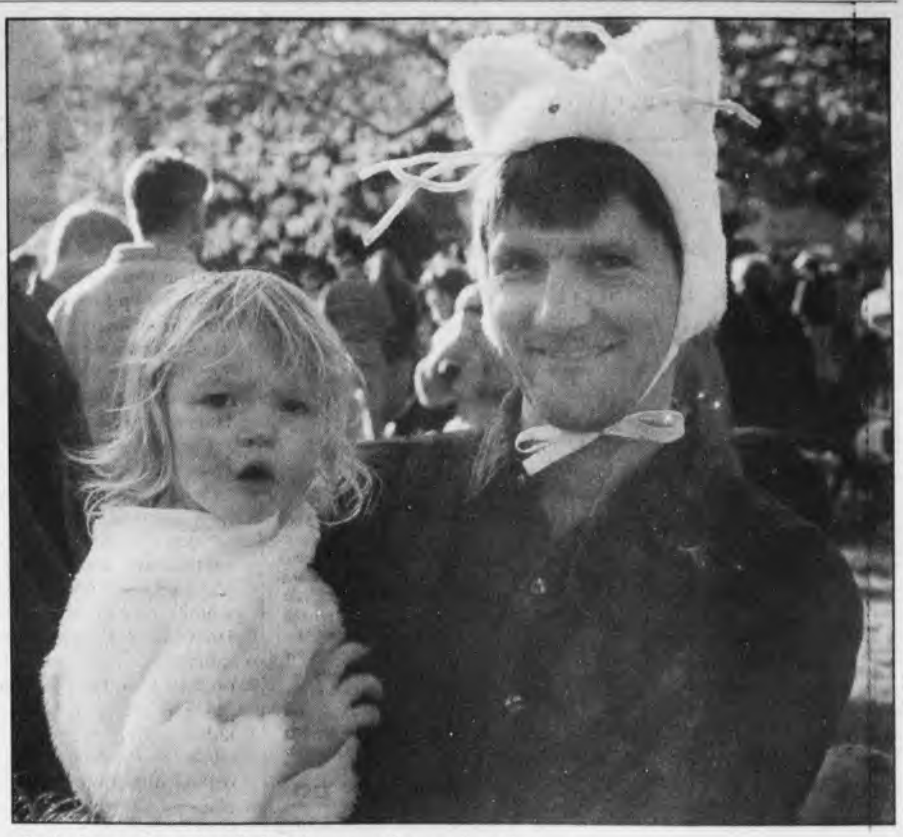

Emily Lengvel and her dad, John, were doing a lot of mousing around.

Caelin McDonald, 4, Liam, 3, and Colm, 3 months, stand in line with their parents for a ride on the mini-Ferris wheel.

Ned LaValle, 1-1/2, fishes for a rubber ducky during the annual Halloween Fair sponsored by the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

Emily Castro, 8, stands tall for liberty at the annual Halloween fair and parade.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

2:05 p.m. Stoneleigh Lane, general services.

2:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:43 p.m. Stockbridge St., tree down.

3:15 p.m. King St. and Red Fox Lane, tree down.

4:29 p.m. Linden Drive, power outage.

4:51 p.m. Cedar St., general services.

5:14 p.m. Linden Drive, power outage.

5:16 p.m. Stoneleigh Road, power outage.

5:37 p.m. Rockland St., animal call or complaint.

8:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., hate crime.

10:58 p.m. Cushing Road and Eames Lane, tree down.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

12:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

1:04 a.m. Beechwood St., open door/window.

5:29 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:59 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:51 a.m. King St., larceny.

9:11 a.m. Elm St., traffic complaint.

11:24 a.m. Maple St., trespassing.

2:01 p.m. Red Gate Lane, fire, log entry.

2:16 p.m. Parker Ave., assist other agency.

2:18 p.m. Pleasant St. and Cushing Road, traffic complaint.

2:40 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

2:45 p.m. South Main St., assist other police department.

3:44 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

4:34 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Howe Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:21 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:24 p.m. Hull St., well-being check.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

7:37 a.m. Elm St., property lost.

9:03 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, traffic safety inspection.

9:12 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave., traffic safety inspection.

10:10 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:43 a.m. Cedar St., vandalism.

11:19 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:47 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:57 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.

5:49 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle violations.

5:55 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., traffic citation/warning.

6:19 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:23 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Deep Run, assist boater.

6:23 p.m. Red Gate Lane, general services.

6:46 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:29 p.m. Scituate Police, assist other agency.

7:46 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

8:28 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, ticket issued.

8:49 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.

10 p.m. Parking Way, parking violation.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

12:45 a.m. Spring St., noise complaint.

1:01 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.

1:30 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:04 a.m. Beechwood St., civil offenses.

1:29 p.m. Brook St., parking complaint.

2:59 p.m. Forest Ave., tree down.

3:35 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

3:46 p.m. South Main St., tree down.

4:34 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:25 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, medical aid.

6:30 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

6:35 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

6:59 p.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint.

9:09 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:51 p.m. Riverview Drive, liquor law violations.

10:10 p.m. Juniper Rise, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:45 p.m. Oak St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

1:52 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

4:28 a.m. Norfolk Road, general disturbance.

5:04 a.m. HQ, assist citizen.

5:10 a.m. High St., fire, log entry.

3:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

4:27 p.m. Jerusalem Road and North Main St., parking complaint.

4:32 p.m. North Main St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:27 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:20 p.m. Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, OCT. 21

12:46 a.m. Jerusalem Lane, medical aid.

7:24 a.m. White Head Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:20 a.m. Black Rock Road, domestic disturbance, family.

9:59 a.m. Pond St., fire, inspections.

11:23 a.m. Pond St., general services, rendered.

12:58 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:18 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:24 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

2:59 p.m. Elm St., fire, miscellaneous.

3:24 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

3:59 p.m. Elm St., fire, miscellaneous.

3:24 p.m. King St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

3:44 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well-being check, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:38 p.m. Bancroft Way and Briarwood Lane, parking complaint, ticket issued.

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

8:31 a.m. Elm St., traffic complaint, referred to other agency.

2:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., vandalism.

3:10 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle, traffic citation/warning.

3:28 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:42 p.m. Spring St., assist other agency.

7:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:40 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:16 p.m. Black Rock Road, vandalism.

POLICE BRIEFS

Exposed himself

On Saturday, Oct. 26, at 5:20pm, a white male subject accosted an 11-year-old female at Shaw's Plaza by exposing himself.

The suspect is described as being of medium build, approximately 25–30 years old, 5 ft. 8 ins. to 5 ft. 11 ins., 180 pounds, light brown hair, wearing a faded blue/gray baseball hat, blue jeans, tan coat with a zippered front, green and blue plaid shirt with a dirty white T-shirt and all black sneakers.

Quick work nabs alleged shoplifters

At about 10:16 a.m., Tuesday police received a call from CVS on Route 3A that two females had just left the store after allegedly shoplifting. According to police, the stolen items set off the sensors in the doors when the women walked out.

The manager got a description of the suspects' late model Honda that was headed northbound on 3A. Officer Christy Tarantino stopped the vehicle near Sunrise Assisted Living and was soon joined by Officer Larry Ainslie. The CVS manager was brought to the scene and identified the suspects.

Arrested and charged with shoplifting and larceny, were Bethel Keller-Brittle, 19, of 192 B Humboldt Ave., Boston and Angelique Fitzgerald, 22, of 66 James St., Roxbury. Tarantino said both women admitted to shoplifting and allegedly had two canvas tote bags full of stolen items in the car.

The women were arraigned later Tuesday in Quincy District Court.

Otis St. break-in

On Oct. 23, police arrested David B. Silva, Jr., 24, of 12 Williams Drive, Carver. Silva is alleged to have broken into a house on Otis Avenue and stole property that belonged to the homeowner and a private contractor. Silva is also alleged to have pawned some of that property at Traders Mart at Brockton. The house was not occupied at the time of the crime due to renovations. Silva is charged with breaking & entering in the nighttime; intent to commit a felony; larceny of property over $250 (two counts); and receiving stolen property over $250 (two counts). Det. Garrett Hunt led the investigation.

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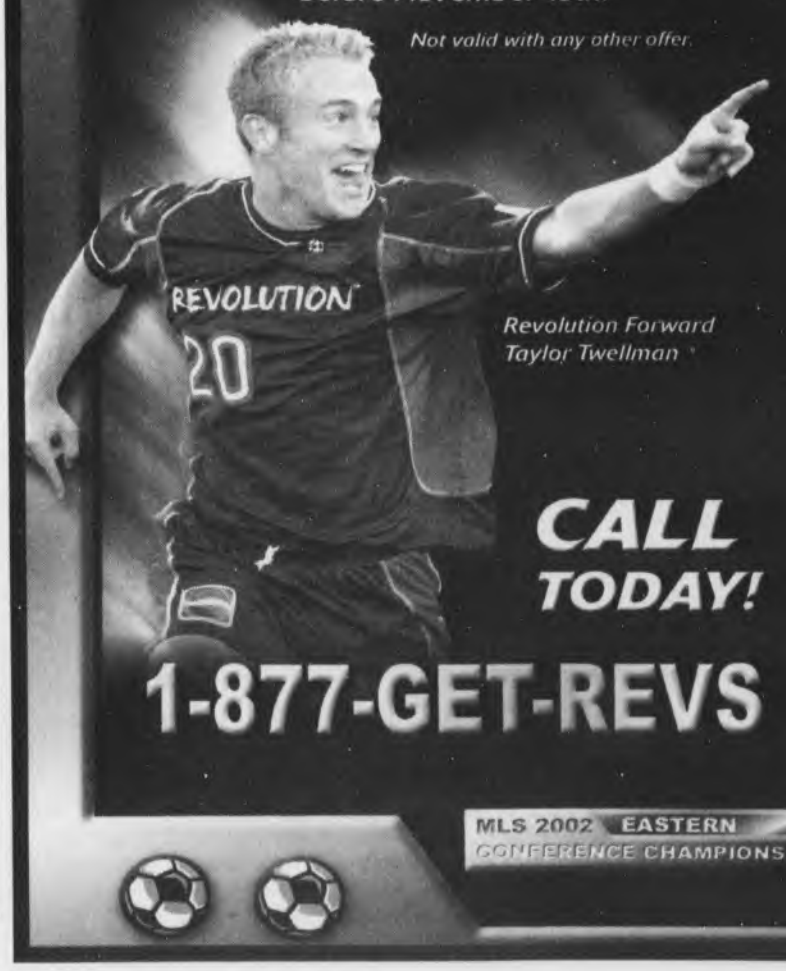

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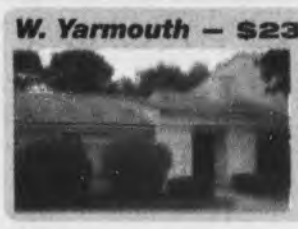
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Along comes a 'Spider - Man'

A live-action version of superhero swings into the Wang

By Josh B. Wardrop
STAFF WRITER

Since 1962, Spider-Man has conquered comic books and TV animation. And then last summer the story found a new level of dizzying success, as Tobey Maguire's feature film version of "Spider-Man" broke box office records.

Now Spider-Man takes aim at the stage, as a live-action version of "Spider-Man Live!" hits the Wang Theatre, in Boston, Nov. 5-10.

"My whole life, I've been a Spider-Man aficionado, or, as others would put it, a Spider-Man 'geek,' " laughs Kevin Shinick, the show's writer/director. "So, when I originally had met with the producers to pitch other projects, and they casually asked me whether I knew anything about Spider-Man, I figured somebody was setting me up. But, I took a shot at writing a script treatment, and they liked it. Pretty soon, they were asking me to direct the show!"

Like the blockbuster film, "Spider-Man Live!" chronicles the challenges and opportunities that arise when a teenager — our hero, Peter Parker — is bitten by a radioactive spider. Imbued with fantastic powers, Spider-Man battles the nefarious Green Goblin, from whose clutches he must rescue his true love, Mary Jane Watson. Beyond those similarities, however, Shinick insists that the stage show more than stands up on its own.

"I tried to stay closer to the mythology of the comic book character," he says. "There's plenty of twists and turns that are different from the movie."

Shinick, who made his name in the business as a performer (he hosted the popular PBS kids series "Where in Time is Carmen Sandiego?"), says directing the show has certainly been demanding and eye-opening. "Anything I do after this will be a piece of cake," he says. "This show encompasses flying, explosions, trapeze work, fight scenes — all along with directing the performers' actual *acting*. What's been really interesting and unique about this show is that, behind the scenes, we've been trying to create a family out of a number of diverse groups — stuntmen learning to act, acrobats learning to stage fight, and so on."

Still, the biggest challenge Shinick faced was to tell the story of Spider-Man in a way that would grip both young audiences *and* their parents. "We've all been to 'family spectaculars' that were neither spectacular, nor for the whole family," he says. "My key goal was to do something that would appease adults who have been Spider-Man fans since 1962, as well as to create something for kids that was a great introduction to the character, and to live theater."

While Hollywood star Tobey Maguire busies himself with new screen projects (including the upcoming movie sequel to "Spider-Man," scheduled for 2004), the man behind the mask at the Wang will be 27-year-old Colin Follenweider. A gymnast and high-diver since his school days, Follenweider was chosen for "Spider-Man Live!" after a two-and-a-half year stint performing the Cirque du Soleil show "O" in Las Vegas.

"When I auditioned for the part, I was really trying out for Peter Parker," says Follenweider, referring to the web-slinger's bookish alter-ego. "I didn't really have to demonstrate any of the physical, Spider-Man stuff. Having Cirque on my resume pretty much convinced them I could handle it."

While Follenweider admits that he wasn't really a comic book reader growing up in Colorado, there are a couple of indications from his childhood that the producers have found the right man for the job. "As a kid, my best friend and I had a 'Daredevil Club,' in which we would jump out of trees, and off of houses and stuff. I was president and he was vice-president, so he always had to go first," he chuckles.

"Plus, there's an old picture of me from some Halloween — I must have been about 9 or 10 — and I was wearing a homemade Spider-Man costume," Follenweider says. "So, it must be fate."

Follenweider says the show ensures that he doesn't have to worry about finding a gym in a strange city during the show's national tour, which lasts through next summer. "Between tumbling over rooftops, the gymnastics and acrobatics, the stage combat scenes where I swoop down on burglars from above, the strap act where I'm supposed to be swinging over the city... and then there's the wrestling scene, where I fight a guy who's 6 foot 6 and weighs 265 pounds... I definitely get a good workout doing the show."

Follenweider got lots of input on the role from director Shinick, but, in an indirect way, "Spider-Man" creator Stan Lee chimed in, as well. In the first-ever "Spider-Man" comic book story, published by Marvel Comics in issue #15 of "Amazing Fantasy," Lee wrote the words "with great

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'Fest fetes Fab Four

Beatles exposition makes Danvers debut

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDANT

It's been more than 30 years since the band broke up, but the Beatles are still making headlines and sales.

This year alone has seen the long-awaited video and DVD releases of the Fab Four's classic *A Hard Day's Night* film. More recently, a British newspaper article named John Lennon as one of the Top Ten Brits of all time, placing him alongside such luminaries Winston Churchill, William Shakespeare and Princess Diana.

On a more somber note, fans continue to mourn the passing of George Harrison in November 2001. But the quiet Beatle is also getting the appropriate sendoff this fall with the forthcoming releases of his final studio CD, *Brainwashed*, plus his hardcover-edition autobiography, *I Me Mine*.

Add to these the sensationally received stops at Boston's Fleet Center of Paul McCartney's worldwide "Feelgood Factory" 2002 concert tour in June and October, and the time seems right to bring the world's original Beatles fans and collectors festival event to the Boston area for the first time.

"The Fest For Beatles Fans 2002 — Boston," a nationally touring expo founded in 1974 and originally known as "Beatlefest," lands at Danvers' Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel this weekend, bringing fans and vendors from more than 20 states, England and Canada to partake in non-stop, activities celebrating The Beatles.

The Fest's Boston area debut is, in fact, the event's first show with its new name, "The Fest For Beatles Fans." The gala showcase was originally founded in New York by John Lennon friend and Beatles fan extraordinaire Mark Lapidos, who now, with his wife, Carol, oversees national operations from his company, Mark Lapidos Productions, Ltd., based in Westwood, New Jersey. Since 1974, the company has produced more than 90 "Beatlefest" shows, including long-running annual events in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles as well as going to Philadelphia, San Francisco, Atlanta, Seattle and several other cities.

"We've always wanted to do a show in Boston," said Lapidos. "But somehow or other it's just never worked out to our ideal when we've made attempts in the past. This year though, we've found a great hotel, and we're expecting fans coming from all over New England and the East Coast. There'll be continuous activities in eleven different ballrooms plus a great lineup of musical guests, both speaking and performing."

The musical lineup is indeed impressive and includes artists with direct connections to the Beatles history, both in the band and solo years. Among them, singer/guitarist Joey Molland of Badfinger, the first band signed to the Beatles' Apple label in 1969; Laurence Juber,

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MEDEA

Through Sunday, Nov. 3 at Boston's Wilbur Theatre, local theatergoers have the opportunity to experience a quite nearly flawless rendering of Euripide's "Medea," staged by Dublin's Abbey Theatre, the national theater of Ireland. Featuring an extraordinary performance by Fiona Shaw, in the title role, this retelling of 2,433-year-old Greek tragedy is not only set in the present, but it is also fresh and utterly riveting under the direction of Deborah Warner.

The iconic play explores themes of passion, pride and the blinding desire to exact revenge at any cost. When her husband (the excellent Jonathan Cake) leaves her for a Corinthian princess, the jealous "Medea" strikes back at him for the betrayal by killing those closest to him, including the couple's two young sons. It may have been written more than two thousand years ago, but this production proves that "Medea" is as compelling a story as any being written today.

The Abbey Theatre production of "Medea" will continue at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont Street, Boston, through Nov. 3. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 617-931-2787.

-R. Scott Reedy

Fiona Shaw stars in the Abbey Theatre Production of "Medea" at the Wilbur Theatre.

All's right with 'The World'

Quincy Dinner Theatre production shines

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

In their four-decade-long collaboration, composer John Kander and lyricist Fred Ebb have written memorable songs for the stage, feature films and television. Just a partial list of the team's Broadway triumphs would include "Cabaret," "Chicago," "Woman of the Year" and "Kiss of the Spiderwoman."

In 1991, director Scott Ellis and choreographer Susan Stroman paid homage to the master songwriters with the off-Broadway revue, "The World Goes Round," which included some 27 Kander and Ebb classics. Darling Productions' Quincy Dinner Theater (QDT) is currently presenting its own first-rate production of the show featuring the imaginative stage, music direction and choreography of resident Musical Director Jason Andrew Brenner.

The cast of "The World Goes Round" at Quincy Dinner Theatre from left to right:; Siobhaun Maus, Nathan Collins-Jensen, Alisa Miles, Jeanne Belcastro, Stephen Lee, and Debbie David.

With Jeanine Belcastro, Nathan Collins-Jensen, Debbie David, Siobhaun Maus, Alisa

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Living

Four star boiled dinner

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Boiled dinner sounds like something you would eat as a last resort, when all you have in the house is a tough piece of meat and some old vegetables. The French don't see it that way, they often make "pot au feu," and it isn't viewed as a second-class dish. The notion is simple. Take tough cuts of beef (some recipes also include chicken, sausage, etc.) and vegetables and simmer them in water. This produces a first-class broth (which the French serve as a first course) plus tender meat and flavorful veggies. The problem with this recipe is choosing the right meat and vegetables and coordinating the cooking times.

Let's start with the key cooking principle here. Simmering meat in water is a terrific way to cook tough cuts. In a test at Cook's Illustrated, we found that roasting never gets the meat hot enough to become fork tender (air is a lousy heat conductor) and that boiling meat is just as good as braising it (cooking in a covered dish with a small amount of liquid). There is a simple bit of physics at work here. Tough cuts of beef must reach and maintain an internal temperature of over 200 degrees in order for the collagen to break down which results in fork tender meat. So boiling can be a very good thing indeed.

Okay, now for the cuts of beef. I tested chuck roasts, short ribs, beef shank, veal shank, oxtail, pork ribs, ham hock, lamb shank, chicken, and sausage. Anything with bones increased the flavor of the broth, the chuck roast was nice for slicing, but the chicken and sausage added nothing to the broth. So the winners were a chuck roast combined with beef or veal shanks.

I was using 3 quarts of water (too much water produces a weak broth) and I had found that simmering the meat the day before, chilling the broth, and then removing the solid fat that rose to the surface was the easiest method of defatting the liquid, a crucial step. As for the vegetables for serving, I found that cooking them separately in the defatted broth was best since the meat didn't get in the way. As for the vegetables and herbs I wanted to flavor the broth (which would be discarded). I settled on two medium to large onions, one leek, one celery stalk, two carrots, 1 large ripe tomato, 3 medium cloves garlic, 6 whole cloves, 10 sprigs parsley, 4 sprigs thyme, and 2 bay leaves. I also added one teaspoon each of salt and peppercorns. The dish may need more salt at the finish but you must be careful not to add too much salt now since the broth intensifies as it cooks.

As for the vegetables for serving, the losers were leeks, sun-dried tomatoes, and artichokes. I liked potatoes, carrots, turnips, peas, pearl onions (frozen are fine), green beans, peas, asparagus, fennel, parsnip, and rutabaga. They each have their proper cooking times and so I divided them into three categories: 20 minutes, 10 minutes, and five minutes. You can use any combination you like.

To finish the dish I tried a variety of sauces including horseradish cream, gremolata, ginger/garlic, and a simple salsa verde. The latter was the winner and is included below. (It is, however, optional.)

FRENCH-STYLE BOILED DINNER WITH SALSA VERDE

This is a good recipe for company since most of the work can be done the day before. It also provides both meat and vegetables – all you need is bread and wine. Don't depend on the cooking time for the meat – keep cooking it until it is really fork tender.

For the meat and the broth:

4 pounds chuck

4 pounds beef short ribs, beef shank, or veal shank or any combination

2 medium or large onions, peeled and quartered through the core

1 leek, trimmed and cut into large pieces

2 medium to large carrots, cut into large chunks

1 large ripe tomato, quartered

3 garlic cloves, smashed

6 whole cloves

10 sprigs parsley

4 sprigs thyme

2 bay leaves

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon peppercorns

To finish the dish:

7 to 8 pounds prepared vegetables of your choice (see below)

20 Minute Cooking Time

Small Red Potatoes Washed and left whole

Carrots Peeled, halved, thin end halved lengthwise, thick end quartered

Fennel Bulb Tops cut off, bulb quartered through the core

Turnip, Medium Peeled, quartered

Rutabaga Peeled, cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks

10 Minute Cooking Time

Parsnip Peeled, halved, thick end quartered

Five Minute Cooking Time

Peas Fresh or frozen

Asparagus Thick ends snapped off

Green Beans Trimmed

Pearl Onions Frozen

1. Place all of the ingredients for the broth with three quarts of water into a large Dutch oven or soup pot. Bring to a boil skimming scum as necessary. Reduce heat to maintain gentle simmer and cook, covered, for 2 to 3 hours or until the meat is fork tender. Cool to room temperature and refrigerate overnight.

2. Remove solid layer of fat that has formed over the broth. Reheat until warm over low heat. Strain broth into a large saucepan. Separate the meat from the vegetables and discard vegetables. Place the meat back into Dutch oven and ladle a couple cups of broth over meat. Continue to cook over low heat until hot.

3. Bring remaining broth to a boil. Taste for seasoning adding additional salt if necessary. Add vegetables from the 20 minute category and once the broth comes back to a boil cook for 10 minutes. Add vegetables from the 10 minute category and cook for five minutes once broth has returned to a boil. Add vegetables from the five minute category and boil for five minutes. Place the meat on a large platter or cutting board. Cut the chuck into thick slices on the bias. Arrange the vegetables on a large platter. Ladle a small amount of broth over the meat and vegetables. Serve with optional green sauce.

Serves eight to ten.

GREEN SAUCE

This sauce can be made and refrigerated up to two days ahead but should be allowed to sit out for about 20 minutes to come up to room temperature before serving.

1/2 cup best quality olive oil

2 tablespoons red wine or white balsamic vinegar

1 slice day old European style bread cut into 1-inch cubes, about 1 cup

2 tablespoons capers

1 medium garlic clove, coarsely chopped

2 cups flat leaf Italian parsley, coarsely chopped and loosely packed

2 anchovy fillets, coarsely chopped

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1/8 teaspoon salt or to taste

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Add oil and vinegar to the bowl of a food processor. Place bread cubes in puddles of oil and vinegar and let sit for five minutes. Add all other ingredients and process for about 40 seconds or until the mixture is finely chopped and homogeneous stopping to scrape down the sides of the bowl if necessary. Taste for seasoning adding additional salt and pepper if desired. Serve immediately.

All's right with 'The World'

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Miles, and Stephen G. Lee, Brenner has assembled a talented company that not only sings, but also dances its way through the first 25 years of the Kander and Ebb catalogue.

In an auspicious QDT debut, Miles opens the show with a plaintive take on the revue's title song, written for the 1977 feature film, "New York, New York." With the lyric, 'Sometimes you're happy and sometimes you're sad, but the world goes round. Life — full of glories, indignities, hopes and quiet dreams," the song sets the tone for the show. The company joins Miles for "Coffee in a Cardboard Cup," for which Brenner has provided clever choreography to complement the song's witty words.

The lighthearted mood continues with Lee's sprightly "Sara Lee," and QDT newcomer Maus's sly rendering of the slightly naughty "Arthur in the Afternoon." Both songs were written for the 1978 Broadway show, "The Act," which starred frequent Kander and Ebb muse Liza Minnelli.

Maus is strong, too, on both song and dance, in "All That Jazz," from the 1976 stage musical "Chicago." The lesser-known "The Rink," which paired Liza Minnelli and Chita Rivera on Broadway in 1984, gives Miles and David a chance to showcase their vocal gifts and comic timing on "Class." Joined by Lee and Collins-Jensen, Belcastro offers a winning "How Lucky Can You Get" from the 1975 movie "Funny Lady."

The company backs David at center stage as she begins the second act with a rousing "Ring Them Bells," from the legendary 1972 television special "Liza with a Z." Also making an impressive first appearance with QDT is Collins-Jensen who is solo in the spotlight for a stirring rendition of the title song from "Kiss of the Spiderwoman."

David and Maus manage to be affecting amidst the laughs on the funny and touching duet "The Grass is Always Greener," which helped earn its original performers, Lauren Bacall and Marilyn Cooper, 1981 Tony Awards for "Woman of the Year."

With an obvious nod to their show's title, the cast closes out the show with an international spin on "New York, New York." Not only does Collins-Jensen channel Charles Aznavour, Maus also manages to make the all American Big Apple taste just a little bit Japanese.

Jason Andrew Brenner and Scott Brenner provide solid musical accompaniment throughout. Wendy Paschke also does an outstanding job on the wide array of costumes which only serve to further enhance an already splendid evening.

(The Quincy Dinner Theater production of "The World Goes Round" continues at the Masonic Temple, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy, through Nov. 3. For tickets and information, call 781/843-5862.)

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bassist/vocalist with Paul McCartney's Wings in the late 70s; and singer/guitarist Billy J. Kramer a fellow Liverpudlian with his band the Dakotas ("Bad to Me," "Little Children") to the Beatles in the early 60s. Other live music includes a Sunday Battle of the Beatles Bands and shows each evening by Beatles tribute band Liverpool!

Also appearing to speak and mingle with fans is Alistair Taylor, former Apple general manager and author of many Beatles books. Plus, overall emcee and noted Beatles expert Martin Lewis, and additional emcees Cha Chi Loprete and John Laurenti of WZLX as well as WODS's Mike Finnegan hosting the Sunday Trivia Competition at around 2 p.m. Other features include a giant marketplace, auctions, slide presentations, laser Karaoke, videos, a Lennon/McCartney art exhibit, puppet shows, panel discussions and much more.

As Lapidos describes it on the Fest Web site —www.thefestforbeatlesfans.com the fixture event began in April 1974 when he approached John Lennon with the idea of a Beatles fan convention, with films, special guests, live concerts, flea market, auctions, contests and many other features. Lennon responded with his characteristic sly wit, "I'm all for it. I'm a Beatles fan, too!" "Beatlefest" debuted in New York later that year, then opened in Los Angeles in 1976 and in Chicago in '77 and has grown steadily in the almost three decades since.

A fall farewell to the growing season

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
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As the brisk days of autumn grow shorter, the gardens, and those who maintain them, prepare for a well-deserved rest. Years ago I was advised by an elderly gentleman farmer to expect hard killing frosts to coincide with a full moon and nearly every season, this prediction has come to pass. Under crystal clear skies and the mellow glow of the full Hunter's Moon, a series of hard killing frosts have coated the lawn each evening with a shimmering layer of silver-dusted cover of ice crystals. The tender foliage of impatiens, marigolds, begonias, peppers and tomatoes lies black and limp. For the majority of South Shore gardeners, Mother Nature has brought an emphatic conclusion to the growing season.

Although many perennials in the border have become unappealing as they prepare to enter dormancy, a few continue to offer spectacular fall beauty. Old-fashioned Sheffield daisies (Dendranthema) offer a multitude of soft pink or pale apricot flowers on 2-foot stems well into November. Clusters of small lavender daisies continue to delight atop the statuesque stems of Aster tataricus and are most attractive planted in amongst the handsome bronze leaves of 'Diablo' Ninebark and alongside the persistent yellow daisies of Rudbeckia 'Herbstsonne' or perennial sunflowers (Helianthus angustifolius). Perhaps the most dramatic architectural additions to the fall landscape are the ornamental grasses. An elegant, singular clump of Miscanthus sinensis creates a stunning focal point. Silky plumes shimmer in the autumn sun as they sway in the breeze providing textural contrast in addition to sound and motion, especially during the star! k winter months. These sturdy clumps are particularly lovely when backlit by the morning or afternoon sun.

The shady border also boasts a number of lingering star performers including the tall white spires of the autumn snakeroot (Cimicifuga simplex) that gently sway in the chilly breezes. Its distinctive bottlebrush blooms and attractive, divided foliage are elegantly displayed against the bronze foliage of a PJM rhododendron. Dancing on 3-foot stems, the pristine white blossoms of a late-blooming windflower, Anemone japonica 'Honorine Jobert', glisten in the sun's slanted rays. Existing flowers were singed by the frost but new blossoms continue to open, undamaged by the frigid temperatures. The stunning violet-blue 4 to 6-foot tall spikes of monkshood (Aconitum carmichaelii) provide a handsome companion to these sparkling white flowers. Magnificent, glossy, deep green foliage is attractive in all seasons given moisture retentive soils in partial shade.

Once killing frosts blacken the foliage of annuals and vegetables and the leaves of perennials become brown and crispy, it is time to start the process of putting the gardens to bed. High on the priority list should be the digging and storing of what are termed "summer bulbs". Canna and calla lilies, caladiums, tuberous begonias, dahlias, gladiolas and elephant ears should be lifted, dried and stored before freezing temperatures damage their fleshy storage systems. Use a digging fork when lifting these tender bulbs to reduce the risk of bruising, slicing or injuring the bulbs which could lead to disease or rot during their winter storage.

Cannas, callas, caladiums and tuberous begonias should be carefully dug and dried in an airy, dark place without danger of freezing for a few days. Cut off dead foliage and gently brush off dried soil. The corms of gladiolus should be dug while the stems are still attached to prevent injury to the bulbs. Once they have been lifted, the stems can be cut to about an inch from the top of the corms and dried in the sun for a few hours. Cure for approximately 2 weeks in a well-ventilated area. Some types of these distinctive bulbs may survive the winter in sheltered locales, but for best results, annual lifting and winter storage in a cool, dry environment is generally recommended. Take time to inspect dried bulbs for wounds, the presence of clinging soil or uninvited pests. Store healthy bulbs in shallow trays or boxes filled with peat moss, sawdust, perlite or coarse vermiculite.

I love the large, showy dahlias, but I have always found them difficult to resurrect after winter storage. They rot or become totally dehydrated over the winter months and rather than be disappointed for yet another season, I have come to treat them as annuals. A gardening friend who specializes in dahlias has offered me a couple of tips to improve their survival. Once dahlia foliage has been blackened by a hard frost, cut the stems back to 4 to 6 inches and cover the cut ends with aluminum foil or plastic wrap to prevent moisture filling the hollow stems. She tells me this helps the tubers to form strong "eyes" for the following growing season. Carefully dig and loosen the clusters of fleshy, tuberous roots from the surrounding soil with a digging fork 4 to 8 days later. Wash remaining soil from the tuberous roots and allow them to dry completely but do not allow them to become shriveled. Store the tuberous cluste! rs in a plastic produce bags that breathe; these are available in most grocery stores. Fill the bags with coarse vermiculite, sawdust or peat moss. Bags should be stored in the dark between 40 and 50 degrees and should be checked periodically during the winter months for any evidence of rot and discarded if spoiled. I found detailed illustrations and information about dahlia culture and storage on-line at www.dahlias.net.

Along comes a 'Spider - Man'

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power there must also come... great responsibility." While Follenweider isn't out ridding the world of evil like the fictional hero he depicts onstage, the actor acknowledges that sense of duty toward his audience.

"When I'm onstage battling the Green Goblin, the kids in the audience are so excited and involved," he says. "And meeting them backstage, still dressed in the costume, is really something. Most of them are a little shy at first, but they generally warm up quick. I remember shaking one boy's hand, and he said, 'I'm never washing it again.'

"It's nice, for me, to see them so taken with the show," Follenweider says. "For most of them, this is their first theatrical experience. And I definitely feel a great responsibility to make them enjoy it."

"Spider-Man Live!" plays at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston, from Nov. 5-10. Tickets range from $17 to $37, and are available through Tele-Charge at 800-447-7400.

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THE 12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ON NORTH STREET celebration begins on Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the heart of Plymouth's scenic historic district. North Street, edged with glowing luminaria set out by Kiwanis Club volunteers, will be the setting for old-fashioned holiday festivities from 5 to 8 p.m. with roving street carolers, free hot cider and free children's holiday crafts workshops. For tickets and information call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@mindspring.com

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE RETURNS TO EDAVILLE USA from Nov. 9 to 17, for the annual Holiday Festival of Lights, an exhibit of more than 5 million lights displayed throughout Edaville's 1,300 acre cranberry plantation in Carver. Tickets for the Holiday "Day Out With Thomas" event can now be purchased for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville box office the day of the event. Children under the age of one will be admitted free. An $11 upgraded ticket allowing guests to enjoy all of Edaville USA's attractions is also available. Advanced purchase is highly recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have been sold out well in advance.

VALERIE HARPER In "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" performances begin Dec. 3, and run through Jan. 12, at Boston's Wilbur Theatre. Ticket prices are $25 to $67 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at the Wilbur Theatre box office. For more information about the show visit www.allergistswife.com

THE MASSASOIT THEATRE CO. presents the musical "Chicago" two weekends, Nov. 15 to 24, at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets are priced at $15, general public; $13 with Massasoit ID, senior citizens and students; all seats reserved. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

Thurs. 31

Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts presents Gilbert and Sullivan's **The Mikado**, to be performed at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2. All shows at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are $12 for general public/$10 students and senior citizens. For more information or reservations, call the box office at 508-531-1321.

The First Baptist Church in Hanson, 214 Main St., Hanson presents **The Continentals**, an evangelical group of 30 vocalists and technicians, between the ages of 16 and 28 continuing a 35-year tradition of cutting edge music ministry with contemporary Christian music, choreography and personal testimony. Oct. 31, 7 to 9 p.m. Free child care. Free will offering will be taken.

Comedy night - Halloween Show at **Jimbos South Restaurant**, 405 Franklin St., Braintree. Prizes given to top costumes. Halloween Show featuring D.J. Hazard , Annette Pollack, Bob Niles Mike O'Neill, Brenda Nason, Tom Dustin, Mary Beth Cowan. Admission $10. Reservations recommended. Call 781-848-0300. Wheelchair accessible.

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Art of Music Chamber Players second concert of the 2002-2003 season at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St. in Duxbury. The Barber Adagio for Strings. Special guest artist is mezzo-soprano D'Anna Fortunato. She will be joining returning pianist Elizabeth Skavish and violist Don Krishnaswami for two songs Op. 91 by Brahms. Biliana Voutchkova will be performing Robert Schumann's Sonata for violin and piano No. 1 in A minor, Op. 105, and the program will conclude with the piano quintet in G minor, Op. 57 by Shostakovich with joining artist's violinist Piotr Buczek, and Timothy Roberts, cellist and artistic director. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are $20, $15 an $5. For information, tickets subscriptions, call 781-837-2705.

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The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is pleased to present "Nature: Up Close and Personal," selected images by photographer **Michael Moran of Rockland** on display Nov. 1-30, in their Vine Hall Gallery. His exhibit includes photos taken around the south shore, featuring close up views of botanicals and other images found in nature. Michael is a professional photographer whose work includes portraiture, weddings and other commercial work. He is a graduate of the Hallmark Institute of Photography, and lives in Rockland with his wife and 4 year old triplet sons. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located off Route 123, on Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information, or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

New Art Forum of Kingston, invites the public to an early celebration of the holidays, the gala opening of **"Local Color"**, a multi-media art exhibit opening on Nov. 2, at the Yellow Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. **Local Color** will feature views and interpretations of our seaside community and the New England environment expressed in watercolor, oil acrylic, mixed media, 3-D sculpture, prints, photographs, fiber art, music and poetry. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 781-585-5822.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of Neil Simon's **"Rumors."** Productions dates are Nov. 1, 2, and Nov. 7, 8, 9. All shows are at 8 p.m. The play "Rumors" contains some strong adult language. Tickets $15, to reserve tickets call 781-356-5113 and leave message, someone will call back with your confirmation. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and commercial Streets in Braintree.

The Fuller Museum Of Art, 455 Oak St,. Brockton, announces a community-wide fundraising event to support the programs and exhibitions of the Fuller Museum of Art: "Through the Looking Glass," its annual fundraiser dinner/dance. The event takes place Nov. 1, at the museum. Silent Auction and cocktails from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Catered dinner at 8 p.m.; dancing until 11 p.m. to the music of Java Jive. Tickets $100 per guest and price included one raffle ticket for a chance to win a Paul Stankard paperweight valued at $4,500. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 508-588-6000.

Lunchtime Speaker Series, Nov. 1, from noon to 1 p.m. at the **South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, sponsored by the **Social Service League of Cohasset, Inc.,** presents **Speaker Jackie Dormitzer,** local author of History of Cohasset. Jackie will speak about her book and the process of getting it published.. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-383-0771.

The Christmas Festival runs Nov. 1 to 3, at Boston's World Trade Center. Hours are Friday noon- 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.- 7 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens, and free for children under 14. For further information call 617-385-5000 or visit www.christmascraftfestival.com to print a discount coupon.

"Back From Broadway" takes the stage at the Stuart Street Playhouse from Nov.1 to Dec. 15. Enjoy some of Broadway's greatest music from shows like "Carousel," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "My Fair Lady." Tickets on sale through telecharge at 800-447-7400, 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.telecharge.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St,. Boston, 02116 For more information on Back From Broadway, visit www.backfrombroadway.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Spurs** on Nov. 1. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. presents **"Now and Then"** on Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 1, 2, at 7 p.m. and Sundays, Nov. 3, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission is $8 Adult/$5 child. For more information call 508-747-1234.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents **John Gorka** at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $18 members, $20 nonmembers. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/ssfolk.shtml

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held Nov. 1, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Dedham Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom, 25 Allied Drive, Dedham. Dance music by Brian Milligan. free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper business attire required. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Single CEO's Club.

Sat. 2

The Trustees of Reservations' fourth annual statewide volunteer work day will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 2, rain or shine. Volunteers are needed at **World's End in Hingham** to restore a red cedar stand, habitat for wintering birds and wildlife. Free. Register with Marge Balzotti at 781-821-2567.

The Attleboro Museum, Center for the Arts, will auction more than $50,000 of donated contemporary art from more than 100 nationally and regionally acclaimed New England artists including Scituate **artist Nancy Cusack**, on Saturday, Nov. 2. Diversity, color and vitality characterize the rich array of more than 150 works of art which were recently unveiled at the Preview Exhibition in the Museum's Ottmar Gallery at 86 Park St. in downtown Attleboro. Tickets are $25. A cash bar will be available for beer and wine. Doors open at 6 p.m. The auction will start at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 508-222-2644.

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The Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy, presents **"The World Goes Round,"** Nov. 2, 3. Broadway and Hollywood musical review of **Kander and Ebb** hits from **Chicago, Cabaret, Funny Lady, New York, New York** and more. For more information and reservations call 781-843-5862

Hockomock Association, 30th Fall Antiques Show and Sale Nov. 2, 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Bridgewater High School, Route 106 - one mile east of Route 24. Early buyers preview on Saturday, from 10 to 11 a.m. 50 selected exhibitors - refreshments available. Admission $3.50 proceeds benefit scholarship fund.

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The South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond will be celebrating the completion of the $6 million capital campaign with a gala dinner and auction on Nov. 2. For ticket information, or to contribute an auction item, contact June Blair, 781-829-8585, ext. 225.

Metropolitan Wind Symphony will begin its 32nd season with a concert on Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. at Sorenson Center for the Arts, Babson College, Wellesley. Guest conductor, **Lawrence Isaacson** will conduct the program. Featured is Colloquy for solo trombone and Symphonic Band by **William Goldstein**, with guest soloist **Scott Hartman**, trombone, formerly of the Empire Brass Quintet. For tickets, call the MWS concert line at 617-983-1370. Tickets $12/$10 students-seniors. or visit www.mws-boston.org

The Fuller Art Museum of Art announces its 2002-2003 craft lecture series. All lectures are $13 and series tickets can be purchased in advance for $35. All lectures are followed by a reception and the opportunity to view current exhibitions. Call 508-588-6000 x 100 for reservations. On Nov. 2, at 2 p.m. Joyce Scott will present **"Things That Go Bump in the Night: The Visual Art of Joyce Scott."** Scott, an African-American artist, has created works in a variety of forms including jewelry, prints, quilts, clothing, beads, glass, and installations. Scott's lecture will relate how life's wonderful, bumpy ride has influenced her work over the years.

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Buttonwood for Kids to host Hingham author/illustrator, **Marc Brown.** Brown will sign his latest book, **"Arthur, It's Only Rock 'n" Roll"** at Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham on Nov. 2, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This is a free event and the public is welcome. Call 781-749-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend. Please note: To give everyone a chance to meet Marc Brown, do not bring books from home.

New England International Auto Show, Bayside Expo Center, 75 Mt. Vernon St., Boston on Saturday, Nov. 2, through Sunday, Nov. 10, Tickets $9 Adults $5 Children 6 to 12 years old (Children under 6 admitted free) Box office closes one hour prior to show closing, daily. Discounts coupons are available at new car dealers and www.thebostonchannel.com and participating Papa Gino's. For show information, call 1-800-258-8912.

Sun. 3

The Woodward School for Girls is hosting its 3rd **Taste of Quincy Plus** on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 3 to 7p.m. at Presidents Place (across from T Station), in Quincy Square on Hancock St. in Quincy. Taste the foods of various restaurants of Quincy and surrounding towns while helping the Woodward School for Girls. So far the organizers have lined up the following 23 restaurants who are generously donating food, and in some cases staff, for the event: Ticket prices are $25 individual, $45 family of four, and $15 student/senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at door, day of the event. For more information contact the Event organizer: Ann Kenny at 617-859-6307 or ann.kenny@ey.com.

Fontbonne Academy will be holding an Open House on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. All prospective students and their parents are invited to attend to tour the school's recently expanded campus and receive information about Fontbonne's students, administration, faculty, staff and program offerings. Tours will begin from Fontbonne's Lower Campus, located at 930 Brook Road in Milton. For additional information please call 617-696-3241.

The Brass Connection will perform music of J.S. Bach, Charles Ives and G. Verdi at a concert at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, on Nov. 3, at 4 p.m. The concert is free and open to all.

The Scituate Art Gallery in Scituate Harbor will showcase the original works of five new Gallery Artists. The artists featured in this month-long exhibit include **Robert Beaulieu, Carol Holder and Nancy Howell** of Scituate; **Ros Farbush** of Hull and **Elaine Nudd** of Duxbury. All

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have been accepted as Gallery Artists by the Scituate Art Gallery within the last year. The exhibit, which runs Oct. 29, through Nov. 24, will include original works in mixed media by the five new artists. An opening reception will be held Sunday, Nov. 3, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Scituate Art Gallery on Front Street and is open and free to the public. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Brockton Train Show - The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Emunah sponsors the **11th Annual Brockton Train Show** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 3, at the temple located at the corner of Pearl and Torrey Streets in Brockton. The show will features a variety of model trains and accessories, books, photographs and displays. Admission is $3 adults/$2 senior citizens and children ages 10-18 and $6 for a family fare. Children 9 and under admitted free with an adult. For more information, call 508-583-5810 or email acastaline@alum.mit.edu

The Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra Concert will be held on Nov. 3, at 2:30 p.m. at Weymouth High School, Pleasant Street Campus, 360 Pleasant St., Weymouth. The orchestra will be joined by area string students and will perform pieces by Handel, Leroy Anderson, Meyerbeer and selections from "Fiddler on The Roof." Also the Weymouth High School Concert Choir Ellen Brown, director will sing "Jubilate Deo" and "God Bless America. Free admission. Donations for the Weymouth Food Pantry will be accepted.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library will be exhibiting new works in **Watercolor by Becky Haletky.** The show will run from through Nov. 30, with an opening reception and demonstration on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Merry Room. Haletky has this year received first place at Pembroke Arts Festival, Plymouth Guild and Blue Ribbon at The South Shore Art Center. She has obtained 250 plus awards national and regional. She teaches at the Fuller Art Museum and the South Shore Art Center. The Duxbury Free Library is located at 77, Alden St., Duxbury. Admission is free, wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-934-2771.

The South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will feature Art Exhibitions - Architectural Ornamentation: Fragments and Elements through Nov. 3, On Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. a panel discussion moderated by Ted Landsmark exploring "The Nature of Ornament: Why it Matters to Modern Architecture. For more information call 781-383-2787 Gallery hours Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Free admission, accessible to all

Scituate Art Gallery presents an exhibit featuring original works in mixed media by five new Gallery Artists. This exhibit runs Oct. 29, through Nov. 24, with an opening reception on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 2 to 5 p.m. which is open and free to the public. The Scituate Art Gallery is located at 132 Front St. in Scituate Harbor and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Old Ship Church Candlelight Concert Series 30th Anniversary presents **Joseph Payne**, harpsichordist on Nov. 3, at 4 p.m. Mr. Payne will present an all-Bach program consisting of French Suites Nos. 1-5. Free admission, all are cordially invited. Old Ship Church is located at 107 Main St., Hingham. For more information call 781-749-1679 or email berngreg@aol.com

Bristol Chamber Orchestra will perform its first concert of the season featuring **Victor Romanul**, soloist, chamber musician and violinist since 1992 with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The program will consist of Mozart Symphony #29 in A Major, Mozart 5th Violin concerto, the "Turkish." Adults $13 ($15 at door) Students: $8 Seniors $11 ($12 at the door) Call 508-677-2393 for tickets and information or visit www.bristolchamberorchestra.org

BEST BET

South Shore Folk Music Club presents John Gorka in concert Friday, Nov. 1 at the Beal House, 222 Main Street., Kingston, Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18 for members, $20 for non-members. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visitwww.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/ssfolk.shtml

BEST BET

The Brass Connection will perform music of J.S. Bach, Charles Ives and G. Verdi at a concert at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, on Nov. 3, at 4 p.m. The concert is free and open to all.

Mon. 4

South Shore Women's Business Network Business Expo at the Lantana in Randolph. Noon to 6 p.m. For more information call the Network Office or visit www.sswbn.org

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is looking for area garden clubs, garden centers, floral designers and other organizations or individuals to decorate a wreath or tabletop tree using a natural theme, or a gingerbread house for exhibit and sale to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center. All of the decorations will be sold by silent auction at a festive holiday reception, open to the public on Friday, Dec. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Vine Hall Gallery at the Science Center. Registration forms for the event are available by contacting Joan Reid at 781-659-2559. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located in Norwell on Jacobs Lane, one mile from exit 13 of the Route 3 interchange.

An Alzheimer's Disease Lecture will be held Nov. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Plymouth Public Library's Outreach Department and Marriott MapleRidge of Plymouth, an Assisted Living Community, will co-sponsor in honor of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness month. Families, caregivers, and friends of Alzheimer's patients are encouraged to attend this year's lecture, which is free and open to the public. The library is fully accessible, if you need special accommodations in order to attend, call 508-830-4250.

Tues. 5

New Day Bereavement Support Group, 1295 Main St., Marshfield from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the rectory of Saint Christine's Church. For more information call 781-834-6003 ext. 21 or 781-834-6003 ext. 18.

Day Trip to Newport Mansion - Join the Science Center on a trip to Mrs. Astor's Beechwood Mansion, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Astor's family members, friends and servants will entertain us as we tour the festively decorated mansion. Enjoy dancing and caroling in the ballroom, followed by a holiday lunch. Waltzing, merriment and holiday warmth await you at the Astors' - give yourself or someone you love a holiday treat, and take them on this trip. $60M/$65NM includes transportation, admission and lunch. You must register by Nov. 30. To register, call the center at 781-659-2559.

Trethewey Training Seminars in conjunction with Wells Fargo Program includes a presentation by Wells Fargo titled: "Specialty Financing for First Time Buyers with Challenging Credit History" on Nov. 5, at Quincy Marriott,1000 Marriott Dr., Quincy, at 8:30 am: Breakfast and Networking Event 9 a.m. to 11:30 am: Seminar RSVP: Toll-free (866) 770-0095 ext. Admission is free. Free prizes including a three night/four day vacation package giveaway.

Wed. 6

Norwell watercolorist, Ginny Wilson, is displaying a group of paintings, "Food is the Subject…" at the Boca Restaurant, 254 Church St., Pembroke, during November.

Thurs. 7

New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party hosted by Bob "Satch" Romano will be held at Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Braintree. Every Thursday, Nov. 7, 14, 21, no show Nov. 28, Thanksgiving. All shows start at 9 p.m. No cover, handicap accessible. For more information call 781-356-4311.

Fri. 8

The Bay Players presents **"The Music Man"** which will be presented in the new theatre at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Second Brook Rd., Kingston. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on Nov. 8, 9, 15, and 16, and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 17. Tickets in advance $14, or $16 at the door. There is a $2 discount for students and seniors. Tickets are available at Westwinds Bookstore in Duxbury or can be reserved by calling 800-290-6825. For more information visit www.bayplayers.org

"Caught on Canvas" a show of recent oil paintings by **Susan Lynch Raffa** will be on view at the **James Library and Center for the Arts**, Norwell Center, from Nov. 8 to Dec. 4. An opening reception for the public will be held on Nov. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m., Thursday, 2 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

Las Vegas Night for Charity - Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St., Abington, Nov. 8, from 7 to midnight.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is looking for creative people to decorate a holiday wreath, tabletop tree or gingerbread house for their third annual "A Natural Christmas" silent auction. We'll provide participants with an artificial wreath or tabletop tree to decorate, and include their names in all event publications. The Science Center will share its holiday spirit on Friday, Dec. 6, as the donated decorations are sold by silent auction at a festive holiday reception, open to the public, from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Dec. 7. Your participation in this event helps fund the Center's numerous educational programs. To register, call Joan Reid at 781-659-2559 by Nov. 8.

BEST BET

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of Neil Simon's "Rumors." Productions dates are Nov. 1, 2, and Nov. 7, 8, 9. All shows are at 8 p.m. The play "Rumors" contains some strong adult language. Tickets $15, to reserve tickets call 781-356-5113 and leave message, someone will call back with your confirmation. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and commercial Streets in Braintree.

BEST BET

The Scituate Art Gallery in Scituate Harbor will showcase the original works of five new Gallery Artists. The artists featured in this month-long exhibit include Robert Beaulieu, Carol Holder and Nancy Howell of Scituate; Ros Farbush of Hull and Elaine Nudd of Duxbury. The exhibit, which runs Oct. 29, through Nov. 24, will include original works in mixed media by the five new artists. An opening reception will be held Sunday, Nov. 3, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Scituate Art Gallery on Front Street and is open and free to the public. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

A lunar opposition to Uranus at 10:19 a.m. can make for a hectic morning. Stop, look and listen. Allow yourself extra time. You can be most productive this afternoon. The Leo moon interacts with Mercury and Saturn until 4:51 p.m., when it becomes inactive. However, a 90-degree alignment of Venus-Neptune warns against making major purchases or decisions. You may not have all the facts. The moon enters Virgo at 6:59 p.m. A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Saturn makes this evening ideal for catching up on work or study projects, signing contracts or making practical decisions.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

A Virgo moon urges you to plan a busy, productive day. Tackle jobs you have been putting off; follow through on unfinished projects. Postpone launching major new enterprises for a few days. A 90-degree alignment of the sun and Neptune may blur the lines between fact and fiction. On the other hand, this planetary influence is prime for fun and games, tricks and treats. Mercury moves into Scorpio at 5:43 p.m., remaining there until November 19. **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2002**

The planet Uranus is slowing its rate of motion, preparing for direct travel November 4. That means that the first few days of November may bring unexpected surprises, discoveries or upheavals. Today a Virgo moon continues to place the focus on hard work. Instead of worrying about situations that are out of your control, keep your mind and hands busy with practical projects. Clean out, reorganize, get rid of items that are no longer useful or valuable. This moon aligns with Saturn at 6:19 p.m. and becomes inactive until 8:28 p.m., when it enters Libra.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

The moon remains in Libra throughout the day. However, Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra, travels in retrograde motion. This is an excellent time for renewing friendships or repairing relationships that have broken down. Get in touch with old friends and lovers. Mend bridges, forgive and forget past hurts. A lunar alignment to Jupiter sets the stage for social activities or romantic rendezvous this evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The combination of a Libra moon and applying Mercury/Venus alignment makes this day ideal for developing creative projects, especially writing. Social and romantic activities continue to get the green light. Uranus also plays an important role in today's planetary picture, generating a restless mood. Be more spontaneous, adventurous. At 5:56 p.m. the Libra moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 8:10 p.m., when the moon enters Scorpio.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect today. Spend time alone. The planet Uranus begins direct travel at 1:27 a.m., 25-degrees Aquarius. Mercury and Venus conjoin at 2:43 a.m., 5 1/2-degrees Scorpio. Stay busy with work projects; finish old business, handle routine chores, make repairs. The new moon culminates at 3:34 p.m., 12-degrees Scorpio. A lunar alignment to Jupiter this evening warns against overdoing on any level. Don't jump to conclusions or act on impulse.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

This day has its pitfalls. Slow down and use common sense. Don't makes waves. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Neptune takes center stage. Its influence enhances creativity, artistic sensitivity. On the other hand, making business decisions, purchases or signing contracts are definitely off limits. Don't take anything at face value. The Scorpio moon aligns with Uranus at 11:48 a.m. and becomes inactive. The moon enters optimistic Sagittarius at 8:01 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

Planetary weather turns bright and sunny. People will be talkative, upbeat and friendly. The green light is on for new starts of all kinds. However, know your limits and don't go overboard. Today's influences rate high for promoting your ideas or developing projects that need help and support from others. If you are working, it may be difficult to focus on projects that are tedious and detail-oriented. Give greater attention to accuracy.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Yesterday's planetary patterns continue today. Start new activities before 1:17 p.m. At this time the Sagittarius moon aligns with innovative Uranus. At 7:14 p.m. the moon opposes Saturn and becomes inactive. This may be a lull period, when energy is deflated. The moon enters Capricorn at 9:59 p.m., evoking a serious, methodical mood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda. This is a day to get things done. Zero in on business or career concerns, and make decisions or initiate action. A lunar alignment to Mercury makes this evening prime for working or studying. You can be most productive.

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The Beacon

2nd Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Matt Gunderson*
3rd Place	Spot News Photo	*Ellen Bullock*

The Beacon-Villager

3rd Place	Front Page	*Staff*

Bedford Minuteman

2nd Place	Sports Photo	*John Walker*

Belmont Citizen-Herald

2nd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Susan Tondella-Williams*
2nd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Susan Tondella-Williams*

Beverly Citizen

1st Place	Educational Reporting	*Maggie Mehaffey*
3rd Place	Special Award	*Staff*

Boston Herald

1st Place	Editorial Cartoon	*Jerry Holbert*
1st Place	Infographics	*Jeff Walsh*
1st Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Tom Farmer and Dave Wedge*
1st Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Robin Washington*
2nd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
2nd Place	Illustration	*Kathleen M.G. Howlett*
2nd Place	Investigative Reporting	*Jack Meyers, Maggie Mulvihill and Jonathan Wells*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Staff*
3rd Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
3rd Place	Front Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Christopher Cox*
3rd Place	Illustration	*Gustavo Leon*
3rd Place	Living Page or Section	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	General Excellence	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	General News Story	*Staff*

Boston Homes

2nd Place	Niche Publication	*Staff*

Braintree Forum

1st Place	Spot News Story	*Robert Aicardi*
2nd Place	Editorial Writer	*Cathy Conley*
3rd Place	Editorial	*Cathy Conley*
3rd Place	Social Issues Feature Writer	*Cathy Conley*

Brookline TAB

1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Infographics	*Donna Handel*
Honorable Mention	Color Photo	*Glen Cooper*

Burlington Union

Honorable Mention	Spot News Photo	*Susan Sickler*

Cambridge Chronicle

1st Place	Photo Series	*Staff*

Cambridge TAB

Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*David Ortiz*
Honorable Mention	Personality Photo	*Jennifer Lindberg*

The Cape Codder

1st Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Doreen Leggett*
2nd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Joe Burns*
2nd Place	Photo Series	*Scott Button*
3rd Place	Feature Photo	*Merrily Lunsford*
3rd Place	History Reporting	*Pat Sherlock*
Honorable Mention	Business/Economic Reporting	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Community Involvement in the Paper	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Editorial Page	*Staff*

Chelmsford Independent

1st Place	Photo Series	*Ellen Bullock*
2nd Place	Color Photo	*Ann Ringwood*

Cohasset Mariner

1st Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Mary Ford*
Honorable Mention	General Excellence	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Rick Collins & Alice Coyle*

The Concord Journal

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Betsy Levinson*

Country Gazette

1st Place	History Reporting	*Heather McCarron*
2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
3rd Place	Front Page	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Shannon Haley Daggett and Heather McCarron*

The Daily News Tribune

1st Place	Health Reporting	*DeAnna Putnam*
2nd Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Nikki Misra*
2nd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*DeAnna Putnam*
2nd Place	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	General News Story	*Nikki Misra*

Danvers Herald

1st Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Myrna Fearer*
Honorable Mention	General News Photo	*Mike Mergen*

Easton Journal

1st Place	Investigative Reporting	*Staff*
2nd Place	Human Interest Feature Story	*Brock Parker*

Hanover Mariner

1st Place	Sports Column	*Julie Ann Nevero*
3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Edward Baker*

Harwich Oracle

3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Stephanie Foster*

The Hingham Journal

2nd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*
2nd Place	Special Award	*Staff*

Holliston TAB

3rd Place	Sports Photo	*Ed Hopfmann*

Hopkinton Crier

1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
2nd Place	General News Photo	*Allan Jung*
3rd Place	Photo Series	*Allan Jung*
Honorable Mention	Business/Economic Reporting	*Brian Boyd*

Ipswich Chronicle

1st Place	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Lauresha Xhihani*
2nd Place	Spot News Photo	*John Harvey*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Faith Tomei*

Lexington Minuteman

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Littleton Independent

2nd Place	Feature Photo	*Ellen Bullock*
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Marblehead Reporter

1st Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Serious Columnist	*George Derringer*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Christopher Bolick*
Honorable Mention	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Christopher Bolick*
Honorable Mention	Editorial	*George Derringer*
Honorable Mention	Headline Writing	*Staff*

Marshfield Mariner

1st Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*

Medford Transcript

2nd Place	History Reporting	*Nell Escobar Coakley*
3rd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Cheryl Harrison*

Melrose Free Press

1st Place	Photo Illustration	*Dan MacAlpine and Brigid Alverson*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Brigid Alverson*
3rd Place	Health Reporting	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Coverage of a Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Brigid Alverson*

Merrimack River Current

1st Place	Photo Series	*Robert Branch*
2nd Place	Photo Series	*Mike Mergen*

The MetroWest Daily News

1st Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
1st Place	Humor Columnist	*Kurt Blumenau*
1st Place	Spot News Photo	*Bill Thompson*
2nd Place	Community Involvement in the Paper	*Staff*
2nd Place	Feature Photo	*Allan Jung*
2nd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*
2nd Place	Photo Series	*Art Illman*
2nd Place	Serious Columnist	*John Gregg*
2nd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Heather Anderson*
3rd Place	Design	*Staff*
3rd Place	Editorial Writer	*Rick Holmes*
3rd Place	Environmental Reporting	*Heather Anderson*
3rd Place	General News Story	*Peter Schworm*
3rd Place	Pictorial Photo	*Milton Amador*
3rd Place	Sports Column	*Lenny Megliola*
3rd Place	Spot News Photo	*Allan Jung*
3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Michael Kunzelman*
Honorable Mention	General News Photo	*Art Illman*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Peter Schworm*
Honorable Mention	Investigative Reporting	*David Caruso and John Gregg*
Honorable Mention	Living Page or Section	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Personality Photo	*Allan Jung*
Honorable Mention	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Bob Tremblay*
Honorable Mention	Serious Columnist	*Tom Moroney*
Honorable Mention	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*

The Milford Daily News

1st Place	Front Page	*Staff*
1st Place	History Reporting	*Shannon Haley Daggett*
1st Place	Serious Columnist	*Tracey Lewia*
1st Place	Spot News Story	*Denise Mize and Michelle Hillman*
2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
2nd Place	Editorial Supplement or Special Section	*Staff*
2nd Place	General News Story	*Jennie Coughlin*
2nd Place	Personality Photo	*Suzanne Ouellette*
2nd Place	Photo Series	*Ken McGagh*
2nd Place	Sports Column	*James Whitters*
3rd Place	Reporting on Religious Issues	*Nathan Eddy*
3rd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Donna Daley*
Honorable Mention	Educational Reporting	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Investigative Reporting	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Social Issues Feature Story	*Thomas Caywood*
Honorable Mention	Spot News Photo	*Ken McGagh*

Needham Times

3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Dave Gradijan*

The Neponset Valley Daily News

1st Place	Best Newspaper Web Site	*Staff*
2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
3rd Place	General News Story	*Liz Taurasi*
3rd Place	Spot News Story	*Shaun Michael Smith*
Honorable Mention	Human Interest Feature Story	*Jennifer Kovalich*
Honorable Mention	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*

Newton TAB

1st Place	Design	*Staff*
2nd Place	General News Photo	*Ken McGagh*
3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

North Shore Sunday

2nd Place	Educational Reporting	*Adam Reilly*
2nd Place	Environmental Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
2nd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
2nd Place	Health Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
2nd Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Elizabeth Dinan*
2nd Place	Sports Story	*Elizabeth Dinan*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
3rd Place	Educational Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
3rd Place	Humor Columnist	*Peter Chianca*
3rd Place	Personality Photo	*John Harvey*
3rd Place	Sports Story	*Chad Konecky*
3rd Place	Transportation/ Commuter Reporting	*Elizabeth Dinan*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Adam Reilly*
Honorable Mention	Human Interest Feature Story	*Elizabeth Dinan*
Honorable Mention	Illustration	*Marty Riskin*
Honorable Mention	Photo Illustration	*John Harvey*
Honorable Mention	Social Issues Feature Story	*Adam Reilly*

Norton Mirror

1st Place	Environmental Reporting	*Meredith Holford and John Johnson*
3rd Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*

Norwell Mariner

1st Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
1st Place	Special Award	*Staff*
2nd Place	Personality Photo	*Chris Bernstein*
Honorable Mention	Sports Column	*Mike Spellman*

Parents and Kids

2nd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

The Register

3rd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Joe Burns*

Scituate Mariner

1st Place	Sports Page or Section	*Staff*
3rd Place	Arts & Entertainment Reporting	*Seth Jacobson*
Honorable Mention	Arts & Entertainment Section	*Staff*

Sharon Advocate

Honorable Mention	Environmental Reporting	*Peter Hartzel*

Stoneham Sun

1st Place	General News Photo	*Marc Vasconcellos*

Stoughton Journal

3rd Place	Sports Story	*John Hanlon*

Swampscott Reporter

2nd Place	Local Election Coverage	*Staff*
3rd Place	Business/Economic Reporting	*Bryan Cote*

The Upper Cape Codder

2nd Place	Investigative Reporting	*Peggy Aulisio & Doreen Leggett*

Wakefield Observer

1st Place	Health Reporting	*Jill Anderson*
2nd Place	Environmental Reporting	*Jill Anderson*
3rd Place	History Reporting	*Jill Anderson*

Watertown TAB & Press

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The Wayland Town Crier

2nd Place	Design	*Staff*
2nd Place	Headline Writing	*Staff*
2nd Place	Living Page or Section	*Staff*

The Wellesley Townsman

1st Place	Editorial Page	*Staff*
3rd Place	Social Issues Feature Story	*Christine Junge and Michelle Xiarhos*
Honorable Mention	Headline Writing	*Staff*
Honorable Mention	Health Reporting	*Cathy Brauner*

West Roxbury Transcript

3rd Place	Coverage of Racial or Ethnic Issue	*Jordana Haspel*

The Westborough News

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Westford Eagle

1st Place	Color Photo	*Lisa Cassidy*

The Weston Town Crier

3rd Place	General Excellence	*Staff*

Weymouth News

3rd Place	Personality Photo	*Tom Gorman*

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ALL-INCLUSIVE	3 NTS	6 NTS	SAVE
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Huge wins for Hedlund, Bradley

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State Sen. Robert Hedlund chats with Carl Harris of the Hingham Republican Town Committee outside the polls at Hingham High on Tuesday. Hedlund beat challenger Ted LeClair by a vote of 2438-1169 in Cohasset.

Senator takes the district in a landslide

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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One by one last night, incumbent state Sen. Robert Hedlund took each town in the Plymouth and Norfolk District.

At 9:15 p.m., station WATD declared Hedlund the winner.

At 9:30 p.m., Hedlund's challenger, Marshfield Democrat Ted LeClair, conceded.

At the Red Parrot in Hull, the mood was exuberant as Hedlund saw his "biggest win ever."

"I guess this proved a lot of pundits wrong who said it was going to be close," Hedlund said to a crowd of supporters. "A lot of people put too much stock in the number of signs around. My opponent was formidable: He raised a lot of money and had a built in machine. But it is people who vote, not yard signs. We've got a lot done for the district and that is what matters in the long run."

"This is a very, very good night," Ted Langill, Hedlund's campaign manager said. "Bob's won everything."

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State Senate Results

	Ted LeClair	Bob Hedlund
Cohasset	1,169	2,438
Duxbury	2,223	4,583
Hingham	2,564	7,025
Hull	1,623	2,783
Marshfield	4,794	5,256
Norwell	1,969	2,736
Scituate	3,858	4,921
Weymouth	7,609	13,379

Bradley rakes in the votes

By Brian J. Scully
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With his daughter Amanda on his hip, and his wife Heather and daughter Emma in tow, Garrett Bradley stepped into the Sons of Italy in Hingham at 9:15 p.m. Tuesday night to a hall packed with of supporters and bedecked in red and white.

The crowd promptly erupted into cheers at his arrival, already aware that he had won a second term as the Third Plymouth District State Representative after taking nearly 68 percent of the district-wide vote.

Republican Nathaniel Palmer — who beat Bradley to his own party — immediately strode over to the winner and congratulated Bradley on his victory.

"Nathaniel came over here which was an extremely classy thing to do," said Bradley. "He said, 'Great race' and I really appreciate that. His campaign took a lot out of their personal lives to run, and they raised the level of debate and we had a good debate on the issues."

Bradley saw this race as a referendum on his performance during his first term.

"I ran on my record," said

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State Representative Results

	Garrett Bradley	Nathaniel Palmer
Cohasset	1,956	1,653
Hull	3,430	951
Hingham	6,707	2,852
No. Scituate	692	652

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State Rep. Garrett Bradley and his wife, Heather (center), greet voters outside the polls at the Hingham Middle School.

Businessman being run into the ground

Service station owner inherits contamination

By Brian J. Scully
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"I tried to do it the proper legal way, but I found out the hard way that the legal system doesn't work."
— Frank Scarpino

Francesco Scarpino is a mechanic's mechanic.

His fingernails are black with grease and he punctuates many of his sentences with profanity. He wears blue coveralls with his name "Franc" stitched on to the right chest and appears proud of the cuts and scrapes that mark his hands and forearms — battle scars from his tussles with rusted bolts.

But since he bought the service station at 151 South Main St. 15 years ago, that work — which he obviously loves — has been tinged with things other than tune-ups and oil changes.

"I bought this place to be my retirement," said Scarpino, as he surveys the land through the windows of his cluttered office. "Right now, I am just trying to make a living, which is something I am going to be forced to do well into my old age."

The reason why? Contamination.

In 1987, Scarpino began to search for a new location for his Hingham-based auto repair business. He came across the property owned by former Cohasset resident Francis J. Marks, who lived on Sohier Street. The site had been used as a gas station since at least the early 1950s, with some records suggesting that it was used in this capacity as early as the 1920s.

"I was told that when you buy a commercial property, you always have to do a 21E, which is a testing of the grounds," said Scarpino. "This document was presented to me, I let an attorney take a look at it. If the document says the place is clean, that is it the place is clean."

At this point the only thing all sides can agree on is that it is no longer clean.

This week, the Department of Environmental Protection has served Scarpino with notice that his non-compliance with the clean-up has forced the DEP to the take over the project. The result: Scarpino could be liable for damages triple the actual cost of the clean-up, which is estimated at $900,000. Scarpino says he is broke. He provided the Mariner with a copy of a mortgage denial from the Hingham Institution for

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Irked by train work

ConComs want communication

By Mary Ford
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The Hingham and Cohasset conservation commissions weren't laughing Monday night when they scolded the MBTA for not notifying them before moving ahead with limited brush clearing in the wetland buffer zone along the old railroad bed.

Although Cashman-Balfour Beatty, the construction company under contract with the MBTA to build the Greenbush line, notified abutters, local newspapers, cable-TV and the selectmen's offices in both towns about trimming brush back 10 feet on both sides of the tracks – the conservation commissions were left in the dark.

Joseph M. Fisher, chairman of the Hingham Conservation Commission, said he was surprised to see trees being taken down and wood chips flying all over during the brush cutting a few weeks ago along the right-of-way.

"There should be some communication, so we're not trying to second guess," he said.

According to Fisher — under state Department of Environmental regulations — only minor work for planning and design purposes can take place in the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone until the MBTA receives a variance from the

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ON PARADE

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Terrence Faherty holds his children, Terrence and Betsy, as Kayley Pinkus parades past during the Osgood School Halloween Parade last week. The Fahertys were there to see Meghan, who was also in the parade. For more photos, see page 19.

This week in

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Nov. 4

Committee on Town History, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

Harbor Committee, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

Recreation Committee, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Nov. 14 (Avalon - Drainage and Septic), Dec. 2 (Avalon-Health and Environment), Dec. 16 (Avalon - Public Safety), Jan. 6 (Avalon - Infrastructure), and Jan. 27 (Avalon - Local Preference and Affordable Housing needs), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Conservation Commission, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Advisory Committee, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. (at Special Town Meeting, Nov. 18 6:30 p.m.).

Planning Board, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. (Public Hearing on Senior Housing proposal), Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Growth and Development Committee, Nov. 2 and Nov. 21 at 7:30.

Water Commission, Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Water Treatment Plant on King Street.

Police/Fire Study Committee, Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Committee on Town History, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m., Lothrop House.

Board of Health, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Winter guidelines

The public works department has issued the following winter guidelines for residents:

- Do not rake leaves or other debris into roads.
- Uncover storm drains blocked with leaves, snow or other debris.
- Do not plow or throw snow from private property onto the street or sidewalk.
- Do not block sidewalks with plowed snow or motor vehicles.
- Overnight parking is prohibited from Nov. 15 through April 15. It interferes with snow removal and is prohibited by town bylaws.
- The town is not responsible for damaged lawns, fences, steps, shrubs, trees or mailboxes within the town layout.
- Sand for resident use only will be available behind the downtown parking lot.

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Nov 2002	High AM	- Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	- Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 7	12:26	10.8	6:25	12:37	12.0	7:03
Fri. 8	1:19	10.4	7:16	1:29	11.5	7:56
Sat. 9	2:14	9.9	8:09	2:23	10.9	8:50
Sun. 10	3:11	9.4	9:05	3:21	10.3	9:47
Mon. 11	4:10	9.0	10:04	4:21	9.7	10:47
Tues. 12	5:11	8.8	11:05	5:23	9.4	11:47
Wed. 13	6:11	8.8	——	6:25	9.1	12:08
Thurs. 14	7:05	9.0	12:43	7:22	9.1	1:07

Tides at all ports from Annisquam to Wellfleet are within 10 minutes of the above.

Assessors, Haddad meet on hiring issue

Elsa Miller, the chairman of the Board of Assessors, said she is now satisfied that the board's concerns have been addressed regarding Town Manager Mark Haddad's process for hiring a new Deputy Assessor.

The issue had reached a breaking point during the public comment period of the last selectmen's meeting when Miller accused Haddad of moving the process ahead "too fast" without properly considering the board's input.

But after an hour and fifteen minute meeting Tuesday, the communication problems between the board and Haddad were resolved and the process is moving forward again.

"I think it was a good meeting," said Haddad. "I believe that we addressed all of their concerns."

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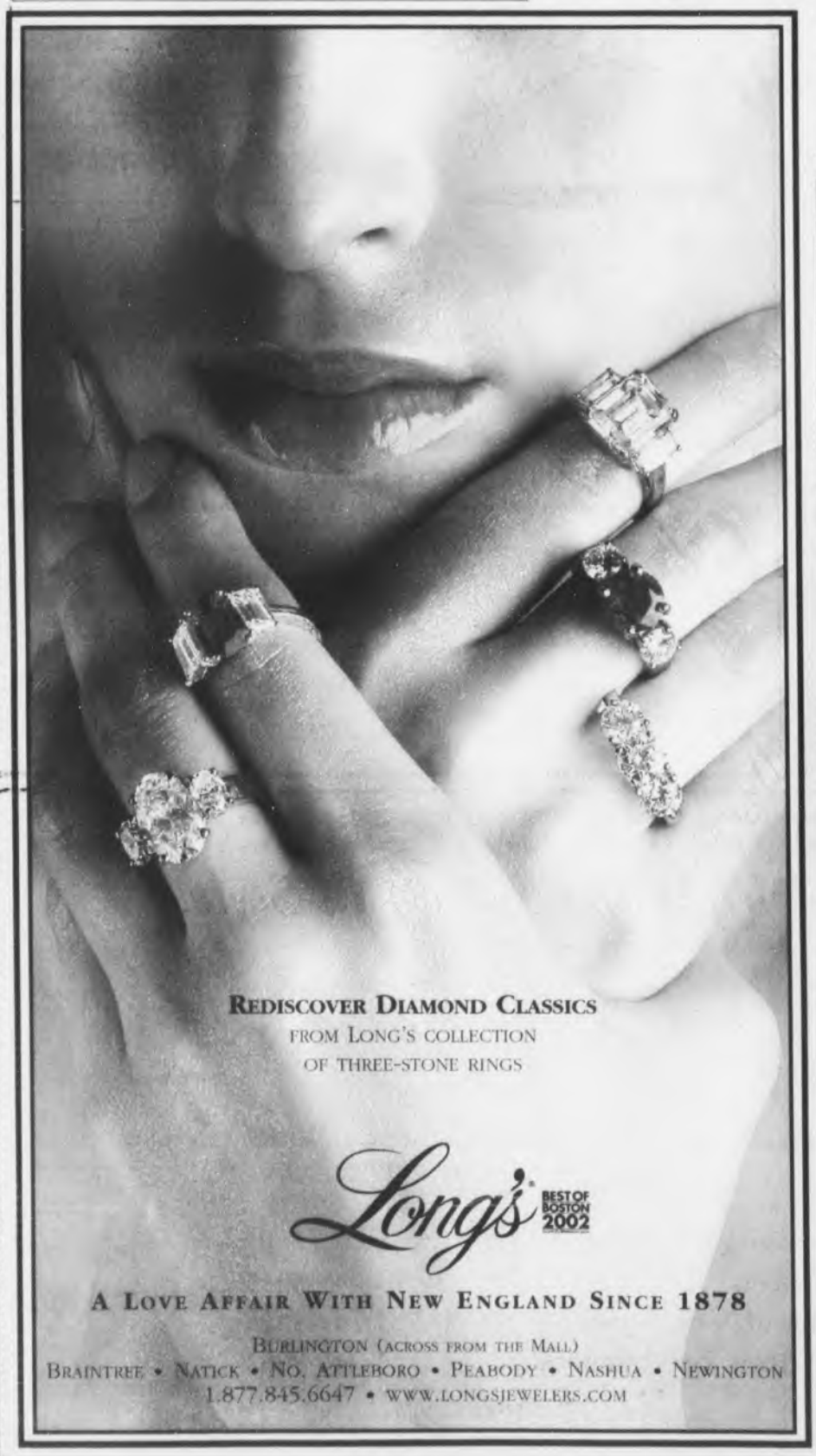
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Design firm may solve flooding problem without disrupting village

By Brian J. Scully
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The Village Revitalization Project could have a big impact on village life during construction.

But thanks to the Waterfield Design Group that effect may be a lot less than initially thought.

Charged with adding a sister culvert to aid the flow of James Brook to cut down on flooding problems in the village, the Waterfield Group — which was awarded the contract last summer for both the village revitalization work and the James Brook Flood Control Project — commissioned a study on the water flow in the area. It was during this due diligence period that the company discovered fixing small problems in the current structure could be as or more effective than installing a sister culvert.

"I think they should be commended for coming in and drawing up a very innovative way to solve the situation," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "It's going to give us more bang for our buck and improve the whole situation even more than the initial plan."

The major problems with the current set-up are the build-up of sediment in the 60-inch pipe that runs under the village itself, and other obstructions in that pipe, most of which are other pipes which cut through. There is also an area of constriction that runs through the back of the town parking lot, where the pipe goes from 60 inches to 57 inches and back up to 60 inches again through the village. By alleviating these problems and some of their causes, the Waterfield Group believes that it can solve the issues identified, while attacking other areas that would still be problematic, or were overlooked. The best news for the town is that it will cost the same amount of money as the original plan, if not less.

"It's going to give us more bang for our buck and improve the whole situation even more than the initial plan."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

"It is potentially a lot less disruptive," said Craig Miller of Waterfield. "The prior direction was basically to install a new culvert in the downtown area, so what we are proposing now is not nearly the disruption to the downtown village and will actually take place in areas much less susceptible to public use. It really is a good solution from all points."

Based on computer models, the dredging of the current culvert, along with the other improvements in the plan, would allow the area to handle a 75-year rain event. The model used was the March 21-22, 2001 rain storm. That storm was actually a 25-year event, but because of the frozen ground and snow already on the ground, it behaved as a 75-year event. The converse is that it would only take a 10-year coastal event to force back-up up the pipe from the Harbor, but that problem would not be improved by the initial plan either. More detailed research will further clarify the problems, causes, and costs, but the Waterfield Group wanted the selectmen's go-ahead before proceeding.

Village revitalization is being paid for by a $1.5 million state grant and the James Brook project will cost about $1 million, which will be reimbursed by the MBTA as part of the town's mitigation agreement on the Greenbush project. Since the project is being paid for by the $1 million MBTA mitigation agreement, Selectman Fred Koed expressed reservations about going with a cut-back plan, feeling that if the money is there, it should be used for a new structure. But after being told that the Waterfield Group was no longer comfortable with the initial plan because of its studies thus far, the board voted unanimously last week (Michael Sullivan was not in attendance) to approve a "30 percent investigation" of the new plan. That plan will then be brought before the board in six weeks.

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Flag Code adopted by the United States Congress in 1942 says, "When a flag is in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset now has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. Their new Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this new service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.

Halloween night a success

By Brian J. Scully
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"I've been on the department for 24 years and it was definitely the quietest one we've had.'
— Police Chief Robert Jackson.

Halloween night has earned a rather rowdy reputation in Cohasset in the past few years, but this year's celebration was quiet, orderly, and a lot of fun according to Police Chief Robert Jackson.

Jackson credited a strong parental presence and community-wide cooperation, as Oct. 31 came and passed with lots of treats and very few tricks.

"I've been on the department for 24 years and it was definitely the quietest one we've had," said Police Chief Robert Jackson. "I think the parents supervised the younger children very well, they communicated with the teenagers, everybody was very well behaved and I am pleased."

Jackson said that the quiet night was something that the entire town should take pride in.

"The town should be commended," said Jackson. "It was a very positive evening, it's always good to hear good

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Service station owner inherits contamination

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Savings to back up that claim, but the DEP disagrees. The financial inability status that he has held since 1991 was not renewed, and his refusal to start work has left all of his assets vulnerable to seizure by the DEP. The town has put pressure on the DEP to have the area cleaned up, though its role in the operation is limited.

But the current situation – with the DEP and Scarpino on opposite sides – is in stark contrast with the way it started.

In 1991, when Scarpino's contract with Sunoco (he assumed Marks' contract) expired, he decided that he was no longer interested in operating a gas station ("I saw that there was no profit in gasoline,") and decided to pull up the tanks.

During the process, though, workers observed product (fancy environmental word for gasoline) on the groundwater table. Construction stopped and Scarpino's nightmare began – a nightmare that eventually cost him his house.

The discovery of contamination led to a literal unearthing of history.

Scarpino – in compliance with state environmental laws – commissioned a Phase I investigation of the site costing approximately $64,000. He also stopped making payments on his mortgage, which was still held by Marks. Marks sued and Scarpino counter-sued. Scarpino also sued Carr, the company that conducted the 21E.

The legal battle dragged on for several years – which cost Scarpino $240,000 by his estimate – and ending in a settlement when Scarpino ran out of money. Scarpino was credited with money toward his mortgage and paid Marks a lump sum to end their relationship. Scarpino was awarded more than $200,000 in damages from Carr Associates, but the company never showed up in court and was soon out of business.

"I spent about $64,000 to satisfy all of the bureaucratic paperwork," said Scarpino. "That covered taking things out, doing the Phase I, and removing contaminated soil."

But part of that money had an unintended effect, because the Phase I investigation, conducted by Monadnock Environmental Services of New Hampshire, turned up some interesting information.

- The methods of the initial 21E conducted by Carr for Marks in 1986 prior to the sale and updated in 1987 was universally deemed "inappropriate/unprofessional." (Marks says he hired the company on the recommendation of Sun Oil Company).
- Searches involved in the process also found documents that reference the DEP (or previous incarnations thereof) in regards to a "minor oil sheen" on James Brook, which runs behind the property, dating back to 1981 and 1985. The DEP certified in 1993 that those documents existed in the DEP file, but only duplicates enclosed in the Monadnock study were found during a Mariner search. There was no information presented to the Mariner that date back further than the late 1980s.
- Monadnock also unearthed reports that water needed to be pumped from the gas tanks on a daily basis in the last 1970s. Marks confirmed this but said that it did not mean that there was contamination at that time. He said it was to keep the water out of the gas mixture in order to protect the cars.
- In a later study, scientist from Groundwater Technology determined that the level of decay of xylenes (chemicals that are present in gasoline) on site indicated that the contamination was "5 to 10 years old" (back in the early 1990s) and "was not Sunoco product."

But the DEP, in accordance with statute, continues to consider Scarpino as the sole potentially responsible person, despite the fact that the law permits them to seek damages from anyone on the title chain who may have contributed to the problem.

"We would look for Mr. Scarpino to go after other parties," said DEP Regional Engineer Richard Chalpin. "We have so much to do that we ask the present owner to take responsibility and hire an attorney to sue whoever they see fit to join them in paying for the clean-up."

Where that leaves Scarpino is unclear. His previous lawsuit ended in a settlement, a result he attributes to the fact that Marks had taken out insurance on his mortgage to cover the legal fees, allowing him to drag out the process.

"I'm very angry," said Scarpino. "I tried to do it the proper legal way, but I found out the hard way that the legal system doesn't work. It all depends on how much money you've got. If you have the money, then the legal system works."

Marks says the sale was conducted on the up-and-up.

"I took the mortgage myself," said Marks in a phone interview from his new home in Coral Gables, Fla. "Do you think I would be that stupid to take the mortgage myself if I knew it was contaminated?" That is positively the most asinine thing I have ever heard."

But the DEP continues to move forward.

Only two months after saying the site was "not an immediate threat to public health," the DEP has taken control of the project, threatening to charge Scarpino in triplicate after they are done.

According to Ross Edwards of the DEP, who was contacted in August, the DEP was confident that the first round of testing of basements and sump pumps at neighboring houses – completed in April and May of 2001 – proved that there was no public health threat.

Now, though, under pressure from the town, the DEP has decided to redo the tests.

"The town has prompted retesting at the site," said Joe Ferson, another spokesman for the DEP. "It isn't a duplication of efforts, it is a retesting. I will tell you though, the project manager was laid off effective Nov.1 and that will slow down the analysis of the data."

The last time the tests were conducted, the DEP picked up the tab. This time, the onus is on Scarpino. The whole situation just doesn't make sense to him.

"I'm very frustrated," said Scarpino. "I have had no cooperation from the town and no cooperation form the state and all of the sudden the state is trying to drop the law on me. I have nothing to do with the contamination. This place has been contaminated for many, many years."

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Frank Scarpino stands outside the Cohasset Service Center on South Main Street.

Push for trails along railroad bed

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"We're not trying to shove it down anybody's throat. Right now we just want to see if it's possible."
— PATH founder Mark Fenton

Scituate selectmen have pledged their support to the citizen's group pushing for the development of a trail corridor to run alongside the Greenbush commuter rail line.

The Scituate-based group, calling themselves People for Active Transportation and Health, or "PATH," have sought support from surrounding communities, state and local officials for its Rails-with-Trails proposal running from Hingham Square to the end of the line in Greenbush

"We're not trying to shove it down anybody's throat," said Scituate resident and former Walking Magazine Editor Mark Fenton, who has been leading the initiative. "Right now we just want to see if it's possible."

Fenton has been working feverishly to garner support from state and MBTA officials in hopes of initiating a feasibility study to determine whether such a trail would be possible. Fenton recently received word that a letter-writing campaign led by state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, has compelled Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation James Scanlan to look into such a study.

Scituate Selectmen Chairman Joseph Norton said he too would write a letter in support of conducting a feasibility study and will ask Cohasset and Hingham officials to join in the effort.

Ideally, Fenton said the plan for a trail would include a 6 to 10 foot wide asphalt or crushed gravel surface parallel to the tracks, with the tracks separated from the trail with as much space and a secured fence to prohibit trespassing onto the tracks. Such a trail would not only encourage physical activity for people with access to a walking and bicycling trail, but would cut down on tight traffic and parking patterns around the stations by encouraging people to walk, rather than drive to the rail stations.

Fenton is hoping the MBTA will design the Greenbush line to accommodate such a trail in the future — effectively shifting the tracks to one side, still within the 20 foot right-of-way the MBTA owns, but leaving enough room for a trail to exist alongside it without infringing on abutter's property.

The MBTA currently has approximately 60 percent of the commuter rail design completed, officials say, and is scheduled to begin construction as soon as this spring.

"We need to talk with abutters to find out if we have their support," Fenton said. "So far we've received a lot of positive feedback from many residents, but we want to do this right. I'm sensitive to the needs of all the parties — including the abutters."

Fenton discussed possibly holding "coffee talks" with small groups of abutters to learn about their concerns with the proposal and different scenarios for the trail. There is no rush to build the trail corridor, Fenton said, only to gain support from MBTA officials in creating an accommodating design.

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Grant gives big boost to purchase of Barnes Estate

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The Barnes property took a major step toward town ownership and preservation last week when the town was awarded an Urban Self-Help Grant in the amount of $250,000.

Thanks to a team-effort led by State Sen. Bob Hedlund – who personally lobbied acting-Governor Jane Swift twice to secure the funding – and the Cohasset Community Preservation Committee, the town has moved within $50,000 of the $1 million purchase price. Due to a matching funds commitment from the Cohasset Conservation Trust, $25,000 worth of private donations would cover the cost of the purchase without impacting the town's finances.

The latest contribution represents only a piece of the maneuvering that took place to secure the 32-acre parcel that abuts Wheelwright Park. The purchase is important because its preservation would protect the deep forest habitat that exists in the area. Any development of the Barnes property would directly impact and alter Wheelwright Park.

The cross-board, cross-organizational success story has its roots in the negotiations with the MBTA in the spring of 2000 over the right-of-way for the Greenbush line.

"This has been a very friendly undertaking, and has generated widespread support. Now we just need the people to come and vote for it."
— Rich Sylvia, project proponent

"The town was about to sign an agreement with the MBTA on mitigation," said Hedlund. "I suggested to them that it wasn't as good a deal as they could get, and I suggested to the MBTA that they needed to consider the loss of open space."

Those discussions led to a revised agreement that included $500,000 for the purchase of open space, since the Greenbush corridor existing in Cohasset was zoned as open space. Hedlund said Selectman Tom Callahan told him at that time that the Barnes Property was a possible destination for those funds.

Flash forward to the August of 2002. CPC member Rich Sylvia, who had a personal relationship with the Barnes family, orchestrated a negotiation with the land's holders for a price of $1 million dollars. Sylvia brought it forward to the CPC which passed it to the Selectmen. In September, Selectmen signed a purchase and sales agreement with the Barnes, agreeing to use the $500,000 in mitigation funds from the MBTA, contingent on a Town Meeting vote.

But what to do about the remaining $500,000?

In stepped the aforementioned Cohasset Conservation Trust which offered $100,000 of cash up front as well as $150,000 worth of possible matching funds. Throw in $50,000 from the Water Commission, the $250,000 from the grant and a total of $25,000 to date of private contributions ($50,000 after the Trust match) and the price tag had been reduced to $50,000 ($25,000 if that money comes via private donation).

"When you look at our revenues, we simply don't have the money to be the sole financial source for projects," said Stuart Ivimey, chairman of the CPC. "People can't be looking to the CPC to be bankrolling their projects. This project is the ideal use of CPC money."

Namely because it uses none, or almost none. The only CPC contribution was about $10,000 for appraisals and the initial sales agreement, an amount that was taken out of the committee's administrative budget. The actual purchase will not touch CPC funds.

The town adopted the Community Preservation Act at last year's annual Town Meeting. It derives it money from a 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate tax and some level of state match. Allocations are recommended by the committee and then voted on by Town Meeting. The committee's funds must be spent on three areas: open space, historical preservation, and affordable housing.

"Right now, our biggest obstacle is just having people come out and vote for it at Special Town Meeting," said Sylvia. "The Barnes family is very enthusiastic about the deal, they want to see it preserved as a wildlife sanctuary. This has been a very friendly undertaking, and has generated widespread support. Now we just need the people to come and vote for it."

Ivimey noted that this is a chance for citizens to impact their community without having an effect on the tax rate.

"This is a great opportunity, since the Cohasset Conservation Trust is going to match private donations," said Ivimey. "It would be terrific if there were additional donations toward this, because in effect, a person's contribution doubles."

Boards irked by train work

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DEP and the expiration of all appeal periods after the variance is issued.

And even then, until the variance is issued it won't be clear what work would be allowed. [The MBTA needs a variance from the DEP because the Greenbush project will disturb too much wetland area.]

Fisher also said minor activity for the purpose of test borings and surveying in the buffer zone must be temporary in nature.

"In our view, taking down big trees is not temporary in nature," he said.

Cohasset's Conservation Agent Paul Shea said he was in complete agreement, adding that the Cohasset commission "was never notified" and that all it would take was a fax or common letter.

Holly Palmgren, MBTA environmental compliance officer, said the MBTA thought notifying the town administrators was in fact notifying the conservation commissions.

"My goal was to point out the failure in communication and address that failure so it won't recur in the future."
— Joseph M. Fisher, Hingham Conservation Commission

There also appeared to be disagreement between the Cohasset commission and the MBTA as to whether the certified vernal pools were properly identified, and if the wetlands were accurately delineated along that town's right-of-way.

Palmgren said the towns had been sent specifics about vernal pools and habitat assessments.

Tom Carroll, the community outreach worker with Cashman, read the list of contacts and the time and date they were notified before the brush clearing took place.

"I can very easily add you to the list," he said, noting that Cashman also sent out 200 flyers.

He also explained that abutters were consulted about what trees were being taken down. "We didn't do this arbitrarily, not willy-nilly," he said. Carroll also explained that wetlands areas were marked off with tape and not cleared during the brush work.

The commissions asked that they be contacted at least 10 days before any activity that could take place in the wetland buffer zones so the boards can make a determination if an order of conditions, for example, would be required. Things like sediment barriers might be needed, Fisher said.

"My goal was to point out the failure in communication and address that failure so it won't recur in the future," Fisher said after the meeting. "I think we got their attention."

Representatives from the MBTA and its project team, Cashman-Balfour Beatty and Rizzo Associates attended the meeting at Hingham Town Hall.

John Bewick, president of the anti-Greenbush group AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives) was also present.

Alzheimer's support

Dr. Kenneth Kosik, professor of neurology and neuroscience at Harvard Medical School will be the featured speaker for Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the meeting of the Alzheimer's Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. Dr. Kosik's topic will be "From Current Research to Treatment."

Kosik received numerous awards for his research from the National Institutes of Health, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Metropolitan Life Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association. He has served on the Medical and Scientific Advisory Board of the Alzheimer's Association and National Institutes of Health. He has authored more than 150 research publications and co-authored, "When Someone You Love Has Alzheimer's: The Caregiver's Journey".

The meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 229 Central St., Hingham. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in learning more about the disease. For general information, call 781-740-2426 or 781-749-5417.

Respite care for the Alzheimer's patient is available at no cost during the meeting at Harbor House in Hingham so that the family may attend this lecture. To reserve respite care, call Gervaise Haley by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 781-749-4774, Ext. 843.

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Schools, town still looking to save the health program

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"The question remains as to whether they will ask town meeting to fund the $32,000 in question, or if they will try to recover the money somewhere in the operating budget."
— Supt. Edward Malvey

As the Nov. 18 Special Town Meeting grows nearer, the School Committee's request are becoming clearer, though the situation is far from resolved.

At issue is a deficit of $32,000 needed to save the elementary school health program that had its funding cut just prior to the start of the school year. Michael Gill, the school health director, approached the board asking for a temporary stay, and the board agreed to fund the program until Special Town Meeting, when money to cover the shortfall would be sought. The board added the caveat, though, that if the town meeting did not fund the program, it would have to be cut, and the School Department would have to absorb the loss of the money the two teachers were paid in the interim.

"The committee is still committed to saving the program," said Supt. Edward Malvey. "The question remains as to whether they will ask town meeting to fund the $32,000 in question, or if they will try to recover the money somewhere in the operating budget."

Chairman Rick Flynn, is hopeful that something will be worked out to save the program.

"What we are going to do is go for the extra $32,000," said Flynn. "But if we can find it in our operating budget or elsewhere, we will withdraw the request. The schools and the town are still looking for money to fund the program."

The annual Town Meeting under-funded the school budget by $100,000 — a number that will be made up at the Nov. 18 Special Town Meeting to cover operating expenses. Initially, faced with an early-retirement and the need for a new school bus on top of the health program issue, the board was set to request an additional $99,000 — which included $7,000 for the retirement, $60,000 for a new bus and the $32,000 needed to save the health curriculum.

After meeting with Haddad, the School Committee decided to withdraw the request for $7,000 (finding it within the school department operating budget) and reached an agreement to hold off on the purchase of a new bus until the annual Town Meeting next year.

Lacrosse boosters fund JV team

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"It's really a safety issue, plus the quality of our play can only improve if we improve our feeder programs."
— David Buick, Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters

Lacrosse is growing in Cohasset – both figuratively and literally.

In 1996, there was one traveling team (under 14-year-old boys), but last year – only six years later – there were seven teams (five boys' and two girls') with 178 players.

Now the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters have committed to funding a junior varsity team at the high school to bridge the gap between the strong youth program in town (not to mention the middle school team) and the varsity program. From 1992 to 1998 there was a boys junior varsity lacrosse team (comprised of seventh, eighth, and ninth graders, but that program was dropped after the junior high split from the high school and there wasn't enough numbers to allow it to continue.

"Unlike many towns around here, including Hingham and Duxbury, which have freshman and junior varsity programs as feeder programs, our ninth-graders are thrown in to compete against mature 17-and-18-year-olds," said David Buick, president of the CLB. "It's really a safety issue, plus the quality of our play can only improve if we improve our feeder programs."

The CLB will contribute $8,000 ($4,000 for each team) to create a junior varsity program for the boys and girls varsity programs at the high school. The CLB has also requested that the School Committee include funding for the team in the FY 2004 budget.

"There is no promise that this will become a part of the budget," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn. "If they cannot continue to support the program it may not continue."

Still, Flynn sees the need for the program.

"When you have freshman playing against on a varsity team it is not a good situation," said Flynn. "The seniors are much more developed physically, and the freshman are new to that level of play. It makes for a potentially dangerous situation."

Buick says he understands that the board cannot commit to funding a junior varsity program in the current fiscal climate, but hopes that it will be considered.

"The School Committee and the Athletic Director said that they could not commit to funding the program, and we accept that," said Buick. "We are willing to see how we do in the spring of 2003 and then discuss the situation again with the Athletic Director at the start of the next school year."

The level of cooperation on the school side of the process impressed Buick, particularly that of Athletic Director Ron Ford.

"Ron Ford was particularly helpful throughout the process," said Buick. "He helped us find out how much it would cost to fund it and has been a great help in terms of scheduling and coordinating the referees."

Flu clinic Nov. 2

The Board of Health will hold a free flu clinic at the Second Congregational Church, Bates Hall (next to the Town Hall) on Saturday Nov. 2 from10 am – 12 noon. Residents 50 years of age and older and those with chronic illness are encouraged to get their flu shot at this time. Pneumonia vaccine will also be available. Seniors 65 years and older are asked to bring their Medicare and or Senior Health insurance cards to the clinic.

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Voters to have say on burying village wires

By Brian J. Scully
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Voters at the Nov. 18 Special Town Meeting will have the final say whether to bury utility wires in the village as part of the Village Revitalization Project.

Although a majority of selectmen voted not to recommend burying the wires – the board still wants to gauge voter sentiment on the issue.

"It would be nice if we could do it, but I don't think that it is an expense that we can take on right now," said Selectman Tom Callahan. "But, it is an important enough decision, and a long-term enough decision to let the town decide if they want to pay for it."

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— Selectman Tom Callahan

The article that will be presented will call for the approval of the "medium" approach, which would cost $800,000. There have been rumblings about the possibility of private donations, but thus far the project would have to be paid for with an override.

"Basically we all agree about the plan for revitalization," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris. "The only thing is whether we should underground the wires because we don't have the funding for that particular piece. If we are going to do this project, we should do it right."

The Waterfield Group will present four options at Town Meeting, ranging from full-blown "under-grounding" to the approach the selectmen favor: leaving the wiring above ground on telephone poles.

"We have been preparing the different options for the last several weeks, and have been discussing them with the selectmen and the Town Manager and the conclusion that they have come to is to present these to town meeting for further discussion," said Craig Miller, president of the Waterfield Design Group, the private company hired to design the village revitalization project. "It is certainly a function of money. We are comfortable with all of the options, but it is all a function of money, how much money is available to do them."

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Open house, market place at Art Center

The South Shore Art Center will hold a Holiday Marketplace and Open House on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The marketplace will feature a select number of craft artisans selling jewelry, glass ornaments, clothing, soaps, holiday soft sculpture, and doll clothing. Holiday shoppers will find Arts Festival favorites Susan Arnold of Ad Libs Designs; photography products from Sandi Smith; jewelry by ek Designs; glass ornaments by Simple Syrup Glass Studio, and children's clothing by Fleece on Earth.

The activities at the Art Center will be held in conjunction with the Annual Small Works Exhibition, showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists. All of the work is small in size and priced under $500. Highlighting the activities on Nov. 9 will be the chance for all visitors to add their own artistic creation to a creative quilt. The Art Center will provide paper and materials for artists young and old, talented and those just experimenting, to contribute their personal touch to this giant collage. For more information call 781-383-ARTS.

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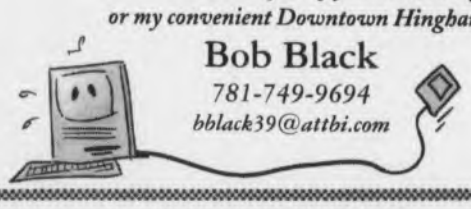

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Steff Noering is NESCAC Field Hockey Player of the Week

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GO BLUE!

All right Cohasset, you did it last year, lets do it again! The varsity football team beat Canton 20-6. Cohasset's record is now 7-0 and we will be playing the Green Wave at Abington tomorrow evening (Nov. 8) at 7. Last year's game against Abington drew as many football fans as a Thanksgiving game. The excitement generated by the fans helped to propel the Skippers to a winning championship season! We will need that kind of fan support tomorrow if we are going to ride the wave victoriously! Put on your warmest clothes, parade into Abington and CHEER THE SKIPPERS ON TO VICTORY!!!! GO BLUE, YOU GOTTA GO TO WORK!!

COLLEGE ATHLETE

Williams College senior **Steff Noering** from Cohasset was named NESCAC Field Hockey Player of the Week for scoring twice and assisting on another in their 3-0 victory against rival Amherst College during the first round of the 2002 NESCAC Championship last weekend. A graduate of Noble & Greenough in Dedham, Steff became Williams all time leading scorer and beat her coaches record from 1993 for most career points ever at Williams. Williams will meet Middlebury in the semi finals this weekend at Bowdoin College, Sat Nov. 9, to defend their 2001 title as NESCAC champions.

In addition, the talented Steff Noering was named to the 17-member North Team for the annual National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) North/South Senior All-Star Game to be played on Nov. 23 at Springfield College. Steff leads the Ephs in goals scored this season (11) and is currently tied with head coach **Alix Rorke** '93 for most points in a career at Williams (100). In her college career Steff has scored 39 goals and has assisted on 22 others. I am sure that we are going to hear a lot more about this very athletic and competent young woman.

ON THE MEND

Cliff Dickson may not be the bionic man, but he is stainless. Eighty-eight staples, many metal twisties to hold the new femur rod, and a new hip. He is holding court at Braintree Rehab and is expected home sometime in mid November. He looks great and should be back on the water in Spring. Cliff and his family want to thank everyone who has helped out in his absence. The visits, cards and well wishes have been wonderful.

PUMPKIN EXHIBIT

American History Pumpkins, created by students from **Ms. Henry's and Mrs. McNamara's** fifth-grade class at Deer Hill School, will be on display at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, South Main St until Nov. 9. Stop by and vote for your favorite pumpkin. Prizes will be awarded to the top bananas, I mean pumpkins!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bourke Corcoran of King Street has been elected to the Endicott College Board of Trustees. Bourke is currently a therapist at the South Shore Educational Collaborative where he provides therapeutic and guidance services for students in grades nine-12. Prior to this position, he was an adjustment counselor for the Stoughton Public Schools and had worked as a clinician in the Department of Child Psychiatry at New England Medical Center for 20 years. Bourke is licensed as a mental health counselor, marriage and family therapist, certified social worker and certified school adjustment counselor. He has served as a member of the Massachusetts Association of School and Adjustment Counselors, Coastal Area Board of DSS, and the Coastal Area Mental Health and Retardation Board of DMH. He received his a master of education from Bridgewater State College and a bachelor of arts from Curry College.

Bourke and his wife, **Merlyn**, have been very active at Endicott College over the past four years. They have been involved in numerous fundraising and recognition activities for both the college and in memory of their son who passed away prior to entering his freshman year. **Bourke Lewis** would have been a member of the Class of 2002. The Corcorans also have a daughter, **Elizabeth**, who is studying massage therapy in San Francisco.

CHIEF EDITOR NAMED

Long-time Cohasset resident **Brad Ketchum, Jr.**, has been appointed chief editor of Maine Times magazine, a monthly lifestyle publication that will debut in May 2003. Brad joins publisher **Christopher Hutchins** and assistant publisher **Christine Taylor** of Bangor-based Maine Times Publishing Company in planning the independent publication's launch. In announcing plans for the magazine, Taylor said it will combine investigative reports and analysis; features on active Maine lifestyles, people, travel, and events; and cultural and literary reviews.

Brad contributes nearly four decades of publishing experience, including two successful magazine startups, to the venture. A founding editor of Inc. magazine in 1978, he received national recognition for the publication's annual Inc. 500 business rankings and state-by-state reports on business climate. He also launched The Inc. Advisor, a monthly newsletter for owner-managers of growing companies. Brad later became founding editor of The Walking Magazine, a national health-and-fitness publication that attracted a paid circulation of 495,000 in less than two years. He served 10 years at McGraw-Hill, Inc., and four years at Yankee Publishing, Inc.; for the past nine years, he was editorial director of Inc. Business Resources, in Boston.

A native of Bar Harbor and childhood resident of Norridgewock, Me., Brad is the author of Walking Nova Scotia, a travel guide commissioned by the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism and Culture. A frequent speaker on small business and economic development, he graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., and completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University's Graduate School of Business Administration. Maine Times magazine succeeds the widely respected statewide newsweekly Maine Times. Maine Times Publishing Company ended the paper's 34-year run in April 2002 to focus on developing new print and online products for Maine readers.

CLASS REUNION

1997... C.H.S. Class Reunion ! ...Attention all 1997 graduates...we are busy getting messages out everyone, In hopes you will be able to attend our class reunion over Thanksgiving Day break. We have obtained the upper room of the Legion for the evening of Wednesday Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Parents and friends of anyone in the class of 1997, who we might have been unable to reach.... please pass on the news so that all may join in a night of fun and reminiscing. Contact **Matt Belson** if you have any further needs or questions. Hope to see you all!

IT'S A GIRL!

Thank Heavens for Little Girls.... Congratulations go out to this very busy and happy family. **Suellen** and **Thomas Durkin**, 21 Gammons Road, are the parents of a brand-new baby girl, **Caitlin Sue Durkin**, who arrived at 3:15 p.m., Oct. 21 at South Shore Hospital. She tipped the scales at 6 lbs., 4 oz. and measured 19-1/2 ins. long. Her siblings, brothers **Thomas**, 4, and **Daniel**, 3, and sisters **Micaela**, 6, and **Caleigh**, 21 months, are tickled pink with her arrival! Caitlin's maternal grandparents are **Joseph and Mary Sue MacDonald** of Weymouth and her paternal grandparents are **John and Rita Durkin** of Scituate.

Pack 38 Tiger Scouts take a break during a hike in Wheelwright Park.

NEW BABY BOY

Snakes, and snails and puppy dog tails, that's what little boys are made of! **Christine and Thomas Powers**, 25 Powers Lane, welcomed their third son, **Michael Drevins Powers**, into the world at 9:09 a.m., Oct. 16 at South Shore Hospital. Michael has two big brothers, **Tommy** and **Jeffrey**. A lot of fun will be had in this home this holiday season! His grandparents are **Grace and Peter Drevins** of Westbrook, Conn. and **Helen Powers** and the late **Dr. Edward Powers** of Madison, Conn.

KEEPING A SECRET

I hear senior parents are great at keeping secrets! It's time to start thinking about the Post Prom Party 2003! Senior parents are invited to call in ideas for a theme to **Kim** at 383-2702 or email us at cohassetpostprom2003@yahoo.com . Theme ideas will be presented and voted on by all senior parents who attend the post prom meeting in the high school cafeteria at 7:30 tonight, Nov. 7th. But remember...the theme is a secret...shhhhhh!

WALK IN THE PARK

Pack 38 Tiger Scouts had their first meeting Saturday, Oct. 19. **Jeff Forsdick**, Cubmaster, and **Jane Long**, Tiger Organizer, with the help of Tiger Scout parents took the Tiger Scouts on a hike in Wheelwright Park. The following Tigers participated in the hike: **Dakota Achin, Derek Benson, Joe Buckley, Jack Conte, Chris Dimodica, Connor Green, Douglas Jorgensen, Jack O'Brien, Jared Pratt, Joe Sestito,** and **Jack Stanganelli**. Tigers unable to make the hike that day were: **Rocco Laugelle, Brendan O'Connell,** and **Daniel Tangherlini.** Since Jeff is so familiar with the park he was able to point out different landmarks such as Little Tipplin, Big Tipplin, and the skate pond which is **Rob Lehr** is working on for his Eagle project.

Everyone had a great time! Jeff took photos of all the boys who attended and placed them on a CD for each boy. We are so lucky to have this great park in the middle of our town. I agree, it is a wonderful park and so many things can be seen and learned while walking to and around it!

PSO CALENDARS

Attention all Cohasset residents. The Cohasset PSO Calendar is available for viewing with important dates, fundraisers, activities and events on the Cohasset PSO Web site, www.cohassetpso.org. Any family who is new to town and did not receive a calendar may contact the appropriate school office to get one. If you have any questions or wish to have something added for the next school year, please send an email to psocalendar@yahoo.com.

That is all for this week. Please make sure to get all information, news and events to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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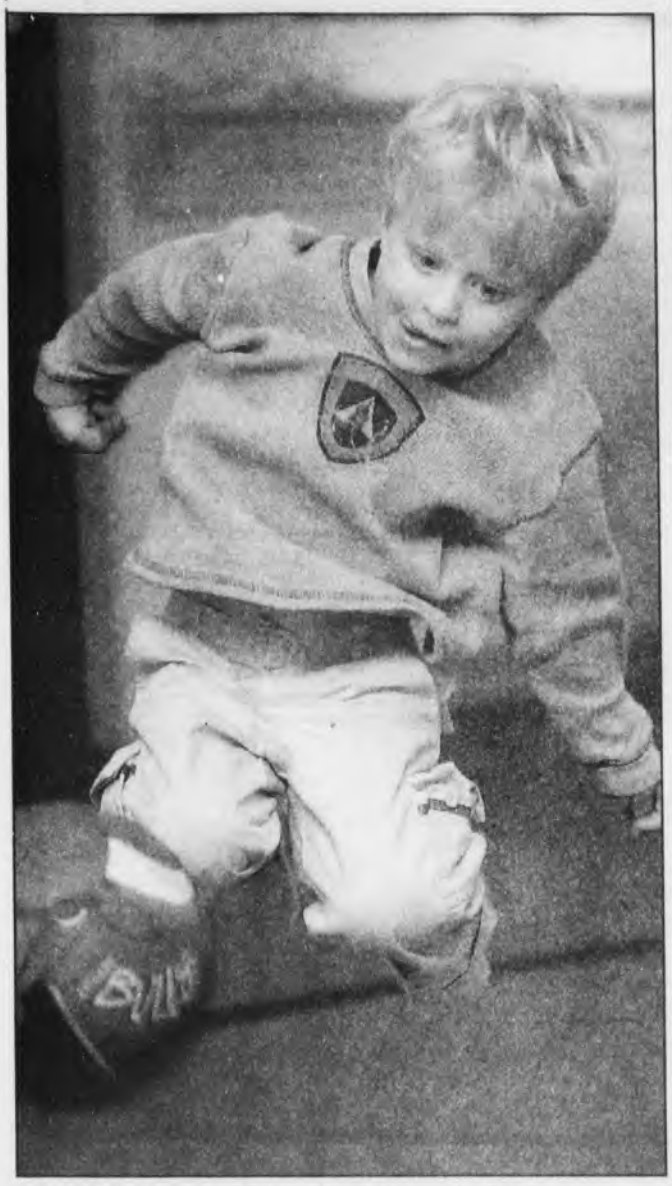
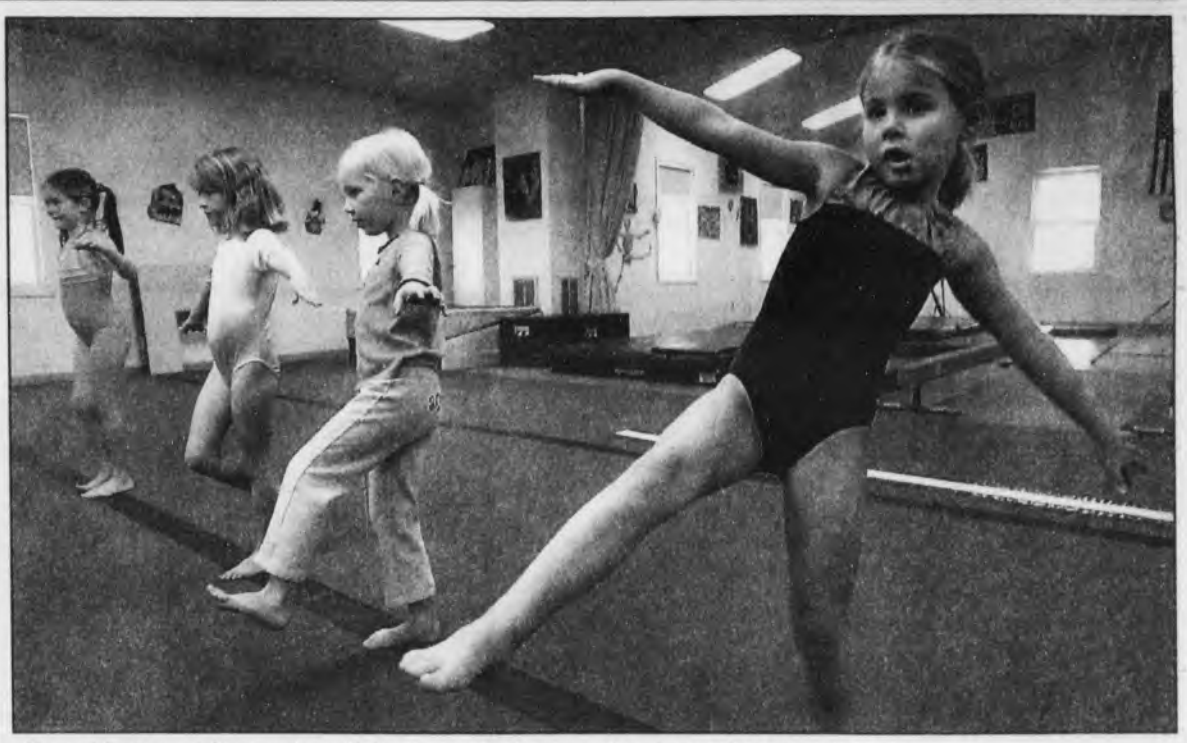


Above: Jack Nee jumps for joy after shooting a basket.

At right: Matthew Peracchi shoots a basket in the "Sports for Kids" program at the South Shore Community Center.

Far right: Liam McHugh studies a split while bowling at the community center in the "Sports for Kids" program.



Genny Martinez, right, stretches with her classmates in gymnastics class at the community center.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Taking control

Selectmen's meetings should not be breaking down into gripe sessions, at best, or arenas for personality attacks, at worst.

But over the past month that's exactly what has been occurring. It's time for Selectmen to get control of the meetings and shut down those who have no other mission there but to ambush their board or the Town Manager.

We're not saying that some members of other town boards, such as the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission or the Assessors, do not have concerns that need to be addressed.

Town Manager Mark Haddad may have overstepped his bounds by installing the two park benches on the common over the objections of the Commission. But the dispute between Mr. Haddad and commissioners was on its way to being resolved when Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan attended a Commission meeting to speak to the matter. So when some members of the Commission later used the public comment period of a Selectmen's meeting to chew out the Town Manager in front of the cameras, it was purely grandstanding in our view.

And maybe some of the Assessors don't understand the powers incorporated in the Town Manager Act that provide Mr. Haddad with the power to hire and fire, now that the town must find a replacement for the outgoing deputy assessor. If the role of the Assessors is being diminished due to the powers of the Town Manager, then that concern should be placed on a future agenda, when Town Counsel could be present.

We recognize the Town Manager isn't perfect and has clashed with some citizens in the past. But whether he is going "too fast" in seeking to fill the deputy assessor post is an issue that Selectmen should table and address after reviewing the facts. It can be embarrassing for everyone involved when Selectmen allow themselves to be pushed into a corner and then react without time to fully consider the matter.

No one ever said governing is easy, and personalities can conflict. While it's not necessary to like someone, it is critical that people in leadership roles make every effort to get along.

While we realize Selectmen are political beings who may worry about reelection, they still need to lead effectively so they can do what's best for the town as a whole. It's important they provide an openness so board members and other citizens feel they can air legitimate concerns, however, it is unacceptable to allow a small minority of disgruntled citizens to take over and disrupt the governing process.

Selectman Tom Callahan described the current state of affairs.

"This is now becoming standard operating procedure," he said. "If you don't like what's happening, don't talk to anybody about it to their face or try to work things out like adults, but rather come and just attack."

It's time for Selectmen to wield the gavel, and put these matters on a future agenda when both sides can be prepared for discussion.

Civility and mutual respect, even when there is disagreement, should always rule the day.

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POLITICAL NOTES

GOP Region Five panel

Members of the press, Carolyn Ryan of the Boston Globe, Mary Ford of the Cohasset Mariner and Hingham Journal and Jack Coleman of the Brockton Enterprise, have been invited to Region Five of the Republican State Committee, which includes leaders from the counties of Bristol, Barnstable, Plymouth and Norfolk, to discuss the future of the GOP Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the John Carver Inn in Plymouth. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., meeting at 9.

The moderator, who has just returned from China, will be former Oklahoma Congressman and professor at Harvard Law School, Kennedy School of Government, Mickey Edwards of Hingham.

The meeting is open to the public but reservations are required for dinner. To RSVP call Polly Logan at 781-383-0031.

Another highlight of the meeting will be honoring State Committeeman Leo Bechand, who is resigning from the State Committee.

Chairmen of county clubs, Kathy Stacey of Plymouth County and Dave Farrag of Norfolk County, will report on future events and donations given candidates, as will town chairmen.

Chairman Larry Novak (508-581-8400) said all candidates are urged to attend and bring signs and literature for town chairmen.

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Local control over affordable housing

TO THE EDITOR:

In Cohasset and towns all over Massachusetts, greedy developers with little interest in the communities they exploit (beyond revenue potential) are using the Mass 40B law to sweep aside local control and build projects far larger than the land can sustain or the towns can afford. Even state Senate President Thomas Birmingham recognizes the 40B law needs to be changed and has publicly stated that the law has been used by developers "not so much as a shield, but as a sword."

The proposed AvalonBay Cohasset project is a shining example of a project that is simply too big to be absorbed into a town that has just spent millions in overrides on new schools and infrastructure. Schools and systems that will likely be overwhelmed in Avalon's first year of operation. Our new schools are designed to accommodate 10 new families a year, not 200!

The taxes that Avalon generates (less than $1,800 per unit by their own admission) will not come close to covering the overwhelming burden on schools and other services they will demand. All this cost to the town and we still do not get the senior and affordable housing we truly need.

Recent Mariner articles and letters have pointed out the genuine need we have for senior and affordable housing. Roughly 15 percent of Cohasset citizens are over 65 and the Senior Housing study done a couple of years ago suggests that literally hundreds of them would like to downsize and stay in town, but can't find affordable options. In addition, dozens of teachers, firefighters, police and others who have lived their lives in town are being forced out by escalating prices. We owe it to ourselves and to them to support a more intelligent approach to local housing legislation and to work to take back control of our future from developers and a badly written law.

There are several things you can do.

1. Attend the upcoming ZBA Hearings on the AvalonBay 40B project to voice your concerns and understand the issues: Nov. 14: Drainage and Septic Dec. 2: Health & Environment Dec. 16: Public Safety Jan. 6: Infrastructure and schools Jan. 27: Affordable & Senior Housing

2. There are three articles on the Nov. 18 Special Town Meeting that need your support to help us wrestle control of our future back from the state and the developers. I urge you to vote in favor of the Senior Overlay district and the two 40B articles to help get us the housing we need that is the right size and scale and is integrated into the community...not 254 luxury apartments stuck on our last big commercial lot where it will only add traffic, water and safety hazards, not to mention the nearly 10 percent population increase that comes with it.

3. Join us in raising awareness and funds to support the fight to give local control back to communities, not to state sponsored developers.

Michael Westcott
2 River Road

Heartfelt thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

To the Cohasset Fire Department

Dear Chief Lincoln:

My daughter was one of the passengers in the automobile accident on Beechwood Street on the night of Friday, Oct. 25. I am writing this letter to thank you and your department for your magnificent response to that emergency.

When the auto finally came to a stop, my daughter had broken her rib and had sustained multiple lacerations, bruises and sprains. She was bleeding profusely, lapsing in and out of consciousness, and trapped in the wreckage of the car.

Sergeant Quigley of the Cohasset Police provided me with a copy of the Emergency Call Transcript. Cohasset's Ladder One was dispatched at 9:47 p.m. and arrived at the scene in two minutes. Engines One and Three were on the scene within three minutes. The EMS Unit, returning from another call, was on the scene within five minutes.

At the crash site, your men used the jaws-of-life to rescue my daughter and another passenger from the wreckage. I also know that they were prepared to respond if the automobile gas tank or other engine fluids had erupted in flames.

After the passengers were taken out of the wreckage, Paramedics Hugh Devlin and Laura Morrison stabilized my daughter, attended to her injuries and delivered her to Dr. Michael Hughes and his team at South Shore Hospital.

I don't know the names of the many other people involved in my daughter's rescue but I am told that Captain James Rooney, Frank Mahoney, Paul Bilodeau and Randy Rosano were on the scene. Please express my most heartfelt appreciation to all of these men as well as the rest of your superb team.

The bravery, speed and professionalism demonstrated by the Cohasset Fire and Rescue personnel that night was outstanding. I have no words adequate to express the gratitude that my family and I feel.

Brian McKenney
45 Spring St.

Editor's note: Mr. McKenney provided The Mariner with a copy of his letter for publication.

Halloween fair

TO THE EDITOR:

The Halloween Fair on the Common has been both a fall tradition and the South Shore Community Center Nursery School's single largest fund-raiser. It was wonderful to see the children in their costumes with their parents in tow, eager to participate in the activities and games. Although the previous day's weather was cold and rainy, the day of the fair could not have been better, the blue sky and sunshine making it a perfect fall day.

On behalf of the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, we would like to thank the people and the businesses for their support and generosity which made the fair such a success. Many thanks are due to Atlantic Bagel, the Village Butcher & Deli, the Silver Spoon Café, Fiori's, Maggie's Corner, the Red Lion Bakery, Dunkin' Donuts, Stop & Shop and Shaw's for their generous donations.

We would also like to thank the students of Deer Hill Middle School and high school who, through their affiliation with community service, student council, churches and scouting, volunteered their time and enthusiasm to help run the multitude of games and activities.

And finally, a thank you to our nursery school parent volunteers who banded together to make our Halloween Fair a reality. We are overwhelmed with gratitude. The time and energy contributed by all symbolizes true community spirit. Thank you.

Lynne Sheridan and Deborah Donahue
South Shore Community Center Nursery School

A small world

TO THE EDITOR:

Having milked all that we could out of our 50th anniversary, we ended up with a trip to Bermuda in October; and on our only cloudy day we took a mini-bus to see the British Maritime Museum.

We chatted with Kevin, our Bermudian driver about this and that, airline problems, the Bermudian downturn and 9/11. We asked him why he went to the U.S. so frequently and learned everyone does because no one can afford the prices in Bermuda and that they all go to the malls in the U.S.

He asked where we were from and after saying "Cohasset, a tiny town in Massachusetts," he stopped the van saying "I just don't believe it" and proceeded to tell us his tale.

Kevin Hughes was in Logan Airport with his three very small children without his wife, whom he was meeting in North Carolina, when 9/11 hit, and like thousands all over the country, was marooned with little money and no place to go.

The airport took over and they were driven to Kimballs-by-the Sea, where they stayed for practically nothing for more than a week. They all ate every night at Atlantica for free and during the day, they wandered the town of Cohasset. They discovered the beach, the Strawberry Parfait, played on the Common with dogs and kids, and met many of the citizens of Cohasset. People gave them extra clothes for the children and commented how polite they were.

He told us that he and his children will never, never, never forget the kindnesses of the people, the beauty of the town and the experience of being here with his children with nothing to do.

Kevin asked us to please tell whomever we could that his family will never forget Cohasset, and this seemed the best way to do it.

Joan and Chuck Remington
Formerly of 92 Beach St.
Now 4 Ladds Way, Scituate

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HEALTH NOTES

Some good news for taxpayers

Can apply for state rebates

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It has come to the board's attention that many are not aware of the fact that State income tax rebates are available for *both* septic system upgrades *and* new sewer hookups. These rebates come directly off of your earned income and, according to those who have applied, are appreciable. The size of the rebate is based on the cost of the installation, and if more than a specific amount cited in the regulation, can be carried over to the next year for a period of five years. Provisions of the law are complex but are outlined in instructions given in the application for abatement which can be obtained at the Board of Health. Call us there for details.

In order to take the tax deduction on your State income tax, it is necessary to receive a verification letter from the Board of Health for either a septic system Title 5 upgrade or a sewer connection. The rebate is for up to $6000 or 40 percent of the cost of the septic installation or sewer connection up to $15,000. The a five-year carryover of any unused credit is allowed. The maximum allowable credit for any year is $1500. Instructions and forms for taxpayers are available from the state Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, Telephone 617 626-2300.

The rebate is for up to $6,000 or 40 percent of the cost of the septic installation or sewer connection up to $15,000.

In addition, loans to finance repairs to failed septic systems are available to homeowners through at least 15 lending institutions throughout the Commonwealth. The program provides for loans at 0 percent, 3 percent or 5 percent depending on the homeowners income and market area. The minimum loan is $1,000; the maximum is $25,000. Homeowners with questions may call the Mass. Housing Finance Agency at 617 854-1020 or 854-1333.

Sewer hookup and septic system upgrade provide real environmental benefits. According to Carl Sestito, DPW manager, the hookup of homes to the central sewer plant may have noticeably cleaned up the pond at Ellms Meadow. We are not always aware of improvements in our environment because of improvements in our infrastructure, but those working in the area sometimes see things the rest of us miss. If you happen to know of locations where there may be conditions which should be brought to our attention, please don't hesitate to call the board of health and let us know.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Too much baggage

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Well, another election has come and gone and I have a confession to make to you folks.

I voted for Barbara Johnson, the independent candidate.

It's not that I have any beef with the positions espoused by the so-called major candidates — in those rare moments during the campaign that they chose to espouse them.

They were just carrying too much baggage to suit me. In fact, after reading the Herald and the Globe and listening to the talk shows on radio, I'm surprised that they have been able to stay out of jail all these years.

Take Mitt Romney, for instance.

He's a known "sexist," of course. Didn't he tell Shannon O'Brien in their last debate that something she did or said or whatever was "unbecoming?" When is the last time you heard someone tell a man that the tie or the vest he was wearing was "becoming?" Clearly, a violation of the 19th amendment.

He's probably a racist, too, although that charge didn't appear in the papers and was brought up only rarely by callers to talk shows, most of whom were hung up on forthwith. Seems Mitt's a Mormon and didn't that church for a long time refuse to accept blacks . . . er, African-Americans as church elders?

Didn't Mitt brag how he saved the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics and turned them into a success when the only things that people will remember of the 2002 games was that the figure skating was fixed and Steve Harris, the Herald reporter, was denied entrance to a venue despite his valid credentials?

Shannon O'Brien didn't escape with the muck raked up from her past, either.

Isn't she married to a lobbyist named Emmett, who will known forever as "Enron Emmett" because he once lobbied for Enron, the energy company that went belly up, taking with it the life savings of its employees as well as their pensions? And Shannon, who invested state funds in Enron, did nothing about it.

As state treasurer, didn't she invest $2.4 million in a capital fund that was part owner of a steel company that went bankrupt, leaving more than 2,000 employees jobless? Didn't she invest $75 million in state funds in a group that owns an electronics company that laid off 800 employees? And Shannon did nothing about that either.

Of course, those laid off are not just employees or even workers. They are, in political parlance, "hard-working (fill in the name of the state) families." But I digress . . .

Both candidates are guilty of accepting endorsements and visits of support from men of less than honorable character. Didn't Mitt's pal Rudy Giuliani, the former mayor of New York, entertain a woman who was not his wife in the mayor's mansion until a judge told him to stop? And didn't Shannon's friend Bill Clinton . . . well, at least he didn't bring Monica with him?

Barbara Johnson? I don't have the foggiest idea where she stands on anything. But at least the papers and the talk shows haven't got anything on her.

Confusion over senior housing issue

LOCAL VIEW

TERRY MCCARTHY

As a senior I have been following the proposals for affordable senior housing with great interest. I believe, as the Elderly Affairs Council and the Senior Housing Committee believe, that there is a need for affordable senior housing in Cohasset. The problem I'm having is that nobody has defined that need. I feel this lack of a clear, specific need (based on real data) is partly responsible for the confusion, misunderstandings and misinterpretations that exist in the public's mind. Here are some reasons why.

Anecdotal presentations. In a Senior Housing Committee (SHC) meeting there was a very enthusiastic presentation about the town-owned site behind the Stop & Shop. This meeting was to decide whether to pull the Overlay District article from the November warrant. No vote was taken at that meeting but there appeared to be a sentiment to shift focus from a generalized Overlay concept to a specific plan to use the site mentioned. During this meeting a hypothetical senior homeowner with an $800,000 property who was house rich and cash poor was advanced as a typical Cohasset resident.

Subsequently, at the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting to consider a $10,000 funding request for financial planning from the SHC, there were more anecdotal stories with a new potential beneficiary of the affordable senior housing efforts. This was the "Cohasset connection." This hypothetical situation involved the mother-in-law, recently widowed, of a senior resident of Cohasset. The thought was that the mother-in-law could be moved into Cohasset Senior Housing allowing her family to be close and to care for her. As sympathetic as I am to these specific situations, I believe the hypothetical stories of potential uses of the senior housing coupled with the lack of a stated specific need inclined the CPC to deny the funding request in a very close vote.

You got my attention! I also learned that the SHC's funding request for $10,000 from the CPC was only stage one of a two stage request: the second stage was for $2 million. When the order of magnitude goes from $10,000 to $2.01 million, everyone in the room paid closer attention. And let's face it, anecdotal information and hypothetical situations might get $10,000 but probably never achieve another $2 million.

The problem I'm having is that nobody has defined that need

"Permitting data." In the two meetings above there was much quoting of what I'm calling "permitting data." Permitting data is secondary source data that sets restrictions on various applications. In other words it is what is permitted by law for the circumstances presented. For example, the SHC received an engineering study done in March of 2002 by Coler & Colantonio of Norwell. The study produced two conceptual uses of the town land behind the Stop & Shop for senior housing. One concept was for town homes; the second was for two larger buildings. Land use restrictions on the site when applied to the concepts, "permit" 40 units of town homes and 60 units in the two larger buildings. To my knowledge there has been no correlation between the number of units permitted by land use restrictions and the need for senior housing units. In other words, how many of the total senior housing units needed in Cohasset does this project provide?

Another use of "permitting" data presented in the two meeting I've attended and are now embedded in Art. 8 on the November warrant, is the language of the "Senior Multi-Family Residence Overlay District." The irony is that this language is a 40B look alike. It is language that permits certain limit and use percentages for (1) market rate and (2) affordable rates, then splits (2) affordable rates into (2a) affordable moderate income, and (2b) affordable low-income. And it does a lot more. What seems important is these are numbers and formulas created as a generic model for every city and town in the Commonwealth. The question ought to be does it fit Cohasset? I don' t see a need for an Overlay District. I do see a need for senior housing, sooner rather than later.

Outside Models. The SHC has done yeoman work in visiting senior housing programs in the South Shore area. Programs in Duxbury and Hingham are most frequently mentioned as possible models for Cohasset. While these visits have been woven into the presentations it is tough to come to conclusions without that "specific need" for Cohasset senior housing.

"Always mentioned, never quoted." Every presentation I've attended has mentioned the survey done of Cohasset seniors by The Center for Social Policy at the McCormack Institute at UMass. I have never heard any of the statistics quoted to support a point. A review of the executive summary shows why. The data are too generic to build a compelling argument upon or to establish a set of goals based on the specific needs of Cohasset seniors.

The end, almost. I am not opposed to affordable senior housing. I am opposed to what appear to be blank checks or redundant expenditures particularly in today's economic climate. I am in favor of affordable senior housing but I need to understand what my taxes are paying for.

Terence A. McCarthy live on Old Pasture Road.

Power of the Hull lawsuit

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

How does the South Shore get to the tables of power in Greater Boston? When Judge Hely dismissed the Hull lawsuit against Massport in October, the case had already advanced the towns many moves on the game board. In an update this week, Attorney Bill Golden said the Hull case was given an expedited schedule. To meet the court date, the team concentrated on taking depositions of Massport insiders and aviation experts. The South Shore towns now own a rich library of evidence to use in an appeal and every future venue.

When Massport started pushing a runway aimed right at the South Shore, the victim towns weren't in on the secret. If they had been at the table, the fight would have begun right then. Maps of the South Shore blanketed in jet traffic popped into view in Massport's Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and the South Shore has had a crash course in clawing its way to the political table where such nightmares are handed to the absent.

Massport says its routing of jets has to do with the winds. Draw a line from Houghs Neck to Cohasset. Most of the jet traffic to and from Logan airport passes over that line. What winds would be causing that? The South Shore towns now know what Massport means by "which way the winds are blowing." It is the political winds.

A strong message lives in the Hull case and outlives its first phase: the proposed targets of pollution impacts are serious enough to sue for their rights. Legal action is a tough language that brings Massport face to face with people it would otherwise ignore. The South Shore Jet Pollution Council has in front of the FAA route changes that could move impacts off our neighborhoods. Co-chair Don Levi reported to Hingham Selectmen that the routes "are now on track to be an integral part of the FAA-mandated Noise Study." Without the towns' tenacity in the Hull case, he doesn't believe we would be at that table.

The clout that the towns gained by the Hull suit informs and lifts the whole advancing waves of recent actions by legislators, town officials, residents, and appointed task forces. Garrett Bradley and Bob Hedlund make common cause with the legislature's Airport Caucus, creating leverage to eventually make Massport accountable. South Shore residents feed everything they learn into public hearings and share the real picture with the media, nudging them to swing round and support the communities.

South Shore residents are getting wrongly and unlawfully dumped on by Massport. Massport won't stop dumping on us and negotiate because they suddenly realize they are in the wrong. They will only change course if there is a political reason, and our determination, for the future, is to provide it.

Mary Ann Frye, member, South Shore Jet Pollution Council southshorejetpollution.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Assessors Office

TO THE EDITOR:

Best wishes to Cheryl Pooler as she departs Cohasset after nine years as its full-time assessor/appraiser. Everyone associated with the Assessor's Office has a tough job in a town that is so dependent on the property tax and has such a variety of housing with valuations into the millions of dollars.

I wish your article had summarized the issues that Elsa Miller and Mary Granville presented in the one-page they reportedly gave to selectmen. Although I do not know the contents of their letter, I have some concerns:

a. The ratio of assessed value to sales value for:

(1) the 17 homes sold for more than $1 million during years 2000/2001 had assessed values of 58.6 percent versus sales values (sale value averaging $698,000 more than assessed value).

(2) the 93 homes sold for between $500,000 and $999,000 during the same period had assessed values of 65.5 percent versus sales values (average difference $233,000).

(3) the 119 homes sold for between $100,000 and $499,000 during the same period had assessed values of 73 percent versus sales values (average difference $94,000).

(4) year-to-date 2002 (through 090602), has narrowed the inequities significantly. Nine million-dollar-plus sales have been at 74.2 percent of assessed value, while 33 mid-range sales have been at 74 percent and 43 $100,000 to $499,000 sales have been at 76.8 percent of assessed value.

Personally, I think it is time for the "Committee to Survey Structure and Functions of Town Government" to consider making the Assessor's Office an entirely municipal employee department.

It is my understanding that the state requires a physical inventory of all town properties at least once every 10 years. This has never happened. My personal review indicates that Assessor Cards (which drive valuations) are unacceptably inaccurate. Many home improvements are being made without building permits being pulled and costed correctly. A cyclic process should be put in place for 10 percent of town properties to be fully physically inventoried each year. If the Assessor's Department needs additional staffing — fine — the result will be assessments that are more accurate.

I also believe that the Director of Finance should establish thresholds for coefficients of dispersion (c.o.d.s) for proposed values and that the Assessor's Department should present an annual report to the Selectmen that does more than merely set the tax rate. Additionally, "non-arms length" sales to include business and trust transactions require greater scrutiny.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Project safeguard

TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to thank publicly the Project Safeguard Committee for its educational event offered to the seventh grade students and parents. As a parent of 8 and 11 year old boys, I volunteered at the workshops in order to learn about topics confronting many of our 12, and 13-year-old children.

In one of the highlights of the day, Cohasset High School students performed a play called "Jesse's Journal" in which they read journal entries of their peers' experiences. Topics covered academic pressure, athletic expectations, experimenting with drugs and alcohol, body image, college worries, fashion consciousness, sexualized relations and dealing with divorce and alcoholism. Two threads apparent throughout these topics were 1. students' misperceptions about each other and 2. students' sense of isolation from true communication.

These weighty issues contrasted sharply with the successful morning workshop, a monologue on "rules of safety" involving juvenile humor and slapstick interaction which solicited open laughter and group participation from our seventh graders. As a mom, I understood the contrast between these two workshops as a clear sign of our kids' experience, where one foot remains firmly planted in their "childhood" reactions while the other foot steps toward "grownup" challenges.

My hope is that I and we as a community, grasp that our children are dealing with tough challenges now. Most of us are aware, but may we be ever reminded of the need to be "one step ahead." I think we need to be available as listeners, mentors, models and profferers of good life choices for all of our children. I imagine that none of us presumes that we will do this successfully all of the time, but I do hope that we can count on our community for backup as each of our children goes step by step.

Again, I thank Project Safeguard for the thoughtful event on Oct. 8.

Allison Moskow
98 Gammons Road

Congratulates LWV

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to thank the Hingham League of Voters for the excellent debate between Bradley and Palmer on Wed., Oct. 30. The moderator — co-president of the State League — capably ran the evening She allowed many questions from the audience so that the voters could understand the differences of the candidates. It was democracy at its best. This should set the standard for the future.

Martha Gjesteby
81 Old Pasture Road

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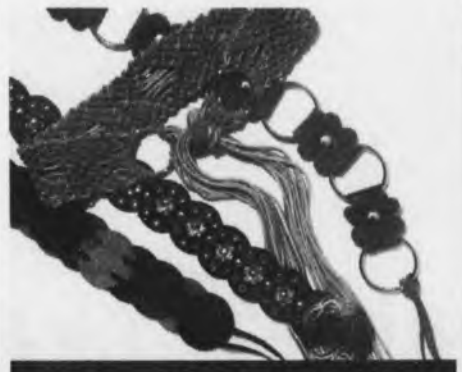

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Town follows the state

By Brian J. Scully
BSCULLY@CNC.COM

"It was a great turnout. I was hoping for a 75 percent turnout and I think we got about a 71 percent."
— Town Clerk Marion Douglas

When the next general election rolls around in two years, pollsters looking for an accurate gauge of how the Commonwealth will vote may want to check out Cohasset.

Of the seven races and three ballot questions on the state or county level, Cohasseters voted with the majority decision on all but two. Only the state Treasurer race, where Cohasset voted for Daniel A Grabauskas (Timothy Cahill won the state) and Question One, which asked if voters wished to repeal the state income tax (Cohasset said yes, state said no by a slim margin) did not mesh with the overall state results.

"It was a great turnout," said Town Clerk Marion Douglas. "I was hoping for a 75 percent turnout and I think we got about a 71 percent."

The increased attention to the race, between the close Mitt Romney/Shannon O'Brien race for governor, and the presence of Cohasset resident Nathaniel Palmer running for state representative, led to a busy day at the Town Hall auditorium.

"It was busy in the morning and also when people came home from work," said Douglas. "But we had a steady stream of voters all day long."

Residents voted for Romney and running mate Kerry Healey over O'Brien and Chris Gabrielli, while boosting Palmer to within 303 votes of popular incumbent Garrett Bradley (Bradley won the overall election with 68 percent of the vote).

John F. Kerry (U.S. Senator), Thomas F. Reilly (Attorney General), William F. Galvin (Sec. of State), A. Joseph DeNucci (Auditor), and William D. Delahunt (U.S. Congress) all received the majority in Cohasset as well as their overall districts.

Cohasset also voted to end bilingual education in schools on Question 2 and against public campaign funding on Question 3, again in concert with the state results.

The town voted for Republican Robert L. Hedlund (State Senator), who won, but also voted for Richard P. Schmidt (Register of Probate), who lost in the overall election to Patrick W. McDermott.

Four candidates, Christopher A. Iannella, Jr. (Councilor), William R. Keating (District Attorney), Joseph A Connolly (County Treasurer), and Peter H. Collins (County Commissioner) ran unopposed.

Cohasset election results

Precincts	1	2	Total
SENATOR IN CONGRESS			
John F. Kerry	1,210	1,183	**2,393**
Michael E. Cloud	424	373	**797**
Write-ins	33	25	**58**
Blanks	277	214	**491**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR			
Howell/Aucoin	11	8	**19**
O'Brien/Gabrieli	557	549	**1,106**
Romney/Healey	1,310	1,186	**2,496**
Stein/Lorenzen	55	37	**92**
Johnson/Schebel	4	9	**13**
Write-ins	2	1	**3**
Blanks	5	5	**10**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
ATTORNEY GENERAL			
Thomas F. Reilly	1,261	1,182	**2,443**
Write-ins	13	19	**32**
Blanks	670	594	**1,264**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
SECRETARY OF STATE			
Wm. F. Galvin	1,136	1,066	**2,202**
J.E. Robinson III	604	512	**1,116**
Write-ins	0	3	**3**
Blanks	204	214	**418**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
TREASURER			
Timothy P. Cahill	752	749	**1,501**
D. A. Grabauskas	1,045	884	**1,929**
James O'Keefe	51	59	**110**
Write-ins	0	0	**0**
Blanks	96	103	**199**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
AUDITOR			
A.J. DeNucci	1,185	1,124	**2,309**
Kamal Jain	139	116	**255**
J. J. Xenakis	225	220	**445**
Write-ins	4	2	**6**
Blanks	391	333	**724**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
W. D. Delahunt	1,140	1,099	**2,239**
Luiz Gonzaga	678	581	**1,259**
Write-ins	0	2	**2**
Blanks	126	113	**239**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
COUNCILLOR			
C.A. Iannella Jr.	1,068	1,006	**2,074**
Write-ins	13	12	**25**
Blanks	863	777	**1,640**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
R. L. Hedlund	1,281	1,157	**2,438**
Ted LeClair	585	584	**1,169**
Write-ins	0	0	**0**
Blanks	78	54	**132**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Garrett J. Bradley	956	1,000	**1,956**
N. G. Palmer	910	743	**1,653**
Write-ins	0	0	**0**
Blanks	78	52	**130**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
DISTRICT ATTORNEY			
Wm R. Keating	1,150	1,076	**2,226**
Write-ins	12	13	**25**
Blanks	782	706	**1,488**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
P. W. McDermott	722	684	**1,406**
R. P. Schmidt	914	822	**1,736**
Write-ins	0	0	**0**
Blanks	308	289	**597**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
COUNTY TREASURER			
J. A. Connolly	1,080	1,028	**2,108**
Write-ins	8	13	**21**
Blanks	856	754	**1,610**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
Peter H. Collins	1,070	1,014	**2,084**
Write-ins	8	13	**21**
Blanks	866	768	**1,634**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
QUESTION 1 - INCOME TAX			
Yes	991	862	**1,853**
No	777	795	**1,572**
Blanks	176	138	**314**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
QUESTION 2 - ENGLISH IMMERSION			
Yes	1,306	1,225	**2,531**
No	411	390	**801**
Blanks	227	180	**407**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**
QUESTION 3 - CLEAN ELECTIONS			
Yes	495	410	**905**
No	1,194	1,181	**2,375**
Blanks	255	204	**459**
Total	**1,944**	**1,795**	**3,739**

STAFF PHOTO/TOM GORMAN

State Sen. Robert Hedlund hugs his campaign manager Ted Langill, left, and his sister Heather Hedlund and mother Joanne Hedlund during his victory party at the Red Parrot in Hull.

Senator takes the district in a landslide

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But Hedlund, who was making the rounds at the polls at Hingham High School at about 2 p.m., said his day started on a downbeat note, but was improving steadily as the hours passed.

"When I voted in Weymouth this morning, I saw the lady's ballot in front of me at the check out and she had voted for my opponent," he recalled. "Then when I walked out there were 10 honks and thumbs up in a row and that shifted my mood a little bit."

Hedlund said candidates for office have a "sixth sense" about the outcome. "My sixth sense tells me we'll have a comfortable margin of victory later today," he said.

That may have been an understatement judging by Hedlund's sweep of all eight towns in the district.

A well-composed LeClair conceded at 9:25 p.m. with some self-deprecating humor at his campaign party at the Weymouth Elks Hall.

"This is getting to be too much of a habit for me," he joked.

"I have just spoken to Sen. Hedlund and congratulated him," he said.

"I ran a campaign with a commitment to improve public education. Whether or not you voted for me, this campaign was about people.

" I met some incredible people during the last eight months. I can't express how appreciative I am to all of you. We made a statement and because of the campaign we ran, Sen. Hedlund will be much more focused than he was two years ago," LeClair said.

With this statement, his workers burst into applause.

"We'll do it again, Ted," someone called out from the audience.

"When you do it, do it for someone in your town who is running for the Planning Board, the School Committee or the Advisory board," he said. "I decided to run for the senate because we needed change and a new voice. We lost but that was today. There is tomorrow and another day. I'm proud to have worked with all of you. Frankly I feel we did a helluva good job. I'm proud to call you my friends. God bless you all."

LeClair said his campaign was about getting results. Hedlund said he got them.

And the voters agreed, keeping the Republican maverick on Beacon Hill.

As the results poured in, Hedlund was riding the crest. *(See accompanying chart).*

Record turnouts across the district had hinted at a close race for the Plymouth and Norfolk Senate seat.

"We are encouraged by the historical turnout," LeClair spokesman Bill Stanton said as the polls closed at 8 p.m. and supporters began to trickle into the Weymouth Elks to await the returns. "No matter what the outcome, we're happy the voters turned out."

Hedlund has served in the state Senate since 1995. He also served a term from 1991 to 1992.

Hedlund ran on the image of himself as an effective leader with an independent vision, often criticizing his Democrat counterparts for voting with the Senate leadership, rather than in the best interests of their districts.

As the campaign wore on, both candidates accused the other of negative campaigning.

Neither Hedlund nor LeClair had kudos for Beacon Hill, where the budget crisis seemed to worsen daily, but they differed on how the legislative quagmire should be approached.

Hedlund said the lack of a strong two-party system is part of the problem.

"The rank and file member have ceded their authority to the leadership," Hedlund said. "There are very few people like myself who will vote for their district's best interests rather than follow the leadership What I am focusing on is my independence and my effectiveness for the district. I have stood by my district rather than follow the leadership."

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Nathaniel Palmer and his wife Heather wave to voters outside the polls at Hingham High School on Tuesday.

Bradley rakes in the votes

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Bradley. "I said, 'This is what we've done.' We won and we won by a bigger margin than last time, so I think that says I am on the right track."

Bradley received 12,785 votes to Palmer's 6,108 — nearly a 2-to-1 ratio — and managed to win all four towns in the district. Palmer was closest in North Scituate, where he lost by 40 votes (692-652) and Cohasset where he lost by 303 votes (1956-1653).

Bradley received 6,707 votes in Hingham alone, and added 3,430 in heavily Democratic Hull which provided the major thrust of his victory.

Standing back-lit by the lights on the doorway to the Bradley headquarters, his breath dancing in the cold air, Palmer reflected on his first major foray into the political realm.

"There is nothing that I would really change," said Palmer. "But I think you know best how to run a campaign at this very moment."

That being said, Palmer is proud of the way he conducted himself.

"It was important to me that I run a campaign that I could live with," said Palmer. "There were moments where people came up to me and said, 'You've got to do this,' but I wouldn't want to win on that basis and I sure wouldn't want to lose on that basis."

Palmer was unsure where this campaign would lead to, but was keeping his options open.

"This is the start of something," said Palmer. "I'm not sure exactly what it is, but this process has exposed me to things that I wouldn't have had entree into otherwise."

His only regret – that he had not succeeded for his supporters.

"A lot of people were counting on me," said Palmer. "And that is the only thing that is regrettable."

Both candidates said they were glad the grind of the campaign had ended.

"I'm glad it is over," said Bradley. "My wife says it is time to get out in the yard and rake up some leaves."

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491 Jerusalem Road decision is pending

By Brian J. Scully
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When owners Margaret Fitzpatrick and William Shelton bought the house at 491 Jerusalem Road, they had a plan.

Take what existed there and improve it, in the process making it their own.

The only problem was that they would need a special permit for any expansion of the garage because it was a pre-existing non-conforming structure, due to the fact that it is too close to the side property line.

Their initial request – which would have doubled the square footage of the house to about 3,200 sq. ft. – included three requests: First, a permit to "Square off" the house's northeasterly corner, second, to add a second floor of living space above the garage, and third to permit the construction of a stone stairway and a wooden stairway.

On Feb. 11, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved their Special Permit, but with conditions. Namely, the board "Denie(d) a Special Permit to increase the height of any existing structure which does not conform to required setbacks."

The applicants appealed to Norfolk Superior Court in order to keep the hearing active. Under agreement of all parties, the case was remanded by the court back to the ZBA for further hearings.

That hearing finally took place on Monday, as the applicants presented a revised plans that appear to deal with all of the ZBA's issues.

Gone was the second story garage, and the only request was for a 4-5 sq. ft. area that extends beyond the building's footprint, which would be used to square off the front left corner of the house to a 90-degree angle. The overall project had been cut down to 2,816 sq. ft.

"We have tried to do what we thought was right."
— William Shelton, owner

Still, the hearing generated debate.

Several area residents arrived at the meeting complaining of issues from increased traffic to the loss of view. The biggest issue, though, regarded the a ZBA decision dating back to 1955.

That decision intoned that the building should not exceed an 18 feet, but the applicant's lawyer is confident that the ruling does not affect the current situation.

"There was an old decision that was rendered," said the applicants' lawyer Richard Henderson. "It was never recorded in the Registry of Deeds, and actually it was in the Town Clerk's office, but that is not why it is illegal. It is illegal because it referred to dimensional restrictions such as height and setback and in 1955, by-laws did not allow the town to regulate dimensional factors such as height and setback."

The homeowners feel that they have shown a willingness to work within the process.

"We have tried to do what we thought was right," said Shelton. "It appears that there are certain objections that cannot be satisfied."

The residents of 488 Jerusalem Road, who would lose part of their view of the ocean after the house is remodeled, are still concerned by the project, especially in light of the past ZBA decision.

"There was a ridge roofline that was not to exceed 18 feet," said Ellen Morrissey of 488 Jerusalem Road. "If you consider that the present roofline is 12 feet and you are talking about an eight-foot ceiling on the second floor, then this is a very aggressive plan."

Joan McAulliffe, also of 488 Jerusalem Road believes that the new construction will impact the building significantly.

"It is too big for such a small lot," said McAulliffe. "I want to register my vehement opposition to the plan. I object to them building up and taking away my view."

According to ZBA chairman Woody Chittick, the argument boils down to the validity of the old Special Permit, since aside from the 4-5 sq. feet over the footprint, the rest of the project is within town bylaws.

"The issue has to with whether the early 1956 and 1958 ZBA decisions still apply," said Chittick. "It is an issue that we will have to resolve. The neighbors also brought up other issues regarding the impact on the neighborhood that will have to be considered."

Chittick said he expects a decision to be rendered in early December.

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Boys unable to scale big hill

Booters no match for powerhouse Hopkinton

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

How quickly things can change in High School sports, especially in Tournament.

The boys soccer team soared into the playoffs, riding high after big wins over local rivals Hull and Scituate. They cruised through opening round action, pummeling South Shore Christian Academy 5-0, even though the coach told them to stop scoring minutes into the second half.

With their eyes set on making a trip to the State Quarterfinals for an unprecedented third straight year, the Skippers ran into the brick wall known as Hopkinton, and were simply outplayed, 4-1.

"They were just a better team than us. They were bigger, stronger, and faster."
Cohasset boys soccer co-captain and keeper Curt Kahn, referrign to Hopkinton team

"They were just a better team than us," conceded Cohasset's co-captain keeper Curt Kahn. "They were bigger, stronger, and faster."

Kahn, a converted left forward, did everything he could to stave off a vicious Hopkinton attack, recording well over 20 saves. Hiller senior Jeff Corey proved to be too much for the Skipper defense early on, recording a nifty first half hat trick that all but seal the game for the Number 2 seed.

The Hillers improved to 17-2-1 on the year, after running away with the tough Tri-Valley League. Perhaps the Skippers can find some consolation in knowing that Hopkinton embarrassed Cape Cod Regional, 9-0, this past Tuesday in the Quarters.

The lopsided games continued around the State in the Quarterfinals, with Bourne also winning, 9-0, over Norfolk Aggie, and Medway blasting Cardinal Spellman, 4-0.

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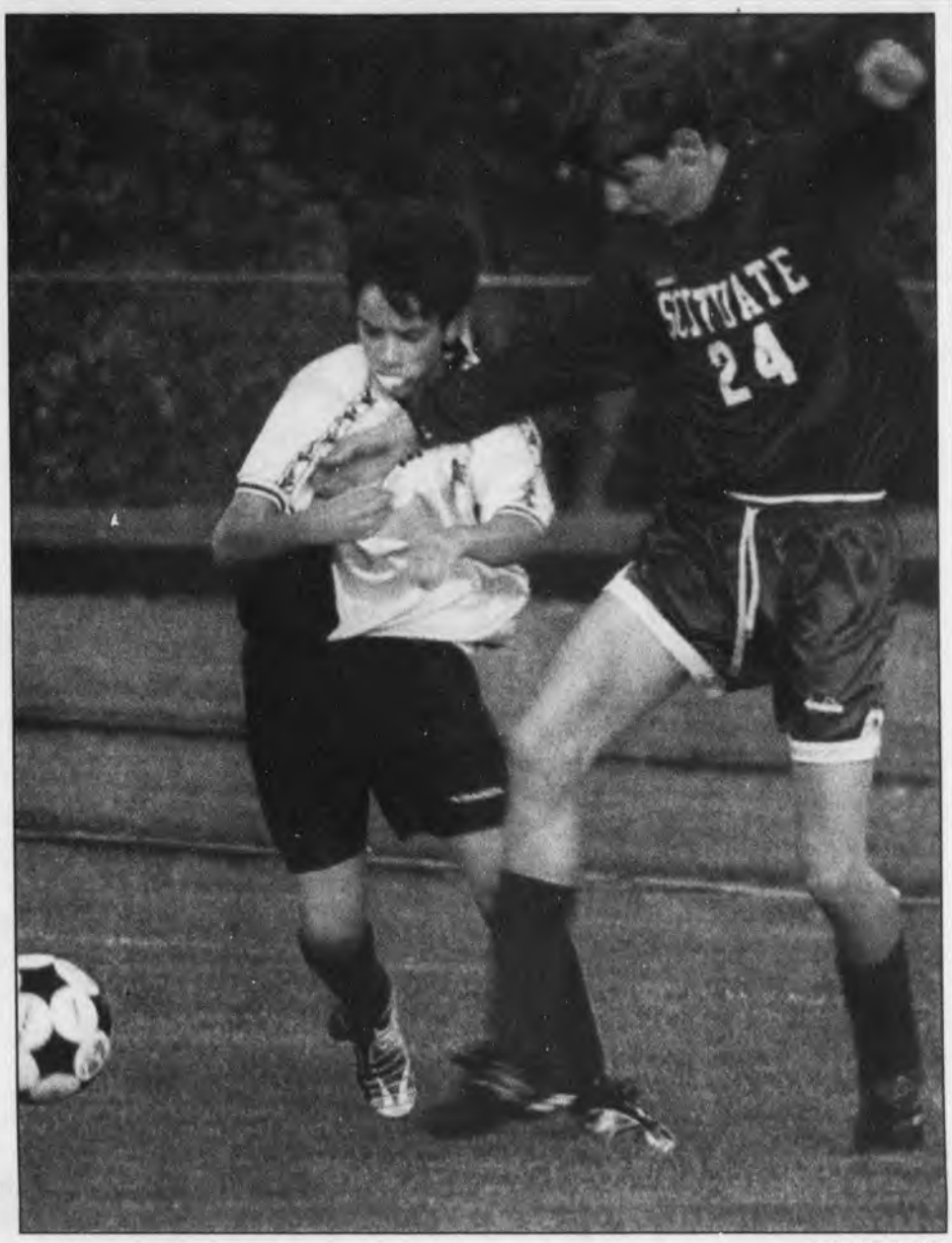

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN
Cohasset's Matt O'Connell battles with Scituate's Chet Miller(#24) in late regular season match.

Staying on course

Golf team's prospects appear to be on upswing

By Mike Spellman
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With three of the top four players back next season, and a whole lot more who saw time in the lineup, Torin Sweeney is figuring his Cohasset High golf team could start making a move on some of the monsters of the South Shore League.

It's the year after that, though, that has the third year coach really excited.

"I've got a great group of sophomores who are really serious about golf and who work hard to get better," said Sweeney. "I'm not saying we'll be passing the Mashpees and Harwiches in the next two years, but I think we could be real competitive with them."

10 of the 16 players on this year's team that finished 2-9 (2-8 in SSL play) were sophomores. This group was led by Tim Pilczak, a second year player who flip-flopped much of the season at the number one spot with Mike Hajjar, the lone junior on the team who has already been named team captain for next year. Both players were extremely consistent this season, with average scores in the low 40s for nine holes.

"Getting Mike and Timmy back next year is huge," continued Sweeney. "They're both strong, consistent players. Knowing I'll be able to pencil them in at the top of our lineup

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PHOTO/DAVE GORDON
Cohasset senior forward Katherine Coyne (left) battles for control of ball with Abington's Katie Neery is late season South Shore League battle.

Skippers take bite out of Bulldogs

Cohasset gridders dominate in battle of unbeatens

SPECIAL FOR THE MARINER

A 20-point explosion in a 10 minute span, last Friday, pushed the Cohasset High football team past previously unbeaten Canton, 20-6, and kept them rolling toward a showdown for all the marbles in the South Shore League tomorrow night in Abington.

With the bye week behind them and a packed Alumni Stadium rooting them on, the Skippers cranked it up in the second quarter, the passing of quarterback Mike Snowdale led to two touchdowns before the half.

Snowdale hit fullback Ted Straughn with a 39-yard reception down the right side line to set the Skippers up deep in Canton territory.

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SSL title is on the line!

The Cohasset Skippers travel to league rival Abington tomorrow night for the first of two must win games for the Skippers in their quest to repeat as South Shore League Champions. Abington has a 3-0 record in league play, while the Skippers are 2-0.

Norwell travels to Cohasset next week. If the Skippers win both of these game, they will represent the South Shore League again in the Super Bowl tournament.

Abington is coming off wins over Hull and Norwell. In both games, turnovers were the difference, as Abington's offense capitalized on each opportunity.

Cohasset remains undefeated at 7-0, having beaten all of their Div. 5 opponents, while also crushing Div. 1 North Quincy, 34-0, and this past week they pummeled Div. 3 Canton, 20-6.

The past two years, these schools have slugged it out, with Abington pulling out a late game victory in the rain at Abington in 2000, and Cohasset getting revenge last year before over 2,500 fans at Alumni Field.

This is a must see game. So cancel your dinner reservations, take an early commuter boat home, leave work early with the 3:00 flu, and line up the limo for a short drive over to Abington to support the hometown team.

Directions to Abington Junior High School

Take route 18 south. As you enter Abington from Weymouth, there will be a Trucchi's Supermarket on your right. Take a left onto Washington St. Frolio Junior High School is approximately a half mile down on the left hand side. Take first left after school for field location and parking.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN
Braun Goodson (#33) scored two more touchdowns for the Skippers on Friday, bringing his season's total to 90 points, third best in Eastern Mass Division 5.

A real 'clock' cleaning

Lady booters done in by Ashland Clockers

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The girls soccer team may have been eliminated from the State Tournament in last week's preliminary round, but not before leaving their mark on the South Shore. They are here to stay.

"I think they did a great job," said fifth year coach Deb Beal, who led the team to the post-season for the first time in seven years. "And I think we can come back next year."

The Lady Skippers finished with a 10 win season, earning a home playoff game last Saturday against the 9-6-1 Ashland Clockers. Ashland plays in the always-intense Tri-Valley League, and proved to be too much for their hosts with a 3-0 win.

The Clockers were clearly the superior team, holding the edge in ball control and field territory. They went up 1-0 with a Jacquelyn Jenkins score 20 minutes in. The Clockers ticked into a 2-0 advantage just six minutes later, deflating the fired-up Skippers.

With just 35 goals in 19 games, the Skippers were not a very good come-from-behind team in general this year. However, junior Jen Buckley did a tremendous job shouldering much of the scoring load, leading the team with 12 goals and four assists. Gillian Weber, with a late season scoring surge, was second with eight goals and four assists.

Still, Beal admitted that knowing they were beaten by a distinctively better team was easier to digest than if they had lost a one goal decision to a team they might have been able to defeat.

Junior goalie Brittany Novak, the obvious choice to be next

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MAXLAX REPORT

Championships were settled in all divisions this weekend

By Curt Mills
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

U10 championship

Mavericks 9, Lazers 8

Both of these teams came into the playoffs after being strongly tested in the preliminary rounds, but they clearly had something in reserve as this was a "nail-biter" from start to finish. The Lazers Zach Robertshaw opened up the action on a "standing tall" goal that looked like he grew a couple of inches as he put the ball over the outreached stick of the Mavericks goalie.

While the crowd was probably expecting more fireworks, what they got was a defensive clinic, as for the next eight minutes, the game remained locked at 1-0 with play that was punctuated by shots off the post, "crunches in the trenches", and repeated double-teams that stifled any offensive drive. Goalies Chris Waterfield (Mav's) and Dylan Hahn (Lazers) were magnificent, both chalking up double-digit saves highlighted by Hahn's double-save off of a shot and a rebound close in.

The Mav's Kevin Plant finally got his team on the board when he got open in front and Matt Mariano found him with a nice sneak pass from behind. Robertshaw again scored, putting the Lazers up 2-1 on a floating dodge move which also drew a penalty that would carry over to the 2nd half.

With a man-up advantage to open up the 2nd, Robertshaw wasted no time as he streaked down the side of the field as Will Contento gained possession on the face-off and put a perfect pass on his stick for an easy score. This tandem went at it again a few minutes later to put the momentum (and the lead) clearly in hand for the Lazers as they went up 4-1, but this game was far from over.

The Mav's stemmed the tide with a goal from Chris Meighan on an assist from Matt Allen, only to be stunned again by a solo tally by the Lazers Ty Martina who was left wide open on the left side. Allen then teamed up with Cabot Noyce for his second goal to keep the game in reach at 5-3.

Sensing that the Mav's were picking up steam, the Lazers dug in and tried to put the game out of reach with two more strikes, another from Robertshaw — on an impressive end-to-end rush — and the second by Matt Entwistle, who picked the corner cleanly. With a 7-3 lead, the Lazers looked to have the advantage, but the "fat lady" wasn't ready to sing quite yet.

The Mav's went on a tear that could only be described as **DOMINANT**, with four unanswered goals in less than five minutes, with Noyce getting two, another by Allen, and a solo tally from Jay Lenaghan that was a rocket from midfield that tied the score with three minutes left to play.

The Mav's then carried that momentum to break the tie on a follow-up score from Plant as the result of a penalty on the Lazers, but the Lazers Entwistle came right back with what would be their last goal of the season and, for a moment, another tie.

With only seconds left in regulation and with the fans anticipating another OT finish, Lenaghan scooped up a loose ball and somehow managed to evade a furious rush of players to find the net and secure the Mavericks win (and their Championship T-Shirts).

U12 Championship

Hawks 11, Jackals 10

Like their younger peers, this group's preliminary rounds were also hard fought contests leading up to these two powerhouses locking horns for the bragging rights.

The Jackals drew first blood with an unassisted goal by league scoring leader John Fitzgerald. Minutes later, this call was answered by Fitz's closest pursuer in the stats, the Hawks Eamon Davis, who seemed to be making a statement with not one, but two goals in back-to-back possessions. (Keep an eye on this match-up as you are going to be hearing their names A LOT in this column).

Connor Thomson then took a pass from Samir David as he cut down the middle and found the back of the net to tie the score at 2-2. David then put the Jackals ahead with a solo tally, but a fluke deflection on a Jackal clear gave the only unearned goal of the season to the Hawks and another tying mark at 3-3. Davis and Justin Yeager then capped the first half of play with an exclamation point by each netting one goal to put the Hawks up 5-3.

The Jackals were just getting started though, as they came out in the 2nd half and quickly brought it back to even on two more scores by Fitzgerald, who capitalized on his team's great defense play that caused a turnover, and a Hawks penalty that set up the second strike.

The Hawks were not going to stand by and watch this show and they upped the ante with some aggressive stick checking that produced several turnovers that led to another scoring drive by Davis. Quiet in the series thus far, Joseph Mulieri picked up a point for the Jackals as the beneficiary of double-team on Fitzgerald that left him wide open with an easy shot down low.

Fitz then got his 4th goal of the night with a double dodge followed by an upper right corner burst that put them ahead 7-6. Apparently, this just stirred the competitive juices as, in a display of sheer power, Davis once again found the goal by muscling his way through the Jackals defense on a fast break and then again on a 20 yard strike off of a broken clearing pass. Hawks up 8-7.

Mulieri liked what he saw in Davis' play and decided to try his hand at it as well and with some college level roll dodges, he scored once and then twice on almost identical plays. Jackals up 9-8.

Even though both of these teams had already played a full game and the clock was winding down on a very physical outing, the two contenders reached down and brought out the reserve. In the last three minutes, the stat table didn't have to look too far, as Davis scored on a walk-in, Fitzgerald countered with a rifle shot from the top of the box, and Davis one-upped him (for his 8th and final goal of the game) on another broken play caused by superlative defense, tying the game at 10-10.

With under a minute to play, the goalies on both sides stopped scoring drives to keep the teams even until Andrew Bell found Ian Porter sneaking up from behind the Jackals net and he put the game away with a low stinger that proved to be the game winner.

U14 Championship

Talons 16, Blades 11

These two rivals appeared destined to face each other in the finale as the season contests were all explosive thrillers that showcased aggressive defense, ball control, and intelligent game play.

Unfortunately for the Blades, the Talons showed them an "A" game that was a step above what they had previously seen during the season and this contest was decided early on as the Talons controlled the ball and the tempo for most of the game.

The Talons got ahead early on two quick strikes from Nick Stella and Jack Dings. Chris Mills got one back for the Blades on a strong outside move that banged off the high post and found the back corner.

However, the Talons "control game" then came into view as they decisively "picked their opponents pockets" to disrupt repeated scoring threats by the Blades. This precision turnover strategy paid offensive dividends as well as they quickly tallied an additional three goals, twofrom Taylor Sears and another one from Stella.

With the half winding down, the Blades showed why they were in this game with a beautiful give-and-go goal by PJ McCaw with an assist from Mills.

In the waning moments, however, the Talons wanted to leave no doubt as to who would rule this day as Sears and Stella both notched their hat trick before the end of the half, leaving the Blades in a tough hole, down 7-2.

The 2nd half was more of the same as the Talons continued to display outstanding team play on both ends of the field and the seemingly unstoppable juggernaut picked up where it left off with two goals by Alex Ferris and another by Sears, both strikes from the top of the box that seemed to be turbo-charged.

McCaw got one on the board for the Blades as the result of a penalty situation, and Mike Grimm got a solo tally on a quick inside out move that left the goalie scratching his head. This momentum was short-lived though, as the Talons "3's" got going again with two more for Sears and one from Zach Gray.

With the score getting out of sight, it would have been easy to understand if the Blades let up, but it only made them play harder as they managed to contain the Talons for another six minutes while also picking up two goals through precision passing and great playmaking. This gave Grimm his hat trick with five minutes left to play.

Matt Burgess teamed up with Mills on another picture perfect example of ball movement to inch the Blades closer and McCaw notched his hat trick to give them a late game pick-me-up. The final minutes were played more for pride than for the outcome as late game goals by Ferris, Gray, and Roly St.Clair were offset by the Blades goals by Grimm, McCaw, and Burgess. The Talons put on a great lacrosse show and they clearly earned the Championship hardware for their efforts.

Playoff statlines

U14

1st Round

Talons 12, Sharks 9

Talons- Sears 2g/1a, St. Clair 2g, Ferris 6g/1a, Z. Gray 1g/3a, Dings 1g

Sharks - Milliken 1g, Rice 5g, Donovan 2a, Jarzneicki 2g, Gormley 1g/1a

Scorpions 15, Panthers 6

Scorpions- Oswald 7g/2a, Ernst 3g, Silvia 2g, Degiacomo 1g, Rose 1g, Davis 1g/1a

Panthers- Carlson 6g

Sharks 9, Bulldogs 7

Sharks- Donovan 4g/2a, Gormley 2g/3a, Rice 2g, Milliken 1g

Bulldogs- Minevitz 4g, Johnson 2g, Dwyer 1g

2nd Round

Blades 14, Scorpions 4

Blades- Grimm 6g/1a, Mills 2g/3a, Burgess 2g/1a, Porter 2g, Czerkawski 2g

Scorpions-Oswald 3g, Davis 1g

Talons 12, Sharks 9

Talons- Ferris 6g/1a, St Clair 2g, Sears 2g/1a, Z. Gray 1g/3a, Dings 1g

Sharks- Rice 5g, Milliken 1g, Jarzneicki 2g, Gormley 1g/1a, Donovan 2a

U12

1st Round

Jackals 9, Cannons 7

Jackals- Boyle 4g, Fallon 1g, Mulieri 1g, Mccaig 1g/1a, T Kelly 1g, Carrick 1g/1a

Cannons- Driscoll 4g, Shipp 1g/2a, Wise 1g, Hernon 1g

Hawks 9, Blazers 5

Hawks- Graham 2g, Porter 1g/1a, Yeager 1g/1a, Bell 1g, Davis 1g, Wade 1g/1a, W. Lynner 1g, Wahlberg 1g

Blazers- Smith 2g, Chase 5g

U10

1st Round

Lazers 9, Bullets 5

Lazers- Contento 4g, Entwistle 2g/2a, Robertshaw 1g, Harrington 1g, Meehan 1g

Bullets- Horrigan 2g, Ernst 2g, Flibotte 1g

Mavericks 11, Crusaders 2

Mavericks- Noyce 3g/1a, Lenaghan 3g, Allen 1g/1a, Plant 1g, Waterfield 1g, Costello 1g, Jacobs 1g

Crusaders- Murphy 1g, Weber 1g

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Junior Mike Hajjar, who has already been named a captain for next year's golf team, should again be a top two player for the Skippers next fall.

Staying on course

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card again next year is a nice feeling."

Sweeney provided a sneak preview of the future of Skippers golf in the final match of the season when he left his seniors at home for a showdown with SSL rival Carver on the Crusaders' Southers Marsh Golf Course, and won going away, 39.5-14.5.

"Getting that one-sided a win on another team's home course showed what these kids can do," noted Sweeney. "I saw a lot of improvement from this group on the whole this year, and it will be interesting to see how they push each other going in to next year."

Pilczak and Hajjar appear cemented in to the top two spots, while ultra-steady soph Colin Magruder appears the early favorite to slide up from the number four spot to fill the big shoes of graduating senior Greg O'Brien at number three.

O'Brien actually had the best record and average score (41.5) for the Skippers this season, and was deservedly named a league all-star.

"Greg is going to be missed, no doubt about it," said Sweeney. "He really committed himself this year, and shaved six to eight shots off his average from last year. Hard work is the only way to accomplish that.

And he'll be missed for what he did off the course too.

"Greg was a great leader, and a natural captain," continued Sweeney. "Mike Hajjar has some big shoes to fill as a captain too."

The other players being lost to the caps and gowns will be Pat Reardon, a three year starter who averaged a 46 this season, frequent starters Ross Lieb-Lappen and Roh Lehr, and Trey Curry, a player Sweeney said "made remarkable improvements this year."

"All of those guys helped us this year, and they'll all be missed," said Sweeney, "but I think we've got the depth coming up behind them to fill those voids."

Sophomores Jack Carroll and Chris Simms saw regular action this season in the top eight spots, while classmates Ricky Lordan, Brendan Ford, Dan Allen, John DeWaal , Andrew Lavallo and Elizabeth Stone also flashed encouraging signs in what opportunities they saw.

Next year's incoming freshman class is rumored to have a ringer or two and there is a chance the team could get a strong player who simply missed sign-ups this year.

Sweeney also likes the character of these kids on the whole, and was proud this attribute was also recognized by his fellow coaches who voted to award the Skippers the South Shore League's Sportsmanship Award this season.

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Four S-C YF squads head to Super Bowls

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football Report

Four out of five of Scituate/Cohasset youth football teams won their playoff games this weekend.

In Division 5:

The StingRay Mites beat Middleboro, 26-6

The StingRay PeeWees beat Middleboro, 26-14

The StingRay Midgets beat Barnstable in overtime, 6-0

All three StingRay teams will be playing the SuperBowl this Saturday night at Scituate High School beginning at 5:00 p.m. vs Hingham

In Division 1:

The Shark PeeWees beat Barnstable, 28-6, and will playing for their third Super Bowl in a row against Marshfield at Silver Lake Regional High School in Kingston on Sunday Nov. 10 at 12:30 p.m.

The Shark Midgets lost to Bridgewater, 14-0.

Field goal competition

Six separate field goal kicking competitions were held between Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football players during halftime of this past Friday night's Scituate-Rockland high school football game at Scituate High

The results were as follows:

C StingRays- Matt King won, Jamie Farber was runner-up

B StingRays- Matt Stewart won, Kenton Toney was runner-up

A StingRays- Alex Cuomo won, Sean Cooney was runner-up

C Sharks- Jordan Jenkins won, Tyler Park was runner-up

B Sharks- Robert Carlezon won, Derek St. Peter was runner-up

A Sharks- Nick Stella won, Kyle Ewanouski was runner-up.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Tim Pilczak leads a talented cast of sophomore golfers at Cohasset High, a group coach Sweeney feels could well contend with the monsters of the South Shore League over the next two years.

Skippers take bite out of Bulldogs

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An ensuing 15-yard personal foul penalty against Canton set the stage for fullback Braun Goodson to ramble 3-yards around the right side and behind the lead block of tight end Tom Anderson in to the end zone at the 5:39 mark of the second quarter. Anderson, who also handles the kicking duties for the Skippers, added the extra point.

The Skippers defense picked up where it left off prior to the bye. Cornerback Mike Dooley recovered a fumble to halt Canton's first series, then defensive tackle Steve Davis' sack forced the first of four consecutive punts by the visiting Bulldogs. The defensive front of Cohasset — senior Nick Spirito, senior Ben Lynner, junior Sean Connolly, along with Davis — had Canton's backfield scrambling all night long, as they racked up five sacks and forced errant passes throughout the game.

The Skippers' second scoring drive started at their own 38-yard line. Snowdale hit Anderson with a 29-yard pass to move into Canton territory again. Goodson then carried down to the 19-yard line, as the offensive line of Cosimo Cambi, Davis, Matt Casey, Nick Arment, and Dan Tarpey helped clear the way for over 100 yards of rushing offense while also providing fine pass protection, which enabled Snowdale to tally 124 yards through the air.

Sophomore D.J. Silvia then hauled in a Snowdale pass at the 10-yard line and spun off two Canton defenders to cross the goal line and score his first career touchdown with 46 seconds left in the half. Anderson's kick closed out the first half scoring, with Cohasset up 14-0.

The Skippers took the second half kickoff and proceeded to march the length of the field. Silvia grabbed a 17-yard Snowdale pass over the middle and Goodson followed the line for a 27-yard gain. Senior Goodson then scored his 15th touchdown of the year (placing him third in the Div. 5 scoring race with 90 points), rambling to pay dirt from 11-yards out behind a crushing block from right tackle Cosimo Cambi. The conversion play failed, but with 5:30 left in the third quarter, Cohasset had built a 20-0 lead.

Cohasset's defense was led by linebacker Tony Truglia (8 tackles). Lynner (7 tackles) and S. Davis had two quarterback sacks each, and junior Sean Connolly accounted for Cohasset's fifth sack of the night. The backfield of Anderson, Dooley (7 tackles), M. Davis, and John Durkin held Canton to six-of-17 passing.

Cohasset's scoreless steak of 11 quarters at Alumni Field came to an end in the fourth quarter as a 47-yard burst up the middle by Canton's big back Canton set up a 14-yard touchdown pass. Tthe kick was no good. On Canton's last possession, Senior Matt Davis iced the game for Cohasset with an interception inside the 5-yard line.

Offensive statistics

Passing- Snowdale 7-of- 11 for 124 yards, 1 touchdown.

Receiving- Anderson (3 catches, 44 yards), Silvia (2 for 36 yards, 1 touchdown), Straughn (1 for 39 yards), John Durkin (1 for 5 yards).

Rushing- Goodson (18 carries for 91 yards, 2 touchdowns), Straughn (1 for 4 yards), Snowdale (7 for 2 yards), Morris (2 for 7 yards).

Defensive statistics

Tackles- Truglia 8, Lynner and Dooley 7, Anderson 4, Connolly and S Davis 3, Cambi, Casey, M Davis 2, Straughn 1.

Sacks- S Davis and Lynner 2, Connolly 1.

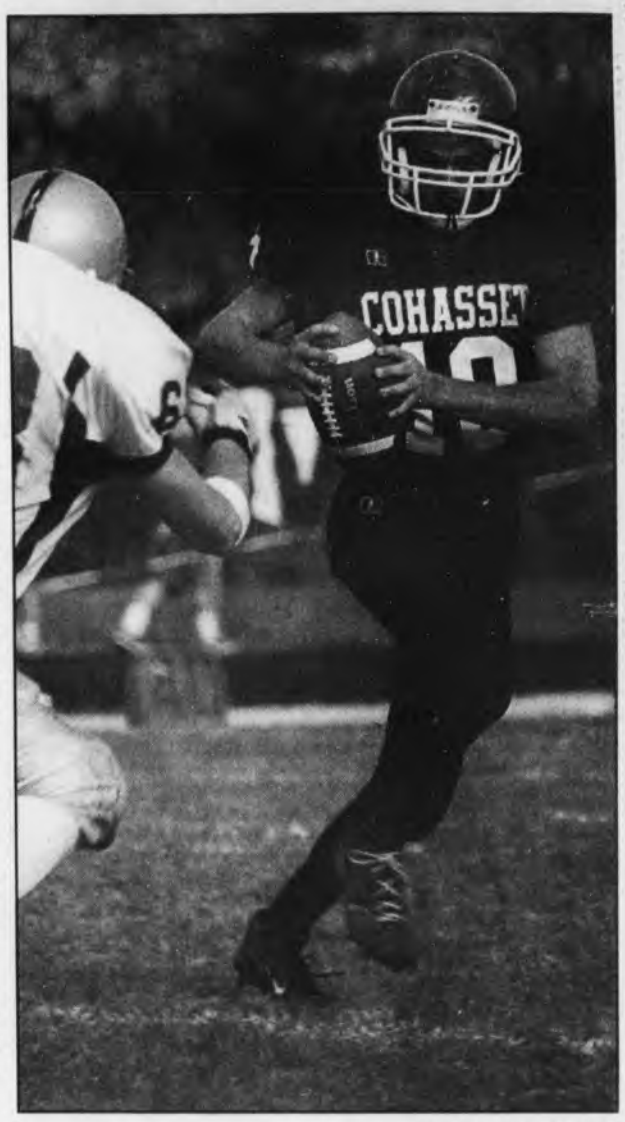
Interceptions- M Davis.

Fumbles Recovered- Dooley, Cambi and Snowdale.

Opponents Passing- Canton 6 of 17, 1 touchdown, 1 interception.

Miscellaneous

Canton had 10 offensive possessions, 4 ended by a punt, 1 by interception, 1 by fumble, 2 by downs, 1 by clock, 1 touchdown.



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Cohasset quarterback Mike Snowdale finished 7-of- 11 in passing for 124 yards with one touchdown pass in Friday's 20-6 win over previously unbeaten Canton.

Cohasset had 10 offensive possessions, 4 ended by a punt, 3 touchdowns, 2 by fumble, 1 by clock.

Next game Friday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m. at Abington.

SSL standings

Abington	3-0 (6-1)
Cohasset	2-0 (7-0)
Norwell	3-1 (4-3)

Cohasset 20, Canton 6

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Canton (6-1)	0	0	0	6 — 6
Cohasset (7-0)	0	14	6	0 — 20

Coh- Goodson 3 yard run off right side, Anderson kick.
Coh- Silvia 19 yard reception from Snowdale, Anderson kick.
Coh- Goodson 11 yard run off right side, conversion failed.
Can- 14 yard pass, kick failed

SPORTS NOTES

Basketball registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department/Booster's Basketball registrations will be held for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8, at the Town Hall, on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee for the program is $55. Checks should be made payable to Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club (CBBC), shirt charge is included in the fee. Details on the basketball program will be available at registrations. Games are played on Saturdays, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid any conflicts. The Recreational Basketball Program is made available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the Recreation Department, providing youngsters with a teaching and recreational opportunity.

Ice fishing course

The Cohasset Recreation Dept. is pleased to announce that telephone registrations will be accepted for a unique Ice Fishing course, designed for all age children through adult.

The course will be held on Island Creek Pond in Duxbury on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, from 9:55 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. precisely. No ice skates allowed! The fee for this very unique opportunity to learn how to ice fish is $34 per participant and includes all necessary equipment and bait.

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The cost for 18 holes on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays during this period for residents drops from $35 to $27 and for non-residents from $42 to $32.

The 9-hole green fees on weekends drops from $18 to $16 for residents and from $22 to $19 for non-residents.

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Cohasset players (white shirts) surround Scituate's Parker Hobbs.

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Boys unable to scale big hill

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Junior Chris Clark recorded Cohasset's lone tally in the loss, scoring in the second half off a great assist by the team's leading scorer, junior Dave Santiago. Yet, with the Hillers giving their usual supreme effort to controlling the ball, the Skippers could muster only four shots.

Clark led the way in the Preliminary Round, where offense was not nearly as hard to come by. Clark scored two goals and tallied another assist to help his team advance, as he led the offense that amassed 22 shots on net in the first half alone.

Senior captain Evan Pestone had easily the prettiest goal of the game, and possibly of the season, to open the scoring in the game's 21st minute. Junior John Andrade, who has become a very skilled passer, looped a perfect ball right to his teammate's forehead, which Pestone buried in the back of the net.

Andrade pitched in again, leading freshman Aidan Buick on one of his two goals on the day. Clarke rounded out the scoring in the second half before coach Dave Nigro finally called off the troops.

The Skippers were clearly the aggressors in this contest, racking up 14 penalties to Christians' three. Kahn faced only eight shots, and there were really only two legitimate SSCA scoring chances.

Cohasset utilized the final 30 minutes of the game to work in some of their up-and-coming talent. Once Nigro pulled Kahn from net, the line-up featured seven freshmen and two sophomores.

"They will definitely have as good a team next year, maybe better," noted Kahn, who will probably be replaced in net by freshman Prescott Busk or sophomore John Littauer.

A real 'clock' cleanin

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year's starting keeper, recorded 12 saves for the Ashland game, including five in the opening seven minutes to keep the game even at the start.

In an attempt to keep the potent Ashland attack at bay, Beal brought in a few defensive specialists from her nearly undefeated junior varsity team. Sophomores Christine Lovallo, Rachel Garber and Nicole Whitney did a solid job holding down Clocker sniper Lauren Kelleher.

That trio will be a solid foundation to re-build the defense, after All-Star Julie Lordan and stand-out Katherine Coyne graduate. Juniors Brenna O'Donnell and SSL All-Star Holly Graham will be looked to step up even bigger in 2003 than they did this year.

The team will have to work through many key graduations next year. Molly Flanagan was a great presence on the offensive line with a dangerous left foot this year. Maura McKenney had terrific midfielder instincts with an ability to control the field at times.

Yet, after the success the team had this year, Beal thinks she is finally over the hump, and that the team-members now have the underrated intangible of knowing how to win. She noted that her players were so accustomed to losses in years past that they did not have the same drive to succeed that the current squad exhibited this year.

"Things look good for next year and for years to come," she said.

Confident that her team will make it back to the tournament, Beal will be looking to load up her non-league schedule with some tougher opponents to prepare her team physically and mentally for a playoff run.

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Cohasset's Lindsay Grossman (white shirt) gets a step on Scituate's Michelle Littke in a race for the ball.

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Pupils on parade

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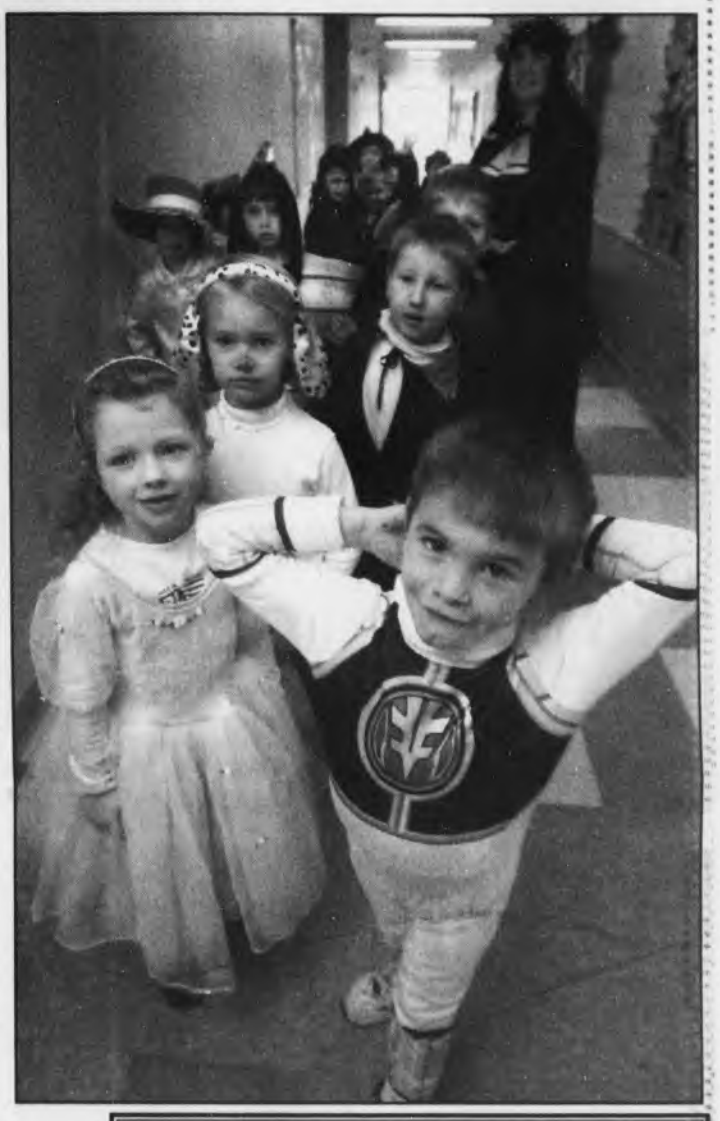
Caleigh Nolan, Kayley Pinkus, Rory McQuade, Steven Iantosca and Julia Guglielmo line up for the Halloween parade.

Preschoolers Maggie Queenan, Cal Osten, Nicholas Raymond, Reid Koropey and Caroline Adams are all dressed up for the Halloween parade at the Osgood School.



Above: Ben Williams waves to his mom during the Halloween parade at Osgood for parents and siblings.

At right: Brett Dooley stretches before leading his Kindergarten classmates, Maggie Czajak, Ella Biestek and Nick Tetreault in the Halloween parade at Osgood.

At left: Halloween agrees with Connor Hayden and Chris Brierley.

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Sanctuary scenes

Above: Rob Lehr, Eagle Scout candidate, checks the progress of his project to restore the skating pond. The line represents the property line between Wheelwright Park and the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary (photo courtesy of Rich Silvia).

At left: The Barnes family and Friends of the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary tour the property on a lovely sunlit day'

To date, the Friends of the Barnes Wildlife, Town committees, the Town Water Department, the State, and residents have contributed $950,000 of the $1 million asking price!
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Above, left: Boy Scouts gather around fireplaces built by President Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) in 1935 (photo courtesy of Rich Silvia).

Above: Local resident enjoying a summer swim

At left: Andrew Walsh, Ecologist for the Trustees of Reservations tours the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary with Arthur Lehr, Troop 28 Committeeman, Eagle Scout, 1937.

On Oct. 30, Senator Bob Hedlund announced that Cohasset was granted $250,000 to purchase the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary from the Urban Self Help Grant program, the maximum grant award for the program! This could not have been possible without the efforts of Rich Silvia, a member of the Community Preservation Committee and Stuart Ivimey, CPC Chairman

At right: The starting line of the Boy Scouts annual Klondike Derby (photo 1987 - courtesy of Rich Silvia).

Join the Friends of the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary on a walk through Wheelwright Park and the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. We will meet at the entrance to Wheelwright Park on North Main Street. The walk leader will be Arthur Lehr. Raindate will be Sunday, Nov. 10.

OBITUARIES

Nana befriended everyone, including Cher during the filming of "Witches of Eastwick.

Josephine Emily Vangel

Josephine Emily Vangel, longtime resident of Cohasset, died Monday, Nov. 4, 2002 at age 88. She is fondly remembered by her family and friends as the "Meehan's Nana." Josephine was a familiar face at community and school events. She attended them all, be it swimming, baseball, soccer, field hockey, etc.

Josephine was also very grateful for the loving care of her community, especially the police and fire departments who always treated her as their own, the school department and, Wayne Robbins, Jr. who always made sure her car was ready to go. She drew great strength from the spiritual support of her church, St. Anthony's, and its Pastor Mulvehill and Father Healy. She looked forward every year to the South Shore Music Circus and Clark, Mimi and Peter who always made sure she was well taken care of while there.

Barbara Meehan, Josephine's daughter, wants to acknowledge how important it was to her mother that the young people in town always stopped to chat, especially her neighbors, and also how much Barbara's friends' ongoing care for Josephine via meals, prayers and concern enriched her life. The friendship of Bob Sceery, pediatrician to Josephine's grandchildren, and his wife Phoebe, meant the world to her. It was said of Josephine, who worked for a number of years at the dry cleaners at West Corner, that customers came "more to bare their souls than the soup stains on their ties."

Josephine will be remembered at the regular 5 p.m. Mass, this Saturday at St. Anthony's. Friends are invited for refreshments in the church hall following the service.

Paul S. Lawrence

Paul S. Lawrence of Golden, Colo., died Oct. 24, 2002, at home of lung cancer. He was 57.

Mr. Lawrence was born in Weymouth and was a graduate of Cohasset High School, Class of 1963. He married the former Joan L. Edmonds in 1968 and was a former resident of Cohasset.

A veteran, he served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict (1969-1970),

A resident of Golden, Colo., Mr. Lawrence worked at the Colorado Department of Transportation for 29 years.

Mr. Lawrence was an avid bicycle rider, hiker and fly fisherman.

He leaves his wife, Joan L. (Edmonds) of Golden, Colo.; two sons, David L. of Crestone, Colo., and Peter B. of Boulder, Colo.; a brother, Peter J. Lawrence of Duxbury; a sister-in-law: Bonnie Ritter of San Antonio, Texas; several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Saint Anthony's Church on Oct. 31.

Interment will be Cohasset Central Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Historic Cohasset Central Cemetery, 44 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Gladys Harkins

Gladys (Magner) Harkins, 82, of Cohasset and formerly of Hingham, died Oct. 17, 2002 at the Norwell Knoll Nursing Home in Norwell.

Born in Hingham, Mrs. Harkins lived there 35 years and in Hull for two years. She was a resident of Cohasset for one year.

Mrs. Harkins was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II who later worked at the Pentagon where she met her future husband. She was employed by the Army Corps of Engineers in Waltham, retiring in 1985.

Wife of the late Thomas I. Harkins, she leaves her loving children, Thomas I. Harkins, Jr. of Weymouth and Susan H. Reagan of Cohasset; a sister, Doris Ahern of Destin, Fla.; two brothers, Robert Magner and Dr. Peter Magner, both of Hingham; her sister-in-law, Margaret Harkins of Stoneham; her beloved grandchildren, Thomas, Michael and Julie Harkins and Jessica E. Reagan; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Paul Church, Hingham on Oct. 21. Interment was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham.

Donations may be made in Mrs. Harkins' memory to the Sacred Heart Elementary School Fund, 55 Commercial St., Weymouth 02188.

WORSHIP NEWS

Parish House dedication Nov. 17

First Parish Church of Cohasset will dedicate its newly renovated Parish House at noon on Sunday, Nov. 17, following the regular service. The Parish House is located on Main Street diagonally across from the Meeting House. A joyous reception for members and friends will follow.

Church to host 'Joy of Our Faith'

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Jay Crumbine, a Unitarian Universalist parish minister, Dartmouth College professor, writer, actor, and public speaker will present an intergenerational workshop titled, "The Joy of Our Faith," on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 9-10 a.m. in the Parish House, 23 North Main St.. Crumbine encourages people of all ages to project their voices through improvisation, while engaging her audience in discussion, thought and song. She teaches the projection of voice and the art of being heard with the spiritual task of delving into the heart. Enthusiastic participation is expected and entirely voluntary!

Crumbine will also lead the First Parish worship service that morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Call 781-383-1100 for more information.

Abbey series

Glastonbury Abbey announces its second speaker in The Glastonbury Series 2002-2003, "Listening to Other Voices: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty" on Nov. 21.

Guest speaker will be Patrice Gaines, who is an author, prison reform activist, and former newspaper reporter for the Washington Post. She has been featured on "Oprah," "Dateline" and on National Public Radio. Gaines will discuss "Hope: The Power to Create a New Reality" on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7:15 p.m. in the Conference Center of the Abbey.

The talk is free of charge and donations are always welcome. For more information, call, 781-749-2155.

Pro-life movement

Dr. Mildred Jefferson, a pioneer in the national pro-life movement will speak at the Hingham Public Library on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. Her topic will be, " What is the pro-life movement, and what does it have to do with me?"

Dr. Jefferson was the first black woman to graduate from Harvard Medical School. She was also the first woman to intern in surgery at Boston City Hospital. She helped found the National Right to Life Committee and served three terms as its president. In 1996 she ran for U.S. Senate.

Jefferson is currently president of the Right to Life Crusade, Inc., and a board member of the American Life League. She helped found Massachusetts Citizens for Life and now serves on its board.

Her talk will be in the Whiton Room of the library. The talk is free and open to the public, but any free will donations are welcome. The talk is sponsored by the South Shore Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life.

The South Shore Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month at St. Paul's Parish House, Fearing Road, Hingham. Its next meeting will be Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 781-925-0323.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEDOUX ESTATE

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P2732AD

In the JOSEPH D. LEDOUX
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death July 13, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that HILDA M. LEDOUX of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed administrator of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 11, 2002.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, October 31, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

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TAX ALLOCATION

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS
LEGAL NOTICE
TAX ALLOCATION

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on **Tuesday, November 26, 2002, at 8:00 P.M.,** in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for Fiscal Year 2003. The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at this time.

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Holiday Ball

This is an off year for the Community Garden Club's very popular Holiday House Tour and the first year for their Holiday Ball. A limited number of tickets are now being offered for sale to the general public.

The Holly Ball will be at "Stoneleigh", 478 Jerusalem Road on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7-11 p.m.. Stoneleigh will be decorated for the holidays by garden club members. Included in the decorations will be many club-member designed holiday wreaths available for purchase by means of a silent auction.

Guests will enjoy a buffet supper served throughout the evening. They will be entertained by a five-piece band playing music suitable for dancing. Suggested dress is optional black tie.

The cost of admission is $75 per person. (Cash bar).

This is a fund-raising event to benefit club projects. The club maintains the gardens at three locations in Cohasset — the Lothrop House, the Lightkeeper's Residence, and Constitution Park. The club also supports local beautification projects, provides scholarships for three deserving Cohasset High seniors, and contributes to many environmental organizations.

For more information phone 781-383-9689. Make checks payable to the "Community Garden Club of Cohasset" and mail them to One Windy Hill Road, Cohasset.

Pop-up book at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host Robert Sabuda on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 4-6 p.m. Sabuda is an artist who has taken paper engineering to its ultimate level. A paper engineer is an artist who creates pop-ups using paper as his or her primary medium.

The term "pop-up" is a catchall phrase for all moveable and dimensional art. His newest book is a pop-up adaptation of Clement C. Moore's, "The Night Before Christmas" (Little Simon, $24.95). The illustrations are breathtaking as reindeers jump from the pages in your hand and Santa rises up the chimney. His work is fascinating to children but is also highly regarded by adult collectors. Sabuda will do a brief pop-up demonstration at the beginning of his visit.

This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2655 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Picture book on courage

Bernard Waber, award-winning author and illustrator, will present his latest book, "Courage" (Houghton Mifflin Co., $15) at Buttonwood Book and Toys in Cohasset on Friday Nov. 15 from 3:30-5 p.m. Waber, best known for his stories about a lovable crocodile named Lyle, has written a delightful new picture book about the different types of courage. Types that normal, ordinary people exhibit all the time. Such as the everyday kind; like being the first to say hi in a new group, the admirable kind; like holding fast to your dreams and the heroic kind; like a police officer or a firefighter. Powerful in its simplicity and timely in its subject matter, "Courage" celebrates the moments, big and small, that brings out the hero in each of us. Waber will give a short presentation and a book talk as well as sign his book. This is a free event and the public is welcome. Please call 781-383-2665 to order your signed book if unable to attend.

Walk through Barnes sanctuary

The Friends of the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary are sponsoring a walk through Wheelwright Park and the proposed 32-acre Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. Meet at the entrance to Wheelwright Park on North Main St. Rain date is Sunday, Nov. 10. Arthur Lehr will be the walk leader.

POLICE LOG

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

3:35 a.m. Lamberts Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:30 a.m. Arrowwood Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:10 a.m. Hammond Ave., animal call or complaint.

7:26 a.m. Elm St., general services.

9:32 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:36 a.m. Elm St., traffic safety inspection.

10:43 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:14 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:27 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., threats (bodily harm), log entry information.

1:22 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

1:28 a.m. Norman Todd Road, abandoned 911 call.

3:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

3:30 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:41 p.m. Plymouth Road, prisoner transport. Arrest of David B. Silva, Jr., 24, of 12 Williams Drive, Carver. Charges: Breaking and entering, nighttime, for felony; larceny over $250—2 counts.

8:29 p.m. South Main St., medical aid.

8:40 p.m. Elm St., investigation. Arrest of David B. Silva, Jr. 24, of 12 Williams Drive, Carver. Charges: Breaking and entering, nighttime, for felony; larceny over $250—2 counts.

9:35 p.m. Parking Way, motor vehicle violation/s, stored/impounded.

10:24 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:58 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking violation, parking ticket issued.

11:02 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, suspicious activity/person(s).

11:04 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:28 p.m. Spring St., family/domestic disturbance.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

8:01 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:14 a.m. Summer St., escort.

9:39 a.m. Border St., assist citizen.

11:32 a.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:28 p.m. Elm St., fire, structure, extinguished.

5:57 p.m. Pond St., medical aid.

6 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

6:27 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious activity/person(s).

9:21 p.m. Elm Court, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

1:27 a.m. James Lane, noise complaint.

7:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:26 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

9:30 a.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, fire, log entry.

10:34 a.m. Hammond Ave., animal call or complaint.

10:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

11:36 a.m. Jerusalem Road Drive, fire, log entry.

1:55 p.m. South Main St., larceny.

1:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:13 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:37 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:34 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:18 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

7:54 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:02 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle accident, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:20 p.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

9:22 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s).

9:38 p.m. South Main St., fire, miscellaneous.

9:44 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle accident, person transferred/transported to hospital. Arrest of Robert J. Hickey, 18, of 473 Beechwood St., Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor; open container of alcohol in motor vehicle; OUI/liquor; OUI/liquor and serious injury and negligence; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; marked lanes violation; speeding in violation of special regulations; failure to wear seat belt.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

3:10 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:04 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

7:43 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist other agency. Arrest of Kent D. Howard, 42, of 520 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Charges: Assault with a dangerous weapon; larceny of a motor vehicle.

8:12 a.m. Cedar St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:56 a.m. Elm St., wires down, referred to other agency.

11:53 a.m. Bancroft Road, well-being check.

12:21 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

2:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:50 p.m. Hull St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., sex offenses, investigated.

6:04 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, services rendered.

8:40 p.m. Nantasket Ave., investigation.

9:23 p.m. Ripley Road, medical aid.

10:10 p.m. Border St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:12 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

12:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

8:46 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident.

11:46 a.m. Pond St., vandalism.

12:07 p.m. Elm St., investigation.

5:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:28 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:41 p.m. King St. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8 p.m. Atlantic Ave., well-being check, services rendered.

8:03 p.m. Stockbridge St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

MONDAY, OCT. 28

12:11 a.m. King St., suspicious auto.

5:20 a.m. Elm St., fire, removed party to hospital.

12:15 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity.

2:11 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash, removed to hospital.

4:57 p.m. Border St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:16 p.m. Sanctuary Pond Road, suspicious activity.

5:56 p.m. Ripley Road, well-being check.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

1:40 a.m. King St., suspicious person.

4:45 a.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

9:49 a.m. Hull St., investigation.

10:09 a.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

10:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny, arrest: Angelique Fitzgerald, 22, 66 St. James St., Roxbury. Chgs.: shoplifting by concealing merchandise, larceny under $250. Bethel Nadine Keller-Brittle, 19, 192B Humboldt Ave., Boston. Chgs.: shoplifting by concealing merchandise, larceny under $250.

1:03 p.m. Sohier St., vandalism.

1:58 p.m. Sohier St., missing person.

2:21 p.m. Forest Ave., threats (bodily harm), removed to hospital.

4:30 p.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:18 p.m. Sohier St., assist citizen.

8:47 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint.

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Farm hands

NRAS artist shares rural reflections in Ventress show

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

From still life to farm life, oil painter Susan Davis captures bucolic beauty on canvas in her current North River Art Society exhibit at Marshfield's Ventress Library Gallery. Davis' show "Past and Present" will run through Dec. 14.

Davis, who lives in Holliston, describes herself as an outdoorswoman and a nature lover. Much of this is reflected in the collection of 28 paintings included in show, which range from portraits of farm life and wildlife to fruit and floral still lifes to rural landscape scenes, but all with common, dominant elements of a natural focus and a painting approach known as en plain air (in the open air).

The title, "Past and Present," simply represents the exhibit works produced over the past few years and up through the present since Davis began painting professionally in 1996. She credits a lot of the improvement in her work in that time to her training at the North River Arts Society, particularly in the highly touted classes of NRAS instructors John Kilroy and Marcia Ballou. Davis emphasizes that the classes are well worth the trip regularly from as far as Holliston to Marshfield.

"The title of the show represents growth as I've been painting over the past six years," said Davis. "Art to me is always an ongoing thing. You're always learning more about it and finding ways to get better at your own work."

Among Davis' favorites in the show are a series of cow portraits she describes as "whimsical," mainly where two of the three titles reflect the moods of the bovines grazing in the field. One, "Don't Bother Me," features black-and-white patchwork livestock which may remind some viewers of the Ben & Jerry's logo; the other, "Who, Me?," is the painter's interpretation of the startled expression on the animal subject's face. The other piece is titled "Three Heifers from Maryland," denoting where Davis traveled to paint on-location —something she often does.

Cows are a favorite subject of painter Susan Davis who captures rural life in her 28 works on display at the Ventress Library gallery. The exhibit "Past and Present" runs through Dec. 14,

Most of Davis' on-location work takes place closer to home. The contrasting two-work series, "Cool September Morning" and "Warm September Morning," painted in Holliston, depicts country road and forest scenes under the varying, accompanying degrees of shadows and light. Two other unrelated pieces were painted in Sherborne, the colorful, self-descriptive scene of "Sherborne Orange Fair" and the tall-grass meadows of "Schiavi Farm," with which the painter makes a subtle statement about impending development spoilage by adding to the title "...Soon to be Houses."

Other interesting landscape studies by Davis include scenes of "Lake Winthrop" and "Fourth Cliff, Foggy Day," the latter painted in Scituate.

The Ventress Library Gallery, is located on Webster Street in Marshfield Center. Gallery hours Monday through Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org

A new flavor of Eminem

Controversial rapper might actually be likeable in '8 Mile'

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Watch out, America. Hey mom and dad, lock up your teenagers. Eminem is back in the spotlight. And this time it's not just his vile, hot-headed lyrics leaking out of headphones and blaring out of boom boxes. This time, with the new film "8 Mile," we get a widescreen version of the No. 1 selling rapper in the country. But all that worry might be for naught. The Detroit bad boy has been cleaned up for Hollywood.

In recent years, the release of a new album by the white rap star has caused more than a few shudders. His raps are profane, misogynist, homophobic and violent. Women rights groups, gay rights groups and even Lynne Cheney, the vice president's wife, are all united in their repulsion. Eminem loses many listeners with just his lyrics — no doubt the Guinness folks have been contacted about the number of times he's used the "f" word. Other people are mortified by the accounts of his private life — reports that he's suing his mom, punched out a man who was kissing his ex-wife and waved around what turned out to be an unloaded pistol in public.

As has often been the case in pop culture, the controversy has worked for him. His latest album, "The Eminem Show," sold close to seven million copies domestically, mostly to white, suburban teens — more than any other rapper. But when the phenomenally successful rapper (real name Marshall Mathers) decided to leap from records to film, someone must have suggested that his image could use a little toning down.

"8 Mile," which opens nationally this weekend, is being touted as a story "loosely based" on Eminem's life. Yes, he was brought up on the wrong side of the tracks in Detroit; yes, he worked menial jobs while waiting to catch his

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Lori McKenna: *new and improved*

New label gives Stoughton folk singer a nationwide audience

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

A new CD licensing deal has given Lori McKenna the chance to revisit her not-so-distant past. And also to give it a makeover.

In 1998, the Stoughton singer/songwriter released her first independent CD, *Paper Wings & Halo*, initially on the Easton-based Gyro label. The disc quickly drew wide Boston area praise and attention, picked up by a larger area independent label, Whately-based Signature Sounds, earning the singer New Artist of the Year honors from folk station WUMB-FM and landing on the Boston Globe's year-end Top Ten list.

The following year, McKenna added to this breakthrough with a Boston Music Award for Outstanding Contemporary Folk Act, plus appearances at the Newport Folk Festival and Lilith Faire.

The re-release of Lori McKenna's first CD Paper Wings and Halo includes three live tracks.

Last year, Signature Sounds arranged a new licensing deal with the nationally known Catalyst Disc label, bringing first-time nationwide distribution for McKenna's CDs. The new deal has also been a higher-profile vehicle for the release of the singer's follow-up disc, 2001's *Pieces of Me*, plus the more recent reissue of *Paper Wings & Halo*, newly expanded and deepened with three additional live tracks recorded in a show at Fox Run Concerts.

"The deal with Catalyst is a 3-5 year licensing agreement, one which we hope will really open up the possibilities of making my music available to more people with the national distribution," said McKenna, now 32 and a mother of four in Stoughton.

"It's also really cool to have the live tracks added on Paper Wings & Halo. I feel like the live stuff is always good for people to have on record, along with what we're able to do with the polish of the studio, because I really feel that the live perspective is what music is all about."

McKenna emerged on the area folk/acoustic music scene in the mid 1990s as what some listeners saw as something of an anomaly — a suburban housewife and mother raising her family just around the corner from where she grew up, hitting the stages of local music clubs with songs she penned at her kitchen table. But the same listeners also took note of the unique, homespun quality of McKenna's songwriting, rich with striking lyrical imagery delivered in a ragged twang of a voice that sounded like it should have come from the rural spaces of Texas, Kentucky or South Carolina rather than from a Stoughton homemaker.

Among its debut offering of studio work from McKenna, the original issue of *Paper Wings* had already included two other in-concert tracks from the singer, cut from performances at Cambridge's Club Passim and Easton's Blackthorne Tavern. The added live material includes an onstage take of the disc's title song, a poignant elegy to McKenna's late mother, who passed away when the singer was only six years old, and her late grandmother, who died recently.

Be it onstage or in the studio, McKenna's songs are highlighted by that bold, distinct twang, which is most often compared to Natalie Maines of the Dixie Chicks and which the singer said her manager calls "spooky." On McKenna's two discs, the voice is capable of conveying everything from warmth and passion ("As I Am," "Pieces of Me") to harsh, withering scorn, such as the ballad lament "What's One More Time" ("I have cried your name so many times...") and the deadly ironic "Pink Sweater," which gives the racist, truck-dragging killers of black man James Byrd in Texas, 1997 what they deserve ("I'll be the one the pink sweater/Dancing around when you're gone").

"A lot of people do tell me I sound like Natalie Maines, and singers like Nanci Griffith and Patti Griffin," McKenna said. "They wonder how I ever got this sort of Southern twang when I grew

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Food & dining

New ways with whipped cream

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

I am sick and tired of lackluster whipped cream. It's as tasteless (and common) as a bad hamburger bun, a scoop of two-day-old cole slaw, or the lifeless pickle that adorns most deluxe sandwich specials. I wanted flavor and lots of it so that whipped cream really adds something to dessert rather than being a passive bystander.

The first problem is the cream which is sold as organic, natural, pasteurized and ultra- pasteurized. I tasted them all and the differences were subtle although they all whipped into soft peaks. I enjoyed the fresh, sweet taste of the organic cream best and found pasteurized cream whipped up much lighter and fluffier than ultra-pasteurized. In fact, one cup of ultra-pasteurized whipped into 1 1/2 cups whereas one cup of pasteurized whipped into a full 2 cups. So the winner was organic pasteurized heavy cream. Of course, the cream, the bowls, and the beaters should all be well-chilled for best results. As for the sugar, I found that granulated sugar worked best for a clean, sweet taste. (Confectioners' sugar left an aftertaste.) For one cup of cream I used one tablespoon of sugar to produce a pleasantly sweet whipped cream. The cream and sugar are added to the bowl and beaten on medium until foamy and then once the cream has started to thicken, the speed can be increased to high.

Next, I wanted to add flavor by using other dairy products. Mascarpone has a sweet, creamy taste, is rich, and should be left out for about 10 minutes before whipping. Four ounces added the right amount of flavor but I needed to up the sugar by one teaspoon to compensate for the added cheese. Mascarpone should be added at the beginning of the whipping process or it will turn out grainy. This combination is wonderful with baked or poached fruit.

Sour cream was a nice partner with whipped cream, turning out a very light but brighter tasting mixture. I added one-third cup sour cream to the heavy cream. As with the mascarpone, the sugar needed to be increased by one teaspoon. I also found it best to add the sour cream to the heavy cream at the beginning of the recipe instead of folding it in at the end. This variation was delicious with fresh berries, apple crisp, or blueberry cobbler.

I was prepared to dislike yogurt as an additive but ended up loving it. I added 1/4-cup whole milk plain yogurt for best flavor. As with the others I found I needed to increase the sugar and the best way to combine the ingredients was to mix them together at the outset. I liked this version with all of the serving suggestions above. Finally I tried adding buttermilk and cream cheese to the heavy cream. The buttermilk was too watery and sour and the cream cheese added little in the way of flavor.

As for specific flavorings, the winners included vanilla, orange liqueur, rum, brown sugar, and dark amber maple syrup. Losers included cocoa, instant espresso, and spices.

DELUXE WHIPPED CREAM

Try to find pasteurized rather than ultra-pasteurized heavy cream for this recipe. Organic cream has the freshest sweetest taste and should be used if available. If making the sour cream or yogurt variation they do not have to sit out for ten minutes at room temperature—they may be added directly from the refrigerator. The mascarpone is rich and sophisticated and is terrific with baked or poached fruit. The sour cream variation is lighter and great with fresh berries, crisps and cobblers. The yogurt whipped cream is the lightest and lends itself to any fruit dessert.

1 cup heavy cream (organic pasteurized, preferred)

4 ounces mascarpone cheese

1 tablespoon plus one teaspoon granulated sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Allow the mascarpone to sit at room temperature for ten minutes. Chill a medium mixing bowl and beaters for a handheld mixer in the refrigerator for ten minutes or in the freezer for five minutes. Add the heavy cream, mascarpone and sugar to the chilled bowl and mix on medium speed until foamy and beginning to thicken, about 45 seconds. Increase the speed to high and beat until smooth and shiny and forms soft peaks, about 30 seconds to one minute longer. If the cream becomes over beaten and grainy gently beat in a tablespoon of heavy cream to smooth it out.

Makes 2 1/2 cups.

Sour Cream Variation

Substitute 1/3-cup sour cream for the mascarpone.

Yogurt Variation

Substitute 1/4-cup whole milk plain yogurt for the mascarpone.

Flavor Variations

Decrease the vanilla to 1/2 teaspoon and add one tablespoon dark rum in place of the vanilla to the mascarpone variation.

Decrease the vanilla to 1/2 teaspoon and add one tablespoon orange liqueur to the mascarpone or sour cream variations.

Decrease the vanilla to 1/2 teaspoon and substitute brown sugar or dark amber maple syrup for the granulated sugar in the sour cream or yogurt variations.

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A new flavor of Eminem

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big break in music. Yes, he had a terrible relationship with his mother — all of this is in the script. But it's far from a straight biography.

The film's director, Curtis Hanson ("L.A. Confidential," "Wonder Boys"), says he didn't want to make a bio-pic of Eminem. Neither did Eminem, Hasnson says, "because that could have been a trap. There are a lot of fans out there that know the specifics of his life. So if you were trying to represent them, you'd be taken to task for accuracy in the little details. It was more of a case of trying to capture the truth of the world from which he came."

That world, according to the film, is far from an easy one. Set in 1995, Detroit is accurately presented as a shell of the city it once was, and the young characters in the film are portrayed as men and women who are sitting around waiting for something to happen. They're dreamers without plans. They want to become part of the burgeoning hip-hop scene, but can't find their way out of the decrepit old club where contestants go one-on-one with only a microphone in their hand and a recorded beat behind them in a battle of the rappers. The words they throw at each other may be ugly, but they pretty much take the place of guns in the film.

The 30-year-old Eminem plays Jimmy, the only white boy to compete in the all-black club. And — surprise! — he and his pals are the heroes in the story. Jimmy has violent tendencies, and he's quick to curl up his fists and use them if someone does him or a loved one wrong. But it's clear right at the start that he's got a good heart, that he'll always be there to protect his young sister from his inept drunkard of a mom (Kim Basinger), and that we, the audience, are to root for him. Squeaky clean Eminem? Not quite, but he's definitely one of the good guys.

The movie is well-made, if somewhat formulaic. But Eminem, stepping up to the acting plate for the first time, hits it out of the park. Credit the rapper's raw talent... and his director.

"Because he had never done it before, I built a six-week rehearsal period into his deal," says Hanson. "It started out with just the two of us, then I brought in the guys who play his buddies. I thought that would help him to bond with them so when he was interacting with them later, he wouldn't have to be *acting* familiarity; they would've already established it."

And it turned out that Eminem, who Hanson always addressed as Marshall, also helped out the director.

"He had input on the film, and I very gratefully accepted it," says Hanson. "When I first was sent the script, the questions I had in mind were, one, 'Could it be developed sufficiently to deal with the potential themes?', and two, 'Could Marshall play a part in which he's in literally every scene of the movie?' So I went to Detroit to spend time with him to get to know him so I could make an educated guess. And once I became committed to doing the project, I tried my best to give him a helping hand into *my* world. But he very much gave me a helping hand into *his* world. He became my touchstone for the truth, in a sense. I asked him a thousand questions, and he introduced me to his friends, and I went to places he used to go. So he became a source of invaluable information."

So Eminem makes his acting debut with a soulful, often humorous, performance. But who's going to go see it?

Hanson admits that he doesn't know. But he has hopes.

"In terms of the audience, I was trying to thread the needle and make a picture that on the one hand, what one would think of as the core hip-hop audience, would enjoy it. And at the same time, it would be a movie that people who didn't care about or even like hip-hop might go to and get into that world. And when the movie ended they would at least understand a little better where it came from and what it was giving voice to."

"8 Mile" opens nationally on Nov. 8.

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Lori McKenna: *new and improved*

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up in Stoughton. For me, it's just how my voice comes out. I remember when I was a lot younger I was afraid to sing because I thought I had this really ugly, creepy voice. Of course, I feel a lot different about singing now."

"I don't necessarily call myself a folksinger, because I know that certain listeners won't agree with that. The people who know folk music tend to know it really well. I just say that I'm a singer/songwriter. I like to blend all kinds of musical styles, from rock to country to folk," McKenna said.

A fall farewell to the growing season

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Scattered frosts, brisk breezes and intermittent rainfall have undressed many of our trees and shrubs, their silhouettes a stark contrast to those which still display their colorful autumn garb. The brilliant leaves of our native swamp and sugar maples flutter to the ground creating a multi-colored blanket on the lawn and gardens beneath their pewter gray branches while their cousins, the Norway maples, have only just begun to don their vivid yellow fall attire. Beech, willow, oaks, pears and dogwoods provide temporary splashes of glowing reds, golds and rich, lustrous mahogany tones to the autumn landscape. Burning bushes light up the landscape with fiery red foliage and oakleaf hydrangeas display elegant burnished bronze leaves on decorative peeling branches coated in orange-brown suede.

As leaves shrivel, curl and fall to the ground, fall fruits become more evident, the color of the berries often intensifying as temperatures drop. Ornamental crabapples produce bountiful fruits in shades of vibrant orange, red, yellow or purple. Crabapple cultivars bearing smaller berries appeal to many species of birds and flocks of robins, finches, and cedar waxwings often strip these trees of their flavorful fruits before winter arrives.

American dogwoods (Cornus florida) glow in the afternoon sun, their dwindling scarlet foliage accentuated by clusters of brilliant, shiny red berries, many of which have already been consumed by voracious squirrels, robins, mockingbirds and flickers. Nearby, the vibrant russet autumn leaves of the Korean dogwood (C. kousa) create an attractive backdrop for its dangling, fleshy red fruits resembling large raspberries.

The adaptable members of the Viburnum family offer many carefree varieties that display handsome foliage in fall and fabulous clusters of fruits in a variety of colors including yellow, blue, red and black. Among the most ornamental Viburnums are the European cranberry bush (V. opulus) and the American cranberry bush (V. trilobum) both demonstrating fabulous red foliage in fall and bunches of shiny, bright red berries that remain through much of the winter.

The stunning red fruits found on female members of the holly family (Ilex spp.) are well known to all gardeners. Evergreen varieties are popular landscape shrubs, their lustrous blue-green foliage a handsome addition to foundation plantings and shrub borders. Winterberry (Ilex verticillata), a native, deciduous holly commonly found in our wetlands, produces spectacular berries that persist through the winter months and are ideal for holiday decorations. I grow a large specimen of a winterberry cultivar named 'Sparkleberry' in my foundation planting. With the coming of spring, its abundant, small, brilliantly colored fruit quickly disappear, however, courtesy of returning bluebirds who spend days devouring the ripened fruits. To ensure bountiful berries, suitable male pollinators should be grown in relatively close proximity to female plants.

Perhaps the most unusual fall fruits belong to the beautybush (Callicarpa). The startling, purple berries of this small, deciduous shrub are a unique addition to the shrub border. In late summer, bundles of tiny amethyst-colored flowers appear followed by tiny violet beads in dense clusters along the woody stems that become most evident once the leaves have fallen.

As these decorative trees and shrubs shed their leafy robes, be sure to rake your leaf litter as often as time and energy permit. Wet, soggy leaves, particularly the large leaves of maples, can quickly suffocate lawns and if left over the winter on perennial borders, may lead to decay and diseases as well as encouraging destructive rodent and slug populations. Although it is tempting to wait until all the leaves have fallen, frequent removal will better serve the plants and lawn, allowing them to soak up the sun and breathe.

Due to the unseasonably chilly temperatures, many little critters have been scurrying about looking for food and suitable cozy spots to hibernate for the winter. Evidence of tunneling mice, moles, voles and chipmunks is everywhere. A tarp of debris and leaves left on the lawn for a day or two served as cover for a couple of squealing rodents who scattered when I finally found time to drag it to the compost pile. Although many gardeners consider leaves and dead foliage a natural mulch for their gardens, I prefer to remove the majority of brown, crispy, decayed refuse and add it to my mountainous compost heap. Once several killing frosts bring the growing season to an end, a sturdy hedge shears becomes my weapon and nearly all perennials are clipped to a few inches tall. Most perennials will easily survive our winters without a cover of mulch although fall plantings will often benefit from a light application of shredded bark, pine needles or chopped leaves around their root systems once the ground freezes. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for plants that may have heaved due to alternate freeze-thaw cycles.

Evergreen perennials, ornamental grasses and a select group of plants that provide winter interest are the only plants spared from a close-cropped haircut. Ornamental grasses, particularly members of the Miscanthus family that display gracefully arched foliage and fuzzy plumes, will provide motion, texture, sound and an attractive visual presence in the winter landscape. The domed heads of Sedum are delightfully decorative topped with mounds of snow. The seed heads of fall-blooming asters, goldenrod, and coneflowers, including Rudbeckia and Echinacea, offer textural interest and are irresistible to goldfinches, chickadees and tufted titmice all winter long.

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THE FINE ARTS CHORAL Christmas Pops Concert Lombardo's Grand Ballroom, Randolph. Dec. 8 from 2 to 6 p.m. Single tickets $15/seniors-students $14. Holiday buffet between performances $25. For information/reservations call 1-800-230-7555 or visit www.fineartschorale.org

A HIGHLIGHT OF PLYMOUTH HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES "A DOLL ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS" a display of dolls, including miniature fashion models and a range of antique and reproduction dolls, as part of this year's decorated holiday tours at the 1749 Spooner House, 27 North St., Plymouth. For more information call 508-746-0012.

THE 12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ON NORTH STREET celebration begins on Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the heart of Plymouth's scenic historic district. North Street, edged with glowing luminaria set out by Kiwanis Club volunteers, will be the setting for old-fashioned holiday festivities from 5 to 8 p.m. with roving street carolers, free hot cider and free children's holiday crafts workshops. For tickets and information call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@mindspring.com

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST returns to Boston Dec. 3, to Jan. 4, at the Colonial Theatre. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office at 106 Boylston St., Boston.

THE MASSASOIT THEATRE CO. presents the musical "Chicago" two weekends, Nov. 15 to 24, at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets are priced at $15, general public; $13 with Massasoit ID, senior citizens and students; all seats reserved. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

VALERIE HARPER In "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" performances begin Dec. 3, and run through Jan. 12, at Boston's Wilbur Theatre. Ticket prices are $25 to $67 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at the Wilbur Theatre box office. For more information about the show visit www.allergistswife.com

PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA announces its Holiday Pops concerts will be presented Saturday evening, Dec. 14, and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR at the Woodsdale Elementary School Sunday, Nov. 24, from 10-3. It will feature 50+ craft tables, raffles, baked goods, Domino's pizza, snacks and drinks. The admission fee of $1 per adult will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. The Woodsdale School is located at 120 Chestnut St. (off of Rte. 139) in Abington.

U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DIVISION 12 monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 pm at the Braintree Yacht Club. The newly elected officers for U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 12: Ms. Eunice Bloomquist was elected Division Captain for fiscal year 2003 and Mr. Bill Fuller was elected Vice Division Captain for fiscal year 2003. Congratulations to both of them and best wishes in their new assignments.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **BABES IN TOYLAND** at the Cohasset Town Hall Nov 29 and 30 at 7:30; Dec 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30; Dec 1, 8, 14 and 15 at 2 PM. Tickets are $10, bring a canned good for local food pantry, receive $1 off your ticket at the door. Girl Scout Troops receive $2 each ticket. Call Wendy at 545-1655 Tickets are available at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Springbrook Kids in Cohasset, or by phone at 544-0304.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN NORWELL TO HOLD TWO CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONCERTS THIS YEAR. Due to standing room only crowds in recent years, the United Church of Christ, Norwell is offering an additional performance of its annual Christmas Celebration Concert. The two performances will be held Dec. 8 at 3 and 7 PM, 460 Main Street. The concerts will feature UCC's four resident choirs: the Celestial Ringers, a 40-member Sanctuary Choir, Youth and Cherub Choirs, and instrumentalists. The Christmas Celebration concerts are free and open to the public; an optional free-will offering will be taken to defray concert expenses. During the performance, guests will be able to order a CD of the concert, with delivery in time for Christmas gift giving. For more information about the concert or the music ministry program at UCC Norwell, call 781-659-2887.

MILLION DOLLAR HOMES OPEN FOR THOMAS CRANE LIBRARY'S 2002 HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR. The Thomas Crane Library is again offering its popular holiday house tour—this time showcasing one of Quincy's newest and most luxurious neighborhoods—Chapman's Reach at Marina Bay. Decorated by local designers and the Wollaston Garden Club, the five single-family, million-dollar-plus homes on the tour all have classic wood shingled or clapboard New England facades. Tickets for the December 8 house tour cost $20 in advance and $22 on the day of the event. All proceeds will be used to pay for special children's programs, concerts, and community lectures. Tickets went on sale Friday Nov. 1, at the Thomas Crane Library and all its branches. Tickets will also be available at Abigail's Crossing and Roseann's on Hancock Street, and Prime Travel and Village Photography on Victory Road in Marina Bay. The tour runs from 1-5pm. Refreshments, compliments of Renaissance Café and The Three Seasons Restaurant, will be served at the Marina Bay 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

Las Vegas Night for Charity - Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St., Abington, Nov. 8, from 7 to midnight.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is looking for creative people to decorate a holiday wreath, tabletop tree or gingerbread house for their third annual "A Natural Christmas" silent auction. We'll provide participants with an artificial wreath or tabletop tree to decorate, and include their names in all event publications. The Science Center will share its holiday spirit on Friday, Dec. 6, as the donated decorations are sold by silent auction at a festive holiday reception, open to the public, from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Dec. 7. Your participation in this event helps fund the Center's numerous educational programs. To register, call Joan Reid at 781-659-2559 by Nov. 8.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell presents "Nature: Up Close and Personal," selected images by photographer **Michael Moran of Rockland** on display Nov. 1-30, in their Vine Hall Gallery. His exhibit includes photos taken around the south shore, featuring close up views of botanicals and other images found in nature. Michael is a professional photographer whose work includes portraiture, weddings and other commercial work. He is a graduate of the Hallmark Institute of Photography, and lives in Rockland with his wife and 4 year old triplet sons. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located off Route 123, on Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information, or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of Neil Simon's **"Rumors."** Productions dates are Nov. 7, 8, 9. All shows are at 8 p.m. The play "Rumors" contains some strong adult language. Tickets $15, to reserve tickets call 781-356-5113 and leave message, someone will call back with your confirmation. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and commercial Streets in Braintree.

Scandinavian Bazaar sponsored by the Ladies Group, South Shore Viking Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Rt. 53 Braintree. Nov. 8, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information call 781-337-0736.

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The Bay Players presents "The Music Man" which will be presented in the new theatre at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Second Brook Rd., Kingston. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on Nov. 8, 9, 15, and 16, and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 17. Tickets in advance $14, or $16 at the door. There is a $2 discount for students and seniors. Tickets are available at Westwinds Bookstore in Duxbury or can be reserved by calling 800-290-6825. For more information visit www.bayplayers.org

"Back From Broadway" takes the stage at the Stuart Street Playhouse from Nov.1 to Dec. 15. Enjoy some of Broadway's greatest music from shows like "Carousel," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "My Fair Lady." Tickets on sale through telecharge at 800-447-7400, 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.telecharge.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St,. Boston, 02116 For more information on Back From Broadway, visit www.backfrombroadway.com

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be Claudia Russell, along with Charlie Cover and Joanne Doherty. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. Handicap accessible. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/ssfolk.shtml

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Young Neal & The Vipers**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Nov. 8, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

U. S. Coast Guard Auxilliary Flotilla 12-3 monthly meeting will be held Friday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 pm at Pt. Allerton Station in Hull. The newly elected officers for U. S. Coast Guard Auxilliary, Flotilla 12-3, Mr. Peter Gomez was elected Flotilla Commander for fiscal year 2003 and Mr. Norby Comeau was elected Vice Flotilla Commander for fiscal year 2003. Congratulations to both of them and best wishes in their new assignments.

Thurs. 7

New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party hosted by Bob "Satch" Romano will be held at Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Braintree. Every Thursday, Nov. 7, 14, 21, no show Nov. 28, Thanksgiving. All shows start at 9 p.m. No cover, handicap accessible. For more information call 781-356-4311.

Old Town Trolley's Chocolate Tour - A fully-narrated three-hour journey of fun facts and decadent desserts departs from the Trolley Stop store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets at noon every Saturday and Sunday from November through March, 2003. First stop, Top of the Hub, enjoy a chocolate surprise; second stop Omni Parker House Hotel with a unique presentation of Boston Creme Pie. The grand finale of the tour is provided by Le Meridien's exceptional chocolate bar buffet, showcasing more than 25 enticing all-you-can-eat delicacies. $50 per person. Advance reservations required by calling 617-269-3626

Fri. 8

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The Grove Manor Estates presents Nutrition Over The Holiday Keeping A Healthy Balance" on Nov. 8, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Paula Kennedy, RD, LDN. Grove Manor Estates is located at 160 Grove St, Braintree.

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Yoichi Udagawa will present the first concert of its 49th season on Nov. 8, at 8 p.m. in the performing arts center of the North Quincy High School. The program will feature clarinetist Mark Margolies, who will play Julian Wachner's "Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra." Tickets available at the door, $15 for adults, $10 seniors/students. North Quincy hospital is located at the corner of Hancock and East Squantum streets. Free parking. Handicapped accessible. For further information call 781-961-3790.

"Caught on Canvas" a show of recent oil paintings by **Susan Lynch Raffa** will be on view at the **James Library and Center for the Arts**, Norwell Center, from Nov. 8 to Dec. 4. An opening reception for the public will be held on Nov. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m., Thursday, 2 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to

Sat. 9

Massachusetts Audubon Society at South Shore Sanctuaries in Marshfield Walk-for-Wildlife. Nov. 9, The fundraising walk that starts at the North River Sanctuary and proceeds south along the Town-owned bridle path to the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary. For more information call 781-837-9400.

Fall Craft Fair at Grove Manor Estates, 160 Grove St, Braintree, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Evergreen Room at the Glen. Refreshments will be served.

Bethany Church Fair and Craft Show will be held on Nov. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bethany Congregational Church, Spear and Coddington St., Quincy Center. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 617-479-7300.

Down East Dancers Country Western Dance Nov. 9, The monthly Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton on Nov. 9. Beginner dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Paul DeMaria. Snacks, cash bar, raf-

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fles, western attire prize. Smoke free, $5. For more info. 508-995-9496 or 781-925-9066.

The Braintree Art Association Fall Art Sale. Original paintings, at affordable prices, by Braintree Art Association members will take place on Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Call 781-335-4675 for information.

Artica Gallery presents: "Colors in the Seasons" featuring south Shore Watercolor artist Carol Carney. The exhibit will run from Nov. 9, through Dec. 31, opening reception with the Carney Nov. 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot St., Duxbury. For Information call 781-934-0640.

The South Shore Art Center will hold a **Holiday Marketplace and Open House** on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The marketplace will feature a select number of craft artisans selling jewelry, glass ornaments, clothing, soaps, holiday soft sculpture, and doll clothing. The activities at the Art Center will be held in conjunction with the Annual Small Works Exhibition, showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists. All of the work is small in size and priced under $500. Everyone is invited to visit the Center on Saturday, Nov. 9, join in the creative community quilt project and enjoy the holiday marketplace. For more information call 781-383-ARTS.

The Silver Ribbon - American Crafts and Art Gallery, Pembroke Crossing, Route 53, Pembroke, will have its 15th annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Refreshments and a gift certificate drawing will be available. Join in the holiday celebration and browse through the unique selection of American Crafts. An exhibit "Artful Jewelry Designs" will also open Nov. 9. This is a collection of jewelry designers new to the gallery. The exhibit is free and handicap accessible.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Barrence Whitfield's Groove Juice Symphony.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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New England International Auto Show, Bayside Expo Center, 75 Mt. Vernon St., through Sunday, Nov. 10, Tickets $9 Adults $5 Children 6 to 12 years old (Children under 6 admitted free) Box office closes one hour prior to show closing, daily. Discounts coupons are available at new car dealers and www.thebostonchannel.com and participating Papa Gino's. For show information, call 1-800-258-8912.

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Gala celebration of its 87th season and return to its home in the newly renovated Memorial Hall, Plymouth, Saturday, Nov. 9. Ticket holders have option of attending pre-concert dinner in the Blue Room. Formal attire is encouraged for the evening. Opening night program titled "Freedom and Destiny." The orchestra will be accompanied by a slide show based on Norman Rockwell's "The Four Freedoms."

Reunions

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 25th Reunion, Saturday July 26, 2003 at the Bridgeway Inn, Marshfield For more information, contact: Joann Evans; joelephant@hotmail.com Kim Horton; seaforthkim@yahoo.com Nancy Levanchy; levanchy@aol.com

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 25th Reunion at the Clarion Hotel at Nantasket Beach on Nov. 9, Many missing classmates are trying to be located. Call 781-826-4668.

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com <mailto:indelicato@attbi.com>.

THE NORWOOD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 will be holding its 35th reunion on Nov. 9, at the Four Points Sheraton, Route 1, Norwood. Many mising classmates are tying to be located. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call Frank Surette at 1-800-590-8651, Judi Hershman at 508-543-9005 or Sheryl Victorson at 781-828-5006.

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The South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the paintings of Quincy artist Isabel Shamitz through the end of December. The South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Admission to the Staircase Gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

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Sun. 10

The South Shore Chapter for the Massachusetts Citizens for Life presents **Dr. Mildred Jefferson**, a pioneer in the national pro-life movement, will speak at the Hingham Public Library on Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. Her topic will be "What is the pro-life movement, and what doe it have to do with me?" The South Shore Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month at St. Paul's Parish House, Fearing Rd, Hingham. The next meeting will be Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 781-925-5323.

Science Center join Forces with Wildlands Trust to offer nature walks. In collaboration with Wildlands Trust, a non-profit land conservation organization, naturalists from the South Shore Natural Science Center will lead several walks this fall on a number of their properties stretching from Pembroke to Bourne. The properties include Willow Brook Farm Preserve in Pembroke, a former working dairy farm, the Captain David Cushman, Jr. Preserve in Duxbury nestled along the banks of the tidal Bluefish River, Halfway Pond Preserves in Plymouth, Old Field Pond Preserve, the last working farm on the upper Cape and Striar Conservancy in Halifax. All walks are open to the public, free of charge. On Nov. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m., the walk will be at the Stair Conservancy in Halifax. For more information, or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

The Holiday Greater Boston Antique and Collectible Toy Show will be held on Nov. 10, at the Dedham Holiday Inn from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is $4.50 in the morning and $3.50 after noon. For more information, call 508-379-9733.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **N.E. Blues Society Benefit**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. 11

Mothers & More : South Shore Chapter If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Rte 228, Hingham. This month's topics of discussion will be:

Nov. 11 - Floral Night – Make your own boxwood tree. Please call Sue Chaisson at (781) 545-1043 for additional information.

Boston Duck Tours - Celebrate Veterans Day by letting Boston Duck Tours take you on the **"Ride of your Life" for free** during the week of Nov. 11 through 15. If you served in the armed forces at some point in your life, or are currently with the police or fire department, Boston Duck Tours would like to show you their appreciation by taking you on a Boston Duck Tour. These World War II vehicles are heroes as well. They served our country during World War II by carrying troops and supplies over land and water. For more information, call 617-723-DUCK or visit www.bostonducktours.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation presents **Kennedy Library Public Forums.** Nov. 11, Veterans Day. National Geographic Explorer's The Search for PT 109. An exclusive premiere screening of National Geographic Explorer's film, The Search for PT 109, will be shown at the JFK Library at 5:30 p.m. Following the screening, the Kennedy Library will host a panel discussion with Dr. Robert Ballard, expedition leader; Maxwell Kennedy, expedition crew member; and Richard Keresey, captain of PT 105. Boyd Matson, host of National Geographic Explorer, will moderate the discussion. All forums are free and open to the public. Reservations are required. Reservations guarantee a seat in the building but not the main hall. Doors to the main hall open one hour before the program begins. Call 617-929-4571 for reservations. Speakers' schedules may change, call 617-929-1247 to confirm all forums before coming to the library. For more information visit www.jfk-

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For Your Health

DEPRESSION AND BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE (previously known as DMDA) from 7 to 9 p.m. in Conference Room #3, second floor of the Westwood Lodge, Hospital, 45 Clapboardtree Street, Westwood. Free and open to the public. For those diagnosed with depression or bipolar illness and their family and friends. For more information, call the hospital 781-762-7764 Ext. 412.

JORDAN HOSPTIAL is offering free prostate cancer-screening services for men who are 50 years of age or older, or African-American and those with a family history of prostate cancer who are over age 40. The prostate screening includes a prostate specific antigen test and a digital rectal exam. Screenings are by appointment only. For information or an appointment, call JordanCall at 1-800-750-5343.

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MEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP AT JORDAN HOSPITAL offers free physicals, including cardiovascular disease and prostate cancer screenings and support groups to men who are 18 years of age or older, and are uninsured or underinsured. These free health screening services include a Prostate Specific Antigen Test and a Digital Rectal Exam for men over age 50, or for African-American men and those with a family history of prostate cancer who are over age 40.

Just for kids

MUSICAL STORYTIME resumes at the James Library and Center for the Arts Fall Storytime series for children ages 3 to 5 p.m. will continue monthly. Free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

THE KIDS TIME playgroup and after school program is currently enrolling for the school year. Activities include arts and crafts, developmental activities and outdoor play. KIDSTIME is a childcare program welcoming children approaching the age of 2 and older for scheduled playgroups at 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Extended hours are offered. The After School Program is offered for school age children and provides activities, game, homework help and more. Transportation is provided locally. KIDS TIME is a south shore program drawing from several towns including Norwell, Hanover, Marshfield, Scituate, Pembroke. Call 781-659-6863 for more information. KIDS TIME is located on Route 123 in Norwell, around the corner from Route 53 and Route 3.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON offers many activities and workshops such as PeeWee Singers, Krafty Kids, Friday Frolics, Science through the Seasons, Art with Todd, Pre-ballet with Miss Pam, Act It Out. Coming in November, Etiquette for Kids workshop. To register or for more information, call 508-230-3789.

WEYMOUTH CLUB OFFERS "AFTER THE BELL PROGRAM" FOR KIDS A new after school program for children ages 6 to 12 at the club's Jannel Drive facility in South Weymouth. The fun squad will be on hand from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, to lead kids in activities designed to motivate, challenge, and build confidence. Supervised, non-competitive sports and games are designed for participants to have fun and include basketball, volleyball, pin-pong, foosball, capture the flag, parachute, wiffleball, and kickball. Time and quiet space are also available for those who would prefer to study and do homework. For more information call 781-337-4600.

TUMBLE TYKES located in Merchants Row Mall, Hanover. The program is an educational gymnastics program for children ages 1 to 5 years including playgroups, parent-tot classes, instructional gymnastic classes and birthday parties. The facility has been designed with age appropriate equipment, a zip line, trampolines and a giant replica of a pirate ship filled with foam cubes, slides, tunnels, trapeze and a crows nest.

'AIRPLAY': The wonders of the wind and Jon Goldman's inflatable art blows into the Children's Museum in Boston. The exhibit is open through the end of the year and offers visitors the opportunity to experiment with air and wind, create whimsical pieces of art and play in an inflatable wonderland. Admission to the museum is: Children (2-15) and senior citizens, $6: other adults $7; Fridays from 5 - 9 p.m. all visitors are $1. For more information visit http://www.bostonkids.org.

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The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is looking for area garden clubs, garden centers, floral designers and other organizations or individuals to decorate a wreath or tabletop tree using a natural theme, or a gingerbread house for exhibit and sale to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center. All of the decorations will be sold by silent auction at a festive holiday reception, open to the public on Friday, Dec. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Vine Hall Gallery at the Science Center. Registration forms for the event are available by contacting Joan Reid at 781-659-2559. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located in Norwell on Jacobs Lane, one mile from exit 13 of the Route 3 interchange.

The Gallery Tea and Coffee Café, 685 N. Bedford St,. (Route 18) E. Bridgewater will feature **Monday Night Drumming Circle** All shows start at 8 p.m. Presented by New Song Folk Club Inc. For more information call 508-378-1584.

Tues. 12

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Rt. 139, in Marshfield. The guest speakers will be Barbara Grant and Kate Barker who will present a hands-on-workshop on beaded knitting. Learn how to create a stunning garment, bag, or jewelry. New members and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be Claudia Russell, along with Charlie Cover and Joanne Doherty. The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members and performers, $5 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. Handicap accessible. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.tiac.net/users/cseelig/folk/ssfolk.shtml

For more information, call Heidi at 781-740-4961.

The Nathan Gallery, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover, presents "The Second Show" until Nov. 12. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 781-826-6500.

LaLeche League Meeting: Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., 86 Brook St., Scituate. The discussion subject is "Network for Breastfeeding Support and Services." Pregnant and nursing mothers encouraged to attend and babies are always welcome. For information call 781-544-6226 or 781-544-930.

New Day Bereavement Support Group, 1295 Main St., Marshfield from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the rectory of Saint Christine's Church. For more information call 781-834-6003 ext. 21 or 781-834-6003 ext. 18.

Wed. 13

Norwell watercolorist, Ginny Wilson, is displaying a group of paintings, "Food is the Subject…" at the Boca Restaurant, 254 Church St., Pembroke, during November.

The Chiropractic and Wellness Center at Healthtrax Fitness and Wellness Center 20 East St,. Hanover, will sponsor a free community workshop on balancing hormones naturally on Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Call 781-829-6780 to register. Limited to the first 20 callers.

Granite Medical is offering a free seminar, "**Breast, Cervical, Prostate, Colon and Skin Cancer Screenings** - What you need to know" on Nov. 13, at6 p.m. at their offices in the Crown Colony Medical Center, 500 Congress St., Quincy. Marilyn Green, RNC, NP will discuss what tests are available, what is involved in each screening and who should get screened and when. You do not need to be a Granite Medical patient to attend. Register online at www.granitemedical.com or call 617-471-0033.

Day Trip to Newport Mansion - Join the Science Center on a trip to Mrs. Astor's Beechwood Mansion, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Astor's family members, friends and servants will entertain us as we tour the festively decorated mansion. Enjoy dancing and caroling in the ballroom, followed by a holiday lunch. Waltzing, merriment and holiday warmth await you at the Astors' - give yourself or someone you love a holiday treat, and take them on this trip. $60M/$65NM includes transportation, admission and lunch. You must register by Nov. 30. To register, call the center at 781-659-2559.

Thurs. 14

Congregation Beth Jacob, presents CBJ adult education programs offered in November. the first Kings founded Israelite Culture on Nov. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, corner of Court St., and Brewster sts (across from the court house). All are welcome to attend this lecture - no charge for CBJ members; $5 donation is requested for non-members. For more information call 508-747-3466.

The Weymouth Art Association artist of the month **John Marshall Dyke** will exhibit his paintings for the month of November at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Fri. 15

Miracle Worker on Stage at Notre Dame Academy The Theatre Arts Dept. of Notre Dame Academy will present William Gibson's play, "The Miracle Worker" at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 17, at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham. Tickets are $8 in advance, $10 at the door. Call Kathleen Walter, director of Theatre Arts, at 781-749-5930 ext. 269 for more information.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association's 32nd Annual Meeting will begin with a casual wine and cheese reception from 7 to 7:30 p.m., followed by as a business meeting to elect new directors, award presentations and our featured presentation. This year's speakers, Deborah Lenahan of the NSRWA and Herb Heidt of Mapworks Inc, will present the "The North River Mapping Project: A Bird's Eye View of our Watershed." The Cushing Center is located on Route 123 in Norwell Center. For more information visit our web site at www.nsrwa.com, or contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or nsrwa@nsrwa.org.

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host author/illustrator **Bernard Waber** presenting his latest book, "Courage" on Nov. 15, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Mr. Waber will give a short presentation and a book talk as well as sign his book. This is a free event and the public is welcome. Call 781-383-2665 to order your signed book if unable to attend.

The Milton Players in its 70th season presents **The Music Man** with performances at The Milton Women's Club, 90 Reedsdale Rd., Milton, on Nov. 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, and 24. Thursday and Friday evenings reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. Saturday and Sunday performances are general admission. For tickets ($12-$17) call 617-698-show. Visit www.milltonplayers.org for more information.

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Comedy Show on the Cape - Thursday Nov. 14, at 8:30 p.m. - Sandwich Tavern - #290 Route 130 Sandwich, (Take Exit 2 off of Rt. 6 Upper Cape), 508-888-2200. Call to reserve early. Admission $10. Website: http://www.Sandwichtavern.Com> Featuring: Paul Nardizzi - winner of the 2001 Boston Comedy Festival, author of two books, "602 Reasons to be Pissed Off" and "The Sarcastic Sports Trivia Book," winner of the Seattle Comedy Competition, many appearances on the "Conan O'Brien Show," A&E's "An Evening at The Improv." Be prepared to laugh till you cry! Also featuring P.J. Walsh, Annette Pollack and Chris Johnston.

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Ongoing

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Planetary weather turns bright and sunny. People will be talkative, upbeat and friendly. The green light is on for new starts of all kinds. However, know your limits and don't go overboard. Today's influences rate high for promoting your ideas or developing projects that need help and support from others. If you are working, it may be difficult to focus on projects that are tedious and detail-oriented. Give greater attention to accuracy.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Yesterday's planetary patterns continue today. Start new activities before 1:17 p.m. At this time the Sagittarius moon aligns with innovative Uranus. At 7:14 p.m. the moon opposes Saturn and becomes inactive. This may be a lull period, when energy is deflated. The moon enters Capricorn at 9:59 p.m., evoking a serious, methodical mood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda. This is a day to get things done. Zero in on business or career concerns, and make decisions or initiate action. A lunar alignment to Mercury makes this evening prime for working or studying. You can be most productive.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

At 3:22 a.m. the Capricorn moon becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. New starts are off limits. Instead, tackle projects that have been left hanging or that you have been promising to get to. Now is the time to follow through and get chores or old business out of the way. Alignments of the sun-Jupiter and Mars-Pluto generate enthusiasm and ambition.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

The moon enters freedom-loving Aquarius at 3:27 a.m., remaining there for the next 2 1/2 days. Take a vacation from routine and responsibilities. Go with your adventurous side. This is a day for new beginnings of all kinds; meeting people, undergoing new experiences, experimenting with new ideas. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Yesterday's planetary influences continue. The combination of an Aquarius moon and Mercury-Mars-Jupiter alignments set the stage for a fun day. Pursue favorite sports, hobbies; spend extra time with family, close friends. Kick back, relax and recharge your batteries. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:52 p.m. A full moon/lunar eclipse is building up and will culminate November 19.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

It is okay to launch important activities before 9:06 a.m., when the Aquarius moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. The moon enters Pisces at 12:42 p.m., bringing a change of pace. A lunar alignment to Venus this afternoon urges you to go with your creative side. Beautify your home or work space; make new purchases or remodel. Kick back, relax and unwind this evening.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

A Pisces moon continues to set a laidback pace. You can make gains developing projects that require your imagination and creativity. An alignment of the sun and Mercury promotes communications; write letters, send e-mails or faxes, make phone calls. On the other hand, there is one rough spot in effect between 7:25-10:25 p.m., when the moon interacts with Pluto. Take time out for yourself. Meditate for inner peace and vision.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

An easygoing Pisces moon remains in effect today. Art, music, photography, dance projects continue to get the green light. Follow your intuition; your instincts are on target. The moon aligns with Saturn at 8:38 p.m. and becomes inactive. Get extra rest tonight. Pay attention to your dreams.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

The next few days will be action-packed. A full moon is building up and will culminate next Tuesday, November 19. Take it slow and easy. Don't take risks or act on impulse. Today the moon enters fiery Aries at 12:38 a.m. An applying alignment of Mercury-Uranus places all important signings or decisions off limits. It may be difficult to focus on projects that require mental concentration and attention to detail. Instead, tackle jobs that need physical labor and exertion.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Star spangled summer reading

The summer reading program at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library was a resounding success! A total of 217 students participated in the statewide program, called, "A Star*Spangled Summer at Your Library." Students set a personal reading goal and kept a record of their reading in a log. Eighty-six students have received a T-shirt or a paperback book for achieving their goal.

The following students are commended for their summer reading efforts: Olivia Adkins, Jonah Adkins, Kristin Alexander, Cally Altholtz, Maddy Altholtz, Sophie Arnold, Francesca Astino, Daniel Barnes, Olivia Barnum, Ellie Baumgarten, Emily Baumgarten, Sophie Bertolami, Emily Bertovich, Madeline Blackburn, Olivia Blackburn, Alexa Bleicken, Chris Brash, Abbigail Grace Bray, Katie Brennan, Logan Breslow, Christopher Brierley, Stephanie Brierley, Matt Brooks, Henry Brown, Victoria Bryan, Ana Buckley, Maria Buckley, Liam Burke, Meghan Burke, Jenny Cahill, Melissa Campedelli, Sara Campedelli, Maria Campedelli, Julia Canney, Timmy Cavanaro, Christine Chase, Dana Childs, Hana Childs, Christopher Cohen, Leigh Collins, Paige Collins, Charlotte Marie Cooper, Jessicia Costello, Meaghan Costello, Kelsey Coughlin, Prescott Coughlin, Ben Curley, Jennie Curley.

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'Babes in Toyland' performed

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will host the Cohasset Dramatic Club on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Children's Room. It is a great opportunity to see and hear children from the area perform selections from their upcoming performance, "Babes in Toyland." This event is suitable for all ages and will last about one hour. At the conclusion of the performance, light refreshments will be served courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Counting Beans

Summer reading is over and the beans have been counted! During July and August, the children participating in the *Star*Spangled*Summer at Your Library kept count of the books they read by putting a red, white or blue lima bean in a jar in the Children's Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The total number of books read during the summer was 2,869. What an impressive feat! All the children contributing to the bean count should be very proud.

The winners of the Bean Estimation Contest were Ben Masotta with an estimation of 2,600; and Alex Way with an estimation of 2,553. Congratulations to both boys for putting their thinking skills to work.

HAPPENINGS

Holiday Ball

This is an off year for the Community Garden Club's very popular Holiday House Tour and the first year for their Holiday Ball. A limited number of tickets are now being offered for sale to the general public.

The Holly Ball will be at "Stoneleigh", 478 Jerusalem Road on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7-11 p.m.. Stoneleigh will be decorated for the holidays by garden club members. Included in the decorations will be many club-member designed holiday wreaths available for purchase by means of a silent auction.

Guests will enjoy a buffet supper served throughout the evening. They will be entertained by a five-piece band playing music suitable for dancing. Suggested dress is optional black tie.

The cost of admission is $75 per person. (Cash bar).

This is a fund-raising event to benefit club projects. The club maintains the gardens at three locations in Cohasset — the Lothrop House, the Lightkeeper's Residence, and Constitution Park. The club also supports local beautification projects, provides scholarships for three deserving Cohasset High seniors, and contributes to many environmental organizations.

For more information phone 781-383-9689. Make checks payable to the "Community Garden Club of Cohasset" and mail them to One Windy Hill Road, Cohasset

Bird walk

The Straits Pond Watershed Association will host a Bird Walk led by Sally Avery on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 8-10 a.m. at Atlantic Avenue, Hull (at the foot of Summit Avenue).

Community center fund-raisers noted

The South Shore Community Center is having a raffle for a weekend for two at the Jared Coffin House in Nantucket. Reservations can be made from Dec. 1 through March 31. The package includes two nights lodging, full breakfast each morning, lunch one afternoon and dinner one evening. The drawing will be Nov. 21, at 2:30 p.m. at the Jingle Bell Walk in the gymnasium. You need not be present to win. Donation one chance $25 or five chances $100. All proceeds benefit the South Shore Community Center.

The South Shore Community Center is going to have a Ski, Skate and Sports Equipment sale on Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon.

If you have any ski, skate or sports equipment that is cluttering up your garage or basement then why not put it to good use and for a good cause. Donate it to the South Shore Community Center. You can drop off equipment from Nov. 13 through 16, at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, Ma. 02025

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Jack DeLorenzo is ahead of the pack

Named state's top assistant principal

By Brian J. Scully
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There was a time when Cohasset Middle-High School Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo had second thoughts about being an educator.

He even tried 10 months in the private sector, working as a businessman.

But now, after 37 years in education — 17 in Cohasset — DeLorenzo's decision to return to working with kids has been validated.

On Oct. 28, DeLorenzo, 60, received notice that he had been picked by the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators' Association, Inc. as the top assistant principal statewide for 2002.

"I got out of education some 20 years ago and went to work for a friend of mine in business," said DeLorenzo, reminiscing about the decision while standing in the hallway of outside the CMHS library. "I lasted about 10 months and said, 'This wasn't for me.'"

What was for DeLorenzo was and is working with kids. By all accounts he is a nearly ubiquitous figure at school events. But then again, that is his favorite part of the job.

"The students here in Cohasset are great," said DeLorenzo. "I've always loved working with kids."

DeLorenzo began his career at Morris Knolls High School in New Jersey and was at Silver Lake Regional High

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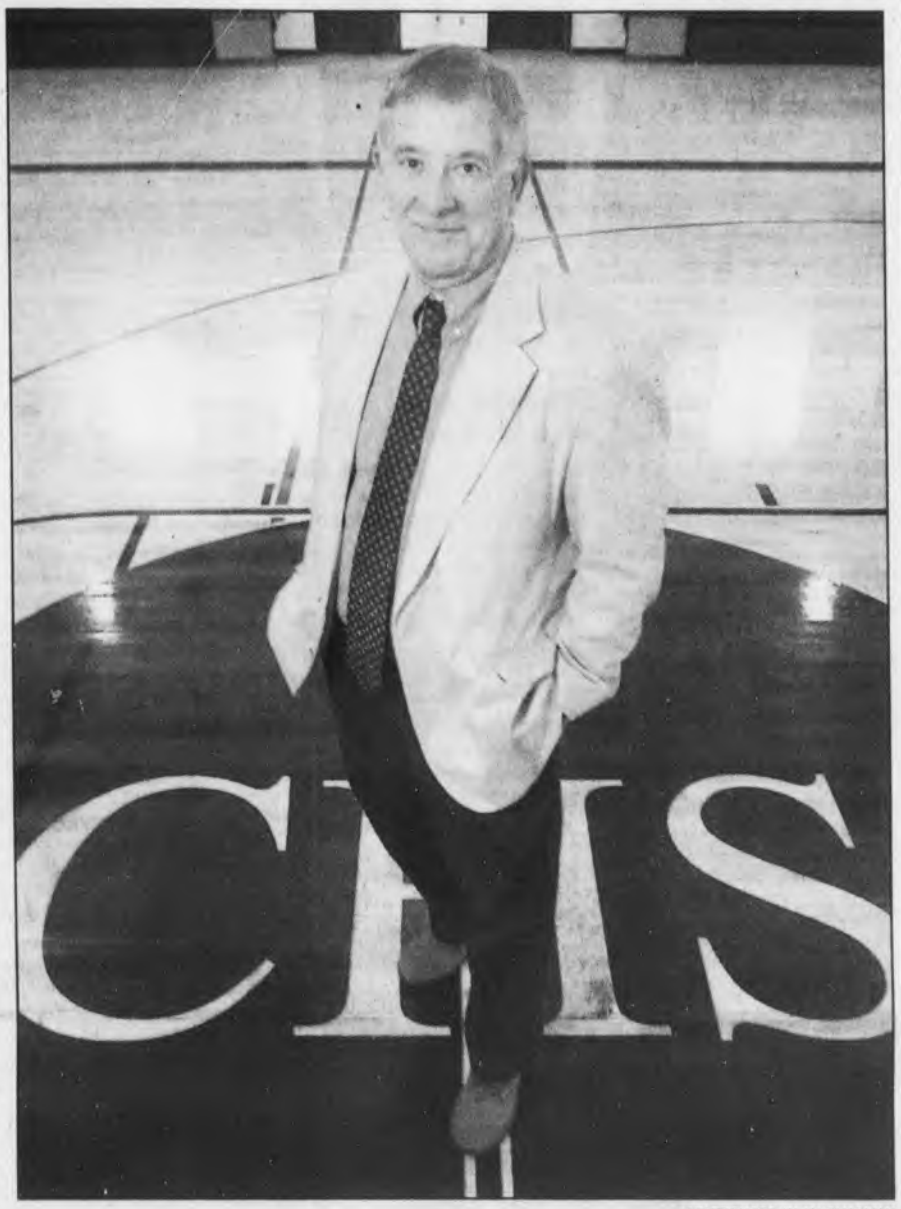

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Cohasset Middle-High School Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo, who is also the construction liaison at the high school, stands in the brand new gymnasium.

Town Meeting issue-packed

By Brian J. Scully
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Special Town Meeting is traditionally a time to vote on expenditures that arise during the year.

But this year in Cohasset, that characterization couldn't be more wrong.

A bevy of divergent, important issues are before the town at the meeting, which will take place in the new Cohasset High School gymnasium on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

"I expect quite a turnout because there are a lot of important issues that require the attention of the town's residents," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "We have the senior housing overlay district, the purchase of the Barnes property, which I can speak highly enough about, the downtown revitalization."

Leading the way, both figuratively and literally, are the two citizen petition articles aimed at curbing Chapter 40B.

They are listed as Articles 3 and 4 and are a direct response to the arrival of AvalonBay's 40B project in Cohasset. The issue has been quieter than others of late, but the debate on these articles will set the tone

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Barnes won't tax residents' wallets

By Brian J. Scully
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There were many obstacles in the way of the town's attempts to acquire the 32-acre parcel known as the Barnes property, but now there is only one.

The Community Preservation Committee, flexing its fledgling muscles, has managed to fund the $1 million price tag without asking for additional support from the town — or impressively — from its own coffers aside from $10,000 in earnest money to do appraisals for the project.

But before the wooded parcel that abuts Wheelwright Park can become town property, it needs to pass by a two-thirds vote at the Special Town Meeting on Nov. 18.

The town will be asked to borrow $1 million to pay for the project, which will then be paid back with the money that the CPC has gathered.

"The agreement with the Barnes is that we have to close by Dec. 31," said Stuart Ivimey, chairman of the CPC. "So this is our only town meeting between now and then. If the town for some reason declines to take this land, it will be sold to a developer."

The CPC generated the funding from myriad sources:

• $500,000 from the MBTA mitigation agreement that was set aside for the purchase of open space.

• $250,000 from the Executive

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School official faces attempted murder charge

By Brian J. Scully
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School Department Business Manager Ivan Klimko was arrested and charged with attempted murder and assault an battery on his wife on Nov. 4.

Hull police were notified that a woman was attempting to flag down cars on George Washington Blvd. at 10:18 p.m. on Nov. 3. The woman told police her husband had tried to "strangle her" and "pushed her head to the ground." Allegedly he also told her he was going to kill her during the attack.

"This is a total shock"
— Supt. Edward Malvey

According to arresting officer Robert C. Cassagrande's report, there were "fresh scratches and red marks on her throat."

After interviewing the woman, Klimko, 55, was arrested at his apartment at 155 George Washington Blvd. without incident.

"This is a total shock," said Supt. Edward Malvey, reached in his office on Tuesday.

Klimko has not reported to work since the incident.

"He is not working, and I don't know his whereabouts," said Malvey. "I am trying to locate him and once that happens, then I will discuss the situation with him before I take any action."

A dangerousness hearing was held on Nov. 4, and the prosecutor's request for pretrial detention was denied. Klimko was released on $1,000 bail with the condition that he surrender his passport, stay alcohol free, and stay away from the alleged victim.

Klimko, who makes $80,000 as the business manager for the schools, was granted indigent status but able to contribute $150 toward legal services.

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The Scituate Republican Town Committee's fire truck and 60 ft. crane, adorned with signs and banners, provide the perfect backdrop for Neil Boudreau outside the polls in Scituate.

Signs of the times

Some campaigns littered roadsides

By Mary Ford
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Once upon a time in Hingham election signs actually turned voters off. Placards littering yards along Hingham's historic Main Street or other roadways in town were a blight on the landscape. So smart candidates just didn't do that for fear of committing political suicide.

"We ought to have some policy."
— Selectman Merle Brown

But even staid Hingham and its tony neighbor, Cohasset, had a proliferation of campaign signs this election season that started well before the Sept. 17 state primary. In fact, communities from Weymouth to Duxbury, were riddled with signs, with what seemed, at times total disregard for the different towns' sign bylaws. Signs of various sizes and shapes appeared on front lawns, side lawns, in the town-owned right-of-ways, on vacant land and along state highways, in short — they were everywhere.

"I've never seen it as bad as it was this year," says Hingham's Building Commissioner Dick Morgan. "Every town got inundated with signs."

Election Day in Scituate became a free-for-all outside the high school. A sea of free-standing O'Brien-Gabrieli signs along the driveway to the high school led to a Scituate Republican Town Committee fire truck plastered with dozens of campaign signs that was stationed next to a 60-foot crane from which hung several 8 ft. x 12 ft. banners touting Republican candidates.

Morgan explained in the past, he'd collect the signs that were in violation along the roads in Hingham and would have the candidates come pick them up. But this time, the number was overwhelming and there wasn't enough time to tackle the problem with all the other duties of the building

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Harbor committee recommendations

The Cohasset Harbor Committee held its reorganizational meeting Tuesday evening. John Bertolami was elected chairman. Scott Herzog and Lorren Gibbons were selected as vice chairman and secretary, respectively.

The committee vote to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the white fence at the harbor remain as it is. The committee also voted to recommend to the board that a third bench be added at Lawrence Wharf. It would be placed next to the bench adjacent to the fisherman's dock.

Anti-runway meeting

South Shore Jet Pollution Council will hold a quarterly general meeting from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Hingham Library in the Trustees Room. Volunteers are needed to join various committees to help us protect the quality of life on the South Shore. Please attend to learn more about current efforts or if you wish to help. Contact Marita King Hunter at 781-925-9010 for details, or visit www.southshorejetpollution.org.

The Hingham Library is located off Route 228 at 66 Leavitt St.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall:

Town Meeting Monday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Cohasset High School gym.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Nov. 14 (Avalon - Drainage and Septic), Dec. 2 (Avalon-Health and Environment), Dec. 16 (Avalon - Public Safety), Jan. 6 (Avalon - Infrastructure), and Jan. 27 (Avalon - Local Preference and Affordable Housing needs), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Conservation Commission, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Advisory Committee, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. (at Special Town Meeting, Nov. 18 6:30 p.m.).

Library Trustees, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Telephone pole a go for Elm St.

The Board of Selectmen approved the installation of a new telephone pole on the street between 42 and 44 Elm Court.

The pole will provide service to a residential home being built that fronts to Atlantic Avenue, but Massachusetts Electric Company does not have the easements to install it there, because that road is a private way.

"All of the abutters were notified," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "One of the abutters did arrive late, but the board talked to her after the meeting."

Rails trails to become reality?

The Board of Selectmen voted to join Scituate Selectmen in petitioning Secretary of Transportation James Scanlon to investigate a possible Rails with Trails program.

There is grant money available to fund a bike path, that would run along the MBTA right-of-way. The bike path would be separated from the tracks by fencing.

"I knew that they were in support of this because we had talked about it before," said Town Manager Mark Haddad about the selectmen's vote. "But it is always nice to reaffirm that support."

Free legal clinic

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? The Bar Association of Norfolk County is sponsoring free legal clinics as a public service to the community. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions.

All consultations are strictly confidential. The evening legal clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Quincy District Court on the following dates: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, June 3, July 1.

For further information, contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

Foreign objects clogging pumps

There are still many cases of foreign objects clogging sewer pumps, and this is to remind customers that only normal toilet and garbage disposer waste should be discharged. As the sewer department previously advised its users, it is necessary to charge for the Town's $85 ($100 on weekends) cost for service calls to remove foreign objects.

The following objects have caused repeated service calls: tampons, dental floss, baby wipes, Q-Tips. In addition, the following objects will also clog the pumps: bones, diapers, cloth, glass, metal, nuts, plastic, rags, rope, rubber, sand, sanitary, napkins, shells, towels.

Winter guidelines

The public works department has issued the following winter guidelines for residents:

- Do not rake leaves or other debris into roads.
- Uncover storm drains blocked with leaves, snow or other debris.
- Do not plow or throw snow from private property onto the street or sidewalk.
- Do not block sidewalks with plowed snow or motor vehicles.
- Overnight parking is prohibited from Nov. 15 through April 15. It interferes with snow removal and is prohibited by town bylaws.
- The town is not responsible for damaged lawns, fences, steps, shrubs, trees or mailboxes within the town layout.
- Sand for resident use only will be available behind the downtown parking lot.

Grant pays for expert on 40B

The Massachusetts Housing Partnership Fund has granted the Town of Cohasset up to $10,000 to pay for 40B expert Mike Jacobs.

Jacobs will work in conjunction with lawyer Mark Bobrowski to advise the town throughout the AvalonBay process.

"We are very excited," said Haddad. "The Massachusetts Housing Partnership Fund has given us $10,000, which will enable us to hire a guy like Mike Jacobs, who has a wealth of experience in these matters."

T-Day breakfast at Legion Hall

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at the Legion Hall on Summer Street. The cost is $5 and the event is open to everyone.

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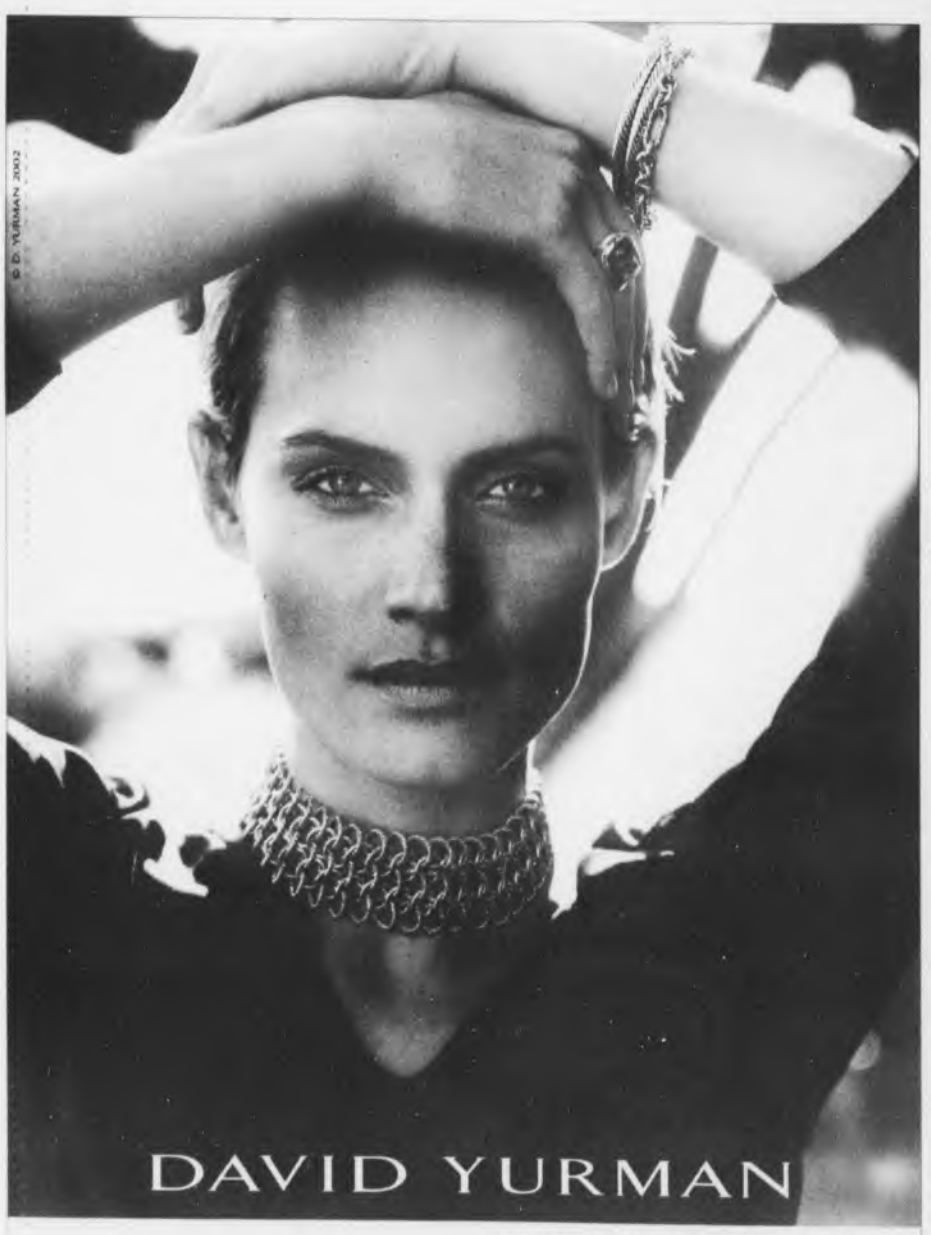

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Some behaviors put Cohasset students at risk

Nov. 20 CMHS forum planned

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset teenagers aren't very different from their counterparts across the state and nation in that some of them drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes and experiment with drugs.

The good news is alcohol, cigarette and "violence" behavior are actually down from two years ago at the middle school, according to Michael Gill, health education coordinator for Cohasset schools.

In the high school, alcohol use remains above the state average, he says, while marijuana use is about equal to and cigarette use is slightly below the state average.

Statistics on these and other "youth at-risk behaviors" are the results of a survey conducted last spring in grades 7-12. The key findings have been compiled in a newsletter that is being mailed to parents this week, and a forum addressing these issues will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the high school cafeteria.

"They're great kids who do a lot of wonderful things for the community. But some are engaging in activities that concern us."
— Mike Gill, school health coordinator

Gill gets a picture of what behaviors local teens are engaging in by conducting a "Youth Risk Behavior Survey" every two years that puts Cohasset in context with the state and nation. The survey is paid for through a state grant from the Massachusetts Tobacco Tax.

The results are aimed at helping design a curriculum to keep the students stay safe and healthy, Gill explains.

Teen drinking is nothing new in Cohasset, however, this fall the problem seems to have reached the breaking point. Some teens arrived under the influence at the Homecoming Dance where an altercation with administrators subsequently occurred, and in an unrelated incident, three students were injured in a car crash where alcohol was involved

"At the high school level we have an issue with our students with alcohol and marijuana that is consistent with other communities similar to ours," Gill explains.

According to the results, 62.3 percent of Cohasset High School students reported having an alcoholic drink in the month prior to the survey, as compared with 53 percent in the state and 47 percent in the country.

Although he concedes a few students may lie on the survey, the overall results reflect accurate trends, which are consistent when compared with other school districts and prior years.

Gill said the schools have an obligation to share the survey results with parents.

Smoked at least one cigarette in last 30 days		Rode with a drinking driver in past 30 days	
Cohasset High	26 percent (75 students)	Cohasset High	36.4 percent (104 students)
Mass.	26 percent	Mass.	31 percent
U.S.	34 percent	U.S.	30.7 percent
Had an alcoholic drink in last 30 days		Had driven a car while they had been drinking alcohol in the past 30 days	
Cohasset High	62.3 percent (178 students)	Cohasset High	18.5 percent (53 students)
Mass.	53 percent	Mass.	12 percent
U.S.	47.1 percent	U.S.	13.3 percent
Binge drinking (5 or more alcoholic drinks in a row in the past 30 days)		Used marijuana in the last 30 days	
Cohasset High	43.7 percent (125 students)	Cohasset High	30.8 percent (88 students)
Mass.	33 percent	Mass.	30 percent
U.S.	29.9 percent	U.S.	23 percent

"Why deprive parents of those results when they can have the greatest impact of affecting behavior in a certain way?" Gill asks.

In addition to alcohol, drugs and tobacco, the survey also addresses violence-related behaviors, such as carrying a weapon; suicide; sexual behaviors and dietary behaviors.

Gill says while the results may sound negative, there are a lot of reasons to remain positive about today's teens.

He said Cohasset teens volunteer hundreds of hours for everything from working at the teen center to food shopping for the elderly to building homes for the poor in Appalachia.

"They're great kids who do a lot of wonderful things for the community," he says. "But some are engaging in activities that concern us."

In the newsletter being sent to parents, Gill talks about the feelings teens have about invincibility and the danger of alcohol poisoning, among other issues.

Although he realizes some teens will continue risky behaviors no matter what, Gill says the effort must be made to help teens make good choices.

"We have to continue the good fight," he says. "We have to continue to educate kids although that doesn't always translate into good decision making."

Gill said parents should be vigilant and talk to each other about what their children are doing.

Sports meeting to spell out alcohol penalties

By Brian J. Scully
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In response to the rash of alcohol related incidents involving students from Cohasset High School, Athletic Director Ron Ford will hold a pre-winter sports sign-up meeting regarding the issue.

Many parents and the students, who have been involved, were unaware of the stiff penalties that resulted from being caught with, or being under the influence of, alcohol, particularly on school grounds, school officials say.

"In a hope to make both the student-athletes and the parents more aware of the consequences of actions such as drinking on school property and so forth, Ron is going to require all athletes participating in winter sports attend a meeting with at least one of their parents," said School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo. "He will run the meeting and will basically go over, very carefully, what the consequences are, what the MIAA rules are and so forth."

A secondary, and perhaps more important motive, is to open a dialogue between students, their parents and the administration.

"I hope that it will prevent some of these incidents."
— Mark DeGiacomo, School Committee

"Not only will everybody know (about the regulations), but hopefully that will also lead to some discussions between the athletes and their parents," said DeGiacomo. "They hope to bring in a speaker who will talk about these subjects."

Ford says that the meeting will serve as a good launching point for the season.

"We want to go over everything with the parents and the kids," said Ford. "It's a good way to get all of the information out about the upcoming season."

The meeting will deal with rules, but will also provide the opportunity for parents – particularly those of the large freshman class – to meet the coaches.

"We'll start with the overall athletic department rules, and then go to the MIAA rules," said Ford. "Then we will break it down into other individual sports. Parents will have the opportunity to meet coaches and put a face with a name."

Ford emphasized that the meeting is for the parents and student athletes in Grades 9-12, not middle school students, who have a different program that will run in December.

DeGiacomo hopes the event will make a difference.

"I think it is a good idea," said DeGiacomo. "I hope that it will prevent some of these incidents."

Supt. Edward Malvey was also in favor of the meeting, noting that an additional school-wide forum has also been scheduled.

"I talked to Dr. Jones and to Mr. DeLorenzo and as a follow up to these incidents, they are planning a health forum to be held on Nov. 20," said Malvey. "And that issue will be dealt with as well."

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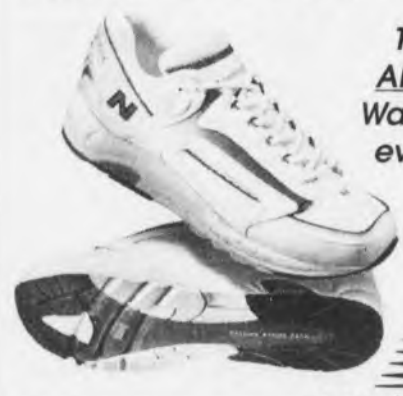

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Town Meeting issue-packed

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for the evening, or evenings. Article 3 intends to direct town boards to come up with a plan of action to deal with the affordable housing shortage, while Article 4 seeks to declare a moratorium on any new 40B projects.

The next major issue faced will the purchase of the Barnes property (see related story). The Community Preservation Committee has tracked down $1 million in funds to cover the purchase of the property, but Town Meeting must approve the measure by a two-thirds vote. If it doesn't, the town's agreement with the Barnes family will expire on Dec. 31 and it would open the area up to development.

Article 8 will also be a hotly contested item, as many of the town's boards are split over the proposed creation of a senior-housing overlay district. The selectmen voted at Tuesday night's meeting to approve the measure 4-1, but there are many who are concerned that it would open the door to unwanted development.

"I expect quite a turnout because there are a lot of important issues that require the attention of the town's residents."

— Town Manager Mark Haddad

The proposed sidewalks on Forest Avenue are again on the warrant, as Article 11, this time in search of an additional $250,000 to fully fund the project. Last year's town meeting appropriated $100,000 towards the project.

The Village Revitalization Project is also before the town (Article 13), in effort to establish whether to bury the electrical wires as part of the project. The sentiment of the selectmen appeared to be against the issue, but given the scope of the project, it was sent forward to the voters to decide. An approval of this measure would necessitate a special election to override Proposition 2-1/2.

The final major issue of the evening is the second-to-last article, Article 17. It asks residents if they are in support of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation's plans for improvements to the Harbor. The vote only expresses support of the concept of the article, allowing the CRC to move forward with engineering and feasibility studies. If the article passes, Article 18 would be withdrawn, because the CRC would conduct the seawall study in the Harbor area.

Haddad asked for the public's patience in the early going, as this will be the first time that Town Meeting will be held in the new gymnasium.

Some Town Meeting Notes:

A quorum of 100 is needed for the transaction of business. A quorum is assumed once it is established, unless a point of no quorum is raised and a count proves that there is not 100 people. In this case, the meeting will be continued at a later date.

Moderator George L. Marlette is expecting to continue the meeting until at least 11 p.m. on Monday night. If there is not sufficient time to complete business, Marlette will continue the meeting to Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Barnes won't tax residents' wallets

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Office of Environmental Affairs "Self-Help Grant"

- $100,000 cash contribution from the Cohasset Conservation Trust
- $65,000 in private donations
- $65,000 in dollar-for-dollar match by CCT of private donations.
- $50,000 cash contribution from Water Department
- $1,000 in earnest money from the CPC
- For a grand total of $1,031,000.

"We have proven our theory that a major project can occur if the supporters of the project generate a creative funding plan," said Ivimey. "Proponents need to look at the CPC not as a bank, but as a funding partner that makes the project come together in its formative stages."

Ivimey then came up with an even simpler explanation for the process: "We are the grease that allows the machine to work."

The town adopted the Community Preservation Act at last year's annual Town Meeting. It derives it money from a 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate tax and some level of state match. Allocations are recommended by the committee and then voted on by Town Meeting. The committee's funds must be spent on three areas: open space, historical preservation, and affordable housing. The CPC can use a small percentage of their budget as earnest money for administrative tasks, such as appraisals.

Despite all the work, the CPC is still concerned that the measure will not receive support. The committee wants the public to know that the funding is all in place – and a representative from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs will be at the Town Meeting to vouch for the $250,000 state grant.

"I think there is a very real chance that this won't pass Town Meeting, because we need a two-thirds vote," said Rich Silvia. "The bottom line is that this purchase will not affect the tax rate at all. If the town doesn't scoop this land up, a developer quickly will."

The Barnes property is important because it is part of the same deep-forest habitat as the Wheelwright Park. Any changes to that land, especially development, would have drastic impact on the overall forest area.

Silvia will be at the Social Service League's Art Center at noon on Friday to speak about the property.

"I will be there to talk to people about the project," said Silvia. "I will be available to answer any questions or explain anything that anybody wants to know about the whole process."

Alzheimer's support group meets

Dr. Kenneth Kosik, professor of neurology and neuroscience at Harvard Medical School will be the featured speaker for Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the meeting of the Alzheimer's Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. Dr. Kosik's topic will be "From Current Research to Treatment."

Kosik received numerous awards for his research from the National Institutes of Health, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Metropolitan Life Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association. He has served on the Medical and Scientific Advisory Board of the Alzheimer's Association and National Institutes of Health. He has authored more than 150 research publications and co-authored, "When Someone You Love Has Alzheimer's: The Caregiver's Journey".

Respite care for the Alzheimer's patient is available at no cost during the meeting at Harbor House in Hingham so that the family may attend this lecture. To reserve respite care, call Gervaise Haley by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 781-749-4774, Ext. 843.

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Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to approve a concept for safety improvements to the sidewalk, railings and seawall along Cohasset Harbor as proposed by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, more or less as shown on plans on file in the office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto:

A **YES VOTE** will **SUPPORT** the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation's effort to help the community address public safety and access deficiencies in the Harbor Area as identified through public workshops, community surveys and independent analysis:

If **Article 17 Passes** the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation will commit to the following:

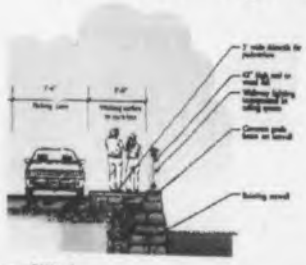
- ✓ **Provide fiscal and administrative assistance (approximately $50,000 – $70,000)** to complete the required seawall, railing, sidewalk, parking and lighting improvement design and engineering studies required to implement the safety, access, and aesthetic infrastructure improvements outlined in the CRC's Moderate Improvement Approach. The Moderate Approach received a 72% approval rating from residents that responded to a recent CRC survey.
- ✓ **Work jointly with the Town to:** select a consulting firm to complete the required design and engineering work; coordinate and facilitate public input to determine the improvement options and materials to be used; and formalize and implementation approach to undertake the improvements.
- ✓ **Provide grant writing assistance to help the Town apply for state and federal funding that is available to pay up to 90% - 100% of the estimated $1.2 million construction costs** (the extent of work needed to repair existing seawalls will determine the final grant funding percentage).

A **NO VOTE** will **NOT SUPPORT** the Cohasset Revitalization project's recommended Moderate Improvement Approach to address Harbor Area public safety and access deficiencies.

If **Article 17 is Defeated** the Town accepts the following:

- ✓ If the Town wishes to undertake a lesser degree of safety, access and aesthetic improvements than those identified in the CRC's Moderate Improvement Approach (i.e. Keeping the existing railing system and installing a rollover curbing system) the project **will not qualify for state and federal funding assistance because basic safety standards will not be met.** Seawall repairs may still remain eligible for 50% grant funding.
- ✓ By undertaking a lesser degree of improvements the **Town will be foregoing the contribution of the CRC to undertake a *comprehensive* analysis** of the existing seawall ***and*** the public infrastructure above the seawall. As a result, the Town will reject the financial and administrative assistance offered by the CRC to complete the proposed comprehensive studies.
- ✓ Existing public safety and access deficiencies in the Harbor Area **will continue to be a liability for the Town** should an unfortunate accident occur.

Moderate Improvement Approach



Scope of Work

Moderate Improvements consist of the reconstruction and widening as necessary existing sidewalks to provide a 5' - 5'6" minimum walking area; application of a scored concrete or similar type sidewalk surface material; installation of vertical granite curbing to clearly separate sidewalks from parallel parking; new lighting as appropriate (removal of overhead utility lines is not currently part of this approach); tree planting; installation of new wood or steel railing system as required under Massachusetts design and safety standards to meet grant funding guidelines; and minor repairs of existing seawalls as needed.

Cost of Work

Estimated Project Costs	$ 1,129,275
Grant Funding Opportunities (May pay up to 90% of Project)	- 1,016,347
Private and Municipal Funding Required to Undertake Project	$ 112,928

Funding Note

Since this approach effectively addresses public safety and access deficiencies it will qualify for state and federal grant funding. However, there are no guarantees on the dollar amount and the time-frame in which the town could receive grant funding. If grant funding does not materialize as suggested, the Town will still have the option to adjust the project scope as deemed appropriate.

Level of Safety and Access Improvements

This approach provides the highest level of public safety and access improvements. Establishing curbs and sidewalks that control vehicle parking, installing a child-safe railing system, improving walkway lighting and enhancing the linkages among the public waterfront properties will provide long-term solutions to current infrastructure deficiencies.

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School health budget gets a reprieve, teachers saved

But next year still in limbo

By Brian J. Scully
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The elementary school health program has twice received a stay of execution.

First it looked like curtains for the program due to state funding cuts. But the School Committee stepped in saying the program could be shored up through the school budget until Special Town Meeting, where voters could decide whether to throw the switch.

Now the School Committee is committed to funding the program for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. With no wiggle room on the municipal side of the town's budget, the committee said it will find the $32,000 for the program within the school department budget — $25,000 of which will come from special education.

"I'm hoping that if we make the move here and something were to happen with special education, then by all means we would could legitimately come back at the Annual Town Meeting for an adjustment," said Supt. Edward Malvey.

"This is great news."
— Mike Gill, school health coordinator

The committee, though, made it a point to mention this is a one-year funding decision, and there are not guarantees the school budget can absorb the cost of the program next year.

"I think that people need to realize that the $32,000 and or the health grant aspect of the program could be rejected in the following year," said Malvey. "There is nothing coming from the state right now."

The news was a relief to Michael Gill, school health coordinator, who has tried to navigate a health program for the school year, not knowing if it would exist at the end of November.

"This is great news," said Gill. "It gives us some time and it also gives us the opportunity to implement new programs like the LifeSkills Drug Prevention program, which is the number one, research-based drug prevention program for elementary and middle school students."

Since 1993, the program was funded by the state tobacco tax in the form of Health protection grants. Last year, the funding was $28,000. The money was the direct funding source for two part-time health educators, Judy Wilson (Joseph Osgood School), who has taught health in Cohasset for the last eight years, and Jane Gregory, who just completed her first year as the health educator at the Deer Hill School.. Both were expected to lose their jobs because of the new state budget cuts.

Gill says he sees the value of the health program in the actions of the students.

"The thing that we have found is that for our elementary and middle school students, risk behaviors, meaning drinking, drugs and violence, have dropped," said Gill. "You can't attribute all of that to this program, but I think that it has had a positive impact on the students."

School Committee Vice-Chairman Chartis Tebbetts agreed wholeheartedly.

"I remain convinced that these two teachers are extremely important," said Tebbetts. "Having them at least finish out this academic year with the hope of finding some way to fund the program next year. Elementary school health education is as important an item in our budget as any other."

The decision not to seek the $32,000 from the Special Town Meeting is the latest in a series of budgetary decisions by the School Committee.

The committee initially sought $99,000 on top of the $100,000 that town meeting "under-funded" the school budget last spring. But plans to buy a bus for $60,000 were postponed with the understanding that if a busing problem arose, the school department would be seeking immediate help from the town. If not, the bus will be purchased at the Annual Town Meeting.

The committee was also asking for $7,000 to cover the cost of the early retirement of janitor Kevin Soule, which it will now cull out of the current school department operating budget.

Association sends mixed message about MCAS

By Brian J. Scully
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It was supposed to be a grand, decisive statement against the use of the MCAS as a graduation requirement, but considerable debate watered down the Massachusetts Association of School Council's resolution on the high-stakes test during its meeting at the Worcester Centrum from Nov. 30-Oct. 1.

In the end, the resolution passed this year merely reaffirmed the resolutions of 2000 and 2001, calling for a moratorium on using the test as a graduation requirement, asserting that schools should have the right to award diplomas. This is the first year that public school students will be required to pass the MCAS in order to graduate.

The resolution that was initially presented to the association stated that local school departments inherently hold the right to award diplomas.

"The second resolution on the MCAS was amended in several places so that the final result was presented in a somewhat less confrontational manner, somewhat similar to what was done in the past," said Tebbetts. "I put us on the record as 'very concerned' with the test as a single graduation requirement."

Still, Supt. Edward Malvey feels that the meeting provided a sounding board for issues surrounding the test.

"The concern really has been raised over the MCAS test and the one test for all concept," said Supt. Edward Malvey. "One of the speakers really hit home about how high-stakes testing has really had an impact on student achievement. If a test is going to be used with punitive results, the performance of students has increasingly decreased in other parts of the country."

Malvey hopes that that concern leads to action.

"Hopefully (this resolution) will gather some momentum," said Malvey. 'I think that there is a very strong opinion throughout the Commonwealth relative to (the test's use a graduation requirement."

"It keeps the students trying hard and the state supplying money, so there have been some very positive impacts on the schools and some students are doing better."
— Chartis Tebbetts, School Committee

Tebbetts said that the original resolution generated negative feedback from school districts who have used MCAS as a way of raising performance.

"High-stakes testing gets people to sit up and take notice," said Tebbetts. "It keeps the students trying hard and the state supplying money, so there have been some very positive impacts on the schools and some students are doing better."

But Tebbetts worries that the funding that has provided much of the improvement will be cut by the state, given the current fiscal climate in Massachusetts.

"They are doing better because there are resources being brought to bear that are helping them with their difficulties," said Tebbetts. "I was thinking all the time, though, that these are exactly the things that are going to be cut back.

The association also approved measures supporting the right to equal education aid from the state and another in favor of bilingual education (which was later voted down by a large margin in the state election on Nov. 5).

"Our committee voted to support each one of them," said Tebbetts. "And the association also voted to endorse all three of these resolutions, but it was far from unanimous."

The Association is made up of school committees throughout the Commonwealth and meets annually to discuss relevant issues in education.

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Signs of the times

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department.

"We're relying on the professionalism of the people working for the candidates," Morgan said.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who easily won reelection last week, said the number of candidates had a lot to do with the quantity of signs.

But he discovered while campaigning door-to-door in the Third Plymouth District that a lot of citizens don't like the lawn signs. That prompted him to write to his opponent Nathaniel Palmer of Cohasset, to see if he'd be interested in agreeing to pull out of the lawn-sign mix.

Palmer was quick to point out Bradley had name recognition and he did not.

"Of course I did not agree to such a transparent attempt to handicap my campaign," he said, adding while not everyone wants to have signs on their lawns, his supporters would have been disappointed not to have had the chance.

"I have a very passionate group of supporters who were proud to do this," Palmer said, admitting that at the 11th hour his campaign went "a little crazy."

"But my signs were never placed in locations where there was no permission," he said.

Bradley also said his campaign was very conscious of putting his signs only on lawns or businesses where they got the OK. He agreed this year some of the candidates got carried away.

"I saw a lot of signs on tracts of land with no homes on it," he says.

While some towns have bylaws that try to restrict the size and placement of political signs, limiting the size of hand-held signs would raise First Amendment questions, according to Sarah Wunsch, staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts.

State law does not permit signs, posters, circulars or other material that might influence voters within 150 feet of the door to the polls. There are no rules about the size or quantity of signs outside the 150 feet as long as they don't obstruct voter access.

Fearing uncontrolled signage would hinder voters ability to get to the polls, Hingham Town Clerk Eileen McCracken sent a letter to all candidates asking them not to have banners or freestanding signs outside that town's two polling locations on Nov. 5.

"Movement in and out of the schools will be difficult at times," she wrote. "Therefore please limit the signs and the people holding them."

So at one point on Election Day, McCracken asked Tom LeClair to put down the 6 ft.-by-3-ft. sign he was holding for his twin brother and state senate candidate Ted LeClair outside Hingham High School because of its size. However, LeClair pointed out — with the exception of the Dan Grabauskas signs that were smaller — nearly all the political signs that day were illegal in Hingham, whose sign bylaw limits signs to two square feet without a building permit. Most political signs are about four square feet.

Wunsch of the ACLU says a town's sign ordinance would not apply to hand-held signs anyway.

"People have the right to get attention with their sign," she said. "Is there a parade in town with no banners? What's the difference?"

Cohasset's Building Inspector Bob Egan said he can't take signs off private property, but has removed them from traffic islands.

He said a few years ago, the town had a policy that candidates pay $10 to apply for a building permit and provide a list of where the signs were going to be placed. That policy ended when it was challenged, but it did have its benefits.

"The good part is that I had the name of each candidate and a number to call," he says. Egan says the town also had a "time limit" policy, which has also gone by the wayside, that stated there could be no signs until two weeks before an election and the signs had to be removed within a week after.

Cohasset Selectman Merle Brown said the plethora of signs this year has prompted him to see if the other selectmen might agree to establishing some controls.

"We ought to have some policy," he says.

Doug Cope, spokesman for MassHighway, says despite perceptions otherwise, state DPW crews tried to remove signs that infringed on the state layout of Route 3A and other state roadways. He said the rule of thumb is if a sign is closer to the road's edge than a utility pole it is likely encroaching in the state layout and can be removed. MassHighway doesn't remove signs on private property.

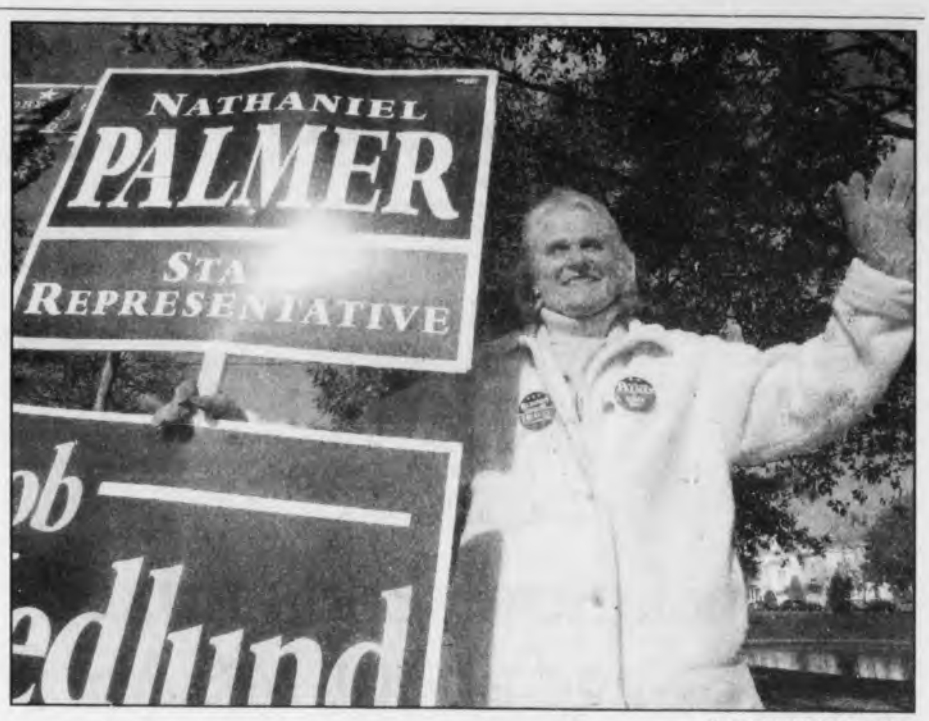
But all the signs this election season sprouted was good news to sign manufacturers like Printing Unlimited in Holbrook.

"There was more going on this year than in previous years, especially in this area," says owner Vincent Maroney. He explained wire framed signs were really popular this year because they were so easy to install.

But wood or wire framed; red and white; red, white and blue; or purple and yellow – signs were everywhere.

In Hingham, Morgan, the building inspector, wouldn't mind turning back the clock a little to more conservative times.

"The old adage that people would vote against a candidate who put signs out – went right out the window," Morgan says about this year's election.



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Julie Guild campaigns for Republicans on Election Day. Hand-held signs are protected by the First Amendment, the ACLU says.

Asst. Principal Jack DeLorenzo is ahead of the pack

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School in Kingston for three years before coming to Cohasset.

DeLorenzo was at the School Committee meeting last Thursday to accept recognition from that committee as well as from the superintendent.

"Jack has been involved for a number of years with this particular association," said Malvey. "Not only is this award a personal credit to his involvement in the association, but also in educational activities in general."

Malvey credited DeLorenzo for a career filled with educational achievements, but noted since this career award came while DeLorenzo was in the Cohasset school system, he deserved special praise.

"It happens on our watch, while Jack is here in Cohasset," said Malvey. "So I want to extend my personal and professional congratulations to Jack and I know that the School Committee will join with me on that."

Which, of course, the committee did, leading to a round of applause.

The official recognition was a fitting cap for the whirlwind process.

"Jerry Silverman, who works for the executive committee at the MSSAA recommended me to the committee," said DeLorenzo. "Then there is an application process, and you give your school background, the experience you have, and the types of things you do for your community."

Then it was just a matter of waiting out the results.

"(Silverman) called me up a week ago and said congratulations," said DeLorenzo. "Basically what happens now is that my name goes with the other 49 states to San Diego and they pick a national assistant principal of the year."

The award serves as a fitting cap for an outstanding career that began in New Jersey and ended up on the New England shoreline. DeLorenzo embraced Cohasset, moving here with his family and putting his two daughters through the school system.

"It wasn't easy for them to have their father as the assistant principal of their school," says DeLorenzo, with a laugh.

DeLorenzo credits the honor to his work in the community over the years and his involvement with school activities.

"I'm involved in everything," he said. "They (kids) see me at all kinds of activities, whether it is drama or music or football games."

"It's quite an honor," DeLorenzo told the members of the School Committee after their applause. "I'm very proud."

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Deputy assessor field down to two finalists

But not without controversy

By Brian J. Scully
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The Board of Assessors conducted finalist interviews for the deputy assessor position, but in the discussion period after those interviews, Chairman Elsa Miller expressed a desire to reconsider another candidate that did not make finalist status.

The two finalists are Mary E. Quill, currently the principal assessor/appraiser for the Town of Whitman, and Hannelore Simonds, who is the deputy assessor for the Town of Holbrook. Both fielded interview questions from the three-member board during the hour

But shortly after, Miller asked Town Manager Mark Haddad and Director of Finance Michael Buckley to reconsider Debra Krupczak, who is a clerk in the office. On Tuesday Nov. 6, Miller – and the board – unanimously agreed that Krupczak should not be a finalist.

"I met them to go over everything (on Nov. 6), and they discounted Debbie as a candidate," said Haddad. "I sat down with Debbie and relayed the message."

Miller said she took a look beyond Krupczak's resume and asked why not?

"How could she not be able to handle this, she's been here for nine years," said Miller. "I haven't changed my mind, I re-looked at the situation."

"I haven't changed my mind, I re-looked at the candidate."

— Elsa Miller, Chairman of the Board of Assessors

Initially Mary Granville also was in favor of reconsidering Krupczak, but after talking through the issue with Buckley and Haddad, she felt confident that the process was handled correctly.

Haddad was impressed with the professional manner in which Krupczak handled the entire situation.

"Debbie was extremely professional," said Haddad. "She is a credit to that department and remains a valuable resource. To come back in at this point and reassert her as a candidate is not fair to her or the process."

Miller refused to comment after the meeting.

Previous to the Krupczak discussion all three board members – including Miller – said that they could live with either candidate and were confident that both of the finalists were well qualified to do the job.

"I think that they are both very qualified," said Mickey Patrolia. "I think both can do the job."

Granville agreed.

"I liked both finalists," said Granville. "Each of them has qualities that the other doesn't have."

"This is the opportunity for you to take a staff member and say, 'This is how we expect the office to be run," said Haddad.

Haddad and Buckley were scheduled to report back to the Board of Assessors yesterday at 4:30 after conducting reference checks. Haddad was unsure whether that meeting was still scheduled early yesterday morning.

Haddad said he will use the input from the Board of Assessors, relying heavily on Buckley's opinion, since he will be the deputy assessor's manager.

The statutory power to hire and fire is given to Haddad in the Town Manager Act.

At the Nov. 6 meeting, Miller did request that board review another candidate, who had not been interviewed due to a scheduling conflict. That candidate sent a follow-up letter to the Board of Assessors in order to explain the situation and ask for another chance to apply. At Tuesday night's meeting, Miller said that there was no need to interview that candidate any longer.

Krupczak's status as a finalist is not clear.

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Free Legal Clinic — If you have legal questions, call Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Associate, Quincy District Court, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3 from 6-8 p.m. at 617-471-9693.

School official faces attempted murder charge

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Malvey said he was not at liberty to discuss possible professional repercussions from the arrest.

"I am in consultation with our school counsel, but given the seriousness of the situation I can't discuss any of the particulars," said Malvey.

The alleged incident comes at a bad time for the school, business-wise, as budget season is just around the corner.

"It will not effect us in getting out our budget," said Malvey. "But it does set us back a little. We will adjust, though."

Klimko was also in charge of a the school-run bus service, duties which Mavley has assumed in the interim.

"Well, when something like this happens, drastic measures need to be taken," said Malvey. 'I have had to pick up a lot of the additional responsibilities so that we can make sure we can transport all of the youngsters."

Malvey said Klimko had done a good job in his role as business manager.

"Dr. Klimko has done a wonderful job," said Malvey. "It is difficult to be hit with this news."

The uncertainty of the situation has left the school department in a quandary

"This is a tremendous loss in the interim," said Malvey. "If it is going to continue we are going to have to make some moves real soon."

The case, as with all other felony charges, will be handled by the District Attorney's office.

"I think that the alleged victim is physically OK," said District Attorney Tim Cruz. "But obviously as with any allegations like this one, it is very traumatic."

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The Ephs will held to Grantham, Penn. and the campus of Messiah College where they will face Wittenberg University, Ohio, (17-3) on Friday, Nov. 15 in second round NCAA play. All four teams playing at Messiah this weekend received first round byes. Friday's winners will meet on Saturday for the right to advance to the NCAA semifinals and finals to be hosted by Springfield College on Nov. 23 and 24. Williams' Ephs are led by Senior forward (Cohasset's very own) **Steff Noering** who has a team-high 11 goals to go with eight assists for 30 points.

I cannot believe that it is that time of the year but it is here. The Annual Cohasset PSO METCO Holiday Wreath and Candle Sale is happening. Please remember to order your Hanukkah candles, ivory pillar candles and wreaths through this wonderful, PSO sponsored sale to benefit the METCO program in town. Hanukkah candles will be available for a November 25th pick-up.

WREATH SALE

The wreath sale is happening on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Middle/High School from 9 a.m.-noon. If needed, wreaths can be available by Dec 1. Order forms are available at all schools or you may contact **Lisa Dunne** at 383-1596 or **Olivia Baldwin** at 383-1866.

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POST-PROM PLANNING

Calling all parents of a Cohasset High School senior! The next post prom party planning meeting will be held on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the CHS cafeteria. Don't sit back and let the other parents have all the fun in planning this fantastic, safe and enjoyable surprise for your students, get up and go see what you can do to make this another phenomenal success!

SKI CLUB

Andrew Dennis of Cohasset is currently a member of the Ski Industries Club at the University of Maine at Farmington. The Ski Industry Club is a large organization dedicated to the snow sports industry. The club provides funding for UMF students who are interested in getting tested for professional ski instructor certification. It's a very active club and a great way for new students to network with upperclassmen and get information about classes and college life at UMF.

WINNING GOAL

Trinity College soccer co-captain **Morgan Sandell**, a senior, scored two unassisted goals, including the game winner with 36 seconds left in the second 10-minute overtime against Salve Regina. Great playing, Morgan.

GO, NEELY!

Neely Wakeman of Cohasset, a senior at William Smith College, has been named to the All-Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association first team in field hockey. A talented backliner, Neely proved to be an important part of the Heron offense this season. She began the year with just four goals in 28 career games. This season she's recorded career-highs in goals (10) and assists (10). Neely, a graduate of the Holderness School, was named the NCAA Player of the Week on Sept. 29 after scoring four goals and assisting on three others in three games.

PASSED THE BAR

Congratulations and celebrations for **David H. Farrag**. He received a letter from the Massachusetts Bar Association, and he has passed the bar exam! David is a past graduate of Cohasset High. He graduated from Northeastern University with a bachelor of science in political science; Suffolk University Sawyer School of Management with as master's in public administration and Suffolk Law School with a juris doctor. At Suffolk, he was president of the Federalist Society, member of the Environmental Law Society and was on the Suffolk Law Hockey Team. His fiancée **Niki Palmieri**, his mom **Linda**, and family and friends are so proud! What terrific accomplishments David!

CHRISTA ON THE RUNWAY

Cohasset's **Christa Hagearty**, president of Dependable Cleaners, announces the company was a Silver Sponsor for the 3rdAnnual "Dressing Well: An Evening to Benefit MS," which took place on Oct. 16 at the Westin Hotel in Waltham. This year's "Dressing Well" event raised more than $117,000 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

This year, local business owners, including Christa, shared the runway with professional models from the city's top modeling agencies and showcased the latest fashions. The evening concluded with a festive holiday performance courtesy of the Boston Ballet II.

"Dependable Cleaners is proud to sponsor an event that educates women about Multiple Sclerosis and motivates them to make a difference in the lives of MS patients and their families," she said. "It's great to see this event grow more successful each year."

Since becoming president in 1996, Christa has made community involvement an important aspect of Dependable Cleaners' marketing philosophy.

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BABES IN TOYLAND

The Cohasset Dramatic Club, a non-profit theater established in 1921 presents "Babes in Toyland" at the Cohasset Town Hall weekends, Nov. 29-Dec.15, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Additional matinee Saturday Dec 14 at 2p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books & SpringBrook Kids in Cohasset and Front Street Books in Scituate, by phone at 781-544-0304 and at the door. Receive $1 off you ticket price at the door only when you bring a non perishable item for the Cohasset Food Pantry. Girl Scout troops of five or more receive discounted tickets when reserved ahead of time.

For more information, call **Wendy** at 545-165[illegible] This is going to be a wonderful way for families to g[illegible] together fo the holidays and ge[illegible] the spirit flowing!

SILVIA TOSPEAK

The Cohasset Social Service League will feature Community Preservation Ativist, **Rich Sylvia**, at the Lunchtime Speaker Series Nov.15 Friday, noon to 1p.m. at the South Shore Art Center. Rich will be speaking about the purchase of the 32-acre Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary that adjoins Wheelwrigh Park. This piece of property is valuable to many residents of Cohasset and is in danger of being developed. Come and hear what you can do and what this means to you as a resident. Free and open to all. More info call 781-383-0771.

ON STAGE AT CHS

Another fantastic production is headed our way as well! The Cohasset High School production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be held on Dec. 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. at Cohasset High School. The ticket price for this show is $8.50 and tickets may be ordered by calling **Selma Ingber** at 781-383-9590 or **Irene Volpe Barry** at 781-383-1605. See you there!

That is all the news for this week, Cohasset. Please make sure to get me all news, information, events and photos no later than Mondays at noon.

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T-Day breakfast at Legion Hall

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at the Legion Hall on Summer Street. The cost is $5 and the event is open to everyone.

Children's museum groundbreaking set

Groundbreaking celebration! Our World, the Children's Global Discovery Museum will celebrate the start of renovations to the 1929 wing of the old Osgood School, Sunday, Nov. 24 at noon. The public is invited to this exciting event which is a major step toward creating the space that will house the museum and to see the building renovation plans. Construction hats and globe banks will be given to the children who attend. T-shirts, bricks, pavers and tiles will be available for purchase. Cider, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will be served. Come to lunch at Atlantica following the ceremony. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m., reservations are required by calling 781-383-0900. $15 per adult, $10 per child.

Cohasset Dramatic Club is still going strong at 81

Theater group stages 'Babes in Toyland'

By Brian J. Scully
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The auditorium at Town Hall is quiet now, but not for long. In about an hour, it will be packed with 40 children and their families, fully bedecked in costume for the upcoming production "Babes in Toyland."

For the moment though, Jean DiGiacomandrea and Jessica McDonald – the president and secretary of the Cohasset Dramatic Club, comprised of members from the towns of Cohasset and Scituate — sit reflecting on their journey with the 81-year-old theater group. They are just two of a group 300 strong that stages three shows a year, but their story mirrors that of many others.

"Our relationship began as a mentoring relationship," said McDonald, who joined the group about eight years ago – two years prior to DiGiacomandrea. "But now we are buddies. Jean has just blossomed here and is responsible for much of the success of the club."

It wasn't always that way.

DiGiacomandrea had zero experience when she walked into tryouts for the "Dracula" six years ago, and has since risen to the level of club president. She credits the accepting and teaching nature of the club's members with her and the club's success.

"A lot of people came to audition and I had never done it before," said DiGiacomandrea, who said she found that she absolutely loved performing on stage. "This place is incredibly friendly for neophytes and cowards."

McDonald – who was directing DiGiacomandrea's first show – saw exactly what she was looking when she saw the now-president, and former-novice audition.

"When I am directing, I love to cast people that have never been cast before," said McDonald. "I want them to have that experience."

By that experience, McDonald means the thrill of performing on stage, a thrill that the 40 youngsters in "Toyland" will have for themselves when the show opens in two weeks.

"We are very lucky to have a kid-friendly director," said McDonald, who is not actively involved in the latest production. "Eric Henderson is very low-key and encouraging. The kids just love him."

Henderson is happy with the cast's progress thus far.

"Things are going pretty good," said Henderson. "It's pretty much a day-to-day process. You have good rehearsals and you have bad one, but there is no panic. Usually you have concern for different aspects of the show, but I don't let it turn into worry because it is only a show and the kids are there to have fun."

As if providing a creative outlet for citizens in Cohasset and Scituate wasn't enough, the group also has a sense of community.

The holiday show is being run in conjunction with a canned food drive. If audience members bring a can of food, they will get $1 off admission.

"It's apt,"" said McDonald. "It brings out a sense of community and holiday spirit and it celebrates everything good about that."

But perhaps more importantly, it appears the group does the same, providing a bastion of belonging to many – be they actors, backstage crew or set builders.

"I think one of the biggest reasons that this club works so well is that it appeals to so many," said DiGiacomandrea, before McDonald finishes the sentence. "It is empowering, it boosts self-esteem, and it provides a safe haven regardless of ability or experience."

The group is expecting a big turnout for the upcoming shows.

"Generally we get a lot of people when we have a children's show," said DiGiacomandrea. "As our group grows as an organization, the shows really allow the community to celebrate the joy of the process of theater."

"Babes in Toyland" was first staged in 1903 and ran for 192 performances on Broadway at the Majestic Theater. The music was written by Victor Herbert and Glen MacDonald wrote the play and provided the lyrics. Initially an operetta, the story was turned into a Laurel and Hardy movie in 1930 and as a television move in 1986, starring Drew Barrymore, Keanu Reeves, and Pat Morita (Mr. Miyagi in the Karate Kid movies).

"It's coming up on it's anniversary," said Henderson. "It is almost 100 years old, but the adaptation of the script makes it more modern so that people can relate to it."

The story, inspired by the success of "The Wizard of Oz" interweaves classic fairy tale characters, such as Old Mother Hubbard, and the theme of Christmas.

The play will run Nov. 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 7, 13, and 14 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 1, 8, 14, and 15 at 2 p.m. All shows will take place at the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium. Tickets are $10 and are available at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Springbrook Kids in Cohasset. They can also be purchased by calling 781-544-0304. Girl Scouts can buy a ticket for $2 by calling 781-545-1655.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

The dolls from "Babes in Toyland" are (back row) from left, Mimi Mahoney, Callie Piepenbrink, Kim Gaughen, Diana Mack, and Isabel Robinson. (Middle Row) from left, Abigail Brown, Marina Pedini, Shannon Eubanks, Lindsay Martinez and Isabel Wilder. In the front are Emma Freeman and Sarah Brown. For more photos see page 15.

Holiday Ball

This is an off year for the Community Garden Club0s very popular Holiday House Tour and the first year for their Holiday Ball. A limited number of tickets are now being offered for sale to the general public.

The Holly Ball will be at "Stoneleigh", 478 Jerusalem Road on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7-11 p.m.. Stoneleigh will be decorated for the holidays by garden club members. Included in the decorations will be many club-member designed holiday wreaths available for purchase by means of a silent auction.

Guests will enjoy a buffet supper served throughout the evening. They will be entertained by a five-piece band playing music suitable for dancing. Suggested dress is optional black tie.

The cost of admission is $75 per person. (Cash bar).

This is a fund-raising event to benefit club projects. The club maintains the gardens at three locations in Cohasset — the Lothrop House, the Lightkeeper's Residence, and Constitution Park. The club also supports local beautification projects, provides scholarships for three deserving Cohasset High seniors, and contributes to many environmental organizations.

For more information phone 781-383-9689. Make checks payable to the "Community Garden Club of Cohasset" and mail them to One Windy Hill Road, Cohasset

Sports sale

The South Shore Community Center conducts its "Ski, Skate & Sports Equipment Sale" (used or never used) Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Do you have unused ski, skate and sports equipment cluttering up your garage or basement?

Why not put it to good use and a good cause? Donate it to the center.

You can drop off equipment Nov. 13-16 at the South Shore Community Center, 3 No. Main St.

All donations are tax deductible.

OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

With grateful heart

The Rev. Paul Sinnott gave the following Veterans Day invocation in Hingham on Monday.

Every time I take a commercial airline, I seem to have the same pilot. Perhaps you have flown with him also. His name is "Speaking." At least, that is what he calls himself as the flight begins: "This is your captain speaking." He will go on to tell the passengers all kinds of information that is designed to make us relax and fly with confidence: in the event that the plane lands in water, the seat cushion will double as a life preserver, etc. I am always struck by two things in this little litany.

The first is that if the lights go out in the cabin, that there are rows of lights in the aisle that will assist you in returning to your seat. Secondly, that there are certain seats located next to exit doors which may require the person seated in those seats to act calmly in the event of an emergency. If you are seated in one of those seats, the captain tells us, more will be expected of you, and if you feel you are unable to comply with what's required, let the flight attendant know.

If you are a person of faith, you know how valuable it is to have a row of lights that can guide you back to your seat when the lights go out. It seems in these darks days that we have needed those lights of faith more than ever before. I am grateful that those lights are there in the most troubling of times, and I am grateful that they work in getting us all leek to our seats safely.

I am also grateful for all of those people who have met the challenge of being in those seats of particular responsibility, at times of stress and in dangerous situation. I am grateful for their non-anxious presence and their dedication to duty and responsibility. I am grateful to them for having trained tirelessly and at great sacrifice, for putting themselves in harms way.

In short, I trust that the great captain of this aircraft is in charge, and knows where we are going. I trust that the flight crew is well prepared for emergencies. And I trust that our faith will see us through in times of danger and darkness.

But more than anything else this Veterans Day, with grateful hearts we remember the women and men in the uniformed services who have placed themselves in harm's way in defense of this great nation, in defense of justice and liberty in other lands, and for those who wage peace even this day. We are indebted to them in countless ways.

The Rev. Paul Sinnott is Pastor of The House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Hingham.

GOP Region Five panel

Members of the press, Carolyn Ryan of the Boston Globe, Mary Ford of the Cohasset Mariner and Hingham Journal and Jack Coleman of the Brockton Enterprise, have been invited to Region Five of the Republican State Committee, which includes leaders from the counties of Bristol, Barnstable, Plymouth and Norfolk, to discuss the future of the GOP Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the John Carver Inn in Plymouth. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., meeting at 9.

The moderator, who has just returned from China, will be former Oklahoma Congressman and professor at Harvard Law School, Kennedy School of Government, Mickey Edwards of Hingham.

The meeting is open to the public but reservations are required for dinner. To RSVP call Polly Logan at 781-383-0031.

Another highlight of the meeting will be honoring State Committeeman Leo Bechand, who is resigning from the State Committee.

Chairmen of county clubs, Kathy Stacey of Plymouth County and Dave Farrag of Norfolk County, will report on future events and donations given candidates, as will town chairmen.

Chairman Larry Novak (508-581-8400) said all candidates are urged to attend and bring signs and literature for town chairmen.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions for the proponents of the sr. overlay district

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding the article on the warrant at the upcoming Special Town Meeting which calls for the rezoning of our town's residential districts B and C to allow for the construction of high-density apartment complexes, I look forward to the proponents of the so-called Senior Overlay District article being able to answer the following questions:

1) Section 16.2 of the proposed by-law reads as follows:

"16.2 Purpose:

"The following are the *purposes* of this SMRD by-law:

"16.2.5 To create an incentive for the creation of appropriate housing for independent living for persons who have attained the age of 55 years *and* the creation of appropriate housing which is affordable to persons or families qualifying as low, moderate, or median income by allowing the development of housing of greater density than would otherwise be permitted in the underlying zoning district." (My emphasis provided.)

Since it appears therefore, that in addition to creating apartment complexes for seniors, the proposed by-law also anticipates the creation of apartment complexes for families with qualifying incomes, have the proponents of this by-law considered the impact which this by-law will have upon our town services, especially our schools? It has been said that the Avalon Bay project of 252 units will swamp our school capacity. Full build-out under this by-law would allow for 600 apartment units (the 20 percent threshold of the by-law out of what will be 3000 total dwelling units in our town) to exist in our community. An infusion of high-density housing of the magnitude permissible under this by-law will place an overwhelming burden on every conceivable town service. Have the proponents of this by-law thought about these issues?

2) To follow up on the commentary by Mr. McCarthy last week, upon what data do the proponents of this by-law rely to come up with their 20 percent figure in the first place? I have never seen any data to suggest even remotely that our town's present population of 7261 people needs 600 apartment units. The senior citizens in our community who are house-rich and cash-poor will become quite cash-rich once they sell their home. It is common sense to realize that these cash-rich seniors will be able to afford an apartment at Avalon Bay. But to the extent we have low-income seniors or families in our community, 25 percent of the Avalon project — about 65 units — will be set aside for low income families and individuals, of which a certain percentage will be designated as "local preference" for current Cohasset residents. It just seems to me that the 252 units at Avalon will more than solve the need for apartments in our town for citizens of all ages and all income levels.

3) On the other hand, have the proponents of this by-law considered what will happen if Avalon Bay (which, as we all know, is being fought tooth and nail by certain groups in our community) ultimately is thwarted? My concern is this: Even after the total build-out of 600 apartment units as permitted by the by-law comes to fruition, we still will not have met the 10 percent threshold for low-income housing mandated under Chapter 40B — which means that we still could be subject to another 40B proposal at some future point. If that were to come true, our community truly would be inundated with apartment complexes. Is that the vision we have for Cohasset five years from now?

4) The Senior Housing Committee (SHC) has acknowledged that they have yet to determine whether the 10-acre site behind Stop & Shop is suitable for their plan to build an apartment complex. Why at this time are we considering a by-law which will encourage developers to build

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Stop, look, and listen at holiday time

LOCAL VIEW

DON IVAS

The next several weeks on the calendar are composed of ordinary days where hopefully, the sun will rise in the east and set in the west and the world will still turn in all of its mysterious glory. But as we all know, interspersed in this stretch of time are a few holidays that have been crafted into a huge commercial anvil that is poised to drop on your head the minute you get entangled in all the hype.

I listen to many people in my line of work who admit to dreading the holidays because of the emotional toll it takes on them. We are confronted with expectations that are rarely filled; some experience a sense of nostalgia for times past when innocence and sheer excitement ruled the day. For many of us that have experienced loss, those feelings are exacerbated by the void left in our lives at a time when people feel a need to be together.

All these feelings are valid and should not be ignored and replaced with the hype. When this happens, people tend to overdo, overeat, over drink, overspend, until it's all over. The dust clears, we breathe a sign of relief and people sometimes ask one another, "Did you make it through the holidays?" It shouldn't be like this.

Folk singer John Prine once penned a line in one of his songs, "Blow up your TVs, throw away your papers, move to the country, and build you a home."

Some of what he says is great advice, especially cutting down on television consumption. Christmas shopping ads were on television the day after Halloween priming us for a crescendo that leads to implosion on Christmas Eve.

However you celebrate the holiday of your choice, first take a deep breath and make a promise to yourself that this time you will dig a little deeper and experience for yourself the meaning of these holidays on a new level. In order to do this, you have to be kind to yourself first, and then try and think of how many things, great and small, you have to be grateful for in this life. In spite of whatever situation we find ourselves in, there is always someone in a lesser or greater predicament. Everything we take for granted on a daily basis can be reflected on, from the obvious to the sublime.

Take some time for yourself, take a walk, read a book, write a letter by hand to an old friend. Realize you cannot be all things to all people and be at all places at all times. Learn to say No Thank You.

Practice random acts of anonymous kindness, perhaps make a donation to your favorite charity in a friend's name. There are countless ways to give to others without traveling far from home.

The Social Service League will have a Giving Tree set up at the Consignment Shop to accept gifts for children of parents who are in local shelters or substance abuse facilities. We are also bringing John Yowzinski, the director of Father Bill's Place to Cohasset for our Lunchtime Speaker Series on Friday, Dec. 6. He ought to have a few words to say about the number of people who are really down and out and what we could do to help in some way.

Many people are aware and appreciative of the gifts they have been given and on occasion, found acceptance in the tragedies that have touched them. We all have experienced a little of both—it comes with the territory of being human. Hopefully, this little reminder will allow some of us to slow down and enjoy our time over the holidays without undo stress.

I can't help but remember what was drilled into my head by the crossing guard in grade school: "Stop, Look and Listen." This advice was to keep us from getting hit by a passing car; perhaps it could be applied to what has become a freight train of holiday activities. Look through the eyes of a child, let those starry eyes fill you with awe and anticipation: go ahead, get giddy, have some fun, no one's watching.

Donald J. Ivas is the administrative director of the Social Service League of Cohasset

TIMELINES

Going the distance to find a relative

TIMELINES
SMALL STEPS INTO YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

JACK MURRAY

I hear so many people talking about their family history. "Is that the same thing as Genealogy? It sounds like an awfully complicated thing to do."

According to the dictionary, it is "an account of human family pedigrees of ancestors or relatives: the investigation of pedigrees as a department of knowledge".

Actually, Genealogy and Family History are pretty much the same thing, except that when you really find the history of your family, you have entered upon the most rewarding legacy that you could pass along to your family and future generations.

Rewarding is an understatement and intriguing are the wondrous things that you will experience. Let me tell you of an astounding thing that happened to me, not at the beginning, but a short time after word got out that I had been hooked on genealogy. "Anything that you can give to this addicted person, will help him in his quest for his Family History—so give him a hand"

Out of the blue at a chance meeting, not with a relative, but with a friend of a distant cousin who in his travels had picked up some names of people; he didn't know who they were, but he seemed to feel that they might have some connection with "the Family".

I was interested in any thread to find Murrays. But the name he had given to me was a Mrs. Carberry, who lived in a suburb of Dublin in Ireland. He had an address and telephone number: "For what it's worth, you may want to contact her". At that moment in time I had no intention of traveling to Dublin to follow this vague lead.

My son, Doug, who was fascinated by stories of Ireland was planning a vacation trip to "The Auld Sod" a short time later. Since he would be in the Dublin area, I asked him to contact Mrs. Carberry, and he did. He called the telephone number many times, unsuccessfully, and then went to the address I had given to him and rang the doorbell.

Rewards and intrigue: A lady answered the door and Doug introduced himself explaining the his father had asked him to try to find a Mrs. Carberry He showed her the simple charts I had given to him of the Murray Family as I knew it. She said she was Mrs. Carberry, she was pleased that he had called and asked him to come inside, because she felt that she had something to tell him.

What she told him was that her mother, Josephine Murray Gallagher, and my father — were sister and brother. I had never picked up in my research who Aunt Josephine had married and of course did not know of her daughter, my newly-found first cousin, Mrs. Anne Gallagher Carberry.

This is a great lesson in the importance of including siblings in your research. It could result in many happy moments like this.

To know where your family came from, how they got here and what it took to create your family history, is the most rewarding aspect about getting to know your ancestors. But there is much more to it than that..You have inherited from your ancestors all the bits and pieces that are "you" such as, your personality, your stature, the color of your eyes and hair (or lack of), your latent talents, interests, tendency toward a vocation and, most certainly, you share the same illnesses passed down to you through your DNA.

I found all this to be true when I met Anne Carberry for the first time two years later, when my wife and I visited our son Doug, who had made the decision to move his family to Shannon on the west coast of Ireland.

Plans were made to meet Anne at a halfway point, between Shannon and Dublin at Roscommon and then travel together to a small hamlet on the outskirts of Strokestown called Clooneraugh, home of the ancient Murray family. By agreement, we met in a small pub in Strokestown. Doesn't everyone meet in a pub in Ireland?

Let me describe Anne Carberry. When we met for the first time in that pub, she looked so familiar. She was petite, with red hair and features that were remarkably like my sister Mae. To make it more binding, Mae was christened Mary Josephine –scary. There were so many similarities, her manner, the color of her hair; she also had green eyes and to top it all they were both nurses. The tendency toward a vocation was definitely in the genes. These are all the factors we spoke about earlier, that were so predictable.

Although the old family homestead was no longer in the family, the new owner was very hospitable and invited us to come inside where Anne described how, as a young girl, she would spend her summers here on the farm with our mutual grandparents, Honoria and John. The loft where the children slept was still there, although the house was no longer a thatched roof cottage but had been modernized by the new owners. Of course we took pictures from every angle and absorbed all the memories from our new links to our family history.

I came away from our visit to Clooneraugh feeling that while I had missed the opportunity to know my Irish family, I was very fortunate to cement a wonderful link to the past. I have made another step into my Family History.

Timelines evolved from a course I have been presenting for many years called " A Logical Approach to Family History Research," and most recently at the Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

My mission has been to give direction and guidance, in a structured environment, to people who wanted to search for their ancestors.

It has been almost 20 years since Alex Haley wrote "Roots," which started a ground swell of people who also wanted to find their roots. Today it is estimated that more than 80 million people are swarming to libraries and archives trying to find their ancestors to build their family trees. It has become a large industry of computer software, how-to books, magazines, consultants and new genealogical societies. The growth of data bases with huge amounts of information is attracting subscribers, sometimes at very large cost.

I will caution you to be careful of the information coming to you about "your family;" the intentions are good but the sources may not be reliable. Be careful of schemes, there are many out there. You are only secure with information about your ancestors when you go to reliable sources and are careful in selecting a source. This is not a perfect world, and in the case of genealogical research, there is a great deal to be desired, as you will soon find out.

You may feel that searching for your 'Roots" is just too big a job. So many times people have said to me," I wouldn't know how to get started, and I certainly don't have a clue that will lead me to my family of bygone days

If you are just getting started, learn the basics by only working on one of your family lines at a time.

If your are searching more than one family, set up separate records for each family. I use different colored binders so that each is easily identified.

If you have questions about this article or if you need direction with your family search, send your questions in a stamped, self addressed business envelope to: Jack Murray — Timelines, P.O. Box 93, Marshfield Hills 02051; or E-mail me at silverfox1@erols.com.

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HEALTH NOTES

Turkey tips for safe holiday meals

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Will your holiday meal be remembered as a great gastronomic delight or as the source of dreaded gastrointestinal distress? The turkey that you serve can be risky if you are not careful selecting and preparing it. Poultry products such as turkey and chicken are primary sources of the bacteria Salmonella and Campylobacter.

These organisms are the two most commonly reported causes of these food-borne illness according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Symptoms, such as stomach cramps, vomiting, diarrhea and fever, usually occur 1-5 days after eating foods with high levels of bacteria. Usually bacteria such as these are not harmful at levels typically found in these food sources. However, when these microorganisms are given favorable conditions, they can grow to harmful levels and make people sick.

The moist high protein content of turkey provides needed nutrients for bacteria to multiply. With warm temperatures (from 40°F to 140°F) and enough time (usually 2-4 hours), bacteria can multiply rapidly from hundreds to thousands per bite! Therefore, it is vital to keep foods out of the Danger Zone, the temperature range of 40° F to 140° F.

While turkey may be the original source of bacteria, these organisms can spread to other foods. Cross-contamination may occur when you stuff the turkey and do not properly wash your hands or cutting utensils before slicing vegetables for a snack or appetizer. The cutting board and/or knife are contaminated with bacteria and, without thoroughly cleaning, can spread the harmful bacteria to the uncooked vegetables. Your hands may be the source of other bacteria as well.

The Department of Public Health recommends that you protect yourself, your family and friends by following these 10 safe turkey tips.

Separate foods - don't cross-contaminate

1. When you shop, keep the turkey away from other foods in your shopping cart.
2. Place the turkey below other foods in your refrigerator in order to prevent other foods from becoming contaminated with juices from the turkey.
3. Use a separate cutting boards for cooked foods and raw foods.
4. Never put the cooked turkey on the unwashed plate that previously held the uncooked turkey.

Clean your hands and food surfaces often.

5. Wash your hands with hot soapy water before you touch the turkey and after you use the bathroom, change diapers, and play with pets.
6. Wash all cutting boards, dishes, kitchen tools and counter tops with hot soapy water after you finish fixing the turkey.

Cook foods to safe temperatures.

7. Cook the turkey thoroughly. Use a food thermometer to check for doneness.
8. Cook whole turkey unstuffed (or dark meat only) to 180 F
9. Cook a turkey breast to 170 F

Chill foods promptly.

10.It is best to thaw the turkey in the refrigerator, *not* at room temperature.

Thaw a whole turkey in the refrigerator.

8 to 12 pounds 1 to 2 days
12 to 16 pounds2 to 3 days
16 to 20 pounds3 to 4 days
20 to 24 pounds4 to 5 days

In a pinch you can also thaw the turkey in cold water. Cook the thawed turkey immediately.

〈 Put prepared foods and leftover turkey in the refrigerator within two hours.

〈 Split large amounts of leftovers into small bowls and cool them in the refrigerator.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Funny pages weren't 'PC'

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I don't know how to break it to you old folks but it was exactly 25 years ago today (Wednesday) that Al Capp's "Li'l Abner," one of the most popular comic strips of our generation, made its final appearance in print after a run of 45 years.

Never again would the beauteous and leggy Daisy Mae chase Li'l Abner Yokum across the funny pages. Marryin' Sam had already performed his $1.35 ceremony over them. No more "Schmoos," the little critters that multiplied like rabbits and keeled over dead and cooked if you looked hungrily at them.

Never again would Hairless Joe and his Indian companion, Lonesome Polecat, distill their particularly powerful brand of Kickapoo Joy Juice where the revenooers couldn't find them. A native American named Lonesome Polecat? What do you suppose today's PC police would do with that one?

And how would the PC police of the '70s handle Al Capps' folksinger, Joanie Phonie, and her followers known as SWINE, which stood for "Students Wildly Indignant about Nearly Everything?"

It was the Golden Age of comic strips, those years when we were young and ice covered most of the earth.

My particular favorite was Flash Gordon, the Rambo and James Bond of his day, who dashed off with his girl friend, Dale Arden, and a scientist, Dr. Hans Zarkov, in a spaceship to do battle with Ming the Merciless, emperor of the planet Mongo.

Buck Roger was still active at the time, a U. S. Army Air Corps lieutenant who awoke from his 500-year sleep (or suspended animation) in time to pick up girl friend, Wilma Deering, and the scientific genius Dr. Huer and zoom into space to combat his arch-enemy, Killer Kane.

Having tried spinach, I'm afraid I sympathized with Wimpy.

Popeye the Sailor was active then, too, downing a can of spinach to give him the strengthen to defend his girl friend, Olive Oyl and the youngster, Swee' Pea, and the hamburger-loving J. Wellington Wimpy from the brute, Bluto. Having tried spinach, I'm afraid I sympathized with Wimpy.

Some of the comic strips from the Golden Age, like Blondie and the Phantom, are still around but others regrettably are long forgotten.

Who now remembers "Krazy Kat," who had a thing for Ignatz the Mouse, only Ignatz kept throwing bricks at him (or her) despite the best efforts of Offissa Pupp?

Or "Bringing Up Father," in which Maggie and Jiggs, an Irish couple, get rich winning the Irish Sweepstakes and Maggie turns into a snobbish nouveau riche lady while all Jiggs wants to do is eat corned beef and cabbage and play pinochle at Dinty Moore's Tavern.

Irish Sweepstakes? Now there's something else that dates you! But I digress . . .

There were the 'Katzenjammer Kids," Hans und Fritz, the German kids who predated Dennis the Menace in their pranks that defied authority, mostly against Der Captain; and Mutt and Jeff, the long and short of it, the cynic and the wise fool.

And "Barney Google," the sporting man with his horse. Spark Plug, and his friend from the backwoods of Kentucky, Snuffy Smith, who with his wife, Lowizie, eventually took over the lead in the strip; and "Gasoline Alley," with Skeezix Wallet and his girl friend, Nina Clock, and his brother, Corky.

And "Tillie the Toiler," the saga of an incredibly beautiful secretary to Mr. Simpkins and part-time model who had suitors by the horde but always returned to her faithful Mac. She finally married him after a whirlwind courtship of some 30 years. Whereupon, the strip sank without a trace.

Maybe the funnies were trying to tell you something, huh?

EDUCATION

Dave Brown, a Channel 5 meteorologist, recently came for a visit to the Joseph Osgood School second grade classes. The children enjoyed this visit quite a bit as did Dave. Here are some writing samples from some second graders in Mrs. Wells class.

Learning about weather

By Whitney Malone

Dave Brown taught the 2nd graders about weather. He talked about heat waves and how they're so powerful to hurt people. He uses a map to know where the weather is. He uses the camera to tape his shows. I learned that hail is more powerful than hurricanes, tornadoes and blizzards. I also learned that they use a thermometer to see what the temperature is.

Using a satellite

By Cody Piepenbrink

Dave B. taught the 2nd graders weather. The worst storm is a blizzard. He showed us a movie of a hurricane. The worst storm that kills the most people is a heat wave. He uses a satellite to see what kind of clouds.

Worst is a heat wave

By Kevin Crawford

Dave Brown came and taught the 2nd graders about weather and the tools that he used. The worst weather is a heat wave. A blizzard happens because there are snow, (cold temperatures), and strong wind. He uses a satellite. He uses a computer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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apartment complexes almost anywhere in town before we know whether the SHC's plan can go forward? I think we are placing the proverbial cart before the horse.

In sum, speaking only as an ordinary citizen, I feel that with or without Avalon Bay, the 20 percent threshold for high-density apartment complexes is too high and truly will change the face of our town overnight. I suggest that we see what happens with Avalon Bay — it is much further along the construction track than the SHC plan — and then decide what is appropriate in terms of a by-law change. In the meantime, the SHC still can try to figure out whether their 10 acre site is even buildable. But if the private sector is going to solve our community's need for both market-rate and affordable rental units (of which there unquestionably is a need), then there is no reason for our town to get involved in the housing construction business, using tax dollars to do so, and radically amending our zoning by-laws which will alter irrevocably the face of Cohasset.

Andrew Quigley
38 Jerusalem Road

LeClair proud of effort

TO THE EDITOR:

Last Tuesday's election was a disappointing end to a long journey, but the trip was a great experience. I want to thank everyone who voted for me. I am indebted to the many volunteers who worked on the campaign. You should all be proud of your effort. Although we were not successful in gaining more votes, we were successful in bringing important issues to the debate. Healthcare, education, and the South Shore Hospital cardiac surgery license are matters that will remain key issues that need to be solved. I will, as I hope you will too, continue to fight for the South Shore. Thank you again for your support.

Ted LeClair

IT'S HAPPENING

Picture book on courage

Bernard Waber, award-winning author and illustrator, will present his latest book, "Courage" (Houghton Mifflin Co., $15) at Buttonwood Book and Toys in Cohasset on Friday Nov. 15 from 3:30-5 p.m. Waber, best known for his stories about a lovable crocodile named Lyle, has written a delightful new picture book about the different types of courage. Types that normal, ordinary people exhibit all the time. Such as the everyday kind; like being the first to say hi in a new group, the admirable kind; like holding fast to your dreams and the heroic kind; like a police officer or a firefighter. Powerful in its simplicity and timely in its subject matter, "Courage" celebrates the moments, big and small, that brings out the hero in each of us. Waber will give a short presentation and a book talk as well as sign his book. This is a free event and the public is welcome. Please call 781-383-2665 to order your signed book if unable to attend.

Pop-up book at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host Robert Sabuda on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 4-6 p.m. Sabuda is an artist who has taken paper engineering to its ultimate level. A paper engineer is an artist who creates pop-ups using paper as his or her primary medium.

The term "pop-up" is a catchall phrase for all moveable and dimensional art. His newest book is a pop-up adaptation of Clement C. Moore's, "The Night Before Christmas" (Little Simon, $24.95). The illustrations are breathtaking as reindeers jump from the pages in your hand and Santa rises up the chimney. His work is fascinating to children but is also highly regarded by adult collectors. Sabuda will do a brief pop-up demonstration at the beginning of his visit.

This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2655 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Art at the Abbey

On Saturday, Nov. 30 and Sunday, Dec. 1, the Hull Artists Studio Connection in cooperation with Glastonbury Abbey invites the public to enjoy their 2002 Holiday Gift Giving Extravaganza, "Art at the Abbey." Gifts of fine arts and crafts include painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, crafts, jewelry, greeting cards, woodcrafts, ceramics, children's books and so much more.

The hours for Saturday, Nov. 30 are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art at the Abbey will be held in the Conference Center at Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Route 228 North (and one-quarter mile from Route 3A going toward Nantasket). There is plenty of free parking.

The Hull Artists Studio Connection is a non-profit artists' organization. For more information, either call 1-800-413-1770 or visit their Web site at www.hullartistsstudioconnection.com.

Coffeehouse hosts folk piano, ballads

On Saturday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square presents the delightful folk piano of Jacqueline Schwab and the passionate ballads of singer songwriter Christopher Williams.

Jacqueline Schwab's warm and evocative piano playing is best known from her Grammy-winning sound track for Ken Burns' "Civil War" and for other documentaries. But she does far more, playing for traditional dance groups, recording with her group Bare Necessities and with Scottish fiddlers Laura Risk and Alastair Fraser, and Scottish singer, Jean Redpath.

Complementing Schwab will be Boston-based singer-songwriter-percussionist Christopher Williams. This Boston Music award winner accompanies himself on guitar and the African drum, the djembe He recently had three sold-out shows at Club Passim, so be early for this first South Shore appearance.

The coffee house is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main. St., Hingham Square, a few doors up from the Loring Hall Theater. Events begin with an open microphone, allowing singers, dancers, poets, mimes, jugglers, storytellers ... to be seen and heard by our attentive audience.

Tickets are $10 at the door and coffees, teas, cider and homemade desserts are 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian / Universalist Service Committee.

Festival of trees

Friends of the Paragon Carousel Inc., 205 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents the First Annual Festival of Trees at the Carousel. The gala grand opening will be Friday, Nov. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets: Child $2/Adults $10. Tree lighting entertainment, refreshments.

The event runs Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15. Hours: Friday, 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 4 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bring a can good or food item for the Wellsprings Food Pantry and receive a "Good Deed Coupon" for a free ride on the Carousel.

For more information visit www.enjoy-hull.com

LITTLE SHOPPER

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Heather and Brooke Conroy of Cohasset shop for a toy at the Serendipity Soft Sculpture booth at the South Shore Art Center's Holiday Marketplace on Saturday.

All about the Autism Center

The Autism Center of the South Shore is a group of parents and professionals dedicated to providing resources and support to families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder, (ASD). The Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) made a suggestion that an Autism Resource Center be founded to help the growing number of families affected by ASD. Autism is a lifelong neurological disorder, affecting every demographic and socio-economic group worldwide.

ASCC currently serves 10 South Shore communities, Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Milton, Norwell, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate and Weymouth. There are a number of recreational programs including swimming, bowling and ice-skating. Each of these activities affords the children to be involved with other children and adults, and affords parents the opportunity to share with other parents. A music therapy group started recently, and there are plans for other support groups.

To a parent of a newly diagnosed child, there is a bewildering amount of information to process, on both the medical and educational fronts. Having access to parents who have been through the process gives some the sense of balance, that the road need not be traveled alone. It may be that there are siblings, another area of concern for the parent. Once again, the ability to talk with parents who have been in the situation gives a hopeful perspective from which to begin.

If you would like more information about the Autism Center of the South Shore, please call 1-800-482-5788, or visit the website, www.autismsouthshore.org. Please take the opportunity to sign up for the newsletter, which has information on upcoming events, such as the benefit concert at Fontbonne Academy, Milton, MA, on

Friday, November 22, 2002. The Matt Savage Trio will be performing an evening of Jazz Music. Matt Savage is the ten-year-old Jazz piano prodigy who has been featured on the Today Show, in People Magazine and the Boston Globe. Ticket information is available on the Web site. There will also be a Conference on Feb. 8, at Eastern Nazarene College.

One-woman play for the holidays

"Faith and Hope: A Mother's Story" is a one-woman play for the Advent Season. Written and performed by Olivia Woodford, she portrays the women who surround Mary during the events leading up to Jesus' birth. The play's characters feel great joy as a promise and a long-held hope is fulfilled.

The play is a unique theatrical event for the Christmas season. "Faith and Hope: A Mother's Story" will be performed at St Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.

Free will donations will be gratefully accepted and will benefit the St. Stephen's Youth Group Outreach Project at the Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham.

The play involves the stories of three significant women in Mary's life.

The play involves the stories of three significant women in Mary's life: her cousin Elizabeth who gave birth to John the Baptist; Leah, who studied in the temple with Mary as girls; and Hanna, the temple seeress who declares the identity and mission of the baby Jesus.

Woodford, who received a BFA in theatre from Boston University and was a professional actress in New York City, is the founder of Healing Theatre, and known for the three women of the Bible plays that she has created and performs. She has done numerous performances at churches of various denominations throughout the country and new resides in Malden.

She developed the plays to foster an understanding of the women's perspective in scripture. Out of her desire to further understand the women who are, for the most part, given brief descriptions in the Bible and yet central to the lives of Jesus and his mother, Woodford wanted to know what these women may have felt and had to say.

The play has also been made into an audio CD. A wonderful gift for the season, it can be purchased at the time of the performance or online at www.bible-women.com.

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A tale of two ballrooms and believing in vibes

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government ending Nov. 8.

The best part of Election Night is the two rooms.

The winner and the loser are always in the same sort of space. This year Mitt Romney was in the ballroom of the Park Plaza, Shannon O'Brien in the Sheraton. A person couldn't visit both places and come out not believing in vibes.

The Romney room had a hum before the first result was announced. The Republicans – and there were many unfamiliar faces, a result of the draft movement that started Romney toward the Corner Office – had already gotten word that some suburbs seemed to be heavily favoring their man. When the first percent of the vote went up – 51 percent Romney, 45 percent O'Brien – the room caught a political buzz that never diminished.

Fifteen blocks away and 15 minutes later, the Sheraton looked festive but felt dreary. Faces were peaked and unsmiling. The ballroom was suffused with that sensation you had on Shot Day in the fifth grade, when everybody had to line up and get their vaccinations. Something interesting, personal and unpleasant was going to happen, and you had to put a brave face on it because people were watching. The big surprise for everyone was how, like getting a shot, the pain was delivered so fast. Polls had shown Romney erasing O'Brien's single-digit lead in the last week, and that momentum obviously picked up after her "This is How I Smile at People I Hate" performance in the final debate.

At the Statehouse, the day after these turning-point elections is always refreshing and uncertain, like the first day of ski season. Lots is about to happen, but hasn't yet. These days are always about number crunching and second-guessing.

The most interesting component of this race was how every part of the Democratic machine was operating correctly — or thought it was — and still failed. The state has obviously changed. Politically, it is more like the rest of the nation now. When turnout is heavy, in the absence of an especially good or bad campaign by either side, the state as whole votes just right of center. This independent ideology is more important than the old operations by the unions and special (Democratic) interests.

There is no good news analysis without stealing, and this week let's be more blatant than normal and name the victims of our larceny. Best thought: Cosmo Macero of the Herald explaining how O'Brien was hurt by the early, public coronation of Robert Travaglini as the next Senate President, creating a "Gang of Three" for Romney to run against. ("Trav" welcomed Mitt to that gang last Wednesday.) Best line: Brian Mooney of the Globe saying the Republicans are now left in the irregular configuration most of us have experienced in Monopoly: they hold Boardwalk and Park Place and not much else. Best Food for Thought: old pro Peter Lucas ruminating: "If Ted Kennedy were just starting out, he couldn't win."

Campaign mode ended instantly, as it always does, and Romney promised a fast start, as most new executives like to do. He also began a honeymoon.

Gov-elect makes the rounds

While calling him "charming," House Speaker Thomas Finneran wondered aloud how Romney plans truly to balance the budget without new taxes or cuts in essential services. It was worth wondering how Finneran proposes to do it as well. He announced himself "very, very reluctant" to consider new tax hikes. But unlike Romney, who makes balancing the budget sound like a relatively pain-free task, Finneran said: "There is nothing left that's easy or pleasant. Everything is going to be difficult."

The governor-elect met for the first time in months with the woman he pushed from the race last March, Jane Swift. She and her budget aides gave him numbers about as bad as what he expected. The "insiders" at the Statehouse got their first look at the governor-elect as he held his first press conference at the foot of the Grand Staircase and pronounced himself ready to deliver on his campaign promises.

Democrats still all-powerful

Those independents turning right didn't have too many candidates waiting for them when they did; most legislators ran unopposed or against unfamiliar - and most importantly, underfunded and unsupported names. Only three members of the House lost: Rep. David Bunker of Rutland, Rep. Jose Santiago of Lawrence, and Rep. Ruth Provost of Sandwich. The new body will comprise 136 Democrats, 23 Republicans and one independent. That's if Rep. Matthew Patrick, D-Falmouth, who prevailed over his Republican by just 11 votes, survives a recount. The Senate will remain 34 Democrats, six Republicans.

Voters signaled how conservative they're feeling by coming within 10 points of repealing the income tax – it was perhaps the most telling vote of the election. They overwhelming eliminated bilingual education, 68 to 32 percent, though Romney said he'd file legislation preventing teachers from being sued under that law. And voters said "no" to using public money for campaigns, by a 75 percent to 25 percent vote. The questions asking representatives to vote against Finneran by and large passed easily; but some of the targets of those questions said they'd ignore the voters' dictate.

Cohasset Police join state 'Click It or Ticket' campaign

Chief Robert W. Jackson announced the Cohasset Police Department will join more than 260 Massachusetts local police departments and the State Police in a Thanksgiving Holiday traffic enforcement "mobilization" Nov. 18 to Dec. 1 as part of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's "Click It or Ticket" campaign. The department received a $ 4000 grant to support its involvement in the campaign.

"This Click It or Ticket mobilization will reduce the danger we all face from motor vehicle crashes during the heavily-traveled Thanksgiving Holiday period," said Chief Jackson. "In addition to preventing aggressive and impaired driving and speeding, this mobilization will allow us to increase compliance with the Massachusetts safety belt and child passenger safety laws so more people will be protected."

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's "Click It or Ticket" campaign, made possible by a federal highway safety grant, combines traffic enforcement, paid and non-paid media messages, as well as community education and outreach. States that participated in last May's "Click It or Ticket" mobilization saw an overall 9 percent increase in safety belt use. For more information, go to www.mass.gov/ghsb.

"We strongly urge those using Massachusetts roadways during the Thanksgiving Holiday period to drive sober and well-rested, to obey posted speed limits, to allow extra travel time for emergencies, and to make sure everyone is properly buckled up," said Nancy J. Luther, Executive Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. "This Click It or Ticket mobilization will encourage safe driving practices that will reduce the more than 400 fatalities, 91,000 injuries, and $6.3 billion in economic costs from motor vehicle crashes that annually devastate Massachusetts families and our economy."

There were 10 motor vehicle crashes that resulted in 10 fatalities during the four-day Thanksgiving Holiday period in Massachusetts.

Chief Jackson provided the following information on safety belts, booster seats and child safety seats:

〈 Safety belts reduce the risk of death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash by half. Yet a 2001 statewide survey conducted by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau found only 56% of front seat occupants wear safety belts in Massachusetts – compared to 75% belt use nationwide. The lowest usage rate was among teens 16 to 19 years old at 50 percent.

〈 Massachusetts law requires all drivers and passengers to be properly restrained in a safety belt, booster seat or child safety seat. A driver may be stopped by police solely for having a child 12 years of age or younger improperly restrained ($25 fine per child).

〈 Massachusetts law requires children under five *and* weighing less than 40 pounds to ride in a child safety seat. Children five and older AND weighing over 40 pounds must wear a safety belt. For maximum safety, children 40 to 80 pounds should ride in a booster seat. Children over 80 pounds and taller than 4 ft. 9 ins. are ready for an adult safety belt.

〈 Children 12 years of age and under, especially those riding in a rear-facing child safety seat, should always ride properly restrained in the back seat away from an air bag.

Police arrested 13 last month

October was a moderately busy month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were 13 arrests, three for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, two for Shoplifting, two for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, one for Receiving Stolen Property, one for Breaking and Entering in the Nighttime, one for an Outstanding Warrant, one for Protective Custody, and finally two for Operating after License is Revoked.

During the month of October the police department investigated 13 motor vehicle accidents, nine of which resulted in personal injury. There were 101 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $2,845 in fines. Additionally there were 66 parking tickets issued for $1,825 in fines.

In the month of October there were 13 Criminal Complaints issued, one for Receiving Stolen Property, two for Annoying Phone Calls, four for Motor Vehicle Violations, and finally six for Minor in Possession of Liquor.

Also in October our Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,096 calls for police services, of those 152 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of October there was one Breaking & Entering of a residence, cleared by an arrest.

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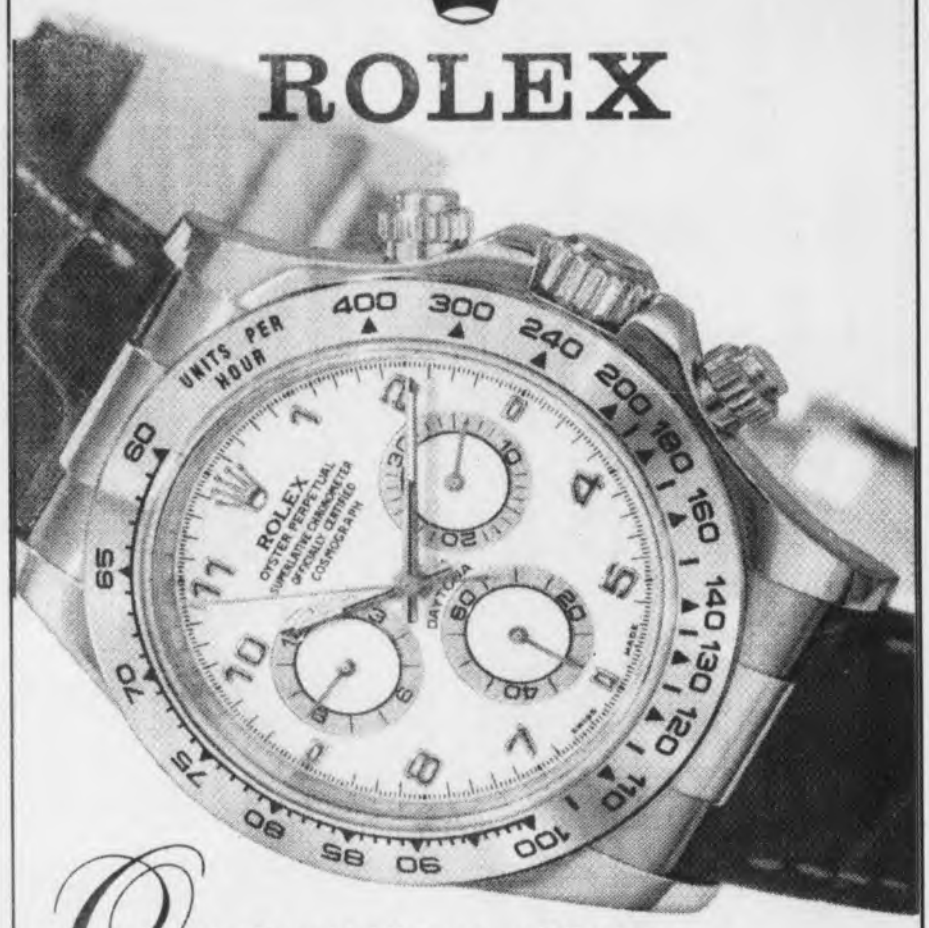

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MONDAY 11/18
Planning for the Future

1. When saving, what should be your first priority?
A. saving for your retirement
B. saving for an emergency fund
C. saving for a child's education
D. saving for large purchases (house, car, etc.)

2. When should you start saving for retirement?
A. as soon as possible
B. no earlier than age 25
C. after you pay off your debt
D. when you can afford to save a significant amount

3. How much of your gross yearly income should you try to save towards retirement?
A. 5%
B. 10%
C. 15%
D. 20%

4. Where's the best place to invest money you are saving for retirement?
A. mutual funds
B. IRA
C. 401K
D. all of the above

5. True or false: You can never make an early withdrawal from your retirement account without paying a penalty.

TUESDAY 11/19
Saving for College

1. True or false: You should plan to save as much for your child's education as you do for your own retirement.

2. Where's the best place to keep money you are saving for your child's education?
A. 529 funds and Coverdell ESAs
B. bonds
C. mutual funds
D. individual stocks

3. True or false: You can invest in a 529 college savings program in states where you don't live.

4. If you have a child entering college within 5 years, and you are just beginning to save, you should:
A. put the money in a low-risk portfolio
B. put the money in a high-risk portfolio
C. put the money in a savings account
D. forget about saving and use the money to pay off outstanding debts

5. Which of the following statements are false?
A. it is never too late to start saving for college
B. you may be able to use some retirement savings to pay for college
C. you cannot lose money in a 529 college savings plan
D. none of the above

WEDNESDAY 11/20
Buying a House

1. What should be your first step when buying a house?
A. find a real eastate broker
B. get pre-approved for a mortgage
C. pick the city or town where you want to live
D. ask rich relatives to gift you money

2. How long should you plan to own a home before you buy one?
A. at least 2 years
B. at least 5 years
C. at least 10 years
D. at least 15 years

3. True or false: You should never buy real estate unless you can afford to make a 20% down payment.

4. In most cases, what type of mortgage shold you get when buying a home?
A. 15 year fixed
B. 30 year fixed
C. 30 year adjustable
D. 5/1 adjustable

5. When should you refinance?
A. when you can drop your rate at least 2 points
B. when rates hit rock bottom
C. at least once every 5 years
D. whenever it saves you money

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Green Wave scuttles Skippers

Abington washes away Cohasset gridders' Super Bowl dreams

SPECIAL FOR THE MARINER

Abington's defense would bend but it would not break, as the Green Wave washed over the Skippers, shutting them out, 25-0, last Friday night in Abington to grab firm control in the South Shore League title and playoff chase.

Over 500 Cohasset fans showed up to support the Skippers in their quest for back to back South Shore League Championships on a mild night. An off night by the Skippers offense in the red zone, combined with a strong Abington defense, and a few questionable calls against the Skippers defense, leads to the SSL crown for the Abington Green Wave football team.

Cohasset won the coin toss and deferred to Abington, who elected to receive and on their opening drive took advantage of a personal foul against the Skippers, combined with four running plays to open the scoring on a 20-yard TD run by Greg Anderson. The kick by Chris Kenney made it a 7-0 game with just 1:52 elapsed.

On Cohasset's first possession, the Skippers proceeded to march 58 yards on the running of halfback Braun Goodson, quarterback Mike Snowdale and fullback Ted Straughn. Straughn broke off a 10-yard gain behind the blocking of center Matt Casey, right guard Steve Davis and right tackle Cosimo Cambi to bring the ball to Abington's 1- yard line, visit number one to the red zone. Three rushing attempts to the left side were stopped cold and a fourth down pass attempt fell incomplete, enabling Abington to take over on downs.

Cohasset's defense forced a short Abington punt after three short running plays were stopped, and the Skippers had the ball back at the Green Wave 22-yard line late in the first quarter. Cohasset extended the series into the second quarter before again being stopped on downs by a strong Abington defensive front. This time, the hosts prevented Snowdale from hitting D J Silvia and fellow wide out John Durkin in Cohasset's second visit to the red zone.

Abington then used a combination of a strong running game and short passes by quarterback Brian McSharry to march down field and convert on several crucial third down plays. The time

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset sophomore Tim Pilczak averaged an outstanding score of 42.5 per nine holes this season, making him a deserving Honorable Mention selection.

All-Scholastic golf team

Cohasset's O'Brien, Pilczak and Hajjar named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

Cohasset High had three players we considered strongly – senior Greg O'Brien, junior Mike Hajjar and sophomore Tim Pilczak, all of who consistently scored in the low 40s per nine holes this season. All three received Honorable Mentions.

After consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top 13 golfers in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Ryan Collins - Junior - Hingham

A Patriot League All-star, Collins finished second individually at the PL tournament…Collins' consistent play this season helped Hingham capture the Patriot League title in undefeated fashion (12-0) and a near-perfect overall season (15-1)…Collins was the co-medalist in 12 of 15 matches for Hingham this season…A year-round player, Collins plays Jr. Golf during the summer…Collins received the co-MVP award for his Hingham team this season. Hingham coach Jack Curran: "He's a very intense player and it shows. He's

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Lindsay Grossman (right), a terrific athlete who converted from field hockey her senior year, proved to be a tremendous addition to the midfield line, quickly learning the team system and earning a starting role on the team.

Taking the next step

Girls soccer team eyes even bigger things in '03

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

If this season was any indication as to where the girls soccer program is headed, the race for the South Shore League crown should look quite different next year.

Behind the skill and leadership of 11 seniors, the Lady Skippers qualified for the State tournament for the first time since 1995. Even though they were forced into an early exit from the postseason by a powerhouse Ashland squad two weeks ago, their surprising season has left many bright spots for coming years.

The Lady Skippers racked up a 10-7-1 record this year, more than doubling the amount of wins the team had seen in its previous two years. Although their non-league schedule may have been intentionally soft (including a trio of contests against Holbrook), fifth year coach Deb Beal now knows that her team can stay competitive against some tougher opponents.

The seniors were clearly the key to success on this team, leading the way on all lines of the field. On offense, co-captain Molly Flanagan was a scoring force all year with crafty footwork and an effective lefty shot. The outside speedsters Yasmine Afshar and Maura McKenney were instrumental with the team's control of the midfield this year, a major component in most of their wins. Lindsay Grossman, a terrific athlete who converted from field hockey her senior year, proved to be a tremendous addition to the midfield line, quickly learning the team system and earning a starting role on the team.

On defense, co-captain Julie Lordan and Katherine Coyne provided excellent protection for goalies Kelly Holway and Brittany Novak. Coyne and Lordan could easily be pointed to as the difference-makers in any of their one-goal victories this year.

Seniors Nicole Needle and Emily Dean were tough hustlers with plenty of experience

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Pilgrim Conference to dissolve

After ACL votes to break away, remaining leagues head off on own

By Mike Spellman
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Shortly after 10 schools voted formally to break from the Pilgrim Conference, last week, member schools from the Patriot League and South Shore League also voted for independence, essentially dissolving the Conference after 13 years.

The Pilgrim Conference is currently made up of 33 schools in five different leagues: the Big Three League, Old Colony League, Atlantic Coast League, Patriot League and South Shore League.

The course to split the Conference after the 2003-'04 school year was set in motion in July when the seven schools that presently make up the Atlantic Coast League and three schools from the Old Colony League – Plymouth South, Falmouth and North Quincy — officially informed the MIAA that they wished to break from the Pilgrim Conference. Representatives from all 33 schools within the Pilgrim Conference met at the Kingsbury Club in Kingston to formally vote on whether to accept the split. The vote was 29-4 in favor, with only four schools from the current Old Colony League in opposition.

Representatives from the South Shore League and Patriot Leagues — the smallest two of the five leagues within the Pilgrim Conference – then went into league caucus, and returned with news that they too wished for independence, leaving only the Big 3 and Old Colony League in the Pilgrim Conference. With OCL schools unlikely to team with the Big 3 — Brockton, New Bedford and Durfee (with those schools being double the size in enrollments) – this essentially deems meaningless the purpose of the conference. It is therefore expected that action to officially dissolve the Pilgrim Conference will be taken at the next meeting, March 11. If, as expected, that vote passes, the Pilgrim Conference will be no more as of July 1, 2004.

Not surprisingly, the four schools who voted against the 10 team split were Bridgewater-Raynham, Barnstable, Marshfield and Taunton, the four Old Colony League schools who will be left with no partners in sports as of July, 2004.

The fifth remaining OCL school team, Silver Lake, did not vote against the split. Silver Lake will lose approximately 800 students from its 1,800 enrollment base in the fall of 2004 to the new Pembroke High School. Silver

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

J.T. Oronte is one of seven junior starters who should return next year to give the Cohasset boys soccer team a legitimate shot at the South Shore League crown.

End of the line

Coach Nigro leaves boys soccer program in better shape than he found it

By Mike Spellman
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As much as he hates to leave it behind, at least Dave Nigro figures he's left the Cohasset High boys soccer program in better shape than he found it three years ago.

"I've had a lot of fun and would love to stay, but I just don't see how I could fit it in, and it wouldn't be fair to do it halfway," explained Nigro,

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Cohasset's O'Brien, Pilczak and Hajjar named among area's elite

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improved so much over the last year and has become much stronger. He's hitting the ball longer off the tee than when he was a sophomore."

Nick Fee - Junior
Hingham

Since his freshman season, Fee has made an undeniable impact on the Hingham golf squad…This season, Fee's performance helped the Harbormen capture its second Patriot League title in three years at 12-0 and a near-perfect regular season at 15-1…A two-time Patriot League All-star, Fee's 79 at the Div. 2 South Sectionals qualified him for the State Individual competition…In his freshman season, Fee shot a 78 at the Sectionals, which was key to the Harboromen's title with a low 311 score…Fee plays year round competing in summer Jr. Golf tournaments…Fee was named the co-MVP of his Harbormen team this season. Hingham coach Jack Curran: "Nick is an intense player but is very laid back and more relaxed. He has improved a lot since his freshman season and we're looking for him to have a good senior year."

Steve Dion -
Junior - Rockland

Represented Rockland on the Patriot League All-star team for the second-place Bulldogs (9-3, 9-6 overall)…Was the No. 1 man for Rockland this season with an over-par stroke average of 4.1, well below that of the next person on the team (9)…Was third at the Patriot League tournament last season…Dion qualified for the State Individual championships this season…Dion also plays hockey at Rockland High and is a member of the National Honor Society. Rockland coach Jack Murphy: "He's a very smart player, with fine skills and a nice swing. He doesn't get rattled on the course. He plays his game and knows that its the score at the end of the round that counts."

Alex Redmond -
Junior (Capt.) - Abington

Last season, Redmond started as the No. 2 golfer, but midway through established himself as the Green Wave's top man, which he repeated again this season…Playing in one of the more competitive leagues, Redmond helped Abington (9-7) hold their own against South Shore League giants like Harwich and Mashpee…Recorded a season low score of 29 on Strawberry Valley's par 34, 9-hole course…Redmond is a two-time South Shore League All-star and plays in summer golf tournaments. Abington coach Bill McMann: "Alex has a very good short game. He chips and putts very well."

Rich Collins -
Junior - Abington

One of the most consistent players on the Abington team, Collins was an interracial part of the Green Wave's interchangeable starting six…Collins came on strong in the final regular-season stretch, winning his last three of four matches…Collins was voted a South Shore League All-star this season and helped Abington notch a winning record of 9-7, in a league which contains golf heavyweights like Harwich and Mashpee…A year-round golfer at Ridder Country Club, Collins spends his summers playing in Jr. Golf Tournaments. Abington coach Bill McMann: "Rich is a very good iron player. His biggest strength is his strength. He has a bit of a streaky short game, but he's putting in the effort to work on it. He's a student of the game."

Matt Bramwell -
Senior (Capt.) - Marshfield

A four-year varsity golfer, Bramwell has been the backbone of the very young Marshfield (4-11) squad…A captain and stellar senior leader, Bramwell has won the individual league sportsmanship award for Marshfield for three consecutive seasons (one Atlantic Coast League, two Old Colony League)…Consistently led by example on a team primarily comprised of freshmen and sophomores…Bramwell is a year-round golfer, playing summers at the Marshfield Country Club…He is also a three-sport athlete at MHS, playing basketball and baseball in addition to golf. Marshfield coach Jack Crowley: "Matt is the epitome of everything a student-athlete should be. He's a great competitor and an excellent leader. I wish I had 15 more just like him."

Matt Lombard -
Sophomore - Hanover

A freshman sensation last season, Lombard kept on going this year as Hanover's No. 1 man…A two-time Patriot League All-star, Lombard qualified for the State Individual Tournament but was unable to attend due to a minor hip injury…Lombard, a lefty, was fourth at the Patriot League tournament this season…He finished the season with a 3.8 over par average for Hanover (5-7)…Just a sophomore, Lombard has a lot of golf left to play at Hanover High. Hanover coach John Sullivan: "Matt is very consistent off the tee. He hits a very solid ball and is a confident putter. He also has a very good attitude about the game."

Adam Mueller
Sophomore - Silver Lake

Adam Mueller

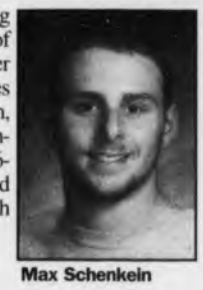
This Old Colony League all-star emerged quickly as the Lakers number one player this year, averaging an excellent team best score of 39.5 per nine holes to help lead the Lakers to an 11-5 season and in to the state tourney…shot an excellent 1-over par round of 37 in Lakers biggest win of year, a 229-234 defeat of OCL powerhouse Bridgewater-Raynham on that team's home course…low round for the years was an even par 36 at Silver Lake's Halifax Country Club…has been a member at Halifax C.C. for last five years…Silver Lake golf coach Eric Flaherty: Adam was our go to guy. He was the guy we matched up with tough opponents all the time and he almost always came up with a good score. He's extremely consistent. He has a lot of skills and a beautiful swing, and he works hard on his game. I'm looking forward to having him with us the next two years."

Brian Dorney
Junior - Norwell

Brian Dorney

One of only three South Shore League players to qualify for the Div. 3 individual championships, this after finishing fifth overall with a score of 79 at the South Sectionals at Foxboro Country Club…averaged an outstanding score of 36.7 per nine holes…Brian filled some huge shoes in taking over as Norwell's number one golfer for Ben Spitz, the two-time state individuals champ now on full golf scholarship at TCU…compiled an individual record of 8-4…helped lead the Clippers to a 7-5 record in the extremely competitive SSL…a three year regular in Norwell's rotation…a well-rounded athlete who chose golf over baseball as a freshman when it was a spring sport, and then over soccer when golf became a fall sport last year…Norwell coach Ken Camerota: "Brian has been a long hitter since his freshman year, but the area he really improved in this year was putting. That's helped bring his average down quite a bit. He had to fill some huge shoes this year, but he stepped up like a champ to the challenge."

Max Schenkein
Junior - Norwell


Max Schenkein

The junior averaged an outstanding score of 39.7 per nine holes this season, while compiling a 6-1-4 record in match play…helped lead the Clippers to a 7-5 record in the extremely competitive SSL…a very consistent and well-rounded player…three year regular in Norwell's rotation…works at Four Seasons Golf Club in Hingham, so gets to play there…also plays basketball and baseball at NHS…Norwell coach Ken Camerota: "The big thing about Max is his consistency. He's a long hitter and very steady in all parts of his game. He really works hard on improving."

Ben Brigham
Sophomore - Scituate

Ben Brigham

Ben and freshman Hunter Talcott stepped to the fore this year to help give the Sailors an exciting 1-2 punch, leading the team to a post-season berth with a 6-5 record…shot a team best 82 at Foxboro Country Club for the South Sectionals of the state tourney…won the Patriot League post-season all-star match at SHS's home Hatherly Country Club, shooting a 5-over 77…averaged a score of 40.9 per nine holes…has been playing golf for six of seven years…was a member of the varsity lacrosse team as a freshman…is thinking about playing basketball this year…Scituate coach Bob Beatty: "Ben is one of the hardest working golfers I've ever been around. He's continually working on all parts of his game. He's a heavy hitter, but also very consistent on the drives. He's usually right down the middle of the fairway."

Jon Geehan
Senior - Braintree

Jon Geehan

The lone member of the Braintree High team named a Bay State League All-Star…Jon averaged 40.5 per nine holes this year playing out of the number one spot for the Wamps…a four year regular in the Braintree rotation…best round of the year was an even par 36 at Framingham's home golf course…has been a member at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course for the last seven years…is thinking of majoring in Golf Course Management, and is considering a few schools down south, including St. Leo's in Florida…Braintree coach Bob Crook: "Jon has been a big part of our team for four years. He hits the ball a long way and has really worked to get better with every club in his bag. He just loves the game."

Honorable Mention:

Ryan Parker- Sr. Braintree
Greg O'Brien- Sr.-Cohasset
Tim Pilczak- Soph- Cohasset
Mike Hajjar-Jr. Cohasset
Brendan Boyle- Sr.-Norwell
Hunter Talcott- Fr. - Scituate
Eric Emmett- Sr.- Scituate
Derek DeSantis- Jr.- Silver Lake
Eric Zadorian- Jr.- Silver Lake
John Foley - Jr. - Hingham
Bryan Quinlan - Soph. - Hingham
Mike Celestino - Sr. - Rockland
Chris Nicotera - Jr. - Marshfield

— These teams were selected by Mariner Sports Editors Julie Ann Nevero and Mike Spellman with the help of area coaches.

Scituate-Cohasset Youth gridders win two Super Bowls, tie for a third

Four of the five teams from the Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football program advanced to Super Bowls in their respective divisions this past weekend, and two of those four came home with the much coveted hardware, while a third wound up sharing the crown.

In Div. 1, the Scituate Shark PeeWees topped Marshfield 12-0 at Bridgewater's Legion Field on Sunday.

Three Scituate teams squared off with Hingham team in Super Bowl battles Saturday night at Scituate High, with the home team splitting those decisions.

The Scituate Stingray PeeWees won the Division 5 Championship, topping Hingham, 6-0

In an earlier game, the Stingray Mites played their Hingham counterparts to a 6-6 deadlock.

The StingRay Midgets lost 16-0 to Hingham in the middle game, but still had a very successful winning season, the highlight of which was a thrilling 6-0 win over Barnstable in overtime to advance to the Super Bowl..

The Midgets were co-champs during the regular season with a record of 6-1-1.

Key two-way players included Alex Cuomo, John Collins, Jack Dings, Sean Cooney, Mike Skane, Steve Ferriter, Ben Wicks, Brad Sportack, Mike Berlo, and Ryan Kane. Key offensive contributors included QB Joe Barisano, Frankie Dixon, Steve Corsaro, Sam Buckley, Danny Breen, Alex Fitzgerald, and Nick Giampetro. Key defensive contributors included identical twin brothers Dan and Mike Judge, David Pinkham, Cody Adamson, twin brothers Jordan and Nathan Barry, Eddie Gorman, Evan Simons, Pat Swanson, Paul O'Leary, Robbie McCourt, and Danny Ghergurovioch.

Girls soccer team eyes even bigger things in '03

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who boosted the team off the bench all season.

While there may be many pairs of cleats next year's team needs to fill, the junior and sophomore class proved they are quite capable.

The junior duo of Jen Buckley and Gillian Weber combined to shoulder most of the scoring load for the Skippers this year. Buckley recorded 12 goals, and Weber added eight, totaling well over half of the Lady Skippers' 35 goals this year.

Holly Graham had another excellent season as the starting sweeper for the team, earning a spot on the South Shore League All-Star team. Her .speed and instincts made her a major force on defense all year.

Novak, who got the nod to start in the playoff game, received valuable game experience this year, and showed she can handle the position well. Her hard work and dedication to improve her game were quite evident this year.

The current sophomore class also has some heavy hitters for the future. The Junior Varsity squad, coached by Cara Connerty, nearly had a perfect season, finishing the year 12-2.

Sophomores Rachel Garber, Christine Lovallo and Nicole Whitney all proved that they could compete at the varsity level, fitting in nicely during the playoff game against Ashland. Although it was their first varsity action, the three combined to all but take Ashland's number one scorer, Lauren Kelliher, out of the game.

The team will have to undergo some serious construction over the offseason, but Beal is confident that if her charges return in the same physical shape they're in right now, the team should be right back in the postseason hunt in '03.

SPORTS NOTES

Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football equipment return

Equipment return will be this Sunday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.at our field house attached to Scituate High School. This is the only time that you can return equipment.

Equipment deposit checks will be cashed on the 18th for any equipment that is not returned.

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Basketball registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department/Booster's Basketball registrations will be held for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8, at the Town Hall, on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee for the program is $55. Checks should be made payable to Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club (CBBC), shirt charge is included in the fee. Details on the basketball program will be available at registrations. Games are played on Saturdays, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid any conflicts. The Recreational Basketball Program is made available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the Recreation Department, providing youngsters with a teaching and recreational opportunity.

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who led the Skippers to the quarterfinals of the Eastern Mass tourney in each of the three years since taking over the program, after announcing his resignation earlier this week in deference to both professional and family considerations.

Nigro, a contractor, is preparing to start a job on the North Shore that is estimated will take over a year to complete. In addition, his oldest son, currently a senior at B.C. High, will be starting college in the fall and may be playing soccer. He also has a teenage son who plays football, and a 3-year old daughter.

"I'd like to be able to see my son play football," continued Nigro, who lives in Hull. "I haven't been able to do that much the last few years with my schedule, and I'd like to be able to spend more time with my daughter too. It wasn't an easy decision (to resign), but it was the only sensible way to go."

Nigro, who has coached his older son in soccer at the upper Club level for years, does take solace in the fact that he's left a program with a strong foundation for whoever takes over.

"That was my goal when I started: to help build a good program, and I feel I've had some pretty good success," he said. "You can always look at things and wish you'd done better, but I think, overall, we've done pretty well. Things seem to be going in the right direction for the program."

Cohasset Athletic Director Ron Ford, who made Nigro one of his first hirings after taking over as Athletic Director in the summer of 2000, concurs.

"Dave has done a tremendous job, and we hate to see him go," said Ford. "I've always been extremely impressed by the way he does things. He makes the kids work hard and he sets a high standard, but the kids have responded to him, and they respect him. Plus, he's an extremely knowledgeable coach who knows how to teach the game of soccer.

"Whoever does take over for Dave will have some big shoes to fill, but they'll inherit a program with kids who have been shown the right way to do things."

The successor will also inherit arguably the most talented senior class Cohasset High has seen in several years.

Juniors Chris Clark, Coner Buick and Craig Laugelle were all named South Shore League all-stars after the fall season. Clark, who quarterbacks the offense from his center midfield spot, was the team's second leading scorer and was also named to the All Eastern Mass team.

Buick was the team's stopper and Laugelle a fullback, which translates into the Skippers being strong on defense again next season.

"Coner could be a dominant player in back next year, and Craig is very, very steady," noted Nigro. "Those are two excellent pieces to have in place."

Junior forward Dave Santiago led the team in scoring, and Nigro feels he has the potential to improve significantly on that output next year with a little more attention to detail.

"Dave has a lot of talent and a lot of athleticism," said the outgoing coach. "He's a good kid. If he bares down a little more he could really light this league up next year."

Other returning junior starters are midfielder Jesse Brewer and sweeper J.T. Oronte.

"It's a good class," said Nigro. "Having a seasoned group like this should definitely help make the job of the new coach a little easier to start."

Juniors Andrew Wise and Andrew Busk also saw varsity playing time and should add depth. Ditto for sophomores Jon Littauer and Sam Steele, and freshman Aidan Buick, Ben Libby and Matt O'Connell, with the latter frosh a starter through much of the second half of the season.

"Matt had a real good year for a freshman, and I think you could really see him blossom next year," appraised Nigro. "Libby and Aidan showed some good things too. They just need to get more comfortable and consistent."

This is not to say the team won't miss the outgoing seniors. Co-captain Evan Pestone finished third on the team in scoring, and fellow captain Robert Hickey proved valuable whether playing up front or in back.

And then there's team MVP Curt Kahn, who moved from forward to keeper in his senior season, and, despite never having played that position at the high school level, quickly emerged as a force between the pipes.

"The more I thought about it after the season the more I realized how steady Curt was; he really was our MVP," said Nigro, who made this official at the teams breakup banquet last night. "Considering he'd never played there at this level, it really was amazing the way he settled in so quickly to such a tough position."

The heir apparent to Kahn in net is freshman Prescott Busk (Andrew's brother), who had a very good season of keeping at the JV level.

"Prescott looks like he should be ready to step in at the varsity level next year,' noted Nigro. "That's something else the new coach will have going for him: stability in net. I had to start over with a new goalie in each of my three seasons."

Nigro named others who he feels are ready to make the jump from the JV level, sweeper Sam McDonald being one name he mentioned repeatedly.

"I think they're going to have a good team here next year, and that would obviously make me happy," concluded Nigro, who was named the EMass High School Coach of the Year in 2000. "It's been a lot of fun. It's a different kind of challenge from the club level. I learned a lot of things from coaching at the high school level. It's been a good experience."

Cohasset tennis player gets world ranking

Chum Steele 10th Among 55-and-Over Men

By Terry Kahn
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Four years ago, Chum Steele was inducted into the New England Tennis Hall of Fame.

Two years ago, Steele took his 16th national title, the first he'd won in 15 years.

This year, the renaissance continues.

Completing his first season on the global International Tennis Federation Veterans' Tour, Steele has become the 10th-ranked singles player among the world's 55-and-over players.

"Actually, I could move into the top five by the end of the year," said Steele, 58, a few weeks back. The former Cohasset High School boys' tennis coach (when his son Daniel was a student there) is scheduled to play in both the Brazilian and Argentinian national veterans' tournaments in November. Steele won the Argentina title in Buenos Aires last fall to launch his run into the top 10.

Besides Argentina, Steele also captured the Hungarian veterans' championship this summer, lost in the semi-finals of the United States Grasscourt Championships on Long Island, and lost in the round of 16 at the ITF World Championships in Velden, Austria. The ITF runs the Davis Cup, the Grand Slam events including Wimbledon and the US Open, and several other worldwide series.

"I played six events this year," said Steele, "and because it was my first year on the circuit, I was never seeded in the singles. Starting with the South American events in November, I'll get a favorable placement in each draw and should do even better."

In January, Steele is tentatively scheduled to compete in Australia.

Steele, teaming with Charles Hoeveler, his doubles partner of the past two years, will also likely be ranked as America' number-one doubles duo in the age group. One of the greatest doubles competitors in New England history and on the world circuit in the late Sixties and early Seventies, Steele made the main singles draw at Wimbledon five times, and the United States championship draw 10 times. His titles include four national mixed doubles indoor championships, seven national father-and-son doubles championships with his father, Chauncey Steele, and close to ten senior men's doubles crowns.

Interestingly, Steele – at his peak as a world-class singles player – was never ranked higher than 21st in the United States.

"And there weren't any world rankings back then," he recalled, "so I don't know where I stood globally."

Now there are only two US players – Hugh Thomson at 4 and David Nash at 8 – ahead of him in his age group. Argentina's Julian Ganzabal is the current leader in the world rankings, followed by a German and a Hungarian.

"The only thing holding me back now," said Steele, "is the expense. If you come across anyone looking to support an old tennis bum – and the itineraries are great – let me know."

Chum Steele and his wife in South Africa for seniors tourney last year.

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Green Wave scuttles Skippers

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consuming push covered 80 yards and ended when Adam Bowser plunged into the end zome fro mthree yards out to make it a 13-0 game.

After the Skippers failed to move on their third series, they had their only punt of the night and the Green Wave again proceeded to move into Cohasset territory. A questionable face mask penalty enabled Abington to convert on a crucial third down.

The Green Wave then got another break with less than a minute to go in the first half when their receiver was jolted by defensive back Mike Dooley 15-yards down field just as the ball arrived. The ball popped loose quickly, but was ruled a catch and fumble rather than an incomplete pass, as many on the Cohasset sidelines thought it should have been. The ball was then recovered on Cohasset's 24-yard line by an opportunistic Abington player who was trailing the play.

The Green Wave capitalized on this break with eight seconds left in the half as an 11-yard pass to the left flat was hauled in for a touchdown by Greg Anderson and made the score 19-0 just before the Abington band hit the field for the halftime show.

There was no quit in the Skippers, though, and they proved it with a strong drive to open the second half. The return brought them out to the 41-yard line. Straughn got Cohasset to midfield with a strong 9-yard run. An Abington player stripped the ball on the next play, however, to dash the hopes of a quick momentum turner from the Cohasset offense.

Cohasset's defensive unit — consisting of a front four of Nick Spirito, Steve Davis, Ben Lynner and Sean Connolly, a linebacking corps of Tony Truglia, Matt Casey and Cosimo Cambi and deep backs Dooley, Tom Anderson, Matt Davis and Durkin — stopped the Green Wave on downs at Cohasset's 18 yard line.

The offense then put their best drive of the night together, with Snowdale being provided fine pass protection from Dan Tarpey, Nick Arment, Casey, S Davis, and Cambi. Snowdale hit tight end Tom Anderson for a 25-yard gain and Cohasset had the ball at the Abington 8-yard line, red zone visit number three. However, the Green Wave's defense stood strong once again and took over on downs at their 5-yard line early in the fourth quarter.

The Skippers defense then forced Abington to punt, and senior punt returner John Durkin returned the ball to Cohasset's 37 yard line with thre minutes left in the game.

With the Green Wave going to a prevent defense, they proceeded to pick off a Skipper pass.

With 1:44 to go in the game, Abington closed out the scoring with the help of another questionable completion call in the end zone.

The win give Abington a 4-0 record in South Shore League play (7-1 overall) and clinched a berth in the Div. 5 Super Bowl playoffs against the Catholic Central Large champ Archbishop Williams. The Green Wave's lone remaining league game is with Mashpee (2-6, 0-4) tomorrow, and a win here would give them their first sole possession of the league crown since 1981.

With the loss, Cohasset now stands at 2-1 in SSL play (7-1 overall), with two home dates left versus Norwell (tomorrow night, 7 p.m. kickoff) and Hull (Thanksgiving morning).

Abington 25, Cohasset 0

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Cohasset (7-1)	0	0	0	0 —	0
Abington (7-1)	7	12	0	6 —	25

A-Anderson 20 yard run, Kenney kick.
A-Bowser 3 yard run. kick failed
A-Anderson 11 yard pass from McSharry, conversion failed.
A-Junkins 13 yard pass from McSharry, kick failed.

Tale of the Tape

Offensive Statistics

Passing-Mike Snowdale 3 for 11, 30 yards, 1 interception

Receiving-Tom Anderson 2 receptions for 20 yards, John Durkin 1 for 10 yards.

Rushing-Braun Goodson, 18 carries for 70 yards, Ted Straughn 8 for 44 yards. Mike Snowdale 6 for 4, Lynner 1 for 0.

Defensive Statistics

Tackles: Matt Casey 9, Tony Truglia and Mike Dooley 6 each, Tom Anderson and Cosimo Cambi 4 each, John Durkin 3, Steve Davis, Sean Connolly, and Ben Lynner 2 each, Nick Spirito and Matt Davis 1 each.

Fumbles recovered-Connolly, Anderson, and Snowdale

Possessional breakdown: Cohasset had 8 offensive possessions, 4 ended by downs, 1 by fumble, 1 by interception, 1 by punt, and 1 by clock.

Abington had 7 offensive possessions, 4 ended with a touchdown, 1 by downs, 2 by punt.

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Pilgrim Conference to dissolve

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Lake Athletic Director Bill Johnson said it is possible his school will apply next year for admittance to the Atlantic Coast League in 2004. With an estimated 1,000 students, that would put Silver Lake, if it was admitted, in the lower third of those schools (in terms of student enrollment) slated to become the new ACL.

It has also been reported that Pembroke High School will likely apply for entrance in to the Patriot League. A student body of 800 would make Pembroke the fourth largest in the current seven school alignment, and word is that Patriot League officials are receptive to the idea of expanding to include Pembroke.

Conference dissolution will likely have little impact on the two small leagues – the Patriot and South Shore Leagues. The Athletic Directors and coaches from most of the schools have long standing good working relationships with one another, so frequent scheduling across league lines should continue.

OCL schools have in the past enjoyed a similar type of partnerships with ACL schools, but that has gradually deteriorated over the last few years, with geographical differences becoming an ever increasing deterrent. In fact, it has been suggested this might have been another factor in the split.

Pilgrim Conference officials, obviously knowing in advance where last Tuesday's meeting was headed, invited to the meeting representatives from current Eastern Athletic Conference schools Dartmouth and Attleboro to gauge their interest in joining the Old Colony League in 2004.

"Attleboro and Dartmouth seemed fairly receptive," reported Marshfield Athletic Director Glen Ward. "We'll just have to see how it plays out. Adding those schools would solve some of the problems we're looking at in terms of scheduling."

Officials from Attleboro and Dartmouth, as well as from Somerset High, will be invited to the March 11 meeting to continue discussions on a possible jump to the OCL.

Clearly, regardless of whether these schools join the OCL, the school that appears the biggest loser in all of this is Marshfield High. Already the smallest school in the current OCL with1,251 students (Oct, 2001 numbers), MHS is dwarfed in size by the other three schools which will remain in the OCL – Barnstable (1,978), Taunton (1,852) and Bridgewater-Raynham (1,533). An additional hardship would be created by travel. Taunton and Barnstable are a good one hour bus ride from Marshfield High, and Somerset, Dartmouth and Attleboro are even further.

"With schools looking to cut athletic budgets, that would create a pretty difficult position for us," noted Marshfield AD Glen Ward.

Not surprisingly, Ward said his school intends to apply for entrance in to the new 10 team Atlantic Coast League. If Silver Lake is accepted in to the ACL, that would make 11 schools and Marshfield would make 12, making a perfect fit for the plan of ACL directors to go with "South" and "North" subdivisions. Geography and student population would also both seem to place Marshfield High right in the middle of that picture.

Despite all of these circumstances seeming to speak favorably for Marshfield High's admittance, however, Ward claims he's been told by "a few second hand sources" that his school's application would likely not be accepted by ACL officials – a scenario that clearly has the Marshfield A.D. both scratching his head and bristling.

"I've asked if there's anything personal there, or if anyone from Marshfield High has done anything improper that might turn people against us, but people keep saying 'no'," said Ward.

He has heard, however, one possible explanation for the shunning: football. The M.H.S. football team dominated the ACL for years before joining the OCL in 2001, capturing the league championship five times between 1995 and 2000.

"The thing I keep hearing is 'football'," reported the AD. "It sounds like, because of our success, other schools don't want us. If that's true, that's incredibly unfair. Because of one sport, there's no room for 23 other sports?! How do you justify that?"

Not surprisingly, general opinions following last Tuesday's votes were split right down the middle.

Nauset AD Al Sullivan offered: "Sometimes people get caught thinking that change is necessarily a bad thing, but that's not always the case. Populations change, communities change. The schools that made this move all agree it's a good thing."

Interestingly, Silver Lake AD Bill Johnson used this observation about the ever-changing nature of communities to make the exact opposite argument.

"Two or three years from now, these schools that were so quick to split could be in a lot different position," noted Johnson. "Some schools could get bigger, some could get smaller. They've locked themselves in to something permanent and there are a lot of other factors that aren't going to be permanent. That was the idea behind forming the Pilgrim Conference in the first place: to give us some flexibility."

History

The secession card was first played by Atlantic Coast League school principals in July, a few weeks after Pilgrim Conference officials did not respond favorably to proposals made by these schools at a realignment meeting in mid-June. On Sept. 26, the Mariner was the first newspaper to report this.

At the June meeting, Atlantic Coast League school principals and athletic directors were looking to head off the Pilgrim Conference realignment in 2005 that would go strictly by student enrollment numbers. Specifically, they were concerned Dennis-Yarmouth and Sandwich could be moving "up" to the Old Colony League and Nauset "down" to the Patriot League, moves that would break up some natural rivalries as well as necessitate an increase in travel costs to already strapped athletic budgets.

"It just didn't seem like the (other Pilgrim Conference officials) were sympathetic to our situation," said Nauset High Athletic Director Al Sullivan. "We felt we had to take action now, while we still had some control. If we'd waited to the beginning of school to inform the MIAA, that would have cost us another year, because the (bylaw) says you've got to give two full years notice."

Sullivan felt it made more sense to secede from the Conference a year prior to scheduled realignment, explaining that trying to do both in the same year would cause "mass confusion" and "possible further fragmenting."

Subsequently, the principals of the seven ACL schools voted to form their own independent athletic league, and principals from three schools currently aligned with the Old Colony League — Plymouth South, Falmouth and North Quincy — voted to join them. These 10 schools then formally notified the MIAA of their intent to split with the Pilgrim Conference after the 2003-'04 school year in order to form this new independent league.

The plan now is to form two divisions of the Atlantic Coast League, with Nauset, Dennis-Yarmouth, Sandwich, Plymouth South and Falmouth in the South Division and Plymouth North, Whitman-Hanson, Randolph and the two Quincy teams in the North Division.

In sports such as soccer, field hockey, basketball, hockey, baseball and softball, divisional rivals would meet twice during the season, while South and North teams would meet only once. This would mean only two or three long trips south or north a year and more "free dates" to arrange non-league games against schools from neighboring towns – all of which could account for considerable savings in the travel budgets.

"There is pressure from school committees to cut budgets and principals can go back and show them this," said Sullivan. "We're cutting the budget without completely disrupting athletic issues here."

"We wanted to control our own destiny to a certain extent. The schools in the ACL right now are great partners in sports. We all work well together. If there's a problem, we can call one another and work things out. We don't have people who hide in bunkers and avoid the situations. We have a good situation right now. Why wouldn't we want to keep it?"

School officials from other Pilgrim Conference leagues, not surprisingly, repeatedly expressed frustration in recent months over this drastic measure taken by the 10 renegade schools, some even charging them with hypocrisy.

"These ACL schools voted Scituate (High) back and forth all those times between leagues," noted Norwell High Athletic Director Jim Sullivan (no relation to Al). "No one is innocent in all of this. I think we should be looking at the best interests of the group, not individuals."

In the end, however, none of this positioning and posturing made any difference.

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BRINGING BACK THE RITZ

Re-making history

Iconic Back Bay Ritz-Carlton reopens in grand style

By Greg Gatlin
BOSTON HERALD

Carlos Villalobos, a 30-year bartender at the Ritz-Carlton, Boston, is back at The Bar, making his famed martinis, stirred 12 times — not 11, not 13.

Norman Pashoian, the doorman who has welcomed guests at the hotel's Newbury Street entrance for 55 years, has also resumed his post.

Cobalt blue chandeliers now hang from The Dining Room ceiling, and 19th century artwork again adorns the Ritz's walls.

In fact, many of the traditions endure as the grande dame of hotels reopened its doors after a one-year, $50 million overhaul. But interior designer Frank Nicholson has given Boston's 75-year-old original Ritz a new vibrancy.

Nicholson, whose Concord firm has designed many of the Ritz-Carlton hotels worldwide, said the goal was to bring back the luster and ambience of a historic property without drawing attention to the changes.

"We thought that if we did a really terrific job, even though we have made a lot of improvements, people couldn't be sure what is new and what has always been there," Nicholson said.

Still, Caron Le Brun, area director of public relations for the Ritz-Carlton, said the renovated hotel has "never been so opulent."

A color scheme of celadon, or pale green, deep golds, soft corals and blues is woven into custom-made carpets, draperies and silk-fabric paneling on the walls. There are new European furnishings. Pattern stone floors have replaced marble floors at entryways.

A Cape Cod glassblower recreated pieces of cobalt blue glass to replace broken pieces in The Dining Room's signature chandeliers. Some interior walls have been removed, giving the hotel more window views and breathing room.

The old Ritz offers fireplace butlers that help guests select from a menu of firewoods for bedrooms and suite fireplaces. The bath butler offers a bubble bath and a choice of fragrances. Along with the bath you can have champagne, cookies and milk, or even a rubber ducky.

Anthony Pangaro, principal with Ritz owner Millennium Partners, said the hotel's faded elegance has been restored. Pangaro said he is not worried about putting $50 million worth of renovations into a luxury hotel at a time when the local hotel and visitor industry has been pinched by a tough economy.

"You can't do these things for the moment," he said, adding the hotel will survive down times because of its tradition.

Rooms are going for the same $495 a night they were when the hotel closed.

The Arlington Street Ritz's expanded lounge, legendary for its afternoon tea, is already booked through December, Le Brun said.

Pangaro also brushed off the renovated hotel's possible effects on Millennium's more modern Ritz-Carlton, Boston Common. The hotels target different customer types, he said.

The hotel's formal opening is slated for Friday, Nov. 15.

Winston Churchill, Neil Simon and Nomar Garciaparra have all been drawn to the elegance of the Ritz-Carlton.

How suite it is!

By Anna Kasabian
THE BACK BAY COURANT

All of Boston's finer hotels have what is called a "Presidential Suite." By definition, this is the best room money can buy, is the most spacious and offers the most breath-taking views and many special amenities. They are booked year round by royalty, celebrities and the very wealthy.

At the Ritz-Carlton, Boston's presidential suite, luxury and pampering are the daily bread. The suite is set off on a corner of the new wing with unobstructed, sweeping views of the Public Garden and Commonwealth Avenue. It is a place of quiet elegance, newly redecorated by hotel interior designer Frank Nicholson. Even the color tones, whether they are in the marble or the fabric, are quiet, and easy on the eye. Nothing screams "look here." It all just flows with warm and cool tones.

The foyer, dining room, bar and living room have no walls separating them. When the drapes are wide open, you can marvel at the magnificent view from many angles.

There is also a cozy kitchen complete with stove and small refrigerator, a master bedroom suite and guest bedroom. The stylish marble bathroom has its own Jacuzzi.

Room sizes are comparable to any Back Bay condominium. The master suite, for example, includes the bedroom which is about 12-by-20 feet, a master bath measuring 19-by-7 feet and a dressing room of 8-by-17 feet. The presidential suite with one bedroom is $4,000 and with a second adjoining guestroom it is $4,495.

The Back Bay location of the Ritz-Carlton provides some stunning views.

This is a wonderful place to hide or to throw a party for 30, and in the past, it has functioned well in both realms. According to Caron Le Brun, area director of public relations for the Ritz-Carlton, the late Richard Burton lived in this suite for an entire month when he was playing in "Private Lives" with Elizabeth Taylor. They had divorced by then, and she resided at another hotel.

Other celebrities who enjoyed the suite in the past include Prince Charles who stayed here during the 350th anniversary of Harvard. The suite has also hosted Robert Goulet, Sylvester Stallone, Liza Minnelli and The Backstreet Boys. Comedian Jerry Lewis and his poodle puppy stayed here, as did Morris the Cat, with his trainer. Morris, who was on tour at the time, was greeted Ritz-style with a bowl full of fresh milk in a crystal bowl.

75 years of history at the Ritz

1927: Ritz-Carlton, Boston opens May 18. Edward N. Wyner grants rooms only to those whose social standing he personally approves. Unknown potential guests must be screened. Telephone reservations are not accepted.

1927: The first celebrity to book a room is Swedish film star Sigrid Holmquist. The Ritz's fame lasts longer than hers.

1929: Irving Berlin writes "Puttin' on the Ritz" for the film of same name and generates countless future headlines. (The phrase has appeared in 43 headlines worldwide just in the past two years.)

1931: While at the Ritz, lyricist Lorenz Hart composes "Ten Cents a Dance" for the musical "Simple Simon."

1933: The Ritz Roof Garden opens with Eddie Duchin leading the band.

1933: Ritz-Carlton menus change from French to English.

1935: Wyner stops police from searching the Ritz for three murderers. "I can give you the pedigree of every person in this hotel," he says. And he does. Police leave after the recitation and later catch the killers elsewhere.

1938: The Ritz Bar opens with a separate area for ladies.

1939: George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart work on "The Man Who Came to Dinner" while staying at the Ritz.

1941: Wyner welcomes African-American actor Eddie "Rochester" Anderson. He also orders the dining room to serve guests regardless of race.

1946: A hurricane destroys the Ritz Roof Garden. Wyner turns the roof into a private playground for his family and a practice golf range where he entertains celebrity friends, including Ted Williams.

1947: Norman Pashoian is hired as bellboy. He is today the longest-serving Ritz-Carlton employee.

1947: Tennessee Williams works on "A Streetcar Named Desire" while staying at the Ritz.

1948: Moss Hart sets his play "Light Up the Sky" at the Ritz.

1949: Winston Churchill stays at the Ritz, in a suite reupholstered in red, his favorite color.

1951: The Ritz Cafe opens.

1957: Norman Pashoian becomes Newbury Street doorman, the job he still has today.

1959: While staying at the Ritz, Oscar Hammerstein II writes his last song, "Edelweiss."

1961: Edward Wyner dies.

1964: Cabot, Cabot & Forbes and its chairman, Gerald W. Blakely, take over ownership and management of the hotel.

1965: Neil Simon rewrites the third act of "The Odd Couple" while staying at the Ritz during the play's Boston tryout.

1970: The first unescorted women are admitted to the Ritz Bar and Cafe.

1970: In the children's book "The Trumpet of the Swan," Louis the Swan spends a night.

1971: The hotel lifts taboo on pantsuits.

1972: Bartender Carlos Villalobos composes the Ritz martini: stirred, not shaken.

1976: After their second divorce, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton host a party for friends at the Ritz.

1977: Blakely sells Cabot, Cabot & Forbes and becomes sole owner of the Ritz-Carlton, Boston.

1981: The Ritz condos open.

1983: Blakely sells the hotel and the rights to the Ritz-Carlton name to William B. Johnson and the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Co.

1984: Finicky Morris the Cat stays at the Ritz and is taken to a performance of "Cats."

1985: Finicky actor Anthony Quinn demands a two-bedroom suite with kitchen. The Ritz tears down the wall between a one-bedroom suite and the next room.

1985: Manager Henry Schielein inaugurates the Men's Smoker.

1987: Judith Re debuts the "Social Savvy" program for kids.

1993: After 47 years, the Ritz Roof reopens. Peter Duchin takes on his father's role as opening-night band leader.

1995: Marriott International purchases 49 percent interest in Ritz-Carlton Hotel Co.

1995: The jacket-and-tie dress code is relaxed in the Bar and Cafe. The change makes headlines around the world.

1998: Marriott's interest increases to 99 percent.

1999: Millennium Partners buys the Ritz-Carlton, Boston and announces plans to build the Ritz-Carlton, Boston Common.

2001: The Ritz-Carlton, Boston Common opens Sept. 6. Nomar Garciaparra is the official first guest.

2001: Ritz-Carlton, Boston closes Oct. 7 for major renovation.

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John Paul Sullivan talks to Deer Hill sixth graders about the Lakota Souix reservation.

Deer Hill lends helping hand

Holds drive for Lakota Souix

By Brian J. Scully
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There is not much in common between Wamblee, S.D. and Cohasset, Mass.

Wamblee is a poverty-stricken town in the middle of the Lakota Sioux reservation, while Cohasset is quintessential New England.

But there are certain things – items really – that link the two communities despite their differences in distance and demographics.

For the last three years, the Deer Hill school – at the behest of custodian Ted Holland – has conducted clothing/useful items drive for their counterparts in Wamblee.

"It runs the gamut," said Principal Paul Callahan. "Anything from clothing to books, to tires, to plates, even bikes. Basically anything that can be used in a house."

Holland's friend John Paul Sullivan became involved with the Lakota Sioux when he began sponsoring a family there. For the past 10 years, he has conducted the supplies drive and then driven the materials out to South Dakota.

"He drives out right around Thanksgiving every year," said Holland of his friend. "He came here the other day and loaded up his truck. We had some of the after-school kids help us out, along with some kids we had asked during lunch. They were having a blast, running back and forth carrying the stuff, riding the bikes to the truck."

Beyond the fun of the process, Callahan says it also has a positive impact on the students.

"It helps to show them that there are other places in the world that are not like Cohasset," said Callahan. "(Sullivan) actually came to our school and spoke with some of our students about life on a reservation."

Holland hopes that the drive, which has increased in size every year, will get a big boost from this year's effort.

"I'm hoping that next year, when the Lakota signs go up, more kids will recognize it and want to get involved," said Holland. "The kids really do get excited, especially when they see the pile growing in the cafeteria."

The items, many of which were outgrown or no longer used, have a big impact on the Lakota Sioux.

"They really don't have much so every little bit helps," said Holland. "All these items are things they wouldn't have had otherwise."

Holland and Sullivan are considering running a Christmas gift program for the kids in December, but are still working out the details.

Schools in Duxbury and Brookline, as well as Thayer Academy, also contributed to the drive.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

School menu

MONDAY, NOV. 18
Cheeseburger on a bun; *or* ham & cheese, mashed potato, peaches, choice of milk.

TUESDAY, NOV. 19
Chicken nuggets, bread sticks; *or* egg salad pocket, mixed veggies, pudding.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20
Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll; *or* Greek salad with pita, fruit, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, NOV. 21
Breakfast for Lunch: French toast sticks, with maple syrup, sausage, potato rounds, raisins.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22
Pizza: cheese or pepperoni; *or* fish fillet on a bun, green beans, apple, choice of milk.

SAFEGUARD is on the Web

"Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies," the Project SAFEGUARD Web site, is up and running. This site is designed as a resource to support the youth in the community. It's for parents, for kids, for teachers…for anyone who cares about making Cohasset an even more safe, nurturing, and responsible community.

Log on to www.cohassetpso.org/safeguard.htm to see what it's all about.

Along with a Parent Booklist of titles dealing with child development and adolescence, the Web site contains links to news articles, features, and resources for both parents and kids. Topics include Stress, Body Image, Bullying, and Drinking & Drugs. Over time the site may expand to cover issues for a wider age range. Content is researched and compiled by parent volunteer Sally Sisson, who also works as a freelance writer and editor specializing in educational publishing for the secondary-, middle- and high-school age range. Your ideas are welcome; visit the site and send in your comments or suggestions.

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Fr. Richard J. Bourgeois gives communion to a parishioner at Glastonbury Abbey.

Fr. Richard J. Bourgeois

In addition to his life-long interest in the Fine Arts, his commitment to pastoral ministry and inter-religious dialogue, his devotion to the beauty of monastic prayer and Catholic liturgy and his prodigious mind, Fr. Richard Bourgeois will be best remembered for his extraordinary capacity for friendship. His love of his friends took several forms but most memorable for many were Fr. Richard's meticulously prepared meals where his enthusiasm enhanced the joy and fun of the occasion.

His many professional and ministerial assignments took him around the world. A proficiency in languages and his vibrant personality made him accessible to and cherished by people from all walks of life and many cultures. In September, 1996, he was thrilled to be named an honorary citizen of the village of Amaroni in Calabria, Italy.

Richard Joseph Bourgeois was born Dec. 20, 1946 in New Bedford, the son of Stanley and Cremilde Bourgeois and brother of Stanley and John Bourgeois. Raised in South Dartmouth, he attended Dartmouth public schools, graduating from Dartmouth High in 1964. He joined the Benedictine monks of Glastonbury Abbey in 1965 and made solemn monastic profession in November, 1974. He attended St. Leo College, St. Leo, Florida and graduated from UMass, Boston with a BA in Psychology. He then received a Masters in Theology from St. John's, Brighton and was ordained a priest in 1976 by the late Cardinal Medeiros.

In his early years at the Abbey, Fr. Richard served as Abbey Choir Director and designed special community liturgical celebrations for Advent, Christmas and Lenten observances. For five years he was also the music director at St. Paul's Church, Hingham. Fr. Richard was part of the Monastic Formation Team and Retreat Staff for Glastonbury Abbey. Many people in the South Shore will remember Fr. Richard as the creative and indefatigable producer of "Summerthing," hilarious outdoor musical productions which brought hundreds to the great lawn of the Abbey for community and fun.

Fr. Richard pursued higher education and received a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of Sant' Anselmo in Rome, where he subsequently served as Registrar and later as Director of the Theology Renewal Program. Upon his return to Boston in 1998, Fr. Richard took on the role of Director of Development of Glastonbury Abbey and quickly became involved in the religious and civic life of Boston and especially of the South Shore area. He served as President of the Hingham-Hull Religious Leaders Association and as Regional Director of Liturgy for the Archdiocese of Boston. He was a devoted and active Board Member of the Terezin Chamber Music Foundation and of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra. He was also Chaplain of the Sons of Italy, Hingham Chapter #1850.

In 2001, Fr. Richard was named North American Director of the Patrons of the Arts of the Vatican Museum with residence in Dallas. After only a year and a half in this new role, Fr. Richard, in the full force of his personality, had successfully mobilized and vitalized the many chapters of the Patrons of the Arts in North America. He delighted in sharing his knowledge of the Arts and his photographic memory with the Patrons and he especially loved shepherding visitors through the beauties of the Vatican Museums and the intricacies of Rome, a city he knew intimately and always loved.

Recently, Fr. Richard had been diagnosed with a rare skin disorder, pityriasis rubra pilaris (PRP) and was undergoing treatment. On Wednesday, Nov. 6, Fr. Richard experienced serious complications and was rushed to St. Paul's hospital in Dallas where he remained in critical condition in the intensive care until he died early in the morning of Saturday, Nov. 9.

In addition to his religious community of Benedictine monks, his family — mother, Cremilde, brothers Stanley and John, niece Lisa Farrell, her husband Chris and their son Jack, nephews Scott and Michael, and numerous relatives in New Bedford, Dartmouth and California — Fr. Richard is mourned by his countless friends around the world. A memorial Mass was held on Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dallas, where Fr. Richard was in residence at the time of his death. Visiting hours will be on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 2-4p.m. and 7-9p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, Hingham. His body will be transferred to the Great Lawn of the Abbey where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 15, at 10:30 am. Fr. Richard will be laid to rest in the Abbey cemetery following the Mass.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., handled the arrangements.

WORSHIP NEWS

Parish House dedication Nov. 17

First Parish Church of Cohasset will dedicate its newly renovated Parish House at noon on Sunday, Nov. 17, following the regular service. The Parish House is located on Main Street diagonally across from the Meeting House. A joyous reception for members and friends will follow.

Abbey series

Glastonbury Abbey announces its second speaker in The Glastonbury Series 2002-2003, "Listening to Other Voices: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty" on Nov. 21.

Guest speaker will be Patrice Gaines, who is an author, prison reform activist, and former newspaper reporter for the Washington Post. She has been featured on "Oprah," "Dateline" and on National Public Radio. Gaines will discuss "Hope: The Power to Create a New Reality" on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7:15 p.m. in the Conference Center of the Abbey.

The talk is free of charge and donations are always welcome. For more information, call, 781-749-2155.

Church to host 'Joy of Our Faith'

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Jay Crumbine, a Unitarian Universalist parish minister, Dartmouth College professor, writer, actor, and public speaker will present an intergenerational workshop titled, "The Joy of Our Faith," on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 9-10 a.m. in the Parish House, 23 North Main St.. Crumbine encourages people of all ages to project their voices through improvisation, while engaging her audience in discussion, thought and song. She teaches the projection of voice and the art of being heard with the spiritual task of delving into the heart. Enthusiastic participation is expected and entirely voluntary!

Crumbine will also lead the First Parish worship service that morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Call 781-383-1100 for more information.

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7:15 a.m. Pond and Spring sts., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:13 a.m. Summer St., escort.

10:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:19 a.m. North Main and Sohier sts., assist other agency.

10:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:04 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

11:58 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

2:14 p.m. Ledge Way, missing person.

2:41 p.m. Turkey Hill Lane, animal control.

3:06 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person.

3:58 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

4:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.

4:34 p.m. Stockbridge St., lost property.

4:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:26 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, MV stop, verbal warning.

7:13 p.m. King St., medical aid.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

9:32 a.m. Summer St., escort.

9:54 a.m. Nichols Road, medical aid.

10:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person.

11:25 a.m. Howe Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:47 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:11 p.m. Elm St., general services.

2:45 p.m. North Cohasset, power outage.

4:34 p.m. Riverview Drive, house checks.

5:10 p.m. King and Sohier sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:10 p.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

5:23 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity.

6:04 p.m. Border St., suspicious activity.

6:17 p.m. Summer St., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:32 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity.

8:02 p.m. Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:10 p.m. King St. and Red Fox Lane, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:16 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity.

9:06 p.m. Aaron River Road, vandalism.

9:27 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:38 p.m. Joy Place, suspicious activity.

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

5:42 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

5:54 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:07 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:08 a.m. Mendel Road, fire, investigation.

10:49 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, animal control.

11:58 a.m. Red Gate Lane, fire, investigation.

11:58 a.m. Sohier St., traffic complaint.

12:03 p.m. South Main St., general services.

1:50 p.m. Jerusalem and Howe roads, MV stop, verbal warning.

2:28 p.m. Summer St., disturbance, family.

2:57 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

3:03 p.m. Ripley Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:14 p.m. Pond St., officer wanted.

3:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

3:50 p.m. Norman Todd Road and Beechwood St., traffic complaint.

4:06 p.m. North Main and Elm sts., suspicious activity.

8:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:03 p.m. Stevens Lane, MV stop, verbal warning.

10:10 p.m. S. Main St. and Depot Court, MV stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

5:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:15 a.m. Lothrop Lane, general services.

10:18 a.m. Summer St., escort.

1:34 p.m. James Lane, protective custody, 64-year-old Hull man.

5:59 p.m. Norman Todd Lane and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:03 p.m. South Main St., general services.

8:04 p.m. Square, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

8:38 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

9:10 p.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:34 p.m. Beechwood and King sts., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

10:50 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

11:44 a.m. North Main St. and Depot Court, MV crash.

4:57 a.m. N. Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:02 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:03 p.m. Summer St., disturbance, family.

9:30 p.m. South Main St, medical aid, area search negative.

9:45 p.m. Ripley Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:50 p.m. Spindrift Lane and Forest Ave., suspicious auto.

MONDAY, NOV. 4

8:26 a.m. Parker Ave., traffic complaint.

8:36 a.m. Bancroft Road, assist other police department.

9:05 a.m. Atlantic Ave., property damage.

9:28 a.m. Elm St., property damage.

9:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.

10:46 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, referred to other agency.

12:06 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity/person(s).

2:08 p.m. Cedar St., traffic complaint.

4:35 p.m. Pond St., lost property.

8:06 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, outside fire.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

10:32 a.m. Border St., traffic complaint.

11:47 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Bow St., safety inspection.

2:03 p.m. Joy Place, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle, area search negative.

4:18 p.m. Highland Ave., general services rendered.

4:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:04 p.m. HQ, assist citizen.

5:13 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

7:06 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, stored/impounded.

7:15 p.m. Summer St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:48 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:55 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:56 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:08 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.

8:20 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:05 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:30 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist motorist.

11:04 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

5:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

7:46 a.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

8:58 a.m. Doane St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

10:22 a.m. Parking Way, larceny.

10:45 a.m. King St., medical aid.

10:55 a.m. Nichols Road, lost property.

11:01 a.m. Holly Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:02 p.m. Margin St. and Stockbridge St., assist motorist, motor vehicle stored/impounded.

12:10 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist motorist, motor vehicle stored/impounded.

1 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Bow St., auto fire.

1:27 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave., general services.

3:04 p.m. Margin St. and Howard Gleason Road, traffic safety inspection.

3:54 p.m. Jerusalem Road, tree down.

4:22 p.m. King St., tree down.

4:22 p.m. North Main St., tree down.

Police seek tips on theft

Cohasset police are investigating a theft at the Teen Center sometime Monday night. Det. Garrett Hunt said the thieves stole a video game system valued at about $350. He said they apparently gained entry through an unlocked window. The robbery was discovered by Recreation Director Jack Worley at about 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Hunt asked anyone with informaton to call the police at 383-1055. The callers can remain anonymous, he said.

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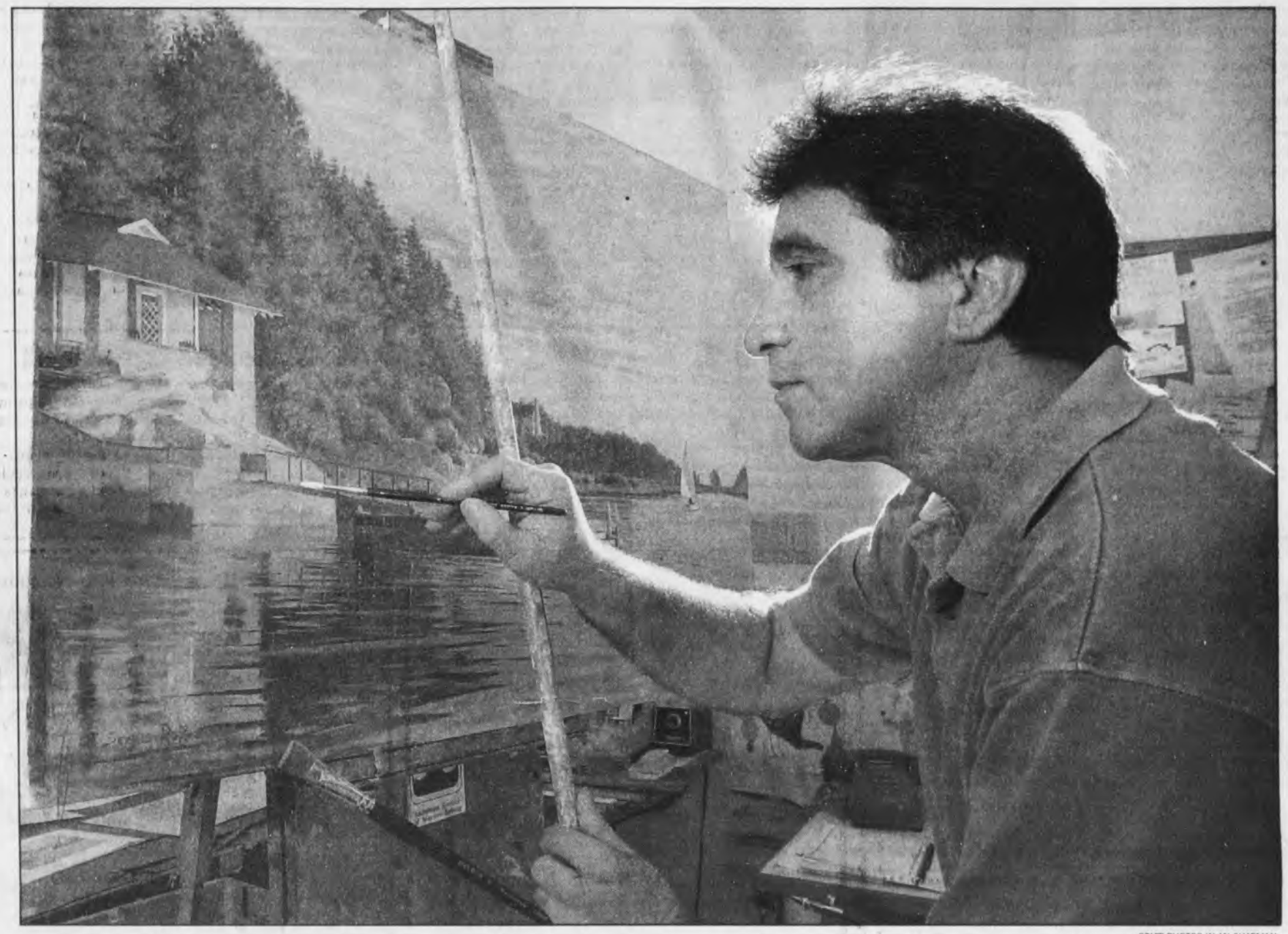

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Scituate artist Sergio Roffo works on his "Morning Reflections" of Cohasset Harbor at his studio. Roffo will show 30 of his recent works at The Guild of Boston Artists on Newbury Street in Boston through Nov. 30.

Career perks and peaks

Boston gallery showing Sergio Roffo's recent works

By Amy Lamblaso
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Sitting on the edge of a grassy bank at World's End in Hingham or on Minot Beach in Scituate, trying to capture the beauty around him with paint brushes — that's a typical "day at the office" for Scituate artist Sergio Roffo.

Roffo's office stretches along the entire coastline of the South Shore, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

And his work never stops — during family vacations, while driving his daughters around town or on a simple walk to the mailbox, Roffo said he's always looking for material for his next painting.

"You've got to paint from life," Roffo said. "The best things you see are often those that you don't expect."

Certainly Roffo didn't expect the great success he and his paintings have met since moving to the South Shore in 1991, but he is hoping it will continue.

Roffo is currently exhibiting more than 30 of his most recent coastal works in a solo show at The Guild of Boston Artists on Newbury Street in Boston.

The show which began this week and will run until Nov. 30 is the second gallery showing for him at The Guild and marks the peak of his career thus far.

"Waiting for the Tide at World's End," by Sergio Roffo.

"Since moving down (to Scituate), my work has taken off," Roffo said. "I always did cityscapes before, and now I concentrate on coastal scenes and can really get to the beauty of nature."

Born in San Donato, Italy, Roffo moved to Brighton, Mass. when he was 7 years old and began to notice the wonderful shapes and light reflections in a city skyline while in high school. It wasn't until he graduated from Vesper George School of Art in Boston that he found out the true meaning of a "starving artist."

"I would sit out on the street corner and have a sign next to me that said 'Painting Boston Harbor', just to get anyone to stop by and take interest," Roffo said. "It was rough, but it's what I had to do."

Today, Roffo sells his paintings for anywhere from $2,500 to $18,000 — what he calls an average price for professional artists. His paintings are displayed in five regional galleries in New York City, Connecticut and Maine and are stocked in many local

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Bluer than 'Blue

Jumpin' Juba rocks Norwell club

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

A combined five decades musical experience hits the stage at Mount Blue this Thursday evening. The Norwell venue will host Jumpin' Juba, the part-time side project of veteran Boston area musicians, blues singer/guitarist Steve Hurl and blues-boogie pianist Bruce Ward. For three years, the two have balanced this unique duo act with full performing schedules as solo players in their own right.

Hurl, who resides in Jamaica Plain, is an acoustic/blues-based singer whose style also has a distinct multicultural streak, extending to Caribbean, Latin, African music and beyond. Performing since the mid 80s, the 42-year-old singer is road-tested with past shows in more than 250 venues, radio and TV stations throughout New England and the East Coast. He's also becoming a favorite on the South Shore; this year alone, Hurl has filled opening act spots at area shows by Johnny Rivers and Roger McGuinn and played a mid-summer outdoor show at Pembroke's Town Green.

Ward, 51, is a master of the traditional, time-honored blues-boogie and barrelhouse piano style, which he has played for over three decades. As Jumpin' Juba, Hurl and Ward together are also well-traveled, with more than 200 dates at clubs, coffeehouses, colleges, arts centers and festivals in Massachusetts, new Hampshire and Connecticut since 1999.

"Bruce (Ward) and I find common ground on a wide variety

Boston Blues singer Steve Hurl and blues-boogie pianist Bruce Ward, bring their act Jumpin' Juba to Norwell's Mount Blue Thursday (Nov. 14)

of styles starting from the traditional blues angle," said Hurl, originally from Connecticut. "He's that sort of old-school master of roots and blues piano and along with playing slide and bottleneck blues myself, I'm also a singer and songwriter. So while we start out with that old-time blues base, we're also able to work in the non-traditional elements, like contemporary folk and rock with modern lyrics, chord patterns and melodies."

Even more wide-ranging than their combined playing experience is the duo's musical knowledge, which reaches clear back to roots-music origins in early 20th century juke joints, honky tonks and dancehalls. They are not hesitant to apply that knowl-

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'Marty' makes most of Boston premier

Last week's news that the musical version of "Marty," currently breaking box office records in its world premiere at Boston's Huntington Theatre, would indeed wend its way to Broadway came as little surprise. After all, the show is based on Paddy Chafesky's screenplay of the same name.

The 1955 feature film won the Academy Award for Best Picture and earned star Ernest Borgnine the Oscar for Best Actor. The team of Tony Award winners contributing to the musical "Marty" includes book by Rupert Holmes ("The Mystery of Edwin Drood"), music by Charles Strouse ("Annie"), lyrics by Lee Adams ("Bye, Bye Birdie"), and choreography by Rob Ashford ("Thoroughly Modern Millie").

At the helm of the production is Director Mark Brokaw, an Obie Award winner for his work off-Broadway. In the title role of Marty Piletti, a regular guy in search of love who works as a butcher and lives at home with his mother in the Bronx, film actor John C. Reilly ("Boogie Nights," "The Perfect Storm") offers a performance that has the perfect emotional pitch.

Unfortunately, Reilly's voice is another story and he often has trouble with the music. His acting, however, is strong enough to carry the day and Reilly all but carries the show, too, while the music can at times seem unnecessary. With that in mind, it wasn't surprising to learn that there will be some work done on the current version before "Marty" makes the big move to Manhattan. In the meantime, "Marty" remains a work in progress an all too rare opportunity for local audiences to see a musical *before* it reaches New York.

"Marty" will continue at the Huntington Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through Nov. 24. For tickets and information, call 617/266-0800 or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

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2:14 p.m. Ledge Way, missing person.

2:41 p.m. Turkey Hill Lane, animal control.

3:06 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person.

3:58 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

4:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.

4:34 p.m. Stockbridge St., lost property.

4:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:26 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, MV stop, verbal warning.

7:13 p.m. King St., medical aid.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

9:32 a.m. Summer St., escort.

9:54 a.m. Nichols Road, medical aid.

10:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person.

11:25 a.m. Howe Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:47 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:11 p.m. Elm St., general services.

2:45 p.m. North Cohasset, power outage.

4:34 p.m. Riverview Drive, house checks.

5:10 p.m. King and Sohier sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:10 p.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

5:23 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity.

6:04 p.m. Border St., suspicious activity.

6:17 p.m. Summer St., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:32 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity.

8:02 p.m. Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:10 p.m. King St. and Red Fox Lane, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:16 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity.

9:06 p.m. Aaron River Road, vandalism.

9:27 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:38 p.m. Joy Place, suspicious activity.

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

5:42 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

5:54 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:07 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:08 a.m. Mendel Road, fire, investigation.

10:49 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, animal control.

11:58 a.m. Red Gate Lane, fire, investigation.

11:58 a.m. Sohier St., traffic complaint.

12:03 p.m. South Main St., general services.

1:50 p.m. Jerusalem and Howe roads, MV stop, verbal warning.

2:28 p.m. Summer St., disturbance, family.

2:57 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

3:03 p.m. Ripley Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:14 p.m. Pond St., officer wanted.

3:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

3:50 p.m. Norman Todd Road and Beechwood St., traffic complaint.

4:06 p.m. North Main and Elm sts., suspicious activity.

8:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:03 p.m. Stevens Lane, MV stop, verbal warning.

10:10 p.m. S. Main St. and Depot Court, MV stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

5:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:15 a.m. Lothrop Lane, general services.

10:18 a.m. Summer St., escort.

1:34 p.m. James Lane, protective custody, 64-year-old Hull man.

5:59 p.m. Norman Todd Lane and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:03 p.m. South Main St., general services.

8:04 p.m. Square, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

8:38 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

9:10 p.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:34 p.m. Beechwood and King sts., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

10:50 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

11:44 a.m. North Main St. and Depot Court, MV crash.

4:57 a.m. N. Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:02 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:03 p.m. Summer St., disturbance, family.

9:30 p.m. South Main St, medical aid, area search negative.

9:45 p.m. Ripley Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:50 p.m. Spindrift Lane and Forest Ave., suspicious auto.

MONDAY, NOV. 4

8:26 a.m. Parker Ave., traffic complaint.

8:36 a.m. Bancroft Road, assist other police department.

9:05 a.m. Atlantic Ave., property damage.

9:28 a.m. Elm St., property damage.

9:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.

10:46 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, referred to other agency.

12:06 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious activity/person(s).

2:08 p.m. Cedar St., traffic complaint.

4:35 p.m. Pond St., lost property.

8:06 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, outside fire.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

10:32 a.m. Border St., traffic complaint.

11:47 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Bow St., safety inspection.

2:03 p.m. Joy Place, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle, area search negative.

4:18 p.m. Highland Ave., general services rendered.

4:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:04 p.m. HQ, assist citizen.

5:13 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

7:06 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, stored/impounded.

7:15 p.m. Summer St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:48 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:55 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:56 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:08 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.

8:20 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:05 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:30 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist motorist.

11:04 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

5:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

7:46 a.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

8:58 a.m. Doane St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

10:22 a.m. Parking Way, larceny.

10:45 a.m. King St., medical aid.

10:55 a.m. Nichols Road, lost property.

11:01 a.m. Holly Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:02 p.m. Margin St. and Stockbridge St., assist motorist, motor vehicle stored/impounded.

12:10 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist motorist, motor vehicle stored/impounded.

1 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Bow St., auto fire.

1:27 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave., general services.

3:04 p.m. Margin St. and Howard Gleason Road, traffic safety inspection.

3:54 p.m. Jerusalem Road, tree down.

4:22 p.m. King St., tree down.

4:22 pm. North Main St., tree down.

Police seek tips on theft

Cohasset police are investigating a theft at the Teen Center sometime Monday night. Det. Garrett Hunt said the thieves stole a video game system valued at about $350. He said they apparently gained entry through an unlocked window. The robbery was discovered by Recreation Director Jack Worley at about 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Hunt asked anyone with information to call the police at 383-1055. The callers can remain anonymous, he said.

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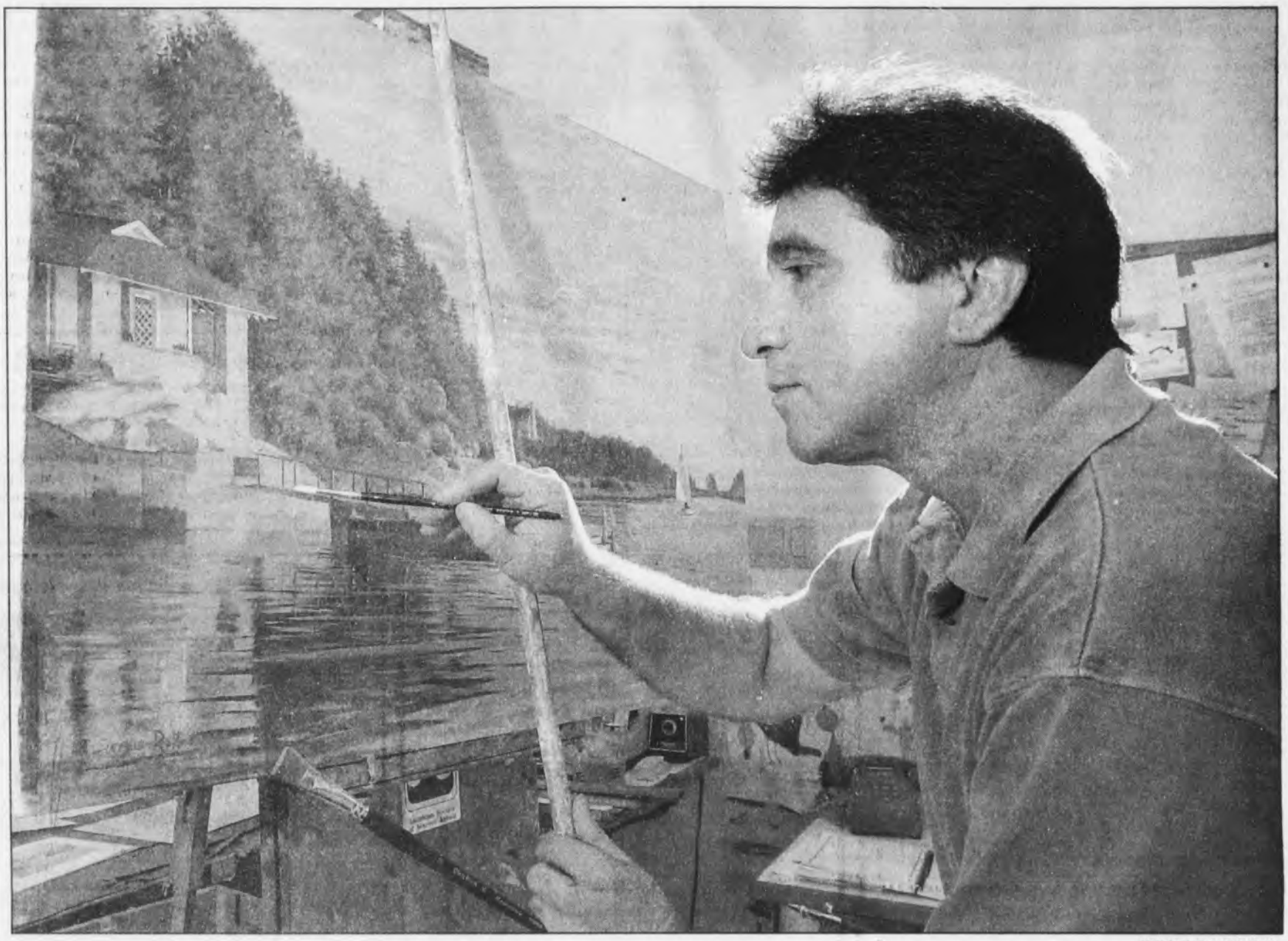

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Scituate artist Sergio Roffo works on his "Morning Reflections" of Cohasset Harbor at his studio. Roffo will show 30 of his recent works at The Guild of Boston Artists on Newbury Street in Boston through Nov. 30.

Career perks and peaks

Boston gallery showing Sergio Roffo's recent works

By Amy Lamblaso
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Sitting on the edge of a grassy bank at World's End in Hingham or on Minot Beach in Scituate, trying to capture the beauty around him with paint brushes — that's a typical "day at the office" for Scituate artist Sergio Roffo.

Roffo's office stretches along the entire coastline of the South Shore, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

And his work never stops — during family vacations, while driving his daughters around town or on a simple walk to the mailbox, Roffo said he's always looking for material for his next painting.

"You've got to paint from life," Roffo said. "The best things you see are often those that you don't expect."

Certainly Roffo didn't expect the great success he and his paintings have met since moving to the South Shore in 1991, but he is hoping it will continue.

Roffo is currently exhibiting more than 30 of his most recent coastal works in a solo show at The Guild of Boston Artists on Newbury Street in Boston.

The show which began this week and will run until Nov. 30 is the second gallery showing for him at The Guild

"Waiting for the Tide at World's End," by Sergio Roffo.

and marks the peak of his career thus far.

"Since moving down (to Scituate), my work has taken off," Roffo said. "I always did cityscapes before, and now I concentrate on coastal scenes and can really get to the beauty of nature."

Born in San Donato, Italy, Roffo moved to Brighton, Mass. when he was 7 years old and began to notice the wonderful shapes and light reflections in a city skyline while in high school. It wasn't until he graduated from Vesper George School of Art in Boston that he found out the true meaning of a "starving artist."

"I would sit out on the street corner and have a sign next to me that said 'Painting Boston Harbor', just to get anyone to stop by and take interest," Roffo said. "It was rough, but it's what I had to do."

Today, Roffo sells his paintings for anywhere from $2,500 to $18,000 — what he calls an average price for professional artists. His paintings are displayed in five regional galleries in New York City, Connecticut and Maine and are stocked in many local

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Bluer than 'Blue

Jumpin' Juba rocks Norwell club

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

A combined five decades musical experience hits the stage at Mount Blue this Thursday evening. The Norwell venue will host Jumpin' Juba, the part-time side project of veteran Boston area musicians, blues singer/guitarist Steve Hurl and blues-boogie pianist Bruce Ward. For three years, the two have balanced this unique duo act with full performing schedules as solo players in their own right.

Hurl, who resides in Jamaica Plain, is an acoustic/blues-based singer whose style also has a distinct multicultural streak, extending to Caribbean, Latin, African music and beyond. Performing since the mid 80s, the 42-year-old singer is road-tested with past shows in more than 250 venues, radio and TV stations throughout New England and the East Coast. He's also becoming a favorite on the South Shore; this year alone, Hurl has filled opening act spots at area shows by Johnny Rivers and Roger McGuinn and played a mid-summer outdoor show at Pembroke's Town Green.

Ward, 51, is a master of the traditional, time-honored blues-boogie and barrelhouse piano style, which he has played for over three decades. As Jumpin' Juba, Hurl and Ward together are also well-traveled, with more than 200 dates at clubs, coffeehouses, colleges, arts centers and festivals in Massachusetts, new Hampshire and Connecticut since 1999.

"Bruce (Ward) and I find common ground on a wide variety

Boston Blues singer Steve Hurl and blues-boogie pianist Bruce Ward, bring their act Jumpin' Juba to Norwell's Mount Blue Thursday (Nov. 14)

of styles starting from the traditional blues angle," said Hurl, originally from Connecticut. "He's that sort of old-school master of roots and blues piano and along with playing slide and bottleneck blues myself, I'm also a singer and songwriter. So while we start out with that old-time blues base, we're also able to work in the non-traditional elements, like contemporary folk and rock with modern lyrics, chord patterns and melodies."

Even more wide-ranging than their combined playing experience is the duo's musical knowledge, which reaches clear back to roots-music origins in early 20th century juke joints, honky tonks and dancehalls. They are not hesitant to apply that knowl-

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'Marty' makes most of Boston premier

Last week's news that the musical version of "Marty," currently breaking box office records in its world premiere at Boston's Huntington Theatre, would indeed wend its way to Broadway came as little surprise. After all, the show is based on Paddy Chafesky's screenplay of the same name.

The 1955 feature film won the Academy Award for Best Picture and earned star Ernest Borgnine the Oscar for Best Actor. The team of Tony Award winners contributing to the musical "Marty" includes book by Rupert Holmes ("The Mystery of Edwin Drood"), music by Charles Strouse ("Annie"), lyrics by Lee Adams ("Bye, Bye Birdie"), and choreography by Rob Ashford ("Thoroughly Modern Millie").

At the helm of the production is Director Mark Brokaw, an Obie Award winner for his work off-Broadway. In the title role of Marty Piletti, a regular guy in search of love who works as a butcher and lives at home with his mother in the Bronx, film actor John C. Reilly ("Boogie Nights," "The Perfect Storm") offers a performance that has the perfect emotional pitch.

Unfortunately, Reilly's voice is another story and he often has trouble with the music. His acting, however, is strong enough to carry the day and Reilly all but carries the show, too, while the music can at times seem unnecessary. With that in mind, it wasn't surprising to learn that there will be some work done on the current version before "Marty" makes the big move to Manhattan. In the meantime, "Marty" remains a work in progress an all too rare opportunity for local audiences to see a musical *before* it reaches New York.

"Marty" will continue at the Huntington Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through Nov. 24. For tickets and information, call 617/266-0800 or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

Curtain up on Company Theatre's 2003 season

The award-winning Company Theatre will celebrate its 24th season by not only offering reserved seating for the first time, but also some of the finest theater, music and comedy on the South Shore.

Kicking off the theatrical season is the national tour of the hit comedy, "I Love You, You're Perfect....Now Change" (Feb. 19-23) — the smash show about dating and marriage that played for nine months in Boston, a show that has been dubbed "Seinfeld with Music."

The big spring musical will be "The Rocky Horror Show"(March 14-April 6), the energetic stage version of the cult film that promises to have audiences doing "The Time Warp."

On stage this summer is E. L. Doctorow's "Ragtime" (Aug. 1-24) featuring a brilliant score and stunning sets with this sensational story about three remarkable families searching for the American Dream.

The fall season brings "Last Night of Ballyhoo" (Oct. 10-26) to the stage. The 1997 Tony Award-winner for Best Play chronicles a night of revelation for a Southern family on the eve of WWII.

The 2003 season wraps with the warning "You'll shoot your eye out!" as The Company Theatre presents the stage version of "A Christmas Story" (Nov. 28-Dec. 20), the nostalgic comedy about little Ralphie, whose only wish for Christmas is a Red Ryder BB rifle.

Loretta Laroche, May 8

Kicking off the theatrical season is the national tour of the hit comedy, "I Love You, You're Perfect....Now Change"

The Company Theatre will also a offer a schedule of excellent concerts, offering something for all musical tastes. The concert season kicks off with John Mayall & The Bluesbreakers (Feb. 1), the legendary blues artists who was the mentor for such guitar legends as Eric Clapton. Folk great Melanie (Feb. 8) will make her first appearance at The Company Theatre with a show featuring all her hits, including "Lay Down (Candles in the Rain), " "Look What They've Done To My Song" and "Brand New Key."

She was the reigning teen queen of the 1980s, and now Tiffany (Feb. 15) is back and better than ever with her new band and a show that will feature old favorites ("I Think We're Alone Now") and songs from her critically-acclaimed new CD. PBS comedy star Lorettal Laroche (May 8) the hilarious "Siren of Stress," will be bringing her uproarious observations on life to Norwell for one very funny show that will benefit in part the ACT Scholarship Fund. And a new musical-comedy, "Motherhood: Been There, Done That" (May 10-11), makes its Company Theatre debut.

The growing popularity of bluegrass music takes centerstage at The Company Theatre with an appearance by the award-winning bluegrass band Northern Lights (May 17). Two old favorites return in 2003, following past soldout shows. Four Bitchin' Babes (June 14) bring their music and comedy back for a second time, as does the excellent female Irish band, Cherish the Ladies (Sept. 19). The 2003 concert season wraps with a concert version of the wonderful show Is There Life After High School (Sept. 20 & 21), a musical look at those great high school days.

Tickets for all shows in the 2003 Season go on sale Monday, Nov. 18 at 11 a.m., and all seats are reserved. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell and by calling 781-871-2787. There is also show information at www.companytheatre.com.

Company Theatre 2003 season ticket prices

Theatre shows:

I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT... NOW CHANGE (Feb. 19-23). Prices are $32 for Thursday (7:30 p.m.), Friday (8 p.m.), Saturday (8 p.m.) and Sundays (3 p.m. & 7 p.m.); $29 for Wednesday (7:30 p.m.); and $25 for Thursday (2 p.m.).

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW (March 14 – April 6). Prices are $25 for Thursday (7:30 p.m.), Friday (8 p.m.) and Saturday (8 p.m.), and $22 for Wednesday (7:30 p.m.), and Sunday (3 p.m.).

RAGTIME (Aug. 1-24). Prices are $25 for Wednesday (7:30 p.m.), Thursday (7:30 p.m.), Friday (8 p.m.) and Saturday (8 p.m.); and $22 for Sunday (3 p.m.).

LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO (Oct. 10-26). Prices are $20 for Friday (8 p.m.) and Saturday (8 p.m.); and $18 for Thursday (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday (3 p.m.).

A CHRISTMAS STORY (Nov. 28-Dec. 20). Prices are $25 for Friday (8 p.m.), Saturday (8 p.m.) and Sunday (2 p.m.).; and $22 for Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Thursday (7:30 p.m.)

Concert shows

MELANIE (Saturday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m.). Prices are $28, and $50 for VIP

TIFFANY (Saturday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m.). Prices are $36, and $60 VIP.

LORETTA LAROCHE (Thursday, May 8 at 8 p.m.). Prices are $36 and $65 VIP (portion of the proceeds to benefit The Company Theatre's ACT Scholarship Fund.)

MOTHERHOOD: BEEN THERE, DONE THAT (Saturday, May 10 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, May 11 at 7 p.m.). Prices are $22

NORTHERN LIGHTS (Saturday, May 17 at 8 p.m.). Prices are $24.

FOUR BITCHIN' BABES (Saturday, June 14 at 8 p.m.). Prices are $28, and $50 VIP.

CHERISH THE LADIES (Friday, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m.). Prices $28, and $50 VIP)

IS THERE LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL? (Saturday, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. & Sunday, Sept. 21 at 3 p.m.). Prices are $23.

VIP tickets include best seats and meeting with the star.

Melanie, Feb. 8

Cherish the Ladies, Sept. 19

Tiffany, Feb. 15

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galleries in Boston.

Holding up one of the works in the Guild show, Roffo takes a new introspective look. Every painting is a challenge, he says, and brings out another level of his talent.

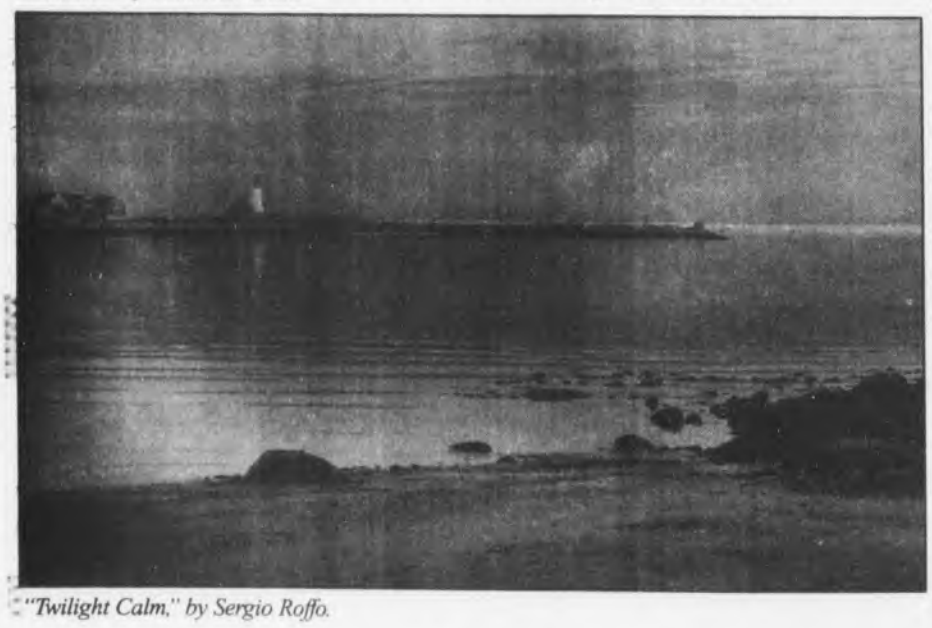
"That's why I never get sick of it," Roffo said. "When you work on something you love, you do it better. Painting doesn't seem like work — I can never go more than two days without my brushes, it's amazing."

Roffo's work, admittedly influenced by American artists such as Inness and Bierdstadt, will take a new turn next year when he returns home to Italy to prepare for his next exhibition in the Summer of 2004. Roffo said he will spend several months in his hometown next summer attempting to capture the beauty and essence of Italian landscapes, culture and communities.

"It will be an even more difficult battle to try and recreate the beauty I see there because nothing is ever as beautiful as what you see with the naked eye," he said. Roffo describes that struggle as the most frustrating aspect of being an artist. "It is an endless battle, it really is."

Roffo's exhibition at The Guild of Boston Artists will be open to the public Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Nov. 30. An opening reception for the exhibit will be held Saturday, Nov. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.

"Sometimes I have to pinch myself and ask if this is all real," Roffo said. "Am I really getting paid for this? It's just been a dream come true."



"Twilight Calm," by Sergio Roffo.

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edge willfully in concert. A typical Jumpin' Juba date covers everything from contemporary blues/R&B and traditional, old-time slide guitar and barrelhouse blues from Chicago, Memphis, New Orleans to ballads and fresh, "rootsy" spins on crowd-pleasing classic rock 'n' roll.

"I met Bruce when I was doing a coffeehouse gig back in '99. Bruce worked at the church where they did the folk coffeehouse shows and I had finished my first set for the evening when one of the other church staffers stepped up to me and asked, 'Do you mind if Bruce plays the piano during intermission?' I said no problem, but I have to admit at the time I was sort of expecting this church parishioner to come out and play holy hymns or something like that.

"While we start out with that old-time blues base, we're also able to work in the non-traditional elements, like contemporary folk and rock with modern lyrics, chord patterns and melodies."

Blues musician Steve Hurl

But then this dude sits down at the piano and starts pumping out these swinging blues chops in the style of old-time masters like Otis Spann, Professor Longhair, Jimmy Yancey. Right there I just tore up my second set list and said to Bruce, 'Let's Jam.'"

Hurl said the musical chemistry between them clicked nearly right away, and what's made the duo act work so well since. Hurl himself sports a husky burr of a voice that has been well-received on three previous independent solo CDs, most recently 1999's *A Few Simple Words.*

Jumpin' Juba has also been busy in area recording studios recently, cutting and mixing tracks for the duo's forthcoming debut CD, planned for release next spring.

Jumpin Juba will play at Mount Blue in Norwell, Thursday, Nov. 14. For information on the show call (781) 659-0050.

Prepare your landscape for winter weather

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

The warm balmy breezes of Indian summer have temporarily rekindled the gardening spirit for many South Shore dirt diggers as colorful leaves float to the earth and drift across our landscapes in amber-tinted waves. As quickly as we rake, shred and compost the crisp leaf litter, swirling gusts deliver another wave to carpet our lawns and gardens creating a churning sea of dying embers. For some gardeners, falling leaves are a welcome indication that it is nearly time to put away our shovels, clippers and hoses and enjoy a well-deserved rest from weeding, watering and deadheading. To others, raking mountains of debris brings disappointment, for it signals the advent of shorter days without the beauty and fragrance of garden flowers, greenery and warmth or the therapy, exercise and welcome escape our gardening activities provide. By mid-November, most passionate gardeners finally develop a sense of urgency as our innate desire to hibernate compels us to accept that the growing season has finally come to an end. The time has come to put the gardens to bed and begin our preparations for the holiday season.

Trimming back the dead foliage in my perennial borders is a high priority as there is considerable evidence of critter infiltration this season. This process also simplifies fall planting, mulching and spring clean up. The waning leaves of hosta and Siberian iris are first to be clipped, as these are favorite winter destination for destructive rodents. If time permits, all clippings will be chopped with a hedge shears and leaves shredded with a leaf eating device or lawn mower to promote quicker decomposition in the compost pile.

The temporary respite from cold weather has provided an ideal opportunity to perform many last-minute planting projects. Although the ground is not likely to be frozen for several weeks, frosty nights often create a solid crust on the soil that deepens as temperatures continue to drop and pose a serious challenge to planting bulbs, perennials or woody plants. My "driveway collection" of potted plants remains fairly extensive at this writing, necessitating quick action to ensure their survival for the months to come. I wander from garden to garden, planting bulbs and squeezing trees, shrubs and perennials into tight spaces unfit for them to prosper realizing that many of these late additions will have to be moved again early next spring. Each planting hole is amended with a mixture of compost, peat moss and well-decomposed manure. Although all my borders were thoroughly prepared with copious quantities of organic material, as the years pass, this rich humus continues to decompose and requires replenishment every few years.

November is an ideal time of year to apply a layer of organic matter to new gardens and established perennial borders.

Should cold temperatures return in next week or two, many of my unplanted treasures will have to be heeled in, container and all, or stored in my unheated garage and sunroom when time and space run out. Potted plants left unprotected above ground often succumb during the winter months due to alternate freeze-thaw cycles or severe cold, both of which are minimized when containers are surrounded by soil in the ground. Although there may be a number of casualties, prior attempts to gather these pots together above ground and cover with a layer of mulch has proven disastrous. Collections of potted hostas have been especially hard hit as critters have taken up residence in the cozy covering and devoured the plants during the winter months. The obvious solution would be to only purchase plants for which a space was already available, but that is an unrealistic proposition for the compulsive collector.

November is an ideal time of year to apply a layer of organic matter to new gardens and established perennial borders. If time permits, I will rake and shred my leaves and mix them in a wheelbarrow with compost, peat moss, manure, lime and superphosphate or an organic fertilizer such as MNLA Plant-O-Ganic 8-8-8. New beds or the vegetable garden will profit from the addition of several inches of this mixture, which can be turned in to improve drainage, moisture and nutrient retention, worm populations, and an overall enhancement of the soil. The presence of lime will help to offset the acidity organic matter produces and when spring arrives, soils will be ready for early planting. An inch or two of this mixture can also be spread around the bases of established perennials and shrubs, taking care not to bury the crowns of these plants and keeping the mixture away from the woody stems of trees and shrubs. Even plants that appear dormant continue to absorb water and nutrients until the ground freezes solid and this supplemental food provides perennials, trees and shrubs with a great boost when spring weather arrives.

Take advantage of this brief stretch of warmer weather to do as much weeding, soil preparation, planting and cleanup as possible. Although some of these activities can be performed later in the season, the holidays leave little spare time for yard work and any chores that can be accomplished at this time of year offer more time when spring arrives to collect new treasures.

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HINGHAM 11th ANNUAL WINTERFEST FOLK ART & CRAFT SHOW will be held at the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission $6 per person; children under 12 free. Bring a non perishable food item for the Hingham Food pantry and receive a $ off regular admission price. Free parking is available and on Dec. 7, a free shuttle bus will be available all day from the rear of the parking lot of Resurrection Church on Main St, directly to the Hingham Middle School. For more information call 717-796-2380.

BRIDGWAYE INN, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, at Humarock Beach. On Nov. 30, the Bridgwaye Inn presents "Masquerade," the east coast's premier traveling performance troupe in their holiday production, "Forever Christmas." "Forever Christmas" is a musical holiday revue featuring a troupe of outstanding performers singing and dancing to holiday classics as well as unique treatments of several contemporary selections. The format of the show provides opportunity for audience participation in sing-along and get into the holiday spirit. Admission is $12 for the show which begins at 8:15 p.m. Dinner is optional beginning at 6 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the Bridgwaye at 781-834-6505.

THE FINE ARTS CHORAL Christmas Pops Concert Lombardo's Grand Ballroom, Randolph. Dec. 8, from 2 to 6 p.m. Single tickets $15/seniors-students $14. Holiday buffet between performances $25. For information/reservations call 1-800-230-7555 or visit www.fineartschorale.org

A HIGHLIGHT OF PLYMOUTH HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES "A DOLL ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS" a display of dolls, including miniature fashion models and a range of antique and reproduction dolls, as part of this year's decorated holiday tours at the 1749 Spooner House, 27 North St., Plymouth. For more information call 508-746-0012.

THE 12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ON NORTH STREET celebration begins on Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the heart of Plymouth's scenic historic district. North Street, edged with glowing luminaria set out by Kiwanis Club volunteers, will be the setting for old-fashioned holiday festivities from 5 to 8 p.m. with roving street carolers, free hot cider and free children's holiday crafts workshops. For tickets and information call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@mindspring.com

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST returns to Boston Dec. 3, to Jan. 4, at the Colonial Theatre. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office at 106 Boylston St., Boston.

THE MASSASOIT THEATRE CO. presents the musical "Chicago" two weekends, Nov. 15 to 24, at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets are priced at $15, general public; $13 with Massasoit ID, senior citizens and students; all seats reserved. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

VALERIE HARPER In "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" performances begin Dec. 3, and run through Jan. 12, at Boston's Wilbur Theatre. Ticket prices are $25 to $67 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at the Wilbur Theatre box office. For more information about the show visit www.allergistswife.com

PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA announces its Holiday Pops concerts will be presented Saturday evening, Dec. 14, and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15.

THE COHASSET DRAMATIC CLUB presents "Babes In Toyland at the Cohasset Town Hall Nov 29 and 30 at 7:30; Dec 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30; Dec 1, 8, 14 and 15 at 2 PM. Tickets are $10, bring a canned good for local food pantry, receive $1 off your ticket at the door. Girl Scout Troops receive $2 each ticket. Call Wendy at 545-1655 Tickets are available at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Springbrook Kids in Cohasset, or by phone at 544-0304.

Thurs. 14

South Shore Women's Business Network will host a **Brown Bag Seminar** at its Network Office in Hingham, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Making the Most of Your Job Search. This seminar will go a long way toward helping you find success in landing your next job. Sue Gartland, owner of HR Solutions, will be the speaker. You bring lunch, SSWBN will supply beverages and dessert. For reservations, call 781-749-3130.

New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam Party hosted by Bob "Satch" Romano will be held at Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Braintree. Every Thursday, Nov. 14, 21, no show Nov. 28, Thanksgiving. All shows start at 9 p.m. No cover, handicap accessible. For more information call 781-356-4311.

Congregation Beth Jacob, presents CBJ adult education programs offered in November. the first Kings founded Israelite Culture on Nov. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, corner of Court St., and Brewster sts (across from the court house). All are welcome to attend this lecture - no charge for CBJ members; $5 donation is requested for non-members. For more information call 508-747-3466.

Fri. 15

The Bay Players presents **"The Music Man"** which will be presented in the new theatre at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Second Brook Rd., Kingston. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on Nov. 15, and 16, and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 17. Tickets in advance $14, or $16 at the door. There is a $2 discount for students and seniors. Tickets are available at Westwinds Bookstore in Duxbury or can be reserved by calling 800-290-6825. For more information visit www.bayplayers.org

The North River Arts Society presents **Mayo Moments: In the West of Ireland,** an exhibit featuring photographs by Lance Keimig. The photographs were taken during two recent trips to County Mayo in the west of Ireland. The exhibit opens Nov. 15, at the Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery and runs through Jan. 3. An opening reception will be held Nov. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is looking for creative people to decorate a holiday wreath, tabletop tree or gingerbread house for their third annual "A Natural Christmas" silent auction. We'll provide participants with an artificial wreath or tabletop tree to decorate, and include their names in all event publications. The Science Center will share its holiday spirit on Friday, Dec. 6, as the donated decorations are sold by silent auction at a festive holiday reception, open to the public, from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Dec. 7. Your participation in this event helps fund the Center's numerous educational programs. To register, call Joan Reid at 781-659-2559 by Nov. 8.

Miracle Worker on Stage at Notre Dame Academy The Theatre Arts Dept. of Notre Dame Academy will present William Gibson's play, "The Miracle Worker" at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 17, at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham. Tickets are $8 in advance, $10 at the door. Call Kathleen Walter, director of Theatre Arts, at 781-749-5930 ext. 269 for more information.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association's 32nd Annual Meeting will begin with a casual wine and cheese reception from 7 to 7:30 p.m., followed by as a business meeting to elect new directors, award presentations and our featured presentation. This year's speakers, Deborah Lenahan of the NSRWA and Herb Heidt of Mapworks Inc, will present the "The North River Mapping Project: A Bird's Eye View of our Watershed." The Cushing Center is located on Route 123 in Norwell Center. For more information visit our web site at www.nsrwa.com, or contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or nsrwa@nsrwa.org.

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host author/illustrator **Bernard Waber** presenting his latest book, "Courage" on Nov. 15, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Mr. Waber will give a short presentation and a book talk as well as sign his book. This is a free event and the public is welcome. Call 781-383-2665 to order your signed book if unable to attend.

The Milton Players in its 70th season presents **The Music Man** with performances at The Milton Women's Club, 90 Reedsdale Rd., Milton, on Nov. 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, and 24. Thursday and Friday evenings reserved table seating with complimentary wine and cheese. Saturday and Sunday performances are general admission. For tickets ($12-$17) call 617-698-show. Visit www.milltonplayers.org for more information.

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held at the Radisson Hotel grand ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland, exit 14 off Route 3. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m. Free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper business attire is required, ties and jackets suggested. Admission is $10 before 9 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and the Single Executives Club.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Stompers**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Sat. 16

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host **Robert Sabuda** on Nov. 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. Sabuda is an artist who has taken paper engineering to its ultimate level. A paper engineer creates pop-ups using paper as his primary medium. His newest book, is a pop-up adaptation of Clement C. Moore's, "The Night Before Christmas." Sabuda will do a brief pop-up demonstration. This is a free event and the public is invited. Call 781-383-2655 to order a signed copy if unable to attend.

Christmas Stocking Craft Fair Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sons of Italy, Route 123, Rockland. featuring pictures with Santa ($3).

Hollyberry Fair, sponsored by Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Highway, Kingston, will be held Nov. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet on Nov. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Patty Gray will demonstrate pastel art. The meeting is open to the public and is free. Refreshments will be served.

National Amusements, Inc. owner and operator of Showcase Cinemas, unveils the fourth annual Holiday Classics, a program offering moviegoers a free holiday classic film on the big screen. Moviegoers are welcomed to a free admission just by donating a non-perishable food item to benefit local community food pantries at participating Showcase Cinemas' theatre box offices. **Holiday Classics** will run every Saturday at 10 a.m. from Nov. 16 through Dec. 14 in four Showcase Cinemas in Randolph, Revere, Lowell and Woburn. the schedule includes **Miracle on 34th Street, a Christmas Story, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, It's A Wonderful Life, and White Christmas.** For more information call 781-461-1600

The Guild of Boston Artists, 162 Newbury St., Boston presents "A Solo Exhibition of Paintings" opening reception Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information call 617-536-7660.

Star Creation Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center presents the musical "Princess and the Magic Pea" on Nov. 16, 22, 23, 29, and 30 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 17, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $10 adult/$5 child. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.

The Cambridge Society for Early Music "Chamber Music by Candlelight" series presenting pre-classical quartets from Austria, Italy and Bohemia-Mozart, Boccherini and Myslivecek" with Italy's Quartetto Montis Regalis, on Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. at First Parish Church, Tremont St., Route 3A in Duxbury. Admission $25; $20 students and seniors. Handicap accessible.

Old Town Trolley's Chocolate Tour - A fully-narrated three-hour journey of fun facts and decadent desserts departs from the Trolley Stop store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets at noon every Saturday and Sunday from November through March, 2003. First stop, Top of the Hub, enjoy a chocolate surprise; second stop Omni Parker House Hotel with a unique presentation of Boston Creme Pie. The grand finale of the tour is provided by Le Meridien's exceptional chocolate bar buffet, showcasing more than 25 enticing all-you-can-eat delicacies. $50 per person. Advance reservations required by calling 617-269-3626

Artica Gallery presents: "Colors in the Seasons" featuring south Shore Watercolor artist **Carol Carney**. The exhibit will run through Dec. 31. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot St., Duxbury. For Information call 781-934-0640.

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Ventress Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, presents mother/daughter jazz singers Nancy and Amanda Carr on Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served at a post-concert social hour. For information call Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or cwoods @ocln.org.

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The Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square presents the folk piano of Jacqueline Schwab and the ballads of singer song-writer Christopher Williams on Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. at 107 Main St., Hingham. Tickets $10 at the door.

Get in shape, help save lives - Looking for a friend or two to help motivate you to get out and walk, run or exercise? Join The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program and train for an endurance event while helping to raise money for blood-related cancers. A comprehensive training program with expert coaches gets you in shape. Join us for our upcoming info meeting in Plymouth at the Summerhouse at Pinehills, Nov. 16, at 9 a.m. or call for more information 800-688-6572.

Thomas The Tank Engine Returns To Edaville USA through Nov. 17, for the annual Holiday Festival of Lights, an exhibit of more than 5 million lights displayed throughout Edaville's 1,300 acre cranberry plantation in Carver. Tickets for the Holiday "Day Out With Thomas" event can now be purchased for $14 per adult and per child by calling 877-Edaville, online at www.edaville.com or at the Edaville box office the day of the event. Children under the age of one will be admitted free. An $11 upgraded ticket allowing guests to enjoy all of Edaville USA's attractions is also available. Advanced purchase is highly recommended as all "Day Out With Thomas" events to date have been sold out well in advance.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Slippery Sneakers**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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The Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, will host an encore appearance of "Plymouth" author Jim Baker, giving local history buffs the opportunity to obtain a copy of "Plymouth" personally inscribed by the author on Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. For more information, call 508-591-5007 or visit radissonplymouth.com.

Sun. 17

Afternoon Tea hosted by **Windsor Tea Shop**, North Scituate, will be held at **The Inn at Scituate Harbor**. Each tea will feature a different guest speaker. Betty Kelley, owner of Precious Petals Florist of North Scituate will be demonstrating how simple items can make a decorative holiday centerpiece. Betty attends the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena yearly to help decorate the wonderful floats. A menu will be provided by **The Borrowed Butler** of Scituate. Price per person $33. For more information call 781-545-7100.

Temple Beth Emunah's Brotherhood - 28th Fall Flea Market and Craft Show, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. located at the corner of Pearl and Torrey Streets, Brockton. More than 75 dealer tables. Admission .50 cents, handicap accessible. For more information, call 508-588-8085 or 508-583-5810.

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The New Bethlehem Coffee House, located at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, Route 139, Hanover announces the duo **Jackaroo Day** as its guests entertainers on Nov. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. Jackaroo Day is a daughter-father musical duo from Hanover. The Coffee House welcomes adults with developmental disabilities. Admission is $3. For more information call 781-826-51521. The Coffee House is held the third Sunday of the month.

Science Center join Forces with Wildlands Trust to offer nature walks. In collaboration with Wildlands Trust, a non-profit land conservation organization, naturalists from the South Shore Natural Science Center will lead several walks this fall on a number of their properties stretching from Pembroke to Bourne. The properties include Willow Brook Farm Preserve in Pembroke, a former working dairy farm, the Captain David Cushman, Jr. Preserve in Duxbury nestled along the banks of the tidal Bluefish River, Halfway Pond Preserves in Plymouth, Old Field Pond Preserve, the last working farm on the upper Cape and Striar Conservancy in Halifax. All walks are open to the public, free of charge. On Nov. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m., the walk will be at Halfway Pond Preserves in Plymouth. For more information, or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham, presents **Nick and Rachel Ciraldo** for a free classical guitar and flute performance on Nov. 17, at 3:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Boston Classical guitar Society.

BEST BET

Kander & Ebb's smash Broadway musical "Chicago" is on stage at the Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College weekends through Nov. 24. Peformances are Friday and Saturday Nov. 15,16,22 and 23 at 8 p.m. and Sunday Nov. 17 and 24 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $15 for the general public, $13 for students and senior citizens. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

Million Dollar Homes Open For Thomas Crane Library's 2002 Holiday House Tour. The Thomas Crane Library is again offering its popular holiday house tour—this time showcasing one of Quincy's newest and most luxurious neighborhoods—Chapman's Reach at Marina Bay. Decorated by local designers and the Wollaston Garden Club, the five single-family, million-dollar-plus homes on the tour all have classic wood shingled or clapboard New England facades. Tickets for the Dec. 8, house tour cost $20 in advance and $22 on the day of the event. All proceeds will be used to pay for special children's programs, concerts, and community lectures. Tickets went on sale Friday, Nov. 1, at the Thomas Crane Library and all its branches. Tickets will also be available at Abigail's Crossing and Roseann's on Hancock Street, and Prime Travel and Village Photography on Victory Road in Marina Bay. The tour runs from 1-5pm. Refreshments, compliments of Renaissance Café and The Three Seasons Restaurant, will be served at the Marina Bay Cafeteria from 2 to 4:30pm. For more information, contact Fran Ryan. 617-376-1315.

The Larry W. Williams Memorial Antique Show will be held Nov. 17, at the Holiday Inn in Taunton. Free appraisals will be offered. Admission is $3.75. For information call Ron Rainka at 413-436-5998.

Mon. 18

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is looking for area garden clubs, garden centers, floral designers and other organizations or individuals to decorate a wreath or tabletop tree using a natural theme, or a gingerbread house for exhibit and sale to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center. All of the decorations will be sold by silent auction at a festive holiday reception, open to the public on Friday, Dec. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Vine Hall Gallery at the Science Center. Registration forms for the event are available by contacting Joan Reid at 781-659-2559. The

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Food & dining

Baked goat cheese salad

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Virtually everyone who has been to a "fancy" restaurant sometime in the last 10 years has experienced baked goat cheese. It is breaded, baked, and then usually served over a bed of greens. It's simple enough in concept although showy in presentation, and I wondered if this ubiquitous recipe would yield its secrets to a home cook.

My first stop was to investigate the coating. Dried breadcrumbs, even when flavored with fresh herbs, tasted stale and uninspired. I then tried toasting my own breadcrumbs in a skillet with butter and the results were substantially better. (This takes just a few minutes.) I then wondered if toasted nuts would make a better coating. On their own they were overpowering, but combined with the homemade breadcrumbs, the taste and texture were perfect. I finally settled on 1-part nuts to 2 parts breadcrumbs. Two teaspoons fresh thyme and just a dash of salt added to the mixture worked well with the flavor of the goat cheese. To make the breadcrumb mixture adhere to the cheese, I dipped each slice (1/2-inch slices were best) into extra-virgin olive oil before coating. (A five-ounce log will give you about eight slices—enough to accommodate four salads.) I tried warming the cheese in temperatures from 300 to 400 degrees. At 350 degrees, the cheese warmed through in 4 minutes, but at higher temperatures the cheese is apt to become too soft in a matter of seconds. At lower temperatures, the cheese took longer with no apparent benefit.

As for the salad, I found that I preferred greens with lots of flavor such as arugula, watercress, endive, and radicchio. Most markets sell mesclun and other mixes of baby greens that also worked well in this dish. Lettuces such as bib and romaine can be used as part of a mix but do not have enough flavor on their own. For four people you need about 10 cups of greens. I used a traditional vinaigrette based on 1 part vinegar to 4 parts oil along with a bit of mustard to create both flavor and a superior emulsion. I am partial to white balsamic vinegar, but either type is fine given the strong flavor of the greens. (Balsamic vinegar is forbidden with tender greens!)

BAKED GOAT CHEESE SALAD

Make sure that you purchase fresh, soft goat cheese, not aged goat cheese, which is much stronger in flavor and drier in texture.

For the goat cheese:
1/3 cup pecan halves
2 teaspoons unsalted butter
2/3 cup fresh bread crumbs from 1 to 2 slices bakery-style white bread finely chopped in a food processor
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
Freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons best quality olive oil
1 five-ounce log goat cheese

To finish the salad
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar, white preferred
4 tablespoons best quality olive oil
1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 teaspoons finely chopped shallot
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
9 to 10 cups mixed greens such as arugula, watercress, radicchio, endive, and/or mesclun mix washed, dried, and torn into bite-sized pieces

1.Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Place the nuts on a baking sheet and bake for 5 minutes or until fragrant. Cool, and then chop either by hand or in a food processor. Set aside.

2. Meanwhile, place the butter in a medium-sized skillet over medium heat. When the butter has stopped foaming, add the breadcrumbs and cook, stirring often until golden brown. Cool. Combine the chopped nuts, toasted breadcrumbs, salt, thyme and a couple grinds of black pepper in a small bowl. Place the olive oil in a small plate. Cut the goat cheese into eight 1/2 inch slices. Dip slices into the olive oil to coat on all sides and then coat with the crumb mixture, turning to thickly coat all sides. Place on now-cool baking sheet. (The cheese may be prepared up to this point several hours ahead of time.) Bake for about 4 minutes or until the cheese is warmed through and feels soft to the touch but not melted.

3. In a small bowl combine the salt and vinegar and stir for about 10 seconds to dissolve the salt. Add the remaining ingredients and whisk for about 15 seconds or until the mixture is smooth, thickened and evenly colored. Taste for seasoning adding additional salt and pepper if necessary. Place the greens in a large bowl, drizzle vinaigrette over greens and toss to evenly coat. Evenly distribute the greens onto four plates. Using a spatula, carefully transfer two rounds of warm cheese over mound of greens. Serve immediately.

Serves four

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

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South Shore Natural Science Center is located in Norwell on Jacobs Lane, one mile from exit 13 of the Route 3 interchange.

Tues. 19

New Day Bereavement Support Group, 1295 Main St., Marshfield from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the rectory of Saint Christine's Church. For more information call 781-834-6003 ext. 21 or 781-834-6003 ext. 18.

Day Trip to Newport Mansion - Join the Science Center on a trip to Mrs. Astor's Beechwood Mansion, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Astor's family members, friends and servants will entertain us as we tour the festively decorated mansion. Enjoy dancing and caroling in the ballroom, followed by a holiday lunch. Waltzing, merriment and holiday warmth await you at the Astors' - give yourself or someone you love a holiday treat, and take them on this trip. $60M/$65NM includes transportation, admission and lunch. You must register by Nov. 30. To register, call the center at 781-659-2559.

Wed. 20

Norwell watercolorist, Ginny Wilson, is displaying a group of paintings, "Food is the Subject..." at the Boca Restaurant, 254 Church St., Pembroke, during November.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore presents **Dr. Kenneth Kosik**, professor of Neurology and Neuroscience at Harvard Medical School on Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 229 Central St., Hingham. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 781-740-2426. Respite care is available. Call 781-749-4774 x843 for reservations.

The Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., will host an encore appearance of "Plymouth" author **Jim Baker**, giving local history buffs the opportunity to obtain a copy of "Plymouth" personally inscribed by the author on Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. For more information, call 508-591-5007 or visit radissonplymouth.com.

Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books will host Peter Abrahams on Nov. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library, . Mr. Abrahams will speak about "The Tutor," his latest psychological thriller. For more information call 781-383-2665 or call to order a signed copy if unable to attend.

Thurs. 21

The Glastonbury Abbey Series presents Listening to Other Voices: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty, **Patricia Gaines, Hope: The Power to Create a New Reality** on Nov. 21, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, admission free, donations welcome. For more information, call 781-749-2155.

Dreamchasers invites senior citizens to attend its final dress rehearsal of **"The Odd Couple"** free of charge. The final dress rehearsal is Nov. 21, at 4 p.m. at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. For more information call 508-224-4548.

Alliance for Children, a non-profit international adoption agency, is holding a free information seminar on Nov. 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., 55 William St., Wellesley. To register, call 781-431-7148 or visit www.all-forchildren.org

Fri. 22

St. Mary's Church, 392 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover will have its annual holiday bazaar on Nov. 22, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday night supper and Saturday lunch will be sold during the Bazaar. Baked goods, crafts, pictures with Santa and raffle items will be available.

Dreamchasers presents **"The Odd Couple"** Nov. 22, at 7 p.m.; Nov. 23, at 2 and 7 p.m.; the final performance will be Nov. 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 general admission, $8 senior citizens/students and $5 for Dreamchasers students. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to each performance at the theatre. All performances held at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. For more information call, 508-224-4548.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Nov. 22, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Funky White Honkies** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing Events

"Back From Broadway" takes the stage at the Stuart Street Playhouse through Dec. 15. Enjoy some of Broadway's greatest music from shows like "Carousel," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "My Fair Lady." Tickets on sale through telecharge at 800-447-7400, 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.telecharge.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116 For more information on Back From Broadway, visit www.backfrombroadway.com

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell presents "Nature: Up Close and Personal," selected images by photographer **Michael Moran of Rockland** on display Nov. 1-30, in their Vine Hall Gallery. His exhibit includes photos taken around the south shore, featuring close up views of botanicals and other images found in nature. Michael is a professional photographer whose work includes portraiture, weddings and other commercial work. He is a graduate of the Hallmark Institute of Photography, and lives in Rockland with his wife and 4 year old triplet sons. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located off Route 123, on Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information, or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

"Caught on Canvas" a show of recent oil paintings by **Susan Lynch Raffa** will be on view at the **James Library and Center for the Arts**, Norwell Center, Dec. 4. Exhibit may be viewed Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m., Thursday, 2 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

Scituate Art Gallery presents an exhibit featuring original works in mixed media by five new Gallery Artists. This exhibit runs through Nov. 24. The Scituate Art Gallery is located at 132 Front St. in Scituate Harbor and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

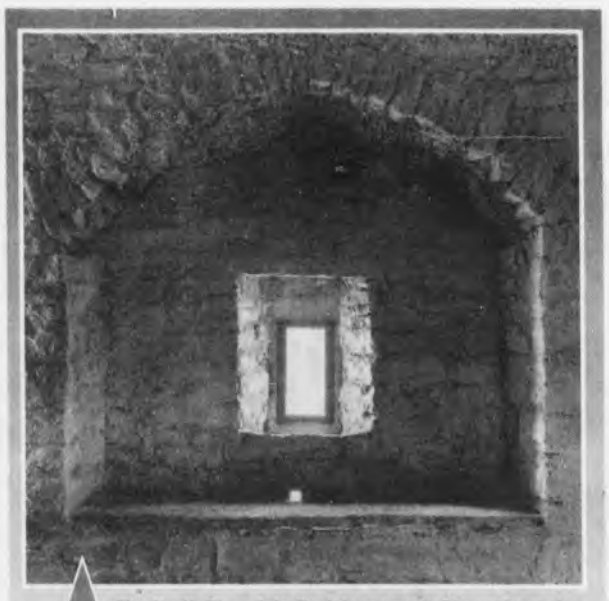
The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library will be exhibiting new works in **Watercolor by Becky Haletky**. The show will run from through Nov. 30. Haletky has this year received first place at Pembroke Arts Festival, Plymouth Guild and Blue Ribbon at The South Shore Art Center. She has obtained 250 plus awards national and regional. She teaches at the Fuller Art Museum and the South Shore Art Center. The Duxbury Free Library is located at 77, Alden St., Duxbury. Admission is free, wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-934-2771.

BEST BET

The Cambridge Society for Early Music "Chamber Music by Candlelight" series presenting pre-classical quartets from Austria, Italy and Bohemia- Mozart, Boccherini and Myslivecek" with Italy's Quartetto Montis Regalis, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. at First Parish Church, Tremont Street, Route 3A in Duxbury. Admission $25; $20 students and seniors. Handicapped accessible.

BEST BET

Star Creation Theater from the South Shore Arts & Recreation Center presents the musical "Princess and the Magic Pea" on Nov. 16, 22, 23, 29, and 30 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 17, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $10 adult/$5 child. Call 508-747-1234 for more information.



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The North River Arts Society presents Mayo Moments: In the West of Ireland, an exhibit featuring photographs by Lance Keimig. The photographs were taken during two recent trips to County Mayo in the west of Ireland. The exhibit opens Nov. 15, at the Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery and runs through Jan. 3. An opening reception will be held Nov. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

A Pisces moon continues to set a laidback pace. You can make gains developing projects that require your imagination and creativity. An alignment of the sun and Mercury promotes communications; write letters, send e-mails or faxes, make phone calls. On the other hand, there is one rough spot in effect between 7:25-10:25 p.m., when the moon interacts with Pluto. Take time out for yourself. Meditate for inner peace and vision.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

An easygoing Pisces moon remains in effect today. Art, music, photography, dance projects continue to get the green light. Follow your intuition; your instincts are on target. The moon aligns with Saturn at 8:38 p.m. and becomes inactive. Get extra rest tonight. Pay attention to your dreams.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

The next few days will be action-packed. A full moon is building up and will culminate next Tuesday, November 19. Take it slow and easy. Don't take risks or act on impulse. Today the moon enters fiery Aries at 12:38 a.m. An applying alignment of Mercury-Uranus places all important signings or decisions off limits. It may be difficult to focus on projects that require mental concentration and attention to detail. Instead, tackle jobs that need physical labor and exertion.

SATURDAY, NOV. .16

Mercury forms a 90-degree alignment to Uranus this morning and the sun aligns with Uranus tomorrow morning. Expect the unexpected. Others may be irritable, changeable, argumentative. Stop, look and listen. Don't rock the boat. The best way to channel today's influences is to stay busy with work projects. Slow down between 4:24-7:24 p.m., when the Aries moon opposes its planetary ruler, Mars. Use extra caution when driving or operating machinery.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The combination of an Aries moon and sun-Uranus alignment can make for a hectic morning. Be more spontaneous and adventurous. At 9:06 a.m. the moon interacts with Saturn and becomes inactive. The final windup to this month's full moon begins at 1:23 p.m., when the moon enters Taurus. Treat yourself and make this evening special. Whether it's dinner at your favorite restaurant or a night out on the town or curling up with a good book, kick back and enjoy life.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Gear up for a hectic two-day period. A full moon is building up, generating high energy. Stress management is important. Take on a full work agenda. You can be most productive. Postpone initiating major enterprises until Friday, when favorable influences occur. Instead, tackle projects you have been putting off and get them out of the way; clean and reorganize. Spend time alone this evening; look within for answers.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Read yesterday's advice. The planet Mercury enters Sagittarius at 6:30 a.m., remaining there until December 8. This month's full moon is accompanied by a lunar eclipse, intensifying its influence. It culminates at 8:34 p.m., 27 1/2-degrees Taurus-Scorpio. Remain calm no matter what is happening around you. Keep your nose to the grindstone. Hard work will pay off.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

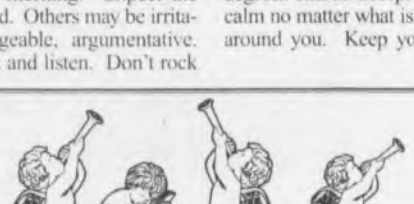
At 1:25 a.m. the moon enters Gemini, setting a quick pace today and tomorrow. It is better to handle a variety of jobs, rather than one that demands mental focus and attention to detail. People will be talkative and easily distracted. On the other hand, communications and people-oriented activities get the green light. Promote new ideas; launch a sales campaign. Let fun and games top your agenda this evening.

THURSDAY, NOV. 21

The planet Venus has been traveling in retrograde motion since October 10 in the sign Scorpio. Today at 2:12 a.m. Venus turns direct. However, a lunar opposition to Pluto may spark emotional fireworks this morning. Keep it light. Don't rock the boat. The good news is that a harmonious alignment of the Gemini moon and Jupiter generates a lighter, brighter mood this afternoon. Yesterday's advice applies to today as well.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

The sun enters Sagittarius at 6:54 a.m., remaining there until December 21. However, the Gemini moon aligns with Saturn at 7:06 a.m., making for a rough start to this day. There may be unexpected delays or setbacks. Keep a cool head. Influences turn around completely at 11:48 a.m., when the moon enters Cancer. The green light for new starts goes on. Enjoy a special dinner this evening with friends and family.



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NOTE TO BABY BOOMERS

Thanks to the passage of time and cumulative impact of youthful rock concerts, baby boomers are increasingly finding themselves in need of hearing instruments. Many resist, however, fearing that the devices will make them appear old. They need not worry, however, since significant improvements in hearing instrument technology have led to the creation of instruments that fit completely, and inconspicuously, into the ear canal. These so-called "completely-in-the-canal" (CIC) instruments work well for less severe hearing loss. Another major development is the design of digitally programmable hearing instruments, which divide sounds into several different channels and allow the hearing instrument to be fine-tuned to the wearer's specific hearing loss. They are also designed to [illegible] adjust in the back.

There is a variety of options available today to help hearing impaired individuals of all ages to live happier, more fulfilled lives. If you'd like to find out more, contact **FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER** at **781-878-9723.** If you have a hearing instrument that you are not happy with, bring it to us all we'll be happy to check it out and discuss other hearing instrument options with you. Your complete satisfaction is our goal here at **80 North Avenue, Rte. 139, North Medical Building, Abington,** so all hearing instruments come with 30-day trial period.

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89-year-old twins swim and pump iron

By Cathy Conley
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Marjorie swims. Her twin sister Margaret pumps iron.

They will be 90 next month.

They are familiar figures silhouetted against dawn's early light walking into the Quincy YMCA every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5:30 a.m.

They walk together to the registration desk and then go their separate ways: Marjorie to the pool for 45 minutes of laps and Margaret to the Nautilus for 45 minutes of pressing steel.

They meet after their workout, rest for a bit on the bench beside the registration desk, and then walk together out into the morning light to begin another busy day filled with long walks, luncheons with friends, and visits with children and grandchildren.

What do they attribute their longevity to?

"First you pick good parents with good genes, then the rest is easy," Marjorie said.

Life began for Marjorie Ionta and Margaret (Ionta) Cochrane in December, 1912 in Mexico, Maine. There were four children in the Ionta family: the twins, an older sister, and a younger brother.

Dad worked in a paper mill. Mother was a housewife.

Their youth was spent in the outdoors skiing, hiking, swimming, and playing in the deep woods of rural Maine.

They were mirror images of each other, and their mother always dressed them the same way.

"We didn't rebel and start wearing different clothes until we got out of high school," Margaret said.

They thought the same, they looked the same, they acted the same. They liked the same subjects and chose the same sports.

"First you pick good parents with good genes, then the rest is easy."

Marjorie Cochrane

They both loved Latin and hated geometry.

Though only 5'1", they both played basketball.

"There were no tall girls at that time," Marjorie said.

They both also played field hockey.

After graduation, the two young women set out to seek their fortune. They left the wilds of Mexico, Maine and came to Boston, moving in with a relative to attend Boston University's Sargent College.

Here they both studied physical education, intending to become teachers.

They helped pay their tuition by counseling at day camps and waitressing in upscale restaurants.

When they graduated from Sargent, the heavy cloud of the Great Depression darkened the job market.

For two years, they substituted, filling in with waitressing and camp counseling to pay the bills.

World War II burst upon America on that day of infamy, Dec. 7, 1941, and changed every citizen's life, including Marjorie's and Margaret's.

They embarked on separate paths.

Marjorie got a teaching job: first in Arlington, and then in Wellesley.

Margaret answered the dire need for physical therapists for wounded veterans returning from the war. She went back to school, earned a certificate in the field, and became a civilian therapist working for the Air Force.

Shortly after the war ended, Margaret married and had two sons. After they were grown, she became a special needs tutor for the Hingham school system. She now has five grandchildren.

Marjorie never married.

After several years of teaching physical education, she followed in her sister's footsteps.

In the early '50s, a great polio epidemic was paralyzing the nation, and physical therapists were desperately needed.

Marjorie earned the first National Foundation Scholarship to study physical therapy at Harvard University. After earning her certificate, she began her work at Massachusetts General Hospital, moved to George Washington Hospital in Washington D. C., and then later returned to Mass General.

"I liked teaching very much, but I liked physical therapy better because of the one-on-one relationship," Marjorie said.

Marjorie retired in 1981 after 25 years at Mass General.

The hospital created the Ionta Fund in honor of her extraordinary work as a therapist. The fund raises money for scholarships for students going into the health care field. This year, Margaret and Marjorie attended a party marking the 20th anniversary of its founding.

Margaret's husband of 40 years died in 1990.

Just as they had started out together for the first two decades of their lives, Margaret and Marjorie decided to spend their golden years together.

Marjorie moved into Margaret's family home in Hingham 12 years ago.

"We get along very well," Margaret said.

"I do the cooking and Marjorie does the cleanup. I also do the driving. She gets a cook and a chauffeur at the same time," Margaret said.

Driving includes several three hour trips a year to Maine to visit their sister.

"Longevity is certainly in the genes in the women of the family. My mother lived to be 96, and my sister is 94," Marjorie said.

Their father and brother both died in their 50s.

"We've always been very active and athletic. We have been swimming all our lives. We played tennis and skied. We don't actually hike any more, but we walk all over Hingham, and it's hilly," Marjorie said.

What advice would these amazing women give to young people?

"Moderation is the essence of sane living. If you could only get that message across to young people.

"Stay active. Keep busy. Be ready for the next thing. Humor helps a lot.

"We are so lucky to be twins and have each other. You always have someone to talk to, and we laugh at

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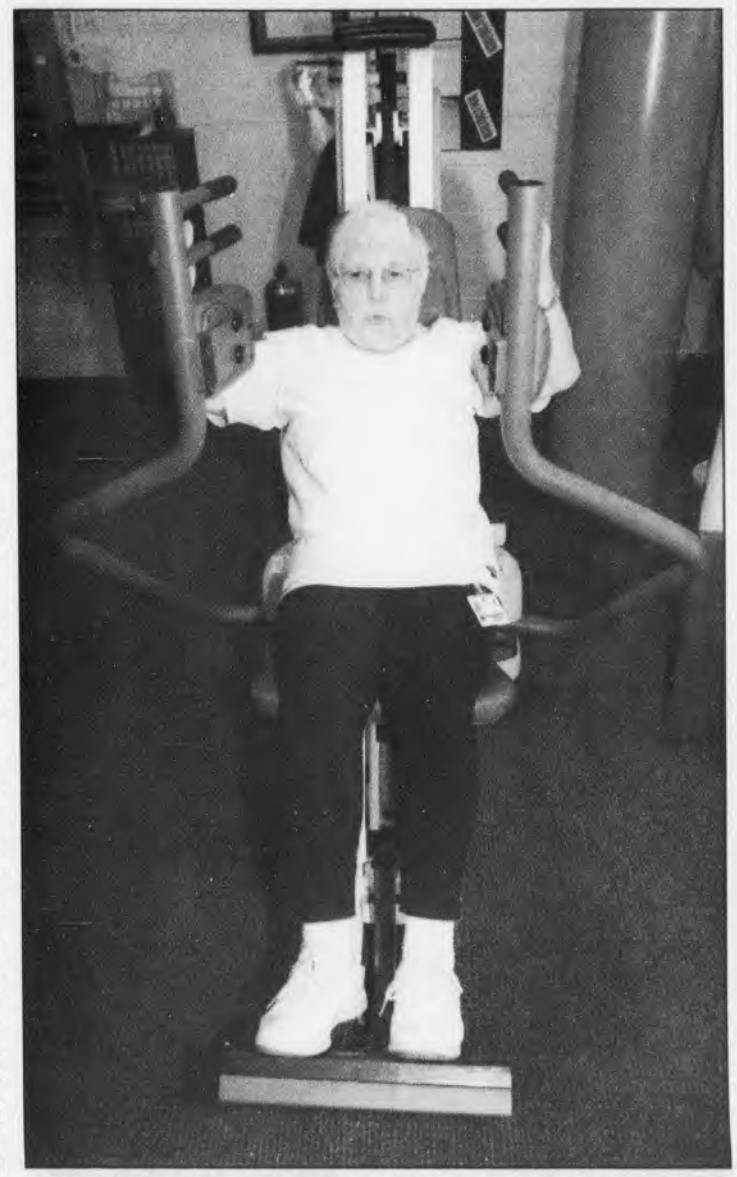

Margaret (Ionta) Cochrane, 89, works out on the Nautilus at the Quincy YMCA.

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Marjorie Ionta, 89, swims at the Quincy YMCA three times a week.

Most mature drivers can safely stay on the road

By Mary Ford
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Although older citizens have more experience than their younger counterparts behind the wheel of a car — they may no longer have the eyesight, reflexes or nerves to handle tough driving situations.

But the good news is that increasing age doesn't necessarily mean giving up the freedom that goes along with having a driver's license.

In Massachusetts there are no mandatory tests that older drivers must take, and there is no maximum age to hold a driver's license.

In fact, 65 people between the ages of 100-103 currently hold active Massachusetts driver's licenses, according to the Massachusetts Department of Motor Vehicles, and that number grows to nearly 8,000 for those nonagenarians from 92-99 years of age. More than 620,000 Massachusetts residents between the ages of 65 and 84 are driving. To put the numbers in perspective, there are a total of 4,632,461 people with active driver's licenses in the state.

There is help for senior citizens who want to continue driving but may no longer feel comfortable in all driving situations.

AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) has developed a driver education program, the 55 ALIVE/Driver Safety Program that is completed by about 640,000 older drivers nationwide annually, according to AARP. The course is offered locally at many Senior Centers through a community's Council on Elder Affairs.

The eight-hour course, which costs $10, is taught in two, four-hour sessions by AARP volunteers over two days and goes over the following topics: vision and hearing changes; effects of medication; reaction time changes; left turns and right-of-way situations; new laws; and hazardous driving situations.

One doesn't have to be a member of AARP to take the course. There are no tests, but the course helps older drivers develop safe, defensive driving techniques, according the AARP.

"People live longer and healthier lives and we want them to stay driving longer and safer," says Deborah Banda, state director of AARP. "Driving is the way many (older persons) stay active and connected."

She points out as with other things in life, it's important to stop, reassess and take a refresher course.

Banda says going through the course

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Funny face....Louisa Petrell of Hanover enjoys a facial at the South Shore Vocational Techical School day of beauty program for seniors. Area seniors know how to have a good time and have fun. See inside.

Senior Lifestyle

Lifelong love of learning

Seniors find their place on campuses

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

They "drop in" for a lecture or workshop or "stop in" for a semester course. They're keeping up with new technology or slowing down to enjoy things they never had time for before. They're going back to complete a degree or looking forward to a change in careers.

They're the "college seniors," thousands of older adults turning or returning to area colleges to pursue their personal educational goals.

"Our seniors have a real love of learning," says Kathleen Reid, coordinator of the Senior Center program at Massasoit Community College. "They like being around the college atmosphere. They come in and want to be involved."

Massasoit waives tuition for adults age 60 and over who want to audit courses on a seats-available basis. For $5 per semester, seniors can also take special free and low-cost courses through the Senior Center at the Brockton campus. That's also the site of the SeniorNet Learning Center (see related article), where seniors can learn computer skills at their own pace.

"It keeps me young," says George Morrissey, age 70, who took a course in algebra five years ago and has audited an average of two college classes a semester since. A retired social worker from Brockton, Morrissey says he picks courses that appeal to his curiosity.

"I like the sciences. They're hard," he says. "I've taken astronomy, oceanography, meteorology. I like travel and history courses."

Morrissey is currently enrolled in a Western Civilizations course, and has his eye on future courses in Massachusetts history and U.S. government.

"I like being with the young kids. They're very polite, very respectful," he says. "I also swim in the pool. I lift weights. I take advantage of the freebies."

When Irene Scott's husband wanted to go back to school, they both signed up for Massasoit's Senior Summer Institute, a one-week session of classes in a variety of subjects taught largely by volunteer professors from the college.

"I was fascinated. I signed up for a class," says Scott, age 82, of Sharon. "I don't take them for credit, just things I enjoy. No math."

"I tend to be quiet and let the kids talk in class. Then after I'll give my opinion," she says. "We're different age groups looking at the same question. It gives young people a chance to see how an elderly person views the issue."

Scott is also the hostess for the Senior Center's Humanities Group, which meets every Thursday, from 1 to 3 p.m., with speakers and discussions on a broad range of topics. She keeps members informed of coming topics, introduces speakers and facilitates the group discussions.

The schedule of speakers for the Humanities Group is arranged by Nancy Donlan, age 64, of West Bridgewater. Topics for this 15-week semester include "A Newspaper Man's Story," "How We Choose to be Happy," "Critical Thinking and Ethics," "Sierra Leone," and "Mary Baker Eddy, An Unconventional Woman."

"It's always interesting," says Donlan. "Some topics that may seem not as enticing often turn out to be the most enjoyable."

Most speakers are from the Massasoit faculty with the occasional outside guest, she says. "The favorites are always well-anticipated. They don't run out of topics. They have such vibrant personalities. That enthusiasm comes across."

One out-growth of the Humanities series is a new History Reading Group that meets the first Wednesday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. For its first meeting, the Group, which is not limited to seniors, is discussing "John Adams" by David McCullough.

Other Senior Center programs include the Senior Orchestra and Senior Chorus, which perform at private and community events, including an annual free Holiday Concert, scheduled this year for Dec. 10 at 12:30 p.m. in the performing arts center on the Brockton campus.

"This is one of the best-kept secrets," says Mo Goldmeer, age 75, of Brockton. "People from all over Plymouth County come here. So many would benefit if they only knew about it."

For more information on Massasoit's senior programs, call 508-588-9100 Ext. 1695.

"Think again" is the slogan for Quincy College, which invites seniors to consider taking college classes for personal enrichment or as part of a career plan (see related article on Nancy MacDonald).

"In addition to promoting our degree and certificate programs, Quincy College has always been committed to providing lifelong learning for students of all ages, whether it be stopping in for a fine arts course or taking a new computer class," says college president Sean L. Barry. "We believe lifelong learning should not stop once someone turns a certain age."

In fact, because Quincy College was chartered under the G.I. Bill, the two-year public college has a tradition of educating older adults. Flexible course and semester schedules make it easier for adult students to combine school with work and other commitments.

Seniors age 60 and over pay a discounted tuition of $90 per credit hour, excluding computer science and technology courses, for college courses in 30 associate degree programs and 12 certificate programs. Non-credit Community Development courses are offered at low cost in a variety of computer, business and liberal arts subjects.

Although it is a public college, Quincy College is chartered by the city and is not part of the state college system. It is 100 percent tuition supported. For more information, call 617-984-1650.

Want to talk to the Senior Citizens at Curry College about nursing home insurance or discuss that new bestseller? Sorry, not interested.

"This group is very interested in politics," says Roberta Leary, senior liaison and event coordinator for the college. "They read the newspapers, they are very intelligent, and they ask wonderful questions."

Guests of the group have included former governor Michael Dukakis, TV newscaster Scott Wahle, and radio host Howie Carr.

The seniors group, which has been meeting monthly at Curry College for 18 years, is not an official program of the college and handles its own membership and program. There is a $10 annual fee and a waiting list to join the 100-member group, which meets the third Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

Seniors age 60 and older can audit most courses at Curry College at no charge.

"The Italian film course, the English courses, are very popular," says Leary. "A lot of seniors wanted a computer course, so we have a sign-up in the media center for a very basic course geared to anybody."

Many seniors make a point of having lunch in the student cafeteria after their course or meeting and at other times, too, Leary says. "It's good for the students to see the elderly population. They're really great with them, and the seniors love seeing the young people."

For more information on Curry College continuing education programs, call 617-333-2320.

Senior pursues legal studies to help disabled

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

While most "college seniors" look to expand their knowledge in many different areas, Nancy MacDonald, age 76, is focused on earning her paralegal certificate through the Legal Studies program at Quincy College. She hopes to complete the 30-credit-hour program in June, and is considering options for continuing her study of law.

"I am very much involved with the disabled, and I realize that MCAD (Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination) and other agencies are overwhelmed with cases," says MacDonald, who uses a wheelchair as the result of injuries received in an auto accident 30 years ago. "I am constantly asked questions by disabled people: How could the ADA help with SDI? Why didn't I get a worker's comp review? These are all answers I'd like to know."

MacDonald has a degree in clinical psychology from Simmons College and a teaching certificate from Bridgewater State. She taught elementary school until her injury, then worked as personnel manager for a Quincy firm and later as a reservationist for The Ride. She now works evenings at the Braintree Cinema.

MacDonald took her first Quincy College class eight years ago with her husband, who was already seriously ill. They completed one course in Shakespeare, then Basil died while they were studying U.S. History.

"That's when I decided to go in this direction," MacDonald says. "It's important, imperative for me to finish my paralegal course and to go further with it. Too many rules are broken because people don't know how to address the problem or reverse it."

MacDonald recommends college programs as an answer to the "restlessness" of seniors who may have taken advantage of early retirement incentives or been forced out of work by the economy.

Seniors set pace in computer classes

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

Aline Clish, 79, from East Bridgewater teaches the same computer course in which she learned her own skills only four years ago. She is an instructor and chair of the volunteer board of directors of the SeniorNet Learning Center at Massasoit Community College.

"This is a great program," says Clish, a registered nurse with no previous computer experience. "You understand what they're teaching before they move on. There are coaches to help students catch up."

"SeniorNet classes are taught for and by seniors," says Kathleen Reid, coordinator of senior programs for Massasoit. "Most stay involved quite a while and continue to learn."

The Massasoit learning center is one of 135 SeniorNet sites nationwide that provide older adults with education for and access to computers and the Internet. Adults age 50 and older can join SeniorNet for $40 per year, plus the cost of individual courses. Tuition is $5 for the fundamental course and typically $20-$30 for more advanced courses, all books and materials included.

The curriculum for each course is developed by SeniorNet, an international non-profit organization, specifically for older students. Members also receive a quarterly newsletter, discounts on computer products and services, and access to online discussions.

"The SeniorNet chat room is monitored and safe," says Clish. "I know people who don't sleep well at night, who like to chat then."

Once a month, the Massasoit Learning Center offers a concentrated On-Line course for three hours a day for three days, she says. Other courses cover the Windows operating system and popular applications for word processing, spreadsheets, genealogy and graphics.

"We hope to start some mini-courses soon on digital cameras and scanners, whatever has an impact next," says Clish.

"All the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren know computers. You can feel left out. This is a great way to get involved and see how much you can do," she says.

The Learning Center has eleven IBM computers and current software strictly for SeniorNet use, says Reid. The center is not a Massasoit program, but is operated by the college in partnership with Verizon, IBM, Generations Online and Microsoft.

For more information on SeniorNet at Massasoit Community College, call 508-588-9100, Ext. 1063, or visit the website at www.seniornet.org/usa/brockton.

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Senior Lifestyle

Seniors wield political clout

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Statistics show that senior citizens have clout at the ballot box, which is undoubtedly why politicians regard them as such a crucial constituency.

Nationwide in 1998, for instance, nearly 80 percent of registered voters aged 65 and over went to the polls, double the rate of those between the ages of 18 and 24.

Anthony Mollica, 82, of Braintree is an example of a senior citizen who is proud to proclaim that he never misses an election.

"It was (former state Rep.) Don Laing who told me, 'If you don't vote, you have no right to complain,' and he was so right," said Mollica, who served on the Braintree Board of Selectmen for 12 years, three of them as its chairman.

Many younger voters say that it doesn't matter to them who gets elected, but Mollica couldn't disagree more.

"I'm always interested in who's running and what they stand for," he said. "I would like my champion to win, and quite often, he does."

Although he is a registered Democrat, Mollica is the kind of voter who can't be conveniently categorized.

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A group of seniors cast their ballots and flex their political clout at Tuesday's election.

"I voted for FDR all four times, but I don't believe that I've ever voted a straight Democratic ticket," he said.

Indeed, Mollica voted for Dwight Eisenhower twice, Richard Nixon twice, and Ronald Reagan twice. In other presidential election years, he backed the Democratic candidate, including Al Gore two years ago.

"I think that voting is one of the most important benefits we have as citizens of this country," Mollica said. 'It's a benefit that allows you to participate in your form of government and how it runs. If you don't like it, you have a chance to make a change. Don't ever think that your vote doesn't make a difference."

Mollica has theories about why senior citizens can be counted upon to vote.

"For one thing, they have a lot more time to think about the issues because most of them aren't working," he said. "For another thing, they have fixed habits that now come to bear. I just can't imagine myself or others like me not voting. I don't understand apathy. I don't understand how people can't be interested in the way things around them are run."

According to Mollica, another reason why senior citizens vote is because a good number of issues concern them, including the cost of medication, Social Security, and veterans' benefits.

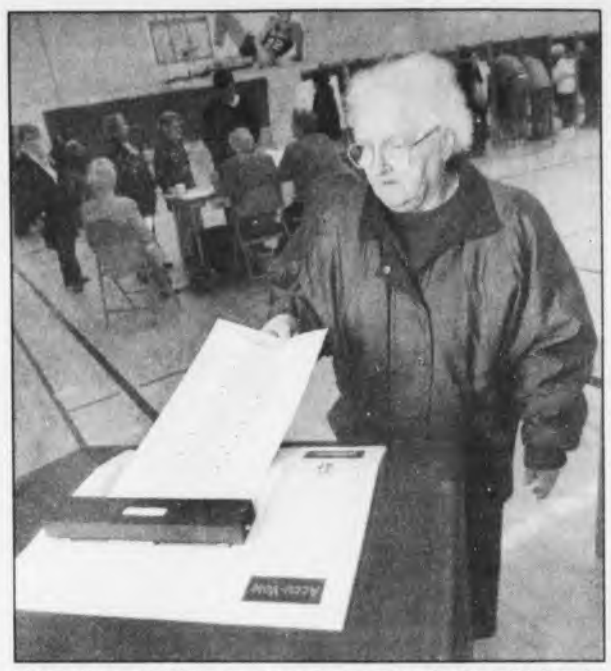
Holbrook Town Clerk Shirley Austin has her own idea about why senior citizens tend to be so passionate about voting.

"I don't know what's going on in high schools today, but when I was in high school, the importance of registering to vote was drilled into us," she said. "Maybe because we had to wait until we were 21 to vote, it was more important to us. Today, I think that kids, as a whole, are not quite ready to get involved in the political process at the age of 18. I think it's wonderful to give young people the right to vote at 18, but a lot of them aren't ready yet. So many of them are wrapped up in their own lives. On the other hand, seniors have been voting for years, and they know how important it is and what a difference it can make."

Austin mentioned another key factor in the extent of turnout among senior citizens: the questions that appear on the ballot.

"If a question affects their pocketbooks, they're definitely there," she said. "They come out in droves."

Braintree Town Clerk Joseph Powers has a philosophical perspective about senior citizens and how they vote.



Voters like senior Mary Brown are often sought-after by politicians for votes.

"Seniors should have political clout because they tend to follow the issues more and participate in discussions," he said. "Based on both of these, they then tend to act by voting. They have clout because they have earned clout. They earned it by being active in public discourse."

Powers pointed out that those who aren't senior citizens could have clout, too, due to their sheer numbers.

"The only thing they lack, however, is the most important thing: the urge to act," he said. "I don't think that younger people should criticize or blame seniors for being active at the polls. They find a reason to be motivated, and then they act on this rationale. They certainly put it to use. The reality is that younger people, if they were able to motivate themselves and act on their convictions, would have the same influence and control that seniors have. If younger groups had the same energy and the same desire, the dominant group would not be the seniors."

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Abington resident Dan Brundage is one of many seniors who spend their time volunteering in the community.

Work keeps them cooking

'Retirees' stay active at jobs, volunteering

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Claire Parker has been working for more than 60 years and plans to continue working as long as she is able to.

Parker, who just celebrated her 80th birthday and sixth-year anniversary at Burger King in Rockland, said she's still faster than most of the other workers.

"We're just good workers," said Parker. "We just go out and do it for the joy of working and being involved."

Parker is one representative of the growing senior population who retire but continue to stay active by working or volunteering in their communities. According to the recent census, there are more than 16 million Americans over 55 who are either working or volunteering. Older workers are getting new jobs at an annual rate of 4.1 percent which is more than half the 8 percent rate in the general population.

So why are so many seniors choosing to spend their golden years on the job instead of relaxing?

According to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the main reason is because there is a huge demand for retired seniors to work. Employees 50 years old or older are also recognized for having a good work ethic and for bringing experience, knowledge and stability into the workplace, according to an AARP survey. There is also a trend of hiring seniors in service industries for positions in customer service, telemarketing, security and travel departments.

Many seniors work or volunteer because there isn't much else to do and it makes them feel younger than what they are.

"Too often, people who retire sit down and don't get up," said Parker. "Working helps me stay active, keep my body healthy and my mind alert."

Abington resident Dan Brundage, who has been retired for the last four years, keeps busy by volunteering and staying involved in town politics. Brundage, who also recently turned 80, said just because your older it doesn't mean you're dead yet.

Studies show that seniors who work or volunteer are more likely to live longer than those who don't.

Researchers at the University of Michigan discovered a remarkable link between work and volunteering with longevity by surveying 1,211 adults over 65 (mostly retirees) in 1986 and checking up on them eight years later. The subjects who volunteered or worked at least 40 hours each year to a single cause or job were 40 percent more likely than non-volunteers or workers to be alive at the end of study.

For many seniors, volunteering is something they can hardly imagine themselves not doing. Among them is Bedford Weaton, who volunteers by doing taxes for other seniors in Abington and Rockland. The 73-year-old Brockton resident said, "sometimes when I go on vacation, I feel guilty and start having withdrawal pains."

Many seniors work not for pleasure and fulfillment but out of necessity. They remain on the job to supplement their pensions. Sometimes, older people may not have planned ahead well enough and they may not have saved enough money to retire comfortably.

"If I wanted to I could quit," said 63 year-old Kathy Chiason, of Weymouth. "But, working a couple hours a week gives me some spending money. I have a bad bingo habit. The rest of the money I get, goes to paying the bills."

As more and more people reach the retirement age, the number of working seniors is expected to grow even larger. A poll conducted for the AARP found that 87 percent of who will be retiring this year expect to work at least part-time during retirement.

A prescription for drug safety

COAs push for medication management plan for elderly

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A special weekly calendar box sits on Constance Merritt's nightstand, each individual box filled with her daily dosage of the five prescriptions she currently takes. Merritt is fortunate — she has a system for taking multiple medications.

At 80, Merritt still has the focus and self-discipline to take her prescriptions as directed by her doctor, leaving a proper amount of time between doses and understanding any possible side effects.

But unfortunately Merritt does not represent the majority of senior citizens.

"This has become a definite concern everywhere," said Scituate Council on Aging Director Joan Wright. "It is fairly common for senior citizens to have to make decisions about what drugs to take and what food they eat because they can't afford it all."

And this localized concern is part of a larger state and national initiative to increase awareness about the dangerous interactions for some medications and the problems with prescription management for senior citizens. Wright and Norwell Council on Aging Director Rosemary O'Connor put together a medication management plan to institute such programs within senior centers across the state, but the plan hit the same budget roadblock so many programs have faced during the past year.

"Funding is an issue and it's going to continue to be an issue," O'Connor said. "But this problem is not going away."

A recent brochure titled Healthy Aging, developed by the Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse alerts seniors to the dangers of mixing prescription and non-prescription medications together, or with alcohol. It recommends using a "prescription chart" much like what Merritt uses to organize her medications and provides tips on how to best avoid future problems.

But knowing what to do is just the first step, health officials say— the problem extends far beyond. Instituting a plan and being able to afford the medications is the bigger problem, Wright said.

"Nine out of 10 seniors will tell you that the cost of the medications is the biggest problem," O'Connor said, noting that certain HMO's have caps on prescription costs and may not supplement the cost of prescriptions at all. "Prices in general have gone up and are going to keep going up — this is just the tip of the iceberg."

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With so many medications to take, seniors are often at a loss as to how to manage their doses.

Medicare was established 35 years ago to provide health care for the nation's elderly. In the 1960s relatively few drugs could do much to manage diseases of the elderly such as high blood pressure, arthritis and high cholesterol, but now drugs are at the forefront of treatment, according to a study by the Center for the Advancement of Health.

Most younger Americans with health insurance have prescription coverage included, but more than one-third of senior citizens pay for prescriptions almost entirely out of their own pockets, the study said. And this is where the problem lies directly, and where a management plan could come in.

"I know of a woman who was paying more than $300 each month for her prescriptions," O'Connor said. "Some people just can't afford them so how do they decide what to take and what to skip?"

The prescription management plan initiated by Wright and O'Connor, in conjunction with the Norwell Visiting Nurses Association would involve a visiting nurse to help set-up a "pill pack" and possibly even have a home health aide to supervise the senior when taking the medications.

"There's always people that will fall through the gaps," Wright said. "And this is such a serious and dangerous issue that we really need to be concerned about."

Recent legislative efforts have not received the financial backing necessary at the state level, Wright said. She said state Sen. Michael Morrissey, D-Quincy, and state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, have been active in pushing for state funding for a management program. Both attended an informal breakfast two weeks ago to discuss the next step.

But Wright said without the proper resources and staff to institute a real program, the best she and other councils on aging can do is distribute information and continue to pitch the plan to the state.

"We need to put programs into place that deal with this issue to prevent tragedies from happening," Wright said. "All of us live in this hustle and bustle of a world — it's hard enough to remember the 8,000 other things we have going on much less what prescriptions we already took today."

Adults over 60, their families, friends and caregivers can request a copy of the Healthy Aging brochure by calling the clearinghouse toll-free at 1-800-952-6637 or by visiting the Clearinghouse online at www.maclearinghouse.com.

Senior Lifestyle

Fit and fun after 50

Today's seniors more active than ever before

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Many senior citizens are living longer and healthier lives these days.

In fact, many look upon retirement as a new opportunity to expand their interests and take part in activities they didn't have time to participate in when they were working or attending to home responsibilities.

Sandra Kent, director of the Hingham Department of Elder Services, has some ideas as to what's behind increased longevity among today's senior citizens.

"There's a focus on health prevention," she said. "A lot of people have given up smoking and are working to lower their cholesterol levels. They're also pursuing enjoyment, which means less stress in their lives."

Joan Wright, director of the Scituate Council on Aging, points to medical advancements and a heightened awareness of the importance of good nutrition as other reasons why seniors are in better shape these days.

"There are also more opportunities for senior folks to stay physically fit and intellectually involved," she said.

For example, the Scituate Senior Center offers two arthritis exercise programs every week.

"These kinds of activities improve people's quality of life," said Wright. "When seniors exercise, they feel good, and that kind of spins off into wanting to eat better because they're feeling better. They then want to do more and get out more. I think one things leads to another."

The Hingham Senior Center, located at town hall, is attempting to project what Kent calls the "correct image" for the word "senior."

"It's almost inappropriate when there's a 40-year span of life in that category, from age 60 to 100," she said. "We're trying to promote the idea that you can't put a senior in a box any more than you can generalize that all teenagers are the same. A 13-year-old is different from an 18-year-old."

Kent further noted, "You can meet a 68-year-old without enthusiasm and an 85-year-old who's interesting and wants to know what's happening in the world. We have to be careful about stereotyping. I predict there'll be a different terminology in the future."

Needs vary greatly among seniors with regard to what interests they want to pursue and what their physical abilities are, although for the most part, seniors tend to be more physically fit these days.

Fitness programs offered at various senior centers include aerobics, yoga, strength training, and a walking group.

The Cohasset Department of Elder Affairs runs well-attended exercise groups and regularly runs articles in its newsletter about the latest news in the medical field about how to keep elders healthy in their later years.

"We also run educational programs about health insurance, the need for exercise, and healthy eating," said Outreach Coordinator Carol Barrett, who is also a registered nurse.

A number of local centers also offer blood pressure and other health checks as well as transportation to medical appointments.

Because interests and abilities vary, South Shore senior centers try to offer a number of activities to meet the needs of a variety of people.

Some who frequent these centers enjoy trips or playing whist while others prefer to attend a symphony rehearsal or be part of an opera group.

"It's also important to keep seniors' minds active, because that usually results in a better memory," Kent notes.

Accordingly, more adult education programs are being offered at some local senior centers.

In Hingham, Kent is working with the town's Continuing Education Program to offer some late-afternoon classes for seniors who prefer not to drive at night.

"Adult education has become very enticing for retirees," she said.

The Scituate Senior Center is exploring the possibility of offering an astronomy class and music appreciation program.

"Folks who attend our archery program also want to take part in some intellectually stimulating programs," Wright said.

Already offered are a chess club and a "Gourmet Thoughts" group, formed by seniors who wanted to combine their love of both cooking and reading. The group meets once a month, cooking a meal they plan themselves and then discussing books they've been reading.

"When seniors have a good idea, they're often very willing to take the ball and run with it," Wright said.

The Scituate Senior Center tries to customize its programs to meet the needs of a diverse group.

For the most active seniors, there's a softball league which plays other regional senior teams from mid-April until the snow flies. The more than 100 players come from not only Scituate but also Marshfield, Cohasset, Hingham, and Norwell.

Now that colder weather is approaching, an indoor softball league has been started, which will play on an indoor field in Bridgewater.

Senior centers are becoming increasingly popular among the older set.

"We're pleased that people look forward to coming to our center," Kent said. "People come to enjoy themselves in our bright, clean building. The atmosphere makes them smile."

The ultimate compliment is when a younger adult visits the senior center and is impressed enough to ask, "How old do you have to be to come here?"

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Kay Boyle of Hanover is all smiles as she gets her hair done at the school's salon.

While local senior centers are working hard to meet the needs of seniors who are more active than ever before, the Hingham Senior Center also feels a responsibility to help meet the needs of a broad spectrum of seniors.

That's why a wide range of transportation alternatives are available, including rides to medical appointments and grocery stores.

"Providing transportation helps people remain in their homes when they've given up their driver's license," Kent said. "While not every senior utilizes our services, at least they know we're here."

Outreach Coordinator Karen Sadlon also helps meets the needs of Hingham's senior community.

"We steer people in the right direction, whether that involves senior housing, legal matters, assisted living options, or temporary care arrangements," Kent said.

A number of community organizations and churches – along with the police and fire departments — also lend a helping hand, including the Girl Scouts, who rake leaves for seniors.

There's also a small repair program to help seniors who are still living in their homes.

"We're fortunate to have people willing to give of their time and energy to help us," Kent said.

According to the state Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) the average individual lives almost 18 years after he or she retires.

"That's the length of your childhood, so retirees need to decide what they are going to do once they stop working," said Emmett Schmarsow, program manager for Councils on Aging in Massachusetts under the EOEA.

Planning ahead is the key to a successful retirement.

"Self-image is often tied into people's work, and those thinking about retiring need to be sure their transition into retirement is appropriate," said Schmarsow.

For some, that means continuing to work part-time, while for others, exploring new possibilities beforehand helps ensure the retirement years are productive and satisfying.

"Stopping work in and of itself is not a plan," Schmarsow said.

That's why senior centers often become community centers, due to the wide variety of activities and information offered there.

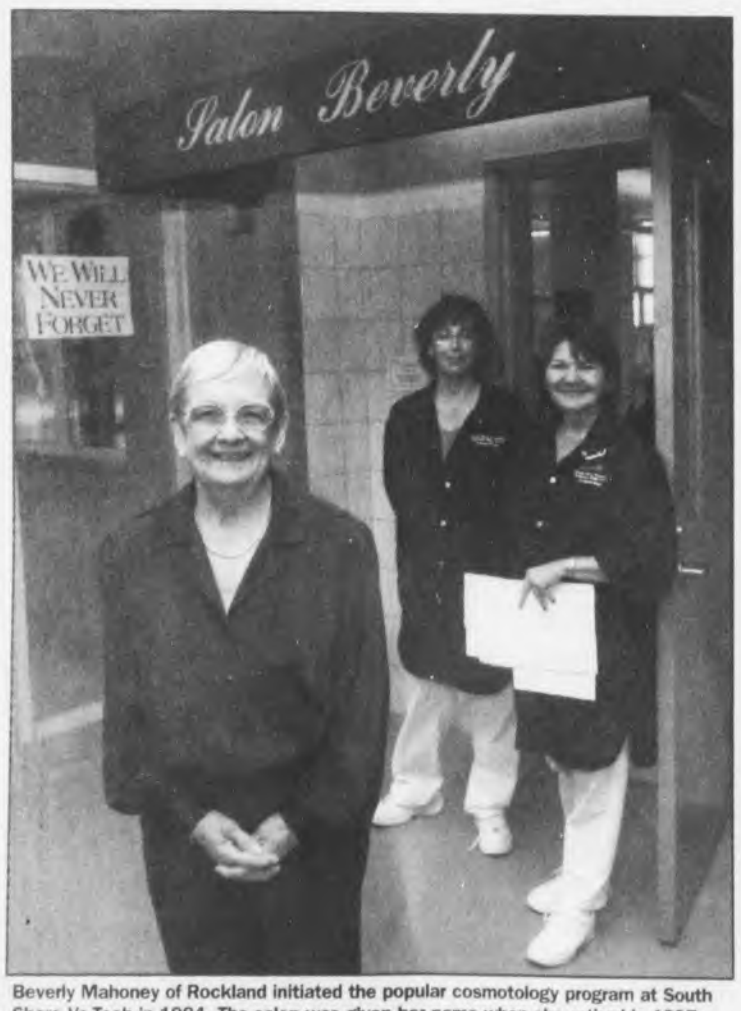
Schmarsow also notes that many communities aren't anticipating the huge surge in elders that will begin occurring in 2006 when the first baby boomers start coming of age.

"They are coming and will be a more diverse, well-off, and healthier group," he said. "I think senior centers will play an every greater role in the community, including offering education programs and other types of support. These centers often become a home away from home."

Once individuals retire, Schmarsow says, they need to get out of the house.

"That's why planning ahead for retirement is important," he said.

(Right) Cosmotology student Jessica Crowell of Rockland does nails for Hanover senior citizen Louise Cavicchi during the "Day of Beauty."



Beverly Mahoney of Rockland initiated the popular cosmotology program at South Shore Vo-Tech in 1984. The salon was given her name when she retired in 1997. Pictured also are current department head Claire Mulligan (right) and former student Kathleen Foley, now an instructor.

South Shore Vocational Technical student Caitlyn Citrano of Rockland gives Virginia Szenjar of Hanover a facial during the school's "day of Beauty" program for seniors. The residents say the event is fun and makes them feel good.

Senior Lifestyle

Giddy-up. The 60-plus crowd enjoys their trip to a dude ranch.

South Shore seniors on the go

Groups offer travel opportunities for older citizens

By Lisa M. Cataldo
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Whether it's a day trip to the Berkshires or a week in Montreal, groups of senior citizens are packing their bags, looking for new adventures.

Eileen MacDonald has planned a number of trips for the 60+ Club, a social club comprised of 350 seniors from across the South Shore. The group meets once a month at St. Ann's Church in Marshfield.

"These trips are a lot of fun," said MacDonald, 80, of Marshfield. "We do a lot of day trips and luncheons to Boston, weekend excursions to Maine, and we have gone on trips to Panama, Italy — even some cruises. Right now we have a trip to Hawaii planned for March."

"Everyone has a wonderful time on these trips," said Irene Walter, President of the 60+ Club. "We do take trips to Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun every other month, but we do a lot of sightseeing trips, as well."

A group from the club traveled to Ogunquit, Maine over the summer and ventured out on a lobster boat for the afternoon. Another group recently spent five days at a Dude Ranch in the Adirondacks.

"Some of the group went horseback riding at the ranch," Walter said. "They also had other activities for us like hiking, golf, mini-golf, tennis and arts and crafts. I'm glad I got to go. This was one trip I didn't want to miss."

Bill and Shirley Goodwin have been planning trips for seniors through the Friends of the Weymouth Council on Aging (COA) for the past five years. Their group travels on a full size tour bus. The Goodwins plan two or three bus trips a month. Their trips include a variety of locations such as a visit to the Beacon Resort in Lincoln, New Hampshire to a tour of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. A three-day trip to Lake George, Lake Placid, Saratoga with a stop at West Point is in the works for next fall.

"We try to give the seniors a very good variety to choose from," said Bill Goodwin. "We make no profit on any of these trips. Any money left over goes to the Friends of Weymouth COA to purchase equipment or items they might need. You don't even have to be a resident of Weymouth to go on these trips. The only thing we ask is that you have fun."

Asked if he has one favorite trip that stands out in his mind, Goodwin replied, "No. I like to make each one better than the one before."

"Out of all the trips I've been on, I would have to say my favorite was a trip to Quebec," MacDonald said. "What a magnificent place. Every lawn was cut, not a piece of paper on the streets. It was a wonderful place."

According to Walter, the 60+ Club holds a regular business meeting when they meet once a month and they typically provide a guest speaker and/or entertainment for members.

"It's nothing political, or anything like that," MacDonald said. "Just a place to meet and talk — mostly about our trips."

"You have to be 60 to be a member, but any of our members can feel free to bring along a grandchild on any of the trips, provided we have room," Walter explained. "Except, of course, to Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun."

Traveling with grandchildren is a concept that many seniors are taking advantage of, today. Because they couldn't afford to do it when they were raising their own families, grandparents are starting to embrace the idea of connecting with their grandchildren by taking them along on vacations.

"Our trips are fabulous," said Helena Koenig, President and founder of GrandTravel, a unique travel company offering trips for grandparents and their grandchildren, located in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

"We have 16 destinations and multiple departures including tours of Kenya, London, and Paris. Our trips to the Western Parks, and Alaska in the United States are popular, too."

Koenig, an experienced travel agent for many years, founded the company in 1987 when her first grandchild was born. Trips offered through GrandTravel are scheduled for the months of June, July, and August when children are typically on summer break from school. All trips include an experienced tour guide, and a certified teacher escort who is responsible for the academic component of the tour. Escorts also assist 'Grandtravelers' with miscellaneous situations that may arise such as filling a prescription, locating a dentist for a grandchild's loose orthodontic wire, or changing money. Most of the tours include three meals a day (excluding some of the European trips) along with arts and theatre tickets. GrandTravel trips are geared for grandparents and their grandchildren ages 7 - 17.

"Grandparents have experienced life and this is a way to share that cultural enrichment with their grandchildren," Koenig said. "Being able to share a special experience in their grandchildren's lives makes these trips very meaningful."

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Getting a handle on senior gambling

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Nat McCready walked out of a Holbrook convenience store recently with $20 worth of scratch tickets. It's something the 73-year-old retired plumber has been doing about once a month for the past several years.

He stood next to his car and began scratching the card. But despite his prediction that "this is the day I win my first million," he ended up slightly short of that, winning only $4 on one ticket.

"Last week I won $50," he said, seeming to try to make himself feel better. "The most I ever won was $400. I guess I'm not that lucky."

Unlike many senior citizens McCready may in fact be lucky. He buys only a set amount of tickets every month and he always spends within his means. But an increasing number of senior citizens are unable to show that same kind of restraint when it comes to playing the lottery.

No reliable data is available to illustrate the extent of the elderly gambling problem in Massachusetts or across the nation because the field of study is in its infancy, according to Marlene Warner, program director at the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling. However, it is widely assumed that gambling is more of a problem among seniors than the general population.

"A lot of gambling is targeted to seniors," such as bingo and trips to Foxwoods, Warner said. "It's used as an activity or entertainment to fill time, of which seniors have a lot."

Compounding the problem is that the majority of senior do not seek help for gambling addiction. "They tend to come from a generation where they think you don't get help for your problems, you deal with them on your own."

Marshfield COA Director Carol Connolly said like other addictions denial is a big part of senior gambling.

"It's a problem that's hard to fix. Just like with alcoholics or anyone else they deny there's a problem," she said. Connolly has heard from friends and family members of seniors telling her that certain seniors may have a gambling addiction, but never once has anyone with a problem personally asked her for help.

According to the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling symptoms of gambling problems include continually thinking about gambling, planning your day around it, repeatedly spending more time or money gambling than can be reasonably afforded, and having troubling paying bills as a result of excessive gambling.

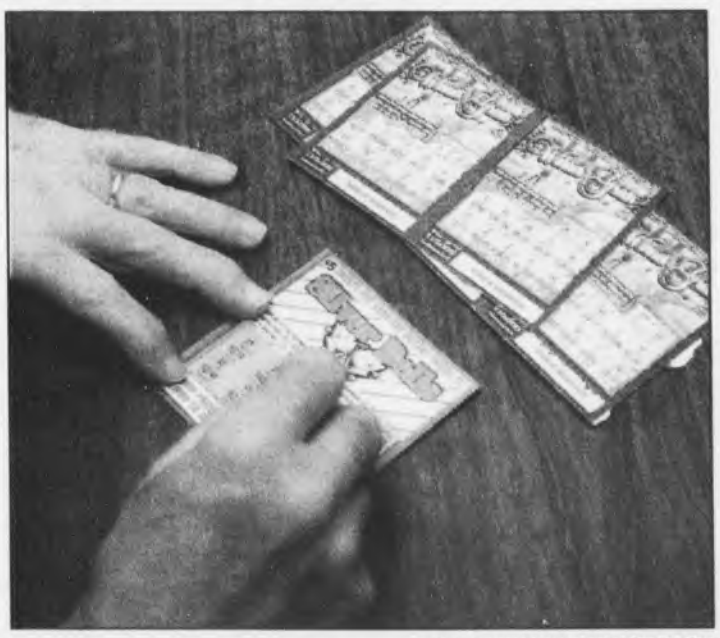
Connolly said she once got a call from concerned family members of a senior who they suspected had a gambling problem. The senior would routinely go to a local variety store and spend all her money, neglecting her bills. When she couldn't make it to the store the clerk would deliver scratch tickets to her.

Another South Shore senior Connolly knew could not afford food, gas, or rent because those necessities took a back seat to his gambling habits.

"[Gambling] is everywhere. You sit down to eat and there's a Keno game there. They make it so easy to get involved," said Mary Kelley, a Marshfield council on aging outreach assistant.

Patrick Hamilton said for many people with a low income, whether elderly or not, playing the lottery gives them the hope of hitting it big. Hamilton, who works at the Old Colony Planning Council in Brockton, said he has seen many lives negatively impacted by gambling.

"People are not really educated about the probability of them benefiting," he said. "For somebody living on a fixed income like social security, certainly if they're going out and spending 10 bucks on scratch tickets they could be using that 10 bucks to eat. It's sad. It's an unfortunate situation."



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Experts say lottery tickets only scratch the surface when it comes to the potential for gambling among the older generation.

Officials suggest those with gambling problems speak with outreach workers at local councils on aging. They can also call the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling helpline at 1-800-426-1234. The council has 16 treatment sites in the state, including one in Plymouth.

But what can be done to help seniors? Are there any programs in place to educate seniors about the risks of gambling away the money they need to survive when the probability of striking it rich is slim?

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Twins Margorie Ionta and Margaret (Ionta) Cochrane, 89, rest for a bit after their workout at the Quincy Y.

89-year-old twins swim and pump iron

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each other's jokes," Margaret said.

Even though they have some of the same clothes, they've made it a rule not to dress alike, with one exception: if the matching clothes are gifts.

"My daughter-in-law gave us beautiful matching rose sweaters for Christmas. We wear them when she comes. Then we run up and change when she leaves.

"Eighteen years of dressing alike was long enough," Marjorie said.

Most mature drivers can safely stay on road

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can help older drivers decide if it's time to "self restrict" their driving, by choosing to drive only during the day and only in familiar territory, for example.

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles offers a free one-hour course available through local Councils on Elder Affairs, according to community outreach coordinator Michele Ellicks at the Registry.

In addition to driving tips, the course also provides information about the Registry and how to obtain a disabled placard, for example. The course also explains if an older person wishes to voluntarily give up his or her license, the Registry will provide a free Massachusetts ID card in its place that is accepted at banks, airports and the like.

"Some older folks are holding onto their driver's licenses only for the ID," Ellicks explains. She says the Registry highly recommends the AARP course, which is more involved.

"Ours is a nice complement to the AARP course either before or six months after as a refresher," she says.

Ellicks says the most difficult aspect of driving for older persons is left-hand turns because of changes in depth perception. Changes in vision are a natural part of aging, she says, so an older driver may have difficulty judging whether she or she has enough time to make the turn. The course, as well as the AARP and AAA courses, recommends avoiding left-hand turns whenever possible, by making a series of right-hand turns.

AAA (American Automobile Association) also offers a safe driving course, the AAA Driver Improvement Program that is not geared specifically to seniors but can be adapted to a specific audience. AAA also provides a series of pamphlets, dubbed "Straight Talk for Mature Drivers," which are available to members and cover everything from buying a vehicle and vehicle maintenance to driving tips and drugs that can affect driving.. AAA also offers a self-assessment for drivers and a guide for family members of an older driver.

Learn about safe driving:

- AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program: 1-888-227-7669
- Registry of Motor Vehicles "Safe Driving for Elders," 1-617-351-9924
- American Automobile Association's AAA Driver Improvement Program, 1-800-222-8252
- Call your local Council on Elder Affairs for times and dates of classes

"Sometimes it's as simple as taking a few counter measures," explains AAA Director of Public Affairs Dave Raposa, about older drivers. Those measures could include giving up night driving, using larger mirrors, and staying within a certain radius of home.

"Our goal is to help drivers stay on the road longer and safer," says Raposa, who points out club membership, which is $59 for the first year and $45 for renewal, can make a great gift for anyone.

Although it can represent a huge change in lifestyle, many older persons voluntarily give up driving. Most Councils on Elder Affairs have vans available to take seniors to doctors appointments, the hairdresser, shopping and other trips.

"I have found many times wise seniors give some thought to giving up their driver's license," says Hingham's Council on Elder Affairs Director Sandra Kent. "Some have had some small scare, or with their eyesight and reflexes have realized it's time.

"However, that doesn't necessarily make it easy. Losing the freedom to drive is a big loss," she says. But Kent points out the senior van service can help fill the gap. Hingham, which has four vans, offers mini van trips to a range of events and places, such as the Providence Place Mall and Arnold Arboretum, for a suggested donation of $2-$4. That's in addition to regular weekly service and medical rides.

Banda of the AARP notes age does not equate with unsafe driving.

"There can be unsafe drivers at any age," she says. But Banda points out our society needs to better facilitate the needs of older people through a range of means such as better signage on the roads; more sidewalks; and making public transportation available in off-peak times when retired people are more likely to use it.

"Saying people should give up their driver's licenses at a certain age is not right," she says. "The question should be based on ability and capability and not just age."

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Senior Lifestyle

Solitary seniors

Programs offer solutions to loneliness and boredom

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Along with the shorter daylight hours of fall and winter can come increasing loneliness and isolation for all too many seniors.

Sadness and more serious feelings of depression are often ongoing issues for older people — no matter what the season — according to those who run some of the more innovative senior outreach and volunteer programs on the South Shore.

Cathy Nickerson, volunteer coordinator for the Marshfield Council on Aging, says seniors are especially at risk during the winter.

"Seniors suffer the most," she said. "In many cases, they're not just homebound" but are completely isolated.

In November and December, the seasonal rhythms of life change. For seniors living in bustling seaside communities like Marshfield, the awareness of the desolation can be especially acute. The holidays are looming.

"The summer people have gone," said Nickerson, and there is less activity all around. The Green Harbor area of Marshfield has a large population of seniors and the homebound. Brant Rock and Fieldston "are of the beaten track in the winter," Nickerson notes. "Some seniors living alone have little contact with the outside world."

Being homebound in the winter has such an effect on older people, according to Nickerson, that it is literally true that COA volunteers who take part in outreach programs "brighten the days" of countless seniors.

For some, all that's needed to take the edge off the loneliness is someone with whom to play an occasional game of cards, or a game of Scrabble.

In response to this growing need, the Marshfield Council on Aging has increased its number of volunteers from about 75 only three years ago, to about 250 today.

"There's been a lot of effort put in here to growing our programs," she said. "For a lot of seniors, their children are busy working and don't have the time. And here on the South Shore we don't have the transportation."

About three years ago the Marshfield COA developed the Friendly Visitor Program which is coordinated by Shirley Jacobs. The idea was to match volunteers up with individual seniors who are lonely and need a companion, have difficulty getting out and need help with errands, or who need transportation to medical and other appointments.

"We assign each person to a senior," Nickerson explained. "They'll visit, help with shopping, or just call to make sure they're OK. They'll get a book or video from the library. The volunteers build a wonderful rapport with the seniors."

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Marshfield COA volunteer coordinator Cathy Nickerson works with a number of people who try to make life easier for area seniors.

Jacobs works to place a senior with a volunteer who shares similar interests. "Shirley's really good at matching someone she feels would be well suited to a particular senior," Nickerson said.

Volunteers with the Friendly Visiting Program are a mix of people — from young mothers who have a few hours a week to spare, college students with big hearts, to other seniors who are still in good health and have the desire to help out.

"There are nurses who work at night and have some free time during the day," said Nickerson. "Some of our volunteers don't do anything else besides pick up prescriptions" for seniors.

Other volunteers in the Friendly Visitor Program have signed up for the specific task of driving seniors to and from medical appointments in Boston. "Some of our volunteers have no problem going into Boston and waiting."

A simple thing like doing the weekly grocery shopping becomes a challenge for seniors who don't drive or who are reluctant to drive.

Anxiety about venturing out in the car is a very real fear now that local, smaller markets such as Star's in Marshfield Center are being squeezed out and replaced by supermarkets located in busy, high traffic commercial areas.

"This is a huge problem for seniors," said Nickerson.

The Friendly Visitor Program has its rewards not just for seniors, but for volunteers, too, according to Nickerson. "Our volunteers get a feeling of complete joy. For me, if I can have one smile from a senior, it makes my whole day."

In Pembroke, an innovative COA program is being offered once a month throughout the year that is geared to the emotional needs of older men who suddenly find themselves alone during their senior years.

The discussion group known as the Dull Men's Group is a much needed outlet for senior men who are not accustomed to talking about their feelings, according to Joe Collins, a co-leader of the group.

Collins, whose wife passed away several years ago, said the whole idea behind the Dull Men's Group is to get men out of the house and socialize. He leads the group with fellow COA member Connie Church, also a widower for several years.

A discussion group that meets regularly helps alleviate stress and loneliness in older men, Collins is convinced.

"If a participant is experiencing a problem, many times the simple act of talking about it will act as a pressure relief."

The Pembroke Dull Men's Group last month received word it had won the prestigious ROSE (Resources Organized to Serve Elders) award from the state's Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

The award is given to a senior center that shows innovation in reaching out to seniors to serve their needs.

The Dull Men's Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Pembroke senior center and has developed a loyal following.

In the group discussions, the men are encouraged to talk about their feelings. Senior men are often dealing with the loss of a spouse or other loved one as well as other major life issues. Many complain of loneliness and a lack of purpose.

"I've found over the years that getting people to talk acts as a safety valve," Collins said.

Co-leader Connie Church agrees. "Women talk to one another. Men don't talk to each other so easily. Men have a tendency to say everything is OK, when it isn't."

Church says that men who are living alone are more apt to fall victim to depression. For these men it is important to open up lines of communication with other men who are experiencing the same feelings.

"They're surviving, but in reality they can do better," by connecting with their peers, Collins said.

The Dull Men's Group doesn't take life too, seriously, though. Collins says humor is one of the keys to aging well.

Collins says older men are not necessarily dull by nature, but in some cases are responding to the boredom that has taken over their lives, something that can happen upon retirement and the loss of loved ones.

The topics chosen for discussion at the Dull Men's Group are intended to lighten things up. Members of the group like to poke fun at themselves and their solitary stage of life.

For example, this month the group will be discussing "Newton's First Law, Concerning Inertia," something older men tend to know a lot about, Collins jokes.

Assisted living

Programs helping seniors age with dignity, independence

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It's natural that senior citizens want to maintain their independence for as long as they can and luckily, there are plenty of programs within the region which can help them do just that.

One of the big programs that helps seniors on the South Shore is called Visiting Angels, an organization based in Marshfield. Visiting Angels sends out highly skilled caregivers to the homes of senior citizens in order to help them maintain their sense of independence.

"It's a service that provides assisted living services in the homes of seniors," said Nate Murray, president and director of Visiting Angels. "It allows them to stay in their homes as long as they can with safety and dignity."

Murray said some of the services Visiting Angels offers includes companionship, housekeeping, medication reminders, escorts to appointments, shopping, among other services.

"Through the process of aging, senior citizens will lose certain abilities that allow them to remain independent, such as the ability to drive a car or the ability to take medication on a consistent basis," Murray said. "However, many of these elders are fully capable mentally and there's no reason they should have to be put into a residential institution."

Murray said he believes seniors are finding the Visiting Angels organization is helping them maintain their independence and he bases his beliefs on a survey he handed out in September. He gave the survey to families of elders who were participating in the Visiting Angels program.

"One-hundred percent of the families who participated in the survey agreed that Visiting Angels has allowed their loved ones to live independently," Murray said. "It's also a very cost-effective alternative." He added the rates for Visiting Angels are much cheaper than those one would have to pay to place a loved one in a nursing home.

Murray said it's important for Massachusetts to have programs such as Visiting Angels because "according to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the proportion of elderly people age 65 and over is larger than the country as a whole. In other words, Massachusetts has a higher elder population than the national average."

"Say someone told you that you had to leave your home. You wouldn't want to do it. What if you had to give up your license? I know I would go absolutely bonkers. Senior citizens feel the same way. Sometimes we lose sight of that. Just because a person is 80 years old, that doesn't mean that they're gone."

Rosemary O'Connor, Norwell Council on Aging

Councils on Aging on the South Shore and around the state are good sources for programs that help seniors keep their independence.

"That's the biggest focus that we have," said Norwell Council on Aging Director Rosemary O'Connor. "That's one of the mission statements of any council on aging. Helping seniors remain independent in their homes is what we do."

O'Connor said services councils on aging often provide include transportation, outreach and delivered meals. She added Norwell provides all those services and more.

O'Connor said no senior citizen wants to give up his or her independence and noted they definitely do not want to have to leave their homes just because they can't accomplish certain tasks.

"Say someone told you that you had to leave your home," O'Connor said. "You wouldn't want to do it. What if you had to

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Senior Lifestyle

Store closing hits seniors

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My grandfather has a problem.

For as long as he can remember, Tuesdays have been Ames days — but, no longer.

"On Tuesdays, I may go into a severe depression," he said, pain arching in his voice as he remembers the loss of Ames' Senior Discount days. "I'm in limbo. I'm hurting real bad."

Now that Ames has gone the way of Caldor, Bradlees, and Zayers before it, senior citizens are faced with an increasing lack of discount opportunities at department stores. Some would argue that stores such as Wal-Mart and Target (whose competition helped drive the aforementioned stores out of business) actually offer better deals despite not having senior-specific discounts, but it would seem that Ames' Senior Tuesdays filled a larger need.

"It really became an event," said Grant Sanborn, the executive vice-president of Ames, which closed its doors on Oct. 19. "We provided refreshments and we reached out to a lot of people. Anybody who wanted to reach the senior citizen population by using our facilities, such as the Red Cross, was welcome."

Ames became a virtual retail senior center replete with health screenings, contests, and of course discounts.

"You would walk into any of the stores on a Tuesday and see the way people really took to the event," said Sanborn. "You would see the way that people had used the store as a gathering place."

There were three Ames locations on the South Shore (Abington, Hanover, and Weymouth) and according to those involved in senior services in the area, the effect is already being felt.

"We provide a lot of the socialization and entertainment here. It is still extremely expensive for seniors to go to the movies, even with the discount."
Jane Hanley of the Braintree COA

"There has been a large impact on seniors in Abington," said Linda Elliot, director of the Abington Council on Aging. "One of our senior housing facilities was within walking distance and a lot people would take themselves there, but now they are depending on our van."

But the impact extends beyond just proximity. The van now travels to Wal-Mart on the other side of town, but seniors in town do miss the special deals on Tuesday, according to Elliot.

In Braintree, a town with a surplus of retail stores thanks to the South Shore Plaza and several other malls, the closing of Ames was just the latest development in a long line of disappointments.

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Ames Store closing has hit the senior population particularly hard, many in the area say.

"Ames really wasn't one of the major retailers for us with the plaza here," said Jane Hanley, services coordinator for the Braintree COA. "However, when Caldor and Bradlees went bankrupt, people did start shopping at Ames."

The senior center in Braintree had just begun regularly scheduled trips to the Weymouth Ames when the company announced it was closing.

"It really added insult to injury," said Hanley. "It was one of the only places left to go for our seniors. Now, they can go to Wal-Mart for all-purpose supplies or they can pay the price at the plaza."

In some ways, the trend is very circular. In the 1950's and early 60's, the department stores such as Ames began squishing out the local businesses. Now, large national conglomerates such as Wal-Mart and Target (which were founded around the same time) are using their buying clout and standardization to push out the smaller chains.

Despite its lack of specific discounts for seniors, Wal-Mart feels that it does as good a job – if not better – of catering to the fixed incomes of seniors.

"When people hear "everyday low prices" they say, 'Uh huh, sure, right," said Tom Williams, spokesman for Wal-Mart. "The trouble is we really mean it. Our discount, for seniors and others, is our everyday low price, Whenever you go into a Wal-Mart story you are getting the lowest price possible."

Williams said that Wal-Mart also caters to the senior population, occasionally offering in-store events, and that that specific demographic "shops us heavily."

While the department store issue may be unresolved, the larger outlook of senior discounts seems to be positive. For every loss, there has been significant gain, at least according to Joan Rattner Heilman.

And Rattner Heilman should know, since she literally wrote the book on the subject. The American Association of Retired People (who referred the Mariner to her) called her "an expert" on senior discounts.

The book is entitled: "Unbelievably Good Deals and Great Adventures That You Absolutely Can't Get Unless You are Over 50," and it has just been revised for its 15th edition, which is due out soon.

"People have asked me that a lot," said Rattner Heilman as to the perceived decrease in senior discounts, "Especially since the airlines cut out their senior discounts and coupon books. But I think they are just becoming more prevalent elsewhere."

The author points out that the senior discounts on the major airlines have been replaced with "senior fares." Hotels, drug store chains and state-run organizations (which often are free for seniors) all tend to offer senior discounts, as do most restaurants and movie theaters.

But even with the discounts, some seniors still can't afford the amenities of life. The Braintree COA has a license from the Motion Picture Association that allows them to rent movies and show them for seniors who otherwise couldn't afford to go.

"We provide a lot of the socialization and entertainment here," said Hanley of the Braintree COA. "It is still extremely expensive for seniors to go to the movies, even with the discount."

It is still too early to tell what impact the closing will have, but it certainly ends another chapter of retail history.

But for my grandfather (whom some would politely term as "stubborn,") the damage is done.

"Everything I own is from Ames," said Chuck (whose full name will be withheld to protect his relatives). "Now that they have closed I'll never buy anything new again."

Now those, for sure, are discouraging words.

Assisted living

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give up your license? I know I would go absolutely bonkers. Senior citizens feel the same way. Sometimes we lose sight of that. Just because a person is 80 years old, that doesn't mean that they're gone."

There are agencies like councils on aging and Visiting Angels, but there are also those like South Shore Elder Services in Braintree, which is monitored by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The services it offers are comparable to other groups around the region. Some of those include food shopping, transportation, home care, meal preparation and personal care. The agency also added a new program to its repertoire one year ago called the Caregiver Initiative.

South Shore Elder Services family caregiver specialist Amy Carlson said the new program is designed to help caregivers of loved ones offset the stress of taking care of those people. She said caregivers who have are more positive and manage the stress well take better care of their respective loved ones and in turn, that means happier, more independent senior citizens.

"It provides information, resources and support to caregivers," Carlson said. "By continually offering elders resources, we are helping them maintain their independence."

There are other programs at the state level which help seniors as well. The Executive Office of Elder Affairs offers programs which helps seniors with nutrition, home care and assisted living. The state also offers the SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) program which "provides free and unbiased health insurance information and counseling to Medicare beneficiaries."

Executive Office of Elder Affairs Secretary Lillian Glickman said one of the state's biggest programs for seniors is called Prescription Advantage.

"It covers prescription drugs for any elder regardless of income," Glickman said. "It's a very comprehensive health care program and we're a national model." She added the program allows seniors to fill an unlimited amount of prescriptions, no matter what the drug in question may be or how much it costs. Currently, 83,000 seniors are enrolled in the program.

Murray said one of the biggest factors in seniors maintaining their independence is companionship and many agencies around the state consider that a priority.

"Companionship is not just having a buddy," Murray said. "It has very significant positive cognitive and social outcomes. It's critically important…It has been extremely rewarding being able to do good with elders on the South Shore in a way that helps them maintain their independence as long as possible."

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103-unit 40B project is proposed for Beach Street

By Mary Ford
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Until AvalonBay came to town, it had been upwards of a decade since the town faced the specter of high-density 40B projects – but proposals for the controversial housing developments could be coming more frequently.

Case in point is a letter the selectmen's office has received this week from a law firm stating its client, Great Neck LLC, intends to file for a comprehensive permit to construct 103 condominiums in three buildings on nine acres off Beach Street behind Cohasset Town Hall.

According to Ellen Morrissey of 488 Jerusalem Road, who is one of the partners in the project, the housing being proposed would be deed restricted for people 55-and-older and the 26 affordable units would be so in perpetuity.

"This is what all the boards have been asking for."
— Ellen Morrissey, Great Neck LLC

The proposal is bound to be as controversial as the 200-unit AvalonBay which is currently before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Morrissey has tried for years to build three luxury homes on the two lots she owns off Beach Street But getting approval for access from Beach Street, which is known for it spectacular ledge outcroppings, has been a problem. Lot #3, which is also owned by Great Neck LLC, is not part of this proposal.

At last year's special Town Meeting, a group made up largely of Beach Street neighbors, who oppose any development of area known as Great Neck, offered a bylaw that would require a variance before ledge eight-feet in height or higher could be altered in any way. But the Planning Board, saying it was flawed, opposed the bylaw the way it was drafted. A redrafted version then went before the annual Town Meeting where it failed to win the necessary two-thirds majority.

The Beach Street neighbors said they had no time to waste because land off their street was being eyed for development, which could include blasting ledge to construct driveway access to the property. To that end they also formed the Great Neck Preservation Group to purchase 13 acres off Beach Street

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LOCAL COLOR

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A landscaper mows the lawn at the Jane Bancroft Cook estate off Sohier Street before last weekend's nor'easter blew most of the leaves off the trees.

Train costs soar

Will Romney rein in the train?

By Mary Ford and Amy Lambiaso
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State Sen. Robert Hedlund doesn't like saying "I told you so." But when it comes to the train, the Weymouth Republican and Greenbush critic says no one needed a crystal ball to see the project costs would soar.

"I said a year ago Greenbush would cost $1/2 billion," Hedlund said, adding he thinks the MBTA "low balled" the project all along.

In fact, Hedlund cites an unnamed source close to the project as predicting the Hingham tunnel will end up costing double the $39 million estimate.

The MBTA reported this week that it is adding up to $52 million on to the projected cost of the 17.7-mile train rail spur,

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Voters OK $800K to put village wires underground

By Brian J. Scully
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There were many factors riding against the passage of an additional $800,000 for the Village Revitalization Project to put the utility wires underground.

Number one on that list was the current fiscal state of Massachusetts. When you added in the fact that the town is still completing a series of two multi-million dollar school projects, it would appear the article was doomed to failure.

But Monday's Special Town Meeting — by a two vote margin — gave the two-thirds majority necessary to move on with the project. The 162-78 vote sets the stage for a special election sometime after Jan. 1, 2003 for a debt exclusion to Proposition 2-1/2 in order to pay for the project.

"This is a great vote of confidence."
— Craig Miller, President of the Waterfield Group

"This is a great vote of confidence," said Craig Miller, President of the Waterfield Group, which is designing the downtown project for the town. "It will make a world of a difference for the improvements that are scheduled."

Despite the somewhat cosmetic nature of the project, it appeared that the once-in-a-lifetime nature of the article moved residents to vote in favor of the project.

"Michael Sullivan did a great job of communicating that this is a unique moment in time," said Miller. "It will cost the town more to do this at a later date."

The rest of the project is already funded by a variety of sources. The town received a $1.5 million state Public Works Economic Development grant for the for the streetscape revitalization, $1 million for the James Brook culvert as part of the MBTA mitigation package, a $169,000 Transportation Enhancement grant for the St. Stephen's sidewalk, while the installation of a new water main, at a cost of $38,000 will be paid for by the Water Department. (The MBTA is going pick up the tab, estimated at $500,000, to fix up the town parking lot, which was also part of the Greenbush Mitigation agreement).

"Besides being more costly (to

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BALANCING ACT

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From right to left, Tess Massi, Lauren McMannis and Mikala Adelman wait for instruction on the balance beam in the Gym Explorers class at the South Shore Community Center.

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Corrections

The Mariner incorrectly identified Debra Krupczak as a clerk in the assessor's office in last week's Mariner. Krupczak's title is Assistant Assessor.

In last week's article about the health program being saved, the Mariner should have said elementary school health teacher Jane Gregory had just completed her second year of teaching, not her first. The Mariner regrets the errors.

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Hubbard saves man from drowning

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At 72, June Hubbard of 144 Beach St. is fitter than most half her age.

And that was good news for a 57-year-old North Easton man who nearly drowned yesterday morning.

Hubbard arrived home around 10:30 a.m. from a Friends of the Paul Pratt Library meeting, when she noticed a red kayak floating in the waters of Little Harbor behind her home.

"I thought, 'I have red kayaks,' so I went down to the water to pull it in," she recalled.

Then she heard calls of "help, help" from the Little Harbor side of Cunningham Bridge. Hubbard called 9-1-1. But she didn't stop there. She ran to a little row boat that a friend had left at her home and rowed out to the victim, Stephen Benson, of Elderberry Drive in North Easton.

Hubbard explained Benson held onto the boat while she rowed to over to the Williams' property on the other side of Little Harbor.

While Hubbard was busy rowing against the current, she gave Benson, who was wearing a life vest, a safety lesson.

"I gave him a lecture about how he shouldn't be kayaking on his own," Hubbard said.

"I was just in the right place at the right time."
— June Hubbard

Benson was treated at the scene for mild hypothermia and was transported to South Shore Hospital where he was treated and released.

Fire Capt. Mark Trask said Benson had been in the water about 30 minutes and was showing signs of hypothermia, such as slurred speech.

"She's a hero and was able to take decisive action that may have saved this gentleman's life," Trask said.

Hubbard said she did what anyone would have done.

"I'm not a hero," she said. "I was just in the right place at the right time."

Which way does surface water go?

Dispute over watershed line

By Mary Ford
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"We're stunned by the description that a large portion of the watershed goes to the Weir River."
— John K. McNabb, Water Commission

Storm-water runoff and wastewater disposal tend to be dry subjects.

But when it comes to AvalonBay – the 200-unit luxury apartment complex proposed off Route 3A – even the technical details about catch basins and sewerage treatment are of general interest and can be controversial.

And at no place was that more evident than at the Zoning Board of Appeals last Thursday, when a dispute arose over the watershed boundaries in the 61-acre site.

The disagreement is significant because of the way the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) classifies watersheds. Avalon is banking on new information that demonstrates the northern part of the site is in the Weir River Watershed. If that proves to be the case, it could obtain a surface-water discharge permit that would set the stage for the construction of a sewer treatment plant there to service the apartments.

But the Water Commission and its consultants, the Norfolk Ram Group, say the area where the treatment plant is proposed is within the Lily Pond Watershed, that drains into Lily Pond, the town's water supply. Because the Lily Pond Watershed drains to what is classified as "Class A Drinking Water Supply" – no degradation of the watershed is allowed, and Avalon would have to come up with another way to handle wastewater from the complex. The DEP does not issue surface-water discharge permits in "Class A" watersheds.

Scott W. Dale, vice president of development with Avalon, said the issue is a hurdle that needs to be cleared.

"Ultimately there needs to be an agreement on the watershed boundaries," he said after the meeting. "I think we have a more detailed map than they have."

Avalon officials said they walked the site with officials from the DEP and EPA, and found a ridge that sends the water down one side toward the Weir River, and the other side toward Lily Pond. The treatment plant is proposed for the Weir River Watershed side of the ridge.

But the Water Commission is using a 1986 DEP-approved map that shows 84 percent of the site drains into the Lily Pond Watershed with the remainder (area closest to 3A) draining into the Sohier Street Watershed, where the well fields are going to be reactivated. None of the project falls into the Weir River Watershed, said Chairman John K. McNabb.

"We're stunned by the description that a large portion of the watershed goes to the Weir River," he said. "That's not true. Clearly the entire area goes to the Sohier Watershed or the Lily Pond Watershed."

McNabb explained later the boundary lines for the Lily Pond Watershed were first determined by Camp, Dresser and McKee for the Water Commission and formed the basis for the town's Water Resource District Zoning Bylaw, adopted in 1986, which restricts certain adverse land uses in the watershed to protect Lily Pond.

He said more recently in 2002, Norfolk Ram prepared a Surface Water Supply Protection Plan for Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir that included updated GIS (Geographic Information Systems) maps of the delineation of the Lily Pond Watershed. McNabb said the DEP approved the plan, which also means it approved the watershed delineation, a key element of the plan.

During the meeting, Mark Bartlett of Norfolk Ram said there was no reason to question the boundary line that was approved by the DEP. He explained the watershed incorporates not just Lily Pond but any tributary and wetlands that feed into the pond.

Carlos A. Quintal, of CAQ Engineering Associates that was hired by Avalon, said the Weir River is classified as a "Class B" and Avalon can apply for a variance to discharge water there.

"If we cannot make that point (the water goes toward the Weir River) than we cannot have a surface water discharge permit," he said.

What followed was a lengthy discussion about the treatment plant itself, with assurances by Avalon there are enough redundancy and safeguards in the system to keep it operating efficiently. Avalon will also hire a part-time plant manager, who will monitor the facility

Cohasset Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said for comparison purposes the zoning board could take a look at the sewer treatment plant at the Cohasset Knoll nursing home, also off 3A, that has some similar components.

"But the big issue is whether it will discharge into a Class A or Class B," he said. "You can't discharge into a Class A (water supply)."

In a telephone interview earlier this week, Dale said Avalon officials would be following up with the Water Commission and its consultants, Norfolk Ram, to get all the information on the table and see if they can come up with some agreement.

He explained Avalon's assessment of the watershed boundaries was accomplished with a physical survey of the area with instruments, which is usually more accurate than aerial photographs. Avalon also inspected the site with DEP and EPA officials and witnessed water flowing the direction that Avalon's drainage analysis said it would, Dale said.

He said if the Water Commission's boundary proves correct, then Avalon would have to look at alternatives that include revisiting the groundwater discharge capability of the site. The company has also not ruled out installing a sewer main down 3A to connect to the Hull Treatment Plant, although Dale said that option is unlikely.

The Zoning Board meeting also included a detailed Avalon presentation on a new stormwater management system for the site, which was formerly the Web-Norfolk Conveyor property and still contains several old buildings and a large paved area.

AvalonBay is seeking a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B (the state's affordable housing law) to build the apartment complex on industrially-zoned land. Cohasset is vulnerable to 40B projects because it has so little affordable housing.

Members of the Board of Health and Water Commission were in attendance at last week's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, as well as a handful of interested citizens including some members of Cohasset Action, a grass-roots group opposed to the project because of its density among other issues. The group claims the project will flood the schools with more children than they can handle.

New gym sparkles at Town Meeting

By Brian J. Scully
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Prior to the start of Special Town Meeting on Monday, moderator George Marlette warned those in attendance that there could be technical glitches throughout the night, given that this was the first meeting held in the new gymnasium at Cohasset Middle Senior High School.

But aside from one hand vote recount — due to confusion over who was counting where — the evening went off without a hitch.

"It took a great deal of effort to be sure that everything worked out so that we could be here," said Marlette at the start of the evening. "There could be a few glitches tonight, but in the long run, I think everyone will enjoy the benefits of our new home."

For residents, those benefits began last night.

More than 500 Cohasseters attended the meeting, filling the 360 chairs set out over blue tarps on the gym floor, and spilling in to the pull-out bleachers on the side. But where other venues may have been full to the brim, the new gym housed the crowd exceedingly well, leaving plenty of room for people to maneuver.

"I thought it looked fantastic," said School Committee member Rick Flynn of the new digs. "This night provided us with a great showcase for our new school, especially since it was these voters who made this renovation possible."

The meeting was convened shortly after 7 p.m. and wrapped up four-and-a-half hours later at 11:35 p.m.

During that time the meeting covered all 18 articles, with the crowd dwindling down to about 200 at the closing vote – still double the quorum of 100. The crowd peaked around 8:30 p.m., just prior to the vote on to purchase the Barnes property, a 32-acre parcel that is adjacent to Wheelwright Park, for $1 million (see story page 4). The vote passed unanimously, largely due to the fact that the Community Preservation Committee had raised all of the $1 million purchase price, so that it would not affect the tax base in Cohasset.

"This night provided us with a great showcase for our new school, especially since it was these voters who made this renovation possible."
— Rick Flynn, School Committee Chairman

The crowd was holding strong at 10 p.m. until after the town approved the burying of wires in conjunction with the village project, but began to dwindle thereafter (see story, page one). The $800,000 allocation will now be put to a special election to be held after Jan. 1, 2003 for a debt exclusion override to Proposition 2 -1/2.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday Nov. 18:

Zoning Board of Appeals, Dec. 2 (Avalon-Health and Environment), Dec. 16 (Avalon - Public Safety), Jan. 6 (Avalon - Infrastructure), and Jan. 27 (Avalon - Local Preference and Affordable Housing needs), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Conservation Commission, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Advisory Committee, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. (at Special Town Meeting, Nov. 18 6:30 p.m.).

Library Trustees, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Growth and Development Committee, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Assessors, Nov. 21, at 4 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Authority, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.

Water Commission, Nov. 21 and Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

School Committee, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m.

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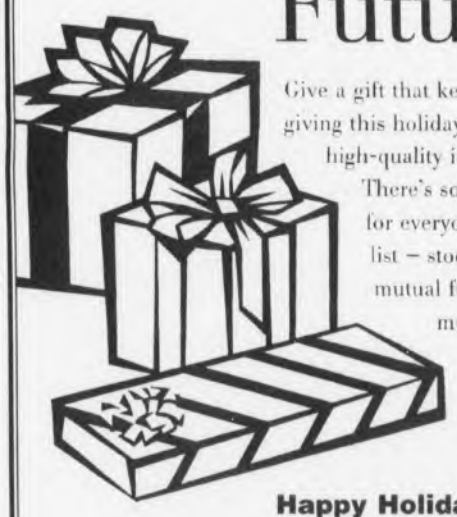

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32-acre parcel preserves sanctity of Wheelwright Park

Voters approve Barnes purchase

By Brian Scully
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For six frantic months, Rich Silvia and Stuart Ivimey have spent the majority of their time devoted to a 32-acre parcel known as the Barnes Property, which is located adjacent to Wheelwright Park.

Now that Town Meeting voted unanimously to approve purchase of the property — based largely on the fact that the Community Preservation Committee had managed to raise the whole of the $1 million purchase price — they can finally rest.

"It actually physically feels very good," said Silvia, safe in the knowledge that the core deep forest habitat that exists in the area will remain protected. "The community, through Town Meeting, couldn't have been any more supportive."

But the support of the town was in essence reciprocal, and based largely on the work of the CPC prior to the meeting.

Silvia and Ivimey, the CPC chairman, spearheaded the charge, later joined by the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private conservation organization, state Sen. Bob Hedlund, and countless others throughout the community.

The first hurdle was crossed when the Conservation Trust pledged $100,000 in cash, plus another $150,000 in matching funds for private donations. Then the Board of Selectmen approved the use of the $500,000 of the MBTA mitigation grant, which had been set aside for the purchase of open space. The real breakthrough came when the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs bestowed a "Self-Help Grant" worth $250,000.

Ivimey's party line throughout the meeting, was that this grant was "a funded grant." Not willing to leave it to chance that people would be skeptical, the CPC brought in living proof.

Joe Lerner of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs appeared before the voters and assured the money was "in a bank account" awaiting the Town Meeting's decision.

The Water Commission donated $50,000 and the CPC spent $10,000 out of their administrative budget for appraisals and earnest money.

"It feels very good, the community, through Town Meeting, couldn't have been any more supportive."
— Rich Silvia, CPC member

The dealmaker, though, according to Sylvia, was the private donations of $65,000 which were then matched dollar-for-dollar by the Conservation Trust.

"You wouldn't believe how many people wrote $20 or $50 checks, who probably had no business doing so," said Silvia. "But they did it anyway, and now a beautiful piece of land has been saved."

Sylvia and Ivimey introduced the article, giving background, though it appeared most in the audience were well-apprised of the issue, thanks in part to a massive publicity campaign launched by the project's proponents. A full-color flyer was placed on each seat prior to the meeting.

"We first met with the Barnes on the subject this April," said Ivimey. "We sat down with the family and indicated that on the behalf of the town we would like to make an attempt to buy the property if they would be willing to hold it open."

Complicating the matters was the fact that a developer had already offered $1 million for the land.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Rich Sylvia, at right, and Stuart Ivimey applaud after the article authorizing the purchase of the 32-acre Barnes property passes muster with Town Meeting voters.

"We told them that we would like the opportunity to come up with the $1 million ourselves," said Ivimey. "It is our understanding that after that, the developer upped their offer, but the Barnes held to their handshake commitment."

Though only $10,000 from the CPC fund was used, Silvia said that the purchase was a textbook example of the CPC at work in the community.

"I don't think it would have happened at all without the CPC in place as an organization," said Silvia. "Right now you would be talking about the development of that land and how we could have let that happen."

The town adopted the Community Preservation Act at last year's annual Town Meeting. It derives it money from a 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate tax and some level of state match. Allocations are recommended by the committee and then voted on by Town Meeting. The committee's funds must be spent on three areas: open space, historical preservation, and affordable housing. The CPC can use a small percentage of its budget as earnest money for administrative tasks, such as appraisals.

Cohasset Action articles pass

40B moratorium meant as statement

By Brian J. Scully
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The major criticism of Cohasset's progress towards meeting the 10 percent affordable housing threshold mandated by Chapter 40B, has been that no steps were ever been taken towards addressing the problem.

That statement is no longer true.

On Monday night, Town Meeting approved two measures proposed by Cohasset Action, an anti-40B group, both clearly stating disapproval with the law as written, and an understanding that affordable housing is badly needed.

"A number of folks have looked at (Cohasset Action) as rabble-rousers," said Michael Westcott, the head of the aforementioned group. "I hope that after viewing the articles tonight you will see that is not the case."

"Chapter 40B is more of a sword for developers than a shield for towns."
— Michael Westcott – head of Cohasset Action

Article 3 requested that the Cohasset Housing Authority, the Cohasset Growth and Development Committee, and the Cohasset Planning Board create and implement and affordable housing plan for the town by Jan. 1, 2003.

There was some concern that the deadline was too soon, but members of those boards announced that they were already working on a plan and were confident the deadline would be met.

The second article, Article 4, was slightly more controversial. It calls for a three-year moratorium on any new 40B projects in Cohasset. That moratorium will be presented by the Board of Selectmen to the state legislature as special legislation.

"We're not asking for any money," said Westcott of the article. "In fact, I think that inaction on this issue will cost us a lot more in the long run. Chapter 40B is more of a sword for developers than a shield for towns."

The articles do not affect the current AvalonBay plan, because the comprehensive permit has already been filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals. However, according to Michael Sullivan, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the articles are meant to send a message to the state.

"I do not think that Cohasset will be granted a three-year moratorium by itself," said Sullivan. "But it is time to send a message to the state."

That message will be well-received, according to State Sen. Bob Hedlund who was in attendance and spoke on the issue.

"Chapter 40B has been on the books for 33 years now and it is an abject failure," said Hedlund. "It is going to take local activists, like Cohasset Action, to educate the legislature on the issue."

Hedlund said that there are currently 60 legislators, 14 senators and 46 state representatives in favor of making changes to the law including State Rep. Garrett Bradley, who was also in attendance at the meeting.

Despite the support, there were still calls from the public against the articles.

"We have provided two units of affordable housing through Habitat for Humanity, and several units on Government Island," said Chartis Tebbetts, a member of the school committee, speaking as a private citizen. "We have done nothing else and will continue to do nothing else until this is required of us."

Andrew Quigley of 38 Jerusalem Road agreed.

"This is superfluous," said Quigley. "It will have no affect on AvalonBay and since it has no legal standing, it will therefore accomplish nothing. It instead sends an alternative message that Cohasset had done nothing about affordable housing and is all of the sudden up in arms about a 40B development."

Despite the opposition, the vote passed by a large margin.

The articles, as initially authored were illegal, but Town Counsel helped rewrite them so that they were acceptable. The intent did not changed, but their wording has, in order to correct a violation of the separation of powers. The articles originally mandated that the town take action, first on a plan to meet their 40B requirements, and second to declare a moratorium on 40B affordable housing projects within the town. Since Town Meeting is the legislative body, a directive from it to the town's boards (the executive body) would be illegal.

Cohasset Action formed and brought the articles forward in response to the plans by AvalonBay to build at 200-unit 40B project at 155 King St.

Voters OK $800K to put village wires underground

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bury the wires at a later date), the will to do this project would not be there," said Miller. "The benefit of this point in time is that it comes at the nexus of five different projects, so the benefit of this decision is paying dividends on all fronts and it will help the overall success of all the projects."

The Board of Selectmen offered differing views on the project, but wanted the town to have a chance to vote on the issues, because its long-term impacts.

"I think it is good to give the town the opportunity to address the entire project at once," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "I agree with what Gary Vanderweil said at Town Meeting — you need to take full advantage of this opportunity."

After considerable debate, the vote passed by the narrow margin, but not before a hand count. That count needed to be conducted twice after confusion the first time, over who was counting votes in different sections.

Another interesting angle were commitments from local business owners in the Village, offering to subsidize parts of the project.

Selectman Fred Koed announced that Gerd Ordelheide had promised $100,000 towards the project over four years. Hubert Vanderlugt, who owns Hub Shippingin the Village, said he spoke for four businesses which would be willing to contribute in some way.

"One thing we need to do right now is to clarify the statements made about private contributions to the project," said Haddad. "We need to make sure that is all flushed out before the override vote, so that people know exactly what they are committing to."

Estimates for the five-year debt exclusion (the maximum time frame allowed under state law for roadway projects) peg the cost to the owner of a $500,000 home at about $70 a year.

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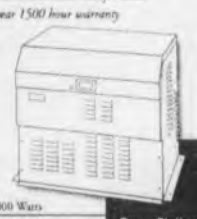

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Harbor plan shot down

By Brian J. Scully
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"Everyone agrees that the sidewalks need improvement The real issue at hand regards the fence."

— Dean Rizzo, director of the CRC

In the end, it was all about the fence.

Article 17, which called for an endorsement of the Community Revitalization Corporation vision for the Harbor area was shot down by a majority vote in the final minutes of Special Town Meeting on Monday night, a public mandate against wholesale changes to the Harbor area.

The major reason – at least publicly – was the proposed changes to the fence that exists currently, and would have been replaced under the CRC's "moderate" approach.

"Everyone agrees that the sidewalks need improvement," said Dean Rizzo, director of the CRC at the meeting. "The real issue at hand regards the fence."

Currently the fence consists of two horizontal beams placed on posts about six feet apart, but if it is changed in any way, it must be brought up to code.

However, if the fence were replaced and brought up to standards, the state transportation grant could be applied to $1 million of the $1.3 million price tag on the project. That grant provides 90 percent funding for a project, but takes into consideration any planning already completed. With the planning provided free to the town by the CRC, the level of funding for the sidewalk and fence restoration could reach 100 percent. (The additional $300,000 was to study and repair the seawall).

But citizens from the area – particularly along Border Street – objected to the plan, saying that it threatened quintessential Cohasset attributes.

"We need to ask here, is the project pushing the grant, or is the grant pushing the project?" asked Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who voiced her strong opposition to the plan.

The debate, presentation, and vote nearly did not even happen.

Richard deLima of 55 Summer St. launched two preemptive strikes against the article, first saying that the article was illegal, and the second calling for it to be postponed indefinitely because the corresponding materials were not filed in time. After those two motions failed, Russ Bonetti of 20 Parker Ave. challenged Rizzo's presence at the meeting, since he was not a resident of the town. That motion, too, failed. Town Moderator George Marlette had allowed Rizzo's participation, but seven people asked for the matter to be put to the town meeting.

"I hope that their is nothing personal motivating this," said Marlette to Bonetti.

The meeting overwhelmingly voted to allow Rizzo to speak, upholding Marlette's decision, before a voice vote defeated the article.

The CRC is backed by Cohasset businessman Peter Roy, who owns Atlantica, the Olde Salt House, and Kimball's, now called the Cohasset Harbor Resort, both of which are located in the harbor.

"I think there are a variety of issues why people voted against it," said Rizzo. "I don't want to characterize why they voted the way they did, but I think there are a variety of issues that come into play."

Rizzo said that he wished the article could have appeared earlier, but realizes that there were still about 200 people in the audience at the time, more than enough to represent the view of the town.

"Everybody would like to see their article earlier on the warrant, when there are more people here," said Rizzo. "But there were a few hundred people here, so it was a pretty decent crowd and you take your chances."

From here, the CRC is headed back to the drawing table.

"The CRC just has to evaluate the results of this vote at Town Meeting and decide how it wants to proceed," said Rizzo.

After the measure was defeated, Town Meeting approved an expenditure of $15,000 to study the condition of the seawall in the area, a study that would have been conducted by the CRC had its non-binding motion passed.

Voters agree to new Senior Overlay District

By Brian J. Scully
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It was, in a word, confusing.

But after several issues, including exactly how much development would be allowed under the zoning changes, the Planning Board's proposed Senior Overlay District was passed by Town Meeting on Monday night.

Exactly the effect of the zoning change will be seen over the course of the years, but according to Planning Board members, it will be small.

"If anything, this zoning is too restrictive," said Al Moore, chairman of the Planning Board. "Most likely we will be back before you next year asking for changes so that we can make projects work under these regulations."

The article, drafted by Town Planner Elizabeth Harrington, seeks to create a senior housing overlay district (covering areas zoned Residential B and C). An overlay district allows specific types of zoning to be permitted across areas previously zoned otherwise. The change would require a project to have 25 percent affordability and to be age restrictive, while stopping development under the law when 20 percent of the town's housing is multi-family. Currently, according to the Board of Assessors, the town sits at 13 percent. If the proposed 200-unit AvalonBay development at 155 King St. (Route 3A) were to go through, the town would probably only have room for one senior housing development. It also restricts the application of the zoning change to parcels of 10 acres or more.

Andrew Quigley, of 38 Jerusalem Road raised the issue of the 20 percent cut-off mark, after Planning Board member Bob Sturdy had stated that the overlay district would cease to exist only after 20 percent of the town's multi-family units were created under this bylaw.

Selectmen Ronnie McMorris and Michael Sullivan addressed the issue and clarified that the town would shut off after "20 percent of its total housing stock" was multi-family. The town currently sits at 13 percent.

Moore said that concerns that the overlay district would create unwanted housing projects was unfounded.

"Obviously if we didn't think this would be of benefit to the town, we wouldn't have proposed it," said Moore. "We crafted this article with care. If we were going to err, we were going to err on the side of caution."

Case-in-point, according to the Planning Board, is the cluster-zoning overlay district passed 25 years ago. According to Moore, citizens were up in arms over the proposed changes, fearing wholesale changes to the town.

"When cluster zoning first came up, there were naysayers who said, "We'll end up with these projects all over town,'" said Moore. "We have had only three projects under that overlay district."

Moore and the board, hope to get one project out of the zoning change.

"First of all, I think you need to realize that the town is largely built out," said Moore. "Most of the building permits are not for raw land, but rather teardown and rebuilds. We would be very happy to get one, good project out of this."

TOWN MEETING SHORTS

Housekeeping articles pass

Town Meeting approved Articles 1 and 2 unanimously. The first article paid Town Counsel Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis a sum of $37,782 to cover unpaid bills from previous fiscal years. The second article – which balanced the Fiscal Year 2003 operating budget – also passed without changes from its printed form.

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Morgan Sandell is top soccer scorer for Trinity

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Freshman at Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I., are **Vincent P. Gratta** and **Peter J. Whoriskey**, both of Cohasset. Vincent is going to concentrate in management, and Peter is at yet undeclared in an area of concentration.

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On Sunday, Nov. 17, the Cohasset High School Cheerleaders competed in the MSSAA 2002 Fall Cheerleading South Regional Tournament after qualifying in their division. The competition was held at Taunton High School. They placed third in Division Four. Congratulations to the new squad and their coaches, **Kate Hines** and **Kara Protulis.**

CHRISTMAS HERBS

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 9 a.m.. **Betsy Williams**, author of several books on the lore and use of herbs, will share with the members the legends of nine Christmas herbs. In addition, through story and demonstration, she will give the history of traditional Christmas greens. Betsy's work has been featured on the Discovery Channel. All who attend will have a very interesting and informative morning.

GROUNDBREAKING

Everyone and especially children are invited to the groundbreaking at Sunday noon for "Our World," the children's global discovery museum, in the back wing of the former Osgood School (soon to be the new Paul Pratt Library). Kids get free hard-hats and globes. Luncheon at the ceremony at Atlantica for $15 adults, $10 kids. Call 781-383-0900 to reserve.

IN SCOTLAND

Justin Maitland, Forest Avenue, has been spending his Fall semester in Greenock, Scotland at James Watt College. He is starting his senior year there, as a history major. He will return in late November and finish his degree at the University of Maine, Farmington. His parents, **Ken and Heidi Maitland**, were able to visit him in October and all three took a week to drive around the country. What amazing experiences Justin!

The members of the Cohasset High School fall cheerleading squad await their turn to compete.

GRIDIRON T-SHIRTS

The Cohasset Gridiron Club is selling hats, long sleeve T-shirts and sweatshirts. If anyone wants them before the Thanksgiving Game, they can call **Linda** at 383-9131 and leave a message. These items can even be delivered to you! Come show your spirit and support in style at this years Thanksgiving Day game.

POST PROM PARTY

The next post prom party planning meeting will be held on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the CHS Café.

EVENING FLU CLINIC

The Cohasset Board of Health will offer free flu immunizations on Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Public Health Nurse's office at Town Hall.

Anyone 65 years or older is urged to be immunized and is asked to bring their Medicare Insurance Card. Vaccine is available for Cohasset residents and is especially recommended for those 50 years and older and those of all ages considered high risk with chronic medical conditions such as Asthma, and other lung disease, diabetes heart and kidney disease, anemia and other blood disorders and anyone with a weakened immune system.

No Appointment is necessary. If you have any questions please call Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, PHN at 383-2210. Please wear a short sleeve shirt.

As we get ready to enter our week of Thanksgiving, I want for all of us to stop and look around. Try and find someone who may need a little bit of warmth or help in their lives. Maybe someone who has recently undergone some difficult times, someone who may be struggling a bit or just needs a friend and a place to visit on Thanksgiving Day. This is a time for being thankful, putting bygones behind you and really feeling what it is like to have friends, family and a community that can be together for the holidays. I know that I so often forget how really lucky we all our to live the lives that we do and how special it is to have the lives we lead. Take the time to share with your children a little bit of what Thanksgiving is all about in your eyes and make the time to listen to what they have to share with us. "Out of the mouths of babes" takes on a whole new meaning when we just stop our days for a few minutes and listen!

That is all for this week. Please make sure to get me all your news, information and photos no later than Mondays at noon!

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Herb Towle is always a Town Meeting regular

Says it's his duty to attend

By Brian J. Scully
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Sitting in the Red Lion Bakery, Herb Towle, 84, breaks out into song.

"Let me hold your hand in mine, read your future line-by-line."

The waitresses behind the counter stop to listen as Towle's baritone creases the atmosphere. The voice is still strong and clear, with just a bit of gravel spicing the delivery.

"Life can be so fine, there is so much to see and learn."

The song is a line from the musical "March Meeting," a Cohasset production that Towle, and other citizens appeared in somewhere back in the 1950s. Originally intended as a fundraiser for the Cohasset Rotary Club's scholarships, the production was written by Isobel Grassie, Gudrun Birch Howe, and Jeanne Toy Gormley. The show was a riff on Town Meeting in Cohasset and included several characters based on town leaders at the time.

The woman sitting at the table behind Towle – Robin Lord Eaton – Towle had sparked the memory. She too, had appeared in the musical in 1950 and 1956, each time in a different role, like the majority of those who participated. Towle, however, played the same part both years. The name of the character escapes him, but the song is embedded in his consciousness.

"One women wrote all the songs, and they were just terrific," said Towle, breaking the respectful silence that had enveloped the room. "It was all about what it was like to live in Cohasset, and go to Town Meeting. The whole town got involved."

Needless to say, the role wasn't much of a stretch. For 84 years Towle has done just that — live in Cohasset and go to Town Meeting.

"I began to attend Town Meeting as soon as I was of voting age," said Towle. "Whenever there has been a town meeting, I have been there, aside from my time in the Pacific. I wanted to be involved in the town, I always wanted to see what was going on."

Welcome to Herb Towle's world.

He is a man about town, taking his burnt sienna Dodge Neon from place to place. The waitresses here at the Red Lion Bakery know him. He lives right next door and has coffee here every morning. They treat him in a caring, kind manner — as if he were their grandfather. When he arrived at 12:20 p.m. on a Friday unexpectedly to participate in a interview, they quickly sprang into action. A fresh cup of coffee was rushed to his table and arrived at the same time he did.

On a usual day, breakfast is followed by a trip to his beloved Harbor, followed by lunch at home — a seafood salad sandwich on oatmeal bread. After lunch comes another trip to the harbor, followed by dinner. Six nights a week, it is fish. On Fridays, he heads to Jamie's Pub in North Scituate for meat, but only so that he can feed the leftovers to his neighbor's dog.

Towle was born on the shores of Cohasset Harbor in 1918, in a double house on Border Street. He has lived here all his life, excepting during World War II, when he served as a First Class Petty officer on board the aircraft carrier, the USS Bunker Hill. During that time, he attended every Town Meeting he possibly could – over 60 years worth – a streak of Lou Gehrig or Cal Ripken proportions.

"It was never because I was excited," said Towle last Friday. "It was because it was my duty. I was there to vote."

And to express his opinions, something he says he never had trouble with.

"I'll always put my two cents in," said Towle. "I've never been afraid to express my opinion."

His icy blue eyes sparkle at the last comment and he leans in upon delivery. You can tell that the man enjoyed the rhetorical give-and-take over the years.

He's proud of his accomplishments in town, particularly regarding his role in founding the Cohasset Sailing Club in 1960.

"It was something I wanted to do," said Towle. "I had four children that I wanted to be able to learn how to sail, I wanted all kids to be able to learn how to sail."

To date, more than 10,000 children have benefited from the program and Towle, who first took to the water as a five-year-old on a raft, has seen his dream come true.

"It is very busy in the summer and now we have 25 boats," said Towle. "The harbor is just so beautiful, and I love to see it used in this way."

The resident expert on Town Meeting throughout the decades, Towle says he has seen the meeting change. Towle, on the other hand, hasn't. His opinion is always on the tip of his tongue.

"Well, the town spends too much money," said Towle. "We just built two new baseball fields, which we probably didn't need. We have fields here, which the kids could have played on, but here, things need to be perfect."

Towle says he doesn't have much patience for people who stand up at Town Meeting attempting to raise a ruckus – though some people suggest Towle may have been guilty of just that over the years.

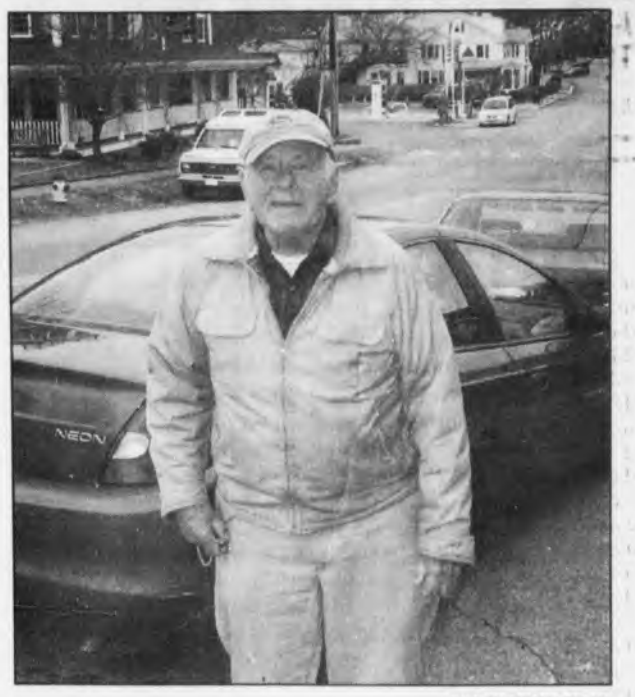
"I'll put my opinion in on anything," said Towle. "But it has to be something that is worth saying. When I worked as an electrical engineer in Boston and salesmen would come into my office, I would tell them, 'Be seated, be brief, and be gone.' It was very effective."

Towle says recent meetings have frustrated him, because Town Manager Mark Haddad often quotes statutes and laws by number and code, which Towle says can be confusing.

"You'll see him get up there and say, 'Such and such article is in accordance with Chapter 41B, section 212 of the Massachusetts code,'" said Towle. "I don't know what Chapter 41B is. I'm sure he does, but I would like a more in-depth explanation. At Town Meeting it is important to take a moment to digest what you are really voting for, and that is harder to do now."

But he was there Monday, as he has been for the rest, sitting, waiting, ready to comment when he felt the need arise.

"It's a duty," said Towle, again repeating his mantra. "You really need to go there and express your opinions and try to keep the town from going completely overboard."



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Herb Towle, shown here in the village, is a familiar figure at town meetings.

TOWN MEETING SHORTS

Cemetery gate to be refurbished

Article 5, submitted by the Community Preservation Committee also passed unanimously. The article provides $20,000 for the repair and restoration of the two iron gates at the front of the Beechwood Cemetery. It will also provide for a historically accurate wooden sign.

Police/fire study money approved

Town meeting also approved $60,000 to study and develop plans to put an addition on the current police/fire station building on Elm Street. The long-term plan is to house the departments in separate buildings, but an article that would have provided money for that project did not pass Town Meeting last year. This money will attempt to develop an interim solution.

Stabilization Fund

In anticipation of an override situation in the near future, Town Manager Mark Haddad and the Board of Selectmen put forward Article 10 to transfer $1,950,000 to the Stabilization Fund. With the school building assistance fund delayed, the town will need to cover payments on the school projects until the money comes in from the state.

Private ways to see more work

Town Meeting approved Article 12, which called for a $25,000 influx from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Private Way Capital Account. The move was necessary because of the passage of Article 15 of the Oct. 26, 1998 at Special Town Meeting.

Sewer plant

Town Meeting granted Town Manager Mark Haddad the right to enter into a contract with a company to run the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The initial term of the contract will be five years, with up to two additional extension terms of three years each. Haddad will conduct the process in conjunction with the Sewer Commission.

Senior tax exemptions

Town Meeting passed Article 15, which called for "expanded senior tax exemptions in the town of Cohasset." The article raised the maximum qualifying salary to $50,000. Senior tax exemptions allow seniors with cash flow problems to put off paying taxes until a later date.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A no-brainer

Many of the issues tackled at Monday's Special Town Meeting will be debated for sometime to come. But one matter that can be put to rest is the purchase of the 32-acre Barnes property, soon to be renamed the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary.

We'll admit we thought this was "pie in the sky" when the proposal first came before the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) about six months ago. The $1 million purchase price represented a lot of money to be raised in a relatively short period of time.

The land, which is a deep forest habitat, is well known to those who frequent Wheelwright Park. But it's must lesser known if at all, we suspect, to a majority of Cohasseters who haven't yet discovered the beauty of Wheelwright.

Cohasset's adoption of the Community Preservation Act has turned out to be a real plus for the town. Not only due to the stream of money it provides for open space, historical preservation and affordable housing – but also because it gets us thinking about possibilities.

The CPC has proved to be an energetic, activist board. Its members aren't sitting back waiting for proposals to come to them, but are going out and seeking ways to make a difference.

"I don't think it would have happened at all without the Community Preservation Committee in place as an organization," says Rich Silvia, who spearheaded the Barnes effort. "Right now you would be talking about the development of that land and how could we have let that happen."

The truly amazing part of the Barnes purchase is that is isn't costing the taxpayers anything. That's right, all the money has been raised through grants and private donations. We suppose some will say that state grants and MBTA funds come from our pockets too, so we'll concede there is some impact. But those same funds would go elsewhere if Cohasset hadn't been on its toes.

The purchase didn't even require monies from the Community Preservation Fund, other than $10,000 for administrative purposes, such as appraisals.

There are many people to thank but top of the list is Mr. Silvia, who spent about every waking moment on this proposal. The Barnes family should also be applauded for giving the town the chance to come up with the funds even though a developer had already offered them $1 million for the property. Kudos also to the Cohasset Conservation Trust for stepping up to the plate, selectmen for approving the use of MBTA mitigation money, state Sen. Bob Hedlund, R- Weymouth, for his help with the state "Self-Help Grant," and all the donors, who sent checks both large and small. Other members of the CPC, including its chairman Stuart Ivimey, also should take a bow, as well as the Water Commission that donated money and the voters at Monday's Special Town Meeting.

This is a win-win for everyone. And if all the critters in Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary could talk, they'd be cheering, too! Congratulations, Cohasset on a job well done.

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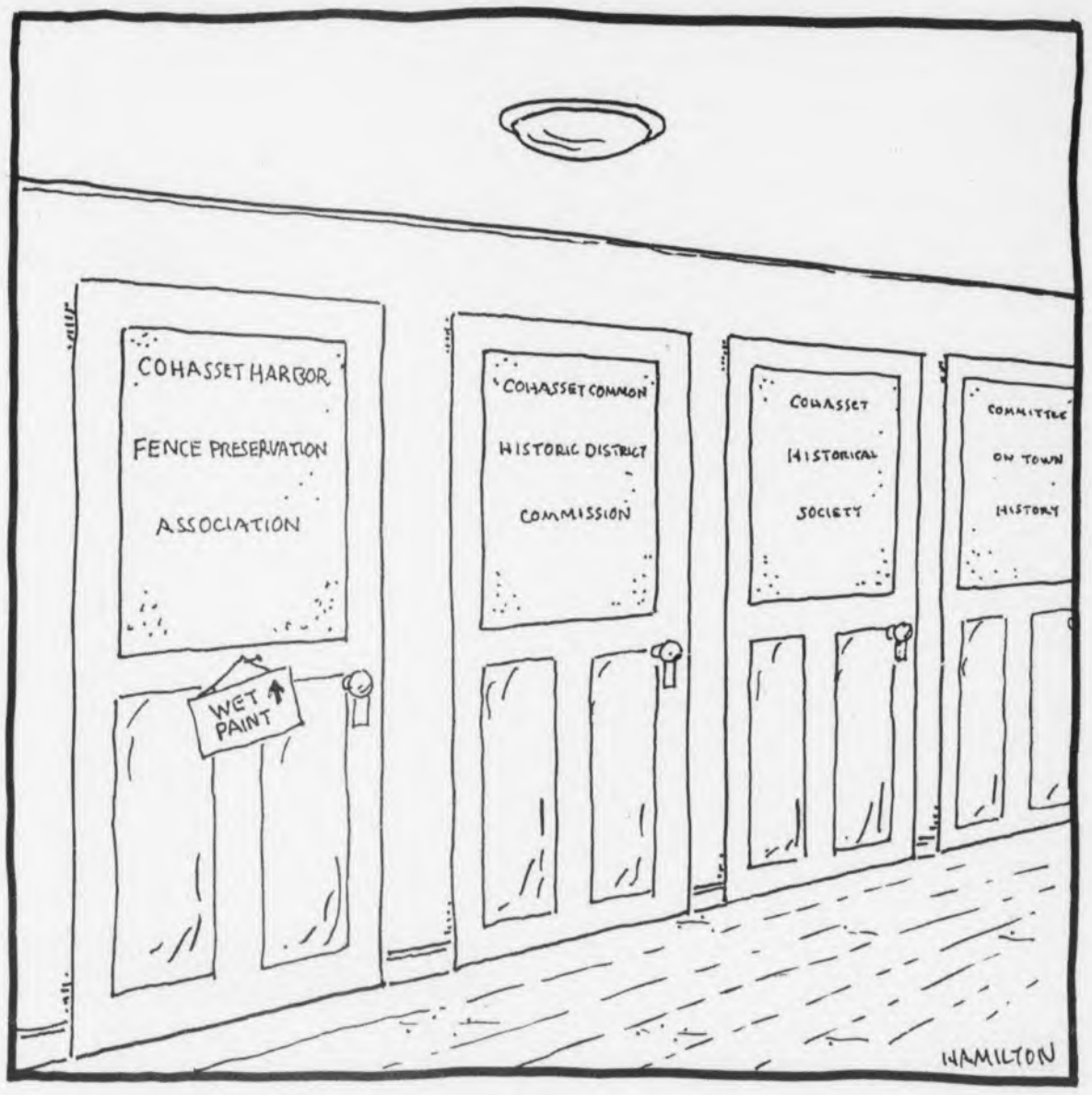

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Harbor fence

To the Editor

I have just had the unique experience of sitting through our town meeting and listening to the debate on Article 17. This article proposed that the town move forward with plans to improve safety and access to the harbor, including a new sidewalk, a wider road and a new fence. The new fence was not the desire of the organization proposing the changes, the Cohasset Revitalization Committee, but rather a requirement for state funding for the project.

We live on the harbor and walk the harbor almost every day. We have two young children and are acutely aware of the need for safety improvements along the harbor walkway. The sidewalk is uneven and filled with potholes, the fence is low and has wide gaps. As one resident, opposed to the motion stated, there is room to put a kayak in the harbor, both under and over the fence. This was her argument for keeping the fence as is. Surely this would reinforce the notion that the fence is not safe, that indeed if a kayak could be placed in the water, young children could fall between the rails or even over the low railing.

However, for the most part, the issue was presented, by its opponents, as one of aesthetics. Surely the state is not insisting on a new fence because it wants to change the aesthetics. In fact, it is clearly stated that a new fence is required to meet safety requirements. One of our selectmen is opposed of a new safer fence, because it would be damaged in the event of another blizzard like that of 1978, a storm that happens once in a hundred years, and the town would have to pay for repairs. No concern was given to the danger presented to pedestrians, who might break a leg in a pothole, be forced into traffic by the cars parked over the sidewalk or a child whose bike might falter and who could potentially fall into the harbor. There may not have been any serious accidents to date, but that does not mean that there is no, danger. Are we to wait for a serious accident before we take action ? I would suggest that given the record to date on this issue, the town will have a serious liability when such an accident does happen. Pray to God it won't, but if it doesn't it won't be for the farsightedness of the town's advisory board, who voted against this article or the residents of the town who value the aesthetics of a fence over its safety!

Where does that leave us know? Everyone present seemed to agree that there is a need for improvements in the sidewalks and work on the seawall. Since the town meeting voted against Article 17, which would have had these improvements made at the expense of the state, we are left to make the improvements at our own expense. The town will have to find $350,000 to pay for these much needed repairs. This will take money away from other projects or find its way into our tax bill. We can thank the Friends of Cohasset Harbor and the lobstermen who spearheaded the opposition against this bill for this additional financial burden. As was stated by one of the Article's opponents, There is no free lunch

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HEALTH NOTES

Diabetes: The silent killer

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. An estimated 17 million persons in the United States have diabetes. During 1990-2000, the prevalence of diagnosed diabetes increased 49 percent among U.S. adults. It causes heart disease and stroke, and is the leading cause of adult blindness, kidney failure and nontraumatic amputations. It contributes to the deaths of more than 200,000 Americans each year.

Even in its undiagnosed stages, diabetes can cause gradual unnoticed nerve and kidney damage, eye diseases, and heart disease. So gradual are these changes that nearly 6 million people living in the United States have no idea that they are among the 17 million Americans believed to have diabetes. Every day, 2,700 more people learn the news. There are at least 16 million more whose blood-glucose levels have climbed above normal but have not yet reached a level high enough for a diabetes diagnosis. These people have pre-diabetes, which will most likely develop into diabetes within the next 10 years of their lives. It, too, can cause serious harm to the body, long before a doctor detects it.

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Diabetes is a chronic disease that has no cure, but can be controlled. There are two major types of diabetes. Type 1, which occurs most often in children and young adults, is an auto-immune disease in which the body does not produce any insulin, a hormone needed to convert food into the energy we need to live. Five to 10 percent of diabetes cases are of this type.

Type 2 diabetes, a metabolic disorder resulting from the body's inability to make enough or properly use insulin, accounts for 90 percent or more of all diabetes cases. It is most often associated with obesity and was once referred to as adult-onset diabetes, since it frequently strikes in adulthood.

However, the recent surge in childhood obesity has brought with it a disturbing rise in type 2 diabetes among our nation's youth. What makes this increase even more alarming is that children who develop type 2 diabetes appear to develop serious complications much earlier in their lives than people who are diagnosed as adults. A recent study documented a disproportionate number of kidney failures, miscarriages and diabetes-related deaths among one of the first generations of children with type 2 to reach their 20s.

This news comes on the heels of predictions by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that the prevalence of type 2 diabetes will soar by 165 percent in the United States by the year 2050. The increase in obesity among children and adults, a growing number of older Americans and a trend toward more sedentary lifestyles have already combined to push type 2 diabetes to epidemic proportions.

But the CDC's predictions needn't come true. Recent studies tell us that diabetes can be prevented if we are willing to make and sustain moderate lifestyle changes, including maintaining a healthy weight or losing a modest amount of weight, and being physically active for at least 30 minutes each day. For those who already have diabetes, these changes can help ward off the serious health complications associated with the disease. They are changes worth making. They are changes that could save your life. To find more about diabetes, contact Judy Fitzsimmons our Public Health Nurse at the Town Hall or call the Board of Health.

Also, additional information about diabetes is available from Center for Disease Control, telephone 872 232-3422, e-mail diabetes@cdc.gov . and at http:www.cdc.gov/diabetes.

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COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

What calls back the past, like the rich Pumpkin pie?
John Greenleaf Whittier

Thanks to the ghosts and goblins who spared my Halloween jack-o-lanterns, I'll have fresh, garden-grown pumpkin for my Thanksgiving pies.

I'm a late arrival to pumpkin pie, having tried it for the first time - reluctantly - only a few years ago when a friend brought me one of his creations, made from one of my garden pumpkins. I could hardly say no, given that he had brought not only the pie but fresh whipped cream and immediately set about preparing me a serving. I've been hooked on pumpkin pie ever since.

It seems only fitting that pumpkin pie should be a mainstay of our Thanksgiving table, a native American food for a native American holiday. Evidence of pumpkin cultivation in Mexico and Central America dates back some 5,000 years. Early explorers to the New World found pumpkins growing in the West Indies and along the Southern and New England coasts. Specimens were taken back to the Old World where, according to Plimoth Plantation Food Historian Paula Marcoux, their similarity to gourds, cucumbers and melons already under cultivation assured their ready acceptance.

The word "pumpkin" comes to us from the Greek "pepõn meaning large melon, a clue that the pumpkin is genetically related to cantaloupes, watermelons, squashes and cucumbers, all vine crops and members of the *Cucurbitaceae* family. From "pepon," came a nasalized form, "pompion," dating back to 1547 and, ultimately, pumpkin. Botanically speaking, the pumpkin is not a vegetable, but a fruit, carrying and nurturing the seeds of the next generation. Among the species within the *Cucurbitaceae* family, C. *pepo*, is what we know as 'true" pumpkins, round fruits with bright orange skins and woody, furrowed stems. C. *maxima* are those fruits, including the Hubbard and turban squashes, with yellowy skin and spongy stems, and C. *moschata* include the long or oblong tan-skinned fruits such as butternut squash. Plimoth Plantation's Colonial Food Historian Kathleen Curtin explains that there can be some confusion about the terms "pumpkin" and "squash" which have been used interchangeably, especially in old recipes and historic accounts. The earliest colonists, she notes, referred to all squash and pumpkins as pompions. The word "squash," meaning any species of the genus *Cucurbita*, is an abbreviation of the Narragansett Indian word "asquutasquash."

If anything says autumn, it is a nip in the air, a hint of wood smoke and a field ablaze with pumpkins waiting to be harvested. Pumpkins come in what seems to be an endless variety of shapes and sizes, thanks to new hybrids and the ease at which pumpkins cross-pollinate among themselves and with squashes (only a problem if you save your seed). Among the more popular varieties these days are the giant county fair show pumpkins (the record weight for a pumpkin is 1,262 pounds!), the classic carving pumpkins (Howden and Connecticut Field), the sugar "pie" pumpkins and the miniature and specialty pumpkins, including my favorite the ghostly white Lumina.

Planted in manure-enriched hills of five or six seeds, most varieties need about 100 days to mature and at least six feet in each direction to spread and grow. A common mistake made by gardeners (including this writer) is not thinning the hills to two or three of the strongest plants. As heartbreaking as it may be to uproot healthy plants, it must be done. Over-crowding and excessive foliage discourage bees from transferring pollen, resulting in poor fruiting.

More than 95 percent of the pumpkin crop is available in October and most of that crop is used for decorative purposes, a trend that began with Irish immigrants who brought their Halloween and jack-o-lantern traditions with them to America in the mid-19th century. Despite the pumpkin's nutritional value - high in fiber, low in calories, rich in potassium and cancer-fighting beta-carotene (its bright orange color says it all) - a mere 1 percent of pumpkins sold today in the United States are consumed, generally as a sweet in the form of pies, breads and preserves though elsewhere around the world pumpkin is savored in stews, soups, salads and gnocchi.

Courtesy of Old Sturbridge Village.

We weren't always so dismissive of our native fruit. Native Americans recognized the nutritional value of pumpkins and cultivated them for food and medicine. Pumpkin was eaten fresh in stews. Dried over a fire, it could be stored for months, rehydrated by boiling and sweetened with maple sugar. Native Americans also ate the seeds, fresh or dried, to improve urinary function. An emulsion of seeds was believed to heal wounds and snakebites. Pumpkin shells, cut into strips, flattened and dried were woven into mats.

The first English colonists to arrive in the New World, already familiar with pompions, also recognized their value, both as a food and a curative. Though there is little documentation of the first harvest feast in Plimoth in 1621, Kathleen Curtin feels certain that stewed pumpkin would have been brought to the Pilgrims' thanksgiving table by their Wampanoag guests. Her colleague, Paula Marcoux, notes that a 1672 description of "The Ancient New England Standing Dish" by John Josselyn illustrates an interest in the "physical" nature of pumpkin as well as the early (ancient) use for such recipes in daily (standing dish) fare: 7

"But the Housewives manner is to slice them when ripe, and cut them into dice, and so fill a pot with them of two or three gallons, and stew them upon a gentle fire a whole day, and as they sink, they fill again with fresh pompions, not putting any liquor to them; and when it is stew'd enough, it will look like bak'd apples; this they Dish, putting Butter to it, and a little Vinegar, (with some Spice, as Ginger, & c.) which makes it tart like an Apple, and so serve it up to be eaten with Fish or Flesh: It provokes Urin extreamly and :is very windy."

By the early 19th century, pumpkins were grown primarily as stock feed. Debra Friedman, Historic Foodways Coordinator at Old Sturbridge Village, a "living" museum presenting New England life from 1790 to 1840, notes that pumpkins, like most fruits and vegetables, had assumed a lowly status as food for humans. The typical 19th century diet consisted largely of proteins and starches with fruits and vegetables eaten only if "elevated" in status by the addition of expensive cream, sugar and spices or the extra labor involved in pureeing (one pound of pumpkin yields one cup of puree). Pies and sweet meats - the flesh of fruits and vegetables preserved in sugar - were examples of "elevated" uses of pumpkin. Today, observes Ms. Friedman, we continue that early American tradition, eating a diet rich in meats and starches and treating fruits and vegetables more as a garnish than as the centerpiece of a meal.

With the 1796 publication of Amelia Simmons' "American Cookery," the young American nation had its first American published cookbook and its first "receipt" for pumpkin pie, then called pumpkin "pudding", the term used for single crust pies. Her recipe is not all that different from Libby's Famous Pumpkin Pie Recipe:

"One quart of milk, one pint pompkin, 4 eggs, molasses, allspice and ginger in a crust, bake 1 hour."

Joining chicken pies, mince, ham and mutton on the colonial harvest table, pumpkin pudding established itself as a symbol of the fall bounty. By 1863, with many states recognizing a day of thanksgiving, President Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday. And pumpkin pie, heaped with fresh whipped cream, has become a staple of that holiday. If only, as Whittier observed, "thy life be as sweet/ and its last sunset sky/ Golden-tinted and fair as/thy own Pumpkin pie!

Though the season for pumpkins is short-lived, they are good keepers (several months) if properly prepared. Wipe pumpkins down with a damp cloth and check for mold, bruises and broke stems. If there are any signs of defects or decay, use immediately (puree freezes well). Store whole pumpkins in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area.

Ambitious gardeners may want to try one of the heirloom pumpkin varieties offered by Old Sturbridge Village. Visit their website at www.osv.org for more information about seeds.

And cooks may like to try the recipe for Pumpkin Preserve originally published in The Good Housekeeper (1839) and now available in the Old Sturbridge Cookbook (1995).

Pumpkin Preserves

Sugar pumpkin, 3 to 4 pounds
4 to 5 cups of sugar
2 to 3 lemons

Cut pumpkin in half and scoop out seeds. Discard or toss in olive oil and roast for a nutritious snack.

Cut pumpkin along ribs into eight sections and peel shell. Remove any inside membrane.

Cut pumpkin into thin strips and heat in a double boiler until tender, but not too soft.

Measure pumpkin and add an equal amount of sugar and the juice and peel of one lemon for every two cups of pumpkin.

Heat gently, stirring constantly, until sugar melts. Cook slowly until a half-teaspoonful placed on a plate is thick and rich and no longer runny.

Fill sterilized jars and seal.

And from Plimoth Plantation, a modern version, adapted by Paula Marcoux, of John Josselyn's "Ancient New England Standing Dish."

Ancient New England Standing Dish

Begin with 4 cups of cooked pumpkin (or squash), roughly mashed, in a saucepan over medium heat. Add 3 tablespoons butter, 2 to 3 teaspoons cider vinegar, 1 to 2 teaspoons ground ginger (or nutmeg, cloves or pepper) and. 1/2 teaspoon salt. Stir until hot. Adjust seasonings to taste.

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Sex on campus

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TOM HENSHAW

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth I dated an art student who lived in the Franklin Square House, a sort of a private dormitory in the South End that provided housing for, among others, college girls whose schools didn't have living facilities of their own.

They were guarded carefully, the girls of the Franklin Square House. Residents would have had more freedom under Dr. Laura. Male visitors were not allowed out of the lobby. Put your foot on the first step to the second floor and you were apt to wind up on the sidewalk with your bouquet wrapped around your neck.

Ten years later, as the most recent college graduate on the staff, I was called on to do a story about sex on the campus. The information I gathered — through interviews, not experience — indicated that the big debate was this: When entertaining a coed in your room, how many feet should be on the floor? The consensus figure was three.

Right now, no one seems to care when your foot reaches that first step or how many feet are on the floor or even whose room it is, what with the coed often living in the same building or on the some floor or even next door. In fact, the latest thing in college newspapers is the sex column, mostly written by the coeds themselves!

The best known of these fledgling Dr. Ruths is Natalie Krinsky, who pens "Sex and the (Elm) City," for the Yale Daily News and who recently advised, "Women know within the first five minutes of meeting a man whether they are going to hook up with him or not. But . . . women don't want the guy to know he'll be hooking up until he's actually doing it . .."

If you think this is just a passing phase, Natalie hired a literary agent the other day.

Amber Madison, who writes the "Between the Sheets" column for the Tufts Daily, began a recent dissertation: "Most of the sexually active population has mastered the act of putting on a condom, but there still seems to be confusion surrounding where to keep them, how to take them off, and even when to use them."

Whereupon, like Beth Winship in the Boston Globe, she tells them.

Even Boston College, where Anna Schleelein writes the "Sex and the Univer-City" column for The Heights, has bowed to the inevitable. "It's no secret that sex is a popular topic among college students," Larry Griffin, editor of The Heights, told USA Today, as if anybody didn't know.

"College is screwed up," wrote Schleelein, "It's not real life. They took 6,000 of us who are in our sexual prime and crammed us into a dorm room where there's no where to sit except on the bed. Members of the opposite — or same, of course — gender are but a single flight of stairs away, and often right next door."

As for me, I like Dear Abbie's advice to the coed who once wrote to her: "I had too much to drink at a frat party and I don't remember anything until I woke up the next morning. Did I do wrong?"

Abbie's answer: "Probably."

Convention decision helps lift the Democrats' mood

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government ending Nov. 14.

The big news that Boston will hold the Democratic National Convention in 2004 landed oddly at the Statehouse, where Republicans are happily designing the new normal and the state-level Democrats are in a foul mood.

Until the announcement of the convention, the main issue Democrats wanted to talk about was what Shannon O'Brien did wrong, what message the party can find that will strike voters as fresh and exciting, and whether the chairman should be replaced.

Then came the news conference featuring the speakerphone declaration of Boston as the gathering place for the nation's minority party, in a state where Democrats will hold a 170-29 majority in the Legislature come January.

If all goes as hoped, the city will show off its "new diversity," shaking off the demonic ghosts of the busing crisis; the state will be able to show that the Big Dig was worth it; and the party will express its reinvented self in Beantown.

And, of course, if all goes as Democrats here hope, a candidate from Massachusetts will receive the nomination for president. Junior US Sen. John Kerry says he'll make up his mind about running in December; everyone here thinks he made up his mind in about December of 1973, and is simply ready now to execute his plan. Everyone could yet be proven wrong. Still, Kerry could be forgiven for perceiving the selection of Boston as destiny.

All of this did improve the Dems' outlook, but at the Statehouse right now it's the Republicans that have the interesting story lines going. Massachusetts just voted in a reasonably normal election — sure, there is anxiety in the air and some concern over the big budget problems, but no sense of widespread outrage or desperation for reform — and the Republican won easily. That's new.

There's nothing but opportunity for the Republicans now, but can they capitalize? Nov. 5 provided strong evidence that independent voters will elect Republicans if credible ones appear on the ballot. As never before, not even after the anomalous "Weld revolution" of 1990, the party could successfully invade the legislative and congressional ranks with good organization. It could even turn the convention to its advantage if President Bush is popular and Kerry et. al. can be positioned as The Failed Past.

But success in that regard depends on two things. Can the GOP finally hire some very good organizers and candidate recruiters? And will Romney succeed? At their victory celebrations Nov. 5, the Republicans were throwing around the word "mandate," and to them that means, Romney's got a mandate to balance the budget without new taxes, and fire some people. To the public, it's more like: Do what you did at the Olympics. Be a star.

It could happen. Interestingly enough, the events of the week set up a situation where both parties have cause to be hopeful about the future.

The major news concerned a future more immediate than 2004, as Romney started building a team.

• Romney and running mate Kerry Healey made public a 97-member committee to select people and agendas for the new government. The list includes local luminaries such as Michael Porter of Harvard, Thomas Stemberg of Staples, and Paul Fireman of Reebok. Romney said the assembly is bipartisan and diverse; he did not know the number of Democrats. The subject teams and leaders: Jobs and the Economy: Porter Crime and Public Safety: Healey Education: Tripp Jones, executive director of MassINC Health Care: Charles Baker, CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health and former A&F secretary Housing and Transportation: Gloria Larson, chairwoman of the Mass. Convention Center Authority Environment: Diane Conrad, who headed environmental programs at the Salt Lake City Olympics

In other transition news, a collection of more than 70 environmental groups wrote to Romney, recommending that he retain current Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand. Romney said he'd take the advice seriously.

• It looks like the health care team will have to grapple with yet another serious monetary problem facing Massachusetts. State number crunchers examining the uncompensated care pool have determined the fund will run a deficit of $152 million this fiscal year, burgeoning to $306 million in fiscal 2005. That means poor patients will receive that much more free care from hospitals than surcharges on patients with insurance can cover. Hospitals, already struggling financially, fear they will have to eat those costs, which could compromise care or even lead to hospital closings, executives said. A commission is due to make recommendations about handling the situation by Dec. 16.

• The advocacy group Health Care for All spun out the implications of state health care cuts in a report. With 50,000 people due to lose Medicaid benefits in April, the demand on emergency rooms and other health facilities will soar, and that will threaten the financial status of some institutions, Health Care for All said. Such closures could start a crisis of availability and cost beyond even the dire situation already projected. Several smaller but significant cuts add to the woes caused by the big MassHealth Basic cut.

• Attorney General Thomas Reilly, working in conjunction with federal trade officials, announced the filing of legislation aimed at mitigating the deception and annoyance associated with junk e-mail. Under the proposed law, marketers would face penalties if they did not disclose the commercial or "adult" nature of their message in the subject line, or used electronic trickery to hide the true source of the spam.

• The outgoing acting governor recently ordered every state office and department to establish zero-tolerance rules for worker violence. Under the executive order, employers must establish clear, zero tolerance policies in their offices, appoint a workplace violence point person, and take immediate action to deal with any incidents. Employers are also directed to implement workplace violence awareness and prevention programs, developed by the state public safety office. The policy covers not just actual acts of violence, but intimidation and threats.

• While her stance on violence was pro-active, Swift made clear that concerns about cuts in local aid are now someone else's problem. In her last meeting with the Local Government Advisory Council, the acting governor said she understands the budget fears of mayors and managers, but that they need to express them to the incoming administration and let it respond.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

Greenbush costs soar

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which is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration project, and is estimating the project could end up costing $486 million.

It's too soon to tell if Greenbush opponents will have a friend in governor-elect Mitt Romney.

Romney spokesman Eric Fehrnstrom said the new administration won't stand for more cost increases.

"Mitt Romney will insist on effective management of MBTA capital projects, including the Greenbush Line," Fehrnstrom said. "He will have a zero-tolerance policy for cost overruns. Families in Massachusetts must live within their budget, and so should state government."

But transportation officials downplayed the latest hit to the project budget.

"We're not talking a major increase," said Transportation Secretary Jim Scanlan. "We're talking manageable increases and we're hoping we're going to lock down the project (cost) over the next few months."

Scanlan said he briefed Romney on the situation last week and doesn't believe the project is in jeopardy.

Most of the increase is due to higher-than-expected costs in acquiring land, undertaking litigation and putting together final mitigation packages for the communities along the line.

State Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, is suggesting that although this recently estimated hike is troubling to hear, there may be savings to be found in other areas to offset the increasing costs.

"When these things happen you have to find savings in other areas of the project," Hynes said. "During this very difficult financial state right now we have to be more efficient with the way we run projects and have more effective cost management."

Hynes said the cost for the Greenbush line had a 25 to 30 percent contingency when estimates first came in several years ago, but should have accounted for increasing market prices for land that have been prevalent the last few years.

"I said a year ago Greenbush would cost $1/2 billion."
— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who is an outspoken Greenbush opponent, worries the MBTA may try to cut costs on mitigation to property owners along the line rather than pull the plug on the project.

"If they try to cut back on the project rather than stop it, I'll fight that tooth and nail," Bradley said. "I'm going to make sure they're not going to do the project on the backs of people in my district."

Bradley agrees with Hedlund and Hynes that project estimates were too low given the rising market prices for land.

"Now that they are actually taking land and writing checks to people," he said, "they realize they have to pay more than anticipated."

While financial documents indicate a $52 million cost increase, T General Manager Mike Mulhern said that's a worse-case scenario number, and Hynes agrees that the project will only be cancelled as a last alternative to skyrocketing costs.

"That's a maximum exposure if everything goes wrong...(and) if we do X, Y and Z," Mulhern told the Boston Herald. "I said (to my staff), 'Hey, I'm not doing X, Y and Z.

Mulhern said the actual increase will probably be around $30 million. The construction costs are capped at $252 million as part of the design-build contract awarded to Cashman/Balfour Beatty earlier this year.

Bradley explained it would be very difficult at this point, but not impossible to stop the project, even with the cost so high. He said the state is contractually obligated with CBB to do the project, and reneging on that would open the state up to a lawsuit.

But Hynes is suggesting that a more efficient management of this project may be all that is needed to get costs under control. With the current difficult financial state of Massachusetts, Hynes said every department has to be much more efficient with the way all programs are run.

"I hope the MBTA can work with the incoming governor to restrain costs so they don't get out of hand," Hynes said, recognizing that the completion of this project is still three years away. "But if the cost overruns are excessive enough this project may very well not go forward. I can't suggest that with such a tough financial situation for the state on hand that this new finding doesn't concern me."

Hedlund cites studies by the state's Blue Ribbon Commission, the Pioneer Institute (a private think tank) and the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation that all questioned the T's ability to conduct an aggressive capital program given its financial structure.

But he said the project has a legislative mandate and the authority is in place to borrow the money for it.

"It would take an executive branch decision not the release the (borrowing) authority to have it not go forward," Hedlund said.

But Greenbush supporters are quick to point out the T is legally obligated to restore train service to the Greenbush corridor as part of the Big Dig mitigation package.

"This is a legal obligation that has to be funded," said Toni Hicks, staff attorney for the Conservation Law Foundation. "(It) has the force of law, and budgetary constraints can't undo that."

Material from Doug Hanchett's story in the Nov. 20 Boston Herald was used in this story.

103-unit 40B project is proposed for Beach Street

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that include Morrissey's land (Lots #1 & 3) and land (Lot #2) owned by David Walsh, a developer, and pledged to raise the $1.2 million estimated cost. The land abuts the 25-acre Great Brewster Woods, one of the town's open space gems. At last year's annual Town Meeting voters approved appropriating $600,000 toward that purchase, with the interest and principal payments coming out of the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Account, with the caveat the balance of the money had to be raised by March 2003 or the town would pull out of the deal.

At the time Morrissey said the effort was fruitless because she had no intention of ever selling her land to the town. She told Town Meeting that the town has held up her efforts to develop her property for 10 years resulting in two lawsuits.

Morrissey said this week the town should be happy with the proposal.

"This is what all the boards have been asking for," she said about the need for affordable housing and senior housing in town. She explained the development would be near Cohasset's downtown area and the Plymouth-Brockton bus. Morrissey said all the units would be two bedroom and have 1-1/2 baths, and range in size from 1400-1700 square feet.

Morrissey said the land is "all buildable." There are three ways into the property and the engineering is complete on a septic system, she said.

"The fact nothing has been built there has nothing to do with the land, which has been subdivided for many years according to the local bylaws."

But Morrissey didn't want to focus on the past.

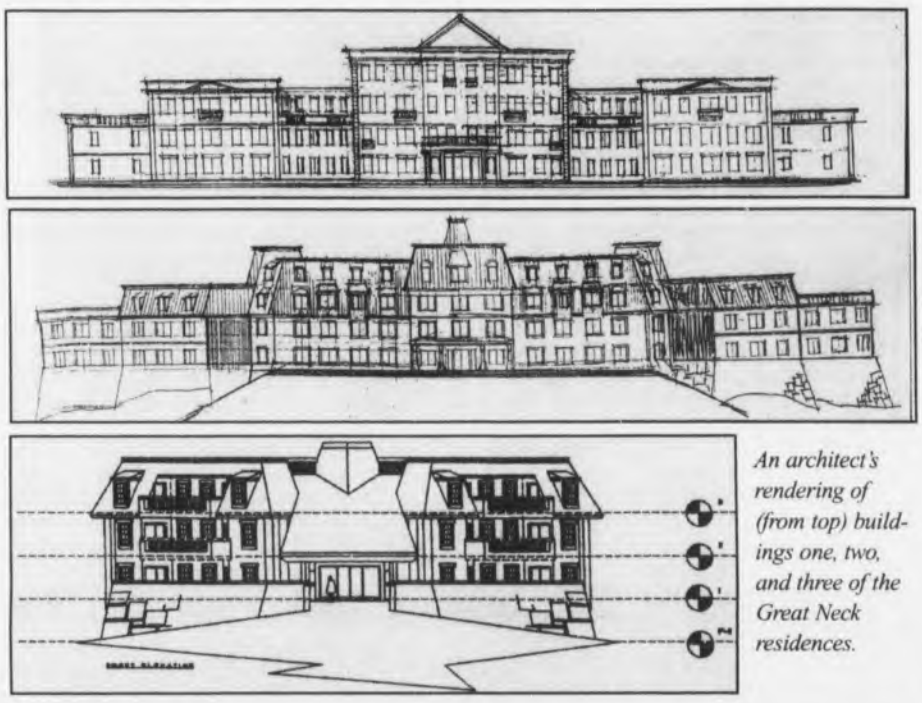
"Let's focus on what we have before the board," she said.

Great Neck LLC has applied to the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MassHousing) for project eligibility under the Housing Starts program. MassHousing is soliciting comments from the town on the proposal by Dec. 16. Then the agency will issue a decision as to the acceptability of the site and consistency of the development with the guidelines of the Housing Starts program, which is designed to spur the development of affordable homeownership, as opposed to rental housing.

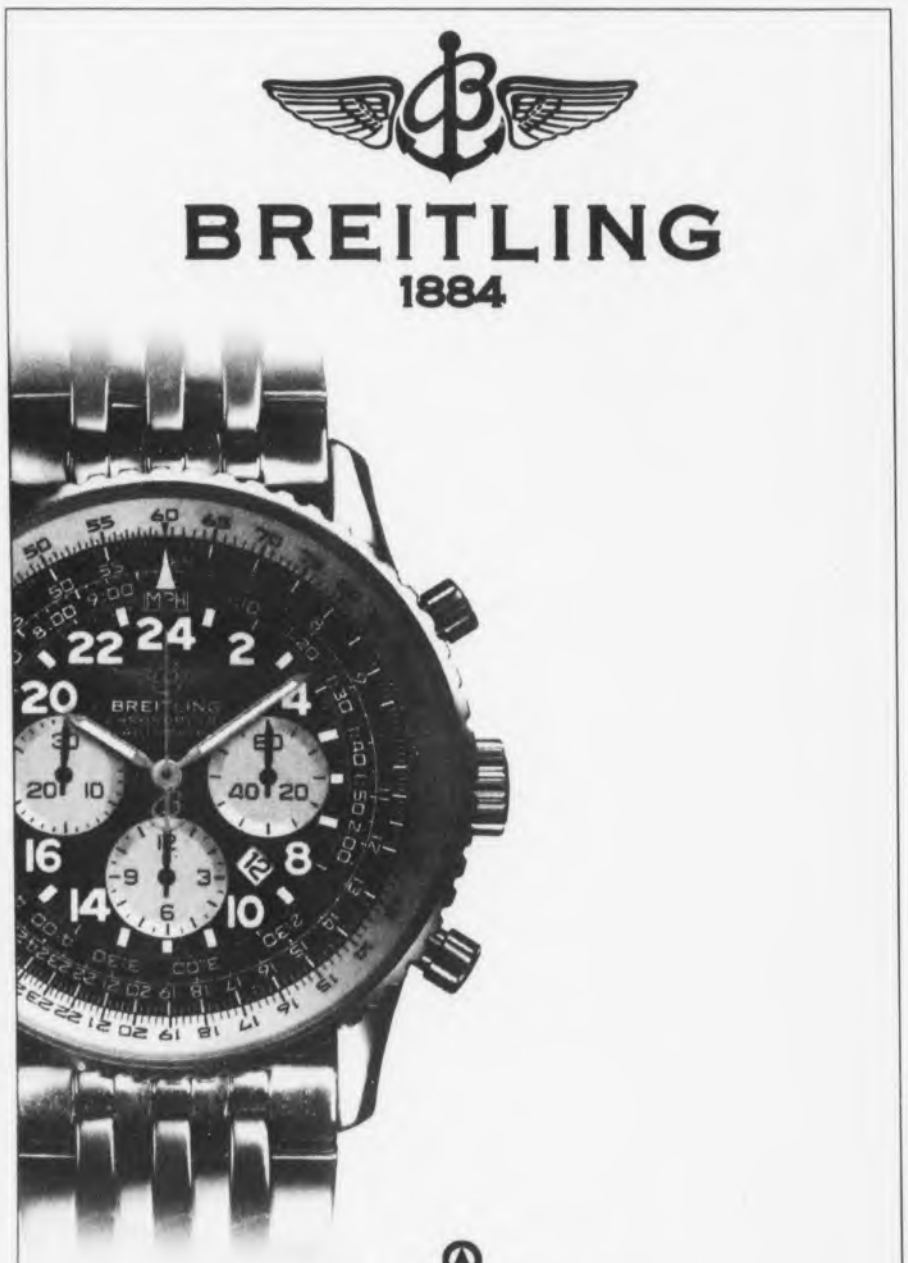
"Any developer who wants to build affordable housing under 40B needs a site approval letter from a subsidizing agency of which MassHousing is one," explains Eric Gedstad, public information officer with MassHousing. "If they get that, it's the ticket for admission to the Zoning Board of Appeals, which grants comprehensive permits."

Towns with less than the state threshold of 10 percent affordable housing are vulnerable to comprehensive permits, through which a developer can skirt most zoning laws in exchange for providing 20-25 percent of the project as affordable housing.

Two previous 40B projects in the late 1980s — the 60-unit Crystal Woods that straddled the Cohasset-Scituate line near Ledgewood Drive, and Deck Point, 119 King St., with 128 condos — were approved with conditions, but were never built. The real estate market took a nose dive in the late 80s, although it's not clear if that was a contributing factor.



An architect's rendering of (from top) buildings one, two, and three of the Great Neck residences.



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Wishing a good friend, good luck as he starts retirement

Maintenance worker retires after 17 years

"He's a good friend of the residents and a good friend to everyone down here."
— Police Chief Robert Jackson

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It may be hard to surprise a maintenance man, who also doubles as a groundskeeper. After all, things such as plumbing can break and weeds can pop up at any time, especially in a 76-unit housing complex.

But Vinny Mascioli was genuinely surprised and touched Monday morning when members of the Cohasset police and fire departments presented him with a cake honoring his retirement. And no one seemed to mind all that sugar and frosting at a little past 8 in the morning.

Mascioli has worked at the Harborview complex (66 Elm St.) run by the Cohasset Housing Authority behind the police and fire stations for the past 17 years. He's been an invaluable help to the town's public safety officials when there a problem arises in the apartments that house predominantly the elderly, and also include some units for the disabled and people with special needs.

The former Hull call firefighter and Hull intermittent police officer felt right at home in the room full of police officers and firefighters, who presented him with a fishing rod as a retirement gift.

"You know this is what I plan on doing," Mascioli said after he opened the package.

Mascioli said he had planned to stay on for 20 years but opted for early retirement when the town made the program available.

He described the people at 66 Elm St. as "family."

"I've made so many friends there," he said, adding there's a pizza party planned there on Friday, his last day.

Police Chief Robert Jackson said Mascioli will be missed.

"He's a good friend of the residents and a good friend to everyone down here," he said.

Cohasset Housing Authority Director Marilyn LeBlanc said Masioli will be truly missed by the residents, many of whom have no family.

"I've been fortunate to forge a partnership with him and we function as a team," LeBlanc said, who described his duties as repairing and maintaining all the physical property, snow removal, landscaping and "creating good will."

A Cohasset resident, Jill Rosano, will fill the position, LeBlanc said.

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Long-time maintenance man Vinny Mascioli stands outside the Harborview complex off Elm Street.

Voters nix sidewalk funds

By Brian J. Scully
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The town will be forced to stretch the $178,000 allocated last year for new sidewalks on Forest Avenue, after a request for an additional $250,000 to completely fund the project failed to pass muster at Monday's Special Town Meeting

Initially the town expected to be able to pay for the project with last year's funding, but bids came back at nearly double that figure, forcing them to reconsider what to do.

"It is important for people to know that the vote did not kill sidewalks on Forest Avenue," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "We still have $178,000 to spend, so we are going to have to get creative to see what we can accomplish."

Haddad has already scheduled a meeting with Carl Sesito, head of the Department of Public Works to attempt to work out a town-based plan.

"We are already working on the issue," said Haddad. "I will be meeting with Carl and the County Engineers to develop a new plan and bring that back to the selectmen."

Selectman Merle Brown was opposed to the extra money.

"We have $178,000 that are already allotted for Forest Avenue," said Brown. "After the bids came in for $250,000 more than that, I didn't want to do it. We need to re-look at the sidewalks with granite curbs as well as looking into whether the DPW can do the project."

The article was defeated, despite the presence of many residents of Forest Avenue who cited severe safety concerns.

Brown agrees, but notes that there are streets all over town that need sidewalks, something that may not be possible in the current fiscal climate.

"I think we have too many things already on our plate to go out for another $250,000," said Brown.

Cohasset resident nominated for judgeship

Michael J. Coyne

"The governor could not have made a better choice."
— Attorney Gregory Sullivan

Acting Governor, Jane M. Swift, has nominated Michael J. Coyne, an attorney currently practicing with the law firm of Malloy & Sullivan, Lawyers Professional Corporation, of Hingham, to become an Associate Justice of the Boston Municipal Court.

The opening was created by the retirement of Chief Justice William J. Tierney. Attorney Coyne's nomination will be placed before the Governor's Council for confirmation in early December.

After graduating from Suffolk University Law School in 1976, Coyne worked as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth and as an Assistant District Attorney for Norfolk County. From 1979 through 1998, he was a partner with the Boston firm of Coyne, Hodapp and Linnehan. Attorney Coyne has been a principal with the law firm of Malloy & Sullivan since 1999. He resides in Cohasset with his wife and two daughters.

"The governor could not have made a better choice," said Coyne's associate Attorney Gregory Sullivan. "He possesses all the qualities of a great judge: honesty, fairness and intelligence.

"The bench's gain is our loss – he will be greatly missed at Malloy & Sullivan."

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LIBRARY CORNER

December storytime

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library children's room will host story time on Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for holiday stories. All ages are welcome and registration is not required.

What's new in non-fiction

"The Child that Books Built" by Francis Spufford

Just how important is reading in the li of a child? Francis Spufford reflects on the impact books have had on his own life and how, as a boy, fiction fed his imagination and love of language and helped create the person he is today.

"And Words Can Hurt Forever" by James Garbarino, Ph.D. & Ellen deLara, Ph.D.

Bullying and school safety are issues of increasing concern to parents today. In this book, the authors share their research into the thinking of adolescents and offer strategies children can use to keep themselves safe during the school day.

"A Life's Work" by Rachel Cusk"

Subtitled "On Becoming a Mother," this account of motherhood by novelist Rachel Cusk is a book every woman will identify with. Cusk captures the complexities and contradictions of modern motherhood from the mundane and hilarious to the most profound.

"Lord Minimus" by Nick Page

Jeffrey Hudson was just seven years old and 18 inches tall when he popped out of a pie set before King Charles I's new bride and asked the Queen to be taken into her service. "The smallest man in England" hobnobbed with royalty and pirates but, in the end, lost everything because he refused to accept his physical limitations.

"Stormchasers" by David Toomey

In September, 1955, a crew of eight led by Cdr. Grover B. Windham flew into the eye of Hurricane Janet on a routine weather reconnaissance mission and never returned. Toomey reconstructs that ill-fated mission and details the dangers these early stormchasers; faced operating without computers and relying only on rudimentary radar systems to direct them to the eye of a storm.

Buttonwood Books hosts Book Angel program

In the spirit of holiday sharing, Buttonwood Books & Toys and Buttonwood For Kids invite all to participate in a Book Angel Program. The Book Angel program will run through Sunday, Dec. 15

This program is designed to help put books into the hands of children who might not otherwise receive them. The Book Angel takes an angel from the tree in the store and purchases a book for that child according to the interest of the child indicated on the angel.

Buttonwood will give a discount of 15 percent on the book and deliver the book to the selected group. Books selected at Buttonwood in Cohasset will go to children served by Wellspring in Hull, the Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families Program. Books purchased at Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham will be gifts for children served by the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, the Mary-Martha Learning Center and also Wellspring in Hull. This is the ninth year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel program. About 300 books were donated last year!

Book Angels can be a wonderful way for children to understand the deeper meaning of the holidays. For more information please call Buttonwood Books & Toys at 781-383-2665 or Buttonwood For Kids at 781-749-2665.

Pilgrim Co-operative conducts canned food drive

Pilgrim Co-operative Bank will be holding a canned food drive to benefit both the Cohasset and Scituate Food Pantries. The pantries would greatly benefit by donations of the following items: tuna, corned beef hash, beef stew, instant oatmeal, snacks, condiments, canned fruit, Lipton side dishes, instant potatoes, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and personal care items, such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and dish soap. Donations can be dropped off at either Pilgrim location. The bank extends warm holiday greetings, and wishes to thank you in advance for remembering those who are less fortunate.

YOUNG GYMNAST

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Mikala Adelman negotiates the balance beam on her first day of gymnastics class at the Community Center.

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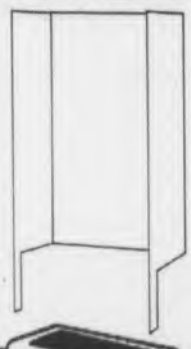

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Stingrays a perfect 10

Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football team wins Super Bowl.

By Mike Spellman
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The Stingrays finished their undefeated season with a Super Bowl win over Hingham, 14-6, on their home field at Scituate High a week ago Saturday, capping off their perfect 10-0 season in fine fashion.

The Super Bowl tilt under the lights at Scituate High was a defensive battle. The difference on this day was Kenton Toney. The halfback carried the Stingrays to victory, scoring both touchdowns for his team.

Having played Hingham earlier in the season, coach Craig Diaz saw great improvement from this team and noted of his players: "they really came to play for the Super Bowl."

Hingham delivered an early wake up call, scoring first in the game.

"This really got our team fired up, especially our captains who had carried us through out the season," said Coach Dias. "Kenton Toney, along with Morgan Billings, kept pounding the ball until finally breaking through with Toney's first touchdown on the mighty Hingham defense.

The game remained tied until late in the fourth quarter, with both teams playing excellent defense.

The hard work in the trenches of Matty Stewart, John Maher, Craig Dias and Morgan Billings gradually wore down the Hingham defense, and that appeared to play a part in Toney being able to break free yet again late in the fourth quarter to seal the Super Bowl win.

"Our offensive lineman need to share the credit along with the running backs for the outstanding job that was done," continued coach Dias. "Also, our Red Team defense that hadn't given up a touchdown throughout the regular season needs to be recognized — players like Dan Sullivan, Mike Spinola, Nick Spinzola, Kevin Barbry, Ryan McCourt, Brendon Perkins along with the rest of the players."

Craig Dias was assisted on the sidelines by coaches Mike Stewart, Mike Maher, Mike Britton and George Taylor.

Coach Dias also expressed his gratitude to Joe Obert, the Director of Scituate Cohasset Youth Football, for giving him the opportunity to coach the

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Cohasset's John Durkin (#5), seen here battling for every inch on a kick return, scored the winning touchdown with 39 seconds left in Friday's thriller versus Norwell.

Skippers clip Norwell in thriller

Last second heroics lift Cohasset gridders, 16-13

Special to the Mariner

For many on the outside looking in, Friday night's gridiron showdown between Norwell and Cohasset no doubt seemed anticlimactic, given the events of the previous few weeks.

Three weeks ago, the South Shore League title chase was a three horse race — with Abington, Norwell and Cohasset all remaining unbeaten in league play — but Abington topped each of these rivals on back-to-back Friday nights to clinch its first league title since 1981.

So pride and second place in the SSL was all that rode on the outcome of this past Friday night's tilt under the lights at Cohasset's Alumni Stadium. Fortunately, this proved more than enough motivation for both teams to give the fans their money's worth.

"This was a good high school football team that featured two teams playing all out," declared veteran Norwell High coach Jim Sullivan. "Unfortunately, for us, Cohasset did a little better job taking advantage of their chances then we did."

The biggest of the chances came with just 39 seconds remaining, and Cohasset seniors Mike Snowdale and John Durkin delivered…literally. Quarterback Snowdale delivered a 5-yard touchdown pass to Durkin to sew up the thrilling 16-13 win, sending the packed Alumni Stadium into an uproar that was no doubt heard by a healthy portion of the population in tiny Cohasset.

With the win, Cohasset improved to 8-1 (3-1 in South Shore League play), while Norwell fell to 6-4 and finished up their SSL season at 3-2. The Skippers will host SSL rival Hull (5-4, 2-2 in league) on Thanksgiving, and Norwell will host Hanover, the 37th Turkey Day meeting between these two schools.

With less than three minutes to go in the game, Norwell held both the ball and a 13-10 lead, but the Cohasset defense forced the Clippers into a punting situation on their fourth drive of the second half. The attempt was mishandled and junior linebacker Tony Truglia recovered the ball on Norwell's 18 yard line.

"The Drive of 2002" started with a Braun Goodson 3-yard burst to the 15-yard line. An illegal procedure then moved the ball back to the 20-yard line and fullback Ted Straughn was thrown for a loss of 2 yards, bringing up a 3rd-and14 at the 22-yard line. A Snowdale pass attempt then went incomplete, setting the stage for the gutsy fourth-and-long call.

Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe called for a halfback option pass. Snowdale pitched right to halfback Braun Goodson — who setup behind the blocking of fullback Ted Straughn, left tackle Dan Tarpey, left guard Nick Arment, center Matt Casey, right guard Steve Davis and right tackle Cosimo Cambi. Snowdale then hit the

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Scituate's Kathryn Noonan quarterbacked the Lady Sailors offense, finishing with one of the highest assist totals (11) the program has seen in years, making her an easy choice for All-Scholastic honors.

All-Scholastic field hockey team

Cohasset's Peraino and Dennis named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, though, we limited ourselves to a team of just 15, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top 15 field hockey players in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Heather Peraino - Senior (Capt) Center halfback — Cohasset

Heather Peraino

Now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection…a three year starter, she was the only underclass starter for a 2000 team that lost just once in regular season play and made it to the quarterfinals of the state tourney…was voted team MVP in her junior year and won the

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Field General Lordan

Senior proved an exceptional leader for girls soccer team

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

As many Cohasset High sports fans witnessed over the past few months, the girls soccer team put together a season that qualified as more than memorable. They astounded the South Shore by racking up 10 wins en route to a playoff appearance after averaging just three victories per season the previous four.

In the 19 game schedule, however, the Lady Skippers managed a mere 35 goals, and 10 of those went into two blowouts over a hapless Holbrook team. So where did most of the team's success stem from? The defense, namely senior Julie Lordan.

"It was just really rewarding," noted Lordan, a co-captain of the squad. "All the other seasons, we worked so hard, but it was just out of our reach. This year, we communicated better. There wasn't one player who didn't want to make the tournament."

Lordan, one of four All-Stars on the team, was the only one to be named among the SSL's elite for two straight years. She competed in the All-Star game against the Patriot League (PL won 4-1).

With terrific speed, Lordan is both the field general as well as the leader on defense. With tremendous leg strength, she proved to be invaluable with her free kicks to start set plays. A rarity among defenders, she was among the team leaders in assists, most of them coming off re-sets.

Lordan was instrumental in jump-starting the team with scoring and blanket coverage of the opposition's top offensive player. The main difference between this year's team and those of the past was that this year the team found itself with early leads, as opposed to perpetually trying to dig out of one and two goal deficits.

A weakness of the Lady Skippers was their inability to play from behind. When Ashland scored a quick strike early in their preliminary round match-up of the tournament, the team looked noticeably deflated. But when the team had early leads, Lordan and the rest of the strong defense held remarkably tough.

"We buckled under the pressure sometimes," admitted the ever-modest Lordan, "but there's always pressure on the defense. I was more confident this year, mainly because I had Holly behind me."

Holly Graham, a junior sweeper, made the All-Star team for the first time this year, playing great help-defense and one-on-one coverage. Also, senior Catherine Coyne and junior Brenna O'Donnell were major contributors on the defensive line.

As for Lordan, her plans for

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Julie Lordan combined tremendous speed, a strong kicking leg and sensational defensive instincts to help lift the Cohasset High girls soccer team to its first winning season this fall in many years.

Peraino and Dennis named among area's elite

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"Coaches Award" this year…finished second on the team in both goals (five) and assists (six)…two-time South Shore League All-Star…was instrumental on both ends of the field from her center-mid spot…quarterbacked the offensive attack…a member of the Year Book Staff and staff of the "Spinnaker" (C.H.S.'s fledgling newspaper)…also a standout basketball and softball player for the school…is considering attending UMass-Boston, Bridgewater State and Suffolk University, among others…plans to major in Nursing…would like to play field hockey in college…Cohasset field hockey coach Deb Bostwick: "We tried moving Heather to forward at one point to help the offense, but we found she was just so necessary in the middle of the field that we moved her back. She stabilized the whole team from the middle. She was a go to person on corners and she has a nose for the goal."

Sarah Dennis – Senior (Capt) Center fullback – Cohasset

Sarah Dennis

A very tough and durable defender who was arguably the central figure in the Lady Skippers low goals against average…was voted team Most Valuable Player…usually the team's center fullback, Sarah would often move to a wing fullback spot if an opponent was loaded up on that side…two year starter…South Shore League all-star…was also used as a rusher on corners…was also a gymnast for C.H.S. until badly straining her hamstring last year…may try track this spring…considering UNH, Keene State, Bryant and St. Michaels, among other colleges…undecided on a major, but is considerign Business Management… a avid snowboarder…would like to play college field hockey…Cohasset field hockey coach Deb Bostwick: "Sarah was our anchor on defense. Her speed and endurance were so huge for us. She took so many bumps and bruises, but she never wanted off the field. She helped the sweeper, the goalie, her other fullbacks. She was phenomenal at backing up her (defensive) teammates."

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Cohasset's Sarah Dennis was voted team most Valuable Player for her outstanding work at the defensive end, and was a no-brainer for All-Scholastic honors.

Carolyn King - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Hanover

Carolyn King

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in field hockey, King capped yet another successful season for Hanover (12-6-2)…Finished as the team's best scorer and Patriot League's second-leading scorer with 25 points on 11 goals, 14 assists…A two-time Patriot League All-star, King's leadership, aggressiveness, and skills were among her greatest attributes this season, in which the Lady Indians tied EB for second in the PL (6-3-1) and reached the Div. 2 South Sectional quarterfinals…King is a three-sport athlete at HHS, also playing basketball and softball…She is a member of the National Honor Society and is ranked within the top 10 percent of her senior class. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "She sees the whole field and passes well. She was the passer on our offensive corners and was a scoring threat. She knows where she has to be and has tremendous endurance. We're going to miss her."

Amy Martino - Senior (Capt.) Midfield - Hanover

Amy Martino

A two-time Patriot League All-star, Martino once again stood out both offensively and defensively for Hanover (12-6-2)…Martino was second on the team in scoring and fourth in the Patriot League with 20 points on 10 goals, 10 assists from her center midfield position…Was the team's No. 1 hitter on corners and was a top stroker on the Lady Indians squad…Her performance helped Hanover tie for second in the PL (6-3-1) and reach the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional…Martino is making her second appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic field hockey team. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "She's just so tough and really sparked the team. She's a great leader and has a tremendous work ethic. She has great stamina and distributes the ball well. She's also a great kid."

Keri Gerrish - Junior Midfield - Hanover

This speedy midfielder once again caused fits for opponents' defenses, using her quickness to continually set up the Hanover (12-6-2) offense…Gerrish is a two-time Patriot League All-star who racked up nine points on a goal and eight assists, despite primarily being the team's set-up person on offense…A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in field hockey, Gerrish can play virtually anywhere she's put and whose versatility helped land the Lady Indians in the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South tourney and capture a tie for second with EB in the Patriot League standings (6-3-1)…Gerrish is a two-sport athlete at HHS, also competing in gymnastics in the winter and year round with …Gerrish will be among the top returning players to the Hanover squad next season. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "She's one of those players who we practically never take out because she's such a key ingredient to what we do. She was a leader, despite not being a captain, and wasn't afraid to be one. Her skills are so impressive and her speed is essential."

Keri Gerrish

Nicole Downs - Junior Goalie - Hanover

While coach Judy Schneider knew Downs had talent, she never expected the season the junior had in her first varsity year for Hanover (12-6-2)…Downs proved to be the Patriot League's best goalie, allowing just nine goals in 16 games for an impressive 0.56 goals against average…Recorded 10 shutouts this season and did not allow more than two goals per game, fueling Hanover to a tie for second with East Bridgewater in the Patriot League standings (6-3-1)…Was the starting JV goalie last season and spent the summer at field hockey camps to prepare for her varsity season. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "She was a great surprise. She always worked hard in practice and never got down in games. She positioned herself well and always cleared to the wing. She loves the game."

Kristin Mulligan - Senior (Capt.) Midfield - Hingham

This hard-hitting and tremendously tall midfielder is one of the best defensive middies around, consistently shutting down some of the areas best offensive weapons…This was demonstrated most in a 2-1 win over Hanover and a tough 1-0 loss to PL champs Duxbury…A two-time Patriot League All-star, Mulligan is one of those players who doesn't show up in the stats, but is essential to a team's formula…Her hard, flat hits always gave the Hingham (8-9-2) offense opportunities and her undeniable presence fueled several Harborwomen victories and landed the team in the Div. 2 South Sectional…This is Mulligan's first appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic field hockey team. Hingham coach Meredith Gordon: "She doesn't have a lot of stats, but she gave the forwards opportunities. She rarely gets beat, is a great stick handler, and distributes the ball very well. She's clearly a Div. 1 (college) player."

Jacqui Crowley - Senior Midfield - Hingham

In a breakout season for the Harborwomen, Crowley's hard work in the defensive midfield proved invaluable for Hingham, particularly when it counted…A first-year Patriot League All-star, Crowley had the ability to shut an opposing team's offense down with her slick stick skills and always relaxed style of play…Was an unselfish player, distributing the ball effectively and often…Her performance this season helped land Hingham (8-9-2) in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…Crowley is making her first appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic field hockey team. Hingham coach Meredith Gordon: "Jacqui was every bit as effective as Kristin (Mulligan). She was probably our most consistent performer. She always demonstrated grace and poise under pressure."

Ashley Hubbard - Junior Forward - Marshfield

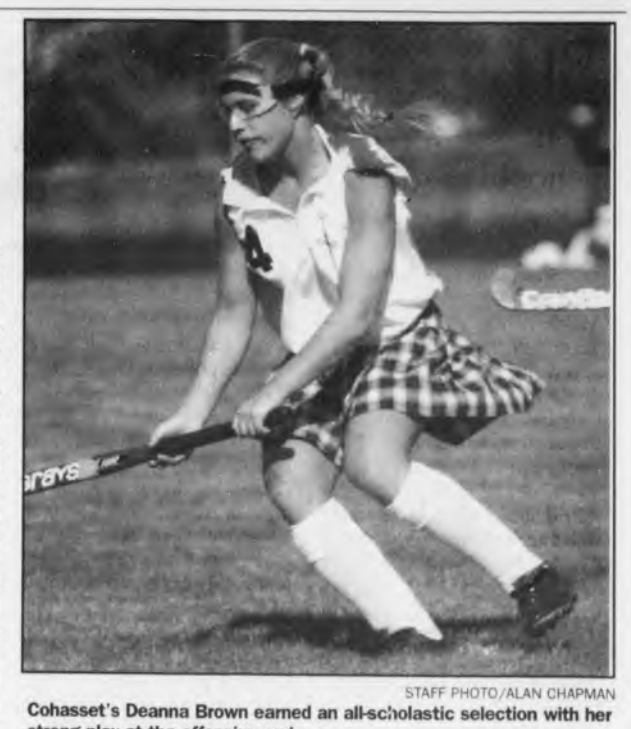
Ashley Hubbard

Undeniable speed made this junior forward a force to be reckoned with on Marshfield's frontline…Finished the year as the team's leading scorer with 14 points on 11 goals, 3 assists…Was the Lady Rams' go-to girl inside the circle, but her ability to carry the ball down the wing is among her greatest attributes for Marshfield (6-9-3)…Hubbard keyed many big victories including wins over field hockey powerhouses Hanover (1-0) and Hingham (4-2)…Hubbard is a three-sport athlete at MHS, running indoor and outdoor track, and established herself as one of the state's best 200-meter runners last season. Marshfield coach Carol Anderson: "She was fluidity in motion. She made the most of her speed but didn't waste it either. It's like she was there and then gone. She definitely grew as the season went on."

Meghan Duffy - Senior (Capt.) Midfield - Marshfield

Meghan Duffy

Was a forward the first three years of her field hockey career before making the switch to center midfield this season and she did for the better of the team, according to coach Carol Anderson…An Old Colony League All-Scholastic, Duffy's unselfish play and tremendous skills helped the Lady Rams (6-9-3) knock off powerhouses like Hanover (1-0) and Hingham (4-2)…Duffy is three sport athlete at MHS, playing basketball and tennis, and will captain all three teams this year. Marshfield coach Carol Anderson: "Meghan is the epitome of the consummate team player, which one of the best things I think you can say about a player. She used her talents for the better of the team and at no time was she ever out there for herself."



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Cohasset's Deanna Brown earned an all-scholastic selection with her strong play at the offensive end.

Lindsay Souza - Senior (Capt) Fullback — Braintree

Lindsay Souza

Lindsay was the backbone of a defense that received only three goals of offensive support all year, providing her and her unit an extremely small margin of error…was involved in all of defensive corners and took all of the offensive corners… an excellent distributor with very god speed…named to the Bay State League All-Star first team…a three year varsity player…also a sensational softball player who hit .400 this past season and played shortstop for B.H.S….an Honor Roll student…member of the Spanish National Honor Society...was chosen to travel to Spain this spring with high school group…looking at Rhode Island College and University of Vermont…plans to major in Psychology…plans to play softball at the college level and may try field hockey as well…Braintree coach Christine Day: "Lindsay was our backbone, no doubt about that. She has such solid skills and excellent stick work. She stopped the ball and opponents with ease and confidence, and she distributed the ball extremely well. She'll be missed a lot next year."

Kathryn Noonan – Senior Center halfback – Scituate

Kathryn Noonan

Quarterbacked the Lady Sailors offense, helping to lead the program to one of its best seasons in years… had 11 assists for a team that did not score much…had two goals called back because of violations…Patriot League all-star…a very unselfish, team oriented player…also a standout for the S.H.S. lacrosse team and a four year member of the Scituate High-Cohasset High swim team…has been named a swim team captain for this year… a member of the S.H.S. debate club…has a GPA over 4.0 and is in all Advanced Placement and Honors classes...a member of the National Honors Society…has applied to a number of colleges, including MIT, Brown, BU and BC…plans to major in chemistry…may try to play field hockey in college, depending on where she winds up…also an avid sailor who has competed in several prominent regattas in recent years…Scituate field hockey coach Marcia McKeever: "Kathryn was never scared on the field. She made our offense go. She contributed a lot to the good things we were able to do this year. She'll certainly won't be easy to replace."

Renee Schneider – Senior (Capt) Midfield – Silver Lake

Renee Schneider

The team Most Valuable Player was instrumental for the Lady Lakers (13-2-3) at both ends of the field, but was a true force at the defensive end…was the team's field general…finished with one goal and three assists…Old Colony League all-star… a three-year varsity team member…plays field hockey pretty close to year round, moving indoors to the Plymouth Sports Dome in the winter and spring…has a 3.95 Grade Point Average this year to date…plans to major in Management and play field hockey at Becker College in Leister, MA, a school that has a strong Div. 3 program that has won its league title three years running… Silver Lake field hockey coach Marlene Lopes: "Renee controlled the middle of the field for us. She determined the flow of the game. Her defensive instincts are incredible and she has great tackling and dodging skills."

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8th grade squad is TopGun

Cohasset Middle School lax squad off to 10-0 start

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Cohasset's eighth grade Middle School TopGun Lacrosse Team has been tearing up it's opponents in the South Shore TopGun Silver Division since early Fall. The team captured the first session championship a few weeks ago and is 3 and 0 in the second session. These players are skilled and confident. They have won three championship sessions thus far dating back to last year and also the "TopGun Championship of Champions "last February where they competed against all of the championship teams in TopGun's four leagues.

The capabitlity of this group of kids is the result of a lot of hard work and dedication. They have been playing together as a unit for four years and they play year round. In the Spring they play in Cohasset's Youth Program as well as the Middle School Team. During the Summer most of them travel to Vermont together and go to TopGun's Lacrosse Camp for an intensive week of training and games. When the Fall and Winter arrive they spend their weekend's playing Lax. They do this as well as participate in other athletic programs such as football, soccer. wrestling, etc. They are a unique and special bunch and all of them are Players who put points on the board.

The defense includes Jeff Brown who not only stops the other teams offensive stars but gets the ball in the net himself. He is a two way threat. Jared Dick is a defensive specialist and back-up goalie when the going gets rough and always plays hard. Patrick Flynn plays physical and can score as well ; as demonstrated by a five goal game this session. Bobby Meikleham is very fast with good stick skills which gives the team an excellent fast break ability. Robert Silvia rounds out a very experienced defensive unit and ranks near the top of the team with getting ground balls and keeping Cohasset on offense.

On offense the team is also loaded with talent. Parker Berg is a very athletic and talented big play maker with a nose for the ball and lightning speed. Mike Bunstein knows how to find the net and balances his goals with an equal number of assists making him a double threat. Corey Chase can always be found near the ball and gets his share of scores. Ryan Donovan is a steady and gutsy kid who also gets his tallies each game. Jared Kinch has been a sparkplug for the team scoring not only when he plays offense but also on long runs down the court when he is in the cage and makes a save. Ryan Kucinski is a fast and hard .nosed offensive player who dominates face-offs, fights for ground balls, and scores a lot of points. Adam Smith plays hard and steady and can get the ball in the goal as well. He also had a 75% save percentage when in the cage for a game. And finally there is Dan Trendowicz who led all teams in points last session and is number one again this session. Dan plays with his total heart. Trendowicz, Bunstein, Kucinski, Brown, Kinch, and Flynn are all on the league's top ten scoring leaders list.

With three games remaining in the second TopGun indoor session, Cohasset remains the team to beat.

Stingrays a perfect 10

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Stingers.

"Having never been a head coach before I did have a vision of what a team should be made up of," said Dias. "Things that were important to me were to be fair and have fun, while also being competitive.

"Even though I was somewhat new to coaching and never have played the game, I have been around football all my life. I was fortunate to have Coach Mike Stewart this year as my assistant and I could never thank him enough for the job that he did this year with our team."

The Stingrays Peewee B Team Super bowl Champs: Kevin Barbary, Michael Spinola, Shane Harris, Kenton Toney, Patrick Noenickx, Johnryan Hamel, Craig Dias, John Maher, Matthew Stewart, Casey Lind, Jamie Voelger, Carlos Lopes, Samuel Wicks, Kevin Ayala, Kevin Williams, Shaun O'Rourke, Toby Britton, Sean McQuaid, Joseph Bonomi, Kevin O'Connell, Brendan Perkins, Charlie Taylor, Daniel Sullivan, Phillip Elliot, Stephen Skane, Taylor McQuade, John Arnold, Cameron Lucitt, Joshua Vasco, Sean Finegan, Nicholas Taylor, Jeffrey Charles, Morgan Billings, Nicholas Spinzola, Antony Antonino, Ryan McCourt, Michael Madeira, Craig Shea, and Timothy Hall.

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All-Scholastic field hockey team

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In her first year of field hockey, Cohasset junior Courtney Caron emerged as an offensive force, and was an easy selection for Honorable Mention status.

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Tara Hostnick – Senior (Capt) Forward — Silver Lake

Tara Hostnick

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection and two time Old Colony League all-star... a three year varsity team member who emerged as an offensive force the last two seasons...a very strong player with excellent stick skills...also a member of the Silver Lake tennis team who has started as a singles player since her freshman year, playing number one singles last year...will run indoor track this winter for the first time, and specialize in distance running as well as throwing events...also enjoys theater...is looking at St. Michaels, Providence, UConn and Deerfield Prep...leaning towards majoring in Marine Biology...hopes to play field hockey in college, and has already spoken with a few coaches...Silver Lake field hockey coach Marlene Lopes: "Tara could go around players on the other team or through them. She's very strong and has great hand-eye coordination. I've been extremely happy with her work ethic."

Kristen Conboy – Senior (Capt) Halfback — Silver Lake

Kristen Conboy

An Old Colony League all-star and three-year varsity regular...a force in the middle of the field...was an Old Colony League All-Star Honorable Mention last year...has also run track at Silver Lake and has been a member of the school golf team the last few years, playing in the number two position last spring...plans to major in Education in College, and would like to continue playing field hockey at the next level...is presently looking at Keene State, Bridgewater State, Westfield State and Fitchburg State...Silver Lake field hockey coach Marlene Lopes: "Kristen was definitely a big thorn in the side of the other team. She helped control the middle of the field too, along with Renee (Schneider), and she really got our offense going."

Honorable Mention:

Liz DeFlourin- Sr- Goalie- Braintree
Meghan Sweeney- Jr- Fullback- Braintree
Lindsay Joyce- Sr (Capt)- Midfield- Braintree
Deanna Brown- Sr- Forward- Cohasset
Courtney Caron- Jr- Forward- Cohasset
Sera Genovese- Sr- Goalie- Cohasset
Rachel Doyle - Jr- Sweeper- Cohasset
Meg Chapin - Sr. - Sweeper - Hingham
Diana Trebino - Jr. - Midfield - Hingham
Jeannette Pollara - Jr. - Forward - Hingham
Kim McCabe - Sr. - Defense - Hanover
Jordan Smock - Sr. - Midfield - Hanover
Lauren Titus - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfield - Hanover
Martha Drane - Sr. (Capt.) - Defense - Marshfield
Julie Keneally - Jr. - Forward - Marshfield
Emily Hurley- Sr- Goalie – Norwell
Sara Wentzel- Sr- Forward- Norwell
Samantha Keough - Sr- Midfield- Norwell
Shauna Eyster- Sr – Midfield- Norwell
Laura Zona- Sr- Defense- Scituate
Katie Baldwin- Sr (Capt)- Midfield- Scituate
Meghan Donnelly- Sr.- Wing- Scituate
Christine Woll - Sr - Forward- Silver Lake
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Skippers clip Norwell in thriller

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gas on a downfield course, and Goodson escaped the Norwell pressure to drill it in to him at the 10-yard line. The Cohasset QB went the last five yards on his own, putting the Clippers in business first-and-goal at the 5-yard line.

"I've got to give those two Cohasset kids full credit," offered Norwell head coach Jim Sullivan. "We put a lot of pressure on Goodson, and (Norwell's Dan) Dooloy was right on top of him when he threw it. He made a good pass, and Snowdale made a beautiful catch. It was one of those plays you look at and say 'what else can you do'."

The Snowdale- to-Durkin gamewinner came on the next play from scrimmage.

Cohasset was held to just 34 yards net rushing and 64 yards passing for the game by a strong Clippers defense. However, three visits inside the 20-yard line resulted in three scores for the Skippers.

"They took advantage of their chances better than we did ours," continued Sullivan, a one-time assistant football coach at Cohasset High. " We had opportunities too, and moved the ball pretty well, but we just couldn't come up with the big plays when they were needed. Again, though, Cohasset deserves some of the credit for that."

Tom Anderson opened up the scoring with his first field goal of the season from 25 yards out, to give Cohasset a 3-0 lead early in the second quarter. This capped of a 15-play drive that included key first down receptions by D.J. Silvia (from his knees) and Tom Anderson – the latter hookup placing the ball at Norwell's 12-yard line.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Mike Dooley (#24) drags down Norwell's Frank Granara (#33) from behind in Friday night's thrilling 16-13 win for the Skippers.

The Skippers defense forced the Clippers to punt on each of their first two series. The second punt set Cohasset up at their own 35 yard line. On second down, Norwell defensive back Terence Bohan picked off a tipped pass, beginning a whacky final two minutes of the first half.

Two plays later, Norwell's junior running back Frank Granara rumbled around the left side for a 37-yard touchdown run. The kick attempt failed, leaving Norwell with a 6-3 lead just 1:41 before the break.

On the ensuing kickoff, Durkin returned the ball 79 yards to Norwell's 5-yard line (John had 102 yards in kickoff returns for the night), finally being dragged down by Norwell junior Andrew Farinick.

On the first down play, Goodson scored his 16th touchdown of the season, a 5-yard rush behind the blocking of center Matt Casey, right guard Steve Davis, and right tackle Cosimo Cambi. Anderson added the extra point and Cohasset held a 10-6 lead with 1:23 left on the clock.

The scoring wasn't done yet, as the Clippers marched quickly from their 27-yard line to the Skippers' 28. Norwell junior QB John Mohan then hit Granara with a touchdown pass with just five seconds showing on the clock. With the extra point boot from Adam Nogueira splitting the uprights, Norwell held a 13-10 lead at the break.

The name of the game in the second half was defense. Cohasset's offense was forced to punt on each of its first three series of the second half, going 3-and-out, 3-and-out, and 4-and-out – this the result of superb defensive play by the Clippers.

Not to be outdone, the Skippers defense would bend a little, but refused to break, as they proceeded to stop the Clippers at Cohasset's 3-yard line, 35-yard line, and 29-yard line on their first three series of the second half. The Skippers were led on D by linebacker Cosimo Cambi (a team leading nine tackles), fellow backers Matt Casey and Tony Truglia, a backfield of Durkin, Dooley, Anderson, and Matt Davis (who collectively accounted for 20 tackles), along with the front line of Ben Lynner, Nick Spirito, Sean Connolly, and Steve Davis, (who had the lone quarterback sack of the night, cleaning up for Lynner on the play).

The Clippers final desperation push started at their own 47-yard line thanks to a fine 36-yard kick return by senior Brendan Feldstein. On their first play from scrimmage, an illegal forward pass moved the Clippers back five yards. Anderson and Durkin then broke up a pass attempt over the middle on first-and-15. On second down, with nine seconds left in the game, junior Mike Dooley intercepted Norwell's last pass attempt of the game on Cohasset's 35 yard line. Snowdale then took a knee, and the Skippers had pulled off their most dramatic win of the season.

Cohasset 16, Norwell 13

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Norwell (6-4)	0	13	0	0 — 13
Cohasset (8-1)	0	10	0	6 — 16

C- Tom Anderson 25 yard field goal.
N- Frank Granara 37 yard rush (kick failed)
C- Braun Goodson 5 yard rush (Anderson kick)
N- Granara 28-yd pass from John Mohan (Adam Noguiera kick)
C- John Durkin 5-yard pass from Mike Snowdale (kick failed)

Offensive Statistics

Passing-Mike Snowdale 5-for-14, 47 yards, 1 touchdown, 1 interception; Braun Goodson 1-for-1, 17 yards.

Receiving-Tom Anderson 2 receptions for 24 yards; D.J. Silvia 2 for 18 yards; John Durkin 1 for 5 yards, 1 touchdown; Mike Snowdale 1 for 17 yards.

Rushing- Braun Goodson, 15 carries for 46 yards, 1 touchdown; Ted Straughn 4 for 8 yards; Mike Snowdale 4 for 20.

Defensive Statistics

Tackles: Cosimo Cambi 9, Mike Dooley and John Durkin-8 each, Matt Casey-6, Ben Lynner-5, Steve Davis, Sean Connolly and Tony Truglia- 4 each, Tom Anderson- 3, Nick Spirito and Matt Davis-1 each.

Sacks-Steve Davis.

Interceptions-Mike Dooley

SPORTS NOTES

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football Trophy Night

Trophy night will take place this year on Tuesday, Nov. 26 in the main auditorium at Scituate High School. All football players and cheerleaders are encouraged to attend.

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Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo and Athletic Director Ron Ford will be on hand to review the Cohasset High School Athletic Department and Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) policies and answer any questions you may have.

The coachign staff will then be available to meet with the student athletes and parents to distribute schedules, discuss team rules and expectations and answerr questions.

We also ask athletes to bring their $75 user fee payment to this meeting.

Practices for the high school winter sports seasons will begin on Monday, Dec/ 2. The followign sports are offered durign the winter season: boys basketball, girls basketball, cheerleading, gymnastics (cooperative with Norwell High), ice hockey, skiing (funded by Cohasset Ski Club), co-ed swimming)coopearative wit hSchituate High) and wrestling.

Ice fishing course

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Field General

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next year do not seem to include soccer.

"I just want to focus my freshman year on schoolwork," she notes. She plans on studying nursing, having long been interested in the medical field. Her top choice for a college is Northeastern, but she also has her eye on the University of Connecticut and University of Rhode Island.

While Lordan may not land herself a spot on a varsity team at college, she did admit that soccer will assuredly be a part of her post-high school experiences, be it club or intramural. For now, however, Lordan is just enjoying the success she had this year, because it will not be long before the spring season, when she will try to perform a similar feat to the one she accomplished this fall: getting the girls lacrosse team back into the postseason.

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Putting Cohasset town history in perspective for schoolchildren

Maps, timeline used in schools

Cohasset schools are expanding the local history curriculum in collaboration with the Committee on Town History that produced the Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III (J. Dormitzer). Expansion is in the form of maps of Cohasset, tours of the Town and a comprehensive timeline for students.

Proceeds from the sales of the history book are being used to fund the education expansion that will improve the knowledge and appreciation of Cohasset among first, third, and eighth graders.

The collaboration is being led by Louis S. Harvey of the Town History Committee and Ruth Fennessey, Curriculum Coordinator for Cohasset schools, with support from a number of teachers and committee members.

The first initiative was to transform the historical map from the history book into forms that teachers and students can use. Students in a variety of grades are now using these maps to learn about landmarks and the changes in streets and roads since the 1950s. Maps include giant laminated wall mounted copies and electronic images that can be printed for students for years to come.

Students of the first grade got a first hand guided tour of Government Island, Cohasset Common and Sandy Beach shortly after schools opened for the fall.

Still in the works, is a timeline that presents the history of Cohasset in each decade since the mid 1800s. The timeline juxtaposes the world history of each decade with Cohasset's historical events. The timeline is intended to offer an interesting comparison that will capture the imagination of students and reinforce their knowledge of history.

Osgood School first-graders and their teachers (Laura Keating, Sabina Troy and Jared Alves) visit Cohasset Harbor on a tour with the Committee on Town History.

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Our World groundbreaking

A groundbreaking celebration this Sunday, Nov. 24, will signal the beginning of renovation of the back wing of the former Osgood School into "Our World," the children's global discovery museum.

The former elementary school will soon be the home of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The museum will occupy a two-story wing built in 1929.

The $1 million project, the brainchild of Leah Taylor Roy and Mary Larson, will include a global-themed playpark and will likely open shortly after the library is complete.

The museum wing has been cleared and is ready to be wired, plumbed and filled with both permanent and changing exhibits aimed at helping children learn about the world in all its wonderful diversity.

The public is invited to the ceremony, which will take place at noon Sunday. Children are especially welcome and will receive free hardhats and globes.

Cider, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be served. Our World T-shirts will be on sale, as will personalized tiles and bricks that will eventually decorate the museum and grounds.

The museum is located at 100 Sohier St., near the intersection of Ripley Road.

Participants are also invited to a 1 p.m. lunch at Atlantica after the ceremony. The lunch will cost $15 for adults; $10 for children. Reservations are required at 781-383-0900.

Our World luncheon and fashion show

There will be a holiday luncheon and fashion show to benefit "Our World," the children's global discovery museum, at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 12 at Atlantica Restaurant.

The museum is set to open next fall in the back wing of the former Osgood School. The new Paul Pratt Memorial Library will occupy the rest of the building.

Fashions by Talbot's will be featured at the luncheon and a number of exciting prizes, including a night at Boston's Ritz Carlton and a gift certificate for tea for two at the Ritz Carlton, will be raffled.

Tickets for the event are $45 per person and tickets for the grand raffle can be ordered at $25 each or six for $100. Winners do not have to be in attendance. Checks made out to Our World CGDM can be sent to Our World, P.O. Box 422, Cohasset, 0225. For further information, call Amy Fitzpatrick at 781-383-9911.

Evening flu clinic

The Cohasset Board of Health will offer free flu immunizations on Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Public Health Nurse's office at Town Hall.

Anyone 65 years or older is urged to be immunized and is asked to bring their Medicare Insurance Card. Vaccine is available for Cohasset residents and is especially recommended for those 50 years and older and those of all ages considered high risk with chronic medical conditions such as Asthma, and other lung disease, diabetes heart and kidney disease, anemia and other blood disorders and anyone with a weakened immune system.

No Appointment is necessary. If you have any questions please call Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, PHN at 383-2210.

Please wear a short sleeve shirt.

Legends of nine Christmas herbs

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 9 a.m..

Betsy Williams, author of several books on the lore and use of herbs, will share with the members the legends of nine Christmas herbs. In addition, through story and demonstration, she will give the history of traditional Christmas greens. Betsy◊s work has been featured on the Discovery Channel.

All who attend will have a very interesting and informative morning.

Jingle Bell Walk is Friday, Nov. 29

The South Shore Community Center (SSCC) invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk, a Cohasset tradition offered by the SSCC. The walk begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29 when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor (Border Street). After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he and his elves will board a hayride and the walk continues along the sidewalks of Elm to Main Streets in Cohasset. At 2:30 p.m., the South Shore Community Center welcomes you to partake in cookies, a beverage, and a holiday sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all.

Santa will be upstairs in the center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambience.

At 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common, there will be a "Turkey Tot Trot" for kids ages three-to-10. You may pre-register for this event for $2, or register the day of the event for $3 per participant. Proceeds will benefit the Nursery School. All participants will receive a prize!

Listen to the bells of St. Stephen's playing from 2:30-4 p.m. while enjoying a hayride around the Common. Hayrides will be available from 3-4 p.m. Then gather around Cohasset Common at 3:45, to listen to the Rusty Skippers Marching Band. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4:15 p.m. with the lighting of the tree.

There is something for everyone this year at the Jingle Bell Walk! It's a great way to appreciate our picturesque surroundings while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition.

In the event of rain, all outdoor activities will be cancelled but Santa will arrive in the Community Center Gym at 2 p.m.

T-Day breakfast at Legion Hall

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at the Legion Hall on Summer Street. The cost is $5 and the event is open to everyone.

Order your tree early!

First Parish's eighth annual, fresh-cut balsam Christmas tree sale in conjunction with the Village Fair is Saturday Dec. 7. Pre-orders are being accepted. Order early to be in the "your tree free" drawing. All tress are $35 for any tree 5-9 feet. Besides being a fund-raiser for the First Parish, trees are donated to various families served by the Cohasset Food Pantry, Wellspring, Friends of the Homeless, and others as including the Senior Center at the Community Center, allowing for many to benefit. Call 781-383-9845.

Holiday Ball

This is an off year for the Community Garden Club◊s very popular Holiday House Tour and the first year for their Holiday Ball. A limited number of tickets are now being offered for sale to the general public.

The Holly Ball will be at "Stoneleigh", 478 Jerusalem Road on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7-11 p.m.. Stoneleigh will be decorated for the holidays by garden club members. Included in the decorations will be many club-member designed holiday wreaths available for purchase by means of a silent auction.

Guests will enjoy a buffet supper served throughout the evening. They will be entertained by a five-piece band playing music suitable for dancing. Suggested dress is optional black tie.

The cost of admission is $75 per person. (Cash bar).

This is a fund-raising event to benefit club projects. The club maintains the gardens at three locations in Cohasset — the Lothrop House, the Lightkeeper's Residence, and Constitution Park. The club also supports local beautification projects, provides scholarships for three deserving Cohasset High seniors, and contributes to many environmental organizations.

For more information phone 781-383-9689. Make checks payable to the "Community Garden Club of Cohasset" and mail them to One Windy Hill Road, Cohasset

Festival of trees

Friends of the Paragon Carousel Inc., 205 Nantasket Ave., Hull, presents the First Annual Festival of Trees at the Carousel. The gala grand opening will be Friday, Nov. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets: Child $2/Adults $10. Tree lighting entertainment, refreshments.

The event runs Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15. Hours: Friday, 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 4 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bring a can good or food item for the Wellsprings Food Pantry and receive a "Good Deed Coupon" for a free ride on the Carousel.

For more information visit www.enjoy-hull.com

Art at the Abbey

On Saturday, Nov. 30 and Sunday, Dec. 1, the Hull Artists Studio Connection in cooperation with Glastonbury Abbey invites the public to enjoy their 2002 Holiday Gift Giving Extravaganza, "Art at the Abbey." Gifts of fine arts and crafts include painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, crafts, jewelry, greeting cards, woodcrafts, ceramics, children's books and so much more.

The hours for Saturday, Nov. 30 are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art at the Abbey will be held in the Conference Center at Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Route 228 North (and one-quarter mile from Route 3A going toward Nantasket). There is plenty of free parking.

The Hull Artists Studio Connection is a non-profit artists' organization. For more information, either call 1-800-413-1770 or visit their Web site at www.hullartistsstudioconnection.com.

Christmas concert

The Hingham Congregational Church at 366 Main St. will hold its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. The concert, with Conductor David Giessow, will feature "Messe de Minuit pour Noel" by Marc Antoine Charpentier as well as traditional Christmas carols—ancient and modern—performed by the Hingham Congregational Church Choir. There will also be guest instrumentalists and soloists.

This is a free concert and is presented as a gift to the Hingham community and supported by the Thelma Gudmand, Gene Gardner and Frank MacLean Memorial Music Funds.

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TOWN OF COHASSET

ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN

In accordance with the Town of Cohasset's Traffic Rules and Orders:

"SECTION 7. No All Night Parking. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle other than one acting in an emergency, to park said vehicle on any street for a period of time longer than one (1) hour between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day, beginning November 15th and ending April 1st, inclusive."

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Date of Death June 10, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR OF FOREIGN WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented with certain papers purporting to be a copy of the last will of said deceased and of the probate thereof in said State of FLORIDA duly authenticated there by **MARTIN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT** praying that the copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the Registry of Probate of the county of NORFOLK, and that JAMES PORTER of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and KAREN PORTER of HULL in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor thereof, to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 4, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, November 14, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#107090
Cohasset Mariner 11/21/02

ZBA/134 NORTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, December 9, 2002, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7a and a **Variance** pursuant to 5.3.1 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Geoffrey J. & Suzanne S. Filbey, seek to construct a second floor at **134 North Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-11-18.

AD#108059
Cohasset Mariner 11/21, 11/28/02

ZBA/177 HULL ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, December 9, 2002, **at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.6.1 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Thomas F. & Marie T. Calorio, seek to construct a porch in a Flood Plain at **177 Hull St.,** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #02-11-13.

AD#106966
Cohasset Mariner 11/21, 11/28/02

ZBA/28 OTIS AVE.
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, December 9, 2002, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Brian & Julie Ann Murphy,** seek to appeal Building Inspector's denial of Building Permit for **28 Otis Ave.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-11-18.

AD#108057
Cohasset Mariner 11/21, 11/28/02

ZBA/3 JERSUSALEM LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, December 9, 2002, **at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, the abutters of 3 Jerusalem Lane, seek to appeal decision of the Building Inspector dated Oct. 8, 2002, for **3 Jerusalem Lane,** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #02-11-06.

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Cohasset Mariner 11/21, 11/28/02

Bird watching at Straits Pond

By Nancy Kramer
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The total now is 75 species sighted on 10 SPWA-sponsored bird walks.

The annual November Straits Pond Watershed Association sponsored Bird Walk, led by Cohasset birder, Sally Avery and husband, Richard, sighted six new birds to add to our three-year birding list total.

In Straits Pond and area, Black Rock and Gunrock Beach and Ocean areas we recently sighted 40 species in two hours: Common Loon; Horned Grebe; Double-crested Cormorant; Great Cormorant; Great Blue Heron; Canada Goose; Mute Swan; American Black Duck; Mallard; Lesser Scaup; Common Eider; Surf Scoter; White-winged Scoter; Black Scoter; Bufflehead; Hooded Merganzer; Red-breasted Merganzer; Ruddy Duck; Greater Yellowlegs; Sanderling; Purple Sandpiper; Bonaparte's Gull; Ring-billed Gull; Herring Gull; Great Black-backed Gull; Mourning Dove; Downy Woodpecker; American Crow; Black-capped Chickadee; Tufted Titmouse; Carolina Wren; European Starling; Yellow Rumped Warbler; American Tree Sparrow; Song Sparrow; Northern Cardinal; Brown-headed Cowbird; House Finch; American Goldfinch; House Sparrow.

Six more birds species were add to the 69 species on our master list (see www.weirriver.org http://www.weirriver.org): Common Loon; Horned Grebe; Lesser Scaup; Black Scoter; Purple Sandpiper; American Tree Sparrow.

The total now is 75 species sighted on 10, approximately two hours each, SPWA-sponsored bird walks June 2000 to November 2002. Watch for notices in the spring to join us in these free, educational walks.

Also, 25 more Tree Swallow houses, made this summer by Ohio resident, Pete Curtis, will be placed in Straits Pond on poles at the end of March by Hull resident, John Loupos. The annual migration of these birds back to Hull to take up residence for the spring and sSummer is anxiously awaited by residents in the area as these bird species are well known for munching midges, mosquitoes and other flying insects while in flight. The birdhouses are cleaned each Fall after the Swallows have left. The nests are made from the tops of the phragmites reeds and lined with white swan feathers.

To sponsor a Tree Swallow house, poles and hardware, donate $10 or more, by check made out to Straits Pond Watershed Association, C/O Merle Graham, 715-B Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Early deadline: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Cohasset Mariner will go to press a day early next week. Therefore, the deadline for editorial copy for the Nov. 28 issue is noon on Monday, Nov. 25.

HSO Welcomes Yule! with classical music

"We are very excited to enrich and enliven the holiday season throughout the South Shore with a concert that is brimming with energy and warm spirit."

— MaryBeth Alger, president of the HSO Board of Directors.

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual Welcome Yule! concert on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Ship Church in Hingham, and on Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

Under the direction of Conductor Jin Kim, the HSO will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 and Faure's Pelleas et Melisande Suite, along with Anderson's medley of carols, A Christmas Festival. In what has become a new tradition for many, the Yule concert will also present an opportunity for the audience to participate in a holiday sing-along.

"We are very excited to enrich and enliven the holiday season throughout the South Shore with a concert that is brimming with energy and warm spirit," said MaryBeth Alger, president of the HSO Board of Directors. "Jin's selection for this year should greatly please everyone in our audience and inspire them throughout the coming year."

Tickets for the Yule Concert are available at Hingham Public Library, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, and Noble0s, Norwell, or call 781-740-5694. $20 adult, $18 senior, $10 through age 18.

Foot care clinic is December 11

SENIOR SCENE

KATHY BRYANTON

Foot Care Clinic — Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with nurse Jean Reardon, $25.

Walking Club for Men — Energetic seniors still get out and enjoy a great time with other men! If interested in joining our group, please call Steve Bobo at 781-383-9021; or call the Cohasset Elder Affairs office at 781-383-9112.

Trip to The Iron Kettle Inn — in Hanover on Nov. 22; leave from St. Anthony church parking lot at 11:30 traveling on the CEA van to enjoy the lunch served at 1:45 p.m. Luncheon will include a choice of three entrees and dessert. The fee is $3 for the bus and up to $3.50 for lunch. It'll be a great day out; let's enjoy the lovely scenic trip down and back!

Festival of Trees — The 13th annual festival will take place Thursday, Dec. 5 at 20 a.m. at Plymouth Plantation. Cost of the bus and ticket is $8. Call CEA at 781-383-9112 for more information. We mush have eight or more to make this trip!

Holiday Trip to Longfellow's Wayside Inn — Friday, Dec. 6 is the day we will be traveling out to America's oldest inn that has offered hospitality to 10 generations of wayfarers. Longfellow's Wayside Inn is decorated so beautifully at this time of year, you will be transported into the past with the lovely look of Christmases past.

The bus will leave St. Anthony's Church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. sharp and arrive for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own, and then after you will enjoy seeing the Little Red School House and Church. This trip is always fun, so don't miss out—call and make your reservations today at 781-383-9112. Fee is $3; lunch on your own.

Hingham Holiday House Tour & Boutique — This year it's Sunday, Dec. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are $20 in advance and are available at The Talbot's in Hingham Square. If you are interested in having a group tour from Cohasset, call CEA at 781-383-9112.

GIMME SHELTER

Harold is a two-year-old white cat with short hair and gray markings, who was rescued from a restaurant dumpster He just loves attention and his gentle nature would do well with adults and children.

If you can help Harold or another cat find a home, please contact the Hull Seaside Animal Rescue, a non-profit organization staffed entirely by volunteers, at 781-925-8584.

All cats have been neutered or spayed and are up to date on their shots. There are lots of great cats and kittens needing homes, so please call or visit the Web site at www.hsar.org.

Harold

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OBITUARIES

Richard Burgess Forrest, Jr.

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Richard Burgess Forrest, Jr., 83, of Sunderland, Md., died Sept. 11, 2002 at his home in Maryland with family.

He was born in Cohasset, to Cathrine M. Smith Taft and Richard Burgess Forrest, Sr., brother of Doris Taft and William Taft.

Mr. Forrest enlisted in the military Nov. 14, 1939 he fought through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany as a Master Sergeant, 101st INF 26 DIV, World War II.

He moved to Calvert County in 1975 from P.G. County where he was in business for himself as a builder. He found his calling as a farmer when he moved to Calvert County by purchasing a farm. He was most known for his strawberries.

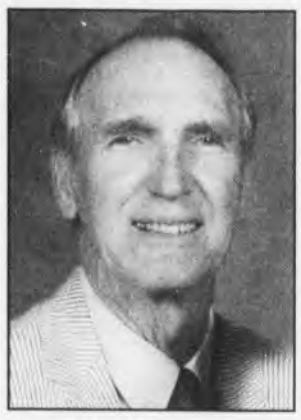
His hobbies included his vegetable garden every year, fishing, crabbing, the Washington Redskins and watching educational shows.

He leaves his wife of 60 years Isabelle A. McCarthy Forrest of So Braintree; his children, Sandra Graner, Judy Cumbo, Kathy Baron and Rick Forrest; six grandchildren, James W. Graner, Jr., Richard L. Foster, Deirdre A. Bell, Nicole Lapp, Albee Baron, Sondra Graner, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services where held at Lee Funeral Home, Calvert, P.A., Owings, Md.

Friends are welcome to visit the Lee Funeral Home web site at www.leefuneralhomes.com to sign Mr. Forrest's memorial register book under obituary section of our home page.

Interment was held at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset



Forrest C. Miner

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Forrest C. Miner, of Rutland, Mass. and Punta Gorda, Fla., previously of Barrington, N.H. and Shrewsbury, Mass. died Wednesday, Nov. 6 at the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home where he had been in residence for the past 16 months. He was born in 1922 in Sugar Hill, N.H.

He was a World War II veteran serving in the US Marine Corps. He was a graduate of Shrewsbury High School, the University of New Hampshire and earned a master's degree in education at Worcester State College.

For 31 years he taught social studies at Newmarket, N.H. and Wachusett Regional High School in Holden, Mass., the last 25 years at the latter. Over the years, he coached four sports but devoted most of his energies to the promotion of rowing for school age boys and girls, an interest that developed from his own participation as an oarsman on the Shrewsbury High School national championship crews of '40 and '41. He retired from teaching in 1981 but continued to coach crew at Clark University and Shrewsbury High School.

After moving to Punta Gorda, Fla. in 1986 he became interested in the wildlife rescue program and volunteered at the Peace River Wildlife Center.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Miriam Buecher Miner; two sons, Jeffrey F. Miner of Rutland, Mass. and David B. Miner of Boulder, Colo.; one daughter, Julie-Anne Miner White of Marshfield Hills; a sister, Marjorie Roberge of Taftville, Conn.; a brother, Paul Clifford of Brattleboro, Vt.; two daughters-in-law, Wendy (Seavey) Miner and Sarah (Martens) Miner, a son-in-law Bradford D. White, and four grandchildren, Justin and Brittany Miner of Rutland, Mass., Elizabeth Miner of New Orleans, La. and Allison Miner of Boulder, Colo.; numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family service was held Nov. 10 with a public memorial service to be held in Shrewsbury in the spring, the date and location to be announced.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Shrewsbury High School Rowing Program, 45 Oak St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545, Att. Gordon Warren.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

5:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., disabled motor vehicle.

6 p.m. Elm St., fire.

7:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

7:59 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

7:18 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:48 a.m. Lothrop Lane, animal call or complaint.

10:18 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

10:38 a.m. HQ, fire, log entry.

11:03 a.m. Ripley Road, parking complaint, ticket issued.

12:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, log entry.

1:19 p.m. Roy residence, fire, log entry.

3:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:17 p.m. South Main St., property found.

5:29 p.m. Spring St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:15 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:19 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:30 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious activity/person(s).

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

5:20 a.m. Stockbridge St., officer wanted.

5:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., disabled motor vehicle.

8:59 a.m. King St., animal call or complaint.

9:08 a.m. Pleasant St., animal call or complaint.

10:28 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:52 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:06 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:06 p.m. Lower King St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:40 p.m. Old Pasture Road, fire investigation.

4:38 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

6:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

4:37 a.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

10:31 a.m. King St., medical aid.

3:18 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

4:53 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, gathering.

4:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint, ticket issued.

5:05 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

8:22 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

8:37 p.m. Border St., animal call or complaint.

10:54 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

3:29 a.m. Hill St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:50 a.m. Cushing Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:12 a.m. King St., motor vehicle/safety inspection.

3:19 p.m. Beechwood St., request for police officer/s, advise civil action.

3:28 p.m. Elm St., larceny.

8:22 p.m. Pond St. and Buttonwood Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Shannon E. Dwyer, 18, of 21 Judy Road, Scituate. Charge: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Arrest of Maureen P. Michaud, 17, of 271 Old Oaken Bucket Road, Scituate. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug.

MONDAY, NOV. 11

12:10 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:20 p.m. Beach St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:14 a.m. Stanton Rd, officer wanted.

3:04 p.m. Ripley Rd., open door/window.

4:21 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.

5:52 p.m. Old Osgood School, general services.

6:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

7:02 p.m. Forest Ave., and Cedar Acres Dr. Arrest: Marcelino Gomes DaSilva, 43, 110 Deerwood Dr, Nashua, NH. Chrgs. License suspended, operating a motor vehicle, subsq. off. speeding in violation special regulation.

7:23 p.m. King St., medical aid.

7:29 p.m. Locust Rd., well being check.

11:42 p.m. Jerusalem Rd,. medical aid.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12

7:16 a.m. Pond St. and clay Spring Rd., traffic complaint.

9:40 a.m. Jerusalem Ln., medical aid.

9:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:03 a.m. Linden Dr., fire investigation.

1:34 p.m. Red Gate Lane, fire, log entry.

1:38 p.m. King St., officer wanted, verbal warning.

2:47 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, property lost.

5:02 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious auto.

5:15 p.m. King St., and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:17 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

10:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious activity.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

3:30 a.m. Linden Dr., suspicious.

4:32 a.m. Norman Todd Lane, medical aid.

8:17 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

10:32 a.m. Little Harbor, found property.

10:40 a.m. Elm St, lost property.

11:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway fire, log entry.

11:24 a.m. Lothrop Lane, fire, log entry.

11:37 a.m. Arrowwood Rd. lost property.

3:06 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:25 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

4:10 p.m. King St., medical aid.

5:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:03 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., missing person.

7:27 p.m. Elm St, officer wanted.

8:04 p.m. King St., medical aid.

8:16 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

8:20 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid.

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

12:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, transport, services rendered.

10:06 a.m. Sohier St., assault. Arrest: Dennis Obert, 47, 22 Drinkwater Ave., Braintree. Chrgs. assault with dangerous weapon, destruction of property over $250.

11:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

4:53 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:30 p.m. Reservoir Rd., fire investigation.

5:44 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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Plymouth Thanksgiving Day Parade volunteer Sheryl Birch works on the Civil War float which features the Gettysburg Address. The parade will feature six floats telling the history of America from the days of the first settlers in Plymouth through the 21st century.

Move over Macy's

Return of Plymouth Parade is reason to give thanks

By Alice Coyle
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Thanksgiving and Plymouth.

You can't think of one word without evoking images of the other.

As they did nearly four centuries ago, pilgrims continue to journey to America's Hometown throughout the year but especially at Thanksgiving to enjoy an authentic holiday celebration. And Plymouth's annual Thanksgiving parade has traditionally been one of the biggest draws.

But last year the group that had organized the event since the mid 1990s pulled the plug for financial reasons, leaving a big void in the town's annual celebration.

"It was a huge disappointment," said Kingston Selectman Olavo DeMacedo, who had been involved with the parade a few years ago as a volunteer and board member. DeMacedo, who has strong ties to Plymouth (his brother Vincent is a state Representative) was approached in May and asked if he'd find a way to get the parade back on track.

DeMacedo turned to the Plymouth Rock Foundation for help running the event and the historical group agreed to get on board as long as the history of Thanksgiving and the Pilgrims at Plymouth were included as part of the program.

An American history buff himself, DeMacedo did more than that — he made the American history including its beginnings in Plymouth, the entire theme of this year's parade.

"We're calling it 'America Gives Thanks through the Years'," said DeMacedo, noting that floats in the parade will tell the story of America from the days of the Pilgrims straight through the 21st century.

The ambitious theme starts out with the story of the Native Americans who helped the Pilgrims survive the first difficult years in America and lived peacefully side by side with them for decades, DeMacedo notes.

"The Native Americans were a lifeline for the Pilgrims," he said.

Members of the Wampanoag Nation will be on the parade's first float — a first for any Native American group, he said. In fact, in the past, the Plymouth parade has drawn protests from Native Americans who consider the Thanksgiving holiday a day of mourning. Smoothing out past problems and clarifying historical fact from fiction, misunderstanding and misrepresentations about the relationship between the Pilgrims and the Native Americans was part of the reason DeMacedo said it was important the Indians were represented in the parade.

Melanie Estre and Lori Tate busily create a thatched roof for the parade float depicting the first Thanksgiving.

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A chance to Bond with fame

Tracking the fate of some of film history's most famous Bond girls

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The "Bond girl" legacy began in 1962, when Ursula Andress, playing Honey Rider, walked out of the Caribbean in that tiny white bikini and into the life of Sean Connery's James Bond. Forty years later, in an homage to that famous entrance, Oscar-winner Halle Berry steps out of the Caribbean in tiny coral bikini, as the latest Bond girl, in "Die Another Day." (Berry had already begun shooting the film when she won the Academy Award.)

In between, dozens of other actresses have played "Bond girls." (Even the age of political correctness couldn't change the term to "Bond women.") Does anyone remember that Kim Basinger, Jane Seymour and Teri Hatcher all played Bond temptresses?

For some, the role may have provided a career boost; others probably consider it a career-ender. Here's a look at some of the past Bond girls, and effect it had on their careers.

The newest "Bond girl" Halle Berry.

Ursula Andress (Honey Rider in "Dr. No," 1962)

Best known for: pulling a knife on Bond, but being subdued

Before Bond: a couple of small Italian films

After Bond: more Italian films and lots of "B" American films; most recent was "Cremaster 5" in 1997.

Verdict: career builder

Honor Blackman (Pussy Galore in "Goldfinger," 1964)

Best known for: her character's name

Before Bond: two dozen small films, played Cathy Gale, the original female lead on "The Avengers"

After Bond: two dozen more small films, lots of TV movies; most recent was "To Walk with Lions" in 1999.

Verdict: career builder

Diana Rigg (Tracy Draco in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," 1969)

Best known for: marrying Bond, then being murdered on their honeymoon

Before Bond: played Emma Peel on "The Avengers"

After Bond: lots of film and theater work, and her own TV series "Diana;" longtime host of "Mystery!" on PBS

Verdict: career builder

Jill St. John (Tiffany Case in "Diamonds Are Forever," 1971)

Best known for: turning from smuggler to Bond ally

Before Bond: light comedies and action films

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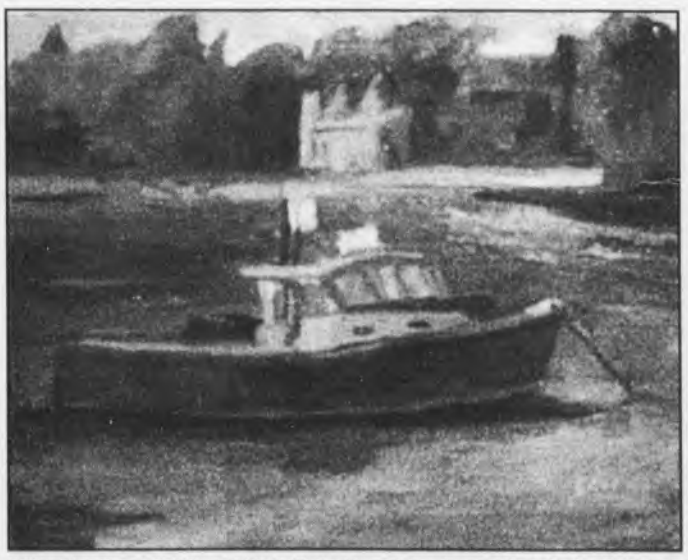

"Standing Room Only" and "Safe Harbor" are two of several works by Braintree artist Susan Lynch Raffa on display in the NRAS exhibit "Caught on Canvas" showing at the James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell through Dec. 3.

Lasting Impressionism

Braintree painter finds new dedication to art at NRAS

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

"I always paint from real life, in mostly local settings," says artist Susan Lynch Raffa. "But I've also been to Monhegan in Maine and painted there and I've had the chance to go to Italy and work too. I'm thinking of moving toward producing bigger canvas works in the future and likewise broadening my range of painting locations as well."

Raffa's mind as an artist is fittingly on the future. A Braintree wife and mother of two and former gallery owner in Plymouth, the thirtysomething artist has more recently joined the North River Arts Society, becoming one of the younger members of the Marshfield arts group. Even more recently, she accepted an invitation to a spot on NRAS's Board of Directors and teaches children's painting classes for the society.

Raffa is currently marking another milestone with her first one-person show. "Caught On Canvas," a collection of mostly oil works with the odd watercolor and charcoal piece is on display in the basement gallery of Norwell's James Library and Center for the Arts through Dec. 3.

I've really gotten to know Impressionism and become aware of master painters from the past, like (John Singer) Sargeant, (Edgar) Degas, (Joachin) Sorolla and (Anders Leonard) Zorn. These are some of my favorites, who've influenced my ideas about light and design."
Artist Susan Lynch Raffa

"I enjoyed running the Gallery By the Sea in Plymouth and it was great experience, showing my work and that of other local artists there," said Raffa, whose work has also exhibited at NRAS Members Shows, The Beacon Hill Art Walks and Martha's Vineyard All Arts Shows among other places.

"But I found that the Gallery didn't leave enough time for my own painting and studies. I left that and joined the North River Arts Society soon after. I've really been able to commit myself to painting since then, especially studying in John Kilroy's class there. I've really gotten to know Impressionism and become aware of master painters from the past, like (John Singer) Sargeant, (Edgar) Degas, (Joachin) Sorolla and (Anders Leonard) Zorn. These are some of my favorites, who've influenced my ideas about light and design."

Raffa applies the ideas of light and design from these icons and others to a wide variety of real-life subjects, as evidenced by her James Library show. But she seems most drawn to coastal landscapes, subjects from which spring her strongest work. Particularly the series of oil renderings produced on Monhegan Island, which is becoming an artist' retreat.

"The Maine waters are so deep blue, with all these vibrant greens running through them," Raffa said.

Other landscapes offer scenes from Wellfleet Bay, Gay Head on Martha's

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Living

Food & dining

The lazy cook's guide to Thanksgiving

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

OK, Thanksgiving is approaching. The last time you made a pumpkin pie was in 1978 and it had the texture of mud. The idea of making gravy is about as unappealing as organizing the basement. And, to top it off, the notion of messing about with a hot, 14-pound hunk of half-baked poultry is enough to make you take up meditation. You want help and you want it fast.

To provide that help, Cook's Illustrated magazine, home of America's Test Kitchen, went to supermarkets and mail-order suppliers to find out which brands (if any) of turkeys, stuffings, gravies, cranberry sauces, dinner rolls, and pumpkin pies really taste like (or close to) homemade. You may do most of the Thanksgiving cooking yourself, just getting help with the gravy or pie, or you might cover the dining room table entirely with store-bought items. Either way, our test cooks and tasters discovered that the difference between buying the right brand versus the wrong one is night and day. One brand of pumpkin pie was so awful, so gluey and unappetizing, that if you served it by mistake you would never have to worry about hosting Thanksgiving dinner again. The best pumpkin pie, however, was as good, or better than, homemade. In most cases, it was less an issue of expense than it was of knowing which brand is best.

So here are the winners in each category with a few words of caution. Note that at Cook's Illustrated we hope that you will still do most of the cooking yourself at Thanksgiving. There is nothing wrong with a bit of culinary cheating we all do it but there is nothing quite like homemade, especially when it comes to the turkey that costs under a dollar a pound at the supermarket and over $12 per pound if someone else cooks it for you!

THE STORE-BOUGHT TURKEY

When you get to the supermarket to buy a turkey, the options are many — fresh or frozen, flavor-enhanced or not, kosher, organic, etc. We cooked eight different brands using the same roasting method for each in order to remove different cooking techniques as a variable. The winner, the Marval frozen and basted bird, was a huge surprise since it beat out higher-priced brands of fresh, not frozen, birds. (Marval is 79 cents per pound; natural, free-range birds run about $1.80 per pound.) We were also shocked that the frozen Butterball bird outscored two higher-priced natural brands. Our conclusion is that birds that are "basted" which means injected with a salt solution (this is akin to brining) outperform regular birds since the meat turns out moister. The one kosher brand we tasted, Empire, was also well liked for the same reason. The bird is salted and therefore has more flavor and moisture.

MAIL ORDER, PRE-COOKED TURKEY

OK, so you want to buy your turkey pre-cooked. Well, we found three brands of cooked mail-order turkeys, thawed them, heated them, and then taste-tested them to see if any would pass the Norman Rockwell authenticity test. One smelled, looked, and tasted just like ham. Another brand which was smoked had a ham-like texture and an odd, artificial flavor, but one brand, the whole roasted turkey from the Second Avenue Deli in New York City, was the real thing and tasted like it, too. (It also cost a mind-boggling $12.50 per pound without shipping! The Marval, our winner in the supermarket turkeys, cost just 79 cents per pound.) They will the roast the bird for you at their store and then ship it to your home in a cold container. (Reheating takes less than an hour.) Contact them at 1-212-228-3354 or at www.2ndavedeli.com <http://www.2ndavedeli.com/> .

STORE-BOUGHT STUFFING

None of the commercial stuffings we tasted compete with the homemade variety since a good stuffing really depends on fresh ingredients such as onions, celery, eggs, bread, and stock. Packaged stuffings also tend to use a lot of sugar, salt, and sometimes fat to make up for the lack of freshness.

Therefore, we are inclined to put stuffing on the homemade list for your Thanksgiving meal. That being said, the best of the lot was the Bell's Family Style Stuffing that received good but not excellent scores.

STORE-BOUGHT GRAVY

Gravy is a mystery to many home cooks since you are usually asked to simmer the giblets (whatever they are) for a couple of hours, degrease pan drippings, and then whisk in cornstarch. It's tiresome work and the results are often mediocre. We expected to find nothing but heartache in supermarket gravies when we tasted nine different brands and, for the most part, this is what we got. Our tasters had comments such as "slimy," "gooey," "awful," and "scary aftertaste." But to our great surprise, one brand, Butterball Instant Turkey Gravy Mix, wasn't half-bad. One taster even said that it tasted "just like Grandma's." (Others were less generous in their description.) However, if you aren't going to make it yourself, this supermarket time-saver is a good alternative.

STORE-BOUGHT AND MAIL-ORDER CRANBERRY SAUCE

Some of us in the test kitchen do have a fondness for canned cranberry jelly. You know the one, it slides out of the can like Jell-O and wobbles and shakes on the serving plate. However, we opted to taste test a wider range of cranberry relishes, sauces, and chutneys in an effort to see if a commercial product could compete with the very good bag-of-the-bag recipe found on sacks of whole fresh Ocean Spray cranberries. (This easy, top-notch recipe takes about 10 minutes to make.) The verdict? Well, one brand was so horrible that it tasted like cocktail sauce. (One taster remarked, "where are the shrimp"?) However, the Ocean Spray Whole Berry Cranberry Sauce was a winner, highly recommended, and available in supermarkets everywhere.

STORE-BOUGHT AND MAIL-ORDER PUMPKIN PIES

There is nothing quite like a homemade pumpkin pie, or is there? Our tasters were shocked to discover that two brands (out of seven tasted) one supermarket and one mail-order were actually quite good, even excellent.

The winners were the pricey Deep Dish Pumpkin Pie from Harry and David ($39.95 plus shipping and handling; 1-877-456-7700 or www.harryanddavid.com <http://www.harryanddavid.com/> ; for Thanksgiving, order by November 19 for standard shipping; they will overnight pies up until November 25) and the much cheaper Marie Callendar's Pumpkin Pie ($5.99) which is available in supermarkets. The Harry and David pie does have a whipped-cream topping so it is less traditional. but the filling was moist, creamy, and nicely spiced.

We also tested a "gluten-free" pie, which was horrendous. It had the texture of Elmer's and didn't taste much better.

For more information about these tastings and others, log onto the Cook's Illustrated Web site at www.cooksillustrated.com <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . Access to detailed articles is limited to paid Web site subscribers, but some information and recipes are available free of charge.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Move over Macy's

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"You can't tell the story of America with the Native American story."

"We have our cultural differences and we should celebrate our diverse cultures," DeMacedo said. "But today we're all Americans and we should move forward as one."

Other floats will tell the story of the first Thanksgiving, The struggle for American Independence with a depiction of George Washington at Valley Forge and the Civil War highlighting the preservation of the nation with the surrender of Lee to Grant.

A 20th century float will honor American veterans and will feature the renowned Norman Rockwell image "Freedom from Want" and the final float depicting the three New York City Firefighters raising a flag in the rubble of the World Trade Center will pay homage to Sept. 11 victims and to public safety officials all over the region and the nation. DeMacedo said color guards from area police and fire departments will accompany the float.

In addition to the incredible floats, DeMacedo said numerous local groups including Girl and Boy Scouts will march in the parade. Fifteen musical groups including the nationally acclaimed Fife and Drum band the "American Originals" from Washington D.C., marching bands and drum and bugle corps will also take part along with a convoy of antique cars cruising the parade route.

Opening ceremonies for the parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, with a pilgrim procession and candle lighting ceremony. The famed "singing trooper" Dan Clark will give his rendition of "America the Beautiful" and the intermediate school choir will continue the patriotic concert.

The church bells in town will chime in unison at 10 a.m. as the parade steps off at Nelson Street. As the parade makes its way to Water Street and the waterfront area, DeMacedo said there will be a fly over complete with red, white and blue smoke filling the skies above Plymouth and confetti cannons going off.

In the past the parade has drawn as many as 150,000 spectators and following last year's disappointment, DeMacedo said there could be a record crowd. The event will take place rain or shine.

"I just hope everything goes off smoothly," said DeMacedo, who hopes to keep the tradition going. "I'm very grateful to the past organizers including Joseph McStowe, who laid a strong foundation for the parade. I'm pleased to be able to build upon that foundation and add to that original vision."

DeMacedo says this year's event is ambitious because of what it is trying to accomplish — "telling the story of this great land. It's an exciting time," he said. "We want to be known as the Thanksgiving capital."

Parade spectators are urged to get their spot along the parade route early. Roads will close by 9 a.m. Saturday and DeMacedo said the best viewing spots will be on Court Street from Benny's to Route 44 and along Water Street.

The parade is set for Saturday morning but the weekend-long events get started Friday afternoon with educational workshops and free tours of Plymouth's historic sites led by guides in Pilgrim costume followed by a patriotic tribute concert planned at the newly restored Memorial Hall Friday evening at 7 p.m. Tickets for the concert are $15 for general admission, $20 for premium seating and proceeds will help defray parade costs which will top $100,000, DeMacedo said. Parade costs include everything from operations to float construction and paying for the various marching bands which charge as much as $8,000 to appear in the parade. DeMacedo said the Plymouth community has been very supportive. Fundraising efforts including local contributions along with many corporate sponsorships has already raised upwards of $90,000, he said. Following Saturday's 1-1/2-hour parade, visitors can tour various encampments set up by Civil War reenactment and Native American groups.

Another Memorial Hall concert featuring the Senior Drum and Bugle Corps Reunion is set for Saturday evening. Tickets are $20 and $30 for that performance.

For more information on Plymouth's Thanksgiving Parade or any of the weekend events go to www.usathanksgiving.com.

Lasting Impressionism

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Vineyard, Scituate, Cohasset, Humarock and even "Boston Skyline" as viewed from Hull Bay. The blues of the water are not so richly textured, and the coastlines not so panoramic, but Raffa gives these scenes equally fine, sensual treatments.

Dancers are also a favorite subject of the artist's, as are children, as shown in the portrait, "My Daughter, Lila" and the communing-with-nature figures of "Hopeful Future," which previously won Raffa a Spirit Award at a NRAS and North Community Church Show. Raffa's notable range of subject matter further extends to figures as disparate as "Elephants in New England" and the folk musicians onstage of "Afternoon Harmony."

Raffa's work will next be on view in a group show at Hingham's South Street Gallery in December.

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Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the end of November approaches, time grows short for preparing our landscapes for winter weather. Holiday shopping, decorating and celebrations leave limited time for raking, mulching and other gardening chores, and by the first of the year, the ground may be frozen or covered with snow. Every effort should be made to put the gardens to bed by month's end.

The chilly temperatures and shorter day length during November signal plants to enter dormancy. The leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs fall to the ground and many perennials die back to basal rosettes or disappear altogether. Despite little vegetative growth above ground, plants continue to absorb water and nutrients to assist with winter survival. In seasons passed, supplemental moisture was a critical issue as drought conditions left parched plants at risk during the winter months but Mother Nature has been generous this fall providing plentiful moisture to our thirsty plants. Additional moisture should not be necessary in the weeks to come with the exception of any trees or shrubs planted late this fall.

For the next six months, most of our plants will remain dormant as fluctuating temperatures, chilly winds, snow and ice challenge their very existence. Evergreen plants, particularly boxwood and broadleafed shrubs including rhododendrons and mountain laurels, face the greatest hazard. Subjected to desiccating winds and winter sun, their leaves may be scorched, especially during the latter half of the winter. Most broad-leafed evergreens appreciate sheltered conditions to minimize this exposure. In addition, azaleas and rhododendrons have extremely superficial root systems that become easily stressed during periods of low moisture. A layer of shredded bark mulch is essential in all seasons to assist with moisture retention.

Azaleas and the flamboyant pink and blue hydrangeas also tend to bloom most reliably when grown in sheltered locations. The buds of some varieties of azaleas are cold sensitive and may freeze during winter cold snaps or become desiccated by drying winds. The large-flowered pink and blue hydrangeas bloom on "old wood"; this means that their existing woody stems and the tender green buds along these branches must survive the cold and the dry breezes that winter brings. Avoid pruning these shrubs in autumn or early spring. To ensure blossoms next season, construction of a windscreen may be helpful to protect plants growing in exposed areas. Install a series of stakes around these shrubs and construct wrap with burlap, leaving the top open for air circulation. Fill the interior space with pine needles or oak leaves.

Mild winters are sometimes more damaging to plants than winters when the ground remains frozen much of the season.

Few gardeners can resist the temptation to grow roses despite their demanding cultural requirements. The introduction of numerous lower maintenance cultivars has appealed to some, but most rose fanciers still succumb to the seductive beauty of the hybrid tea roses that tend to be the most challenging and require special attention in order to survive our harsh winters. Protection of the bud union is critical for their survival. A six- to 12-inch cone-shaped mound of fresh soil, mulch, or well-draining compost should be applied to the base of the plant and completely cover the fist-shaped graft. Use soil from a vegetable garden or another source rather than pulling soil together from around the base of your rose plants as you risk exposing their shallow roots, making them more susceptible to the cold. Apply a layer of mulch to the mound once the ground freezes.

Pruning of trees, shrubs and particularly roses should wait until late winter or early spring however if there are canes that are especially long, it may be advisable to trim these back to approximately 3 feet in height to lessen the possibility of damage cause by wind or snow. Remove dead or diseased shoots and any suckers that may have sprouted from beneath the bud union. Be sure to rake up and dispose of rose foliage to minimize diseases overwintering in the ground surrounding your plants.

Mild winters are sometimes more damaging to plants than winters when the ground remains frozen much of the season. Warm days followed by evenings below freezing can adversely affect young or thin-barked trees, particularly those located in open areas or in southwesterly facing exposures. During the warmth of the day, the trunk of the tree, both its bark and inner core, expand in response to the heat of the sun. When the temperature drops dramatically at night, the thin outer bark rapidly shrinks, while the dense inner core cools down more slowly causing the bark to split and peel. The bark of a tree is analogous to our own skin. If the outer layer is damaged, the vital inner trunk becomes susceptible to infestations by insects and diseases. The use of tree wraps during the winter months can greatly reduce this damage. Local nurseries usually stock these protective wraps that breathe and expand as temperatures! fluctuate in addition to protecting the trunks from destructive rodents near their bases. Keep grass short around tree trunks and remove leaves and debris until the ground freezes; be sure to remove this protection each spring.

Split or peeling bark is not always a sign of a tree in distress. Sycamore, birch, paperbark maple, Kousa dogwood, stewartia, oakleaf hydrangea and Heptacodium are only a few of the woody plants that routinely exhibit appealing exfoliating bark. These lovely specimens add beauty to our winter landscapes.

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PLYMOUTH COUNTY CRANBERRY QUILTERS' First Annual Auction Dec. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Carver Public Library. Live auction of quality quilted items at 2 p.m. Silent auction 1 to 3:30 p.m. Boutique table. Children's Story Time at 1 to 3 p.m. and 2 to 2:30 p.m. "Roly Poly" quilt to benefit the Carver Library.

HINGHAM 11th ANNUAL WINTERFEST FOLK ART & CRAFT SHOW will be held at the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission $6 per person; children under 12 free. Bring a non perishable food item for the Hingham Food pantry and receive a $ off regular admission price. Free parking is available and on Dec. 7, a free shuttle bus will be available all day from the rear of the parking lot of Resurrection Church on Main St, directly to the Hingham Middle School. For more information call 717-796-2380.

BRIDGWAYE INN, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, at Humarock Beach. On Nov. 30, the Bridgwaye Inn presents "Masquerade," the east coast's premier traveling performance troupe in their holiday production, "Forever Christmas." "Forever Christmas" is a musical holiday revue featuring a troupe of outstanding performers singing and dancing to holiday classics as well as unique treatments of several contemporary selections. The format of the show provides opportunity for audience participation in sing-along and get into the holiday spirit. Admission is $12 for the show which begins at 8:15 p.m. Dinner is optional beginning at 6 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the Bridgwaye at 781-834-6505.

THE FINE ARTS CHORAL Christmas Pops Concert Lombardo's Grand Ballroom, Randolph. Dec. 8, from 2 to 6 p.m. Single tickets $15/seniors-students $14. Holiday buffet between performances $25. For information/reservations call 1-800-230-7555 or visit www.fineartschorale.org

A HIGHLIGHT OF PLYMOUTH HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES "A DOLL ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS" a display of dolls, including miniature fashion models and a range of antique and reproduction dolls, as part of this year's decorated holiday tours at the 1749 Spooner House, 27 North St., Plymouth. For more information call 508-746-0012.

THE 12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ON NORTH STREET celebration begins on Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the heart of Plymouth's scenic historic district. North Street, edged with glowing luminaria set out by Kiwanis Club volunteers, will be the setting for old-fashioned holiday festivities from 5 to 8 p.m. with roving street carolers, free hot cider and free children's holiday crafts workshops. For tickets and information call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@mindspring.com

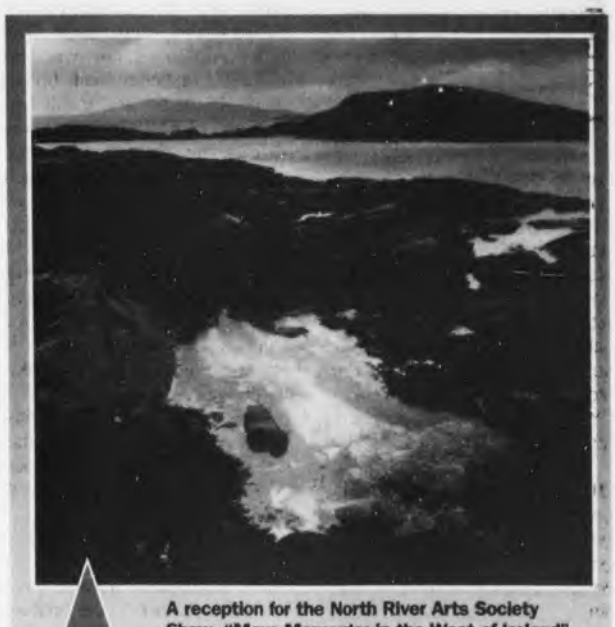
DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST returns to Boston Dec. 3, to Jan. 4, at the Colonial Theatre. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office at 106 Boylston St., Boston.

THE MASSASOIT THEATRE CO. presents the musical "Chicago" two weekends, Nov. 15 to 24, at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets are priced at $15, general public; $13 with Massasoit ID, senior citizens and students; all seats reserved. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

VALERIE HARPER In "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" performances begin Dec. 3, and run through Jan. 12, at Boston's Wilbur Theatre. Ticket prices are $25 to $67 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at the Wilbur Theatre box office. For more information about the show visit www.allergistswife.com

PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA announces its Holiday Pops concerts will be presented Saturday evening, Dec. 14, and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15.

THE COHASSET DRAMATIC CLUB presents "Babes In Toyland at the Cohasset Town Hall Nov 29 and 30 at 7:30; Dec 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30; Dec 1, 8, 14 and 15 at 2 PM. Tickets are $10, bring a canned good for local food pantry, receive $1 off your ticket at the door. Girl Scout Troops receive $2 each ticket. Call Wendy at 545-1655 Tickets are available at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Springbrook Kids in Cohasset,



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A reception for the North River Arts Society Show "Mayo Moments: In the West of Ireland" photographs by Lance Keimig will be held Monday, Nov. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dolphin Gallery in the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham Center. The photo exhibit will be on display at the library through Jan. 3. For more information call the NRAS at (781) 837-8091 or Lance Keimig Photographics at (781) 826- 5388.

Thurs. 21

Glastonbury lecture series — Glastonbury Abbey presents its second speaker in the Glastonbury Series 2002-'03, Listening to Other Voices: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty. Patrice Gaines, author, prison reform activist and former newspaper reporter for the Washington Post, will speak on "Hope: The Power to Create a New Reality." The program will take place at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St. in Hull and is free of charge. Donations are welcome. For more information, call 781-749-2155.

Dreamchasers invites senior citizens to attend its final dress rehearsal of **"The Odd Couple"** free of charge. The final dress rehearsal is Nov. 21, at 4 p.m. at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. For more information call 508-224-4548.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Nancy Howell** will demonstrate painting in watercolor. The public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

Alliance for Children, a non-profit international adoption agency, is holding a free information seminar on Nov. 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., 55 William St., Wellesley. To register, call 781-431-7148 or visit www.allforchildren.org

Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts presents William Wycherly's **The Country Wife,** Nov. 21 to 24. All performances begin at 8 p.m. and are held at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium 19 Park Ave. BSC campus, Bridgewater. Tickets are $12 for general public and $10 for students and seniors citizens. For more information and reservations, call 508-531-1321.

Comedy Show - Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, will feature Kevin Know, "The Wild Man of Comedy" Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. Host: Ben Boime. Other comics - Annette Pollack, Mike Flynn, Johnny Joyce, Jamie Dayly and Dave Barbuto. For more information call 781-848-0300.

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South Shore Art Center will feature White, Black and Shades of Gray: National Exhibition juried by Diana Gaston. Presenting distinctive, imaginative imagery, across all media within the range of white, black and gray. now through Dec. 31. At the Dillon Gallery: small works by south Shore Art Center Gallery Artists - priced for holiday giving. Faculty feature will be Qingxiong Ma. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

Fri. 22

St. Mary's Church, 392 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover will have its annual holiday bazaar on Nov. 22, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday night supper and Saturday lunch will be sold during the Bazaar. Baked goods, crafts, pictures with Santa and raffle items will be available.

Plympton Folk Arts is presenting its 20th annual Christmas Shop in the Country on Nov. 22, 23, and 24, at the Town House, Route 58, Plympton, with the library and the congregational Church also joining the festivities with various activities. The church is sponsoring a country chicken supper on Nov. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. along with the craft fair on Saturday and Sunday.

Dreamchasers presents **"The Odd Couple"** Nov. 22, at 7 p.m.; Nov. 23, at 2 and 7 p.m.; the final performance will be Nov. 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 general admission, $8 senior citizens/students and $5 for Dreamchasers students. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to each performance at the theatre. All performances held at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. For more information call, 508-224-4548.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Nov. 22, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Tutti con Gusto! To benefit **Hingham Symphony Orchestra**. New and long-time fans of The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will gather at Cohasset Golf Club for a gala evening of cocktails, light fare, music and auctions - all to benefit the ongoing work of the orchestra on Friday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. Members of the Hingham Symphony Chamber Players, led by conductor Jin Kim, will provide a brief musical interlude, performing Britten◊s Simple Symphony. Tickets to Tutti con Gusto will be available at the door, or call Lynn Donovan at 781-749-8755 for more information. $50 per person.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Funky White Honkies** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 23

The North River Arts Society is holding its **21st Annual Holiday Art Sale** on Nov. 23, and 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. This event showcases hundreds of works of art - original paintings, prints and photographs, with prices starting at $15, along with the exclusive "Gallery on Stage," featuring original pieces starting at $200. For more information, call 781-837-8091.

South Shore Arts Connection Open Studios and Gallery Tour Kick off your holiday season by joining **Artful Things Gallery, Art for Living Gallery** and the **Fourth Floor Artists at Plain Street Studios for the South Shore Arts Connection**, second in a series of open studios and gallery tours on Saturday, Nov. 23. The South Shore Arts Connection tours are free of charge and open to the public. Artful Things Gallery will be hosting an Open House from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy food and beverage while meeting several of the South Shore Artists exhibiting work at the gallery. Artful Things Gallery is located at 263 Washington St. (Rte 53) in Norwell. For further information contact Dan Bennett at 781-659-6595 or visit the gallery website at www.artful-things.com.

Art for Living, Design and Craft Gallery from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for food, drinks and featured jewelry designer, Dawn Eger Rizzo of DRE Designs, Quincy. Meet Dawn and learn more about her inspiration for creating Vintage Swarovsky Crystal Jewelry. Art for Living is located at 808B CJC Highway (Rte 3A) at the Cohasset/Scituate line. Contact Tammy Hunt at 781-383-0551 for more information.

Spirit of Christmas craft fair will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Church located at the intersection of Routes 14 and 58, on Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Fourth Floor Artist At Plain Street Studios will hold their annual Open Studios weekend on Nov. 23 and 24 from noon to 5 p.m. Come and enjoy a weekend as more than 60 artists open

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their studios to the public. See a variety of innovative and creative processes in media and technique, including glass blowing, sculpture, jewelry, fiber, pottery, photography, printmaking and representational and non-representational fine art. The Plain Street Studios are located in the F.L. & J.C. Codman Building on Plain Street (Rte 139) in Rockland. For further information contact Pat Isaac at 781 792-1705.

Thanksgiving Workshop-Plaster Play will host a Thanksgiving Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 to 11 a.m. Paint a clay pot to take to Grandmas house. Registrations required. Call 781 659-0011

Square Dancing For Beginners - Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth. Nov. 23, 7 to 10 p.m. Professional caller Dennis Marsh will host an evening of Square Dancing. Light refreshments will be served. Ages 7-12 are free; others, $5. Members, non-members are invited. Reservations, call 781-337-4600 x111.

After The Bell Recreation Program Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, 3 to 6 p.m. for youngsters 6-12 years of age. Energetic and exciting non-competitive sports and games designed to motivate, challenge, and build confidence. Time and quiet space also available for study and homework. Three, one-hour sessions each day. Members $8 per session, non-members, $10. Registration and information 781-337.4600 x111.

Comedy Show - Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Braintree - Weymouth Landing presents Eddie Galvin. Host Coleen Galvin. Other comics - Annette Pollack, Vernon Harrison, Franco Drew. Reservations recommended by calling 781-356-4311.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Toni Lynn Washington.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 24

Holiday Craft Fair at the Woodsdale Elementary School Sunday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will feature 50+ craft tables, raffles, baked goods, Domino's pizza, snacks and drinks. The admission fee of $1 per adult will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. The Woodsdale School is located at 120 Chestnut St. (off of Rte. 139) in Abington.

The Cranberry Shores Chorus, under the direction of Martha Jacovoni, will present "Let Freedom Sing!" a show featuring the chorus and , as guest stars, the award-winning quartet "So Rare" and Roadshow." The concert will be held on Nov. 24, at the Kingston Middle School at 2 p.m. Tickets are available for $12; seniors and children $10. Call 508-394-0800 or 781-585-0737 or visit www.cranberryshores.org for reservations and information.

Family Chanukah party, Temple Beth Sholom will hold Sunday, Nov. 24, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Learn and sing traditional Chanukah blessing and songs; enjoy traditional potato latkes, hot dogs with all the condiments, dessert and beverage. Enjoy performer Mike The Hatman who will entertain with music, dancing, balloon fun and more. Participants are asked to bring their favorite Chanukah menorah to light communally. Temple Beth Sholom is located at 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. The cost is $7 per adult, $5 per child 8-13 and $3 per child 3-7. Children 2 and under are free. Call 781-925-0091. Mon. 25

The Massasoit Theatre Co. presents the musical "Chicago" Nov. 24, at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets are priced at $15, general public; $13 with Massasoit ID, senior citizens and students; all seats reserved. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

Local insurance agencies assist the Toys For Tots Campaign Recent lay-offs by area companies are expected to affect many Massachusetts families this holiday season. Help make this year's drive better than ever. Fax 508-628-3769 if you would like to donate a check made payable to Toys for Tots. Please be sure to include your name and phone number. The campaign which runs from Oct. 15 - Dec. 9, involves the collection of new, unwrapped toys for children up to the age of 18. Gilmore brothers staff members provide & deliver decorated collection boxes, and pick up the toys. The United States Marine Corps. takes over from there, bringing the toys to a central distribution center for delivery to area children. Anyone wishing to donate a toy can stop by any of the following local drop sites:; **ATA Feenan Financial Ins., Quincy; Rogers Ins., Stoughton**; **MF&T Ins., Norwell**; **Morrill Ins., Norwood**; **Charles Jordan Insurance, Weymouth.**

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held Nov. 24, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Pembroke Country Club, W. Elm St., Pembroke. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d' oeuvres and free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper dress required. Admission is $10 before 7:30 p.m., $15, thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event Co-Sponsored by the Single Golfers of New England.

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The Duxbury Arts Association will host its 30th Annual Craft Show and Sale at Duxbury High School Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will feature handcrafted designs by 60 of New England's most gifted artisans. Admission is $5, children under 12 are free. Duxbury High School is located at 130 St. George Street. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 4 or visit the Web site www.duxburyart.org.

Science Center join Forces with Wildlands Trust to offer nature walks. In collaboration with Wildlands Trust, a non-profit land conservation organization, naturalists from the South Shore Natural Science Center will lead several walks this fall on a number of their properties stretching from Pembroke to Bourne. The properties include Willow Brook Farm Preserve in Pembroke, a former working dairy farm, the Captain David Cushman, Jr. Preserve in Duxbury nestled along the banks of the tidal Bluefish River, Halfway Pond Preserves in Plymouth, Old Field Pond Preserve, the last working farm on the upper Cape and Striar Conservancy in Halifax. All walks are open to the public, free of charge. On Nov. 24, from 1 to 2 p.m., the walk will be at Capt. David Cushman, Jr. Preserve in Duxbury. For more information, or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Mon. 25

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, Hingham. At the Nov. 25, meeting Women's health issues-guest speaker. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

South Shore Art Center will feature **White, Black and Shades of Gray: National Exhibition** juried by **Diana Gaston**. Presenting distinctive, imaginative imagery, across all media within the range of white, black and gray. now through Dec. 31. At the **Dillon Gallery**: small works by south Shore Art Center Gallery Artists - priced for holiday giving. **Faculty feature** will be Qingxiong Ma. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

Tues. 26

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset, and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham, invite all to participate in a **Book Angel Program**. The Book Angel program began Nov. 15, and runs through Dec. 15. This program is designed to help put books into the hands of children who might not otherwise receive them. The Book Angel takes an angel from the tree in the store and purchases a book for that child according to the interest of the child indicated on the angel. Buttonwood will give a discount of 15 percent on the book and deliver the book to the selected group. Books selected at Buttonwood in Cohasset will go to children served by Wellspring in Hull, the Friends of the homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families Program. Books purchased at Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham will be gifts for children served by the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, the Mary-Martha Learning Center and also Wellspring in Hull. For more information call 781-383-2665 or 781-749-2665.

Wed. 27

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat City.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Thurs. 28

Lombardo's to host its annual **"Giving Thanks Celebration,"** a free Thanksgiving dinner for seniors and those less fortunate, who do not have family with whom to spend this special day. The event will be held on Thanksgiving Day at

CALENDAR, see next page

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

At 1:25 a.m. the moon enters Gemini, setting a quick pace today and tomorrow. It is better to handle a variety of jobs, rather than one that demands mental focus and attention to detail. People will be talkative and easily distracted. On the other hand, communications and people-oriented activities get the green light. Promote new ideas; launch a sales campaign. Let fun and games top your agenda this evening.

THURSDAY, NOV. 21

The planet Venus has been traveling in retrograde motion since October 10 in the sign Scorpio. Today at 2:12 a.m. Venus turns direct. However, a lunar opposition to Pluto may spark emotional fireworks this morning. Keep it light. Don't rock the boat. The good news is that a harmonious alignment of the Gemini moon and Jupiter generates a lighter, brighter mood this afternoon. Yesterday's advice applies to today as well.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

The sun enters Sagittarius at 6:54 a.m., remaining there until December 21. However, the Gemini moon aligns with Saturn at 7:06 a.m., making for a rough start to this day. There may be unexpected delays or setbacks. Keep a cool head. Influences turn around completely at 11:48 a.m., when the moon enters Cancer. The green light for new starts goes on. Enjoy a special dinner this evening with friends and family.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

The moon travels in Cancer throughout the weekend, making it prime for spending quality time with family. All cooking/baking or redecorating projects are highlighted. Mars forms a flowing 120-degree contact to innovative Uranus. Keep an open mind; try new ideas and methods for solving old problems. Be more spontaneous.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

The Cancer moon forms a challenging 90-degree alignment to Mars at 11:51 a.m. and becomes inactive. Choose your words carefully. Others may be moody, irritable, impatient. A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Neptune also affects the day. Take some soul time; meditate, listen to music, write poetry. At 8:00 p.m. the moon enters Leo, setting the stage for a social evening. Put on your party hat and go for the good times.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

A Leo moon generates an upbeat mood today and tomorrow. In addition, the planet Mars prepares to form a harmonious contact to Saturn. That means that you can be extremely productive. Organize your time and stick to your game plan. New starts in your personal or professional life are recommended. Pull out all the stops. Launch important ventures, make major decisions or purchases, set new goals. There is one lull period in the day between 9:35 a.m.-12: 35 p.m., when the moon opposes Neptune. Stay alert and use common sense.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Take advantage of planetary influences that hold high potential for productivity. Roll up your sleeves and tackle a full work agenda. People will be friendly and cooperative. A lunar opposition to Uranus at 5:09 p.m. may disrupt the flow of the day. Slow down and pay attention. On the other hand, the green light for new starts is on between 6:00-8:51 p.m., when the moon becomes inactive.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

The Mars-Saturn alignment culminates at 1:33 a.m. A Virgo moon takes over at 1:42 a.m., traveling there today and tomorrow. This is a period that can go either way. Don't get caught up worrying or fussing over little things. Be positive. Count your blessings. The last quarter phase of the moon begins at 10:46 a.m. A new moon will culminate next week, December 4. This is a great day to clean and reorganize; get your life in order. Launching important enterprises or making major decisions are not recommended.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

The Virgo moon forms stressful 90-degree alignments to Mercury and Pluto in the early morning and to Saturn this evening. Maintain an easygoing, lighthearted demeanor. Be flexible. Events may not go as planned. Keep it light and look on the bright side. If you have work or study projects to accomplish, you can be most productive.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Fair and sunny astrological weather returns today and tomorrow. Planetary action rates high across the board, whether you are working or playing. The Virgo moon aligns with Saturn at 12:01 a.m. and becomes inactive until 4:54 a.m., when it enters Libra. The Libra moon forms easy contacts to the sun and Neptune. All social and romantic activities are highlighted. In addition, an applying alignment of Mercury-Pluto aids study, work or research projects. You can cut through obstacles and get to the heart of a matter.

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Lombardo's function facility, located at 6 Billings St. in Randolph. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the event will end promptly at 1:30 p.m. Lombardo's is working in conjunction with senior centers in Randolph, Braintree, Holbrook, Milton, Stoughton and Weymouth to distribute tickets. For more information contact the director of the senior center in your town. To help volunteer for the event or for more ticket information call Maribella at Lombardo's at 781-986-5000.

Plimoth Plantation is the quintessential place to spend the Thanksgiving Holiday. Throughout the day, our living history sites are filled with activities of the 17th century. Light food and beverages are available throughout the visitor center and outside the carriage house craft center. The Victorian Thanksgiving Dinner is an experience to behold with food of the Victorian period and Victorian interpreters who entertain in grand style. The New England Thanksgiving Buffet offers a traditional Thanksgiving meal with a New England flair. Dinners available by reservation only. For reservations call 508-746-1622 x 8365.

10th Annual Dreamcatcher Classic Road Race - The race starts at 8 a.m. at the Weymouth Junior High School (360 Pleasant St.) and features a five-mile and a two-mile fun run and walk. The event is open to walkers/runners of all abilities. Proceeds from the $15 registration fee ($18 on race day) benefit Julie Rodick Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1993 in memory of Julie Rodick, who died in a car accident. The first 1,200 runners will receive long sleeve T-Shirts and there are trophies for all age categories. For information and registration call 781-331-0600 or visit www.coolrunning.com

Thanksgiving holiday excursion - "Thanksgiving at the Mount Washington" travel via comfortable chartered motor coach over the hills and through the woods form the metropolitan Boston area (MBTA stations at Braintree, Riverside and Wellington) on this national holiday. Feast with family and friends on an all-you-can-eat holiday buffet in the grand style of this palatial hotel nestled in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Relax by the roaring fire or stroll the wooded trails through Bretton Woods. Convenient parking with planned morning departures and early evening arrivals. The fare of $60 per person covers it all. Sponsored by the Mystic Valley Railway Society, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park 02136-009 or call 617-361-4445 or www.mysticvalleyrs.org

Lend a hand

LOMBARDO'S IS HOSTING A FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER - Volunteers are needed to help the Lombardo family host and serve a Free Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors and those less fortunate who do not have family with whom to spend this special holiday. "Lombardo's Giving Thanks Celebration" will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at Lombardo's Function Facility, located at 6 Billings St. in Randolph.. The majority of volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., but shifts are available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Doors to open at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. The event will end promptly at 1:30 p.m. To volunteer, contact Maribella at Lombardo's at 781-986-5000 to select a shift that best fits your holiday schedule. In return, you'll get the satisfaction of knowing that you've made a difference for someone who otherwise may not have had a meal to eat, or anyone with whom to give thanks on this important day

THE MEDICAL FOUNDATION INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES, seeks volunteers for phone service to support callers in need of assistance and referrals. Training, supervision and flexible scheduling is provided. Minimum of 8 hours per month. Internships available and T accessible. For more information call 617-536-0501, ext. 201 or visit www.helpline-online.com

TRAINING FOR NEW POOL OF SWIM VOLUNTEERS Swim With A Special Child hopes to expand its pool of volunteers as the program plunges into its 31st year of weekly swim classes for students with mental and/or physical disabilities. Swimmers of all ability levels are needed to swim one-on-one with students age 3 to 22. No special skills are required, and a SWASC staff of class leaders and swim instructors works with each pair of swim buddies. Volunteers may swim for one, two or all three class sessions on Tuesdays from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m., Johnson said, and "floaters" and "snowbirds" are also welcome to come when they can.

PARENTAL STRESS LINE: Make a difference for children and their parents. parents' and children's services needs volunteers as telephone counselors for the parental Stress Line. A comprehensive training is given and volunteers can choose from a weekly three and a half hour shift, day or evening, weekday or weekends. Located by the Back Bay T stop. For more information call 617-528-5800 or email ceuler@pcsonline.org

Talent Search

THE MILTON PLAYERS will hold open auditions for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" directed by Roger Campbell on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. at Cunningham Park Hall, Milton. Performances in February. Check the web site www.milton-players.org for more information.

THE LIBERTY BELLE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, is seeking adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. However, you are required to be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and 4-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway show tunes, Rhythm and blues songs, and exciting choreography. Weekly rehearsals every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, (Rte 2 Exit 57). For additional information call: 617-735-9254 or 1-800-369-7400 (toll free in MA only) lor visit http://libertybellechorus.org, e-mail us at: info@libertybellechorus.org

ISLAND GROVE WOMEN'S CHORUS – looking for women, 18 years old and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Rt. 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audio tape. For more information, call Cory at 781-294-1880.

SOUTH SHORE BAY BAND a non-profit organization dedicated to giving musicians the opportunity to play and perform concert band music. Current members are from Marshfield, Plymouth, Duxbury and surrounding towns. All sections are open to new members. For more information or directions call 508-747-6460 or write to South Shore Bay Band, P.O. Box 139, Marshfield MA 02050.

TOGETHER AGAIN IN HARMONY - The all male a cappella chorus is seeking singers through 7:30 to 10 p.m. open rehearsals, Thursday evenings in South Weymouth, Route 18, next to the Weymouth Air Base. Call 508-378-3553 for more information.

BEST BET

Fontbonne Academy in Milton welcomes The Matt Savage Trio featuring 10-year-old Jazz piano prodigy Matt Savage ,along with bass player John Funkhouser and drummer in a concert benefit for the Autism Center of the South Shore Friday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are $35. There will be a reception following the concert. For ticket information call 800-482-5788.

Fri. 29

Fontbonne Academy, will host its **23rd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival** on Thanksgiving weekend. Longtime Fontbonne supporter Mrs. Margaret O'Connor will once again be chairing the juried show which attracts artists and craftspeople from across New England. The event is open to the public and is handicapped accessible. All proceeds benefit Fontbonne Academy. General admission is $2/person, free for children under age 14. A spaghetti supper will be served beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday evening and refreshments will be available through both days. The festival will take place in the gymnasium, lower campus, 930 Brook Rd., Milton.

The Company Theatre's production of **A Christmas Carol** will be presented Nov. 29, through Dec. 21. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday and tickets are priced at $22 day of show on Wednesdays and Thursday; and $23 in advance and $25 day of show on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Tickets are now available at the Company Theatre box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. For more information visit the website at www.companytheatre.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Level Ride & Friends.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Reunions

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 25th Reunion, Saturday July 26, 2003 at the Bridgeway Inn, Marshfield For more information, contact: Joann Evans; joelephant@hotmail.com Kim Horton; seaforthkim@yahoo.com Nancy Levanchy; levanchy@aol.com

MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 is planning a 20th Reunion Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Colonial Inn in Lynnfield, MA. Committee members need updated addresses and information regarding missing classmates as soon as possible. Contact Charles Veneziano at 781-396-4466 or Donna Bramante InDelicato at indelicato@attbi.com <mailto:indelicato@attbi.com>.

A chance to Bond with fame

Continued

After Bond: lots of TV films and mini-series; newest film is the upcoming "The Trip"
Verdict: career ender

Jane Seymour (Solitaire in "Live And Let Die," 1973)
Best known for: losing her virginity to Bond
Before Bond: a couple of films and British TV series
After Bond: Queen of the mini-series, her own TV series "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman"
Verdict: career builder

Barbara Bach (Anya Amasova in "The Spy Who Loved Me" 1977)
Best known for: being a Soviet spy, on equal footing with Bond
Before Bond: a series of Italian films
After Bond: Married Ringo Starr, made a handful of direct-to-video movies
Verdict: career ender

Lynn-Holly Johnson (Bibi Dahl in "For Your Eyes Only" 1981)
Best known for: being the only woman Bond refused to sleep with (he says he'll buy her an ice cream instead)
Before Bond: professional ice skater, starred in "Ice Castles"
After Bond: a few "B" movies; most recent was "The Criminal Mind" in 1996
Verdict: career ender

Maud Adams (Octopussy in "Octopussy" 1983)
Best known for: Sleeping with Bond in a boat that's being rowed by a troupe of circus girls
Before Bond: Starred in "U-Turn"
After Bond: lots of direct-to-video movies; most recent was "Ringer" in 1996
Verdict: career ender

Kim Basinger (Domino Petachi in "Never Say Never Again," 1983)
Best known for: killing the villain Largo with a spear gun
Before Bond: lots of TV movies
After Bond: leads and co-starring roles in two dozen major films; won Best Supporting Actress Oscar for "L.A. Confidential"; currently plays Eminem's drunk mom in "8 Mile"
Verdict: career builder

Tanya Roberts (Stacey Sutton in "A View to a Kill," 1985)
Best known for: dangling from the Golden Gate Bridge, waiting to be rescued
Before Bond: lots of "B" movies and a stint on "Charlie's Angels"
After Bond: more "B" movies and a regular role on "That '70s Show"
Verdict: career ender

Famke Janssen (Xenia Onatopp in "GoldenEye," 1995)
Best known for: instigating a sports car race with Bond down a twisting mountain road
Before Bond: a modeling career and a lead part in the film "Lord of Illusions"
After Bond: lots of major film roles, including "X-Men" and the current "I Spy"
Verdict: career builder

Teri Hatcher (Paris Carver in "Tomorrow Never Dies," 1997)
Best known for: slapping Bond in the face in their first scene
Before Bond: a few small movies, TV series including "The Love Boat" and "Lois & Clark"
After Bond: lots of TV movies, a running series of Radio Shack ads with Howie Long
Verdict: career ender

Denise Richards (Dr. Christmas Jones in "The World Is Not Enough," 1999)
Best known for: those tight black little hot pants
Before Bond: starred in flops such as "Wild Things" and "Starship Troopers"
After Bond: starred in more flops such as "Valentine"
Verdict: career ender

Halle Berry (Jinx in "Die Another Day," 2002)
Best known for: walking out of the ocean in a tiny coral bikini (an homage to "Dr. No")
Before Bond: a short stint on "Knots Landing;" films: "X-Men," "Swordfish," won the Oscar for "Monster's Ball"
After Bond: the upcoming "X-Men 2"
Verdict: ?

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Search starts for top citizen

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In keeping with a nine-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Glenn Pratt as Citizen of the Year for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and leading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

The deadline for nominations for the 2002 Citizen of the Year

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MIRROR IMAGE

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Jill Martinez checks out her Native American headdress in the mirror at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. For more photos see page 14.

Wetlands are battleground for train foes

By Mary Ford
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Train opponents could have some tiny friends that include the Mystic Valley amphipod, spotted turtle and the elderberry longhorned beetle.

These little critters are protected by the Endangered Species Act and live in vernal pools that could be impacted by restoration of the Greenbush Line, according to John Bewick, head of AfTA, which is against the MBTA's Greenbush project.

Those potential impacts are just one of the reasons Hingham-based AfTA — which stands for Advocates for Transportation Alternatives — is appealing the recent state Department of Environmental Protection's issuance of a wetlands variance to the MBTA.

The MBTA needs a variance because the 17.7-mile rail project that runs from Braintree to Scituate will disturb more than 5,000 square feet of wetland area – the maximum allowed under the Wetlands Protection Act. In fact in Hingham alone, more than an acre of wetlands will be impacted by Greenbush. The project also affects vernal

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Historical society seeks new home

Will bid on Pratt building

By Mary Ford
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The Cohasset Historical Society is eyeing the Paul Pratt Library building for its new headquarters.

The private group is putting together a bid package for the 100-year-old structure and plans to offset the cost by selling its current headquarters, the Caleb Lothrop House on Summer Street.

"The people we're talking to are about 90-10 in favor of it," says society first vice president Tom Gruber.

The town is asking a minimum price of $725,000 for the Pratt building that includes a $25,000 real estate commission. Sealed bids are due in the selectmen's office by 10 a.m., Monday (Dec. 2).

Selectmen have the final say whether to accept a bid.

Gruber said the idea first surfaced two years ago when it was decided to renovate the old Osgood School for the new town library. But at the time, the society thought the operating

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Parent forum on teenage drinking draws a crowd

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

Last Wednesday's forum at Cohasset Middle-High School wasn't for school administrators to tell parents that there is a problem with underage drinking among the town's teenagers.

Parents already know that.

"It's a reality that teenagers drink," Bill Foley said.

The forum, however, was for concerned parents to speak with school officials and each other about keeping their children safe. CMHS Principal Michael Jones explained the forum was held as a result of alcohol-related incidences at school dances over the past year and general safety concerns about the students.

"We're looking at changes in polices and procedures and want the input of parents and the town before going forward with recommended changes," he said.

Most of the almost 100 parents in attendance agreed that the safety of Cohasset's youth is a community effort and that they need to work together.

Lynn Durkin said she heard from another parent that a party was being planned and she kept her son home that night, as did other parents who knew of the party. If parents would talk to each other, then they could better help their children.

"We should be less concerned with what people think and willing to get on the phone and save lives," Durkin said.

Stephanie Noble, a former

"We have to do whatever it takes to make safety our first priority."
— Ann Musto, parent

member of the School Committee, said parents should question their children's activities, getting specific details such as where are they going, who's driving and are parents going to be there.

"Do you know where your children are before a dance?" Noble said.

Jones discussed having police detail at school dances, as well as the use of breathalyzers.

"There was a time I wouldn't use breathalyzers before a school function but now I'm not so sure," he said.

While parents were split as to the presence of police at school dances, all agreed that changes need to be made after several events that have happened this year, most recently the car accident on Beechwood Street involving three high school students.

"We have to do whatever it takes to make safety our first priority," Ann Musto said.

Police Chief Robert Jackson said the breathalyzer machine the police department could donate to the school system could not feasibly be used for every student, as it would take about eight minutes per use. Hand-held units could be purchased and used for school functions, but Jackson said the test would only tell whether the student has been drinking.

Dr. Michael Gill said, right now, school officials only have visible indications, such as wobbling or vomiting, as to whether students have been drinking.

"We're not able to know how many students drink before the

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'Bulldog' keeps watch over school projects

By Brian J. Scully
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An ill-informed contractor appeared before the School Building Committee recently to argue about the committee's objections to a change order on one of the school projects.

"What do you care?" he asked. "It's not your money."

Whoa, buddy – wrong move.

Rob Spofford, chairman of the School Building Committee.

"I made the point right then and there," said Chairman Rob Spofford. "I told him, 'Don't ever come back to this committee and make the statement that it is not our money. It *is* my money. I'm a taxpayer, just like every other citizen of Cohasset."

It is a classic Spofford moment by all accounts, the definition of a man with strong ideas and strong values, but who more importantly isn't afraid to use them.

"I view what the town has done with the school projects as a public trust," said Spofford. "It is also a fiduciary trust of $42 million and I don't take that lightly."

That attitude – along with a healthy dose of town-wide teamwork – has led to a $10 million Deer Hill project that is both on-time and on-budget, an anomaly for school projects in the area. It also led to a new nickname for Spofford – "Bulldog" – thanks to School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn

"I went home and told my wife (what Flynn had said) and she said, 'I don't know if that is a good thing,'" said Spofford. "But I said 'It's there and the newspaper is probably going to use that.'"

Physically, Spofford is anything but a bulldog. He is one of those fit, trim and clean-cut people who manage to look better in an open-collared shirt and slacks than most do in three-piece suits.

But there is another side to Spofford, led by a hard-nosed business philosophy and the willingness to confront and fix mistakes that more than earns the nickname.

"The word bulldog connotes different images," said Spofford. "It can be a positive and it can be a negative. Taken in the context of the way that Rick said it, I think it is a positive."

After almost 10 years with the building committee, though, Spofford has learned to be prepared for differing public reactions.

"I would consider myself, in a lot of ways, a strong personality," said Spofford. "And people

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Whitman assessor hired to fill Cohasset position

By Brian J. Scully
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The controversy surrounding the hiring of a new deputy assessor ended quietly last Thursday, when Finance Director Michael Buckley announced at the Board of Assessors' meeting that Mary Quill will fill the position at an annual salary of $58,000. Quill, who lives in Pembroke, is currently the head assessor in Whitman.

Two members of the Board of Assessors, Elsa Miller and Mary Granville, approached selectmen earlier this month, saying their opinions were not being considered by Town Manager Mark Haddad, who by statute, holds the power to hire and fire.

After several meetings, though, the miscommunication was resolved and all appeared happy with the result.

"I think she is going to do a great job for us," said Haddad. "I'm very excited and I think we are very fortunate to get somebody of her quality to fill the position."

Haddad feels that Quill, as department head, has the skills to improve the office.

"I think Mary Quill brings a level of expertise to the Board of Assessors office that is really needed," said Haddad. "I think she had a good rapport with the Board of Assessors office when she interviewed with them, the Director of Finance (Michael Buckley), who will be her direct supervisor, is extremely comfortable with her, and I am extremely comfortable with her."

"I have worked with her before, I know she can do the job and I know she has the right temperament for the town."
— Finance Director Michael Buckley

Buckley, too, was pleased with the decision.

"I'm very happy with the person we have selected," said Buckley. "I have worked with her before, I know she can do the job and I know she has the right temperament for the town."

Quill replaces outgoing deputy assessor Cheryl Pooler, who accepted a position in East Bridgewater.

Originally, Quill was scheduled to make $55,000 a year, but after selectmen requested that the position be changed from a four-day schedule to a 40-hour a week schedule, that was raised to $58,000.

"The Board of Selectmen informed us that they would like to see this position be a 40-hour-a-week position," said Buckley. "If we had left her salary where it was previously, it would result in a substantial hourly pay cut from her current position."

There is a clause in the contract that would drop the higher figure down to the initial figure in the event the position reverts to a four-day-a-week job.

The department itself is also in for an overhaul. From re-painting the offices, to attempting to streamline procedure by reevaluating past practices, the town is using the hiring of new department head as a springboard for changes.

"Anytime you have a new department head there are going to be changes," said Buckley. "But, yes, things will be done differently."

The Selectmen were expected to officially appoint Quill at their meeting Tuesday, after the Mariner went to press. Quill will assume the position on Jan. 6.

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Selectmen to set Special Election

The Board of Selectmen were expected to set the date for the Special Election to override Proposition 2-1/2 at Tuesday night's meeting, after the Mariner went to press.

"I'm going to recommend Jan. 11," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "But Merle Brown may ask for it to be postponed until Jan. 25 because of a conflict wit the Massachusetts Municipality Association Conference."

The vote is needed after Town Meeting approved an $800,000 debt exclusion to bury the utility wires downtown in conjunction with the Village Revitalization project. The two-thirds majority vote at Town Meeting is only the first step. In order for the override to take place, it must also pass in the election, this time by a simple majority.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday Nov. 25:

Sewer Commission, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Dec. 2 (Avalon-Health and Environment), Dec. 16 (Avalon - Public Safety), Jan. 6 (Avalon - Infrastructure), and Jan. 27 (Avalon - Local Preference and Affordable Housing needs), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Sewer Commission, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Dec. 2, Jan. 1, and Jan 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. (at 339 King St.).

Board of Assessors, Dec. 5 at 4:00 p.m.

Growth and Development, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. (Housing forum).

Planning Board, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

T-Day breakfast at Legion Hall

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at the Legion Hall on Summer Street. The cost is $5 and the event is open to everyone.

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Flag Code adopted by the United States Congress in 1942 says, "When a flag is in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset now has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. Their new Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this new service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.

Foreign objects clogging pumps

There are still many cases of foreign objects clogging sewer pumps, and this is to remind customers that only normal toilet and garbage disposer waste should be discharged. As the sewer department previously advised its users, it is necessary to charge for the Town's $85 ($100 on weekends) cost for service calls to remove foreign objects.

The following objects have caused repeated service calls: tampons, dental floss, baby wipes, Q-Tips. In addition, the following objects will also clog the pumps: bones, diapers, cloth, glass, metal, nuts, plastic, rags, rope, rubber, sand, sanitary, napkins, shells, towels.

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Sun. 1	8:02	10.9	1:46	8:33	10.3	2:22
Mon. 2	8:55	11.5	2:40	9:30	10.4	3:18
Tues. 3	9:47	11.8	3:33	10:25	10.5	4:11
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Commuter boat users start paying for parking

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The MBTA has decided to charge $2 a day to park at the Hingham Shipyard commuter boat lot.

Even though SeaChain, LLC, which has plans to redevelop the shipyard, is already charging the same amount to park in its over-flow parking area, some commuter boat riders object to the recent MBTA decision, which was made in light of budget shortfalls.

"I'm very concerned about the proposed increase without input from commuter boat riders," said commuter boat advocate Martha Bewick. "They didn't have an opportunity to say anything about it. To begin with, the amount charged to ride the commuter boat is far higher than other fares, including commuter rail, which already puts commuter boat riders at a significant disadvantage."

Hingham commuter boat riders aren't the only ones to be hit with additional costs. The MBTA plans to increase parking fees at Red Line stations by 50 cents and by $1 at commuter rail stations.

"The reality is that the MBTA is facing a budget deficit of about $18 million this year," said MBTA spokesperson Lydia Rivera. "Obviously the parking fees will affect the pockets of our customers, but the quality of service is guaranteed."

The MBTA has also laid off a number of workers and is stepping up fare-collecting procedures to ensure "all our riding public are paying," according to Rivera.

"The MBTA certainly does need money, but $12 per round trip (including parking) for those who don't have discount commuter boat tickets is a lot to pay," Bewick said. "The commuter boat rider subsidy of 90 cents is far less than subsidies for other forms of transportation. It's as though the tremendous commuter boat population from the South Shore is being penalized by the process."

Reardon notes that 47 percent of the Hingham residents who travel to downtown Boston for work purposes take public transportation. More than 50 percent of those in Cohasset who work in that area arrive there via public transit. Many of those individuals take the commuter boat.

"Why is the MBTA implementing the parking fee and not putting the funds into the commuter boats?" Reardon wonders. "Only minimal improvements have been made there. There has been very little thinking through on the part of the MBTA."

Matt Bell, who lives in the Bradley Woods neighborhood, can walk to the commuter boat, so parking isn't an issue for him.

On the one hand, he notes that even with the implementation of a parking fee, the total daily fare could be far less than the cost to park a car in Boston, which can be as high as $20 a day.

"You have to weigh those things," he said.

Still, Bell has sympathy for commuters who have no choice but to park in the commuter boat lot and pay a fee to do so.

"I'm sorry to see the charge, but nothing's free," he said.

Bell also thinks the MBTA is being short-sighted when it comes to other commuter boat issues.

"I think the MBTA could push boat use more than they do and is (remiss) in not building a second level to the current parking area," he said.

There are more than 1,500 available spaces at the commuter boats currently, but the lot fills up quickly, making parking difficult if not impossible for some commuters and others arriving later in the day to take the boat to destinations other than work.

Schools struggle to fill business manager duties

Klimko's future is still in limbo

By Brian J. Scully
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It has been more than three weeks since school Business Manager Ivan Klimko was arrested and charged with the attempted murder and assault and battery on his wife, but his future in the Cohasset School District still remains unclear.

"As of Monday of this week Dr. Klimko has been suspended and he has been placed on an administrative leave without pay," said Supt. Edward Malvey last week. "That status is pending further review from the court action scheduled for Dec. 18."

Klimko, 55, who was released on $1,000 bail, was also served with a restraining order that compels him to stay away from his wife and avoid alcohol.

The school department has been hit hard by the loss. Klimko, who lives in Hull, was hired about 18 months ago to serve as the school's business manager. He quickly overhauled the accounting system and had recently taken over running the school transportation system.

"It has been a real patch job."
— Edward Malvey, Superintendent of Schools

"A lot has obviously shifted to my plate, because there are so many daily operational matters that need to be attended to," said Malvey. "So, I have had to juggle my own schedule, but we have been able to keep things moving forward without any undue delay. There have been some minor delays, but that is to be expected."

Malvey credits the school district staff with allowing things to operate smoothly.

"We have had a lot of help administratively pulling together throughout the district, but more importantly we have also had secretarial help pulling together," said Malvey. "I've been able to bring in some of the secretaries from the other schools to assist with purchasing process, computer entry, record keeping, such that our financial bookkeeper can shift to some of the responsibilities that Dr. Klimko was responsible for."

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn commended Malvey for his handling of the situation.

"I think that Dr. Malvey and his staff are doing their best to get through this situation," he said.

If the situation drags on too long – especially given the upcoming budget cuts – there could be calls to eliminate the position rather than hire a replacement.

"There will be people who will say, 'Gee you were able to survive, you didn't need that position," said Malvey. "But on the other hand I'm not going to mislead anyone to believe it was easy for us. It has been a real patch job."

Regardless, Malvey says he wants the situation cleared up as soon as possible.

"My hope would be that we could get this thing resolved and one way or another move forward still having a full-time business manager position," said Malvey. "This is not, as far as I am concerned, a test for us to see if we can do without it. To the contrary, we've had to double up on a lot of things. But I'm not going to sit make and tell you it can't be done, my job is to keep things moving forward."

Wetlands are battleground for train foes

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pools and protected species habitat.

AfTA filed an appeal Nov. 22 on the variance granted the MBTA for the Hingham portion of the train project. According to the DEP, the Greenbush project does not require a variance in Weymouth and Braintree because less than 5,000 square feet of wetlands will be disturbed in those towns. In Cohasset and Scituate, a variance will be required and those applications have been filed separately by the MBTA.

Bewick, who is a former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs, said the group is seeking an adjudicatory hearing, which is an administrative hearing set up under the Wetlands Protection Act to present facts in a case that are in dispute. During the hearing AfTA will present evidence and witnesses, and cross examine the MBTA experts in depositions, so it is much like an administrative trial, Bewick said.

The process that also includes pre-conference hearings between the parties could take six to nine months, according to DEP spokesman Ed Coletta. The administrative law judge can rule to uphold the DEP decision, modify it or overturn it, he said.

Train work within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone cannot go forward until the appeal is resolved, the DEP said.

John Carlisle, spokesman for state Transportation Secretary James Scanlon, said the office would be working with environmental officials to expedite the process.

"We feel confident we can work on the other parts of the project in order to break ground on our anticipated schedule in the spring," he said.

If the DEP grants the MBTA variances for the Scituate and Cohasset portions of the project, AfTA will also appeal, Bewick said.

Bewick said AfTA is prepared to go to court if the judge upholds the DEP variance.

"The three conditions for granting a variance are: showing an overriding public interest, no reasonable alternatives to the project; and the mitigating measures proposed will contribute to the protection of wetlands," he said. "The project fails on all three."

Bewick said there is no overriding public interest for several reasons including no significant air-quality benefit as originally thought because there is no evidence that there will be an actual reduction of vehicle miles traveled as a result of the project. That's because of latent demand on the Southeast Expressway and lack of impact on that traffic from the Plymouth and Middleboro Lines, the other spurs of the Old Colony Restoration project that started service five years ago.

But the DEP decision says Greenbush will serve the public interest by reducing automobile congestion, vehicle miles traveled and associated air emissions.

"The project along with numerous other public transportation improvements will help to create a balanced transportation system to assist in the attainment of air quality goals and standards to mitigate the air quality impacts of the central artery/tunnel project," the decision states.

The decision also states that Greenbush would attract more riders than commuter boats with feeder bus service. The DEP also says through discussions with the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, the rare species habitat survey, findings and proposed mitigation are deemed sufficient for purposes of the variance.

Carlisle said alternatives to Greenbush have been studied ad nauseam.

"The alternatives have been studied and restudied," he said. "We think our argument that Greenbush is the best alternative for the South Shore is a very solid one."

But AfTA believes there are alternatives that would cost far less and have little affect on the environment, and provide better, more frequent service for commuters than Greenbush.

AfTA's alternatives are to build on the existing commuter boat service, use express buses, expand service and parking at the Red Line stations at Braintree and Quincy, and a new connection to the Plymouth Old Colony Line from Route 3 to the South Weymouth station plus new parking capacity. Bewick said AfTA's alternatives would cost about $150 million versus the $486 million projected for Greenbush.

"A new connection to the Plymouth line at South Weymouth would allow three more trains to be added to the Plymouth branch and provide the incremental service that is needed by Plymouth, which is the fastest growing area for the next 20 years, as well as access for the lower end of the Greenbush corridor," he said.

Carlisle said AfTA has tried to stop the project before.

"Mr. Bewick and his group have tried to get an injunction against the project on similar grounds and the judge has sided with us," he said. "We think from a legal standpoint we'll prevail."

In addition to the wetlands variance from the DEP, the MBTA also needs a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, the federal agency that has jurisdiction over federally protected historic properties and wetlands. Under ACE jurisdiction is Hingham's Town Brook, which is an anadromous fish run, where fish migrate from the ocean to fresh water to spawn.

"Until the permit hurdles are overcome, this is far from a done deal," Bewick said.

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Committee on History selling three-book packages

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George Lucas hasn't cornered the market on trilogies.

While Lucas, of Star Wars fame, is currently working on his prequel trilogy to the classic Star Wars movies of the late 1970s and early 1980s, the Committee on Town History has just completed a trilogy of their own, with the printing of "The Narrative History of Cohasset Volume III."

But taking a page from Lucas' book (who seems to annually re-release the original films in new packaging), the committee is re-issuing all three volumes in a gift set for the first time. The set will cost $98 and will be available on Dec. 4 – just in time for Christmas.

"The books aren't in stores yet," said Wigmore Pierson, the committee's chairman. "But we expect them to be in the stores on Wednesday, Dec. 4."

The gift set was made possible thanks to the strong sales of "Volume III," which was written by Cohasset resident Jacqueline Dormitzer. After being released in mid-June, sales quickly caught fire. By July 11, the committee had sold and shipped 800 pre-ordered copies at $32 a piece.

"We have already sold 7 percent of our total shipment of 100 book sets, sight unseen."
— Wigmore Pierson, History Committee

"We are looking forward to it," said Pierson. "We have already sold 7 percent of our total shipment of 100 book sets, sight unseen."

The first two books will include dust jackets for the first time. The first, authored by Victor Bigelow covers in more than 500 pages from the glacial period to the late 19th century, will feature a lithograph of the Town Common dating to 1855 and the second book, penned by Burtram Pratt, took more than 300 pages to cover a 50-year-period from 1900-1950. It will feature a collection of postcards from the era, depicting scenes around Cohasset.

"It is a great opportunity for us to add dust jackets to the first two books," said Pierson. "They will add a nice touch and will both be historically appropriate."

Aside from the gift set, the sales from the "Volume III" were so successful that the Committee on Town History has launched several splinter ventures.

First, the committee has presented a number of Cohasset maps to the school system as teaching aides, as well as working with the system to create Cohasset specific history curriculum. The members also working on a timeline that juxtaposes world events with the history of Cohasset, also for use as a teaching tool.

The books will be sold at the Buttonwood Bookstore, Cards n' Shards, Cohasset Hardware, as well as Village Wine and Spirits and there will be a book-signing of "Volume III" by Dormitzer on Dec. 6 from 5-8 p.m.

As for the committee, it expects the order to sold quickly.

"Absolutely," said Pierson. "We expect these sets to be gone in a matter of days."

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At right: Herb Jason chats with Jackie Dormitzer, author of "A Narrative History of Cohasset," volume III, during a book signing at the harbor last July. The book committee is now offering all three history volumes in a book set.

Meeting the authors of the first two town histories

Burtram J. Pratt, author of the second volume of A Narrative History of Cohasset, was born July 23, 1919. He was not quite 30 when the town history committee tapped him to write the book in June, 1949.

Though young, Burt had the intrinsic advantage of roots that reached many generations deep into Cohasset's rocky soil.

"But the underlying thing was how very much he loved the town," said his widow, Helen (Carroll) Pratt.

Burt married Helen in 1953, midway through his work on this book. They raised their son, Peter, and daughter, Joy, in Cohasset.

Burt's involvement with town affairs was lifelong and passionate. At various times, he was elected to the planning board, board of registrars and board of selectman. He even served as fence viewer!

Burt was particularly proud to be named chairman of the Cohasset Bicentennial Committee in 1970. He was also a founding trustee of the South Shore Playhouse Association, parent company of the South Shore Music Circus and the Cape Cod Melody Tent.

Burtram J. Pratt, author of the second volume of A Narrative History of Cohasset.

For 40 years, Burt was a member of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee. In 1952, he was publicity director for the Eisenhower for President campaign in the northern section of the Ninth Congressional District.

His career was mostly as a salesman, buyer and estimator in the printing field, with side forays into advertising, public relations and journalism.

Burt's myriad civic activities included membership in the Rotary Club, the Cohasset Historical Society, the Old Goats Club, the South Shore Art Center, the Sixty Plus Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

During World War II, Burt was a master sergeant with the First Army in Europe. When he returned to Cohasset, he was instrumental in planning the veterans' development on the old Town Farm land off Pond Street. He became a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion and wore his old uniform to march in the Memorial Day parade until a few years before his death on May 7, 1994.

Reverend Edwin Victor Bigelow was born on June 9, 1866 at Kingsport, Nova Scotia. He was a son of Isaac N. and Emeline D. Bigelow of Nova Scotia. On October 9, 1895 he married Carrie T. Hardwick whose parents and grandparents were natives of Cohasset. He acknowledged his wife in the

Reverend Edwin Victor Bigelow author of the town's first history book.

dedication for her help in writing the book.

He graduated from the University of Washington, Seattle, in June of 1887, then received a Bachelor of Divinity from Yale in New Haven in May 1890 and received a Master of Arts from Harvard University in June of 1891. Later he also received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. On September 24, 1891 Reverend Bigelow was installed as Pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset.

During his pastorate in Cohasset, he undertook the task of writing the text of the town's first history book, A Narrative History of the Town of Cohasset, published in 1898 by the first Committee on Town History. The Committee had been established by vote of Cohasset Town Meeting in 1894 for the purpose of recording, for the first time, the unique and fascinating history of our town. It covered the time period from the forming of its granite ledges, the beginning as Hingham's unpopulated east section, through its growth flourishing in the era known as the nation's great "Age of Sail" His description of the town's contemporary status as a late 19th century summer colony was a portent of the shift in Cohasset's socioeconomics to be later covered in the two town histories that followed "Burtram J. Pratt's Volume II 1898 to 1950 and Jacqueline M. Dormitzer's Volume III 1950 to 2000.

It may have surprised us to learn that Reverend Bigelow was not a long-time resident of Cohasset and that he was fresh out of divinity school just three years into his first parish, a young man in his late 20s. Surprising, too, was the fact that he also left Cohasset not long after the publication of his monumental history, accepting the call to assume the pastorate of the Eliot Church in Lowell, where he was installed as pastor in 1901.

While in Cohasset, Reverend Bigelow founded the young men's group called the Endeavor Cadets, said to be the forerunner of the Cohasset troop of Boy Scouts of America. In later years he was closely associated with Andover Theological Seminary and was a Trustee of the Punchard Free School. He died in November 1929 and was buried at Mt. Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy. His wife Carrie died in 1956 at age ninety years.

— David Wadsworth, Town Historian, Cohasset Historical Society

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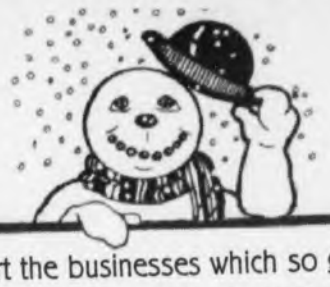

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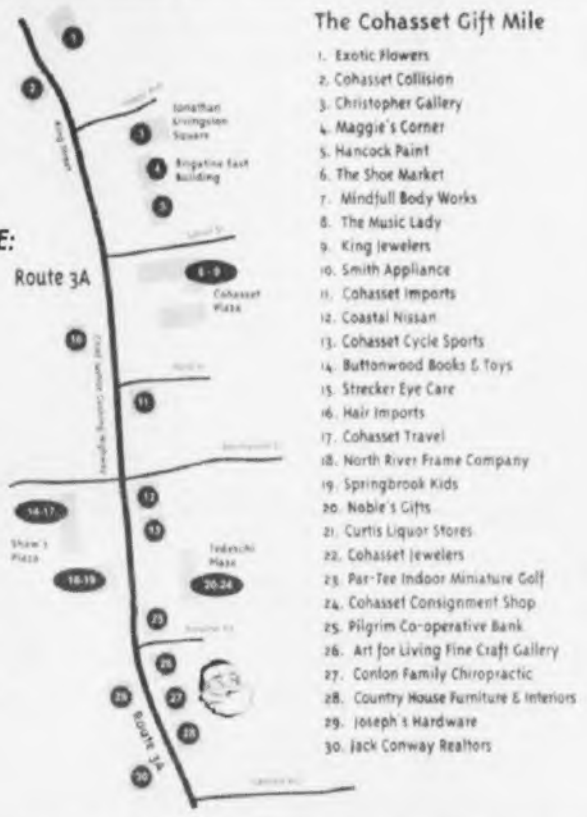

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'Bulldog' keeps watch over school projects

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often have strong opinions about the one way or the other, so that word could generate positive or negative reaction from people."

If there is one thing Spofford is uncomfortable with, it is the fact that the success of the projects is being credited to the heads of each department and not the whole team.

"I am firm believer that no one particular person can really drive a project, particularly one of this magnitude," said Spofford. "Obviously you are going to need quarterbacks and individuals to lead the project, but the way to bring something to a successful conclusion is through a team effort."

Spofford thinks that there are two reasons for the success of the school building projects (the Osgood School project was also on-time and on-budget): the dedication of the committee and that committee's philosophy for prosecuting projects.

"I'm just very fortunate to be the quarterback, if you will, of a great team," said Spofford. "If you look at the make-up of our committee, we haven't had a lot of turnover. People like David Chase, Scott Cullins, Adrian McCarthy, JoAnne Chittick, have all been on the committee for a long period of time."

The committee members' longevity has played a large role in the overall success of its projects.

"I believe that contractors look at us in the Town of Cohasset and say 'We have got to keep our eye on the ball or they are going to get the better of us,'" said Spofford. "So we get the better people from these contractors and they pay attention to us, because to get the profit margin that they are going to get, they need to manage our projects, I think, a little bit better."

Another reason may be the way the committee – and Spofford – approaches problems.

"I'm a solutions person, not a problem person," said Spofford. "And I think that anyone who has worked with my both in my own business and with these projects would agree with that assessment."

The key to success? Keeping a bulldog's guard over every detail, from $10 change orders (changes to the original plan that usually increase costs) to the progress of subcontractors.

"We sat down with all of the contractors and had a very frank and open discussion with them about what we expected," said Spofford. "And we set down the philosophy that we were going to bring to this project in regards to change orders."

It is important to lay down the ground rules, according to Spofford, because there are general misconceptions about public projects.

"I think a lot of people come from the private sector and think a public project is a way to enhance their own pocketbook or get jobs for people, so I think it is a philosophy that you bring to it, as well as a discipline."

Next December, the renovation project at the middle-high school will be complete and the seven-year school building ride will be over for Spofford. But indications are he won't remain on the sidelines for too long.

"I don't know what the future holds for me," said Spofford. "But I am a firm believer in public service. I love being in the public domain. I don't know what will be coming next, but I think that there will be something next."

Deer Hill project gets A's for teamwork, timeliness

By Brian J. Scully
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As school projects all over the state run past deadline, the Cohasset projects continue to march to their own tune.

The latest bit of good news is the announcement that the Deer Hill School renovation-expansion is on-schedule and will be open on Jan. 4.

"This is my 12th school in seven years," said Wayne DelPico, the head of Bay State Contracting, Co., which is the main contractor (The project is officially being done as a BSC Systems Joint Venture project). "And this is the first time that I have seen a project come to fruition in the end, and everybody is still working as a team."

Supt. Edward Malvey echoed DelPico's sentiments exactly.

"Wayne is so right," Malvey said. "I have been involved in seven school building projects in my career and it can get testy. There have been issues, but we have always been able to work them out."

The major reason for the success according to those involved is the teamwork that the town has displayed from Town Manager Mark Haddad right down to the sub-contractors, DelPico said.

"Virtually everybody that was involved came together and cooperated and worked to resolve issues or problems," he said. "We didn't build this school in the newspaper, we built it as a team. Building a school today is an extremely complex project."

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said teamwork was the key.

"Obviously having Simon (Tempest) and Rob (Spofford) involved has really helped," Flynn said. "It really is a town project. The school worked with everybody in town to get this done."

Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford thought that the varying expertise of those involved helped tremendously.

Spofford also pointed out the experiences with the Osgood School project also provided a good foundation of working knowledge.

"We learned a lot from the Osgood School project," he said. "We had Simon in as a Project Manager and not as a clerk of the works, and I think there is a big distinction there, but we brought Simon in the beginning when we were designing the plans and I think that was another major piece of it."

Both Spofford and Tempest lauded the work of DelPico and his company, crediting them with being open, honest, and on-time.

"We've really enjoyed working with Wayne's company, it really has been going well," said Tempest. "I keep thanking my lucky stars, wondering when it is going to go wrong, but it hasn't. It's been a great experience and I really feel that we are going to pull it off and make the deadline."

Malvey wanted to recognize another group that played a role — the students and their families.

"I would like to thank the children, staff, and parents," said Malvey. "Because they have had to live in this environment for the last year-and-a-half."

DelPico said that times have changed when it comes to building schools and that needs to be taken into account.

"It's no longer just the walls and ceilings, it is also the technology that goes with it," said DelPico. "And it takes a lot of people resolving a lot of issues quickly to get it done on time."

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

School Building Committee chairman Rob Spofford, right, with project manager Simon Tempest outside the Deer Hill School last August. The project is on time and on budget.

Forum on teenage drinking

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dances but it's fair to say a number of them do," Jones said.

Numerous parents agreed that teenagers who choose to drink should face reprimands from home as well as the school.

According to Jones, a student who is caught drinking receives a two-day suspension from school, as well as a 30-day suspension from sports teams and activities.

While punishments from home vary from almost non-existent to strict, many of the parents said that teenagers need to know that drinking underage is not only illegal, but also dangerous.

"I want these kids embarrassed and kicked off the teams rather than wrapped around a tree," Musto said.

Parents were also concerned about the students who do not drink.

Peggy Lovallo, mother of twin sophomores, said her children do not attend the school dances because they feel uncomfortable around the students who are drunk.

"I want them to go and have fun," Lovallo said. "They deserve it, but they don't feel it's their place anymore."

In addition, school-sponsored trips and programs have been cancelled sometimes because of kids who broke the rules. As a result, parents said they were worried because everyone was being punished for the mistakes of a few students.

Parents were also concerned that teenagers who don't drink feel pressure from their classmates and that these youths may see joining their peers as an easier way to fit it.

"It's too easy to do what other kids are doing," Musto said.

Jones said plans are to present some recommended changes in procedures and policy to the School Committee over the next two months.

"We in the school, through the administration, guidance, and health and physical education departments, will process what we've heard and then present our recommendations to the School Committee," he said.

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Getting back to nature at the Osgood

Trail clears final hurdle

By Brian J. Scully
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When Sarah Porter first decided to tackle the rehabilitation of the nature trail on the Cook property behind the Osgood School, she was thinking it would be a neat, clean, and quick process.

Oh how wrong she was.

"When I first began this project in 1999, I thought it might take a week," said Sarah Porter, who was president of the Osgood PSO at the time the project began, but is no longer a member. "As you know, when I initially came before you, I was coming for your approval to build an observation platform and a boardwalk over the wetlands in what everybody calls the Cook property."

But the presence of all the wetlands — which the boardwalk and observation platform will allow students to study — forced the project into overtime.

"Because there were so much wetlands involved, we had to file a notice of intent with the Conservation Commission," said Porter. "We did receive an order of conditions in July of 2000, and this April (after construction) we finally received our certificate, which means that it has been certified that our boardwalk and platform are in compliance with all of the conditions."

In the meantime Porter spent time maintaining the trail, and removing briars. This past Make-A-Difference Day, Porter and several other parents collaborated on more cleaning, also removing a few downed trees from the path.

"That was the very last step," said Porter of the most recent filing with the Conservation Commission. "Everything is complete."

While the project was occurring, students continued to utilize the woods as a learning tool. All of the first-grade classes go on one walk out there a year to study rocks and minerals and the third-grade classes go out there for two walks, the first one in the fall to study woodland habitats and the second in the spring to study wetland habitats.

PHOTOS/BRIAN SCULLY

The boardwalk in the nature trail behind the Osgood School.

The observation platform is also part of the nature trail.

The program can get expensive, but this year there was help.

"For the past three years, the Osgood PSO has funded the program," said Porter. "It costs about $1,000 every year. This year, though, I am very happy to report that Osgood PSO is picking up half the tab and the other half will be picked up by the Cohasset Conservation Trust."

Porter thinks that the education of young citizens in the importance of the environment goes hand-in-hand with the Trust's cause.

"One of the goals of the Cohasset Conservation Trust is to protect open space," said Porter. "And I really believe that by this donation the Trust is really cultivating the next stewards of nature in this town."

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, who also serves on the Trust, agrees wholeheartedly.

"We were very happy to do it," he said.. "We just felt that to have young children go out see and study these habitats will only be beneficial."

Board tries to curb traffic pattern

Worries about parent backups

By Brian J. Scully
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It was meant to be a sidebar at the end of a short School Committee meeting, but the new (and temporary) parent and school bus drop-off plan at the Middle-High School generated 45-minutes of discussion Thursday night.

Supt. Edward Malvey presented the plan, which was designed by the school construction team, to the board. The new plan is needed as the construction project progresses.

At issue is the elimination of the driveway that cuts across school property, from the entrance to the student lot (by the football field) to the main two-lane driveway directly in front of the main entrance to the school. The paved roadway presently connects the two, and runs between the student parking lot and the school itself. Originally, school buses entered school grounds at the entrance in front of the football field and drove along the connecting driveway (the one that will be eliminated) before exiting out the main driveway.

As of Dec. 2, buses will enter at the same location as they did before, by the football field entrance, and proceed out back to a newly constructed rotary that lies between the back school entrance and approximately the 50-yard line of the football field.

The problem, however, is that parent drop-off will be limited to the main driveway, which could create large traffic jams. After driving up the up the main driveway on the right lane, parents dropping students off will exit via the left lane and will be forced to take a right turn onto Pond Street when exiting. (The buses could not use the main entrance because the turn from the right land to the left lane is too sharp).

"I guess we will try what they have put forward and if it needs to be adjusted we will do so."
— Rick Flynn, School Committee

"None of us are traffic specialists," said Chairman Rick Flynn, who voiced the opinion with several other members that perhaps saving the driveway that is being eliminated would help the situation. "So I guess we will try what they have put forward and if it needs to be adjusted we will do so."

Malvey said that the access road was eliminated out of concern for the safety of the students, and that despite several reviews by the building committee, the plan remained in place.

"This is good-natured discussion on it," he said. "My concern is with the safety of the students. There is no best way of doing it, so we are going to make it work. We think that this is doable and we think that it is designed with safety in mind, but given the volume of traffic we are going to have on such a small site, we are going to have to do some adjustments."

School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts said the committee should abide by the Building Committee's recommendations.

"I think we can't assume that we are better than the people whose job it was to try and find something that worked," said Tebbetts. "But things never work if the community doesn't want them to."

That being said, Tebbetts asked for the community's support for the temporary fix.

"We ask the community to do the best to make it work," she said. "This is not going to be easy, it may not be ideal, but it is the best that we can do."

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Welcome to new arrivals, Bernie Mulcahy and Sam Laugelle

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

IT'S A BOY!

I would like to start this week's column by announcing the arrival of two wonderful and bouncing baby boys.

Kimberly & Craig Mulcahy would like to announce the birth of their first child, **Bernard Roland Mulcahy**! Baby Bernie was born on Nov. 17, 2002 at 10:46 a.m., weighing a whopping 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. Bernie's paternal grandparents are **Terry Carraher** of Cohasset and the late **Bernard Mulcahy.** His maternal grandparents are **Todd and Joan Williams** of Scituate. Bernard was born on the anniversary of his great-grandfather's death (he was also Bernard Mulcahy).

We know that we will see this little(well, maybe not that little) guy all around town. Congratulations!

BOUNCING BABY BOY

Proud parents, **Julie and Peter Laugelle Jr.** of Cohasset along with big sister, **Hannah,** would like to announce the birth of **Samuel Peter Laugelle**. Samuel was born on Oct. 29, 2002 and he weighed in at, (are you ready for this?) 10 lbs. 11 oz and was 22-1/2 inches long! His proud grandparents are **Peter and Pat Laugelle** of Cohasset and **LeRoy and Betty Williams** of McPherson, Kan. Oh is he going to be hugged, snuggled and adored by so many. Congratulations to all of you.

JINGLE BELL WALK

The South Shore Community Center will hold its annual Jingle Bell Walk at 2 p.m. this Friday. The walk will begin on Border Street at Cohasset Harbor with **Santa** arriving by boat with his elves. After Santa gives out his Jingle Bells to all of the children, he and the elves will lead the walk and a hayride along Elm Street to Main Street. Their will be cookies, beverages and a sing-a-long at 2:30 in the Community Center followed by a Turkey Trot for children from ages 3-10 on the Common. The fee for this is $2 for those who sign up in advance and $3 on the day of the Trot. Their will also be hayrides, bells playing and at 3:45 p.m. the music of the Rusty Skippers. The days events will end with the lighting of the tree on the common at 4:15. For more information, call the Community Center at 781-383-0088.

TREE SALE

The First Parish's 8th Annual Fresh Cut Balsam Christmas Tree Sale in conjunction with the Cohasset Village Fair on Saturday, Dec. 7 is here! Pre-orders are being accepted so that the offering can be based on what people want. You will have a nice selection of trees to choose from. Make sure to place your order early to be in the "Your tree free" drawing. All trees are $35 and they are from 5-9 feet tall. People who have bought these trees in the past have declared them to be the freshest trees ever. Not only is this a fundraiser for the First Parish Church, trees are donated to various families served by the Cohasset Food Pantry, Wellspring, Friends of the Homeless and others including the Senior Center at the Community Center allowing for so many to benefit. To place your order, call 781-383-9845.

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The Annual Cohasset PSO METCO Holiday Wreath and Candle Sale is happening and also benefits so many! . Please order your Hanukkah candles, ivory pillar candles and wreaths through this wonderful, PSO sponsored sale to benefit the METCO program in town. Hanukkah candles will be available by Nov. 25. Wreath pick-up is on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Middle/High School from 9-12. If needed, wreaths can be available by Dec 1. Order forms are at all schools or contact **Lisa Dunne** 383-1596 or **Olivia Baldwin** 383-1866.

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The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "Babes in Toyland" at the Cohasset Town Hall weekends, Nov. 29-Dec. 15. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m., Additional matinee Saturday Dec 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books & SpringBrook Kids in Cohasset and Front Street Books in Scituate, by phone at 781-544-0304 and at the door. Receive $1 off your ticket price at the door only when you bring a non-perishable item for the Cohasset Food Pantry. Girl Scout troops of five or more receive discounted tickets when reserved ahead of time. For more information, call **Wendy** at 545-1655.

This is going to be a wonderful way for families to get together for the holidays and get the spirit flowing!

Senior citizen volunteers help assemble a mailing for the South Shore Art Center's annual appeal.

XAVERIAN HONORS

Brother **Daniel E. Skala** C.F.X., Headmaster of Xaverian Brothers High School has announced that senior **Alexander Berg** of Cohasset has earned second honors (all grades above 80) for the first marking period of the 2002-03 academic year. Alex's parents are **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Berg**. Great news, Alexander.

HELPFUL SENIORS

A great big thank you goes out to these generous seniors! Last Wednesday 10 dedicated volunteers spent much of the day assembling a mailing for the South Shore Art Center's Annual Appeal. For the first time, the appeal will go to all residents of Cohasset, asking for support. Due to state budget cuts in funding for the arts, the Annual Appeal is more important than ever, and the Center is so grateful for all the help from our delightful senior citizens. **Louise Smullen, Shirley DeAngelis, Pat Hanlon, Olga Sawchuck, Stella Nardo, Debbie Burnham** (Hingham), **Lou Tedeschi, Betty Maree, Betty Brooke** and **Maria Perroncello** were all incredibly helpful. Cohasset residents are generous in many ways!

DEAN'S LIST

Lindy A. Holway, daughter of **Holly H. Holway** of Cohasset, qualified for the spring semester dean's list at Babson College. What a fantastic effort Lindy!

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Just like his father and grandfather

Another Lehr seeks top rank in Boy Scouts

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

Rob Lehr stands by the skating pond he refurbished as an Eagle Scout project.

Rob Lehr has always known he would be an Eagle Scout.

"It's a family thing," he said. "I didn't have much of a choice."

Both his father and grandfather earned the ranking of Eagle Scout when they were Lehr's age and, since he was very young, he knew he wanted to follow in their footsteps.

"I think I'll be in trouble if I don't get it," he said.

After climbing through the ranks of the Boy Scouts of America, Lehr began working on his Eagle Scout project last fall, when he received permission from Cohasset, as well as the Boy Scouts, to improve the Skating Pond on the Barnes property. He cleared out some of the brush around the pond and then let the winter weather kill the rest of it.

With more than 300 pounds of cement used to sturdy the pond's borders, the majority of the project's physical work began in the spring and Lehr has spent most of his weekends at the pond since then.

The Boy Scouts require at least 100 hours of work to be put into the Eagle Scout project, but Lehr said he believes he and his volunteers will have put in more than 200 by the project's Feb. 27 deadline, also Lehr's 18th birthday. Lehr, however, plans to have the physical labor completed by Thanksgiving and will use the rest of the time to complete paperwork.

In addition to help from his family and local Boy Scouts, Lehr said he has been lucky to receive strong support from the community.

"People will be walking by and they'll stop and help us for a half hour," he said.

Also, the Rotary Club donated funds that Lehr used to buy cement while the town allowed him to borrow tools and the excavators who worked on the site refused to take payment from him.

And it's the community for which Lehr is working hard. One of the Eagle Scout stipulations is that the project must be beneficial for at least five years, but Lehr said he hopes that his efforts will last and be enjoyed for longer than that.

"I wanted to do something I could be proud of but also something that other people could admire," he said.

"I think I'll be in trouble if I don't get it."
— Rob Lehr, Eagle Scout candidate

Lehr said that many people have been impressed with the ambition of his project, but he just sees as it as a culmination of all the time he has already devoted to the Boy Scouts.

"It's a huge project, but so far I'm proud of it," he said. "I figured if I'm going to do it, I might as well go out with a bang."

Lehr looks around at a few young boys cutting back brush as a number of adults work on the other side the Skating Pond on a warm, sunny fall day.

"I'm not known to be good at sitting inside an office," he said. "This is where I excel so I'm going to stick with it."

The Cohasset High School senior is taking what he's learned from this project and his experience with the Boy Scouts to college next year. Scouting out schools in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, Lehr said he plans to earn a major in outdoor recreation, which would prepare him for a career in guiding others in outdoor adventures.

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'JOSEPH' TICKETS

The Cohasset High School musical is coming! Performances of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8. General Admission is $8. Call **Selma Ingber** at 383-9590 to reserve tickets now!

BLANKET DRIVE

The fifth-grade Religious Education Class at St. Anthony's have embarked on a charitable mission called "Blanketing Our Neighbors." In response to a recent Boston Globe article outlining the acute need for blankets by area shelters, the children will be raising money to buy blankets and will be sponsoring a blanket drive. The blanket drive will be held the weekend of Dec. 7 and 8. If you would like to help, donations of blankets, comforters and sheets in good condition will be collected at St. Anthony's Parish Center on December 7 from 4:30-6:30 and on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 7:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.. As well, any one wishing to make a donation can direct their contribution to St. Anthony's/ Blanket Drive, 129 South Main St. Please call either **Beth Seraikas** at 383-9154 or **Darilynn Evans** at 383-0644. Thank you for helping us help those in need!

AT MIDDLEBURY

Caitlin M. Flint, daughter of **Charles & Judith Flint**, and **Kristen T. Deane**, daughter of **Gordon & Motoko Taniguchi Deane**, have begun their first year at Middlebury College in Vermont.

GIVING TREE

The Cohasset Social Service League will have a Giving Tree in place the day after Thanksgiving at the Consignment Shop on Route 3A in Cohasset. The Giving Tree is being set up to collect unwrapped children's gifts to be distributed to the children of adults that are in local rehabilitation facilities such as Project Turnabout in Hingham and Serenity House in Scituate. Gifts of toys or clothing will be accepted unwrapped until Dec. 23. The age range is infant to 14 years of both gender. If you have any questions call the League at 781-383-0771.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving Day and also send out wishes to all who are celebrating Hanukah a happy start to their holidays. Good Luck to our CHS Football team and everyone stay safe in the wintry weather that is coming our way. Send me all of your news no later than Mondays at noon.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Would you please pass the furmity, Governor?

"Would you please pass the furmity, Governor?"
"You boiled it just right in the pipkin, Mary."
"I'll have a little more aqua vita, Susanna."

It's possible the conversation went a bit like this that first Thanksgiving Day in Plymouth so many years ago.

About 140 people sat at the three-day harvest: 90 Indians and 50 Pilgrims.

If you happen to be the cook and you think that you're going to work hard on Thursday, keep in mind that at the first Thanksgiving, only four women did all the cooking.

They roasted wildfowl, turkeys, and deer in English fashion. They boiled cod and sea bass in Indian tradition.

They cooked breads and fruit tarts in a skillet over an open fire.

For dessert, they made furmity by beating wet wheat in a sack with a washbeetle, boiling it overnight, soaking it on a fire, boiling it in cream in a pipkin, then topping it with sugar.

Their guests were not worried about their cholesterol level or the fat content in the food.

They ate to their hearts' content and then washed it all down with beer called aqua vita.

They scooped food from wooden bowls with their hands.

There were knives and a few spoons, but no forks.

Huge napkins were very important.

It was a whole year after the Pilgrims first put their tattered boots on Plymouth Rock before the first Thanksgiving.

Their tiny and overcrowded Mayflower had tossed like a toy boat upon the fierce Atlantic waves for two months.

Their trip had been stormy and long.

Their arrival was dismal and discouraging.

The first winter saw more than half their number starve or freeze to death.

Their first harvest was a disaster, but in the second year, with the help of the Indians, their fields bore fruit.

Instead of saying "It's about time, God," they thanked Him for His blessing.

It is now over three and a half centuries later.

We'll go a-hunting in a well-stocked supermarket and spear our frozen turkey with icy fingers.

Instead of checking our meat for arrowheads, we'll read the labels for the fat and MSG content.

Instead of cooking herbs and roots for days, we might pop a pouch of peas in boiling water.

Instead of skillet baked bread, we might brown and serve some rolls.

Instead of beating wet wheat for furmity, we might heat up a pre-baked apple pie.

But the warmth of Thanksgiving is still the same.

We ask nothing more from it than a Skippers win over the Hull Pirates in the morning, a perfect turkey dinner with a loving family in the afternoon, and a feeling of contentment with life in the evening.

We need the peace of Thanksgiving more than ever in these troubled times.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Repelling assaults on our democracy

TO THE EDITOR:

The New England town meeting is rightly considered to be a fine example of democracy in action. At the Special Town Meeting Nov. 18 , the process was tested and survived handily.

Very late in the evening, as the moderator began to introduce the penultimate article, in which the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation (CRC) sought an expression of support for its continuation of a study of harbor improvements and sources of grant funding, an attendee requested the article be set aside on the grounds of some alleged deficiency in timing of submission. The moderator, in concert with counsel, determined that the article should go forward, thus preserving the right of the citizens who had waited all the long evening to hear the proposal and discuss it. The same individual then moved that the article be indefinitely postponed, but the waiting citizens soundly defeated the motion.

The third assault on the democratic process was a request by another individual to not allow a presentation by Dean Rizzo, Executive Director of CRC, on the grounds that he is a non-resident.. The moderator ruled that Rizzo could make the presentation, but noted that his ruling could be put to a vote if seven people stood to protest it. Sadly, at least seven did stand, and the matter was subject to a hand count. About 200 voted to allow the presentation to proceed, and only 20 voted to deny their fellow citizens the opportunity to hear the proposal they were waiting to debate..

So, despite these ugly attempts to subvert examination and discussion of the matter, a sense of fairness prevailed. Ironically, the article was resoundingly defeated, in part because the presentation came across as a request for advance approval of the technical details, rather than as a request for "moral support" for continued study, and in part because of passionate but inane speeches by several town officials to the effect that our beautiful and perfect town would be ruined forever if the study went forward.

Well, it may be only a Pyrrhic victory for the opponents (at some later date we'll be forced to reverse the decay of the harbor environs, at escalated cost and perhaps without the grants we might have had), but the good citizens did resist the three attempts to subvert the democratic process.. That's the real victory!

R. M. Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Bradley gears up for next two years

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported my candidacy for re-election as your State Representative. I will work hard during this next session to be certain our district has a strong, independent voice at the State House.

As Senator Hedlund wrote recently, the deadline for filing legislation to be heard in the next legislative session is December 4, 2002. I will be filing several pieces of legislation. Some of these bills are relative to returning local control on projects developed under Chapter 40B, legislation to fully fund the school building assistance program, several Home Rule Petitions, and a bill to increase the penalty on water companies who have a high rate of leakage. Should anyone have any additional ideas, please contact my office at (617) 722-2120.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to fight for your interests at the State House. I look forward to the next two years.

Garrett Bradley

Turn the train tide

TO THE EDITOR:

As we are now fortunate to be clearly forewarned of the financial disaster inherent in the reconstruction of the Greenbush train, I urge all of you in favor of alternatives to the train to contact Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA) in Hingham at 781-740-1117. It would also be very helpful to communicate your sentiments to Governor-elect Romney.

We need to again work together at this critical time.

Valerie Greene
46 Mordecai Lincoln Road
Scituate

GIFTS OF HOPE

Remembering others this time of year

No small wonder that acting Gov. Jane Swift has designated Friday as "Giving Massachusetts Day" in light of the fact that Massachusetts ranks 44th among the 50 states in charitable giving. We are not, the numbers generated by the IRS would seem to say, a very generous population.

But what that "generosity index" doesn't show is the measure of our selflessness when we know it is our own neighbor in need. When a family has been burned out of their home, we are quick to offer food, clothing and even shelter, yet how many of us think to itemize our donation? When do you ever calculate the value of the groceries you drop off when your church collects for the food pantry? When we are touched by the misfortune of those close to home, we do, indeed, respond.

In these whirlwind, feel-good weeks won't you summon up your generosity yet again, to support your own neighbors whose needs make it unlikely that they will be able to enjoy the holiday season as you do?

For the past several years, Community Newspaper Company has sponsored Gifts of Hope, serving needy families in our communities. Here on the South Shore our focus has been on assisting the homeless — specifically The Carolina Hill Shelter in Marshfield, Fr. Bill's Place in Quincy and The South Shore Friends of the Homeless. Gifts of Hope has been supported in each town it serves by donations from our readers and some of the community groups to which they belong.

Each week over the course of the holiday season we will be running advertisements in our paper encouraging support for these important charities hard hit by the current economic climate. We'll also run in the newspaper a weekly tally of donors.

In the past our campaign has assisted the organizations in raising funds, but equally important, raising awareness about this ongoing problem. These are not strangers, but people you likely know. It is the family of the child sitting next to your own in school; it is the mother and daughter in the pew behind you in church; or maybe that friendly elderly couple who use to live in your neighborhood.

When you sit down with pen in hand this week to check your grocery list, or your Christmas list, please consider making a donation that is a gift of hope. A donation of any size goes a long way; $50 for example, will supply two families with a week's worth of groceries from a food pantry.

We ask your support in giving the gift of hope. Without your help, Gifts of Hope would not exist.

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HEALTH NOTES

Budget cuts hurt anti-smoking effort

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Two weeks ago a local business was penalized by the Board of Health for selling cigarettes to a minor. This was the second such sale by this organization within a calendar year and marks what many feel is nearly the final gasp of the State's tobacco control initiative to discourage our youth from smoking. The "Let's Make Smoking History" program, funded by the tobacco tax and legal settlements with the tobacco industry, began in 1994

Massachusetts receives more than $800 million every year from tobacco taxes and tobacco settlement payments, but it would take less than 5 percent of this tobacco money to restore funding for tobacco prevention to $35 million, which is the minimum recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).The State has slashed funding for the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program by 88 percent; as a result, Massachusetts now spends less than one percent of its $800 million in tobacco money on tobacco prevention.

As a result of the cuts, all 49 of the state's youth prevention programs have been eliminated along with all 29 smoking intervention programs. Nearly 27,000 Massachusetts smokers will no longer have access to community-based smoking cessation programs. In addition, because of the elimination of funding to 41 local boards of health and a cut in funding for the remaining 34 boards, compliance checks to prevent the sale of tobacco products to minors will be reduced by 90 percent and enforcement of clean indoor air regulations will be reduced significantly in all municipalities. For Cohasset, which saw approximately 6 percent reduction in smoking, the number of compliance checks of our 14 vendors, will be reduced from approximately 78 checks to four.

Currently, tobacco use kills more than 9,000 Massachusetts citizens each year, and the Commonwealth spends more than $2.7 billion to treat tobacco-caused diseases.

"At a time when the tobacco industry is increasing its marketing and advertising to more than $215 million a year in Massachusetts alone, it is imperative that our next Governor commit to fully funding a comprehensive prevention program that fights youth tobacco use and saves lives," said Lori Fresina, campaign organizer for Protect Mass Kids, a project of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids Action Fund (http://www.protectmasskids.org/). "We had one of the most successful and effective programs in the nation until it was reduced to ashes by Governor Swift. Our next Governor must choose the health and lives of our kids over the profits of the tobacco industry."

Disapproval of cuts

In a recent statewide survey of Massachusetts voters, two-thirds (68 percent) disapproved of Governor Swift's cuts to tobacco prevention. The survey also found that an overwhelming majority of Massachusetts voters (76 percent) supported restoring tobacco prevention funding to at least $35 million per year, with over half (52 percent) strongly supporting restoring the funding. Just 20 percent of voters opposed funding tobacco prevention at the level recommended by the CDC. Support for tobacco control crossed party lines, with Republicans just as likely as Democrats to support full funding for tobacco control.

Even after voters were reminded of the state's severe budget deficit, nearly three-quarters (72 percent) continued to support restoration of funding, with only 26 percent opposed. "Even in these difficult economic times, voters support using tobacco tax and tobacco settlement revenues to address the health problems that result from smoking in Massachusetts," Fresina said. "The candidates for Governor should listen to the people of Massachusetts and pledge to dedicate tobacco money to tobacco prevention."

Massachusetts voters created the state's tobacco prevention program in 1993, following passage of a tobacco tax ballot initiative in 1992. It has helped cut the Commonwealth's youth smoking rates by 50 percent more than the national reduction, and it has saved $2 in health care costs for every $1 spent on prevention before it was cut, according to studies evaluating the program. Currently, tobacco use kills more than 9,000 Massachusetts citizens each year, and the Commonwealth spends more than $2.7 billion to treat tobacco-caused diseases. Every year, more than 30,000 Massachusetts kids try their first cigarette. Another 13,700 Massachusetts kids become addicted smokers, with one in three of them dying prematurely as a result.

Now, once again, smoking is increasing among our youth. Without the State's programs, it's even more important for us to make our kids understand that there's nothing cool in smoking a cigarette.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

A strategic plan for success

GOOD VIBES

BOB WHITNEY

Businesses agonize over it... Schools, municipalities, foundations, public agencies and institutions all undertake this annual exercise. You've heard the phrase, "You can't be successful without it!" The Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, Bruins, Breakers, and Revolution all have their own versions. What are we talking about? Well, yes that's right, we are talking about a strategic plan for success. Many highly successful organizations (sorry Red Sox) develop a strategic plan to better assist them to focus on a direction and ambition that is clear, purposeful, and shared by their employees.

About six years ago a well-respected executive coach and Tony Robbins disciple by the name of Steve Lishansky introduced me to the concept of a "personal" strategic plan which would clarify ones life purpose by assessing and investing in our skills, talents, and unique God given gifts. His influence was dramatic and he demonstrated how a "personal" plan could unfreeze my mind and actions and lead to a life filled with happiness and significance. He demonstrated to me how I would be more motivated, have increased energy levels, be more enthusiastic and be much happier with my family, friends, health, profession, and financial position. Let me share with you some of the key ingredients that have worked for me and that I have observed work for others...

Who are you? What do you like? What is really important? What makes you, family, and friends most happy?

Over the next two to three weeks set aside some quiet time (the Hingham Library is perfect) and look at your future, perhaps over the next three to five years. Who are you? What do you like? What is really important? What makes you, family, and friends most happy? What are my, strengths and talents? How much money is really enough?

Attempt to capture your thoughts into some general categories such as:

- Family and Friends
- Community
- Financial
- Growth and Learning
- Spiritual
- Health

In each category spend some time identifying those experiences, successes, failures, thoughts, gifts and observations that have touched your lifetime. Stretch your thinking to really look at all the possibilities — your talents, gifts, skills, knowledge, and blessings that make you a unique person. Don't attempt to dwell or linger with minor details -let your gut feelings and intuition lead the way. Once you are satisfied with your list, write a couple sentence statement of purpose along with an accompanying list of a few key short and long-term goals that are consistent with your statement of purpose. You have just finished your "personal" strategic plan and you are now off and running...

One final step, please ensure that your plan is balanced and does not over emphasize any one specific category - many have overemphasized financial gains at the unfortunate expense of failed relationships, poor health and lifestyle habits, neglected friendships and educational stagnation. A well-rounded and balanced plan will result in higher self-esteem, happiness, positive attitude, less stress and a deepened sense of accomplishment and authenticity.

Let me conclude by saying that executing the plan is not easy - discipline, perseverance, flexibility, and the courage to sacrifice and change are all necessary for success. But I encourage you not to wait - get started on your "personal" strategic plan right now. Bless yourself with peace, happiness, energy, enthusiasm and meaning. Enjoy the ride - I did and I'll never look back!

Bob Whitney of Stagecoach Road is currently a senior vice president at Trigen Boston Energy. He is a member of The National Speakers' Association and speaks often to business, civic, teen and non-profit organizations on a variety of motivational, leadership and spiritual topics.

Great Blue Herons - stately stalkers of the marsh

A BIRDER'S EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

The famous 19th century ornithologist Frank M. Chapman wrote, "The presence of a stately Great Blue Heron or 'Crane' adds an element to the landscape which no work of man can equal." Other adjectives commonly used to describe the Great Blue Heron include magnificent, elegant, graceful and majestic.

Great Blue Herons are found along rivers, in salt and freshwater marshes, and ponds. In fact, almost any area of shallow water may be suitable habitat for them. They have even been known to raid backyard fishponds! Standing four feet high with a wingspan of six feet, the Great Blue Heron is the largest and most widespread heron in the U.S. With this great size comes a mere 5-8 pounds of weight, long legs, a very long neck, and a long sturdy serrated bill. The great blue belongs to one family of "waders" along with other herons, egrets, and bitterns. Some great blues have lived as long as 23 years, although close to 70 percent die in their first year.

This large bird is familiar to many, not in small part due to its popularity as decoration for many handcrafted gift items. It is blue-gray with two-toned wings. Its head and neck are white except for a wide black feather patch over the eye extending into black plumes extending from the back of its head during the breeding season. It flies with slow and steady wing beats, its legs extended out behind, and its long neck curved into an S-shaped hump under its head. In spite of its seemingly laborious flight, it can fly as fast as 35 mph.

Despite their large size they are sometimes hard to see. They can look like sticks in the mud, literally. Their ability to stand absolutely motionless for very long periods of time increases their ability to hide from view. Any canoeist who has come around a bend in the river to see a lone heron take to the air from some distance ahead knows how easy it is to spook this bird.

Primarily fish eaters, they use two main methods of fishing. The "standing-still mode" requires tremendous patience while they remain absolutely motionless for as much as an hour or more at a time. An alternate method of fishing is their "stalking mode". For this they walk very slowly, allowing each foot in turn to hang upside down and backward in a fashion that forms a cup. This is thought to catch the water droplets that might otherwise disturb the water surface. For the same reason they usually stand so that any shadow falls in back of them on the land and not on the water. All this slow motion is in stark contrast to the tremendous speed with which the long neck shoots forward and downward into unsuspecting prey. They usually spear large fish but catch small ones between their mandibles. They also consume amphibians, reptiles, crustaceans, small mammals, and aquatic insects. They have even been observed eating birds such as rails or phalaropes.

Great Blue Herons are considered to be only "partial migrants". As snow and ice cover up their food supply, they move south, but every year some try to make it through our New England winter. The success depends in large part on how harsh the winter is. Starvation due to frozen waterways can be a problem. One year I saw four at once at Foundry Pond in December, even though there was ice all across the pond. We are almost sure to find one in Hingham on the Christmas Bird Count.

Great Blue Herons are usually solitary birds except during the breeding season when they form colonies. They nest in the tops of trees, seeking out stands of dead trees in beaver ponds or swamps. There can be several nests in the same tree but on different branches. The nests are built of large sticks, and birds return to the same nest year after year, adding to and repairing it as needed. The usual number of eggs is 4, but the number can vary from 3 to 7. The parents feed the chicks regurgitated food.

Before bird protection laws began to be put into place after 1900, populations of Great Blue as well as most other herons declined due to the popular sport of killing birds for their feathers. Now they are protected, but about half the Atlantic population breeds in Chesapeake Bay. This concentration of birds in one place makes them very susceptible to being wiped out if an oil spill or other environmental disaster occurs.

PHOTO BY JOSH HILLMAN

Great Blue Heron.

Even though most herons and egrets have left for the winter you probably still have a chance of seeing great blues in the wild. For a treat, see if places like Foundry Pond, Broad Cove or World's End is harboring a Great Blue Heron for the winter.

Joanne Norton is Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for Project FeederWatch, WetlandWatchers and International Shorebird Surveys.

The true origins of Thanksgiving

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Darkness had fallen by the time Ed Winslow got to home in Plimoth that October day in 1621.

"You're late," said his wife, Susanna. They had only been married since May and, like new brides everywhere, she liked to remind her husband that his rein had shortened considerably.

"I couldn't help it," said Winslow. "Bill and Ike called a council meeting." He was referring to Governor William Bradford and his assistant, Isaac Allerton. "We decided to have a little party of thanksgiving for our successful harvest."

"Oh, yeah!" Susanna was skeptical. "And who's going to do the cooking for your little feast?"

"We kinda thought you would, so I volunteered you. You don't have much to do now that the crops are in and stored away. It's all right, isn't it?"

Susanna grimaced. Wasn't it just like a Pilgrim Father to sit around planning something and leave the work to a Pilgrim Mother?

Ed Winslow poured himself another glass of nut brown ale and leaned against the back of his chair.

"I suppose I can whip up some hors d'oeuvres and open a couple of jugs of cider," she said. "After all, there's only about 50 of us left."

"I'm afraid we'll need more than that. We've invited some people to join us at the festive board."

"Who?"

"King Massasoit," said Ed Winslow. "Bill thought it would be a good idea to ask him. After all, he helped us through the last winter when we were starving." Susanna rolled her eyes.

"That Bill Bradford should get a new wife PDQ," she said. "I'm sick and tired of acting as hostess at his parties and campaign fundraisers. Is Massasoit bringing his wife? I can't stand that woman, always leaning over the stove and telling me I'm cooking the corn all wrong, like she invented it."

"No, he's not bringing her. But he is bringing 90 of his warriors. And they're gonna bring some fresh deer meat. They might bring their cameras, too, so you'd better get out those tall hats and buckles and shawls the tourists like so much." He reached in his pocket and pulled out a piece of paper. "Here, I've made a list of the things we'll need."

Susanna studied the paper for a moment. "Let's see," she began, "we've got corn and greens, gooseberries and mussels, lobsters . . . ugh, they're not fit to eat, only to slop the hogs, but I suppose the Indians like them. You'll have to shoot the fowl, ducks and geese, but not those turkeys. They take too long to cook. When were you planning to have this feast, anyway?"

"We kinda thought the last Thursday in November would be nice. Not too hot, not too cold. That gives you plenty of time to get prepared."

"Okay, we'll be ready to eat promptly at noon Thursday."

"Oh, no. Massasoit has to go to the big football game between Wampanoag High and Pequot Prep first. That should be over by one o'clock. Give him an hour to get here and another hour for cocktails and cider. We should be ready to eat by three o'clock."

Ed Winslow poured himself another glass of nut brown ale and leaned against the back of his chair.

"Who knows?" he said, "if this catches on, maybe we will do it every year. The last Thursday in November can be the day we annually give thanks for a successful harvest."

"If this catches on," said Susanna Winslow, "maybe we women can call the last Friday in November the day we annually give thanks for Thanksgiving Day being over."

TO THE EDITOR

Sidewalk curbing

TO THE EDITOR:

Sidewalks, Sidewalks, Sidewalks! Ham Tewksbury had a sensible article in the Oct. 10 Mariner about angled granite curbing. I suggest the selectmen look it up and then review the "immutable" grant for the sidewalk at St. Stephen's.

Town Meeting remarks made by many people described the dangerous effects of straight, granite curbing on Forest Ave.—narrowing the road, damaging ploughs, etc.

To install straight, granite curbing in the narrowest section of South Main Street is foolish and dangerous.

Please go back to the drawing board as you plan to for Forest Ave.

Margy Charles
85 Linden Drive

What are you thankful for?

PHOTOS BY BRIAN SCULLY

Laura Keating and her first-grade class are thankful for each other, as well as their new pet guinea pig Tickles.

"I'm thankful for my friends. We always have a good time together."
— **Jonathan McDowall**

"I'm thank for after-school activities, because we get to go outside and play."
— **Lexa Grasz**

"I'm thankful for my Mom and Dad, because they take good care of me."
— **Liam Burke**

"I'm thankful for the Osgood School, because it is a great school."
— **Mickey Barry**

"I'm thankful for freedom. I love to live in the U.S.A."
— Ryan Davis

"I'm thankful for Ms. Keating and our new pet guinea pig, Tickles."
— **Tricia Bigham**

"I'm thankful for my sister Megan."
— **Conor Green**

Happy Thanksgiving from the Mariner!

The family of Charles David thought that there would be no better time than in the spirit of Thanksgiving to announce that plans are underway for our spring fundraiser to benefit the South Shore Hospital's new and upcoming "Neonatal Intensive Care Unit."

The competent, caring and compassionate people that make up the wonderful team at South Shore Hospital have served our "extended family" so well this year. They have removed our pain, delivered our babies and taken care of us when we're sick. The vote was unanimous when deciding what to dedicate our spring fundraiser to.

The beautiful, new, state-of-the-art hospital is impressive to say the least and would make any community proud. The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit will be the first of its kind outside of Boston. Our children should have care closer to home, and we hope that you will watch for upcoming date, time and details on how you can help with this worthwhile community effort.

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Clockwise, from left: Owen Gideon-Murphy tries on a headdress during Thanksgiving activities at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

Jill Durkin helps make the cranberry relish for the South Shore Community Center Nursery School Thanksgiving feast.

Gail Whitehouse places the princess crown on Cali Giuggio.

Sophie Wolfe checks out her headdress in the mirror during the nursery school's Thanksgiving activities.

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Nursery school celebrates Thanksgiving

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Cohasset Historical Society seeks new home

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costs would be high and it might be difficult to sell the Lothop house.

Last month Selectmen Tom Callahan inadvertently got the ball rolling when he mentioned at a recent selectmen's meeting that it was too bad the historical society wasn't interested in buying the building, Gruber said.

"That started us thinking," Gruber recalled. "And the more we thought about it, the more we thought there might be a way we can make this happen."

Callahan said while he can't take credit for the idea – he is pleased the society is going to bid on the property.

"Someone at a party brought it up to me," Callahan said. "I think it's a great idea."

Gruber described the 8,000 square foot structure as a "natural fit" and would have plenty of room to house the society's collections which are being stored in various buildings around town with only restricted access and no environmental controls.

David Drinkwater of Grand Gables Realty Group, the real estate company marketing the property, had not heard about the society's interest. He said his company has issued several bid packages.

"The people are in varying points of their decisions-making process," he said.

Drinkwater said the historical society could get enough money from the Lothrup house to pay for the Pratt property.

"It's a lovely home that is worth a decent amount of money," he said. "Given the architecture, period and location, it's not out of the realm of possibility they can get that."

In a Nov. 12 mailing to historical society members, the society Board of Directors said it has toured the building, and sought legal and financial advice.

The letter states the Paul Pratt building would provide the following:

- Proper storage for the society's collections and extensive archives;
- Better community visibility and accessibility, allowing the society to reach out to younger families and enlarge its membership;
- Improved meeting facilities for the society and the community.

"The more we thought about it, the more we thought there might be a way we can make this happen."

— Tom Gruber, historical society

- Preservation of an historic town building;
- Space for year-round exhibits that will enable collaboration with the schools and community and regional organizations;
- Room to create period settings with furnishings from the Lothrop house.

The society proposes to use any excess funds from the sale of the Lothrop house to pay for any necessary renovation and conversion and to construct two, one-bedroom apartments in the Pratt building. The rental income should pay for increases operating expenses.

The property is zoned single-family residential, so the apartments would need approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The society plans to insert a flyer in next week's Mariner asking for community support.

Gruber said the society asks for citizens to consider joining the group; call selectmen if they like the idea of buying the Pratt building; and to send their comments via email or telephone to the co-presidents, Paula Kozol and Kathleen O'Malley.

"If people think this is the highest and best use of the building, then they need to tell the selectmen that that is indeed the case," Gruber said.

The society has the backing of the Planning Board, which wrote to selectmen supporting the society's attempt to acquire the Pratt building in conjunction with the sale of the Lothrop house.

"We sincerely believe that this action would be in the best interest of the Town of Cohasset," the board wrote.

Selectman Callahan said in his view the Lothrop house would be an easier sell, and that the society wouldn't have to do a lot of renovation to the Pratt building for its purposes.

"I think it (Pratt) could meet their needs quite well," he said.

The building, which was designed by Edward Nichols, a local resident and Boston architect, was recently deemed eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The four MacIver Reddie murals in the rotunda depict scenes from Cohasset history, including Capt. John Smith as he entered Cohasset Harbor in 1614.

Gruber said having the historical society own the building would keep it in the public domain.

"It would continue to serve a public purpose," he said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the money is the key.

"As long as they meet the minimum bid, it could work out," he said. "My first priority as Town Manager is to make sure that the sale generates the funding needed to pay off the debt service for the new library. At that point it is up to the selectmen to decide."

The town built a sale price of $700,000 for the Pratt building into the new library project budget. The new library, under construction at the old Osgood School, is also being made possible through a Town Meeting appropriation of $3.9 million. Of that a state grant will pick up $1.5 million; $1.1 million was raised through private donations thanks to the library trustees; and the town will borrow $600,000 to pay back the debt service over 20 years. If the Pratt building brings more than $700,000 – the town would borrow less, Haddad explained.

Twice before the Pratt property has gone out to bid, and twice the town was not offered a high enough sales price. For this round, selectmen offered a real estate company exclusive marketing rights to the property in hopes of providing an incentive to bring someone to the table.

It is not clear if Grand Gables would get any commission if selectmen pick the historical society's bid for the building.

"The final decision is up to selectmen," he said. "(Grand Gables) realized there was a risk, when the town hired them – but they have done a good job for us."

If another real estate company brings a successful buyer forward, then the $25,000 commission is split between Grand Gables and that company.

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FLASHBACK

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Snow is the farthest thought from these Deer Hill students' minds as they enjoy recess on a perfect fall day.

Jingle Bell Walk is Friday

The South Shore Community Center (SSCC) invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk, a Cohasset tradition offered by the SSCC. The walk begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29 when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor (Border Street). After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he and his elves will board a hayride and the walk continues along the sidewalks of Elm to Main Streets in Cohasset. At 2:30 p.m., the South Shore Community Center welcomes you to partake in cookies, a beverage, and a holiday sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all.

The walk begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29 when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor.

Santa will be upstairs in the center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambience.

At 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common, there will be a "Turkey Tot Trot" for kids ages three-to-10. You may pre-register for this event for $2, or register the day of the event for $3 per participant. Proceeds will benefit the Nursery School. All participants will receive a prize!

Listen to the bells of St. Stephen's playing from 2:30-4 p.m. while enjoying a hayride around the Common. Hayrides will be available from 3-4 p.m. Then gather around Cohasset Common at 3:45, to listen to the Rusty Skippers Marching Band. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4:15 p.m. with the lighting of the tree.

There is something for everyone this year at the Jingle Bell Walk! It's a great way to appreciate our picturesque surroundings while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition.

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SPORTS

Living
On the South Shore
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The Cohasset High football seniors. Kneeling (L-R): Chris McKenna, John Durkin, Mike Snowdale and Nick Spirito. Standing (L-R): Braun Goodson, Tom Anderson, Cosimo Cambi, Ben Lynner and Matt Davis.

Support the Blue on Thanksgiving Morning

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Skippers will be shooting for back-to-back 9-1 seasons on Thanksgiving morning (10 a.m. kickoff) at Alumni Field, a winning percentage that hasn't been accomplished since the mid eighties.

Coming off their dramatic last second victory against Norwell last week, the Skippers will be looking to beat Hull for the second year in a row. Last year's Thanksgiving win, 13-3, clinched a Super Bowl berth for the Skippers. A win tomorrow would wrap up sole possession of second place in the South Shore League behind unbeaten Abington.

Cohasset is graduating nine seniors from a roster of 39 players, all of whom will be playing in their final high school football game. These seniors will have the best overall four year record of a graduating class since the mid eighties.

So plan on putting the "bird" in the oven early, and head up to the High School to support this year's edition of Cohasset Skippers at 10 AM. I'm sure you'll enjoy the fresh air, mingling with your neighbors and classmates while rooting the Skippers on to their ninth victory of the season. You'll also be entertained by an excellent contingent of Cohasset Skippers cheerleaders and a Pep band that is second to none!

Also, after researching the Town By Laws, I have discovered that attendance is mandatory for all Cohasset residents at Home Thanksgiving games. A tax levy will be assessed for those not in attendance. Go Blue!

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#8 Tom Anderson-Captain-6' 205 lbs-Tight End/DB/K

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#70 Cosimo Cambi-6'2" 215 lbs-Right Guard/LB

Cosimo is usually seen providing the lead block for halfback Braun Goodson from his right guard position. On defense he is the leading tackler for the Skippers defense that has allowed only 74 points in 9 games. Has the lone defensive touchdown, an interception return versus North Quincy.

#88 Matt Davis-5' 10" 170 lbs-DB

A first year player, Matt has held down the starting strong safety position all season. He had a game icing interception in his first game versus Nantucket.

#5 John Durkin-5' 8" 165 lbs-WR/DB/K RET

John has been a standout at wide receiver for the past two seasons. He had the game winning reception with :39 seconds to go in the game versus Norwell. He has stepped in for the injured Chris Bilodeau at defensive back, and has been one of the lead-

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Total package

The real question is what doesn't Tom Anderson do?

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

So what doesn't Tom Anderson do?

The current senior is a captain for the teams of Cohasset's three roughest varsity sports, was voted the Homecoming King and "Best Combination of Beauty and Brains" for the yearbook, and managed a rather hefty role in the school musical. When his coaches call him versatile, they are making quite the understatement.

"He leads by example," remarked Anderson's football coach, Tony Rolfe. "He is a fantastic captain. How can you not respect anything that he has to say?"

Anderson's versatility as an athlete extends beyond merely the number of sports in which he succeeds. As a football player alone, he has been the starter for three different positions: one for offense, one for defense, and three for special teams.

A tight end, strong safety, kicker, placekicker and punter, Anderson has been one of two players on the team who are on the field every snap. His cousin, Cosimo Cambi, is the other.

Anderson says that he maintains his endurance playing in a Box Lacrosse league. Some high school coaches might frown on this kind of activity during "their seasons," but Rolfe points out: "We don't worry about him wearing out."

Still, only resting between the quarters has been taxing for Anderson, but he seems to feel confident with the role he has assumed on the team.

"At the beginning of the season, it was pretty brutal," admitted Anderson of the no-break football he played after stepping onto the defensive unit for the first time this year. "Defense is a little more physically demanding."

The Skipper defense this year was quite impressive, limiting numerous opponents to single-digit scoring. Anderson played a combination position where he had the secondary responsibility of a safety, but played at the depth of a typical linebacker, leading to a season of run-stopping.

Last year, the defense was a main reason the Skippers qualified for a Super Bowl playoff berth. At 8-1, this year's defense has been equally important, even though the postseason is no longer an option after a tough 25-0 loss to South Shore League champions Abington.

"I would have liked to have gone to the playoffs my senior

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Tom Anderson (#8) goes all out here to haul in a pass, just as he does at everything else.

All-Scholastic girls soccer team

Cohasset's Buckley and Lordan named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

Honorable mention Holly Graham, a Cohasset High junior whose outstanding play at the defensive end earned her a spot on the South Shore League all-star team, was among the more difficult omissions.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 23, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top girls soccer players in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Julie Lordan - Senior (Capt)
Fullback - Cohasset

Julie Lordan

Cohasset's defensive field general helped lead the Lady Skippers to their first plus-500 season (10-7-1) and post-season berth in nearly a decade this fall...two time South Shore League All-Star...a three year varsity starter...extremely fast, strong and poised defender...moved occasionally from outside back to stopper, allowing her to join in the offensive attack a bit more...finished the season with four assists...also a standout lacrosse player for C.H.S. who has already been named a captain for this coming spring's team...Honor Roll student...has applied to Northeastern, among other schools...plans to major in Nursing...Cohasset coach Deb Beal: "Julie was our leader on defense. She took control. She knew her responsibilities and handled them very well."

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The driving force behind the Lady Skippers offense this season, Jenn Buckley had a statistical hand in nearly half of Cohasset's goals, scoring 12 and assisting on four, but she had a direct hand in on many others, helping to lead the Lady Skippers to their first plus-500 season (10-7-1) and post-season berth in nearly a decade.

Jenn Buckley- Junior
Midfielder - Cohasset

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Jenn Buckley

Lindsey Arria - Sophomore
Forward - Hanover

A two-year starter for the Lady Indians, Arria finished the year as the team's top goal-scorer, racking up 22 points on 12 goals,

Lindsey Arria

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C.H.S. coaching hires a big hit

Gallotta signing on as baseball coach highlights three new coaching appointments

By Mike Spellman
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Talk about your tape measure shots.

When Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford put the pitch out for a new baseball coach, never in his wildest dreams did he envision watching it get knocked so far out of the park.

Al Gallotta, after all, has nearly as many career coaching wins in baseball as Cohasset High has.

When he left his post at Archbishop Williams last spring as Athletic Director and baseball coach, after 25 and 27 years, respectively, to take a Math Teacher's job at Cohasset High this fall, many, including Ford, figured he might be looking to wind it down a bit after more than a quarter century of heavy duty involvement.

Well, they all thought wrong, and Ford, for one, couldn't be more pleased. Once Gallotta expressed an interest in the head baseball coaching position the search was, for all intents and purposes, over.

"Obviously, I'm extremely excited to get someone of Al's quality to help rebuild the baseball program," said Ford. "His record speaks for itself. He seems to be just the kind of person we need for this job."

The Cohasset baseball program has fallen on hard times in recent years. The Skippers have qualified for the state tourney only twice in the last decade, and the last time was four years ago. This past spring, they managed just four wins in 20 games.

Dwindling numbers have compounded the difficulties, many of the top male athletes at tiny Cohasset High (approximately 150 males, grades 9-12) having been attracted to the recent successes of the spring track and

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Cohasset's Buckley and Lordan named among area's elite

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10 assists…Speed, confidence, and aggressiveness are key to this forward's game, as is her ability to read a play…A Patriot League All-star, Arria's work on the front-line helped lead Hanover (9-5-4) to a second-place finish in the Patriot League (8-1-3) and an appearance in the Div. 3 South Sectional…Arria also plays basketball and softball at HHS. Hanover coach Garth Nelson: "A lot of people really became aware of Lindsey this season. She's a real special player and she continues to develop. I'm to eager see what the future holds for her."

Karen Bagley - Sophomore
Stopper - Hanover

Karen Bagley

Has played forward and midfield — her position of choice — but Bagley graciously accepted the position at stopper and proved invaluable…A Patriot League All-star, Bagley proved a defensive stalwart, playing both at stopper and center midfield, when needed…Was continually called on to mark some of the league's better offensive players and did so with ease…Her performance helped land Hanover in the Div. 3 South tourney and to a second-place finish in the Patriot League (8-1-3, 9-5-4 overall)…Bagley also plays softball for HHS. Hanover coach Garth Nelson: "Her ability to play at two key positions really helped us, and she can do more. She's not too uncomfortable up front either. Karen can really do it all."

Caitlin Cronin - Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Hanover

Caitlin Cronin

A three-year starter, Cronin was the team's hard-hitting center midfielder…Contributed heavily to Hanover's (9-5-4, 8-1-3 Patriot League) game both offensively and defensively…On the offensive end, Cronin's famed 15-yard scoring bombs were tough to stop, while her defensive footwork continually stopped opponents in their tracks…In all, the PL All-star finished with 10 points on six goals, four assists…She also scored Hanover's only goal in the Div. 3 South Sectional…Cronin plans to continue her soccer career in college. Hanover coach Garth Nelson: "There's four or five schools looking at her. She's already practiced with the team at Bryant College, so she already has a taste for it. She did a real fine job for us."

Becca Marshall - Junior
Forward/Midfield - Hingham

While her numbers weren't as high as she might have liked, Marshall still proved herself to be Hing-ham's (11-5-4, 7-1-4 PL) top point-getter…A two-time Patriot League All-star, Marshall racked up 16 points on 10 goals, six assists…Continually produced opportunities through her quick footwork and smart play…Often stepped back from center forward to center midfield because of her versatility…A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Marshall will return to lead the offense next season. Hingham coach Guy Enoch: "She sees the field so well and feeds the forwards. She's very unselfish because she trusts her teammates. She knows she can't do it on her own. She's a team player."

Becca Marshall

Lauren Murphy - Senior (Capt.)
Sweeper - Hingham

Lauren Murphy

A defensive stalwart on any field on which she plays, Murphy proved invaluable at sweeper this season…A former outside back, Murphy wasn't crazy about playing the new position, but it proved to be the perfect fit…Missed the first two games of the season due to minor injury but returned to key a defense that allowed 12 goals in 20 games…Murphy's confidence and aggressiveness, particularly in marking offensive players and in being in the right place at the right time, were strong assets for Hingham (11-5-4, 7-1-4 PL)…Murphy also plays basketball and lacrosse at HHS and hopes to continue her lacrosse career in college. Hingham coach Guy Enoch: "She was a different kind of leader. She always played with this sense of calmness. She didn't want to play sweeper because she doesn't like the spotlight. It proved to be highly beneficial to the team."

Hilary Lynch - Senior (Capt.)
Goalie - Hingham

Hilary Lynch

No question here…Lynch was nearly impossible to beat in the net this year and she has the numbers to prove it…The Patriot League All-star allowed just 12 goals in 20 games for an almost untouchable 0.65 goals against average…Lynch also posted 10 shutouts, including one against PL champs Duxbury…Good height, undeniable confidence, and aggressiveness, are what make this keeper unlike most others…Her performance helped land Hingham in the Div. 2 South Sectional quarterfinals and third place finish in the PL (7-1-4)…Lynch also plays basketball and lacrosse at HHS…She will attend the University of California, Berkley on a lacrosse scholarship…She plans to study Spanish and become a teacher. Hingham coach Guy Enoch: "She goes far beyond stats. She demonstrated outstanding leadership and poise on the field. With her in there, you just thought every ball was safe. She had a huge impact on our success this season."

Valerie Jarvis - Junior
Forward - Abington

Valerie Jarvis

Has always been a scoring threat for Abington, but Jarvis had a breakout season this year, finishing as the South Shore League's leading scorer with 26 points on 18 goals, 8 assists…Took on the bulk of the offensive burden when midfielder Kacie LaPointe was injured and lost for the season, and she more than responded…Her performance on the frontline helped Abington capture its second-straight SSL title (10-1-1, 10-6-1 overall)…Jarvis was named an SSL All-star and Eastern Mass. All-star this season and is already eighth on the all-time leading scorers list at AHS. Abington coach Jeff Kent: "She is a true goal-scorer. Lots of players can score goals, but she is unique in that she can still be successful amidst pressure. She has a quick release and a very quick shot."

Katie Neary - Senior (Capt.)
Stopper - Abington

Katie Neary

One of those players that an opposing team just doesn't like to see in the backfield, Neary made it very difficult for area goal-scorers…This highly-aggressive player with a nose for defense earned Eastern Mass. All-star honors for her efforts, which landed Abington (10-6-1) its second-straight South Shore League title (10-1-1)…Also an SSL All-star, Neary took the majority of the team's corner and free kicks, racking up nine points in the process…Neary always seemed to be everywhere, even in the net, where she made several key defensive stops in backing up her keeper…Neary plans to attend college. Abington coach Jeff Kent: "Katie was an excellent leader. She had a lot of responsibility because she was so versatile. Just a terrific player and a great kid."

Ashley Knight - Freshman
Forward - Rockland

Just a freshman, Knight is already making her way up Rockl-and's All-time scoring charts…A two-year starter at forward for the Lady Bulldogs, Knight finished as the Patriot League's leading point-getter, racking up 32 points on 27 goals, five assists, despite being heavily marked by opposing defenses…Was the major reason why Rockland surprised some teams in the competitive PL, defeating Hingham, and giving Hanover and Duxbury scares…The Patriot League All-star already plays well beyond her years, but still has a lot of soccer left to play at RHS. Rockland co-head coach Mike Phipps: "She's just a tremendous soccer player. She's probably the most aggressive player I've seen in a long time. Her tenacity when the ball is on the offensive end is incredible. She just won't be denied. She gives everything she has at all times. She's been joy to watch already and still has a ways to go."

Ashley Knight

Catie Whelan - Sophomore
Forward - Weymouth

One of the top point-getters in Eastern Mass (fourth), Whelan is only getting started…Led the Bay State Carey in scoring with 30 points on 20 goals, 10 assists…The BSC, Eastern Mass. and New England All-star had the difficult task of leading an injury-plagued squad, but managed a respectable finish in the BSC (12-6-2) and was key to the team's opening victory in the Div. 1 South Sectional…Earned the BSC MVP award for the last two seasons…Just a sophomore, Whelan still has a lot of soccer left to play at WHS…She also plays basketball and lacrosse. Weymouth coach Ron Jamieson: "Catie has great anticipation and great speed. She sees the whole field and distributes the ball well up the line. She has great one-on-one skills. She's just a complete soccer player."

Lauren Jentzen - Junior
Forward - Marshfield

Lauren Jentzen

This speedy forward made teams in the Old Colony League take notice, as she racked up an impressive 22 points on 19 goals, 13 assists...This placed her first among her team and third in the league…An OCL and Eastern Mass. All-star, Jentzen's offensive work helped power Marshfield (14-4-1) to a second-place finish in the competitive OCL (11-3-0)…Is most proud of her performance in the team's 4-0 regular-season win over OCL rival Bridgewater-Raynham, which advanced to the Div. 1 state semifinal…Plays year-round with the Crusaders soccer club in Plymouth. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "She has tremendous ball control, distributes the ball well, and has a very quick and strong shot. She's one of the best players in the league."

Alexandra Eckhardt - Junior
Goalie - Marshfield

Another no-brainer, Eckhardt had an incredible season in her first year starting in the net, capping the 2002 campaign as the Old Colony League's best keeper…Her numbers say it all, as she allowed just 11 goals in 19 games for an impressive 0.58 goals against average…The OCL and Eastern Mass All-star posted nine shutouts and did not allow more than two goals a game all season long…Her performance helped the Lady Rams (14-4-1) take second place in the OCL standings (11-3-0) and an appearance in the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney…Eckhardt plays year round with the Crusaders in Plymouth. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "Alex is extremely athletic and has very strong hands. When she grabs a ball, she holds onto it. She made saves this season that I don't think guys could make."

Alexandra Eckhardt

Kristen Lake - Senior (Capt.)
Sweeper - Marshfield

Kristen Lake

The lone returnee from the Lady Rams' impressive 2001 defense more than held her own in the backfield this season…Always marked the opposing team's best player and did it with ease…Lake also contributed offensively, racking up 11 points on six goals, five assists…According to coach Fred Podbelski, Lake's read on arial balls is what made her unique, continually taking the ball right out of the air, as opposed to waiting for it to hit the ground…The Old Colony League and Eastern Mass. All-star was instrumental in Marshfield's (14-4-1) second place league finish (11-3-0) and Div. 1 South Sectional appearance…Lake plans to continue her soccer career in college. Coach Podbelski: "She has tremendous speed. Not many players get by her. Her skills are very sound as well, particularly on bally kicks."

Shauna Silvia- Senior (Capt)
Keeper- Holbrook

Shauna Silvia

Accomplished one of the true rarities in high school athletic competition, earning six league all-star selections…stepped in as varsity starter between the pipes as a seventh grader for Holbrook Junior-Senior High and never looked back…this extremely athletic and polished netminder helped the Lady Bulldogs to at least a share of the Mayflower League crown her freshman through junior years, and backstopped the team to state tourney berths each of the past four years…plays soccer year round…previously played as a member of the South Shore Scorpions Club team…hopes to play soccer in college…is presently looking at Merrimac College and Stonehill College, among others…Holbrook coach Sharon Farrell: "Shauna is a great athlete, and we're really going to miss her. She could have scored a lot of goals if I played her up front. She would have been a force no matter where I played her, but I really needed her in net. She kept us in so many games, and was the difference between us winning and losing so many times over the years."

Minnie Doherty- Senior (Capt)
Forward - Norwell

Minnie Doherty

Was named the South Shore League's top player by league coaches…this sensational athlete emerged as a big time scorer this season with several of last year's top offensive players lost to graduation, finishing with a team best 15 goals, to go along with three assists to help lead the Lady Clippers to a 12-4-2 regular season and to the quarterfinals of the Div. 3 south sectionals...also an Eastern Mass All-Star…extremely strong with both her right and left feet…rarely loses 50-50 balls, and makes particularly effective use of her tall body on balls in the air…also a standout for N.H.S. in basketball and lacrosse…was a Mariner All-Scholastic lacrosse selection this past spring…National Honors Society member…active in Student Government and a volunteer with "Best Buddies", a program that pairs core curriculum students up with Special Needs students…has accepted a partial scholarship from Northwestern University to play lacrosse…also plays ice hockey in her spare time (what there is of it, anyway)…Norwell coach Bruce Emerson: "Minnie is obviously a talented athlete, but her intensity really sets her apart. She comes to play every day. Her intensity and commitment rub off on every one of her teammates, and that's the thing I think we'll miss most about her next year."

Meaghan Wiley - Sophomore
Sweeper- Norwell

Meaghan Wiley

An exceptionally gifted player who has been a focal point of the team since her freshman year…used primarily at sweeper, but was often moved up to the frontline when the Lady Clippers were trailing in games…scored Norwell's lone goal in 2-1 loss to Archbishop Williams in state tourney quarterfinals…her strong and accurate leg locked her into the job of taking all re-start and corner kicks for Norwell this season, which played a big part in the Lady Clippers 12-4-2 regular season and run to the quarterfinals of the Div. 3 south sectionals …a South Shore League All-Star and Eastern Mass. All-Star…finished the season with five goals and six assists…has played soccer year round for the Sporting Cristale Soccer Club, Division 1 in the

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MAPLE League (Mass. Premier League) from the U-11 division to present (U-16)…her club team has finished in the Snickers Mass. State Cup Final Four the past three years and won a bronze medal at the 2000 Region 1 Championships…has also played with teams in national events such as the Virginia Beach Tournament, Oakwood Premier (Connecticut) and New England Soccer Classic…has won an Academic Excellence in History Award…sister of Thayer Academy soccer standout Geoff Wiley, a senior keeper…Norwell coach Bruce Emerson: "Meaghan is just a very talented soccer player. She'd shine anywhere on the field, but we really needed her at sweeper. She was such a key for us defensively. She gave everyone playing in front of her a lot more confidence."

Kacey Weafer - Sophomore
Forward - Scituate

Kacey Weafer

Filled a huge offensive void when captains Lucy Hayes and Lauren Glancy went down with early season injuries…
finished the season with a team best 18 points (17 goals and an assist), helping to lead the Lady Sailors to a 9-9 record and a berth in the state tourney… tallied a pair of hat tricks in Patriot League games early in the season, and became a "marked women" after that, drawing almost constant double teams the remainder of the season…extremely fast and fluid on the field…Patriot League All-Star…plays soccer year round for the South Shore Crusaders Club team…also a standout performer last year for the S.H.S. winter and spring track teams, specializing in sprints… Scituate coach Joe Strazdes: "Kacey really stepped up when we needed someone desperately to do so at the offensive end. After the way she started the season, she was double teamed almost constantly, but still found ways to help us. She's very quiet and humble, but she expresses herself pretty clearly with her actions on the soccer field."

Margaret Tansey- Junior
Sweeper- Scituate

Margaret Tansey

A vocal field leader who took on even greater leadership responsibilities when captains Lucy Hayes and Lauren Glancy went down with early season injuries…a three year starter, the last two at sweeper, the position many coaches consider the most important one on the field… Patriot League All-Star…fast, durable and relentless, she was seldom beat one-on-one…has already been named a soccer captain for next year…also a sensational trackster for S.H.S. in the winter and spring seasons the last two years, following in the footsteps of big sister Emily (S.H.S. 2002 grad now running track and cross country at Colgate University)…was named a Patriot League all-star for indoor track last season, specializing in distance races…plays Club soccer year round for the Sporting Cristales…Scituate coach Joe Strazdes: "Margaret's a player who takes charge. That's not always an easy thing to do because some of your teammates might not like to be told what to do, but she did a good job of it. She's a very good soccer player and a pleasure to coach."

Stacy Calhoun - Senior
(Capt)
Center-midfield - Braintree

Stacy Calhoun

Led the Lady Wamps in scoring as a junior, but sacrificed some personal glory to move back to defense to stabilize a young core this fall, and nearly helped the team sneak in to the postseason before finishing 7-10-1…had just one assist this season, but still finished her career seventh on Braintree's all-time scoring list…generally covered the opponent's top offensive threat…also helped key the transition game…Bay State Conference first team all-star selection…was a second team all-star last year…also a standout basketball player for B.H.S…previously ran spring track for the school team…played club soccer for the South Shore Scorpions…plays club softball and volleyball…is ranked top 10 percent her class with a 3.43 GPA…National Honors Society member…serves on Student Council…plans to major in Social Work in college…is looking at UMass-Amherst, Bridgewater State College and UNH…would like to play college soccer…Braintree coach Fred Marks: "Stacy was a great leader, a great captain and a great girls to coach. She hustled her butt off and helped us in so many areas. She plugged the other teams attack, and got our offense going a lot of times."

Heather Barry- Senior
Fullback- Silver Lake

An extremely tough player who battled through painful shin splints much of the season, playing a big hand in the Lady Lakers 6-4-7 season and march to the state tourney…was particularly dominant at the defensive end late in the season after being treated for the shin splints…a two year starter for Silver Lake…was the lone member of the soccer team nominated for Silver Lake's Female Athlete of the Fall award…Old Colony League all-star…has played indoor soccer the last few years at the Plymouth Sports Dome in the winter and spring…also played basketball and ran spring track for Silver Lake her freshman and sophomore years, but decided to concentrate her last two years on soccer and academics…previously played Club soccer for the South Shore Crusaders…Honor Roll student with a 3.4 GPA this term…is looking at New England colleges, and plans to apply to Fitchburg State, UMass-Dartmouth, Salem State and Plymouth State…leaning toward majoring in Business or Communications… may try out for college soccer team…Girls assistant coach Claire Clougherty: "Heather had an excellent year. She's talented player and an incredibly tough player. She'd play hurt and never come off the field. She's a quiet girl, but she leads by example, and her teammates really respond to her."

Heather Barry

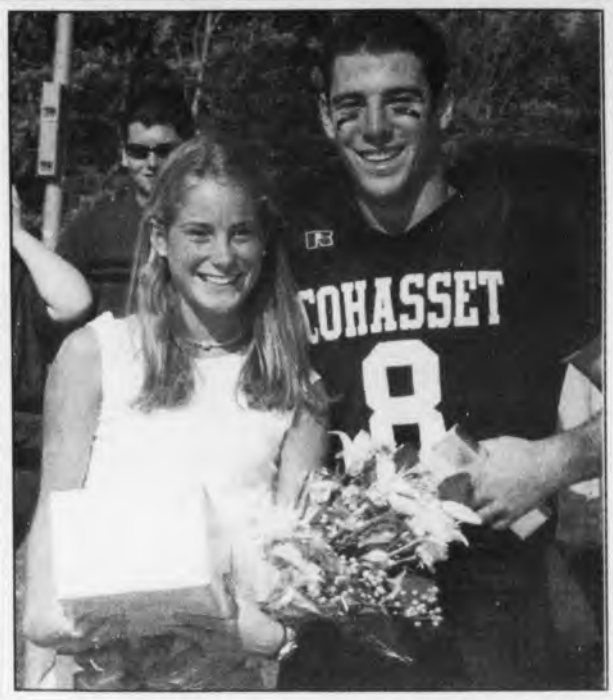
Jenna Beltramini- Senior
Stopper- Silver Lake

Jenna Beltramini

A starter for three straight state tourney qualifying Lady Lakers teams …scored seven goals playing forward in her sophomore year, but moved to the backline the last two seasons to stabilize the defense, being named an Old Colony League all-star for both seasons…despite her defensive role, had two goals and an assist this past season… named an "Honorable Mention" for last year's Mariner All-Scholastic team…plays club soccer year round… presently playing in a Coed indoor league at the Hingham Sports Dome with several other area standouts, including Notre Dame Academy star Niki Cross…plans to study Nursing in college…is applying to Becker College, UMass-Dartmouth, Colby-Sawyer and Salem State…would like to play college soccer…Girls assistant coach Claire Clougherty; "Jenna was a vocal leader, and she went hard all the time. She set a great example in the way she approached the game."

Honorable Mention

Kacie LaPointe - Jr. - Midfield - Abington
Jill Shanahan - Sr. - Defense - Abington
Jen Zakrzewski - Sr. - Goalie - Abington
Erin Smyth - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfield - Abington
Brianna Whitehouse- Fr.- Sweeper- Braintree
Merry Grey- Jr.- Stopper- Braintree
Andrea Caldwell- Jr.- Forward- Braintree
Liz Carroll - Jr.- Midfield- Braintree
Holly Graham- Jr.- sweeper- Cohasset
Gillian Weber - Jr.- Forward- Cohasset
Jamie Dann - Sr. (Capt.) - Wing - Hanover
Ashley Wheeler - Sr. (Capt.) - Sweeper - Hanover
Caitlin Diehl - Sr. (Capt.) - Fullback - Hanover
Hayley Prendergast - Jr. - Forward - Hingham
Kari Mruz - Soph. - Forward - Hingham



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Tom Anderson (#8) was all smiles when he and Katherine Coyne were named Homecoming King and Queen earlier this fall.

Total package

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year, but I just think of it as a privilege to have gone last year," noted Anderson.

Similar to his defensive task, Anderson's offensive assignment offered multiple responsibilities. Anderson was looked to time and time again for clutch receptions on third-and-long situations, but he was equally as important to the team as a blocker up front for the team's bruising senior running back, Braun Goodson.

Where Anderson really separated himself from the rest of the field, however, was in his kicking game. Rolfe rated Anderson as one of the top kickers in the area, both in leg strength and in kicking accuracy. His second-quarter field goal two weeks ago against SSL rival Norwell, his only FG of the year, proved to be the differencemaker in a 16-13 win that avenged the only league defeat Cohasset suffered in 2001.

Starting Monday, Anderson will shift his focus to hockey, where he hopes to lead the Skippers back to another SSL title, possibly even a State Title game under their new coaching staff. In the spring, Anderson will captain the lacrosse team that has been a playoff contender for three years in row.

For now, however, all of Anderson's athletic efforts are focused on the all-important rivalry Thanksgiving match-up between Cohasset and Hull. Cohasset took last year's decision 13-3 to sew up their postseason berth, but, as everyone knows, the past means nothing come Thursday morning.

The last time the game was held in Cohasset, in 2000, Cohasset was at the short end of a 42-6 walloping. Anderson hopes for a different Alumni Field result this time around, noting "the turkey always tastes a little bit better when you win."

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ing tacklers in the defensive backfield. Also, returns kickoffs and punts for the Skippers. Had a 79 yard kickoff return versus Norwell to set up a go ahead touchdown.

#33 Braun Goodson-6' 210 lbs-Halfback/K RET

Braun has scored 16 rushing touchdowns for the Skippers. He has a total of 96 points, the highest scoring Skipper in over 15 years. Braun has followed his blockers to the tune of 1259 yards rushing this season. His highlights include scoring 4 touchdowns versus North Quincy, and rushing for 274 yards against Mashpee. Threw the infamous halfback option pass to QB Mike Snowdale versus Norwell to enable the Skippers to pull off a dramatic 16-13 victory.

#50 Ben Lynner-Captain-6' 1" 230 lbs-Defensive Tackle

Ben is the cornerstone of the Skippers defensive front. Led the team in tackles in several games this season. Leads the team in quarterback sacks, as well as quarterback hurries, and has caused several fumbles with his devastating hits. Most opponents have avoided trying to run up the middle on the Skippers due to Ben's presence.

#5 Chris McKenna-Captain-5' 9" 170 lbs-Linebacker

Chris scored Cohasset's first touchdown of the season at Nantucket, as he burst through from several yards out on the goal line offensive formation. Provided the key play against Division 1 North Quincy as he blocked a punt on their first possession, setting up the offense in excellent scoring position, and the rout was on! Had two excellent games from his linebacker position in back to back home shutouts versus North Quincy and Cardinal Spellman.

#10 Mike Snowdale-5' 10" 165 lbs-Quarterback

Mike has thrown 20 touchdown passes over his two year career at Quarterback, the most by a Cohasset QB since at least the 60's. Threw a go ahead touchdown pass versus Nantucket, a winning pass against Arlington Catholic and Norwell. Spreads the ball around having hit 4 different receivers with touchdown passes this season. Has also rushed for several key first downs when called upon.

 # 27 Nick Spirito-5' 10" 175 lbs-Defensive End

Nick is also a first year player for the Skippers. He has held

Scoring Results

	TDS	FG	X PTS	2 PT	PTS
Braun Goodson	16				96
Tom Anderson		2	1	9	24
John Durkin		2		2	16
Chris Bilodeau		1			6
Cosimo Cambi		1			6
Chris McKenna	1				6
D J Silvia	1				6

2002 Results

19-12	W	Nantucket
14-6	W	Arlington Catholic
34-0	W	North Quincy
31-0	W	Cardinal Spellman
7-6	W	Carver
19-6	W	Mashpee
20-6	W	Canton
25-0	L	Abington
16-13	W	Norwell

Standings

	South Shore League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Abington	5	0	8	1
Cohasset	3	1	8	1
Norwell	3	2	5	4
Hull	2	2	5	4
Carver	1	4	2	7
Mashpee	0	5	2	7

Thanksgiving Day game information

Admission prices: The game day price for admission to the Hull vs. Cohasset Thanksgiving Day Game on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. is $5 for all adults, children (10 and over), and senior citizens. Discount tickets can be purchased prior to game day at the Cohasset and Hull High School Athletic Department offices beginning on Monday, Nov. 25 through Wednesday, Nov. 27, for the price of $4 for adults, children (10 and over), and senior citizens. See Cohasset A.D. Ron Ford or Hull A.D. Joe Sullivan for the discount tickets.

Changes to Alumni Field Due to the ongoing construction project there will be some changes to Alumni Field.

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Restrooms: There will be portable restrooms, on the both sidelines adjacent to the bleachers. Indoor restrooms will also be open in the new lobby of the high school gymnasium.

Concessions: A temporary concession stand run by the Cohasset Wresting Boosters Club will be set up on bus entrance road behind the home bleachers.

The Cohasset High cheerleaders. Front (L-R): Lisa Spirito, Krissy Watts and Katie Dewall. Middle (L-R): Nancy Durkin, Ali Earon, Leigh Laugelle, Marisa Mello and Caitlin Sanchez. Back (L-R): Ariel Siegel, Emma Watson, Melissa Crawford, Kate Carpenter and Catherine Murphy.

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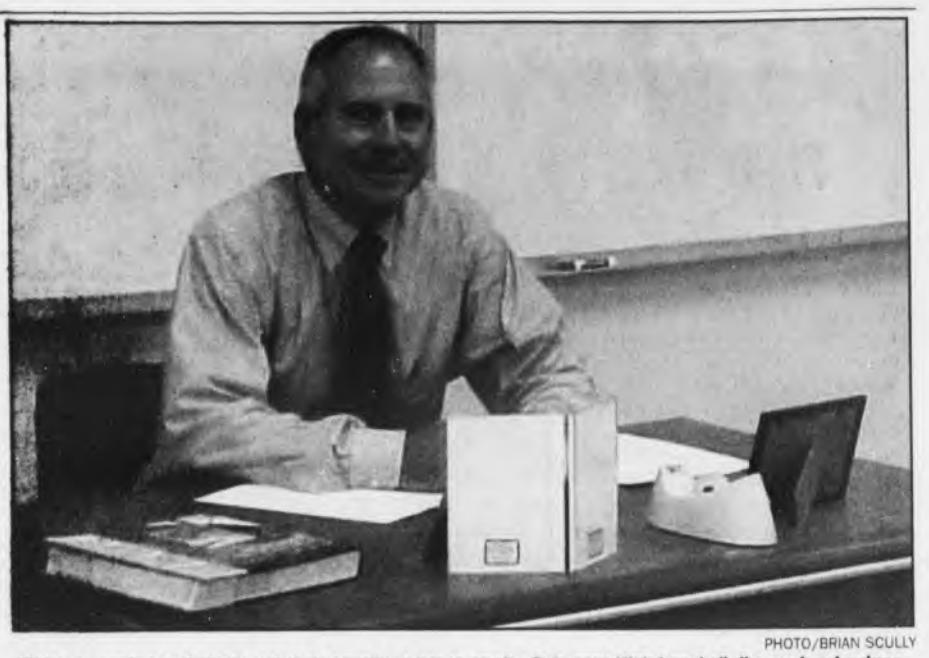

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We're assuming Al Gallotta will look equally at home on the Cohasset High baseball diamond as he does here, at his new desk at Cohasset High School.

C.H.S. coaching hires a big hit

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lacrosse teams.

"That's a situation I'd like to see change," said Gallotta. "There are obviously a lot of kids in Cohasset who grew up playing baseball until they were 12 of 13, and then for some reason became turned off by baseball. I'd like to find a way to keep these kids playing baseball."

Clearly, a shakeup is needed.

"Call it the curiosity factor or whatever you want, but change for the sake of change can be a positive in situations like this," noted Galotta. "Hopefully, we'll get a few more kids out who might be curious."

The secret, then, will be keeping them coming back.

Gallotta, distressed by the lack of summer baseball options for post-Little Leaguers in Cohasset, plans to begin a push for a larger summer program in town. He also intends to volunteer to run baseball clinics during the off-season and invite Little Leaguers to attend his high school practices.

"Playing baseball a couple of times a week for two and a half months isn't really enough to get kids passionate about baseball," Gallotta continued, "especially where baseball is kind of a slow, methodical game. You've got to get kids to appreciate what a great game it is."

Ford, who coached the varsity baseball squad himself before his A.D. days, sees Gallotta as someone who can do just that and reenergize the program.

"Al seems extremely enthusiastic about the challenge," reported Ford. " When someone with his track record comes aboard, that brings instant respect. And seeing the way he is with the kids, I know they'll respond well to him. And he's such a class act.

"We've got a good feeder system in town and some good young talent coming up the next few years. Hopefully, we'll keep a pretty good number of those kids. Al should help a lot of them want to keep playing baseball."

Of course, Ford, who is now in his third year as full-time Athletic Director at Cohasset High, was thrilled just to have someone like Gallotta in the same building.

"Talk about your great resources," said Ford, who was nine years old when Gallotta became Archbishop Williams' AD. "When things come up I'm not sure of, it's easy to walk down the hall and just ask Al, and he's incredibly supportive and willing to help."

After Gallotta's youngest daughter graduated from Williams last year, Gallotta began to seek out a new position that would allow him to spend more time with his wife, away from the long hours required of an Athletic Director. It didn't take Cohasset school administrators long to scoop him up.

Gallotta actually chose to serve as the baseball assistant coach at Archies for the first 23 of his 27 years, afraid of the conflict the head coaching position might have with his AD duties. He has no such strings attached now.

"I'm looking forward to just concentrating on coaching," he said. "That's something I really haven't been able to do in a long time. I can't wait for the spring to get here."

Two other coaching hires

Ford was also delighted to announce the hirings of Damien D'Angelo to the position of JV and assistant baseball coach and Torin Sweeney as permanent girls lacrosse head coach.

D'Angelo served two years previous as the head varsity baseball coach at New London High School (Conn.). He took a job teaching at Cohasset's Deer Hill School this year, and his hiring as coach is another boon for the baseball program, according to Ford.

"We're talking about another guy here with some great experience under his belt," said the Cohasset A.D.. "Damien should be a great help to Al, and the whole baseball program."

Sweeney — who is already Cohasset High's Assistant Athletic Director, head wrestling coach and head golf coach – served as interim girls lacrosse coach last spring with Kathy Guadiano on maternity leave, and directed the Lady Skippers to their first ever state tourney berth.

Sweeney agreed to take over the girls lacrosse job a week before practices started last spring, and found himself loving the sport and job by the end of the year.

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Osgood students learn all about the first Thanksgiving

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Osgood third-graders Isabelle Robinson, Kimani Hale-Sadm, Brittany Avila and Tony Sestito arrange the Pilgrim Village.

Isabel Robinson is standing in the second floor corridor of the Joseph Osgood School with two of her classmates, talking about her not-so-secret identity.

"I am Remember Allerton," says Brittany, matter-of-factly. "I was six-years-old when I sailed on the Mayflower to come to America."

Isabel and the rest of the third graders in Jeanne Hanson and Kristin O'Sullivan's classes at the Osgood have immersed themselves – quite literally – in their study of Pilgrim history.

Each student was assigned a Pilgrim identity, from William Brewster (a.k.a. Tony Sestito) to Ellen Billington (a.k.a. Brittany Avila), but it didn't end there. They also created imaginative accounts of their fictional lives recorded in diaries. And they completed extra-credit projects to design a Pilgrim village (each student knows where they live in the replica and it is organized according to family) and took a trip to Plimoth Plantation. One girl, Emily Castro, went so far as to create a professional-looking replica of the Mayflower, complete with a cross-section that allows the viewer to see what happens on the different decks of the ship.

The bottom line is that history has come alive for the students, so much so that the students take their roles very seriously.

When this under-educated reporter asked Isabel if Billington was a real Pilgrim or a fictional one, she responded impatiently, "We are *all* real Pilgrims."

But of course, and that is a large part of the reason for the success.

"This type of project creates a visual image for the students," said O'Sullivan. "It allows them the ability to construct what they have seen and what they have learned."

The effort and detail that went into each project is proof of that model's success.

"Everyone has done a really nice job," said Hanson. "This is our Pilgrim unit. We have been to Plimoth Plantation and we have read six or seven books on the subject."

According to Hanson, hands-on learning is the best way to learn.

"Think about what you remember from third grade," said Hanson. "The only way to really know something and remember it is to go through a personal experience."

Search starts for top citizen

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is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 3. Please see the nomination form on page 23. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

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Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the eighth person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: the late **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: the late **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

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Young stars balance school with rehearsals for 'Joseph'

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

Basketball players, ballet dancers and newspaper editors all have come together to work on Cohasset High School's upcoming production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," set to open Thursday, Dec. 5.

"It's different than being on a sports team because you get to hang out with people you normally wouldn't be friends with," said senior Jared Krupczak, who plays the role of Ruben.

When they gather in the school's auditorium, these students put aside their varying interests to concentrate on producing the best musical they can.

David Ingber, who has the lead role of Joseph, said with the production opening soon, that everyone involved is making rehearsals a priority right now.

"It's getting pretty intense, but no one seems to mind," he said.

Ingber, who performed in the national production when it was in Boston, said he wanted to be involved with the musical because of the variety of songs performed.

"It's great because there are serious songs and there are fun songs," he said.

"It's getting pretty intense, but no one seems to mind."

— David Ingber, who plays Joseph

In addition to hours of rehearsals, these students are balancing classes, homework, sports practices, college applications, jobs and everything else that is a part of high-school life.

Four days a week, seniors Arianna Dedes and Kimberly Ulmer, dance with the Boston Ballet Company, but when asked to choreograph the production, the friends didn't let their already-busy schedules stop them from jumping at the opportunity.

"It's a dream come true to choreograph something this big," Ulmer said.

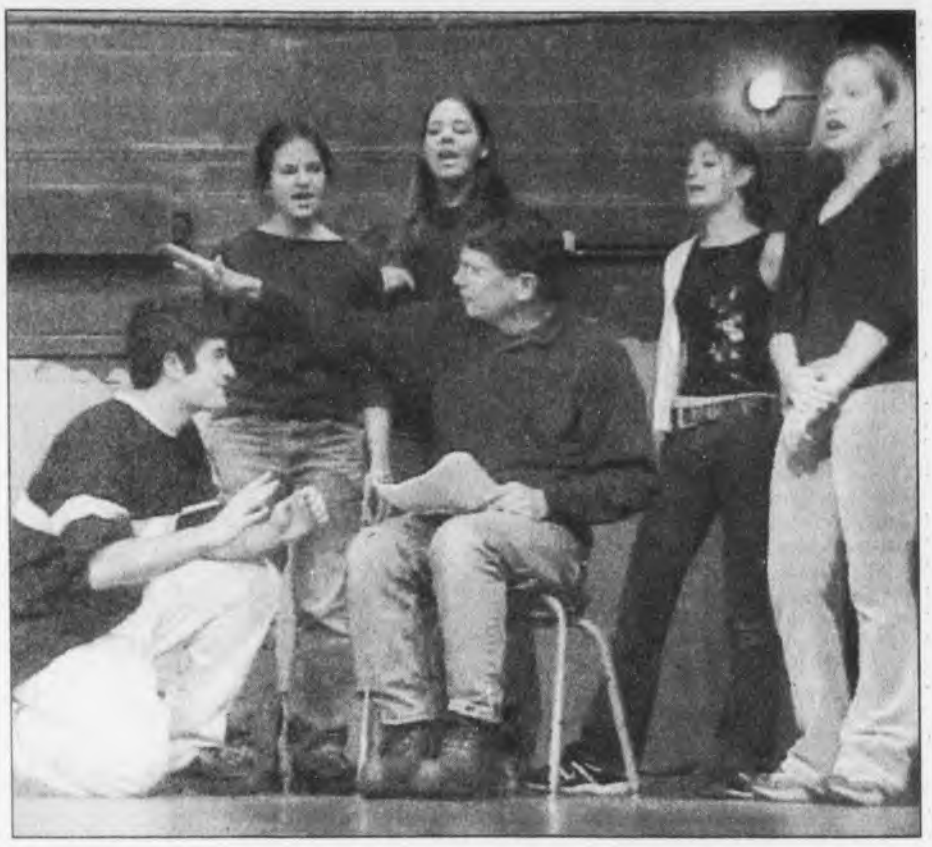
"We've been dancing together since we were really young," Dedes said. "We agree with each other, we listen to each other. It's our last year of high school so it's nice to be able to do this together."

Many of the students said they believe that being involved in extracurricular activities like this helps them to stay focused.

"Being so busy keeps me occupied," Dedes said. "I manage my time better."

Krupczak said he doesn't mind the hours of rehearsal that the musical commands.

"It's all worth it to see it finally coming together," he said.



At right: Cast members of the CHS musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," prepare for their performances, Dec. 6-8. Call Selma Ingber for ticket information, 781-383-9590.

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SAFEGUARD on the Web

The Project SAFEGUARD Web site is designed as a resource to support the youth and parents in the community. Log on to www.cohassetpso.org/safeguard.htm to see what it's all about.

Along with a Parent Booklist of titles dealing with child development and adolescence, the Web site contains links to news articles, features, and resources for both parents and kids. Topics include Stress (social & academic), Bullying, Body Image, and Drinking & Drugs. The Web site is a work in progress; over time it may expand to cover issues for a wider age range. Your ideas are welcome; visit the site and send in your comments or suggestions!

Project SAFEGUARD is a community initiative designed to supplement the health education program in our schools. It depends on parent and community volunteers, as well as community funding, to keep running.

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MONDAY, DEC. 2
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TUESDAY, DEC. 3
Chicken nuggets *or* tuna pocket; oven fries, mixed veggies, pineapple, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4
Pasta with meat sauce, salad and dinner roll *or* Greek salad/pita; pudding, choice of milk.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5
Cheeseburger on a bun *or* chicken salad sub; tossed salad, pears, choice of milk.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6
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Who put the dogs out?

Scituate ZBA ruling has kennel owner needing space

By Amy Lambiaso
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Scituate resident Cynthia Hazen is often responsible for 15 dogs at one time for a day.

But as of last week, she has no place to go with those dogs.

The Scituate zoning board of appeals ordered Hazen to close the dog day care service, Vacation Paws Petsitting, she had been operating out of her Tilden Road home for the last three years. Citing that Hazen was operating a commercial kennel in a residential area of town, the ZBA unanimously ruled that such an operation violated state and town bylaws, ZBA Chairman Brian Sullivan said.

Scituate Building Commissioner Neil Duggan said he had received numerous written and telephone complaints about the noise and the disturbance of the dogs from neighbors over the last several months. After investigating the complaints, Duggan said he, in conjunction with Animal Control Officer Kim Stewart issued a cease-and-desist order to Hazen in August.

"It's in the town bylaws," Duggan said. "You just can't have a commercial business in a residential area."

According to Scituate's general bylaws, a commercial kennel is defined as "a kennel maintained as a business for the boarding of dogs" — the exact purpose of the dog day care service, Duggan said.

Hazen appealed the cease-and-desist order to the ZBA, who upheld the order and forced the business out of her home. Now, Hazen is frantically trying to find a new home for her business and her dogs.

"We have just been going around to different dog parks in the area to keep it going," Hazen said. "I definitely want to stay in business anyway I can."

Hazen said she is looking for abandoned buildings or other open spaces around Cohasset, Norwell and Scituate to continue the dog day care service. She has a school bus to pick-up and transport the dogs around, and said until recently had no complaints or problems with the neighbors.

During the last three years she has operated the day care service, Hazen said she has spent more than $13,000 to put trees around her property, blocking any activity in her yard from her neighbors. She said she also put-up a $6,000 fence around her yard to keep the dogs within the wooden boundary.

"I spent all this money to make things better for (my neighbors), but nothing seemed to matter," she said, describing the comfortable "clubhouse" she has created inside her house for the dogs. She said couches, air-conditioned rooms and other amenities are available for the 12 -15 dogs she takes care of daily. And while many of Hazen's customers spoke out in favor of her business and the service she provides at the ZBA meeting last week, the ZBA ultimately shut the kennel down.

Sullivan said the ZBA's purpose is to uphold the law, regardless of a person's character.

Standing up against hate

Students share their thoughts

On the very last days of school — June 2002 — students in the seventh and eighth grades were continuing to work and study hard. They participated in two unique educational programs. The first was "Tales of Courage from the Holocaust" told by long-time storyteller and past minister of the Cohasset Unitarian Church, Jennifer Justice. These were stories of teenagers during the Holocaust who had stood up with great courage against the hate they saw toward Jews. The students were spellbound and when asked to respond exhibited great insight, knowledge and curiosity about these heroic acts.

The second program was a video entitled "Not in Our Town". This was an inspiring story of how the community of Billings, Montana joined together after a series of hate crimes to prevent further attacks, support the victims and learn about each other.

The students were asked to write an essay addressing why it was important to take a stand as these people did or what the community of Cohasset might do if these hate crimes took place here.

Ten winners were selected from the entire seventh grade. Congratulations to Mike Corey, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Molly Gallagher, Aisling Guinee, Ryan Ingram, Lara Novak, Mary Previte, John Rohner, Jeremy Simms and Kara Wilcox.

Eighth graders were given the essay as an optional assignment. Two eighth graders should be commended for their thoughtful essays, Mia Lieb-Lappen and Zach Etkind. All of the essays we read were inspiring. The phrase that comes to mind is "the children will lead us."

The winners will receive gift certificates donated by the Cohasset Diversity Committee and the following local businesses: Buttonwoods Books, The Good Sport, Grapevine Caterers, RGP Pizza, and The Village Butcher.

The speaker and films were funded by the PSO Diversity Committee and a grant made possible by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts. The program as part of the Anti-defamation League's No Place for Hate Campaign that the town of Cohasset has taken part in over the last two years.

The Cohasset Diversity Committee would like to acknowledge the thoughtful and mature essay submissions from the Cohasset Middle School students for the No Place for Hate Essay Contest. Although many essays were outstanding, we selected the winning students listed in the above article for particularly creative or insightful ideas as well as their differing perspectives. Please note: the following quotations are taken from the entire pool of seventh-grade essays.

"I would try to stop hate in many different ways. One way I could try to stop hate in my own town is by accepting people for who they are and not tease or bully people at school. I would try to get other people besides myself to realize that it isn't funny to make fun of someone, but instead it just hurts that person inside."

"If people began to notice the hate that exists in our community maybe, the town would gradually create new organizations in schools and in the town itself. I myself would join one of these organizations and help it by recruiting more people to fight this hate."

"Cohasset is extremely sheltered from the prejudices of the real world, and while this is a good thing, it is bad. Children grow up in a town with little diversity, and despite the videos they are shown at school, understand only so much about racism.."

"Teenagers in Jennifer Justice's stories were very inspiring. They told me that even by helping save one life it is as if you have saved a universe."

"In reality, 'holocausts' occur every day. In this school kids are 'persecuted' by words, made fun of every day for their physical appearance, or something they can not help. So the 'holocaust' still exists and most people aren't doing anything about it. But the few who are standing up for someone, they are doing exactly what the real teens in the holocaust did: risking something, his or her lives, to help someone in need."

Cohasset Police join 'Click It or Ticket' campaign

Chief Robert W. Jackson announced the Cohasset Police Department will join more than 260 Massachusetts local police departments and the State Police in a Thanksgiving Holiday traffic enforcement "mobilization" Nov. 18 to Dec. 1 as part of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's "Click It or Ticket" campaign. The department received a $ 4000 grant to support its involvement in the campaign.

"This Click It or Ticket mobilization will reduce the danger we all face from motor vehicle crashes during the heavily-traveled Thanksgiving Holiday period," said Chief Jackson. "In addition to preventing aggressive and impaired driving and speeding, this mobilization will allow us to increase compliance with the Massachusetts safety belt and child passenger safety laws so more people will be protected."

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's "Click It or Ticket" campaign, made possible by a federal highway safety grant, combines traffic enforcement, paid and non-paid media messages, as well as community education and outreach. States that participated in last May's "Click It or Ticket" mobilization saw an overall 9 percent increase in safety belt use. For more information, go to www.mass.gov/ghsb.

"We strongly urge those using Massachusetts roadways during the Thanksgiving Holiday period to drive sober and well-rested, to obey posted speed limits, to allow extra travel time for emergencies, and to make sure everyone is properly buckled up," said Nancy J. Luther, Executive Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. "This Click It or Ticket mobilization will encourage safe driving practices that will reduce the more than 400 fatalities, 91,000 injuries, and $6.3 billion in economic costs from motor vehicle crashes that annually devastate Massachusetts families and our economy."

There were 10 motor vehicle crashes that resulted in 10 fatalities during the four-day Thanksgiving Holiday period in Massachusetts.

Chief Jackson provided the following information on safety belts, booster seats and child safety seats:

Safety belts reduce the risk of death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash by half. Yet a 2001 statewide survey conducted by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau found only 56% of front seat occupants wear safety belts in Massachusetts – compared to 75% belt use nationwide. The lowest usage rate was among teens 16 to 19 years old at 50 percent.

Massachusetts law requires all drivers and passengers to be properly restrained in a safety belt, booster seat or child safety seat. A driver may be stopped by police solely for having a child 12 years of age or younger improperly restrained ($25 fine per child).

Massachusetts law requires children under five *and* weighing less than 40 pounds to ride in a child safety seat. Children five and older AND weighing over 40 pounds must wear a safety belt. For maximum safety, children 40 to 80 pounds should ride in a booster seat. Children over 80 pounds and taller than 4 ft. 9 ins. are ready for an adult safety belt.

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Art at the Abbey

On Saturday, Nov. 30 and Sunday, Dec. 1, the Hull Artists Studio Connection in cooperation with Glastonbury Abbey invites the public to enjoy their 2002 Holiday Gift Giving Extravaganza, "Art at the Abbey." Gifts of fine arts and crafts include painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, crafts, jewelry, greeting cards, woodcrafts, ceramics, children's books and so much more.

The hours for Saturday, Nov. 30 are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art at the Abbey will be held in the Conference Center at Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Route 228 North (and one-quarter mile from Route 3A going toward Nantasket). There is plenty of free parking.

The Hull Artists Studio Connection is a non-profit artists' organization. For more information, either call 1-800-413-1770 or visit their Web site at www.hullartistsstudioconnection.com.

'Babes in Toyland'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "Babes in Toyland" at the Cohasset Town Hall weekends, Nov. 29-Dec. 15· Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.. Additional matinee Saturday Dec 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books & SpringBrook Kids in Cohasset and Front Street Books in Scituate, by phone at 781-544-0304 and at the door.

Receive $1 off your ticket price at the door only when you bring a non-perishable item for the Cohasset Food Pantry. Girl Scout troops of five or more receive discounted tickets when reserved ahead of time. For more information, call Wendy at 545-1655

Illustrator signs at Buttonwood

Joan Paley, will be at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset on Sun. Dec. 8 from 2-4 p.m. Paley is the illustrator for "Moon Glowing" (Dutton, $16.99) by Elizabeth Partridge. Paley, who lives in North Scituate with her husband Norm, has illustrated many fine books. Among them, "The Emperor Lays an Egg" and "Little White Duck".

"Moon Glowing" is a beautifully detailed picture book with few words and stunning pictures. The story follows four animals (squirrel, bat, bear and beaver) as they prepare for the coming of winter. Bright gold leaves, white clouds heavy with snow, twinkling stars and a glowing orange moon help establish the mood for a long winter slumber. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Festival of Trees at the Carousel

Friday night (Nov. 29) starts a new holiday tradition for the South Shore — "The First Annual Festival of Trees at the Paragon Carousel "on Nantasket Beach in Hull.

This fund-raising event will be happening over nine evenings (three weekends) and feature 10 Holiday Trees wonderfully decorated by designers and businesses including: Cultivate, Castaways, Floral Persuasions, Wild Dog Art, The Pineapple House, Cut n Dry, Over the Moon, VB Gray Designs, Daley & Wanzer, with a very special tree from the Community Outreach & Board of Health Department in Hull.

Christmas, the holiday horse will be setup in a special display so you may have your picture taken on her (for $5). This has always been a popular tradition at the carousel.

There will be a canned food drive for the Wellspring Food Pantry located in Hull. Everyone bringing a canned good or boxed food item to this event will receive "A Good Deed Coupon" entitling you to one free ride on the carousel in the year 2003. The goal is to collect more than 2002 items.

The official lighting ceremony will be at 6 p.m. on Friday evening. Santa will be there to welcome all the children and adults on opening night. Caroling by local voices and refreshments will round out this holiday get together.

Tickets are $2 Child / $10 Adult on opening night, $1.75 Child / $5 Adults all other nights For more information on dates and times, please check our website www.enjoy-hull.com or call 781-925-0472.

Canned food drive

Pilgrim Co-operative Bank will be holding a canned food drive to benefit both the Cohasset and Scituate Food Pantries. The pantries would greatly benefit by donations of the following items: tuna, corned beef hash, beef stew, instant oatmeal, snacks, condiments, canned fruit, Lipton side dishes, instant potatoes, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and personal care items, such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and dish soap. Donations can be dropped off at either Pilgrim location. The bank extends warm holiday greetings, and wishes to thank you in advance for remembering those who are less fortunate.

HSO Welcomes Yule! with classical music

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual Welcome Yule! concert on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Ship Church in Hingham, and on Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

Under the direction of Conductor Jin Kim, the HSO will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 and Faure's Pelleas et Melisande Suite, along with Anderson's medley of carols, A Christmas Festival. In what has become a new tradition for many, the Yule concert will also present an opportunity for the audience to participate in a holiday sing-along.

"We are very excited to enrich and enliven the holiday season throughout the South Shore with a concert that is brimming with energy and warm spirit," said MaryBeth Alger, president of the HSO Board of Directors. "Jin's selection for this year should greatly please everyone in our audience and inspire them throughout the coming year."

Tickets for the Yule Concert are available at Hingham Public Library, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, and Noble0s, Norwell, or call 781-740-5694. $20 adult, $18 senior, $10 through age 18.

Our World luncheon and fashion show

There will be a holiday luncheon and fashion show to benefit "Our World," the children's global discovery museum, at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 12 at Atlantica Restaurant.

The museum is set to open next fall in the back wing of the former Osgood School. The new Paul Pratt Memorial Library will occupy the rest of the building.

Fashions by Talbot's will be featured at the luncheon and a number of exciting prizes, including a night at Boston's Ritz Carlton and a gift certificate for tea for two at the Ritz Carlton, will be raffled.

Tickets for the event are $45 per person and tickets for the grand raffle can be ordered at $25 each or six for $100. Winners do not have to be in attendance. Checks made out to Our World CGDM can be sent to Our World, P.O. Box 422, Cohasset, 0225. For further information, call Amy Fitzpatrick at 781-383-9911.

Order your tree early!

First Parish's eighth annual, fresh-cut balsam Christmas tree sale in conjunction with the Village Fair is Saturday Dec. 7. Pre-orders are being accepted. Order early to be in the "your tree free" drawing. All tress are $35 for any tree 5-9 feet. Besides being a fund-raiser for the First Parish, trees are donated to various families served by the Cohasset Food Pantry, Wellspring, Friends of the Homeless, and others as including the Senior Center at the Community Center, allowing for many to benefit. Call 781-383-9845.

Shop along the 'Gift Mile'

Nov. 30 is the day to shop along Cohasset's 3A. The Cohasset Gift Mile has many stores along this route and they will be hosting Open House with refreshments, raffles and other special happenings that include a wine tasting at Curtis Liquors from 2-4 p.m., a sing-a-long with Cohasset's own Music Lady, Beth Green at Buttonwood Books & Toys from 2- 4p.m. and Santa will be at Conlon Family Chiropractic from 11 a.m. – 2.p.m. . Come enjoy this day and discover some wonderful new shops or revisit some favorites. Support the small businesses which generously support Cohasset and all the surrounding communities throughout the year with their program ads, raffle donations, gift certificates, and donations of money and time.

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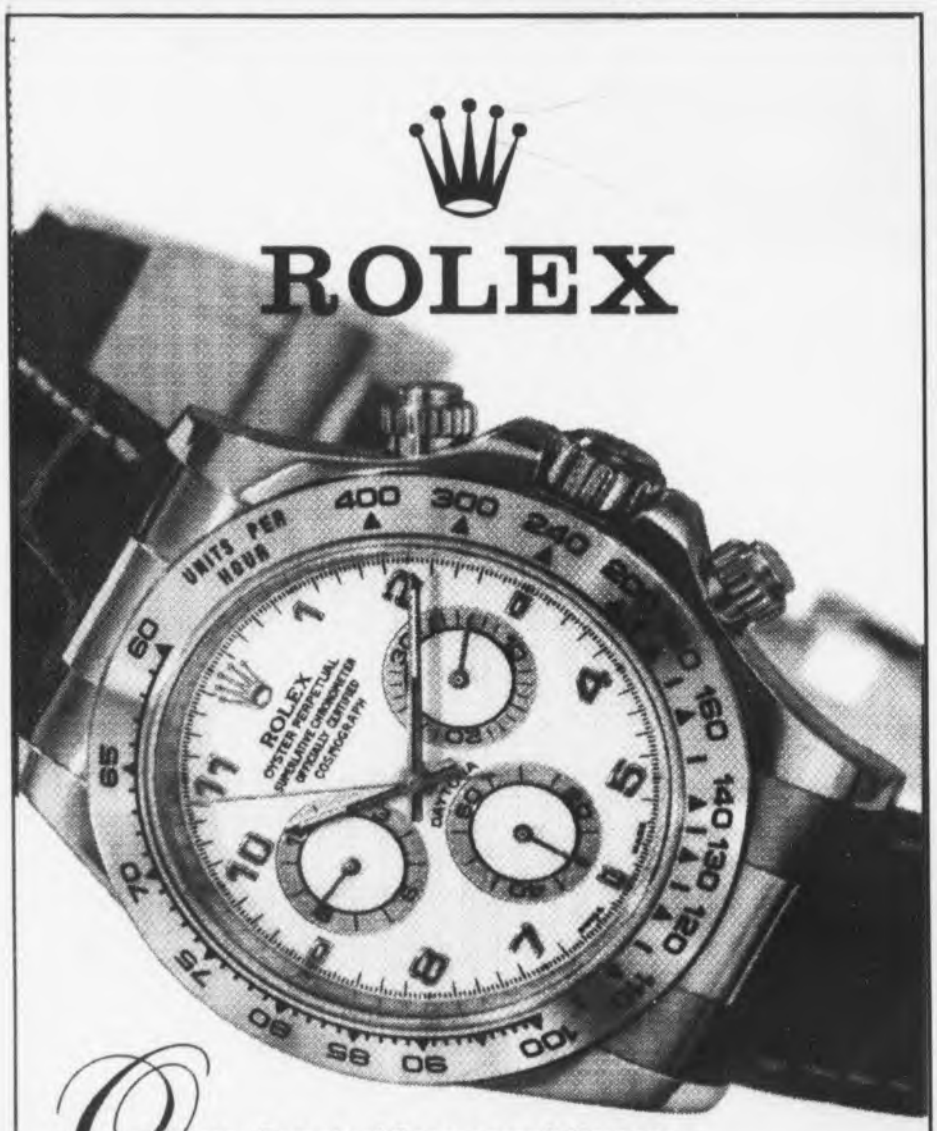

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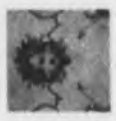
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Leah Taylor Roy, builder Daniel Dunn, Nadiya Roy, Mary Larson, Mrs. Mary Lou Roy and Janice Crowley at the groundbreaking of the "Our World" children's museum on Sunday.

Handing out toys and treats at the groundbreaking were from left, Roxanne Tehranian, Lara Novak, Alyssa Campbell and Talor Bukowski.

Isabella Dunn with her father, Daniel (the builder of the project), at the groundbreaking during which children received free globes.

Opening the doors to the world for South Shore children

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

Promoting unity among South Shore communities is a major driving force of the Our World Children's Discovery Museum, according to co-chairs Mary Larson and Leah Taylor Roy.

"We want to show that though we live in separate communities on the South Shore, there can be unity among the towns," Roy said.

A ceremony Sunday marked the start of the construction phase of the museum, which is scheduled to open in September.

Set to occupy the 1929 wing of the old Joseph Osgood School, Roy said the location would make the museum a South Shore facility, rather than specific to Cohasset, as residents from neighboring towns use the Paul Pratt Library.

Larson and Roy said the interactive exhibits will aim to teach children about global awareness.

"We want to show that we may speak and dress differently, but, as people, we're really the same."
— Leah Taylor Roy

"We want to show that we may speak and dress differently, but, as people, we're really the same," Roy said.

The museum's exhibits will change often in order to always have something new and will collaborate with the local schools. Working with the schools' curriculums, the museum will offer music, art and language programs that will reinforce what the children are being taught in the classrooms.

The renovations of the building are set to be finished in March, at which time the placement of the exhibits will begin, according to trustee Linda Shropshire.

"We have to pick exhibits that are good for the kids," she said. "We might like them, but we had to think about what would be appropriate for the children."

Larson said children, from toddlers to early adolescents, will find the educational exhibits entertaining and interesting.

While the money for the construction has been raised, funds are still needed for the purchase and building of the exhibits.

For more information about Our World, call (781) 383-3198 or log on to www.ourworld-cgdm.org.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Savannah Norris and Emily St. John sings carols at last year's Village Fair.

Cohasset Village Fair continues its 62-year tradition

By Brian J. Scully
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Every year since 1940, the town of Cohasset has gathered on the Town Common sometime in December to celebrate the beginning of the Holiday season.

This year is no different.

"There isn't a lot written about it," said Sheila Wallingford, who is heading up the publicity for the event this year. "There is, however, a small blurb in the latest Town History, noting that it began in 1940. I'm pretty sure that it has happened every year. I don't think there has ever been a year where we have missed it."

The fair is a conglomeration of area churches, and centers around the common. This year, St. Stephen's, the Greek Orthodox Church, Second Congregational, and First Parish will participate in the Dec. 7 event, along with the cross-denominational Cohasset Appalachia Service Program, headed up by the Rev. Gary Ritts.

"What we try to do is each year have a different church head up the publicity committee," said Wallingford, who is a member of the St. Stephen's parish. "This time it was our year. We try to coordinate each church so that we are not duplicating efforts."

This year, when Santa comes to the Common for photographs and to hear kids' wish lists, the proceeds will go towards the Appalachia project.

"The Children's secret room and Santa visit proceeds will go to the Appalachia project," said Wallingford. "Rev. Gary Ritts has involved all of the churches youth groups in the project and they go down to Appalachia for a week, and help work."

The event will run from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. and Santa will be on the common from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids visiting Santa will receive candy canes. John Coe will be the Town Crier, moving from event to event and informing the public what is happening when.

The following is a list of what activities will take place where.

•St. Stephen's — (on location) Book sale, country store, and children's secret room, where low-priced gifts can be bought for family members.

•Greek Orthodox Church — (Will take place at the Town Hall) Boutique, Grandma's Attic, bridal and baby boutiques and a café.

•Second Congregational Church – (on location) Holiday boutique, clam chowder, surf and turf raffles, stocking stuffers, and a kid's craft corner.

• First Parish Church – (on location) Christmas Tree sale, Swedish baker, Appalachian crafts, and at noon the Rusty Skippers, a musical band.

Beechwood gets in holiday spirit

By Brian J. Scully
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With all of the activity in and around the Town Common during the Village Fair on Dec. 7, it may be easy to overlook another fair, just a few miles away on the other side of town.

But to do so would be missing out on yet another great opportunity to get in the holiday spirit.

Starting at 9:30 a.m., the Beechwood Congregational Church at 51 Church St. will hold a Christmas Fair of its own.

"We have it every year and it is open to the public," said Gerry Ainslie, who is in charge of organizing the event. "It is a big thing for our church."

One of the main traditions of the fair is the sale of Beach Glass candy.

"Beach Glass candy is hard candy made up of different flavors such as peppermint, spearmint, and wintergreen," said Ainslie. "They come in glass jars and look like little pieces of sea glass you would find on the beach."

There will be fried dough in the morning, followed by a luncheon at 11 a.m. There will also be hand-made items, a white elephant table, and holiday wreaths.

The fair runs until 2 p.m.

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will go to the missionary funds of the church.

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December storytime

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library children's room will host story time on Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for holiday stories. All ages are welcome and registration is not required.

What's new in non-fiction

"The Child that Books Built" by Francis Spufford

Just how important is reading in the life of a child? Francis Spufford reflects on the impact books have had on his own life and how, as a boy, fiction fed his imagination and love of language and helped create the person he is today.

"And Words Can Hurt Forever" by James Garbarino, Ph.D. & Ellen deLara, Ph.D.

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Cohasset sisters have something fishy going on

Launch Yankee Trader label

When they discovered that people at full-service seafood counters were asking for their crab cakes and other products by name, Yankee Trader Seafood owners Stephanie Hernan and Lisa Hellar decided it was time to take their brand directly to the public.

Since 1999, the popular Maryland-style crab cakes, New England cod fish cakes, lobster Rangoons, lobster ravioli and lobster spread, were available without brand recognition at seafood stores and supermarket fish departments. They will continue in these markets, but also available are Yankee Trader products packaged in distinctive blue boxes.

Yankee Trader has been growing rapidly since 1994, when Gerry McAdams started the company out of his Scituate kitchen and began selling his homemade crab cakes to local restaurants. The business' growth was fueled by word-of-mouth and before long, Yankee Trader crab cakes were in fish markets and restaurants all along the South Shore. When McAdams introduced lobster spread in 1996, it was equally as popular.

When he died in 1999, he was working on the company's third product – a fish cake – and the company had outgrown two locations.

Hernan of Scituate and Hellar of Duxbury, who had helped their father grow the business, picked up where he left off, developing new products and planning growth and expansion.

"We got involved and wanted to stick with it," said Hernan, 37, who manages financial and technical aspects at Yankee Trader, while Hellar, 41, works on the sales and marketing end. "My father always said when you have a tiger by the tail, don't let it go or it will eat you up."

The move toward brand recognition is part of a five-year business vision.

Major retailers like Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Foodmaster, Market Basket, A&P and Victory plan to carry the product in the freezer section and the fish case, as do a number of smaller, specialty and seafood shops, throughout most of New England and into New York. They have one distributor in Florida and have an eye toward further southward expansion.

Yankee Trader products are also sold at the renowned West Point Market in Ohio after buyers there sampled the product at a seafood show and decided they wanted to carry it. West Point is the number one small specialty-food market in the world.

The move toward brand recognition is part of a five-year business vision developed by Hernan and Hellar with the help of former McCormick CEO John Gill.

"We made a decision to grow and seek out larger markets," said Hernan. "We get double exposure now that we have a retail brand too."

The pair invested in machinery to expedite supermarket orders, expanded their manufacturing space from 1,000 to 4,000 square feet, and hired a second shift at their Pembroke plant. They easily met their first goal – to realize $1 million in sales. Last year, sales totaled $4 million.

"We knew we could do it," said Hellar. "We looked forward to the challenge. We knew we wanted to take it to the next level."

They've met one of the most difficult challenges – getting retailers to carry their brand.

"Once you get into the first supermarkets, it gets easier," said Hellar. "Then they start wanting to compete for your product."

"It was overwhelming to see our package in the store the first time," added Hernan. "I thought, 'My God, that's us!' It was weird to see."

Now they must work to build awareness for the Yankee Trader name and to get more stores to carry their brand. They've gained public recognition as "the crab cake ladies" after appearing on the cable program Fooding Around with John Rega, where they offer recipes and preparation tips to demonstrate how easy and versatile the product line is.

"It's perfect for fast-paced lifestyles," said Hernan, who, along with Hellar, ought to know. Both are married with two children each. Hernan has a 14-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter. Hellar's son is 9 and her daughter is 7. At first, the 12-hour days conflicted with family life, but things have leveled off.

"We have to juggle it," said Hernan. "We drop the kids off at school, work from 8 to 3, and go home to get them. Sometimes we come back and they do their homework here."

While the youngsters appreciate that their moms are home more often lately, there's one thing they haven't stopped complaining about yet.

"They can't stand the smell of fish," said Hernan. "They make us shower before they give us a hug."

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Sisters, Stephanie Hernan, left, and Lisa Hellar, who grew up on Stanton Road, are expanding their seafood line into major retail outlets.

LISTEN To Life

by John Klefeker, BC-HIS
Board Certified-Hearing Instrument Specialist, MA Lic. #127

HEARING WITH BOTH EARS

Binaural hearing (hearing with both ears) allows the wearer to make fine judgments about sound and enables him or her to listen selectively to one of several sounds. Most hearing experts agree that, because gradual hearing loss typically takes place in both ears, it makes sense to fit both ears with hearing instruments. Hearing with two ears may help the listener to more accurately and confidently respond to sounds (like conversation) on either side. In addition, localization (the ability to detect the direction and distance of sound) can only be achieved with two ears. Balanced hearing with both ears may improve the listener's ability to disregard background sounds and more clearly understand speech.

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P.S. Auditory deprivation is the systematic decrease over time of auditory performance associated with lack of acoustic information.

BUSINESS NOTES

Chamber hosts its holiday party

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce will host its annual holiday party on Tuesday, Dec. 10. As in the past, the event will be held at The Christopher Gallery, 130 King St. (Rte. 3A) in Cohasset. The festivities will run from 6 – 8 p.m. If you are interested in attending this year's party please RSVP to Dan Picha of the Chamber. He can be reached at 781-878-7440, or you may send him an e-mail to daniel.picha@rocklandtrust.com.

Muscles Rx is in Route 3A

Muscles Rx at 164 Route 3A, is a muscular therapy practice that specializes in sports injury rehabilitation and massage traumatology. The name, Muscles Rx—shorthand for muscle prescription—should indicate more than a "typical massage," said owner and licensed muscular therapist, William McAuliffe.

Less than five percent of the clientele at Muscles Rx seeks treatment for relaxation purposes, the majority receive a medicinal massage used to aid the body in its healing process, eliminate chronic pain and treat other medical conditions.

McAuliffe, who has worked in the health-care industry since 1991, described his therapists as the bridge between patients suffering from acute or chronic pain and their medical team of doctors and physical therapists. The kind of therapy offered at Muscles Rx is an alliance with other forms of health care rather than an alternative, he explained.

Amie Theriault of Cohasset recently joined the Muscles Rx team. Theriault is a licensed muscular therapist and certified personal trainer. She is a graduate of Boston University where she studied physical therapy and of The Muscular Therapy Institute in Cambridge.

Greene recognized

Cohasset resident and longtime employee of J.N. Phillips Auto Glass Maureen Greene was recently inducted into the "mergefield Award_Type Varsity 5-Star Club" at J.N. Phillips' first-annual employee recognition event. Greene has been with J.N. Phillips for over eight years.

J.N. Phillips Auto Glass, an auto glass replacement company, recently honored its dedicated employees by hosting an evening gala at the Charles River Museum of Industry. An awards ceremony reflecting the company's affection for sports and sponsorship of the New England Patriots and Boston Bruins included induction into the "J.N. Phillips Hall of Fame" for employees serving over 25 years, induction into the "Legends Club" for those serving over 20 years, and granting of various levels of "Varsity Star" status to employees of five-to-19 years.

Harper at Starwood

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (NYSE:HOT) announces the appointment of Hoyt Harper II of Cohasset as senior vice president, Four Points by Sheraton. Harper will be responsible for all operational aspects of the Four Points by Sheraton brand, including brand standards, product development, and owner relations.

Harper, a 22-year veteran of the travel and hospitality industry, most recently served as senior vice president, business development and marketing programs, where he was responsible for developing strategic alliances and partnerships for Starwood, as well as developing loyalty and membership programs, sponsorships and promotions. Prior to that, Harper held the position of vice president, marketing programs, where he oversaw the launch of Starwood Preferred Guest in February 1999, Starwood's loyalty program. During his tenure with Starwood, Harper solidified dozens of global marketing alliances.

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Black Rock opens its doors

Hingham resident Jim Read and Cohasset resident George McGoldrick, both partners in Black Rock Development, LLC, recently hosted a VIP reception for more than 100 guests at the new luxury model home at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham. Designed by Richard Bertman of CBT Architects in Boston and built by NorthWest Development, LLC of Acton, Mass., the 3,200-square foot model home is one of 138 residences planned for this luxury golf course community located in south Hingham, just five minutes from Route 3.

Joining Read and McGoldrick were NorthWest Development President Ron Peabody whose company is building the residences at Black Rock and The Collaborative Companies' Partner Sue Hawkes who is directing the sales and marketing at Black Rock. Prior to the official model opening, 10 homes were already sold at an average price of more than $900,000.

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TUESDAY, NOV. 14

6:15 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:44 p.m. Nichols Rd., medical aid.

6:59 p.m. Highland Ave., general services.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

1:41 a.m. King St., suspicious person.

7:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

8:15 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

9:36 a.m. Atlantic Ave., Lothrop Lane, traffic complaint.

11:05 a.m. Church St., fire inspections.

12:44 p.m. South Main St., suspicious auto.

1:07 p.m. South Main St., annoying phone calls.

2:45 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

7:33 p.m. Highland Ave., fire.

8:05 p.m. King St., disturbance.

9:45 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:24 p.m. Mill Lane, animal control.

10:50 p.m. South Main St., open door/window.

11:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

12:55 a.m. elm St., assist other police department.

1:26 a.m. South Main St., assist other police department.

6:36 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, noise complaint.

10:01 a.m. Ocean Side Dr., fire, log entry.

10:16 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, open door/windows.

11:21 a.m. King St., suspicious.

11:58 a.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., general services.

1:04 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

2:45 p.m. Hingham fire to Scituate line, assist.

3:17 p.m. King St., suspicious auto.

5:45 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:18 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:38 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

9:17 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

12:02 a.m. Black Horse Lane, medical aid.

12:51 a.m. Black Horse Lane, medical aid.

6:40 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., tree down.

8:13 a.m. Deep run, medical aid.

8:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property damage.

9:16 a.m. Spring St. and Summer St., tree down.

11:27 a.m. Rust Way and Jerusalem Rd., fire.

11:49 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

12:03 p.m. Ripley Rd, tree down.

12:35 p.m. Elm St., assist other agency.

1:05 p.m. Summer St., and South Main St., traffic safety inspection.

1:48 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., traffic safety inspection.

4:49 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

5 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., general services.

5:08 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., summons services.

7:12 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:01 p.m. South Main St, general services.

11:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Michael J. McKittrick, 41, 35 Schlager Ave. S, Quincy. Chgs: OUI liquor, alcohol in motor vehicle, possess open container of marked lanes violation.

MONDAY, NOV. 18

7:39 a.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

7:41 a.m. Border St., lost property.

9:13 a.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:32 a.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:40 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:51 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:04 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

3:19 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Bow St., disabled motor vehicle.

3:57 p.m. King St., fire, investigation.

5:40 p.m. North Main St. and Ripley road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:46 p.m. Highland Ave. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:07 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:40 p.m. Atlantic Ave., 911 call verification. Arrest of Michael Matthew Dirksmeier, 17, of 20 Gridley Bryant Road, Scituate. Charge: Possession of a Class D drug.

Arrest of Christopher W. Flynn, 17, of 41 Atlantic Ave., Cohasset. Charges: Assault and Battery—3 counts, assault, threat to commit crime.

10:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, NOV. 19

6:48 a.m. Nichols Road, noise complaint.

9:19 a.m. Jerusalem Road, threats to do bodily harm, peace restored.

10:19 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:41 a.m. King St., general disturbance, peace restored.

12:39 p.m. Spring St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

2:01 p.m. Cedar St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

3:08 p.m. Bow St., property found.

3:19 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

3:40 p.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.

5:01 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:27 p.m. North Main St., traffic complaint, area search negative.

5:32 p.m. Hull St., request for police officer/s, services rendered.

5:45 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:15 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

4:28 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:57 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:19 a.m. King St., fire, call transferred to fire department.

6:48 a.m. Hull St., request for police officer/s.

7:16 a.m. Norfolk Road and Bancroft Road, traffic complaint.

8:05 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, fire investigation.

10:13 a.m. Flintlock Ridge Road, suspicious activity/person(s).

10:30 a.m. Ash St., lost property.

10:51 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:51 a.m. Border St., assist citizen, services rendered.

1:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, log entry.

5 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

5:40 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:57 p.m. Police HQ, general services.

7:21 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

7:39 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:37 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

10:49 p.m. Highland St., open door/window, checked/secure.

THURSDAY, NOV. 21

7:28 a.m. Pond St., assist citizen.

8:45 a.m. Sohier St., threats to do bodily harm, investigated/report taken.

9:05 a.m. Elm St., general services.

9:51 a.m. Hull St., request for police officer/s.

11:02 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

11:30 a.m. Elm Court, animal call or complaint.

2:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

3:35 p.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

4:09 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:20 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Black Rock Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:31 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

9:54 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:04 p.m. Depot Court, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22

12:16 a.m. Ripley Road, medical aid, services rendered.

8:51 a.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

8:56 a.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle accident, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:46 a.m. Lantern Lane, animal call or complaint.

9:46 a.m. Beechwood St., parking complaint.

1:09 p.m. Elm St., lost property.

2:02 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:38 p.m. North Main St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:44 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:57 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

3:15 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:23 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:29 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:38 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF COHASSET

ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN

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LEGAL NOTICES

ZBA/134 NORTH MAIN ST.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, December 9, 2002, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7a and a **Variance** pursuant to 5.3.1 of the Zoning Bylaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Geoffrey J. & Suzanne S. Filbey, seek to construct a second floor at **134 North Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-11-18.

AD#108170
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ZBA/177 HULL ST.

LEGAL NOTICE
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, December 9, 2002, **at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.6.1 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Thomas F. & Marie T. Calorio, seek to construct a porch in a Flood Plain at **177 Hull St.,** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #02-11-13.

AD#106967
Cohasset Mariner 11/21, 11/28/02

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, December 9, 2002, at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Brian & Julie Ann Murphy,** seek to appeal Building Inspector's denial of Building Permit for **28 Otis Ave.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #02-11-18.

AD#108058
Cohasset Mariner 11/21, 11/28/02

ZBA/3 JERSUSALEM LANE

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, December 9, 2002, **at 7:30 PM,** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 12 of the Zoning Bylaw, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, the abutters of 3 Jerusalem Lane, seek to appeal decision of the Building Inspector dated Oct. 8, 2002, for **3 Jerusalem Lane,** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #02-11-06.

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OBITUARIES

Herbert L. Winn

Herbert L. Winn, 76, of Cohasset, a retired sales manager, died Nov. 21, 2002, at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Facility after a long illness.

Mr. Winn worked for Motorola for many years as a sales manager and was later an independent sales representative for Motorola, Lincoln Labs and Philco.

He was an Army Veteran of World War II serving in the Army Air Corps and achieved the rank of master sergeant He later joined the Air Force Reserve, leaving in 1980.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset and a former member of St. Brendan's Church in Dorchester.

He was born in Dorchester and had lived in Cohasset since 1969.

He was a 1940 graduate of Charlestown High School.

He leaves his wife, Ellen B. (O'Leary) Winn; a son, Christopher J. Winn of Scituate; four daughters, Mary Ellen MacLaren and Brenda Brassard, both of Scituate, Carol Zyrkowski of Hingham and Jennifer Winn of Stoughton; two brothers, George Winn of Canton and Kenneth Winn of Florida; six sisters, Margaret Ferry of Florida, Ruth Melchin and Lillian McKenzie, both of Milton, Virginia O'Boy of West Roxbury, Sister Barbara Winn of Ipswich and Alice Jane Coughlin of Weymouth and nine grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. A graveside service was held at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

The McNamarra-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 36 Cameron Ave., Cambridge 02139.

Anna B. Campbell, 99

Jewelry store owner

Anna Ingrid (Bergquist) Campbell of Cohasset, died Nov. 25, 2002 at the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home. She was 99 years old.

Mrs. Campbell was born in Bjorstorp, Sweden. She was the remaining member of eight children born to Bernard and Blenda (Linnea) Bergquist. She emigrated in 1921, as did most of her siblings and became a naturalized citizen in 1926.

Mrs. Campbell worked as a housekeeper and personal companion for influential families in the Boston area.

She married her husband in 1937 who predeceased her in 2000. They owned D.S. Campbell Jewelers for more than 40 years where she served as business manager until they retired in 1975.

Mrs. Campbell was a cancer survivor for more than 25 years.

She was a sister of the Eastern Star for more than 50 years and enjoyed needlepoint. She often joined her husband in supporting many community interests in Cohasset.

Wife of the late Daniel Campbell; she leaves two nephews and close, care providers, Alan Bergquist of Belmont and Richard and Barbara Campbell of Westminster; along with 10 other nieces and nephews; and two grand-nephews who reside in Sweden.

Funeral arrangements are by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset. There are no visiting hours.

Interment will be private in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Dorothy J. Lincoln

Dorothy J. (Jenkins) Lincoln, 89, of Cohasset, died Nov. 25, 2002, at Queen Annes Nursing Home, Hingham, after a short illness.

She was an active member of the Amateur Garden Club, the Historical Society, Cohasset Senior Center, and a lifelong member of the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset.

She was the wife of the late Dick Lincoln who was a golf pro at Cohasset Golf Club for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Lincoln leaves two daughters, Janet L. Stanhope of Chatham, Va. and Heidi Ciferri of Millbrook, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Richard L. Stanhope of Virginia, Scott Ciferri of New York, and Jenna Ciferri-Jenkins of New York; two great-grandchildren, Trena Ciferri and Cameron Ciferri.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 12:30 p.m. at Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

Mary D. Migliaccio

Mary D. (Grassie) Migliaccio, 92, of Cohasset died Nov. 25, 2002, at Quincy Medical Center, after a brief illness. She was at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home Cohasset for the past nine years.

Mrs. Migliaccio was born raised and educated in Cohasset. She was a 1928 graduate of Cohasset High School.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Sodality years ago.

The 60 plus Club in Cohasset for many years. She volunteered at South Shore Hospital for 20 years. She was a waitress at several restaurants in the area including Hugo's Lighthouse and Scituate Cabins. She worked for the Cohasset School system as the lunchroom manager for 26 years.

Wife of the late Joseph A. Migliaccio Sr., she leaves two sons, Joseph A., and Paul L., both of Cohasset; a sister, Virginia Huntwork of Hull; three grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late Nicholas and the sister of the late Lillian Grassie, Clarence (Kelly) Grassie, Joseph and George Grassie.

A funeral Mass will be held on Nov. 30, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset at 10 a.m.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Nov. 29, from 4 to 8 p.m. at McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the Cohasset Knoll Activities Fund, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset.

Henry A. Mariani

Henry A. Mariani, 78, of Medford, a retired chemistry professor and an ordained Third Order Franciscan deacon, died Nov. 23, 2002, at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital after a long illness.

He was ordained to the deaconate in 1992 and served at his home parish.

Mr. Mariani was chairman of the chemistry department at the University of Massachusetts at Boston for several years, retiring in 1997. He previously taught at St. Anselin College in Manchester, N.H., and at Merrimack College.

He was head of the science department of the Medford public schools in 1960 and was chairman of the department of chemistry at Boston State College before it closed.

Mr. Mariani served in the Navy during World War II and was an intelligence officer in the Navy Reserve for 22 years, reaching the rank of commander.

He served on the Medford School Committee for two terms.

Born in Medford, he lived there all his life.

He was a graduate of Medford High School, received bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees from Boston College.

He leaves a sister, Adeline McGrath, and her husband, Thomas McGrath of Cohasset, and many cousins and friends.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Medford. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Donations may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Fellsway West, Medford 02155.

WORSHIP NOTES

Lessons and carols at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 12th year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting A Service of Lessons and Carols for the First Sunday of Advent at 3 p.m. Dec. 7. This service of readings from Sacred Scripture and carols for both congregation and choir is a long-standing tradition in the church, made widely known by English churches such as those of St. John's and King's College. Scripture passages foretell the coming of the Messiah, while carols and choral anthems fill the listeners with joyful expectation.

The clergy of St. Stephen's will officiate, while musical selections will be rendered by the St. Stephen's parish choir and the parish's St. Gregory's children's choir. All are invited to participate in this joyful celebration.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and has ample parking in the village car park. There is no charge for admission. For more information, call 781-383-1083.

Blanket drive

The fifth grade religious education class at St. Anthony's has embarked on a charitable mission called "Blanketing Our Neighbors." In response to a recent Boston Globe article outlining the acute need for blankets by area shelters, the children will be raising money by doing chores and organizing a bake sale to buy blankets. (One shelter mentioned in the article is able to buy an army surplus blanket for $5!)

The children will be sponsoring a blanket drive throughout the weekend of Dec. 7. If you would like to help, donations of blankets, comforters and sheets in good condition will be collected at St. Anthony's Parish Center on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and then distributed to area shelters. Anyone wishing to make a donation can direct their contribution to St. Anthony's Church/Blanket Drive, 129 South Main St., Cohasset.

Please call either Beth Seraikas at 781-383-9154 or Darilynn Evans at 781-838-0644 for more details.

Hingham Labyrinth holiday schedule

Public openings for the upcoming holiday period at the Hingham Old Ship Church Labyrinth have been announced. In addition to the regular monthly opening on Tuesday, Dec. 10, a sharing of poetry will be held on the Solstice, Dec. 22 followed by a labyrinth walk. A New Year's Eve walk will take place Dec. 31. All events take place from 7:30-9 p.m. The Old Ship Labyrinth is in the Parish Hall at the rear of 107 Main St., Hingham.

Although ancient labyrinths have been built in Europe and in such diverse places as Sumatra, Peru, India, Egypt and Scandinavia, labyrinths have also been built closer to home in Massachusetts and throughout America. The Old Ship Labyrinth is fashioned in the form of a terrazzo floor installed in 1999 and is based upon one constructed in the 13th-century Cathedral of Chartres in France as part of the tradition of religious pilgrimages taken by the faithful. The labyrinth can be understood as a path of prayer for people seeking the Divine in any religious tradition. The winding path leading to the center is a meditative experience which can serve as a mirror to reflect the spirit in our lives.

Everyone is cordially invited to walk the labyrinth alone or with companions. Each individual walk is a different, personal experience. How one walks and what one receives differs. Persons may experience a sense of healing, serenity or other profound experience; or it may be just a pleasant walk.

The labyrinth's holiday season hours are as follows:

Old Ship members — Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Everyone — Second Tuesday evening each month from 7:30-9 p.m.

Everyone - Solstice Poetry Walk — Sunday, Dec. 22 from 7:30-9 p.m.

Everyone - New Year's Eve — Tuesday, Dec. 31 from7:30-9 p.m.

For more information call 781-749-1679; or visit the Web site at http://www.berngreg@aol.com.

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Nutcracker magic

South Shore dancers on their toes for Nov. 29 opening

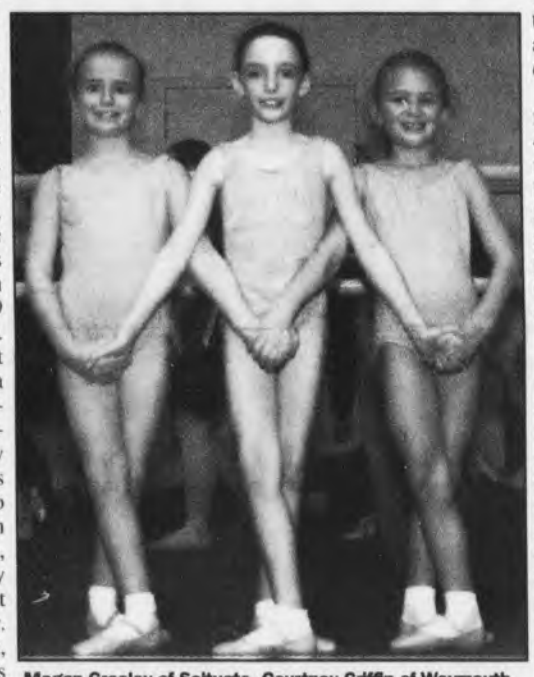
By Alice Coyle
ACOYLE@CNC.COM

It's time for visions of sugar plum fairies dancing across the Wang Theatre stage. Nothing heralds the holiday season like the return of the Boston Ballet's beloved Nutcracker.

Now in its 39th season, the Nutcracker features a cast of 400 young dancers and more than a quarter of them hail from the South Shore where they attend the Boston Ballet school's Norwell campus.

Only Boston Ballet School students can audition for the coveted roles in the holiday production and the commitment those chosen to dance must make is enormous.

Just ask 10-year-old Jocelyn Kelley of Kingston, now in her third year with the Nutcracker. A dancer since the tender age of 3, Jocelyn has three parts in this year's production which runs from Nov. 29 through Dec. 30. She'll reprise last year's role as a Polichinelle (a little clown) emerging from below Mother Ginger's skirt and will also play a mouse in the battle scene, and was recently tapped for the part of Clara's Shadow. In that role, Jocelyn plays Clara's shadow in a battle scene behind a black nylon screen in which she gets to throw a shoe at a mouse and gets carried off stage. Jocelyn likes the part because it's the closest she's come to the Clara role that she hopes to land one day.



Megan Greeley of Scituate, Courtney Griffin of Weymouth and Miranda Ashton of Scituate, all playing dolls in the production, join hands outside Nutcracker rehearsals in Boston Friday.

"I get to wear Clara's nightgown and a crown," says an enthusiastic Jocelyn. "It's the next best thing to being Clara."

And while her joy in dancing is evident, Jocelyn admits her rehearsal and performing schedule is demanding.

It begins with the audition and call back followed by costume fittings photo shoots and a busy rehearsal schedule.

"I get tired sometimes, but it's worth it," she says.

With three scheduled rehearsals in Boston weekly beginning in early October, Jocelyn's days are very long, says her mom, Janet who drops her daughter off at Kingston Intermediate School at 8 a.m. and often times doesn't get her tucked into bed before 10 p.m.

"It's fun, but it can be grueling," said Janet.

"After school there's ballet lessons and rehearsals, it's a long day for a little girl," notes Janet, who asked her daughter early on to tell her "if it ever starts not to be fun anymore."

So far that hasn't been a problem for Jocelyn, who has also danced in the Boston Ballet's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and hopes to continue on with the Nutcracker for as long as she can. "It's amazing," Jocelyn says of the experience of performing in the Nutcracker. "It's fun to achieve your goals."

Janet who danced herself said there's nothing as wonderful as seeing Jocelyn perform with the Boston Ballet.

"To dance at the Wang with a live orchestra. There's nothing that can beat it. It's a fabulous experience."

Jocelyn will perform in 12 of the 48 performances of the Nutcracker beginning Dec. 5. She hopes to perform again next year and plans to continue to pursue dance.

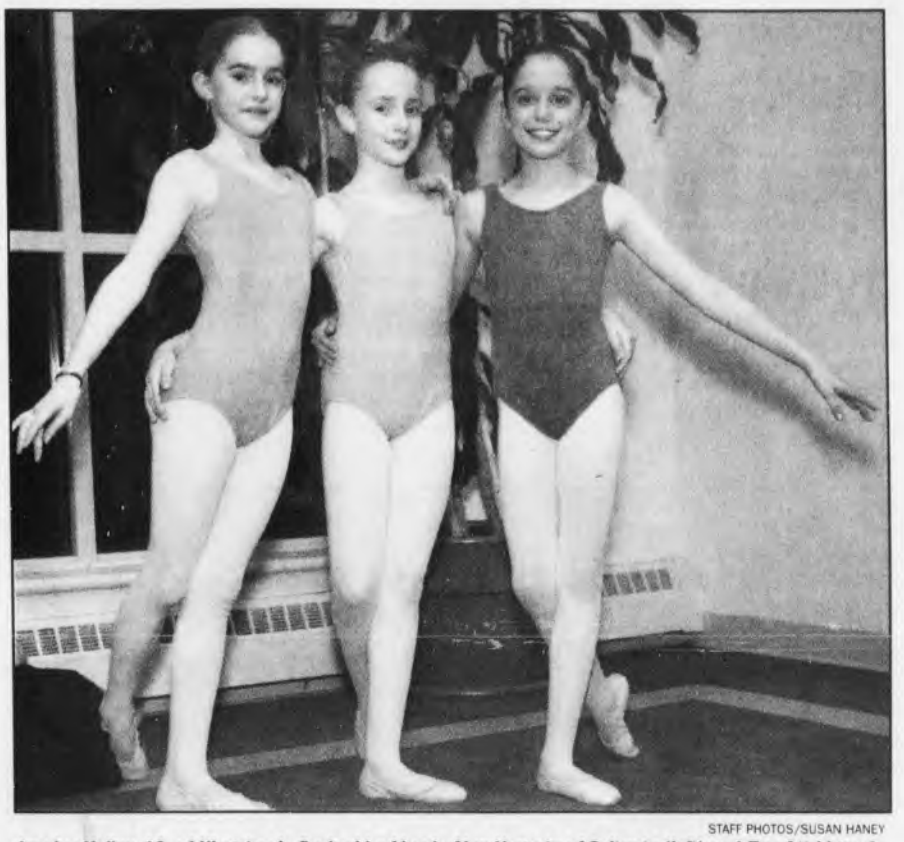
"It's a big commitment, but she loves it," says Janet.

With new choreography by corps de Ballet member Gianni Di Marco and new artistic director Mikko Nissinen at the helm, this year's production promises to be truly magical, says Boston Ballet spokesman Ellen Ames.

The first ballet company to do the Nutcracker on a grand scale still does it best, notes Ames.

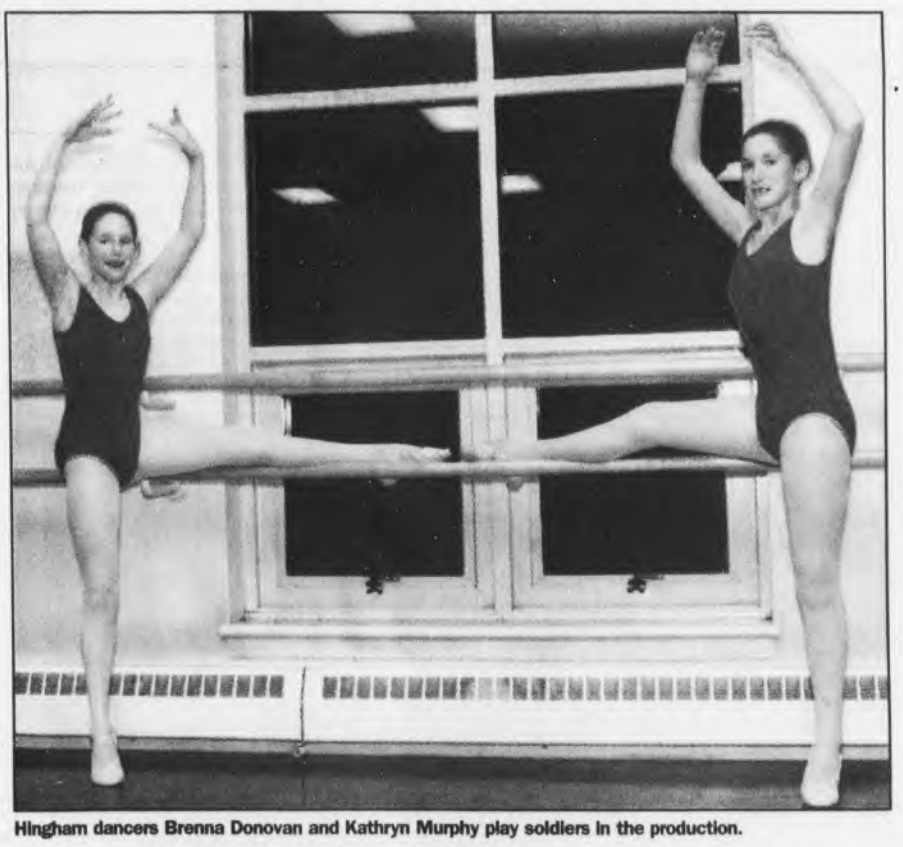
"It's really magical for kids and adults," she said. "It ushers in the holiday season and is the quintessential holiday production."

The Nutcracker opens at Boston's Wang Theatre Friday, Nov. 29 with performances including 17 matinees running through Dec. 30. Tickets are available at the Wang Theatre Box office or by calling Telecharge at (800) 447-7400.



STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Jocelyn Kelley, 10, of Kingston is flanked by friends Aine Hegarty of Scituate (left) and Zoe Attridge of Hingham. Jocelyn has three roles in Boston Ballet's Nutrcracker this year — a mouse, a polichinelle and shadow Clara. Aine is playing a soldier and Zoe will play a polichinelle and a mouse.



Hingham dancers Brenna Donovan and Kathryn Murphy play soldiers in the production.

Local performers shine Boston Ballet production

The following local children are performing in this year's production of Boston Ballet's "Nutcracker" at The Wang Theatre in Boston:

Lauren Albanese of Cohasset, party boy.
Abigail Alderman, Hingham, angel/chorus.
Kathryn Anderson, Hingham, angel/chorus.
Miranda Ashton, Scituate, doll.
Zoe Attridge, Hingham, polichinelle/mouse.
MaryRose Blandino, Pembroke, party girl.
Corinne Breen, Holbrook, cherub.
Logan Breslow, Cohasset, party girl.
Jennifer Brunjes, Norwell, soldier.
Brianna Burg, Marshfield, party girl.
Alexandra Butler, Cohasset, polichinelle/mouse.
Molly Caffrey, Scituate, party boy.
Jillian Cahill, Hingham, soldier.
Julia Canney, Cohasset, cherub.
Cassandra Cardelle, Cohasset, mouse.
Rachel Carrillo, Norwell, cherub.
Megan Chastain, Cohasset, bonbons/chorus.
Amy Constantino, Weymouth, tea/chorus.
Catherine Costantino, Abington, angel/chorus.
Rachael Crosta, Abington, cherub.
Meghan Crump, So. Weymouth, cavalry.
Anjelica Cunningham, Pembroke, tea/chorus.
Kerry Dacey, Abington, cavalry.
Lily Darling Parkhu, Kingston, soldier.
Alexa DeBuccia, Hanover, lamb.
Isabella DiRado, Scituate, angel/chorus.
Annie Dolphin, Hingham, doll.
Ashley Dziegielewski, Hanover, angel/chorus.
Kristina English, Kingston, polichinelle.
Sara Farber, Norwell, Clara.
Sara Gallant, Hanover, tea/chorus.
Julienne Gilman, Norwell, angel/chorus.
Olivia Goodson, Hanover, cherub.
Meghan Goodwin, Holbrook, doll.
Nicole Greco, Hingham, soldier.
Megan Greeley, Scituate, doll.
Courtney Griffin, So. Weymouth, doll.
Anya Gruber, Cohasset, cherub.
Maura Hamel, Hingham, party boy.
Olivia Hartzell, Hingham, tea/chorus.
Aine Hegarty, Scituate, soldier.
Rachel Henrikson, Hanover, soldier.
Carolyn Hight, Marshfield, soldier.

Elizabeth Hight, Marshfield, cavalry.
Sarah Hillstrom, Pembroke, angel/chorus.
Jennifer Kahane, Hingham, tea/chorus.
Jocelyn Kelley, Kingston, polichinelle/mouse.
Erin Laffin, Braintree, cherub.
Bridget LeBlanc, Hingham, angel/chorus.
Michelle Maki, Braintree, cherub.
Tatianna Maraj, Scituate, reindeer.
Lauren Mayer, Hingham, tea/chorus.
Jenna McCarter, Hingham, soldier.
Elizabeth McDonough, Norwell, soldier.
Christine McQuade, Cohasset, angel/chorus.
Jacqueline Messina, Hingham, polichinelle.
Lynne Messina, Hingham, party boy.
Julia Mitchell, Hingham, angel/chorus.
Katie Mondo, Hingham, mouse.
Dayna Mudge, Norwell, Clara.
Kathryn Murphy, Hingham, soldier.
Kaitlin O'Connor, Hingham, cherub.
Kathryn Page, Holbrook, doll.
Catharine Parker, Hingham, doll.
Danielle Pastuszak, Hingham, bonbons/chorus.
Hannah Rawson, Cohasset, lamb.
Allie Richardson, Norwell, angel/chorus.
Hannah Risko, Hingham, cherub.

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Cassandra Cardelle of Cohasset will play a mouse in the holiday classic "The Nutcracker."

Food & dining

Chocolate pecan pie

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

A good pecan pie is hard to find but a great chocolate pecan pie is even harder. I wanted a crisp crust, a creamy, not greasy, filling, pecans that have some snap, and good balance between all the different flavors and textures. I thought that the best place to start was with a good pecan pie recipe and then figure out how to add the chocolate.

I tested five recipes, including my own from The Dessert Bible, and, predictably, liked mine the best. Why was my recipe different? Well, it uses less butter, less sugar, and adds a half cup of heavy cream and one tablespoon of bourbon. This results in a creamier, less candy-store confection. I also found that I preferred dark corn syrup to light as well as dark brown sugar to either light brown sugar or white granulated sugar. One recipe even added flour for thickening, an unnecessary and unwelcome addition. Finally, I toast and chop the pecans so that they are crisper and the pie is easier to slice. (Have you ever tried slicing through a soggy pecan half?)

Reviewing my recipe, I tested all the ingredients one more time and came up with only a few minor adjustments. I increased the pecans to 2 cups from 1 1/2 cups, bumped the salt from 1/4 teaspoon to 1/2 teaspoon, and went with a full teaspoon of vanilla instead of a mere half. Now I had to figure out the best way to add the chocolate.

I tested three methods of converting my pecan pie to a chocolate pecan pie: I added chocolate chips, I stirred in melted chocolate, and I spread melted chocolate on the bottom of the crust. The chips were too random. Sometimes you got a big hit of chocolate and sometimes you didn't. Brushing the bottom crust provided a two-tier flavor experience which I didn't care for. The best method was simply to add melted chocolate to the filling. In terms of type of chocolate, I settled on semisweet or bittersweet chocolate rather than either sweet chocolate or unsweetened. Milk chocolate was lackluster and cocoa powder tasted flat. I ended up melting the chocolate with the butter and then proceeding with the master recipe.

As for baking the pie, my original recipe called for a hot, prebaked pie shell into which is poured a hot filling. The filled pie is then put back into the oven and baked quickly. The result is a very crisp crust. However, I found that by using a very hot oven to start, 425 degrees, and baking the pie on the bottom shelf, I could get an excellent result without the fuss of prebaking. Finally, a chocolate pecan pie that was good enough for Thanksgiving.

CHOCOLATE PECAN PIE

Note that this pie needs to be fully cooled to avoid messy, difficult-to-cut slices. If you are not handy with pie dough, it is best to make the dough the day before you intend to roll it out. Be sure to remove this pie from the oven before the center is set.

For the crust:
5 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 1/4 cup all purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
5 tablespoons all-vegetable shortening, chilled (Crisco)
4 to 5 tablespoons ice water

For the filling:
2 cups pecan halves
4 ounces semisweet or bittersweet chocolate
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 large eggs
1 cup dark corn syrup
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon bourbon or dark rum
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/2 teaspoon salt

1. Cut the butter into 1/2-inch pieces and place in freezer for 15 minutes. Mix flour, salt and sugar in a food processor fitted with the metal blade. Place the Crisco in 1-tablespoon lumps into the food processor along with the frozen butter pieces. Pulse 8 to 12 times (1 second pulses) or until the dough appears slightly yellow and pebbly in texture and the butter is reduced to very small pieces, the largest piece should be smaller than a pea. Turn mixture into a medium bowl.

2. Sprinkle 3 tablespoons of ice water over the mixture. Fold, using a rubber spatula until the dough sticks together adding more water if dough will not come together. (Add plenty of water – the dough should be sticky on the outside.) Work slowly, mixing the dough well to evenly distribute the water. Using your hands, shape the dough into a ball, turn onto a floured surface, and flatten into a 4-inch wide disk. Dust very lightly with flour, wrap in plastic, and refrigerate until firm, at least 30 minutes. (Overnight is best.)

3. Spread the pecans on a baking sheet and toast in a 375-degree oven, until slightly darker and fragrant, about 7 minutes. Check frequently to avoid burning. Chop coarsely. Increase oven temperature to 425 degrees and adjust a rack to the lower position.

4. Melt the chocolate and butter in a double boiler or a microwave oven at 50 percent power for 2 minutes. Stir to mix. (Heat in additional 30 second increments if necessary.) In a large bowl, beat the eggs with a whisk until blended. Whisk in the corn syrup, brown sugar, vanilla, bourbon, heavy cream, salt, and melted butter and chocolate.

5. Roll out the pastry dough and fit into a 9-inch pie pan. Trim leaving 1/2-inch overlap. Fold the excess dough back under the crust and crimp with fingers or a fork.

6. Fold the pecans into the filling and pour filling into the pie shell. Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 375 and bake for another 20 minutes or so or until the edges are puffy and the center is still slightly wobbly. Do not overbake; the pie will become tough and hard. Cool to room temperature before serving.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Local performers

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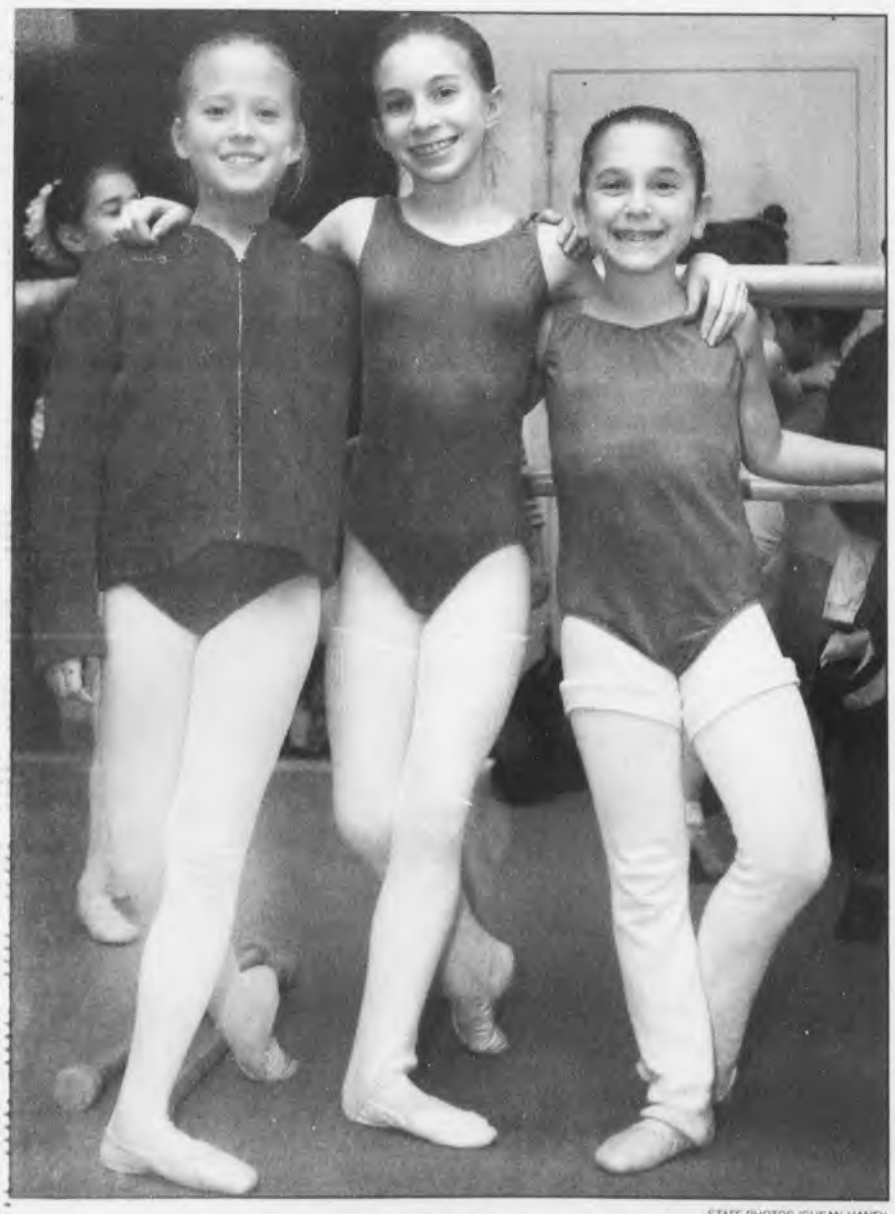
Elizabeth Sanderson, Hingham, reindeer.
Claudia Sanz, East Weymouth, polichinelle.
Cristina Seibert, Scituate, tea/chorus.
Alexandra Shabo, Hingham, angel/chorus.
Kendra Smith, Pembroke, doll.
Elizabeth Spelman, Scituate, tea/chorus/reindeer.
Katherine Spelman, Scituate, reindeer.
Mariella Stagnaro, Braintree, party girl.
Cara Sullivan, No. Weymouth, tea/chorus.
Bailey Sullivan, Norwell, cavalry.
Amanda Thompson, Cohasset, reindeer.
Molly Trust, Scituate, polichinelle/mouse.
Tracy Vallatini, Braintree, reindeer.
Katerina Vradelis, Hingham, soldier.

Jocelyn Kelley, 10, of Kingston is one of more than 100 South Shore dancers performing in this year's production of Boston Ballet's Nutcracker. In her third year with the Nutcracker, Jocelyn is dancing three roles.



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Kara Duvall of Quncy, Molly Trust of Scituate and Danielle Bloom of Stoughton warm up before rehearsal for the Nutcracker. Kara and Molly are playing a polichinelle and a mouse and Danielle is playing a baby mouse.

Holiday tradition plays on at Raffael's

'What Christmas Means to Me' opens this weekend

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Since 1989, John F. McDonald, Jr. estimates that he has spent the holidays with over 10,000 people.

No, the Quincy resident doesn't have the world's largest extended family. What McDonald does have, however, is a large and loyal audience for his annual holiday production, "What Christmas Means To Me," which opens this weekend.

This year, McDonald will serve as both producer and performer when his J.M. Productions presents the original holiday musical as the final dinner theatre production of its third season at Raffael's in North Quincy.

"Whether you're a Scrooge or more of a Bob Cratchett type," our show will help you prepare for the season," McDonald explained by telephone last week from his home. "We do it early each year, too, to get people in the holiday spirit."

Joining McDonald "on-stage" next week are Ann Kenneally-Ryan of Braintree, Sheila Fahey of Neponset, Kathy Teevens-Fitzpatrick of Quincy, Cheryl Jost of Milton, and Todd Theriault of Boston.

"Each of our performers will offer his or her own individual perspective on the holidays through songs and anecdotal stories," according to McDonald. "Sheila Fahey and Ann Kenneally-Ryan have been with the show each year since its inception 13 years ago as a community theater presentation at Quincy's Woodward School for Girls. Some of our returning audiences come back annually just to catch up with Sheila and Ann, because both share their family stories as part of the show."

McDonald understands that when most people think of a Christmas show, music isn't far from their mind.

"We offer a little bit of just about everything when it comes to the holiday season. We don't shy away from religious music or the religious aspect of Christmas, yet we attract a lot of very secular audiences. There is a lot of fun in the production, too, especially when we get the audience involved on "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

McDonald and company have decided, after this year, to put "What Christmas Means to Me" on the shelf. The decision, however, was not based on audience interest which remains strong.

"We have decided to step away for at least a little while, so that we can keep it fresh. When we do decide to do it again, it will be like a rediscovery."

("What Christmas Means To Me" will celebrate the music of America's beloved traditional and not so traditional songs of the holiday season at Raffael's, One Enterprise Drive, North Quincy, from December 1-5. For tickets and information, call Raffael's directly at 617/328-1600 or visit www.allaboutjm-productions.com.)

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

The Mars-Saturn alignment culminates at 1:33 a.m. A Virgo moon takes over at 1:42 a.m., traveling there today and tomorrow. This is a period that can go either way. Don't get caught up worrying or fussing over little things. Be positive. Count your blessings. The last quarter phase of the moon begins at 10:46 a.m. A new moon will culminate next week, December 4. This is a great day to clean and reorganize; get your life in order. Launching important enterprises or making major decisions are not recommended.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

The Virgo moon forms stressful 90-degree alignments to Mercury and Pluto in the early morning and to Saturn this evening. Maintain an easy-going, lighthearted demeanor. Be flexible. Events may not go as planned. Keep it light and look on the bright side. If you have work or study projects to accomplish, you can be most productive.

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

Fair and sunny astrological weather returns today and tomorrow. Planetary action rates high across the board, whether you are working or playing. The Virgo moon aligns with Saturn at 12:01 a.m. and becomes inactive until 4:54 a.m., when it enters Libra. The Libra moon forms easy contacts to the sun and Neptune. All social and romantic activities are highlighted. In addition, an applying alignment of Mercury-Pluto aids study, work or research projects. You can cut through obstacles and get to the heart of a matter.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

Get an early start. This day tops the charts. If you have been thinking about starting something new, now is the time. Influences are favorable for meeting people, making commitments or long-range plans, important purchases, signings. Go for the gold. Be sure to take time out for fun and games; forget your troubles and enjoy life to the fullest. The Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to four planets. In addition, sun-Neptune, Mercury-Jupiter alignments occur.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

December features a solar eclipse/new moon that culminates on the fourth. It will begin a three-week period that is prime for getting into the swing of the upcoming holiday festivities; making travel plans and arrangements, purchasing gifts, decorating and partying. Be sure to get important projects off the ground between December 4-24, when a Mercury retrograde period begins to take effect.

Today the Libra moon becomes inactive at 6:06 a.m. until 6:15 a.m., when it enters intensive Scorpio. Mars enters Scorpio at 9:27 a.m., remaining there until January 16, 2003. Others may be pensive, hypersensitive. Spend time alone. Catch up on work or study projects.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full agenda. Zero in on jobs that have been problematic. You can work out the glitches and find new solutions. Postpone starting new projects until Wednesday, when the new moon occurs. A lunar alignment to Jupiter at 11:37 a.m. warns against overdoing or going to extremes on any level. The moon aligns with Uranus at 11:15 p.m. and become inactive.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 6:58 a.m., when the moon enters Sagittarius. The dark side of a new moon brings a time for letting go and preparing the way for new starts. Finish old business, clean out and get rid of items that are no longer useful. A lunar alignment to Neptune occurs this evening. Take quiet time out for yourself. Prayer and meditation can help you to gain inner peace and find new meanings in life.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

Planetary action turns around completely today, making it prime for new beginnings of all kinds. Influences are particularly favorable between 11:30 a.m.-12:43 p.m., when the moon aligns with Jupiter. Optimism and enthusiasm run high. Be sure to have a clear plan of action so that you can be productive. The solar eclipse/full moon culminates at 2:34 a.m., 12-degrees of Sagittarius. In addition, Jupiter, the planetary ruler of Sagittarius, begins retrograde travel at 7:20 a.m., 18-degrees Leo.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

At 2:55 a.m. the Sagittarius moon opposes Saturn and becomes inactive. A practical Capricorn moon takes over at 8:39 a.m., beginning an excellent period for initiating new projects, promoting ideas, launching ventures. Take advantage of a favorable Mercury-Uranus alignment and sign contracts before 2:08 p.m. This planetary combination is also ideal for brainstorming and problem-solving. Be sure to initiate new activities before 3:20 p.m., when the Capricorn moon interacts with Venus and becomes inactive.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Wake up in a good mood. Count your blessings instead of getting caught up in worries, limited thinking. A 180-degree opposition of Mercury and Saturn culminates at 8:36 a.m. The moon travels in Capricorn, ruled by the planet Saturn. This moon is inactive; it forms no major contacts to planets today. That means that new starts are off limits. Stay busy with projects that need to be redone, finished. Handle routine chores and errands.

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Mark your calendar

THE 13TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES held at Plimoth Plantation, Route 3A, Plimoth Plantation Highway, Dec. 5 to 8, celebrates the joys of the holiday season and supports the care given by Cranberry Hospice. This event features more than 50 Christmas trees, from six foot to 15 foot giants. Entertainment, daily visits with Santa, a Cocktail Party and a unique gift shop surround the Festival with all the tradition of a New England holiday season. Thousands of people from all over the South Shore and Cape Cod enjoy this entirely volunteer run festival every year. Money raised through the annual Festival of Trees is used to financially support the life-affirming care provided by Cranberry Hospice, serving the communities of Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Scituate and Wareham. For more information call 508-746-1049 or visit www.cranberryhospice.org/festival.

SOUTH SHORE MEN OF HARMONY will present at 2 p.m. on Dec. 7, Father Bill's Place Holiday Benefit Concert in the Weymouth High School auditorium, 1051 Commercial St., emceed by Rev. Terry Martinson and featuring "Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus" augmented with several volunteer singers from within the community. "Fine Arts Choral" "Rejoice Gospel Singers," soloists, and our chapter quartets. Call Fr. Bill's Place (617)376-2255 for tickets: Adults $15, Senior/Students $10. Refreshments and door prizes. For more information call Pete Fitzgerald 781-341-1688 or Bill Fitzgerald 781-337-0227.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY CRANBERRY QUILTERS' First Annual Auction Dec. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Carver Public Library. Live auction of quality quilted items at 2 p.m. Silent auction 1 to 3:30 p.m. Boutique table. Children's Story Time at 1 to 3 p.m. and 2 to 2:30 p.m. "Roly Poly" quilt to benefit the Carver Library.

HINGHAM 11th ANNUAL WINTERFEST FOLK ART & CRAFT SHOW will be held at the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission $6 per person; children under 12 free. Bring a non perishable food item for the Hingham Food pantry and receive a $ off regular admission price. Free parking is available and on Dec. 7, a free shuttle bus will be available all day from the rear of the parking lot of Resurrection Church on Main St, directly to the Hingham Middle School. For more information call 717-796-2380.

THE FINE ARTS CHORAL Christmas Pops Concert Lombardo's Grand Ballroom, Randolph. Dec. 8, from 2 to 6 p.m. Single tickets $15/seniors-students $14. Holiday buffet between performances $25. For information/reservations call 1-800-230-7555 or visit www.fineartschorale.org

PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA announces its Holiday Pops concerts will be presented Saturday evening, Dec. 14, and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15.

Thurs. 28

Lombardo's to host its annual **"Giving Thanks Celebration,"** a free Thanksgiving dinner for seniors and those less fortunate, who do not have family with whom to spend this special day. The event will be held on Thanksgiving Day at Lombardo's function facility, located at 6 Billings St. in Randolph. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the event will end promptly at 1:30 p.m. Lombardo's is working in conjunction with senior centers in Randolph, Braintree, Holbrook, Milton, Stoughton and Weymouth to distribute tickets. For more information contact the director of the senior center in your town. To help volunteer for the event or for more ticket information call Maribella at Lombardo's at 781-986-5000.

Plimoth Plantation is the quintessential place to spend the Thanksgiving Holiday. Throughout the day, our living history sites are filled with activities of the 17th century. Light food and beverages are available throughout the visitor center and outside the carriage house craft center. The Victorian Thanksgiving Dinner is an experience to behold with food of the Victorian period and Victorian interpreters who entertain in grand style. The New England Thanksgiving Buffet offers a traditional Thanksgiving meal with a New England flair. Dinners available by reservation only. For reservations call 508-746-1622 x 8365.

10th Annual Dreamcatcher Classic Road Race - The race starts at 8 a.m. at the Weymouth Junior High School (360 Pleasant St.) and features a five-mile and a two-mile fun run and walk. The event is open to walkers/runners of all abilities. Proceeds from the $15 registration fee ($18 on race day) benefit Julie Rodick Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1993 in memory of Julie Rodick, who died in a car accident. The first 1,200 runners will receive long sleeve T-Shirts and there are trophies for all age categories. For information and registration call 781-331-0600 or visit www.coolrunning.com

Thanksgiving holiday excursion - "Thanksgiving at the Mount Washington" travel via comfortable chartered motor coach over the hills and through the woods form the metropolitan Boston area (MBTA stations at Braintree, Riverside and Wellington) on this national holiday. Feast with family and friends on an all-you-can-eat holiday buffet in the grand style of this palatial hotel nestled in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Relax by the roaring fire or stroll the wooded trails through Bretton Woods. Convenient parking with planned morning departures and early evening arrivals. The fare of $60 per person covers it all. Sponsored by the Mystic Valley Railway Society, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park 02136-009 or call 617-361-4445 or www.mysticvalleyrs.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Level Ride & Friends.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 29

32nd Annual Christmas Crafts Show at Bayside Expo Center. The show features more than 300 exhibits of juried art and craft products handmade in America from all types of materials. Hours are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29-30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission $8. Children under 12 with an adult will be admitted free. For information call 508-359-6545.

Fontbonne Academy, will host its **23rd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival** on Thanksgiving weekend. Longtime Fontbonne supporter Mrs. Margaret O'Connor will once again be chairing the juried show which attracts artists and craftspeople from across New England. The event is open to the public and is handicapped accessible. All proceeds benefit Fontbonne Academy. General admission is $2/person, free for children under age 14. A spaghetti supper will be served beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday evening and refreshments will be available through both days. The festival will take place in the gymnasium, lower campus, 930 Brook Rd., Milton.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "Babes In Toyland at the Cohasset Town Hall Nov 29 and 30 at 7:30; Dec 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec 1, 8, 14 and 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10, bring a canned good for local food pantry, receive $1 off your ticket at the door. Girl Scout Troops receive $2 each ticket. Call Wendy at 545-1655 Tickets are available at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Springbrook Kids in Cohasset, or by phone at 544-0304.

The Company Theatre's production of **A Christmas Carol** will be presented Nov. 29, through Dec. 21. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday and tickets are priced at $20 in advance and $22 day of show on Wednesdays and Thursday; and $23 in advance and $25 day of show on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Tickets are now available at the Company Theatre box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. For more information visit the website at www.companytheatre.com

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All aboard the "Polar Party Express" at Edaville Railroad: Holiday readings of the "Christmas Story," "The Polar Express" Special guest readers (including Conductor Bill, Rex Trailer and more) on Nov. 29, at 5 and 6 p.m. and continuing on each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 5 and 6 p.m. through Dec. 21. Edaville Railroad is located at 7 Eda Ave., Carver, (Route 58 North off of route 495, then just follow the signs). The Polar Party Express celebration is free with regular admission to Edaville Railroad: $19.50/children under age 3 free.

Congregation Beth Jacob, serving the Jewish Community throughout the South Shore, has two facilities in downtown Plymouth. Beth Jacob Synagogue, corner of Pleasant and Market Street. and the Beth Jacob Community Center located at the corner of Court and Brewster Streets. The Eight day festival of Chanukah begins at sunset on Nov. 29. The women of CBJ (Beth Jacob Sisterhood/Hadassah) will enjoy a Chanukah dinner and gift-exchange on Tuesday, Dec. 3 - call Myra for details 508-747-0372. The CBJ Community celebrates Chanukah on Friday, Dec. 6, with a latke and salad dinner followed by a Chanukah/Shabbat service. Advanced reservations are needed to attend the dinner adults.$10, children 5-12/ $7.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Swinging Steaks.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 30

St. Ann's School in Quincy, 1 St. Ann's Road, **Annual Christmas Fair**, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair consists of activities for children, wreath sales, crafters, raffles, a white elephant room, and pictures with Santa Clause.

Artisan Fair at Bridgewaye Inn, Humarock, and Marshfield Yacht Club, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. H.B.I.A. Annual Christmas Walk, Nov. 29, 30, and Dec. 1.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, at Humarock Beach. On Nov. 30, the Bridgwaye Inn presents "Masquerade," the east coast's premier traveling performance troupe in their holiday production, "Forever Christmas." "Forever Christmas" is a musical holiday revue featuring a troupe of outstanding performers singing and dancing to holiday classics as well as unique treatments of several contemporary selections. The format of the show provides opportunity for audience participation in a sing-a-long and get into the holiday spirit. Admission is $12 for the show which begins at 8:15 p.m. Dinner is optional beginning at 6 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the Bridgwaye at 781-834-6505.

The Hull Artists Studio Connection 2002 Holiday Gift Giving Extravaganza "Art at the Abbey" Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey's Conference Center, 16 Hull St. Hingham. on Route 228 North, 1/4 mile from 3A toward Nantasket. Free parking. Gifts of fine art and crafts include: painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, crafts, jewelry, greeting cards, woodcrafts, ceramics, children's books. For information call 1-800-413-1770.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **K.D. Bell, R & B Review** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 1

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The Hull Artists Studio Connection 2002 Holiday Gift Giving Extravaganza "Art at the Abbey" Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey's Conference Center, 16 Hull St. Hingham, on Route 228 North, 1/4 mile from 3A toward Nantasket. Free parking. Gifts of fine art and crafts include: painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, crafts, jewelry, greeting cards, woodcrafts, ceramics, children's books. For information call 1-800-413-1770.

A Judy Collins Christmas: The United States Tour, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. at Symphony Hall, Boston. A blend of signature classics with standard Christmas songs. Tickets: $38-$48. Symphony Charge: 617-266-1200 or Ticketmaster: 800-347-0808.

Local insurance agencies assist the Toys For Tots Campaign Recent lay-offs by area companies are expected to affect many Massachusetts families this holiday season. Help make this year's drive better than ever. Fax 508-628-3769 if you would like to donate a check made payable to Toys for Tots. Please be sure to include your name and phone number. The campaign which runs through Dec. 9, involves the collection of new, unwrapped toys for children up to the age of 18. Gilmore brothers staff members provide & deliver decorated collection boxes, and pick up the toys. The United States Marine Corps. takes over from there, bringing the toys to a central distribution center for delivery to area children. Anyone wishing to donate a toy can stop by any of the following local drop sites:; **ATA Feenan Financial Ins., Quincy; Rogers Ins., Stoughton; MF&T Ins., Norwell; Morrill Ins., Norwood; Charles Jordan Insurance, Weymouth.**

Science Center join Forces with Wildlands Trust to offer nature walks. In collaboration with Wildlands Trust, a non-profit land conservation organization, naturalists from the South Shore Natural Science Center will lead several walks this fall on a number of their properties stretching from Pembroke to Bourne. The properties include Willow Brook Farm Preserve in Pembroke, a former working dairy farm, the Captain David Cushman, Jr. Preserve in Duxbury nestled along the banks of the tidal Bluefish River, Halfway Pond Preserves in Plymouth, Old Field Pond Preserve, the last working farm on the upper Cape and Striar Conservancy in Halifax. All walks are open to the public, free of charge. On Dec. 1, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., the walk will be at **Old Field Pond Preserve,** on the upper Cape. For more information, or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Raffael's Restaurant 1 Enterprise Dr., North Quincy, presents its final presentation of the season. Dinner theatre **"What Christmas Means To Me"** This holiday classic event starring Sheila Fahey, Ann Keneally Ryan and many of the performers who have been in the show since 1989. Performances held Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Call 617-328-1600 to order tickets.

Mon. 2

The Duxbury Art Association announces open registration for the upcoming Gallery Show entitled "Class Acts." Submissions from all high school students in grades 9 to 12 living on the South Shore. This is a great opportunity for young artists to exhibit their artwork in a gallery setting and earn an exhibition credit for their Curriculum Vitae. Registration and artwork drop off are scheduled for Dec. 2,3, and 4, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Duxbury Art Association office located at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Properly framed artwork in all mediums will be accepted. For information call 781-934-2731.

Pet Night with Santa at the Hanover Mall, Bring your pet in for a family photo this holiday season. Dec. 2 to 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Hanover Mall is located at 1775 Washington St.,(Route 53) Hanover.

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

Tues. 3

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court on Dec. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Children's Holiday Art Workshops at **The Little House of Arts in Scituate Harbor**. **Gingerbread House Workshop:** build and bring home an edible delight for the whole family to enjoy, Dec. 7, or Dec. 14. Ages 4 to 6 10 to 11:30 a.m. Grades 1 to 3 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Grades 4 to 6 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Cost is $25 supplies and holiday treats included. Located at 157 Front St., Scituate. Call 781-545-9326 to register.

South Shore Science Center's annual Boxwood Workshop - Dec. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Create a tree, wreath or kissing ball from this hearty green. All materials included in program fee, $2 members/$27 non-members. Register by calling the center in Norwell at 781-659-2559.

Buttonwood Books &Toys in Cohasset, and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham, invite all to participate in a **Book Angel Program**. The Book Angel program runs through Dec. 15. This program is designed to help put books into the hands of children who might not otherwise receive them. The Book Angel takes an angel from the tree in the store and purchases a book for that child according to the interest of the child indicated on the angel. Buttonwood will give a discount of 15 percent on the book and deliver the book to the selected group. Books selected at Buttonwood in Cohasset will go to children served by Wellspring in Hull, the Friends of the homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families Program. Books purchased at Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham will be gifts for children served by the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, the Mary-Martha Learning Center and also Wellspring in Hull. For more information call 781-383-2665 or 781-749-2665.

Valerie Harper In "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" performances begin Dec. 3, and run through Jan. 12, at Boston's Wilbur Theatre. Ticket prices are $25 to $67 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at the Wilbur Theatre box office. For more information about the show visit www.allergistswife.com

Disney's Beauty And The Beast returns to Boston Dec. 3, to Jan. 4, at the Colonial Theatre. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office at 106 Boylston St., Boston.

Wed. 4

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

Lily's Apothecary, 6 Main St. extension, Plymouth, presents Ahava from Israel, skin care esthetician Aliza Bresky will be scheduling 15-minute skin care consultations at Lily" Apothecary Dec. 4, from 4 to 9 p.m. Call 508-747-SKIN (7546) to schedule a consultation.

A Poetry Reading for featured poets and open mike with signup sheet will be held Dec. 4, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. at the **Hingham Public Library,** 66 Levant St., Hingham. Free and open to the public. Introduced by Joyce Wilson of the Poetry Porch. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 781-741-1405 and/or 781-545-0731.

The new Donate a Book Program at the Clift Rodgers Free Library gives the opportunity to honor that special person or couple, perhaps for a birthday, anniversary, an achievement of note, or in memory of one who has been an important part of our lives. Your book donation will be a gift to many - to the honored one, to the Library, and to all the readers who open your chosen book. The book you select from the library's frequently updated "wish list" will then have a Book Plate placed within the cover showing the names of the honored person(s) and the donor(s). An adult book selection is $20 and a child is $15.Call the librarian at 781-834-4597 for further information or stop by the library at 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. (Winter hours are Monday - Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday evening, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holiday Arts Workshop at The Little House of Arts in Scituate Harbor. Create festive lawn ornaments during this two week holiday blast. Cost $30 for two classes (includes supplies and snack). Ages 4 to 6 Dec. 4 and 11, 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. Grades 1 to 4 Dec. 5 and 12 from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. Grades 4 to 6 Dec. 3 and 17 from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. All classes are taught by Julie Hawkins. Located at 157 Front St., Scituate. Call 781-545-9326 to register.

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The 13th Annual Festival of Trees held at Plimoth Plantation, Route 3A, Plimoth Plantation Highway, Dec. 5 to 8, celebrates the joys of the holiday season and supports the care given by Cranberry Hospice. This event features more than 50 Christmas trees, from six foot to 15 foot giants. Entertainment, daily visits with Santa, a Cocktail Party and a unique gift shop surround the Festival with all the tradition of a New England holiday season. On Family Fun Night Friday, Dec. 6, the festival presents Michael Ralbovsky's Rainforest Reptile Show "Reptiles Rock" for two performances at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $8. Money raised through the annual Festival of Trees is used to financially support the life-affirming care provided by Cranberry Hospice, serving the communities of Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Scituate and Wareham. For more information call 508-746-1049 or visit www.cranberryhospice.org/festival.

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Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show, Dec. 5 through Dec. 8, at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigree pooches competing each day for top dog "Best in Show" honors and AKC titles after winning within their respective breeds and groups. Admission is $10 adults and seniors and $5 children. Parking $12. Tickets available at the door. Bayside Exposition is located at exit 15 off the Southeast Expressway, Route 93 South. For information call 508-533-1153 or visit www.baycolonydogshow.com

Fri. 6

Friends of Cranberry Hospice - 2002 Festival Of Trees "Family Fun Night" 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **Rainforest Reptile Shows presents "Reptiles Rock."** Tickets include admission to the Festival, adults $8, children $8, they will be available at: Westwinds Bookshop, Duxbury; Olivia Rose, Marshfield; Once Upon a Time, Duxbury; South Shore

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Children's Museum, Pembroke; A Wing & A Prayer, Plymouth. **Tickets will not be available at the door.** In addition to the performance there will be festival holiday entertainment and, Santa. Both the Festival's and Plimoth Plantation's gift shops will be open. For more information call 508-746-1049 or visit www.cranberryhospice.org/festival.

The 12th Annual Christmas On North Street celebration begins on Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the heart of Plymouth's scenic historic district. North Street, edged with glowing luminaria set out by Kiwanis Club volunteers, will be the setting for old-fashioned holiday festivities from 5 to 8 p.m. with roving street carolers, free hot cider and free children's holiday crafts workshops. For tickets and information call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@mindspring.com

A Highlight of Plymouth Holiday Festivities "A Doll Enchanted Christmas" a display of dolls, including miniature fashion models and a range of antique and reproduction dolls, as part of this year's decorated holiday tours at the 1749 Spooner House, 27 North St., Plymouth. Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 8, noon to 4 p.m. For more information call 508-746-0012.

The Nathan Gallery presents "The Winter Show" Dec. 6 to Feb. 10, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Gallery Hours Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Opening reception Dec. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Complimentary wine-tasting will take place by Paul of Town Wine & Spirits and The Bistro at Cataldi's. For information call 781-826-6500.

Christmas Open House at the Stetson House, 514 Hanover St,. Hanover Center. Historic House decorated for Christmas "Celebrate Hanover 275 years" Preview Dec. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. Concert by Harbor Choral Arts at 8 p.m. followed by dessert party - one ticket for all three $10 may be purchased at Nobles Card Shop or Library. Call 781-826-9575 or 781-826-6254. House open for tours and green's sale on Dec. 7 and 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Dec. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The South Shore Science Center invites the public to its third annual "**A Natural Christmas**," a collection of wreaths, swags and tabletop trees decorated using a natural theme to be displayed in Vine Hall Gallery Dec. 6 and 7. The greens are decorated by garden clubs, garden centers. floral designers, individual organizations for the purpose of raising money for the Science Center's numerous programs and exhibits. A new category event is the Gingerbread House display. All will be sold by silent action at festive holiday reception on Dec. 6, from7 to 9 p.m. admission to the event is $5. The exhibit is open to the public through Dec. 7. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Hansel & Gretel, an opera performed in one act by South Shore Conservatory's *Opera by the Bay*. Friday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 7, at 1 and 4 p.m., at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 and 5 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham. Sung in English, *Opera by the Bay's* production of Engelbert Humperdinck's opera *Hansel & Gretel* is a perfect holiday treat for the whole family. Proceeds benefit educational programs and scholarships of South Shore Conservatory. Tickets $15 per person, $12 for seniors and students, available at The Ellison Center for the Arts and Westwinds Book Shop in Duxbury; at South Shore Conservatory and Nobles Camera Shop, Main Street, in Hingham; and at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. For information or to purchase tickets by phone, call Laura Carleton, 781-934-2731, ext. 14.

Harbour Choral Arts Society presents: **Carols of Mystery and Glory** directed by Allan Friedman Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. at **St. Mary's Church in Hanover**, and **Old South Union Congregational Church in Weymouth**, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $10. For information call 781-871-0539.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Ellis Paul and Carl Cacho at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $4 members $5 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

The James Library Center for the Arts presents **Patricia and Tanin Gray**, Mixed Media and paintings "Shades of Gray" Dec. 6 to Jan. 8. A reception will be held Dec.6, from 7 to 9 p.m. The James Library Center for the Arts is located at 24 West St., P.O. Box 164, Norwell. For information call 781-659-7100.

Congregation Beth Jacob, serving the Jewish Community throughout the South Shore, has two facilities in downtown Plymouth. Beth Jacob Synagogue, corner of Pleasant and Market Street. and the Beth Jacob Community Center located at the corner of Court and Brewster Streets. **Shabbat Service** Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Call 508-747-0372 for information.

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Ongoing Events

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library will be exhibiting new works in **Watercolor by Becky Haletky.** The show will run from through Nov. 30. Haletky has this year received first place at Pembroke Arts Festival, Plymouth Guild and Blue Ribbon at The South Shore Art Center. She has obtained 250 plus awards national and regional. She teaches at the Fuller Art Museum and the South Shore Art Center. The Duxbury Free Library is located at 77, Alden St., Duxbury. Admission is free, wheelchair accessible. For more information call 781-934-2771.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell presents "Nature: Up Close and Personal," selected images by photographer **Michael Moran of Rockland** on display Nov. 1-30, in their Vine Hall Gallery. His exhibit includes photos taken around the south shore, featuring close up views of botanicals and other images found in nature. Michael is a professional photographer whose work includes portraiture, weddings and other commercial work. He is a graduate of the Hallmark Institute of Photography, and lives in Rockland with his wife and 4 year old triplet sons. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located off Route 123, on Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information, or directions, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

After The Bell Recreation Program Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, 3 to 6 p.m. for youngsters 6-12 years of age. Energetic and exciting non-competitive sports and games designed to motivate, challenge, and build confidence. Time and quiet space also available for study and homework. Three, one-hour sessions each day. Members $8 per session, non-members, $10. Registration and information 781-337.4600 x111.

South Shore Art Center will feature **White, Black and Shades of Gray: National Exhibition** juried by **Diana Gaston**. Presenting distinctive, imaginative imagery, across all media within the range of white, black and gray. now through Dec. 31. At the **Dillon Gallery**: small works by south Shore Art Center Gallery Artists - priced for holiday giving. **Faculty feature** will be Qingxiong Ma. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

"Back From Broadway" takes the stage at the Stuart Street Playhouse through Dec. 15. Enjoy some of Broadway's greatest music from shows like "Carousel," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "My Fair Lady." Tickets on sale through telecharge at 800-447-7400, 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.telecharge.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St,. Boston, 02116 For more information on Back From Broadway, visit www.backfrombroadway.com

"Caught on Canvas" a show of recent oil paintings by **Susan Lynch Raffa** will be on view at the **James Library and Center for the Arts**, Norwell Center, Dec. 4. Exhibit may be viewed Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m., Thursday, 2 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

Ballroom dancing every Sunday. Face the Music and Dance held at Workmen's Hall, Rte 1A, Norwood. Complimentary lesson 5 to 5:45pm with admission of $10. Dance 6 to 10 p.m. Singles and couples complimentary coffee, tea, sweets. J Davis DJ Call 781-871-3231 or visit www.geocities.com/jddjdance

The North River Arts Society presents **Past and Present by Susan Davis**. through to Dec. 14, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. Gallery hours Monday through Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org

Photography displayed at On Rye Deli South Shore photographer **Judith Enright** is featured on the walls of On Rye Deli, 119 Washington St. (Route 53), Norwell, as an ongoing exhibit, courtesy of Artful Things Gallery in Norwell. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and Monday by appointment.

Bingo is held every Friday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 440 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Games start at 6:45 p.m. and are open to anyone over 18 years old. Separate non-smoking room. The progressive jackpot is up to $3,000. The pull tab ticket jackpot is up to $2,000.

BEST BET

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "Babes in Toyland at the Cohasset Town Hall Nov 29 and 30 at 7:30; Dec 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec 1, 8, 14 and 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10, bring a canned good for local food pantry, receive $1 off your ticket at the door. Girl Scout Troops receive $2 each ticket. Call Wendy at 545-1655 Tickets are available at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Springbrook Kids in Cohasset, or by phone at 544-0304.

BEST BET

The Scituate Town Library presents "Treasures In Your Attic: Old and Rare Books" a lecture by Brattle Book Shop proprietor Kenneth Gloss, Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Those attending the lecture are encouraged to bring old books to the lecture for a free, verbal appraisal. The Scituate library is located at 85 Branch Street in Scituate. For more information call 800-447-9595.

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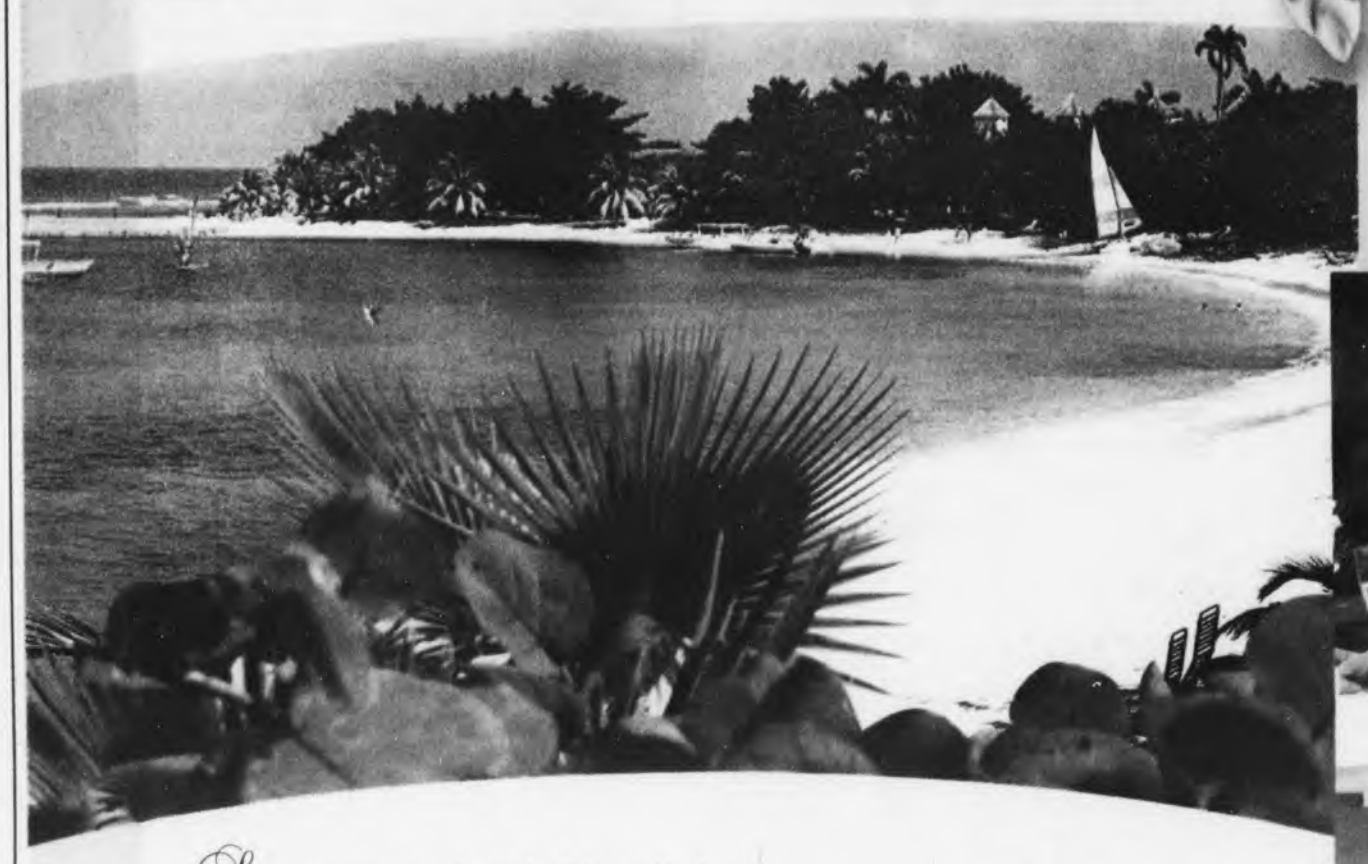

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Hopes were high for the traditional Thanksgiving Day gridiron battle against the Hull Pirates on Alumni Field as the football players broke through the banner at the start of the game. For more see sports.

Three bids for Pratt building

Historical society is in the running

By Brian J. Scully
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Heading into the third time out to bid for the sale of the Paul Pratt Library, the town would have been content to receive one offer that met the minimum $725,000 price tag.

Instead, it has three qualifying bids and a bit of a conundrum.

Along with two bidders brought in by Grand Gables Realty Group of Scituate, the Cohasset Historical Society, a private organization, has also made a bid, with the contingency of selling the society-owned Lothrop House to fund the purchase price.

Therein lies the problem. While the historical society's bid of $725,000 meets the minimum, the other two exceed it. A bid by Robert Speer of Cohasset came in at $740,000 with contingencies, while a bid from John Barry from Hanover came in at $739,000 without contingencies.

Given the town's recent trend towards preservation – most notably seen in the town-wide support for the purchase of the Barnes Property – the historical society could garner significant public support, despite the fact that it is the low bid.

"I think it is just an great opportunity to reach out to the community," said historical society President Paula Kozol. "We can have year round activity there with ample space for storage and display."

The historical society's interest in the property peaked after Selectman Tom Callahan mentioned that it was too bad the society wasn't interested in the property at a recent selectmen's meeting. Quickly the group

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Master Plan in focus

Hearing is on Dec. 11

By Brian J. Scully
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After two years of painstaking information gathering, the Growth and Development Committee has made its first step towards the release of a cohesive Master Plan for Cohasset.

With the completion of a first draft of the housing and environmental sections of the plan – to be reviewed on Dec. 11 at a public hearing – the committee is moving closer to its objective.

"Our highest priorities have been what the voters have identified as high priorities," said Swanborg. "Namely, the environmental and housing side of it."

With the Growth and Development committee acting as gatekeeper, the town has been polled through surveys and neighborhood forums to identify needs and elicit opinions. The public hearing will provide residents with a forum to view and comment on the two pieces of the plan.

The arrival of AvalonBay's proposed 200-unit Chapter 40B development at 155 King St. (opposite Atlantic Bagel) has heightened the concern of residents and the Master Plan could eventually serve as a defense against future developments. Chapter 40B allows developers to skirt local zoning laws provided 20-25 percent of the development is

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ON STAGE

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David Ingber wears the Technicolor dreamcoat in Cohasset High's production of "Joseph" on stage this weekend. For story see page 24.

JINGLE BELLS!

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Frosty, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive along with elves, Harley Heroux and Alley Tower, for the annual Jingle Bell Walk. See page 23 for more photos.

Ranch house replacement looms large

Neighbors' appeal is before ZBA Monday

By Mary Ford
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There will likely be a crowd at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting Monday and it won't be due to AvalonBay, the controversial apartment complex planned for Route 3A.

There's another storm brewing that doesn't have the size and scope of a Chapter 40B project, but one, nevertheless, that is having a profound affect on a neighborhood.

Zoning board members will be facing concerned citizens who include angry residents of Jerusalem Lane, a small street that's become home to a giant, new house.

In a recent letter to the building commissioner, the neighbors wondered why a structure of its size, scope and lot position would be allowed within the existing bylaws or without involvement or notification of the neighbors.

"I agree that this is one of the more egregious examples of mansionization. But it appears to be within the letter, if not the intent, of the bylaw."
— Bob Egan, building commissioner

But Building Commissioner Bob Egan, who is also the zoning officer, maintains the house fits within the setbacks and height requirements in the bylaws.

"I agree that this is one of the more egregious examples of mansionization," Egan replied in a letter to one of the abutters. "But it appears to be within the letter, if not the intent, of the bylaw."

The neighbors appealed Egan's denial of their "request for enforcement" in which they asked Egan to issue an immediate "Cease and Desist Order" to stop the project. Egan denied the request because, he said, the structure complies with the dimensional requirements of the bylaws other than area lot requirement, which is grandfathered.

"The building permit was properly issued because the structure will conform with these requirements and therefore, did not increase the nonconformity," he wrote.

The neighbors appealed Egan's decision to the zoning board, which will tackle the issue at 8 p.m., Monday. The meeting will likely take place in the auditorium because of the crowd expected.

Phil Ayer, who is building the house

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Town sticks with single tax rate

By Brian Scully
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"It's a no-brainer."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

As expected, the Board of Selectmen, on the recommendation of the Board of Assessors, have decided not to split the tax rate.

"It's a no-brainer, because Cohasset is only 7 percent commercial," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "If we split, we will kill the commercial and industrial portions of this town."

There was very little discussion over the matter, as a vote was taken soon after the subject was introduced.

Residential and commercial properties currently pay the same single tax rate in Cohasset. The town has the option to split that rate as it sees fit, but once the rate is split, it is nearly impossible to change back.

"Once you split the rate, it is difficult to change it back," said Haddad. "If you were to change it back after you had split the rate it would generate a major tax hit on residential home owners."

With the added burden – which can be up to 150 percent that of residential homes under Massachusetts law – a split would make Cohasset less attractive to prospective businesses, given the added burden that would fall on their shoulders.

Another reason not to split is because the split would have little benefit for residential taxpayers.

Since the town is 93 percent commercial/industrial, the change would only decrease the property tax bills a small amount for residential taxpayers.

After voting the single rate, the Board of Assessors said that the tax rate for next year should be around $11.99 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, pending final figures from the state. If certified, the tax rate would be an increase of 51 cents over this year's. That means the owner of home with an assessed value of $600,000 – about the average in Cohasset – will see an increase of about $300.

According to experts, 20 to 25 percent of a town needs to be commercial/industrial in order to make a split rate work.

This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday Dec. 2:

Board of Assessors, Dec. 5, 4 p.m.
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School Committee, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.
Recycling Committee, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m.
Growth and Development, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. (Housing forum).
Board of Selectmen, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Dec. 9 (Jerusalem Lane and other matters); Dec. 16 (Avalon - Public Safety), Jan. 6 (Avalon - Infrastructure), and Jan. 27 (Avalon - Local Preference and Affordable Housing needs), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.
Conservation Commission, Jan. 1 and Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Harbor Committee, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.
All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Annual TM, election

The Board of Selectmen set Annual Town Meeting for March 29 at 10 a.m. at the new high school gym.

They also set the town election for April 5.

Free legal clinic

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All consultations are strictly confidential. The evening legal clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Quincy District Court on the following dates: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, June 3, July 1.

For further information, contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

Bench, not fence

The Harbor Committee has recommended that the Board of Selectmen not install a granite post/chain fence at the end of Lawrence Wharf, which his located on the Harbor next to Atlantica. The group says that the fence would impair fisherman.

Instead, the committee recommends installing an additional park bench.

The fence or bench would serve as a deterrent to youths that jump or ride their bikes off the end of the pier.

The Selectmen will invite the Harbor Committee to an upcoming meeting to discuss the matter.

Winter guidelines

The public works department has issued the following winter guidelines for residents:

- Do not rake leaves or other debris into roads.
- Uncover storm drains blocked with leaves, snow or other debris.
- Do not plow or throw snow from private property onto the street or sidewalk.
- Do not block sidewalks with plowed snow or motor vehicles.
- Overnight parking is prohibited from Nov. 15 through April 15. It interferes with snow removal and is prohibited by town bylaws.
- The town is not responsible for damaged lawns, fences, steps, shrubs, trees or mailboxes within the town layout.
- Sand for resident use only will be available behind the downtown parking lot.

CPC seeks applications

Anyone wishing to petition the Cohasset Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for a funding recommendation at the March 2003 Town Meeting *must* submit an initial application to the committee no later than Dec. 31. Please note that the CPC may only recommend to Town Meeting those projects that involve the acquisition and preservation of open space, historical preservation and/or promote low to moderate income housing.

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Deer and roadways are a dangerous mix

By Mary Ford
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Deer fall under the "flying object" category when it comes to automobile insurance claims.

That means a motor vehicle accident involving a deer is not considered a collision like crashing into another car or hitting a telephone pole is, according to Pete Frazier of Harbor Insurance in Scituate. Damage claims fall under comprehensive coverage in an auto insurance policy.

The description is not far off the mark. Most motorists, who were involved in a deer incident, did not see it coming.

Amy Whorf McGuiggan of Main Street in Hingham was heading to a parent-teacher conference at the middle school last week, when something caught her eye and before she knew it, the antlers of a large buck were on top of the hood of her jeep.

"I love animals," says McGuiggan, who was traveling along Main Street (Route 228) at about 6:45 p.m., when the mishap occurred. "It was a magnificent buck, six-to-seven feet tall.

"It rolled over into a gully by a post and rail fence," she recalled. McGuiggan pulled over and walked toward it.

"It looked back at me and was very alert." When she turned to grab her car phone to call for help — the buck got up, kicked its feet out and jumped over the fence, and then ran off into the adjacent yard and into the woods toward Notre Dame Academy.

And during the same week, another driver thought he'd hit a pedestrian along Hingham's Cushing Street. But after examining some fur on the bumper, the police officer who responded to the scene, was able to determine that the vehicle had in fact hit a deer.

The two incidents are part of an alarming trend in Hingham and surrounding towns — accidents involving deer are on the way up. The combination of increasing deer population and the mating season has created a dangerous mix.

The Insurance Information Institute in Washington, D.C., a communications organization supported by the insurance industry, says more deer-auto collisions occur from October through December than at any other time. Deer claims have gone up about 5 percent a year over the past three years, the I.I.I. says. And the National Safety Council says there were 520,000 animal-related accidents last year resulting in more than 100 deaths and 4,000 injuries nationwide — although those numbers are not broken out into specific species. In Massachusetts, deer-car accident estimates are now running from 3,000-5,000 annually.

If Hingham is a gauge then deer-car accidents on the South Shore are climbing at an alarming rate.

There have been 14 incidents reported in Hingham since Aug. 19, eight in November alone. That's up from six incidents in the same period last year; two the year before; and only one in each of the prior two years.

The number is no surprise to Sgt. David Cogill of the Cohasset Police Department, who sees a lot of deer on the midnight-8 a.m. shift.

"They are all over 3A, by the golf course (on North Main Street) and along Border Street," says Cogill, adding that Cohasset has been lucky so far this season and hasn't had any deer-car collisions.

But last week while in patrol, Cogill went to assist with an accident that involved a deer just across the Cohasset line on Henry Turner Bailey Road in North Scituate. Cogill, who is also a hunter, was able to salvage the large buck and took it to a butcher in Middleboro who carved it up for him into venison steaks and sausage.

Al Currie, Hingham's animal control officer, says when a deer is hit, a DPW front-loader takes it to the landfill, but once the landfill is capped – that will no longer be possible. Currie said the problem is reaching such proportions that he, the town administrator and DPW superintendent need to meet to decide on "plan B" regarding the disposal of deer.

Not letting a deer go to waste is an outcome that is supported by Massachusetts Wildlife, a state agency, whose wildlife biologists would prefer hunters kill the deer humanly than having them hit by motor vehicles. MassWildlife says the population of deer on the South Shore and in the southeastern part of the state is well over ideal numbers.

"Some 15,000 deer were killed last year through autos and hunting in the state," says Bill Woytek, deer project leader at MassWildlife. "Of those about 9,900 were legally harvested (hunted).

"We'd rather see deer hunted humanly and utilized than hit by a car, suffer and go to waste," he said.

To that end the state has extended the hunting season, increased the number of hunting permits and the number of does (female deer) that can be harvested in any one season, Woytek explains. Ten years ago, a hunter could kill a total of two deer — this year, the hunter can kill two anther deer (males) and as many female deer as there are permits available.

"We want to get ahead of the growth and get the numbers down," he says.

The South Shore area has about 20-30 deer per square mile, which is about three times the desired number of six-to-eight. Too many deer can cause public health problems. The animals carry Lyme disease, damage crops and can degrade the habitat they live in, by literally "eating themselves out of house and home," hurting other animals, Woytek says.

The population surge is due to a combination of reasons that include no large predators in the area that can take down a deer, the animal's suitability to edge habitat that borders human population centers, and the way deer reproduce.

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Buck (male deer) are more active this time of year and may try to cross local roadways. There have been 14 deer-car accidents reported in Hingham alone over the past 3-1/2 months.

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If you look closely you can see a deer crossing sign on the right on Rte. 3A in Scituate. Police officers on patrol in the evening and early morning hours, say they see a lot of deer along the state highway.

According to Woytek, a doe can have 1-to-3 fawns at a time, so the population can double in a year.

Matt Laing, hospital director at the New England Wildlife Center, says deer like it here.

"They feed on landscape bedding, such as bushes and plants in the yard. Flowering plants can also be sweet and taste good," he says. "They also like new growth on trees, bark and holly bushes, hosta, etc."

Laing explains while the wildlife center sees injured fawns, it is difficult to save an injured adult deer.

"Most of the time when I get a call from an animal control officer about a deer being hit it involves a severe leg fracture," he says. "In order for a deer to survive all four legs must be usable. They are high-strung animals that do not do well in captivity — they jump around the cage and are hard to keep in a rehabilitation setting."

This time of year the males are in "rut" which means heightened sexual activity. So the bucks, which are polygamous, are moving around looking for does, and therefore may cross a road or two.

"The males have one thing on their mind," says Woytek of MassWildlife. "And some of the yearling males are being chased out by more dominant males. Females are also out eating more and seeking good food sources to get more fat to get through the winter."

Woytek says motorists should pay attention to "deer crossing signs" which can indicate natural travel corridors, agricultural areas, and food sources for deer.

Cohasset Police Sgt. Bill Quigley says deer collisions are a potential problem for police cruisers.

"I can tell you from experience there are a lot of deer out and about during the evening hours in Cohasset," he says. "Patrolling officers see them all the time

"When I'm responding at night and have the blue strobe lights on, I make sure to give the siren a couple of blasts on Route 3A," he says.

Quigley explained that when deer see the blue lights they freeze and try to figure out what they are.

"Just imagine going 70 or 75 mph to an emergency call and a deer freezes in front of you! I've found that a few siren blasts, before entering these areas, scares them or gives them a heads up."

Hingham Police Lt. Russell Erickson said when a car hits a deer — it is reported to the state Environmental Police, which is a division of MassWildlife.

For better tracking, police accident forms, which the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles revised last year, now include a box where the investigating officer reports if the car collided with a deer or other animal. A code "5" means a deer, and "6" is for "other" animals.

According to registry spokesman David Shaw the revamped forms, that took effect Nov. 1, 2001 will allow the registry to capture more information and more detail about the circumstances of crashes including if the driver was on a cell phone, the presence of certain weather conditions, or if a deer was involved. Data from the forms won't be available until the end of the year, Shaw said.

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Ranch house replacement looms large

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and plans to live there with his wife and kids, says everything being done is in accordance with the rules and regulations of the state and town building codes.

"It's unfortunate that the neighbors have such strong opposition," he said. "They've never met with me personally or spoke to me."

Ayers contends because of the opposition that the house he's building — which replaces a ranch-style home — has had more scrutiny than any other house project in town. He also thinks now that the shingles, windows and trim are being installed, the house looks more a part of the neighborhood.

"I've had tremendous approval from people other than this small group," said Ayers, who said he'd removed some trees to help with a neighbor's view.

He admits the house is imposing but says that's largely due to the fact, its position on the side of a hill.

But neighbor Tom Fallon of 12 Jerusalem Lane says the house is so big, it's overshadowing every other home on the street. He said the previous 1,800 square foot ranch, is being replaced by a three-story house of more than 4,000 square feet.

"It's making the house next to it look like servants' quarters," Fallon said.

Fallon and others, who signed a petition to the zoning board, think the house should have required a special permit that would have triggered notification of abutters.

He said everyone should be concerned because a house of this size could go up anywhere in town.

The neighbors have established the "Cohasset Defense Fund" to provide the town and its neighborhoods with a resource that will protect the character of the town. They obtained the services of a consultant who analyzed the zoning bylaws and came up with a list of findings on why the building permit should not have been issued. They've also published a glossy flier, which includes photos of the house, urging concerned citizens to attend Monday's hearing.

"Without enforcement of Cohasset's zoning bylaws, this can also happen in your neighborhood," the flier states.

But Ayers, the homeowner and builder, says it's much ado about nothing. He thinks his house will add to the property values of the street and he also has confidence in the zoning board.

"They won't be allowed to beat up on the Zoning Board," said Ayers, who thinks the board understands the house is being "legally built."

"Town counsel has looked at it, everyone has scrutinized it as far as the town goes," he said.

Zoning board chairman Woody Chittick declined to comment about the issue.

"I'm reserving judgment until I've had a chance to hear all the evidence," he said.

The house across the street had a view of the ocean over the roof line of the ranch which has been replaced by a much larger home.

The size of this new Jerusalem Lane house is the subject of a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on Monday night.

Three bids for Paul Pratt Memorial Library building

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mobilized and formulated a plan to make the library its new headquarters. The major thrust of the sale would come from the sale of the Lothrop House, with any left over funds from that transaction going towards remodeling.

"We have gotten a lot of support, via emails and letters and phone calls from people around the community," said Kozol. "There is strong sentiment for saving the library for community use."

But it faces the Board of Selectmen with a tough question: Does a group's intentions for a property outweigh financial concerns? The historical society's bid has contingencies, but the Barry bid has none and is worth $19,000 more.

The question will be debated – and hopefully answered – at the Selectmen's meeting on Dec. 10.

Still, given the alternative of having no qualifying bids, it is clear the town is happy, even though there will be a tough decision to make.

"This is exactly what we needed to do," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "When we went to Town Meeting to ask for the funds to construct a new library, we said, 'We can afford this without an override based on the following: we get a state grant, money from library trustees and we sell the Pratt Building for a minimum of $700,000.'"

It would appear that goal has been met and Haddad pointed to the hiring of Grand Gables as the reason for the change in fortune.

"Grand Gables did a fantastic job for us," said Haddad. "It took us three times to get it right, but Grand Gables made sure we did it right this time., which is exactly what we hired them to do."

David Drinkwater, the president of Grand Gables, singled out Sarah Murphy, who was in charge of the sale, for praise.

"Sarah has done a phenomenal job marketing this project," said Drinkwater. "She has been high-energy, she has been very professional and has followed up every opportunity she has had to make this as fair and open a process as possible."

Given the constrictions on the property regarding zoning and space, it was not an easy sell.

"She has generated a considerable amount of interest, given the constraints of what she had to work with," he said. "She has done more with raising interest and bids than the town had been able to do in two times out."

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BOOK SENSE

Village project will be down to the wire at Jan. 25 election

By Brian J. Scully
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Voters at a special election set for Jan. 25 will have the final say on burying utility wires in the village.

The election is the second step in a two-step process that began at the Nov. 16 Special Town Meeting, when voters appropriated $800,000 for the project by a slim two-thirds majority, contingent on passing a debt exclusion Prop. 2-1/2 override.

An override is necessary because the debt service for the project cannot be absorbed within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, the state law that caps the amount a town can raise its property tax levy in a year. A debt exclusion provides a temporary override of that limit, that disappears when the project is paid off. This debt exclusion will run for five years, which is the maximum allowed for a roadway project.

Given that the holiday season is underway there was some concern over when the election needed to be held.

"There was some confusion at first," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "Originally we thought we were going to have to have the election by Jan. 2, but the law has been changed from 45 days after to 90 days, which allowed us some flexibility."

Haddad suggested Jan 11 to the Board of Selectmen at last week's meeting, but Merle Brown objected due to the fact that the Massachusetts Municipal Association was meeting in Boston on that date.

The rest of the board agreed, with a later date, but for slightly different reasons.

"I think the later date is a good idea," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan. "We had a couple of people come forward with donations at Town Meeting and we need to get al that wrapped up so that people know exactly what we are dealing with."

At Town Meeting, Selectman Fred Koed announced that Gerd Ordelheide had promised $100,000 towards the project over four years. Hubert Vanderlugt, who owns Hub Shipping in the Village, also spoke at the meeting and said he spoke for four businesses which would be willing to contribute in some way. Haddad promised to have the official amount of private donations in time for the election.

Craig Miller, the president of the Waterfield Design Group, thinks that it is too good of an opportunity to pass up.

"From our perspective it would be really unfortunate to go so far and make so many wonderful improvements and not take the final step," said Miller. "Out of all the visual improvements, the removal of the overhead wiring is probably the most striking."

Miller understands the fiscal concerns of residents, but notes that this is the cheapest and least invasive the project will ever be.

"There are at least four or five different projects happening at the same time and all of them involve disruption and excavation to the downtown area.," said Miller. "There will be a lot less tolerance for it after this project is completed. Plus, because of the excavation for all of the other projects, that cost is taken away from the burial of the wires at this point in time."

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— Craig Miller, President of the Waterfield Group

The rest of the project is already funded by a variety of sources. The town received a $1.5 million state Public Works Economic Development grant for the for the streetscape revitalization, $1 million for the James Brook culvert as part of the MBTA mitigation package, a $169,000 Transportation Enhancement grant for the St. Stephen's sidewalk, while the installation of a new water main, at a cost of $38,000 will be paid for by the Water Department. (The MBTA is going pick up the tab, estimated at $500,000, to fix up the town parking lot, which was also part of the Greenbush Mitigation agreement).

"It certainly is something that I hope will pass and really should pass," said Dean Rizzo, the Executive Director for the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, which helped cultivate the project. "If there is ever a time for the town to bury the wires, this is it. It will have a tremendous impact on the downtown area."

Estimates for the five-year debt exclusion peg the cost to the owner of a $500,000 home at about $70 a year.

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

TURNING TWO!

I want to start out the column this week by sending a very special little girl a huge, Happy Birthday wish! Miss **Abigail Johnson** celebrated her second birthday last week and she is so proud of being two.(of course if you ask her if she likes being two you will get a resounding no!) Everyone hopes that you really do enjoy being a two-year-old cutie, Abbey. We all love you a great, big bunch!

VILLAGE FAIR

To get into the holidays a bit more, this weekend has some wonderful offerings for you to enjoy and take part in. The Annual Village Fair is happening on Saturday and has something for everyone. Rumor has it that Santa will be making his yearly appearance and that there will be activities, music, food and shopping for all.

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This is going to be a wonderful way for families to get together for the holidays and get the spirit flowing!

SEE 'JOSEPH'

The Cohasset High School Musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is also another sure bet for this weekend with performances on Friday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8. Tickets are general admission and are available by calling 781-383-9590.

BLANKET DRIVE

The fifth-grade Religious Education Class at St. Anthony's have embarked on a charitable mission called "Blanketing Our Neighbors." In response to a recent Boston Globe article outlining the acute need for blankets by area shelters, the children will be raising money to buy blankets and will be sponsoring a blanket drive. The blanket drive will be held the weekend of Dec. 7 and 8. If you would like to help, donations of blankets, comforters and sheets in good condition will be collected at St. Anthony's Parish Center on December 7 from 4:30-6:30 and on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 7:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.. As well, any one wishing to make a donation can direct their contribution to St. Anthony's/ Blanket Drive, 129 South Main St. Please call either **Beth Seraikas** at 383-9154 or **Darilynn Evans** at 383-0644. Thank you for helping us help those in need!

GIVING TREE

The Cohasset Social Service League will have a Giving Tree in place the day after Thanksgiving at the Consignment Shop on Route 3A in Cohasset. The Giving Tree is being set up to collect unwrapped children's gifts to be distributed to the children of adults that are in local rehabilitation facilities such as Project Turnabout in Hingham and Serenity House in Scituate. Gifts of toys or clothing will be accepted unwrapped until Dec. 23. The age range is infant to 14 years of both gender. If you have any questions call the League at 781-383-0771.

LUNCHTIME SPEAKER

The Social Service League continues its' Lunchtime Speaker Series this Friday from noon to 1p.m.at the South Shore Art Center. This week will feature **John Yazwinski**, Executive Director of Father Bills' Place in Quincy. Father Bills is one of the most comprehensive and busiest shelters on the South Shore with a full 90-bed shelter for men and new 38-bed shelter for women. Please go and listen and learn how much this facility is needed, what they do on a nightly basis and perhaps what you could do to help in some way. Question and Answer to follow. Free, for more info call 781-383-0771.

Cast members from the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "Babes in Toyland," from left, Sean Eubanks, Cohasset's Claire McCarthy, Ian Wilder, Isabel Wilder and Shannon Eubanks, display non-perishable items which they are collecting for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S HONORS

Paul B. Cotter has achieved honors for the first quarter at St. Sebastian's School in Needham where he is a 10th-grader. His proud parents are Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter. Paul had to maintain at least a B- in all subjects to make the honor roll at the all-boys prep school.

TILTON HONORS

David DeVito, a senior, has made the honor roll at Tilton School in Tilton, N.H. David could have no grade lower than a C+ and a grade-point average of 10 to achieve this distinction.

WHO'S WHO

The following local students are included in the 36th annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002." Traditionally, 99 percent of Who's Who students have a grade-point average of a B or better and 97 percent are college bound. The book, published in 18 regional volumes, features more than 850,000 students or just 6 percent of the nation's 15 million high school students. Who's Who students compete for scholarships and participate in the publication's annual survey of high achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. Hats off to: **Elizabeth M. Condos, David F. Crowley-Buck, Thomas J. Digan, Cara Foley, Danielle M. Hajjar, Martha J. Henderson, Kelly L. Holway, David Ingber, Molly C. Kirk, Daniel Littauer, Megan McCain, Robinson Murphy, Greg O'Connell, Julie Shea, Kelly Stone, Katherine Coyne, Matthew Davis, Jenna E. Fegreus, Jeff Garber, Adam J. Haracz, Robert Hickey, John Hussey, Curtis Kahn, Ross Lieb-Lappen, Amanda Maynard, Alison Moje, Taylor O'Brien, Elizabeth Reynolds, Christina M. St. Pierre**, and **Kristen A. Watts.** Congratulations to all of you on this amazing honor. Your friends, families and teachers are all proud of the job you have done.

GRIDIRON CLUB

The Cohasset Gridiron Club would like to thank the Cohasset community for their support during its recent Scholarship Book Drive. If club members didn't catch you at home last Sunday and you would like a copy of this year's Ad Book please send a request to the Cohasset Gridiron Club at P O Box 223, Cohasset, MA 02025

TREE PICKUP

Project Safeguard, a community effort to contend with health related issues, substance abuse and prevention for the children of our town, is sponsoring a fund-raiser.

On Saturday, Jan. 4 and Sunday, Jan. 5 10 am to 1 p.m. a group of adults and teen volunteers will be available to pick up and dispose of your Christmas tree. The fee for this service is $12 per tree, $6 for senior citizens. Just put your tree next to your driveway, place a check payable to Project Safeguard on your door. Proceeds from this year's fund-raiser will benefit upcoming programs. We thank you for your support!

I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoyed the long holiday weekend. Happy Hanukkah to all who are celebrating this special time. It seems that everything is happening so quick now that Thanksgiving has come and gone and before we know it, Christmas is going to be here. I have a feeling that we just might have a white Christmas this year. I for one would be very excited to see that.

Make sure that all of your news and happenings reach me no later than noon on Mondays.

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Village fair-goers can look forward to seeing Cohasset's very own Town Crier, John Coe, again this year.

Town Crier back in the act

By Brian J. Scully
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You'll probably hear John Coe before you see him as you peruse the Village Fair on Dec. 7.

He'll be the man in the tri-cornered hat ringing his bell and directing Cohasseters what is going on at the Fair's different locations.

When he gets closer, you will see a smile, and the sign he wears, denoting him at the official Town Crier for the event.

"It's great fun," said Coe, reached at home and warming up after shoveling snow. "I only hope it is warmer then it has been of late."

The Fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m, is the product of a inter-denominational effort of town churches, this year including St. Stephen's, the Greek Orthodox Church, Second Congregational, and First Parish.

But while many of the church groups will be tucked away in the comfort of buildings, Coe will be outside for the fifth year straight, tolling his bell and providing information – not to mention smiles.

"It's a really wonderful event," said Coe. "It gets everybody out together and I get to attract their attention and send them over to the various churches."

Coe's role for the day requires him to be a latter-day minstrel of sorts.

"I wander all over the common, really," said Coe. "And when I venture into a church, they often offer me goodies, which of course I take."

Coe says that the role is one he looks forward to every holiday season and that it "keeps him out of the house."

"I enjoy seeing the kids and being nice to them," said Coe, who also volunteers at South Shore Hospital during the week.

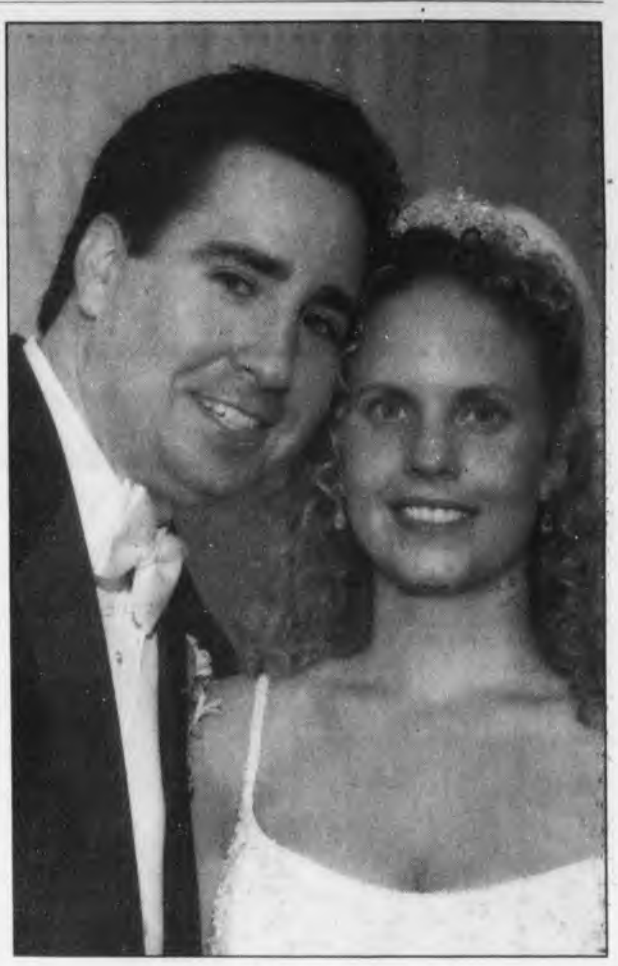
"People say I'm nice to do help out at the hospital like that, but really I am being nice to myself" said Coe. "The trips do me a lot of good, because the kids are so wonderful. Plus, I can't sit around all day, it would drive my wife crazy."

The highlight of the event will be the arrival of Santa on the common. Mr. Claus will stay from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and kids visiting Santa will receive candy canes.

The following is a list of what activities will take place where.

- St. Stephen's — (on location) Book sale, country store, and children's secret room, where low-priced gifts can be bought for family members.
- Greek Orthodox Church — (Will take place at the Town Hall) Boutique, Grandma's Attic, bridal and baby boutiques and a café.
- Second Congregational Church - (on location) Holiday boutique, clam chowder, surf and turf raffles, stocking stuffers, and a kid's craft corner.
- First Parish Church - (on location) Christmas Tree sale, Swedish bakery, Appalachian crafts, and at noon the Rusty Skippers, a musical band.
- The Beechwood Congregational will be holding a Christmas fair of their own on Dec. 7, running from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 51 Church St. and featuring crafts, food, a white elephant table and a host of other items.

Sweeney - McAllister



Mrs. and Mr. E. Sean Sweeney

Erin Christine McAllister of Cohasset and E. Sean Sweeney of Quincy were married Sept. 1, at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. The reception was held at the Boston Marriott Quincy.

The bride, daughter of Donald and Jeannette McAllister, was given in marriage by her father. The bride's sisters, Dawn Lynch of Scituate and Robin McDonough of Canton, were matrons of honor. Nephew, Ryan Lynch, and niece, Erica Lynch, were ring bearer and flower girl, respectively.

The groom is the son of Dianne Sweeney and Dr. Eugene Sweeney of Tenafly, N.J. Adam Reiner, of Bentonville, Ark., was best man. Charles Henry of Duxbury and Eric Crews of Cohasset were groomsmen.

The bride is a graduate of Cohasset High School and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She is employed as a Sales Communications Specialist by State Street Corporation.

The groom is a graduate of Saddle River High School, N.J. and St. Mary's College of Maryland. He is employed as Director of Sales by CMS, Inc. in Framingham.

After a honeymoon in Aruba, the couple is at home in Quincy.

The couple met through mutual friend, Mark St. Onge, who introduced Erin to Sean at last year's annual Cohasset 210 Fleet meeting in March. Erin, who grew up sailing Cohasset harbor and also grew up with Mark, was eager to get back into the sport after not having raced for some years. Sean, who is a very active member of the 210 Association, happened to be single and interested in the new female at the meeting. Through their involvement in 210 racing last summer love bloomed. The 210 class has a long history with Cohasset and the Cohasset Yacht Club.

Hingham Symphony Welcomes Yule!

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual Welcome Yule! concert on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Ship Church in Hingham, and on Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

Under the direction of Conductor Jin Kim, the HSO will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 and Faure's Pelleas et Melisande Suite, along with Anderson's medley of carols, A Christmas Festival. In what has become a new tradition for many, the Yule concert will also present an opportunity for the audience to participate in a holiday sing-along.

"We are very excited to enrich and enliven the holiday season throughout the South Shore with a concert that is brimming with energy and warm spirit," said MaryBeth Alger, president of the HSO Board of Directors. "Jin's selection for this year should greatly please everyone in our audience and inspire them throughout the coming year."

Tickets for the Yule Concert are available at Hingham Public Library, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, and Noble0s, Norwell, or call 781-740-5694. $20 adult, $18 senior, $10 through age 18.

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Defensive driving to avoid hitting deer

We readily admit we're driving a lot more cautiously after writing our story on deer-car collisions this week.

Hearing reports of deer-car accidents over the police scanner sparked our interest in the issue. But we were amazed to discover that next door in Hingham there have been 19 accidents involving deer over the past 3-1/2 months – eight in November alone.

Last week in Marshfield, there were three deer accident calls in a single day.

Deer-car collisions are also up in Scituate. And although there haven't been any recent incidents here in Cohasset, local police on patrol can attest to seeing plenty of deer around.

Unfortunately there is little we motorists can do to protect ourselves, but the Insurance Information Institute does recommend the following:

• Be attentive in early morning and evening hours, the most active time for deer.

• Be alert and drive with caution when you are moving through a deer-crossing zone. Look for other deer after one has crossed the road. Deer seldom run alone.

• Slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten the deer away. If necessary, use your high-beam headlights to see the deer better.

• Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path, rather than swerve to avoid them. Swerving can confuse the deer as to where to run.

• Wear your seatbelt. Most serious injuries in car-deer crashes occur because people were not wearing their seatbelt.

There's a combination of reasons the deer are more active this time of year. Male deer are looking for females, females want to fatten up for the winter, and there are a lot of deer. According to MassWildlife, our area has about 20-30 deer per square mile – about three times the recommended number. To manage the numbers better, the state agency has changed some hunting regulations to allow hunters to kill more deer.

In many ways it's nice to know deer, coyotes, wild turkeys and other furry and feathered friends like it here. Most people love animals and seeing them roam around makes us feel good. But no one wants to run into an animal, whether it be the neighbor's cat, a raccoon or a deer. Because deer are large animals, they can do a lot of damage to a motor vehicle and cause personal injury.

Awareness will certainly help somewhat. If you pass a deer, flashing your headlights at on-coming traffic to warn drivers something is up might help. Be sure to report any accident, even a minor one, to the police, who have a new check off box on accident reports for deer-collisions. That way the state will be better able to compile data on deer-related crashes.

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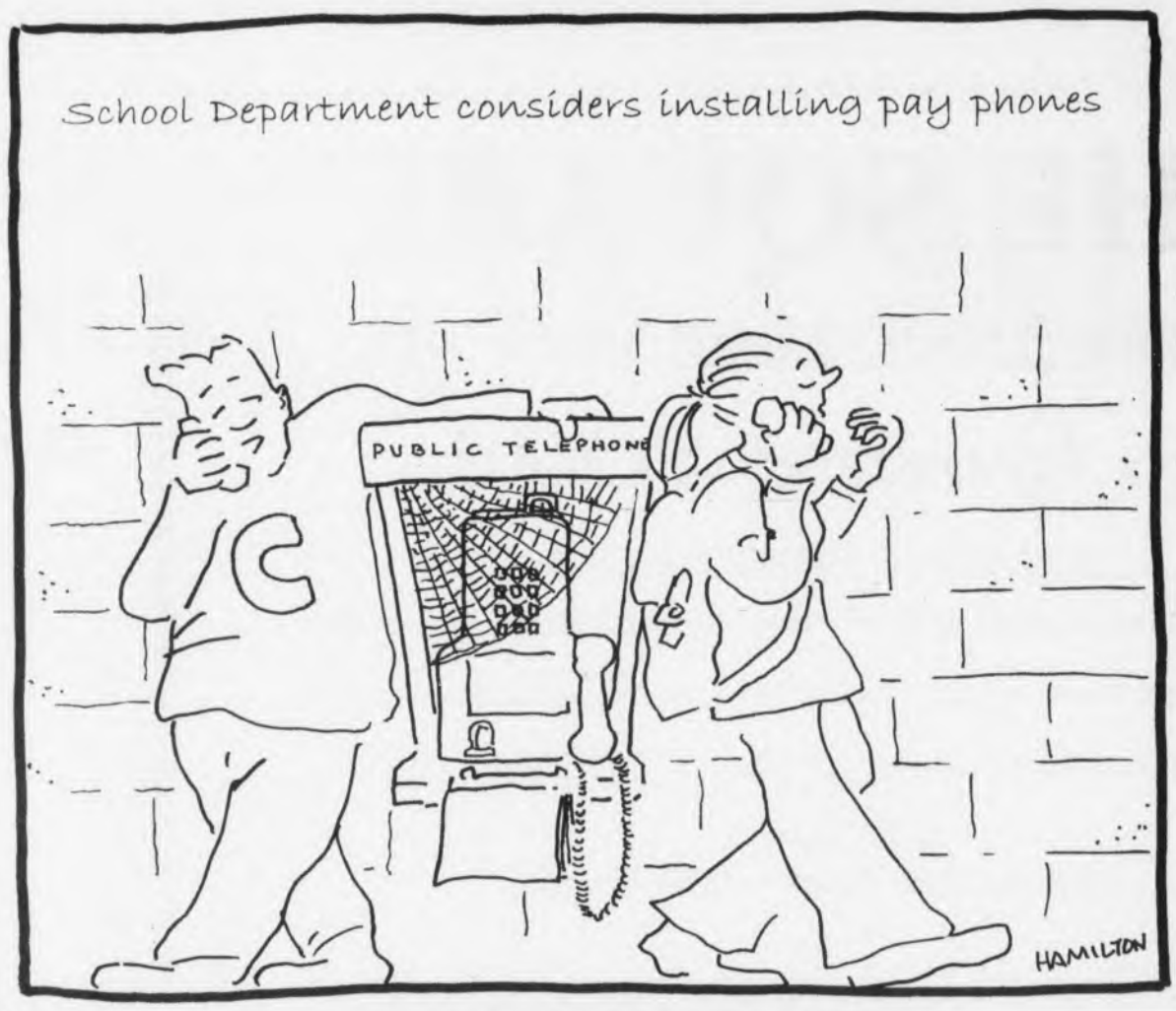

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Keep fighting Avalon project

TO THE EDITOR:

First and foremost, I would like to thank the citizens of Cohasset who helped pass Articles 2 & 3 at the Nov. 18 Town Meeting. These two articles are very important to the future of Cohasset. It is imperative that as a community we take a stand and join other communities in their fight against 40B. The folks on Beacon Hill need to be made aware that we will not just roll over and that the 40B Act as currently written is flawed and designed to fill the pockets of developers who care very little about the consequences of their projects on communities.

No one denies that Cohasset needs affordable housing. However, implementation of a plan and the developments that follow should be left to our local planning boards and not to developers.

AvalonBay is *not* a done deal! There are many obstacles that AvalonBay must overcome and many conditions that our ZBA will likely put upon this development before it can ever be built. The size of this project and the financial impact that the citizens of this town will have to incur is far too large for us to overlook.

According to the Department of Housing and Community Development, only 27 out of the 345 towns in Massachusetts have reached the required 10 percent. This alone should alert all of us that something is desperately wrong with the law. Does this mean Cohasset should just accept it and put the control into greedy developers? Don't you want a say in the future of this town?

Furthermore, the stipulation that all rentals count towards the 10 percent is ludicrous and short-sighted. Proponents of 40B, Citizens Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) have attempted to address the issue of counting market rate units in rentals. No consensus was reached on this matter. However, the Subcommittee argued that the "current policy is inconsistent and appears arbitrary and confusing to local officials." They also believe that the "counting of market rate units as affordable is inappropriate." Cohasset should not rely on this precedent given that the decision will never have the force of statutes, nor of a court decision. No wonder, does it make sense to you that highly profitable rentals in the $2400-$3400 range should be counted as affordable? I urge those of you who care about the future of this town to get involved now. Continue to write to the Selectman, ZBA and our State Rep. Garrett Bradley. Attend the ZBA Hearings: Dec 16-Public Safety, Jan 6 Infrastructure, at 7:30pm at Town Hall. Help us make changes to the current law and protect us against other developers who come to Cohasset under the guise of 40B.

And please join us in seeking real affordable and senior housing solutions for Cohasset. For more information or to contribute please write to Cohasset Action, PO Box 35, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Monique Armstrong
255 Pond St.

Ballistic vests

TO THE POLICE:

I would like to thank you, your department and especially Sgt. Greg Lennon for the gracious donation of ballistic body armor to the Massachusetts National Guard Counterdrug Office. We were fortunate to have been able to support several of Sgt. Lennon's cases and hopefully we were able to be a positive contributor.

Additionally, I would like to apologize for not being able to thank you in person. Currently I am writing this letter from Afghanistan, where subsequently I have been putting one of the ballistic vests to use on a daily basis.

Scott C. West
Afghanistan

Chief Jackson provided the Mariner with a copy of this letter.

True democracy

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond to two letters regarding the recent town meeting vote concerning the harbor "improvements".

The question of the existence of State requirements for fencing was brought up at two if not three Selectmen's meetings. According to Mr. Haddad and Mr. Egan, there appear to be no State regulations regarding the type of railing that is acceptable. This seems to be in part because the road in question is not a State road. The Hagerty property, which was completed this spring, has a railing that does not conform to the type proposed by the CRC, yet it passed all Federal and State requirements.

The argument that the State *might* pay for up to 90 percent of the cost of these "improvements" seems to ignore the budget problems facing Massachusetts. When Medicare and other State programs are being drastically cut back, it's hard to imagine that "improvements" that are largely cosmetic would be funded at that level.

As one of those involved on the supposed "assault" on democracy, I find it refreshing to see that Mr. Campbell refuses to let the facts stand in the way of yet another one of his venomous diatribes.

I was not protesting Mr. Rizzo's presence at town meeting. If I were protesting Mr. Rizzo's presence, I would have protested his not sitting in the non-voting section, as the rules require. I was however, requesting that the moderator follow his own rules. If you take the time to read the warrant for town meeting, you will find that non-residents may only address the meeting if it has been unanimously voted by town meeting. I was trying to request that a voice vote be taken, again as the rules require. I know some will say that Mr. Bradley and Mr. Hedlund addressed the meeting and are not residents, but I would contest there is a difference between delivering a legislative update and presenting an article for consideration. I've attended a lot of town meetings, and as far as I can recall this was the first time a non-resident presented an article. By the way, and Mr. Marlette may wish to note this, unless there is disagreement to a voice vote, a show of hands by seven people is unnecessary. This is also in the rules listed in the warrant.

I must admit the irony of the vote going against the proposal was lost on me. This proposal never seemed to resonate with the majority of the town. The comment that we can thank the Friends of Cohasset Harbor and the "lobstermen" for the outcome of this vote was particularly odious. That implies that some voters are more worthy than others.

As to having to be "forced" to deal with the harbor problems at a later date, wait no longer the very next article funded a survey of the condition of the seawall and walkway, which seems to be the prudent way to approach this issue.

The opponents of the CRC plans have been portrayed as a small group of abutters and lobstermen, as though that make their opposition suspect. Town meeting, maddening as it is represents the entire town. The real assault on democracy is implying that those who oppose an item are somehow second-class citizens. There were more people in attendance than replied to any survey done by the CRC, so I would hazard that the vote was more representative of the true feelings of the town. Disraeli once said, "No Government can long be secure without a formidable opposition". This "assault" on democracy, was democracy working. Too bad that was lost on some people.,

Russell Bonetti
20 Parker Ave.

Doggie daycare is valuable service

TO THE EDITOR:

The following is in response to the decision made by the Scituate ZBA on Nov. 21 to stop Cindy McAdam from running her doggie daycare business, Vacation Paws Petsitting, out of her home.

Cindy was providing an affordable doggie daycare service out of her home. Many of her clients would not be able to own their pets without her service. I know I could not. We live in a time where it is often imperative for most families to have dual incomes in order to live comfortably. Both my husband and I work in Boston and are away from home approximately nine hours of the day. I have come to rely upon Cindy to ensure the well being and safety of my pet while I am away from home. Without her, my dog, like so many others, would be just another dog in another shelter waiting for the slight possibility of adoption, or more tragically, to be euthanized.

Doggie daycare is such an innovative approach to pet care and is a way to give working people who want to benefit from owning a pet a way to do so. Dogs are pack animals by nature. Many can suffer separation anxiety when left unattended for an extended period of time. It is during these periods that acts of aggression and destruction will most often occur, which incidentally, are two of the most common reasons why dogs are brought to shelters. As I see it, Cindy's daycare is a contribution not only to her clients, but also to Scituate and the surrounding towns by keeping those dogs out of the already over-populated shelters.

In regards to classifying Vacation Paws Petsitting as a kennel, the following definitions are from Webster's II Revised Dictionary: Kennel – (n) 1.) A shelter for a dog 2.) A place where dogs are bred, boarded or trained. Board – (v) to furnish or receive meals or lodging or both. Daycare – (n) provision of daytime supervision or training. These definitions alone clearly show that Cindy's doggie daycare is by far not a kennel. The dogs are not receiving meals, nor are they boarding and certainly are not breeding. She is simply providing a safe, supervised environment during the day for the dogs to exercise, play and have a bathroom break while their owners are at work.

I realize the complaint made against Cindy is largely due to the dogs barking. Dogs bark, we cannot change this. I do believe, however, that the positive contribution of her daycare service by far outweighs the negative of one person's complaint.

Christene Lyons
Scituate

HEALTH NOTES

Lots more walking and talking needed

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Since the beginning of this campaign by the Board of Health to stamp out obesity by walking and exercising, we've learned much. And I still don't know which is harder; walking or talking about it. It seems that how much one exercises is a personal thing and everyone weighs in with his opinion. It's not easy to tell someone he should change his ways.

But the Board is committed to the effort to inject more exercise into the activity patterns of the citizens of Cohasset. It seems that merely telling everybody to walk more isn't doing it. Mark Fenton of Scituate, a walking advocate, says towns have stopped being designed to facilitate walking. For example, most towns have a sidewalk bylaw. That is, new subdivisions, residential, commercial and industrial, are required to put in sidewalks. Most of these requirements are removed by variance during the negotiations with the town for approval. One only has to look at the Rose Hill residential development, Shaw's or Stop and Shop Plazas or the new Hingham Lumber site. My guess is that sidewalks were waived because the negotiator for the company, having been told to get rid of sidewalks because it would add too much to the cost of the project, came to the ZBA and said, "With all these roads and parking lots, sidewalks won't be necessary; nobody ever **walks** anywhere anymore".

So, I'm proposing the following walking initiative to the Board of Health at its next meeting.

• Revitalize Sidewalk Committee

With committee members like: Peter Pearce, Wayne Sawchuk, Steve N. Bobo, Dick Avery, Selectmen's representative, Community Center representative, DPW representative, and maybe anyone else you'd like to suggest. Actively seek (from many available) grants to improve walkability in Town.

• Letter to Planning Board and ZBA

Request that variances requesting elimination of sidewalks be very carefully reviewed.

Board to establish guidelines for sidewalk development which would enhance exercise and activity

Board should implement a walking and biking development initiative by adopting guidelines provided by the Sidewalk Committee

New subdivisions over a certain size should provide plans for recreational walking and bike paths.

Develop a sidewalk BMP for the town.

Sidewalk Committee should research BMP's for sidewalks for the entire town and select an appropriate design as a the basis the town's sidewalks. The BMP should embody the following attributes:

• Safety

Access by walkers to **all** town amenities and services, (banking, shopping, recreation, sports, etc.)

Sidewalks should be environmentally sound (surface water recharge, snow removal, etc.)

Walk- and bikeways should be higher priority within town relative to automobile access. (possibly consider vehicle-free areas; speed risers at high volume pedestrian intersections)

Participate and work with Rails with Trails Initiative

Work with Mark Fenton to have Cohasset, Scituate, and Hingham support MBTA path.

Seek approval at Town Meeting for plans to make Town more walkable

Talking and talking

In discussions with my colleagues on other volunteer boards: ZBA, Conservation, Sewer, and maybe others, I find that they all concur: communication between boards is sadly lacking. Yes, we say hi at the supermarket, or at the tennis court, but we have no idea which are the hot button issues with each board until something like AvalonBay comes up. So, I'm proposing to put a summary of the BoH meetings in this column so that at least our decisions will be more broadly available to those who are interested. I'll take it up at our next meeting (Dec. 16) and if my colleagues, Peggy Chapman, and Rob Lawrence agree, and Mary Ford, Cohasset Mariner's editor, OK's it, you'll learn what the board does beginning at 7 p.m. at our approximately two meetings a month.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Light a star on the Memory Tree

Remembering, in a tangible way will enrich this holiday season, the joy our loved ones have shared with us in seasons past.

Commemorative lights will shine on The Memory Tree on the Lawn of South Shore Community Center as well as a star placed on the tree in the lobby with the name(s) of your loved one(s).

As contributions are received, bulbs will be illuminated throughout the season, and the names of the donors and those remembered will be published in the Cohasset Mariner. Your tax-deductible contribution will help continue quality programs at SSCC.

The star atop the 2002 Memory Tree will shine in honor of our departed loved ones whom you wish to honor. Participation options are:

Individual: Forget-me-not white lights for a gift of $5.

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Generosity will be acknowledged by with lights on the Memory Tree, and on the scroll published weekly.

Make checks payable to South Shore Community Center, P.O. Box 63, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The following is a list of Contributors to the 2002 Memory Tree.

Archangels:

In Memory of John P. Giuggio from Gina, John, Tim, and Cali Giuggio.

In Memory of Charles Flynn Woodward from Christine Woodward.

In Memory of Grampa Ray Chase from Carly & Jay Salerno

Angels:

In Memory of David R. Marks "Bumpy" from Kendall Fiori

In Memory of Mary A. Fiori "Mimi" from Kendall Fiori

In Memory of Dale Edminster from Bette Edminster

Individuals:

In Memory of David R. Marks Sr.

In Memory of Mary A. Fiori

In Memory of Virginia Anderson from Friends at the Center

In Memory of Libby Pompeo from Friends at the Center

In Memory of Gerard Keating from Friends at the Center

In Memory of Margaret Taylor from Friends at the Center

In Memory of Henry Brennock from Friends at the Community Center

In Memory of George Brooke from Friends at the Community Center

Who should wield the budgetary axe on Beacon Hill?

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Whose job is the deficit?

It's an odd little policy question that spent the week kicking around the Statehouse. Well, not so little, of course: the projected deficit for this year is at least $200 million, and could well get worse before it gets better.

But in the nether region between administrations, it's become a point to ponder who should be in charge of bringing spending in line with revenues.

Acting Gov. Swift is warning that before she leaves office, she'll order at least $85 million in previously-approved spending held back. The freeze would hit medical care for the poor; job training programs; community policing efforts; and a variety of other services and programs.

Some in the building are looking askance at Swift's aggressive budget maneuvering, saying those are decisions more properly made by her successor, Mitt Romney. But Romney declined to opine one way or the other this week – a sign he's only too happy to have Swift clean up some of the problem before he's sworn in.

Some activists, though, want the whole situation to be Romney's accountability, and responsibility. "I just wish the governor would quietly leave office and leave the tough decisions to Mitt Romney," Mass. Home Care Director Al Norman told the Herald. Michael Widmer, head of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, also rapped the reductions.

Swift appears torn between conflicting inclinations. She may well believe she'll be back in politics someday, and wants to leave behind a balanced budget this year if it's possible. But some at the Statehouse are surprised she'd give Romney any assistance at all; she certainly didn't during the campaign, and the Swift operation's low opinion of the Romney set is state government's worst-kept secret.

But Swift is playing the budget situation straight, pursuing her legal powers to deal with the gap between revenues and spending even as the Gov.-elect tells reporters it's not his place to criticize the acting Gov. As he served Thanksgiving dinner to the poor in Roxbury Wednesday, Romney told reporters: "I don't expect to intrude on the process of the current governor. She has her responsibilities and I would obviously have to make my own choices when I become governor."

Those choices are going to be difficult enough, and the incoming governor won't mind having some of the problem handled before he's sworn in. Normally this holiday is about putting as much as possible on our plates, but if Swift takes $100 million off Romney's, he's bound to be thankful.

While people were thinking and talking about the deficit this week, no one was taking action. The biggest movement in policy came at the Board of Education.

• Two years after it was proposed, a plan to give an alternative, lesser diploma to students who fail MCAS passed the state Board of Education. The "certificates of attainment" can be given by schools in communities where the local school board votes to award them. Board members and Education Commissioner David Driscoll said the certificates will remove much of the stigma from the failure to pass MCAS. Critics of the standardized testing system adopted under education reform called the certificates a "gimmick." Those critics say the certificates won't make up for the damage MCAS failure will cause to a non-graduate's prospects for employment, advancement in the military, higher education and tuition assistance.

• A federally-required analysis of MCAS results from 1,900 Massachusetts schools found 194 to be in the "needs improvement" category. Under the national No Child Left Behind Act, students in the chronically under-performing schools will have special access to tutors, and their parents will have an easier time transferring them to out-of-district school systems. A bright spot: the number of schools found to be in the "needs improvement" category dropped to 194 from 259 two years ago.

• The governor filed legislation that would divert about $600,000 million from a fund for public construction projects. The money could then be legally used to fight a class action suit brought in the name of six Springfield students. The suit seeks to end MCAS as a graduation requirement, saying the system is discriminatory. Aides to the governor told Michael Levenson of the News Service that New York spent $10 million defending its standardized test, and that up to 100,000 documents might have to be submitted as Attorney General Thomas Reilly defends the MCAS. "It needs resources [the attorney general's office] simply doesn't have," said James Borghesani, spokesman for the acting governor.

• The House chairman of the Election Laws Committee confirmed the legislation will be filed, to come before the Legislature this spring. Joseph Wagner pointed to a non-binding referendum that passed by a wide margin Nov. 5, in which voters said they did not want taxpayer money used for political campaigns. Supporters of the public-financing law said the question was rigged to produce the result rulers of the House desired.

• Councilors voted 5-2 confirming Brian Kearney of Dedham to be associate clerk magistrate of the Natick District Court. The nomination was controversial because he's the husband of outgoing Rep. Marianne Lewis, and because he was deemed unqualified for the job by the Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Appointments.

• Wellesley College released a study of the Family Court. It found the court too often allows batterers contact with their victims' children, and doesn't seem to take domestic violence seriously in deciding and issuing orders relative to custody and other family matters. Officials of the court said the study's methodology was flawed, causing it to overstate the degree to which abusers are allowed to interact with victims and their children.

Craig Sandler writes for the State House News Service.

New quotes in Bartlett's

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

Those of us who wrestle with words for a living will be happy to note that the 17th edition of Bartlett's Familiar Quotations has just come off the press with more Bill Clinton, less Alexander Pope.

(Many of us who wrestle with words for a living, of course, will not be able to afford it since the price is $50.)

If you look hard you'll find what you're looking for under "word" in the index . . . yes, there it is . . . the most memorable phrase hanging over from Bill's unfortunate eight years in the White House:

"It depends on what the meaning of the word 'is' is."

Which I suppose gives the phrase equal standing with Julius Caesar ("All Gaul is divided into three parts."), Shakespeare ("To be or not to be, that is the question.") and the Bible ("It is more blessed to give than receive.")

James Carville, the Democratic advisor from Bill's successful 1992 campaign, makes it with the familiar catch phrase "It's the economy, stupid."

Ronald Reagan, who was ignored in the 16th edition even though it came out in 1992, finally makes it with six references in the 17th, including "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

The latest edition of Bartlett's adds 100 lines from movies to the book's 25,000 quotations from 2,500 authors, including "Show me the money."

One of Bartlett's problems with quoting a modern politician is that you don't know who to credit — the pol who said it or the speechwriter who wrote it. Did Reagan really say it or did someone write it for him?

I can't quite picture George W. Bush, pen in hand, burning the midnight oil over "Whether we bring our enemies to justice, or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done."

Eventually, I can see the editors of Bartlett's doing to the politicians what they have been doing to movie actors, crediting the screenwriters rather than the actors for the words they speak.

The 17th Bartlett's includes the phrase, "I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice Chianti," but it attributes them to the writers, Thomas Harris and Ted Tally, instead of the actor Anthony Hopkins or his character, Hannibal.

Earlier editions give credit for my favorite line from Casablanca, "Round up the usual suspects," to the writer, Howard Koch, and adds that they were spoken by Claude Rains.

The latest edition of Bartlett's adds 100 lines from movies to the book's 25,000 quotations from 2,500 authors, including "Show me the money," written by Cameron Crowe and spoken by Tom Cruise as Jerry Maguire.

Even J. K. Rowling, author of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," has an entry — "Before we begin our banquet, I would like to say a few words. And here they are: Nitwit! Oddment! Tweak!"

Strangely, Bill Clinton, who was the darling of cartoonists and late night comedians while he was president, gets only six mentions.

"The funny thing is that there is nothing presidential about him," said Justin Kaplan, editor of the 17th edition. "What's memorable comes from his spontaneous comments. I miss Bill and his big mouth."

Scouts decorate Giving Tree

Members of Cohasset Girl Scout Troop #4472 are pictured decorating the Giving Tree at the Cohasset Consignment Shop. All the girls in this fourth-grade troop made and decorated ornaments for the tree using paint, glitter and imagination! This activity contributed to the scouts' Community Service requirement and it was fun. Brownies Grace Pozniak and Katie McCabe helped also. The scouts felt very good about helping others during the holiday season. Please stop by the shop at Tedeschi Plaza to donate a gift for a child in need.

At left: Front row from left, Samantha Liberty, Lauren Hayes, Elise Quebec, Kerry McCabe, Sarah Mavilia and Greta Schwachman; back row, Emily Condos, Mia Furtado and Claire Pozniak. Cally Altholtz, McCauley Braun and Caroline Fein made ornaments but were unable to attend the tree trimming.

Bradley announces two new Web sites

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, is announces that the Commonwealth's new Web site is up and running. The Mass.Gov Web site (www.mass.gov) is a customer-centric portal organized around customer needs, not state agencies. The tag line "Your Government, Your Way," featured on the sites homepage, conveys the goal of the portal: to provide flexible, intuitive access to government services at the customer's convenience.

"It is important that taxpayers have easy access to agencies they fund," said Bradley.

Bradley also announces a tracking Web site for planes arriving and departing from Logan Airport. This will enable his constituents of the Third Plymouth district to actually see how many planes travel through the district and how frequently they fly over our homes. The Massport web address for tracking the planes is: (www.massport.com/logan/airpo_noise_airmo.html).

"This Web site will allow all of us to see how over burdened the airspace of this district already is," Bradley said.

Growth & Development Committee comes out of the trenches

By Brian J. Scully
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When AvalonBay officially filed plans for its 40B project in September, there was a public outcry throughout Cohasset.

At an early meeting of Cohasset Action, the anti-40B group that formed in response to the proposed 200-unit apartment complex at 155 King St., residents queried aloud as to why there wasn't a committee working on the problem.

"There is a committee," grumbled Selectman Tom Callahan who was watching from the corner of the Town Hall auditorium. "It has been around for two years."

Chalk it up to the fact that the committee's name is not the Master Plan Committee, but rather the Growth and Development Committee (which Callahan is a part of) and there is some explanation for the confusion. But while some have not connected the name with its stated purpose, the committee has operated in the trenches of town policy-making for the past two years, slowly piecing together Cohasset's first changes to its Master Plan since the late 1960s.

"Well, I think we have made it as short of a process as we could and we didn't cut any corners," said Rick Swanborg, the chairman of the committee. "But, I must admit that I anticipated having the first release done by this fall, so the fact that we are having the first release by December means that we are a little bit behind what I initially thought."

It hasn't been bureaucratic delays, though that put off the release. Rather, the group has been tending to a series of neighborhood forums, citizen surveys, and meetings with other town committees to first identify the needs and concerns of the problems and then – with the help of Larissa Brown, a consultant with Community Designs Partnership – formulate solutions.

"The one thing that I tell people about the Master Plan and the committee that is putting it together is that it is going to be a plan based upon data and fact," said Swanborg. "We have gleaned this information from the work of our consultants, who did an excellent job, especially on the economic analysis. This is not a reactionary document based on something that has happened in the last few months, it is really a thoughtful plan."

Thoughtful, because the people who were on the committee cared to find a plan that worked for Cohasset.

"That has been one of the better parts of the process for us," said Swanborg. "The committee has really been able to find out what is important to the town, through surveys, neighborhood forums, and meetings with committees. We have really made priorities the issues that the community wanted us to address."

The committee, however, is not didactic. It is not out to make rigid recommendations that are not to be altered. Instead, it has taken a different approach to the difficult subject – peacemaker.

"I think our committee is a consensus builder," said Swanborg. " I think we have worked very hard with many of the town committees, the selectmen, and other constituents in town to ensure that when we make our recommendations, there will be support for them."

That support will be key, not only in terms of public reaction, but also to ensure that the recommendations are enacted into law by Town Meeting.

"My goal is that by the first quarter of this year, we will have a full master plan out," said Swanborg. "And after that point our committee will just be available to help edit and give advice at town meetings."

Despite its recent success, the committee itself got off to a rocky start. There was a high rate of turnover during the first six months, which led to some changes.

"I took over the chairman's role about a year-and-a-half ago (after the early turnover)," said Swanborg. "They restructured the committee a bit, and it was Merle Brown who talked me into it."

At that point in time, there wasn't as much community interest in the subject, and a feeling that Cohasset was too set in its ways to reform. Now, only 18 months later, all that has changed.

"I think when we started the project two years ago, there wasn't as much of a concern about the effects of development on the environment, as well as the affect of 40B on the town. I think there was a sense that nothing was going to change, so why look at the long-term planning process now."

But Swanborg and the other members of the committee took planning to heart. With the help of Town Planner Liz Harrington ("Without Liz, I don't think we would be anywhere"), Swanborg led his group towards the first release of the plan – the draft versions of the housing and environmental sections. The release will be in line with the request of Cohasset Action – passed unanimously as an article at Special Town Meeting – to have a first draft of those sections out by Jan. 1, 2003.

The group has already met with the Planning Board to review, as well as the Selectmen, and will hold a public hearing on the recommendations on Dec. 11.

"We're looking forward to it presenting the finished product," said Swanborg.

After two long years of research, it is nearly show time for Cohasset's new Master Plan.

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Rick Swanborg, chairman of the Growth & Development Committee, leads a workshop on the Master Plan at Town Hall. The committee is conducting a hearing on the housing and environmental sections of the plan on Dec. 11.

Dec. 11 Master Plan hearing on housing, environment

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affordable.

The delivery of the housing component also keeps with the request of the citizen's petition article presented by the anti-40B group, Cohasset Action. The article, passed unanimously at Town Meeting, requests the appropriate boards to come up with a plan to deal with housing issues by Jan. 1, 2003.

The biggest changes proposed by the plan is in regard to zoning throughout the town. When all is said and done, the zoning changes proposed by the draft could take up six articles on the annual Town Meeting warrant.

Exactly what those changes will be is still somewhat uncertain, but the public hearing and subsequent meetings with town boards will go a long way towards answering those questions.

One of the possible changes – and one that is indicative of the types of moves the committee is suggesting – would be an article that would make cluster zoning the norm across town, as opposed to the exception. Cluster zoning is zoning that takes into account the geographical set-up of the plot of land when setting lot size and setback standards. Currently cluster zoning can be obtained by a special permit, though the new zoning would be have more controls and would be targeted towards preserving the environment and style of the town.

"One thing we are considering right now is that for larger developments, the application of cluster zoning," said Swanborg. "Right now a 10-acre lot can have 20 houses on it by Special Permit cluster zoning. We would make cluster zoning the standard (as opposed to regular zoning which would have setback and site restraints), which would force people to get a special permit to go through the old zoning."

The major benefit for the town, according to Swanborg, is that the Planning Board would be involved in the process, which could help with preserving the environment and presentation of new developments.

"Cluster zoning would allow some relief to current zoning standards," said Swanborg. "It would allow builders to put houses closer together, preserving more open space and more of the natural environment. It will also decrease developer costs, and prevent big long roads this way, because the houses will be grouped together."

At a recent selectmen's meeting, Swanborg delivered a half-inch thick report, which was complete with initial recommendations, a detailed economic analysis, and an existing conditions analysis.

"We are about ready to go forward with the first changes," said Swanborg. "The next step is to release parts of the Master Plan before Christmas."

Two weeks ago, the committee met with the Planning Board to discuss its plan and were met with a "positive response" according to Swanborg..

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Picture is cloudy on impact of state budget cuts

By Brian J. Scully
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Last year, state legislators bombarded towns with warnings that local aid would be cut by 10 percent.

But while a combination of tax increases and the use of reserve funds staved off that cut, this year's chorus of warnings echoing from Beacon Hill come with a warning label: It's for real this time.

"Last year was an aberration," said state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham. "The reason there were no cuts was because of a one-time use of the state reserve fund and a tax increase."

Cohasset is scheduled to received $2.4 million from the state (about $40,000 of which is from the lottery payouts), representing about 8 percent of the operating budget. A 10 percent cut would cost Cohasset around $200,000.

"We are already planning for an override for operational costs, because the state is cutting us and revenues are down," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. Who said there is the possibility that drastic cuts could force the department to make tough decisions. "Everything is on the table right now in order to make sure we balance the budget properly."

It is because of last year's false alarm that Bradley fears towns will not adequately prepare for cuts. Bradley said he expects a 10 percent cut this year, but has heard talk of that figure going up to 15 percent.

"I warned last year that we were going to sound like the 'Boy Who Cried Wolf,'" said Bradley. "That revenue we used last year is not coming back. I would have preferred to have done a 5 percent decrease last year and possibly be faced with only a 5 percent cut this year."

Bradley's colleague across down the hall, state Sen. Bob Hedlund, however was not yet ready to join the chorus of warnings.

"We sounded the alarm last year and we pretty much level funded local aid," said Hedlund. "I don't want to sound the alarm until we have a clearer picture of what direction we going in."

Hedlund, though, is a realist. He said he knows cuts will have to be made, but that it is time of the legislature to get creative.

"There is going to be a mix of cuts, but you want them to be in the right areas," said Hedlund. "Traditionally, the legislature has looked for the easy way and cut local aid as a first resort. I don't agree with that, and it is time that the two parties' leadership begin to look at alternative sources of income, such as altering lottery payouts."

"Everything is on the table right now in order to make sure we balance the budget properly."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

The cuts have Haddad concerned, but given the fiscal climate, it is no surprise.

"I am planning – based on my conversation with State Sen. Hedlund and State. Rep. Bradley – for a 10 percent cut to Chapter 70 funding and local aid," said Haddad. "I am gambling that the lottery assistance will stay the same, because that has been a really successful program."

What Haddad does not want to have to see, is layoffs, though that is a possibility.

"We finally have the manpower to maintain what we have here in town," said Haddad. "Anytime you look at cutting manpower, you are cutting services and the residents will feel the impact. I don't want to cut manpower, I look at that as a last resort."

Bradley said he is going to wait until the New Year to begin traveling to his towns and delivering the news officially.

"I'm going to wait until January to speak to the Boards of Selectmen in the towns I represent," said Bradley. "We will have firmer numbers then."

Bradley foresees cuts that affect the whole of the state.

"These cuts are going to be across the board, not just to Chapter 70," said Bradley. "They'll probably include lottery payouts, road and bridge accounts among others. We are in a situation where state aid has risen dramatically over the period of the last 10 years, but revenues are dropping."

The dichotomy of the situation has forced the state into this quandary.

"You just can't have the revenue drop-off that we have had an not expect it to affect local aid," said Bradley.

Hedlund, though, remains optimistic that creative thinking and new leadership can lead to a solution.

"You hope for a few things," said Hedlund. "First you hope for an economic upswing. But also, it is really hard to predict how things will turn out when two of the three people in leadership positions are new. We need to make local aid a priority, it has always been my priority, but we'll have to see what direction (Govenor-elect Mitt) Romney takes."

Majestic to still sell high-end used cars

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Most people dream of having a high-end, high-priced Maserati to drive.

But lately, even their dealerships have been having trouble getting them.

In 1990, Maserati suspended its sales of cars in North America. At that time, Majestic Cars — an authorized Maserati dealer located on 3A – was under the impression that the move was temporary.

But as the years dragged on without any shipments or change in policy, it appeared unlikely that the company would restart shipments.

In 1999, though, Luigi Masciarelli, the owner of Majestic Cars, Ltd., heard rumors that Maserati, a company based in Italy, was about to begin shipments again. He also learned that Majestic was no longer considered a franchise of the company, which had dissolved and reformed.

The dealership now sells top-of-the-line used cars from companies such as Porche, Jaguar, and BMW.

Majestic's lawsuit to re-establish the franchise was defeated in U.S. District Court, under the ruling that the company Majestic dealt with in the 1980s was not the same company that currently produced the cars. The ruling is under appeal at the First Circuit Court of Appeals.

The end result of the change, though, is that Majestic's license to sell used cars – a Class II permit – disappeared as soon as its Class I license to sell new cars, namely Maseratis, no longer existed.

"The original license that was granted required them to hold a Class I (new car) license in order to hold a Class II (used car)," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "Now that the Class I went away, the board needs to amend the license. I went back to look and I have no understanding as to why it was done this way."

"The only thing I can think of is what I recall when I first applied was they didn't want to grant just a used car (Class II) license there," said Masciarelli. "And I wasn't applying for that, I was applying for the Class I, which is for new cars."

The board granted the Class II license, setting a limit of 50 cars on the lot, which Masciarelli agreed was sufficient. The dealership now sells top-of-the-line used cars from companies such as Porche, Jaguar, and BMW.

Broad Cove Chorale coming to Senior Center on Dec. 11

SENIOR SCENE

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Town Meeting didn't curb Forest Avenue sidewalks

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Sidewalks on Forest Avenue are coming, it is just a matter of when.

At Special Town Meeting, the $250,000 needed to complete the project as initially comprised was voted down over concerns about the style of curbing that the original plan called for. Now, though, the curbs are gone and the town is moving forward with the project using the $178,000 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting to finish as much of the project as it can.

"There is a misconception that the vote at Town Meeting not to fund the entirety of the project as originally designed, killed the sidewalks," Haddad said. "It did not. It is just forcing us to make do with the money that we have in place."

At a meeting on Monday morning with the Department of Public Works, Haddad and Selectman Merle Brown met with Director of Finance Michael Buckley, DPW Supt. Carl Sestito, concerned residents, and others to forumlate a plan.

Haddad originally wanted to send the project out to bid again, with a redesign eliminating the granite curbing, but Brown was adamantly opposed to that plan.

"The town needs to do this job," said Brown. "The DPW should be in charge of doing the sidewalks all over town."

A compromise, of sorts, was reached when it was agreed that the DPW would act as a general contractor for the project, subbing out various parts of the construction to other companies.

"We wouldn't be able to start that until Memorial Day, which leaves only July and August," said Sestito. "It would take my department three years to handle the project alone."

For now, Haddad authorized Louis Bailey to continue blasting out the areas needed, which would be followed by tree removal. That would cost approximately $58,000 leaving the town with $110,000 to start the project after it is redesigned by the Norfolk County Engineers.

"Merle is right," said Haddad. "Using the DPW is the best way to do it."

SANTA SCOUT

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Danielle Picot, along with her dad Mark, hopes to get a glimpse of Santa as he arrives in the harbor during last week's Jingle Bell Walk.

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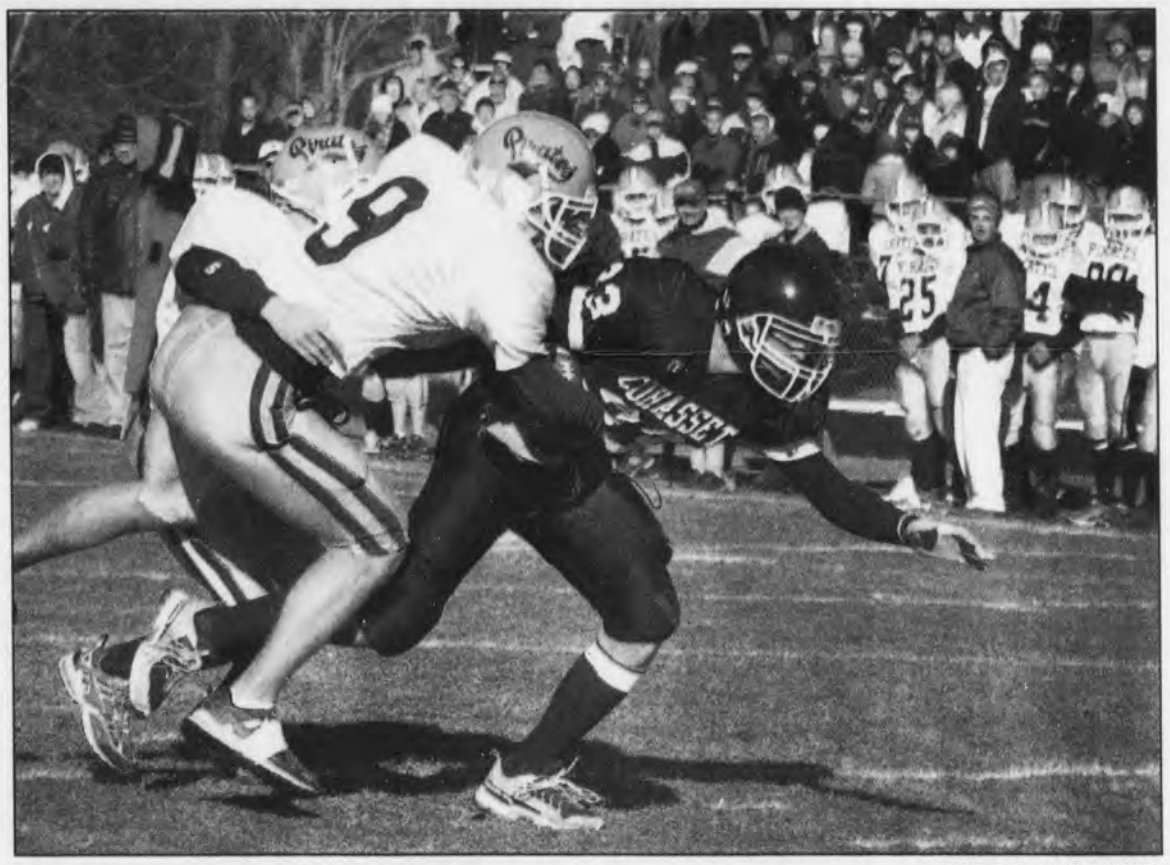

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Cohasset's Braun Goodson (#33) battles to drag a few Hull players into the end zone. The Skippers senior was successful on this play, scoring his 20th touchdown of the season, but it proved too little too late, as the host Skippers fell in the 16th Thanksgiving showdown with Hull, 32-15.

Pirates wipe deck with Skippers

Cohasset gridders done in by Hull, icy field

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Thanksgiving morning at Cohasset's Alumni Field was the site of the 16th Turkey Day meeting between league and neighboring town rivals Hull and Cohasset.

It was also senior day for nine Cohasset High seniors: Tom Anderson, Cosimo Cambi, Matt Davis, John Durkin, Braun Goodson, Ben Lynner, Chris McKenna, Mike Snowdale,and Nick Spirito.

At stake for the host Skippers was sole possession of second place in the South Shore League. A win by the Pirates, though, would create a three-way tie for second place, with Norwell the third team.

Temps were in the 20s, the sun was out and the wind was slight, but the field was partially frozen and slippery.

The Hull Pirates took advantage of the slippery field conditions more so than the Skippers, as Hull's passing game, led by senior QB Kevin Silva, completed 15-of-26 attempts for over 200 yards. This impressive tally included three first quarter touchdowns in a span of six minutes.

On Cohasset's second play of the game, Hull's Mike Foley intercepted a pass at Cohasset's 27-yard line. Two plays later Silva hit Chris Yarus (one of his 10 receptions on the day) for the first score.

The Skippers were intercepted on their next series by Hull senior Lucas Lally, who returned the pick to Cohasset's 45-yard line. On the ensuing play, Silva hit Justin Albert for a scoring toss, as Albert eluded several slipping defensive backs.

Cohasset was forced to punt on their third series. The Pirates started at their own 46-yard line and used two pass plays to take it in for an 18-0 lead. The scoring play was a 25-yard hook and lateral pass play from Silva to Yarus to Burke Medeiros.

The Skippers came back in the second quarter, fielding a punt and starting at their own

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'Tis the season

Winter campaigns are upon us

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The fall of 2002 had its share of successes. The biggest story was the girls soccer team, which qualified for the state tourney for the first time in seven years, while the boys team earned a postseason berth for the third consecutive season. The football team blasted their way to an 8-2 record, despite a disappointing Turkey Day contest.

Now, in the month of the December, the Skippers' frigid fans, still thawing from last Thursday's 32-15 loss to Hull, can turn their attention from the soccer fields to the basketball courts, from the gridiron to the ice hockey rink.

In short, the winter season is here.

The most anticipated team will be hockey, who last year scorched the South Shore League, cruising to a league title and an undefeated record. Under new management after long-time coach Dennis Walsh retired, the squad will have gaping holes to fill, left by the graduation of five key seniors and school transfer of two more league All-Stars.

The Skippers will look to seniors Tom Anderson and Matt Davis, both SSL All-Stars from a year ago, to lead a scoring unit that had opposing defenses on their heels all winter. Junior Mike Devine showed tremendous toughness on defense last year, and he will be heavily needed again, especially after the graduations of Eric Libby, Tim Straughn and goalie Dan Kinchla.

The members of the CHS boys basketball team have already been making claims that they intend to return to the State Tourney after last year's injury-riddled squad came up short. Seniors Ian Kidder and Ben Lynner both have at least two years of varsity experience under their belts, and junior Chris Bilodeau has proven himself as a legitimate scoring threat. Senior Jared Krupczak will likely handle the point, while junior Sean Connolley will need to continue to crash the boards as a true center.

As for the girls hoopsters, this is the year coach Ellen Carr has long awaited. A core of four excellent seniors, who have played on the same unit since their freshman year, believe this is finally the year when the program can get over the magical

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset captain Sera Genovese, who did a solid job in goal for the Lady Skippers this season, could prove difficult to replace.

All-Scholastic boys soccer team

Cohasset's Clark named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement, Cohasset standouts Evan Pestone, Coner Buick, Curt Kahn and Craig Laugelle among these.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 21, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top boys soccer players in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Chris Clark - Junior
Midfield - Cohasset

Quarterbacked the offense from his center-midfield spot for a young Skippers team that surprised with a 9-4-5 regular season and advancement to the second round of the state tourney…extremely slick ball-handler and passer who also showed a much greater scoring touch this season…finished second on his team in scoring with 13 goals and 14 assists…plays soccer year round…South Shore League and Eastern Mass All-Star…has played the last two springs in the extremely competitive LASA (Latin American Soccer Association) for the Taunton Eagles club team…would like to play soccer and be a Liberal Arts major in college…Cohasset coach Dave Nigro: "Chris is a very technically sound and skilled player. He's got good foot skills and vision, and a strong leg. He looked for his shot more this year, which was good, and he worked hard at the offensive end."

Joe Dincecco -
Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Marshfield

A four-year varsity player and three-year starter for the Rams, Dincecco capped his career in style, leading Marshfield (18-4) to the Div. 1 South Sectional finals… An Old Colony League, Eastern Mass., and New England All-star, Dincecco's work in the offensive midfield helped the Rams win its second-straight OCL title (12-2)…Quickness and agility are among Dincecco's best attributes, which produced a team-leading 19 goals, eight assists (27 points)…A two-year captain, Dincecco maintains a 3.60 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society…He plans to continue his soccer career in college. Marshfield coach Frank Blonde: "Because he was so versatile, we were able to move him around a lot. He was continually marked by one or two players, but was still successful. He'll be greatly missed."

Joe Dincecco

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Cohasset's Chris Clark (blue shirt), seen here battling for control of ball with North player in Friday's Eastern Mass All-State game, was an easy choice for All-Scholastic honors after his 27 point season.

Matt Fraser - Senior
(Capt.)
Sweeper - Marshfield

Few were able to get by this defensive stalwart, as Fraser consistently shutdown opposing offenses and halted any breakaway in his path…A two-year starting sweeper and two-year captain, Fraser's work in the backfield helped produce a second-straight Old Colony League title (12-2) and an appearance in the Div. 1 South Sectional finals…Was part of a defense that allowed just 19 goals in 22 games…The OCL and Eastern Mass. All-star also racked up two goals, two assists, taking many of Marshfield's (18-4) restarts…Was not issued a card all season long…Fraser plans to continue his soccer career in college. Marshfield coach Frank Blonde: "He completely controlled the defense.

Matt Fraser

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Field hockey on the upswing

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

To say that the 2002 field hockey season was not all it was cracked up to be is clearly an understatement. This was the type of year the team will need to forget if they are to re-load for next year in hopes of returning to the successful form they showed in 2000.

With a load of 11 seniors on the pre-season roster, all with plenty of varsity experience, veteran coach Deb Bostwick voiced her opinion that the team was capable of not just a tourney berth but of a potential State Finals run.

The Lady Skippers started the season the way it was expected to, shocking visiting East Bridgewater for an opening season win. After that, the team fell into a slide and could not recover the rest of the way.

A five-game losing streak became a stretch where the team won only one out of nine consecutive games. Running into powerhouse non-league opponents such as Duxbury, Hanover and Hingham was no help either.

"This year, if anything, taught my team what life is all about," conceded Bostwick, who has not seen postseason action since 2000, when her team went 14-1-1 behind a similarly put together 11-senior roster.

With the South Shore League surprisingly strong, Cohasset could only manage league victories over Hull, with another big win in Scituate. While they managed to beat their cross-town rivals, the postseason was all but out of the picture just a month into the season.

"My heart goes out to the seniors," Bostwick noted. "I really wanted this to be the year that they shined."

The odd thing about this team, is that of their 11 losses, only a couple were they clearly outplayed. Aside from the 4-0 defeat in Duxbury and the whitewashings delivered by league champion Harwich, the Lady Skippers were competitive in every contest. They just seemed to come up a goal short.

Never was this more evident

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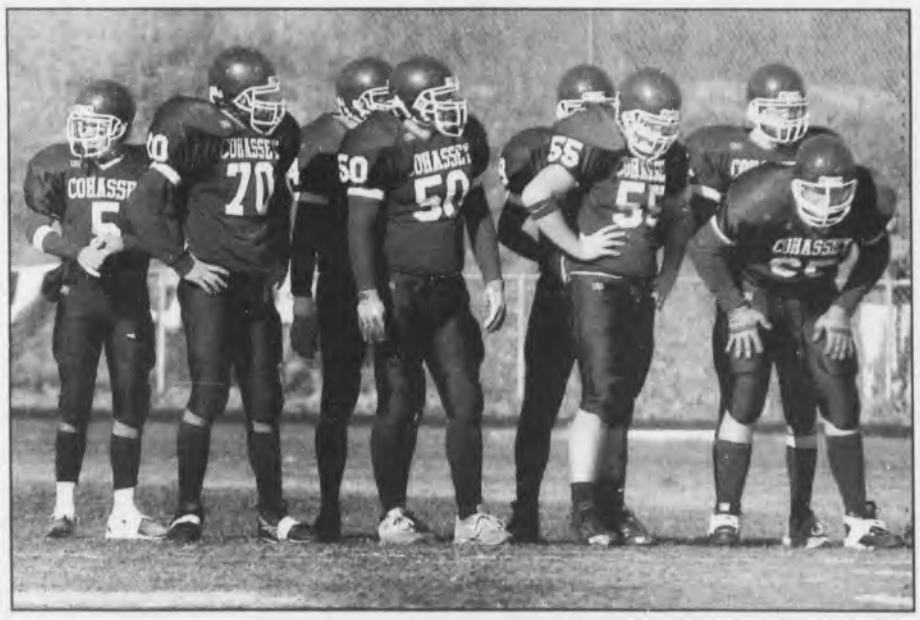
A Turkey Day gridiron cornucopia

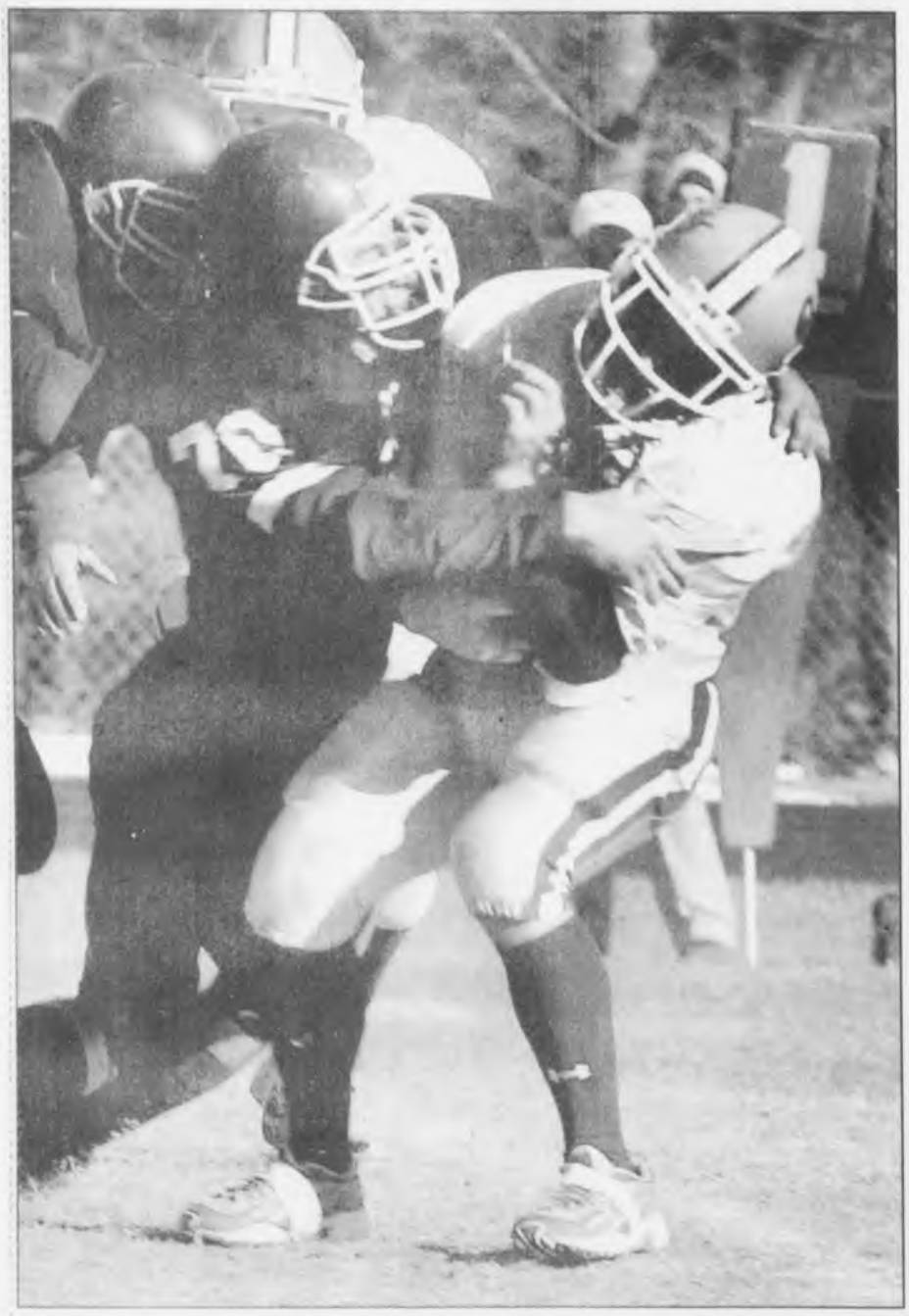
Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Unfortunately, there were more moments like the one above—Hull's Justin Albert (#27) getting behind a host of Cohasset tacklers for a big gainer — than the one on left – Cohasset's Braun Goodson (#33) scoring a TD, giving teammates John Durkin (#5) and Tom Anderson (#8) something to celebrate over.

Cohasset cheerleaders (L-R) Melissa Crawford, Lisa Spirito and Chrissy Watts did all they could to fire up the boys, as well as stay warm.

Cohasset's Steve Davis gets tripped up from behind just inside the Hull 5-yard line after recovering a Pirates fumble.





Above: Cohasset's defensive unit waits for Hull to get over the ball.

At right: "Give us a "C". Cohasset High cheerleader Katherine Murphy cheers on the lads in blue.

At left: Crunch! Cohasset star lineman Cosimo Cambi (#70) lays a lick on Hull quarterback Kevin Silva.

Below: The Cohasset High football seniors were honored along with their parents prior to the start of the Thanksgiving finale.

Pirates wipe deck with Skippers

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41-yard line. Sophomore fullback Ted Straughn carried twice for a first down, then Snowdale hit sophomore wideout D J Silvia for another first down at the Hull 33-yard line.

Senior halfback Braun Goodson followed the blocking of center Steve Davis, right guard Ben Lynner, right tackle Cosimo Cambi and tight end Tom Anderson, as he dashed 33 yards while breaking three tackles for a touchdown (putting Braun at 17 TDS and 102 PTS for the season). Anderson's conversion kick was good, and the score stood at 18-7 in favor of the Pirates with 5:30 left in the second quarter.

On Hull's next series, a QB pitch was misplayed and defensive tackle Steve Davis picked it up at and returned it five yards to the 4-yard line of Hull.

Goodson went left on his second attempt, this time behind the blocking of junior left tackle Dan Tarpey, freshmen left guard Nick Arment and a lead block by fullback Straughn for a 3-yard score. QB Mike Snowdale then sprinted into the right corner of the end zone for the two point conversion, sending the large Thanksgiving day crowd into a frenzy as Cohasset had taken over the momentum of the game and closed the gap to 18-15 with three and a half minutes still remaining in the first half.

Hull was forced to punt on its next series, as was Cohasset with eight seconds left on the clock. Hull took advantage, as punt returner Burke Medeiros rambled 59 yards with the punt for a back-breaking score. Hull's conversion attempt failed for the fourth time, but the Pirates hit the locker room with a 24-15 lead and the momentum back on their side.

The third quarter was uneventful, as the Skippers were forced to punt on their only possession, and Hull ate up a lot of clock time with their two series, the second of which carried play over into the fourth quarter, but both times the Skippers defense, led by senior linebacker Chris McKenna's 10 tackles (plus a quarterback sack), held the Pirates on downs.

Hull's Foley then recorded his second pick, a first down pass to the flat, and returned it 20 yards for a touchdown, Silva hit Yarus for the two point conversion and the score stood at 32-15 with 8:49 left in the game.

Defensive back Tom Anderson kept the Skippers hopes alive with an interception at the Skippers 38-yard line. Goodson picked up a first down with a 10-yard gain, then Snowdale hit Silvia with a 32-yard completion to bring the ball down to the Hull 15-yard line. Hull dashed any hopes of Cohasset scoring by picking off a batted pass in the end zone, and running out the clock.

In 2003, the Skippers will be returning 30 players from this years' squad of 39 as they look to regain the South Shore League Championship. Go Blue!

Hull 32, Cohasset 15

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Hull (6-4)		**18**	**6**	**0**	**8 — 32**
Cohasset (8-2)	**0**	**15**	**0**	**0 — 15**	

H-Yarus from Silva, 30 yard pass (Conversion failed)
H-Albert from Silva 45 yard pass (Conversion failed)
H-Medeiros from Yarus/Silva, 25 yard pass (kick failed)
C-Goodson 33 yard run (Anderson kick)
C-Goodson 3 yard run (Snowdale conversion rush)
H-Medeiros 59 yard punt return (Conversion failed)
H-Foley 20 yard interception return (Yarus from Silva pass)

2002 Scoring Results

	TDs	FG	X-Pts	2 Pt	Total Pts.
Braun Goodson	18				108
Tom Anderson	2	1	10		25
John Durkin	2		2		16
Chris Bilodeau	1				6
Cosimo Cambi	1				6
Chris McKenna	1				6
D J Silvia	1				6
Mike Snowdale				1	2

Offensive Statistics

Passing-Mike Snowdale 3-for-14, 59 yards, 4 interceptions.

Receiving-D J Silvia 2-for-41 yards, Tom Anderson 1-for-18 yards.

Rushing-Braun Goodson 18 carries for 91 yards and 2 touchdowns, Ted Straughn 6 for 29 yards.

Defensive Statistics

Tackles: Chris McKenna 10, Cosimo Cambi 7, Tony Truglia 5, Steve Davis and Sean Connolly 4 each, John Durkin 3, Mike Dooley and Tom Anderson 2 each, Matt Casey Matt Davis, Ben Lynner, and Nick Spirito 1 each.

Sacks-Chris McKenna and Cosimo Cambi

Interceptions-Tom Anderson

Fumble Recoveries-Ted Straughn and Steve Davis

Miscellaneous

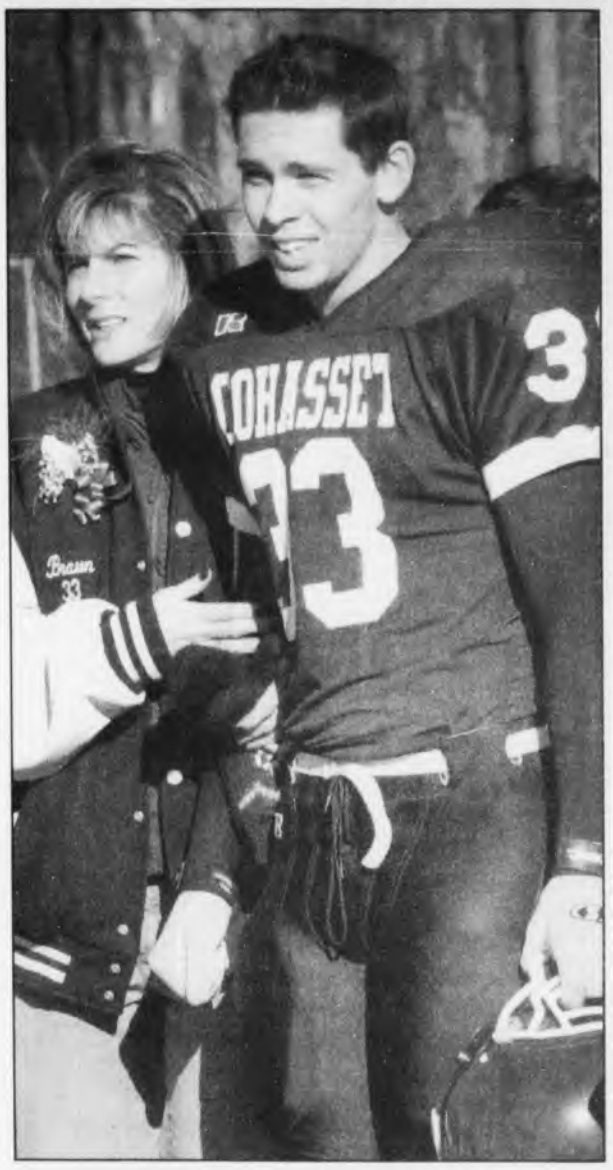
- Hull now leads the Thanksgiving series against Cohasset with 10 wins, 5 losses and 1 tie.

- Cohasset had 11 offensive possessions. 2 ended with touchdowns, 4 by punts, 4 by interceptions, 1 by downs.

- Hull had 12 offensive possessions. 5 ended with touchdowns, 2 by punt, 3 by downs, 1 by interception, 1 by fumble.

2002 Results

19-12	W	Nantucket
14-6	W	Arlington Catholic
34-0	W	North Quincy
31-0	W	Cardinal Spellman
7-6	W	Carver
19-6	W	Mashpee
20-6	W	Canton
25-0	L	Abington
16-13	W	Norwell
32-15	W	Hull



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Braun Goodson and his mother, Michelle Goodson, were just one of eight senior player-parent tandems honored before the start of Thursday's Thanksgiving day football finale.

MAXLAX REPORT

Game of the Week: U14 Bears 12, Sharks 11

By Curt Mills
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

While most of us were still recovering from our holiday excesses and an overdose of football (GO PATS), these two MaxLax teams put on a show of their own in a thrilling contest that wasn't decided until the last minute of play. Both of these teams are program veterans and they have now come in to full season form as they battled back and forth in this highly charged offensive adventure. Mike Rice started the action with a score for the Sharks on a nice slide move in front of the cage coming off of the opening face-off. A few minutes later, scoring regular Andrew Johnson from the Bears responded with a rocket from the left side on a nice assist from Mike Griffin. This "one-upmanship" turned out to be the theme of the game as the two teams then went on to trade goals for the next 5 minutes on 2 scores from Andrew Gormley from the Sharks (with an assist from Ryan Donovan) and a couple of unassisted tallies for the Bears by Johnson and Jake Minevitz. The Bears got a little momentum going on some outstanding defense by Brian Henesey who forced a turnover and then took the ball end to end for another Bear tally which was quickly followed up by another point blank strike by Minevitz. But the goal trading soon picked up again with a "mano a mano" bent as the Sharks Donovan went toe to toe with the Bears Minevitz, each putting two more goals in as the first half ended with the Bears up by one 6 - 5.

The play picked up exactly where it had left off with both teams refusing to give any ground, only this time, some of the other players got involved as well (well sort of). Minevitz bulled his way through the Bears defense for a quick strike and the Sharks did it the old fashioned way with a nice combination between Mike Rice and Donovan. Jimmy Baggott got in on the fun with another score for the Bears followed by another Rice tally on a solo shot from the top of the box. Rice quickly followed up again, with a no look pass to a charging Donovan who found the back of the net to tie the score again with less than 5 minutes to play. Minevitz then capped off a super day with his 5th goal with an assist from Griffen, who then took his cue and stepped up to score on his own off of a broken clear to give Bears a two goal cushion with time running down. Also finishing off great performances, the Sharks scoring tandem lit the blue lights again when Rice (5 pts) found Donovan (6pts) alone on the crease for an easy mark. With less than two minutes to play and the score tied, the Sharks took the lead on another brilliant defensive play that caused a loose ball in front of the net that was captured by Colin Staples who quickly ushered it past the leaping Bears goalie. However, the final chalk marks would be for the Bears as they gave the Sharks a one-two knockout with two quick scores in the last minute of play on another hit from Griffen and the finisher by Jake Day. When the dust settled, the Bears had squeezed out a victory which no doubt made their holiday leftovers that much more enjoyable.

PLAYER of the GAME: Tag Team Tandem of Mike Rice and Ryan Donovan - *11 Total Points on the day*

PLAY of the WEEK: U14 TALONS v PANTHERS - Did you see this one ?

The TALONS Taylor Sears brought the ball down through traffic and set himself up on the right side of the PANTHERS net. As he passed the cage he shot a guided missile behind his back to his "comrade in arms" Zach Gray, who was waiting on the other side of the crease. Not to be outdone, Ferris then took the pass and in one motion, completed an "around the world" score (taking the ball around your body from - right to left - and shooting it from behind your head). This was one that you definitely don't see everyday . . .

Here's the rest of the MaxLax action:

U14

Talons 15, Panthers 6

Talons- Sears 4g/3a, Ferris 6g/1a, Z. Gray 3g/1a, Brigham 2g

Panthers- Carlson 3g/1a, George 3g

Beavers 15, Blades 10

Beavers- Galvin 6g/1a, Bragan 3g, Walsh 3g, Hill 2g/1a, Tarquini 1g/1a

Blades- Mills 4g/1a, Burgess 3g/1a, Grimm 2g, Degiacomo 1g, Connors 1a

Bears 12, Sharks 11

Bears- Minevitz 5g, Griffin 2g/2a, Johnson 2g/2a, Henesey 1g

Sharks- Donovan 3g/3a, Rice 4g/1a, Gormley 2g/1a, Staples 1g

U12

Hawks-Spartans

Hawks- Davis 3g/1a, Murphy 2g/1a, Bell 1g, Graham 2g

Spartans- Reynolds 2g, Sperandio 1g

Lions 18, Jackals 4

Lions- Russo 5g/1a, Fratto 3g, Owen 2g, Lydon 1g, Flannery 2g, Dalton 2g, Holbrook 1g, Flaherty 1g, Butts 1g

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He plays hard to the ball and creates opportunities."

Aidan Garcia - Senior
Midfield - Marshfield

Aidan Garcia

Perhaps a bit underestimated by his opponents, Garcia quickly made them stand up and take notice…A two-year starter in the defensive midfield, Garcia was named an Old Colony League All-star this season for his efforts in Marshfield winning its second-straight title…Always marked the opposing team's best player and did so with ease as part of a defense that allowed just 19 goals in 22 games…His efforts helped the Rams (18-4) get to the Div. 1 South Sectional finals…Played with a bad knee all season long, choosing to forego August-slated surgery to play…Took the majority of the team's corners, picking up five assists in the process, while adding four goals…Garcia plans to continue his soccer career in college. Marshfield coach Frank Blonde: "Aidan plays with complete heart. He always gave a 200 percent effort. His job was to move the ball up to the offensive end, and it was a job he did very well."

Ben Prime - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hingham

A four-year Patriot League All-star, Prime is one of the premier players in the state…An Eastern Mass. All-star for three-straight seasons, Prime racked up 20 points on 10 goals, 10 assists, after leading the team last season…He has been the Harbormen's assist leader all four seasons…His performance helped Hingham (9-2-7) capture second in the league (5-1-6) and qualify for the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, at which he assisted on the team's lone goal…Tremendous endurance was key to Prime' success as he rarely came out of the game…Also plays lacrosse in the spring at HHS…Prime plays year round and plans to continue his soccer and lacrosse careers in college. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "Ben is just relentless. He never got tired and always gave 100 percent. He's a very respectful kid and was a great leader. He's an intelligent and natural-born athlete."

Ben Prime

Kiernan O'Neil -
Senior (Capt.)
Goalie - Hingham

Kiernan O'Neil

This three-year starter in the net did more than his part to keep Hingham in its games this season, as evidenced by the team's seven ties…Allowed just 18 goals in 19 games for an impressive 0.95 goals against average…Was named a Patriot League and Eastern Mass. All-star this season, in which Hingham placed second in the PL (5-1-6, 9-2-7 overall) and appeared in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…O'Neil plays club soccer in the off-season and on the Bay State Games team in the summer…O'Neil plans to continue his soccer career in college. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "He, more than any other athlete I've coached, has gotten here by sheer hard work. He made some spectacular saves which kept us in a lot of games. He's very dedicated and determined."

Justin Flanagan - Junior
Forward - Hingham

Justin Flanagan

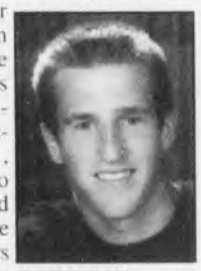
A captain elect for next season, Flanagan will return to lead the Hingham offense… The leading goal-scorer for the Harbormen this season. Flanagan racked up 20 points on 18 goals, two assists…A three-year starter, Flanagan has been the one, two, or three scorer on the team…A Patriot League All-star, Flanagan was hailed by his coach for being an extremely clean player who rarely fouled…Scored two goals and added an assist in the just one half of the PL All-star game…His strength and size on the frontline have made him a tough player to stop, leading Hingham (9-2-7) to a second-place finish in the PL and appearance in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, where he scored the team's lone goal. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "He's a big kid and is probably the most foul-free player we have, which I think says a lot. He gets his own ball and doesn't nip at another player's heels to do it. He's a proven commodity for us."

Derek Losi - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Weymouth

Derek Losi

A fierce competitor on Weymouth's power-packed frontline, Losi finished as one of the Wildcats' top goal scorers this season… Losi was a key part of an offense that outscored its opponents 75-10…His tireless efforts at forward helped Weymouth (17-3-3) reach the semifinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional for the second-straight season…There, the team dropped a heart-breaking 4-3 overtime decision to eventual South champ, Dartmouth…Losi scored a goal and assisted two others in the semifinal game…Intensity and skills are among this senior's top qualities…Losi was voted a Bay State League and Eastern Mass. All-star this season…He plans to attend Babson College, where he hopes to continue his soccer career. Weymouth coach Steve Shoff: "Derek is a tireless worker. Whether it be on the practice field or in a game, his energy level is the same. He has excellent foot skills and was not only a very good scorer, but was also a set up man."

Jon Machado - Senior
Forward - Weymouth


Jon Machado

Another weapon on the Wildcats impressive frontline, Machado finished among the top scorers on the Weymouth team…Mainly the assist man on the power-packed frontline, Machado's tough play helped lead the Wildcats to its second-straight appearance in the Div. 1 South Sectional semifinals, where Weymouth (17-3-3) suffered an unfortunate 4-3 overtime decision to eventual South champ, Dartmouth…Machado scored a goal and assisted another in that game and was part of an offense that outscored its opponents 75-10…A Bay State League and Eastern Mass. All-star, Machado continually used his impressive footwork skills to cut through opponents defenses…Machado is considering a number of colleges, but has hopes of continuing his soccer career. Weymouth coach Steve Shoff: "Jon is a skill player. He has some pretty fancy footwork and passing skills. He has a very good vision of the field, which really made him our top set up man this season."

Scott Winrow - Senior
(Capt.)
Midfield - Weymouth

The Wildcats' leader on defense, Winrow was an extremely versatile player for Weymouth, but was most at home in the defensive midfield…This gritty and highly-aggressive athlete was an interracial part of a defense that allowed just 10 goals all season, while racking up 16 shutouts…Two of those shutouts came in the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney, including a 3-0 win over Natick and 4-0 win over Nauset to cruise into the semifinals for the second-straight season…The Bay State League All-star also used his great vision of the field to get the offense going from the backline, continually contributing on big plays…A great tackler, Winrow played smart defense, using his intense focus to break down opponents…The senior captain has been accepted to Westpoint Academy. Weymouth coach Steve Shoff: "Scott is the blood and guts of our defense. The team recorded 16 shutouts and he was a big part of that. He's an unbelievable tackler and distributes the ball well."

Rob Schuler - Senior
(Capt.)
Midfield - Hanover

Rob Schuler

A three-year starter for Hanover, Schuler had the task of leading a very young and fairly inexperienced Indians squad, but did so with ease…This Patriot League All-star's performance in the midfield helped Hanover (6-6-4) squeak into the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney for the 15th consecutive time, there the Indians were upset by red-hot Rockland in a 1-0 decision in the prelims…The team was 4-4-4 in the PL, good for fourth place…A strong player and all-around athlete, Schuler is an aggressive and smart offensive weapon, who finished the season among the top point-getters in the Patriot League…His tireless efforts on the field produced several wins for Hanover, including two 4-1 decisions over Rockland in the regular season, a 1-1 tie with PL heavyweight Hingham, and a 1-0 victory over former South Shore League rival Norwell…Schuler will also captain the basketball and baseball teams at HHS before heading off to college.

Andrew DelPrete -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Rockland

A three-time Patriot League All-star DelPrete is making his first appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic team…Voted an Eastern Mass. All-star this season, DelPrete was instrumental in Rockland's (10-7-1) season of success, in which the Bulldogs returned to the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney after a 10-year absence…There, the team topped Hanover, 1-0, in the prelims after falling to the Indians in two regular season meetings…Despite its 5-6-1 finish in the PL, Rockland caused fits for several league heavyweights, handing Hingham its only regular-season loss (3-2)…DelPrete plans to attend college and continue his soccer career. Rockland coach Jim Patton: "(Andrew) had an outstanding season. He has been here through this long, hard process and deserves a lot of credit. Two years ago, the team did not win a game and look how he finished off his senior career."

Ryan Cahill - Senior (Capt.)
Sweeper/Midfield - Scituate

Ryan Cahill

Now a two time Mariner All-Scholastic selection… voted the sixth best player in the Patriot League this season, one spot shy of earning an Eastern Mass. All-Star selection… two time Patriot League all-star… three year starter…named team Co-MVP with Wil Falaro…tall and athletic, Cahill was a force in the middle of the field on both offense and defense… won the vast majority of 50-50 balls…played through knee problems most of the season…also a standout basketball and tennis player for S.H.S….would like to play soccer in college, and possibly tennis as well…plans to attend a prep school next year in order to improve his college prospects, with Bridgeton Academy and Cushing Academy among the possibilities… scored two goals in the season finale after being moved from defense to midfield… Scituate coach Jim Willis: "Ryan was a player who'd do whatever you'd ask — play though pain, play hard all the time and never complain. We had kind of a disappointing year in terms of wins, but Ryan kept battling, and he set a great example for the younger guys to never give up."

Wil Falaro - Senior (Capt.)
Fullback - Scituate

Wil Falaro

A sensational defensive player who regularly shut down many of the area's top offensive players…an extremely strong and aggressive player…never allowed a goal to Hingham scoring star Ben Prime in three years of marking him…Patriot League All-Star…three year starter… named team Co-MVP with Ryan Cahill…plays off season soccer for town teams….also a standout defenseman for the Scituate High hockey team…is looking to attend prep school next fall to improve his college prospects…would like to play college soccer…Scituate coach Jim Willis: "Wil doesn't do anything flashy, but he just gets the job done. He's relentless and fearless, and he's got great defensive instincts. The big

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Cohasset's Clark named among area's elite

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thing is he knows his limitations. He adjusts very well to whoever he's asked to cover. There's no one I've seen I didn't have full confidence putting him on."

Jason Grier - Senior (Capt)
Stopper - Norwell

Jason Grier

Now a three-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection, two times of for soccer and once for lacrosse… a sensational athlete who sacrificed personal glory and high scoring totals for the good of his team this fall in accepting a move from forward to defensive stopperback to help stabilize a defense that appeared shaky early on…results spoke for themselves, as the Clippers won nine of their final 10 games to finish 11-4-3 and win the South Shore League championship…still finished with seven goals and five assists, choosing his moments well for jumping in to the attack…three year varsity starter…led the Clippers in scoring in 2001 with 15 goals and 10 assists…had nine goals and five assists as a sophomore…two time South Shore League All-Star…extremely aggressive player who plays much bigger than his size (5-11, 165 pounds), something he flashed in particular on 50-50 balls… Eastern Mass. All-Star…plays soccer year round, playing indoors in the spring and winter at the Hingham Sports Center…previously played for now defunct Galway Rover Club team…would like to play soccer in college, and possibly lacrosse as well…has had a few soccer coaches express interest already… is looking at Roger Williams, Franklin Pierce, Salve Regina and Western New England, among others…older brother Adam (a Norwell 2002 graduate) now plays lacrosse at Roger Williams…Norwell coach Jack Browne: "Jason really helped turn our team around when he moved back to defense. He's a lot stronger than he looks, and he's one of the best players I've seen at getting to balls in the air. It says a lot about his instincts that he was able to do a great job at the defensive end and still pick his spots for helping us at the offensive end too."

Garrett Bates - Junior
Midfield - Norwell

Norwell's raging bull on the soccer field, Bates is absolutely relentless in his pursuit of the ball at both ends of the field…extremely skilled with strong soccer instincts…also quite versatile, he was moved liberally all over the field this season, often to forward when the Clippers were trailing and defense when they were leading…finished with six goals and four assists this season…named to his second straight South Shore League all-star team this fall…plays soccer year round…played for the Taunton Eagles club team last spring…plays in summer YMCA leagues and winter indoor leagues at the Hingham Sports Center…runs winter track for Norwell High, and has played lacrosse the last few springs for the school team…would like to play college soccer, and is beginning to look into a few Div. 2 and 3 schools down south… Norwell coach Jack Browne: "Anyone who's seen Garrett play soccer knows he only has one speed: flat out. His work ethic and attitude on the field are a coaches dream. He's one of the toughest kids on the field, and he'll help you wherever you put him without complaining."

Garrett Bates

Shawn Collins - Senior
(Capt)
Forward - Norwell

Shawn Collins

The leading scorer for the South Shore League champion Clippers this season with 12 goals and nine assists…a skilled all around player with very good speed and a cannon of a kick with both legs…South Shore League and Eastern Mass All-Star…two year starter for the Clippers…was the Clippers designated penalty kick specialist, hitting seven in a row this season after missing on his first attempt…a deadly scorer inside 30 yards who needs little time and space to get off his powerful and accurate kicks…plays soccer year round…plays at the Hingham Sports Center in the winter and spring…has also run track for N.H.S…Honor Roll student…will attend Fairfield College (Fairfield, CT) next fall…plans to try out for that school's Div. 1 boys soccer program…Norwell coach Jack Browne: "Shawn is just an excellent all around soccer player. He's fundamentally sound and has an excellent knowledge of the game, and that great shot just sets him apart."

Kiel Milliken - Junior
Midfield - Silver Lake

Kiel Milliken

Was moved from stopper to forward after the Lakers got off to 2-5 start, and scored 13 points in the next 11 games, and team lost only once more all season (finishing 10-6-3)…finished the season with a team best 18 points (10 goals, 8 assists)…Eastern Mass. All-Star…Old Colony League All-Star…finished fourth in OCL MVP voting…named Lakers Co-MVP along with Morgan Coyne…two year starter…a very athletic player with great field sense…has been named a team captain for next season… plays soccer year round…played a few years for the now defunct Galway Rovers club team…plays indoors at Plymouth Sports Dome in winter and spring…also a top player for the SL basketball team…hopes to play college soccer…Silver Lake coach Jeff Doyle: "Obviously, moving Kiel up front was a big key to our success this season. He was the type of player that when he played well the whole team seemed to pick it up a notch."

Morgan Coyne - Junior
Sweeper - Silver Lake

Morgan Coyne

Missed Eastern Mass. All-Star selection by one spot in the voting, finishing sixth in the Old Colony League MVP voting…a gifted all-around player who sacrificed personal stats to play sweeper this season when Kevin Dennis went down with an injury…will likely move back to the offensive end next season…Lakers Co-MVP along with Kiel Milliken…OCL All-Star…two year starter…finished with two goals and five assists…helped set up a number of other scoring opportunities with his booming clears and strong rushes out of the defensive end… has been named a team captain for next season…plays soccer year round…plays at Plymouth Sports Dome and Hingham Sports Center in winter…will play for Cape Cod United Club team this spring and summer, likely as a forward…hopes to play college soccer…also a returning member of the SL varsity basketball team…Silver Lake coach Jeff Doyle: "Morgan is a great field general and he'll be a very good captain next year. He's very vocal and he does an excellent job of communicating with his teammates on the field. He sacrificed some offense this year to help us out on defense. A lot of times, though, the offense started with him. Hopefully, next year, he'll get a chance to have it end with him."

John Naughton - Senior
Keeper - Braintree

John Naughton

A first team Bay State Conference goalie this year, and a second teamer last fall… had eight shutouts this season and allowed just 24 goals in 18 games for the 6-9-3 Wamps…three year starter…stands six feet tall, but plays taller… plays soccer year round…previously played for the South Shore Blazers club team…now plays indoor soccer at the Hingham Sports Center and for the Braintree travel team in the spring…would like to play soccer in college, and has already spoken with a few coaches…looking at Springfield College and Plymouth State…leaning toward majoring in Physical Education…Braintree coach Bill MacEachern: "John is obviously a good athlete and a very good goalie, but what really stands out are his instincts and his reactions. He has a great sense of when to charge a play and when to lay back. He's great at reading crosses and through passes."

Ryan Burke- Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Holbrook

Ryan Burke

Formed half of Holbrook's much ballyhooed "Ryan Express" with fellow senior captain Ryan Hogan (11 goals)… Burke decided to come back to soccer after taking his sophomore year off, and the Holbrook folks sure were happy about that…led the Bulldogs in scoring this season with 12 goals and five assists, while quarterbacking the offense from his center-midfield spot…Mayflower League All-Star…a natural athlete with an extremely strong leg and accurate shot…plans to play basketball and run track for Holbrook High this year…plays soccer quite a bit in the off-season…previously played for the now defunct Galway Rover club team…will enter the Marine Corps after graduation in June…hopes to attend college after four years of military service, and would like to play soccer at that level as well…Holbrook coach Brian Snook: "Ryan really showed great leadership this year. He was our general in the middle of the field. He helped controlled things at both ends of the field."

Honorable Mention:

Matt Sulmonte - Jr. - Forward - Abington
Josh DeSieno - Sr. (Capt.) - Defense - Abington
Brad Opie- Sr. (Capt) - Midfield- Braintree
Kevin Cook- Sr. - Midfield- Braintree
Conor Kelley- Soph. - Forward-Braintree
Evan Pestone- Sr. (Capt) - Forward- Cohasset
Coner Buick- Jr. - Stopper- Cohasset
Craig Laugelle- Jr. - Fullback- Cohasset
Dave Santiago - Jr. - Forward - Cohasset
Paul Maniscalco - Jr. - Goalie - Hanover
Dan Hegerich - Soph. - Sweeper - Hanover
Ryan Hogan- Sr. (Capt)- Forward- Holbrook
Derek King - Soph. - Goalie - Marshfield
Brad Hubbard - Sr. (Capt.) - Defense - Marshfield
Tim Hubbard - Jr. - Midfield - Marshfield
Pat Manning- Jr. - Sweeper- Norwell
Matt Hunt- Sr. (Capt)- Forward- Norwell
Ryan Henry- Jr.- Forward- Norwell
Matt Sammartino- Jr.- Fullback- Norwell
Farid Issa - Jr. - Midfield - Rockland
Josh Sudbey - Sr. (Capt.) - Rockland
Kyle Simpson- Sr. - midfield- Scituate
Roman Grijalva - Jr. – keeper- Scituate
Mike Hurley- Sr. - Forward - Silver Lake
Rory McGrath- Jr. - Midfield- Silver Lake
Mark Gordon- Sr. - Midfield - Silver Lake
Christian Vercollone - Soph. - Midfield - Silver Lake
Matt Walsh - Sr. - Forward - Weymouth

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Jackals- Cyr 1g, Curran 3g, T. Kelly 1a

Blazers 12, Cougars 9

Blazers- Chase 8g, Smith 4g/1a
Cougars- Driscoll 3g, Shipp 3g, Walsh 1g/1a, Meyers 1g

U10

Cannons 4, Hornets 3

Cannons- Chase Murphy 1g, Chris Murphy 1g, Wasel 1g, Ernst 1g
Hornets- C. Murphy 2g, Carroll 1g

Lazers 5, Mavericks 0

Lazers- Martina 2g, Robertshaw 1g, Meehan 1g, Virtue 1g

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North sweeps EMass boys soccer games

By Mike Spellman
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It wasn't exactly soccer weather on Friday and the conditions on Silver Lake's field were far from ideal, but that didn't stop the top male high school talent in Eastern Mass from putting on a nice show.

Five of *Marinerland's* finest played for the South entry in the Div. 2-3 Eastern Mass all-star game that saw the North score three unanswered goals at the end to pull out the 4-2 win.

Norwell's Jason Grier got the South team a 2-1 lead 12 minutes into the second half when he stole the ball from a North defender in the right corner, freed himself with a nifty move toward the end line and served a perfect cross to the far post that timed the rush of Dighton's Rehoboth's Tim Hatton just right for him to head it home.

The game was tied less than two minutes later on a very similar goal, though, as Belmont's Takuya Kojo lofted a pretty cross from the left side of the box that Danvers Derek Hines ran and dove onto by the far post five yards out, knocking it just over the head of Hingham keeper Kiernan O'Neil.

The gamewinner in the 61st minute turned out also to be the prettiest goal of the game, Takuya making a dazzling rush up the left wing and then drilling a cross into the box just before the double team got to him, perfectly leading Stoneham's Jason Ring, who only had to stick his right foot out at the 10-yard line to knock it far post past the helpless O'Neil.

The North lead got to 4-2 with nine minutes remaining on a quick hitting counterattack after Cohasset's Chris Clark had very nearly tied the game with a blast from 20-yards out in the right side of the box that a North defender was just able to get a piece of, bailing out his goalie, Stoneham's Danile D'Ambrosio.

D'Ambrosio then scooped the ball up and got it quickly past the drawn-in South midfielders to start the odd man rush the other way. The ball was then slid forward to Brighton's electrifying Willer Nogueira (remember that name; he's only a sophomore) who beat two defenders cleanly with an assortment of nifty moves to force O'Neil to come rushing out of the net to knock the ball away with a slide. Unfortunately, the ball caromed directly to Ipswich's Matt Lemire, who threaded the shot from 20 yards out between a pair of South defenders before O'Neill could get back into the play.

South scored first in the game played on a field that still had a light coating of snow and was extremely slippery in spots. Some relentless forechecking work by Hatton to prevent a clear just past the seven minute mark saw the ball squirt across the top of the box to Walpole's Mike Anello, who one-timed a low left-footed blast that rang in off the far post.

Triton Regional's Svet Wilson sent the game into halftime tied at 1-1 when he got a step on his man and ran onto a perfect through pass from Nogueira for the quick re-direct past Canton keeper Adam Castonguay.

There were five Marinerland players in this game. Grier and Clark had extremely strong and active games, creating several promising rushes with hard work.

Norwell's Shawn Collins and Rockland's Andrew Delprete also made it clear that they belonged in the game, each making a handful of nice plays.

Hingham's O'Neil played a very strong second half in net. He had no chance on any of the three goals against him, and he had made some very nice saves under heavy pressure from the extremely skilled North forwards.

North made a clean sweep on the day with a 7-3 win over the South team in the Div. 1 All-Star game played later in the afternoon, south won.

This game featured *Marinerlanders* Joe Dincecco (Marshfield), Matt Fraser (Marshfield), Derek Losi (Weymouth), Jon Machado (Weymouth) and Kiel Milliken (Silver Lake).

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Now here's a fearsome collection of Club Soccer talent.

Cohasset Soccer Club fall season comes to an end

The Cohasset Soccer Club recently concluded its 2002 Fall season. With a wide range of boys and girls teams competing in age groups from 4 to 12 years old, Saturdays on the soccer fields were busy and exciting times. The soccer program is now moving into its indoor phase, with indoor training starting this week at thee South Shore Sports Center for both boys and girls players age 9 to 14 or in grades 3 to 8. For more information on the indoor programs contact Wallace St. John 617-212-7932 or Mark Richardson 781-383-0998.

In addition, registration is now underway for the Under 14 and Under 16 boys and girls Spring Coastal League season. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall and must be completed and submitted by Dec. 20, in order to be able to participate in the Spring Coastal League season.

For more information on the Spring U14 and U16 program, call Joe Coggins 781-383-0416 for the U14 girls, Steve Daly 383-9392 for the U14 boys, Brad Murray 781-383-7017 for the U16 girls and David Buick 781-383-2579 for the U16 boys.

Sharks feast on Marshfield

The Scituate/Cohasset Shark PeeWee Football team captured the Div. 1 Super Bowl crown over Marshfield on Sunday, Nov. 10 at Bridgewater's Legion Field. This particular age group has been Super Bowl champions three of the last four years.

With an opening kickoff by Derek St. Peter, the Sharks set the tone with smothering coverage by John McKenna, T.J. Chamberlain, Andrew DiPaolo, Mike Galluzzo, Joey Leary, Chris Mogan, Marty Noenickx, Gidge Russo, Kurt Ohrenberger and Paul Pozniak.

Ball control was the name of the game and the Shark offense excelled at it. The offensive line is anchored by Mike Fassnacht at center, guards Chris Mogan and Cameron Prouty, tackles Nick Savage, Kevin Duffey and Chris Munson as well as ends Robert Carlezon and Kyle Ewanouski. These outstanding players completely neutralized the Marshfield defense. At one point in the second half the Sharks sustained a twenty seven play, 13 minute drive, culminating in a fine touchdown run by Kyle Crowley. Kyle Ewanouski scored in the first half on a smashing two-yard run after a 48-yard drive engineered by quarterback Dean Kennedy. A strong point of this team was the rotation at running back with Greg Reynolds, Kyle Crowley, Paul McInerney, Robert Carlezon and Kyle Ewanouski.

Quite possibly the most impressive aspect of this team was the defense. Unscored upon all season, this unit set the tone and led the way for the Sharks. Defensive linemen Derek St. Peter, Paul McInerney, Kyle Ewanouski, Robert Carlezon, Gidge Russo, James Reichardt and Paul Pozniak did the dirty work up front so linebackers Kyle Crowley, Mike Froio, Mike Fassnacht and Greg Reynolds could move in for the kill. Together with defensive backs John McKenna, Marty Noenickx and Dean Kennedy, the Sharks shut down the Marshfield offense to the tune of two first downs!

"They played a complete game today and beat a really good team,î said Coach Larry McInerney. ìThey're a great group of kids and they have really embraced the team concept and it showed today,"

Coach McInerney would also like to recognize the efforts on special teams and as substitutes

"They are a vital part of any good team," noted McInerney, pointing to the work of Marcus Charles, Brian O'Reilly, Brad Willis, Alex Livingstone, Zach Troupe, Jonathon Wells and Tim O'Leary as well as injured player Andrew Liberty.

Then, of course, there was Tee-boy Jake Reynolds, the fastest tee retriever in the league.

"It is so rewarding to put a team together and reach the Super Bowl let alone win it,î continued the coach. ìWe couldn't have done it without the help of the assistant coaches, Ed Crowley, George Reynolds and Al St. Peter.

ìIt was a total team effort!"

'Tis the season

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.500 mark. Lindsay Grossman, Heather Peraino, LaRaine Langford, and Maura O'Brien are all versatile and talented athletes with the skills to lead the team out of the SSL basement.

The current juniors should provide a solid supporting cast for the seniors, with center Danielle Pinkus as a consistent rebounder and low-post player, and point guard Jen Buckley, who filled in for Langford admirably last season.

Cohasset's pride, the wrestling team, earned back some South Shore pride last year, ousting Rockland for the league title in last year's finale. With a tremendous core of senior leadership, and three wrestlers who placed at Sectionals last year, the team hopes to make a repeat.

With the re-instatement of a fall cheerleading team, Skipper fans got a taste of what they can expect from the gymnastics squad this year. A core of extremely talented freshman will combine to back-up senior Meredith Bixby, an five time SSL All-Star. While the team will sorely miss Kristin Sheerin, who went to senior nationals last May, Bixby, Katherine Coyne, and freshmen Nancy Durkin should make the combination Cohasset-Norwell team serious contenders for the league title once again.

Another combo team, the Cohasset-Scituate swim team, looks to reverse last year's losing ways and compete for an Old Colony League championship. Last season was spent with the "Sci-Cohs" getting beaten around by teams four or five times the size of the resilient townies. With the league switch, however, the team will be competing against comparable sized teams, such as Oliver Ames and Cardinal Spellman, teams the S-C defeated last year. The team roster has also increased, with over 30 athletes on the co-ed team, including nine males, an improvement from last year's three.

The ski team should also be competitive this year, despite losing key seniors Connor Avery, Dave Krueger and Alex Schmidt. Senior Maura McKenney and juniors Andrew Busk, Jessie Guild, and Brenna O'Donnell should be more than capable of picking up the slack.

Field hockey on the upswing

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than in the final two games of the season, a back-to-back home-away doubleheader against Div. 1 power Silver Lake, who viewed the games as a quick tune-up before they tournament.

However, the Lady Lakers were surprised by the tenacity of their opponents, escaping both times with a pair of 1-0 victories.

"They are very athletic and very focused," lauded Silver Lake coach Marlene Lopes after the second of the two games. "They didn't give an inch."

To make up for the scoring gap next year, juniors Courtney Caron and Danielle Pinkus will be looked to for the difficult replacement of All-Stars Sarah Dennis and Heather Peraino, captains of the team. The third team captain, Sera Genovese, who was strong in net all season, could also prove difficult to replace.

The field hockey program has been growing every year for the past few seasons. This being the first time the program has had a Boosters Club, over 50 ladies and one gentleman came out for the team. Bostwick is sure that the program will continue to grow, and that their luck should be turning around.

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Santa comes to town!

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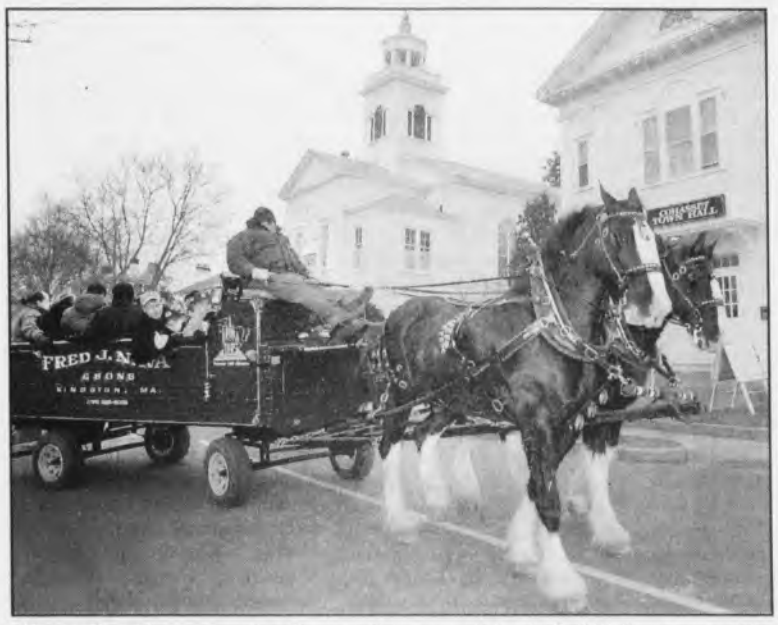
Above: Santa asks the children at the community center if they've been good boys and girls. His annual visit is part of the Jingle Bell Walk, sponsored by the South Shore Community Center.

At right: Danielle Talacci (on her father Tony's shoulders) waits for Santa, who arrived by lobster boat last Friday.



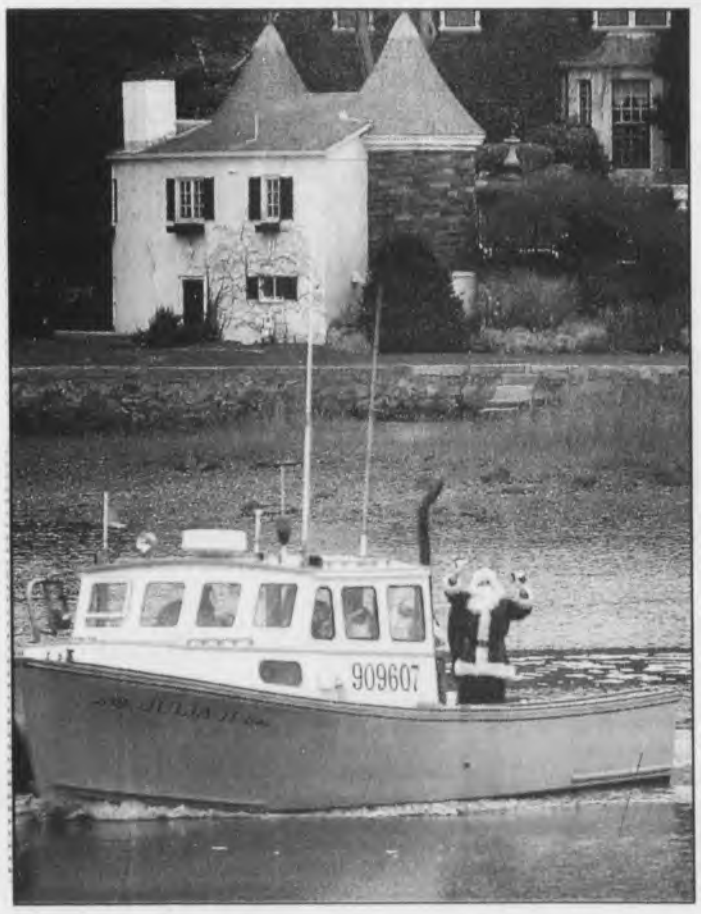
Above: Hayrides are another feature of the annual Jingle Bell Walk, sponsored by the South Shore Community Center.

At right: The crowd on the dock gets the first glimpse of Santa's arrival.

Below: Santa's elves (from left, Jake Tower, Kayla Dorkendorf and Harley Heroux) sing along to "Jingle Bells."

Elizabeth Bernstein sings along to the holiday tunes.

Matthew Keenan claps along to the caroling.



Above: Kids wait for Santa to arrive at the town pier.

At left: Here comes Santa! Santa and Mrs. Claus and their elves arrive via lobster boat last Friday.

Teachers, students team up to bring 'Joseph' to the stage

By Mary Sheppard
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

"Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a Bible story musical with contemporary melodies and lyrics, will be performed at the Cohasset High School auditorium on Dec. 5, 6 and 7. Unless you hate to have fun, this is a show you shouldn't miss.

"Joseph" is a showcase for the multi-talented kids in the Cohasset community and the script moves quickly from the sweet, sober solos of its narrators to the rollicking, boisterous chorus numbers of the full cast. Under the guidance of musical director, Brian Marks, and show director, Jody Wood, the cast has so much fun acting out the zany songs, you'll be tempted to jump on stage and join in. This version of the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors was written by Tim Rice and produced by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

In the story Joseph's father, Jacob, also known as Israel, was a farmer who had many wives and fathered many children. With his favorite wife, he fathered Joseph, who became his favorite son. When Jacob lavished gifts and other special attentions on this boy, Joseph fell out of favor with his brothers. The gift of a 'coat of many colors' was the last straw for them. They carried out a plot to try to kill their brother who caused them such grief and jealousy, but Joseph was saved from death by a band of Ishmaelites who bought and sold him as a slave in Egypt. There, favored by the Pharaoh and ultimately given a comfortable job of trust and power, Joseph gained fame as a dream interpreter. When his starving brothers came to Egypt seeking the dream interpreter and answers to when the famine would end, they realized this magic man, revered by the Pharaoh, was Joseph.

Wood, who for the past 30 years has directed many other musicals and taught English to many middle and high school students, said despite the natural fit, "Joseph" wasn't chosen because of the holidays and the musical's biblical story line. Instead, she said, "We choose musicals each year based on the talent we have to work with. We want as many kids as possible to get involved so we select a play based on their talent. The school has a lot of singers and dancers now and 'Joseph' is a good venue for them."

Besides the obvious talent in the show, Wood pointed out the show's other strengths. "We recruited football players to play the Ishmaelites who carry Joseph off to Egypt, and some of our teachers will be on onstage and backstage in costuming, makeup and props."

Tony Rolf, seventh-grade social studies teacher and coach has something to do with both the football players and being in the cast himself. Rolf said he explained to the team what was needed and asked for volunteers. He said four of the players immediately stepped forward.

"I thought it was going to be difficult to get them to do it and then, for them to get their feet wet," he said. "But they're having so much fun up there, we can't get their feet out!" He added that rehearsals are a lot like football practices, in that "You've got to get the team all going in the same direction and working together."

Rolf's stage debut is as Potiphar, the Egyptian Pharaoh, who's made his fortune "buying shares of pyramids." When asked if being Potiphar and rehearsing with the students has affected the way students treat him in the halls, classroom, or on the playing fields, he shook his head.

"But! Coming to rehearsals has changed the way I look at them," he said. "On a normal weekday, these kids are at school at 7 a.m. and they go all day, a lot of them going from practices and games and coming to the auditorium, ending rehearsal at 9 p.m., then going home to do homework and getting up the next morning to do it again. I grew up around theater people because my mother was an actress, but it wasn't until I came here that I really sensed how hard you work when there's a production to be put on. I have a good rapport with the kids here and respect has always been part of that, but I have a new respect for them now.

"We recruited football players to play the Ishmaelites who carry Joseph off to Egypt, and some of our teachers will be on onstage and backstage in costuming, makeup and props."
—Jody Wood, director

"Yes, they're up there having fun, but they're working hard at the same time. It's a big commitment," he said.

Carolyn Crimmins, seventh- and eighth-grade English teacher, is involved in "Joseph" as Wood's directing assistant and agrees with Rolf about the way the students pour everything they have into their roles. Crimmins is impressed with the personal risks they are willing to take, the unexpected leadership roles they assume, and their individual talents.

"Theater is a wonderful medium, like all art mediums are," she said.. "But theater in particular causes unification because we're all working together for the same reason, the same goal, we're all at the rehearsals working hard and you simply bond with each other in the experience."

Crimmins said when teachers get involved, perspectives change.

"The kids don't just see us at the front of the classroom anymore. In rehearsal, I'm there when they choose the stage to take a risk outside their comfort level or someone I wouldn't expect assumes a leadership role," she said.. "It's very satisfying and in a small school like Cohasset where many of the kids have grown up together, to see them continuing to grow and daring to expand themselves personally in front of each other is great."

Paul Narkiewicz is chairman of the Language Department. He is also Jacob, and he says he absolutely loves the theater.

"My favorite musical is 'Music Man,' so when Brian (Marks) decided to produce that six years ago, I worked backstage, took attendance at rehearsals, and played a conductor," he recalled. "It was my first stage experience and I got the impression at rehearsals that the adults involved in the musical liked having me around because I was another adult."

In the "King And I," Narkiewicz (as he is affectionately known) played a slave and again, took attendance at rehearsals.

"So, here I am as Jacob this time and I think because of the past two stage roles, I feel very comfortable onstage this time," he says.. "I love being part of it and working with the kids. I think that at the school it's very much like a family scene. We've all been together for a long time, teaching together, the kids growing up together, and being in a stage production together is just not a big deal. It's just another dimension."

Wood, who is retiring at the end of the school year, refers to theater as "making magic."

"Putting on a stage production from beginning to end is essentially taking raw clay and just working it until you get the results you want," she says. "It is always so exciting to see everybody coming along, improving their skills, gaining confidence, having fun, getting to know people they really didn't know very well before, and mostly, learning to do things they never thought they could do. It truly is a rewarding, magical achievement."

Wood feels that in the small arena known as Cohasset schools, many of the children become polarized.

"The kids in Cohasset don't know any differently and that's such a good thing. They go from practice and games to rehearsals and don't think anything of it. We don't have a group called the athletes, a group called the theater people, a group called this or that. The kids do it all and that's unique to small, supportive communities like Cohasset. And, I think it's inspiring to the kids when teachers, parents, and anybody else jumps onboard and asks how can we help when we do a major production like "Joseph" or any other production. I'll miss it. But, it's time to step down and let another teacher step up like someone did for me thirty years ago when I was starting out," she said with a smile.

Other teachers involved in "Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" are Nina Berkowitz and Bonnie Muir in costuming, directed by Maureen Duffy; Megan Connolly is in props; George Fortin, retired from Languages, is conducting staging; and Sharon Chase, Alexandra Williams, and Cynthia Gordon are assisting with makeup.

The show is Dec. 6-8, with performances Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are $8 and for more information, please call Selma Ingber at 383-9590; Irene Barry at 383-1605, or Denise Leahy in the high school guidance office at 383-1602.

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The student cast of "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" at a dress rehearsal on Monday. Several teachers also have roles in the production, which is being directed by Jody Wood.

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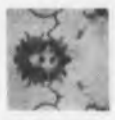

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A gingerbread house display is new to "A Natural Christmas" at the South Shore Natural Science Center this weekend.

Tabletop trees will be on display at the Science Center this weekend during "A Natural Christmas."

It's Christmas... naturally

The South Shore Natural Science Center cordially invites the public to its third annual "A Natural Christmas", a collection of wreaths, swags and tabletop trees decorated using a natural theme, to be displayed in Vine Hall Gallery Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7. The greens are decorated by garden centers and garden clubs, as well as individuals and organizations around the South Shore. Some of the local garden centers who have created wreaths for the exhibit include Garden Craft, Stonehouse Gardens, Seoane Garden Center and Kennedy's Country Gardens. Gardens clubs from Hingham, Norwell, Hull, Hanover, Pembroke and Marshfield have utilized their talented members to create a variety of beautiful designs.

A new category of this year's event is the Gingerbread House display. Some of these fanciful confections have been created by Girl Scout and Brownie troops in Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury and Scituate. Bid on one of these creations, to decorate your holiday home or give as a gift. All will be sold by silent auction at a holiday reception on Friday, Dec. 6, from 7-9 p.m. Admission to the event is $5. Holiday music, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Supporters of the reception include the Whitehall Companies and Victory Market. The exhibit is open to the public through Saturday, Dec. 7. For more information, call event coordinator Joan Reid at (781) 659-2559.

The South Shore Natural Science Center is a non-profit environmental education center and museum serving the entire south shore. The Science Center is supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Institute for Museum and Library Sciences.

Rec department issues safe ice advisory

With the winter season here, residents of all ages look for outdoor areas for ice skating. Elm's Meadow, located at Cushing Road and Spring Street has been prepared by the DPW for skating and lights, until 9:30 p.m. are also on for night skating. Elm's Meadow offers a regulated, shallow area for safe skating.

However, as with any outdoor skating area, the ice should be tested before venturing on it. There are specific. ways to test ice safety which do not include throwing debris such as rocks, sticks, etc. on the ice making it hazardous for everyone.

Rather, test the ice by the edge of a skating area by carefully stepping out 6 to 8 inches proceeding carefully to about 2 inches out from the edge only if the ice appears to be safe under your weight. Chip the ice with a tool or stick until you can ascertain a rough idea as to the thickness of the ice. You should always have another person with you when doing this.

Many outdoor skating areas do not have the same thickness of ice universally over the area. Always be on guard for soft spots or thin ice which manifest from underground springs, drain pipes, etc. This is especially true at Elm's Meadow by the Spring Street/Cushing Road corner of the area due to drains off the hillside.

General Safe Ice Standards

Ice Safe For:	0-30 Degrees
30-40 Degrees	40-50 Degrees
Single Skaters:	1-3/4 inches
2-3/4 inches	6 inches
Couples:	2-3/4 inches
3-3/4 inches	8 inches
Crowds:	3-3/4 inches
4-3/4 inches	12 inches

Stay off of salt water ice completely.

These figures are for clear, fresh water ice only; for snow ice, add 2 inches; for water logged ice, add 3 inches, if skates cut in - go home! Salt water in mild climates is always treacherous - keep away from it.

Also thickness in 40 to 50 degree column are safe depths for short periods of time only.

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Molly Roman and Emilie Duchesneau skate at the Hingham Skating Club off East Street, just over the Cohasset line, during a cold snap in January 2001. There wasn't a lot of outdoor skating last year, but if current trends continue, 2002-2003 will be different.

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Unique fundraiser to benefit Mary Martha Learning Center

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Hillary Woodyatt of Hingham, who is co-founder of Across the Pond with Jane Forrer of Cohasset, holds up a class vase, which is about half full of lipsticks. The women are donating 10 cents for every lipstick received to the Mary Martha Learning Center.

Across the Pond seeks old lipsticks

Across the Pond, a fine cosmetic and skin care boutique in Hingham, is asking women to dig deep into their purses for old and outdated lipsticks. The lipsticks will be transformed into a special gift that will be presented to the Mary-Martha Learning Center this holiday season.

On Nov. 13, Across the Pond kicked off "Women for Women: Lipsticks for Learning," a campaign to benefit the Mary-Martha Learning Center, which services women and children on the South Shore. Through Dec. 24, Across the Pond in Hingham Square will be gathering tubes of lipstick from women throughout the region and donating ten cents for every tube collected to the Mary-Martha Learning Center. Across the Pond will give a minimum of $1,000 to the Mary-Martha Learning Center.

Across the Pond is displaying what looks like a large fish bowl in its window on South Street in Hingham. The fish bowl will be filled during the holiday season with donated lipsticks. The more lipsticks, the higher the donation made to the Mary-Martha Learning Center, which enables women to take a range of courses that will better prepare them to find jobs, develop careers, and sustain a stable, independent lifestyle for themselves and their children.

Jane Forrer and Hillary Woodyatt, co-founders of Across the Pond were inspired to launch Women for Women: Lipsticks for Learning when a customer mentioned she had a ton of old and outdated lipsticks sitting in the bottom of her purse and in her drawers at home.

"The conversation quickly moved to how we could put those lipsticks to good use," said Woodyatt. "We invite women throughout the South Shore to stop in and drop off the lipsticks they're not using. Each lipstick donation could mean as much as giving someone a fresh chance in life."

The Mary-Martha Learning Center is part of the Esther R. Sanger Center for Compassion. It is a residential education program for homeless families, primarily women with young children. The Mary-Martha Learning Center provides educational and social services designed to assist students to achieve positive, long-term changes in their lives and to gain financial independence. The Center has been both home and school to hundreds of families since opening in November 1987.

"We are very committed to helping the Mary-Martha Learning Center, which gives women who are challenged on most every front, the opportunity to make new lives for themselves through education and training, and encouragement for a positive self image," said Forrer, co-founder of Across the Pond. "The Mary-Martha Learning Center strikes a particular chord with us because Across the Pond's philosophy is based on women feeling good about themselves and enabling them to present themselves in the most positive, comfortable and confident way — be it in the boardroom, the classroom, or on the soccer field."

Across the Pond, located at 66 South St., will be accepting the lipsticks throughout its regular store hours, which are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (Thursdays are open late by appointment), and Sunday, 12 p.m.-5p.m. The actual lipsticks will not be donated to the Mary-Martha Learning Center for obvious health and hygiene reasons. They will be discarded after the event.

OBITUARY

Elizabeth Greene

Elizabeth "Betty" L. Greene of Cohasset, 88, died at Sunbridge Nursing Facility, Weymouth, Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002 after a long illness. For many years Betty was a nurses aide at the Queen Anne's Nursing Facility in Hingham and a member of the Senior Citizens of Cohasset. She lived in senior housing of Cohasset for the past 18 years and was a former resident of Scituate for many years.

Sister of the late Franklin Greene and Alonzo-Bart Greene. She leaves a niece, Barbara Greene of Orlando, Fla., a nephew, Jared Greene of Etna, Maine, a cousin, Rev. Frank Greene of Moultonboro, N.H. and two deceased stepsons, Kenneth Fone and Lawrence Fone Jr.

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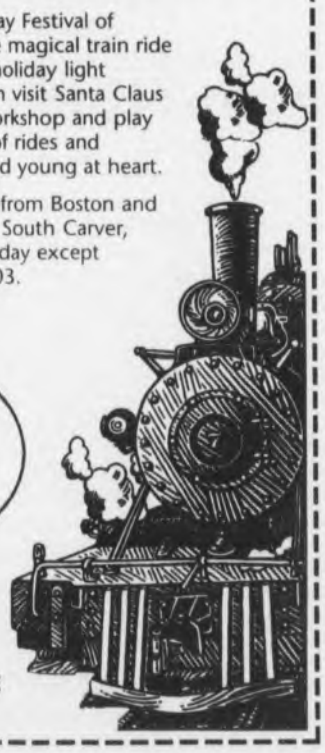

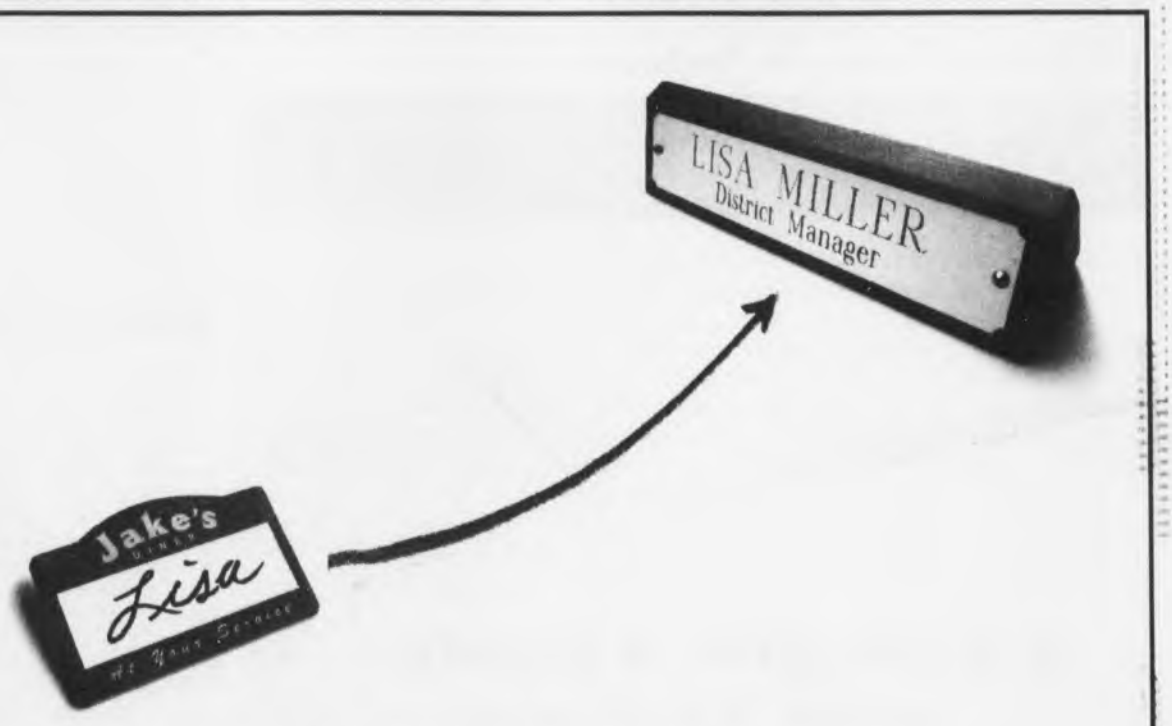

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FRIDAY, NOV. 22

5:43 p.m. Square, animal call or complaint, departmental action.

6:26 p.m. South Main St., request for police officer/s.

10:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

9:13 a.m. King St., medical aid.

11:34 a.m. Central St., assist other police department.

12:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:19 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

1:11 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

1:59 p.m. James Lane, animal call or complaint.

5:53 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:10 p.m. King St. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:02 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:14 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:22 p.m. King St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle. Arrest of Russell Dana Field, II, 18, of 25 James Way, Scituate. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor; trespassing.

SUNDAY, NOV. 24

3:48 a.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:38 a.m. Hull St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:13 p.m. East St., animal call or complaint.

12:26 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well-being check.

12:26 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:29 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:06 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:44 p.m. Norman Todd Road and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:03 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Shaun Sullivan, 29, of 40 Arborway, Scituate. Charge: Straight Warrant.

11:19 p.m. Elm St., sex offenses, investigated.

MONDAY, NOV. 25

5:40 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, structure, services rendered.

9:32 a.m. South Main St., property damage.

11:21 a.m. Elm Court, suspicious person(s)/activity.

12 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:07 North Main St., verbal warning.

12:25 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:36 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., general services.

12:56 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation, good intent call.

1:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., annoying/harassing phone calls.

1:20 p.m. Cedar Lane, annoying/harassing phone calls.

4:35 p.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

5:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Fox Run, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, NOV. 26

5:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:05 a.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

8:29 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:05 a.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:36 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:49 a.m. Ripley Road, animal call or complaint.

12:17 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:01 p.m. South Main St., fire, inspections.

1:13 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:24 p.m. Lothrop Lane, fire investigation.

3:20 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

5:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

5:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., road rage.

7:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

9:24 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

9:33 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation, extinguished.

9:49 a.m. Atlantic Ave. and Lothrop Lane, fire, investigation.

10:25 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

12:16 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:21 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:42 p.m. Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:55 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:19 p.m. Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:27 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:39 p.m. King St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:11 p.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:42 p.m. Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:13 p.m. King St., medical aid.

4:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property lost.

5:42 p.m. Powers Lane, fire, investigation.

8:02 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:28 p.m. Elm St., parking complaint.

8:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10 p.m. Cedar St., open door/window, area search negative.

11:24 p.m. North Main St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:41 p.m. Summer St., public drinking.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

12:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:44 a.m. South Main St., public drinking.

12:53 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:08 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:13 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Michael Cabozzi, 31, of 95 Turner Road, Scituate. Charges: OUI, liquor; speeding in violation of special regulation/s; marked lanes violation; crosswalk violation; possession of a Class B drug.

7:48 a.m. Jerusalem Road and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:30 a.m. Scituate Water Department, assist other agency.

10:37 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

11:41 a.m. Pond St., assault, investigated.

11:55 p.m. Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic control.

1:43 p.m. Border St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

2:44 p.m. Norman Todd Road, well-being check.

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

2:35 a.m. Fisher Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:22 a.m. King St., medical aid.

9:10 a.m. Atlantic Ave. and Sheldon Road, request for police officer/s.

9:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., well-being check.

9:44 a.m. Norman Todd Road, well-being check.

11:55 a.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

12:28 p.m. Elm St., assist other police department.

4:48 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:36 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:49 p.m. Margin St., general services.

7:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:30 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.

8:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:56 p.m. Around Town, general services.

9 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation/s.

9:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

10:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Michael D. Zappolo, 44, of 42 Elm Court, Cohasset. Charges: OUI, liquor; speeding in violation of special regulation/s; no inspection sticker; motor vehicle lights violation; failure to wear seat belt.

11:04 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle violation/s.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

12:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop. Juvenile Arrest, 16-year-old. Charge: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Juvenile Arrest, 16-year-old. Charge: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Arrest of Tiffany M. Flaherty, 18, of 61 Baystate Road, Quincy. Charge: Person under 21 possessing liquor.

Arrest of Michael Justin Paul, 19, of 82 Country Way, Scituate. Charge: Person under 21 possession of liquor.

7:51 a.m. South Main St., property lost.

9:06 a.m. Doane St., motor vehicle accident.

10:42 a.m. Summer St., escort.

2:36 p.m. Ripley Road, lost property.

4:32 p.m. Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint.

5:26 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:47 p.m. South Main St. and Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:19 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

Toys for Tots

The Cohasset police are again joining with the US Marine Corps annual holiday Toys for Tots campaign. Unwrapped toys and games may be dropped off at the Cohasset Police Headquarters on Elm Street, 24 hours a day. Any questions, call 781-383-1055.

Remembering others this time of year

For the past several years, Community Newspaper Company has sponsored Gifts of Hope, serving needy families in our communities. Here on the South Shore our focus has been on assisting the homeless — specifically The Carolina Hill Shelter in Marshfield, Fr. Bill's Place in Quincy and The South Shore Friends of the Homeless. Gifts of Hope has been supported in each town it serves by donations from our readers and some of the community groups to which they belong.

Each week over the course of the holiday season we will be running advertisements in our paper encouraging support for these important charities hard hit by the current economic climate. We'll also run in the newspaper a weekly tally of donors.

In the past our campaign has assisted the organizations in raising funds, but equally important, raising awareness about this ongoing problem. These are not strangers, but people you likely know. It is the family of the child sitting next to your own in school; it is the mother and daughter in the pew behind you in church; or maybe that friendly elderly couple who use to live in your neighborhood.

When you sit down with pen in hand this week to check your grocery list, or your Christmas list, please consider making a donation that is a gift of hope. A donation of any size goes a long way; $50 for example, will supply two families with a week's worth of groceries from a food pantry.

We ask your support in giving the gift of hope. Without your help, Gifts of Hope would not exist.

Donations to Gifts of Hope should be made payable to one of the charities listed above, designated as a Gift of Hope, and sent to:

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Community Newspaper Company
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Please do not make your checks or money orders payable to this newspaper or Gifts of Hope, as that will delay disbursement efforts.

Search starts for top citizen

See form this page

By Mary Ford
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In keeping with a nine-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Glenn Pratt as Citizen of the Year for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and leading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

The deadline for nominations for the 2002 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 3. Please see the nomination form on page 29. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2002 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2003.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the eighth person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: the late **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: the late **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

LIBRARY CORNER

Museum passes

Vacations are approaching and your children will be looking forward to a break. Consider a fun and educational trip to the City of Boston for the holiday season.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library offers a wide variety of passes to several area museums, a theatre and a walking tour. The following is a list of the passes available to Cohasset residents: the Children's Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Harvard Museum of Natural History, John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Science, the New England Aquarium, Plimoth Plantation, the U.S.S. Constitution, the Wheelock Family Theatre and Boston-By-Foot.

All museum passes are funded by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Call and reserve your passes now and enjoy a vacation of educational entertainment. Call the library at 781-383-1348.

December Storytime

Join us at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Children's Room, on Thursdays from 10-10:30 a.m. for fun holiday stories. All ages are welcome and *registration is not required*. Hope to see you, Dec. 5, 12 and 19.

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Fill out form and mail to:
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73 South Street, Hingham, MA 02043
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Nomination Deadline: Friday, Jan. 3 at 5 p.m.

IT'S HAPPENING

'Babes in Toyland'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "Babes in Toyland" at the Cohasset Town Hall weekends, through Dec. 15, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.. Additional matinee Saturday Dec 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books & SpringBrook Kids in Cohasset and Front Street Books in Scituate, by phone at 781-544-0304 and at the door.

Receive $1 off your ticket price at the door only when you bring a non-perishable item for the Cohasset Food Pantry. Girl Scout troops of five or more receive discounted tickets when reserved ahead of time. For more information, call Wendy at 545-1655

Illustrator signs at Buttonwood

Joan Paley, will be at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset on Sun. Dec. 8 from 2-4 p.m. Paley is the illustrator for "Moon Glowing" (Dutton, $16.99) by Elizabeth Partridge. Paley, who lives in North Scituate with her husband Norm, has illustrated many fine books. Among them, "The Emperor Lays an Egg" and "Little White Duck".

"Moon Glowing" is a beautifully detailed picture book with few words and stunning pictures. The story follows four animals (squirrel, bat, bear and beaver) as they prepare for the coming of winter. Bright gold leaves, white clouds heavy with snow, twinkling stars and a glowing orange moon help establish the mood for a long winter slumber. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Chamber hosts its holiday party

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce will host its annual holiday party on Tuesday, Dec. 10. As in the past, the event will be held at The Christopher Gallery, 130 King St. (Rte. 3A) in Cohasset. The festivities will run from 6 – 8 p.m. If you are interested in attending this year's party please RSVP to Dan Picha of the Chamber. He can be reached at 781-878-7440, or you may send him an e-mail to daniel.picha@rocklandtrust.com .

Wassail!

The Cohasset Historical Society presents its Annual Wassail Open House on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 2-4 p.m. at the Caleb Lothrop House, 14 Summer St., Please join us for refreshments in a warm and festive atmosphere. If you have an unsigned copy of Volume III of "A Narrative History of Cohasset" bring it along. Jackie Dormitzer will be on hand for signings. Copies are also available for purchase.

The reception is free and all are welcome.

Our World luncheon and fashion show

There will be a holiday luncheon and fashion show to benefit "Our World," the children's global discovery museum, at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 12 at Atlantica Restaurant.

The museum is set to open next fall in the back wing of the former Osgood School. The new Paul Pratt Memorial Library will occupy the rest of the building.

Fashions by Talbot's will be featured at the luncheon and a number of exciting prizes, including a night at Boston's Ritz Carlton and a gift certificate for tea for two at the Ritz Carlton, will be raffled.

Tickets for the event are $45 per person and tickets for the grand raffle can be ordered at $25 each or six for $100. Winners do not have to be in attendance. Checks made out to Our World CGDM can be sent to Our World, P.O. Box 422, Cohasset, 0225. For further information, call Amy Fitzpatrick at 781-383-9911.

Books cook program

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades 1 and 2 Books Cook program by calling 781-383-4109.

Once Upon a Recipe is for grades 1 and 2 and will be held from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School. Children will enjoy making bread Boas after reading "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" or making candy houses after reading "Hansel and Gretel," as example.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $55 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, continuing through Feb. 14, 2003. Each week will feature different books and cooking.

For more information details and registration, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781- 383-4109.

Christmas concert to benefit Wellspring

On Saturday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. First Parish in Cohasset is sponsoring its annual Christmas Concert featuring The Unicorn Singers directed by Margo Euler. This year's beneficiary is Wellspring Multi-Service Center of Hull. Wellspring provides numerous programs and services for those who need assistance in developing the skills and other resources necessary for improving the quality of their lives. Tickets are $8 in advance and $10 at the door, they may be purchased by contacting Sandy Bailey at First Parish, 383-1100.

Lessons and carols at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 12th year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting A Service of Lessons and Carols for the First Sunday of Advent at 3 p.m. Dec. 7. This service of readings from Sacred Scripture and carols for both congregation and choir is a long-standing tradition in the church, made widely known by English churches such as those of St. John's and King's College. Scripture passages foretell the coming of the Messiah, while carols and choral anthems fill the listeners with joyful expectation.

The clergy of St. Stephen's will officiate, while musical selections will be rendered by the St. Stephen's parish choir and the parish's St. Gregory's children's choir. All are invited to participate in this joyful celebration.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and has ample parking in the village car park. There is no charge for admission. For more information, call 781-383-1083.

Rusty Skippers at the Village Fair

The Rusty Skippers Band, under the direction of Steve Biagini, will perform Saturday Dec. 7 at noon at the First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common, in conjunction with the Village Fair. This free concert will feature selections new to the Band, including the challenging Leroy Anderson version of "Sleigh Ride," made famous by the Boston Pops. All ages are welcome! A free will offering for the Cohasset Food Pantry will be taken.

After the concert, the Band will share more of their music at Sunrise Assisted Living Facility in Cohasset and Harbor House in Hingham.

Blanket drive

The fifth grade religious education class at St. Anthony's has embarked on a charitable mission called "Blanketing Our Neighbors." In response to a recent Boston Globe article outlining the acute need for blankets by area shelters, the children will be raising money by doing chores and organizing a bake sale to buy blankets. (One shelter mentioned in the article is able to buy an army surplus blanket for $5!)

The children will be sponsoring a blanket drive throughout the weekend of Dec. 7. If you would like to help, donations of blankets, comforters and sheets in good condition will be collected at St. Anthony's Parish Center on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and then distributed to area shelters. Anyone wishing to make a donation can direct their contribution to St. Anthony's Church/Blanket Drive, 129 South Main St., Cohasset.

Please call either Beth Seraikas at 781-383-9154 or Darilynn Evans at 781-838-0644 for more details.

St. Paul Christmas bazaar is Dec. 6

The St. Paul School Christmas Bazaar is being held Friday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Bazaar is held in the school hall at 18 Fearing Road, Hingham. (Adjacent to St. Paul Church)

Santa will be arriving on Friday morning and will stay throughout both days. Pictures with Santa will be available.

The Bazaar will offer home baked treats, holiday gifts for adults and children and craft and game tables for children along with refreshments, gifts for pets. The Bazaar will also feature a silent auction and a raffle table for great items such as sporting event tickets, vacation weekends, professional services and gifts for you and your home.

The always-popular Boxwood Tree Christmas Centerpieces will be for sale. This popular item will sell fast so come early.

A fun family breakfast with Santa is planned for Saturday, Dec. 7, at the school hall. The breakfast is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and the cost is $3 per child and $5 per adult.

Merrie Market

The historic Old Ship Church's Christmas fair is Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Parish House, 107 Main St. This year's Merrie Market will be beautifully decorated and will feature wreaths, gifts, toys, home-baked items, used books and CDs, and a snack bar! All proceeds to benefit the historic Old Ship Church.

For information, call 781-749-1679.

Cabaret 2003 to begin Jan. 1!

Cabaret 2003 will host its opening auditions and sign ups for group dancing and signing on Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 1 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center. Co-directors Lori Costello and Jinny Walsh are very enthusiastic about this year's show titled "On Our Own." New faces and talents are encouraged to join in on this fun-filled month of rehearsals and show dates of Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 1.

This is a day for solo and small group tryouts for both singers and dancers. Cards will be available also to sing up for larger group songs and dancing. Help with set construction, advertising and raffle sales is welcome. Mark your calendars - Jan. 1 and be prepared for a most enjoyable time.

'Yuletide Traditions' house tour Dec. 12

The Garden Club of Hingham presents "Yuletide Traditions": a Christmas House Tour. A variety of six festively decorated homes in historic Hingham will be on display on Dec. 12. Times are: 10 a.m.-3p.m. and 5-8 p.m.. Tickets are available before Dec. 12 for $20 and on tour day for $25. Call 781-749-0827 or visit: Bowl and Board, Round Hill Designs, Bookport, Corson◊s House of Glass and in Norwell at Pamela◊s Place, Merchants Row.

Order your tree early!

First Parish's eighth annual, fresh-cut balsam Christmas tree sale in conjunction with the Village Fair is Saturday Dec. 7. Pre-orders are being accepted. Order early to be in the "your tree free" drawing. All tress are $35 for any tree 5-9 feet. Besides being a fund-raiser for the First Parish, trees are donated to various families served by the Cohasset Food Pantry, Wellspring, Friends of the Homeless, and others as including the Senior Center at the Community Center, allowing for many to benefit. Call 781-383-9845.

Interactive drawing with book illustrator

Mary Jane Begin will be at Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham on Sat. Dec. 7 from 11-1 p.m. She has illustrated a new edition of "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame. Originally published in 1908 this classic story relates the adventures of four steadfast companions, Mole, Rat, Badger and Toad. Their antics have captivated readers for decades and Begin's images have captured the beauty of their willows and the vitality of its main characters.

Her award-winning children's picture books include "A Mouse Told His Mother" and "Little Mouse's Painting". Begin is on the staff at the Rhode Island School of Design and she will host an interactive drawing session where the audience will help her create an original piece of art! Please join us. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call 781-749-2665 to order your signed book if unable to attend.

Lifesaving Museum hosts its seaside fair

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., is hosting its annual gala holiday event, the Seaside Holiday Fair, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. There is no admission and parking is free. The museum is festively decorated with greens and bows, and the Museum Store is fully stocked with gifts, jewelry, blankets, maritime books, music, ornaments, children's toys, stocking stuffers, teacher gifts, silk robes, and the museum's own exclusive line of men's and women's clothing. While you shop, your little ones can enjoy the special children's holiday activities, designed and supervised by the Museum Educator in the Children's Loft.

The Fair will feature handcrafted wares of more than a dozen of the region's artisans, including hand-turned wood, jewelry, bath salts, marine photography, fleece accessories, paintings and prints, custom engraved giftware, hand-painted signs, and seasonal wreaths and novelties. All profits from this two-day event are used to support youth programs sponsored by the museum. Year after year, the Holiday Fair has proved one of the most festive, joyous, easy, and satisfying ways to check off your shopping list. Call Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433 for more information..

LEGAL NOTICES

FLYNN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 98P0589AD

In the Estate of DOROTHY MARY FLYNN
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death September 13, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that PETER LEO FLYNN III of NEWTON in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed administrator of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 31, 2002.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, November 21, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#112567
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PEARCE, JR. ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. 01P2923EP

Notice Of Fiduciary's Account

To all persons interested in the estate of Mauran Seagrave Pearce, Jr., late of Cohasset, Norfolk:

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of Peter H. Pearce as Executor (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before the **thirty-first day of December, 2002,** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this twenty-second day of November 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JAMES R SALYARDS of EXETER in the State of NEW HAMPSHIRE be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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Preserving the ancient art of herb gardening

Winterfest is this weekend

By Constance Gorfinkle
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Edible flowers, Christmas tea and herbal sachets are a few of the items Betsey-Ann Golon will have on hand in her booth at this year's Winterfest Folk Art and Craft Show at the Middle School in Hingham Dec. 7 and 8. A horticulturist who, with her husband, runs Common Folk Farm in Naples, Maine, Golon is among 50 artisans and master craftsmen who will display and sell their wares during this event to benefit the Hingham Historical Society.

Golon takes part in many such shows but her family's real business is growing herbs and making various products from them, a business that over the past 10 years has expanded far beyond selling to historical museum shops, such as the ones at Sturbridge Village, Plimoth Plantation and Mount Vernon—to include giant outlets like L.L. Bean, the Bass Corporation and the QVC television network.

But most rewarding, Golon says, is the work she does with the nearby Sabbath Day Island Shaker community.

"Thirteen years ago, I got a phone call, here at the farm from Sister Meg who was then in charge of the herb gardens at Sabbath Day Lake," said Golon during a phone interview from Common Folk Farm.

She was asked by Sister Meg to teach herb gardening at the community as a way of perpetuating that ancient art which the Shakers have been practicing for the past 200 years. But those able to pass it on, of course, have been dwindling over the centuries, until today at Sabbath Day Lake, and there are only five remaining brothers and sisters.

Fireman Santa, by Tim Jumper, one of the artisans at Winterfest.

"The Shakers, you know, were the first producers of American herbal products," said Golon. "And they were known, not just for producing their own products, but also for buying products of the highest quality and reselling them. These included medicinal supplies as well as culinary items."

They also have what are called "simples," single herbs, everything from thyme to sage to seeds—anise seed and poppy seed.

In addition, she points out the Shakers' genius for invention: "We owe the washing machine to them and simple things like the flat broom and mouse trap, as well as rotary machines like the band saw. They created hundreds and hundreds of things, which they never patented because they believed they should share with the world and not make a profit."

The products that derive from Golon's work at Sabbath Day Island include rosewater, which can be used for culinary purposes and as an astringent for the skin, as well as mint water and lavender water.

They also have what are called "simples," single herbs, everything from thyme to sage to seeds—anise seed and poppy seed. And then they have a full line of herbs that are used for teas. "That has become my specialty in the herb market," Golon said.

All of the above and many of the items Golon and her husband create at Common Folk Farm she is bringing to Winterfest. (For those whose interest in herbs extends beyond buying them, Golon will deliver a lecture on Shaker herb gardens on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1:30 p.m.)

Whatever her contributions to the Shaker community are, she said, "I'm the one who's gained. I have been so blessed to be part of this, with my love of growing and my interest in history. It's really a living history," which she sees influencing many in the outside world of today.

"We're in a very enlightened time in the United States," said Golon. "People are turning to more spiritual things and away from the monetary. We had our Back-To-The-Earth movement about 20 years ago, but now we're doing a little more — we're getting back to our roots."

In doing that, says Golon, people are increasingly embracing the beliefs of the Shakers, mainly in the equality of men and women and the importance of sustaining one another. Part of living simpler is relying on things that come naturally from the earth, among them the herbs than can be used to season our food, wash our faces, and cure our headaches. And at Golon's booth, you won't even have to pick them out of the ground.

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Winterfest will be held at the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St. on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is $6 per person for the entire weekend and is free for children under 12. Those who bring a non-perishable food item for the Hingham Food Pantry will receive $1 off the admission price.

Free parking is available in the parking lot of Resurrection Church, next door to the school. A shuttle bus from the lot to the school will be provided on Saturday, Dec. 7.

For more information, call 717-796-2380.

Hingham homes dressing up for Mothers Club Tour

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

Traditions, old and new will come alive this year for all who attend the ninth annual Holiday House Tour and Boutique, a major fundraiser organized by the Hingham Mothers Club. On Sunday, Dec. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., five homes, spanning the ages, will be adorned in holiday finery ranging from cozy and casual, vintage and quaint to grand and opulent.

The common theme present in each of the homes is that of "Traditions," celebrating practices and lore of generations of Christmases, some centuries old, others new in 2002. Each family most graciously welcoming the House Tour visitors to their home will share with the guests a depiction of the activities and rites of the season that occur there. This festive, yet vast undertaking, will come to fruition with the expert and generous guidance and cooperation of countless local merchants, florists, decorators, and businesses.

The Mothers Club, in keeping with the theme of the day, is introducing its own new "tradition," by presenting "The Boutique" as a stop on the tour and available to ticket holders at any point during the tour.

According to Lisa Lipsett, of the Mothers Club House Tour Committee, the vendors will offer a variety of New England "giftware and decorative items available for purchase that day". Located at the Girl Scout House on Burr Road, a visit to The Boutique, will offer, in addition to the chance to do holiday shopping, a glimpse of another site of prominence in the Hingham Community. Among the merchandise to eye and to buy will be apparel, holiday necessities, decorative greenery, gifts of whimsy, and offerings of elegance; something appropriate for every stocking hung by the fire!

A portion of the proceeds from The Boutique will be given to The Mothers Club toward its fundraising efforts. Merchants from various regions in New England will travel to Hingham to showcase their unique wares at this festive event.

Kerrin Rowley, chairwoman of the House Tour Committee spoke most enthusiastically of the addition of The Boutique this year, and hopes that guests will make a special effort to drop by. Another attraction at that location will be an antique milk truck from Hornstra Farms from which eggnog and hot cider will be served to guests.

This festive will come to fruition with the expert and generous guidance and cooperation of countless local merchants, florists, decorators, and businesses.

"It will add to the atmosphere of the day," said Rowley, "Many people will recognize the truck from the July 4th Parade". If the day is one with a chill in the air, especially, the refreshments will be a most welcome addition. Rowley continued, "The people and businesses of Hingham have been *so* supportive. It is amazing how much work, effort, and how many people it takes to plan an event of this size. We are so appreciative of every single one."

Another attraction at the event will be the melodious presence of musical artists and groups from many community organizations. Their diverse and uplifting performances are certain to lend seasonal atmosphere to each locale.

In addition to being an entertaining sojourn in the midst of the holiday rush and an informative enterprise for those contemplating a home renovation or decorating project, the tour is a major fundraiser for the Mothers Club's donation of scholarships to high school seniors, who reside in Hingham. Club President Karen Emord offered details about the significance of these scholarships, and how they are awarded.

"Last year, we donated seven $2000 scholarships to Hingham seniors," she explained. "We would be so pleased to be able to increase these gifts this year. There is not always awareness that, even in Hingham, sending kids to college means tremendous sacrifice from parents, and it can be a real struggle for the family, and for the student to obtain the needed funds for higher education. The amounts we award may be used toward tuition, the purchase of books, a laptop, or other needed supplies."

Emord says community service is the centerpiece of the scholarship awards.

"Because we are primarily a community service organization," Emord says, "the service and volunteer work performed by the applicants during their entire time as students is the most important factor in our consideration of candidates for the scholarships.

"This can be seen in a variety of contributions to the community by the kids, from assisting in serving meals to senior citizens, to raking leaves for neighbors or town projects, to participation in scouting programs. Merit and financial need are certainly factors, but the community involvement is, by far, the most critical feature used when selecting recipients from so many deserving kids. We try to view the whole picture, when making our decisions, with a focus on consistent and long term service".

Tickets for the House Tour are available for $20 in advance and $25 the day of the tour. Advance ticket purchases can be made at various community establishments. On Dec. 8, tickets will be available at any tour venues. For locations from which to purchase advance tickets, or for further information, please call the Mothers Club Holiday House Tour Hotline: (781)749-0984.

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'Hansel & Gretel' for the holidays

South Shore Conservatory presents "Hansel & Gretel" on Friday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m., and on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 1 and 4 p.m., at The Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury; and on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 and 5 p.m., at Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St.

"Hansel & Gretel" will be performed by Opera by the Bay, South Shore Conservatory's resident opera troupe, and features ballet and voice students of South Shore Conservatory in a children's chorus and dance ensemble.

Engelbert Humperdinck's "Hansel & Gretel" is a wonderful holiday treat for the whole family. Opera by the Bay's one-hour production features enchanting costumes and sets that will delight children of all ages. "Hansel & Gretel" is directed by Opera by the Bay Artistic Director, Beth MacLeod, with musical direction by Hui-Min Wang, Chairman of South Shore Conservatory's Piano Department, and costumes by Lanci Valentine.

Future programs will be enhanced by South Shore Conservatory's Building the Future project that will provide an addition and renovations to the existing building in Hingham. The project, which will add nine teaching studios, three classrooms and a professional gallery, is made possible by a $3.5 million campaign, with groundbreaking scheduled for 2003.

Proceeds from "Hansel & Gretel" will benefit educational programs and scholarships of South Shore Conservatory. Tickets at $15 per person, $12 for seniors and students, are available at The Ellison Center for the Arts and Westwinds Book Shop in Duxbury; at South Shore Conservatory and Nobles Camera Shop, Main Street, in Hingham; and at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. For more information or to purchase tickets by phone, please call Laura Carleton, 781-934-2731, ext. 14. ###

Bluegrass Christmas at the Coffeehouse

On Sunday, Dec.15, at 2 p.m., bluegrass band, Southern Rail, presents a program of Glorious Bluegrass Christmas Gospel at the Old Ship Church's Coffee House off the Square

Long one of New England's best Appalachian-rooted bluegrass and gospel bands, Southern Rail is a perennial favorite at Boston's First Night and was a big hits in the Coffee House's 1998 and 2000 seasons.

Southern Rail consists of Jim Muller, a flat-picking guitar player, singer, and songwriter and bassist Sharon Horovitch. They are joined by vocalist Bob Sachs, and by Rick Briggs on banjo and harmony.

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The band's double credentials show in their Bluegrass records like the compelling "Carolina Lightning" and in their Gospel work on "Glory Train" nominated for "Gospel Recorded Performance of the Year."

The Coffee House is at the Old Ship Church's fully accessible Parish Hall, 107 Main St.

Tickets are $10 at the door and coffees, teas, cider, and homemade desserts are 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian/Universalist Service Committee.

It's hip to be in Hingham Square this weekend

By Carol Britton Meyer
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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Olivia Voccola gives Santa her Christmas wish list during a past Christmas in the Square. The annual event, sponsored by the Hingham Square Business Association, has become a holiday tradition in Hingham.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, in downtown Hingham, at least.

Merchants are gearing up for this weekend's Christmas in the Square annual holiday celebration, complete with the arrival of Santa Claus atop a fire engine to kick off the holiday season.

Early Christmas shopping possibilities abound as those attending the popular event walk through the crowds greeting friends and neighbors.

"This year we feel more deeply about bringing our community together," said Christina Zona, president of Hingham Square Business Association. "That's because the business owners and staff have personalized relationships with customers and appreciation for our local organizations. Everyone will pause for the evening and join together this holiday season to enjoy each other and fully appreciate and realize how fortunate we are to live and thrive so well in this wonderful community."

The event is planned for Friday, Dec. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. More fun is planned for Saturday, Dec. 7.

There will be seasonal music galore, lots of good old-fashioned fun, and the shops are festively decorated in honor of the occasion. There's sure to be something to please everyone.

Friday evening offers a magical experience. This year's Christmas Stroll, will include the famous candy cane sale, bravely staffed by Hingham Institution for Savings. Carolann's will provide special treats for children, Brigham's will offer fried dough, and spectators can enter to win a Brigham's/Hingham Square gift basket valued at more than $100.

Island in the Square is making holiday shopping easier by offering special savings on select merchandise. Those who step inside Buttonwood for Kids will be eligible for a special door prize. Andrew Zona Studio will host special guests from the luxury hair company, Kerastase, Paris, and skin company Decleor, Paris, who will provide complimentary consultations, samples, and recommendations.

Nona's will feature a mouthwatering gingerbread house which will be won by someone who has made a donation to Globe Santa.

Starbucks Coffee will feature Mercury Man sporting a backpack filled with samples and coupons as well as provide hot drink treats.

Bowl & Board will offer 25 percent savings on Yankee Candles during the two-day event, and Mary Healy, President of the Hingham High School Class of 2004 will sell festive glow-in-the-dark necklaces.

"Everyone can enjoy the special events, holiday lights, and decorations in a beautiful old New England setting," Zona said.

Saturday also offers a number of special activities, including hay rides courtesy of Bowl & Board from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., bell ringers, a visit from Santa at Hingham Community Center, and Dawna Hammers performing.

A number of shops are offering specials, too.

Buttonwood for Kids, for example, is hosting a book signing by the illustrator of "Wind in the Willows," an all-time favorite.

A holiday "story telling at home" is scheduled by Talbot's between 1 and 2 p.m. Hingham Greenery will offer a wide variety of trimmings and $10 off any boxwood tree purchase, and Andrew Zona Studio will provide complimentary cosmetic touch-ups with New York cosmetics company Sue Devitt Studio and samples of Kiehl's. Cultivate, known for featuring "simple luxuries and pure nonsense," will present its handcarved replica of the Swan Boats by Bill Collins, recently seen on "Chronicle." Also joining in the festivities, Across the Pond will offer a special promotion. For every old lipstick of any brand that's traded in, a 10 cent donation will be made to Mary Martha Learning Center.

When any gift is purchased from Treasures in the Square, complimentary gift wrapping is available.

A large selection of holiday gift baskets will be offered by From the Hart.

A portion of South and Main streets is sectioned off to allow more space for the activities that take place.

Hingham business owners spend many hours planning the celebration, which is their way of thanking customers for their loyalty and support throughout the year.

Many businesses in the Square offer special holiday hours, including remaining open Thursday evenings and Sundays.

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Ageless angles

Pembroke photographer captures timeless beauty of Ireland's west coast

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

What is a "Mayo Moment?" According to Lance Keimig, it's a term coined by the photo-tour group led by the photographer and Pembroke resident on treks through the vast, ancient coastal lands of County Mayo in the west of Ireland in October 2001 and April '02.

The term was meant to describe the sudden feeling of peace and clarity that Keimig and his entourage felt at numerous moments during the trips. The feeling was apparently therapeutic and necessary on both occasions, the photographer recalls, as the travelers were feeling as well as expressing a deep sense of shock in the new post-9/11 world.

Keimig, who's been a creative photographer since 1984, also spends his time teaching photography workshop classes at Cohasset's South Shore Art Center. He'll be heading back to County Mayo next summer, along with other journeys to Tuscany and Morocco in the spring and fall, 2003 respectively, again leading photo-tours on contract with Voyagers International Network out of Ithaca, New York.

In the meantime, "Mayo Moments" is also the title of the current exhibit collecting Keimig's photo works from his West Ireland excursions on view in the Dolphin Gallery at Hingham Public Library through Jan. 3.

Keimig offered further details and insights into the concept behind "Mayo Moments" at the recent opening reception for his show in the Library Gallery. The collection of 20 silver gelatin print, black-and-white Emerald Isle shots of the countryside -- dotted with ruins and remains of churches, abbeys and houses, some of them nearly 1,000 years old–conveyed to some 25 gallery browsers their sense of what the photographer describes as the history ever-present in the Irish landscape. Keimig elaborated this point and more in an informal lecture/discussion on his work with the gathering.

"On the west coast of Ireland, you get the feeling that life has gone pretty much unchanged for thousands of years. And especially on the trip I led right after September 11 last year, I think it was good for everyone's spirit, to get some relief from the craziness that everyone else was feeling back in the States, just to get away from the overload."
Photographer Lance Keimig

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"The name of the exhibit is something that the people in the tour group came up with almost off-the-cuff. Oddly enough, most of the time when we were driving around to the different locations, the weather was typically cold, rainy, overcast and generally unpleasant. But then it seemed whenever we arrived at one of our stops, the sky would open, the sun would come out and things would brighten and warm up. Finally someone from the tour group expressed, 'This is a Mayo Moment!,' and the term stuck not long after that."

Keimig's subjects and perspectives also extend to sheep grazing about the countryside and darker symbols of mortality such as ram's skulls laying amidst the greens and headstones holding their ground. The photographer collected his shots from such townships as Belclare, Barnabawn, Sheefrey Wood, Ross Errily and Turlough as well as other odd spots like Achill Island. All of these places and others, Keimig emphasized in his lecture/discussion, always seemed to echo with a profound sense of history, and a feeling that a lot has happened, dramatic and intriguing, there over the ages.

The next public showing of Keimig's work is at Art In the Corporate Park, the premier open studio event of artists residing in Pembroke's Corporate park studios, scheduled for Dec. 14 and 15, from 12-5 p.m.

Two of Lance Keimig's photographs in the current "Mayo Moments" exhibit at the Hingham Public Library through Jan. 3.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

Sandler goes 'Crazy'

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

ADAM SANDLER'S EIGHT CRAZY NIGHTS (C)

Movie triviaphiles might enjoy the credits sequence of "Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights," more than fans of good movies will enjoy the film itself, if they quickly jot down his list of Jewish movie stars, half-Jewish ones (Sean Penn? Who knew?), and ones like Tom Arnold, who converted when Roseanne married him and took his name in return for which he took her religion, whom Sandler would like to throw back. This is the pay-off for enduring the movie, notable for featuring a trouble-making Jewish animated figure, unless maybe Long John Silver was really Long John Silverman, but, again, who knew? One is always thankful for new things.

When I reviewed "The Santa Clause 2" here I prophesied that it won't be the worst of the cloying 2002 holiday movies; *voila*, as if on command, here comes this thing. Sandler, who scored a critical hit with "Punch-Drunk Love," though audiences didn't much care for it, as they don't much care for Jim Carrey when he does serious work as in "The Truman Show," triumphs usually in silly stuff, both bearable silly stuff like "The Wedding Singer" and awful items like "Little Nicky." He's entitled to a little off-the-elbow vanity project like this. But odd vanity it is, imagining himself as the totally unlikable Davey Stone, consummate bad apple in oh little New England town of Dukesberry.

Once a nice Jewish boy, basketball whiz at the Jewish Community Center, Davey turned bad. Naturally we know we're going to learn why, all in good time, and it's a sad tale we learn, though, as Oscar Wilde said, "One would have to have a heart of stone not to laugh at the death of Little Nell," and somehow, recoiling from the maudlin excesses of this excessively maudlin thing, I found myself mirthful instead of tearful when I learned why Davey had gone over to the dark side. Doesn't make me a bad person.

A gnomish friend of everybody, Whitey (voice of Sandler), and his gnomish, bewigged sister Eleanor (voice

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Whitey (left) gives some advice to Davey, both of whom are voiced by Adam Sandler.

Updike's abstract impressions

His new book, 'Seek My Face,' follows a Jackson Pollock-like painter

By Rosemary Herbert
BOSTON HERALD

When novelist John Updike, 70, says he sometimes feels "young and callow" as he approaches his work, you might think he's putting you on. After all, he's published some 50 books and won many awards, including the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

But his new novel, "Seek My Face" (Knopf, $23), proves the literary icon is still ready to take chances — this time with a work of fiction inspired by the lives of several notable American abstract painters and pop artists, including Jackson Pollock and his wife, Lee Krasner.

The book is built around an interview of a 70-something artist named Hope (modeled on Krasner), done by a hip young correspondent for an online magazine. As the interview — and the novel — unfolds, Hope recalls her life as the wife of Zack McCoy (based on Pollock), a hard-drinking modern artist who won fame for his groundbreaking paint-dripping technique. She also shares the ups and downs of two more marriages and lots of art-world gossip.

Heady stuff — but why would the author beloved for inventing such memorable male characters as Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, the "beautiful but brainless" suburban Everyman, base his latest work of fiction on the real lives of some of the 20th century's most famous bohemians?

John Updike has always been interested in the art world.

Speaking on the phone from his home in Beverly Farms, Updike explains that "Seek My Face" stemmed from his lifelong enthusiasm for fine art.

"Generally, I believe a writer should look at people who are not fortunate enough to be artists, to get at the rhythm of their days," he says. "But I can make up a day in the life of a painter better than I can make up a day in the life of a stockbroker."

Critics — notably in The New York Times — have not been kind to his new book. But readers who approach it playfully and with an appreciation of art history may find Updike achieves his goal of creating "a verbal style that would be the equivalent of Pollock's dribble."

Calling the book, "My own small canvas: A day in the life of a painter," Updike adds, "It's easy for me to write about painting after my brush with it."

As a Depression-era boy growing up in Shillington, Pa., Updike fell in love with comic strips and animated films." The height of my ambition was to become a Disney animator," he recalls. After he earned his degree from Harvard in 1954, he studied for a year at the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art in Oxford, England.

One of his last assignments there was to produce a still life with striped fabric in it. "I was manfully measuring up to that challenge," he says, but he stopped painting when he realized writing was his forte.

Still, choosing a new career didn't dim Updike's enthusiasm for fine art. He has written reams of art criticism, some collected in "Just Looking: Essays on Art" (1984). In "Seek My Face," he creates his characters using the literary equivalents of several artistic techniques.

Like Zack in "Seek My Face," Updike employs an apparently spontaneous style that actually is carefully planned. He portrays Pollock's famous drip method of painting as an outpouring of paint and ideas that can only occur after countless hours of tortured forethought.

He develops the interviewer, Kathryn, from "something vague" to a sharper image, like a photograph. And he constructs Hope's second husband, Guy Holloway, like a collage: He's "a catch-all person" who represents "the granddaddies of pop art in this country [including Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, Roy Lichtenstein and Claes Oldenberg]."

Updike sees Guy as a cutup, "a sort of a joke. The idea that one rather bland man would create all of these pop modes amuses me," he says. He also says he identifies with Guy as "a cool, efficient maker."

Creating Guy was risky enough, but Updike didn't stop there. He has Hope hang out

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Food & dining

Pies 101

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Anyone who has ever made a pie knows the problem. In a word, it's the crust.

It can be tough, short, dry, wet, crackly, and bubbly. It can shrink so much that there is hardly any room for filling. It can be hard to roll out, the dough so dry that it is impossible to keep it together on the work surface.

It can be so sticky that no matter how much flour you put on the dough, it still ends up sticking to the pin.

The basic ingredients for American pie dough are simple enough: flour, fat (butter, Crisco, or lard), salt, sugar, and water. I have tested each ingredient (and plenty of other additions such as vinegar, egg, and baking powder) and have discovered what I think is the most foolproof, easiest method for making and rolling out pie dough for the home cook. The recipe (for a one-crust pie) is simple enough: 1 1/4 cups flour, 5 tablespoons, Crisco, 5 tablespoons chilled unsalted butter, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon sugar, and cold water.

Here are tips and techniques for making perfect pie dough every time:

A combination of Crisco and butter is best. Crisco makes the dough easy to roll out and flaky; butter adds flavor.

Cut the butter into small pieces and freeze it for 15 minutes before using. This prevents it from melting into the flour.

Use a food processor for mixing the ingredients but pulse it in one-second increments. The dough is ready when it turns slightly yellow and starts to climb up the sides of the processor bowl. (The "pea-sized" pieces often mentioned in recipes are too large look for a change in color and texture in the flour rather than the size of the butter pieces.) Do not underprocess the dough if the butter and Crisco do not get worked into the flour sufficiently, the dough will be tough when baked.

• The most important step is adding the water. Use plenty of water. Most cookbooks warn about using too much and suggest a modest 3 or 4 tablespoons for 1 1/4 cups flour which is usually insufficient. Most pie dough does not roll out properly because it is too dry. The outside of the dough can even be wet just flour it a bit before shaping it into a round.

•Use a large rubber spatula to mix the dough ingredients rather than your hands. Hands are hot and melt butter.

• Pie dough should spend at least an hour wrapped in plastic in the refrigerator before rolling. Overnight is best, especially for beginners.

•Let pie dough rest at room temperature for about 10 minutes before rolling or until it is malleable. Cold dough will not roll properly.

• If your dough starts to crumble when rolling, put it back into a bowl, and add water until it comes together into a nice cohesive ball. Flour it lightly and then roll out again. You can fix dry dough!

• To pre-bake a pie shell, refrigerate it or 40 minutes and then freeze it for 20 minutes before baking. (This reduces shrinking and bubbling.) Cover with a double layer of aluminum foil, add pie weights or dried beans, and bake for 21 minutes at 375 degrees, or until dough is "set." Remove foil and bake for about 4 minutes if the filling requires a lot of baking time (over 20 minutes) and 12 minutes or until nicely browned if the filling requires no baking.

• If you want to avoid the hassle of pre-baking a pie shell, place the pie (the filling is in an unbaked shell which is in a Pyrex pie plate) on the very bottom shelf of a 425 degree oven. Bake for 10 minutes, turn the pie in the oven, and then reduced the oven to 375 degrees for about 20 minutes or until done.

• For pumpkin, pecan and other custard-based pies, be sure to take them out of the oven while the center 3 to 4 inches is still wobbly. They will finish cooking and set up while cooling on the counter.

FOOLPROOF FOOD PROCESSOR PIE PASTRY

Freezing the butter for 15 minutes stops it from being completely cut into the flour in the food processor. Be sure to use unsalted butter.

For a single-crust 8- or 9-inch pie

5 tablespoons cold unsalted butter
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
5 tablespoons cold all-vegetable shortening (e.g. Crisco)
4 to 6 tablespoons ice water

1. Cut butter into 3/4-inch pieces and place in freezer for 15 minutes. Mix flour, salt, and sugar in a food processor fitted with the steel blade.

Place the Crisco in 1-tablespoon lumps into the food processor along with the frozen butter pieces. Pulse 8 to 12 times (1 second pulses) or until the dough appears slightly yellow, pebbly in texture, and the butter is reduced to very small pieces (about half the size of peas). Check dough after 5 pulses and every pulse thereafter. The mixture should also start rising up around the sides of the bowl as it is pulsed. Turn mixture into a medium bowl.

2. Sprinkle 3 tablespoons of water over the mixture. With blade of a large rubber spatula, use a folding motion to mix, then press down on dough with the broad side of the spatula until dough sticks together, adding more water if dough will not come together. Work slowly, mixing the dough to evenly distribute the water. This should take about 1 minute. The dough should be very wet and sticky at this point. It is better to add too much water than too little. Dust lightly with flour, shape dough into a ball with your hands, then flatten into a 4-inch wide disc. Wrap in plastic, and refrigerate for at least one hour before rolling.

DOUBLE-CRUST 10-INCH OR 9-INCH DEEP DISH VARIATION

With these larger quantities, make sure that the butter and vegetable shortening (Crisco) are sufficiently processed into the flour. Otherwise, the crust will be very tough and will shrink if pre-baked.

10 tablespoons chilled unsalted butter
10 tablespoons chilled all-vegetable shortening (e.g. Crisco)
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
8 to 12 tablespoons ice water

PRE-BAKED PIE SHELL

Reduce butter to 3 tablespoons from the 5 listed in the single crust recipe above. Place rolled out dough in pie plate in refrigerator for 40 minutes.

Place in freezer for 20 minutes. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Remove from freezer and fit a double thickness of heavy-duty aluminum foil (the extra-wide rolls are best; if the foil is too narrow, use two sheets) over shell, pressing foil carefully into edges of pie shell and against the sides. Add pie weights or dried beans, enough to generously cover bottom of pie plate. Pile up the weights around the sides of the shell to help hold them in place.

Bake on lower rack for about 21 minutes or until sides of pie shell are set. (They should not be moist and should be firm.) Remove foil and bake another 12 minutes if the filling requires no baking, 7 minutes if 20 minutes or less of baking time will be required, and 4 minutes if the filling needs more than 20 minutes of oven time. Remove from oven and cool on a rack.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Sandler goes 'Crazy'

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of Sandler), take Davey in and try to humanize him, and unless you've never seen a movie like this you'll glom to the inevitability of Davey turning good again. Along the way we get a few songs, the worst expressing Davey's disdain for everyone; the best, Whitey's laying down the rules of how to live with Eleanor and him and not commit a technical foul. These are not songs for the ages, though Sandler fans may consider "The Hanukkah Song" significant.

Ah, yes, significance. It is significant that as we've gone from being comfy saying "Merry Christmas" to one and all and not being, in our Era of Political Cockamamie, "insensitive," to feeling obliged to gush forth with a vapid "Happy Holiday!," Hanukkah has sunk even further down the memory hole. So, mazel tov to Sandler for reminding us that the Festival of Lights exists, even if he had to create a Jewish no-goodnik who destroys an ice menorah. The voices of Kevin Nealon, Rob Schneider, Norm Crosby, and Jon Lovitz — an alumni gaggle from Sandler's early years — add merriment, though bold product placement diminishes what good cheer this movie has generated. Happy end of Hanukkah to all, and to all a good night. Bah humbug.

Written by Brooks Arthur, Allen Covert, Brad Isaacs and Adam Sandler. Directed by Seth Kearsley. Rated PG-13

Updike's abstract impressions

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with Onno de Genoog, whose name is a near-anagram for (Willem) de Kooning. He based the coyly named Korgi on Arshile Gorky. Chuckling, Updike admits that when he made Mark Rothko into an Irishman, "I was beginning to doubt my own devices."

Updike says Pollock and most other abstract impressionists were "hard drinkers, hard talkers and basically violent men."

Although they were pioneers "on an adventure, opening up new territory, going where nobody had gone before," Updike says, "It never crossed my mind" to make his "Seek My Face" narrator one of them. He prefers to get into the mind of a woman — a painter in her own right — who witnessed it all.

"Hope and I have made the same rough pilgrimage from Pennsylvania to New York to New England," says Updike who, as a young man, spent two years in Manhattan as a writer for the New Yorker. "We both tried to make of art a spiritual quest for a kind of holiness that the real world doesn't offer in too many corners."

But that didn't dim his excitement about "creating a female witness to this moment and its aftermath, when American art claimed the international stage for the first time. The notion of having Hope live on and reflect on her life," Updike says, "seemed a vessel in which I could say something about, as it were, the imperial importance of abstract impressionism."

Beautiful bulbs bring holiday cheer

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Frigid temperatures, brisk chilly breezes and lingering patches of snow have ushered in the month of December as Mother Nature seems determined to balance the scales following last year's mild winter season.

Despite the inopportune timing of the season's first snowfall, the diamond-dusted covering of new fallen snow that blanketed many South Shore communities created a festive spirit as many residents traveled 'over the river and through the woods' beneath a canopy of crystal clear, deep blue skies.

With the ground frozen and wintry weather apparently here to stay, my thoughts turn from trimming the garden to trimming my home for the holidays. During the weeks to come, hours will be spent collecting fresh greens and berries to create holiday wreaths, swags, and decorations. As I gather my greenery, I already find myself yearning for the magic of springtime, the rebirth of our landscapes and the wonder of bulbs pushing their way up through the soil.

In an effort to temporarily satisfy this longing, I purchased a variety of bulbs to grow and enjoy indoors during the interim. Each morning, the intoxicating perfume of paper-white narcissus blooms greets me as I enter our brightly-lit breakfast room. These sweet-smelling clusters of dainty white flowers atop slender, fleshy stems took barely more than two weeks to bloom once started.

The process of "forcing" refers to a technique that makes plants bloom under conditions or at times that are not natural for those plants.

Paper-white narcissus bulbs and their yellow counterparts, 'Soleil d'Or, are particularly effortless and rewarding as they can be purchased and forced without an intermediary cooling period. Growing these bulbs merely requires a shallow, non-draining container or decorative bowl filled to within an inch of the rim with pebbles, gravel, marble chips or coarse sand. Water should be added to a level just below the surface of the pebbles and 3 to 5 bulbs set on top of the stones. Additional pebbles placed around the lower quarter of the bulbs' bases will secure them and prevent them from toppling over.

For best results, keep the narcissus bulbs in a cool location, ideally 50 to 60 degrees, with relatively low light until well rooted and stalks begin to appear. Be sure to keep the water level just below the base of the bulbs. As the buds begin to develop, gradually move the container into bright or direct sunlight. Regrettably, once the blossoms have faded several weeks later, the bulbs cannot be forced again and should be discarded.

Hyacinth bulbs offer another source of heavily scented blossoms that can be forced indoors. There are attractive kits that contain precooled hyacinth bulbs and specialty vases shaped like an hourglass for growing and displaying these purple-tinted bulbs. Water is put in the lower section of the container and filled to the neck of the hourglass while the bulb sits in the upper portion of the vase, pointed end up. The wiry, white roots can be readily observed as they sprout and grow, enabling children of all ages to witness the miracles of growth usually hidden beneath the soil surface. Water should be added periodically to maintain the level just below, but not touching, the base of the bulb.

Few decorative bulbs rival the blooms of the elegant amaryllis (Hippeastrum spp.). This popular holiday gift is easy to grow and usually produces four to six massive, spectacular, lily-shaped flowers in shades of red, pink or white clustered at the top of a sturdy, tall stalk.

Amaryllis bulbs may be purchased at a wide variety of retail outlets or grocery stores as part of a kit that usually contains an appropriately sized pot, growing medium and instructions, or they may be sold as larger, individual bulbs through catalogs or local nurseries. Larger bulbs often produce multiple stalks that may appear simultaneously or emerge one after another.

Keep these large bulbs cool until ready to plant and then soak in lukewarm water for a few hours prior to planting to rehydrate the bulbs and to accelerate their root development. Select a container that is just slightly larger than the width of the bulb (2 inches wider than the diameter of the bulb is ideal); be sure the container has drainage holes.

Fill the bottom of the pot with sterile potting soil and place the bulb in the container at a depth that will bring the neck of the bulb within an inch of the rim. Cover the bulb with soil, leaving the neck and shoulders of the bulb exposed. Water thoroughly and place the potted bulb in a warm, bright location providing bottom heat, if possible, to promote root formation. Water sparingly until the flower stalk emerges. Maintain a temperature of approximately 65 degrees and provide bright light, rather than full sun, to prolong blooming.

Water the plant when the soil feels dry to the touch and fertilize every other week with a general purpose, liquid soluble fertilizer at one-half the recommended strength or apply a teaspoon of Osmocote to the soil surface to provide nutrients each time the bulb is watered.

Paper-whites, hyacinths and amaryllis potted in decorative containers make wonderful holiday gifts or provide spectacular accents to your holiday trimmings. Their elegant blossoms and heavenly fragrance offer the promise of springtime during these cold winter months.

LISTEN To Life

by John Klefeker, BC-HIS
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PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA announces its Holiday Pops concerts will be presented Saturday evening, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m., and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m., at Memorial Hall, Plymouth. Tickets are $20, $25, $30 and $35. Tickets may be purchased at PPO office, 16 Court St., Plymouth; the Snow Goose Shop, Plymouth; The Studio of Duxbury and Noble's Camera Shop in Kingston. For more information call 508-746-8008.

MYSTIC VALLEY RAILWAY SOCIETY - Special holiday excursion Train - 20th edition. "The 34th Street Express" special Amtrak train leaves Dec. 14, from Boston's South Station at 7 a.m. stopping at Back Bay, Route 128 in Dedham/Westwood area in Providence, R.I., the express to Pennsylvania Station in New York City returning to the Hub by 11 p.m. after a full day of holiday fun. Reserved seating for 500 plus passengers with complete snack bar and restrooms. Optional seating at the Radio City Christmas Spectacular or a narrated sightseeing tour of lower Manhattan. Special round-trip fares for train only per person $75. For details, write Mystic Valley Railway Society, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA - 2136-0009 or call 617-361-4445 or visit www.mysticvalleyrs.org

MAMMA MIA! returns to the Colonial Theatre Jan. 25 to March 16. The infectious and funny production featuring 22 of ABBA's best known songs. MAMMA MIA previously played at the Colonial Theatre in 2001 for 12 weeks playing to sold-out houses and breaking box office records. Prices are $87 to $27. For more information call 617-426-9366. Tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or ticketmaster.com.

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"Lilies" by Bettina Lesieur. Duxbury artist Bettina Lesieur will hold her 7th Annual Art Exhibit at her gallery/studio 301 St. George Street Friday, Dec. 6 through Sunday, Dec. 8. The exhibit features more than 100 oil paintings ranging in size from miniature to large pieces featuing Duxbury and South Shore landscapes along with others depicting Cape Cod and the islands and Provence, France. The exhibit will be held Dec. 6 from 3 to 9 p.m., Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. A gala reception will be held Dec. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m For more information call (781) 934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

Thurs. 5

Pet Night with Santa at the Hanover Mall, Bring your pet in for a family photo this holiday season. Dec. 2 to 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Hanover Mall is located at 1775 Washington St.,(Route 53) Hanover.

Annual Christmas Show at the Scituate Art Gallery, located on Front Street, now through Jan. 26. The Christmas Show at the Scituate Art Gallery will feature a variety of original, small-sized paintings perfect for holiday gift-giving. Give someone special an original piece of art by Gallery Artists. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

The 13th Annual Festival of Trees held at Plimoth Plantation, Route 3A, Plimoth Plantation Highway, Dec. 5 to 8, celebrates the joys of the holiday season and supports the care given by Cranberry Hospice. This event features more than 50 Christmas trees, from six foot to 15 foot giants. Entertainment, daily visits with Santa, a Cocktail Party and a unique gift shop surround the Festival with all the tradition of a New England holiday season. Thousands of people from all over the South Shore and Cape Cod enjoy this entirely volunteer run festival every year. Money raised through the annual Festival of Trees is used to financially support the life-affirming care provided by Cranberry Hospice, serving the communities of Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Scituate and Wareham. For more information call 508-746-1049 or visit www.cranberryhospice.org/festival.

Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books will host G.H. Ephron at the Hingham Library on Dec. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. G.H. Ephron is the pseudonym used by the writing team of Milton resident Hallie Ephron and Cambridge resident Donald Davidoff. Together they have produced three mystery medical thrillers. Free event. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665, to order signed copy if unable to attend.

Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show, Dec. 5 through Dec. 8, at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigree pooches competing each day for top dog "Best in Show" honors and AKC titles after winning within their respective breeds and groups. Admission is $10 adults and seniors and $5 children. Parking $12. Tickets available at the door. Bayside Exposition is located at exit 15 off the Southeast Expressway, Route 93 South. For information call 508-533-1153 or visit www.baycolonydogshow.com

Jimbo's South Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, presents **Reverend Tim McIntire**, along with host, **Danny Miller**, other comics include **Annette Pollack, Jay Savage, Malissa Hunt, Debbit+3, and Stephen Holda**. For information call 781-848-0300.

Fri. 6

Friends of Cranberry Hospice - 2002 Festival Of Trees "Family Fun Night" 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **Rainforest Reptile Shows presents "Reptiles Rock."** Tickets include admission to the Festival, adults $8, children $8, they will be available at: Westwinds Bookshop, Duxbury; Olivia Rose, Marshfield; Once Upon a Time, Duxbury; South Shore Children's Museum, Pembroke; A Wing & A Prayer, Plymouth. **Tickets will not be available at the door.** In addition to the performance there will be festival holiday entertainment and, Santa. Both the Festival's and Plimoth Plantation's gift shops will be open. For more information call 508-746-1049 or visit www.cranberryhospice.org/festival.

The Second Annual Christmas Tree Sale to benefit the Brittany Lambert Foundation, Inc. begins Friday, Dec. 6, from noon until 8 p.m. through to Dec. 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Doran Insurance Bldg., 33 Enterprise St., Duxbury. Fresh cut balsams and wreaths. All trees $25 and up. All proceeds benefit the foundation.

The 12th Annual Christmas On North Street celebration begins on Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the heart of Plymouth's scenic historic district. North Street, edged with glowing luminaria set out by Kiwanis Club volunteers, will be the setting for old-fashioned holiday festivities from 5 to 8 p.m. with roving street carolers, free hot cider and free children's holiday crafts workshops. For tickets and information call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@mindspring.com

A Highlight of Plymouth Holiday Festivities "A Doll Enchanted Christmas" a display of dolls, including miniature fashion models and a range of antique and reproduction dolls, as part of this year's decorated holiday tours at the 1749 Spooner House, 27 North St., Plymouth. Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 8, noon to 4 p.m. For more information call 508-746-0012.

The Nathan Gallery presents "The Winter Show" Dec. 6 to Feb. 10, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Gallery Hours Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Opening reception Dec. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Complimentary wine-tasting will take place by Paul of Town Wine & Spirits and The Bistro at Cataldi's. For information call 781-826-6500.

Christmas Open House at the Stetson House, 514 Hanover St., Hanover Center. Historic House decorated for Christmas "Celebrate Hanover 275 years" Preview Dec. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. Concert by Harbor Choral Arts at 8 p.m. followed by dessert party - one ticket for all three $10 may be purchased at Nobles Card Shop or Library. Call 781-826-9575 or 781-826-6254. House open for tours and green's sale on Dec. 7 and 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Dec. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The South Shore Science Center invites the public to its third annual "**A Natural Christmas**," a collection of wreaths, swags and tabletop trees decorated using a natural theme to be displayed in Vine Hall Gallery Dec. 6 and 7. The greens are decorated by garden clubs, garden centers, floral designers, individual organizations for the purpose of raising money for the Science Center's numerous programs and exhibits. A new category event is the Gingerbread House display. All will be sold by silent action at festive holiday reception on Dec. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. admission to the event is $5. The exhibit is open to the public through Dec. 7. For more information call 781-659-2559.

St. Coletta and Cardinal Cushing Schools will host its annual Christmas celebration of lights on Dec. 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. (rain date: Monday, Dec. 9) at Cardinal Cushing Centers, 405 Washington St. in Hanover.

Hansel & Gretel, an opera performed in one act by South Shore Conservatory's *Opera by the Bay*. Friday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 7, at 1 and 4 p.m., at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury, and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 and 5 p.m. at Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham. Sung in English, *Opera by the Bay's* production of Engelbert Humperdinck's opera *Hansel & Gretel* is a perfect holiday treat for the whole family. Proceeds benefit educational programs and scholarships of South Shore Conservatory. Tickets $15 per person, $12 for seniors and students, available at The Ellison Center for the Arts and Westwinds Book Shop in Duxbury; at South Shore Conservatory and Nobles Camera Shop, Main Street, in Hingham; and at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. For information or to purchase tickets by phone, call Laura Carleton, 781-934-2731, ext. 14.

Harbour Choral Arts Society presents: **Carols of Mystery and Glory** directed by Allan Friedman Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. at **St. Mary's Church in Hanover**, and **Old South Union Congregational Church in Weymouth**, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. Tickets are $10. For information call 781-871-0539.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Ellis Paul** and **Carl Cacho** at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $16 members $18 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

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A Christmas open house at the historic Stetson House in Hanover will be held Dec. 6-8. This year's event "Celebrate Hanover 275 years" includes a preview night Friday, Dec. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. A concert by Harbor Choral Arts at 8 p.m. will be followed by a dessert party. Tickets are $10 and are available at Nobles Card Store or at the library. The Stetson House will be open for tours and a greens sale Dec. 7 and 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Dec. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call (781)826-9575.

The James Library Center for the Arts presents **Patricia and Tanin Gray**, Mixed Media and paintings "Shades of Gray" Dec. 6 to Jan. 8. A reception will be held Dec.6, from 7 to 9 p.m. The James Library Center for the Arts is located at 24 West St., P.O. Box 164, Norwell. For information call 781-659-7100.

Congregation Beth Jacob, serving the Jewish Community throughout the South Shore, has two facilities in downtown Plymouth. Beth Jacob Synagogue, corner of Pleasant and Market Street, and the Beth Jacob Community Center located at the corner of Court and Brewster Streets. **Shabbat Service** Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Call 508-747-0372 for information.

The Company Theatre's production of **A Christmas Carol** will be presented Nov. 29, through Dec. 21. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday and tickets are priced at $20 in advance and $22 day of show on Wednesdays and Thursday; and $23 in advance and $25 day of show on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Tickets are now available at the Company Theatre box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. For more information visit the website at www.companytheatre.com

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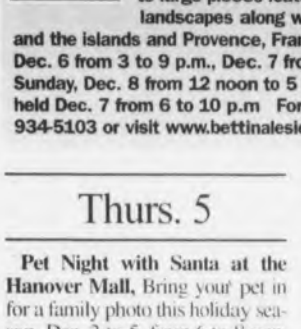

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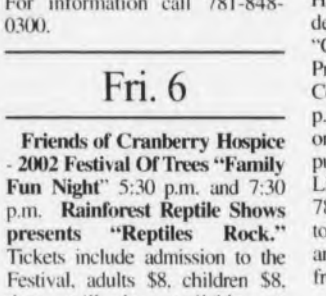

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Scituate artisan Marj Bates will hold her annual holiday sale at her Rebecca Road studio Dec. 7 & 8, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information call (781)545-8290 or visit www.glassthings.com.

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All aboard the "Polar Party Express" at Edaville Railroad: Holiday readings of the "Christmas Story," "The Polar Express" Special guest readers (including Conductor Bill, Rex Trailer and more) on Nov. 29, at 5 and 6 p.m. and continuing on each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 5 and 6 p.m. through Dec. 21. Edaville Railroad is located at 7 Eda Ave., Carver, (Route 58 North off of route 495, then just follow the signs). The Polar Party Express celebration is free with regular admission to Edaville Railroad: $19.50/children under age 3 free.

Congregation Beth Jacob, serving the Jewish Community throughout the South Shore, has two facilities in downtown Plymouth. Beth Jacob Synagogue, corner of Pleasant and Market Street, and the Beth Jacob Community Center located at the corner of Court and Brewster Streets. Call Myra for details 508-747-0372. The CBJ Community celebrates Chanukah on Friday, Dec. 6, with a latke and salad dinner followed by a Chanukah/Shabbat service. Advanced reservations are needed to attend the dinner adults.$10, children 5-12/ $7.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **NRBQ and special guest Blandingo**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 7

Breakfast with Santa at the Hanover Mall will take place Dec. 7, from 9 to 10 a.m. McDonald's will provide breakfast, plus all children attending will receive a free gift. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the customer Service Center. Seating is limited. Cost: $2 per child. For more information, call 781-826-7386 ext. 237.

Winter Wonderland at Eames Way School, 165 Eames Way, Marshfield, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Celebration will feature horse-drawn hayrides, games and crafts for kids and face painting. Refreshments, secret shopping, a raffle and delicious baked goods for sale. For information call 781-834-5090.

The Braintree Rotary Club invites all to attend the annual Lighting of the Memorial Tree at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. Memorial ceremony accompanied by music and refreshments.

The Fred Astaire Dance Studio presents a fun-filled stress free day sponsored by **Illana Marks**, radio host, and **Ellen Morin** of Manipura gift store. Psychic readings, Reiki and massage, spiritual artists, gifts, healings, shopping, music presentations, book signing, food, entertainment and more. Entry fee $3 at the door. For more information call Ellen Morin at 781-545-2662 or visit www.thegstringtheory.com

Carved and Painted Tile Workshop - The South Shore Art Center is offering a one-day workshop Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost, which includes material fees is $100 ($85 for SSAC members). Students are encouraged to bring sketches and favorite images to use for inspiration. For more information visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787

Rossman Pottery, 2 Saltmeadow Lane, Scituate (off Rt. 3A and 123) will host its 14th Annual Christmas Open House on Dec. 7 and Dec. 8 from noon to 5 p.m. Sales items will continue through December. Five "House Potters" will display their pieces.

Plymouth County Cranberry Quilters' First Annual Auction Dec. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Carver Public Library. Live auction of quality quilted items at 2 p.m. Silent auction 1 to 3:30 p.m. Boutique table. Children's Story Time at 1 to 3 p.m. and 2 to 2:30 p.m. "Roly Poly" quilt to benefit the Carver Library.

The First Annual Festival of Trees at the Paragon Carousel located on Nantasket Beach in Hull. This fund-raising event will be happening over nine evenings (three weekends) and feature 10 holiday trees decorated by designers and business's on the South Shore This event is a 100 percent volunteer and community effort. Christmas, the holiday horse will be setup in a special display so you may have your picture taken on her (for $5). This has always been a popular tradition at the carousel. There will be a canned food drive for the Wellspring Food Pantry located in Hull. The pantry services over 300 families on the South Shore. Everyone bringing a canned good or boxed food item to this event will receive "A Good Deed Coupon" entitling you to one free ride on the carousel in the year 2003. The goal is to collect over 2002 items. Tickets are $2 Child/$10 Adult on opening night, $1.75 Child/ $5 Adults all other nights. For more information on dates and times, please check our website www.enjoy-hull.com or call 781-925-0472.

Village Fair on Cohasset Common, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Village Fair of Cohasset brings together four local churches in the community and provides an opportunity to shop, sample great food and enjoy the holiday crafts and festivities sponsored by the Religious Community of Cohasset.

Buttonwood For Kids will host illustrator **Mary Jane Begin** on Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. She has illustrated a new edition of "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame. She will also host an interactive drawing session where the audience will help her create an original piece of art. Call 781-749-2665 to order a signed book if unable to attend.

Dramatikos, Massasoit Community College's student theatre company presents its first annual fundraising event "Mr. MCC." on Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. MCC students compete for the title of Mr. MCC by displaying their talent and finesse. Contestants will be judged by a panel of peers and professionals. Tickets $7/$5 seniors and students. For information call 508-588-9100 ext. 1052.

South Shore YMCA Food Drive will hold a holiday food drive Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet Santa from noon to p.m. at the YMCA Mill Pond in Hanover. All proceeds benefit the German town Neighborhood Center in Quincy.

St. Andrew's Holiday Christmas Fair, 17 Church St., Hanover. Arts and crafts, jewelry books, gift baskets, toys/sporting goods, lunch and a bake table and much more. Additional parking available in the rear lot off Route 53.

The Sung Harbor Community Chorus will perform at The Ellison Center on Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. and Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at Westwinds Book Store in Duxbury; adults $12, students and seniors $10.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "Babes In Toyland at the Cohasset Town Hall Nov 29 and 30 at 7:30; Dec 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec 1, 8, 14 and 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10, bring a canned good for local food pantry, receive $1 off your ticket at the door. Girl Scout Troops receive $2 each ticket. Call Wendy at 545-1655 Tickets are available at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Springbrook Kids in Cohasset, or by phone at 544-0304.

South Shore Men of Harmony will present at 2 p.m. on Dec. 7, Father Bill's Place Holiday Benefit Concert in the Weymouth High School auditorium, 1051 Commercial St., emceed by Rev. Terry Martinson and featuring "Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus" augmented with several volunteer singers from within the community. "Fine Arts Choral" "Rejoice Gospel Singers," soloists, and our chapter quartets. Call Fr. Bill's Place (617)376-2255 for tickets: Adults $15, Senior/Students $10. Refreshments and door prizes. For more information call Pete Fitzgerald 781-341-1688 or Bill Fitzgerald 781-337-0227.

The Weymouth Art Association Members Winters Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth, from Dec. 7 to 14. For more information call 781-337-1402 or 781-227-4513.

Children's Holiday Art Workshops at **The Little House of Arts in Scituate Harbor. Gingerbread House Workshop:** build and bring home an edible delight for the whole family to enjoy. Dec. 7, or Dec. 14. Ages 4 to 6 10 to 11:30 a.m. Grades 1 to 3 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Grades 4 to 6 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Cost is $25 supplies and holiday treats included. Located at 157 Front St., Scituate. Call 781-545-9326 to register.

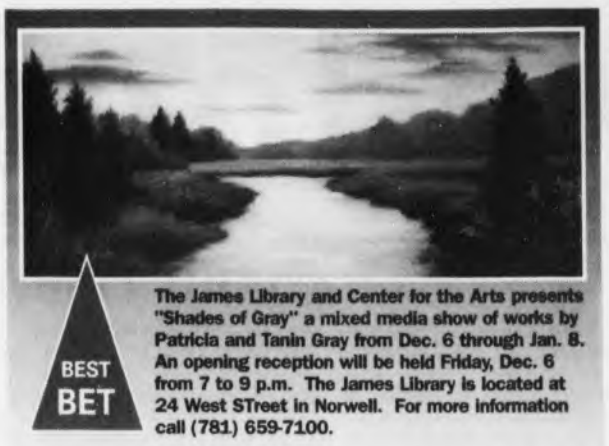
Hull Lifesaving Museum Holiday presents - A Victorian Taste of Christmas Winetasting Enjoy a sumptuous array of foods and wines, Dec. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. $40 members/$45 non-members. Call 781-925-5433.

Merri Market, the historic **Old Ship Church's Christmas Fair,** Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. Decorated wreaths, gifts, toys, home-baked items, used books and CDs, snack bar. For information call 781-749-1679.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra presents its annual Yule concerts, Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in historic Old Ship Church, Hingham, and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. With Jin Kim conducting, HSO will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, Faure's Pelleas et Melisande Suite, and Anderson's A Christmas Festival. Tickets are $20 adults, $18 seniors, $10 through age 18. Available at Hingham Public Library, Cards & Shards, Cohasset, Front St. Book Shop, Scituate, Noble's Norwell, or call 781-740-5694.

Hingham 11th Annual Winterfest Folk Art & Craft Show will be held at the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission $6 per person; children under 12 free. Bring a non perishable food item for the Hingham Food pantry and receive a $ off regular admission price. Free parking is available and on Dec. 7, a free shuttle bus will be available all day from the rear of the parking lot of Resurrection Church on Main St, directly to the Hingham Middle School. For more information call 717-796-2380.

The Quincy Dinner Theatre presents musical Holiday Party XV at 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. Twenty performers bring music, romance, comedy and spirit of the holiday season. dinner and show $37.50. Group rates available Free parking; wheelchair accessible. Performances to be held Dec. 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, and 22 Monday through Saturday. 7 p.m. dinner; 8:30 p.m. show. Sunday matinees 2 p.m. dinner; 3:30 show. For more information call (781) 843-5862.



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The James Library and Center for the Arts presents "Shades of Gray" a mixed media show of works by Patricia and Tanin Gray from Dec. 6 through Jan. 8. An opening reception will be held Friday, Dec. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. The James Library is located at 24 West STreet in Norwell. For more information call (781) 659-7100.

Bootfactory Studios Open Studio - Free and open to the public 2 Canton Street, Rt. #27 in Stoughton, Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring 24 Studio artists showing their work and studios to the public, selling fine art, crafts and holiday gift items, offering classes and art related services. This is a non-profit event.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Jeff Pitchell and Texas Flood**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 8

Dance Unlimited of Hanover will present its production of **The Nutcracker Ballet** on Dec. 8, at 3 p.m., at the Rockland High School auditorium. Ticket prices are $10 general admission. Call 781-871-4264 for seating availability.

The Thomas Crane Library is offering its holiday house tour - this time showcasing one of Quincy's newest and most luxurious neighborhoods - Chapman's Reach at Marina Bay. Decorated by local designers and the Wollaston Garden Club. Tickets are $20 in advance and $22 on the day of the event. All proceeds will be used to pay for special children's programs and concerts and community lectures. For more information call 617-376-1315.

Buttonwood Books and Toys, Cohasset, will host illustrator **Joan Paley** on Dec. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. Paley is the illustrator for "Moon Glowing" by Elizabeth Partridge. Free event. Call 781-383-2665 to order a signed copy if unable to attend.

Afternoon Tea hosted by **Windsor Tea Shop,** North Scituate, will be held at **The Inn at Scituate Harbor**. Each tea will feature a different guest speaker. Chocolate lovers beware. **Joanne from Hilliard's Candy House** of Hanover, will present some of their scrumptious hand-made chocolates. Come for a test tasting. A menu will be provided by **The Borrowed Butler** of Scituate. Price per person $33. For more information call 781-545-7100.

Kukstis Woodcarving, Seventh Ave., Scituate, open house, on Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors are welcome to come and enjoy refreshments and observe wood carving demonstrations by Paul Kukstis, as he works on quarterboards and house signs, getting them ready for holiday gift giving. Specials on carvings in stock, gift certificates and the chance to place a last minute order for holiday gifts. For more information call 781-545-6103.

Choral Art Society of Scituate will perform Handel's Messiah in authentic Baroque style on Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. at **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church** in Hanover. Dr. Richard Bunbury will conduct the mixed chorus and professional soloists in rendition of the piece using fast tempi and period articulation. Peter Krasinski, winner of the 2002 National Organ Improvisation Competition, will accompany the singers. A reception will follow the concert with free refreshments served. Tickets are priced at $12.00/$10.00 (students and seniors) and are available in advance from members or at the door on performance day. The church is handicapped accessible. For more information visit www.choralartsociety.org or call 781-837-1426.

The Fine Arts Choral Christmas Pops Concert Lombardo's Grand Ballroom, Randolph. Dec. 8, from 2 to 6 p.m. Single tickets $15/seniors-students $14. Holiday buffet between performances $25. For information/reservations call 1-800-230-7555 or visit www.fineartschorale.org

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Hingham's 11th Annual Winterfest Folk Art and Craft Show will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hingham Middle School. Admission is $6 per person, free for children 12 and under. Parking is free and shuttle service will be available Saturday, Dec. 7 from the Ressurection Church Parking Lot to the middle school For more information call (717) 796-2380.

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The Braintree Choral Society presents its winter program on Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. at The First Baptist Church, Braintree, and again at 4 p.m. Dec. 15, at the Old South Union Congregational Church, Weymouth. Both locations are handicap accessible and tickets are $12 and $10 for seniors and students. The program will feature the "Messe de Minuitt Pour Noel" or the "Midnight Mass for Christmas" by Charpentier; also, the group will be performing traditional Chanukah and Christmas selections along with some English carols. For more information call 781-335-9947.

United Church of Christ in Norwell to hold two Christmas celebration concerts this year on Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at 460 Main St., Norwell. Free and open to the public. For more information call 781-659-2887.

The Hingham Mothers' Club will hold its annual holiday house tour on Dec. 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Hingham Mother's Club Scholarship Fund, which provides college scholarships to Hingham resident high school seniors. Tickets are $20 in advance or $25 on the day of the tour. Call 781-749-3051 for locations to purchase advance tickets.

The North River Arts Society announces the opening of The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Featured artist, **Nancy Colella**, opens this gallery with an inaugural exhibit of her new works entitled "Little Gems." This exhibit runs from Dec. 1, to Jan. 25 and is open to visitors Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 781-837-8091 or visit northriverarts@rcn.com

The Art Complex Museum of Duxbury will present the **Chameleon Arts Ensemble** of Boston, at 4 p.m. It is free and open to all. Call 781-934-6634.

Local insurance agencies assist the Toys For Tots Campaign Recent lay-offs by area companies are expected to affect many Massachusetts families this holiday season. Help make this year's drive better than ever. Fax 508-628-3769 if you would like to donate a check made payable to Toys for Tots. Please be sure to include your name and phone number. The campaign which runs through Dec. 9, involves the collection of new, unwrapped toys for children up to the age of 18. Gilmore brothers staff members provide & deliver decorated collection boxes, and pick up the toys. The United States Marine Corps. takes over from there, bringing the toys to a central distribution center for delivery to area children. Anyone wishing to donate a toy can stop by any of the following local drop sites:; **ATA Feenan Financial Ins., Quincy; Rogers Ins., Stoughton; MF&T Ins., Norwell; Morrill Ins., Norwood; Charles Jordan Insurance, Weymouth.**

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The Quincy Dinner Theatre presents its Musical Holiday Party XV" Dec. 7 - 22 with shows Monday through Saturday with 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 p.m. show. Matinees are 2 p.m. dinner, 3:30 p.m. show. Tickets are $37.50 for dinner and the show and group rates are available. The Quincy Dinner Theatre is located at 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. For more information call (781) 843-5862.

Mon. 9

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, Gayle Lawson, will exhibit her paintings for the month of December at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

"Watershed Through the Lens" NSRWA's 2002 Photo Contest and Show The 30 winning photographs of the NSRWA's "Watershed though the Lens" Photo Contest will be on display at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell from Dec. 9, through Jan. 31, 2003. The public is invited to attend. There will be an opening reception on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. To view images of this year's winning photos, visit our website www.nsrwa.org

Tues. 10

The Braintree Art Association member **Terry Chase** will be displaying her paintings for the month of December at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Buttonwood Books &Toys in Cohasset, and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham, invite all to participate in a **Book Angel Program**. The Book Angel program runs through Dec. 15. This program is designed to help put books into the hands of children who might not otherwise receive them. The Book Angel takes an angel from the tree in the store and purchases a book for that child according to the interest of the child indicated on the angel. Buttonwood will give a discount of 15 percent on the book and deliver the book to the selected group. Books selected at Buttonwood in Cohasset will go to children served by Wellspring in Hull, the Friends of the homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families Program. Books purchased at Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham will be gifts for children served by the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, the Mary-Martha Learning Center and also Wellspring in Hull. For more information call 781-383-2665 or 781-749-2665.

Local Pottery, 26 Washington St., Pembroke, will host its seventh annual holiday show and sale this year from until to Dec. 24. Call 781-826-1325 for more information.

South of Boston Knitters Guild will hold their monthly meeting Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Route 139, in Marshfield. There will be a Yankee Swap (knitting related item) and an optional Cookie Swap. New members and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For information call 781-740-4961.

Wed. 11

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

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The Sea Note presents NRBQ and special guest Blandingo Friday, Dec. 6. Tickets are $13 in advance and $15 the day of the show. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. and are 21 and over. For more information call (781) 749-3989.

The new Donate a Book Program at the Clift Rodgers Free Library gives the opportunity to honor that special person or couple, perhaps for a birthday, anniversary, an achievement of note, or in memory of one who has been an important part of our lives. Your book donation will be a gift to many - to the honored one, to the Library, and to all the readers who open your chosen book. The book you select from the library's frequently updated "wish list" will then have a Book Plate placed within the cover showing the names of the honored person(s) and the donor(s). An adult book selection is $20 and a child is $15.Call the librarian at 781-834-4597 for further information or stop by the library at 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. (Winter hours are Monday - Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday evening, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holiday Arts Workshop at The Little House of Arts in Scituate Harbor. Create festive lawn ornaments during this two week holiday blast. Cost $30 for two classes (includes supplies and snack). Ages 4 to 6 Dec. 4 and 11, 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. Grades 1 to 4 Dec. 5 and 12 from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. Grades 4 to 6 Dec. 3 and 17 from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. All classes are taught by Julie Hawkins. Located at 157 Front St., Scituate. Call 781-545-9326 to register.

Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books will host **Kevin Cullen** at the Hingham Library on Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. about "Betrayal: The Crisis in the Catholic Church" Free event. Reservations requested by calling 781-741-1405 or 781-383-2665.

Brockton Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. - Doors open at 6:30 p.m. - Box office open at 6 p.m. at Brockton High School Auditorium, Route 123, Brockton. Featured will be The local a cappella vocal group Stir Fried which includes two of Brockton's most popular music teachers Penny Knight and Lisa Villani is featured for the festive evening. The Orchestra will also welcome to the stage the BHS Concert Band under the direction of Vinnie Macrina. Michael Palladino will wave the baton for one special number but the Symphony Music Director and Conductor Jonathan Cohler will preside over the evening which includes excerpts from the Nutcracker and more. All tickets general admission. $12.50 per person. Appropriate for all ages. Call 508-588-3841 or on line at http://www.brocktonsymphony.org This event is handicapped accessible, parking is free and plentiful.

Jamie's in Marshfield, 804 Plain St., Rt. 139, Marshfield, presents **Tommy Dunham**, along with host, **Danny Miller**. Other comics include **Larry Lee Lewis, Annette Pollack and Bill Ford**. For more information call 781-834-7877.

Thurs. 12

Project Connect is sponsoring a support group for parenting the difficult child on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church on 381 Country Way in Scituate. Second Thursday of each month. Child care and refreshments provided. Call 781-545-6127 or 617-696-5211 for more information .

Insight Education Center presents a workshop, **"A Child's Anger! Allowing The Feeling, Managing the Behavior"** (ages 3 to 10) being held at the First Congregational Church, Hanover, on Dec. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 781-294-8004. Certificates of attendance for teachers, nurses, and child care providers.

Benefit Luncheon and Fashion Show for **Our World** the children's global discovery museum to be built in Cohasset, on Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Atlantica Restaurant on Cohasset Harbor. Fashions from Talbot's Raffles for a night and tea for two at Boston's Ritz-Carlton. Tickets $45 per person; raffles $25 each, six for $100 For information call 781-383-9911.

Fri. 13

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Dec. 13, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **James Montgomery Band**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

Planetary action turns around completely today, making it prime for new beginnings of all kinds. Influences are particularly favorable between 11:30 a.m.-12:43 p.m., when the moon aligns with Jupiter. Optimism and enthusiasm run high. Be sure to have a clear plan of action so that you can be productive. The solar eclipse/full moon culminates at 2:34 a.m., 12-degrees of Sagittarius. In addition, Jupiter, the planetary ruler of Sagittarius, begins retrograde travel at 7:20 a.m., 18-degrees Leo.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

At 2:55 a.m. the Sagittarius moon opposes Saturn and becomes inactive. A practical Capricorn moon takes over at 8:39 a.m., beginning an excellent period for initiating new projects, promoting ideas, launching ventures. Take advantage of a favorable Mercury-Uranus alignment and sign contracts before 2:08 p.m. This planetary combination is also ideal for brainstorming and problem-solving. Be sure to initiate new activities before 3:20 p.m., when the Capricorn moon interacts with Venus and becomes inactive.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Wake up in a good mood. Count your blessings instead of getting caught up in worries, limited thinking. A 180-degree opposition of Mercury and Saturn culminates at 8:36 a.m. The moon travels in Capricorn, ruled by the planet Saturn. This moon is inactive; it forms no major contacts to planets today. That means that new starts are off limits. Stay busy with projects that need to be redone, finished. Handle routine chores and errands.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

Yesterday's planetary influences remain in effect this morning. Finish projects that have been left hanging, handle odds and ends of things. Planetary action turns around completely at 12:54 p.m., when the moon enters adventurous Aquarius. The evening rates high for social activities. Lunar alignments to Mars and Venus may spark romantic passions. Take a walk on the wild side.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

An Aquarius moon prompts you to keep an open mind. Be willing to explore new ideas and be open to new experiences. Mercury moves into Capricorn at 3:21 p.m., remaining there until February 12. An applying alignment of the sun and Pluto adds a sense of urgency and intensity to today's planetary picture. It makes this day ideal for renewing old friendships, rebuilding relationships that have broken down. On a practical level, current influences are also prime for finding new solutions to old problems, making repairs or renovations. A lunar opposition to Jupiter this evening warns you to know your limits. Don't make impulsive purchases or promises.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The Aquarius moon interacts with Uranus and Saturn until 1:35 p.m., when it becomes inactive. The sun and Pluto conjoin at 18-degrees Sagittarius, 11:54 a.m. Expect the unexpected. Be flexible. As the day goes on, a harmonious alignment of the sun and Jupiter begins to take effect, setting a more relaxed pace. At 8:46 p.m. the moon enters easygoing Pisces, and the green light goes on for new starts.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

The sun aligns with expansive Jupiter at 2:16 a.m. The Pisces moon forms flowing 120-degree contacts to Mars at 7:53 a.m. and Venus at 9:32 a.m. Tackle jobs that require your creativity and imagination. Follow your intuition; your instincts are on target. Get extra rest tonight. Pay attention to your dreams.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

This day has its challenges. Stay alert and use common sense. A 90-degree alignment of the Pisces moon and Pluto occurs at 7:00 a.m. Others may be grouchy or distracted. Don't make waves. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 10:48 a.m., serving as a reminder that a full moon is building up and will culminate December 19. Finish old business rather than starting new activities. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

The Pisces moon aligns with Saturn at 12:02 a.m. and becomes inactive. The moon enters fiery Aries at 7:58 a.m., setting a brisk pace. Be sure to have a clear plan of action, so that you can take advantage of today's positive influences. You can be most productive. Handle jobs that need physical exertion and stamina. Get back on track with exercise programs. A 90-degree alignment of the moon and Mercury in effect between 6:54-9:54 p.m., warns you to slow down and think before you speak.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Roll up your sleeves and take on a busy work agenda. Channel high energy constructively. The moon continues to travel in Aries, forming harmonious contacts to Pluto and Jupiter this evening. In addition, Mercury prepares to interact with Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries. You can be extremely productive, if you are well organized. On the other hand, an applying alignment of Venus and Neptune, warns against making important decisions or purchases. It may be difficult to separate the facts from the wishful thinking.

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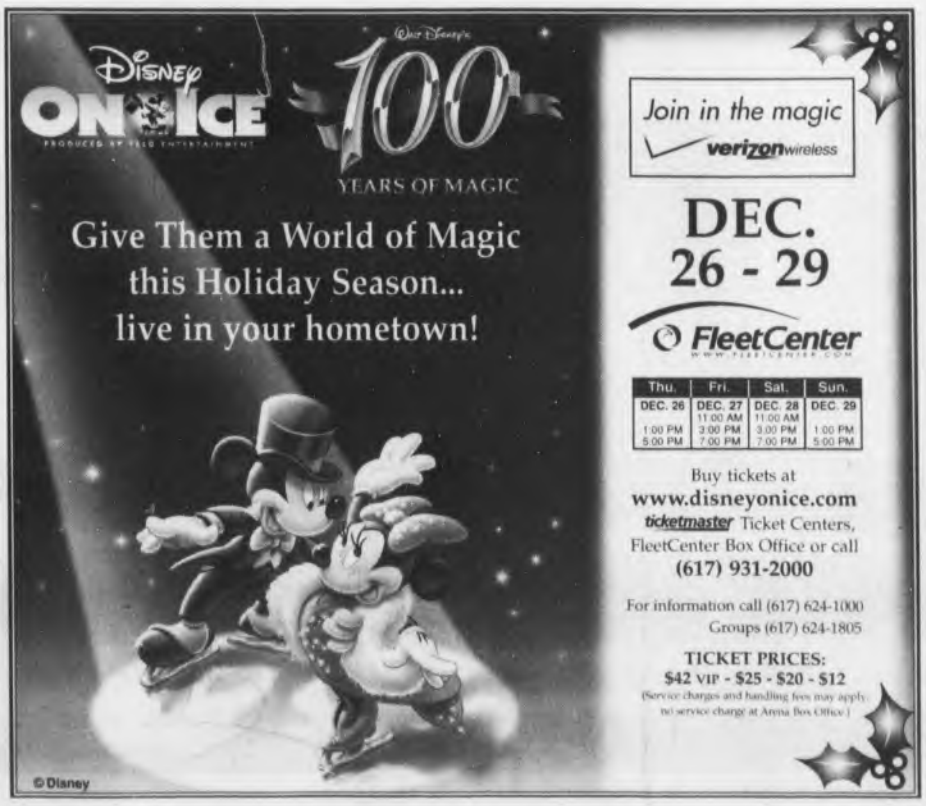

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SANTA COMES TO TOWN!

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Santa waves to passersby on Cohasset Common during Saturday's annual Village Fair that was sponsored by the churches in town. For more photos, see page 25.

Private donors ante up for Pratt building

Historical society to buy property

By Brian J. Scully
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Cohasset is known for its beauty, its affluence, and its history.

But soon, it may also be known for its civic-minded generosity.

A group of six donors, led by Louis Harvey of King Street, have come forward to front the entire $725,000 purchase price to keep the Paul Pratt Building available to the public. The latest philanthropic effort came only a month after private residents organized to help fund the $1 million purchase of the Barnes Property, a forest area that abuts Wheelwright park.

"I think that the number of people here today is an indication of the passion in town for saving the library."
— Lou Harvey, King Street

The news ended a whirlwind of activity that saw the Pratt building — the sale of which will help finance the $3.9 million library project at the old Osgood School — go from unwanted, to in demand.

Twice before, the town put the library out to bid, both times receiving one bid and both times, the offer was less than the necessary $700,000 that had been integrated into the cost of the new library. But all that changed when Town Manager Mark Haddad came up with a creative plan to market the property through a real estate agency. Haddad and the selectmen chose Grand Gables and the company generated two bids — all above the minimum price of $725,000, which included a $25,000 commission for the real estate agency.

It was only days prior to the

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Beach Street 40B proposal is bogged down by lawsuit

But Planning Board likes site for seniors

By Brian J. Scully
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It would seem the simplest test of a Chapter 40B project, almost a formality: Do you hold legal control of the site on which you plan to build?

But for Ellen Morrissey and Great Neck LLC, who want to build a 103-condominium senior housing complex on Beach Street under the auspices of the state's affordable housing law, it is grounds in the latest setback in a decade-long series of attempts to develop the land.

This week, the Massachusetts Housing Finance Committee (MassHousing) returned the 40B application to Great Neck LLC, over concerns of ownership. While Morrissey holds the deed for the property, David Walsh of Quincy, filed suit against Morrissey over a disputed agreement he says was in place for him to buy the property. Walsh took legal action to register his claim with the Norfolk County Superior Court to attach notice of the pending lawsuit to the official deed.

"A criteria for any 40B proposal is that the developer has to have control of the land," said Eric Gedstad, a spokesman for MassHousing. "This has not been clearly established in the case because of the pending litigation."

While some in town were pleased with the delay, the Planning Board — despite voicing concerns over the specific project — reached a consensus that the site is suitable for a senior housing development because of its proximity to the downtown village area.

Once the lawsuit is resolved, there will still be two issues facing the project, according to MassHousing.

The first has to do with the sale price of the land. Seven months ago, the property was sold for $1.2 million. Now, Great Neck LLC is buying the property for $4 million, which has MassHousing concerned. According to the letter submitted to Great Neck's lawyer Bob Devin by the state, "the land value issue will have to be addressed before MassHousing agrees to accept and application for Great Neck."

The second is the back taxes owed on the property, totaling nearly $90,000.

"The outstanding taxes are on the Morrissey property for both pieces of land on Beach Street (Morrissey owns another plot on Beach Street not involved in the Great Neck project)," said Town Treasurer Joe DeVito. "Those taxes date back to Fiscal 1994."

While back taxes are not an enunciated obstacles, it would be something the department would like to see resolved before reviewing an application.

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Big houses on small lots

Does zoning need to be tightened up?

By Mary Ford
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The days when neighbors could rest assured that the house next door or across the street would remain largely as is indefinitely may be over. And at no place is that more evident than Cohasset's so-called "Gold Coast" where potential homeowners are more interested in the lot with a view than the older ranch house or the Cape Cod style home that sits there.

What's unfolding on Jerusalem Lane — a small street with only six houses — is just the latest in a series of take downs and "reconstruction" much to the dismay of abutters, who stand to lose views and neighborhood character.

The Zoning Board of Appeals heard from concerned neighbors Monday about the size and scope of the new house at 3 Jerusalem Lane that replaces a small ranch and now dwarfs the homes around it. The board also heard arguments from lawyers representing both sides. With an army of drawings and plans, legal experts argued at some length why the house meets or does not meet height, and lot coverage requirements on an undersized lot for its residential district.

But what is taking center stage and will likely be at the forefront for some time to come — if the current take-down, build up trend continues — is the town's zoning bylaw itself.

At issue is whether the zoning bylaw is doing its job, so to speak, in providing the protection that zoning is supposed to afford. Jerusalem Lane neigh-

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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Helen Sceery, left, and Eva Haber, both of Cohasset, sing at Hingham's Christmas in the Square celebration as part of the Chorale Arts Society.

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This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday Dec. 9:

School Committee, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

School Building Committee, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

Board of Health, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Dec. 16 (Avalon - Public Safety), Jan. 6 (Avalon - Infrastructure), and Jan. 27 (Avalon - Local Preference and Affordable Housing needs), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

Conservation Commission, Dec. 12, Jan. 1 and Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

ZBA tackles county issue

The Zoning Board of Appeals is grappling with whether a lot from Scituate, which is in Plymouth County, can be combined with two lots off Otis Street that are all under common ownership to form a conforming 35,000 square foot lot.

Last month, Building Inspector Robert Egan denied issuing a building permit for a proposed new single family home at 28 Otis Ave. because of a 1996 zoning board decision regarding the same property said the lots couldn't be combined because they were in separate counties.

At Monday's zoning board hearing, there was some discussion as to whether the Scituate lot has been recorded in Norfolk County and ask the parties to submit briefs on the matter, which will be taken up again on Jan. 13.

At issue is whether land located in another county can be utilized for zoning purposes, in this case for lot size, under the Cohasset Zoning Bylaw. Opponents argue the zoning bylaw explicitly excludes land outside Cohasset from its definition of a lot because it says the land boundaries must be defined in *a* recorded deed. The Scituate land is in separate deed.

But the proponent says under present case law, separate parcels, including parcels in other municipalities can be combined and considered as one lot for the purposes of zoning.

Public hearing for downtown

The Board of Selectmen scheduled a public hearing for Jan. 13 to discuss the Waterfield Group's design for the Downtown Revitalization Project. Craig Miller, the president of the group will be available to discuss the different features of the plan, from the sidewalk style to overhead lighting.

Papa Gino's is going dry

Pamela A. Gookin, of Papa Gino's licensing department has notified the Board of Selectmen that the company will not seek to renew its beer and wine license for its Cohasset franchise at 380 Chief Justice Cushing Plaza (off 3A).

Common lights

The holiday lights on the Town Common will stay, despite a negative response from two residents in the area.

"Last year when they were up, I never heard complaints," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan. "You are never going to please everybody and I don't think we should take them down over a couple of complaints."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris agreed.

"The Common looks great," said McMorris. "When it is all decorated I think it really adds to the good feelings that are associated with this season."

Sullivan added that when the duck pond is frozen smoothly and people are skating, it adds to the atmosphere of the downtown area.

CPC seeks applications

Anyone wishing to petition the Cohasset Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for a funding recommendation at the March 2003 Town Meeting *must* submit an initial application to the committee no later than Dec. 31. Please note that the CPC may only recommend to Town Meeting those projects that involve the acquisition and preservation of open space, historical preservation and/or promote low to moderate income housing.

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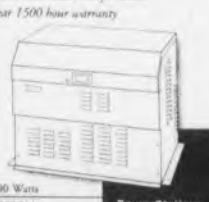
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Early storm dumps several inches on Cohasset

By Brian J. Scully
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After a three-year hiatus, it appears that Old Man Winter has returned to the Bay State.

Winter hasn't even officially arrived yet, but Cohasset has already seen three snowstorms frost the landscape with the white, fluffy stuff.

The latest storm, arriving last Thursday afternoon and continuing well into Friday, dropped 5-8 inches of snow on the town, making for a messy commute and a two-hour delay for schoolchildren.

"The DPW, as always, did a phenomenal job," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "They were a little behind because the snow kept on coming, forcing the two-hour delay for schools, but they stayed right on top of it, working all night."

Supt. Edward Malvey called for the delay after consulting with the DPW.

"They had a pretty good handle on the roads, but the sidewalks and the school parking lots were not completely cleared yet," said Malvey. "They just needed a little more time to sand and plow, so we didn't want to cut it too close."

According to Bob Skilling, a meteorologist stationed at the Blue Hills observatory, the storm brings the total snowfall amounts to 11.1 inches. Last year the area received only trace amounts of snow up by this time and only 18.5 total for the winter.

DPW superintendent Carl Sestito said the storm was manageable.

"It wasn't too bad," said Sestito. "There are a lot of tired guys up here who worked all night, but they did a great job."

The early snow presents another obstacle when it comes to the town budget.

"Well, if this is any indication of what the rest of the winter will be like, we will go through the $60,000 in our budget for snow removal fairly quickly," said Haddad. "But this will be the first time in three years that we will have to exceed what we budgeted."

Since snow removal is an emergency response that needs to be taken care of immediately, the town can overspend its budget.

"Mass General Law allows you to deficit spend on emergency services like snow removal because it is something that needs to be done right away," said Haddad. "All it takes is a vote by the Selectmen and the advisory committee. You can carry the deficit for one year."

Sestito said that the surplus from year-to-year is used in different ways, but is not sitting in an account waiting for a bad winter.

"Usually we turn some of the leftover money back in to the town," said Sestito. "It all depends. If we can sometimes we will stock up on sand and salt for the following year."

The unexpected costs come at a tough time for the Cohasset given that the town is already facing an override situation to cover operational expenses for Fiscal Year 2004. The DPW takes care of the town's 37 miles of accepted roads and 12 miles of private ways that have two or more homes. The Massachusetts Highway Department handles the 3.2 miles of Rte. 3A in town.

Others, though, are benefiting from the wintry weather.

"It was extremely busy today," said Sandy Whiting, who works at Joseph's Hardware on 3A. "We don't open until 7 a.m. and we had people outside waiting at 6:30 p.m."

Don't worry though, shovels, sand, salt, and calcium chloride are in full stock at Joseph's.

"Mr. Joseph buys in abundance," said Whiting. "There are plenty of shovels and plenty of calcium chloride (which melts snow and ice like salt, but doesn't harm grass or concrete)."

Whiting thinks that the area is in for an old-fashioned winter this year.

"It isn't even Dec. 22, the official start of winter," said Whiting. "I heard on the radio this morning that we have already had more snow this year than last year."

Across town in the Village at the Cohasset Hardware store, the story was much the same.

"It was a good day, we sold shovels, ice melt the whole lot," said Jim Watson, who owns the store. "After the last few winters is sure is nice to see the winter-related inventory moving."

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Bernadette Lambert shows off one of her Christmas trees for sale in the Stop & Shop parking lot during last Thursday's snowstorm.

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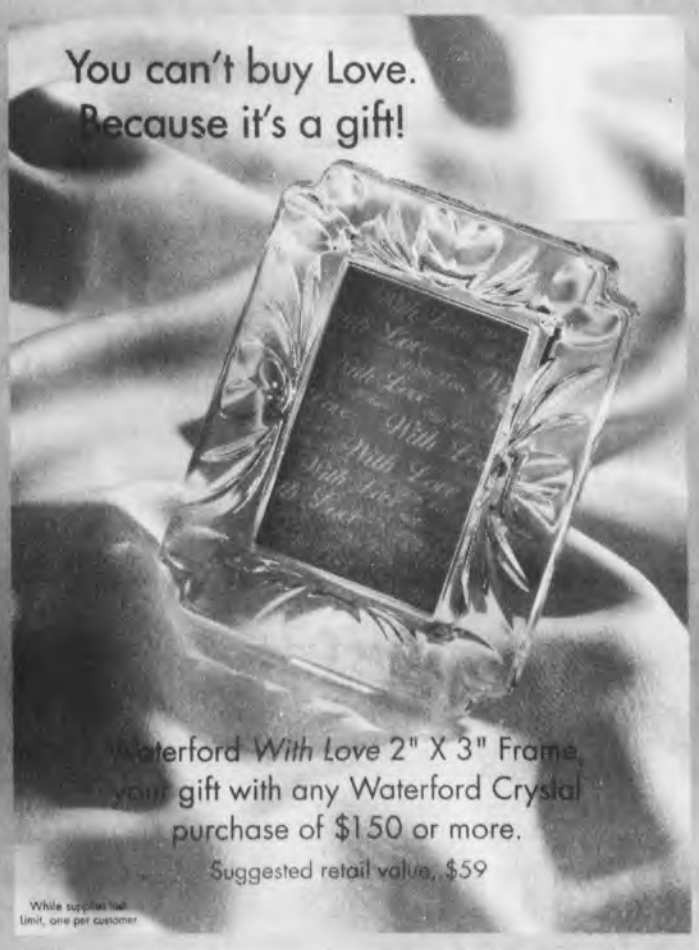

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Historical society to buy property

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bid closing that the historical society latched on to Selectman Tom Callahan's comment that it was too bad it wasn't interested in buying the property for its headquarters and selling the Lothrop House to cover the cost. Quickly the historical society put together a plan and made its $725,000 bid contingent on the sale of the Lothrop House.

That bid, however, put the selectmen into a tough position, because John Barry of Cohasset, made a bid for the building of $739,000 with no contingencies.

"Our concerns when the concept first came forward was that we couldn't turn down cash-in-hand with no contingencies," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan. "We have a fiduciary responsibility to the town, and I don't see how we could reject a bid with no contingencies for one with contingencies."

Harvey and his group – the rest of whom wished to remain anonymous – alleviated those concerns by putting up the money for the purchase of the Pratt Building until the Lothrop House can be sold.

"We believe that the financial problem has been solved," said Kathleen O'Malley, co-president of the historical society. "Lou Harvey is our new best friend."

Barry, who was in attendance at the selectmen's meeting Monday, expressed frustration at the decision.

"In fear of being chased out of this room, I had the high bid, with no contingencies," said Barry, drawing a laugh from the 30-plus supporters of the historical society that were in attendance at the meeting. "I was under the impression that the town would only accept a bid with no contingencies. I think there are legal questions here that might need to be answered."

According to Haddad, Town Counsel says that selectmen have the right to accept any bid they see fit, due to language in the bid proposal.

"The Town reserves the right, but is not obligated, to waive informalities," states the bid document. "The Town further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals as it deems to be in its best interests."

Haddad said that it is very important to be clear on what the selectmen are doing in moving towards accepting the historical society's bid (The issue will be on the agenda at Tuesday's meeting for ratification after the legal issues have all been enunciated and resolved).

"The selectmen did not allow the historical society to alter their bid," said Haddad. "What the selectmen did was to accept the society's bid without contingencies."

It was clear, though, that the reason the historical society's bid was accepted in principle, was the removal of the contingencies.

"It was never my concern that this wasn't a great idea," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris. "But rather, it was concern over our fiduciary responsibility to the town of having to pay for the new library."

Sullivan echoed McMorris' comments.

"I think that it is good for the town," said Sullivan. "It happened at the 11th-hour and someone had to come forward to make it happen, but I believe that things happen for a reason."

Harvey, speaking on behalf of the donor group, said it was important to preserve the old library building for future generations.

"For me it is about the kids," said Harvey. "It is important to me that kids today can still have access to that library. It is really something that we ought to keep around and maintain. I think that the number of people here today is an indication of the passion in town for saving the library."

The historical society plans to use the leftover money from the sale of the Lothrop House (valued at around $900,000 by its estimate) to renovate the Pratt building and construct two apartments in the basement, which would help cover the increase in operating costs. The new headquarters will allow the society more space for display and storage.

Though it is not mandated, it appeared that the board and the buyers were amenable to the payment of the $25,000 realtor's fee.

"I think we have an obligation to (Grand Gables)," said McMorris. "Mark to his credit came up with a great plan of action and the company did an outstanding job of bringing bidders to the table."

Beach Street 40B proposal is bogged down by lawsuit

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"While it is not a specific requirement per say," said Gedstad. "We would want to see a resolution of that issue before we made a ruling."

Neither Morrissey nor Walsh wished to comment on the matter, but Morrissey's lawyer, Devin, said that the decision is only a temporary setback.

"This does not kill the project by any means," said Devin.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said that the town, facing a Dec. 16 deadline for comments on the project, is no longer under the gun to respond.

"Since there is a question as to control of the property between Ellen Morrissey and David Walsh, MassHousing returned the application," said Haddad. "They haven't demonstrated ownership and therefore MassHousing will not take action, which in turn means that we do not have to take action."

But since the deadline was fast approaching, the analysis by several of the boards was already completed.

Civil Designs, an engineering firm, studied the preliminary plans for the Planning Board, and found several problems involving safety and the environment. The size of the proposed buildings, the retaining wall, fire department access, and sewerage plans were all identified as areas that were problematic according the information they had access to.

Civil Designs also noted, however, that the site location is good, which may have prompted Planning Board to endorse the site, but not the project.

"What we said at our meeting was very much off-the-cuff," said Al Moore, chairman of the Planning Board. "We simply see the area as a good location for a senior housing project. That is not to say that there are not a lot of issues at the site that may render it unsatisfactory, but it is a better location as opposed to the AvalonBay site."

The development of the area has long been an issue of contention in town.

Morrissey has tried for years to build three luxury homes on the two lots (known as Lot #1 and Lot #3) she owns off Beach Street But getting approval for access from Beach Street, which is known for it spectacular ledge outcroppings, has been a problem. Lot #3, which is also owned by Great Neck LLC, is not part of this proposal.

At last year's special Town Meeting, a group made up largely of Beach Street neighbors, who oppose any development of area known as Great Neck, offered a bylaw that would require a variance before ledge eight-feet in height or higher could be altered in any way. But the Planning Board, saying it was flawed, opposed the bylaw the way it was drafted. A redrafted version then went before the annual Town Meeting where it failed to win the necessary two-thirds majority.

The Beach Street neighbors said they had no time to waste because land off their street was being eyed for development, which could include blasting ledge to construct driveway access to the property. To that end they also formed the Great Neck Preservation Group to purchase 13 acres off Beach Street that include Morrissey's land (Lots #1 & 3) and land (Lot #2) owned by Walsh. The group pledged to raise the $1.2 million estimated cost. The land abuts the 25-acre Great Brewster Woods, one of the town's open space gems. At last year's annual Town Meeting voters approved appropriating $600,000 toward that purchase, with the interest and principal payments coming out of the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Account, with the caveat the balance of the money had to be raised by March 2003 or the town would pull out of the deal.

"It is a beautiful piece of land which should be preserved for everyone in the town to enjoy," said Mark DeGiacomo who lives on Beach Street and is a member of the Great Neck Preservation Group. "We would like to find a way to accomplish that goal."

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New guidelines for public-private projects in works

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It appears the Little League naming rights battle left a bad taste in several of the selectmen's mouths.

On Oct. 10, the board agreed to a naming-rights plan for the for the $450,000 project, but the unanimous agreement that was finally brokered — allowing the naming of the diamonds — took months and strained relations a bit.

Selectman Tom Callahan, who was the most outspoken during the process, went home after that meeting and drew up a set of guidelines for public-private partnerships. At this week's meeting that document was officially aired to the public for comment.

"Public/private partnerships are becoming more common and will continue to become more common in the future," said Callahan. "Having a set of enforceable regulations is something that Merle Brown suggested. It's no secret that I was personally disgusted with the Little League ball field incident."

The measure received the tacit support of Chairman Michael Sullivan and Selectman Ronnie McMorris. The draft is by no means a final copy, and the board moved to ask for public input.

"It should always remain a senior partner/junior partner relationship."
— Selectman Tom Callahan

"I think what Tom is suggesting makes sense," said McMorris. "This is a great job at taking a stab at this. My feeling is we need to put it on an agenda for future debate."

However, Selectman Fred Koed voiced some concerns.

"It seems like a bit of overkill in some areas to me," said Koed. "I don't want to see something that is too rigid."

Koed's view was bolstered by a public comment made on the matter during the meeting.

"This needs to be widely circulated," said Glenn Pratt, of 482 King St. "There needs to be a lot of public input on the subject."

But Callahan said that such regulations could have aided the town against being "forced into a corner" by private organizations.

"It is important to restate the obvious," said Callahan. "No matter what the degree of private involvement, when it comes to a public project, the public side takes precedence. It should always remain a senior partner/junior partner relationship."

Also, Callahan noted the flexibility of the document.

"It is important to note that these are to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. This is a policy, not a by-law."

The document, as it currently reads, addresses the issue of public domain of public lands and the importance of private money being in hand, up-front for a project to go forward (aside from time-sensitive projects, such as the Barnes property purchase). The two-page document is available by calling the Town Hall.

"There needs to be a set of guidelines," said Callahan. "There shouldn't be parking lot discussions on these matters. These things should see the light of day."

Callahan was most upset about the Little League's desire to sell the naming rights to the field.

"No solicitation can be made for the purchase of naming rights," said Callahan. "It is my personal feeling that giving should be done for the sake of giving, not ego. Ninety-nine out of 100 times, the town will recognize those who donate large sums of money, because it is the right thing to do, but we should not be forced to do so."

Big houses being built on small lots

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bors are so upset, they've even started a "Cohasset Defense Fund" to help pay for legal costs to help fight this type of construction.

"We should not be put in this position," says Steve Daly, 322 Jerusalem Road, who lives in front of the house being built. "We're looking to this board to protect us."

Daly described the economic incentives for a developer to put a 7,000-8,000 square foot house on a 14,000 square foot lot as "astronomical" and that there has to be some protection or neighbors face losing the equity out of their homes.

In the case of 3 Jerusalem Lane, the scope of the house did not trigger the need for a Special Permit that would have required abutter notification and a subsequent hearing before the Zoning Board. (An 1,800 square foot ranch is being replaced by a three-story house with upwards of 4,000 square feet.) According to Building Inspector Bob Egan, who is also the zoning enforcement officer, the new house meets the setback and height requirements and the lot coverage is grandfathered, and therefore he issued the building permit. Concerned neighbors appealed Egan's decision to issue the building permit, which formed the basis for Monday's public hearing.

ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said concerned residents should not look to the zoning board to overhaul the bylaw.

"Our job is to interpret the bylaw, not to create it," he said, suggesting the right venue for looking at the bylaw is before the Zoning Advisory Committee that is charged with that task.

Egan, the building inspector, also said his hands are tied.

"I have no discretion," he said. "I do not have the power or authority not to grant a building permit when plans meet the zoning requirements."

But Planning Board member Robert Sturdy, who spoke at the hearing, said the zoning bylaw is doing the job, but it's not being enforced correctly.

First of all he said the words "construct" and "reconstruct" have different meaning, and the house in question is not reconstruction as would be allowed on a non-conforming lot. He explained later the bylaw to allow reconstruction was in case a house burned down or was termite ridden, that essentially the same house could be rebuilt on a small lot.

"That's all that exists as a matter of right," he said. "If you do something else, you must appear before the zoning board."

Sturdy also disputed the method of determining the mean elevation of the house at the foundation. He said mean elevation should be determined from measurements within 10 feet of a property's foundation. This could have impacted the height of the new house at 3 Jerusalem Lane, which is built on a cliff and therefore, gives the sense of greater height.

He explained language in the bylaw says "what a reasonable person would interpret it to mean."

There was also some question as to whether the Board of Health has approved a septic system for house of that size.

The Zoning Board closed the hearing except for some legal briefs from both sides, and will deliberate on the issue on Jan. 13.

Capping of town landfill is tops

Town Landfill in DEP compliance

By Brian J. Scully
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The town received good news this week, when the Cedar Street Landfill passed its annual inspection.

The engineering firm of Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM) investigated the site and found only minor areas of concern.

"We are in compliance with the DEP. The capping has been successful."
— Mark Haddad, Town Manager

CDM forwarded its report to the Town and DEP, noting that the area is well mowed and maintained and that the site was in good shape.

"We are in compliance with the DEP," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "The capping has been successful."

Carl Sestito, the head of the Department of Public Works said his department has done its best to maintain the location and preserve the integrity of the cap.

"It is importance to maintain the area, so that we are in compliance with the DEP," said Sestito. "So we do our best to keep it up."

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Flag Code adopted by the United States Congress in 1942 says, "When a flag is in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset now has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. Their new Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this new service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.

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Above: David and Claire Cardelle, Ian and Debbie Johnston, and Cindy and David Alexander at Saturday night's "Holly Ball" sponsored by the Community Garden Club.

At left: Community Garden Club members Kathy Gray, Sally Avery and Marcia Diekmann pose with the tree decorated by Barbara Bowman and Jill Covelle for the Holly Ball at Stoneleigh on Jerusalem Road.

Having a ball!

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At left: Nancy and Al Gilmore pose with Nancy's decorations at the Holly Ball. The event was a fund-raiser to support club projects, such as maintaining the gardens at the Lothrop House, Lightkeepers Residence and Constitution Park.

At right: Maureen Byrne and Mary Eisenhaure, who are members of the Community Garden Club, at the benefit ball on Saturday evening. Stoneleigh, where the event was held, was decorated for the festive occasion by club members.

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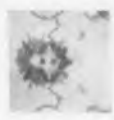

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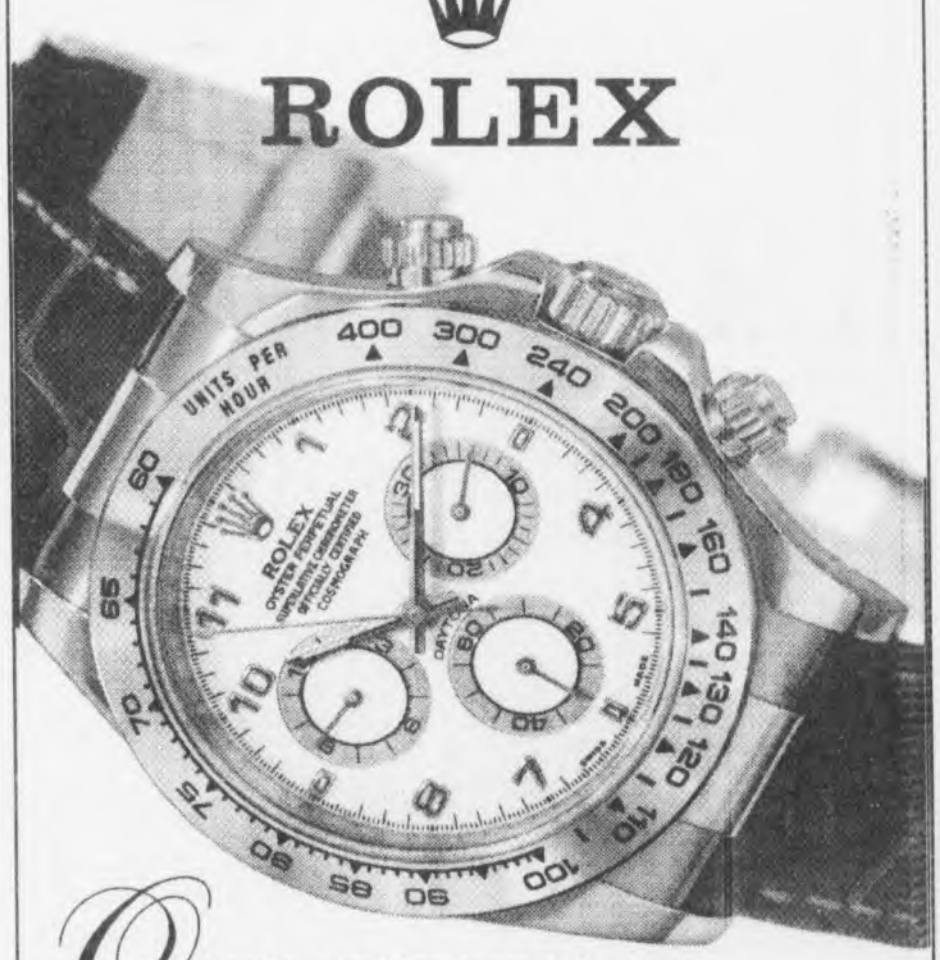

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LABOR GUILD PICK

The Labor Guild of Boston, through the tripartite Cushing - Gavin Awards Committee, has recognized **Gregory L. Thornton** of Cohasset, senior VP of employee relations at the Boston Globe as the 2002 Management Recipient. A graduate of Syracuse Law School, Mr. Thornton served in employee/labor relations posts for the Gannet newspapers and N.Y. Daily News before joining the Globe in 1988. He assumed the post of senior VP of employee relatios in 1997.The award is presented by the Labor Guild on behalf of the region's labor-management community for excellence in labor relations work exemplifying professional competence, moral integrity, and community concern.Four awards were given. Other recipients were **Kathleen Casavant** of Jamaica Plain (labor awardee), **Joseph Kane** of Scituate (auxiliary professional), and **Alan J. McDonald** of Southborough (labor attorney).

Gregory L. Thornton

BC HIGH HONORS

Some terrific news here about five Cohasset young men.

David F. Crowley-Buck '03 and **Andrew J. Flynn** '05 of Cohasset achieved High Honors for the first quarter at Boston College High School. For High Honors, a student must have at least a 3.8 quality point average.

Edward M. Chase '03, **Christopher P. Barber** '05 and **Kevin M. Dinsmore** '05 achieved Honors, receiving a Q.P.A. of at least 3.2. Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1200 students from some 80 communities in eastern Massachusetts. This is all great news gentlemen, keep up the hard work.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Gregory Michael O'Connell, son of **Michael and Rosemary O'Connell**, has achieved academic honors for the first quarter at Belmont Hill School. Honors is granted to boys who earn a B average in a four- or five-course program.

ATTITUDE, EFFORT

Katie Kuppens, Class of '06, received the Junior Varsity II Field Hockey Award for attitude and effort at Dana Hall School in Wellesley. Her outstanding attitude and exceptional effort really made a big contribution to the team this season. Super Job, Katie!

EARTH MACHINE

If you have folks on your gift list who have everything they need and you're looking for something thoughtful and unique to give them consider either of the following items which you can purchase right here in town — from **Larry** at the RTF. For an earth-friendly gardener there's the EarthMachine a large, contained (no critter problems) composting unit available for $25. Curious? There's an EarthMachine on display just inside the main entry to Town Hall. Another wonderful gift idea is a sturdy, roomy canvas tote bag with the Cohasset Cares logo printed on the side, for just $10. These bags have limitless uses — shopping purchases, holding needlework, handy for trips to the library, school, a meeting. Happy Holidays from the elves on the Cohasset Recycling Committee!

ST. SEBASTIAN'S HONORS

William L. Burke III, Headmaster of St. Sebastian's School in Needham, announced the Honor Roll recipients for the first quarter 2002-2003 school year. Recipients of these academic awards fall into three categories: High Honors, maintains an A- or above in all subjects; Honors With Distinction, maintains a B or above in all subjects; and Honors, maintains a B- or above in all subjects.

Paul B. Cotter, grade 10, son of **Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter**, earned honors; and **Thomas Digan**, grade 12, son of **Thomas and Mary Ann Digan** earned honors with distinction.

Established in 1941 by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, William Cardinal O'Connell, St. Sebastian's is an independent college-preparatory school for boys in grades seven through 12.

NEW FLEET MAKES DONATIONS

Fleet celebrated the grand opening of its new Cohasset branch location at 765 Chief Justice Cushing Highway with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Dec. 10. In honor of the opening, Fleet donated $1,000 to the Town of Cohasset Recreation Department. Fleet also donated $500 to the South Shore Community Center.

Bank executives were on hand to greet customers at the new branch and refreshments were served.

The Cohasset branch in the former Newport Creamery site opening is part of a $47 million investment planned for the Massachusetts network of branches and ATMs over 18 months. This initiative underscores Fleet's commitment to serving customers with superior access and convenience.

GJESTEBY REUNION

The Gjestebys of Old Pasture Road celebrated Thanksgiving with their children and grandchildren in St. John's, Virgin Islands. From left are Sarah Janes (front), Adam Janes, Ava Gjesteby, Nils Gjesteby (back), Lars Gjesteby, Erika Gjesteby, Janet Gjesteby (back), Henry Gjesteby (front), Dale Janes, Ingrid Janes (back), Olivia Gjesteby (front), Rolf Gjesteby, Sott Janes, Martha Gjesteby, Erik Gjesteby and Arne Gjesteby.

'BABES IN TOYLAND'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "Babes in Toyland" at the Cohasset Town Hall Dec. 15, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m., both days. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books & SpringBrook Kids in Cohasset and Front Street Books in Scituate, by phone at 781-544-0304 and at the door.

Receive $1 off your ticket price at the door only when you bring a non-perishable item for the Cohasset Food Pantry. Girl Scout troops of five or more receive discounted tickets when reserved ahead of time.

CANNED FOOD DRIV

Pilgrim Co-operative Bank will be holding a canned food drive to benefit both the Cohasset and Scituate Food Pantries. The pantries would greatly benefit by donations of the following items: tuna, corned beef hash, beef stew, instant oatmeal, snacks, condiments, canned fruit, Lipton side dishes, instant potatoes, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and personal care items, such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and dish soap. Donations can be dropped off at either Pilgrim location. The bank extends warm holiday greetings, and wishes to thank you in advance for remembering those who are less fortunate.

That is all the news from here this week. Please make sure to send me all your news and information no later than Mondays at noon.

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Reynolds is among the cream of the crop

CHS senior is semifinalist

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

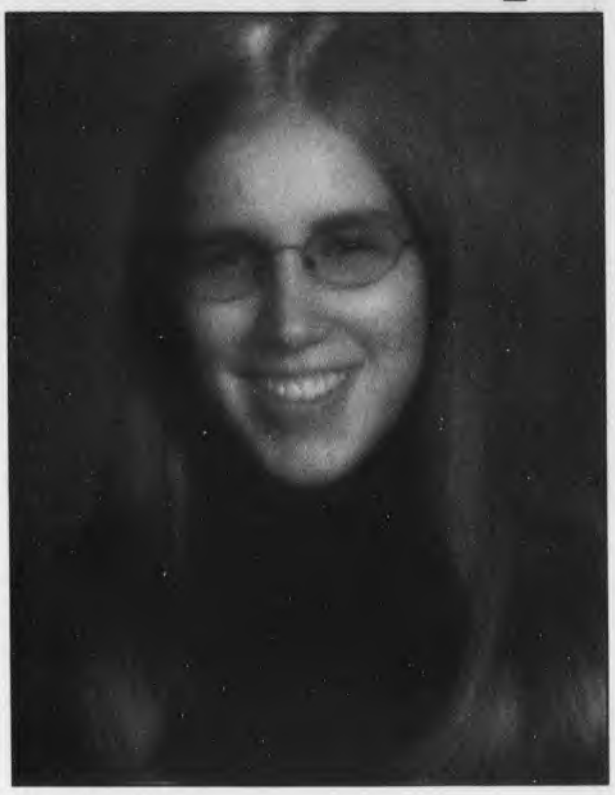
Cohasset High senior Betsy Reynolds knew she had the highest PSAT score in her class so she wasn't shocked when she learned early this fall that she was a National Merit Semifinalist.

"I was pleased," Reynolds said. "It's a distinction."

As a semifinalist, Reynolds is in the running for a National Merit Scholarship, of which approximately 8,000 are given out each year, according to the Web site of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The program requires an application similar to one used for college admissions, complete with an essay portion, and a lot of waiting. Reynolds won't find out until the late winter months whether she as been chosen for the scholarship.

In the meantime, she is waiting to hear from MIT, where she applied for early admission. She said she wants to study chemical engineering at the Cambridge school.



Betsy Reynolds

An editor for Whispers and Shadows, the high school's literary magazine, Reynolds also works at the Paul Pratt Library and does tae kwon do and archery in her spare time.

Pantry prepares for holidays

By Brian J. Scully
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The holiday season is a time for celebration, through food, fun and togetherness.

But it is also a time of compassion, particularly regarding those less fortunate.

The Cohasset Food Pantry is again preparing to serve those in need this year, but this year, the pantry is doing so from a different home.

The pantry recently moved from the basement of the Second Congregational Church to the back basement of St. Anthony's rectory.

"This is a much more accessible, pleasant place," said Osborne Ingram, who helps out with the effort. "The other location, you had to go down the stairs and crawl through the basement. This one is on street level."

The new facilities are "well-stocked" at this point, but there is always the need for more donations, as rations go quickly in the winter months.

"We have a good supply around Thanksgiving, but the need goes up around the holidays," said the Rev. Gary Ritts of the Second Congregational Church, one of the sponsors of the pantry. "This year we will have a special Christmas basket available that was put together with the help of all the churches involved."

Of most need, according to those involved, are personal care items, such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and cleaning items. Those items cannot be purchased with food stamps which makes food pantries one of the only options for obtaining them.

"Much of our supply is canned goods and staples, but we also need things like cleaning items and diapers," said Ingram. "You can't get stuff like that with food stamps, which makes it important for the pantry to have them in stock."

Anyone wishing to donate items for the food pantry may bring them to their church where they will be collected and delivered to St. Anthony's. Items may also be dropped off at St. Anthony's rectory. The pantry accepts non-perishable food items, paper products, and cleaning agents.

The pantry is open from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays.

"Even in a town that is supposedly affluent there are people who need help," said Ingram. "It is open to anybody who needs emergency assistance."

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McElroy earns top Girl Scout award

Rachel McElroy, the daughter of Joe and Mary McElroy of Cohasset, has recently earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold and Eagle awards are the highest awards achievable by young women and men, respectively. Rachel has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and has received numerous skill and service awards as she advanced through the ranks. The Girl Scout Gold Award recognizes a Senior Girl Scout's commitment to excellence as she develops skills and values to meet present and future challenges in her life.

Rachel will receive the Girl Scout Gold Award at a ceremony to be held on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 2:30 p.m.

In order to receive the Gold Award, Girl Scouts between the ages of 14 and 17 must design and implement their own service project that builds on their experience in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development.

As Rachel's Gold Award Project, she chose to supplement her lifeguard credentials by taking a 40-hour water safety project. Next, she planned training courses tailored to youngsters of four different age groups. She than coordinated with the Cohasset Recreation Department, the Osgood School and a YMCA to present the courses. Rachel enlisted the assistance of friends, Laura Genello and Lauren Jones, as assistant instructors and presented the training to approximately 150 youngsters. She also prepared a detailed training manual for each student so that they could share their experience with other family members and friends.

Jack Worley, Cohasset Director of Recreation wrote to the Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council noting that each presentation was tailored to the needs of the respective age groups and consisted of creative games, discussions and training materials.

Laura Watkins, the Patriot's Trail Girl Scout Council's Executive Director, expressed her admiration for Rachel's commitment to her community. "Service to the community is an important Girl Scout precept, and Rachel's dedication to the undertaking and completion of this challenging project serves as an excellent example of how young women can make a positive impact on their communities."

Rachel will receive the Girl Scout Gold Award at a ceremony to be held on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 2:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers' Bancroft Hall on Cohasset Harbor. Rachel is a member of the Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council, the largest in Massachusetts, which serves over 30,000 girls with the help of nearly 8,000 adult volunteers.

Rachel McElroy

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Zoning protection

The authors of the Cohasset Zoning Bylaw could not have imagined land would become so valuable in town that an existing house on any given lot could become irrelevant.

In fact, homeowners should have a reasonable expectation that their neighborhood, if it is fully developed, would remain largely as is – except for a home addition, new deck or other relatively minor alteration.

But that's no longer the case. Anyone, especially those with ocean or river views, needs to be concerned if there's a ranch-style or Cape Cod home on their street that it could be knocked down and replaced with a house two-to-three times as big.

Ironically, what Realtors likely "sold" to those homeowners as a terrific view is no longer; and the entire character of a particular street or neighborhood pays the price. This is not to say these new homes aren't fabulous. They are spectacular, for the most part – they're just out of step with their immediate surroundings.

We don't envy members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Building Inspector, who are faced with groups of angry, incredulous neighbors who feel betrayed and often shut out of the process. We hope the Zoning Advisory Committee has the volume of a house and its size relative to the lot – not just whether it meets setbacks and height – on its priority list of issues to look into and make recommendations about.

It's important that we all take a step back and think about why zoning was enacted in the first place. Wasn't it to preserve and protect the character of our town?

Most of us have traveled enough in this great country of ours to have seen places where zoning appears to be non-existent. Such places are unattractive and make us so much more appreciative of Cohasset and its charm.

But even in Cohasset, there has to be a balance struck between the rights of the property owner to do with his property as he sees fit – and the rights of abutters. It's an issue for those to tackle who can see the vulnerabilities within the existing bylaw and can bring changes forward that can withstand legal scrutiny.

It's a big job, but we think it's every bit as important to this town as fighting 40B.

As Tom Fallon of Jerusalem Lane said last week, everyone should be concerned because a huge house can go up anywhere in town.

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Remembering others

For the past several years, Community Newspaper Company has sponsored Gifts of Hope, serving needy families in our communities. Here on the South Shore our focus has been on assisting the homeless — specifically The Carolina Hill Shelter in Marshfield, Fr. Bill's Place in Quincy and The South Shore Friends of the Homeless. Gifts of Hope has been supported in each town it serves by donations from our readers and some of the community groups to which they belong.

These are not strangers, but people you likely know. It is the family of the child sitting next to your own in school; it is the mother and daughter in the pew behind you in church; or maybe that friendly elderly couple who use to live in your neighborhood.

When you sit down with pen in hand this week to check your grocery list, or your Christmas list, please consider making a donation that is a gift of hope. A donation of any size goes a long way; $50 for example, will supply two families with a week's worth of groceries from a food pantry.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gift appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Youth Resources Committee would like to extend its most sincere gratitude to Fleet Bank for their very generous and thoughtful donation to the Teen Garage.

At the grand opening of their new branch bank at Cushing Plaza, Fleet Bank presented a $1,000 check to the Garage, for youngsters grades 6 to 12.

This very kind donation will be used on a recapitulation basis, providing Cohasset teens with special events, dances and a variety of other activities.

On behalf of the Town of Cohasset, Youth Resources Committee and the teens of Cohasset, we extend our gratitude to Fleet Bank for their magnanimous donation.

John M. Worley,
Recreation Department Director

More clarification on CRC, harbor

TO THE EDITOR:

Russell Bonetti may be correct (in his letter published Dec. 5) in his interpretation of the rules governing warrant article presentations by non-residents, but it doesn't alter the fact that three attempts were made to prevent the assembled voters from hearing and voting on the article asking for support of a harbor renovation study. All three attempts failed, even though the majority were undoubtedly predisposed to vote against the article. Evidently they cared enough about exercising their right to hear debate and to vote that they rejected the unfair option of silencing the proposal by legal hair-splitting.

Contrary to Mr. Bonetti's implication, the article was not inserted in the warrant by a non-resident, it was inserted by the Selectmen at the request of a group of residents, collectively known as the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation. Peter Roy may be the most moneyed member, and the lightning rod for critics that fear that any renovation of the harbor environs will benefit only him and harm the rest of us, but CRC has many other supporters. Dean Rizzo is their hired expert and a natural to explain the issues but perhaps it would have been more politic to have had the presentation by one of the resident supporters. (The discussion also would have been better balanced if the supporters had not yawned and gone home early, or had not stayed away entirely, rather than leaving the field to the more determined opponents). A specialist in group psychology would be challenged to figure why the opposition focused on a suggestion to replace a sorry looking fence, rather than on reversing the decay of the harbor environs.

Mr. Bonetti infers that I blame the opposition on lobstermen and abutters when in fact my letter made no such inference. I don't know what the lobstermen think, but doubt that they are of one mind on the issue. I do know that some abutters are not opponents, but as usual the opponents tend to be more vocal.

As Mr. Bonetti says, the next step is an engineering survey of the seawall and walkway. What if the survey confirms that repairs are overdue? Are we better off doing them without the information and grant seeking that the CRC study was intended to develop?

R. Murray Campbell
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HEALTH NOTES

BMPs, communication and Christmas plants

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last week the Health Notes used a term "BMP" and unfortunately its definition was left out. We were talking about BMP's for sidewalks. The term BMP is an acronym for Best Management Practice. The State has a handbook which is a form of environmental cookbook which tells what type of remediation (environmental jargon for 'cure') is best for many types of environmental degradation.

For example if there's a storm drain which regularly dumps sand into a stream and kills fish and other stream life, the BMP is apt to be a vegetated swale: a channeled path with appropriate shrubs growing around and in it which directs water from the drain over a longer path before it enters into the stream.

Similarly, getting surface water back into the ground is frequently a problem in Cohasset because most of our soil is till (dirt, fine particles and pebbles which have been compressed by a glacier), very impervious. Few expedients work for getting surface water back into the ground and when one does, it becomes a BMP. For sidewalks, an appropriate BMP would be one which allows safe walking, bike travel, and at the same time would permit plowing in winter, water absorption when it rains, and also fits with the character of the community. BMP's are recipes for environmental repair which have been tried and work and can be used by those who contract to do remediation. This is a tall order, but it's not impossible. It just requires some thought.

More on Communication between Town Boards.

It takes an issue like AvalonBay to show how poor the communication between the volunteer boards is in Cohasset. This condition was brought home to the Board of Health during the negotiations with the Sewer Commission when the new sewers were added in the town. Until the sewer controversy came to a head in 1997, the Board had virtually no communication with the Sewer Commission for at least six years and perhaps as many as 12. If each board had communicated and been made aware of the other's point of view there is no doubt that the town would have had a better outcome for much less expenditure. At present, such communication is going on with the Water Commission, and the Sewer Commission shares a common administrative staff with the Board of Health. This joining has already led to significant savings and efficiencies. Most decisions by the Board affect other boards. In zoning, and planning, septic system approval is the major factor in issuing an occupancy permit after renovations. The Department of Public Works under Carl Sestito is responsible for storm-water mitigation, but the plans for such mitigation are the responsibility of the Board of Health with the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board.

With so much riding on projects like AvalonBay and others, we believe it is necessary to increase communication between Town boards. Accordingly, beginning after the next BoH meeting we will email electronic copies of our minutes to all other boards; this in addition to summarizing the important information for the *Mariner.*

Christmas care

Every season, we receive warnings about toys with features that might harm children; a part of today's life in which some feel we must be protected from ourselves. Nevertheless, vigilance is a good thing. It's surprisingly easy to transmit germs, and forget that toys may be harmful. And the Board now adds to the list. Did you know that although certain plants present a year-round hazard, the Christmas season introduces many plants that are colorful and look good enough to eat, but are quite harmful.

The poinsettia has a milky sap that is very irritating to the skin and the mouth. Blisters caused by the sap will disappear without treatment after several days. Not so forgiving is the Christmas holly. Its bright red berries contain a poison that causes nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhea. The mistletoe plant, with its pale green leaves and berries can be especially enticing to children. The berries are highly toxic and irritating, causing abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and even more serious consequences.

Become familiar with the dangerous plants in your area, yard and home. Know them by name so you can identify the plant, if necessary. Store labeled bulbs and seeds safely away from children and pets. And have a happy holiday!

Steve Bobo is chairman for the Board of Health.

A holiday wish for all God's creatures great and small

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

We are united with all life that is in nature. Man can no longer live his life for himself alone.
— Dr. Albert Schweitzer

I was doing a bit of yard work just a few days ago, emptying flower pots, pulling up the last few dahlia stakes and generally reorganizing the garage so that all my garden supplies could be tucked away for the winter. One of the last things I carried up from the garden was my statue of St. Francis of Assisi. I had eyed that statue all spring at one of the local garden centers, but with more garden ornaments than I had room for, I couldn't justify another purchase.

My friend and neighbor, Eileen, must have seen the desire in my eyes the morning we went flower shopping because, one morning not too long after, she surprised me with the statue, one of those random acts of kindness you never forget. I promptly set it next to my fish pond and filled St. Francis' small bowl with bird seed. Within minutes the birds were flocking to him, just as they would have centuries ago when the real St. Francis, the son of a wealthy cloth merchant, renounced his privilege after hearing the voice of God, and gave himself to God's humbler creatures.

The Square filled with the sound of sleigh bells and the clippety-clop of hooves on the cobblestones, with the perfume of fresh evergreens.

Born in 1182, St. Francis is best known to us today as the patron saint of animals, a man who called all the animals his brothers and sisters and was said to be able to communicate with our lower brethren. Dressed in the simple brown tunic that is, today, the dress of the Franciscan order, St. Francis made the choice to live in poverty and to dedicate his life to the teaching that all God's creatures deserve our compassion and generosity.

That philosophy guided Dr. Albert Schweitzer who believed that man's compassionate treatment of all forms of life was a necessary part of his own ethical evolution.

St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

"If I am a thinking being," wrote Schweitzer, "I must regard other life than my own with equal reverence." Like St. Francis, Dr. Schweitzer believed that all created beings came from the heart of God.

Born in 1875 into an Alsatian family devoted to teaching, music and spirituality, Albert Schweitzer learned early that nature's beauty could lift a sorrowful heart. At Lambaréné, the hospital he founded in Africa, he surrounded himself with the companionship of animals — monkeys, cats, dogs, pigs, pelicans, ducks and antelope — without which, he said, life was scarcely worth living. "It is man's sympathy with all creatures that first makes him truly a man," wrote Schweitzer.

The first horse's Christmas at Post Office Square in 1916.

A continent away, in Boston, that same sentiment had already taken hold in a young attorney and humanitarian named George Thorndike Angell. An animal lover since childhood, it was the cruelty of a "great horse-race" in February of 1868 that convinced George Angell of the need to educate, especially children, "in the ways of kindness. It seems to me," he wrote, "that it is high time for somebody to take hold of this matter in earnest, and see if we cannot do something in Boston, as others have in New York, to stop this cruelty to animals." Within weeks, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the second society of its kind in the country, was incorporated by an act of the legislature.

The lives of all creatures, Angell believed, human and non-human, are inextricably intertwined. He would devote the next four decades to relieving the suffering of our "lower brethren," to preventing cruelty and fostering a caring society.

One of the MSPCA's most successful demonstrations of kindness to animals — a Christmas for the horses — began on Christmas Eve in 1916. Though George Angell did not live to celebrate the first horses' Christmas, the event would become as much a tribute to him as it was to the noble burden-bearers whose lives Angell had worked so tirelessly to improve.

The open-air Christmas party, held at the Angell Memorial Fountain in Post Office Square, close to the main arteries of equine traffic and the city's hub, was an opportunity for the public to express appreciation for the indispensible services the horse had performed to the commercial life of the city.

The scene that Christmas Eve afternoon in 1916 warmed the hearts of all who passed by. The Square filled with the sound of sleigh bells and the clippety-clop of hooves on the cobblestones, with the perfume of fresh evergreens. Upon the fountain, built in 1912 in part with pennies collected by Boston schoolchildren, a Christmas tree stood tall, colorfully festooned with carrots, apples, ears of corn, lumps of sugar, bells, tinsel, and pennants printed with "Be Kind to Animals" and "Blanket the Horse."

By noon, the equine guests, looking their finest for the party, began to arrive and, until long after dark, Post Office Square was filled with horses, drivers and spectators. Members of the MSPCA stayed busy "putting up" dinners in cardboard boxes for the more than 1,000, police and draft horses who enjoyed a sumptuous meal of oats, apples, carrots and corn before resuming their weary burden.

The event, everyone agreed, had been a success and would become a popular feature of the holiday season for the next 40 years. In 1921, on the fifth anniversary of the horse's Christmas, MSPCA President Francis Rowley wrote that the party was not so much a benefit to the horses as it was "a reminder to the people of the worth and faithfulness of the dumb animals. It does the horses good, of course, but they do not remember the food; it is only a meal to them. But the real value of this is to bring home to people the idea of caring for the animals." Three years later a reporter covering the event wrote that "It has been noted by persons who come to the party every year that the horses now seem better cared for and happier than in former years. These observers believe that the horse's annual Christmas party has had something to do in bringing greater consideration and kindness to those friends of man!"

It was no coincidence that Christmas Eve was chosen for this out-of-the-ordinary celebration. From earliest times, mankind had felt a kinship with his lower brethren and animals had always been a part of Christmas Eve. They were there at the nativity. Early Christians believed that at midnight on Christmas Eve cattle and sheep rose or knelt in their stalls - though never in the presence of humans — to worship the new born King. Wild animals were said to depart from their usual behavior.

The winter solstice (this year on Dec. 22), from which many of our Christmas traditions derive, was a time for early pagans to thank the animals on whom they depended for health, protection and survival.

The winter solstice (this year on Dec. 22), from which many of our Christmas traditions derive, was a time for early pagans to thank the animals on whom they depended for health, protection and survival. Later, it became custom among the agricultural folk of Europe and the Americas to provide animals with a little extra food on Christmas Eve, a nip of cider and a helping of plum pudding for livestock, a sheaf of unthreshed wheat for the birds.

Cherished, too, was the belief that animals could speak on Christmas Eve. A fanciful notion, perhaps, but imagine just for a moment that animals were blessed with the gift of speech. What would they say about us, about our treatment of them?

Inscribed on the Angell Memorial Fountain are heartfelt words from president Calvin Coolidge: "However much the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has done for animals, it has done vastly more for mankind through the reaction upon them of the spirit of justice and kindness shown to the creatures below them.

During this season of peace and goodwill, let that spirit extend to all God's creatures, great and small. Happy Winter Solstice and Merry Christmas to all.

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Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

Attorney and humanitarian George Thorndike Angell, founder of the MSPCA.

What's in a name today

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

If I were a member of a School Committee in, say, the year 2006 I'd get ready now for a sudden influx of little boys named Jacob.

A survey of the U. S. Social Security Index by USA Today has indicated that the name Jacob, which means "supplanter," or "he who replaces" in Hebrew, has at last replaced Michael as the most popular birth name for an American man child.

This is the first time in a hundred years or more that a new name has cracked the roster of good old Anglo-Saxon given labels like John, William, Charles, Robert, James and (sob) Thomas that American families have pinned on their youngest and most helpless members.

I say helpless because even when a Harvard professor named Hooten named his son "Newton" the kid couldn't do anything about it. In fact, he probably didn't know it until his classmates pointed it out to him with guffaws on his first day in the first grade.

Naming boys became more complicated along about the mid-90s when Austin, Joshua, Brandon and Jacob began showing up among the top ten.

But I digress . . .

As I look backward across the years at my friends and classmates, I find the old favorites like George, Joseph, Henry, Frank, etc. predominate, although I once knew a photographer named Laban and an office boy named Penn and had a male classmate named Dale.

Naming boys became more complicated along about the mid-90s when Austin, Joshua, Brandon and Jacob began showing up among the top ten. In 1997, for instance, the long popular John, James, William and (sob) Thomas no longer appeared.

Girls are different — as a member of the French "senat" discovered when he shouted "Vive la difference!"

Fifty years ago, I had classmates of the female persuasion named Mathilda and Gertrude. I knew a waitress once named Bertha and sisters named Hilda and Selma. You have to look hard to find those names in the telephone book these days.

The most popular girl's name right now is Emily, which in the mid-90s was followed closely by the name Sarah. After that, parents of new born females get downright creative.

The next most popular names for little girls, in order, according to the files of the Social Security Administration, are: Taylor, Jessica, Ashley, Samantha, Madison, Hannah, Kayla and Alexis. Not a Mary, Elizabeth, Anna, Ruth or Dorothy among them.

I always thought the name Madison was taken from a movie in which an unnamed mermaid (I think it was Darryl Hannah), searching for a name that would identify her as human, picked the name Madison off a sign in the background.

Come to find out, it's a legitimate name, most often conferred on a male child, meaning "son of a mighty warrior" in English and "son of Maud" in German.

As the result of a highly unsuccessful career as a novelist, I learned to fit names to the role of the character. For instance, Mike and Steve are strong names, fit for the hero. Paul or Philip is the hero's sidekick. Clarence is the name pinned on a nebbish.

If there are any longshoremen named Clarence reading this, they made me say it!

And what will be the most popular boys' names a dozen years hence? Don't worry. At the rate we're going, it'll be Abdul, Jose and Nguyen.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Lamberts Lane traffic issues

TO THE EDITOR:

Quite some time ago your paper reported on speeding issues regarding Lamberts Lane. You might recall that there was a dispute with the Cohasset Golf Club about speeding on the narrow and winding Lamberts Lane. At that time, the matter was featured on the front page of your paper.

It is now my pleasure to convey that the matter has been resolved. Another golf season has now been completed and I have noticed a remarkable cooperation from the Cohasset Golf Club and its individual members. In my view, speeding is no longer an issue on Lamberts Lane.

Conversations have been conducted with board members of the golf club (in one instance with the involvement of the safety officer of the Cohasset Police Department, officer Tarantino. From my perspective, the board of the Cohasset Golf Club has gone to considerable lengths to address the issue. Those efforts have been effective and as far as I am concerned the situation has been fully resolved. In particular, I would like to thank Mr. Francis Gaul for his attention to, and actions regarding, the issue.

I would also like to thank the Cohasset Police Department for their involvement and help.

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Snow days are a kid's dream

By Brian J. Scully
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It comes first as a winter weather advisory.

A red-faced meteorologist interrupts an old "Friends" re-run, shuffling papers and collecting his thoughts.

"IT'S GOING TO SNOW ON THURSDAY!" he shouts, momentarily forgetting his scientific training and blowing his 15-second opportunity to explain the Doppler Radar and rain/snow lines.

But no matter.

Despite the fact that it is only Tuesday, the announcement sets off a flurry of activity.

— commentary—

It begins slowly on Wednesday in casual conversation at work before building to a crescendo when local supermarkets are stormed and laid to waste by anxious customers, eager to stock up on gallons of water, bread, and salt. (Not sure about the need for the salt, but ask any former grocery bagger and they'll tell you it's true). On the eve of the expected storm, as the sky grays against the sunset, it is oddly quiet. Most have spent the late afternoon checking weather reports on the radio or on the internet and are now home glued to the six o'clock news.

But underneath the growing panic among the adults is a growing hope among children – the possibility of no school due to snow (Just last week, Cohasset students were the recipients of a two-hour delay).

It is of no importance that the cancelled day is tacked on at the end of the school year in sweltering June, the gift of a one-day, unplanned reprieve from education grows with each snowfall estimate.

"Two-to-four inches on the Cape and Islands," says the meteorologist, more comfortable now in his three-minutes segment on the 11 p.m. news. "And now, an exclusive update from Your Weather News Source, we are predicting 6-to-8 inches on the South Shore!"

At that point visions of sledding, snowmen, and snowball fights begin to materialize in a student's head, with reading and writing pushed away to the nether regions of the brain.

It leaves the student vulnerable. Their hopes can be met with sweet victory, or the sudden, shocking defeat that sets in when the first bell rings the next day, while the ground outside serves as a muddy green and brown reminder of the crushed dream.

But what once was a mystery to this writer – a grizzled veteran in the art of snow-casting – is now understood. Under the guise of reporter, your faithful scribe has crossed enemy lines in the name of all students (as well as their parents) and confronted the question at its very core by asking the superintendent of schools to explain the mystical test applied to new-fallen snow.

"First of all, it depends on the severity of the storm," said Supt. Edward Malvey. "If it is really a major, major storm, any decision on cancellations will be made the evening prior to the snow day."

WHAM!

In his first words, Malvey has identified the greatest, most hypnotic alternative of them all – school closing announced in advance. Though it hasn't been done recently – the last three winters have been downright balmy – the legend of advance notice cancellation lives on in the tales of older brothers and sisters.

Quickly, though, Malvey points out the rarity of such an occurrence.

"That doesn't happen often," said Malvey. "It would have to be a really powerful storm with the capability to shut down roads."

For those other storms, when pre-snow hype isn't enough to close the schools, it makes for an early morning for Malvey.

"Usually I am up at 4 a.m. making phone calls and coordinating with the DPW," said Malvey. "I check with Carl Sestito, the superintendent of the DPW to check the status of the roads, school parking lots, and sidewalks."

The major thrust of the decision is directly tied to the progress the DPW is making against the storm.

"It's really the conditions as the DPW would indicate to me," said Malvey. "Sometimes the plowing is slow to start, but as the clean-up effort gathers momentum the situation changes. There are often several phone calls, to check up on the latest reports around town."

The real key though, as any good storm chaser knows, is the timing of the storm.

"It really depends on when the brunt of the storm hits," said Malvey. "If it hits at 4 a.m. and continues strong, it is difficult to keep up with."

Malvey then brings all of his information together and makes an informed decision. If school is cancelled, Malvey begins notifying major news outlets and starts the school cancellation phone call system.

"If I decide that it is not safe to travel to school, I call all of the principals," said Malvey. "They in turn call teachers and then the teachers call other teachers in accordance with a prescribed phone call list, so that everybody is informed. My secretary lets the workers in the central administration office know that school has been cancelled."

Malvey asks parents not to call the police to find out if school has been cancelled.

"We notify all of the major television stations, Channels 4, 5, 7, and Fox News," said Malvey. "We also contact WATD, 96.9 and WBZ 1030 on the radio end. They are the appropriate forums to check on the status of Cohasset's schools."

But until weather become predictable, even the intimate knowledge of the process won't end the long nights of anticipation that go along with every winter storm.

Week highlights dire budget, and bizarre Billy Bulger story

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government.

In the early 1990s, 10,000 state employees were laid off and most of the remaining 50,000 or so were required to take two weeks off without pay.

This crisis is worse. Mitt Romney's new fiscal manager announced last week. And so everyone in state government got the message: we don't know what's going to happen to your job, or your agency, but you're probably not going to like it.

Eric Kriss was named administration and finance secretary – the most important job in the administration after the governorship. Romney's chief of staff will be Beth Myers, his legal counsel Daniel Winslow, a judge in Wrentham District Court. Cindy Gillespie, a player in making the Salt Lake Olympics a success, will head his legislative office.

For now, Kriss and Romney are sticking to the contention that they can balance the budget with no new taxes and without cruelty to those dependent on government programs. Absolutely no one is to be found on Beacon Hill who thinks they can do it. That, of course, would make success all the more impressive.

Basic political strategy dictates that a new governor with a budget mess should play up the problems facing the state – the same way football coaches tend to overestimate their teams' opposition. That way, it's easier to get the job done because people expect so little.

So some anti-Romney types were heard to complain that Kriss is overstating the problem to justify big cuts. The consensus response to that contention is: Well, they could be. Maybe. A little. But it's hard for anyone to disagree that this will be the worst budget year — the biggest divide between expenses and income — anyone now in government has ever seen. Taxes have already been raised. Reserves have already been mostly drained. Programs have already been cut. And still, the amount the state expects to collect next year is $2 billion below what it needs to maintain the status quo.

How did the budget get this messed up? The most important answers are familiar ones for anyone who pays attention to the news: the stock market and health care costs.

Health care costs a ton, and costs are rising fast. Medical inflation is something like 15 percent this year. And the government expanded health care for the poor and for children during the Cellucci-Swift years, so state health care spending is larger than ever.

The collapse of the high-tech boom — which leaders should have seen coming, but didn't — caused the other part of the problem. All the capital gains taxes associated with the good times disappeared, along with the fat income and sales tax collections prosperity brings. But the health care needs of the poor stayed pretty much the same. Dealing with the consequences of that ugly equation will be the first chapter in the story of Mitt Romney's leadership.

The budget situation couldn't be more dire; the Bulger situation couldn't be more bizarre. That was the other big topic last week.

• UMass President William Bulger was subpoenaed before a Congressional committee to tell what he knows about his brother's relationship with the FBI. James "Whitey" Bulger, a fugitive suspected mobster linked to more than 20 killings, was apparently an informant for the FBI. The whole state waited this week to see if William Bulger would testify about his relationship with his brother. Acting on a tip later reported as bogus, FBI agents dug around Scusset Beach for the remains of Whitey Bulger and his girlfriend. The political world read with fascination William Bulger's leaked grand jury testimony about taking a phone call from Whitey in 1995. The debate raged: was it proper for him not to reveal he'd talked to Whitey? Should he resign from UMass if he's unwilling to testify? Bulger invoked his right not to divulge additional information to the committee Friday morning. The committee rejected his request to conduct its line of questioning in private. The hearing adjourned after just a few minutes.

• Reacting to disparate ballot initiatives, Reps. Joseph Wagner and Peter Larkin filed legislation likely to generate much attention this legislative season. Wagner filed a repeal of the Clean Elections Law. By a large margin Nov. 5, voters said they disapproved of the use of public money for political campaigns, though voters okayed such a system in 1998. And Larkin filed legislation modifying the elimination of transitional bilingual education. Governor-elect Romney opposes the part of the referendum that allows teachers to be sued if they teach children in a language other than English after the student is supposed to be taught English-only. Larkin wants many other changes, setting up a battle.

• Patients in desperate need of organ transplants may be dying needlessly in Massachusetts because the state has no central list of donors, Sen. Cheryl Jacques, D-Needham, and other lawmakers asserted at a press conference. A bill to create such a registry may pass in informal sessions in the next three weeks.

• Unveiling his legislative package for 2003-04, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino emphasized proposals to add new surtaxes on the price of theater and other entertainment tickets in Boston. The mayor said any money raised by the local tax should go first to shelters for the homeless. Like other mayors, Menino is bracing for local aid cuts and looking for ways to balance the city budget.

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'Christmas in Camelot'

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What's new

"Courting Disaster" by Martin Garbus (New Nonfiction: 347.73/Garbus)

Is the Supreme Court file guardian of legal truth, or is it a political battleground ruled by social agendas? Garbus, a celebrated First Amendment attorney, says it's the latter and in this book explains the ways in which the Court has radically revised the law.

"The Secret Life of the Dyslexic Child" by Robert Frank, Ph.D. (New Nonfiction: 371.9/Frank)

The author, who struggled with dyslexia himself, speaks with authority on the emotions and frustrations of' children with learning disorders. Frank takes us inside the mind of a dyslexic child and provides practical advice on how to both diagnose and effectively deal with this widely misunderstood disorder.

"My Father's Ghost" by Suzy McKee Charnas (New Biography: B/Charnas, S.)

When Suzy Charnas realized that her father could no longer care for himself, she invited him to come live in the old adobe in-law cottage beside her own in New Mexico. In this account of the last chapter of their relationship, Charnas skillfully traces a parent-child relationship inverted by the changes of aging.

"One Perfect OP" by Dennis Chalker, USN (New Biography: B? Chalker)

A former Navy SEAL commander, Master Chief "Snake" Chalker takes us deep inside the celebrated SEAL Team, Six for a first-hand look at the formation, preparation, and deployment of all elite detachment as it prepares for its ongoing mission against terrorism.

"No Ordinary Lives" by David Johnson (New Biography: B/Johnson)

Johnson, author of the popular "Everyone Flas a Story" column, here presents the stories of ordinary Americans who embody the values and qualities we cherish most. The answers to our deepest questions, lie discovered, can be found in the hearts of the men and women all around us.

"Once Upon a Town" by Bob Greene (New Nonfiction: 978.2/Greene)

From Christmas Day 1941 to the end of World War II, American soldiers from every city and walk of life passed through the small town of North Platt, Neb., on troop trains en route to their ultimate destinations. This is the story of how a tiny community transformed its modest railroad depot into a welcoming canteen that provided food and friendship to literally millions of servicemen.

"A Big Life" by Mary Wells Lawrence (New Nonfiction: B/Lawrence)

Think advertising is a crazy business? Mary Wells Lawrence confirms just how crazy it is as she writes about the American ad world from the 1950s through the 1980s and reveals the inside story behind such famous commercials as Avis's "We're Number Two" and Alka-Seltzer's "Plop Plop Fizz Fizz"

"Getting to Nantucket" by Kerry Hallam (New Nonfiction: B/Hallam)

Getting to Nantucket took British artist Kerry Hallam 37 years, and the ride was far from a smooth one. In this frank autobiography, the artist welcomes the reader to share some of the adventures from the past three decades of his travels.

"The Great Fire" by Neil Hanson (New Nonfiction: 942.1/Hanson)

In 1666 the Great Fire of London reduced the world's most majestic city to utter ruin. In this carefully researched account, Hanson recreates that cataclysmic event - a disaster that brought out both the best and worst aspects of humanity.

"The Sea Shall Embrace Them" by David W. Shaw (New Nonfiction: 9 10/Shaw)

The 1854 collision at sea between the Arctic and the Vesta not only cost 400 lives but brought to an end the domination of the seas by the American maritime fleet. Shaw has based this riviting tale on the firsthand testimony of the few who survived the wreck, including its heroic captain, James C. Luce.

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Police tip Scituate about erratic driver

By Amy Lambiaso
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A high speed chase down Route 3A through Scituate Tuesday night ended in Marshfield with one police officer hospitalized and a warrant issued for a South Shore man's arrest.

Scituate Police Chief Brian Stewart said a 25-year-old male driver led police on the dangerous chase after being pulled over at 6:45 p.m. just south of the town reservoir by Scituate police officer James Gilmartin.

Stewart said the male driver involved in the incident was driving a 1995 Lexus and traveling south on Route 3A, when Cohasset police noticed his erratic driving patterns. Cohasset police notified Scituate police that the driver was heading across the town line.

Gilmartin pulled the car over and had a brief conversation with the driver before he abruptly sped away down route 3A toward Marshfield with Scituate police in pursuit.

The chase, eventually involving five Scituate police cruisers, ended just over the Marshfield town line near Spring Street when Gilmartin lost control of his car and crashed into a nearby wooded area. Gilmartin was transported by Med Flight to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston where he was held overnight for observation and listed in stable condition yesterday, Stewart said.

The car in pursuit was stopped by state police traveling north on Route 3 shortly following the accident, but was being operated by a different male, Stewart said. Police have now identified the original driver and had obtained an a warrant for his arrest yesterday.

Stewart said the charges include two counts of assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, failure to stop for a police officer, following too closely, providing a false name, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, speeding, operating so as to endanger and the failure to travel in marked lanes.

"This is all still very much under investigation," Stewart said yesterday. "But we certainly had probable cause to issue this arrest warrant."

Stewart said the individual being charged is listed under several addresses on the South Shore, but expected to make the arrest by last night.

New manager at Cohasset Golf Club

By Brian J. Scully
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When Cohasset Golf Club re-opens after winter, there will be a new face in charge of operations, Hingham resident Damon Kubas.

Some club members are already acquainted with Kubas, who has been on the job for more than three months, but with a full off-season to indoctrinate himself within the club, he presence may be more noticeable next year.

"We are extremely happy to have Damon on board," said Cohasset Golf Club secretary Dan Sheehy. "He is going to be a huge asset to the club.

Kubas replaced Barry Goughan, who was in the position of manager on an interim basis until a full-time replacement could be found.

"Barry came back here to help us out for a short period of time and that was the understanding we had in place," said Sheehy. "Damon has been just great since he has been here."

"We are extremely happy to have Damon on board."
— Dan Sheehy, Cohasset Golf Club

Kubas, who last worked as an Event Manager for Boston College, is happy to be in his new position.

"I've lived in Hingham for the last seven years, so it is a nice change," said Kubas. "I've been there for three months now and it has been a very positive experience, the staff is great."

The board quickly approved the change of manager.

"It was my understanding that the last manager was there just as a stop-gap," said Chairman Michael Sullivan. "The police did a background check and Chief (Robert) Jackson had no objections."

Kubas previously served as the Food and Beverage Manager at Ipswich Country Club from 1999-2001 after serving as the Catering Manager for the Westin Copley Place Hotel.

The biggest benefit of the new job, according to Kubas, is its location.

"After driving to Ipswitch and Newton every day, this is a nice commute to have," said Kubas.

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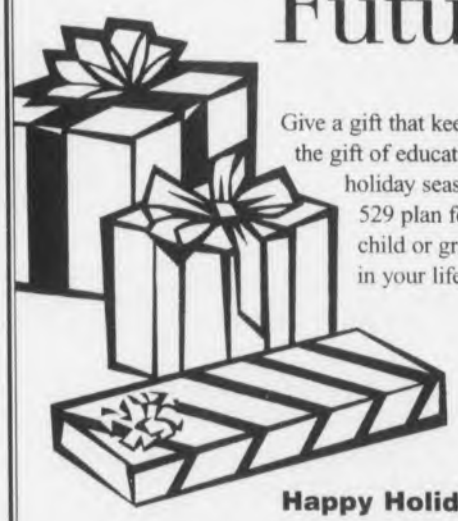

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Still time to nominate Cohasset's top citizen

See form page 19

By Mary Ford
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In keeping with a nine-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Glenn Pratt as Citizen of the Year for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and leading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

The deadline for nominations for the 2002 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 3. Please see the nomination form on page 19. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2002 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2003.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the eighth person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: the late **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: the late **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

Bluegrass Christmas at the Coffeehouse

On Sunday, Dec.15, at 2 p.m., bluegrass band, Southern Rail, presents a program of Glorious Bluegrass Christmas Gospel at the Old Ship Church's Coffee House off the Square.

Long one of New England's best Appalachian-rooted bluegrass and gospel bands, Southern Rail is a perennial favorite at Boston's First Night and was a big hits in the Coffee House's 1998 and 2000 seasons.

Southern Rail consists of Jim Muller, a flat-picking guitar player, singer, and songwriter and bassist Sharon Horovitch. They are joined by vocalist Bob Sachs, and by Rick Briggs on banjo and harmony.

The band's double credentials show in their Bluegrass records like the compelling "Carolina Lightning" and in their Gospel work on "Glory Train" nominated for "Gospel Recorded Performance of the Year."

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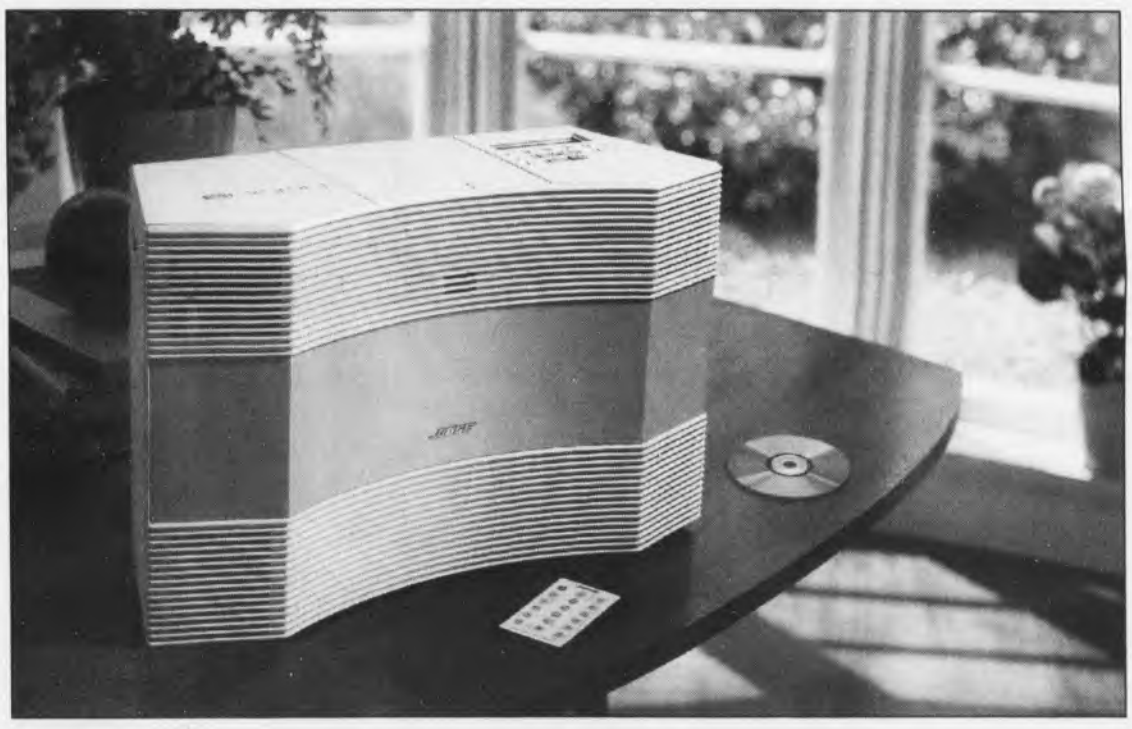

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Starting over

Big personnel turnover means big challenges for rookie hockey coach

By Mike Spellman
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Unfortunately, it probably won't be too long before the Cohasset High hockey team's 20 plus game regular season unbeaten streak comes to an end.

"It looks like this will be a rebuilding year," concedes first year head coach John Blake, who succeeds longtime Cohasset coach Dennis Walsh (who retired after last season). "We've got some talent, but an awful lot of it is young. We'll probably take a few lumps early, but hopefully we'll get better as the year goes along and hopefully we'll be able to make a run at the state tourney."

In all, 10 players were lost from last year's team that went 21 straight games without a loss before falling to Bourne in the Div. 3 semifinals, eight to graduation, two to transfer—four league all-stars among them. Senior goalie Dan Kinchla and senior defensemen Tim Straughn (10 goals, 13 assists) and Eric Libby (three goals, seven assists) were named South Shore League all-stars and headline the list lost to the caps and gowns.

Greg O'Connell, who led the South Shore League in scoring last season as a junior (27 goals, 32 assists) and was clearly the Skippers' top player, transferred this fall to Belmont Hill Preparatory School in order to drum up more collegiate interest. Rob Carpenter (eight goals, 20 assists), who skated on the top line with O'Connell, also transferred to a prep school.

The others lost to graduation were solid second and third line forwards Chris Caron (nine goals, 10 assists), Dave Bouchard (five goals, 11 assists), Pete Whonskey (six goals, five assists) and Sean Chase (five goals, nine assists), and reliable stay-at-home defenseman Will Moody (two goals, five assists).

This kind of hit would be difficult on any high school hockey program, but it seems to come down particularly hard on Cohasset, the smallest school (in terms of student enrollment) by far in the South Shore League.

Topping the list of what Blake does return are three league all-stars in seniors John Durkin (20 goals, 16 assists), Matt Davis (10 goals, 16 assists) and Tom Anderson (21 goals, 13 assists) – who, not coincidentally, have also been named the team's tri-captains.

"Those guys will be vital not only for what they do on the

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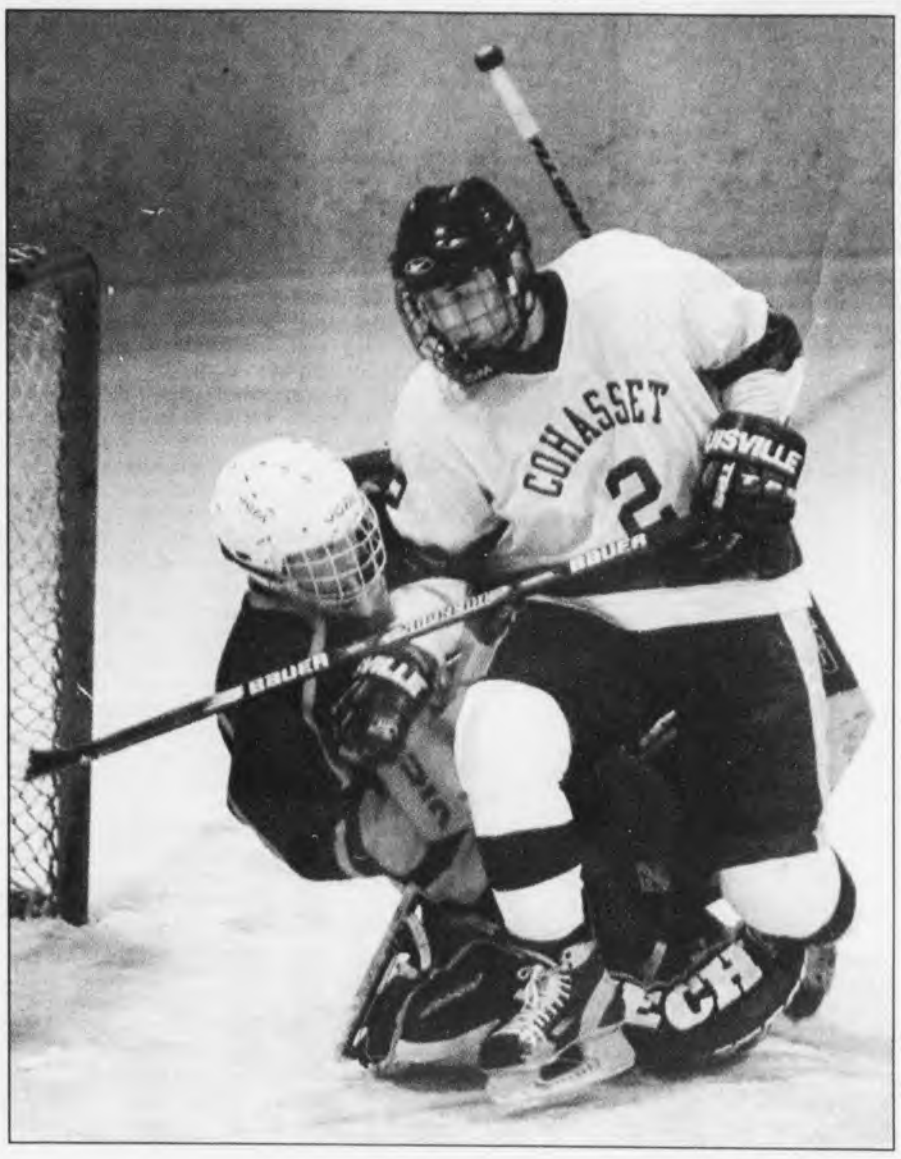

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Tom Anderson (#2) is one of three returning South Shore League all-stars who will be looked to to carry an even bigger load this winter for the CHS hockey team.

Diving right in

Swim-dive team empowered by greater numbers, balanced schedule

By Dave Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

For the Scituate-Cohasset swim team, a new league means new life.

Despite the team's cheery disposition and spirited work ethic, they were absolutely whitewashed last year by the likes of Nauset, Taunton and Duxbury. Teams with over 40 males and often well over 40 females made for lopsided losses for the Sci-Coh's coed team of 20 last winter. Both the male and female teams finished last in the Pilgrim Conference.

This year, however, the team has transitioned into the much more manageable, but still competitive Old Colony League. The OCL features mostly private schools such as Cardinal Spellman and smaller public schools like Oliver Ames, who the Sailors-Skippers beat for their only win in 2001-'02.

With an impressive new lineup, the team should be in the hunt for a league title.

"I do not think I could be more excited for this year to start," enthused third year

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
Regardless of conditions, the Cohasset High cheerleaders were there all season, rooting the boys in blue on to an 8-2 year.

Hoopsters gear up

Strong returning cast has boys hoop squad eyeing tourney run

By Dave Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The boys basketball team entered last season with nearly a starting line-up of injuries. Nick Bolster, Liam Martin, Sean Connoly, and Chris Bilodeau all suffered from injuries that kept the team from getting the season rolling in the right direction. Considering the team's condition, the team managed a more than respectable seven wins.

That team was led by this year's seniors, who should lead the team to a year of an improved record, and what could be a trip to the state tournament for the first time since 2000.

"Injuries decimated us last year," reported veteran coach Ron Ford, who also serves as CHS's Athletic Director. "But the guys we're playing this year all have a year under their belts."

The team will be led by a trio of strong senior captains. Bruising power forward Ben Lynner, a serious varsity contributor all four years of high school, will be looked to for his tremendous rebounding skill and crafty moves around the hoop. Lynner recently completed his senior year as captain of the football team, and, according to Ford, is "in the best shape of his life."

"He's just coming in in tremendous shape," the coach continued. "He's a little undersized (six feet), but we like to get him out on the perimeter. He is going to have a monster year."

Senior captains Ian Kidder and Jared Krupczak will be leading contributors on the team at the small forward and guard positions. They are two of the fastest members of the team (also track and field All-Stars in the spring), and have an arsenal of weapons on both sides of the floor.

Much of the success of the

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All-Scholastic football team

Anderson, Cambi and Goodson named among area's elite

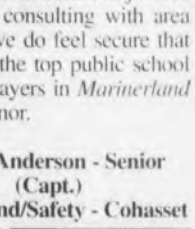
As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to positional considerations. The only criteria we considered was overall value these players had to their respective teams.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 28, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top public school football players in *Mariner*land for this honor.

Tom Anderson - Senior (Capt.)
Tight End/Safety - Cohasset



Tom Anderson

Cohasset football's Mr. Everything, the 6-foot, 205 Anderson played tight end, strong safety, kicker, placekicker and punter...seldom took a play off...led the team in receiving with 40 catches, and also finished among team leaders in tackling...accounted for 25 points with two TDs, a field goal and 10 extra points kicks... South Shore League all-star...also a standout hockey and lacrosse player for CHS who barely missed All-Scholastic honors for those sports last school year...has already been named a captain for hockey and lacrosse as well...Homecoming King...Honor Roll student...would like to play college lacrosse...looking at several colleges...active in drama and singing...Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe: "Tom is a very good athlete who filled a number of important roles for us. He's an outstanding kicker and a great tight end who did everything you could have asked no matter where we put him."

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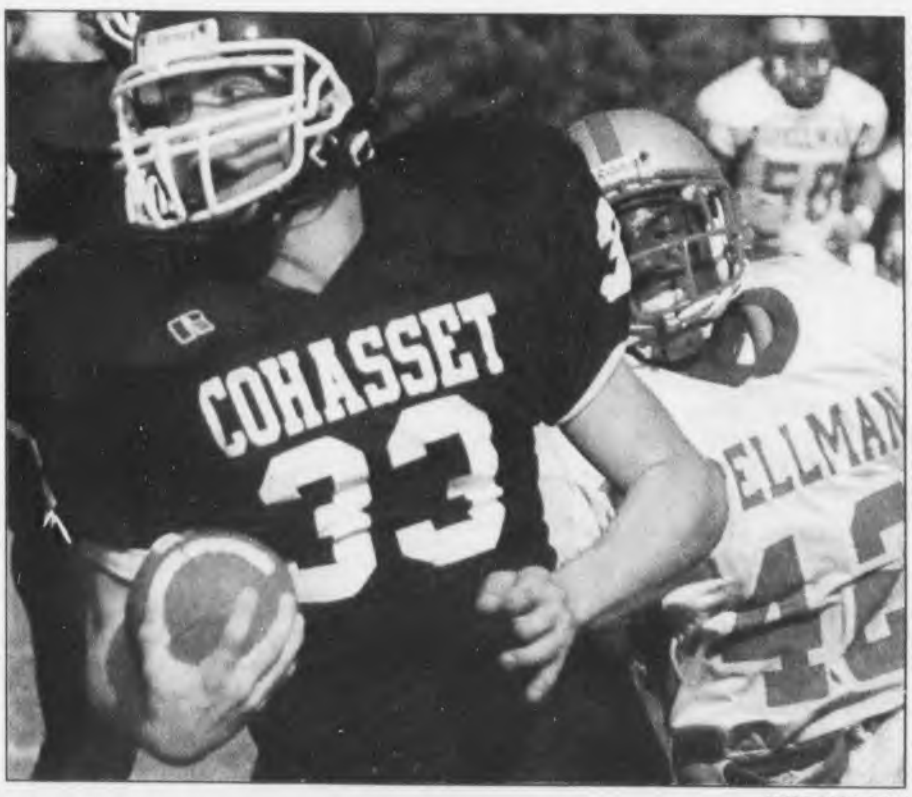

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1,500 yards and 20 touchdowns...yeah, we think Braun Goodson (#33) is a deserving addition to our All-Scholastic team

No excuses

Even with heavy graduation toll, CHS grid coach eyes competitive '03 campaign

By Mike Spellman
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A record of 17-3 over the last two years is something any football program would happily boast, but maybe that's a bit more the case for a school like Cohasset High, which is by far the smallest (in terms of student population) in the South Shore League.

The Skippers lose nine players to graduation, all started. This would be a heavy toll on any football program but, again, clearly more so for a school the size of CHS.

Of course, these sound an awful lot like excuses, and Cohasset High head coach Tony Rolfe doesn't like excuses.

"This is something you have to get used to going through as a high school coach," noted the fifth year CHS head man. "Our goal next year is not to fall off the face of the earth, and still be competitive in every game, and we expect to do that."

While Rolfe concedes that Norwell, given the low number of key graduates, deserves to be viewed as the SSL's favorite next fall, he does assert his team will be getting more than enough back to remain "quite competitive."

"We get back 80 percent of our starting offensive line and three starting linebackers," noted the coach. "Those are two vital areas on both sides of the ball, and there are a lot of teams that won't have that kind of advantage next year."

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Anderson, Cambi and Goodson named among area's elite

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Braun Goodson - Senior (Capt.)
Halfback - Cohasset

Braun Goodson

Rushed for 1,500 yards and 20 touchdowns this season for the 8-2 Skippers, making a remarkable transition from fullback to tailback…a punishing runner at 6-foot-2, 210 pounds who also possessed the speed necessary to break off long runs once he popped into the clear…South Shore League all-star…has also run track and wrestled the last few years at CHS, but plans to skip wrestling this winter in order to concentrate on a football specific training program…an A student in math and science…hobbies include web page design and music (plays guitar, drums and keyboard)…plans to play college football, with WPI, Merrimac, Lehigh University and UNH among the possibilities…will major in Chemical Engineering…Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe: "Braun is the whole package you look for in a lead back. He's big, strong and fast. And he has outstanding football instincts too."

Cosimo Cambi - Senior
Offensive/Defensive Line
Cohasset

Cosimo Cambi

A three year starter and two year two-way starter for a Skippers team that went 17-3 the last two years…a natural athlete who is much stronger than his 6-foot-1, 195 pound frame might suggest…was Cohasset's only two-way lineman last year…led this year's team in tackles by a wide margin…South Shore League all-star…also runs track and wrestles for CHS…Honor Roll student…hopes to play college football…has applied to Coast Guard and WPI…leaning toward majoring in Engineering…Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe: "Cosimo's a great athlete, and football is the thing he's really poured his heart and energies into. He really wants to play college football and he's really made himself into a good candidate for that with all of his hard work."

Greg Anderson - Senior
Running back - Abington

Greg Anderson

Anderson caused fits for opposing defenses this season as few could contain his quickness…More than just a speedster, Anderson's ability maneuver with the ball continually produced big yardage…A South Shore League All-star, Anderson (5'9", 170) rushed for 770 yards and received for another 400, in leading the Green Wave (11-1, 5-0 SSL) to the SSL title and Div. 5 Super Bowl crown, its first ever…There, Anderson scored the first points of the game on a 35-yard pass play…Anderson plans to attend college and continue his football career. Abington coach Jim Kelliher: "He was the sparkplug on our offense. He gives 100 percent all the time and works for every yard he can get. He's a practice player in that his focus and intensity is just as strong in practice as it is on game day."

Kevin Iacobucci - Senior (Capt.)
Offensive line - Abington

The starting center for the last three seasons, Iacobucci proved to be the master of his domain this season, helping Abington (11-1, 5-0 SSL) land a South Shore League title and Div. 5 Super Bowl crown…Was the leader on the Green Wave's offensive line, and was proof positive of the kind of results that off-season work produces…A quiet and unassuming player, Iacobucci got the job done at defensive tackle as well…, The senior captain and SSL All-star plans to attend college and hopes to continue his football career. Abington coach Jim Kelliher: "He's exactly who you'd want your kids to look up to. He demonstrates what you can do with hard work. Anyone that can start and stay at center for three years is a blessing."

Kevin Iacobucci

Adam Bowser - Senior
Linebacker - Abington

Adam Bowser

A key to the Green Wave's success on both sides of the ball, Bowser (6'2", 240) got the job done at running back and as a third of the team's talented linebacker core…Rushed for 790 yards and also doubled as a receiver, leading Abington's short-pass game…But it was the South Shore League All-star's tenacity on defense that made the most impact on the Abington (11-1, 5-0 SSL) team, which won the SSL title and Div. 5 Super Bowl crown…Was instrumental in shutting down Bowl opponent Tyngsboro's offense in a 25-0 win, racking up five tackles on the day…Bowser plans to attend college and continue his football career. Abington coach Jim Kelliher: "People tried to stop him and didn't have much success. His performance down the stretch was as good a performance as anyone. He's the guy that kept our offense going."

Ben Melville - Senior (Capt.)
Defensive end - Abington

Ben Melville

Praised by Abington head coach Jim Kelliher as being "A Coach's Dream," Melville's leadership helped the Green Wave capture the South Shore League title and Div. 5 Super Bowl crown…Graciously switched from tight end to running back this season and it worked wonders for Abington's speedy offense…At defensive end, Melville (6'1", 195) was tough to get by, racking up two sacks in the team's 25-0 Bowl victory, while also scoring on a one-yard TD drive…Melville plans to attend college and continue his football career. Kelliher: "He's a phenom. He made a tough transition because it was better for the team. He's a guy that we're going to remember for a long time specifically for the nature of the person he is. He led by example."

Shane Crowley - Senior
Defensive back - Abington

Shane Crowley

After missing his entire junior season to a knee injury sustained during preseason, Crowley was back with a vengeance this year…Formerly a quarterback, Crowley made the jump to wide receiver and defensive back and it worked wonders for the Div. 5 Super Bowl and SSL champion Green Wave (11-1, 5-0 SSL)…Continually shined in high pressure situations, particularly in the 25-0 Bowl win, in which he had 50 yards receiving and threw for a 40-yard TD…Crowley plans to attend college and continue his football career. Abington coach Jim Kelliher: "He's a great possessive receiver because he runs precise routs. When we've been on the line, he's made the catch more times that I can remember. I just can't say enough about him."

Bob Cellucci - Senior (Capt.)
Running back - Marshfield

Bob Cellucci

The Rams' go-to player on offense, Cellucci's tenacity and strength proved invaluable for Marshfield (7-3, 5-2 OCL)…Finished his final season at MHS as the team's leading rusher with yards…The senior captain (5'10", 185) was a unanimous pick for the Old Colony League All-star team…Scored a crucial 7-yard TD in the fourth quarter of the Rams' 9-6 Thanksgiving Day victory over Duxbury…A member of the National Honor Society, Cellucci plans to attend college and continue his football career. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "He has a great ability to run with the ball. If we needed the yards, he always came through."

Todd Faiella - Junior (Capt.)
Linebacker - Marshfield

Todd Faiella

Faiella (6'2", 190) is the first and only MHS player to captain the football team as a junior and the reason why was evident this season…The outside linebacker is a two-year starter for the Rams and is a relentless defensive player…In a 40-6 blowout at Plymouth South, the Old Colony League All-star recorded five sacks, caused a fumble which Marshfield (7-3, 5-2 OCL) recovered, and blocked an extra-point kick…Also pitched in offensively at tight end and made a huge reception in the Rams' 9-6 Thanksgiving Day win over Duxbury…Faiella also plays lacrosse at MHS. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "He loves to play the game, but he really loves to play defense. He's an extremely versatile athlete and an immense player."

Ryan Fletcher - Senior (Capt.)
Offensive lineman - Marshfield

Ryan Fletcher

This three-year starter was the leader on Marshfield's offensive line this season… The Old Colony League All-star made many of the calls on the line and was the team's leading blocker…The senior captain also made huge defensive contributions at tackle…One of the biggest players on the line at 6',3", 233, this very unassuming player got the job done with his hard-nosed, simple-style of play rather than flashiness…Fletcher plans to attend college and continue his football career. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "Fletch anchored our line. If we needed two or three yards, he's the one we'd run behind. He had a tremendous year."

Greg Paul - Senior (Capt.)
Special Teams - Hingham

Greg Paul

While the Harbormen (1-10) had their share of struggles, Paul more than did his part to help their cause…A Patriot League All-star, Paul (5'7", 160) racked up seven touchdowns on special teams this season (four kick-off returns, all 80 plus yards; and three punt returns, all no fewer than 30 yards)…Nearly reached 1,000 yards rushing at running back, but a separated shoulder sustained in a game against Canton forced him off the field for the last game and a half of the season, leaving him with 913 yards…The two-year starter was also used as a wide-out and defensive back, Paul was one of the most versatile players in the PL…Also a lacrosse player at HHS, Paul has been accepted to Norwich. Hingham coach Paul Killinger: "He made some real big catches, covered an opponent's best receiver, and ran the ball for us. He was a very versatile player."

Justin Smith - Senior (Capt.)
Quarterback - Rockland

Justin Smith

Had a breakthrough season for the Bulldogs (7-3, 4-2 PL) throwing for 10 touchdowns and rushing for four more…One of the better throwers in the Patriot League, Smith (6'3", 185) consistently demonstrated grace under pressure…A PL All-star and two-year starter at QB, Smith was also Rockland's best punter and played safety, where he racked up three interceptions…Smith plans to attend either Colby or Bowdin, where he will continue his football career. Rockland coach Tom Bailey: "He has the potential to be an outstanding college quarterback. He throws as well as any kid we've ever had here. He's a great kid and really loves the game."

Rob Affleck - Senior
Defensive back - Rockland

Rob Affleck

The Bulldogs' top running back, Affleck had a solid senior season for Rockland (7-3, 4-2 PL)… Affleck rushed for more than 100 yards in three games this season, including 170 yards and two touchdowns on Thanksgiving Day…A Patriot League All-star at defensive back, Affleck marked the opponents' best receiver…Also a solid tackler, Affleck racked up 15 stops against Silver Lake…The senior plans to attend college and continue his football career. Rockland coach Tom Bailey: "He's probably the best defensive corner we've seen at Rockland. The way he anticipates and jumps to the ball is uncanny. There's no MVP award on Thanksgiving Day, but he was the best player of the game. He had an outstanding year."

Pat Dwyer - Junior
Defensive back - Hanover

This speedy halfback was the key to the Hanover offense this season, rushing for more than 1,000 yards, while scoring 10 touchdowns in the process…A two-time Patriot League All-star, Dwyer doubled at defensive back, where he was also extremely effective for the Indians (5-6, 3-3 PL)…Teamed with fellow junior Nick Riordan for one of the more productive offenses in the league and both will be back next season to reprise their roles. Hanover coach Paul Costello: "He did a great job this season. He's got a great burst of speed. We won 4-of-6 at home and he's a major reason why."

Mike Sirignano - Senior
Defensive tackle - Hanover

Mike Sirignano

Opposing offenses weren't able to get much against Sirignano (6', 245)…The Patriot League All-star keyed the Indians (5-6, 3-3 PL) defense this season, racking up 90 tackles, 17 quarterback sacks, and recovering a fumble…A three-year starter for Hanover, Sirignano's quickness of the line, strength, and determination were among his key attributes throughout his HHS career…The senior plans to attend college where he may consider continuing his football career. Hanover coach Paul Costello: "He's just a super kid. He gave 100 percent every time he was out there. He made things happen."

Ryan Joyce - Senior
Guard - Weymouth

Ryan Joyce

The Weymouth offense rushed for more than 3,000 yards this season and Joyce (5'11", 190) was a major reason why…This senior's undeniable presence on the Wildcats' offensive line helped produce a Bay State Carey title and an appearance in the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. semifinals…The BSC All-star also doubled as a linebacker on defense and was a talented downfield blocker…Joyce plans to attend college and continue his football career. Weymouth coach Ross Tortora: "He was the key to our offensive line. His play allowed us to do many things. We rushed for 3,000 plus yards and he was a very important part of that."

Jason Anzalone - Senior (Capt.)
Running back - Weymouth

Jason Anzalone

The Wildcats' main man on offense, Anzalone rushed for more than 1,000 yards this season, racking up 17 touchdowns in the process…His performance on offense and at linebacker helped Weymouth (8-4) capture the Bay State Carey crown and reach the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. semifinals…Racked up 100 plus tackles at linebacker…A BSC All-star, Anzalone is a three-year starter on defense…Anzalone will most-likely attend Northeastern University where he will continue his football career. Weymouth coach Ross Tortora: "The kid rises to the occasion best in big games. He has a good sense of the field and has a quickness that is sometimes overlooked. He was certainly one of our anchors on offense."

Mark Cunningham - Senior
Defensive end - Weymouth

Mark Cunningham

This defensive stalwart was grace under pressure on the Weymouth line… Continually issued a number of tasks, Cunningham (6'2", 215) always rose to the occasion…At defensive end, Cunningham was the Wildcats' main run stopper, while also providing solid blocking on the offensive side of the ball…His performance on both fronts helped Weymouth (8-3) capture a Bay State League title and appearance in the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. semifinals…Cunningham plans to attend college and may continue his football career. Weymouth coach Ross Tortora: "We asked him to do a great deal and he handled it very well. Most teams would try to find out where he was because they didn't want to run at him. His defense was one of the reasons we were so successful."

Bill Coveney - Senior (Capt.)
Tight End/Defensive End
Silver Lake

Bill Coveney

Voted team MVP after a sensational season on both sides of the ball for the Lakers (5-6)… 6-foot-1, 210 pounds… led the team in receptions (48) and tackles (which included 50 solos)…a three year varsity player and two year starter…Old Colony League all-star…also a standout hockey player for SLHS…Honor Roll student…hopes to play college football…likes Bates College, but will likely apply to a few others…plans to major in Criminal Justice with an eye toward law enforcement…Silver Lake coach Dana Battista: "Bill had a big time year, and he was definitely our heart and soul on the field. He never came off the field, and he played hard on every play."

Dennis Hill - Senior (Capt.)
Quarterback/Deep Back
Silver Lake

Dennis Hill

Completed his career as the Lakers three year starter at quarterback throwing for nine touchdowns and running for eight more, while compiling over 1,700 of total offense…two time Old Colony League all-star…two time Mariner All-Scholastic…an exceptional athlete who excelled in both running and passing…an accurate passer with more arm strength than his size (6-feet, 160 pounds) might suggest…also a basketball standout for SLHS, he returns this winter as the varsity team's starting point guard…plans to play college football…is being recruited by several colleges, among them Norwich University, UMass-Amherst and Springfield…Silver Lake coach Dana Battista: "We all know what kind of athlete Dennis is, but he also showed a great deal of smarts with the way he ran our offense. We asked him to do a lot of things in our offense, and he did a nice job with just about everything new asked. He picks up on things quickly."

Tom McCarthy - Senior
Split End - Scituate

Tom McCarthy

Led all Div. 4 Eastern Mass receivers in touchdown catches this fall with nine… teamed extremely well with quarterback and best friend Brad Barnard to catch 48 passes for 914 yards this season…the 5-foot-11, 180 pound receiver also had five 2-point conversions to finish with 64 points…two year starter…Patriot League all-star…previously played basketball and ran spring track for SHS…would like to play college football…is looking into possibilities at UMass-Dartmouth, UMass-Amherst, Lowell, Hofstra and Holy Cross…Scituate coach Steve Maguire: "It's not even close, Tom is the best (receiver) I've ever seen day in and day out. The way he catches the ball is just so unique. He just stabs it out of the air. That's the best way I can describe it. His hands are just incredible and he's got great instincts."

Brad Barnard- Junior
Quarterback- Scituate

Brad Barnard

Finished tied for most TD passes among all Div. 4 quarterbacks in Eastern Mass. with 15…the 6-foot-1, 190-pound QB completed 73 passes this season for 1,651 yards and ran for another 494 yards, including one TD carry… also passed for six 2-point conversions, ran for five more and kicked 11 extra points…also a member of the SHS varsity basketball and baseball teams his sophomore year…Scituate coach Steve Maguire: ""Brad did so many things well this year. His progress between last year and this year was just fantastic. He was so much more poised and under control. He made good decisions that made it possible to really show the kind of skills he has."

Mike Eshner - Senior (Capt.)
Tight End/Linebacker
Holbrook/Avon

The Bulldogs unquestioned leader on both sides of the ball this season…led the team in tackles (90 with close to half solos) and receptions…has very good hands and makes a good target at

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Cohasset's Anderson, Cambi and Goodson named among area's elite

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Mike Eshner

6-foot-3, 220 pounds... almost never took a play off, as he also served as the long snapper on punts and kicks... also threw a TD pass this year... nanimous selection as Mayflower League all-star...also plays baseball for HHS...would like to play college football...has applied to Stonehill, Curry and Bridgewater State...Holbrook coach Mike Merrick: "Mike was the heart and soul of our team, no doubt about it. He was a great leader who set a great example. He was a pretty natural tight end because he caught the ball so well, but his hard work set him apart."

John Chappell - Senior (Capt.) Offensive/Defensive Line Norwell

John Chappell

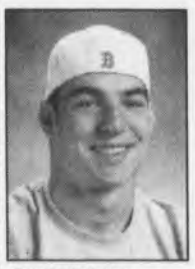
A three year starter and arguably the most dominant two-way stating lineman in the South Shore League the last two years...At 6-foot-3, 270 pounds, he was a dominant physical force, but he also was much faster and quicker than the vast majority of players his size...coach Jim Sullivan estimates 80 percent of his team's running plays this season went behind John...also a very good wrestler and lacrosse player at Norwell High...will play college football and is being actively recruited by several colleges, among them Georgetown, Tufts, Trinity, Bowdoin, Bates, Hobart and even a couple of the Ivy League schools...a member of the NHS Math Club and Robotics team...Honor Roll student...Norwell coach Jim Sullivan: "John never takes a play off. He plays with the type of controlled intensity you just don't see that often at this level. He's an extremely intense competitor, but you never see it boil over. I think that if you can maintain control in the chaotic world in the trenches, you're going to win most of the battles."

Andrew Farinick - Junior Tailback/Linebacker - Norwell

Andrew Farinick

The Clippers triple crown winner this year, topping the team in rushing yards, scoring and tackles...finished with approximately 1,400 on the ground...a punishing runner at 6-foot-1, 210 pounds who can also turn the corner and outrun most defenders...South Shore League all-star... twice went over 40 carries in a game this year, and rushed for over 150 yards in a game four times...carries waned dramatically down the stretch, as opposing defenses began keying on him...also plays lacrosse for NHS... would like to play college football...Norwell coach Jim Sullivan: "Andrew is a special athlete. As the season progressed, he had eight or nine defensive guys spying on him, which made it real tough for him to get much going. But that kind of respect created some good opportunities for other people. He's a great weapon."

Jim Bellofatto - Junior Defensive End - Braintree


Jim Bellofatto

Was the leader in tackles and sacks (in on 15) for a Wamps team that allowed the second fewest points in the 12 team Bay State Conference (131)...extremely quick and athletic for his size (6-foot-3, 215 pounds)...only Bay State Conference all-star for 7-4 Wamps...created a key fumble in win over Brookline and deflected a lateral and than recovered it for a TD in win over Milton...Honor Roll student...also runs winter and spring track for BHS, specializing in high jump and mid-distance races...wants to play college football...Braintree coach Dave Swanton: "Jim has all the attributes to be a big time college player. He's fast and explosive. He's just a menace on the field. He has the ability to really disrupt an offense"

Dave Webster - Senior (Capt.) Safety - Braintree

Dave Webster

This three year starter was instrumental in turning the Wamps from one of the worst defensive teams in the state in 2000 (378 points) to one of the best (131 points) by his senior year...the athletic 6-foot-175 pound deep back was equally vital in run support and pass coverage for the 7-4 Wamps...led the team in interceptions with five...also one of the team's leading tacklers...had a couple of interceptions in upset win over Walpole, returning one for a touchdown...also a standout for BHS in basketball and lacrosse, and has been named captain for both of those sports this year as well...would like to play college football...is talking to Western New England College, Assumption, UMass-Dartmouth and Westford State, among others...leaning toward majoring in Criminal Justice...Braintree coach Dave Swanton: "Dave was such a great kid and a great captain. He set a great example and led by it. led by He's kind of a throwback type player. He plays with such effort and determination. He has made himself into an outstanding player."

Honorable Mention

Jim Nigrelli - Sr. (Capt.) –Defensive/Offensive line - Braintree
AJ Flemmi- Sr.- Linebacker/Fullback- Braintree
Dan Cushing- Sr.- Cornerback- Braintree
Joe Shea- Sr.- Tailback- Braintree
Pat McGrail- Soph. - Receiver- Braintree
Mike Hanson- Sr.- Offensive Line- Braintree
Brian Hess- Jr.- Tailback/Linebacker- Silver Lake
Sean Donovan - Sr. - Center- Silver Lake
Derek Nessessian - Sr. - Cornerback/Split End- Silver Lake
Lenny Lima- Sr.- Tailback- Holbrook
Mike Snowdale- Sr.- Quarterback- Cohasset
Ben Lynner-Sr. (Capt.)- Offensive/Defensive Line- Cohasset
Bob Ferriter- Jr.- Defensive/Offensive Line- Scituate
Frank Granara- Jr.- Linebacker/Wingback-Norwell
John Mohan- Jr.- Quarterback/Safety- Norwell
Steve Sullivan- Sr. (Capt.)- Quarterback- Norwell
Matt O'Donnell- Sr. (Capt.)- Offensive/Defensive Line- Norwell
Joe Doyle- Sr. (Capt.) - Linebacker/Split End- Norwell
Austin Giles - Soph. - Defensive Tackle - Marshfield
Sonny MacDonald - Sr. (Capt.) - Split End - Marshfield
Dan Cotrone - Sr. - Center - Hanover
Nick Riordan - Jr. - Linebacker - Hanover
Steve Lyons - Jr. - Defensive End - Hingham
Joe Coppens - Jr. - Wide Receiver - Rockland
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Starting over

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ice, but for their leadership too," said Blake, 28, a former assistant coach at Thayer Academy and Blue Hills. "So far they've been great. The kids are responding to them. In fact, it looks like I'm going to have a good group to work with."

Which is a nice plus given all the work that has to be done. The Skippers were dominated in their first scrimmage on Saturday, a 6-2 loss to Boston Latin, particularly in their own end.

"That scrimmage was good in that I saw we needed to go back to the basics in some areas, particularly on defense and in our defensive zone," said Blake, whose team opens the season for real this Saturday against Scituate at Hingham's Pilgrim Arena (5 p.m. start). "We've got a lot of freshman out there, so it looked a little bit like a youth hockey game. We were kind of helter skelter. This week we're going to concentrate primarily on putting in a defensive system."

One change the coach has already made in the interest of defensive efficiency was moving Matt Davis from forward to defense.

"We needed Matt's steady play back there, and he understands that," said Blake. "It doesn't look like we're going to have the type of team that's going to win a lot of shootout 7-6 games anyway. Things are going to have to start for us in the defensive end."

Davis will no doubt be joined on the blue line for monster minutes by junior Mike Devine (five goals, 10 assists), who barely missed being named a league all-star last season.

"Those guys give us a nice steady combo we can use on power plays and shorthanded," said Blake. "Mike is a good, smart, physical defenseman who moves the puck well."

Sophomore Tim Pilczak is another player who has caught his coach's eye, and appears to have nailed down the third defenseman spot. Senior Mike Calorio will also see some time on the blue line, as will sophomore Joe Durkin once he returns from an elbow injury suffered at the end of football season.

Just who will fill the sizeable void in net created by the departure of Kinchla (SSL best 0.8 goals against average) remains up in the air. Last year's backup, sophomore Brendan Michaud, is being challenged by freshman Stephan Parnell for the duty. Both have shown flashes, but Blake says this race is still too close to call.

Up front, Blake plans to split up Durkin and Anderson for regular shifts in hopes of establishing two productive lines. Of course, the two will no doubt skate most of the power play minutes together.

Durkin will likely center a top line between sophomore Ted Straughn (Tim's brother, who contributed 11 goals and 11 assists as a freshman) and freshman Matt O'Connell (Greg's brother) – who reportedly plays a style very similar to his brother, but just needs to add inches and lbs..

"John (Durkin) will probably be our go to guy," said Blake. "He really is a skilled player, and hopefully what he brings will make it easier for whoever is playing alongside him to make their mark."

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Rob Carpenter (#6) is one of 10 big losses the Skippers suffered to graduation or transfer.

Pencilled in to flank Anderson in the middle on the second line are junior Mike Rasmussen (five goals, 10 assists), a solid checking line wing from last year's team, and freshman Brandon Smith.

The coach was told when he took over the program that this year's Skippers were likely a two-line team, but he seems intent on developing a third line, even if it means a baptism under fire for a few players.

"Your kids will just get worn down too much playing every other shift," asserted Blake, who has 23 players on the team and will likely dress 17 per game. "Even if you're just using that third line for a couple of 45 second shifts here and there, it's getting your main guys a little more of a break, and it's developing the younger guys who you could use more if someone else were injured."

Freshman Ben Libby (Eric's brother), a strong skater who only lacks the size necessary to be a quality high school talent, will likely center a third line to start the year, but could see some time on second line duty as well. Freshman Mark Bouchard and sophomore Mark Donovan are the leading candidates right now to join him on that line.

Though Blake assumes his young but skilled squad will make steady gains throughout this season, he asserts how this season shakes out will likely be determined by the rest of the South Shore League.

The consensus is Abington/East Bridgewater will be the team to beat in the SSL, but the race after that appears wide open.

Norwell, which tied Ab/EB for second place in the SSL last year behind Cohasset, also took a palpable hit from graduation, and Hull, Harwich and Mashpee have few expectations. Carver places a first year varsity program in the league this winter, so considerable growing pains are anticipated there.

"If we can get the better of those teams maybe we can get into the tourney, and that would be a great experience for all of our players," noted Blake.

The team certainly won't get much help in its quest for a .500 season (and the state tourney berth that goes along with it) from their non-league schedule. Defending Div. 3 state champion Blue Hills is on the schedule twice, as is expected Div. 3 contender Scituate. Perennial contender Hanover is also there, as is Bourne — the team that knocked the Skippers out of the postseason last year.

"The way I look at it is if we're going to make the tourney, we should try to be ready for it, and you get ready by playing quality teams," asserted Blake. "If we can't be competitive with these teams, we probably don't want to be in the tourney anyway."

CHS gridders feted

The Cohasset Gridiron Club hosted its annual football Break-Up luncheon at the Atlantica Restaurant this past Saturday to honor this year's 8-2 Skippers football team.

The 2002 Gridiron program book was dedicated to the 2001 Cohasset Skippers football team in recognition of their South Shore League championship.

First year varsity letters and varsity jackets were presented to Nick Arment, Matt Casey, Matt Davis, Dewayne Morris, D J Sivia, Nick Spirito, Ted Straughn, and Dan Tarpey.

Award recipients were:

Coaches Award was presented to Mike Snowdale.

Unsung Hero Award to John Durkin.

Most Improved Player Award to Dan Tarpey.

Outstanding Lineman to Ben Lynner

Outstanding Back to Braun Goodson

Hustle and Desire Award to Tom Anderson

2002 Team MVP Award was presented to Cosimo Cambi

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football Award to Mike Snowdale

Clark Chatterton Gridiron Award to Tom Anderson

Golden Helmet Awards were presented to: Mike Snowdale, Cosimo Cambi, Ben Lynner, John Durkin, Braun Goodson and Tom Anderson.

2003 Team Captains were announced: Chris Bilodeau, Steve Davis, Mike Dooley and Tony Truglia.

Diving right in

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coach Jamie Kearney. "We have great captains, great leadership, and an amazing amount of talent in this year's freshman class."

The Cohasset captains are seniors Bryan Bilton and Dave Ingber, with junior Delia Regan also earning the title.

For Scituate, seniors Erin Feeney and Kathryn Noonan lead the charge for the town that constitutes more than two-thirds of the team roster.

Meanwhile, the underclassmen are loaded with fresh talent, while several other school transfers add talent and experience to the team. Scituate freshmen James Smith and Jenny Driscoll and sophomores Liz Tierney and Becky Keys have looked particularly strong in the early going. Junior Coral Yang, an exchange student from China, here for the year at SHS, will be a remarkable asset to the squad in any event.

Keys, the Sci-Cohs only Pilgrim Conference All-Star (the title she earned after winning the Conference diving championships), looks to be in the running to defend her championship. Along with Scituate junior Darin Webster, Keys will be practicing in the Sandwich facilities three times per week to prepare for the season.

"Last year, we didn't have the opportunities to give our divers much practice time but Becky still had a phenomenal year," Kearney noted, when asked about the dive team, which will be coached by Terry Duggan. "I cannot imagine what the divers will be able to accomplish with sufficient time on the board."

The team will open their season this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Bridgewater State College for the annual Relay Carnival, a full day event which includes male, female and mixed events, all different stroke and length relays.

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Hoopsters gear up

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team will rest in the hands of the budding Bilodeau, who emerged as a double-digit scorer as a sophomore despite a broken pinky that cost him several games early and slowed his development. Bilodeau has not been involved with contact practice drills yet, as he is still nursing the broken arm he suffered during the football season. Bilodeau has the ability to play both guard positions and small forward, and can drive to the hoop as well as almost anyone.

"We're gonna feature Chris," said Ford. "The key to us is how well Chris passes. If he is scoring double figures and dishing out eight, nine or ten assists, we are going to be tough."

Connoly, now a junior with two full years as a varsity starter on his resume, overcame his nagging ankle problems to have an impressive sophomore year. A true center at 6-foot-5, 200 pounds, Connoly will need to crash the boards and create easy offensive rebound buckets as he did so successfully last year.

Backing up Lynner and Connolley on the front line will be seniors Ross Lieb-Lappen and Scott Faber, a pair of 6-foot-3 athletes who will see plenty of time off the bench this season.

Junior John Andrade, who started a bit as a point guard last year, will be a key contributor again this year, with good ball-handling skills and the ability to knock down three pointers.

The season will open next Tuesday, at the South Shore Vo-Tech Tip-off Tournament. Cohasset won this mini-tourney last year, and hopes to defend their title, but the competition will be stiffened after the hosts added Avon into the mix.

Ice fishing course

The Cohasset Recreation Dept. is pleased to announce that telephone registrations will be accepted for a unique Ice Fishing course, designed for all age children through adult.

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Two-way starter Cosimo Cambi is the only offensive lineman being lost to the caps and gowns. Returning next fall will be sophomore Matt Casey (5-foot-9, 175 pounds), freshman Nick Arment (6-foot-230 pounds), junior Dan Tarpey (6-foot-3, 205 pounds) and junior Steve Davis (6-foot-2, 250 pounds), who has already been named as one of four captains for next year.

The other captains named at Saturday's breakup banquet at the Atlantic Restaurant were seniors-to-be Mike Dooley, Tony Truglia and Chris Bilodeau.

Unfortunately, the only incumbent returning behind this offensive line will be sophomore fullback Ted Straughn, and there's no way to sugarcoat the losses of his backfield mates — two-time South Shore League all-star quarterback Mike Snowdale or tailback Brann Goodson, who rushed for over 1,500 yards and 20 touchdowns this season.

"That's a lot of talent and a lot of experience," noted Rolfe. "Both of those guys were multi-year starters and big performers for us."

Straughn (6-foot-1, 195 pounds) ran the ball well in limited opportunities this year, and will likely see that ball carrying role expand significantly next year, possibly even following in the footsteps of Goodson (who converted from fullback to tailback this season).

At this point, though, it appears there could be several candidates to lug the rock next year.

The quarterback job, however, would appear to rest in the capable hands of Dooley, who led the Skippers to a win in his lone career start as a sophomore in 2001, playing in place of the injured Snowdale. This year, he started in the defensive backfield, exhibiting athleticism Rolfe sounds excited about bringing to his offensive backfield.

At 5-foot-6, Dooley might have less than ideal size for a signal caller, but Rolfe seems to brush that concern aside easily.

"Honestly, I don't think it'll matter one bit," the fifth year coach asserted. "He's an athlete. He moves very well, and I'm not concerned about his arm strength. I'm expecting some nice things from him next year."

Unfortunately for Dooley he won't have two of Snowdale's top three targets this season. Graduation also claims wideout John Durkin and SSL all-star tight end Tom Anderson. The loss of Anderson (the team's only season long two-way starter besides Cambi) at tight end creates a number of big voids. He has also served the last few years as the team's punter, kicker, place kicker and strong safety, so the Skippers could quite literally need five different players to fill his shoes.

At least the situation at receiver is not quite as dire as it might first appear. Sophomore DJ Silvia emerged as a reliable pass catcher in his first year of football. He'll line up next year opposite 2001 SSL all-star wideout Chris Bilodeau, who was lost for all of this season to a broken hand in week one.

Bilodeau has been a starter since his freshman year, and a two way starter since his sophomore campaign, earning all-league honors that season, and more than one South Shore League coach said during that season that he had the league's best hands.

"I honestly think if we'd had Chris all year it might have made a difference," said Rolfe, referring to the Skippers failed run at a second consecutive league title. "He's that good."

The favorite to take over Anderson's job at tight end is junior Sean Connoly, who started this year at defensive end. At 6-foot-4, 200 pounds, he certainly has the size to play the position, and, as witnessed by his play with the varsity basketball team the last two years, he also appears to have the hands necessary for the job."

Though Connolly will be back on the defensive line as well, the Skippers do take a pretty good hit there with the graduations of league all-stars Ben Lynner and Cambi, as well as Nick Spirito.

Though Rolfe likes to keep his number of two-way players to a minimum, starting offensive linemen Arment, Tarpey and Davis will likely be among the candidates to fill those holes along the D-line next fall.

The situation in the defensive backfield appears similar, with starters Durkin and Matt Davis being lost to graduation, and Dooley likely not to return to his cornerback role (Rolfe does not like his quarterbacks playing defense too).

Bilodeau will take over one of those spots, and Silvia, sophomore Joe Durkin and Joe Kehoe are just a few of the candidates for the other jobs.

Fortunately, the Skippers do get back three players who saw extensive time in the middle of the defense this year in linebackers Truglia, Casey and Straughn. Only captain Chris McKenna, who led the team in tackles Thanksgiving day, will be lost from this rotation.

"Linebackers are the ones who make most of the tackles, and who can make or break your defense," asserted Rolfe, "so getting three guys back with experience, and who I know can play should help us compensate for the lack of experience at some of the other spots."

"We can probably call Norwell the team to beat right now, but things don't always work out the way you think they will," concluded Rolfe. "A lot of the teams will take a good hit from graduation. We're not alone. I think we'll be a good team next year. Beyond that, it will depend on how quickly we can find and develop replacements for the players we lose."

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Tony Truglia (#52) is one of several seniors who'll be deeply missed next season by the Cohasset gridders...

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Game of the Week: U12 Hawks, Blazers play to 8-8 tie

This week's selection had plenty of competition as there was a lot of great MaxLax action to go around (including and equally thrilling U12Lions/Cougars and the U10's Bullets/Mavericks, both decided by a single point). However, this games gets the nod for it's sheer entertainment value, its heroics, and the fact that it produced the most fitting ending for the efforts given, a tie. Graham Stevenson started it off for the Blazers with an unassisted goal off of a face-off which was immediately followed by a tally by the divisions #2 scoring leader Logan Chase. Eamon Davis then notched two in a row for the Hawks - the second coming after a brutal (but legal) stick check that appeared to leave Davis winded - until he struck back like a "rattler" catching everyone off guard with a zinger into the upper corner. Stevenson found glory again on a no look sweep from around the right side that was aided by a super screen on the goalie by Andrew Smith. The Blazers Justin Yeager also found the netting off of a free clear from a Hawk penalty to give the Blazers a two goal advantage.

Davis got one back as the half was winding down, but had the favor returned on a "routine goal" by Chase and then one more by the Blazers Matt Wasel to close out the half, Blazers 6 - Hawks 3.

The second half opened up with a bit of a scare as the Hawks goalie, Ian Quinlan, went down after taking a point blank shot off the shin which forced Johnny Wade to take over the net duties. This gave the Hawks a little extra juice as they came out on fire with 3 unanswered goals. Another score from Davis was followed by one from the now rested Quinlan, and then the last by Mike Froio who made a Bobby Orr leap across the crease to tuck it behind the outstretched arms of the goalie. Then the action really picked up with great defensive plays on both sides and with veteran Blazer goalie Wes Ulmer stopping several "sure things" up close. The Blazers John Kearney put them ahead with a straight on shot from the top of the box, only to be followed by an equally strong point strike from Ian Porter that kept the game even with only a few minutes left in the game. Olly Forrer put the Hawks up again as he caught a long clearing pass and made a super inside roll to get it in off of a post rebound. Yeager got the ball at half-court as a result of a Hawks penalty and he made good use of it as he drew the defense to the left before splitting them and finding the back of the cage. With 45 seconds left and with the Blazers VERY determined to hand the Hawks their first loss, they mounted a barrage of offensive strikes that could have resulted in numerous goals if not for the spirited play of Wade who magically appeared out of nowhere to stop everything that came his way.

Wade single-handedly made the saves and the Play of the Week (see below) that kept the Hawks undefeated season alive with a tie as the buzzer sounded.

PLAYER of the GAME: Hawks Johnny Wade - for stepping in to replace the injured goalie and playing with the heart and hustle of a champion.

PLAY of the WEEK: U12 HAWKS v BLAZERS - Did you see this one ?

After having their regular goaltender go down after taking a rocket to the shin, the Hawks Johnny Wade stepped up to the plate and took over the goaltending duties in this close contested Game of the Week match-up. Known as an aggressive hard-nosed defensive menace, Wade did his reputation and his team proud by stopping shots from all over the offensive end, but he saved his best efforts for last. In the last 30 seconds with the game tied and the Blades peppering the goal with several point blanks shots, Wade put an exclamation point on his performance with two back to back leaping saves coming from out of nowhere to knock down and capture the ball and thus preserving his team's undefeated season with the tie.

Here's the rest of the MaxLax action:

U14

Talons 15- Sears 4g/1a, Z. Gray 5g/2a, Thomson 3g, St Clair-Barrie 2g/1a, Powers 1g

Beavers 6- Galvin 2g, Whalen 1g, Wight 1g, Hill 1g, #85 1g

Bears 13- Merrill 2g, Griffin 7g, Johnson 3g/2a, #10 1g/1a

Panthers 6- Carlson 4g, Powers 1g, Thompson 1g

Sharks 10- Donovan 3g, Rice 2g/1a, Gormley 2g/2a, Twomey 2g, #85 1g

Blades 8- Mills 3g/2a, Burgess 1g/2a, Grimm 3g, Shipp1g/2a

U12

Hawks 8- Davis 4g, Quinlan 1g, Froio 1g, Porter 1g, Forrer 1g

Blazers 8- Chase 2g, Stevenson 2g, Yeager 2g, Wasel 1g, Kearney 1g

Spartans 18- Reynolds 8g/1a, Mcinerney 3g/1a, Kaz 3g, Leary 2g/1a, Crowley 2g

Jackals 5- Ast 3g, Wahlberg 1g, Aylward 1g

Lions 16- Owen 2g, Lydon 8g, Flannery 1g, Dalton 1g, Flaherty 1g, French 1g, #85 3g

Cougars 14- Driscoll 9g, Shipp 3a, Littauer 1g/1a, Walsh 1a, Seraikas 1g, #43 2g/1a

U10

Lazers 8- Martina 2g, Robertshaw 2g/1a, Russell 1g, Contento 1g/1a, Entwistle 1g, Hahn 1g

Hornets 1- Bright 1g, Carroll 1a

Bullets 7 - Pershing 3g, Blair 1g, Mcleod 1g, Hill 1g, Radin 1a

Mavericks 6 - Allen 2g, Lenaghan 1g, Reilly 1g, Noyce 1g, Wood 1g

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Registration for youth lacrosse set for Jan. 4

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will hold its sign-up for the spring season on Saturday, Jan. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School.

This will be the only day to register. Spaces are limited at all age levels; while Cohasset Youth Lacrosse endeavors to accept everyone who files their paperwork on registration day, the program has had to turn children away at some age levels in each of the last four seasons.

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls in the 14 & Under (7th and 8th graders) and 12 & Under (5th and 6th grades) age groups. At the 10 & Under level (grades 3-4), Cohasset will field teams for boys and sponsor a weekly skills-development clinic for girls.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset participates in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth program, which does not keep standings or have playoffs. Every team makes several road trips per year, which be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Martha's Vineyard.

In addition, there will be end-of-season jamborees for both the boys and girls.

The youth program may field as many as 10 teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. In spite of that expansion, roster spots at all levels will be limited and it is possible that some youngsters will be turned away. "We have taken bigger rosters than we wanted in each of the last few seasons, because of the crush of people on our registration day," says Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. "But what that really means is that anyone who misses sign up should expect that there will not be a roster spot for their child this year."

Parents who can not attend the Jan. 4 registration can contact Jaffe by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com in sufficient time to have registration materials mailed and returned prior to Jan. 5. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

The registration fee is $125, which includes a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to a magazine especially designed for kids. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse does offer a discount to families signing up two or more children.

Late registrations, if roster spots are available, will cost $200.

Registration for the 10-and-Under girls clinic will cost $80.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents. At the 14 & Under level, players can sign up for the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program regardless of whether they are active on Cohasset's Middle School teams, or if they play on the team of a private school.

In general, games are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set. The teams will begin practicing in early March — indoor practice time has been scheduled — and start playing games in April. The season concludes in mid-June.

In addition to players, the program is looking for additional coaches at all levels.

Lacrosse is a contact sport; at all levels for boys, practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all boys must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces. Hockey helmets are not allowed, although hockey arm and shoulder pads are (hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick). The girls game has less contact, but practices will be every bit as physical and demanding as for the boys. All girls must be equipped with sticks, mouthpieces and approved goggles.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program available at the Jan. 5 sign-up. If you need more information, or are interested in volunteering to coach, contact Jaffe at 781-383-9858 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

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At left: Santa's elf Polly Murray races down Highland Street during the Village Fair that is sponsored by the churches in town.

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OBITUARIES

Richard B. Hubbell III

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Spc. Richard Buckingham Hubbell III, 22, of Texas, formerly of Cohasset, died Dec. 3, 2002, at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas, from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident in Killeen, Texas.

Mr. Hubbell completed his basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and advanced individual training to be a helicopter mechanic. During this period, he served as phase team leader while assigned to the maintenance platoon.

He was assigned to Fort Hood in Texas in August, where he was a helicopter mechanic for Troop D, 3rd squadron, 6th cavalry, 21st cav. bde.

His awards and decorations included the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Aircraft Crewman Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

Mr. Hubbell was born in Hanson and raised and educated in Cohasset.

He leaves his father, John S. Hubbell of Marathon, Fla.; his mother, Jo Ann Maitland of Stewart, Fla.; a sister, Stephanie N. Hubbell of California; his grandmother, Celeste Churchill of Venice, Fla.; his fiancée, Ashley Klem of Rockland; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was grandson of the late Thomas G. Churchill Jr. and the late Richard and Ann (Schwab) Hubbell.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Parish Unitarian Church, 23 N. Main St., Cohasset. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Snell Memorial Foundation, 3628 Madison Ave., Suite 11, No. Highlands, Calif. 95660.

Joseph Leo Kane

Joseph Leo Kane, age 67, of Scituate and formerly of Belmont and Rockland, died Dec. 8, 2002 surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Kane was employed as a supervisory examiner for the N.L.R.B. and was recently the recipient of the Cushing-Gavin Award from the Labor Guild of Boston.

He was a graduate of the University of Massachusetts - Amherst, Class of 1961.

Mr. Kane was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion Post of Cohasset and a member of the B.P.O.E. #1513 of Watertown.

He will be truly missed by his family, friends and co-workers.

He leaves his beloved wife, Barbara J. Kane of Scituate; his devoted children, Daniel J. Kane and his wife Renee of Swanton, Vt., Shannon E. Hogan and her husband Patrick of Scituate, and David J. Kane and his wife Lorri of Belmont; a brother, Edward R.M. Kane and his wife Phyllis of Washington, D.C.; his beloved grandchildren, Elizabeth and Patrick Kane, Molly Hogan and Jack Kane; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Mary Avery.

A funeral Mass will be held in St. Francis Xavier Church, Scituate at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12. Interment is in Cudworth V.A. Cemetery, Scituate.

Funeral arrangements are by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home of Scituate.

Donations may be made in Joseph's memory to the American Cancer Society, 1115 W. Chestnut St., Brockton 02401.

Dr. Victor Najjar

Dr. Victor Najjar, former chairman of the Department of Microbiology at Vanderbilt, died Saturday, Nov. 30 in Nashville after a long illness.

Dr. Najjar was born in Lebanon and graduated from the Medical School of the American University, Beirut in 1935. He trained at Johns Hopkins and remained on the faculty there until 1957. From 1957 until 1967 Dr. Najjar was professor and chairman of the Department of Microbiology at Vanderbilt. In 1968 he moved to Cohasset after accepting the position of Professor of Molecular Biology at the Massachusetts Division of the American Cancer Society and ACS Professor of Molecular Biology and Microbiology at Tufts Medical School until 1984. He returned to Vanderbilt in the early 1990s and held an appointment in the Department of Pediatrics until 1998.

In 1952, at Johns Hopkins, he published a report of a defect in bilirubin glucuronidation that bears their name. In Crigler-Najjar syndrome, intense jaundice appears in the first days of life and persists thereafter. In 1970, Dr. Najjar published a research paper identifying Tuftsin, a naturally occuring peptide in the human body, that helps simulate the immune response.

Dr. Najjar is survived by three children: Jennifer Najjar of Nashville, Tennessee, Julie Petcu of Nashville, Tennesse, and Monty Najjar of Cohasset, Massachusetts, and seven grandchildren.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in his honor to the Tufts Medical School Scholarship Fund, 136 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02111.

John J. White

John J. White, age 79, of Cohasset and formerly of Hull, died Dec. 9, 2002 at the Brockton V.A. Hospital following a long illness.

He was a retired pipefitter at General Dynamics in Quincy and also worked in several local boat yards, Bethlehem Steel, Fore River Shipyard and the Simms Boatyard.

Mr. White was a veteran of World War II and was a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was a retired member of the George H. Mealy Post #118 and the Hull VFW #1787.

He also served as a Merchant Marine on the Esso Tanker Fleet, which carried him across the world.

Mr. White leaves his devoted wife, Ruth V. (Gonsalves-Litchfield) White; and his loving children, Michele Condito of Hingham, Rita Rozen of Scituate and John White of Pembroke; his brother and sister, Edward White of Cohasset and Isabelle Gould of Hull; his seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, Dec. 13 at St. Anthony's Church, Summer St., Cohasset. Interment is private.

Visiting hours will be held at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St., Cohasset (across from St. Anthony's Church) on Friday morning at 9 a.m., one hour prior to the funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice in Mr. White's memory.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

8:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:14 p.m. Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

9:39 p.m. Elm St., request for police officer/s.

11:09 p.m. South Main St., well-being check, no police service necessary.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

9:42 a.m. Summer St., family disturbance, peace restored.

4:10 p.m. Atlantic Ave., larceny.

8:21 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, DEC. 2

7:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:49 a.m. Beach St., disturbance.

9:47 a.m. Cushing Rd., medical aid.

10:09 a.m. Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:35 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway larceny.

2:41 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire investigation.

5:28 p.m. Nichols Rd., officer wanted.

5:31 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

7:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid.

8:43 p.m. Around town, general services.

11:11: p.m. Smith Place, transport.

11:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

7:28 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:19 a.m. Beechwood St. motor vehicle accident.

9:37 a.m. Hull St., parking complaint.

11:11 a.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.

11:54 a.m. Cedar Acres Lane, medical aid.

11:55 a.m. Beechwood St, motor vehicle accident.

3:26 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:34 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist citizen.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

7:44 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

8:36 a.m. Pond St., animal control.

9:12 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., traffic complaint.

9:40 a.m. Margin St., officer wanted.

10:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway fire inspections.

10:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:28 a.m. Crocker Lane, fire inspections.

12:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway fire, log entry.

1 p.m. Highland Ave., fire.

1:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway fire, log entry.

2:23 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Jerusalem Rd., Dr., wires down.

2:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, missing person.

3:18 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

3:46 p.m. Aaron River Rd., animal control.

4:48 p.m. Carbone Lane, animal control.

5:46 p.m. Ledge Way, threats.

5:52 p.m. Pond St., suspicious person.

6:15 p.m. Forest Notch, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:43 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:53 p.m. Forest Ave., and Black Rock Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

8:46 a.m. Hobart Lane, fire.

11:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire.

11:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted.

12:37 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

1:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:12 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle crash.

2:17 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle crash.

3:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway fire.

3:26 p.m. South Main St., disturbance gathering.

4:35 p.m. Nichols Rd. assist motorist.

5:10 p.m. King St., general services.

6:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:48 p.m. Cedar St., parking complaint.

7 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle accident.

7:33 p.m. Stockbridge St. parking complaint.

8:03 p.m. Lantern Lane, general services.

8:20 p.m. Beechwood St., assist motorist.

8:22 p.m. Hobart Lane, general services.

8:45 p.m. Hobart Lane, general services.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

12:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:44 a.m. Hobart Lane, general services.

1:41 a.m. Ripley Rd., parking complaint.

2:18 a.m. Hull St., Jerusalem Rd. suspicious auto.

5:33 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., notification.

7 a.m. Elm St., fire

7:30 a.m. Elm St., fire.

8:33 a.m. King St., officer wanted.

8:59 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop,

9:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:14 a.m. King St., medical aid.

10:39 a.m. Elm St. Arrest: Donna M. Cinelli, 43, 110 Charles St., Quincy. Chrgs. larceny over $250.

12:22 p.m. Elm St., parking complaint.

1:38 p.m. Highland Ave, assist citizen.

1:49 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

Woman faces larceny charge

On Dec. 6, police arrested Donna Cinelli, 43, of 110 Charles St., Quincy.

Cinelli is alleged to have stolen several hundred dollars in cash over the past few months from Dr. Robert Belknap's office located at 223 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. The money stolen was from patient co-payments. Cinelli had been employed by a private cleaning company and had access to the office area. Cinelli was arraigned at Quincy District Court on one count of larceny of property Over $250 and is scheduled to return to court at a later date.

Toys for Tots

The Cohasset police are again joining with the US Marine Corps annual holiday Toys for Tots campaign. Unwrapped toys and games may be dropped off at the Cohasset Police Headquarters on Elm Street, 24 hours a day. Any questions, call 781-383-1055. Please help the police make a less fortunate child happy this season!

LEGAL NOTICES

BLOSSOM ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 00P0395EP

In the Estate of IRVING C. BLOSSOM

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 21, 2000

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the photocopy of the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that FRED CLIFTON BLOSSOM of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and CAROL MARTHA LAVANGE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 8, 2003.**

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, December 3, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate Court

AD#120316
Cohasset Mariner 12/12/02

GUILD ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P2806EP

In the Estate of EDWARD M. GUILD (AKA EDWARD MILLS GUILD)

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 10, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JULIETTE DAY GUILD of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 8, 2003.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, December 3, 2002.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#120044
Cohasset Mariner 12/12/02

SULLIVAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 02P1800EP

In the Estate of RICHARD A. SULLIVAN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death August 1, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that GREGORY V. SULLIVAN of HINGHAM in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 8, 2003.**

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, December 4, 2002.

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It's a small world after all

Former Disney VP comes home to head Broadway in Boston

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

During the seven years that he was with Walt Disney Theatricals, Tony McLean helped mount productions of "Beauty and the Beast" that have been seen by 18 million people worldwide, but the Dorchester native still had one dream for the show that only came true when it opened earlier this month at Boston's Colonial Theatre.

"When I began producing the current national tour of "Beauty and the Beast" for Disney, which has been out for three years now, the one thing that I kept stressing to everyone involved was that the production would have to play the Colonial Theatre," McLean explained during an interview last week in his theater district office.

"I said from the beginning that no matter how physically it was done, it had to be able to fit the Colonial Theatre. I knew it would play the Wang Theatre first, which it did, but eventually it had to play the Colonial because it would just look and sound so wonderful there. It was sort of me saying 'Well, I'm producing the show and the Colonial is maybe my favorite theater in the whole country and somehow I am going to make sure that the show plays the Colonial.'"

The musical's current Boston engagement, which runs through Jan. 4, was booked while McLean was serving as Disney's vice president for theatrical productions. In late September, however, McLean took over as president of Broadway in Boston, a division of Clear Channel Entertainment, which leases and runs the Colonial and Wilbur Theatres and owns and operates the Charles Playhouse.

"When I go into the Colonial and the lights come up and I see the set and hear the music in that beautiful theater, I'm really getting the greatest thrill of my life. Not only did I get to produce the show for Disney, I also got to bring it to Boston," McLean says with a smile. "Now, in this new job, I get to present it here. I have had the best of all possible worlds when it comes to this production."

When it comes to "Beauty and the Beast," McLean is not just a producer or a presenter. He is also a fan of the stage show, based on the 1991 Disney feature film of the same name which was written by Linda Woolverton and earned the Academy Award for Best Score for Alan Menken. The title song also won the Oscar for Menken and the late lyricist Howard Ashman. With additional songs by Menken and Academy Award Winner Tim Rice, the stage version opened in New York in 1994 under the direction of Robert Jess Roth.

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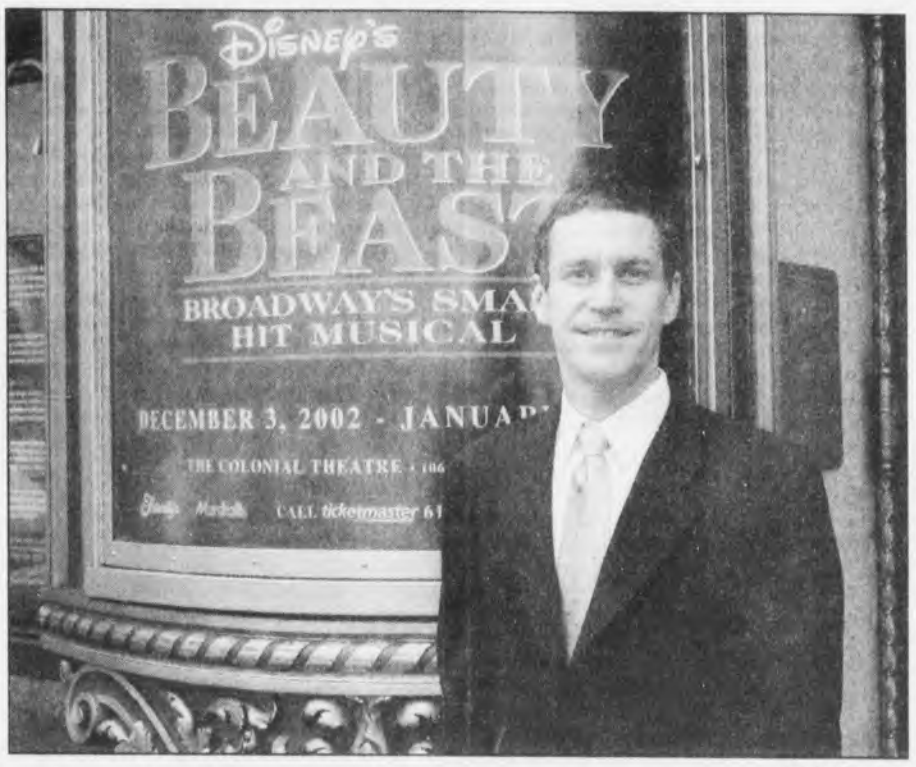
Broadway in Boston President Tony McLean

As countless children, their parents, and romantics of all ages already know, the movie and the stage show tell of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped in a spell cast by an evil enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. Time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

"The animated feature is just so beautiful, so colorful and so contemporary and so, too, is the stage production," says McLean. "This is a story not just about Belle transforming the Beast, but also teaching him to read and to think. In doing so, she undergoes her own changes. The story just affects people. One thing I noticed — especially on Broadway where I saw the audiences more regularly — is that this is not just a great family show. It is, of course, the perfect show to take children to, because they are familiar with the story and you can expose them to theater, but it is also a great date show. Couples of all sorts come to the show for the romance. By the second act, the show becomes very intimate as it focuses on the relationship between Belle and the Beast. The show is big, of course, but in a theater the size of the Colonial it feels somehow intimate, too."



PHOTO/KARA YATES

Broadway in Boston President Tony McLean stands outside The Colonial Theatre in Boston where "Beauty and the Beast" is showing through Jan. 4

McLean may have a soft spot for "Beauty and the Beast," but he has also managed some 35 other stage productions since 1979, when he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Boston University School for Theater Arts. He was general manager for the Zev Bufman Theatre Partnership — perhaps best-remembered as the company that presented Elizabeth Taylor in her Broadway debut in the critically acclaimed 1981 revival of "The Little Foxes" — and executive producer for Pace Theatrical Group in Florida. McLean also managed the Las Vegas production of "Starlight Express." Most recently, McLean oversaw Disney Theatrical's touring division which is currently presenting "Beauty and the Beast," "Aida," and "The Lion King" on the road.

Thanks to last month's announcement by Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino that Clear Channel will soon begin a $31 million renovation of the city's long-shuttered Opera House, McLean and Broadway In Boston may soon be ready to unveil another collaboration with Disney.

"The goal is to put 'The Lion King' in the Opera House for an extended engagement," according to McLean. "The interesting thing about 'The Lion King' is that it has been part of our planning process all along. We probably won't be able to make it official until at least January or February, when everything has been pinpointed."

When the time does come, and based on the projected Opera House renovation schedule that may be sometime in 2004, McLean will make sure Broadway in Boston is ready. "As a Disney representative, I was heavily involved in negotiating all the touring agreements around the country, including the one that will bring 'The Lion King' to Boston."

McLean expects local audiences will take to the show the way that sell-out crowds in New York and elsewhere have "'The Lion King' is more that a phenomenon. It has not just gotten into the blood stream of audiences around the country, it is in the marrow. I have never seen anticipation so high for anything, nor have I seen anything more beautifully fulfill its promise."

By returning to live and work in the Boston area, McLean is fulfilling a promise he made to himself. While he decides on more permanent housing, he has been staying with his parents in Quincy. When McLean does find his own place, it may not be too far from the family home.

"I always thought I would eventually end up coming home. I always thought I would live in New York, but also have a home in Quincy. To me it just meant that if I wanted to go downtown, I'd go downtown. If I wanted to go to the mall, I'd go to the South Shore Plaza. In the back of mind, I always thought I would have a place in Quincy, not the Cape, but Quincy," McLean recalls with a smile.

"I always said I would never leave Disney, except for Boston. When this job came up, however, I had discussions with Clear Channel and they were so wonderful that I knew this was the right thing to do. I went to Disney and they could not have been nicer. It all happened very fast. One minute, I'm living in Manhattan and the next thing I know I'm getting a car, putting my stereo in the backseat, and driving home to Boston."

(Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" will be presented at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through January 4. For tickets and information call 617/931-2787.)

PHOTO/JOAN MARCUS

"Beauty and the Beast" is not just for families with young children, says Broadway in Boston President Tony McLean. It's also a great "date show."

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CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

For my family and me, Christmas is about family: nighttime skating parties with a bonfire and thermoses of hot chocolate, bright cold afternoons up on Red Mountain chasing snow hares, and buttermilk biscuits baked in our wood cookstove on mornings so cold that even our cat won't venture outside. But with four children, we are no strangers to holiday gifts, mostly the store-bought kind. And, of course, many of our friends are cooks too and so here is my own short list of gifts that I have tested, used, or tasted. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

COFFEE ROASTERS

There are a few different models out there. I bought mine through www.sweetmarias.com (the Caffé Rosto model at $128) and love it. They also sell a wide variety of green beans (decaffeinated and regular) and roasting only takes about 15 minutes. The bad news is coffee roasters do not fill the house with a mouth-watering aroma — it smells more like burning leaves æ and this particular model makes a lot of noise, sort of like standing on the runway at LaGuardia while frying your eggs. That aside, the coffee is great. (Note that my model only roasts a generous half-cup of beans at a time so you might want a larger model if you drink a lot of homemade coffee.) Other models, the Alpenrost for example, holds a half-pound of beans (over a full cup) but they cost upwards of $250.

VACUUM COFFEE MAKER

Starbucks used to sell (I just checked their Web site and could not find it for this holiday season) a polycarbonate vacuum coffee maker, based on the stovetop glass models that were made in England. (The same model is now available from www.chefscatalog.com and is called the Bodum Santos Vacuum Coffeemaker and sells for $129.99). It is electric, makes 10 cups at a time, and produces great coffee. (Vacuum coffee makers won a taste-test at Cook's not too long ago.) The machine is designed like an hourglass — you put water in the lower carafe and ground coffee in the upper half. The water, when heated, is sucked up to the upper portion (through the creation of a vacuum) where it steeps with the coffee and then is sucked back down again after the proper amount of time, about 6 minutes. It has a timer function for automatic brewing.

GARLIC PRESS

My favorite garlic press, the Zyliss SUSI DeLuxe Garlic Press (Sur La Table, 1-800-243-0852, www.surlatable.com, Item #62869, $13.95), comprises two handles connected by a hinge. At the end of one handle is a small, perforated hopper; at the end of the other is a plunger that fits snugly inside that hopper. The garlic cloves get crushed by the descending plunger when you squeeze the handle together and the purée is extruded through the perforations. This garlic press has a classic design and is light, effective, easy to handle, and comfortable. It also consistently produced the finest, most even garlic purée and handled unpeeled garlic and small chunks of fresh ginger without incident. There is also a separate cleaner attachment that stores cleverly in the handle.

GARLIC PEELER

Another helpful garlic gadget (and a good stocking stuffer) is the Garlic Peeler (Sur La Table, 1-800-243-0852, www.surlatable.com, Item #23260, $7.95). This item is made of a smooth-finish rubber and shaped like a cannoli. You simply place a garlic clove inside the peeler and roll briskly with the heel of you hand, with some downward pressure, on a hard surface until you can hear the skin cracking, indicating that it is released from the clove. The papery garlic skin sticks to the inside of the tool and the whole cloves emerge, perfectly peeled without bruising or mashing.

SALAD SPINNER

The Oxo Good Grips Salad Spinner (Sur La Table, 1-800-243-0852, www.surlatable.com, Item #20630, $25.95) has proven to be my favorite since it can be used with one hand due to its clever no-skid base and the pump knob by which it operates. Simply pushing down the large round pump button on the top sets the inside colander spinning and the rubber base makes this one salad spinner which is unlikely to move around your counter or sink. The push-button brake halts the spinning basket instantly. (I store washed and spun salad greens in this spinner in the refrigerator and they stay fresh for up to six days.)

THERMOMETER/TIME

A great gadget for roasting is the Polder Cooking Thermometer/Timer (Sur La Table, 1-800-243-0852, www.surlatable.com, Item #22292, $29.95). This item has a probe designed to be left in a roast as it cooks. A long wire connects the probe (lodged in the food, in the oven) to the base unit (which is either sitting on a nearby counter or attached to the outside of the oven door via a magnet). This gadget allows you to monitor the internal temperature of the food you're cooking without having to open the oven door. You can preset a target temperature using the alarm feature and it will beep loudly when that temperature is reached. For other uses, the probe can be left in pots of hot oil or sugar syrup, providing a precise temperature readout to its base unit, sitting a safe distance away. This item has Fahrenheit and centigrade readouts, outstanding readability, and is reasonably priced.

PINEAPPLE SLICER

Slicing pineapples is hard work, especially if one does not have a sharp knife. The Vacuvin Pineapple Slicer (Sur La Table, 1-800-243-0852, www.surlatable.com, Item #68924, $14.95) comes to the rescue. One slices off the top of the pineapple and then screws in the plastic Vacuvin, which is slightly smaller than the diameter of the pineapple. (Three sizes come with the Vacuvin.) Then, the device is removed and one is left with a tower of sliced pineapple in one continuous spiral slice. It requires some elbow grease to screw it in but this thing really works and produces beautiful slices. You don't need it – cooks have lived without one for centuries –but it does exactly what it promises.

INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH PASTA MACHIN

I have tried a few of the consumer-size electric pasta machines and was not impressed – they are slow, do a mediocre job most of the time, don't handle enough pasta, and are hard to clean. The Atlas pasta machine is fine for small jobs (it is hand-cranked) but I was looking for a heavy-duty machine that would knead the dough, roll it out into sheets, and then cut it into various shapes. I discovered such a machine in Tampa, Florida at a pasta shop. It is called the Imperia RM220 and costs a whopping $1299, not including the cutter heads, which are separate. (Go to www.appliances.com/BPA65PRM220.html for more information.) It can produce 25 pounds per hour (OK, so this is overkill) but you can make a lot on Sunday and store it for use during the week. This is not for everyone and is ridiculously expensive but if you know a homemade pasta fanatic and if price is no object, then you might want to check out this item.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball0s public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

"Tremont Street Morning" is one of 26 oil on canvas works by Isabelle Shamitz on display through the end of the month at the South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery.

Everyday life on canvas

Quincy artist captures local color for Staircase Gallery show

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Familiar scenes and local colors make up the December art display at the South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery in Hingham — all of them captured by Quincy artist Isabelle Shamitz. The untitled exhibit features 26 full-canvas oil pieces painted in eye-catching style and detail. Shamitz's oil-rendered reflections offer glimpses of the usually taken for granted common scenes and images that are bound to captivate local art lovers, especially those known to venture into Quincy and Boston from time to time.

Most of the titles in the show are self-descriptive, from the designated locales of "Tremont Street Morning," "Downtown Crossing," "Newbury Street" and "Hancock Reflections" (for Quincy's ever-busy Hancock Street) to the mood reflections of "Heading Home," "Microcosm" and "Ghosts In the Window." Working from photograph or photo-composite models, Shamitz captures these everyday urban and marketplace street scenes as transitional moments in time, what the artist calls "Impressionistic Realism," honed to the detail of each strolling pedestrian's visual profile and neon-emblazoned storefront logos (the landmark Corner at Downtown Crossing and its neighbor Sam Goody's, Abercrombie & Fitch and Simply Simon in the South Shore Plaza are among the many store names that viewers will spot).

"My paintings are scenes from everyday life and reflective images," said Shamitz amidst her work in the SSCM staircase. "I approach these urban landscapes and others that are more suburban and rural with a style of realism, wanting to portray the scenes as realistically as possible in the way the everyone knows them, but with the influence from the themes and colors of Impressionism."

"In some of the more recent works, done this year and last in Boston, Quincy and at the South Shore Plaza, I've become more interested in capturing the effects and reflections of light in each given scene. Like how the light reflects images through windows and bounces off colors in different ways. I think this detail creates a lot of movement and dramatic effect in the scene," Shamitz said.

Although she extends her subject range to settings more rural than suburban, such as the back road scene of "Cohasset Afternoon" and the seaside and wildlife angles of "Bird's Eye View," clearly the main attraction of the show is when it takes the viewer downtown, or at least to the pre-packaged simulation of downtown at the local mall. The overall effect is dazzling, conveying almost arcade-like luminescence.

Shamitz said her preference is working in-studio from photo models, including composites formed with the aid of Adobe Photoshop, rather than painting on-location or "en plein air." She also cites main artistic influences such as Mary Cassatt and Norman Rockwell as her favorites for subject inspirations.

The latter of those mentors comes through most evidently on the series of domestic portraits that offers one more facet of the exhibit. Wide-canvas pieces such as "Aaron," "Birthday Wishes" and "Washing Up" render commonplace scenes of family life in fine detail as such that their simplicity is only all the more striking. There's even one timely themed piece, "Little Patriot," to update the Rockwellian tradition.

Isabelle Shamitz' works will be on display at the South Shore Conservatory Staircase Gallery through the end of December. The South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham and will be closed from Dec. 24 -29. It will re-open Dec. 30. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext.16

Holiday gifts for gardeners

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Through heavily frosted windowpanes, I pause briefly from my holiday decorating and baking to view the snow-covered landscape on a chilly December afternoon. A flash of brilliant scarlet suddenly appears as a handsome male cardinal perches on the feeder hanging outside our kitchen bay window, its fiery plumage accentuated by the backdrop of a stately blue spruce shrouded in glistening pure white snow. Tufted titmice and chickadees flit back and forth from the feeder to the nearby shrubbery where they perch among the branches to crack open and feast upon sunflower seeds. Although the official arrival of the winter season may be more than a week away, successive snowfalls have provided the perfect setting for the holiday season.

The holiday season is a magical time of wishes and dreams, the laughter of children, Santa, gifts and family gatherings. The days seem to fly by and suddenly, those leisurely days of browsing for the perfect gifts are over and the time has come to make those last minute acquisitions for neighbors, friends and family. For the gardeners on your list, there are numerous possibilities to delight and educate both the casual dirt-digger and the passionate hobbyist. Magazines, books, tools, gloves, garden ornaments, and when in doubt, the all-purpose gift certificate to the gardener's favorite nursery or catalog company, should please every gardener.

No matter what the level of expertise, a gardener can never acquire too many gardening references. Good horticultural reference books can be quite expensive and often considered an extravagance by passionate gardeners who might prefer to spend their money on plants. With the incredible diversity of plant material currently available on the market, updated references have become practically a necessity to research how to properly grow and maintain many exotic new plants and hybrids.

For novice gardeners there are numerous excellent reference books touching on many aspects of gardening and landscape design. Better Homes and Garden and Reader's Digest have compiled several excellent texts covering a wide range of topics. Books about garden or landscape design basics often enable a new gardener to get off to a good start. A reference that reviews ornamental trees and shrubs is often invaluable for homeowners as these plants serve as the fundamental "bones of the landscape" and should be the first additions to a design. As woody plants tend to be our most expensive acquisitions and considerably more difficult to relocate if they outgrow their allotted space, a reference that focuses on the growth habits and ultimate size of trees and shrubs would be a valuable resource for new gardeners.

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A more experienced gardener may have developed specific interests and would welcome references which focus on a particular topic including shade gardening, container gardens, house plants, water gardens, or perennials or even more specialized plant collections including roses, lilies, herbs, ornamental grasses, and hosta. A text that explains and illustrates pruning techniques is an absolute must for every gardener's bookshelf. The Taylor Guides are only one series of references that provide extensive data on particular plant groups. The serious collector may enjoy The Adventurous Gardener by Ruah Donnelly that provides directions and descriptions of where to buy the best plants in New England. With the popularity of gardening soaring, every bookstore has extensive collections of horticultural titles. For the truly passionate gardener on your list, consider membership in The Garden Book Club (www.GardenLandscapeDesign.com) which offers the latest titles, an ideal gift for those gardeners looking to expand their libraries.

Magazine subscriptions are particularly welcome during the dreary winter months to inspire and inform the gardener on your list. A subscription to one or more gardening magazines offers a yearlong guide to the latest trends in gardening, delectable new plant introductions and innovative design concepts. Fine Gardening is a personal favorite with glorious photography and a list of sources included with each article enabling the reader to obtain the featured items or plants. To place a gift subscription, call (800) 888-8286 or subscribe on-line at www.finegardening.com. For gardening information appropriate to the New England area, consider a subscription to People, Places & Plants, (800) 251-1784 or visit their on-line site at www.ppplants.com. Another excellent publication is Garden Gate (www.gardengatemagazine.com) which has detailed step-by-step instructions and illustrations accompanying its articles. Once I have placed my order, I purchase a copy of the magazine at a local newsstand and wrap one issue for the recipient to open, especially if there is insufficient time to receive a special gift notification.

A membership to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society (www.masshort.org) makes a wonderful gift as it offers multiple benefits. Depending on the level of membership selected, privileges may include tickets to the New England Spring Flower Show with special members' viewing hours, discounts at selected nurseries and the MHS bookstore, free or reduced admission to gardens nationwide and reduced rates on their terrific offerings of educational programs and special events. Many of these programs and special events take place at the spectacular new suburban home of the Society at the Elm Bank Reservation in Dover overlooking the Charles River. Trial gardens, plant society display gardens, acres of beautiful grounds and much more to come in the future can be found at this tranquil setting.

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LOMBARDO'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH, will be held on Dec. 31, starting at 7:30 p.m. The New Year's Eve celebration offers guests hot hors d'ouevres, a four-course surf and turf dinner, two bottles of complimentary wine on each table, a cash bar, dancing to The Ovations 10-piece band and DJ Brain Greene, a midnight champagne toast, and large screen TV's to watch the ball drop in Time Square at midnight.. Tickets to the event are $65 per person plus tax and administrative fee. For more information call 781-986-5000 or log on to www.lombardos.com

STOMP returns to Boston beginning Feb. 11, at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, makes its triumphant return to Boston, coming to the Stuart Street Playhouse for a six week engagement, Feb. 11, through March 23. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

SOME LIKE IT HOT - The New Stage Musical staring Tony Curtis opening Jan. 14, at The Wang Theatre for eight performances only playing Jan. 14 through Jan. 19. Tickets are on sale at The Wang Theatre Boston Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400.

MAMMA MIA! returns to the Colonial Theatre Jan. 25 to March 16. The infectious and funny production featuring 22 of ABBA's best known songs. "Mamma Mia" previously played at the Colonial Theatre in 2001 for 12 weeks playing to sold-out houses and breaking box office records. Prices are $87 to $27. For more information call 617-426-9366. Tickets may be purchased through

The Company Theatre's production of **A Christmas Carol** will be presented Nov. 29, through Dec. 21. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday and tickets are priced at $20 in advance and $22 day of show on Wednesdays and Thursday; and $23 in advance and $25 day of show on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Tickets are now available at the Company Theatre box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. For more information visit the website at www.companytheatre.com

All aboard the "Polar Party Express" at Edaville Railroad: Holiday readings of the "Christmas Story," "The Polar Express" Special guest readers (including Conductor Bill, Rex Trailer and more) on Nov. 29, at 5 and 6 p.m. and continuing on each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 5 and 6 p.m. through Dec. 21. Edaville Railroad is located at 7 Eda Ave., Carver. (Route 58 North off of route 495, then just follow the signs). The Polar Party Express celebration is free with regular admission to Edaville Railroad: $19.50/children under age 3 free.

BEST BET

Anne Marie McInnis and Fran Hall prepare for the Yuletide Traditions Christmas House Tour.

The Garden Club of Hingham presents "Yuletide Traditions": A Christmas House Tour. A variety of six festively decorated, never seen before, historic homes in Hingham will be on display on Dec. 12. Times are: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be available at St. John's Church between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are available before Dec. 12, for $20 and on tour day for $25. Call 781-749-0827 or visit: Bowl and Board, Round Hill Designs, Bookport, Corson◊s House of Glass and in Norwell at Pamela's Place, Merchants Row.

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Project Connect is sponsoring a support group for parenting the difficult child on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church on 381 Country Way in Scituate. Second Thursday of each month. Child care and refreshments provided. Call 781-545-6127 or 617-696-5211 for more information .

Insight Education Center presents a workshop, **"A Child's Anger! Allowing The Feeling, Managing the Behavior"** (ages 3 to 10) being held at the First Congregational Church, Hanover, on Dec. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 781-294-8004. Certificates of attendance for teachers, nurses, and child care providers.

Benefit Luncheon and Fashion Show for **Our World** the children's global discovery museum to be built in Cohasset, on Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Atlantica Restaurant on Cohasset Harbor. Fashions from Talbot's Raffles for a night and tea for two at Boston's Ritz-Carlton. Tickets $45 per person; raffles $25 each, six for $100 For information call 781-383-9911.

Fri. 13

Artisan's Holiday Sale at the Scituate Art Gallery, Dec. 13, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. As part of the Santa Walk celebration, local craft artists will be showcasing their handmade, one-of-a-kind crafts, including fine jewelry, handbags, pottery and fine silk and velvet at the Scituate Art Gallery, Front Street.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Dec. 13, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **James Monigomery Band**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Nathan Gallery presents "The Winter Show" Dec. 6 to Feb. 10, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanovir. Gallery Hours Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Opening reception Dec. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Complimentary wine-tasting will take place by Paul of Town Wine & Spirits and The Bistro at Cataldi's. For information call 781-826-6500.

Sat. 14

Breakfast with Santa Claus - Santa will be making an appearance at the **Pembroke Community Center,** Pembroke Center, on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bring the whole family and tell Santa what you want for Christmas, and enjoy coffee, juice and baked goods. Donation $4 per person. Children under age 2 free. Optional photos with Santa available for $5 each. Proceeds to benefit the **Imperials Drum and Bugle Corps. Musical Instrument Fund.**

Book and bake sale at Clift Rodgers Library, 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield. Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Homemade baked goods, jams, and hostess items will be offered. A large selection of coffee table books, fiction and children's literature will be available for purchase. Call 781-834-4597 for more information.

Ornament Painting - Plaster Play will host ornament painting on Saturday mornings 10 a.m. to nooon during the month of December, 263 Washington St., Norwell 781 659-0011

Holiday concert features Ken Burns documentary pianist - Jacqueline Schwab, best known for her piano music on the Ken Burns PBS documentaries, "Mark Twain," "Civil War," "Baseball," and others will appear in concert on Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. at the James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., off Rt. 123 in Norwell. Schwab will play improvisational versions of Christmas carols, vintage American parlor songs and folk classics Tickets $25/$10 students available by calling 781-659-7100.

Art in the Corporate Park will feature the works of **Lance Keimig, Becky Haletky, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, Stephanie Roberts and Dianne Stanton** on Dec. 14 and 15 from noon to 5 p.m. at Lance Keimig's studio, 55 Corporate Park in Pembroke. Open to the public. For more information call 781-424-7018 or visit www.thennightskye.com

Down East Dancers Country Western Dance - Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Beginner dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and line dancing 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Dave Joubert. Food, raffles western attire prize, cash bar. Smoke free. $5 For more information call 508-995-9496 or 781-925-9066.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is hosting its annual gala holiday event, the **Seaside Holiday Fair**, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The museum is festively decorated with greens and bows, and the Museum Store is fully stocked with fabulous gifts, jewelry, blankets, maritime books, music, ornaments, children's toys, stocking stuffers, teacher gifts, silk robes, and the museum's own exclusive clothing line of men's and women's clothing. While you shop, your little ones can enjoy our special children's holiday activities, designed and supervised by the Museum Educator in the Children's Loft. The museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Ave. in Hull. For more information, call Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433.

Mystic Valley Railway Society - Special holiday excursion Train - 20th edition. "The 34th Street Express" special Amtrak train leaves Dec. 14, from Boston's South Station at 7 a.m. stopping at Back Bay, Route 128 in Dedham/Westwood area in Providence, R.I., the express to Pennsylvania Station in New York City returning to the Hub by 11 p.m. after a full day of holiday fun. Reserved seating for 500 plus passengers with complete snack bar and restrooms. Optional seating at the Radio City Christmas Spectacular or a narrated sightseeing tour of lower Manhattan. Special round-trip fares for train only per person $75. For details, write Mystic Valley Railway Society, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 2136-0009 or call 617-361-4445 or visit www.mysticvalleyrs.org

The First Annual Festival of Trees at the Paragon Carousel located on Nantasket Beach in

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"The Girls in the Band," by Mary Felton

The North River Arts Society presents "Local Color in Black and White," an exhibit of charcoal drawings by Mary Felton from Dec. 14 through Feb. 1 at the Ventress Library Gallery. An opening reception will be held Monday, Dec. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Ventress Library is located on Webster Street in Marshfield Center. For more information call (781) 837-8091.

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Hull. This fund-raising event will be happening over nine evenings (three weekends) and feature 10 holiday trees decorated by designers and business's on the South Shore This event is a 100 percent volunteer and community effort. Christmas, the holiday horse will be setup in a special display so you may have your picture taken on her (for $5). This has always been a popular tradition at the carousel. There will be a canned food drive for the Wellspring Food Pantry located in Hull. Everyone bringing a canned good or boxed food item to this event will receive "A Good Deed Coupon" entitling you to one free ride on the carousel in the year 2003. The goal is to collect over 2002 items. Tickets are $2 Child/$10 Adult on opening night, $1.75 Child/ $5 Adults all other nights. For more information on dates and times, please check our website www.enjoy-hull.com or call 781-925-0472.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "Babes In Toyland" at the Cohasset Town Hall Dec 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m.; Dec 14 and 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10, bring a canned good for local food pantry, receive $1 off your ticket at the door. Girl Scout Troops receive $2 each ticket. Call Wendy at 545-1655 Tickets are available at Front Street Books in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Springbrook Kids in Cohasset, or by phone at 544-0304.

Children's Holiday Art Workshops at **The Little House of Arts in Scituate Harbor**. **Gingerbread House Workshop:** build and bring home an edible delight for the whole family to enjoy. Dec. 14. Ages 4 to 6 10 to 11:30 a.m. Grades 1 to 3 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Grades 4 to 6 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Cost is $25 supplies and holiday treats included. Located at 157 Front St., Scituate. Call 781-545-9326 to register.

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra announces its Holiday Pops concerts will be presented Saturday evening, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m., and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m., at Memorial Hall, Plymouth. Tickets are $20, $25, $30 and $35. Tickets may be purchased at PPO office, 16 Court St., Plymouth; the Snow Goose Shop, Plymouth; The Studio of Duxbury and Noble's Camera Shop in Kingston. For more information call 508-746-8008.

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Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will perform its Holiday Pops concerts Saturday evening, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m., and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m., at Memorial Hall, Plymouth. Soprano Christina E. DeVaughn will join the orchestra to sing "Rejoice Greatly" from Handel's "Messiah." Tickets are $20, $25, $30 and $35. Tickets may be purchased at PPO office, 16 Court St., Plymouth; the Snow Goose Shop, Plymouth; The Studio of Duxbury and Noble's Camera Shop in Kingston. For more information call 508-746-8008.

The Quincy Dinner Theatre presents musical **Holiday Party XV** at 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. Twenty performers bring music, romance, comedy and spirit of the holiday season. dinner and show $37.50. Group rates available Free parking; wheelchair accessible. Performances to be held Dec. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, and 22 Monday through Saturday. 7 p.m. dinner; 8:30 p.m. show. Sunday matinees 2 p.m. dinner; 3:30 show.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Love Dogs.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For more information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com This concludes the ninth season. See you in April 2003.

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"Provincetown Dusk" by Becky Haletky
Art in the Corporate Park will feature the works of Lance Keimig, Becky Haletky, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, Stephanie Roberts and Dianne Stanton on Dec. 14 and 15 from noon to 5 p.m. at Lance Keimig's studio, 55 Corporate Park in Pembroke. Open to the public. For more information call 781-424-7018 or visit www.thennightskye.com

Sun. 15

The Hingham Public Library presents **Brazilian artist Heloisa Helena**. She will exhibit her abstract oil paintings portraying the American spirit of freedom in the face of the tragedy of Sept. 11. The exhibit runs through Jan. 3, 2003, in the Clemens Gallery.

Classical guitarist Paul Abbot performs in concert at 3:30 p.m. in the Hingham Public Library's Whiton Room. Free for more information, call 781-741-2405.

2002 Festival of Homes House Tour, Marshfield - Dec. 15, from noon to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at the Peterson's Enchanting Barn on Spring St., Tickets are $15 per person and proceeds will benefit Marshfield YWCA, Marshfield Community Christmas and the Boys' and Girls' Club. Tickets are available at Marshfield Office Supply, Betsy Hines Realtors, SeaSide Homes and Marshfield Hills Generals Store. For more information call 781-837-1920.

The Island Grove Chorus, along with the **Weymouth High School Jazz Band** will present a Family Christmas concert, entitled **Share the Joy**, which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Sacred Heart School Auditorium, 55 Commercial St., Weymouth Landing (behind Sacred Heart Church.) This event is wheelchair accessible. Raffles and refreshments included. For tickets call 508-583-5422. $10 adults, $8 Seniors $5 children 12 and under. Tickets may also be obtained at the door. The Island Grove chorus is a member of Sweet Adeline's International, providing entertainment and musical training in women's barbershop style music throughout the greater South Shore area.

The Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series continues on Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. with a performance by Atwater-Donnelly. The folk duo will present a "Celtic/American Winter Holiday" concert as they interpret the season through traditional melodies and instrumental demonstrations. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served post performance in the Ventress Gallery.

The Old Ship's Coffee House off the square presents **Bluegrass Christmas Gospel** from **Southern Rail.** The Coffee House is located 107 Main St., Hingham Square, on the T's 220 bus from Quincy Center, and a few doors up from the Loring Hall Theater. Tickets are $10 at the door and coffees, teas, cider, and homemade desserts are $.50 Net proceeds benefit programs of the Unitarian/Universalist Service Committee.

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The Children's Dance Ensemble - Dance Workshop of Hanover will present two performances of the "Nutcracker" on Dec. 14, at 5 p.m. and Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Hingham High School Auditorium, Union St., Hingham. Tickets may be purchased in advance at a cost of $12, by calling Dance Workshop of Hanover at 781-829-0390.

Holiday House Tour - Visit seven of Milton's homes on Dec. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets available The Captain Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Call 617-696-1815 for more information.

The Bridgwaye Inn - Holiday Jazz Festival - The sounds of Bourbon Street, Jimmy Ryan's and the Cotton Club will fill the main dining room of the **Bridgwaye Inn** on Dec. 15, when more than a dozen musicians from throughout New England gather for a holiday jazz festival. Admission to the show, which begins at 4 p.m. is $10. Dinner is optional beginning at 3 p.m. Dancing is encouraged. Reservations recommended by calling 781-834-6505.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra presents Holiday Pops at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. Tickets $20 to $35. Performances Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. and Dec. 15, at 3 p.m.

The Braintree Choral Society presents its winter program at 4 p.m. Dec. 15, at the Old South Union Congregational Church, Weymouth. Both locations are handicap accessible and tickets are $12 and $10 for seniors and students. The program will feature the "Messe de Minuitt Pour Noel" or the "Midnight Mass for Christmas" by Charpentier; also, the group will be performing traditional Chanukah and Christmas selections along with some English carols. For more information call 781-335-9947.

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Holiday concert features Ken Burns documentary pianist — Jacqueline Schwab, best known for her piano music on the Ken Burns PBS documentaries, "Mark Twain," "Civil War," "Baseball," and others will appear in concert on Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. at the James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., off Rt. 123 in Norwell. Schwab will play improvisational versions of Christmas carols, vintage American parlor songs and folk classics Tickets $25/$10 students available by calling 781-659-7100.

Jimmy Keys returns to Hyannis for one night this winter on Dec. 14, at the Ramada Regency Hotel on Route 142. The hotel will offer a dinner and show package with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. For reservations and information call 508-775-1153.

Singles Executives Club cocktail party and dance will be held Dec. 15, from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Pembroke Country Club, W. elm St. Pembroke. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 to 55 years old. Proper dress is required. Admission is $10 before 7:30 p.m., $15, thereafter. $5 discount for donating children's toy. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4you.com for more information. A non-smoking event. Co-Sponsored by the Single Golfers of New England.

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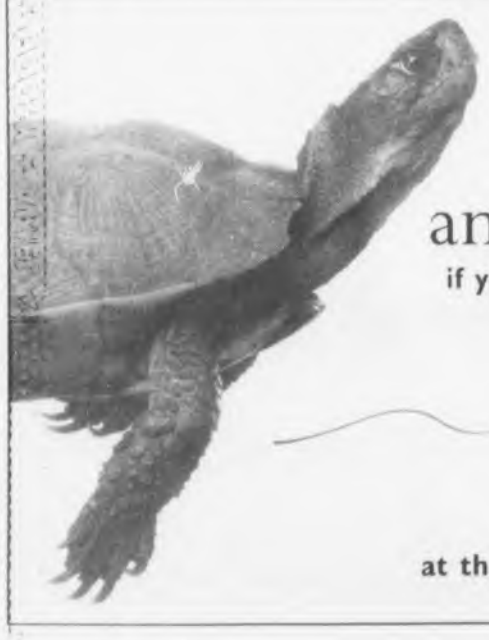

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Mon. 16

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

Duxbury Art Association presents **Class Acts**, an exhibition of artwork from high school students from various South Shore communities Dec. 16 through Jan. 31. Class Acts will take place in the Bengtz &Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4. or visit www.duxburyart.org.

Tues. 17

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra will present its **10th Annual Free Holiday Concert** on Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy Center. Admission is free. Handicapped accessible.

The Braintree Art Association member **Terry Chase** will be displaying her paintings for the month of December at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Toys For Tots - Plaster Play will be the host for a drop off for Toys for Tots through Dec. 18. Located at 263 Washington St.(Rte 53) Norwell.

Wed. 18

Carolyn Housman, LICSW, will present "Family Dynamics through the Holidays" on Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. for the **Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore.** Meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St. Hingham. For information call 781-741-2712 or 781-740-2426. The meeting is free and open to anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's Disease. Free respite care at Harbor House is available for patients so the family may attend this lecture. Call Harbor House at 781-749-4774 ext. 843 by 3 p.m. on Dec. 18, for reservations.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

The new Donate a Book Program at the Clift Rodgers Free Library gives the opportunity to honor that special person or couple, perhaps for a birthday, anniversary, an achievement of note, or in memory of one who has been an important part of our lives. Your book donation will be a gift to many - to the honored one, to the Library, and to all the readers who open your chosen book. The book you select from the library's frequently updated "wish list" will then have a Book Plate placed within the cover showing the names of the honored person(s) and the donor(s). An adult book selection is $20 and a child is $15.Call the librarian at 781-834-4597 for further information or stop by the library at 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. (Winter hours are Monday - Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday evening, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holiday Arts Workshop at The Little House of Arts in Scituate Harbor. Create festive lawn ornaments during this two week holiday blast. Cost $30 for two classes (includes supplies and snack). Ages 4 to 6 - Dec. 4 and 11, 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. Grades 1 to 4 - Dec. 5 and 12, from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. Grades 4 to 6 - Dec. 3 and 17, from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. All classes are taught by Julie Hawkins. Located at 157 Front St., Scituate. Call 781-545-9326 to register.

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Thurs. 19

Annual Christmas Show at the Scituate Art Gallery, located on Front Street, now through Jan. 26. The Christmas Show at the Scituate Art Gallery will feature a variety of original, small-sized paintings perfect for holiday gift-giving. Give someone special an original piece of art by Gallery Artists. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Local Pottery, 26 Washington St., Pembroke, will host its seventh annual holiday show and sale this year until to Dec. 24. Call 781-826-1325 for more information.

Fri. 20

Buttonwood Books &Toys in Cohasset, and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham, invite all to participate in a **Book Angel Program**. The Book Angel program runs through Dec. 15. This program is designed to help put books into the hands of children who might not otherwise receive them. The Book Angel takes an angel from the tree in the store and purchases a book for that child according to the interest of the child indicated on the angel. Buttonwood will give a discount of 15 percent on the book and deliver the book to the selected group. Books selected at Buttonwood in Cohasset will go to children served by Wellspring in Hull, the Friends of the homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families Program. Books purchased at Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham will be gifts for children served by the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, the Mary-Martha Learning Center and also Wellspring in Hull. For more information call 781-383-2665 or 781-749-2665.

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery at the Duxbury Free Library presents "Real and Imagined" paintings by Nancy Howell on display through January 2003. An artist demonstration and reception will be held Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the library's Merry Meeting Room. The library is located at 77 Alden Street. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

This day has its challenges. Stay alert and use common sense. A 90-degree alignment of the Pisces moon and Pluto occurs at 7:00 a.m. Others may be grouchy or distracted. Don't make waves. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 10:48 a.m., serving as a reminder that a full moon is building up and will culminate December 19. Finish old business rather than starting new activities. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

The Pisces moon aligns with Saturn at 12:02 a.m. and becomes inactive. The moon enters fiery Aries at 7:58 a.m., setting a brisk pace. Be sure to have a clear plan of action, so that you can take advantage of today's positive influences. You can be most productive. Handle jobs that need physical exertion and stamina. Get back on track with exercise programs. A 90-degree alignment of the moon and Mercury in effect between 6:54-9:54 p.m., warns you to slow down and think before you speak.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Roll up your sleeves and take on a busy work agenda. Channel high energy constructively. The moon continues to travel in Aries, forming harmonious contacts to Pluto and Jupiter this evening. In addition, Mercury prepares to interact with Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries. You can be extremely productive, if you are well organized. On the other hand, an applying alignment of Venus and Neptune, warns against making important decisions or purchases. It may be difficult to separate the facts from the wishful thinking.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Venus and Mars form 90-degree alignments to Neptune today and tomorrow. That makes this weekend perfect for decorating, baking, creating gifts. Go with your ambitious side this morning. The Aries moon forms harmonious contacts to Uranus and Saturn until 12:18 p.m., when it becomes inactive. The moon enters Taurus at 8:43 p.m., and a flowing 60-degree alignment of Mercury and Venus sets the stage for social or romantic activities this evening.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

The combination of a Taurus moon and Mars-Neptune alignment makes for a lazy, slow-starting day. Take your time. Step out of your daily routine; relax and enjoy the moment. Creative projects continue to get the green light. The Taurus moon interacts with Neptune, Mars, Venus and Mercury in the afternoon and evening. Kick back and recharge your batteries.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

A full moon buildup sets a fast pace this week. The Taurus moon aligns with Jupiter this morning. Slow down and avoid making impulsive decisions, purchases. A 120-degree alignment of Saturn-Uranus takes the spotlight today, however. Zero in on work projects or relationships that have become troublesome, areas of your life that seem to be stagnant. You can cut through obstacles and find new inspiration, important insights, solutions.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

The Taurus moon becomes inactive at 12:11 a.m. until 8:43 a.m., when a Gemini moon takes over. Yesterday's Saturn-Uranus alignment continues to affect today, because the sun interacts with Saturn and Uranus this afternoon. Take time out for yourself. Review your priorities and set new goals. You can make key discoveries and achieve breakthroughs.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

The combination of a full moon buildup and Jupiter-Pluto alignment makes for a day that can go either way. On a positive level, current influences may help you to recognize opportunities so that you can turn your life around and achieve your goals. Open your mind to new possibilities. The Gemini moon interacts with Jupiter and Pluto this evening. Sleep doesn't come easily on a full moon eve, making it prime for working or partying late into the night.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Gear up for a hectic day. A lunar alignment to Saturn warns you to start off on the right foot this morning. Stay upbeat and go with the flow. It is easier to handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands mental precision. The full moon culminates at 2:10 p.m., 28-degrees of Gemini/Sagittarius. At this time the moon becomes inactive, until 6:30 p.m., when it enters the sign Cancer.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

A Cancer moon prompts you to focus on home, family, domestic responsibilities. Make up a list of things to do, so that you are organized. You can be most productive. Creative projects get the green light. Go on a cooking or baking spree. Harmonious alignments of the moon to Venus and Mars make this evening prime for social gatherings.

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Avalon may have hit snag

Contamination could be obstacle

By Brian J. Scully
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Critics say that Chapter 40B is a legal loophole that allows developers to take advantage of towns which are under the state's mandated affordable housing level of 10 percent.

It would be ironic, then, if a similar legal loophole would give anti-40B advocates a weapon against AvalonBay's proposed 200-unit luxury apartment 40B development on Route 3A.

"It's an open and shut case on the state regulations. It's an absolute requirement."
— Mark Bartlett,
Norfolk Ram Group

At issue is the contamination of the proposed site, the former home of Norfolk Conveyor, which dates back 20 years. Avalon says that the place has been cleaned up. The state Department of Environmental Protection issued an NFA (No Further Action) on the site in 1993. But the Water Commission disagrees, saying that the property has only been cleaned up to a Groundwater II (GW-2) standard, when in reality the site was zoned as a Watershed Protection district which requires it to be held to the higher Groundwater I (GW-1) standard.

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YOUNG READER

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Catherine Zevon of Cohasset reads quietly in the children's section at the Scituate Town Library.

Pleasing outcome for Pratt building

High bidder puts public interest first

By Brian J. Scully
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When Lou Harvey of King Street led his philanthropic rescue crew of six to the aid of the Cohasset Historical Society's bid to purchase the Paul Pratt Building last week, the move was hailed as a prime example of civic-minded generosity around town.

No one expected that generous action of fronting of more than $700,000 in private funds would be trumped only one week later.

John Barry, who offered a bid of $739,000 and no contingencies, found out this week that he was legally entitled to the building (the only other option was for the Selectmen to deny all offers and re-bid the sale with new stipulations), so he did what he thought was right: He gave the building back to the public.

"I did not know when I submitted the bid that I would be competing against a public interest," said Barry. "So it became very obvious when I attended the Selectmen's meeting, that there was a competing public interest that wanted to preserve the building historically."

Barry, who initially said he would investigate his legal rights, eventually saw the importance of the building's preservation.

"It was very easy at that point to decide that that is where the building belonged," said Barry. "I thought that the town was looking for a developer to convert the building to private use, and that was my interest because that is what I do."

From there, the decision was simple.

"It was a very easy decision for my wife and I to decide to assist in whatev-

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Three new officers join Cohasset police

By Mary Ford
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There are three new faces at the Cohasset Police Department.

Officer Francis P. Yannizzi, Jr., a 17-year veteran with the Hull Police Department, has transferred to Cohasset and is already working 4 p.m. to midnight.

Officers Paul M. Wilson and William G. English, Jr. both graduated last Friday from the police academy in Plymouth and have started two months of field training before they are out on the street on their own, Chief Robert Jackson said.

English grew up in Scituate and lives in Cohasset. He holds a bachelor's degree from UMass Amherst and a masters from Curry, both degrees are in criminal justice. English comes to Cohasset after seven years in the court system, four of those as a probation officer.

Wilson, who is a 1989 graduate of Cohasset High School, now lives in Brighton. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from UMass Lowell and has worked as an EMT for Fallon ambulance service and as a mental health counselor.

Both Wilson and English took the police exam offered through Civil Service in 2001. The exam is offered every two years.

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Town joins fight for 'quad' gates

By Brian J. Scully
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Is two better than four? The Town of Cohasset seems to think so.

The Board of Selectmen have voted to join forces with the towns of Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham and Scituate to fight the MBTA's plan to install two-gate grade crossings along the Greenbush Line.

Quad gates block all four lanes of traffic at a grade crossing as opposed to two-gate systems which are only installed on the righthand side of a roadway and can be combined with median barriers to prevent motorists from cutting around the gate.

"The MBTA has said they are not going to put in quad gates," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "Well, we are very upset about that."

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— Town Manager
Mark Haddad

The board signed a letter circulated by Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan, which calls for the Army Corps of Engineers to hold a hearing regarding the issue.

The style and efficacy of the grade crossing warning systems are very important, especially since the Greenbush line will be a "quiet corridor," meaning that there are no planned whistles that will be sounded. The whistles will only be blown in the case of an emergency or if there are workers on the tracks.

"Instead of putting a berm (curbing) down the middle of the road and having to expand the roadway with the two-gate system, you can put in quad gates and avoid those problems," said Haddad. "With quad gates, two gates come down on either side, getting rid

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Osgood students in holiday spirit

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Ben Pratt and Olivia Franklin play "Ba Ba Blues" on the recorder during the annual holiday concert at Osgood. For more photos, see page 21.

Sing for families in annual event

By Brian J. Scully
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Holiday-themed concerts are a staple at schools around the country, but not many need to offer a shuttle service to handle the overflow crowd.

Given the popularity of the Osgood School's annual Holiday Concert, Principal Janet Sheehan was forced to come up with an alternative parking and transportation plan in order to accommodate four waves of concert-goers over a three hour period.

So, parents were invited to park in the South Shore Music Circus' parking lot, where a shuttle bus would transport them to the school for the concert.

While some of the problem had to do with the lack of parking spaces at the school complex, it was also a direct result of quality and tradition of the performance.

"Parents, Grandparents – everybody comes to see the

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Public hearing for downtown

The Board of Selectmen scheduled a public hearing for Jan. 13 to discuss the Waterfield Group's design for the Downtown Revitalization Project. Craig Miller, the president of the group will be available to discuss the different features of the plan, from the sidewalk style to overhead lighting.

Tax rate approved

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue's Bureau of Accounts approved a tax rate of $11.99 per thousand dollars of assessed value. The Department expressed its thanks to the Board of Assessors as well as the other local officials who helped out in formulating that rate.

Little League shed approved

The Board of Selectmen approved the designs for the storage shed/concession stand that will be constructed this spring as a part of the new Little League Complex at the site of the old Gravel Pits.

The selectmen looked favorably on the design, which was presented to the board by Harold Gundersen, an abutter to the new complex.

"We are very pleased to have had all of the neighbors and Wayne Sawchuk design the building," said Little League President Mark DeGiacomo. "This is a building primarily designed by the neighbors for their neighborhood and we are thrilled with the way it came out and appreciated all of the effort that has gone into it."

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Papa Gino's doesn't renew liquor license

In the new year, patrons of Papa Gino's in Cohasset Plaza will not be able to have a beer or glass of wine with their pizza. But according the Bill Chiccarelli, director of marketing with Papa Gino's, few customers were doing that anyway so the store is not renewing its beer and wine license.

"We looked at the sales and profitability of the amount sold and it did not warrant the price of renewal," he said. The annual cost of a beer and wine license in Cohasset is $700.

Chiccarelli explained in the normal course of business, Papa Gino's makes deletions and additions to its menu. The company eliminates offering beer and wine where it does not make sense. Less than 1 percent of Papa Gino's business comes from beer and wine sales, but the company does like to offer it at locations where the customers look for it, he said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said it is very unusual for an ongoing business to voluntarily give up its liquor license.

"In my 20 years in local government, it's the first time I've seen it happen," he said.

RTF holiday hours

The Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25 and on New Years Day, Jan. 1. It will be open on Thursday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Tree disposal

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday Dec. 9:

School Committee, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

Water Commission, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. at 339 King St.

Board of Assessors, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.

Police/Fire Study Committee, Dec. 23 at 9 a.m.

Conservation Commission, Jan. 9 and Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Senior Housing Committee, Jan. 9 at 9 a.m.

Harbor Committee, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan. 6 (Avalon - Infrastructure), and Jan. 27 (Avalon - Local Preference and Affordable Housing needs), all at 7:30 p.m. All Avalon meetings will be held in the selectmen's office and will be televised.

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For further information, contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

CPC seeks applications

Anyone wishing to petition the Cohasset Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for a funding recommendation at the March 2003 Town Meeting *must* submit an initial application to the committee no later than Dec. 31. Please note that the CPC may only recommend to Town Meeting those projects that involve the acquisition and preservation of open space, historical preservation and/or promote low to moderate income housing.

Qualifying applicants will be asked to make formal presentations to the CPC during January and February 2003.

Copies of the application may be obtained at the Town Hall or by calling the committee Chairman, Stuart Ivimey at 383-2604.

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Group of concerned Catholics to carry on

VOTF reacts to Law resignation

By Paula Woodhull and Kevin Doherty
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In the aftermath of Cardinal Bernard Law's resignation Friday, Boston area Roman Catholics felt a range of emotions, from sadness to relief.

At parishes around the South Shore over the weekend, scandal weary Catholics prayed for healing and forgiveness.

And speaking at his first Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, interim Boston Archbishop Richard G. Lennon called for a new day among Catholics, appealing for unity rather than dissension.

"We need to hear what is being said by those who love the church. But even more important, we need to hear the word of God," Lennon told parishioners Sunday.

Lennon's message was conciliatory but conservative and the new leader of the Boston Archdiocese has yet to signal how he will respond to the open rebellion of the lay reform group, Voice of the Faithful. It is also unclear how much sway the activist reform group, estimated to number around 4,000, will be granted under his leadership, even if their concerns are heard.

The Wellesley-based reform group of Catholics kept up unrelenting pressure on the Boston Archdiocese as Law struggled to deal with the clergy sex abuse scandal that has plagued the church — in one damaging headline after another — for nearly a year.

But not all Catholics are convinced the church is headed in the right direction, even with the change in leadership brought on by Cardinal Law's departure.

Structural change within the Archdiocese must begin with a real replacement for Cardinal Law, according to Jack Muldoon of the Hingham chapter of VOTF.

"We want to be able to meet with someone and say 'We know what we want, and you're the man to talk to,'" he says.

However, there is no denying, however, that there is a sense of relief since the news of the resignation.

"I went to Church at St. Paul's this past Sunday, and there was a larger, more enthusiastic crowd there than I've seen in a long time.," says Muldoon.

Members of other Voice of the Faithful chapters are also taking a wait-and-see approach about Lennon.

"We're not sure about where Bishop Lennon will take us or whether he'll support Voice of the Faithful's mission of giving the laity a voice in the church. Hopefully, this will mean good things for both the voice of the faithful and local priests" said Kathleen Leslie, spokesman for the Plymouth Cluster Chapter of Voice of the Faithful.

Ben Murphy, a spokesman for the Duxbury VOTF chapter is more skeptical.

"I don't expect anything dramatic (from Lennon)," Murphy said. "He was one of the Cardinal's right hand men. He's come from the same mold."

Murphy said members of his chapter are thankful the first step — Cardinal Law's resignation — has been accomplished. "I don't think there can be any healing without that," he said, but noted "there are five more behind him (Law) that implemented the actions he's been held accountable for." VOTF's work is far from done, Murphy says.

"Unless we break the cult of silence, arrogance and blind obedience, we won't have accomplished anything," he said. "It's going to be a long ride."

Voice of the Faithful's overriding goals as an organization are to support victims of sexual abuse, to support priests of integrity, and to support structural change within the church, Muldoon of the Hingham chapter says.

Members of the Hingham chapter of VOTF have been involved in organizing meetings both in Hingham and in surrounding areas, hosting guest speakers such as Boston Globe reporter Kevin Cullen (who reported on the crisis in the church), and giving their support to survivors and priests.

In a regional leadership meeting held in Hingham last Friday, VOTF members and leaders from many regions in Massachusetts including Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell, Quincy, Kingston, and Cape Cod gathered to discuss upcoming events in the organization. A VOTF South Shore area meeting is planned for late February or early March, where members from many chapters can get together in one forum. VOTF will continue to put pressure on bishops and church leaders, who were allegedly responsible for neglecting to end sexual abuse by priests.

The days and weeks following Cardinal Law's resignation should be a time of healing, believe the members of Voice of the Faithful, and there is still much to be done before justice is served in the church.

Fr. James Rafferty, pastor of St. Paul's in Hingham said the church is about forgiveness but can never forget the terrible pain of the people who have been hurt.

"We must never lose sight of that," Fr. Rafferty said, noting that the scandal is far from over because of new allegations and the trials that will occur.

But Fr. Rafferty is hopeful about the future.

"Out of this we will become a stronger church," he said.

Cardinal's replacement first served at Scituate church

By Amy Lambiaso
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Arriving at St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate as a young priest in 1973, Bishop Richard Lennon was newly ordained and ready to lead his first church, embracing the life of a South Shore priest.

Close to three decades later, Lennon is now primed to lead more than two million Catholics in Boston through the most devastating church crisis in history.

Appointed last week by the Pope to temporarily to lead the Archdiocese of Boston, Lennon, church officials hope, will serve as symbol of hope and healing for the Catholic Church.

Lennon, 55, served as priest for St. Mary of the Nativity until 1982 before heading north to St. Mary's Church in West Quincy where he served until 1988. And as the archdiocese's newest and youngest bishop, Lennon has support from colleagues and his first parishioners who have the utmost confidence in him.

"He's the type of guy who knows how to run something, but also knows the personal side it all," Scituate resident Jim Gilmartin said. "Obviously a higher authority has a real high regards for him as a person and as a priest, just as well all do."

Gilmartin was a member of Lennon's first class of altar boys at St. Mary of the Nativity in 1974 as a sixth grader. Since Lennon left Scituate in 1982, Gilmartin said he has had the opportunity to talk with and see his former priest several times, including in 1989 when Lennon returned to officiate at his marriage to wife, Patty.

"When you talk to (Lennon) you feel like you've known him your whole life," Gilmartin said. "That's one of the best things about him and why if anyone can help the church right now, he can."

Long-time parishioner Claudia Oliver recalls Lennon as a good priest and a nice man. "Everyone liked him," Oliver said.

Lennon was notified of his appointment last Thursday afternoon, a full day before Cardinal Bernard Law's resignation was accepted by the Pope. He will serve as temporary leader for the archdiocese until a permanent successor to Law is named shortly.

Abuse victims, lay members and dozens of priests had intensified calls for Law's removal after 18 years at the helm of the Boston archdiocese. Law had been at the Vatican all week for meetings with top officials over his and his archdiocese's fate. Law had been accused of being more mindful of his personal reputation than honestly dealing with the sexual abuse scandal that has plagued the church for nearly a year.

A native of Arlington, Lennon graduated from Matignon High School in Cambridge and St. John Seminary in Brighton after studying math for two years at Boston College. Since being ordained in 1973, he has attained two master's degrees in sacramental theology and church history. But neither his educational background, nor his most recent service as auxiliary bishop of Boston has prepared him for what is ahead.

And during his short time as apostolic administrator for the archdiocese, Lennon is assuring the church and its worshipers that this will, in fact be a time for healing.

"God willing, not only can things change, but things can improve," Lennon said in a homily last week to worshipers at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. And although he is acknowledging the loss of trust, frustration and anger among many Catholics, he offered his prayers for the victims of sex abuse and has pledged to work toward healing as a church and as a community.

"Over the past 11 months, we have heard many people and many groups come forward with ideas for how to go forward in addressing the issues," he said in the homily. "We need to hear what is being said by those who love the church. But even more importantly, we need to hear the word of God."

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Avalon may have hit snag

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"The land is in our watershed protection district, it is a zoning district," said Glenn Pratt of the Water Commission. "It's been on the book since 1986. It's as simple as that."

No one could definitively answer Zoning Board of Appeals chairman Woody Chittick's question as to whether the issue was a dealbreaker or just needed mediation, but it appears the subject is at least in for more debate.

"It's too early to tell on that one," said Chittick. "There are two points of view on that one. I think we are not even halfway to resolving that issue."

According to Mark Salvetti, a licensed site professional who works for Norfolk Ram Group, an engineering firm hired by the Water Commission, the site simply passed under the DEP's radar screen.

In 1993, state regulations changed and thousands of sites were applied to a new set of standards. In the confusion, many problems were missed The only report on the site fails to mention that the town zoned the area as a watershed protection area, which mandates GW-1 status.

According to Salvetti, the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, which provides the legal guidance for clean-ups, does not even allow for an appeal of that status — as it does in other cases — when that status is derived from a town zoning standard.

"It's an open-and-shut case on the state regulations," said Mark Bartlett, president of Norfolk Ram Group. "It's an absolute requirement."

Current testing indicates that the levels of certain chemicals in the soil do not meet GW-1 standards, although by small margins.

"It could meet state standards right now, because the DEP has not designated the site as GW-1," said Pratt. "We have been after them for many years to find out why it is not. This is not in reaction to the appearance of AvalonBay."

Avalon's licensed site professional, Nick Lanney, feels that the issue is a moot point, because the contamination is so minimal.

"All the testing we've done, says that the contamination hasn't been transported," said Lanney. "In over 20 years there has been no evidence that the contamination has reached Lily Pond."

Lanney points to the dense composition of the ground materials under the site as a reason that the contamination, which was remediated to some degree in the past, has stayed put. He also points out that since the levels of contamination are decreasing, previous remedial work done at the site most likely removed the source of contamination.

Still, Norfolk Ram and the Water Commission disagree.

"They feel that the area is not a risk," said Bartlett. "But we have a difference of opinion on that."

Scott Dale, the vice president of development for AvalonBay, noted that it was in his company's best interest to have the site cleaned-up, because as the new owners they would become liable in the future.

"We want the property as clean as it can possibly be before we purchase it," said Dale. "It is very typical in any property transaction, when you discover a problem, that you require it to be cleaned up to the appropriate level."

Dale is comfortable with his company's stance on the site's clean bill of health.

"I think that with this specific site the problem goes back 20 years," said Dale. "There has been remedial action and the DEP has reviewed the data and given the site an NFA which means no further action required."

Dale thinks that the best solution is to get the two sides together to hash out a plan of action.

"What I recommend on this issue is that we set the regulations aside, sit down with these folks and try to come up with a way to solve it, rather than pointing at the regulations and saying, 'You are supposed to do this," said Dale.

In the last portion of the meeting, the ZBA tackled the issue of transportation, but only on a superficial basis.

"We need both sides to get together and see where the common ground is," said Chittick. "But the major work on that is going to come at a later date."

The Fire Department has concerns that the driveway and parking areas, as currently designed, could be prohibitive to rescue efforts. The board also singled out the main entrance on 3A as an area of high concern, mentioning the possibility of requiring a traffic study being done.

Pleasing outcome for Pratt building

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er way I could," said Barry. "We saw this maybe as an opportunity for us to step up and complete the bid process by assigning our rights to the Historical Society."

But Barry's decision went far beyond the call of duty. In order to keep the bid process legal, he had to forfeit his 25 percent down payment — more than $180,000 — on the agreement that the money would be paid back to him by the Historical Society in 15 to 20 days. If the Historical Society were not to purchase the building, Barry would buy the building.

"We are grateful for the support of Lou Harvey and his group," said Kathleen O'Malley, co-president of the Historical Society. "We are also grateful for our legal counsel Richard Henderson who has been generous with his time. We are especially grateful to Mr. Barry. I think it is a win-win for everybody involved."

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan lauded the group for its efforts.

"The Historical Society generated a groundswell of support," said Sullivan. "There has been a lot of enthusiasm for this plan, and I am excited to see that the property will be kept in the public domain."

Town Manager Mark Haddad was the major facilitator of the deal, working behind the scenes to negotiate the agreement. At its previous meeting, Town Counsel Paul DeRensis had informed the board, through Haddad, that it could award the bid to whoever they wanted. Further consultations with the Inspector General, however, made DeRensis change his view.

From there Haddad stepped in and Barry agreed to assign his bid to the Historical Society, provided they refund his deposit.

"John feels very comfortable with what he is doing," said David Drinkwater, president of Grand Gables Realty Group, which marketed the property for the town. "He would have liked to have had the opportunity to purchase the property for himself, but I think he sees the bigger picture."

"It was a very easy decision for my wife and I to decide to assist in whatever way I could."

— John Barry, high bidder

Drinkwater also noted how professionally Haddad handled the situation.

"I think Mark has done a great job," said Drinkwater. "He has been very pragmatic about this, there have been a lot of hurdles to overcome, and there have been challenges associated with marketing the property, but he's been very clear with us and given us the direction we needed to get this done."

After the meeting, Harvey was glad to see the building safely in the hands of the Historical Society.

"It's a relief more than excitement," said Harvey. "We were excited last week, but the fact that there are no losers in this situation is exhilarating."

Lost in the hoopla, was the fact that the town had received the money it needed to fund the new library project. Twice before, the town put the library out to bid, both times receiving one bid and both times, the offer was less than the necessary $700,000 that had been integrated into the cost of the new library. But all that changed when Haddad came up with a creative plan to market the property through a real estate agency. Haddad and the selectmen chose Grand Gables and the company generated two bids, all above the minimum price of $725,000, which included a $25,000 commission for the real estate agency.

It was only days prior to the bid closing that the Historical Society latched on to Selectman Tom Callahan's comment that it was too bad it wasn't interested in buying the property for its headquarters and selling the Lothrop House to cover the cost. Quickly the Historical Society put together a plan and made its $725,000 bid contingent on the sale of the Lothrop House.

The historical society plans to use the leftover money from the sale of the Lothrop House (valued at around $900,000 by its estimate) to renovate the Pratt building and construct two apartments in the basement, which would help cover the increase in operating costs. The new headquarters will allow the society more space for display and storage.

Town joins fight for 'quad' gates

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of the need for the berm."

While the design creates aesthetic concerns, it is also a safety issue.

"What the berm does is go right up to the railroad tracks, which prevents people from trying to go around the gates," said Haddad. "But the quad gates accomplish the same thing more effectively."

A number of outstanding design issues remain, including the location of the Scituate layover station and the Commercial Street grade crossing in Weymouth.

Macmillan said that it is essential that communities involved in the project, "assert themselves into the process. It's helpful and comforting to know our concerns are shared by other towns, who also agree that four-quadrant gates are preferable to median barriers."

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Narrow vote opts to keep Hagerty Committee going

By Brian J. Scully
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"The fact remains that the way the permits were drawn and approved is not the way the project was done."
— Russ Bonetti, Hagerty chairman

The project the committee was formed to oversee was completed two years ago, but the Hagerty Committee remains intact.

Called before the Board of Selectmen, ostensibly to disband, the Hagerty Committee instead lashed out at Town Manager Mark Haddad, saying he ran the project incorrectly. Members pointed to a number of punch-list items, which they say were not completed correctly.

"This has all been sort of a clandestine operation," said Paul Pattison. "We never even knew that the plans were changed until we saw them in operation."

Pattison said the committee had served as the only watchdog for the project.

"I don't care whether you disband it or not," said Pattison. "But I just want you to know that the Hagerty Committee has been the driving force in making sure that the Town Manager adheres to the original plan and as you know, you haven't."

Haddad defended his actions, saying that the Hagerty Committee simply had a different opinion of what took place.

"The harbormaster is comfortable about the way it is designed," said Haddad. "It works for him and that is why I said that there is a difference of opinion."

Selectmen Tom Callahan backed up Haddad's stance, saying some of the changes the committee is upset about were design flaws.

But Hagerty Committee chairman Russ Bonetti said that wasn't the point.

"The fact remains that the way the permits were drawn and approved is not the way the project was done," he said. "If you make any changes to the plan you have to notify the people who issued the permits."

Bonetti went on to claim, albeit indirectly, that Haddad was shielding the board from information.

"We sent three memos on the subject to the Town Manager," he said "If you didn't get them, that's not my fault."

Initially, it appeared the board would vote to disband the group by a 3-2 margin, but Chairman Michael Sullivan — openly critical of Hagerty Committee for its approach to problem-solving — decided to vote in favor of keeping the committee around until the punch list of items was complete.

"It's this type of thing that I don't understand," said Sullivan told the committee. "I don't understand the tension, the frustration. These are pretty simple things to iron out. Why do they continue to bother you so much?"

Sullivan added that the timing of the complaints was off.

"I think the most frustrating part I hear is that the conversation is tinged with tension," said Sullivan. "There is an underlying frustration that goes back and forth. This project has been completed for two years and we are now bringing up the fact that it wasn't done properly."

The committee was met with some support, though.

"My feeling is if we are asking people to serve on committees and we are asking people to put their name on something, they want to see things get done right," said Selectman Fred Koed. "How many times does this have to come up about stuff getting done and it doesn't get done. I understand their frustration."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris agreed.

"I feel that as long as the committee feels that there is a need, I would like to see them continue in their capacity," said McMorris. "They have some concerns and I don't think that they should be disbanded until those concerns are resolved."

The town bought the two-plus acre Hagerty site in the early 1990s for passive recreation and to provide more public access to the harbor.

Budget situation 'bleak' but town making progress

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"It's bleak but we are making headway. We are trying to maintain services."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Faced with a general override and an expected cut in state aid, Cohasset is bracing for a tough budget season.

Every three years Cohasset is faced with an operating budget override to maintain current services, because Proposition 2-1/2 does not allow the town to keep up with salary and operational increases. This year, that override was pegged at around $400,000, but since state legislators are sounding the alarm on Beacon Hill — warning of a cut in state aid that could reach 15 percent — that override will have to be closer to $500,000 according to Town Manager Mark Haddad.

"It's bleak, but we are making headway," said Haddad of the situation. "We are trying to maintain services."

Haddad cut $200,000 from his budget to compensate for the decrease in local aid.

"It's going to be a little bit higher this year, because I have cut out nearly $200,000," said Haddad. "This would have been an operational override year anyway, but the state situation is making it worse."

But Haddad said that all of the town's departments are cognizant of the current fiscal climate and have been willing to work to solve the problems in the way that is best for the town.

"I am working cooperatively with all my departments," said Haddad. "And I am working cooperatively with the schools and the school superintendent."

The town is also faced with an $800,000 override as a result of a vote by Town Meeting to bury the wires underground in the Village. That override, a debt exclusion, would go away in five years, but the operating budget override would permanently increase Cohasset's tax levy.

"It's going to be a tough year," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan. "We had already planned on an override, which is part of our three-year cycle, but now we are getting reductions in state funding, so that is going to add to the problem."

The main concern of the town is trying not to cut back on public services.

"We're trying to put together a budget that will maintain the services as much as possible," said Haddad. "We want to do our best to keep providing taxpayers with the services to which they have become accustomed."

That puts the town in the position of making a lot of tough choices. At this time, though, it appears the every effort is being made to avoid lay offing employees.

"We may not have layoffs," said Haddad. "But we probably will not be filling positions and we might not be putting for raises for different departments. Right now we are trying to keep the override at about $500,000, but it looks like we are going to require at least that much."

Taking the money out of the stabilization fund or free cash is not a fiscally responsible option, according to Haddad.

"If we had the available funds to do it maybe," said Haddad. "But to cover $500,000 from available funds, such as free cash, we would be in a big hole in 2005. A much bigger hole."

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday wishes are being sent out to Miss **Natalie Dignam** who is turning 10 years old tomorrow, Dec. 20! Enjoy your special day Natalie, everyone loves you a great, big bunch.

HOCKEY BOOSTERS RAFFLE

We are half way through the Cohasset Varsity Hockey Team's "Third Annual Holiday Calendar Raffle" and 15 lucky Cohasset residents have been the winners! Every day, a member of the Hockey Boosters take the box of raffle stubs to the merchant who has generously donated that day's prize so that merchant can pick the lucky winner! So far, the lucky winners have been (from Cohasset unless otherwise noted):

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The Cohasset Social Service League will have the Giving Tree set up at the Consignment shop until Dec. 23; for toys for children of parents that are in local shelters or substance abuse facilities. The unwrapped gifts will be delivered on Christmas Eve.

THAYER HONORS

Thayer Academy Headmaster Eric Swain is pleased to announce that the following Cohasset student has achieved academic honors at Thayer Academy Middle School. **Peter Gregory Oswald** made achieved Grade 7 Honors. Great work, Peter!

FIELD HOCKEY STAR

Four William Smith College field hockey players were named to the 2002 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III All-Star teams. Cohasset's very own **Neely Wakeman** (Holderness School/Cohasset) was one of the players recognized. The ECAC awards are the latest in a long list of honors for the Heron hockey program this season. William Smith, boasting a 21-player roster with eight first-years and five sophomores, posted a 14-6 regular season record, including victories in 10 of the team's last 12 games of the regular season. The Herons finished second in the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association and were the runner-up of the UCAA Tournament. A defender, Neely was an important part of the William Smith attack. Boasting just four goals in 24 career games prior to this season, she exploded for 11 goals and 10 assists in 21 games. Neely also was named to the 2002 All-UCAA first-team. Great work Neely, we look forward to hearing more about your amazing playing!

FLEET GENEROSITY

In honor of the grand opening of the newest Fleet branch at 765 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Fleet presented checks to the recreation department and community center. From left, Susan Gallagher-Shea, Fleet; Jack Worley, Cohasset recreation director; Deborah Casey, Fleet; Maureen White, Fleet; Stephanie Church, South Shore Community Center; and Kevin Dolan, Fleet. Worley received a $1000 check to the town of Cohasset Recreation Department to help maintain the Teen Center and purchase additional electronic equipment. In addition, Fleet presented Church a $500 check to the South Shore Community Center.

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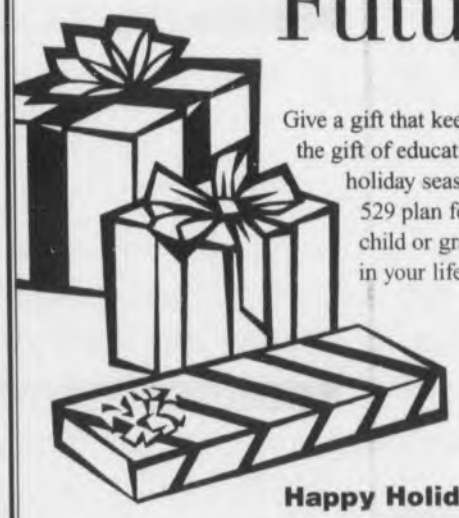

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Donate your old videos

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is seeking donations of quality, used videos in good condition. When the new library building opens in March, there will be plenty of space for videos. At long last, the library can start building a collection of classic videos for adults, much like the ones we currently have for children. Many Cohasset households have already made the switch to DVD players, and these are expected to be a popular Christmas gift item this year.

If you are looking for a good home for those used and/or unused videos, please drop them off at the library. We hope to have them ready for opening day, March 2, 2003 at the new library.

AROUND TOWN

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GREAT GIFT IDEA

Great Gift Idea: Green Sanctuary Calendars for 2003, illustrated by First Parish Children,.with tips on green living, are available at the Parish Hall across from First Parish on Main St Cohasset, for $5, or 2 for $8. If interested in this wonderful Calendar, please contact Sandy Bailey at the First Parish Hall.

LACROSSE REGISTRATION

One thing you won't want to forget as the holiday season comes to a close is that Jan. 4 is registration day for Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. Registration will be from 9 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School, for boys and girls in grades 3-8. **Chuck Jaffe,** who heads up the youth lacrosse program, assures me that his teams will find a way to accept everyone who makes it to registration day, but that rosters will be completely filled at this one session. That means anyone who misses sign-up should expect to miss out on the season (and if you know Coach Jaffe, you know he's not kidding around when he says stuff like this). You can get more information at the cohasset-lacrosse.com web site, including instructions on how to register in advance if you will be away on the 4th. So what does all this mean??? *Don't miss out on Jan. 4, this will be the only day for sign-ups for Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, no exceptions!*

I would like to end this week's column by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas! Let's hope for a snowstorm to bring even a little bit of snow before the Reindeer fly and please, take the time to enjoy this special day. Don't forget to email me all your news and information for next week no later than Monday at noon.

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Austin is the man in demand at the Senior Center

Volunteers as computer coach

By Brian J. Scully
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Austin Breslow volunteers as a computer teacher at the Senior Center.

Austin Breslow is a hit at the South Shore Community Center, despite the fact that he is only 13-years-old.

Fitting into neither the nursery school nor Council of Elder Affairs age brackets (both housed at the Community Center), the Cohasset Middle School eighth-grader has carved out his own niche that transcends age differential. He volunteers there as a computer teacher.

Austin has taken his knowledge of computers and his desire to help out in his community and combined them into a computer technology class for senior citizens. This is not a fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants approach, though. Austin takes his job very seriously. There is a waiting list for the half-hour lessons, that are catered to the individual's needs. Homework and tests are critical parts of the lessons.

"He will meet with each senior in regards to particular program, such as Microsoft Word or Excel," said Kathy Bryanton, director of the CEA. "And then he will make the determination as to how much time they will need and then go from there."

The results, according to Bryanton, are incredible. The seniors learn and also enjoy Austin's company. Austin, though, downplays his volunteerism, namely because he enjoys it.

"I think it is fun to help other people," said Austin. "I like to be involved and help teach somebody something that they otherwise wouldn't be able to learn about."

Bryanton, though, sees something special in the weekly visits.

"It's extraordinary to see a young person like Austin come in and volunteer his time," said Bryanton. "He has great experience with computers."

Austin became involved, in part, because of how much he enjoyed helping his grandmother learn to navigate her computer.

"My grandmother has a computer of her own and I helped her learn how to use it," said Austin. "After that I realized that helping with computers was a way I could give back a little bit, and the Community Center in town was a great place to do so."

After seeing that the Community Center was looking for volunteers, the teaching program began to take hold.

"I told my parents that I wanted to get involved in teaching somehow," said Austin. "I really love to work on computers and I thought that this would be a great opportunity to help out."

Bryanton said that she believes that his parents have played a large role in shaping Austin as a socially-concerned individual.

"It is a reflection on his parents," said Bryanton. "Like his father said, as a family, they feel that they have a lot to offer, so they would like to give back to the community."

Austin also sees the connection.

"Both my parents work in jobs where they help people," said Austin. "It may not be as directly as teaching, but it has always been important in my family to give back in some way."

Beyond helping the seniors, Austin has also tutored some of the staff at the Community Center, including Stephanie Church, the director of the Center.

"Austin has been great," said Church. "He's come in once a week and given me lesson on the internet. He's very well-prepared, he has handouts and at the end of four weeks, we even had a test."

Church passed the test, but says she has much to learn still. Now, she's waiting for her turn to come again, but has to wait until Austin has moved through the people, who haven't yet received help.

"After we had the four weeks I said to him 'I'd really like you to keep coming,'" said Church. "But there is a list, and I moved to the end of the list after my first lessons, so I have to wait until my name comes up again."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Welcome aboard

Sgt. Bill Quigley can't remember the last time he put on sneakers. That's because he and other Cohasset police officers are rarely out of uniform due to the fact they have been working double shifts to make up for the gap created by four vacancies in the department.

It'll still be a few weeks before veteran police officers can work their normal hours, but there is a "light at the end of the tunnel."

Three new officers have been hired. Frank P. Yannizzi, Jr. comes to Cohasset from Hull where he had 17 years of experience with the Hull Police Department. Paul M. Wilson and William G. English, Jr., just graduated from the police academy in Plymouth and will be "out on their own" after about two months of training with local officers on the beat.

The fourth vacancy is going to remain unfilled this fiscal year due to budgetary concerns.

The three new officers are filling three retirements, two of which were disability-related and the third was due to the retirement of Chief Brian Noonan and the promotion of former Sgt. Robert Jackson to chief.

You may be asking, "what took so long?" As Chief Jackson explained with the length of the police academy, the Civil Service exam schedule and background checks, the process of hiring a new officer can take nearly a year.

With its 19 officers (including the chief), Cohasset is a relatively small department. But that's what makes the town special – we can come to recognize our police officers and often get to know them by name.

We're impressed by the backgrounds of the new recruits. Officer Yannizzi served in the detective division in Hull; Officer English spent seven years working in the court system and Officer Wilson is an EMT.

While Cohasset is far from away from crime-ridden places like Brockton, the officers will certainly face difficult and dangerous situations. Working in a small town where everybody knows you can also have its challenges. But we're confident the new officers are up to the task and extend them a warm welcome.

Pratt purchase

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library building is going to become the new headquarters for the Cohasset Historical Society after all.

John Barry, who was the top bidder; Lou Harvey of King Street and the other private donors, who stepped up to the plate to make the historical society's purchase possible; and Town Manager Mark Haddad for working so diligently behind the scenes to smooth out the complexities of the transaction — all deserve a big thank you. Selectmen should also take a bow, along with the members of the historical society who didn't let this opportunity slip through their fingers.

Although the historical society is a private organization, it has a very public purpose. Under the society's ownership, the building will be available to the public. The society is also going to have a lot more room to spread out and house its collections.

In Cohasset, things often get complicated. But the town is blessed with a lot of smart people and generous benefactors who are willing to come together at literally a moment's notice to make something happen. The library sale was indeed one of those instances.

We look forward to covering the transition of the historical society from the Lothrop House to its new home in the months ahead .Clearly this turn of events is a win-win for both the townspeople and historical society.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can't be ignored

TO THE EDITOR:

Although my first inclination was to ignore yet another example of Mr. Campbell's unwillingness (or is it an inability?) to allow the facts from interfering with his poison pen letter of the week, I find myself having to respond.

First it is not my interpretation of town meeting rules Mr. Campbell that non-residents are allowed to speak after a vote is taken. The back of the warrant clearly states that a vote is necessary before a non-resident is allowed to speak. My request was that the rules be enforced.

I never implied that the CRC inserted the article at town meeting. I was there the night the Selectmen put the article on the warrant. Mr. Campbell was there too, but has yet to point out that at that time the vote was 2 in favor and 2 not in favor of inserting the article. The chairman of the board first voted against inserting the proposal and then seconds later changed his vote and the article was inserted. I would say that support from the Selectmen was as close to 50-50 as you can get with an odd number.

Mr. Campbell also seems to forget that the Selectmen sent a letter to the CRC some months ago thanking them for their efforts, but asking them to no longer hold public meetings on the issue, as there was not sufficient support in town for the plan.

I would also urge Mr. Campbell to look the word "supporters" up in the dictionary. If this plan has so many "supporters", how come they didn't stay to "support" the issue? Why does Mr. Campbell get so out of joint over the fact that people opposing this issue prevailed? Were this issue ever to find it's way on the ballot, it would be voted down even more resoundingly than it was at town meeting.

Lastly I did not infer that Mr. Campbell attributed the negative vote to "abutters and lobstermen". As I said in my very first sentence, I was responding to two recent letters. Sorry Murray, but you aren't the only one who writes to the Editor.

I'm sure that ignoring the facts and twisting the truth makes it much quicker for you to write these tirades, Mr. Campbell, but I would appreciate it if you would stop misrepresenting my statements, and stop the character assassination of everyone who should be so bold as to disagree with you. I don't know how every one else feels, but it's wearing thin with me, and I will respond to such pathetic tactics.

Russell Bonetti
Parker Avenue

Zoning protection

TO THE EDITOR:

I attended the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting on Dec. 9 in an attempt to understand how a developer could demolish an existing structure and "construct" a house of the magnitude of the one currently being built on Jerusalem Lane. I could not understand the process in our community that would allow something like this to happen *without* the input of the neighbors whose quality of life is negatively affected and the value of their homes significantly reduced.

The neighbors appealed to the ZBA challenging the issuance of the building permit providing several pages of violations and inconsistencies with a process that allowed a developer to obtain a permit to replace an 1800 sq. ft. building with an — 4000 sq. ft. house which has now visibly become (+ or -) 8000 sq. ft. The ZBA was apparently not concerned with "resolvable" building code issues and choose to only comment on the height and coverage. The neighbors maintain that if the proper site plan and building documents were submitted originally, the ZBA would have had a special permit hearing allowing their input and the opportunity to minimize the detriment to their neighborhood.

They have been put in a position to spend thousands of dollars trying to stop the construction of this house and now carry the burden of hiring more professionals to establish accurate height and coverage measurements. Mr. Bob Sturdy from the planning board stated to the ZBA that there was not a problem with the by-laws but a problem with the ZBA in allowing the English language to be twisted in ways the average individual could not predict when the by-law was written.

In closing, I would state that it is hard to conceive that we have a system that would allow this house to be built and I believe the ZBA has a responsibility to go back to the beginning and examine the original permit and determine whether errors and/or omissions were made in the process. Providing that this was not the case then we need to call upon the ZBA and Planning Board to do whatever is necessary to further clarify our by-laws to protect us from liberal interpretations of our building codes going forward.

Wallace St. John
35 Norfolk Road

Public-private partnerships

TO THE EDITOR:

Recognizing that improvements and utilization of Town property commonly results from the initiative and energy of private citizens' groups, at their Dec 10 meeting the Selectmen considered formalizing the relationships of these "private/public partnerships". The discussion was initiated by presentation of a summary of issues to be considered, and it was concluded that some guidelines for these important and beneficial relationships be developed.

Of course, the obvious was noted: that the Town has the final say on how its property is to be improved or used, and on use of public funds. Although not expressly cited at the discussion, it was clearly recognized that the Town usually is not the initiator nor the spark for execution, and usually is limited to a regulatory role, while the initiative and continuing drive usually come from its residents, acting through groups of private citizens. The Town meeting is the principal forum in which initiative is regulated and by popular vote the proposal is endorsed, amended or defeated, and of course the Selectmen and the various regulatory bodies (Board of Health, Building Inspector, ZBA etc. play out their roles before and after, as applicable.

The discussion in no way suggested criticism of these private/public partnerships, but rather that means be developed to obtain maximum benefit while preserving the long-term interests of the Town, and precluding disagreements, (such as assigning names to ball fields in recognition of donors.).

Because each initiative is unique, it may be impractical to codify all of the relationships between private groups and the Town, and unnecessary because the Town meeting process and other regulatory mechanisms provide a great measure of control. In cases where the private group is to *continue* to utilize Town property, e.g. athletic groups, there should be a written agreement delineating the responsibilities of the parties.

Private initiative is one of the greatest strengths of democracy, and works well when in cooperation with intelligent government. The Selectmen are to be congratulated for their efforts to enhance the partnerships.

R .Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Jingle Bell Walk

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the South Shore Community Center, we would like to express our appreciation to the many merchants and volunteers who lent a helping hand at our Eighth Jingle Bell Walk.

The bells were ringing from St. Stephen's Church thanks to Mary Kennedy, Santa and Mrs. Claus and many assistant elves arrived at Government Island by the traditional fishing boat, thanks to Captain Kelly. The whole crowd then paraded excitedly toward the Center in great holiday spirits.

Congratulations to the winners of the Turkey Trot, and all of the children who joined in. Everyone had a great time with many, many youngsters participating in the fun.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the following who have contributed to our Eighth Jingle Bell Walk.

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HEALTH NOTES

The health cost of cheap goods

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Considering giving clothing, as a gift choice for the holidays?. Many of us use the holidays to restock basic wardrobes. According to Juliet Schor of Boston College in a recent Globe article, clothing purchases have mushroomed. In the last decade, apparel and footwear prices have fallen substantially, especially after 1999.

One reason is the decline of garment workers' wages, brought on by the relentless pressure applied by corporate giants such as Wal-Mart, Disney, and Nike. The Asian financial crisis has exacerbated the decline. Data from the National Labor Committee, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting worker rights in the global economy, reveal that garment workers in Bangladesh now make less than 20 cents an hour, with younger workers getting as little as 8 cents. In China, not only Wal-Mart, but also many designers (Ralph Lauren, Ellen Tracy) pay less than 20 cents an hour. The share going to workers is at a historic low — often equaling a mere one percent of the final price. (By contrast, "brand profit," to a company such as Nike, is about 25 percent of the price.)

Cheap prices also rest on unsustainable environmental practices. Cotton, the most common material for garments, comprises 3 percent of the world's total crop acreage but it accounts for a quarter of global pesticide use. Pesticides used in cotton cultivation cause a variety of human health problems such as brain damage and cancer. Today's bargain prices for cashmere are the result of the unsustainable expansion of goat herds in Mongolia, which is yielding desertification and ecological collapse. While clothes are typically thought of as a "clean" product, that reputation is unwarranted. Most textile dyes remain highly toxic, contaminating local water supplies, and endangering workers' health. European countries have banned the omnipresent, carcinogenic azo-dyes, synthetic dyes present in most of the clothing made in the Third World, but Americans have little awareness of these dangers.

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Meanwhile, Americans are buying far more than they will ever wear out, and rates of discard, or "churning", have soared. (The vast majority of unwanted clothing ends up in landfills, adding to a cost paid by everyone. But some is given to charities a 10 percent annual increase over the 1990s, according to Goodwill) One result has been the collapse of secondhand clothing prices, which now stand at only 7 to 8 cents a pound.

The ingredients of this consumer cycle — artificially cheap prices, rising acquisition rates, and rapid discard — are not unique to clothing. The EPA estimates that the United States is retiring 40 million computers annually. Toys and consumer electronics are also made under exploitative conditions and rely on ecologically damaging plastics which use enormous quantities of water and include toxic substances such as lead and mercury which find their way into water supplies everywhere. Most of the products that will be under the tree this season are produced in the global consumer economy. They are grossly under priced relative to their true human and ecological costs of production and the health risks they create for everyone.

There seems to be no end to our acquisitive nature. Is there anyone who thinks this shop till you drop binge is sustainable. Where is it written that we have to carry our groceries home in a plastic **and** a paper bag? Why must we buy the latest and biggest of everything? What can we do to simplify our lives? With whom are we competing? Help!

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Lessons learned from Mother Nature

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY

Some folks seem to think it's not too late for Mother Nature to learn how to do proper landscape design. If only she would wise up and enroll in an adult-education course in Landscape Design at Radcliff, then she'd change her messy ways.

From our genetic and social culture we learn to want our homes to be neat and orderly. As an architect, I believe this is a healthy urge. However, problems arise when humans apply this urge for neatness and order to nature. While nature surely possesses a marvelous order, it is unlike the order humans create.

To those who see and understand only the rational, left-brain human type of order, nature appears to be messy, wild, uncontrolled, and well, threatening. Where one human might see ugly, unruly "brush" in need of removal, another might see young saplings destined to be towering oaks or beeches, embedded in a complex living system of bacteria, fungi, worms, insects, leaves decaying into plant nutrients, wildlife habitat, berries providing food for birds, and thousands of organisms and relationships humans have yet to notice and understand.

What happens when left-brain order is applied to nature? Ecosystems shut down, and the life those ecosystems once supported dies. Humans, utterly dependent upon the ecosystem for survival, destroy another piece of this lovely blue planet we call Earth. Those of us who feel so connected to Earth feel another stab of heartbreak.

A while back I read a wonderful book about one woman's process of learning about this topic. "Noah's Garden: Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Backyards," by Sara B. Stein, 1993, Houghton Mifflin, tells the story of a couple who buy a big old property in rural Connecticut, in an area where the author grew up. The couple begins clearing the "overgrown" property, making it "neater", replacing meadows with lawn, replacing native plants with nursery exotics, and so on. Before long they needed a big riding lawn mower, fertilizer and a spreader, and hired help to keep the "wild" plant species at bay.

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Then Sara Stein began noticing the songbirds that had been present when they bought the property were gone. She realized she had not seen a hummingbird or praying mantis, which she remembered being plentiful during her childhood. There were no foxes or grouse in the thickets. She realized she, with her fellow suburbanites, had broken the chain of life and had destroyed the sources of food, water, and habitat her fellow creatures needed to survive. She mourned the loss of so much wonderful life. And she set out to undo the damage she and her husband had done.

"Noah's Garden" tells how you too can restore a suburban lot to something resembling a natural condition. It helps you understand and appreciate nature's order. It lists plant species native to your area, and which provide good food and habitat for wildlife. (Sara's especially fond of the shad bush/tree.) A clever idea by a friend of Sara's suggests that if owners of four abutting lots each restored one back corner of their lot, such that the four restored corners form a contiguous parcel, a significant mini-ecosystem can be created.

Another helpful resource is the National Wildlife Federation (www.nwf.org.) Your property can be certified as an official Backyard Wildlife Habitat Site. You can also purchase its Backyard Wildlife Habitat Starter Kit, which includes an in-depth planning guide and other resources to help you begin your habitat project. Check out their Web site information on this program. This is something nearly everyone can do to actually help the environment, rather than adding to the damage.

Next time you notice a "wild" area of "brush" and "messiness", try seeing it as an example of Earth's wonderful order. Please do pick up any trash, but don't destroy a piece of the ecosystem that helps keep you and me alive. Some lawn and some flowerbeds around your house are wonderful things, but how about letting Mother Nature have a little piece of the planet back? She's been practicing for about four billion years here on Earth. You can trust her to do a great job.

Jim Shipsky can be reached at jimshipsky@net.zero.com

Light a star on the Memory Tree

Remembering, in a tangible way will enrich this holiday season, the joy our loved ones have shared with us in seasons past.

Commemorative lights will shine on The Memory Tree on the Lawn of South Shore Community Center as well as a star placed on the tree in the lobby with the name(s) of your loved one(s).

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In Memory of Andrew Peter Moy with Love from The Moy Family.

In Memory of Bob Thompson from Jean Thompson.

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Romney's bullying Bulger heralds new age

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The crew at the Statehouse cafeteria, a workforce cheerfully devoted to the philosophy that soundness of mind isn't everything, posted a sign of the times.

It read, in black magic marker on yellow lined paper: "We Do Résumés." The space between election and Inauguration Day is usually like that at the Statehouse anyhow. But this year the "out with the old, in with the new" sensation has been acute, with the unsettling case of the Bulger brothers making headlines at the same time Romney appoints assistants who, for now at least, enjoy reputations as straight shooters. Conversations about the governor-elect's initial appointments generate a refreshing lack of rolled eyes or scary stories.

Romney blatantly heralded the change, when he said UMass President William Bulger should tell a congressional committee what he knows about his outlaw brother Whitey's dealings with the FBI. It's safe to say that no other governor in Bulger's tenure would have said that; it would have violated the understandings of the old political culture. Shannon O'Brien would have shocked the Statehouse by doing so.

South Boston voters preferred a 'wealthy Mormon over a Catholic named Shannon O'Brien last month. And the awkwardness of Weld-appointed UMass trustees coming to the defense of their Fifth-pleading CEO provided a benchmark from which citizens will expect the Romney team to depart — in an upward direction.

Nevertheless, those same voters elected the same old Legislature, overwhelmingly Democratic and bossed by urban politicians who live at the center of a complex web of favors, relationships and deal making.

At the nexus of legislative and executive, old and new, is Cynthia Gillespie, and she wants to change reality. Appointed by Romney as legislative director three weeks ago, she is now taking on a challenge neither the Cellucci nor Swift administrations could handle: creating strong legislative alliances and exercising them to win policy victories.

Old or new, politics is about relationships, and for now, Gillespie's simply out to form them. She's proceeding along the lines of legislative organization, and power, meeting first with the Speaker and Senate president, then the chairmen of the budget committees in each branch, then the chairmen and women of the committees: banks and banking, health care, and so on.

Gillespie said the budget problem is so big that for now, everyone wants to cooperate. "We are finding a very serious group of legislators that want to work with us," she said. That could change, but Gillespie said her history prepared her to deal with this Legislature. In Georgia, where her career in government was founded, Democrats are "fiscally conservative and socially moderate and in some cases socially liberal. That's not that different from here."

She's promising frequent contact and lots of information sharing with legislators, not just leadership. "We want to be an executive branch that works very actively and well with the legislative branch," Gillespie said.

Pet presents for Christmas

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TOM HENSHAW

I had finished my Christmas shopping last Sunday and was settling in with a bowl of popcorn and a glass of Merlot to watch a rerun of "Sex and the City" on HBO when I was struck by a sudden and alarming thought.

I had not yet bought gifts for Jedi, Tayla, Allie and Callie.

Now, Jedi, Tayla, Allie and Callie are dogs and if you've ever bought Christmas presents for dogs you will certainly recognize the limits they place on creativity. And you can't fall back on gift certificates to Strawberries or Haddad's Ocean Café either.

For one thing, you are not only buying the gift for the dog but you're trying to please the owner, too. This can sometimes be a difficult parlay.

I once bought a miniature hydrant for a dog only to spend the next two weeks in the doghouse. "Buffy's a good girl," the owner informed me peevishly. "She wouldn't do anything like that." I'm not sure but I think Buffy winked at me as I slunk off into exile.

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Another time I took Buffy to see Santa Claus. As her owner (or, her mother, as her owner preferred to be called) helped Buffy into Santa's lap to tell him what she wanted the elves to make for her, I asked him how things were going. "Beats working," he said as Buffy licked his face. "Sometimes."

It's a lot easier buying Christmas presents for cats, of which I also have four on the gift list. I just get them each a nickel bag full of catnip (Nebraska Green is the Acapulco Gold of catnip) and they'll retire into their corners with contented smiles on their faces and stay there until sometime in February.

The best gift I ever got a dog for Christmas was a plastic chew toy in the shape of a rolled up newspaper. The dog's owner being the daughter of an old newspaperman, she thought that was the best gift ever but the dog was unimpressed. Maybe it was the paper's left wing, liberal bias.

I guess tomorrow I'll have to plunge back into the crowd at the mall and get the dogs' presents. I know what I'm going to get them but I dare not write it here lest they read it. Their owners brag about them so much I swear Tayla, Allie and Callie can read. Jedi is still in English immersion classes.

Maybe I'll get them subscriptions to Palm Beach Pet Society, the slick-paper magazine for dogs that is put out by Joanne Cutner, who owns a Lhasa Apsa named Mr. Churchill, in Florida.

Fortunate pooches in Palm Beach can read the news of the annual charity ball held by a pet hospital and the Halloween party which drew 400 costumed dogs and learn about the $75 designer collars and $100 sweaters that are available at the pet boutique Paws on the Avenue.

The magazine shows the editor, Mr. Churchill himself, wearing spectacles, sitting at his desk before a computer with a fluted glass of champagne in the background.

Jedi, Tayla and Allie are more like shot-and-a-beer dogs. I don't know about Callie.

Holiday recycling tips from the RTF

The holidays are an especially busy time for everyone, including the folks at the RTF. To help you with the added trash that accumulates over the holidays, please accept these reminders from the Recycling Committee and the RTF workers:

- Holiday wrap and tissue is recyclable and goes in the bin with your junk mail
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How to tid(e)y up Jacob's Meadow

Self-regulating gates are coming

By Brian Scully
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There's a killer on the loose in Jacob's Meadow.

It is slowly strangling others of its kind and changing the dynamics of the entire area.

It is the plant phragmites.

Phragmites (pronounced Frag-might-ez) are an invasive freshwater plant that further threaten the rehabilitation of the former salt marsh. They grow upwards of 10 feet high, choking out other grasses in the process. The plant's broken stems impede the flow of water and its overgrowth can cut off brook access for fish that eat mosquito larvae.

But beyond it's ecological impact, phragmites are also a major reason for the three-year delay in the resolution of the "Tide Gate-gate."

In 1999, Tutela Engineering did some work on the site for the town, replacing the tide gates that were in place and adding a third fall out pipe that increased the amount of water that can drain out of Jacob's Meadow through James Brook and into the Harbor.

But federal officials later charged that Tutela was negligent in its work, not only in the installation process, but also because it failed to seek and receive permits from the Army Corps of Engineers for the project. The tide gates that were installed by the company do not allow enough saltwater into the marsh to kill the phragmites and restore the salt marsh.

Now, more than three years later, the project is finally nearing completion.

"We now are in the process of permitting the new self-regulating tide gates," said Haddad. "Since we failed to get the proper permits when we did the original project, the Army Corp of Engineers wants us to go back and re-do it."

The new self-regulating gates will allow a greater flow of seawater into the area.

"They are trying to restore the salt marsh, so they want to have self-regulating tide gates which allows more saltwater into the marsh and into Jacob's Meadow, which will kill the phragmites and ultimately restore the marsh."

It will not cost the town anything, because Tutela has accepted responsibility for not getting the permits in the first place.

"FEMA and MEMA are going to come up with the funding to pay for it, so there is not going to be an impact to the taxpayers," said Haddad. "Whatever FEMA and MEMA don't cover, Tutela Engineering will cover, because they are the ones who failed to get the proper permit."

(FEMA is the Federal Emergency Management Agency and MEMA is the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency).

The next step after that will be to find a contractor for the project.

"Once it is permitted it will go out to bid and we will install them," said Haddad. "Both FEMA and MEMA have given us an extension on the granting because it was supposed to be done by Dec. 31, otherwise we would have had to repay the money."

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan is glad that the project is headed towards completion.

"I'm glad it has been resolved," said Sullivan. "I think it is good that it worked out the way it did. Our biggest concern has been the residual flooding in the neighborhoods."

Haddad expects the project to be completed by the beginning of this summer.

MassGov Web sites

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, is announces that the Commonwealth's new Web site is up and running. The Mass.Gov Web site (www.mass.gov) is a customer-centric portal organized around customer needs, not state agencies. The tag line "Your Government, Your Way," featured on the sites homepage, conveys the goal of the portal: to provide flexible, intuitive access to government services at the customer's convenience.

"It is important that taxpayers have easy access to agencies they fund," said Bradley.

Bradley also announces a tracking Web site for planes arriving and departing from Logan Airport. This will enable his constituents of the Third Plymouth district to actually see how many planes travel through the district and how frequently they fly over our homes. The Massport web address for tracking the planes is: (www.massport.com/logan/airpo_noise_airmo.html).

"This Web site will allow all of us to see how over burdened the airspace of this district already is," Bradley said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Maggie's Corner, Sweet Surprises, Curtis Liquors, The Craft Factory.

We would like to thank all our volunteers. A special thanks to The Girl Scouts, The rusty Skippers Marching Band, Cohasset Fire Dept., Cohasset Police Dept., Santa and Mrs. Claus and all their helpers. Thank you all!

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Three new officers join Cohasset police

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Yannizzi, who most recently served as a detective with the Hull police and has worked details in Cohasset, responded to a Cohasset advertisement posted on the Criminal Justice Information System computer network seeking a lateral transfer, Jackson said. He explained the department was actively seeking a lateral transfer, who could be put on the beat sooner, because one candidate had withdrawn from the police academy.

Jackson said with 21 weeks of the police academy, background checks and the Civil Service exam, hiring a new police officer can take up to a year.

The new officers bring the staffing up to 19 including the chief.

"We are still short one officer," Jackson explained. "But because of the fiscal situation, I won't be seeking to fill that position this fiscal year. I would hate to hire someone and have to lay them off."

Jackson explained the department conducted extensive background checks on the three officers that included school and employment records, criminal history, tax returns, credit history and even interviews with neighbors. All information was checked and cross-checked to make sure the applicants were being entirely truthful.

"I think they are a great addition to the police department."
— Police Chief Robert Jackson

Det. Sgt. Greg Lennon conducted the background investigations, a process which has been formalized so all candidates are held to the same standards, Jackson said. The officers, who also took physical fitness exams, were first interviewed by Lennon, who provided Jackson with his comments, and then by Jackson and Town Manager Mark Haddad, who is the appointing authority.

Under minimum manning, the police are required to have three uniformed officers on duty at all times, not including the chief and day detective. The vacancies, which were due to retirements, created an overtime situation during which officers were forced to work long hours. Jackson said the new hires will help alleviate that situation.

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Officers William English, Francis Yannizzi and Paul Wilson have joined the Cohasset Police Deparment.

"I think they are a great addition to the police department," he said. "I look forward to having them go out and serve the community.

"I couldn't be happier."

Haddad said he and Jackson worked closely together on the appointments.

"We're very excited and look forward to a long relationship with these guys," he said.

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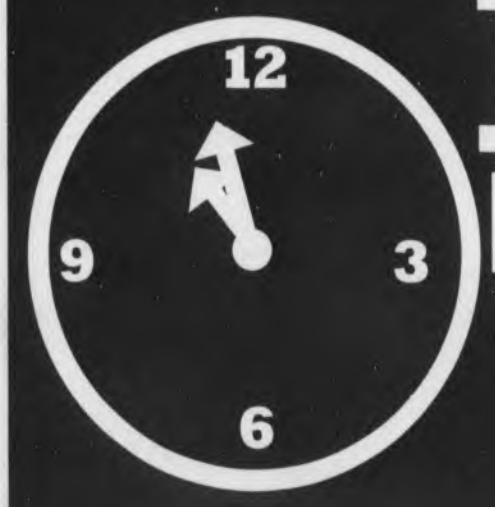

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Panthers claw boys in opener

Hoopsters come up just short in last second thriller with Avon

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset boys opened the season in disheartening fashion on Tuesday, falling in the opening round of the South Shore VoTech Tourney to Avon, 60-57.

A furious Skippers comeback went for naught, as a jumper by Avon star Ryan Frassier (30 points) broke a 57-57 tie with 10 seconds remaining, and Cohasset junior Chris Bilodeau saw his last second 15-footer roll out.

"We ran the play just like it was drawn up," reported Cohasset coach Ron Ford. "Chris got a good look, and it was a good shot. It just didn't fall. Those are the breaks.

"The kids did a nice job battling back, and it was anyone's game at the end. The difference was they made one more shot, and a few more plays. That kid Frassier really came up with some huge shots."

Avon led for most of the game, taking advantage of the Skippers foul problems. Starters Bilodeau (12 points, 8 rebounds) Ben Lynner (23 points, seven rebounds) and Sean Connolly all picked up two quick fouls, keeping them on the bench for long stretches I nthe first half.

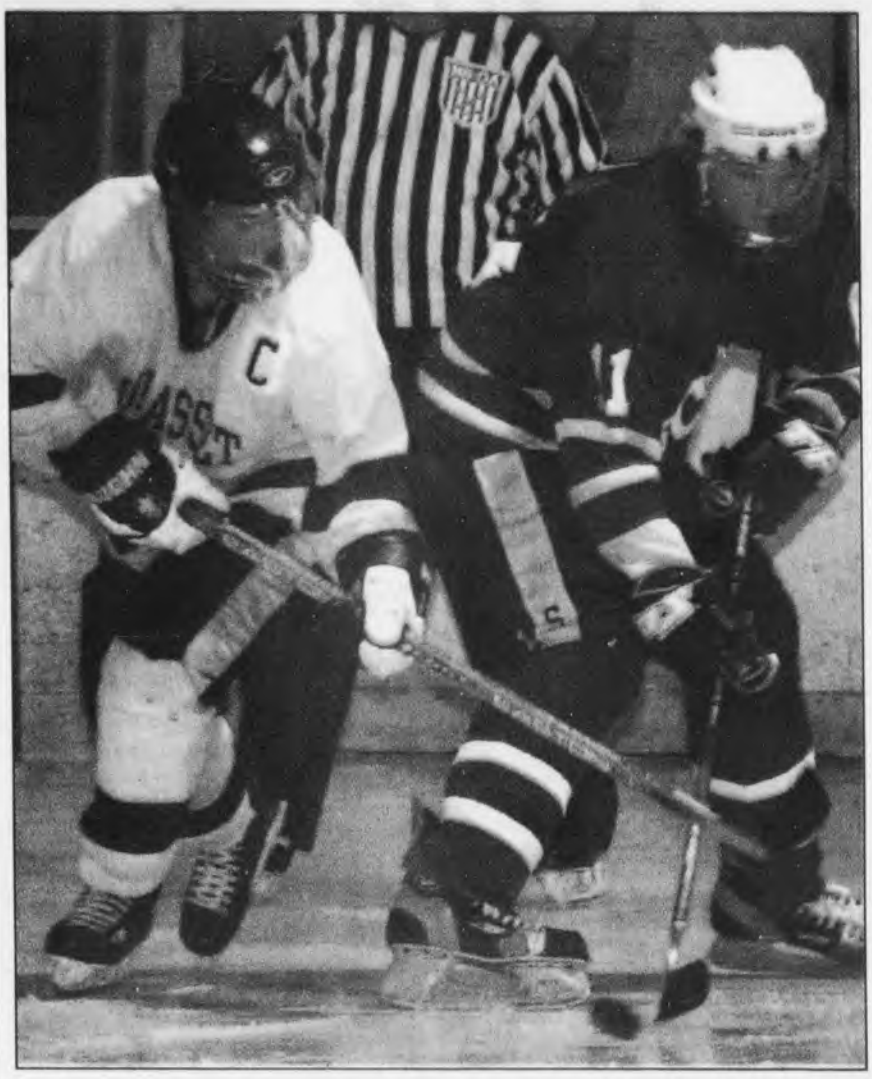
A seven point deficit was cut to three at the break, 32-29, thanks to a couple of big hoops from backup center Scott Faber (8 points, 8 rebounds), a senior.

"Scott played a real solid game in relief of Sean (Connolly), who was really in foul trouble all night," said Ford. "He really kept us in the game."

Avon stretched its lead to 10 at 41-31 with 10 minutes remaining, but senior captain Jared Krupczak (five points, three assists and a whole lot of steals) sparked a 22-11 run with some excellent defensive work to help the Skippers take their first lead since the game's early moments at 53-52 with four minutes to go.

Avon retook the lead, but Bilodeau tied it with a nice finish inside at 57-57 with under a minute remaining.

Things don't get any easier for the Skippers, as they host South Shore League favorite Norwell tomorrow night (6:30 start). The Skippers then head back to South Shore VoTech on Saturday to face the hosts (who lost to Holbrook Tuesday) in the consolation game.



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Cohasset captain John Durkin (#5) battles for control of puck with his Scituate counterpart, Matt Hall (#11) in Saturday's season opener for both teams. The Skippers lost the game, 5-3, with Durkin netting all three of his team's goals.

This is the year

Girls basketball program finally comes of age

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The girls basketball team has assumed a new persona this year.

In year's past, excuses had been made for the struggles of the team. The program was not even in existence three years ago, making 1999-2000 a year to get things started. In 2000-2001, it was the team's first opportunity to play at the varsity level. Last year, there were no seniors with any varsity experience.

This year, things are different. The team has a core of four seniors, four ladies who have been the adhesive that has held the girls basketball program together since their freshman years. Serving as the squads quad-captains, Maura O'Brien, Lindsay Grossman, LaRaine Langford and Heather Peraino make up the foursome that hopes to lead the team to their first tournament berth since the program was reintroduced into Cohasset athletics.

"We are all excited for the season, and we hope to make tourney this year," mentioned Grossman, the leading scorer on the team the last three years. "If

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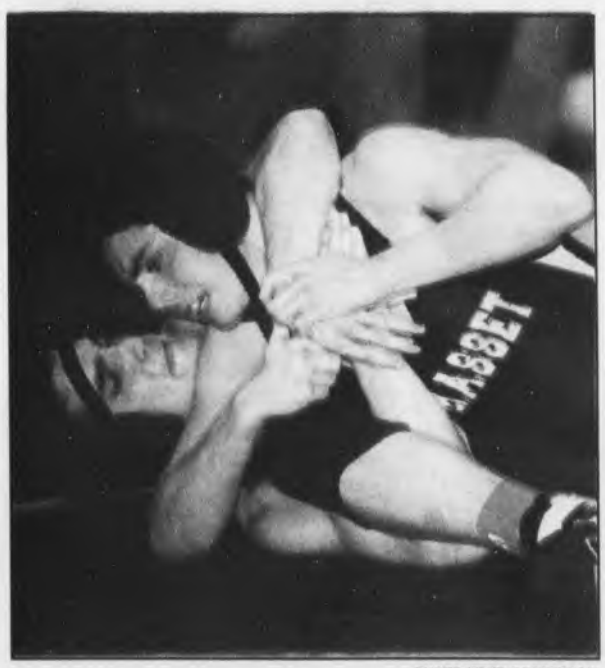

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Cohasset senior Terry Baroudi (top) opened his season with three wins this weekend. For quad meet story against Mansfield, Hopkinton and Tri-County, see page 16.

Sailors fend off feisty Skippers

Depth proves the difference in season opening loss for CHS hockey team

By Mike Spellman
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HINGHAM- It was one of those infrequent sporting events that left virtually everyone involved feeling satisfied.

The favored, veteran-laden Scituate High hockey team shook off some early opening night jitters, this past Saturday night at Hingham's Pilgrim Arena, to finally capitalize on its superior depth to seize control and roll to a 5-3 win. But this was not before a young and inexperienced, but fiery Cohasset team threw quite a scare into the Sailors.

"I'm very happy with the way our guys responded to the challenge of playing a good team tonight," said Cohasset's John Blake, moments after the completion if his first game as a head hockey coach. "We've got a lot of young guys who are still learning, but they did a pretty good job with the system we're trying to put in, and they played hard.

"We made a few mistakes tonight, like the penalty in the first period that led to Scituate's first goal. You can't make mistakes like that against a good team like Scituate. They made us pay for it. Hopefully, we can learn from that."

Things got a little scary on the Scituate bench when Cohasset star Johns Durkin scored his second of three goals on the night to tie the game at 2-2 just 10 seconds into a power play with nine minutes remaining in the second period, the senior forward beating Scituate goalie Joe Duggan high stick side with a wrister from 25-feet straight out after he took a feed from the right boards from Tom Anderson and skated hard right to left to free himself for the shot.

It was Scituate captain Matt Hall, who had missed on a couple of earlier opportunities and seemed to have trouble clicking with fellow senior linemates John Anthony and Kyle Simpson in the early going, who got the Sailors the lead for good with 6:52 to go in the second. After playing a nice two-man cycling game with centerman Anthony deep along the left boards, Hall popped free from the corner to skate out on Cohasset goalie Stefan Parnell. The freshman netminder stopped Hall's attempted near-side stuff, but the big Scituate winger fought off a check to quickly collect the rebound and tuck it around the downed goalie on the far side.

"That was a good hard working goal from Matt and we really needed it at that point, and I think he really needed it too" said third year Scituate coach Mike Breen. "That top line was a little tight tonight. They're all seniors and have a lot of expectations for themselves this year, and I think they just came out a little too wound up.

"I think they were looking to do a little too much. Hopefully they saw tonight, they don't have to do everything. We have some other pretty good weapons too."

Indeed. The real story of

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Grappling with success

CHS wrestlers win 2-of-3 to lend promise to title defense season

By William Wassersug
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When it comes to big finishes, Cohasset's wrestling team could certainly claim one last season.

With nine wins in their last 11 meets, the Skippers rolled to a league title that surprised quite a few people.

Now, the team is hoping for an encore performance a feat that isn't out of reach for a team that brings back several top wrestlers and adds a few promising youngsters.

One reason for hope is a number of grapplers who tasted success in sectionals last year.Six of coach Torin Sweeney's squad placed in the top seven at the Division 3 South Sectionals last year, with one of them, senior Terry Baroudi, placing fifth in states at 135.

Sweeney said his experienced corps will make a difference with the young guys.

"Our three captains, Baroudi, Phil Strazzulla and Mike Casey are going to lead by example; they set the tone," Sweeney said. "Once they've had a taste of states they want to go back. The younger kids benefit by watching the older ones work out. They see the level of intensity, how they prepare. It's more than the rah-rah. After a while they start to pick up on things without really even knowing it. They see the kids who can get it done on the mat."

Heading in to season opening quad meet this past Saturday against Hopkinton, Mansfield and Tri-County, Sweeney had a pretty good lineup in mind.

It started with senior Dave Kupsc at 103, sophomore Jonathan Littauer, a sixth-place finisher at sectionals last season,

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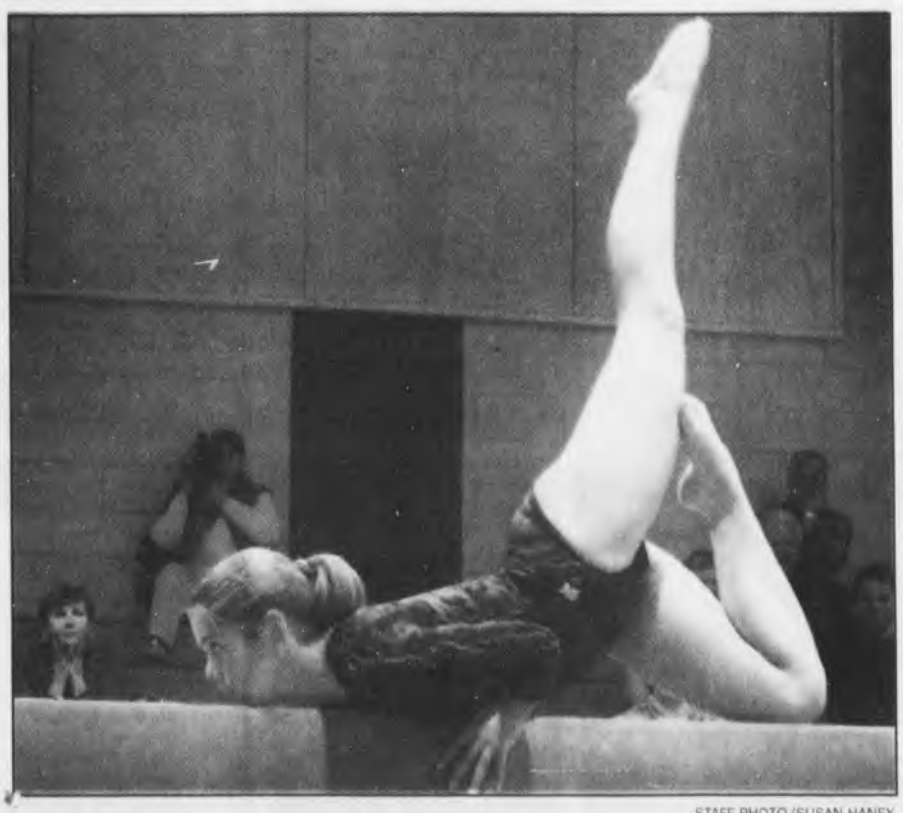

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Cohasset's Nancy Durkin, seen here performing her exercise on the balance beam, tied for second in the vault with a score of 8.45, and took third on the uneven bars with a 7.7 in the Cohasset-Norwell team's season opening win over Notre Dame last Thursday.

Gymnasts Split

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The Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team began their Pilgrim Conference 2 title defense with a split in non-league matches over the last week, taking down Notre Dame Academy last Thursday, 129.75-122.9, but then falling to Marshfield on Tuesday, 125.95-123.15.

The score of 129.75 to open the season was extremely encouraging to coach Kara Connerty. Her PC2 championship squad of last year topped out at 132, and that was with now departed Kristin Sheerin (who graduated this spring with every Cohasset High gymnastics record) leading the way.

Meredith Bixby emerged from the shadow of Sheerin to start her senior year, winning three of four events and taking a second in the other to easily win the all-around

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Two out of three ain't bad

Strong showings lift Cohasset wrestlers at season opening quad

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The Cohasset grapplers opened on Saturday up two and down one. The Skippers had little trouble in wins over Tri-County, 60-18, and Hopkinton, 49-24, but were just edged by Mansfield, 36-34.

The Skippers won eight of 14 matches against Mansfield, but lost on points, with all six of Mansfield's wins coming by pins at six points apiece.

"We had the lead in a few of those matches where our guys got pinned, but they just got caught in something quick, and that was it," reported Sweeney. "I think we out-wrestled Mansfield, and we were the best team there, but sometimes the breaks go against you."

It was a banner day for the McKenna and Baroudi brothers. Frosh Dave McKenna (119) had a memorable debut, winning all three of his matches, and senior brother Chris McKenna (145) followed suit.

Senior captain Terry Baroudi (135) and soph brother Matt also pulled off clean sweeps, Terry winning all three of his matches, and Matt (215) winning a pair on the mat and another by forfeit.

Senior captai n Phil Strazzulla (140) also pulled off clean sweeps.

Two wins apiece were also recorded by sophomore Jon Littauer (who also had a forfeit win) at 112, senior Dave Kupsc (103) and Bill Carbone at 152, with two pins.

Senior captain Mike Casey (170) had a pin, and senior Cosimo Cambi added another win.

The JV squad also wrestled well, winning 15 of 18 matches.

The Skippers were slated to renew their rivalry with B.C. High last night at home. The Skippers and Eagles have faced off 10 times over the last 12 years, with B.C. High holding the edge with a 6-4 record. Of course, matches the last three years have come down to the final match, with B.C. High grapplers prevailing each time.

Cohasset Middle Schoolers TopGun lacrosse team.

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at 112.

At 119, Sweeney is throwing freshman David McKenna into the fray.

"He'll earn his stripes," Sweeney said of McKenna.

Sophomores Colin Reagan and Bill Carbone are slated to fill the 125 and 130 spots, respectively.

Baroudi will handle the 135 division and Strazzulla will hold the fort at 140.

Senior Chris McKenna will bring experience to the 145 division.

"Chris was fourth in sectionals last year," Sweeney said. "He was an eyelash away from wrestling in states."

McKenna will be backed up by junior Ian Hickey, a fact that pleases Sweeney.

"He (Hickey) wrestled 140 last year," Sweeney said. "He'll be our swing guy. He'll go between 140 and 145. We'll definitely use him. We'll use everybody. He (Hickey) wasn't sure he was coming back this year. I'm glad he did. We need him desperately. Having him is a big help."

At 152, sophomore Matt Casey is expected to have a presence.

"Matt was injured the end of last year," Sweeney said. "He's looked good in practice."

At 160, freshman Patrick O'Brien gets the nod. Mike Casey, a fourth-place finisher at sectionals last year, will start at 171. Junior Drew Musto should back up Casey and get plenty of action, as will most backups.

"When you wrestle in quads, it's hard to have one kid wrestle all three matches," Sweeney said. "He'll (Musto) get plenty of matches. You have to have depth."

At 189, Cosmo Cambi will be number one, but Leo Clougherty will see plenty of action too.

"Last year was Cosmo's first," Sweeney said of the football all-star turned wrestler. "He looks good. He'll be tough. He's starting to learn the moves now. Leo is another of the kids that give us depth. We need that."

Sophomore, Matt Baroudi, a seventh place finisher at sectionals will start at 215. Sophomore Jake Berger could see time at 215 as well.

Sweeney said he's got several more youngsters who can contribute as well.

Overall, Sweeney has 22 or 23 wrestlers on the team, a number that Sweeney feels he can succeed with, although he'd like the safety net that a bigger number can bring.

"I'd love to have 30, but we're not big enough," he said. "We're not big enough. I always have 22 or 23. Usually we're one short. I don't have a legitimate heavyweight, but I have three kids at 215 who can move up."

Sweeney said that move would be on a case-by-case basis.

"It depends on the kid you're bumping up," he said. "If you've got a real good one who can protect we'll do it. There are ways to do it without putting yourself in a tough spot."

One bonus for Sweeney is the way assistant coach Pete Buckley has worked with his incoming freshmen in Cohasset's middle school program.

"Pete Buckley runs the middle school program," Sweeney said. "He has my six freshmen ready."

Sweeney said having a program in the middle school brings both good and bad.

"It's not a heavy-duty program," Sweeney said. "It's more introductory. The good thing is that when the kids come in they know a little about it. They're not just coming in cold. As small as we are it helps keep us competitive.

"Teams like Weymouth and Marshfield have big numbers. They can bring out good guys everywhere. When you only have 20 kids, you really have to coach. The fact that we have the seventh and eighth graders helps us keep up."

There is a down side.

"Some kids it helps," Sweeney said. "Some not at all. I had six freshmen this year. They (middle school) had 12. Six stuck with it. On one hand, I wouldn't mind getting those six as new freshmen. On the other hand, the six who did come up will probably stick with it."

Sweeney is ready to get going.

He's got a willing group of kids and a new venue that helps the excitement level.

"We've got a new all-purpose room here," he said. "There are wrestling mats on the floor, mats on walls set up for wrestling and gymnastics. There's a great attitude here. To be able to have our own practice area is a great help. It's a pleasure to coach."

By Saturday, the team's training was all done.

"I think there's anticipation to get going," he said prior to the match. "These guys have done a lot of wrestling. We're ready to get some matches soon. So far I'm really pleased with what I see."

Cohasset Middle Schoolers TopGun Lax's finest again

The Cohasset Middle School TopGun Lacrosse Team has captured its second straight championship of the South Shore TopGun League this year. Undefeated through two straight sessions this team of twelve has shown itself to be a dominant force and gifted group of athletes. With a perfect 5-0 record and a two-to-one goal advantage during the regular season, Cohasset headed into the first playoff round as the odds on favorite to go all the way. They didn't disappoint their fans.

Up first were the "Cyclones" — a free agent team made up of mostly Quincy and Duxbury players who were seeded as the number four team in the league. Cohasset took the lead early and never looked back while posting a 17-8 first round victory. Five goals by Dan Trendowicz along with four from Ryan Kucinski put the "Cyclones" away early. Trendowicz also had three assists to add to his point total. Jared Kinch tallied three goals and five assists and played half the game in the cage as the second half goalie. Adam Smith added two and Jeff Brown had a goal and three assists. Mike Bunstein was outstanding in the cage with 11 first half saves and got on the board himself in the second half with two goals. Hard and aggressive play from Patrick Flynn, Bobby Meikleham, Robert Silvia, and Jared Dick prevented the "Cyclones "from getting into the game.

Next up were the "Stones" from Plymouth, who brought with them a 4-1 regular season record with their only loss a close 8-5 game at the hands of Cohasset early in the season. The "Stones" had a dramatic last minute come-from-behind victory in their first playoff game and came to the finals confident and ready to take on Cohasset.

Like Cohasset the "Stones" have depth and play physical. Cohasset took an early lead with goals from Dan Trendowicz, Jeff Brown, Ryan Donovan, and Ryan Kucinski, resulting in a 6–4 halftime advantage, and giving every indication they would pull away from the "Stones" and finish them early.

Trendowicz , Donovan, and Brown were leading the way. Jared Dick, in goal for the first half, had made several great saves, and the defense of Bobby Meikleham, Robert Silvia, Patrick Flynn, and Brown seemed unbeatable. With depth added by players such as Mike Bunstein, Adam Smith, and Parker Berg, it appeared Cohasset was going to roll.

But the "Stones" had other ideas. They came out fast and scored two goals in the first 90 seconds of the second half and then a third, making it 7–6 in favor of the team from Plymouth. For the first time this year, Cohasset was down in the second half. Cohasset's Bunstein scored next and everyone assumed they would now get this game under control.

Once again, though, the 'Stones" showed their metal with two more scores to take a 9-7 advantage with 10 minutes left in the Championship. The "Stones" cheering section was going wild as they sensed an upset in the making. A much needed timeout was called by Cohasset and a few adjustments were made. A fast break by Kucinski with a pass to Donovan, and another pass to Trendowicz for a score began the end for the "Stones".

Cohasset pulled ahead with multiple scores by Donovan and Trendowicz and a fast break with two minutes to go by the Stones was turned to the outside by Robert Silvia with back-up from Bobby Meikleham. The defense led by Jeff Brown all day held tight the rest of the way and Jared Kinch in the cage for the second half kept it in Cohasset's favor by a last minute save and clock killing ball control with his defensive team-despite being a man down. When the two teams shook hands at the conclusion, Cohasset knew it had been in a battle and the 'Stones" were a team that deserved their respect and were to be regarded as warriors and worthy opponents. ***Final Score*: *Cohasset 14 – Stones 13***

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competition with a score of 34.95.

Bixby, who has been the second of two all-around performers with the C-N squad since her freshman year, took first places in the vault (8.9), balance beam (8.5) and uneven bars (8.6). Her best score actually came in the floor exercise (8.95), but she was edged out here by Notre Dame all-around standout Nicolette Highland (9.1).

Also contributing to the winning effort were Cohasset's Katherine Coyne (second in beam with a 7.95) and Nancy Durkin (tie for second in vault with an 8.45, and third on bars with a 7.7) and Norwell freshman C.J. Himberg (third on beam with a 7.9).

Anything approaching a repeat performance at Marshfield High on Tuesday would have lifted the C-N squad to 2-0 heading in to today's hosting of Randolph (7:30 p.m. South Shore Community Center), but several of the girls experienced problems in their routines, the most costly of which were a couple of falls off the beam.

Bixby finished well off of her all-around pace set five days earlier, her 32.8 tying her with Marshfield's Christine Walker for second. Marshfield senior Julia Wilson took top honors with a 33.0.

Bixby won the vault (8.5) and finished second on beam (8.2).

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At right: Cohasset's Meredith Bixby goes airborne on the beam. The CHS senior won three of four events and took second in the other to easily win the all-around competition with a score of 34.95, helping the Cohasset-Norwell team to a season opening win over Notre Dame last Thursday.

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Cohasset freshman goalie Stefan Parnell (#23) gave a solid accounting for himself in his first high school hockey game Saturday.

Sailors fend off feisty Skippers

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Scituate's season opening win was second line winger Steve Sullivan and his first career high school hat trick.

Sullivan, a junior — who scored Scituate's second goal to break a 1-1 tie early in the second period, finishing on a break-in with a nifty deke and backhand tuck 5-hole – also scored the game's next two goals after Hall's to put the game away for the Sailors.

"It felt good," said Sullivan, when asked about first hat trick. "My linemates had a lot to do with it, though. We worked well together tonight, and I was in a good position to score."

Sophomore center Chris Travis had a helper on all three of Sullivan's goals, and junior winger Jamie Phinney was credited with two assists.

Sullivan put the Sailors up 4-2 a little more than two minutes after Hall's score, as he took a pass out of the right corner from Travis, swung in to the right circle to free his left-handed shot and beat the butterflying Parnell high stick side.

The hat trick came with 7:53 to go in the game as a fast break over the blue line flanked by Phinney and Travis, gave Sullivan the room to loop into the middle and fire off a wrister from 25-feet that this time beat Parnell high glove side.

Durkin, who is coming off a sensational 36 point season (20 goals, 16 assists), finished off his own hat trick just 93 seconds later. Of course, goal number three was thanks in large part to the absolutely relentless work along the boards of his fellow captain, Anderson (two assists). The senior battled a pair of Scituate players along the left boards, finally gaining control and centering from his knees to Durkin, who walked straight in on Duggan, getting the Scituate goalie down with a nice fake to the forehand, and then going over the stickside shoulder with a backhand flip.

"Durkin is a real good offensive player, and he showed it tonight," said Blake, a former assistant coach at Thayer Academy and Blue Hills High. "Our veterans played well tonight. Anderson had a strong game and (Matt) Davis was all over the ice."

In fact, Davis, though he showed up on the scoring sheet with only one assist (on Durkin's first goal), was, in the opinion of many observers (this one included), the best player on the ice Saturday night.

The senior captain was used regularly on both the blue line and at wing, and was on the ice for close to two-thirds of the 45 minute game – playing all-out all the time, a testament to both his remarkable conditioning and competitiveness.

"Matt is just so strong on his skates," said coach Blake. "He played a great two-way game. He really helped keep us in the game."

Davis, who is also a standout in lacrosse and football for CHS, did a phenomenal job bottling up Scituate's talented cast of forwards in the defensive end all night, and created several quality scoring chances for himself and linemates at the other end.

Duggan, a returning Mariner All-Scholastic goaltender, flat out robbed Davis on strong rushes twice in the first period, allowing the Sailors to take a 1-0 lead into the first break.

The game's first goal came 8:40 in on the power play, Anthony (goal, assist) firing home a wrister through a screen from 30-feet out off of a pass from Hall (goal, assist). Parnell picked it up at the last second, but got his blocker hand up an instant too late.

Durkin tied the game just 20 seconds into the second frame, completing a scintillating rush up the left boards by getting around a defenseman, circling in on Duggan, and tucking the puck between the goalie's legs for the equalizer.

Scituate got the lead back two minutes later after sophomore defensemen Conor Henderson stole the puck near center ice, slipped it quickly ahead to Travis, who then hit Sullivan in stride just as he flew across the blue line, sending him in all alone on Parnell. Sullivan flashed some nifty stickwork, going back and forth between his forehand and backhand, finally getting Parnell to kick out and go down with a forehand fake, providing him the 5-hole opening for the quick little backhand tuck home.

Durkin tied it at 2-2 a little more than three minutes later, but momentum seemed to switch to Scituate for good with Hall's goal to make it 3-2.

Cohasset carried much of the early play, Scituate goalie Duggan clearly proving the difference over the first 20 minutes or so.

To no surprise, Scituate — which skated three lines and six defensemen regularly – seemed to wear down Cohasset – which used a third line sparingly and only four defenseman, and had tri-captains Durkin, Davis and Anderson playing major minutes.

"We knew going in to the season that depth was a strength for us, and that proved to be a big advantage for us tonight," noted Breen.

"Our checking line played really well tonight," the third year Scituate coach continued, referring to the third line trio of Owen Kirkbride, Mike Noonan and Kevin Tufts. "They were flying, and making Cohasset work hard when they were out there. That played a big part in the win."

Hockey Notes

Coach Blake used the "captain line" of Anderson-Durkin-Davis quite a bit in the late second and throughout the third to try to get his team back in to the game. Before that, though, freshman Matt O'Connell did not look at all out of place playing on Durkin's right side. The size and speed aren't there yet, but he made several adept passes that created odd man rushes for his speedy linemates.

The second line of Brandon Smith, Ted Straughn and Mike Rasmussen – a freshman, sophomore and junior – also skated well. O'Connell also skated a few shifts with a couple of these guys, as did freshman Ben Libby.

The Mikes, junior Devine and senior Colorio, played well on defense, and sophomore blueliner Tim Pilczak came up with some nice play in his team's end as well.

The Skippers were scheduled to play game number two last night against Blue Hills at the Canton MDC Rink, and game number three against Rockland this coming Monday at Pilgrim Arena (12:40 p.m. start).

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Girls basketball program finally comes of age

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we work really hard, this is definitely the first year that it could happen."

Who is to doubt her? The team has been slowly climbing out of the shadows over the past few years to establish itself as a legitimate contender. The Lady Skippers had four wins in heated South Shore League last year. Also, their scoring has gone up each year, and the team's defense has improved.

Grossman scored over 16 points per game last year, while sharing time at the point guard, shooting guard, and small forward positions. Peraino will also be seeing time at both backcourt positions, where her outside shooting will be as necessary to the team's success as will her quality passing skills from the point. Peraino missed a good deal of last season with a broken pinky on her shooting hand, but she seems to be in good health for the start of this season.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of O'Brien, a three-sport athlete with great strength under the boards. O'Brien suffered a back injury and, as of this printing, it was unknown as to how long she would be sidelined.

The absence of O'Brien will lay extra pressure on Langford, who had a solid junior year as a ball-handler and as a ball-distributor. Langford's quick hands will be vital for the team's swarming defense to force turnovers.

For the juniors, Danielle Pinkus and Ashley Faber will see heavy minutes all year. In fact, either one of them has the skills to be the starting center. Pinkus established herself as a sophomore as a force in the low-post, and her ability to net second-chance points will be important in the Skippers' scoring.

Junior Jenn Buckley, who recently finished an outstanding fall campaign with the soccer team, will be another backcourt asset with good instincts and tough defense.

Sophomores Casey Anderson and Nicole Whitney have been standout underclassmen, and will be called upon this year, especially with the team's short bench.

"We only have 10 people, and every single one looks strong," reported Grossman, also mentioning that coach Ellen Carr was planning utilizing everyone, even some freshman when needed.

The team began its season last night at South Shore Voc Tech, but league play picks up this Friday, when the team travels to Norwell.

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Lindsay Grossman (#44) scored over 16 points per game last year as a junior, while sharing time at the point guard, shooting guard, and small forward positions.

Coastal Stars Report

Squirt A team edges Brockton

The Coastal Stars **Squirt A** team beat Brockton, 5-3, on Saturday, Nov. 22 in Brockton.

The Stars came out skating hard in the first period and took a 1-0 lead on a goal scored by **Brendan Doonan** assisted by **Ian Quinlan**. **Chad McLean** then put the Stars on the board again with **Andrew McKenna** getting the helper. Brockton's offense attempted to respond, getting their first quality offensive opportunity on a breakaway bid; but Stars goaltender **Nick Commesso** made the point blank glove save shutting them down.

In the second period, the Stars continued to dominate the play increasing their lead to 3-0 on a goal by **Andrew McKenna** assisted by defenseman **Patrick Lema**. **Chad McLean** netted his second goal unassisted making it 4 – 0. This was followed by **Ryan Donovan** tucking it home on a tally assisted by **Brendan Doonan** and defenseman **Mike Horan.** This put the Stars up to what seemed to be a commanding 5-0 lead.

But Brockton was not ready to give up. After finally getting on the board at the end of the second period, Brockton put on the offensive pressure scoring a second and then a third goal with plenty of time left in the third. The Stars defensemen **Kevin Dougherty**, **Alex Cruz** and **CJ Clapp** dug deep and stopped Brockton from making the game any closer. A strong forechecking effort by forwards **Mike Maher** and **Kyle Moran** also contributed to the Stars success. Forward **Joe Dixon** made an impressive debut after missing all but the first game of the season due to injury, playing with intensity on every shift. Goaltender **Nick Commesso** finished the game with 20 saves defending the Stars net.

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CHS winter sports schedule

Date	Opponent	JV	V
	GIRLS BASKETBALL		
Dec.			
20	Norwell	5:00	6:30
21	at SSVT Tourney Holbrook or SSVT	TBA	
28	at Nantucket	1:15	2:45
30	Wayland	4:00	5:30
Jan.			
3	Mashpee	5:00	6:30
10	at Abington	5:00	6:30
11	Scituate	3:00	4:30
13	Carver	5:00	6:30
17	Harwich	5:00	6:30
21	at Hull	5:00	6:30
24	Norwell	5:00	6:30
25	at Scituate	3:00	4:30
27	Sturgis Charter		5:30
28	at Mashpee	5:00	6:30
30	Hanover	5:00	6:30
Feb.			
4	Abington	5:00	6:30
7	at Carver	5:00	6:30
10	at Harwich	5:00	6:30
12	Hull	5:00	6:30

Coaches: *Varsity*, Ellen Carr
J.V., Deb Beal
Home site: Sullivan Gym

COED SWIMMING
COHASSET — SCITUATE

Date	Opponent	Pool	Time
Jan.			
3	N. Attleboro Hockom.		4 p.m.
6	Nauset	Eastham	4:30pm
14	Barnst'le YMCA		3:30p.m.
18	Nantucket	Ntkt. H.S.	12 p.m.
24	Taunton	B&G Club	4 p.m.
27	Coyle-Cass.	Raynh.	6:30p.m.
Feb.			
4	Sharon	Rand.	4:30p.m.
7	Oliver Ames	Massasoit	4:30p.m.
14	BCC	Massasoit	3 p.m.
	Diving Champ'ships		
15	BCC	Massasoit	10 a.m.
	Swimming Champ'ships		
20	Girls Sect'als	Milford	
21	Boys Sect'als	Quincy	
March			
1	Boys States	Harvard	
2	Girls States	Harvard	

Coach: Jamie Kearney

GYMNASTICS
COHASSET — SCITUATE

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec.		
19	Randolph	7:30 p.m.
Jan.		
6	at Hanover	7:30 p.m.
9	Duxbury	7:30 p.m.
14	at Carver	7:30 p.m.
16	Hing./Plym.N/S	7:30 p.m.
21	at Randolph	7:30 p.m.
25	Hanover	7:30 p.m.
28	Duxbury	7:30 p.m.
30	Carver	7:30 p.m.
Feb.		
3	at Hingham	7:30 p.m.
6	at Notre Dame	7 p.m.
8	All-League @ Carver,	

Coach: Kara Connerty
Home Site: S.S. Community Center

WRESTLING

Jan.		
4	at Whit.-Hans.Tourn.	9:30 a.m.
8	at Hanover	7 p.m.
11	at Dux., Holliston& Winchester	10 a.m.
15	Hull (league)	7 p.m.
18	Cohasset Tourn.	10 a.m.
22	Norwell (league)	7 p.m.
25	at Wayland, Durfee & Whitman-Hanson	10 a.m.
29	at Carver (league)	7 p.m.
31	Rockland, Middleboro & Keefe Tech	4 p.m.
Feb.		
5	Scituate	7 p.m.
8	Marshfield, Norwood & Keefe Tech.	10 a.m.
14-15	at Foxboro - Div. III South Section	TBA
21-22	Burlington - Div. III State Tournament	TBA
March		
1	at Salem - All State Tournament	TBA
7-8	TBA-New Englands Home site: Sullivan Gym	TBA

Coaches: Torin Sweeney, Peter Buckley

BOYS BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	JV	V
Dec.			
19	at Hull Frosh	3:30 p.m.	
20	Norwell	5p.m.	6:30p.m.
21	at SSVT Tourney		TBA
27	Wayland at Cohasset Holiday Classic	7:45 p.m.	
28	Cohasset Holiday Classic Scituate or Avon		
Jan.			
3	at Mashpee	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
9	Norwell Frsh.	3:30 p.m.	
10	Abington	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
13	at Carver	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
17	at Harwich	5 p.m.	6:50 p.m.
18	at Nantucket	11:45	1:15p.m.
21	Hull	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
23	Cape Cod Tech	3:15	4:30p.m.
24	at Norwell	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
28	Mashpee	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Feb.			
3	at Norwell Frsh.	3:30 p.m.	
4	at Abington	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
7	Carver	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
10	Harwich	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12	Hull	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
13	Hull Frosh	3:30 p.m.	
16	at Mansfield Tournament—Mans., Diman & Southeastern		TBA
18	at Mansfield Tournament		TBA

Home Site: Sullivan Gym
Coaches: *Varsity*, Ron Ford
J.V., Tim Owens
Assistants: Brian Pattison & Dorian Bryant

ICE HOCKEY

Date	Opponent	Time	Rink
Dec.			
23	Rockland	12:40	Pilgrim
26	at Bourne Trny.	6 p.m.	Gallo
27	at Bourne Trny.	6 or 8p.	Gallo
Jan.			
4	Norwell	7:20 p.m.	Pilgrim
8	AB / EB	5:20 p.m.	Pilgrim
11	at Hull	5 p.m.	Pilgrim
15	Mashpee	5:20 p.m.	Pilgrim
18	H / P	7:20 p.m.	Pilgrim
20	at Scituate	12:40p.	Pilgrim
22	at Carver	7:10 p.m.	Bridgew.
25	Hanover	12:20p.m.	Pilgrim
29	at Norwell	5 p.m.	Pilgrim
Feb.			
1	at AB / EB	2:50 p.m.	Rockland
5	Hull	7:40 p.m.	Pilgrim
9	at Mashpee	6 p.m.	Falmouth
12	at H / P	6 p.m.	Orleans
15	Carver	7:20 p.m.	Pilgrim
19	Blue Hills	7:40 p.m.	Pilgrim

Head Coach: John Blake
Assistant Coach: Brendan Sweeney
Home Site: Pilgrim Arena, Hingham

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Liz Marvelle - Senior (Capt.) - Middle hitter - Hanover

Kristen Conrad - Junior- Outside hitter - Hanover

Kristen Stamper - Senior (Capt.) -Setter - Hanover

Sarah Taylor - Senior (Capt.)- Setter - Marshfield

Christina Sullivan - Senior (Capt.) -Setter - Weymouth

Lauren Murphy - Senior (Capt.)- Outside Hitter - Silver Lake

Andrea Gardner - Junior- Outside Hitter - Silver Lake

Kristen Gerraghty - Senior (Capt.)- Middle Blocker - Silver Lake

Katie Jacob - Senior (Capt.)- Setter - Holbrook

Kara Smith - Senior (Capt.)- Middle Hitter - Braintree

Honorable Mention:

Jen Lowe- Jr.- Middle Hitter- Holbrook

Lauren Austin- Soph.- Middle Hitter- Holbrook

Liz Brady- Sr. (Capt.)- Right Side Hitter- Silver Lake

Kelli Reardon- Jr. – Right Side Hitter- Silver Lake

AnnMarie St. Aubin - Sr. - Libero - Hanover

Whitney Hoyle - Jr. - Backline - Hanover

Jenn Reilly - Sr. - Middle hitter - Marshfield

Leah Barilaro - Sr. (Capt.) - Libero - Marshfield

Jenn Lowell - Sr. (Capt.) - Outside hitter - Weymouth

Kate Connelly - Sr. (Capt.) - Middle hitter - Weymouth

SPORTS NOTES

Registration for youth lacrosse set for Jan. 4

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will hold its sign-up for the spring season on Saturday, Jan. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School.

This will be the only day to register. Spaces are limited at all age levels; while Cohasset Youth Lacrosse endeavors to accept everyone who files their paperwork on registration day, the program has had to turn children away at some age levels in each of the last four seasons.

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls in the 14 & Under (7th and 8th graders) and 12 & Under (5th and 6th grades) age groups. At the 10 & Under level (grades 3-4), Cohasset will field teams for boys and sponsor a weekly skills-development clinic for girls.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset participates in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth program, which does not keep standings or have playoffs. Every team makes several road trips per year, which be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Martha's Vineyard.

In addition, there will be end-of-season jamborees for both the boys and girls.

The youth program may field as many as 10 teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. In spite of that expansion, roster spots at all levels will be limited and it is possible that some youngsters will be turned away.

Parents who can not attend the Jan. 4 registration can contact Jaffe by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com in sufficient time to have registration materials mailed and returned prior to Jan. 5. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

The registration fee is $125, which includes a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to a magazine especially designed for kids. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse does offer a discount to families signing up two or more children.

Late registrations, if roster spots are available, will cost $200.

Registration for the 10-and-Under girls clinic will cost $80.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents. At the 14 & Under level, players can sign up for the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program regardless of whether they are active on Cohasset's Middle School teams, or if they play on the team of a private school.

In general, games are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set. The teams will begin practicing in early March — indoor practice time has been scheduled — and start playing games in April. The season concludes in mid-June.

In addition to players, the program is looking for additional coaches at all levels.

Lacrosse is a contact sport; at all levels for boys, practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all boys must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces. Hockey helmets are not allowed, although hockey arm and shoulder pads are (hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick).

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Osgood students in holiday spirit

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concerts," said Sheehan. "I think it really is a big day for families."

Each of the four grades presented a half-hour concert with 20 minute breaks scheduled in between to allow the crowds to flow in and out of the school gym.

"It's really a whole school effort," said Sheehan. "We have the music teachers as directors, the classroom teachers help with the practice, we have our parents who help us with the decoration and we have our transportation down pat for these performances now, with the help of Dr. (Supt. Edward) Malvey."

The concert bill featured songs from all backgrounds and traditions, reflecting the diversity of the world.

"We had a little bit of everything," said Sheehan. "Our concerts covered every holiday from Christmas to Hannukah, to Kwanzaa and we try to have a diverse representation of the holiday season."

The one down point of the event was that it was music teacher Esther Schutz's last concert at the Osgood.

"This is Mrs. Schutz's last performance for us," said Sheehan. "She's going to be moving to Pennsylvania, which will be a tremendous loss for us."

Michael Westcott, who has been very active in the community as the head of Cohasset Action, was one of the multitude of Cohasset movers and shakers who attended the event.

"It's really nice to see the kids perform," said Westcott, who was there to watch his two sons sing. "It reminds me of what it was like to be that age."

Kindergarten teacher Julia DeWall said that it was "fabulous" to see everybody get in the holiday spirit, adding that the whole program was "just wonderful."

The concert also served as a community outreach project to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry and Wellspring Multi-Service Center. Family members attending the shows were asked to bring a non-perishable food or household item to donate.

"We are also very appreciative of the families that donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry and Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull," said Sheehan. "We have very generous and giving parents."

The kids also seemed to enjoy the show – as well as the attention.

"Good, I liked the audience," said Connor, a kindergartner in Mrs. Schutz's class. "I wasn't nervous about forgetting my lines."

School buses running, but problems still loom

One bus needs a new engine

By Brian J. Scully
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Sometimes, the wheels on the bus don't go 'round and 'round, particularly when the diesel engine which propels them has seized.

Unfortunately for the embattled district-run busing system in Cohasset, the wheels on one of its five buses have stopped because of just that problem. The cost of replacement? Just under $9,000.

That means that combined with the $15,000 spent to lease a bus and a driver from Totman Enterprises for the first three months of the year (while the buses were being swapped in and out of service for repairs) the district has spent more than $24,000 in stop-gap measures to keep the fledgling service alive. That total is nearly half the cost of buying a new bus outright and enough to fund the first-year lease payments on three new buses.

Still, there was not too much the department could do about the situation.

After two unsuccessful tries to contract the service out, the district's only option was to run the service itself.

"I was just thinking earlier today about how far we have come," said Peg Litchfield of Cohasset, who is currently heading up the busing operation. "On Aug. 20, we essentially had no transportation system in place and we had no idea what we were getting into."

"In a perfect world, I would have two new buses for next year and Bus No. 2 – once it is fixed – would be our spare."
— Peg. Liitchfield, busing coordinator

While the department owned five buses (for five routes), one of them had major mechanical problems. In the two weeks the district had to get the service off the ground, it could only find four full-time drivers and no subs. In order to survive while the bus with problems was fixed, the department was forced into the three-month agreement with Totman.

But while things have improved from those early days considerably, there have still been problems.

First, Business Manager Ivan Klimko, who was in charge of the buses, was suspended indefinitely following his arrest on domestic violence charges, removing a vital cog to the system.

Now, just days before the department was scheduled to end the aforementioned contract with Totman, Bus No. 2's engine died, which forced the department to enter into a day-to-day agreement with Totman for a rental bus, costing approximately $1,000 a week.

A few months ago, the committee was planning to ask for $60,000 to purchase a bus at Special Town Meeting, but Town Manager Mark Haddad and the Advisory Committee asked it to wait until the Annual Town Meeting. There was a caveat in place that if the department needed a new bus before then, the Advisory Committee would look favorably on the request.

Now the department will be forced to go before the board to request money to cover the repair of the engine.

"We're going to have to go back to the town to get this money, because I don't have it in the budget," said Malvey. "We still have six months left and if I can find some wiggle room, we will certainly apply it to that deficit, but I don't think that will happen."

But even when the bus is repaired, it will still leave the department without a safety net.

"In a perfect world, I would have two new buses for next year," said Litchfield. "And Bus No. 2 – once it is fixed – would be our spare."

But with the current fiscal situation, that seems unlikely. Still, committee member Mark DeGiacomo said it was important for the public to know that the department needs at least one new bus to ensure that the bus service survives.

"We cannot back down at the Annual Town Meeting," said DeGiacomo. "It's going to be tough with the override and all, but we can't continue to operate in this fashion."

While the school department was renting for the initial three-month cycle, it was constantly moving buses in and out of commission, fixing and updating them as needed.

Last year, Steven Ingle of Ingle Bus Services in Hanover held the contract to operate the buses for the town. He was also responsible for their maintenance. Litchfield said that she wasn't happy with the way that the buses were maintained.

"Our mechanic has been taking filters off these vehicles that are three years old," said Litchfield. "I don't know much about engines, but I know that that is not a good thing."

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Staff photos by Alan Chapman

At right: Third-graders sing "Merry Christmas to You."

Below: Aniko Haber plays "Agent Bag" on a recorder with the third grade.

Below right: Third-graders Cameron Caron and Emily Dormitzer lead their classmates in "Shout" during the holiday pageant.

Above: Kindergartner Samantha Mushin plays to the "Little Bells of Christmas" at the annual holiday concert at the Osgood School.

Above middle: Tyler Stidling plays "Little Bells of Christmas."

Above, far right: Brett Dooley, who is in kindergarten, sings "It's Hanukkah" during the concert for family and friends.

At right: Emma Steele, Carly Gunderson and Caroline Kennedy sing "It's Holiday Time" with their classmates.

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'Retiree' and wife run Silver Spoon

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

After almost 40 years in the catering and cafeteria business, Jack Stafford decided it was time to retire.

But it was a short-lived retirement.

"I got bored so I started to look for something to do," Jack said.

While many retirees look for new hobbies or activities to try, Jack and his wife, Carol, decided to take over the Silver Spoon Café last spring.

Carol said the small size of the restaurant was a major attraction for the couple.

"We thought it was a place we could handle, just the two of us," she said.

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— Carol Stafford

The Staffords manage the café themselves during the week, doing everything from greeting customers to clearing the tables. Four staff members work on the weekends, as Carol said those days were just too busy for the couple to handle alone.

Jack does all the cooking in the small kitchen area, as well as baking the homemade desserts on the menu. He also arrives at the café early in the morning to bake muffins and breads.

The Staffords said they've slightly altered the café's menu and have a number of options specifically for children, such as grilled cheese and macaroni and cheese.

Jack said he especially enjoys when families come into the restaurant, as he likes to talk to the children. One boy gave him a thumbs-up for his grilled cheese and soon after Jack told the story to a young girl.

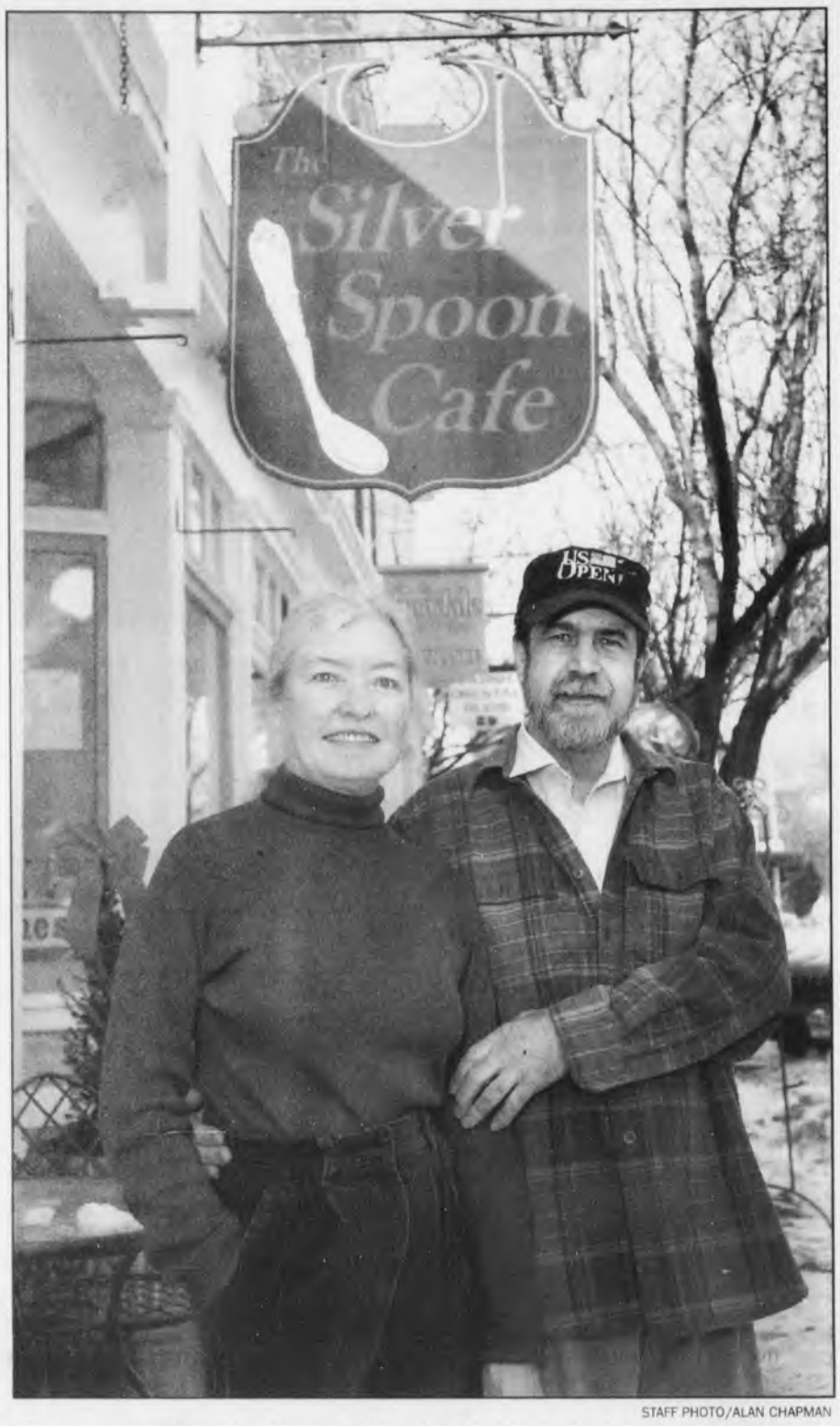
"She said, 'He only gave you a thumb? I give you five fingers,'" Jack said. "I love kids because they don't lie."

As of right now, the café is open for breakfast and lunch Tuesday through Sunday, but frozen dinners, such as meatloaf and lasagna, are available for take-out.

Starting this week, however, the Staffords have decided to stay open for dinner Thursdays and Fridays. They also obtained a beer and wine license for the restaurant, the management of which marks the first time the couple has worked together.

When Carol learned that her husband wanted to come out of retirement, she was immediately supportive of him as they searched for just the right opportunity.

"We decided to do this together and I have total faith and confidence in him," Carol said.



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Rec department issues safe ice advisory

With the winter season here, residents of all ages look for outdoor areas for ice skating. Elm's Meadow, located at Cushing Road and Spring Street has been prepared by the DPW for skating and lights, until 9:30 p.m. are also on for night skating. Elm's Meadow offers a regulated, shallow area for safe skating.

However, as with any outdoor skating area, the ice should be tested before venturing on it. There are specific. ways to test ice safety which do not include throwing debris such as rocks, sticks, etc. on the ice making it hazardous for everyone.

Rather, test the ice by the edge of a skating area by carefully stepping out 6 to 8 inches proceeding carefully to about 2 inches out from the edge only if the ice appears to be safe under your weight. Chip the ice with a tool or stick until you can ascertain a rough idea as to the thickness of the ice. You should always have another person with you when doing this.

Many outdoor skating areas do not have the same thickness of ice universally over the area. Always be on guard for soft spots or thin ice which manifest from underground springs, drain pipes, etc. This is especially true at Elm's Meadow by the Spring Street/Cushing Road corner of the area due to drains off the hillside.

General Safe Ice Standards

Ice Safe For:	0-30 Degrees	30-40 Degrees	40-50 Degrees
Single Skaters:	1-3/4 inches	2-3/4 inches	6 inches
Couples:	2-3/4 inches	3-3/4 inches	8 inches
Crowds:	3-3/4 inches	4-3/4 inches	12 inches

Stay off of salt water ice completely.

These figures are for clear, fresh water ice only; for snow ice, add 2 inches; for water logged ice, add 3 inches, if skates cut in - go home! Salt water in mild climates is always treacherous - keep away from it.

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HAPPENINGS

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The Cohasset Maritime Institute invites experienced rowers and novices alike on Sunday, Jan. 5 at the CHS Fitness Center to "kick off the New Year" on the erg. Novices will receive instruction on the fundamentals of indoor rowing technique and training while experienced rowers will have the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with the erg. CMI hopes that community rowers, novice and experienced alike, will get enthused about working out on the Concept 2 over the winter. CMI hopes a nucleus of rowers will form to represent CMI at the World Indoor Rowing Championships, Feb. 23 in Boston. So get ready to erg!

Legion honors its commanders

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post #118 on Summer Street honored its past commanders on Saturday at a "Commanders Dinner," which was co-sponsored by the Legion and the Sons of the American Legion.

In addition to current Commander Steve Wigmore, five past commanders were in attendance including Ernest Sullivan, John Mello, Rocco Laugelle, Leo Kurtz, and Jack Burke. Not in attendance were past commanders Frederick Huntwork, George Haley, Irwin Golden and Larry Sousa. The commanders were presented with wrist watches, courtesy of the Legion. The Sons put on the dinner, Sons Commander Tom Wigmore said.

Books cook program

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades 1 and 2 Books Cook program by calling 781-383-4109.

Once Upon a Recipe is for grades 1 and 2 and will be held from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School. Children will enjoy making bread Boas after reading "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" or making candy houses after reading "Hansel and Gretel," as example.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $55 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, continuing through Feb. 14, 2003. Each week will feature different books and cooking.

For more information details and registration, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781- 383-4109.

Cabaret chairmen announce committee

Cabaret's 2003 General Chairmen Lorri Costello and Jinnie Ryan Walsh are thrilled to announce that Sharon Terman will once again direct the show and lead the choreography assisted by the talented Liz Tronni. Tom Boyer will also be returning as the musical director.

The sale of patron tables is less than a month away. Thursday, Jan. 9, from 7 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. Marks the first day of patron sales. Friday, Jan. 10, patrons may buy tickets from 9 a.m. to noon and from 7 to 9 p.m. this year patrons must be in attendance to purchase the patron table.

The $20 patron fee ensures the best table selection for the show dates of Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1 Patron tickets can be purchased at the Hingham Community Center.

The Meet the Director party is Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at the Hingham Community Center at 1 p.m.

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Still time to town's nominate top citizen

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By Mary Ford
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In keeping with a nine-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Glenn Pratt as Citizen of the Year for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and leading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

The deadline for nominations for the 2002 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 3. Please see the nomination form on page 25. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2002 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2003.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the eighth person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: the late **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset"; for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: the late **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

Bradley sponsors early education bill

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, has signed on as a co-sponsor of the Early Education for All legislation. The bill was submitted at the Statehouse Dec. 4.

The specific goals of the legislation are:

- To ensure that every preschool-aged child has access to high-quality early childhood education, which meets professionally accepted standards, is staffed by well-trained early educators and is delivered through the existing mixed system of public and private programs.
- To create a state system to improve the training, education and compensation of the early education and care workforce; and
- To ensure access to high-quality, full-day public kindergarten for all families who would like their child to participate.

Scientific research shows: children who participate in these programs develop better language skills, score higher on school-readiness tests and have better social skills and fewer behavioral problems once they enter school. For every dollar invested in high-quality early education, the community can expect $7 in benefits within 16 years due to increased earnings of participants and reduced costs for remedial education and crime, The Early Education For All Campaign said.

The Early Education for All Campaign is an initiative of Strategies for Children Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the well-being of children and families through public policy, advocacy and constituency building efforts.

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New CMHS drop-off plan is working out after all

By Brian J. Scully
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The School Committee's first reaction to the temporary traffic plan for the middle-high school was completely negative.

But after seeing the plan in use for two weeks, the committee has changed its tune.

"When you are wrong, you are wrong," said member Mark DeGiacomo. "It really has worked out well, certainly much better than I initially expected."

The temporary plan is necessitated by the on-going construction at the middle-high school, which is scheduled for completion in December of 2003.

The committee's initial concerns with the plan dealt with the fact that parents would be limited to dropping off their children by using the narrow main driveway.

There are two driveways at the middle high school, one by the football field and one that leads to the front doors of the school. Originally, an access road connected both driveways and the buses would come in the football field entrance, use the access road (which runs parallel to Pond Street between the student parking lot and the school itself) and exit by going out the main driveway. But that access road has since been eliminated, which led to the committee's concerns.

"When you are wrong, you are wrong"
— Mark DeGiacomo, School Committee

Under the plan, parent drop-off is limited to the main driveway and all exiting vehicles are forced to take a right turn onto Pond Street. The buses use the football field entrance to drive up a newly-constructed road (perpendicular to Pond Street) that travels between the side of the school and the football field itself. At the end of that road is a turnaround spot for the buses at the side entrance to the school.

However, the expected problems never materialized.

DeGiacomo has personally seen the plan in action when dropping off his children at the school and was pleased at the results.

"I didn't realize the impact that having the buses drop the kids off out back on the new driveway would have on the overall congestion," said DeGiacomo. "In general, the parents have been patient, and followed the rules, and there have been very few problems."

Supt. Edward Malvey agreed.

"The new arrangement is working out fairly well," said Malvey. "I've talked to a lot of people and the reviews have all been positive."

According to Malvey, there were a few minor glitches at first, as people were introduced to the new traffic pattern, but after the first few days of the plan those problems were ironed out quickly.

"There has been a little congestion at times," said Malvey. "And some people have tried to take shortcuts, but on the whole people have figured out the pattern quite well."

Despite the plan's early success, DeGiacomo still thinks that the plan may have faults as a permanent solution.

"I'm still not convinced that this is the best solution in the long run," said DeGiacomo. "When we are done with construction we should re-evaluate it."

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Crew rescued as trawler sinks off Cohasset coast

By Mary Ford
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"They were taking on water and the pumps in their boat were unable to keep up."
— Boatswain's Mate Daniel Mills, US Coast Guard

Weather-wise last Thursday morning was a day when those, who had the choice, would have preferred to stay in bed. A cold, pelting rain was making the late fall snow cover disappear, and turning yards and streets into a sloppy mess.

But luckily for two fishermen from New Bedford, the U.S. Coast Guard out of Point Allerton in Hull were alert and on the job despite the inclement conditions.

At 6:20 a.m., the Coast Guard station received a call from a 49-foot fishing trawler, with two people aboard, that the boat was taking on water. The fishing vessel was in Cohasset waters off Davis Ledge that is just east of Minot Light, according to Boatswain's Mate Daniel Mills.

"Once we got the call we launched our 47-foot motor lifeboat from here and went down and found them," Mills said. "They were taking on water and the pumps in their boat were unable to keep up." He explained there was a hole in the boat's engine room.

Mills said the Coast Guard passed the fishermen a pump, which they couldn't get running. Due to the 12-15 foot seas, it wasn't safe to try and put a guardsman on board, and in fact, it wasn't possible to get the lifeboat next to the trawler safely, Mills said.

So the fishermen, who donned survival suits (which they are required to have on board), jumped in the water that had a temperature of about 44 degrees.

"We picked them up; they weren't in the water more than 30 seconds," Mills said. There were no injuries.

The boat, which was named the Jordyn and Danielle, subsequently sank. Guardsmen picked up the boat's life raft later that day off Scituate's Fourth Cliff.

Mills said the Marine Safety Office in Boston is investigating the incident.

"Our job was just to go out and rescue them," he said.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

1:51 p.m. Stockbridge St., traffic complaint.

2:51 p.m. Ledgewood Farms Dr., well being check.

3:01 p.m. Elm St., fire.

3:28 p.m. Hill St. parking complaint.

4:01 p.m. Hobart Lane.

5:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:26 p.m. south main St., traffic complaint.

6:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:06 p.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

8:19 p.m. Elm St, South Main St., general services.

8:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:43 p.m. King St., fire investigation.

10:20 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

5:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:47 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

9:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:44 a.m. Margin St., assist citizen.

9:48 a.m. Beach St., property, (lost).

10:07 a.m. North Main St., and Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway animal control.

10:21 a.m. Howe Rd., medical aid.

1:25 p.m. Beechwood St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:28 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

3:25 p.m. Highland Ave., disturbance gathering.

4:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle accident.

4:13 p.m. South Main St., medical aid.

5:33 p.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.

8:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:35 p.m. Fairoaks, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:19 p.m. Pond St,. medical aid.

10:53 p.m. Surry Dr., suspicious.

11:10 p.m. Sohier St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

2:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:18 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, assist citizen.

10:24 a.m. South Main St., traffic complaint.

12:54 p.m. Old Pasture Rd. fire investigation.

5 p.m. Norfolk Lane and Cushing Rd. property (found)

6:53 p.m. Highland Lane, general services.

11:40 p.m. King St., medical aid.

MONDAY, DEC. 9

8:38 a.m. Elm St., general services.

9:34 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

11:07 a.m. Church St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:51 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

12:28 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, fire investigation.

12:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:25 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:32 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, assist citizen.

4:55 p.m. King St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

5 p.m. Highland Ave., request for police officer/s.

5:17 p.m. Elm St., fire, miscellaneous.

7:19 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

5:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

10:25 a.m. N. Main St., 209A restraining order, served.

11:39 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

12:02 p.m. Howe Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

1:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

1:36 p.m. N. Main St., 209A restraining order, served in hand.

2:35 p.m. N. Main St., property damage.

2:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:48 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:47 p.m. Ash St., annoying/harassing phone calls.

10:08 p.m. Jerusalem Road, annoying/harassing phone calls.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

1:02 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

6:07 a.m. King St. and Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:21 a.m. Pond St., parking complaint.

11:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

12 p.m. N. Main St., request for police officer/s, services rendered.

12:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., request for police officer/s, services rendered.

12:26 p.m. S. Main St., general disturbance, gathering.

1:01 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance, gathering, area search negative.

1:12 p.m. Sohier St., parking complaint.

1:31 p.m. S. Main St., general disturbance, gathering.

3:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Lower King St., motor vehicle accident.

3:50 p.m. Strait's Pond, fire, investigation, area search negative.

4:30 p.m. N. Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity, area search negative.

4:56 p.m. Pond St., general services.

4:59 p.m. HQ, general services.

6 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:15 p.m. N. Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity.

8:59 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle violation/s, parking ticket issued.

9:33 p.m. N. Main St., suspicious person(s)/activity, motor vehicle.

9:56 p.m. Pond St., general services.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

5:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:55 a.m. Summer St., escort.

9:51 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:01 a.m. Nichols Road, request for police officer/s.

12:37 p.m. Pond St., request for police officer/s, services rendered.

1:58 p.m. White Head Road, 911 call verification.

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Toys for Tots

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During the month of November the police department investigated eight motor vehicle accidents, five of which resulted in personal injury. There were 155 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $4,820 in fines. Additionally there were 61 Parking Tickets issued for $1,675 in fines.

Also in November our Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,057 calls for police services, of those 147 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of November there were seven Criminal Complaints issued, one for Assault and Battery, one for Assault and Battery Dangerous Weapon, two for Counterfeit Mark, two for Motor Vehicle Violations, and finally one for Larceny over $250.

Also in November our Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,057 calls for police services, of those 147 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of November there was one Breaking & Entering of a town owned building, Jackson said.

Finally in the month of November the Cohasset Police Department received a $10,000 Community Policing Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety. These funds will be used to fund traffic enforcement, marine and bicycle patrols, provide critical incident training for officers, and purchase equipment for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The department also received a $4,000 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau to fund directed traffic enforcement patrols targeting seat belt compliance.

Break in at Buttonwood

Police are investigating a break in at Buttonwood Books and Toys that occurred just after 11 p.m. on Tuesday night. Det. Garrett Hunt said an employee, who was working late, heard a noise in the back room and discovered two men in the process of trying to break into a file cabinet with a crowbar.

The men were wearing ski masks and immediately fled out the back door, Hunt said. Nothing was taken because the men hadn't been there more than five minutes. No other break ins at Shaw's Plaza had been reported by press time on Wednesday.

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6:06 p.m. Bancroft Road, threats, log entry.

6:25 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

6:27 p.m. White Head Road, suspicious person(s)/activity, services rendered.

7:03 p.m. Elm St., family disturbance, area search negative.

8:17 p.m. Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

9:38 p.m. Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:12 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and White Head Road, fire, investigation, report prepared.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

5:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:21 a.m. Old Pasture Road, fire, investigation, no fire service necessary.

9:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation, no fire service necessary.

9:32 a.m. Beechwood St., trespassing.

11:54 a.m. Beechwood St., fire, investigation.

12:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fight.

1:05 p.m. Norman Todd Road, parking complaint.

1:11 p.m. Lothrop Lane, well-being check.

2:23 p.m. Lamberts Lane, larceny.

3:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

3:05 p.m. Fernway, fire, investigation.

4:24 p.m. Oak St., 209A restraining order, served.

4:35 p.m. Oak St., suspicious person(s)/activity, departmental action.

5:27 p.m. King St., disorderly conduct. A 52-year-old Hingham man taken into Protective Custody.

9:10 p.m. Brook St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

6:44 a.m. Lamberts Lane, general services, traffic citation issued.

7:24 a.m. N. Main St. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:46 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:11 a.m. Hull St., suspicious person(s)/activity, good-intent call.

10:56 a.m. Highland Ave., traffic control.

12:02 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle accident.

12:23 p.m. N. Main St., escort.

2:34 p.m. Elm St., fire, miscellaneous.4:01 p.m. Reservoir Road, assist citizen.

4:27 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:32 p.m. King St., medical aid.

7:30 p.m. S. Main St., animal call or complaint.

8 p.m. N. Main St. and King St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Jeremy L. Yanovich, 23, of 36 Broad St., Weymouth. Charges: Possession of a Class D drug; assault; disorderly conduct.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

12:15 p.m. N. Main St., request for police officer/s.

1:24 p.m. Elm St., general services.

4:19 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

5:54 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.

9:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:02 p.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:15 p.m. Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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The wait is over

Susan Tedeschi's second CD receiving rave reviews

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Has it been worth the wait? Yes, by all indications both critically and commercially for the newly arrived Susan Tedeschi CD, "Wait For Me," her second with national distribution on the Wellesley Hills-based Tone-Cool label.

Released Nov. 19, the new disc by Norwell-bred blues-rockin' singer/songwriter/guitarist's shot right out of the gate with the highest single-week sales of her career. *Wait For Me* debuted at #1 on Billboard's Blues chart, scored the week's "hot shot debut" tag among Billboard's Top Independent Albums landing at #4, and with its entry at #90 on the Billboard Top 200 chart, has already bested Tedeschi's previous Tone-Cool debut, 1998s gold-certified "Just Won't Burn," for highest overall chart position. Meanwhile, rave reviews and Triple A radio spins for the disc's debut single, the seductive R&B-rockin' "Alone," have also been building from week one.

Among the chorus of praise — "(Tedeschi's) singing is tender yet tough, and her guitar riffs sound as if they've been around since the birth of the blues" (U.S. News & World Report), "*Wait For Me* is laced with soul, R&B and good old rock and roll" (Associated Press), and most notably, the much-quoted acclaim of Rolling Stone's Anthony DeCurtis — "a rock and roll oasis in an arid pop wasteland." DeCurtis's quote is from early 1999, when Tedeschi snapped up her first major national spotlight with a Grammy nomination for Best New Artist, facing off with such mega-selling, mega-hyped competition as Britney Spears, Kid Rock, Macy Gray and Cristina Aguilera (who eventually won).

Tedeschi celebrated the new disc release in part by coming home to Boston, where she played two welcoming Orpheum shows earlier this month, including her own headlining date and last week's WBMX-FM (Mix 98.5) Holiday Hoe Down, gracing the bill with Sheryl Crow, Sixpence None the Richer and Lifehouse. Following Crow's headlining set at the Mix gig, Susan T. and the main attraction joined onstage for a closing diva showdown, delivering rousing vocal-guitar duets of Crow's hit "If It Makes You Happy" and Led Zeppelin's "Rock and Roll."

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Tedeschi also covered the Zeppelin tune on last year's Tone-Cool compilation disc featuring an all-star cast of blues-elite guests and friends sitting in with Double Trouble, the ex-bandmates of the late blues guitar god Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Local fans who've followed Tedeschi's career since she began transfixing audiences on the New England club and festival scene in the early 1990s will not be disappointed with "Wait For Me." The disc is a strong, worthy followup to "Just Won't Burn" that charts a sure and natural progression of the singer's musical vision, which draws from a decidedly non-trendy mix of old school rock and blues, Atlantic/Stax Records R&B/soul, gospel, singer/songwriter ballads and even reggae.

Not long after Tedeschi's distinctively soul-belting yet sweet, blues-based vocal style caught the attention of roots music fans looking for a new champion, she began getting the same attention from music industry royalty. Just a few of the superstars/legends the singer has had the luck of performing or touring with include Willie Nelson, John Mellencamp, B.B. King, her idol Bonnie Raitt, Bob Dylan and the Allman Brothers Band. From the last-named collaboration even came marriage within the past couple of years to current Allmans guitarist Derek Trucks, and the couple had their first child, named Charlie, this past spring.

Tedeschi continues to hobnob with industry heavies on "Wait For Me," co-producing with the late studio legend Tom Dowd, who passed away in November and who worked with the Allmans, Derek & the Dominoes, Aretha Franklin and Ray Charles among others. She also has her guitarist husband sitting in on a couple of tracks (the soul-shuffling "Gonna Move" and the Allmans-style jam-improv "The Feeling Music Brings") and gets solid support throughout from a host of blues-vet studio aces, Boston-based and otherwise.

Other tracks to listen for include a couple of resounding, Etta James-style soul-blues ballads with the title cut and "In the Garden," the rockabilly-flavored rave-up "I Fell In Love" and a soulful, organ-powered cover of Dylan's "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright." The Dylan song is, according to Tone-Cool, one of the first songs Tedeschi learned to play with her father when she took up the guitar and singing as a pre-teen in Norwell.

Norwell native Susan Tedeschi's critically acclaimed new release "Wait for Me" made its debut at the top spot on Billboard's Blues chart.

The cast of 'Musical Holiday Party XV' on stage through Dec. 22 at the Quincy Dinner Theatre.

Dinner Theater throws festive 'Holiday Party'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Theatre review

Trad'tion is often the order of the day when it comes to holiday entertainment.

With that in mind, George S. Stevens and his Darling Productions are currently presenting their 15th annual "Musical Holiday Party" as part of the Quincy Dinner Theater season. If the enthusiasm of the capacity audience at last Sunday's matinee is any indication, perhaps Stevens ought to book the Masonic Temple now for the next 15 years.

There are many timely references in this year's show, co-authored by Stevens's sons, Nicholas and Geoffrey. Their father, however, may well have been inspired by the holiday television specials once hosted by Perry Como, Bing Crosby, and Andy Williams, when he first conceived "Holiday Party" as a musical comedy revue. This year's show, being presented through Dec. 22 at Quincy's Masonic Temple, again combines familiar holiday music with a healthy dose of humor. Bringing this year's "Party" to life, is a talented 21-member company of performers from the South Shore and greater Boston areas under the direction of George Stevens.

The first act, written by Nicholas G. Stevens, is a takeoff on Fox-TV's wildly popular "American Idol" series. Angela Johns plays "Jennifer Farquar," a finalist on the fictional "Holiday Idol." Her capable rendering of "Alone at Christmas" wins the contest in Quincy, but had this talent show been real she would definitely have finished second to competitor Tim Bongiovanni. He is called "Dustin" and saddled with a wig that makes him look more like a male version of "Nancy"

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'Little Gems' in the Little Gallery

Norwell artist Nancy Colella now showing at the G.A.R. Hall

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

What was a simple and ordinary corridor space at the North River Arts Society home base at G.A.R. Hall in Marshfield is now the Little Gallery. The perfect showcase for a new series of exhibits featuring works by individual NRAS members who flock to morning classes during weekdays in the hall's main room.

NRAS has planned the series to run new shows roughly every six weeks as an in-house showcase to expose its members work to the public. Despite the rather limited viewing hours — open only during class times, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday — the Society is confident about its new exhibit project, sending out publicity cards to all names on the organization's mailing list and running highlight spots in the Boston Sunday Globe's Calendar section.

The inaugural exhibit for the series is "Little Gems," a showing of colorful, luminous oil works with a smattering of monotypes by Norwell painter Nancy Colella, on through Jan. 25.

Colella, who also oversees and arranges the ongoing exhibit series as Art Coordinator at the James Library and Center for the Arts in her hometown, is a former art major at Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio in the early 1970s. She went on to study drawing, painting and photography in Mexico and Greece later in the decade and was an event coordinator at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in the early 90s before returning from a long hiatus to her own painting shortly after, studying at Massachusetts College of Art, NRAS and Cohasset's South Shore Art Center.

"I like to paint everyday objects and scenes that have clear light, the sort of light in everyday environments that we all see, but usually ignore."
Artist Nancy Colella

"Little Gems" consists of oils and monotypes produced over the past eight years by Colella. The artist favors rural, idyllic scenes ranging from portside, waterfront villages and rustic New England country towns to green, spacious pastures and meadows in her oil works, and renders most of them with a lustrous, eye-opening color sense that brings out some of the finer, less obvious effects of light and shade on her subjects.

"I like to paint everyday objects and scenes that have clear light, the sort of light in everyday environments that we all see, but usually ignore," said Colella. "I use light and shadow, reduced to simple forms, in order to create informal images meant to startle the view into feeling that moment in time."

Viewers might likely feel the moment in time that Colella attempts to capture and the overall effect can be startling. Some of the best results among the oil pieces are a series of beach and dune portraits produced on a Cape Cod trip the artist took this

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"The Gem" cottage in Truro is one of several new works by Nancy Colella on display at the North River Arts Society's Little Gallery in the G.A.R. Hall through Jan. 25.

Food & dining

Christmas cookies perfected

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

A Christmas cookie is, in essence, a sugar cookie, a type of cookie that stores well, is relatively easy to make, and is a clean slate onto which many different designs may be written. But, like all cookies, looks are deceiving. The right texture, the right flavor, and just the right icing are difficult to achieve since even small changes in the ingredient list can yield large differences in results.

I had already developed a sugar cookie recipe for The Dessert Bible, so that is where I started. I also looked to a recipe for sugar cookies in a recent issue of Cook's Illustrated for comparison. The two recipes were almost identical except that the Cook's recipe used less flour in proportion to the butter. Testing the two cookies head to head, I agreed with the Cook's version and therefore upped the butter quantity to 3 sticks for about 3 cups of flour. In previous tests, I had found that all-purpose flour was best but I did test adding milk, sour cream and cream cheese. In all three the cookies had a weird after taste. Sugar cookies are pure and plain and any foreign substance can be detected.

As far as the sugar goes, my version was a bit less sweet than other recipes so I decided to increase the sugar just a bit. Taking a cue from a suggestion I had made to the Cook's staff during testing, I added 2 tablespoons of brown sugar that added not just sweetness but flavor as well. (Since I was going to ice these cookies, I didn't want them too sweet, however.) I went back to the 3 cups flour and reduced it by 2 tablespoons to produce slightly crispier cookies.

I tested the 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, the one egg, the salt, and the vanilla and left the quantities the same since they were right on. As for baking temperature, 375 degrees was indeed the correct temperature as I had determined when testing my original recipe. The cookies baked until they were just starting to brown around the edges, about 8 minutes. The flavor of the cookies was well balanced with the butter, sugar and vanilla at the fore. The texture was crisp with a hint of a chew.

I made these cookies using three methods: the traditional roll and cut, drop, and slice and bake. Originally I thought the drop would be the easiest method. However the cookies need to be pressed in order produce a thin uniform cookie and not a humped ball. This requires a flat drinking glass to be dipped in sugar and pressed onto each cookie. This also left some of the cookies with jagged edges. I was able to produce neat looking cookies with the slice and bake method. I formed the batter into two 1 1/2 inch logs using parchment paper. Once firm the logs can be cut into 1/4-inch slices. The recipe yields about 75 two-inch cookies and keep very well for several days.

The icing was the last problem to be solved. For this type of icing, the base ingredient is confectioners' sugar. It can be mixed with egg white ! (royal icing), milk, buttermilk, water or juice. Additional flavor may be added with citrus zest, extracts, booze or wine. I tried every imaginable combination of the above but without a lot of success. The secret ingredient turned out to be cream cheese which gives depth to the flavor and counteracts the slightly bitter taste of the confectioner's sugar. So, the icing recipe started with 2 1/2 cups confectioner's sugar to which I added 5 tablespoons buttermilk, and one tablespoon cream cheese. Once all of the ingredients are placed into a medium bowl, the icing needs to be whisked vigorously until smooth. An electric mixer made the icing too bubbly. The icing can be used as is or colored or sprinkled with holiday decorations. It may optionally be flavored with vanilla extract, orange or lime zest.

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS COOKIES

You will find that these cookies have a bit more chew to them than the usual brittle sugar cookie made around the holidays. I do not suggest using two cookie sheets in the oven at one time – it is likely that the cookies will not bake evenly.

For the Cookies:

2 7/8 cups all purpose flour or 3 cups less 2 tablespoons

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

24 tablespoons (3 sticks) unsalted butter, softened but still firm

1 cup granulated sugar

2 tablespoons light brown sugar

1 large egg

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

For the Icing:

2 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

5 tablespoons buttermilk

1 tablespoon cream cheese at room temperature

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional)

For the cookies: In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, and baking powder. In standing mixer fitted with paddle attachment or using a hand mixer beat butter and sugars at medium speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the egg and vanilla and beat until combined, about 30 seconds. Add dry ingredients and! beat until just combined. Finish mixing with a rubber spatula to be sure the ingredients are well combined. Scrape half of the dough onto a sheet of parchment paper. Form the dough into a cigar about 1 1/2 inches wide and 12 inches long using a spatula or dampened hands. Roll the paper around the cigar and then roll the wrapped cigar back and forth on a flat surface using very little pressure to help even out the shape. Repeat using the other half of the dough and another sheet of parchment paper. Chill until very firm, about 3 hours. The dough may be refrigerated for up to two days.

2. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper. Remove one piece of dough from the refrigerator. Cut into 1/4-inch slices and place 1 inch apart on one of the prepared cookie sheets. Bake the cookies until lightly browned around edges, about 8 minutes rotating the cookie sheet 180 degrees halfway through baking. Cool on a rack for 5 minutes. Remove cookies using a spatula and cool completely on rack. Continue until all remaining dough is used being sure to place dough slices on a completely cool cookie sheet.

3. For the icing: Combine the confectioner's sugar, buttermilk, and cream cheese in a medium bowl. Whisk vigorously until completely smooth. Frost the cookies using a small icing spatula or a butter knife. Let sit until the icing is set and then store in an airtight container where the cookies will keep for several days. For more festive cookies the icing may be colored and/or sprinkled with colored sugar or decorations.

Makes about 75 cookies

Orange or Lime Variation

Omit the vanilla in the icing recipe and add one tablespoon finely minced orange or lime zest.

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook◊s Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball◊s public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Holiday gifts for gardeners

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
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A return to more seasonable temperatures in conjunction with plentiful rainfall has erased the last few remnants of snowcover as the official arrival of the winter season rapidly approaches. Despite the fleeting beauty and insulating benefits of the crystalline snowy blanket, I welcomed the reappearance of my lawn and gardens, accompanied by the comparative warmth this past week as it afforded me an opportunity to comfortably procure greens and colorful plants for last minute holiday decorating.

Another snowy forecast created a sense of urgency as I dashed about my landscape and surrounding woodlands to gather my yearly holiday greenery. White pine, cedar, yew, cypress, arborvitae, and blue-and gold-tinted juniper branches were lopped and hauled to the protective cover of my garage. The broader evergreen leaves of Japanese and blue holly, boxwood, mountain laurel, and variegated creeping euonymus were clipped to introduce textural contrast. Rose hips, the bright red berries of hollies and the icy blue berries of juniper were picked to introduce a touch of color to the subtle shades of green. Sparkling clusters of winterberry holly (Ilex verticillata) were snipped just in the nick of time as nearly two dozen robins began stripping the branches of their bountiful fruit until not a single berry remained. Twigs and pods were collected and sprayed white, gold and silver to offer a dazzling touch of elegance to the greenery.

Despite the irresistible urge to spend a few additional hours out in the garden completing my fall cleanup, which had been abruptly halted by our premature wintry conditions, holiday decorating and shopping had to take priority. Of all my gift giving quests, I enjoy shopping for the gardeners on my list most of all. In addition to books and magazines, nearly every gardener will appreciate tools, gloves and garden ornaments.

Quality tools are a perfect gift since many gardeners have a tendency to spend their available resources on plant material and purchase inexpensive implements only to have them bend or break during their first season of use. Well-made, heavy duty trowels, pitchforks, spades and shovels are worthwhile investments and should be available at local nurseries and hardware stores, through mail-order catalogs including Gardener's Supply and Smith and Hawken or on-line. There are numerous other nifty tools available to make gardening chores, particularly weeding, a little easier. Long-handled cultivators and hoes enable gardeners to spend a little less time on their knees. For those who prefer to get up close and personal with their weedy invaders, there are dandelion diggers, weed slicers, hand cultivators and the Cape Cod weeder that gets into many a difficult spot to extricate weeds between paving stones, railroad ties and hard to reach places. A kneeling pad might be an ideal companion gift for hand tools as the ground tends to get mighty hard after a few hours of weeding and is often damp, especially in the springtime.

Perhaps my most valued tool is my Felco pruning shears. Clean cuts are a necessity for the health and survival of all plants, trees and shrubs and few pruners can match the quality of the Swiss-made Felco which tends to be the pruner of choice for professional nurserymen. Several styles are available in addition to replacement parts and blades making these rather costly by-pass pruners a long-term investment.

Gardening gloves are a useful accessory and make a terrific stocking stuffer. Although some gardeners prefer to work without gloves, when the soil is cold and wet or thorny branches are being pruned and hauled, a pair of gloves can be extremely welcome. In recent years, many new styles have been developed and I keep several pairs of gloves on hand to serve different purposes. My personal favorites have rubber fingers with the cuffs and back made of a knit fabric. These are extremely durable and ideal for working in wet soils, provide warmth during periods of cold and breathe during warmer weather. Thick leather gloves are best for heavy-duty work and enable a gardener to deal with thorny branches. A pair of potter's gloves is perfect for pulling tiny weeds, light work or repotting houseplants.

Garden accessories in the form of statuary, benches, sundials and garden ornaments are additional suggestions for gardening enthusiasts. These gifts may require that you be familiar with the gardener's taste, the style of the garden or its exposure. A sundial, for instance, would not be an overly appropriate gift for a gardener with a primarily shady site. Most accessories should relatively neutral and blend in with the surroundings rather than command attention unless the item is a unique or distinctive sculpture, bench or ornament intended to serve as a focal point.

Most gardeners share a love of nature and wildlife in addition to their passion for plants. Hummingbird feeders, bird feeders, birdhouses, bat houses, and birdbaths can be enjoyed by all ages. Reference guides on birds, butterflies, insects, wildflowers and related topics make excellent supplemental gifts.

Last, but certainly not least, is the all-purpose gift certificate to the gardener's favorite local nursery or catalog company. For those of us who passionately collect plants, a gift certificate often alleviates some of the guilt associated with overspending on plant material. In this time of hectic schedules, this quick and easy solution may be the perfect choice for the gardeners on your list, enabling them to purchase plants, tools or garden ornaments they might otherwise do without.

Holiday Party

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from the comic strip of the same name than real-life "Idol" runner-up Justin Guarini, but Bongiovanni rises above it all to deliver a truly lovely "Last Christmas."

The Farquar family also includes "Ralph" (Douglas A. Paschke) and "Joyce" (Joyce T. McDonough). Paschke proves only passable as a singer, but acquits himself nicely in a comic turn as a sourpuss husband who strongly evokes Norman Fell's "Mr. Roper" from the 1970s sitcom, "Three's Company." McDonough, making her 15th "Holiday Party" appearance, is a cross between Kaye Ballard and Lainie Kazan. McDonough adds warmth and presence, even when she is on-stage only in support of another performer. Playing the elderly mother-in-law to her real-life husband's character, Wendy Paschke also adds to the mix. The younger children, "Jimmy" and "Michelle," are well-played by Mike Cignarella and Kate Hardy who each contribute their share of fine musical moments.

Meaghan DeBois, Kelsi Adrianna Marcotte and Hayley Schramm — elementary school students from Weymouth —are sweet as the trio of "Patience," "Prudence," and "Puddin'" and also on solo turns. Showstopper Alisa Miles — portraying the previous year's "Holiday Idol" — is showcased with the entire ensemble in a stirring rendition of "Joyful, Joyful" that closes act one.

In the second act, written by Geoffrey M. Stevens, music is featured on the menu as the company borrows from Disney and welcomes its audience back from intermission with "Be Our Guest." In the story, the Farquar family is holding a grand opening for its own restaurant thus giving the entire company a reason to gather together.

A running gag involving the Italian dishes prepared by Jim Grassia as "Mr. Barratoni" (imagine, if you can, a comedic Tony Soprano) runs too long, but Grassia delivers a musical treat with his warm tribute to Perry Como on "And I Love You So."

Cignarella does a mean Doo Wop, with able backing from Jeff Trigillio, Adam Foster and Bongiovanni, on "I Only Have Eyes For You."

Although a looming deadline prevented this reviewer from seeing the show's final moments, one memorable moment was not missed and won't soon be forgotten. Bongiovanni and Kathleen McKenzie come together for a positively gorgeous version of "The Prayer" which — despite the huge shadow cast by Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion and their memorable recording of the song they manage to make their own. It is a truly magical moment.

Music Director Jason Andrew Brenner leads a trio of terrific musicians. In addition to performing, Wendy Paschke also serves as the production's costume designer. Her work, especially on the evening gowns worn in act two, adds considerable glitter and style to the proceedings.

(Darling Productions' Quincy Dinner Theatre will present "Musical Holiday Party XV" at the Masonic Temple, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy, through December 22. For tickets and information, call 781/843-5862 or visit www.quincydinnertheater.com)

'Little Gems' in the Little Gallery

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past summer, including the title work, called "Little Gem," a thatched-roof Truro dune cottage schemed in green and yellow to seem ready-made for the tall grass and sand surroundings. Other Cape scenes such as "Windswept On the Cape," "Young's Boat Yard" and "Storm Coming, Up Island" are equally impressive.

Also noteworthy about Colella's overall presentation is her wooden oil-work frames, which are displayed in ragged, chipped and paint-peeling form to create a charming folksy effect. The artist constructs the frames in parts from the moldings of old houses and buildings salvaged from the structures before falling to the wrecking ball. The materials come courtesy of a friend of the artist who travels the country as a real estate salvager, collecting the mouldings of buildings due for demolition.

"The frames are the trademark of my work in a certain way. They give the paintings a whimsical, fun sort of appeal."

"Little Gems" New Works by Nancy Colella will be on display at the North River Arts Society's Little Gallery at the G.A.R Hall in Marshfield Hills through Jan. 25. The G.A.R. Hall is located at 157 Old Main Street. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment by calling (781) 659-7337. For more information call the NRAS at (781) 837-8091.

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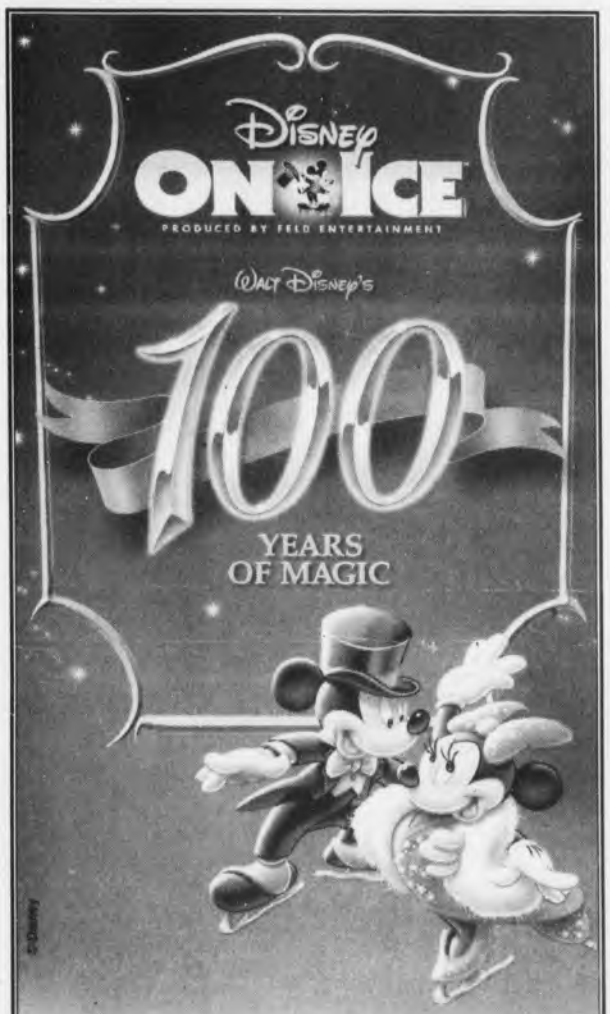

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NEW OSHA RULES

The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) has revised the criteria for recording work-related hearing loss. Beginning January 1, 2003, employers will be required to recorded work-related hearing loss cases when an employee's hearing test shows a marked decrease in overall hearing. Employers can make adjustments for hearing loss caused by aging, seek the advice of a physician or licensed health care professional to determine if the loss is work-related, and perform additional hearing tests to verify the persistence of the loss. Under the new rule, the criteria will record 10-decibel shifts from the employee's initial hearing test when they also result in an overall hearing level of 25 decibels. The old criteria recorded 25 decibel shifts.

If you would like to learn how to safeguard your hearing from hazards of all kinds, **FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER** invites you to ask the people who know, the people who have your best interests at heart - the people at **80 North Avenue, Rte. 139, North Medical Building, Abington.** We provide total hearing health career in a friendly, comfortable atmosphere. Don't put it off any longer. Call us at **781-878-9723** to see what we can do for you. Between our commitment to your well-being and our dedicated staff of skilled, compassionate professionals, your hearing is in good hands.

P.S. OSHA's new approach is designed to better protect the hearing of employees and prevent future hearing loss.

Thurs. 19

Local Pottery, 26 Washington St., Pembroke, will host its seventh annual holiday show and sale this year until to Dec. 24. Call 781-826-1325 for more information.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Streamline**. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Berts Cove Restaurant, Route 3A, (Warren Ave.,) Plymouth: Every Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. Open mic and brews jam with Mike Landers - open to all styles.

The Hitters' Workshop features daily hitting lectures, five different hitting stations, various skills work and drills, live hitting cage with pitchers, soft toss and bunting stations, two live hitting stations, and a safety station for inside pitches. Players 8-12 report for 9-10:45 a.m. sessions, while 13-18 year-olds attend 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Other SSBC Hitters' Workshops are scheduled during the February and April school vacations. For more information about SSBC or any of its programs for members and non-members, call 1-888-749-6466/781-749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

South Shore Baseball Club, Hingham: "Survivor Series returns Christmas week to SSBS Hitters Workshop session also on deck. Players may enter as individuals, groups or field full teams. Each team's roster will consist of six to eight players. Players may enter as individuals, groups or field full teams. Each team's roster will consist of six to eight players. The indoor games will be played in the street hockey rink with "incrediballs" under special "SSBC Niles Rules" of indoor play. Each game starts in the "extra inning format;" top of the 10th inning with the score tied. Winners survive and play the next winner of "survivor," while losers move to the drill station area to await their next game. Hitters' Workshop SSBC veteran coach Rick DelVecchio serves once again as head instructor of SSBC's Christmas Vacation Hitters' Workshop, which will be held Dec. 26-28 and Dec. 30, for two different age groups: 8-12 and 13-18. This program was designed to improve all aspects of a player's batting with sessions, including drills and live hitting in order to maximize available time.

Mark your calendar

LOMBARDO'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH, will be held on Dec. 31, starting at 7:30 p.m. The New Year's Eve celebration offers guests hot hors d'ouevres, a four-course surf and turf dinner, two bottles of complimentary wine on each table, a cash bar, dancing to The Ovations 10-piece band and DJ Brain Greene, a midnight champagne toast, and large screen TV's to watch the ball drop in Time Square at midnight.. Tickets to the event are $65 per person plus tax and administrative fee. For more information call 781-986-5000 or log on to www.lombardos. com

42ND STREET coming to Boston Jan. 21-26 Tickets on sale at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont St. or by calling 800-447-7400.

STOMP returns to Boston beginning Feb. 11, at The Stuart Street Playhouse. "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, makes its triumphant return to Boston, coming to the Stuart Street Playhouse for a six week engagement, Feb. 11, through March 23. Tickets available by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400 by logging on to www.stomponline.com and at The Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston, 02116.

SOME LIKE IT HOT - The New Stage Musical staring Tony Curtis opening Jan. 14, at The Wang Theatre for eight performances only playing Jan. 14 through Jan. 19. Tickets are on sale at The Wang Theatre Boston Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or by calling Telecharge at 800-447-7400.

MAMMA MIA! returns to the Colonial Theatre Jan. 25 to March 16. The infectious and funny production featuring 22 of ABBA's best known songs. "MAMMA MIA" previously played at the Colonial Theatre in 2001 for 12 weeks playing to sold-out houses and breaking box office records. Prices are $87 to $27. For more information call 617-426-9366. Tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or ticketmaster.com.

ANNIE returns to the Wang Theatre for a one week engagement. Jan. 28 through Feb. 2. Tickets on sale at the Wang Theatre Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston online at www.wangcenter.org or by calling Telecharge.com at 1-800-447-7400.

THE PRODUCERS, the new Mel Brooks musical comes to the Colonial Theatre June 17 - Aug. 17, 2003. Tickets range from $25 to $97 are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 and ticketmaster.com, at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Box Office, and The Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont St.

The Annual Christmas Show at the Scituate Art Gallery, located on Front Street, now through Jan. 26. The Christmas Show at the Scituate Art Gallery will feature a variety of original, small-sized paintings perfect for holiday gift-giving. Give someone special an original piece of art by Gallery Artists. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

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Fri. 20

The Nathan Gallery presents "The Winter Show" Dec. 6 to Feb. 10, second floor of The Frame Center, 152 Rockland St., Hanover. Gallery Hours Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

South Shore Hospital and the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive at the hospital on Dec. 20, from 2 to 7 p.m. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome; call the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE LIFE to schedule an appointment.

The Company Theatre's production of **A Christmas Carol** will be presented Nov. 29, through Dec. 21. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday and tickets are priced at $20 in advance and $22 day of show on Wednesdays and Thursday; and $23 in advance and $25 day of show on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Tickets are now available at the Company Theatre box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. For more information visit the website at www.companytheatre.com

All aboard the "Polar Party Express" at Edaville Railroad: Holiday readings of the "Christmas Story," "The Polar Express" Special guest readers (including Conductor Bill, Rex Trailer and more) on Nov. 29, at 5 and 6 p.m. and continuing on each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 5 and 6 p.m. through Dec. 21. Edaville Railroad is located at 7 Eda Ave., Carver, (Route 58 North off of route 495, then just follow the signs). The Polar Party Express celebration is free with regular admission to Edaville Railroad: $19.50/children under age 3 free.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **Good Friends**. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Jimbo;s Pub, 55 Broad St., Weymouth, **The New Blue Revue** every Friday Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover.

Sat. 21

Ornament Painting - Plaster Play will host ornament painting on Saturday mornings 10 a.m. to noon during the month of December, 263 Washington St., Norwell 781 659-0011

The First Annual Festival of Trees at the Paragon Carousel located on Nantasket Beach in Hull. This fund-raising event will be happening over nine evenings (three weekends) and feature 10 holiday trees decorated by designers and business's on the South Shore This event is a 100 percent volunteer and community effort. Christmas, the holiday horse will be setup in a special display so you may have your picture taken on her (for $5). This has always been a popular tradition at the carousel. There will be a canned food drive for the Wellspring Food Pantry located in Hull. Everyone bringing a canned good or boxed food item to this event will receive "A Good Deed Coupon" entitling you to one free ride on the carousel in the year 2003. The goal is to collect over 2002 items. Tickets are $2 Child/$10 Adult on opening night, $1.75 Child/ $5 Adults all other nights. For more information on dates and times, please check our website www.enjoy-hull.com or call 781-925-0472.

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **David James Duo**. Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Woody's Pub 53, 1284 Washington St., Weymouth, **The New Blue Revue** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Every Saturday, Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26. For information call 781-340-6666.

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"The Girls in the Band," by Mary Felton

The North River Arts Society presents **"Local Color in Black & White,"** an exhibit of charcoal drawings by Mary Felton at the Ventress Library Gallery through Feb. 1. The Ventress Library is located on Webster Street in Marshfield Center. For hours and information call the NRAS at (781) 837-8091.

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The Quincy Dinner Theatre presents musical **Holiday Party XV** at 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. Twenty performers bring music, romance, comedy and spirit of the holiday season. dinner and show $37.50. Group rates available Free parking; wheelchair accessible. Performances to be held Dec. 19, 20, 21, and 22 Monday through Saturday. 7 p.m. dinner; 8:30 p.m. show. Sunday matinees 2 p.m. dinner; 3:30 show.

Sun. 22

The Hingham Public Library presents **Brazilian artist Heloisa Helena**. She will exhibit her abstract oil paintings portraying the American spirit of freedom in the face of the tragedy of Sept. 11. The exhibit runs through Jan. 3, 2003, in the Clemens Gallery.

Gadgets, Gizmos and Games at The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, a celebration of the contraption - through Jan.12, 2003 The Inner Eye: Pinhole Photographs by Jesseca Ferguson and Rotations: Complex Tools and Inventions. Emerging Spirits, an outside installation by sculptor Jean Ainslie Richardson is on view on the museum's patio. and the interesting ladderlike work of artist-in-residence Terry Slade can be found on the museum grounds. For more information, call 781-934-6634.

Mon. 23

Shear Madness, Boston's hilarious whodunit in its 23rd year announces their holiday schedule at the Charles Playhouse, Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., Boston, 02116. Christmas week: Dec. 23 to 29, Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at 8 p.m.; Dec. 28, at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Dec. 29, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. New Year's week: Dec. 30 to Jan. 5. Monday, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m.; New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at 5 and 8 p.m. No performance Jan. 1; Thursday, Jan. 2, and Friday Jan. 3, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at 3 p.m. Holiday ticket prices: $36 To purchase tickets and gift certificates or for additional information, call the box office at 617-426-5225 or log on to the web site at www.shearmadness.com

Mothers & More: South Shore Chapter: If you are a women who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about Mothers & More. The South Shore Chapter meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Glastonbury Abbey, Route 228, Hingham. Call 781-545-1043 for additional information.

Duxbury Art Association presents **Class Acts**, an exhibition of artwork from high school students from various South Shore communities Dec. 16 through Jan. 31. Class Acts will take place in the Bengtz &Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4. or visit www.duxburyart.org.

Back From Broadway, Boston's newest hit has been extended Dec. 23, through Jan. 19, at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St. Call 800-447-7400 or visit the box office or www.telecharge.com

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with Jim Torrey; Tuesdays, Blue Jam with Carriera.

Tues. 24

The Braintree Art Association member **Terry Chase** will be displaying her paintings for the month of December at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with Jim Torrey; Tuesdays, Blue Jam with Carriera.

Wed. 25

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening Lectures beginning on Jan. 15 and ending March 26. This series has something for everyone with topics including environmental landscaping; fly fishing, geology, science, history and nature. The lecture locations will alternate each week between the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell and the Mass Audubon Sanctuary in Marshfield. Members and the general public are encouraged to attend. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400

Thurs. 26

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Cataloni's Cat's Blues Club, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. Every Thursday night **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano,** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover, handicap accessible, casual dress.. Dec. 26, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Call 781-878-0834 for more information.

Fri. 27

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance on Dec. 27, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

The combination of a full moon buildup and Jupiter-Pluto alignment makes for a day that can go either way. On a positive level, current influences may help you to recognize opportunities so that you can turn your life around and achieve your goals. Open your mind to new possibilities. The Gemini moon interacts with Jupiter and Pluto this evening. Sleep doesn't come easily on a full moon eve, making it prime for working or partying late into the night.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Gear up for a hectic day. A lunar alignment to Saturn warns you to start off on the right foot this morning. Stay upbeat and go with the flow. It is easier to handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands mental precision. The full moon culminates at 2:10 p.m., 28-degrees of Gemini/Sagittarius. At this time the moon becomes inactive, until 6:30 p.m., when it enters the sign Cancer.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

A Cancer moon prompts you to focus on home, family, domestic responsibilities. Make up a list of things to do, so that you are organized. You can be most productive. Creative projects get the green light. Go on a cooking or baking spree. Harmonious alignments of the moon to Venus and Mars make this evening prime for social gatherings.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

At 4:31 a.m. the Cancer moon opposes Mercury and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. That means that new starts are off limits. Instead, plan to finish old business, clean and reorganize, handle routine chores and errands. The Winter Solstice arrives at 8:15 p.m., when the sun enters the sign Capricorn. Enjoy a quiet evening with close friends and family.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

An upbeat Leo moon takes over at 1:48 a.m. Put recent worries and pressures on the back burner; come from the heart and enjoy life to the fullest. This day rates high across the board. You can get work projects out of the way in short time. Be more imaginative and follow your instincts. A lunar opposition to Neptune this evening sets the stage for parties, fun and games.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Get an early start to this day. The Leo moon conjoins with Jupiter this morning, generating enthusiasm, optimism. Planetary action rates high for last-minute shopping, decorating, gift-wrapping, running errands. Go for the gold. At 11:58 p.m. the moon opposes Uranus and becomes inactive.

TUESDAY, DEC. 24

At 7:05 a.m. the moon enters practical Virgo, making this morning ideal for handling holiday preparations, details, odds and ends of things. The moon forms a harmonious contact to the sun at 11:48 a.m. However, a 90-degree alignment of the Venus and Jupiter saves the day. It makes this evening ideal for sharing good times and enjoying life's blessings.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

The moon continues its travel in fastidious Virgo. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Virgo, is beginning to slow its rate of motion, preparing for retrograde travel next week. That means that things may not go exactly as planned. Don't get caught up in fussing over minor flaws. Relax, look on the bright side and go with the flow. Choose your words carefully and sidestep touchy issues, particularly between 12:24-3:24 p.m., when the moon and Pluto align.

THURSDAY, DEC. 26

The Virgo moon aligns with Saturn at 2:09 a.m. and becomes inactive, making for a slow start to this day. Influences turn around completely, however, at 10:53 a.m., when the moon enters Libra. The moon will travel in this social, people-oriented sign for the next 2 1/2 days. In addition, an applying alignment of Mars-Jupiter generates a fun, party mood. Get together with old friends or family you haven't been in touch with. Social and romantic activities get the green light. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 7:31 p.m. This moon decreases in light until January 2, when a Capricorn new moon culminates.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Fair and sunny astrological weather continues. Whether you have work projects to accomplish or you are hanging out and relaxing, this day holds high potential for success. The Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to Neptune in the early morning and Jupiter, Pluto in the afternoon. The green light is on for new beginnings, particularly in your personal or romantic life. Put on your party hat and let the good times roll this evening.

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Budget team focuses on bottom line

By Brian J. Scully
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Town Manager Mark Haddad sits in his office, a picture of confidence

With Director of Finance Michael Buckley sitting to his right, Haddad recounts his latest victory in the battle with the state's school building assistance fund. The fund, which was intended to encourage school building upgrades by providing state reimbursement for school building projects, was cut back last year, forcing the town to cover three gap years until the funding comes back online in 2008.

"We have been moving money into the stabilization fund to soften the impact of the school building assistance fund," said Haddad. "We will be able to withdraw $500,000 a year in 2005, 2006, and 2007 to cover for the state."

The move will save taxpayers approximately $400 a year for three years and is a prime example of the type of guerilla war-

BUDGET, PAGE 4

Too tight a fit for the schools?

4 percent hike is not enough

By Mary Ford
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The school budget is going to come down to dollars and "sense."

But the School Committee and school administration hope the later will prevail as they embark with some trepidation on what will likely be a challenging budget season.

Supt. Edward Malvey presented committee members with a snapshot of a bleak fiscal picture, which is still dependent on the passage of a Prop. 2-1/2 override in the spring.

School officials were planning on a 6 percent increase over this year's operating budget, but Town Manager Mark Haddad is asking them to live with just 4 percent.

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'TIS THE SEASON

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Elizabeth Hagearty, who is a third-grader at the Osgood School, sings "Deck the Halls" during the school's holiday concert for family and friends.

Police details at CHS dances

But still no breathalyzer

By Mary Ford
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School administrators are moving ahead with plans to have a police officer at school dances.

But they still haven't made a decision on whether to use a breathalyzer if they suspect a student has been drinking.

The policy shift is a result of problems which have occurred at dances during which students have arrived under the influence of alcohol.

Middle-high school Principal Michael Jones told the School Committee that he has met with faculty, students and parents and they are comfortable with having a police officer at dances.

"The police detail would be a backup presence to assist us with any problems that could arise and would also serve as a deterrent by his very presence," Jones said.

He stressed the administration would still be in charge at dances and the police officer would provide backup, could patrol the parking lot if needed or

POLICE, PAGE 4

Celebrating Christmas in Cohasset 50 years ago

By Joel S. Pratt
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

What was it like to be young Cohasset teenagers 50 years ago? Today's teens would think it was pretty dull. There was no Teen Club. We could go to the Community Center, but by 14 we didn't: that was for little kids. Record players, radios and black-and-white TVs provided our only electronic entertainment: PCs, laptops, MTV, MP-3, cell phones, CDs, DVDs, Nintendos, camcorders and VCRs were in the far distant future. Rock and roll and Elvis had not arrived. The big hits of 1952 were songs with tunes you could sing and lyrics you could understand. "Tenderly," "Blue Tango," "Til I Walk Again With You" and "Do Not Forsake Me" were on the Top Forty list. Drugs were not part of our world: they were something that happened far away in big cities. The worst thing you could possibly do was get caught smoking in the school bathroom!

Of course we had school and school activities. Boys played football, baseball and basketball. Girls played softball, field hockey and basketball. We had no swimming, cross-country, wrestling or gymnastics teams, and had never even heard of lacrosse, rugby or soccer! Despite encouragement from the CHS band and cheerleaders, the Cohasset Skippers lost more often than they won.

In October 1952, Principal Bill Ripley gave the freshmen permission to have a Halloween party in the school cafeteria — provided two teachers chaperone and we clean up afterwards. Miss Constance Trickett and Miss Marion Sullivan obliged. We danced and bobbed for apples. After we donned blindfolds Jimmy Shyne passed out limp macaroni "worms", Jello "brains" and other scary stuff.

We put on and attended plays. The Cohasset High Class of 1952, the first to graduate from the new high school on Pond Street, staged "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." Set in the 1920s, it is the story of young socialites on their way to Paris by ship. My sister Cynthia played Cornelia Otis Skinner, who wrote the play. Mrs. Jessie Cox invited Cindy to choose costumes from her collection of 1920 dresses. Jessie and her family were in the audience on opening night. When Cornelia Otis Skinner made her entrance wearing a heavy beaded gown, Jessie let out howls of laughter: Cindy was wearing a flapper gown backwards!

Teens today think nothing of flying across the country. Back then, going to Cape Cod or visiting the Statehouse in Boston was big deal. At 14, I would take the train to Quincy or Boston by myself. When my sons were 14, I shuddered at the thought of them doing the same thing! Family friends invited me to their house in Pleasantville, New York — my first trip outside New England. We rode to the top of the Empire State building, ate at an Automat and took the ferry to the Statue of Liberty.

There were no DVDs, HBO and videotapes, but super wide screen Cinerama movies appeared. A friend from Newton met me at South Station in Boston. Together we watched as Edward R. Morrow intoned "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is Cinerama". Seeing a movie meant a trip to Hingham by train or car or to Scituate by car. Parents, older brothers, sisters or friends with licenses were pressed into service. Among the big films of 1952 were High Noon, Moulin Rouge and The Greatest Show in Earth.

The June Carnival on the Common was a big event each year. Midway games, hot dogs, cotton candy, boat rides in the common pond and craft displays brought hun-

In "Our Hearts were Young and Gay" (front row, from left) Fred Wood, Manuel Marks, Cynthia Pratt, Barbara Hoss, Ted Hastings and Faith Carolan. (Back row) Shirlee Davis, Ralph Froio, Barabara Signorelli, Bernard Ferreira, Barabara Turner, James Lagrotteria, Janet Litchfield, Harold E. Coughlin and Elinor Keegan.

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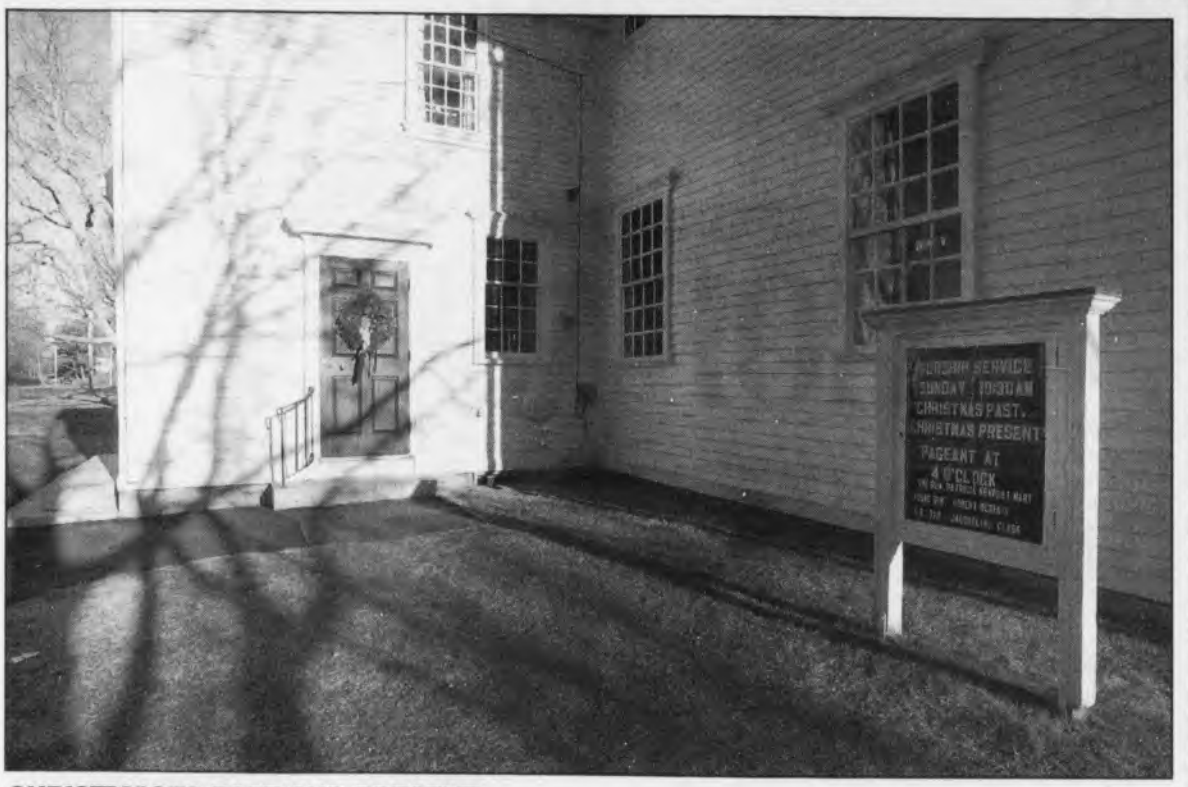

CHRISTMASES PAST AND PRESENT

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The First Parish Church on Cohasset Common celebrates the holidays with a "Christmas Past, Christmas Present" pageant.

Stove to be added to Deer Hill

By Brian J. Scully
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It's hard to cook in a kitchen that doesn't have a stove.

Luckily, the Deer Hill School – whose kitchen was scheduled to be stove-less – will be getting an oven after all.

Last week, the School Building Commitee approved a change order that will install a stove in the kitchen as a part of the Deer Hill remodeling process. There are no immediate plans to use the kitchen, but the price of installing it now – when the school is already under construction – is much less.

With the school's contract with food-preparation company Chartwells School Dining Services set to run out this year, Supt. Edward Malvey and the school committee felt it would be advantageous to have a kitchen installed. Currently Chartwells prepares all of the food at the middle-high-school and then transports it to the other schools.

"It fits within the budget and this is the time to do this."
— Rob Spofford, School Building Committee

"This is more in case we want to use the kitchen at a later date," said Malvey. "We have no concrete plans to do so, but since this is our last year of service with Chartwells, it gives us the value of having another facility."

Since all of the construction will take place in the kitchen area, it will not alter school life.

"This won't affect the school at all," said Supt. Edward Malvey. "The construction (which will take place in February) will be in the kitchen area, so it won't impact the students."

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn agreed that the plan made sense, especially when you consider the level of improvement everywhere else.

"The new cafeteria looks amazing," said Flynn. "The extra 20 or 30 feet that were added does wonders. It really is an incredible addition."

School Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford said that the administration was the driving force behind the change.

"It was something that we talked about in the planning stages of the project, but as we moved forward it wasn't included," said Spofford. "It makes sense for them to have their own formal cooking environment."

The change will have no affect on the project's financial picture.

"It fits within the budget and this is the time to do this," said Spofford. "Ted (Malvey) made a compelling argument for its inclusion."

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Police/Fire Station in dire need of expansion

By Brian J. Scully
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The Police and Fire Station on Elm Street is literally bursting at the seams.

Female firefighter/paramedics lack facilities, the police detectives are cramped into a storage closet, and there is no space for an emergency control room.

At the 2001 Special Town Meeting, the Police-Fire Station Study Committee brought forward a plan to build a new $4 million police station on land donated to the town for that purpose off Route 3A that would alleviated the space issues, but the plan failed to pass by the two-thirds majority needed.

Stuck with the same problems and no solutions after that vote, the Police-Fire Station Study Committee went back and designed a 1500 sq. ft. addition to the current building that will allow the departments to remain viable until a new station can be built.

"This is a bare minimum approach, but it is something that we really need to do."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

At this fall's Special Town Meeting, $50,000 was approved to further the architectural plans for the plan, which is estimated would cost $600,000. The Police and Fire Study Committee met last week to discuss the latest updates.

"It is an interim fix for now," said Police Chief Robert Jackson. "With the current situation, we are not in the position to handle critical incidents. The current emergency response facilities are totally inadequate."

For Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, the main problems are the lack of quarters for his female firefighters as well as work space for his four captains.

Gene S. Raymond of Strekalovsky & Hoit, architects hired by the town, said that the plan was a bare bones approach to the current situation.

"As far as the architecture goes, we are doing a minimal 1500 sq. ft. addition, mostly on the front side of the building with a piece in the back," said Raymond. "The exterior is going to be brick with a sloped roof, and windows and trim that match."

According to Raymond, the design is minimalist, but serviceable.

"The intent is not be extravagant, but it will be solid construction," said Raymond. "When it is done, it should blend in nicely and look like it was always there."

Since the project is so small and it will require six to eight months of construction, the price per square foot stands at more than $400, nearly twice that of the school project. This concerned the Selectmen initially, but Raymond said that a high rate is not unusual on a smaller project.

"The cost per square foot on a 1,500 sq. ft. project that includes locker rooms and bathrooms is not going to be in the same category as a 15,000 sq. ft. project, where those costs would be spread across the entire project," said Raymond.

According to Raymond, the estimated cost of $600,000 is right on target.

"It's a conservative estimate," said Raymond. "But that means that hopefully the only news on that matter will be good news. If anything that figure will come in less expensive than originally planned. We estimate conservatively, because the last thing we want to do is have to go back for more money."

Town Manager Mark Haddad notes that the solution is only a temporary fix to a structural problem.

"Unfortunately we went to Town Meeting last November (2001) with a proposal to move the police station out," said Haddad. "Because of the uncertainty of the school building and all of the other outstanding capital projects and the impact on the taxes, the town said, 'Whoa, slow down. We understand the need, but we don't think we can afford this.'"

But with the town facing severe cuts to state aid, as well as two overrides to Prop.2-1/2 (an $800,000 debt exclusion to bury the wires downtown and a $480,000 operational override), Haddad feels the town should know how important the project is.

"This is what we need to do to survive," said Haddad. "We have to accommodate the female firefighters and it will allow the police department more space to work in. This is a bare minimum approach, but it is something we really need to do."

Back in 1962 when it was built, the police side of the facility housed 10 full-time police officers, plus the chief. Today it serves 19 full-time officers, plus six civilian dispatchers, a secretary, an animal control officer and three seasonal police officers

"The addition will give me some more administrative space," said Jackson. "It will get my detectives out of the storage space they currently work in and will give my officers more space to write up their reports."

Drug and Alcohol Committee disbanded

Attention turns to Project Safeguard

By Brian J. Scully
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"I really believe that the Drug and Alcohol Committee has come to the end of its life cycle."
— The Rev. Cliff Cutler, Drug and Alcohol Committee

Last week's selectmen's meeting marked the end of an era in the town's battle against substance abuse.

The Rev. Cliff Cutler, chairman of the Drug and Alcohol Committee, came before the board to ask that his committee be disbanded in order to throw the town's full support behind Project Safeguard.

"We have been around for 12 years now, and we have accomplished some great things in the past," said Cutler. "But I really believe that the Drug and Alcohol Committee has come to the end of its lifecycle."

Project Safeguard arrived in Cohasset in 1996, and experienced a brief rise in popularity. But budget cuts forced the program onto the back burner. The program re-emerged this year as a half-day event for seventh-graders that was deemed a success by all involved. Safeguard encourages "whole-body health" for teenagers, addressing issues such as self-esteem, the decision-making process, peer pressure, and substance abuse.

"All of the energy in town is now behind Project Safeguard," said Cutler. "Safeguard is unique in that it crosses many boundaries. It involves the schools, churches, Social Service League, and other town entities."

Still, the entire committee was not in favor of the action. School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts, who serves as the liaison to the Drug and Alcohol Committee, related her concerns about the move to the board.

"Since I was elected to the School Committee in 2000, I have come to have a great respect for all the work that Cliff has done over the years," said Tebbetts. "It is clear to me for some time now that there has not been a lot of energy behind our committee, but I don't think that means we should just give up."

Tebbetts has seen Project Safeguard in action and doesn't doubt its efficacy, but she is concerned that the focus on youth could leave others out in the dark..

"I participated in the Project Safeguard program over the fall and it was simply tremendous," said Tebbetts. "I am just concerned that if the Drug and Alcohol Committee is disbanded, the focus will train slowly on the students and this problem needs to be recognized as a town concern, not simply a school concern."

Tebbetts said that there should be an attempt made to revive the committee.

"I don't disagree with Cliff that our energy isn't as potent as it once was," said Tebbetts. "I just don't think that is a reason to disband."

Cutler didn't disagree, but felt that the attempt would be in vain, given the popularity of the new system.

"If there was a full-time head of this committee, then maybe it could still work," said Cutler. "For years the committee has been left on its own to do what it will, I don't think the support has been there for our programs."

Cutler sees many benefits to the Project Safeguard program.

"This is the one program in town that has included parent participation," said Cutler. "I think that is a real gift. It is usually very difficult to get parents involved."

The latest attempts by the Drug and Alcohol Committee to do the same failed miserably.

"We had a forum recently that was attended by five or six parents," said Cutler. "Safeguard makes more parents get involved, and that is one of the keys to prevention (50 percent of the student attending the last Safeguard event had at least one parent in attendance)."

The board approved the motion to disband, after some discussion.

"I would like to thank Rev. Cutler for all the work he has done for this committee over the years," said Chairman Michael Sullivan. "He has been a valuable weapon in the fight against drug and alcohol abuse."

Cutler and Tebbetts emphasized that in the end, they both wanted what was best for the town.

"The Drug and Alcohol Committee has been under the auspices of the Selectmen, but just technically," said Cutler. "There really hasn't been a close relationship between us. It is time for us to support Project Safeguard."

On Oct. 8, seventh-graders from the Cohasset Middle School attended a half-day community-sponsored seminar on the Common to kick off the revitalized "Project Safeguard" program. This year's "Campus on the Common" event focused on three themes: social and academic pressure; drug and alcohol prevention; and gender and body image issues. Roughly 50 percent of students had at least one parent in attendance.

Similar but larger-scale Project Safeguard events were held in Cohasset in 1996 and 1997. These were coordinated by a group of three parent volunteers (Liz Bates, Maureen Smith and Susan Etkind), who worked closely with Dr. Mike Gill, Health Education Coordinator of the Cohasset Public Schools. These parents had attended a Project Safeguard event in Weston and were so impressed that they wanted to do the same in Cohasset. The Cohasset events in '96 and '97 received high marks from Cohasset parents and students alike and were well attended — 75 percent of students had at least one parent in attendance. Unfortunately, the program had to be shelved due to budget and time restraints.

Last year, the PSO decided to try to resurrect the program, this time on a smaller scale. Using a half-day, rather than a full-day format, the program is more cost-effective and hopefully more manageable for working families. Working together with Dr. Gill, the Health Education Advisory Committee, and the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee, the group designed a curriculum to meet the developmental needs of seventh-graders. The group also enlisted the help of Peer Leaders from the High School to cut down on speaker fees. PSO Community Relations reps Sally Sisson and Karen Oronte organized this event, with the help of parent volunteers from both Deer Hill and the Middle School schools.

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Budget team focuses on bottom line

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fare Haddad and his staff wage against cost increases and budget cuts on a daily basis.

But, when the topic of conversation turns to the Fiscal Year 2004 budget, which is to be debated at the selectmen's meeting Jan. 7, the town's financial team is less ebullient.

For weeks now, the long-winded budget prognosticators on Beacon Hill have been filling local broadsheets with doom and gloom scenarios, with some legislators predicting cuts of up to 20 percent in state aid. Last year was much the same, but Haddad played a hunch and level funded Cohasset's budget. He was right, but this year he expects the cuts to materialize.

"I've cut $200,000 (10 percent) out of our budget to deal with the decrease in state aid," said Haddad. "If they cut more, or if the operational override fails to pass, I am going to be forced into lay-offs and the town's service levels will drop below contractually mandated levels."

Solemn words from a man who specializes in worst-case scenarios. But then again, that is his charge as the town's Chief Financial Officer.

Haddad was planning for a $400,000 Prop. 2-1/2 override this year anyway. [Prop. 2-1/2 is the state law that caps the amount a town can raise its tax levy to 2-1/2 percent a year without the voters' OK at the ballot box.] Figuring on the $200,000 decrease in state funds, he and his staff have managed to pare down the budget so that the operating budget override will only increase to $481,000. But the situation has forced the Haddad to make some tough decisions, and not everybody is happy about it.

"If they cut more, or if the operational override fails to pass, I am going to be forced into lay-offs and the town's service levels will drop below contractually mandated levels."

—Town Manager Mark Haddad

The school department has been asked to live with a 4 percent increase, which will only cover contractual obligations and nothing else (see related story). The police department has been told that the town will not fill the retirement of a police officer, leaving Chief Bob Jackson one man short.

"In times like this I have to make tough decisions for the town," said Haddad. "I'm sure the school would like a bigger increase, and I know that Chief Jackson isn't particularly happy that he will be understaffed. But that is the position we are in."

It's a better alternative, according to Haddad, than hiring a new officer or teacher and then having to lay him or her off.

"The school department has really stepped to the plate," said Haddad. "I put a number out to them and Dr. (Edward) Malvey and the School Committee are trying to make it work. Chief Jackson has real problems with the fact that we are not filling a retirement, but we have been put into that position by the state."

Haddad has also shuffled around other departments in order to make things work out better. Part of the library maintenance budget has been shifted to the Department of Public Works. The Recreation Department will see a 3 percent increase, but with a corresponding rise in fees, that department will become largely self-sufficient.

The "Buck-a-Bag" program initiated by the town has also brought dividends. That program has been so successful that the cost of the town's recycling effort is limited to transportation.

In other ways, the town is taking a pro-active approach.

"The Council on Elder Affairs and veterans department will see an increase of $520,000," said Haddad. "When the state cuts come down – and they are coming – the senior programs will be the first to go. We need to be able to accommodate our seniors and provide services."

If that means extending outreach worker Carol Barrett's hours in a time of fiscal crisis, so be it.

The town also adjusted debt service and has been ferreting money away in the stabilization fund. The later action helped improve the town's bond rating, which lets Cohasset borrow for less.

"Joe (DeVito, treasurer) and Mike (Buckley) have done a great job behind the scenes to work things out," said Haddad. "We have reduced our debt service by 3 percent and that includes the increases for the school projects."

The major hit for the town this year has been an increase in insurance costs totaling $300,000.

"We have more people signing on to our insurance plan either as new employees replacing former employees who had other insurance or people signing up who previously hadn't taken out insurance through us," said Haddad. "We also have more and bigger buildings coming on line, which is also driving up costs."

Despite it all, Haddad feels that he has put together a budget that will allow the town to survive – as long as the override passes.

"This is a very lean budget," said Haddad. "It does its best to deal with the issues we are confronted with while maintaining services."

Over the next months, he will see if Cohasset agrees with his assessment.

Police details at CHS dances

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stand at the door as students are walking through.

"Some students have asked if they could choose the patrolman," Jones said to laughter, reiterating there appeared to be no large objection to having a police detail at dances.

The breathalyzer issue, however, is more complex, he said. Jones explained the device is used if there is any doubt whether a student has been drinking at dances by some schools on the South Shore with some success.

"But we're not quite ready to implement that yet," he said, explaining some legal issues had to be worked out as well as what to do if a student refuses to take the breathalyzer

Jones said Norwell uses it and swears by it. The best thing is it takes the guesswork out of whether a student has violated the drinking rules, he said.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn asked what the students thought about the proposed changes at dances.

"They are comfortable with the detail officer but less comfortable with the breathalyzer," Jones said. "They want to know how it works."

Flynn said when he was growing up detail officers were a common sight and it was "no big deal." In fact, years ago Cohasset used to have detail officers at dances, school officials said.

Jones also explained that some students had expressed discomfort about attending dances where students had been drinking and he hoped having an officer present would help alleviate their concern. He also said after talking with Police Chief Robert Jackson he was assured a student, who was under the influence, would not be arrested at dances but their parents would be called to come down. That is what administrators do now, Jones said.

Jones explained later the cost of the detail would be covered in the price of a student ticket to a dance. Tickets are now $5, which could increase slightly to pay the cost for hiring the officer.

Another issue that is on the table is the potential of revising the school's policy for punishing students who drink off-campus at non-school events. Under the MIAA rules, a member school is required to suspend a student athlete who violates the association's substance abuse policy for two games or 14 days, whichever is longer. [MIAA stands for the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, which is the governing body for high school sports; and its substance abuse regulations apply 24 hours a day, seven days a week].

The Cohasset High School policy is actually tougher than the MIAA's. CHS athletes, who violate substance abuse rules, are suspended for 30 days from all school activities. What's at issue is not the length of time but whether the Cohasset policy is unfair to athletes, in other words if a member of the drama club is caught drinking at an off-campus, non-school activity – that student is not punished, Jones explained. The school is not looking to reduce the time but perhaps the punishment for athletes should be limited to athletic competitions or the off-campus rule should apply to all students, he said.

If any student violates the school's substance abuse policy at a school event, the punishment is meted out the same across the board and includes a two-day suspension from school and a 30-day suspension from all school activities.

"I'm not inclined to back off the 30-day suspension because that would send the wrong message," Jones said.

Altering the school's regulations for punishing students for substance abuse violations would require a student handbook change that would first go before the School Council, and then the School Committee for approval.

Jones also reported a recent "activity night" for the middle school was a big success. He explained it wasn't a dance per se, but included music, basketball and other activities.

"About 50 kids turned out and had a nice time," he said, explaining the event seemed to appeal to the younger students.

"It was a nice place to go without the pressure of a dance at the middle school level," he said.

Is four percent too tight a fit for schools?

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Malvey explained with a current operating budget of $10,843,555, a 6 percent hike would provide $650,613. Of that amount about $400,000 goes for salary increases, leaving about $250,000 for other expenses.

But with a 4 percent increase, the schools would only receive $433,742 over last year's budget.

"That does not leave us a lot of wiggle room," he said.

Malvey said the Sewer Commission is asking the schools to pick up their share of sewer costs which total about $31,000. Utilities will increase as the expanded and renovated Deer Hill and middle high schools fully come on line. Special education costs can also rise and transportation issues are not going to go away, he said. The school department also needs to purchase a new bus, which, however, should come out of the capital budget.

Malvey wants to get the word out about the budgetary challenges facing the schools.

"The public needs to be aware of the needs and issues of the schools," he said. "We're not simply going to pack our bags and go away."

He pointed out the schools have already lost a health education grant and there's a possibility that the METCO program won't be fully funded that could have a devastating effect on the program, which Cohasset has supported for years.

"We may not be able to get the job done with 4 percent," Malvey said, explaining if the school department sticks with 4 percent, it will necessitate going back into the budget and coming up with a list of potential reductions.

Haddad is projecting an override of about $480,000, Malvey told the School Committee.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said the schools would have to share 50 percent of a failed override.

"We'd have to go back (and cut) another couple of 100 and change, which would be an absolute disaster," he said.

The School Committee is also concerned that taxpayers might be confused by the debt exclusion override vote slated for late January which is not related to the operating budget override in the spring. The debt exclusion, which is a temporary tax increase, would provide money to bury the utility wires in the village.

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Celebrating Christmas in Cohasset 50 years ago

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dreds together. The day ended with a concert by the Satuit (Scituate) band. My great uncles Eben Bearce (Trumpet), Allen Bates (Tuba) and Alvin Spencer (double-bell euphonium) were regulars in the band.

Boy Scout Troop 28 met weekly in the Ripley Road School. Scoutmaster Art Lehr drilled us in Morse code, signaling with flags, marching in step (without much success) and knot tying. And we camped — winter and summer. I was a well-equipped scout, with an ancient 1930s canvas official Boy Scout knapsack inherited from an uncle, a Boy Scout canteen and a borrowed sleeping bag. Polartech fleece, down bags, aluminum frame backpacks and lightweight tents didn't exist. One winter campout started on a clear cold Friday night. Assistant scoutmaster Fred Blossom drove his father's pickup to the Scituate scout cabin with the food and heavy gear. Saturday we skated, hiked and collected firewood. Sunday morning we awoke to find 15 inches of new snow with more coming. It took all morning to shovel and push the truck back out to Clapp Road where anxious parents were waiting to take us home.

The unsold trees ended up in the dump and I ended up with enough to pay for Christmas presents for the family with some left over to put in my savings account.

Joel in 1952 Boy Scout camping regalia.

In November 1952, family friend Larned Dorrance suggested that his kids and I pool our money to buy Christmas trees to sell. He drove us to Vermont in a Ford "woody" station wagon, towing a big trailer behind. Today, every car comes with a heater: back then heaters were optional. Four freezing hours after leaving Cohasset, we reached the wholesale tree market in Ludlow Vermont. The trees cost $12 a bundle: a bundle held anywhere from two or three large trees to seven or eight small trees. Bundles of trees filled the wagon and the trailer. We even tied some on the roof. After a hot lunch in the local beanery, we set off for Cohasset. Our Christmas tree store was in the Dorrance's Summer Street backyard. The unsold trees ended up in the dump and I ended up with enough to pay for Christmas presents for the family with some left over to put in my savings account.

1952 was exceptionally cold. I rode home from the high school Christmas concert with neighbors in their unheated Plymouth coupe. The thermometer at our house read minus 15 degrees that night! Christmas was clear, cold and snowless. The cold persisted so long that Little Harbor froze solid. On Christmas day we walked from our house to Beach Street and back across the ice. At 14, toys were no longer among the Christmas presents under the tree (which came from our unsold inventory). Adult gifts; new clothes, pajamas and books took their place. Visits with friends and relatives filled our day. Mother created a bountiful Christmas dinner which we shared with neighbors and friends who did not have families in the area. It was, and always should be, a time of sharing, of love, of family and of helping those in need.

Nowadays Joel S. Pratt lives in Roque Bluffs, Maine.

L to R Barb Reed, Alden Bradley, Nancy Lawson, Jack Ryder pass the apples chin to chin.

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Taking the reins of the 2003 Relay for Life

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

When Laurie Livingstone Greenip's best friend from high school, LeeAnn Ciciotte DeVries, was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago at age 32, Greenip wanted a way to help.

"It really hit home that someone my age, living a similar life, could be dealing with this," Greenip said.

Greenip then coordinated a Cohasset Relay for Life team in DeVries' name and had more than 80 participants on her team. The next year, DeVries felt well enough to take over the team and Greenip joined the Cohasset relay's planning committee.

Greenip said it is because of her friendship with DeVries that she has become active in the Relay for Life.

"She's the reason I do this," Greenip said.

This year, she was named as the chairman of the planning committee, which is comprised solely of volunteers, and already has set high goals for the 2003 relay, with participation being on the top of the list.

More than 600 people participated in last year's relay, which is run by the American Cancer Society, and Greenip hopes to increase that number. The 2003 Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for Friday, May 16 through Saturday, May 17 at Cohasset High School.

Greenip said she believes it is important for more cancer survivors to participate in the event, which honors survivors with a reception. The opening lap of the relay is the "survivor lap," usually led by a family member of someone in the community who recently passed away from cancer.

"There are some sad moments, but it's important for survivors to come out and see that the majority of the event is moving and uplifting, not depressing," she said.

Greenip would like to get more than just members of the Cohasset community involved.

"I want to branch out to other towns and get more teams from Scituate, Hingham and Hull," she said.

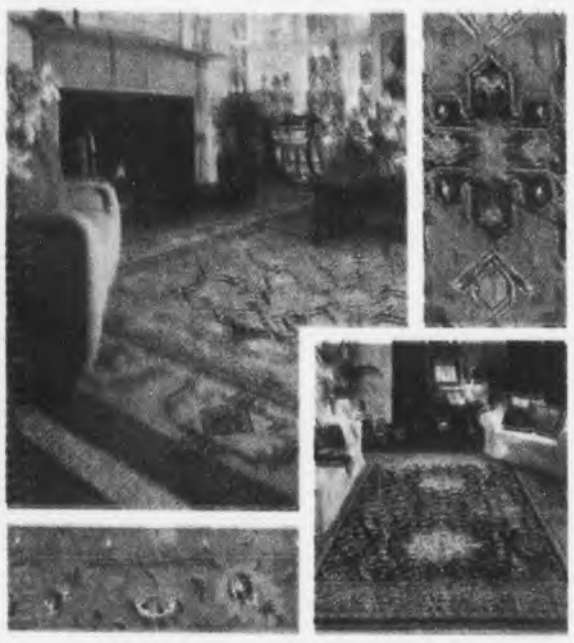
Raising money for cancer research, prevention, education and patient services is the main goal of the Relay for Life. The 2002 Cohasset relay raised close to $140,000. Greenip has a set a goal of $145,000 for this year's event and said she understands people are asked to donate to many organizations and charities.

"We all get spread a little thin, but the relay is a really good cause," she said.

Laurie Livingstone Greenip

Currently, the planning committee is looking for additional volunteers. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee should contact Greenip at 781-383-6193 or the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880 and press 3 for ext. 229.

The next planning committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:30pm, (location to be announced).



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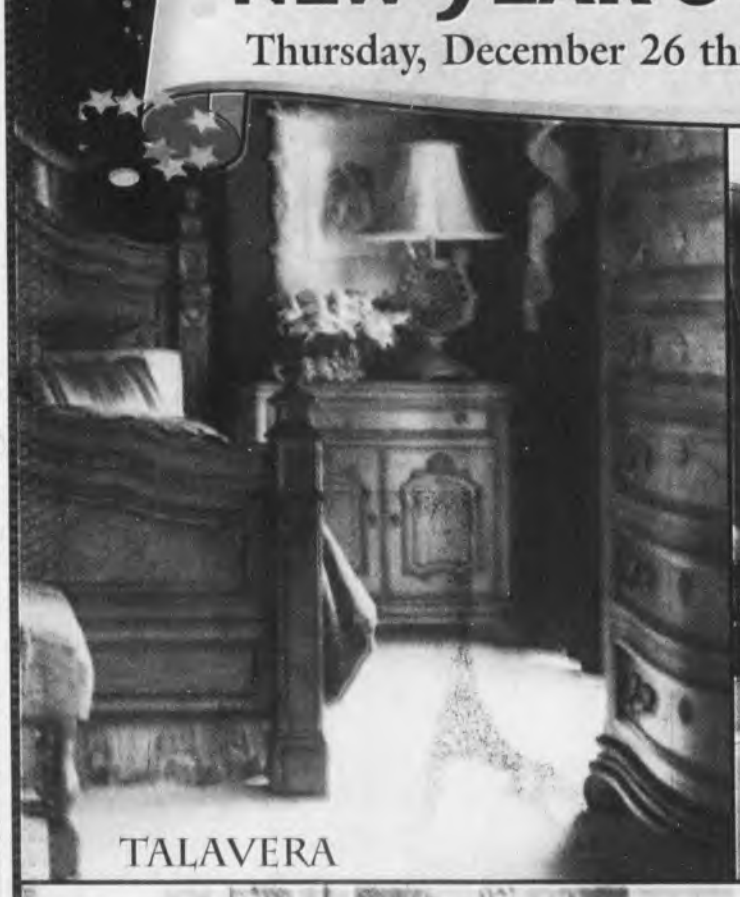
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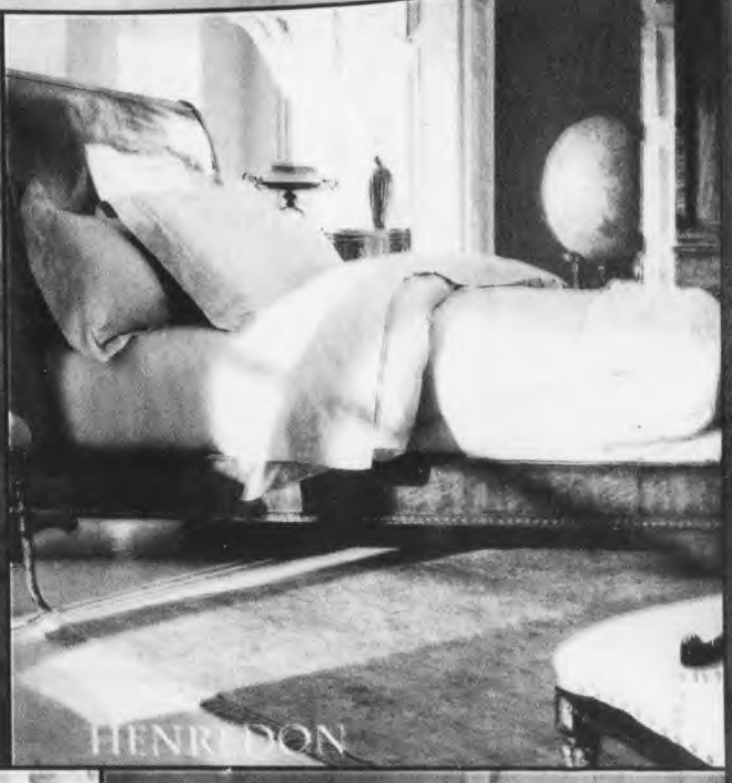
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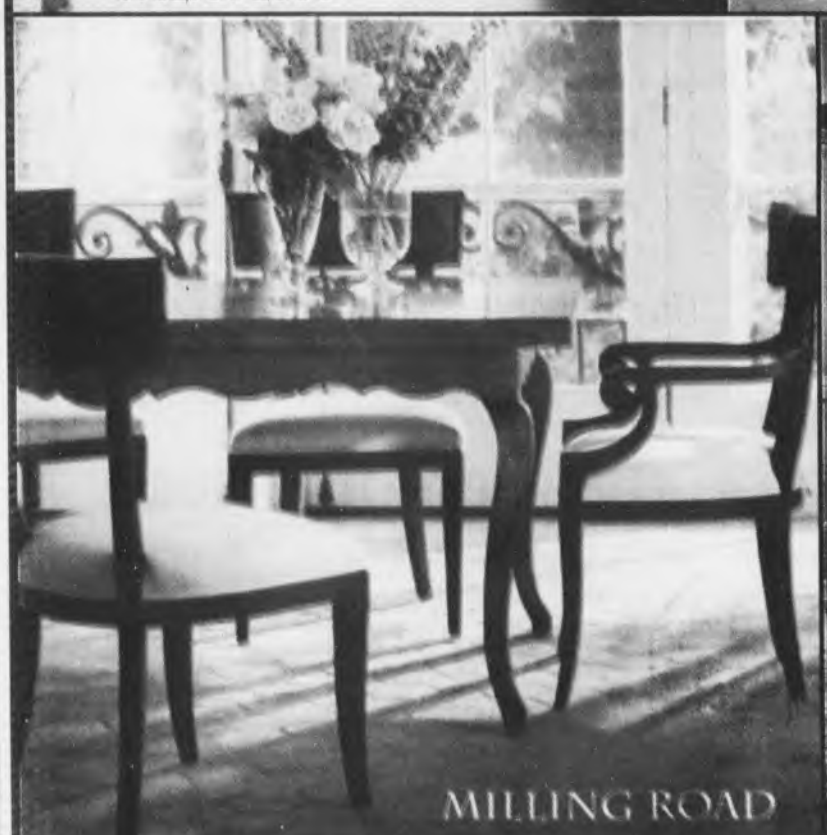
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EDITORIAL

Happy Boxing Day

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The day after Christmas for those who observe Boxing Day does not mean a major rush to shopping malls and retail outlets to return or exchange gifts, as it does here. On the contrary, the holiday — which has its roots in giving to the poor — has evolved into providing another opportunity to visit with family and friends and enjoy a meal together.

The exact origin of Boxing Day isn't known. But it appears to date back to the Middle Ages in the United Kingdom, when wealthy landowners gave their servants, who worked hard over Christmas, the day off to spend time with their families. The servants were given a box containing gifts and money.

Since perhaps as early as 800, the holiday has also represented a day when churches open their alms (charity) boxes and distribute the contents to the needy.

Boxing Day is also known as St. Stephen's Day or the Feast of St. Stephen, so the Christmas Carol "Good King Wenceslas" is really a celebration of Boxing Day. John Mason Neale wrote the words of the carol, which was first published in 1853, as a children's song to demonstrate generosity. Wenceslas, who was know for his kindness to the poor, ruled Bohemia (located in what today is the Czech Republic) in the 900s.

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out,
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight,
Gathering winter fuel.
Hither, page, and stand by me,
If though know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?"
Where and what his dwelling?
Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain."
Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither."
Page and monarch, forth they went,
Forth they went together;
Thro' the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.
Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer."
Mark my footsteps, my good page;
Tread thou in them boldly;
Though shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."
In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fairness vs. Legality

TO THE EDITOR:

Not being a perfect world, many unkind, unsporting, unfair, undemocratic etc. things get done that nevertheless are within the letter of the law. For example, the three attempts to prevent the assembled citizens at Town Meeting from hearing and voting on a proposal to revamp the harbor walk.. Russ Bonetti misses the point by continuing to defend "legal" attempts to subvert the democratic process. Even though I think the vote was shortsighted, I haven't been complaining about the result of the vote (as he implies); I've been criticizing the undemocratic attempts to *prevent* voting.

He is correct in noting that the Board of Selectmen once issued a letter requesting that the revitalization group stop having public meetings on the matter. Now for the rest of the story!

The letter resulted from the Selectpersons present at a Selectmen's meeting being overwhelmed by the aggressive behavior of members of the "Friends of the Harbor" (which seems to exist only to thwart the revitalization initiative). At a subsequent Selectmen's meeting, the request was rescinded because numerous good citizens (as well as the selectmen who had not participated in the ill-considered earlier decision) noted that the Selectmen don't have the authority to set aside the constitutional right of assembly and of free speech. This meeting also revealed that the initiative is not without supporters.

Russ Bonetti's responses are appreciated; they help provide the continuing exposure that the issue deserves. Thanks also to the Mariner for publishing the exchange.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

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Remembering, in a tangible way will enrich this holiday season, the joy our loved ones have shared with us in seasons past.

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Rec Playground Program fee policy change

By: John M. Worley, Director
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Due to the fiscal crisis affecting the operation of government at all levels from federal, to local, the Recreation Commission is forced to re-evaluate their program fee schedules for services provided.

It will be incumbent upon the Recreation Commission to recapitulate, via revenue produced for the General Fund of the town, at least 75 percent of the budget amount allocated to the Commission for Fiscal Year, 2004.

That is, the Commission, via program fees will need to produce about $100,000 in revenue that can be designated for deposit in the Town's General. Fund. It is General Fund revenue that may be used to offset tax rates to tax payers.

At their Dec. 11, meeting, the Recreation Commissioners established fee charges as follows for the seven-week, Summer Playground Program:

Full Day ages 5-12 seven week program $350

While the Recreation Commissioners regret raising fees, they feel that the value received is still far in excess of the fees being charged.

Half Day ages 3 1/2 -5 seven week program $280

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HEALTH NOTES

Cohasset and driving under the influence

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset has had its share of bad press about alcohol abuse. Police Chief Bob Jackson tells me that he backs the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) new initiatives aimed at reducing the incidence of people driving under the influence. According to NHTSA, "There are nearly one billion drinking and driving trips annually which kill more than 45 people every day. This crime will not be tolerated. Today marks the beginning of a yearlong effort focused on what we know prevents impaired driving — highly visible detection, arrest and prosecution."

After years of gradual improvement, fatalities in alcohol-related crashes are on the rise nationally. NHTSA estimates that in 2001, 17,448 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes, representing approximately 41 percent of the 42,116 total traffic fatalities that year.

With millions of people expected on America's highways during this extended holiday season, the next two weeks could be one of the deadliest periods ever for impaired driving fatalities. AAA expects more than 46 million Americans to travel by automobile during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

"We remind everyone that being responsible begins before you get behind the wheel. Be sure to have a designated driver and, if you're hosting a party, make sure your guests get home safely," said Bella Dinh-Zarr, Ph.D., AAA national director of traffic safety policy. "Don't let the celebration spill out onto the road."

Studies show that most of us consider drunk driving one of the nation's most important social issues, ahead of healthcare, poverty/hunger, racism and education. Nearly 97 percent of Americans view drunk driving as a major threat to the community. As a result, the majority of Americans support increased enforcement efforts like saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints to protect innocent victims. Furthermore, two-thirds of Americans also strongly endorse the use of stricter and more severe penalties against drunk drivers.

"There will be no warnings," said North Miami Beach Police Chief William Berger, representing the International Association of Chiefs of Police. "Drive impaired and you will be spending your money on bail and towing fees instead of holiday gifts." That may not be Cohasset's way, but you can be sure that the town will not tolerate our citizens adding to the mindless carnage that infests our highways. The town is a part of the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." national mobilization, launched in December 1999, as a comprehensive impaired driving prevention effort focused on conducting highly visible criminal justice-related efforts to deter impaired driving.

The *You* Drink & Drive. You Lose. campaign reminds everyone:

- Don't risk it — If you plan to drive, don't drink or use any drugs.
- Choose a sober designated driver before celebrating.
- Take mass transit, a taxicab or ask a friend to drive you home.
- Spend the night where the activity is being held.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.
- Always wear your safety belt.

Although youth make up 6.9 percent of the total driving population, they constitute 13 percent of the alcohol-involved drivers in fatal crashes. Last year alone, more than 2,400 youth ages 15 to 20 were killed in alcohol-related traffic crashes. Alcohol is still the No. 1 youth drug problem, killing 6.5 times more young people than all other illicit drugs combined. The earlier a person begins drinking the more likely they are to suffer from alcohol problems later in life, including alcohol dependency and drunk driving.

Don't let yourself or anyone you know become the subject of another heart breaking article on these pages.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

Recap and analysis of the week in state government.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas – 1990.

The resemblance to the first days of the Weld administration is eerie for Beacon Hill veterans. One of the first appointments William Weld made was Peter Nessen, as administration and finance secretary; one of Mitt Romney's first was – Peter Nessen. Back in '90, Nessen was an unknown; now he's a (distinctive and affable) blast from the past who never totally exited the policy stage.

He's been named the Governor-elect's education advisor, and Romney hopes to make him education secretary, if the Legislature will create the post – as Gov. Weld proposed, successfully, back in the early 90s.

In 1990, Nessen was the most intriguing figure of the new Weld team. They had been elected to move Massachusetts into its next political era, out of the period of big-government social investment and into a phase of "government is the problem" eyes on the bottom line.

Now, as then, the state has just wriggled out of an old political skin. For the first time in 30 years, a mainstream, consensus Democrat has been rejected for governor because voters here, as nationwide, preferred the message of the Republican.

And of course, now as then, the state's finances are in horrible shape. Massachusetts faces at least a $2 billion gap between revenues and expenditures; Romney has pledged, as Shannon O'Brien would not, to solve the problem without any increase in taxes. And just as in 1990, the first item in the crosshairs for spending cuts is state aid to cities and towns. Weld stopped being jolly and novel for the press corps on the day in 1991 when he stood in the Great Hall and said state aid for local governments was going to be cut by hundreds of millions of dollars. (He went back to being jolly and novel — for the press, not the cities and towns – when the economy improved.). This week, the incoming administration made clear the same kind of cuts are in the opening chapter of their story, just like Weld's.

How that story turned out is subject to interpretation, based on ideology. Weld established a norm – socially liberal and fiscally conservative – voters have continued to favor ever since. Many members of the Democratic State Committee have never cast a winning for governor as a result, so it's a story Romney wouldn't mind retelling even if the opening is brutal.

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- Adopting a new approach he hopes will increase the strategic effectiveness of his policymaking, Romney announced the creation of two new advisory positions on his staff and named two executives to existing posts. A "chief" of Commonwealth Development will oversee housing, the environment and business development to rationalize and coordinate those oft-conflicting pursuits. Romney made a provocative choice here: Douglas Foy, long the head of the Conservation Law Foundation. Another pick will also turn heads: Robert Pozen, formerly of Fidelity Investments, will serve as chief of Commerce and Labor.

Romney's pair of chieftains are expected to improve efficiency and value in operation and delivery of programs and services. Other appointments were more traditional. Romney recruited Arlington County, Virginia Police Chief Edward Flynn as state Public Safety Secretary. He will replace former Sen. James Jajuga of Methuen. Director of Housing and Community Development Jane Wallis Gumble kept her job, but Elder Affairs Secretary Lillian Glickman lost hers. Current Consumer Affairs Director Jennifer Davis Carey will replace her. Consumer Affairs is vacant for the moment. Ralph Martin, former district attorney of Suffolk County, was named to head up the Judicial Nominating Council.

Romney also named six more members of his administration. They include: Ronald Preston, a regional federal Medicaid official, as secretary of health and human services; Daniel Grabauskas, former Registry of Motor Vehicles chief, as state transportation secretary; Beth Lindstrom, Lottery chief under Treasurer Joseph Malone, as state consumer affairs and business regulation director; Ellen Roy, an MIT management school lecturer and former energy executive, as state environmental affairs secretary; Eric Fehrnstrom, former Boston Herald reporter and deputy treasurer under Joseph Malone, as communications director; and Shawn Feddeman, press aide under Govs. Paul Cellucci and Jane Swift, as chief press secretary. Current Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand, Health and Human Services Secretary Robert Gittens, and Transportation Secretary Patrick Scanlan will not retain their posts in the Romney administration, which will officially be in place in two weeks.

- The panel trying to write new rules for the uncompensated care pool could not agree on a set of recommendations for reform by the Monday deadline. The difficulty was not surprising; the commission comprises factions and each one loses if another one gains. Hospitals want full compensation for all the care they provide to people without health insurance. Insurers don't want to pay endlessly for costs of care to patients the insurers believe ought to be steered into the Medicaid program or covered by employers. And the state doesn't want the other two factions to turn to it as the payor of last resort. But something must be done: the hospitals are on track to give out $150 million more in free care this year than the pool can pay for, and $305 million in fiscal year 2005. The pool is funded mainly by surcharges on the hospital bills of people with insurance. The deficit figures include the projected impact of throwing 50,000 people off Medicaid in April, as is called for in the current state budget. As of Friday morning, the commission had not agreed on a report to be submitted to the Legislature.
- State Rep. Byron Rushing, D-Boston, was joined by a dozen other representatives as he announced he intends to stand for election as Speaker when the House votes on a new slate of officers on Jan. 1. Rushing and his supporters believe current Speaker Thomas Finneran is too capricious and autocratic, and that the people lose their power to influence policy as a result. Finneran he believes he has the overwhelming support of the membership, and said Rushing's leadership likely would be too liberal for difficult fiscal times. Rushing asked his colleagues and the public Thursday to sign his "Statement of Principles," which says members should have more power in deciding the course of legislation, and should not be punished for disagreeing with the speaker.

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Despite weather, 43 species found in Christmas Bird Count

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON

Every year the National Audubon Society sponsors the Christmas Bird Count (CBC), the first of which was held on Christmas Day in 1900. On that day, a few conservation-minded people led by Frank Chapman set in motion a new tradition of counting and recording all the birds they saw. This was to counteract the traditional Christmas sport known as the Side Hunt. The goal of that sport was for each team (or side) to kill as many birds and animals as possible in one day. Keeping the thrill of the chase while preserving the birds was an idea that caught on and still continues 103 years later.

The scope of the CBC expands every year. There are now more than 55,000 volunteers who spend one whole day between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5 looking for and counting every bird seen between dawn and dusk. The areas covered are in all 50 United States, all Canadian Provinces, and in an ever-expanding group of sites in Central and South America, the West Indies, Bermuda, and some Pacific Islands. Bird Studies Canada is a partner with the National Audubon Society for this event.

Specific count areas are set up as non-overlapping circles measuring 15 miles in diameter. Seven teams, one covering Hingham, count for the Quincy circle. This year Susan Shapiro, Charlie Nims and I were the Hingham team. This was the seventh year in a row that I have helped with the Christmas Bird Count. Last year's weather was wet and miserable, but this year's weather was wetter and more miserable. According to the Weather Service, Boston received a record 1.99 inches of rain on Dec. 14, the date chosen for the Quincy count. The previous record was 1.68 inches in 1953. The only good part was that it was not too cold.

The weather meant water ran down our eye glasses, our binoculars fogged up, our mittens and clothes got soggy, and our hair was as wet as if we had just stepped out of the shower. Despite these impediments, we found 43 species, three more than last year. The total for the whole circle was only 87, down from 102 last year. Usually we go to World's End first, because of the variety of habitats in one area. This year we decided to put that off until afternoon, in hopes the rain might let up by then. Although around noon it seemed to be slowing down, by the time we got to World's End it was pouring again.

Probably the most unusual birds we saw were four Snow Geese on the playing fields at Derby Academy. There were two adults and two juveniles mixed in with a flock of 198 Canada Geese. Frozen fresh water ponds and lack of visibility out to sea made it hard to find as many ducks as some years. Both Brant and the American Black Duck are now on the Watch List for the northeast, and certainly our numbers have been down the last two years. It is hard to know how much of this is due to weather and how much to declining populations. Back in 1996, we were still seeing as many as 70 Greater Scaup off World's End. We have found none since 1997.

Although we did find one Great Horned Owl at World's End, we saw no hawks this year, not even a Red-tailed Hawk. In fact, there were very few hawks or owls seen by any of the other teams.

We have seen Red-bellied Woodpeckers each of the past seven years, but this is the first year we saw more red-bellies than flickers. In fact we found no flickers this year. We saw about the usual number of Downy Woodpeckers.

In past years we have seen as many as 37 House Finches in Hingham, but last year we saw none, and this year the only one recorded for Hingham was the one at our feeder seen by my husband. There were only a total of seven for the whole of the Quincy circle. Speculation is that the eye disease (mycoplasma gallisepticum) that has affected House Finches in large numbers has taken its toll.

One of the things the compilers will be looking for this year is whether the increased incidence of West Nile Virus around the country has decreased the number of crows, jays and raptors. We saw 32 Blue Jays, the most we have seen in seven years, so our jays do not seem to be affected. We used to see as many as 100 or more crows, including Fish Crows, mostly at the landfill. Now that it has been capped, there were no crows there this year at all. It is hard to know if West Nile Virus is also a factor in the lower numbers of crows.

The rebuilding of the Fore River Bridge also affected our count. The Weymouth team usually designates people to count the thousands of starlings that fly in to roost under the bridge at night. Since the construction began, the starlings don't roost there any more. This may explain why we saw at least 1000 starlings flocking together on Leavitt Street as it was getting dark.

The total numbers of small birds was generally lower this year. If I were a small bird on such a wet day, I would be hiding in the shrubbery, too! We were pleased to find 10 Eastern Bluebirds at World's End and eight Field Sparrows at Bare Cove Park.

The annual Christmas Bird Count is a big event in many people's lives. Because of the friendly competition, it is a kind of sporting event. The "tally party" after the day's outing also provides sociability for the participants. The CBC is important, too, for the data it provides. Although there is debate about how sound the results are, it does provide a snapshot of what is out there during a two-week period in the winter. To track results as they come in, go to www.birdsource.com/cbc on the Web. For the Hingham tally, see the sidebar.

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HINGHAM TOTALS for the 2002 CBC

Common Loon (1)	Downy Woodpecker (9)
Horned Grebe (4)	Blue Jay (32)
Dbl.-crested Cormorant (1)	American Crow (16)
Great Blue Heron (1)	Black-capped Chickadee (23)
Snow Goose (4)	Tufted Titmouse (7)
Canada Goose (220)	White-breasted Nuthatch (3)
American Black Duck (63)	Carolina Wren (6)
Mallard (43)	Eastern Bluebird (10)
Common Eider (90)	American Robin (72))
Bufflehead (38)	Northern Mockingbird (7)
Common Goldeneye (23)	European Starling (1082)
Hooded Merganser (10)	Cedar Waxwing (6)
Red-breasted Merganser (23)	Yellow-rumped Warbler (19)
Ring-billed Gull (113)	American Tree Sparrow (12)
Herring Gull (38)	Field Sparrow (8)
Great Black-backed Gull (6)	Song Sparrow (9)
Rock Dove (34)	White-throated Sparrow (8)
Mourning Dove (4)	Dark-eyed Junco (57)
Great Horned Owl (1)	Northern Cardinal (10)
Belted Kingfisher (1)	House Finch (1)
Red-bellied Woodpecker (3)	American Goldfinch (8)
House Sparrow (1)	

So sue me!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

My nomination for the nice-try-but-no-cigar author of the year goes to — the envelope, please! — Carl T. Bogus, a professor at the Roger Williams University School of Law in Rhode Island, for his book, "Why Lawsuits Are Good for America."

Unfortunately, this was written in the same year that Dr. Gordon A. Saxe was so desperate to catch an Atlanta-to-Washington flight that he asked a Delta Airlines gate agent to hold the plane for him.

She refused, saying, "You better run if you want to catch it."

He did, then fell and tore his calf muscle, then sued Delta Airlines.

"It was the worse possible advice she could have given him," said his lawyer, Stephen Kaplan.

It was also the year that the owners of the building at 2 Times Square in New York City sued the maker of the film "Spider Man" for digitally changing a sign on the side of their building from "Samsung" to "USA Today" in their picture.

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Seems Samsung, the electronics company, is a competitor of Sony, which owns the movie studio.

And Susan Rockwell brought suit in federal court in Concord, N.H., against the Roman Catholic Church, claiming the church violated her right of free expression and religion by refusing to ordain women to the priesthood. She asked that the federal government revoke its tax exempt status.

The defendants, the diocese of Manchester and the archdiocese of Boston, were busy with other legal matters at the time.

It didn't happen in the States but it was close enough: Michael Croteau sued the New Brunswick, Canada, Amateur Hockey Association for $300,000 claiming his son, Steven, 16, was "psychologically damaged" when someone else was chosen as the league's most valuable player.

Edward Law of Orlando, Fla., a paraplegic, sued the Wildlife Adult Sports Cabaret in West Palm Beach on grounds that a private section of the club reserved for men who desired a nude lap dance was not accessible to his wheelchair.

There must be something to this nude lap dancing business because the General Accounting Office discovered that Army personnel with authorized government credit cards had spent $38,000 at strip clubs near military bases on "lap dancing and other forms of entertainment."

Harvey Taylor, who was wanted in Florida as a convicted sex offender, was only thinking about suing but he was given as good a chance as anyone.

Seems he was on the lam when he was confronted by a detective in Mattawamkeag, Maine. He escaped, fled into the woods and promptly got lost. After three nights in the Maine woods in February he also lost two toes to frostbite. He was considering a suit against the Maine police.

"If the detective had done his job, I wouldn't be here now," he said from his bed in St. Joseph's Hospital.

There was also talk of a possible suit among parents against the city of Powey, Calif., if Rita Wilson, the vice principal of Rancho Bernardo High School, was not fired. She was the one who went around lifting the skirts of teen-aged girls at a dance to see if they were wearing thong underwear, a school taboo.

The suit hasn't been filed yet but ...

Researchers found the remains of a Japanese mini-submarine that had been sunk by an American destroyer outside Pearl Harbor at 6:45 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941, an hour and ten minutes before the Japanese planes attacked the naval base.

"The finding provides evidence that it was the Americans who made the first shot which means the war had already started even before Japan's air attack on Pearl Harbor," said Takehiko Shibata, a Japanese historian.

The Japanese didn't start World War II, we did! Think of what a good lawyer could do with that one!

Taking small steps into your family history

TIMELINES

JACK MURRAY

Last month in "Timelines," we touched lightly on the relationship of time to the events that took place in the history of our families. This is a subject we can't afford to take lightly — it is pivotal as we gather information about our ancestors.

Like many, we assumed that we knew when milestones had been reached about our ancestors "because Uncle Joe and Aunt Gertrude told me it was so". They call these bits of family information "traditions" or "oral history." Over time, and for many reasons, these snippets of the family history become creative "yarns" about the exploits of colorful relatives of the past. In some cases, creative history gives way to fact.

A case in point was the dilemma of the "Timelines Family," who gathered material through their research and were planning to write the "Timelines Family History" so they hired a biographer to write the story. But there was a problem. What do we do about Great Uncle Horace, who had an unseemly past that tarnished the family image. It seemed best to leave him out, but after many discussions it was decided that even though Great Uncle Horace — who had been convicted, served time and was eventually executed in the electric chair — was still part of the family and somehow he should be included in the story. The biographer assured the family not to be concerned because "with careful presentation, we will show Great Uncle Horace in a most favorable light."

When the book was finished the reference to Great Uncle Horace stated that, "Horace's life had a great impact on the community. For most of his life, he was associated with a large federal institution where he had the opportunity to review many court decisions. After many years of service, Horace died sitting in his chair. His death came as a great shock."

The story about Great Uncle Horace Timelines, of course is fictitious, but it brings up a good point about excluding some unfortunate instances in your family history. Go for it, but be sensitive to the feelings of your family.

When I was compiling my family history, I experienced some valid reasons for excluding some data about a family member. There was the instance when a daughter (in her early 20s, with special needs), was living at home with her divorced mother. Assurances were very important to her; she worried that her mother might not be living to take care of her. Knowing her daughters' concern, her mother asked me not to put her true retired age in the Family History Charts that her daughter might see. (Of course this did not appear in the published segments of that family history, although it had to be noted correctly in my records in my computer data base).

There will be instances and circumstances that may make it difficult to gather information about family members and ancestors. It may be circumstances about a divorce, an adoption, or a falling-out between family members. These and other situations that you will experience have to be handled *carefully*.

Last month in the Timelines session, I did not completely explain the concept of developing a reference called a Timeline. It is that step in your research when you bring together the "time" of an event and the "place" where that event occurred. For every event in your life and in the lives of your ancestors, someone, somewhere recorded that event. It could have been a birth, a marriage, a death, a graduation, a promotion, a divorce and a zillion other connections to each of us. All we have to do is find that record in a depository — but which one? How do I know that the record I am looking for covers the "time" when my ancestors event took place. Let me tell you about the significance of Timelines.

Many times when I meet people in a classroom or on the street, the subject of genealogy finds its way into the conversation. I hear the same lament, "I wouldn't know where to start" or "How I wish I had talked to my parents about our family but the subject never came up

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THE TIMELINES *FAMILY GROUP RECORD* -- No 5

Ancestor (Head of Family Group) Frederick C. Timelines

Child of Frederick C. Sr and Mary Elizabeth Dickinson ( )

Date Born 18Feb1891 at Newark, NJ Baptized

Date Died 3Sep1975 at Stuart, Fla Buried Fairmount Cem. - Newark, NJ

Date Married 30July1918 at E.Orange, NJ By

IF MORE THAN ONE MARRIAGE, Make a separate Family Group Record for marriage and children.

Spouse of Ancestor Helen S. Canfield (Multiple spouses? Yes No)

Child of Harry S. and Lillian Coburn ( )

Date Born 8Apr1896 at Boston, Ma Baptized

Date Died 20Aug1949 at Pt.Pleasant, NJ Buried Fairmount Cem.- Newark, NJ

#	SEX M/F	CHILDREN IN ORDER OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH - TOWN, STATE, COUNTRY	WHEN BORN & DIED MONTH - DAY - YEAR	MARRIAGE (FIRST HUSBAND OR WIFE) (LIST ADDITIONAL MARRIAGES ON REVERSE SIDE	# CHILDREN
1		Helen Ruth	b 30Sep1922	TO Charles Morton	
			d	DATE 8Nov1941 - E Orange, NJ	
2		Mary Elizabeth	b 3Apr1929	TO Walter Kildare	
			d	DATE 26Apr1952 - Glen Ridge, NJ	
3			b	TO	
			d	DATE	
4			b	TO	
			d	DATE	
5			b	TO	
			d	DATE	
6			b	TO	
			d	DATE	
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Taking small steps into your family history

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and now the older generations are not here to tell me all the things that I really want to know."

This same scenario took place last Saturday at our local copy center. When I paid for my copies, the store manager noticed the Genealogy Charts and said "I wish I could find the history of my family". (As an example that might be helpful to you, let me tell you how I told him about Timelines.)

"It is not unusual for someone in their enthusiasm, to jump into a frantic and sometimes disappointing experience when they start their search. So let's start from the beginning:

Plan to gather, from information you now have either in your mind or through help harm your family members, as much information as you can about your family, as far back as you can remember. Don't be too concerned if you cannot remember very much.

Do this *at home* — not at a library or archive or on the Internet. Don't jump on a plane for France or Italy — you are not ready to go there just yet.

If confusion has set in, don't be alarmed. You are going to end up with notes on scraps of paper, quick telephone conversations scribbled in eligible hand writing in notebooks and on cards.

At the very least you now have some information about your immediate family, meager as it may be, which includes some facts about yourself, your spouse, your children and your parents.

This is a pretty good base upon which to build, but it has to be *organized*. These are the players we will work with first as a Family Group.

Now start by recording all this family information on a FAMILY GROUP RECORD.

There is a structure of standard forms that most genealogists suggest using to organize your findings. They clearly display the bits and pieces of information you will collect about your family. There will be four such forms that we will use in the Timelines Series: a Family Group Record, a Pedigree Work Sheet, Ancestral Record, and a Research Log. To help you get started with your own family history, you may find these forms at your local stationary store or you can order them with an Instructional Guide from "Timelines." (Information on how to order this material will appear at the end of this month's issue of Timelines).

The Family Group Record becomes a picture of your family structure, as you know it - or think you know it. At various periods in time, as you add newly-discovered facts about your family to the Family Group Record, you will recognize the *need to make plans* to find missing information.

(If you have advanced in your research to the point where you are using a Genealogy Software Program on your computer, you will recognize that the Family Group Record, while a manual record, provides the information in the same sequence as it will appear on the computer program-printed format. It becomes a logical input document. We will discuss computers later on in the series).

How and where do I find the missing information to complete the Family Group Record?

If you can estimate when any of the missing events took place, you are in a good position to set up a plan for research. There are logical places to look for events that took place at various periods in time. But where do I go to find them ?

This is the story of Frederick C. Timelines, as he started to find his family history:

When Frederick C. Timelines thought about searching for this family history, he realized that he should start with what he could recollect about being a part of the "Timelines Family." (this is a true family although the real name has been changed). Fred, as we will call him, will tell us of the steps he took to find his ancestors. He had been told that the family originally came from The Cape of The Hague in Normandy, and an ancestor had entered America in 1639, nine years after the colonial town of Boston was founded.

It was Fred's mission to trace the Timelines Family back through time, partly to know them, and also to verify all those stories that had come down through the generations—called traditions

So let Fred tell his own story: starting with his immediate family, he recorded what he knew could become a base far future research. He was surprised to find that there were some pieces of information that needed be verified and others that needed to be added to this first record of the research project.

From family discussions, telephone calls and contact with distant family members (there were not too many from prior generations still available), he built the first Family Group Record—the immediate family of Frederick C. Timelines.

Actually, Fred did more than just build the initial record of his search, he had established links to the prior generations on both sides of the family, the Timelines and the Canfields.

The following Family Group Record is the one that Fred developed:

According to plan, Fred searched only one family, the Timelines. If you will notice, that first record shows the parents of both Fred and his wife, Helen S. Canfield, their children and in this case, their spouses. Notice where each of the family members were born and married; these are important clues for research, that will develop Family Group Records for the prior generation.

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If you have questions about this article or need direction with family search send your questions in a stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope to me.

To receive instructional information including copies of forms and charts for you to use as you follow the Timelines Family History Series, please mail check $4.95 which includes pre-paid shipping and handling charges to Jack Murray Timelines P.O. Box 93, Marshfield Hills, 02051. E-mail silverfox1@eros.com

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OBITUARIES

Nicholas G. Cockinos

Nicholas G. Cockinos, age 75, of Norwell, formerly of Hingham, died on Saturday, Dec. 21st at his home. Mr. Cockinos was born in Dorchester and graduated from Dorchester High School, Northeastern University and Burdett College. He served with the United States Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific Theatre. Mr. Cockinos was a Hingham resident from 1968 until 1995 when he moved to Norwell.

He was dedicated to the civic affairs of the Town of Hingham and his efforts were wide-ranging including; Chairman of the Hingham Harbor Development Committee, Assistant Harbormaster of Hingham, served on the Back River Committee of Hingham and Weymouth, and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Lincoln Sailing Center where he was chairman of Lincoln 100, a fund-raising group. He served on the 350th Town of Hingham Anniversary Committee, was a member of the 100 Club of Massachusetts, was an honorary Deputy Sheriff of Plymouth County and a Corporator of the South Weymouth Savings Bank and a member of American Legion Post # 324. He was also an active Mason for over 50 years, belonging to Old Colony Lodge of Hingham where he was founder and co-chairman for the annual spring Hingham Harbor Clean-up sponsored by the lodge. He was a member of Aleppo Temple in Wilmington, MA as well as president of the Adjutants, an affiliation of the Shriners. He was a recipient of the Joseph Warren Medal for Distinguished Community Service, a prestigious Masonic award. Mr. Cockinos served as president of St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Quincy andserved for many years of the Boards of Trustees for St. Catherines and the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England. This year he received the "Good Scout" Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Professionally, Mr. Cockinos was an insurance broker, who began his career as an agent with the Robert B. Pitcher Agency in Boston and was former president of the Boston Association of Life Underwriters. He was a member of the Boston Estate and Planning Council, the Plymouth County Estate and Planning Council, the Massachusetts Life Underwriters Association and the National Life Underwriters Association.

For almost 40 years, he specialized in estate planning, designing pension and profit sharing plans, fringe benefit programs, disability income, deferred compensation plans and creative underwriting concerning impaired risks.

Mr. Cockinos leaves is wife, Irene (Coutlis) Cockinos, his daughter, Ginny M. Cubellis and her husband Len all of Norwell. He was the grandfather of Marina and Christopher Cubellis of Norwell and brother of Connie Cockinos of West Palm Beach, Fla.

A funeral service will be conducted on Friday, Dec. 27 at 11 a.m. at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Visiting hours at the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, 21 Pond St., Hingham on Thursday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. A prayer service will be held at the Downing Chapel on Thursday evening at 7:30 PM by the Rev. John Maheras.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hellenic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 601 Sherman St., Canton, MA 02021 or to the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund.

The interment will be in the High Street Cemetery, Hingham.

Bruce E. Sebell

Bruce Sebell, age 51, devoted father of Jennifer, and beloved husband of Jeanne (Fradette) Sebell died at his home in Scituate, on Dec. 6, 2002, following a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Bruce began his 30 year career in the High Tech Industry while serving in the US Navy, from 1971 to 1974. He went on to hold IT positions in numerous Boston area companies including: Emplanet, Inc., Thomson Financial, Sybase Corp., IBM/Lotus and Compugraphics. Bruce also developed and marketed a customized software package for the boarding Kennel Industry, and ran his own software consulting firm, Sebell Software Systems, Inc.

Bruce was an accomplished sailor and gourmet cook. He enjoyed home remodeling projects and gardening. Travel was also one of Bruce's favorite pastimes. He and his wife Jeanne enjoyed several month long trips to Alaska, Norway, England, Ireland and Hawaii, as well as frequent getaway weekends to New England country inns and bed and breakfasts.

Bruce loved the outdoors - sailing in Buzzards Bay, hiking and cross-country skiing in the White Mountains of New Hampshire or taking long walks along Nantasket Beach or at World's End.

In recent years, Bruce had been enjoying the many rewards and challenges of fatherhood - a delightful surprise after nearly 25 years of marriage.

A funeral service in Bruce's memory was held at the Cushing Center in Norwell on Dec. 9, 2002.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to: The Bruce Sebell Humanitarian Fund, Orchard Cove, 245 Del Pond Dr., Canton, MA 02021 or Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Dr., Braintree, MA 02185-9060

Elizabeth M. Charubini

Elizabeth M. (Stover) Charubini, age 72, a resident of Hull for 52 years, died Dec. 8, 2002 at her daughter's home in Hull following a brief illness.

Born in Cohasset, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Lillian (Rooney) Stover. She attended Cohasset schools and worked as a baker in food service for the Town of Hull for 32 years and at Hull High School 25 years.

Mrs. Charubini loved square dancing and bowling.

She was the wife of the late David J. Charubini; and leaves her four sons, David, Peter, Robert and James Charubini, and her daughter, Ann LaRosa, all of Hull; and her four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Ann's Church in Hull, the Rev. William Williams officiating. Interment will be in Hull Village Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mrs. Charubini's memory to Beacon Hospice, 529 Main St., Charlestown 02129.

CPC seeks applications

Anyone wishing to petition the Cohasset Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for a funding recommendation at the March 2003 Town Meeting *must* submit an initial application to the committee no later than Dec. 31. Please note that the CPC may only recommend to Town Meeting those projects that involve the acquisition and preservation of open space, historical preservation and/or promote low to moderate income housing.

Qualifying applicants will be asked to make formal presentations to the CPC during January and February 2003.

Copies of the application may be obtained at the Town Hall or by calling the committee Chairman, Stuart Ivimey at 383-2604.

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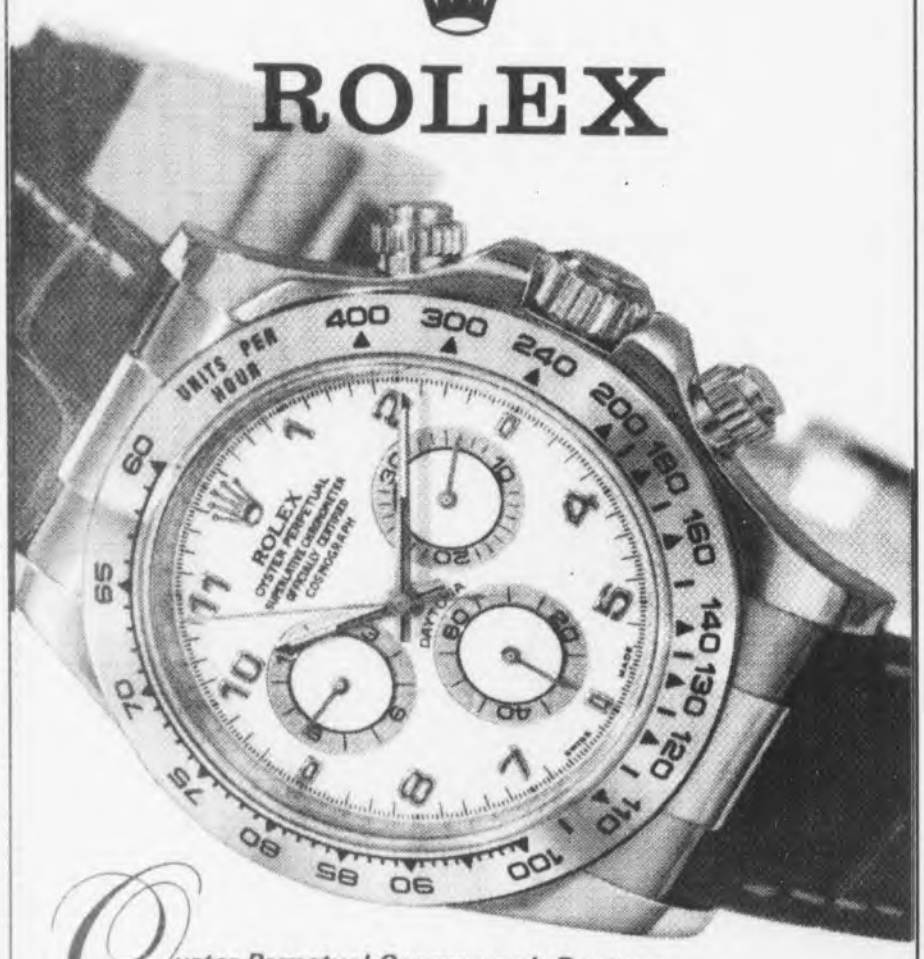

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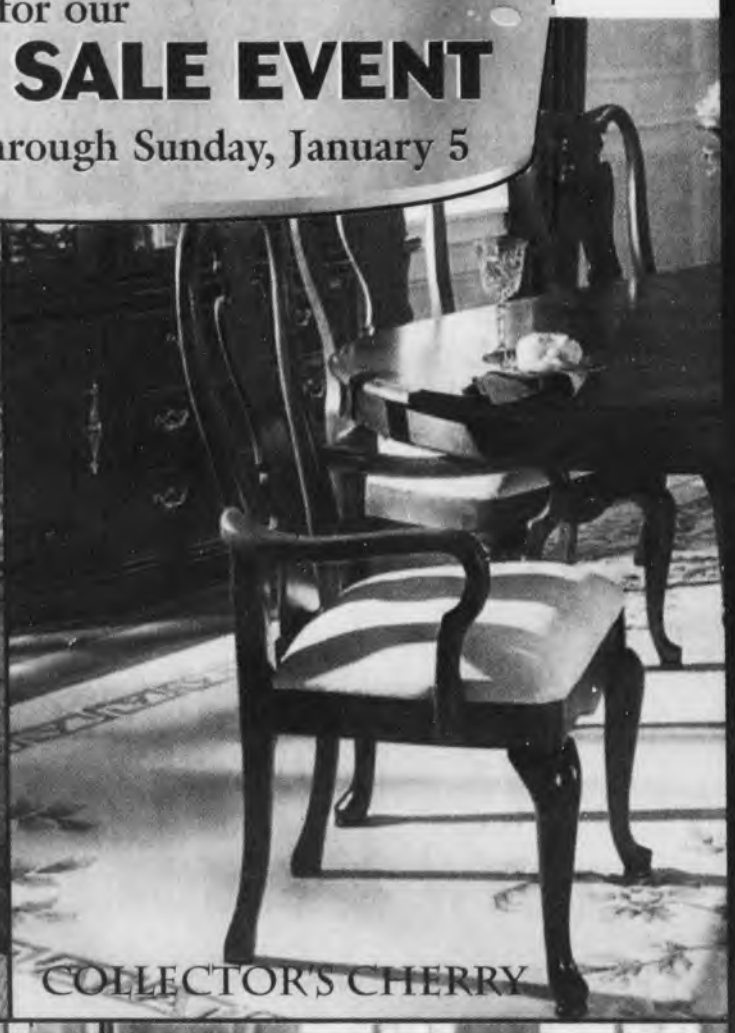
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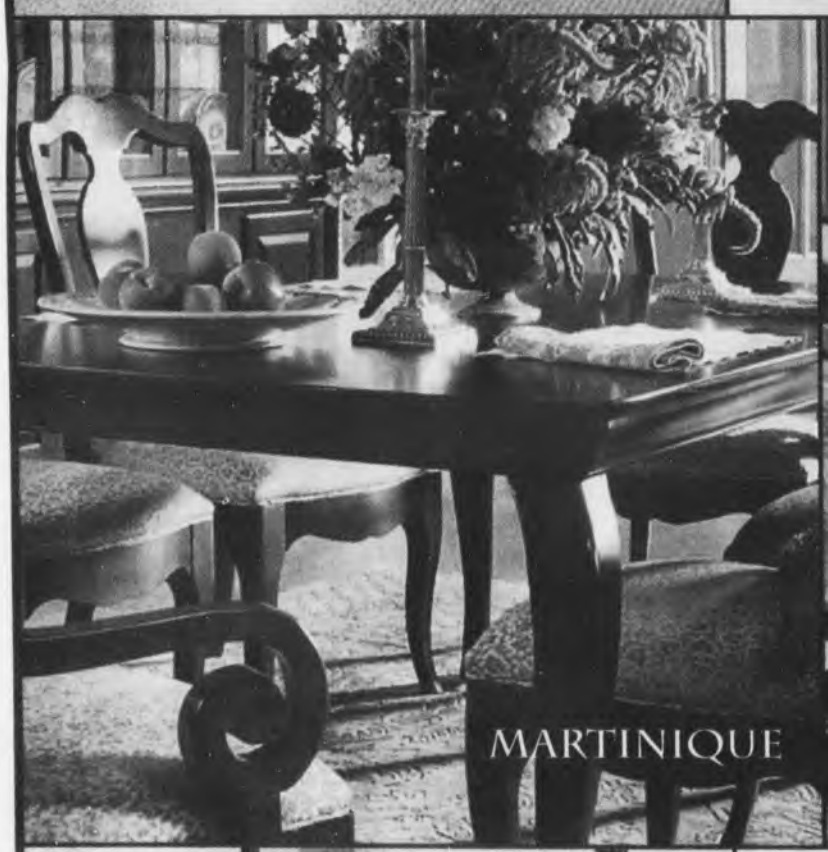
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On the South Shore
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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset hockey captain Tom Anderson (#2) has been a force at both forward and defense for the Skippers through the early going.

An uplifting loss

Cohasset skaters take plenty of positives from

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High hockey team is off to an 0-2 start and optimism couldn't be much higher.

That probably needs a further explanation.

The two opening season losses came at the hands of Scituate and defending South Sectional champion Blue Hills, the number 2 and 6 ranked Div. 3 teams in Eastern Mass (according to Hockey Night in Boston), respectively, and the allegedly rebuilding Skippers showed in both games they could hang in there with both purported contenders.

"I think we can take positives out of both games," asserted first year Cohasset coach John Blake, following Wednesday's 3-2 loss to Blue Hills. "We stuck right with both teams pretty well, and I didn't think we were overwhelmed or intimidated at all."

The best thing about these losses is that neither were in South Shore League play. And, in point of fact, the two performances raised the confidence level dramatically heading into that SSL phase of the schedule, as Blue Hills beat both Norwell and Abington/East Bridgewater, the two teams considered the favorites to dethrone the Skippers for the SSL crown this year, in preseason play. Scituate also beat Norwell this past Wednesday, 6-3, four days after it beat Cohasset by a 5-3 score.

"I'd say all of the signs bode pretty well for us as far as competing in the South Shore League goes," said Blake, who was told he faced a considerable rebuilding project this winter in taking over the Cohasset High program from Dennis Walsh. "There's no

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Turnabout is fair play

Cohasset wrestlers avenge three straight losses to B.C. High

By Mike Spellman
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Turnabout is fair play and payback is a … well, you know.

The Cohasset High wrestling team collected its pound of flesh against B.C. High on Wednesday, a pin by senior captain Terry Baroudi in the final match clinching things for the host Skippers, 39-30.

This was the fourth year in a row the annual meeting between the Eagles and Skippers came come down to the final match, but it was the Eagles who prevailed in each of the previous three.

"Wow, that was a big one," said veteran Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. "That's a great early season win that will hopefully help us get a little momentum going into our league season."

Baroudi, who finished fifth at last year's state meet, was actually trailing B.C.High's John Cotter in the second period, 3-0, when he pulled a reversal on him for two points, and then, after approximately a minute of struggling on top of him, finally managed to get the second shoulder down with 45 seconds left in the period, securing the final six points of the match. It was a 33-30 match heading into the final bout, so a win on points by Cotter would have left the match a tie and a pin or Tech win by him would have won it for the Eagles.

"It felt good to get that win, and I'm glad I was in a position to clinch it," said Baroudi, a team captain who is now 7-0 on the season after winning all three of his matches at a quad meet at Dedham High on Saturday.

The B.C. High match got off to a promising start for the hosts with Matt Casey (145 pounds) and Chris McKenna (152) each slapping a pin on their respective counterparts to put the Skippers out in front, 12-0.

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One step forward, two steps back

Two losses in a row leaves lady hoopsters under .500

By Mike Spellman
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A season of promise didn't start quite the way it was hoped, as the Cohasset High girls basketball team lost two of its first three games.

The Lady Skippers opened with the lambasting of a rebuilding Avon team in the first round of the annual South Shore Voc Tech Tourney on Wednesday, 71-17, but followed that up with lopsided losses at the hands of South Shore League power Norwell on Friday and Holbrook in the championship game at South Shore Voc on Saturday.

In the single win over Avon, Cohasset was paced offensively by sophomore Casey Anderson (by 14 points, 15 rebounds) and senior La'Raine Langford (13 points, seven steals).

The high of that outing was dashed 48 hours later, as the Lady Skippers ran into the powerhouse Lady Clippers (finalists and semifinalists in the state sectionals the last two seasons, respectively) and their star, 5-foot-10 Sarah Cox, a legitimate Div. 1 college prospect.

Cox led the way in the 62-39 win with 24 points, despite playing short minutes in the second half.

For Cohasset, juniors Ashley Faber and Danielle Pinkus had 10 points apiece.

That loss was hardly a surprise, but the Lady Skippers visions of making it to the state tourney took a palpable hit 24 hours later when they fell in the South Shore Voc championship game to Holbrook, 57-37.

"We just came out so flat," said Cohasset assistant coach Deb Beal, who actually felt her team had a better than even chance of winning the game after scouting Holbrook on Wednesday. "I don't know if it was because the girls had already started the (Christmas) vacation mentally, or because we'd been thumped by Norwell the night before, but we just didn't come to play."

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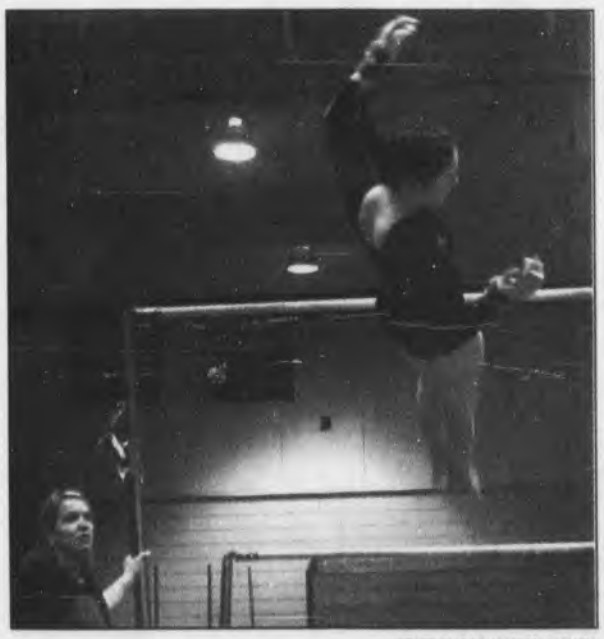
Ben Lynner, a senior captain, looks primed to have a huge season. He's in great shape, and his assortment of moves off up fakes summons back visions of Kevin McHale.



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Cohasset's Meredith Bixby has been the top scorer to date for the Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team.

Two out of three ain't bad

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team began their Pilgrim Conference 2 title defense winning two of its first three matches, sandwiching a disappointing loss to Marshfield between a non-league win over Notre Dame Academy and a league win over Randolph.

The seasoning opening 129.75-122.9 win over Notre Dame in last Tuesday's season opener was extremely encouraging to coach Kara Connerty. Her PC2 championship squad of last year topped out at 132 points, and that was with now departed Kristin Sheerin (who graduated this spring with every Cohasset High gymnastics record) leading the way.

Meredith Bixby emerged from the shadow of Sheerin to start her senior year, winning three of four events and taking a second in the other to easily win the all-around competition with a score of 34.95.

Bixby, who has been the second of two all-around performers with the C-N squad since her freshman year, took first places in the vault (8.9), balance beam (8.5) and uneven bars (8.6). Her best score actually came in the floor exercise (8.95), but she was edged out here by Notre Dame all-around standout Nicolette Highland (9.1).

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Norwell hoopsters earn r-e-s-p-e-c-t

Cohasset boys the first of many victims for powerhouse Clippers

By Mike Spellman
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Note to Boston Globe Schoolboys Sports Editor and Correspondent Jason Dunbar: that's "Norwell", N-O-R-W-E-L-L. You know, the town just to the south of Hingham. We know you know where that is.

The Norwell boys basketball certainly looked like a team that deserved at least a mention in the Globe's Div. 3/4 Eastern Mass preview in Friday night's season opening 74-38 win over Cohasset.

Of course, the showing didn't surprise anyone in these parts – not with the Clippers returning six of the top eight players, including future Div. 1 collegiate hoopster Gerry Corcoran, from last year's team that went 20-2, earned the top seed in Div. 3 south and reached the semifinals.

"Norwell is a great team; they're better than a very good team," said Cohasset coach Ron Ford, who could do little else but smile after watching his team get absolutely taken apart. "With Gerry Corcoran passing

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Norwell hoopsters earn r-e-s-p-e-c-t

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the ball like he was tonight, that is just a dangerous team that you've got to figure can beat just about anyone."

Apparently, the folks up there on Morrissey Boulevahd don't see things quite that way.

Indeed, Corcoran, a senior who is being actively recruited by D1 programs, showed a new dimension in Friday night's opener. The 6-foot-5 swingman has always been a very good passer, but he became a true playmaker in game one of his final high school season.

With a game high 25 points, Corcoran raised his career scoring total to 1,622 points, keeping him on a pace to absolutely obliterate Norwell High's all time scoring record of 1,800 points. He scored in every conceivable manner — draining treys, taking it strong, drawing fouls and cleaning up at the line — but it was his passing that had everyone buzzing after the game.

He finished the game with eight assists (along with eight boards), but had at least that many truly scintillating passes to teammates. He was on the front end of the play that still has everyone talking, an underhand alley-oop pass to teammate Craig Sutherland (eight points) in transition for a monster slam dunk.

More impressive from a true basketball sense, though, was the way Gerry was hitting teammates off set plays just as they came off picks with perfectly threaded passes, and more impressive still was the way he was improvising off the dribble to find the open man.

"Gerry played a complete game tonight," lauded Norwell coach John Willis. "When he finds the open man, and plays defense like that and hits the boards, he takes us to a new level as a team."

Some would even a scary level.

Norwell christened Cohasset's beautiful new Everett Dorr Gym by jumping out to an 11-0 lead, surprising the host Skippers with a press to open the game, and then riding the hot hand of junior center Marc Bowman (10 points, including eight of the Clippers first 15).

"To be honest, I was a little worried about the way we'd come out to start, this being the first game and all, but we came out with a lot of energy," said coach Willis. "The guys ran the press well, and we did a nice job of taking advantage of our opportunities. That was a great start for Marc (Bowman). We want him to shoot more, and he took what was there tonight."

Cohasset finally got on the board 5:10 into the opening half, but Norwell kept rolling, a Corcoran three from the top of the key stretching the lead to 26-5 with 6:50 to go in the half.

John Andrade and Ben Lynner helped spark a 13-2 run for the Skippers from this point, though, to cut the deficit to 10 at 28-18 with three minutes to play in half, but the Clippers closed with a 8-3 run to get the lead back to 15 at the break, Corcoran hitting four-for-four from the line during the closing stretch and dishing out a pair of pretty assists.

"Cohasset is a hard working, well coached team, and I wasn't surprised to see them battle back," said Willis. "I also think our guys were charged up first game out, and I think maybe they expended a little bit too much energy to start.

"But we did what good teams are supposed to do. We closed the half strong; we got the lead back to 15 and we got back the momentum."

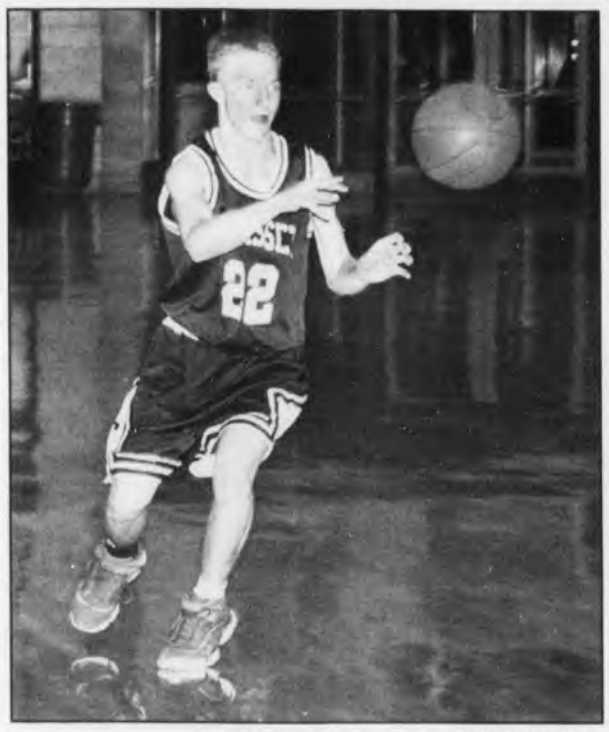
And this time the momentum kept going, and going and going…

The Clippers lead reached 26 before the second half was four minutes old and 33 less than four minutes after that.

Junior point guard John Mohan (14 points, seven assists), arguably the second best player in the SSL, had 10 points during this extremely impressive 28-11 run, Corcoran nine, with both stars also adding a pair of assists.

This run also ushered an extended period of garbage time.

"There aren't many teams that are going to stick with Norwell, especially when they're clicking on all cylinders like that," conceded Ford, whose Skippers team improved to 1-2 with a win over South Shore Voc in that school's holiday tourney on Saturday. "I like our team, though. We're young in some areas, but we're coming together. I think we're going to be a lot better down the road."



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Senior Jared Krupczak was the Skippers lone selectee for the South Shore Voc Tourney all-star team.

It is clear that top returning scorer Chris Bilodeau is still not all the way back from the broken arm he suffered during the football season.

Bilodeau, a gifted junior athlete and all-around hoopster, looked good on the floor in every aspect of the game Friday, save for finishing. He ended up with seven points, but missed several shots that seemed like virtual automatics last season.

"Once Chris gets back to where he was last year, I think we'll be a different team," said Ford.

Junior John Andrade (seven points) had a very solid game at both ends, running the offense well from the point guard spot and playing aggressive defense on the perimeter.

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The boys improved to 1-2 with a 63-22 win over South Shore Voc Tech in the consolation game of that school's annual holiday tourney on Saturday. Cohasset lost in the opening round on Tuesday to Avon, who lost in the championship game to Holbrook on Saturday.

Chris Bilodeau led the Skippers in scoring with 14 points, while Scott Faber chipped in with nine points and Dan Tarpey with eight.

Senior point guard Jared Krupczak, who played excellent defense and did a solid job of running the offense, was named the Skippers All-Star for the tourney.

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The next night, Saturday, Dec. 28, Cohasset High will host three games. At 4:15, the games 1 and 2 winners will face off. At 6 p.m., it's the game 3 winner vs. the game 1 loser. At 7:45, the losers from games 2 and 3 play.

Hoop Notes

Skippers earn first win

The Skippers were plagued by foul trouble most of the night to their top two inside players — Sean Connolly and Ben Lynner (team high 12 points). Scott Faber (six points), Ross Lieb-Lappen (two points, eight rebounds) and Dan Tarpey did a nice job filling in, but none of the three has the offensive polish or experience of the starters.

Lynner, a senior captain, looks primed to have a huge season. He's in great shape, and his assortment of moves off up fakes summons back visions of Kevin McHale.

MAXLAX REPORT

Game of the Week: Bears top Blades, 15-13

This game earned the GOW distinction not so much because of the "greatness of the competition", but more so because it showcased the greatness of the competitive spirit with a team's "never say die" attitude that were in themselves, a reason to be honored.

In the "don't judge a book by it's cover" department, this game had all the makings of a "snoozer" as the BEARS put on a superb 1st half show that left the BLADES gasping for air and down 9 - 1 at the end of the first. The Bears juggernaut was led by Mike Griffin with 4 goals, Jimmy Baggott with 2 scores, and then individual tallies by Jay Dupras, Colton Dwyer, and Andrew Johnson, with the lone Blades score coming on a last second shot from the point by Matt Burgess. While lacrosse is often defined by it's fast paced scoring, an 8 point deficit against a team that is playing well, is a BIG hole to be put in and no one would have blamed the Blades for "losing a little steam" going into the second half. To make matters worse, the Bears opened up the 2nd half the same way they ended it, by scoring two more goals in the first 3 minutes to take increase the lead to11 - 1. But as this Blades team has proven time and time again, they are the new age "comeback kids" and boy, were they about to earn this title in spades.

The Blades came out of hibernation after a fan rousing check by PJ McCaw that stopped one of the Bears cold in his tracks, and which forced a loose ball that Mike Grimm scooped up and then quickly found Justin Connors alone on the crease to finish it off with a nice move around a pursuing Bears goalie. Connors was again in the right place at the right time a few minutes later as he lit it up on a nice inside roll dodge. Connors then returned the favor to teammate Alex Shipp, who got in the clear up top on a nice slide move and put in one of his own. Sam DeGiacomo put a bruising hit on a Bears defenseman who was trying to clear the ball and then scooped and fired in what seemed to be a single fluid motion and all of sudden, the game was on. The Bears managed another score on a perfect pass play from Jake Minevitz to Baggott to stop the bleeding, but the Blades train was already steaming full speed down the tracks as McCaw took possession on the next two face-offs and quickly lit the lights twice in the course of 30 seconds.

Chris Rose then added some additional fuel to the fire with a solo tally followed by another Burgess rifle shot and one more from Shipp - both aided by division assist leader Chris Mills who made sharp passes through traffic to set up the goals. As the fans looked up at the scoreboard, more than a few thought that it had malfunctioned, but the score now stood at Bears 12 - Blades 10 and there was still more to come.

By this time, the Bears were getting over their shock and decided that they had seen enough and took back a 4 goal advantage on a penalty goal from Johnson and another by Baggott to once again put them in a "comfortable" position with only a few minutes left on the clock. But this was the last game of the season and a chance for the playoffs were on the line; so the Blades did what they always do, cranked it up one more notch and let it fly.

The result was a fitting 3 goal effort, 2 more by McCaw and one by Grimm, that while not enough to pull out a victory (as the Bears Minevitz iced it in the last few seconds), it was certainly enough to prompt some spirited exchanges and high fives and certainly gave them something to "draw on" the next time they get down "a few".

PLAYER of the GAME: BLADES - PJ McCAW - solid offense with a 4G effort and some key defensive plays that kept his team in it to the end.

Here's the rest of the MaxLax action:

U14

Talons 15- Sears 5g, Z. Gray 2g/3a, Cooney 1g/1a, Brigham 2g, Stella 2g/1a, Ferris 2g

Sharks 10- Donovan 1g, Rice 4g/3a, Gormley 2g/1a, Twomey 1g, Armstrong 1g, Milliken 1g

Beavers 19- Galvin 5g, Whalen 2g, Robertson 2g, Hill 3g, Tarquini 1g, Bragan 2g/1a, Dunn 1g

Panthers 5- George 1g, Powers 1g, Thompson 1g, Long 1g, Flemming 1g

Bears 15- Griffin 4g/1a, Johnson 2g,, Minevitz 1g/1a, Baggott 5g, Dupras 1g, Schmitt 1g, Dwyer 1g

Blades 13- Burgess 2g, Grimm 1g, Mccaw 4g, Degiacomo 1g, Connors, 2g/1a, Shipp 2g/1a, Rose 1g, Mills 3a,

U12

Hawks 9- Davis 4g/1a, W. Lynner 1g/1a, A. Lynner 1g/1a, Wade 1g, Froio 1g, Forrer 1g

Jackals 4- Ast 1g, Cyr 1g, O'Neill 2g

Lions 13- Diggin 3g, Lydon 4g/1a, Dalton 5g, Dillon 1g, Owen 1g

Blazers 3- Kearney 2g, Smith 1g

Spartans 18- Reynolds 9g, Sperandio 1g/3a, Kaz 3g/1a,Crowley 1g

Cougars 5- Driscoll 1g,Walsh 3g/1a, Wise 1g

U10

Lazers 12- Robertshaw 3g, Clark 2g, Milton 2g, Russell 1g, Virtue 1g, Contento 1g, Entwistle 1g, Meehan 1g

Hornets 2- M. Mcanary 1g, Wood 1g

Cannons 8- Kinnealey 2g, Wasel 2g, Routhier 1g, Kearney 1g, Ernst 1g, Carrier 1g

Mavericks 4- Noyce 3g,Casey 1g

Lazers 12- Robertshaw 2g, Clark 1g, Schorle 1g, Russell 3g, Powers 1g,Virtue 1g, Contento 1g, Meehan 1g, Harrington 1g

Bullets 2- Hill 1g, Doherty 1g

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Date Opponent JV V

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec.
28 at Nantucket 1:15 2:45
30 Wayland 4:00 5:30

Jan.
3 Mashpee 5:00 6:30
Coaches: *Varsity*, Ellen Carr
J.V., Deb Beal
Home site: Sullivan Gym

WRESTLING

Jan.
4 at Whit.-Hans.Tourn. 9:30 a.m.
Coaches: Torin Sweeney, Peter Buckley

BOYS BASKETBALL

27 Wayland at Cohasset Holiday Classic 7:45 p.m.
28Cohasset Holiday Classic Scituate or Avon

Jan.
3 at Mashpee 5 p.m.6:30 p.m.
Home Site: Sullivan Gym
Coaches: *Varsity*, Ron Ford
J.V. Tim Owens
Assistants: Brian Pattison & Dorian Bryant

ICE HOCKEY

26 at Bourne Trny.6 p.m. Gallo
27 at Bourne Trny.6 or 8p. Gallo

Jan.
4 Norwell 7:20 p.m. Pilgrim
Head Coach: John Blake
Assistant Coach: Brendan Sweeney
Home Site: Pilgrim Arena, Hingham

COED SWIMMING

COHASSET — SCITUATE

Jan.
3 N. Attleboro Hockom.4 p.m.
Coach: Jamie Kearney

GYMNASTICS

COHASSET — SCITUATE

Jan.
6 at Hanover 7:30 p.m.
Coach: Kara Connerty
Home Site: S.S. Community Center

Cohasset defenseman Mike Devine (#9) is one of a handful of returning regulars who are carrying a huge load right now on the ice.

An uplifting loss

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reason based on anything we've seen to believe we won't be right in the thick of things in the league."

The Skippers lost 10 players to graduation or transfer — all contributors, four of them league all-stars — but their three returning all-stars, senior tri-captains Matt Davis, Tom Anderson and John Durkin, have stepped up huge in the early going to shoulder much bigger loads. This, along with some strong play from returning varsity veterans Mike Devine, Ted Straughn and Mike Rasmussen, and some solid contributions from a few of the younger newcomers, have helped keep the Skippers respectable in these games against alleged powers.

Durkin scored the fourth goal on the season for the Skippers and himself to tie the game at 1-1 late in the first period of Wednesday's game, with an assist going to Devine, a junior defenseman. Davis then gave the Skippers their first lead of the season early in the second period, finishing on a pass from sophomore Straughn.

Unfortunately, Blue Hills captain Devon Gray tied the game later in the period, and Robbie Parker (who also scored the first goal) netted what turned out to be the gamewinner inside the final two minutes of the second.

Blue Hills adopted a defensive posture for the third period, but Cohasset was able to mount some quality pressure, particularly in the final two minutes after pulling freshman goalie Stefan Parnell, nearly knocking in the tying goal a couple of times during a furious flurry.

Parnell, who seemed to suffer some rookie jitters in the Scituate opener, settled down to play a strong game against Blue Hills, according to Blake.

Upcoming Games

The Skippers were scheduled to get back into action yesterday with another non-league tilt, this one against Rockland at Hingham's Pilgrim Arena. Dec. 26 and 27 will find the Cohasset skaters at Gallo Arena in Bourne playing in the "Tourney of Champions", a four team set featuring all defending Div. 3 league champions in Southeastern Mass. Cohasset is scheduled to play Bourne in the round one at 8 p.m., and then play either the winner or loser between Coyle-Cassidy and Westwood the next night (consolation game at 6 p.m., championship game at 8 p.m.).

Play in the South Shore League finally gets underway on Saturday, January 4, at Pilgrim Arena (7:20 start) versus Norwell.

Turnabout is fair play

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Mike Casey (171) then sandwiched a win on points around a B.C. High pin at 160 and a win on points at 189, making it a 15-9 match.

Sophomore Matt Baroudi (Terry's brother who is now 6-1) followed with a big win at 215, but the Skippers lost three points in the exchange, as the heavyweight tilt went B.C. High's way by pin, making it an 18-15 match.

Standout Cohasset sophomore Jon Littauer fought a great match at 103, but could not hold on for the win, and suddenly the match was tied at 18-18.

Each of the next four matches were ended by pin, Dave McKenna (119) and Joe Kehoe (125) taking the six points apiece for Cohasset, with BC High counterparts keeping pace at 112 and 130..

Senior Phil Strazzula (135) then took a 4-0 decision to break the tie and give Cohasset the 33-30 edge heading into the finale featuring Cohasset's most accomplished wrestler.

The Cohasset wrestlers are now off until after the New Year, getting back into action on January 4 at the annual Whitman-Hanson Tourney.

Interestingly, two B.C. High wrestlers from Cohasset – Kevin Dinsmore (112) and Jim French (130) recorded pins.

Cohasset sweeps quad meet

The Skippers improved to 6-1 on Saturday, sweeping Canton (46-27), Dedham (40-33) and Belchertown (53-9) in quad meet action.

Captains Terry Baroudi (140) and Phil Strazzulla (135) each won all three of their matches. Baroudi, and sophomore Bill Carbone (130) each had three wins, including two apiece by pin. Sophomore Jake Berger (215) also had two pins

Matt Baroudi and Chris McKenna each had two pins as well. Each also lost their first match of the year at the meet, but in both cases it was to a top 15 ranked wrestler in the state (Masswrestling.com).

Mike Casey and Jon Littauer also had two wins.

The Skippers surprised last year when they won the Pilgrim Conference championship with a young team, and Terry Baroudi feels they'll be much better this winter with most of the core of that team still together.

"We're looking real good right now," said Baroudi, who gave up baseball and football this year to concentrate fully on wrestling. "We've got a lot of team goal and individual goals too."

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Two out of three ain't bad

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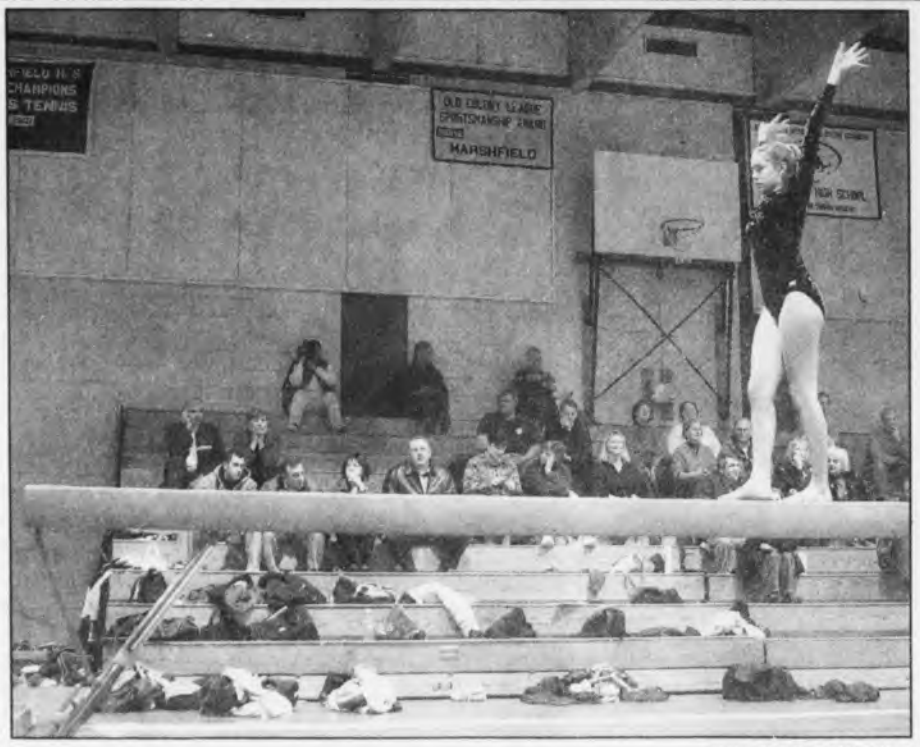
Also contributing to the winning effort were Cohasset's Katherine Coyne (second in beam with a 7.95) and Nancy Durkin (tie for second in vault with an 8.45, and third on bars with a 7.7) and Norwell freshman C.J. Himberg (third on beam with a 7.9).

Anything approaching a repeat performance at Marshfield High on Tuesday would have lifted the C-N squad to 2-0 heading in to today's hosting of Randolph (7:30 p.m. South Shore Community Center), but several of the girls experienced problems in their routines, the most costly of which were a couple of falls off the beam, and the team fell, 125.95-123.15.

Bixby finished well off of her all-around pace set five days earlier, her 32.8 tying her with Marshfield's Christine Walker for second. Marshfield senior Julia Wilson took top honors with a 33.0.



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Coh/Nor's Carly Arena prepares for her dismount run on the balance beam.

Bixby won the vault (8.5) and finished second on beam (8.2).

The "CohNors" were far from perfect in the final meet of the calender year on Thursday, but their 123.2 score was good enough to move them past Randolph/Milton (120) in the Pilgrim Conference 2 opener.

Bixby won the all-around with a 32.1 score and took first on the beam (8.0). Hillary MacDonald won the beam with an 8.0, helping the girls improve to 2-1 (1-0).

The next match is scheduled for Monday, January 6 at Hanover.

CHS weekly scoreboard

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Dec.
18 beat Avon, 71-17
20lost to Norwell, 62-39
21lost to Holbrook, 57-37

BOYS BASKETBALL
17 lost to Avon, 60-57
20lost to Norwell, 74-38
21beat S.S. Voc Tech, 63-22

ICE HOCKEY
23 Rockland, lost to 3-2

GYMNASTICS
COHASSET — SCITUATE
17 lost to Marshfield, 125.95-123.15
19 beat Randolph 123.2-120

WRESTLING
18...beat B.C. High, 39-30
beat Canton, 46-27
beat Dedham, 40-33
beat Belchertown,53-9

One step forward, two steps back

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The Skippers were also without two of their key players: leading scorer Lindsay Grossman (away on a college visit) and center Maura O'Brien (back injury).

"It might have helped to have those two in there, but we just had a horrible shooting night," continued Beal. "It was like a teamwide problem. It just seemed like no one wanted to be there."

On the positive side, freshman call-ups from the JV squad — Chelsea Grossman and Mia Lieb-Lappen — played well in late second half minutes.

The girls will spend the better part of one day of their Christmas vacation on Nantucket island, taking on the islanders on Saturday afternoon. They're also slated to host Wayland on Monday.

"Hopefully, we'll get our heads together with those games before we start in on our league games," said Beal. "I can't imagine we could play much worse. Hopefully, the girls will be a little mad and fired up."

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The story behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library

By the Rev. William R. Cole

(Editor's note: the following is from "The Genealogies of the Families of Cohasset, Massachusetts. Readers who are interested in learning more about Cohasset history should contact the Town History Committee to purchase the three volumes of Cohasset history. For information, call chairman Wigmore Pierson at 383-6940).

In the Narrative History of Cohasset, by the Rev. E. Victor Bigelow, there is to be found (pp. 518 to 522) the story of how the library began as an institution and its development into a public library of the town, in the year 1879, as the Cohasset Free Public Library. Within twenty years from that date, it had become apparent that the quarters it occupied on the first floor of the Town Hall were inadequate and outgrown. Fortunately, the need of the library and the hopes of its friends were answered by the bequest of Miss Harriot Eustis Pratt.

Miss Harriot Eustis Pratt was the daughter of Paul Pratt, who was born in Cohasset May 17, 1788, and died in Cohasset August 31, 1853. At his death he left a modest fortune to his daughters, Sarah S. and Harriot E., which, through wise management and shrewd investment by their trustees and the simple, careful living of the sisters, increased materially. The sisters had from the start been interested and active in the library work. Miss Sarah was one of the original trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library and continued in that office until her death in 1896. Miss Harriot died April 19, 1898, and her will, probated May 18, 1898, founded the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Her will directed that one-half of her estate, not including certain real estate amounting to a little more than forty thousand dollars, should be paid over to the chairman of the Selectmen of Cohasset, to the pastor of the First Parish Church in Cohasset and to the pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset for the time being; and to Randolph Knapp and James Longley and to two others to be chosen by these five, who should constitute a board of trustees for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a public library in the town of Cohasset to be known as the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The will also directed that the three officials should always be members, *ex officio*, of the Board of Trustees; that this board should make reasonable regulations for the establishment and maintenance of the library by incorporation or otherwise, and provide for the perpetual care thereof; and that the largest possible liberty and discretion in the use of such literary and social means as should tend to the accomplishment of the purpose of the bequest, be conferred upon them and their successors in the trust. Aside from the *ex officio* members any vacancy which arises in the board is to be filled by the vote of the remaining members.

Mr. Edward Nichols was selected as the architect, and the construction of the building was begun in April, 1902, and finished in December of the same year.

Owing to the claim of an adopted niece and consequent litigation, there intervened a delay of nearly two years before the trustees could organize.

The first meeting of the trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library was held in the Selectmen's room in the Town Hall, February 3, 1900. In accordance with the authority granted to them, Philander Bates, chairman of the Selectmen of Cohasset, William R. Cole, pastor of the First Parish Church in Cohasset, E. Victor Bigelow, pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset, and James Longley of Boston, chose Samuel T. Snow of Cohasset in the place of Randolph Knapp, deceased, and these five chose Charles A. Welch and Abraham H. Tower, both of Cohasset.

The board organized with the following officers: President, Samuel T. Snow; Treasurer, James Longley; and Clerk, William R. Cole. In the following month they organized under the laws of the state as a corporation; the trustees became directors and the same officers were elected. There have been changes in the board occasioned by the change of pastors in the Second Congregational Church, Rev. Charles W. Merriam taking the place of Rev. E. V. Bigelow in 1901 and the Rev. F.B. McAllister that of Mr. Merriam in 1904; and by the deaths of Samuel T. Snow in 1901, of Abraham H. Tower in 1904 and of Charles A. Welch in 1908, whose places were filled in order by Charles C. Wheelwright, Edward Nichols and George W. Collier, all of Cohasset.

The first business the board found under the bequest awaiting them, was the location and erection of a building. The beginning of this task was made possible by the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Snow of the piece of land on South Main Street where the library now stands. Mr. Edward Nichols was selected as the architect, and the construction of the building was begun in April, 1902, and finished in December of the same year. As the building approached completion, the question of bringing the two libraries, the Cohasset Free Library and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, into cooperation and union, pressed more and more upon the attention and thought of the trustees and the townspeople. The directors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library were restrained by the terms of the trust from surrendering the position of regulating and supervising everything in the library, but there was the town library with its trustees and books. Good sense, business economy and destiny demanded that the two should be as one. It was simply brought about. The two boards agreed between themselves to an arrangement, whereby the two libraries could work together without friction and with the common purpose of giving to the people of Cohasset, the best possible collection of books with large liberty of use, in a comfortable building modernly equipped. The agreement was presented to the Town Meeting, March, 1903, and met with the approval of the citizens. Its duration was for the term of three years and has since been renewed for a like length of time. By this agreement, the directors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library have exclusive control of the management of the library, their own funds and the town appropriation. The trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library have entire control of the funds of that library and the interest from the same. All books bought from their funds and from the town appropriation are marked with the name of the Cohasset Free Public Library. The two boards are represented on the book committee, and thus all books are purchased with the joint voice and authority of the two boards.

Another important matter in the library's history was effected by the directors. It was the remodeling of the library after the best types of such institutions, a complete change in method of cataloguing of books and the making of regulations for the greatest freedom to the borrowers possible under a wise control.

All these problems were met and solved, and the library was opened to the public on July 13, 1903, with certain simple dedicatory exercises.

The five years of joint history of the libraries have been years of steady improvement and growth. Many improvements in the way of the public's comfort in the building and its use of the books have been made.

For the children, a department has been made in the north room, where their books are stacked, their periodicals gathered and their own tables and chairs arranged for their use.

The number of books has in these five years been nearly doubled, and those who use the library have greatly increased in number since the days of the badly ventilated and lighted room in the Town Hall.

To each of the libraries bequests or gifts have been made: under the wills of Miss Susannah L. Stoddard and Mrs. Henry M. Knowles, the Cohasset Free Public Library; by that of Mrs. Edward Wheelwright, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library became beneficiaries. At the time of the opening of the library, Mr. Charles A. Welch, one of the directors, gave three thousand dollars to be used for the purchase of books for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. It was a most opportune gift, as it enabled the management to strengthen the library in many weak places.

The first meeting of the trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library was held in the Selectmen's room in the Town Hall, February 3, 1900.

In bringing the story of the library up to date (1908) a just pride may be taken in the interest and labor of all who first undertook the work and in the excellent result achieved by the money, the thought and devotion of the people of Cohasset. Its future as an institution is assured among us. Its power as an effective agent for good should be as great as is its opportunity.

DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING BY THE ARCHITECT, EDWARD NICHOLS

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library building is designed in the classical style of architecture, of the Georgian, or Colonial period, and is cruciform in plan, the main reading rooms making the long arms of the cross, with an Ionic portico on the front and the stack room in the rear making the short arms. The walls are built of buff brick with trimmings of Indiana limestone, above a base course of granite. The roof is copper, and is crowned by an octagonal cupola terminated by a vane in the form of a mackerel, — typical of Cohasset's former industry. In a circular hall opposite the entrance is the general delivery desk, and close to this a card catalogue case let into the paneling of the wall. Beyond the desk, with an intervening lobby, is the book room, consisting of two tiers of steel stacks with glass floor. This room is of fireproof construction, and is shut off from the main building by an automatic fireproof door. It contains shelf-room for about 13,000 volumes, and, by reason of the basement being wholly above ground on the rear, it is made possible to increase the capacity by adding an equal amount of shelving below, making a total capacity of 26,000 volumes. This arrangement of stacks, partly above and partly below the general delivery desk, brings all of the books within easy access. The whole north wing of the building is given to a large reading room containing the juvenile department and cases for exhibition of articles of historic interest; and the south wing is divided into a smaller reading room, an alcove for reference books, and a room for the use of the librarian and directors. Both reading rooms have fireplaces, and are paneled to the height of the windows and finished with birch in mahogany color, with birch floors. The spaces on either side of the vestibule are used for the janitor's room and stairs to the basement and loft. In the pediment above the front portico is a clock, the gift of Mr. James Longley of the Board of Directors.

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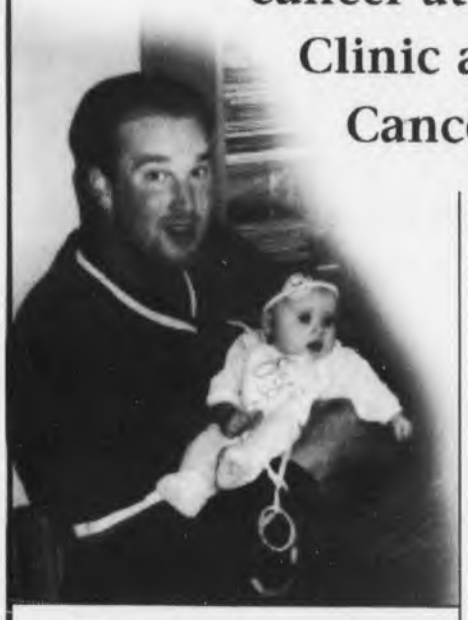

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Deer Hill organizes holiday gift drive for Lakota Sioux

By Brian J. Scully
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When Ted Holland saw the results of the Thanksgiving clothing drive he orchestrated with the help of the students at the Deer Hill School, he was impressed.

The students latched onto the drive – which was in its third year – producing the largest contributions to date. All of the donations went to the Lakota Sioux of Wamblee, S.D., a group that Holland's friend John Paul Sullivan became involved in about 10 years ago.

But Holland, who is a school custodian, was astounded when he saw the reaction the students gave when Sullivan came to pick up the goods and drive them cross-country to South Dakota.

"The idea to hold a Christmas Gift drive came up with John Paul was here," said Holland. "He mentioned that it would be a nice thing to do, but the kids took the idea and ran with it. Mrs. (Marjorie) Murphy's library helpers took over the project and really made it a huge success."

Murphy is the librarian at the Deer Hill and has watched her students learn valuable lessons throughout the two drives.

"When John Paul Sullivan came to collect the clothing drive materials around Thanksgiving, our students told him that they would love to collect Christmas Gifts for the Lakota Sioux," said Murphy. "So John Paul put together a list and gave it to us and the kids took it from there."

The bulletin board that shows the "Giving Tree."

According to Murphy, the basic wants and needs of the Lakota were striking.

"The little Lakota children asked for the simplest things," said Murphy. "They wanted a doll, or a hat, or mittens, or pajamas."

The students at the Deer Hill found the drive an opportunity to feel productive and learn a little bit about a different culture.

"The kids loved it," said Murphy. "They especially loved getting to know the children's names. One was Ralph Pumpkinseed, another family's last name was Between Lodges. It was great exposure to a different culture."

The students said their involvement in the process was eye-opening.

"I gave a make-up kit for a 13-year-old girl," said Kate Durant, one of the fifth grade junior librarians that helped organize the gift-giving. "It made me feel very good. I like seeing it go to people who need help."

The other junior librarians agreed.

"It feels good to give to people who don't have things, and to be able to really contribute to somebody's life," said Savanna Young-Norris before classmate Dominique Rioux finished the thought. "Even though we don't know who they are, it makes you feel good inside to help others," said Dominique.

Holland was shocked by the response the drive received.

"I didn't expect the kind of response that we got," said Holland. "But the kids in Cohasset are awesome."

PHOTOS/BRIAN SCULLY

The fifth-grade Junior Librarians Meaghan Leong, Margaux Donze, Dominique Rioux, Savanna Young-Norris, Kate Durant, Hillary Gaumer, and Lindsay Allard drop off some gifts in the Deer Hill Library.

Sullivan will pick up the gifts this week and transport them out to South Dakota where he will distribute them in the name of the Cohasset schoolchildren.

"He's going to try to have a Christmas Party for the people of Wamblee," said Holland. "It really was a neat thing for the student to do."

Diversity program at St. Stephen's

Whenever the Israeli defense force invades the West Bank with tanks and troops, Palestinians call one another on a kind of extended telephone tree saying, "The cousins are coming!" The phrase refers, in a light-hearted manner, to the fact that Jews, Christians and Muslims are sons and daughters of Abraham—hence, cousins.

Paul Hood, 76, of Burlington, Vt. visited the Ramallah Friends School (K-12) in Ramallah, Palestine for four weeks in the summer of 2002 and he is producing a documentary film titled, "The Cousins Are Coming." The epithet conveys, in a deep sense, the wish for a day when visiting cousins will be welcomed.

The Cohasset Diversity committee will host "The Cousins Are Coming" on Friday, Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Walton Rodgers Hall at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Hood will speak on this subject and share previews of the film. He is a World War II combat veteran who later renounced war and became a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Currently, he works to alleviate poverty and to try and bring about peace and reconciliation among warring people. He is also the volunteer coordinator of Small Potatoes, a program that feeds homeless people. Hood has been a regular attendee at a weekly discussion group at the Ohavi Zedec ("lovers of justice") Synagogue in Burlington for several years. He has had a long interest in the Friends School as a source of peace and reconciliation between Jews and Arabs.

Free will offerings to benefit the Ramallah Friends School will be gratefully accepted in lieu of admission fee. For more information, please call Kathryn Earle in Cohasset at 781-383-0061.

Row on the erg!

The Cohasset Maritime Institute invites experienced rowers and novices alike on Sunday, Jan. 5 at the CHS Fitness Center to "kick off the New Year" on the erg. Novices will receive instruction on the fundamentals of indoor rowing technique and training while experienced rowers will have the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with the erg. CMI hopes a nucleus of rowers will form to represent CMI at the World Indoor Rowing Championships, Feb. 23 in Boston. So get ready to erg!

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Cohasset resident headed for Boston judgeship

By Michael C. Levenson
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The Governor's Council has confirmed the judicial nomination of Michael J. Coyne, a Cohasset resident with 25 years' experience as a trial attorney. Acting Gov. Jane Swift nominated him to serve on the Boston Municipal Court.

Coyne has worked as an attorney in private practice, at the firm of Malloy and Sullivan in Hingham, since 1999. For the 20 years prior, he was counsel to Coyne, Hodapp and Linnehan in Boston. A 1972 graduate of Boston College and 1976 graduate of Suffolk University Law School, he began his career in 1977 as an assistant attorney general under Francis Bellotti.

His résumé impressed members of the Governor's Council.

"You really have got great experience," said Councilor Marilyn Petitto Devaney, D-Watertown. "You're compassionate, you're caring and you know how to listen well to people."

Councilor Mary-Ellen Manning, D-Peabody, echoed the praise, as did Councilor Edward O'Brien, D-Easthampton.

"There's no question you have the depth and breadth of experience we're looking for," Manning said.

Said O'Brien, "I'm very pleased to see you appointed for this, I think it's a very good fit, knowing your background and heritage."

Councilor Kelly Timilty, D-West Roxbury, said she has been "waiting eight years" for Coyne's nomination, and Councilors Carole Fiola, D-Fall River, and Christopher Iannella, D-Boston, also had warm words.

Coyne told the Governor's Council that he sees the bench as the next step in his legal career.

"It's like in any business profession, you'd like to move up one or two steps higher," he said. "I've reached this point in my career."

"One of Mike's greatest gifts is his caring and level-headed demeanor."
— The Rev. Gary Ritts, Second Congregational Church

Colleagues, friends and family said Coyne has the temperament and compassion to be a model judge.

The Rev. Robert Ritts, of the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset, said he has worked closely on volunteer charity projects with Coyne and his family.

"One of Mike's greatest gifts is his caring and level-headed demeanor," Ritts said. "I would even call him one of my guardian angels."

Michael J. Coyne

Judge Jane Haggerty of the state Superior Court said she has known Coyne for 25 years. The two worked together as prosecutors. She said Coyne has a rare and admirable willingness to tackle difficult cases that would deter most attorneys.

"I know Michael as the attorney for the hopeless," Haggerty said. "He's probably one of the few attorneys I know who would never say no to someone."

Coyne said the toughest cases he has handled involved vehicular homicide.

"The agony of the families," he said, "no matter what you can do, you're not going to return the deceased."

Superior Court Judge Richard Chin and Plainville Police Chief Edward Merrick, Jr. also testified in support of his nomination. No one spoke in opposition.

Top citizen nominations are due by Jan. 3, 2003

See form page 22

By Mary Ford
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In keeping with a nine-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Glenn Pratt as Citizen of the Year for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and leading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

The deadline for nominations for the 2002 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 3. Please see the nomination form on page 22. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2002 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2003.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

MBTA seeks permit from Army

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) is seeking a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' permit to place fill material within a total of 7.81 acres of wetlands and waterways for the construction of the Greenbush Old Colony Railroad Commuter Line through the towns of Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

Construction will include installing about 18 miles of rail line and seven new commuter rail stations and an end of the line layover facility. Total permanent and temporary wetlands and waterway impacts within Corps jurisdiction of the proposed work include 3.41 acres of permanent impact to wetland, 4.02 acres of temporary impacts to wetlands, 0.082 acres of permanent impact to waterways, and 0.30 acres of temporary impacts to waterways.

In April 1997, the MBTA first submitted a permit application for this proposed work and public notice was issued on May 6, 1997. The MBTA subsequently has modified the project and submitted a revised permit application that is the subject of this currently public notice.

The project purpose for the restoration of the Greenbush Line of the Old Colony Railroad is:

- To meet the Greenbush Line corridor's needs for transit services
- To reverse the growing isolation of the Greenbush Line corridor
- To increase mobility by increasing transit capacity, ridership, accessibility, reliability and comfort
- To reduce transit travel time and traffic congestion
- To alleviate the burden on existing roadway and transit facilities and services, such as parking facilities, the Red Line system, Route 3, and the Southeast Expressway
- To reduce fuel consumption and air pollution
- To provide cost effective transit services by maximizing the use and capacity of existing facilities and maximizing the natural advantages of each mode of transportation within a multi-modal approach to transportation improvements
- To help the regional Intermodal Transportation System (ITS) program achieve improvements in air quality, including specific commitments to provide rail service in the Greenbush Corridor, and
- To ameliorate inequities in the existing Boston metropolitan area transportation system by increasing services in the now poorly-served Greenbush Line corridor and by increasing access for disabled individuals or individuals with special needs.

The MBTA has developed a Wetland Mitigation Plan to replace lost wetlands functions and values of areas impacted by the project.

This project will impact Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for smelt, herring and alewife. This habitat consists of tidally-influenced streams, including Town Brook in Hingham and Smelt Brook in Weymouth. Loss of this habitat may adversely affect spawning and anadromous fish runs for smelt, herring and alewife during construction; however, time-of-year-restrictions have been proposed to minimize impacts. With the inclusion of the time-of-year-restrictions, the District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the site-specified adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding Essential Fish Habitat conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final permit decision.

The application for the federal permit was filed with the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material in U.S. waters, and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, which provides for federal regulation of any work in, or affecting, navigable waters of the United States.

To assist in properly evaluating the proposal, the Corps is seeking public comments. Written statements referencing the permit (File #1997 - 00680) should be forwarded to this office no later than Jan. 12, 2003. Additional information is available from Ted Lento at <Theodore.m.lento@usace.army.mil> or writing to him at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division, 696 Virginia Road, Concord 01742-2751.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, DEC. 16

4:09 a.m. Black Horse Lane, medical aid, services rendered.

7:33 a.m. Highland Ave., assist other police department.

8:58 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:39 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:44 a.m. Elm St., fire, misc.

9:50 a.m. Beach St., request for police officer/s.

9:52 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:17 a.m. Ripley Road, fire, investigation.

11:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

1:45 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

2:23 p.m. King St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

2:37 p.m. King St., request for police officer/s.

2:43 p.m. N. Main St., investigation.

3:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and East St., transport.

3:29 p.m. Elm St., recovered motor vehicle.

3:54 p.m. Pond St., larceny.

4:41 p.m. Howe Road, larceny.

5:10 p.m. Old Pasture Road, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

5:32 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:40 p.m. S. Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:45 p.m. N. Main St., investigation.

5:53 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Howard Gleason Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., notification.

8:19 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:33 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

9:08 a.m. Sohier St., parking complaint.

10:17 a.m. Oak St., civil defense.

10:42 a.m. Elm St., property damage.

10:48 a.m. Oak St., assist other police department.

11:11 a.m. Spring St. and S. Main St., parking complaint.

2:44 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:51 p.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:07 p.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:14 p.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:18 p.m. S. Main St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:20 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:29 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Ridge Top Road, general services.

5:24 p.m. Church St., animal call or complaint.

5:30 p.m. Elm St., general services.

5:59 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

6:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, general services.

8:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., request for police officer/s.

9:02 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:04 p.m. Cushing Plaza, burglary, breaking and entering, investigated.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

1:59 a.m. Drift Way, transport.

6:17 a.m. Haystack Lane, medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

7:37 a.m. Henry Turner Road and Route 3A, assist other police department.

9:27 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

9:44 a.m. Beach St., fire, investigation.

10:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

11:47 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

1:21 p.m. N. Main St., and Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

1:28 p.m. Lamberts Lane, investigation.

8:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:51 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

2:07 a.m. Lamberts Lane, request for police officer/s.

6:36 a.m. Parker Ave., assist citizen.

10:58 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

1:32 p.m. Surry Drive, threats.

1:58 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

2:39 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:55 p.m. S. Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

5:27 p.m. King St., fire, misc.

5:57 p.m. King St., fire, misc.

8:38 p.m. Beach St., fire, investigation.

8:39 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

9:29 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:40 p.m. Gammons Road, suspicious person(s)/activity.

10:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person(s)/activity.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

Summer St., disabled motor vehicle.

9:35 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:44 a.m. King St., medical aid, traffic citation issued.

9:45 a.m. Sohier St., public service/other.

10:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:34 a.m. Forest Ave. and Fox Run, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:14 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:15 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:42 a.m. N. Main St. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:19 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:47 p.m. S. Main St. and Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:51 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:04 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:12 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:42 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:58 p.m. King St. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:27 p.m. Highland Ave., fire, investigation.

5:19 p.m. King St. and Forest Ave., tree down, area search negative.

5:27 p.m. N. Main St., tree down, area search negative.

5:43 p.m. King St. and Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:36 p.m. Sankey Road, request for police officer/s.

9:13 p.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation.

10 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

12:42 a.m. S. Main St., larceny.

7:39 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, transferred/transported to hospital.

8:42 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane, fire, investigation.

8:49 a.m. S. Main St., animal call or complaint, referred to other agency.

9:48 a.m. Beechwood St., larceny.

1:05 p.m. N. Main St., parking complaint.

1:07 p.m. South Main St., assist other agency.

2:05 p.m. S. Main St., animal call or complaint.

2:16 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:31 p.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation.

6:01 p.m. King St., fire, investigation.

7:45 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:02 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

12:48 a.m. King St., general disturbance.

5:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

9:02 a.m. S. Main St., animal call or complaint.

3:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

4:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:31 p.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation.

5:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglary, breaking and entering.

9:56 a.m. King St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:58 p.m. Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

Break-in still under investigation

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, at approximately 11 p.m., Cohasset Police Officers responded to a call from the owner of Buttonwood Books located at 764 CJC Highway, Cohasset, (Shaws Plaza) reporting that she had been working late at the store and after hearing a noise in the back office area, had discovered two male subjects dressed in dark clothing with dark colored face masks that had broken into the office from the rear and were ransacking the office. Once they realized that an employee was in the store, the two subjects fled out the back door.

Cohasset Police officers began an area search for the subjects and shortly thereafter were notified by the Hingham Police that they were presently following a motor vehicle with two male subjects being operated at a high rate of speed that had turned left onto East Street from CJC Highway (Route 3A).

As Hingham officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the operator attempted to elude the police and refused to stop, eventually stopping on School Street in Hingham where both subjects abandoned the vehicle and fled through backyards.

A perimeter was established by Hingham and Cohasset Police and an area search was conducted with the assistance of a Hingham Police K-9 during which the subjects were observed several times running through yards. Later in the morning, the search was discontinued without locating the subjects.

Cohasset Police Detectives processed the crime scene at Buttonwood Books and the recovered motor vehicle that the subjects had abandoned in Hingham. Physical evidence was recovered during the processing at both locations.

Detective Sergeant Gregory Lennon of the Cohasset Police Department states that, "we have recovered substantial physical evidence that has provided us with valuable leads that we are in the process of covering."

The investigation is being conducted jointly with the Hingham Police Department.

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DECEMBER 25 - 27, 2002

Weymouth native Rusty Nails will serve as curator for "Smartoons" — animated shorts being shown at the Hynes Convention center during this year's First Night celebration.

Get animated New Year's eve

Rusty Nails brings 'Smartoons' to First Night

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Fans of cartoons interested in seeing something a little different from what's shown on Saturday morning television might want to check out "Smartoons," a program of independent animated shorts being presented on Dec. 31 at Boston's Hynes Convention Center as part of the Kohl's Family Festival at "First Night Boston 2003."

Curated by Weymouth native Rusty Nails, "Smartoons" showcases nine cartoons — recommended for children six and older — in two programs being screened between 1 and 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

"'Smartoons'" offers amazing animation of all types," explained Nails by telephone last week from his Chicago home. "As curator, my role is interesting because I have come across some beautiful animation from all over the world. I've wanted to put together an animation festival for some time now."

Animation may not be for everyone, but Nails believes there will be something for audiences of all ages at the Hynes.

"People who enjoy animation will love these films, because they have been made with a lot of love. And for those who aren't sure what to expect, the program is short enough to still be a risk well worth taking."

Taking risks is familiar territory for Nails who has been pursuing a career as an independent filmmaker and actor in Chicago since moving to the Windy City to get his Bachelor's degree in English and Film from Columbia College.

One of Nail's more ambitious projects was a feature film he not only acted in, but also directed and produced. "Acne," made from a screenplay by Nails, was shown two years ago at Brookline's Coolidge Corner Theater and other venues. "That film was a 72-minute live action feature made over a four year period on a $14,000 budget. We had a cast of 200, and we shot in 70 Midwestern locales. It's a 1950s style horror science fiction picture, which happens to be one of my favorite genres."

Nails' 2001 short film, "Grethel and Hansel," has also received extensive play on the independent film festival circuit. As an actor, Nails has been seen in many punk rock music videos and also mainstream projects like the recent short-lived CBS-TV series, "Early Edition," which starred Kyle Chandler.

The Weymouth High School graduate-whose mother still lives in the city and whose sister now calls Rockland home — just completed work on a short film about his childhood. "It's called 'The Ramones and I' and includes never-before-seen 1977 concert footage of "The Ramones," according to Nails.

The movie may pay homage to Nails's favorite punk rock band, but the filmmaker also has other fond memories of life on the South Shore.

"When I was 12, I would ride my bike to the Hanover Mall and sneak into movies. In those days, I saw everything that came out."

It wasn't long before Nails decided he could do more than just watch films. "I've been working on independent films since I was 15 and my Mom gave me a 'Super 8' camera. In the beginning, I filmed whatever I saw that I liked."

These days Nails not only likes making his own films, but also presenting the work of other independent filmmakers to audiences nationwide with his Movieside Film Festival which has been held in Boston, Chicago and several other cities.

("Smartoons," curated by Rusty Nails, will be presented at the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, 900 Boylston Street, Boston, on Dec. 31 as part of "First Night Boston 2003." For more information, call 617/542-1399 or visit www.firstnight.org).

Three faces of Steve

Spielberg juggles being a filmmaker, a Hollywood executive and a family man

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Steven Spielberg is a whirlwind, a little ball of energy. He's constantly on the move, much like the shark in his first blockbuster, "Jaws." But Spielberg's goal isn't to eat everything in his path, it's to tell good stories on film.

His newest, "Catch Me if You Can," is a movie he says was inspired by the true tale of Frank Abagnale, a smooth-talking teenager who ran away from home in the 1960s after his parent's divorce and went on to impersonate a Pan American pilot, a doctor and a lawyer, as well as operate a multi-million-dollar check-writing scam. It's a comedy — light and breezy — with a serious side — exploring the effects of divorce on children.

That also makes it a film inspired by Spielberg's own life.

"(Divorce) terrified (Abagnale) and he ran from the bad feelings at home," he says. "I also come from a broken home, which was a terribly traumatic experience for me as well."

Of course, Abagnale (played by Leonardo DiCaprio) became a con man. Spielberg's destiny was different.

"The year my parents were divorced, I ran away to California," he says. "I was in high school, and it was during my summer vacation. I slept at a cousin's house at night, and every day I snuck onto the Universal Studios lot dressed as an executive. I couldn't get on movie sets because there was always a guard out there. But I got on every TV show. I watched 'Leave It to Beaver' being shot, I watched 'Wagon Train' being shot. I just watched. I basically made it the University of Universal. In a sense it was my first film school."

A big lesson he took with him was how to direct quickly. "Catch Me if You Can" was filmed in just 56 days, a practice that made demands on himself and his crew, as well as his cast, including DiCaprio, Tom Hanks and French actress Nathalie Baye. Yet no one's complaining.

"The style in which Steven wanted to make this movie was that we all had to be sort of raw, instinctual actors," says DiCaprio. "Especially me. Every day I was thrown into like a lion's pit, and I had to squirm and fight my way out. But that's the way making the film was paced. It was like trying to submerge yourself in the reality every day by constantly moving and not having enough time to think about how Frank actually did what he did.

Perhaps the three most powerful men in Hollywood — DiCaprio, Spielberg and Hanks — collaborate on "Catch Me If You Can."

"But Steven is one of the great American filmmakers," he adds. "And that's his way of doing things. It's what keeps him on his toes and keeps him fresh."

Baye — one of the most popular actresses in France for the past three decades — was also caught off guard by the director's style.

"It worried me at first that there was no rehearsal," says Baye, who plays DiCaprio's mother. "But everybody was close and we had fun. And Steven knows exactly what he wants. And he's *exactly* (she claps her hands) the man I imagined. I like the fidelity he has with the people with whom he works. He's in a hurry all the time, but if you need to take some time, he's listening. I love people who are full of patience, and he's like that."

Spielberg proudly wears the reputation of working quickly. Asked if he thinks he's ever lost anything by working on the fly like that, he immediately shakes his head no.

"I lost things by slowing down," he says, speaking so fast, his words run into one another. "It took me 130 days to shoot 'Hook.' That one didn't help my career. It took me 179 days to shoot '1941.' So I discovered that slow is bad and fast is good. Because when I shoot fast, my intuition tells me what to say to the actors and where to put the camera. If I shoot slowly — I do have a kind of busy brain — I tend to defeat spontaneity through too much thinking and reasoning and logic. So shooting fast for me is maybe like Jackson Pollock just splattering paint everywhere as opposed to Norman Rockwell, who is so meticulous."

There's also the collaborative side that his actors enjoy, according to Hanks, who co-produced HBO's "Band of Brothers" with Spielberg and starred in his "Saving Private Ryan."

"With Steven, it's always it's always a kind of 'Hey, how about this?' or 'What about that?,' " says Hanks, who plays Carl Hanratty, the FBI man who's on Abagnale's trail. "And he comes up all the time and says, 'What I need you to do here is come in and provide this moment of it.' It might be something I've already thought of or it might not be. We see things eye to eye a surprising amount of the time. But when he says I've gotta do something, I do it."

On the creative side, Spielberg has gone on to be the most successful and imaginative director in the history of the business. But with the development of DreamWorks, the studio he runs with Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen, he's also become a powerful decision maker.

"Now that I'm on the side of distribution, I understand how competitive

See next page

See the 'Allergist's Wife' and help fight hunger

Jana Robbins and Valerie Harper in a scene from "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife."

Valerie Harper and the cast have role in local food drive

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Actress Valerie Harper is not only starring in the play "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" at Boston's Wilbur Theatre through Jan. 12, but she is also using her longtime commitment to ending world hunger to become the driving force behind a food drive — being cosponsored by Broadway in Boston/Clear Channel Entertainment and the Oldies 103 (WODS) radio station — which benefits three local charities dedicated to ending hunger.

Theater patrons are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items as well as financial assistance to The Wilbur Theatre throughout the run of the Charles Busch comedy "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife."

The three Massachusetts-based charities benefiting from the donations collected are The Greater Boston Food Bank, New England's largest hunger relief program; Sandra's Lodge, an emergency intake family shelter in Waltham; and Project Place, a Boston-based supportive community that promotes hope and opportunity for homeless and low-income individuals through education and skills training.

"We have already received two truckloads of canned goods from this effort," explained Project Place Executive Director and Weymouth resident Suzanne Kenney last week by telephone from her South End office. "Project Place's share of the food collected has been used in our meals program which is part of our Homeless Resource Center. We have also used the groceries to prepare more than 40 food packages offered to the men and women served by our programs who are moving into their own apartments."

Since 1977, Harper (best-known for her Emmy Award-winning portrayal of Rhoda Morgenstern on TV's "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and the spinoff "Rhoda") has been an active participant in The Hunger Project, a strategic organization committed to the sustainable end of world hunger. Today, The Hunger Project works in more than 2,000 villages across 11 developing countries in Africa, South Asia and Latin America.

"Valerie Harper's attention to this issue has helped remind people that even in this season of joy, there is still great need," according to Kenney. "We're very grateful that Valerie is showing people a simple way to give. Through simplicity, you can have a real impact."

(Valerie Harper will appear in "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont Street, Boston, through January 12. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.broadwayinboston.com. Information about The Hunger Project can be found at www.thp.org. To learn more about Project Place, call 617/262-3740 or visit www.projectplace.org.)

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

More from Middle-earth

David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (A-)

Elijah Wood and Sean Astin continue to make their way to Mordor.

Granted that while Tolkien aficionados are a serious lot and know more than any mere movie critic ever will, I think one can say with confidence that, as in the first of the trilogy, a key, maybe *the* key, to understanding this great saga is knowing that the author despised much of modernity and yearned for his beloved England prior to the First World War and also for a medieval Catholic and pre-modern Nordic world as well. *Industry* is shown here as akin to slavery, depicted as deep, dank, dark holes in which awful things are made and workers are treated with loathing, and "industry" the word is spoken with disgust. On the other hand here we, along with hobbits Merry (Dominic Monaghan) and Pippin (Billy Boyd) — what merry pips they are! what fine lads, innocent and true! — escaping from their Orc captors, meet the great Treebeard, a shepherd of trees, oldest of Middle Earth's creatures, who at last rises up in wrath to combat those avatars of *industry* and control, those fiends who have despoiled the forest. Who could miss the point?

"The Two Towers" continues the adventure in search of Mordor, whereat Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood), bearer of the ring, can cast it away, destroy it lest it fall into the hands of evildoers who would destroy what they will. Along with Sam (Sean Astin), Frodo slogs along, separated from the other two hobbits and from the valiant human Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen, more manly, morose and mindful than before), the Elf archer Legolas (Orlando Bloom, who seems, if possible, more fair, more smooth, untouched by anything so much as a crinkle, much less a wrinkle or a lesion: He is without blemish, perhaps meaning without sin), and the dwarf Gimli (John Rhys-Davies). Each of these companionships — two of hobbits, three of others — is dedicated to the same task: voyaging closer to achieving Frodo's designated duty. In a sentence, the entire trilogy is a trek from innocence through evil to the locus of doom and the destruction of the ring.

Two things stand out here. One is the long, elaborate battle between one of the forces of vileness and a small fortified city of good folk, aided by Aragorn, Legolas, Gimli and others, this the achievement as much of computer whizzes as of actors, and you will or will not find it tiresome according to how much of this non-real stuff you can stomach. The other is the full involvement of a ghastly creature, Gollum (voice of Andy Serkis), who was changed horribly by possession of the ring and wants it back, but is caught by Frodo and Sam and obliged to swear an oath of fealty in exchange for retaining his life. He promises to guide the hobbits to the black gates of Mordor for the achievement of Frodo's task. But he is guileful, deceitful, loathsome and yet pitiable. At first glance I thought he was a miss-shaped person, and dumb as I am on the ways of interweaving these creatures of pixels into the doings of people, I was transfixed. Far more than the endless although chilling battle, the oddtrio sojourn of the two guileless hobbits and the schizophrenic Gollum struck me as the emotional heart of this part of the trilogy. Sam is distrustful; Frodo, increasingly altered and off-stride by virtue of clutching onto the ring, accepts Gollum at his word. We are not so kindly, we know the two minds of Gollum at war with one another and we know that to the extent the vicious side prevails, troubles await our friends.

This stunning film, although overlong and overly dependent on computers — and how Tolkien would loathe the use of technology to replace human beings! — must be seen as a noble, hopelessly reactionary parable, a beautiful masterwork damning the corrupting forces of the harsher age the author truly abhorred and that his characters selflessly set out to vanquish.

Co-written (with Fran Walsh, Phillippa Boyens, Stephen Sinclair) and directed by Peter Jackson. Rated PG-13

Three faces of Steve

Continued from previous page

the industry is," he says. "How much in-fighting and animosity happens from studio to studio. So I've gotten into sort of the dark side of Hollywood just by knowing now what I never knew as a filmmaker before I had a studio."

He's also busier than he's ever been.

"This year we had our least amount of movies — seven. And next year we'll only do about eight films," he says of DreamWorks' production schedule. "But the following year is gonna be one of our greatest years.

While DreamWorks intends to release 12 films in 2004, Spielberg rarely talk about projects he'll be doing until they're definitely happening. But he does mention that he and Hanks have something they might be doing next year, that he's scheduled to direct the next Indiana Jones film in 2004, for a release in 2005, and "eventually I'll do a motion picture about the relationship of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln in the five years of the Civil War."

Right now, though, he's taking a break to recharge his own batteries and get back to some quality time with his wife Kate Capshaw, and their gaggle of kids.

"I work really hard, I make movie after movie, I have seven kids," he says. "I have my own world that I exist in. We go to the movies a lot, we go out to restaurants, I play with my kids. When I'm not directing, I drive them to school every morning, then help my wife with the stuff she needs around the house. Then I go to work, and I come back every night at 6:30 for dinner, and put the kids to bed with my wife at night. So I really have much more of a family involvement in my life right now than anything else."

"Catch Me if You Can" opens on Dec. 25.

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Prolong the beauty of holiday plants

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the new year approaches, the hectic holiday season begins to wind down and for passionate gardeners, thoughts turn to catalogs and dreams of springtime. Gratefully, the days grow longer with the passing of the winter solstice, an annual landmark I personally celebrate for I thrive on sunlight and warmer weather. On bright winter days, I will venture out into the yard to finish clipping neglected perennial borders, analyze trees and shrubs for late-winter pruning and enjoy the beauty to be found in the dormant landscape.

When ice, snow and chilly temperatures necessitate indoor activities, I will begin to prepare my wish list for new acquisitions, redesign my gardens on paper and tend to my small collection of houseplants. In recent years, my interest in houseplants has waned as my passion for outdoor gardening has accelerated but each holiday season I purchase several holiday plants as they are among the easiest and most attractive solutions for instant holiday decorating. I must confess that, despite my indifference to houseplants, the winter months seem more bearable if there are green plants present throughout the house. A healthy plant can become an immediate focal point or decorative element providing warmth and vitality to any living space in any season.

Unfortunately, the winter months tend to be the most difficult time to maintain healthy houseplants. Low light and dry indoor environments pose serious challenges for the majority of indoor plants. A quick review of "Houseplants 101" may help to improve the overall vigor of your newly acquired living decorations. Select locations, which are away from drafts or heat sources. Avoid growing plants on narrow windowsills in winter due to the chill of the glass on very cold days and the fact that many windows have heaters located directly beneath them.

Improper watering is the most common cause of houseplant failures. Water early in the day with lukewarm water, providing enough water so that some comes out the drainage holes. Although decorative holiday foils make the standard plastic pot look more festive, it is better to remove this so the water can drain into a saucer and the excess can be poured off shortly after watering. A water-filled saucer may eventually lead to root rot. Plants require less moisture during extended periods of cloudy, gloomy weather. Avoid the temptation to water all plants on a set schedule as this may lead to over-watering which tends to be the primary cause of houseplant deaths. Poke a finger into the soil for the most accurate determination.

Humidity is another key factor for healthy houseplants. Place a few small stones in a saucer underneath your plants and allow a minimal quantity of water to remain at all times. Remember that the bottom of the pot should not sit in standing water. Grouping plants will help to increase humidity levels and an occasional misting, or even a quick shower in the kitchen sink or bathtub, will help to rehydrate stressed plants and remove dust which may have accumulated on the foliage. Brightly lit bathrooms are ideal locations for houseplants as the humidity that results from showers and running water creates a greenhouse-like environment.

Apply a dilute, liquid soluble fertilizer at least once a month. Slow release granular fertilizers, such as Osmocote, offer a convenient alternative to mixing and require only one application to the soil surface every few months. Nutrients are released to the plant each time you water.

Keep a close watch for pests. Spider mites thrive in warm, dry environments and aphids, scale, or mealy bugs often become a problem if you have any plants that spent the summer outdoors. Early detection and quick action will minimize the use of chemicals. An application of a light horticultural oil spray can be safely executed in a shower enclosure. Healthy plants tend to be less susceptible to insects and diseases.

Traditional holiday plants, purchased as decorations or received as gifts, will continue to furnish beauty for months or years to come if provided with minimal care. Most of these plants prefer bright light and cool temperatures. The colorful poinsettias are worthy of their popularity, their brightly-colored flowers providing an elegant display that may persist for weeks and months after the holidays. The showy flowers are actually highly colored leaves or bracts with the true, insignificant yellow flowers located in the center. Although poinsettias prefer bright light, they will tolerate low light conditions. Keep the soil moderately moist and water when the surface feels dry to the touch. They prefer cool temperatures and should be protected from drafts. Occasional fertilizing will help to maintain the rich, deep green foliage.

Once the bracts of my poinsettias fade and the plants decline in March, I tend to discard my plants, but for gardeners who enjoy a challenge, it is possible to grow and flower these plants for years. Plants should be cut back and repotted and will appreciate a summer vacation outdoors in light shade. These plants must have 12 to 14 hours of uninterrupted darkness each day for up to 10 weeks to initiate flower buds.

For passionate gardeners, maintaining a healthy collection of indoor plants during the dormant winter months helps to satisfy our need to work the soil. Before we know it, the bulbs will be poking their noses through the soft rich soil and springtime will be here again.

LISTEN To Life
by John Klefeker, BC-HIS
Board Certified-Hearing Instrument Specialist, MA Lic. #127
RINGING IN YOUR EARS
While most of us are familiar with temporary ringing in our ears (usually after exposure to loud noise), tinnitus sufferers experience ringing, buzzing, whistling, or hissing that does not go away. Tinnitus can come on gradually or abruptly. It may last a relatively short period of time, return sporadically, or persist forever. Often, the underlying cause is damage to the sensory (hair) cells located in the cochlea of the inner ear, or to cells along the auditory nerve (which connects the inner ear to the brain). This type of damage may be age-related, which helps to account for the fact that one-third of people over age 55 have tinnitus, compared with 20% in the total population.
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DECEMBER 24, 2002 - JANUARY 3, 2003

Thurs. 26

Annual Christmas Show at the Scituate Art Gallery, located on Front Street, now through Jan. 26. The Christmas Show at the Scituate Art Gallery will feature a variety of original, small-sized paintings. For more information, call 781-545-6150.

Cataloni's Cat's Blues Club, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. Every Thursday night **New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano,** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover, handicap accessible, casual dress.. Dec. 26, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Call 781-878-0834 for more information.

Jimbo's South Restaurant - Braintree Five Corners, **After Christmas Show.** Braintree's own, **Brian Powers,** a clean comic whose act illuminates the laughter inherent in growing old, raising kids and being married. Host: **Cal Verduchi**, other comics, **Annette Pollack, Jack Hurney, Scott Higgins, Coleen Galvin and Denise Robichaud.** Cal 781-848-0300.

Berts Cove Restaurant, Route 3A, (Warren Ave.,) Plymouth: Every Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. Open mike and brews jam with Mike Landers - open to all styles.

South Shore Baseball Club, Hingham: "Survivor Series returns Christmas week to SSBS Christmas Vacation Hitters' Workshop, will be held Dec. 26-28 and Dec. 30, for two different age groups: 8-12 and 13-18. This program was designed to improve all aspects of a player's batting with sessions, including drills and live hitting in order to maximize available time. For more information about SSBC or any of its programs for members and non-members, call 1-888-749-6466/781-749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Fri. 27

Single Executives Club Pre-New Year's Dance, Dec. 27, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St. Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 2 781-446-0234. Dancing music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35-55 years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9 $15 thereafter. Proper business dress is required, ties and jackets suggested. Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and the Single Executives Club, www.se-4you.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance on Dec. 27, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **2nd Nature (unplugged).** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Jimbo's Pub, 55 Broad St., Weymouth, **The New Blue Revue** every Friday Dec. 27, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover.

Sat. 28

Ornament Painting - Plaster Play will host ornament painting on Saturday mornings 10 a.m. to noon during the month of December, 263 Washington St., Norwell 781 659-0011

Run of the Mill Tavern, Spring Lane, (off Summer St.,) Plymouth, presents **2 shady with Betsy Powell.** Show starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1262.

Woody's Pub 53, 1284 Washington St., Weymouth. **The New Blue Revue** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Every Saturday, Dec. 28, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26. For information call 781-340-6666.

Sun. 29

Old Town Trolley's Chocolate Tour - A fully-narrated three-hour journey of fun facts and decadent desserts departs from the Trolley Stop store at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets at noon every Saturday and Sunday from November through March, 2003. First stop, Top of the Hub, enjoy a chocolate surprise; second stop Omni Parker House Hotel with a unique presentation of Boston Creme Pie. The grand finale of the tour is provided by Le Meridien's exceptional chocolate bar buffet, showcasing more than 25 enticing all-you-can-eat delicacies. $50 per person. Advance reservations required by calling 617-269-3626

The Hingham Public Library presents **Brazilian artist Heloisa Helena**. She will exhibit her abstract oil paintings portraying the American spirit of freedom in the face of the tragedy of Sept. 11. The exhibit runs through Jan. 3, 2003, in the Clemens Gallery.

Mon. 30

Shear Madness, Boston's hilarious whodunit in its 23rd year announces their holiday schedule at the Charles Playhouse, Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., Boston, 02116. Christmas week: Dec. 23 to Jan 5. Holiday ticket prices: $36 For tickets and gift certificates or information, call the box office at 617-426-5225 or log on to the web site at www.shearmadness. com

Duxbury Art Association presents **Class Acts**, an exhibition of artwork from high school students from various South Shore communities Dec. 16 through Jan. 31. Class Acts will take place in the Bengtz &Cutler Galleries at The Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4. or visit www.duxbur-yart.org.

Back From Broadway, Boston's newest hit has been extended Dec. 23, through Jan. 19, at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St. Call 800-447-7400 or visit the box office or www.telecharge.com

Handlebar Harry's, Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Mondays, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 31

Lombardo's Annual New Year's Eve Bash, Dec. 31, starting at 7:30 p.m. The New Year's Eve celebration offers guests hot hors d'ouevres, a four-course surf and turf dinner, two bottles of complimentary wine on each table, a cash bar, dancing to The Ovations 10-piece band and DJ Brain Greene, a midnight champagne toast, and large screen TV's to watch the ball drop in Time Square at midnight.. Tickets to the event are $65 per person plus tax and administrative fee. For more information call 781-986-5000 or log on to www.lombardos.com

Sean O'Tooles - Shirley Square, Main St., (Route 3A) Plymouth. Warm up for New Year's Eve, at 6:30 p.m. with **Lonesome Jukebox** (rockabilly).

Handlebar Harry's, Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, Blue Jam with **Carriera**.

Wed. 1

NSRWA Sponsors 6th Annual New Year's Day Walk The North & South Rivers Watershed Association welcomes the public for this annual event. This year's walk will be at the Widow's Walk Golf Course on the Driftway in Scituate at 1 p.m. on Jan. 1. After a brisk walk while enjoying spectacular views, kick off the New Year with a hearty snack and hot beverage. Visit the website at www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 for more information. Donations are welcome and pre-registration is not required.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the South Shore Natural Science Center, and the Mass Audubon South Shore Regional Headquarters announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening Lectures beginning on Jan. 15 and ending March 26. Admission is free of charge. For more information or a complete listing of the lectures visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands - 21st Annual Seafarers' Island Holiday - New Year's Day. To Thompson Island: 157 acres of fields, woods, marsh, shoreline, winter birds and other wildlife. Warm room available with hot drinks; you need to bring your own lunch and snacks. Dress for the weather as the ground may be wet. Experienced volunteers will give you a tour or you may explore on your own. Ticket prices: Adults $14, Seniors $12, Members $10, children (4-12) $8, groups of 10 or more $1 off ticket prices. Call 781-740-4290 or send check to SADE to FBHI, New Year's Day Trip, 349 Lincoln St. Bldg. 45, Hingham, MA 02043.

Thurs. 2

Thomas Jefferson Program: Braintree resident **Dr. Robert H. Downey, Jr.,** former Dean of Academic Affairs at Quincy College and current curator of the Braintree Historical Society, will speak on "Thomas Jefferson" at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420 for information.

The Braintree Art Association member **Corinne Campobasso** will display her paintings for the month of January and February at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

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Fri. 3

Art of Music Chamber Players, will perform Jan. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Performing artists will be violinists **Piotr Buczek** and **Aija Silina**, violist **Don Krishnaswami**, and Artistic Director and cellist **Timothy Roberts.** Reception following concert. General admission $20, Seniors $15 and students $5. Call 781-837-2705 for tickets and information.

29th Annual World of Wheels Motorsports Expo at Bayside Expo Center, Boston, Jan. 3-5. Hours are Friday, 5 to 11 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission $13 adults, $5 children ages 6 to 12 and free for children under 6. Free shuttles will operate continuously during show hours between Bayside and the JFK/UMass station. For information, call 617-367-3555.

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents **Chris and Meredith Thompson** and **Carl Cacho** on Jan. 3, at the Beal House, Route 106 Kingston $8 members; $10 non-members. For information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

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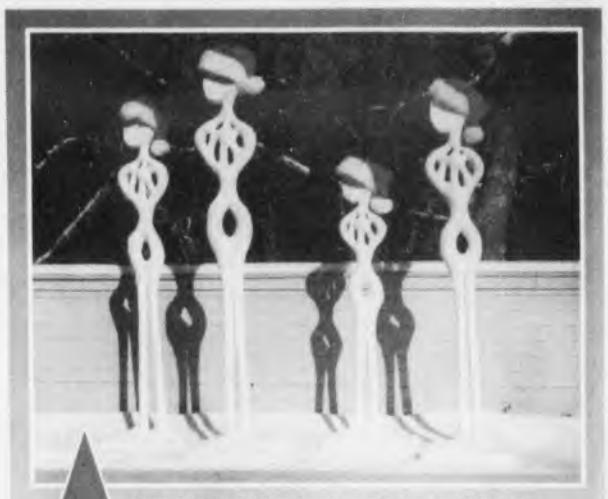

BEST BET

Jean Ainslie Richardson's sculpture exhibit is on display through Jan. 12 at Duxbury's Art Complex Museum.

Gadgets, Gizmos and Games at The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, a celebration of the contraption — through Jan.12, 2003 The Inner Eye: Pinhole Photographs by Jesseca Ferguson and Rotations: Complex Tools and Inventions. Emerging Spirits, an outside installation by sculptor Jean Ainslie Richardson is on view on the museum's patio. and the interesting ladderlike work of artist-in-residence Terry Slade can be found on the museum grounds. For more information, call 781-934-6634.

BEST BET

Disney's Beauty And The Beast on stage through Jan. 4, at the Colonial Theatre. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office at 106 Boylston Street, Boston.

BEST BET

First Night Boston 2003 events begin at 1 p.m. until midnight and will feature classical music concerts, popular and roots music, jazz and gospel music, comedy, theatre, and dances. A Grand Procession, moves down Boylston Street starting at 5:30 p.m.. in front of the Hynes Convention Center. First Night outdoor events are free. The First Night Boston 2003 button is the ticket for all indoor events. Buttons are $15 per person (children under four are admitted free), and can be ordered online now at www.firstnight.org. The button is available at thousands of retail locations, including participating McDonalds, Store 24, Stop & Shop and Borders Books and Music locations. For more information about First Night 2003 call 617-542-1399 or log on to First Night's web site at www.firstnight.org

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